Beforehand, it is learnt that a mysterious figure had come to the orange and purple camps in the night and talked with their leaders, causing them to decamp.

Return to Highgate is met also by a column of soldiers (1:2 footmen:crossbowmen), headed by two figures, the Abbot Abbatus Dallabo and an exiled Dwarven General (banished for retreat in the face of a collapsing cavern), Scroofles, the Hoog. They represent a relief force sent on behalf of the western coastal states. The abbot has a parcel of books and a letter for Ptahkwin.

Their mission is primarily to secure High Gate for the coming Winter, and heralds the end of support for the camps outside. The camps respond by melting into two factions, one of confrontation and one of retreat.

As the diplomatic representative, the abbot suggests as bearers of negotiating badges determining where the oranges/purples went, what they’re doing, and if they can be persuaded towards a cooperative line.

Letter for Ptahkwin:

The minor branch of Ptahquinius Ptahkwin belongs to has been dispossessed by a rival branch, and driven from the city of Waterdeep north beyond Neverwinter to Icewind Dale. Payments cease forthwith and wizard school is an impossibility.

The Inscrutable Flame:

A book brought by Abbatus Dallabo, The Abbot of the abbey.

Theories on the colour of fire, red, yellow, orange being lowest energy. (visible spectrum progression). Mystical aspect.

White heat of enlightenment/revolution/mystic bollocks.

The Umbral Hierarchy

A book on ancient societies.

Describes the occult orders that populated the moor and established the community of temples to many gods, operating both openly and secretly on political and religious levels. Sinister reputation, thought extinct. Known to have vast wealth.

The Adjacent Realms

A book on fey

Describes the interactions between the feywild, material plane, and shadowfell, and significant figures with a particular focus on moorland equivalents.

Ala’yan Moor

A location granted to Phonos, Astrologer to the Queen. His palace is a great dome appearing to be of polished obsidian outside. It houses a great mechanism and it’s dome is of a crystalline glass that separates out meaningful light from the noise of reality.