

*This letter is addressed to **The Red Fox**.*

*I must confess that there is a certain novelty in attempting to utilise the Winged Messenger ritual to send a message to an individual who may not actually exist, and may never have existed. I console myself that this is not a waste of mana, but a valid experiment into the potential, and limitations, of this magic.*

*Working on the assumption that this letter has made its way to the intended recipient, consequently affirming that you do exist, I offer my greetings. I am Artellus, Arbiter of White Spire Ascending in Zenith, and I have pressing need of your services.*

*It is my desire to purchase an item that may or may not be for sale. Specifically, I refer to the sword known as **Nightripper's Bane**. It is claimed that this item is a virtuous Courage relic and was used as a sign of exemplification for Damaris of Cantiarch's Hold in Highguard. I held little hope of acquiring this relic when Damaris lived, but I understand she is taking a, presumably short, journey through the Labyrinth of Ages.*

*I do not know what the Highguard Chapter of Cantiarch's Hold intends for the relic now. My suspicion is that they will be reticent to part with it. I had tasked one individual with arranging its availability, but they have displayed no interest in doing so. Consequently, as my situation becomes more pressing, I consider alternatives that previously would have been inconceivable. It is, after all, what Ambition and Courage requires.*

*My request of you is as follows:*

*Firstly, I would ask that you acknowledge receipt of this message, that I might know it has been received. As I rarely leave Zenith, this may need to be through the form of a Winged Messenger.*

*Secondly, if you do respond, I would wish to know if the matter of arranging for Nightripper's Bane to become available for sale was one that you felt able to assist with.*

*Thirdly, if you were willing to assist, what your price for doing so would be.*

*Naturally, if you do not exist, or our plight is of no interest to you, then I shall expect no response.  
However, whilst I would not wish to expose a lack of poise, it is my belief that this is a matter of great  
import to the whole Empire.*

*May you always keep your poise in testing times,*

*Artellus Whitespire  
Arbiter of the White Spire Ascending  
Zenith*