

*Dearest friends*

*My move to Kustria has awarded me a new and unbounded freedom. I am now in the service of the noble Don Allia who is paying my handsomely to research his families genealogy in an effort to prove a link between himself and Arkat. I suspect the search will be in vain, and there might well be hassles between myself and him given that I am not willing to make up such information in order to prove such a link.*

*My household is adequate, although it will take me some years to get my workshop to the stage that you saw in Azilos. I have barely begun to even move the beams so that I might be able to collapse them on a whim. And I am now starting to get some odd looks when I ask for a catapult. Nonetheless, I shall endeavour to work towards that end.*

*I write to you also to say that whilst I fled Azilos in the hope of avoiding the gaze of the Spider Demons it is not so clear to me that they are not also present here in Kustria. Allia follows Old Hrestolism so I see few about, and their worshippers are not welcome on his land, but where I have met them I have been given some reasons to believe that some of their number are infested. I swear that I heard one of the Shadow Court guards chatter in that language that*

*they did so chatter in when we did meet them in the Church of Azilos.*

*I shall investigate, carefully but with scrutiny that Lhankor Mhy would be proud of. I hope that my findings shall be sent to you. I hope that will be pre-mortem rather than post-.*

*Should you be passing by for a short term period then be aware that Allia can offer lodgings, although the trollkin will have to be hidden for I don't think Allia stands for such Krjalki on his estate. The offer is there, and I hope Lugger will not be offended by his being placed in a barrel or large sack should you come to visit.*

*Yours faithfully and fingers crossed for the vanquishing of the clearly chaotic and malevolent spider demons,*

*Francesco Carparttaa*