

Report to the Mouth and the Brains
From a Wrist in Hanal
Re: The use of the nails of the hand

Honored Mouth,

It is my painful duty to report that our use of the nails against three major figures in the Queen Empress' retinue has primarily failed.

After our exchange, as you know, the nails were deployed against three identified targets for a coordinated strike - those three being:

Peltar Drak Dinalihof. The Peltar (general) of the Outer Palace Guard. Who is, we believe, possessed.

Strom Bartak the Hyrshiv. The Strom is hugely wealthy, more so than many Kavs, and a fanatic of the Green. He is part of the Queen-Empress inner circle and often advises her on important decisions.

Vad Vasni ti Delphor Caterion. The Vad appears to be a merchant knight - just at a level where he is permitted the common Green, but not his own Green nor a personal coat of arms, instead using the coat of arms of his own overlord. It is our opinion that he is one of the royal spy-masters as well.

Last night it appeared that the nails could reach all three men simultaneously, the criteria for our strike, to deprive the queen empress of all three at the same time as a blow to her ability to plan and strategize.

While the strike appeared to be off to a good start, we quickly realized that the Queen-Empress, or at least the intended targets, had prior warning of the strike. We think that Magister Adapon ti Delphor Caterion, the brother of the Vad, divined the strike and warned his brother.

Regardless, while Peltar Dinalihof was wounded badly and may die, the attack on the Strom revealed a body double and the attack on the Vad resulted in an immediate counter including overwhelming force that resulted in the live capture of a nail. We have it on good authority that the nail is now being questioned.

This will be my final report, for the glory of the Archduchy. When I have sent this, I will take the "hemlock" and then cut out my own tongue. As the Light will never permit my

spirit to be recalled by a necromancer this combination will prevent the enemy from gaining the names of any fingers or toes under my present direction. I considered flight, but it is too likely that I will be taken before reaching friendly territory and I do not believe that I can withstand the question until I die. This is safer and less painful. I have never liked pain.

As soon as is possible a new wrist will be needed, at the least, and a new ankle and spine would be highly desired, but I know how difficult that is.

Be in Light.