**Hi Phurdo,  
  
I hope you're doing well. I've been thinking about you.**

**How's life in the forest? I know transitioning to a cabin was a big change. How has it been so far? Are you and the family adjusting well?  
  
I'd love to hear what you've been up to and I can't wait to hear your stories.  
  
Take care and give the little ones a hug from me.  
  
Valiri’s blessings on you,  
Derry**

Dear Derry,

~~I have not been entirely honest with you about my life here~~

I'm not quite sure where to begin, but I can tell you that it's far different than anything you could imagine.

The wildlife here is expansive and abundant. Creatures visit ~~the temple~~ my cabin every morning, and I often spot larger mammals out in the forest.

There are times when the forest feels alive.

I can honestly say that every day is an adventure. ~~I hope one day you'll come join me.~~ I would love to hear from you again.

~~Valiri’s blessings on you too~~

Your friend,

Phurdo