

*Dearest Celime*

*I am so glad to hear he is safe and well, happy for both of you, and I too could not fault his freedom.*

*I would wish most heartily to come to Pellern and if the political situation was any different I would accept without question. However, my absence would leave Gellentex open to the dangerous elements of Dynax no matter how small. Beyond that, Sarnak, I am afraid is already readying itself.*

*We have recently heard word, word that I ask you to convey to Lord Stjepan, Sarnak is increasing its defences across its lands in preparation for war. I have not yet heard of what is happening in Bentara. Vedesis saw Daemander off before he left to go there. Lurayle once he heard of Bryce's extraction rushed into Sarnak and has not been heard of since. Daemander is and has been riding to your side so I have been recently informed.*

*Most of all, I wish I could help his scars that trouble you so. I would if I could, but responsibilities in these growing times of political tension I fear are stretching my resources. I only have so many hands. As soon as I am able I will make time to come to do as you have requested. I too am overjoyed he is alive.*

*Your friend*

*Baroness Midenna*