



The Empress was not entirely pleased with the outcome of my voyage. Despite all of the notes I had made during my travels in Yorovash, she and her council of advisors were not able to determine precisely where its many shadowy rulers kept their homes. Reluctantly, she has decided not to extend a hand of friendship to the ailing land.

Yet, in her grace, the Empress has accepted that I did all I could do. Yorovash's lords and ladies drown in their own deceits, and ultimately, their attempts to conceal themselves will prove to be their own undoing. Putting aside their petty conflicts and allying with the Empress was their only intelligent choice, but their refusal to bite down on their pride and meet with her - and the impossibility of determining their whereabouts through word-of-mouth alone - has destroyed any chance of that.

And so, with humility in my heart, I will tomorrow receive my Name. In keeping with my path, I am to share my name with the word of power gifted to me just once, in secret, by the Empress long ago - the word that activates and controls the power of my precious amulet. My name, like that word, will be between only myself and the Empress, never to be repeated again once she utters it.

I will not sleep tonight. I have been waiting for this day my entire life.

You put the page back down. No more await beneath it.

You should feel pleased that the envoy survived his journey, and was rewarded for his efforts, but you can't help but feel that something is...

Wrong.

Determined to find more, you search every square inch of the ornate box. Under the lid, you find something. The smallest of holes. Inserting a paperclip into it causes a small compartment to pop open.

A small gush of air pours inside, where a lone piece of paper rests.

Though the page is written in the same cursive, it makes no sense. You know a cipher when you see one. The code key must be a phrase known only to the writer of the note and its intended recipient.

Looking back over the Envoy's account, you think you know exactly what the code key is - and who the letter is about.

An entity who was plotting against the Envoy from the beginning.

(When solving, enter the code key, followed by the name of the malicious entity, as a single string.)