

*"Welcome, friend, to the world of Allyra, domicile of the ancient city of Berinfell, and home to countless races of mighty beings, ruled by the Elvin Lords for over seven millennia. But we are remiss to inform you that you come to us at a most dire time, one which finds all at a disadvantage. For the peace of our long and prosperous reign has been violently interrupted, forces beyond our power, tearing us from our homeland and compelling us to a life of hiding far from the light of Allyra's sun.*

*"What's this you say? You wish to know more? Well, that knowledge is reserved only for the chosen, for those who would risk everything to preserve and protect our ancient order, the Order of the Elves. For it is only in a faithful display of dedication that true loyalty is tested and ultimately deemed worthy of the Great Secrets.*

*"Eager are you to know? Well, far be it from me to wish the liberation of my people a distant hope. After all, I have been given charge of finding souls such as yourself who would lend their virtues to free our people and find...*

*"...now wait just a moment, here. How do I know you're not a spy, eh? Did the Spider King Send you? Stand back, fowl Wisp! I am well versed in the ancient tongue and will disperse you with my blade in a breath!*

*"Not Wisp kind, you say? Hmmm. Then how shall I know? How shall we all be sure? A test! Why of course. Why I didn't think of this sooner, I cannot say. But we shall be sure of your authenticity, and I think I know just the way.*

*"The world of Earth, with which I'm sure you are familiar—unless, of course, you are of Berinfell's lineage—has a system of technology to search the records of their entire civilization. Fascinating, truly. Far more efficient than our scrolls and libraries, but not nearly as rich as our spoken words.*

*"See here, I digress. In this you will find mention of a faithful Sentinel—guardian of the ancient ways—who will point you on your way. But not just any page of his musings will do, you must seek his favor and gain entrance to his fold. By this we will be sure you are not of our enemies, for only the most pure of heart will be seen into his care. There are dragons in our midst who would devour even the most steadfast heart, but this Sentinel's protection will keep you safe. Once embraced, seek out Legossi and present her with Berinfell's Pledge."*