

Unto the Mouth  
From toes in the field  
URGENT DELIVERY REQUESTED

Honored Mouth:

There is a great deal of activity among the crystal cities, Vollers from each of the cities have arisen, crystal ships of the utmost elegance. They are crewed by gnomes and hobbits, soldiered by crystal (possibly Laen) golems and commanded by elves of the most noble countenance.

All of those ships have moved from the various cities to the Ruby City, the northwestern most of the Crystal cities. A force of several thousand mercenaries have also been gathered there, ground troops and cavalry. It is a ragtag horde, but even now fey officers (sidhe mostly) are trying to whip it into a shape that will not immediately fall apart at the first sign of resistance. They appear to be using enchantments and psionic effects both to strengthen the spine of the troops as well as bring them to a more disciplined stance. Humans (including many bandits) Orcs, Uruks, and goblin warg riders have been observed in the force, as well as both Chuliks and Rapas from the great pass, it appears that the elven nobles commanding the vollers will not even deal with them directly at all, but are using the sidhe as intermediaries. They are paying very well however and promising death gilt to the widow/widowers of any combatants who die for their cause.

We have long been assigned to the various petty baronies, squiredoms, and bandit holds that are scattered across the lands here - to observe the advance of any Hanalian forces coming this way. It seems to us that the only target worth such a gathering of forces to the Northwest, is Hanal itself.

We wished you to know immediately.

We remain.