

During the season, the strangest thing happens.

Throughout your forest, messages begin to appear. Some are made from the medium of iridescent butterflies gathering together in great throngs in the twilight hours, their gleaming, shining wings shivering and fluttering as they spell out words with their bodies. Others are found shining in the morning sunlight - letters and markings carefully woven from the rainbow silk spun by the iridescent grubs. The messages are always the same, give or take the odd missing butterfly or thread of silk that has become tangled - and they are quite clearly meant to be read by you.

Greetings from the Toad King! You are clearly a person of distinction to have chosen the husbandry of iridescent butterflies as your vocation.

There is a threat to my precious little flies, though it remains far-off for now. I want to protect the shimmer-wings in the Empire from it, and you can help me to do so. I don't ask you to aid just from the kindness of your hearts or the self-preservation of your forests, of course. The Black Patrician offers you a fair deal!

I ask that you grant permission for one of my Heralds to venture into your forest in the coming season, there to select the fattest, biggest, largest iridescent grub they can find to bring back to me - just a single grub, a single gluttonous little caterpillar, to serve me and help me protect all of its kindred. In return, I'll bring forth twilight magic to help your forest provide a veritable bounty of iridescent gloaming in the coming season.

There is a special cocoon waiting for you in your forest, its silk as black as night. Write me a letter, five lines of five words, stating that you grant permission and your name, then fold it four times. Unwind the silk and snap its thread, and it will send that letter off to me, a missive to land on my lap. Do that, and we have our deal. Do that, and I can protect the shining bright-moths from what comes.

The cocoon that you find is just as the missive says, a tangle of black silk upon which you can see the light of the moon reflected - even during the day.

Mechanical Effect: Your character receives a single Black Silk Thread ribbon, which will be in your pack.