

My dearest, Seranolla,

Over the years, I have heeded your call: during the reclamation of Phlan, the assault on Maerimydra, your little froggie experiment near the Vault of Gnashing Teeth, and many more times. Never have I refused you. Never have I failed you. Now I call to you.

When I drafted the Shadowtop Cathedral Declaration, it was signed by eight Masters of the Wild and eighteen Winterstalkers. Since then, countless more from our widespread faction have joined this cause—and, in some instances, committing their entire tribe to the fight as well. We have a horde of Uthgardt ready to hunt. (When have you ever heard of a gnome wizard leading barbarians into battle? Surely, these are strange times.) Regardless of whatever counter petitions and official responses the other factions send, we know the truth. The Zhentarim and Harpers are on our side. The Order of the Gauntlet and Lords' Alliance are conflicted and divided on the issue without any true consensus. I've had leaders in every faction promise me their support in secret. We are not alone in this fight. Far from it. And yet, of the original eight and eighteen who signed the declaration, there is only one name missing—one name I truly want to see. Yours. If you are with us, that's all I need, because I trust the compass of your heart, and I rely on the well-tread path of your wisdom.

Some people mistakenly believe the Enclave's focus on the natural balance is a call to pacifism. You and I—as children of the forest—know how misguided this is. Nature is often brutal in its balance. And when the undead and the aberrations command armies, we are the ones to fight them back. We uproot the weeds when they are invasive. We certainly do not trust the weeds to care for the crops.

Our objectives are not ambitious; they are necessary.

- Prevent the Red Wizards from extending their influence beyond the geographic borders of Thay, specifically the eastern coastline of the Sea of Fallen Stars.
- Remove Szass Tam from power, and decimate his undead army.
- Liberate the Thayan slaves. Provide sanctuary and support to all former slaves.
- Destroy the Red Wizard organization, including any political or economic power they possess.

The zulkirs of Thay present themselves as diplomats and agents of good will in Mulmaster. But remember the expression of our kin, "*Ni te pharkalu, quo lun verra lu.*" First appearances can be deceiving. We look deeper for the truth. We cannot abide the Red Wizards and their false charity.

Yours,

Tick Tary Tanner

Chosen of Shiallia and Archmage of the High Forest

