

DESOCRATORS OF THE CENOTAPH,

WE KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE DONE. WE DID NOT EXPECT THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE TO BE SO EASILY COWED BY THE BRITISH TEMPLARS AND DECEIVERS OF THE PRIESTHOOD OF SURANN, AND YET AT THEIR BEHEST YOU HAVE DEFILED A HOLY RELIC THEN HANDED IT BACK TO THE LIARS SO THAT THEY CAN UTTERLY DESTROY IT.

DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THEIR LIES ABOUT GODS AND GODDESSES? DO YOU REALLY BOW TO THE DEMANDS OF SUCH HEATHENS?

WE ARE THE HAND OF DUMON. WE ARE THE WIELDERS OF MAGIC WHO KEEP THE FLAME OF VIRTUE ALIVE IN THE IRON CONFEDERACY. WE FIGHT AND WE DIE IN THE NAME OF OUR PEOPLE AND OF DUMON.

WE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU CALL THE WAY. WE UNDERSTAND HOW THE VIRTUOUS AFFECT THE WORLD. WE DO NOT CLEAVE TO FALSE GODS.

DUMON, THE ONE THE PRIESTS CALL THE LIAR AND CLAIM TO BE AN EVIL GOD, WAS NOTHING OF THE SORT. DUMON IS WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A PARAGON, DEVOTED TO LOYALTY. EVEN CENTURIES OF LIES SPILLED FROM THE FILTHY LIPS OF THE PRIESTHOOD HAVE NOT HIDDEN THE TRUTH FROM THE HAND OF DUMON. HE WAS A TRUE AND SHINING EXAMPLE TO ALL MAGICIANS, A MAN WHO WROUGHT MAGIC VIRTUOUSLY AND FOR THE GOOD OF HIS PEOPLE. THE PRIESTHOOD COULD NOT TOLERATE THIS RIVALRY TO THEIR POWER, AND SO THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO DESPOIL HIS NAME.

MORGAN DU MOREAU WAS A DEVOUT FOLLOWER OF DUMON. HE WAS BOURNE UPON LOYALTY TO HIS PEOPLE AND TO THE PRACTITIONERS OF DUMON'S SECRETS. WE KNOW NOW THAT WHEN HE DIED, HIS VERY HEAD BECAME HALLOWED WITH

holy, virtuous power and his magic crystallised within it to render it a true artefact of righteousness to be turned against the enemies of those to whom he was Loyal.

We know this because Herriot du Moreau told us when we came to him. He had heard, by then, that you had lied to him and given the head to the Templars. He told us what you had learned from the head with your own magic.

Morgan du Moreau was what you would call an Exemplar, and you desecrated his holy relic! Against your own laws of your Synod, you desecrated and despoiled it!

If you expect us to believe that your Synod is virtuous and that we should pay any heed to what it says on the Way, if you wish to prove it is not conceited and hypocritical and corrupt, then you must condemn yourself before its judgment and accept punishment for your crimes. Call for the recognition of Dumon and Morgan by your Synod, and we will extend our hand to you for it will be clear you have recognised your failings.

You betrayed Herriot, and now he has turned to us for succour. We have taken Morgan's relics and workings from his shrine in Gevrauche. Do not attempt to pilfer what you have proven yourself to be unworthy of. Nothing remains for you vultures to pick over.

- The hand of Dumon