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*The task at hand being issued forth, the total and utter control over the harvest of white eog from the mines of Pellern. In preparation of rejection to Majel's offer Amethyst League now concerns itself with this city of Pellern. And what a shithole this sad little village is.*

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*Majel arrived one day before Lord Stjepan and his entourage returned, new associate in tow. This woman Majel is fixated upon, so much so my questions to the white eog nearly were unanswered. He reported the deal was disrupted because of the woman now accompanying them, Celimé Urîncæchær. I am to watch her very closely and compile a file on her activities and correspondents. Majel left for the Isle once arranging suitable coffers of resource. Alert the Founders, Námár-Tol may be taking interest in the white eog. Ariahavé Shailya Sa'adia of House Xanaari in Sel-Kai may be potential trouble-makers. Observation has begun.*

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*Agent Halek will now befriend Celimé Urîncæchær, using polite and friendly manner, racial similarities an advantage. His place as owner of The Hourglass makes perfect vehicle for meetings without suspicion. All daily conduct shall herein be maintained during day hours when less townsfolk about.*

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*Assassination upon Lady Willona and Lord Stjepan not quite the failure, though death of both was not attained. I place the lack of total success to the inexperience of Ulyshak's men, whom I recommend we do not use again for matters underground. Lord Stjepan spares no expense in recovery by way of Navigator bringing Sisters of Eissa. Castle informants confirm*

that Luse Invarath and Lord Stjepan sharing a mutual animosity. Extortion of Cáno Lindur, Chancellor of His Lords Land and Purse is going well, with little concern for betrayal against us to his master. The constant presence of this wayward Changramai monk may have to be removed before successful murder of Lord Stjepan can be achieved. I ask the Founders for a solution. Celimé Urîncæchær has shown signs of channelling ability with the Sister of Eissa, Cindel. Lord Brage through our mediator aide to our closest of allies seems to have swayed Lord Stjepan into a hunting trip into the Alana Forest. What actions should we take?

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Majel's return and guidance is always well received and his orders and requirements have been noted and are herein discussed. Firstly, delivery of gift to Celimé Urîncæchær was carried out with success. Ulyshak was informed of Lord Stjepan's hunting trip and arrangements were carried out for interception. However, Lord Stjepan evaded death by use of sorcery, an unheard of sword with essence ability. Lord Stjepan plans with Changramai bodyguard and Celimé Urîncæchær travel to Alkartek. Observation has been forwarded and will be reporting back. Our men failed to keep account of Lord Stjepan's party in Alkartek. In their absence poisons are now being added to food of Lady Willona with depressants to keep her unapproachable. Cáno Lindur is exaggerating Lord Stjepan's expenses to Luse Invarath, who appears malleable to our needs, driven by his growing hatred.

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Luse Invarath in Lord Stjepan's stead has left the castle, our constant prodding and the matter of Lady Willona strong here. Pellern is empty, the Lord taking with him volunteers all. Strange he found command for many to stay, yet about fifteen score gathered with him. He has travelled to the north

and east leading men against forces that may or may not arrive from Lord Constans of Alkartek. Lord Stjepan has returned, Halek has pushed for meetings with Celimé Urîncechær who is amenable to his subtle grace. Lanarians visiting we have put to the blade within the Alana Forest as per the Mandate of the Founders. Andaran Priests hailing from the Port of Izar have arrived, Anath & Kora with obvious intent on investing themselves deep into the culture that Lord Stjepan appears to be slowly building about him, recently gathering the closest lords to a mock council — yet from all informants nothing of merit was discussed and Lord Temeris walked out, a potential ally. We watch them with care. This surprising young woman, Celimé Urîncechær, has retrieved Lord Esor to Pellern and appear to be starving him of substance. Renham who now has position as Lord Adjudicator dealt with the sherikaan Lord Esor, and has made it well that none will uncover his deed.

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Luse Invarath has successfully met and slain near all of three-hundred of Lord Constans forces not far from Keliir. Changramai monk, Ishraha has taken to walking the streets, close observation has revealed he may have ulterior motives in his association with Lord Stjepan. Of note, my agents to Alkartek have not returned correspondence or themselves. Celimé Urîncechær and the young Kuluku priest of Andaras, Kora appear to be developing attraction for each other. Both priests have insinuated themselves more deeply in such a short time with Lord Stjepan.

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Smuggling is booming, with Pellern's vast growth the need for material exceeds supply. We have liberated a warehouse suitable for our operations, our grant for land passed no less than by Lord Stjepan. Lord Stjepan's expense has exceeded our expectations. The Gorgonnæ were hired by Lord

*Stjepan and have inserted themselves as guards — that masquerade a little too unbelievable. Lord Constans & Stjepan met at Kelir with little resolution and tension building between the two. This day, this moment as I write this the report has been confirmed. Pellern castle rose some two hundred yards above the city and faceted as a fortress. This is a matter for the founders and I request Majel's presence. Luse Invarath has sworn fealty of sorts to Ulyshak.*

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*Drugs and poisons effect upon Lady Willona have caused unexpected and bonus reaction. She has isolated herself in the Black Tower for a period of meditative and religious reflection. Sister of Eissa, Cindel has arrived. She will provide a useful source of needed materials. Lord Vasla arrived, word sent to Ulyshak to intercept. The escort of Gorgonnæ my scouts failed to discern and they shall not have chance to fail us again. We understand losses on both sides were heavy, yet something perplexes here. Lord Stjepan & his entourage strangely rode into the forest to return with those Gorgonnæ sent, yet none of the militia. They did not reach Vasla and neither was no mention was made. I leave this to the Founders. Of note, Jarolaime, former court magician in Danarchis has arrived and taken employment with Lord Stjepan. Lord Lycus of Alkartek has arrived, exiled by his father Lord Vaymoris. Matters out of the League's hands, a visiting Changramai monk has been slain as well as Lady Willona. Our reports are scant. Ulyshak has attacked contrary to schedule. As such internal discord could not be achieved and attempt of coup has failed. Employing the more skilled mercenaries who fled the battlefield and shall continue on with the recovery plans.*

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Proclamations by Lord Stjepan reveal much. Concerns of possible Changramai interest beyond their walls is noted with internal conflict. The Changramai Ishraha appears by visual description to be deformed now, some experience suffered because of this infighting? The arrival of four Changramai masters implies more. We could discover nothing. Majel arrived and we immediately turned attention toward Celimé Urinæchær. Halek was called in to arrange an upstairs meal, drugs arranged by way of Cindel's garden. The cart and four horses ready with riders, Halek and Majel both carried the Talairi out where she was delivered out to the plains. Arrival of House Xanaari elf Aria aided in Stjepan, Ishraha, and the Priest Kora into heading northeast later in evening. Their location was not discovered yet they return with Celimé. I leave this with the Founders.

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Lord Stjepan attempted meeting with Lord Murain we believe was a failure. The Gorgonnæ were sent to Lord Mott's lands, without Ulyshak he is of no use.

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Celimé Urinæchær and Kora's relationship is noticeable in public. Kora's reluctance to her suggests that the Priests are involved in something. Further investigation has revealed the Priests are involved in blood rituals, killing transients taken from Tent City in some channelling attempt.

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Lycus & Lady Wintessa have wed, this event noticeable for the appearance of Lord Constans who is warmly appearing as a challenger to Lord Stjepan. We are taking this moment to embed ourselves in Lord Stjepan's power and culture for maximum effect. A Kuluku native by way of

*Navigator has arrived to trade rare herbs with Pellern. Though strange this will benefit our own needs. His arrival brought swift death to both priests of Andaras, slain in Tent City. Lord Stjepan has broken his contract with Sarnak over the white eog it appears on the say so of the Kuluku representative. I leave this for the Founders. Mott is dead and many of our isolated groups of men have been killed by the Gorgonnæ sent to clean up. We have no agents south of Pellern and north of Bentara. Lord Stjepan called a meeting of Lords including once loyal Mallion and has established a council of five, reducing his power. This will give us perfect opportunity in the future. One of our own was voted on to the council. Lord Stjepan's university and art gallery is proving the perfect cover for twelve of our men stationed within Eagle Tower. Their access gives them daily portal without guard overseers in and out of the castle. Lack of communication is due to a growing presence of this Changramai Ishraha who knows is actively hiring and arranging for townsfolk to help his attempts at information gathering.*

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*Lord Constans appears to be mounting a campaign of terror and destruction against his brother. Lord Lycus is reported dead and Lord Constans recently married to Lady Wintessa, taking the lands of Esov. War is coming. We are firmly established. Still unaware of location of Lord Stjepan's visit via Navigator. In ten days battle was met on the plains east of Jenovar. Powerful Laen Golems on the side of Lord Stjepan massacred all thousand troops of Constans, and even that Lord is now thought dead by assassination with his whorish wife. I leave this with the Founders. Changramai Ishraha now uses Stjepan's seal and power of authority within the city to his own ends. He has been granted some position of trust and uses it to better build his secret network. Counter agents are in place. Luse Invarath has left to Vasla's estate and has removed himself from matters at*

hand. Celimé Urîncæchær now has two companions, Lusham, a Nomari of Ton-Bor & Daemander, close friend of Count Bryce Korel.

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The perigee saw change in the flows about Pellern. Our resident sorcerer informed us this night a change as great as when last the city rose had occurred. We are unable to verify any information, yet servants report odd behaviour from Stjepan and Celimé. Lord Stjepan once again used the Navigator service, taking with him the leader of the Gorgonnæ, a small portion of who have been sent into the Grey Grove. The Founders know their fate. Preparations go well with our miners preparing for the attack, naphtha sourced and shall be delivered masqueraded as water. Murain arrived and a council was recalled with a new member elected, Murain himself. The Gorgonnæ leader, Nassain has left with his men to the Grey Grove. We shall strike soon. Two strange ritualistic killings have nightly occurred these last two days of this report. We have no information. We have reports of a Quaidu within the city.

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Lord Lamat is closer than he realizes and I ask the Founders to expedite his accident. Celimé Urîncæchær appears changed since returning with the Navigator and left to visit Lord Invarath before the murders began. We are revising our observation of Luse Invarath. Four killings so far, all pregnant women with little regard for age or race. Agents who broke into Cindel's apartment where the first murder occurred found a message scrawled in blood "Celimé, Like Mother, Like Daughter". We were unable to discover any messages until the fourth victim, where carved into floorboards, "I want the mistake, she who should not be. I want her like the whore her mother was." Ishraha is busy using his informants to learn more, our diversions are working well. Reports of a Quaidu remain unsubstantiated.