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# ORDER OF THE GAUNTLET

In light of recent statements made by the factions and the Thayan ambassador to Mulmaster, the Order of the Gauntlet, after much deliberation, has chosen to make the following declarations:

(I) To safeguard the innocents of the Moonsea region and beyond, the Order of the Gauntlet will not support the declaration of war by any other faction against the Nation of Thay. If factions commit themselves to such a plan, the Gauntlet's involvement will be strictly defensive in nature. This declaration may be reviewed and/or revised in the future if compelling evidence is presented that Thayan forces constitute a clear and present danger to the rest of Faerun, in whole or in part. At which time, the entire force of all members will be brought to bear.

(II) To determine the full extent of the danger to Mulmaster, the Order of the Gauntlet will gather information as a top priority. This has never been our strongest suit. We will reach out to resources such as the Harpers, the Emerald Enclave, the Lords Alliance, and as we must, even the Zhentarim—as will be made clear below.

We will use powers of divination available to aid our research of these elemental rifts (or related phenomena across the continent, if we find our access to those in Mulmaster limited). We must also reach out to those who know the city best, and try to enlist them in helping us gather intelligence. The Zors and Zoras of Mulmaster would be an invaluable source of information within the city, and we will leverage our history of good judgment and pragmatism to begin to build trust with them. As loathe as some of us may be to admit it, the Zhentarim would be a powerful ally in this endeavor as well. Far more deeply entrenched in political system of Mulmaster than any other faction, it may be difficult to conduct investigations in the city without their support.

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(III) To rebuild trust between the citizens of the Mulmaster and the factions, the Order will organize goodwill missions to the city. The Order seeks the support of the nobles of Mulmaster and the Zhen-tarim to identify their greatest concerns for citizens. The Order will then provide a plan to assist the population.

As part of this effort, the Order extends an invitation to Conjuremaster Firefinger and the Thayans of Mulmaster. The clerics and paladins of the Order will help in mitigating the danger posed by the elemental rifts within the city. After all, comrades, we have many in our order who draw power from a variety of deities and sources. This divine power will support their efforts to protect the people of Mulmaster from elemental devastation.

Some may mistake our temperance for cowardice or indecision at their own risk. However, the Order of the Gauntlet trusts the wisdom of its members over ill-considered declarations for war. Never forget that the Order of the Gauntlet can be more than an order dedicated to Justice. In these dark times, we can be a shining example of the best qualities among all who call themselves adventurers, a beacon for the rest of the factions to follow.

Sincerely,

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