

My dearest Irina,

I was overjoyed to hear of the birth of little Vera, and to hear of her good health as well as yours, Eluiseid's, and all your extended family's. Please extend my congratulations to all those who have recent additions to their families as well. I trust things are continuing to go well in Kamedon.

This missive comes with some troubling news, however. Rumors have come to my attention (I dare not say how) that the Issians have caught a "Greenbelt spy" and the Underguard are currently holding and interrogating him. I need not spell out to you (or the Batalovas) what this implies. Hopefully these rumors are simply that, and your colleagues were not of a mind to actually send representatives after such caution was presented by the Swordlord Council of Restov at such lengths, over the course of so many years (with such support and friendship behind the words).

At any rate, relations between Restov and New Stetven have stiffened of late, and I fear the era of "open" support between Rostland and your fledgeling nation may be nearing a twilight (at least for now). Please relay to Sasha this message, and a caution that he may be recalled at any time.

As I understand it, Kamedon has cultivated a friendship with Baron Varn? He is a good man. How fares he and Varnhold these days?

Looking for your shadow on the horizon,

Uncle Yuri