

*Honourable Lord Stjepan,*

*I am extremely shocked to learn of your brother's sudden moves. He is more brazen than I anticipated. I shall not insult you by offering sympathy, but rather offer help as you have requested, and some you have not.*

*It appears that Lord Constans has been thorough. Already there are those at council rubbing veritable hands in glee of Constans' actions. However, on to your questions - There is no stated law for grieving, for in times of Muir's past often there has been need for hasty marriage in the face of feuds. Adultery among Lords is punishable by death, at least to the laws of the Kings of Orian. But therein lies another problem Lord Stjepan. There is no King, no one to enforce the old laws, even if they are the basis of our culture and tradition. Murder of a Lord is again, a crime punishable by death. You speak of reparations and you speak strongly as there were some body that wielded power.*

*This is the problem Lord Stjepan, our cities have warred against each other strongly over the last thousand years, and with the Kings no more, all that is left is law unchecked. Each Lord is a law unto himself. I believe this is your only solace, as not even marriage would restore your position according to the laws of the Kings of Orian. Solace, I say? Constans' machinations, built on the laws of old are just as flimsy as his proclamation, but he is also a law unto himself, Stjepan.*

*I have heard disturbing noise from Aïer, where the Priest Robertsin is once again spewing his flaming rhetoric about the immortal races and in particular your city Stjepan. I have alerted the others to these matters, and Bryce is sending an aide to Lady Celimé Vortséh who shall act as a bodyguard. Her life in the face of this xenophobia may be in great danger. Keep close eye to your people Stjepan. Once you have impressed them enough, they will support you. Don't let them breed*

hatred of the immortals like in Aiev and in Alkartek. Unfortunately our coterie has little military presence in Hastra, and little help can be offered, though by no means are we ignoring our responsibilities to aid each other. Count Hirotha has secretly of late been marshalling his forces, which though small, could make sufficient entry into Alkartek if it were struck some harm. The Count fears involving himself in immediate war. It would be best you contact him via means not through me, to give the public impression.

I am to speak truthfully, Stjepan, and my words are for your ears alone. I saw something within you; a strength and power within that I believe can triumph over Lord Constans. True, he has military might and with him the stronger of Aivir's knights, but he has no concern for his people.

Regardless, I hope these words have answered some of what you seek. If I could only offer more, I would. I shall be in close contact with you.

Faithfully

Lord Imbrus Dall