

Vana,

I was kept away from Anvil for a season. I have been told though, that the Orcs had much to discuss of great weight to their future at the Solstice. So perhaps you had to put personal ambitions on hold, and that is why I have not received any news via the sheet of notepaper you hold.

I appreciate also that Conclave turned down The Golden Spider's aid in dealing with some Autumn challenges, and in this climate of mistrust, pursuing your goal of demonstrating Ambition, of galvinising other Orcs to show their commitment to the virtue may have been difficult if you mentioned the Lord of the Loom's interest at all.

I hope you have plans to make more progress this Equinox. I still hold the Secrets from the Loom for you in trust that you will do this. I write to encourage, not to blame.

But you should know that I will be at the Autumn market. It might be a chance for us to talk, if that would be important to you in pursuing our deal. But I will also be offering Secrets to trade to others – different secrets, true, but your prize may no longer be quite so unique. I thought it only fair to let you know about these other bargains I aim to make in case that affects your actions.

May you be rich in favours and friends

Zola  
Herald of the Lord of the Loom