

Dearest Ada,

I trust you have been keeping well, after the unpleasantness in Upwold.

I was, due to the restrictions placed upon me by certain individuals, unable to provide you with recompense for our wonderful time spent together. Please find enclosed a small token of my appreciation for your tremendous art.

I would consider it a great favour to House de L'oise if you are able to keep myself informed of the intricacies of those inglorious Varushkans, Orzel. Unfortunately my yeofolk are under rather strict orders to burn any parcels delivered by those Navarri so I must insist that you use that tedious autumn ritual for contacting me.

I plan to visit Anvil at some point in the next few seasons to try to speak to some of the more reasonable Dawnish about glory, during that time I would be most obliged if you were to accompany me.

Yours,

Renée, Earl de L'oire

Winterbourne

Astolat