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Report File #1047

Research Note

The following transcription was found etched upon the artifact in the Rovulas tongue. Regarding the validity of the artifact, we have examined the craftsmanship and linguistic idioms and have concluded that this is made Pre-Shattering. Our best estimate is that it was constructed in 30 P.S. Though the inscription etched upon it we believe it to have been written later, dating to the year 7 S.S.

Artifact: #1047 “The Emperors Circle”

Location: Unknown

Lead Researcher: Sorellion Fen

Date of Discovery: 11th Day of Warmlight in the year 525 S.S (Since Shattering)

Measurements: 10ft L, 10ft W, 10ft H

Weight: 2570 lbs

Description: A 10ft diameter stone circle 2ft thick. All sides are covered in detailed imagery from the Age of Wonder depicting the sprawling lands and flying cities of old. On the front there is etched a transcription in the old Rovulas tongue we believe to be the final words of Aesar the Last Emperor of the Rovulas Imperium of Mortals.

Inscription on Artifact #1047

I do not know who will be reading these words, I do not even know if these words will ever see the light of day. I doubt I will live to see the sun again. Yet I carve this message down still; so heed my words and listen closely.

We were wrong.

This bloody war for naught, a century of fighting for nothing. To The Divine, it was nothing but a distraction to keep us busy. While they made their plans a reality. They lied to us and made us believe we were their champions, that we were chosen... It is because of us that the world dies today. We brought about our own destruction, had we only listened we may have survived.

It was not The Fey who were the aggressors, they had no anger towards us, no plans to conquer, no plans to destroy. They became the monsters we forced them to become. They tried to show us the truth we were too proud to see.

For The Divine has grown bored with us. They wanted to try again, they had no interest in their rough drafts... Still, not all The Divine were in favor of this destruction. If it were not for these rebels The Divines' wish would have come true; a blank canvas to try something new. So never forget the names of our saviors Azaraphael the Liar, Arcania the All-Knowing, and Twilia the Dying Light. It is only by their sacrifice we would not still have a chance. So never forget who they are. For in this new world, I have no doubt their siblings will do all they can to expunge their betrayals from history. Yet the moon will lie in tribute to their sacrifice. The scars on the moon will never fade, even if the gods will it.

I do not know what this new world will hold. I do not know what the history books will say. I simply know that **this** cannot be forgotten. Without it, we are lost. So to whoever reads

this. The Divine tricked us and made us fight against friends because they knew. Untied we would not fall. United we could fight them. So do not wallow there are more allies than foes. I know the world will change but people never will. There are always those willing to fight for what's right. Keep searching, keep exploring, keep fighting. You are not alone.

-Aesar the Last Emperor of the Rovulas Imperium of Mortals

If the information on this artifact is accurate it would upend everything we believe. The Divine saved us from the destruction we were facing. If not for the Elves and the Fey the Shattering would have never happened. So why do I feel my hand trembling as I write this? It cannot be accurate. Can it? It doesn't matter if the world were to discover this, truth or not we would be plunged into chaos. I cannot let this artifact see the light of day.