

My dear Friends,

Dark news drives my pen this day. I am saddened to inform you that, among other major Brevic governmental changes, the Swordlord Council has been dissolved. Rest assured, however, that your allies, my Lord Sorin Aldori chief among them, will honor your charter at its completion. However it may appear, there is honor yet to be found in Brevoyn even today—even if it must hide for the moment.

It appears your Roln was more successful than originally thought. It is a pity that the drug inhibited his recall beyond ability to assist your thorough debriefing. The coalition he developed was true, and was not to strike at the time of the wedding, as was supposed (during a time of increased manpower), but during a time of lowered expectations.

While Elanna and Noleski were honeymooning in Port Ice, the Orlovsky-led coalition made their move on New Stetven, and Natala was taken prisoner. A blockade was established to the north, and on their way home, Noleski was taken prisoner as well. Within days, trial was held, and Noleski and Natala were executed as enemies of the state as userpers.

Poul Orlevski was immediately coronated Rightful King of Brevoyn by popular vote of the houses. The Swordlord Council voted against him, and as his first act as King, he disbanded the council and appointed Lady Sarrona Lebeda as Dutchess of Rostland (she then appointed to herself Swordlord Advisors, as surprises no one, the traitors cling to her gown as babes cling to their mother).

Her daughter Elanna is now Lady Surtova, being with child of the heir of house Surtova.

I write these things not to burden you, but to inform.

Your Friend in Dire Times —Yuri Derevko