

*JOURNAL OF LANDOR CALADON, INITIATE OF THE SHIELD OF
REVELATION*

...

13 HARMONY, YEAR OF THE SUN 1186

*MY WORD, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD SEE THIS DAY.
FATHER SAID THAT WHEN IT CAME, IT WOULD REMAKE ME INTO
A NEW MAN, BUT I NEVER BELIEVED HIM. I SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN BETTER; HE WAS ALWAYS WISER THAN I.*

*SHE IS RADIANT. I CAN THINK OF NOTHING BUT HER SMILE,
HER EYES... I EVEN MISSED SUNSET PRAYER THIS EVENING.
TOO DISTRACTED FOR MY PRAYERS... ORB WILL UNDERSTAND.*

*AH... JUST TO SPEAK WITH HER, THAT WOULD BE PARADISE.
PERHAPS VARIAN WILL KNOW HER NAME. HE KNOWS
EVERYONE. ESPECIALLY THE LADIES...*

17 HARMONY, YEAR OF THE SUN 1186

*SHE LOOKED RIGHT AT ME IN THE MARKET TODAY! I WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE TENDING THE CENSER, BUT I CAUGHT SIGHT
OF HER, AND FORGOT EVERYTHING! I BUMPED INTO BROTHER
WILLIS, AND THE INCENSE SCORCHED HIS GOOD ROBES. I WILL
HAVE TO WORK TO PAY THOSE OFF, I'M AFRAID. IT WAS WORTH
IT, THOUGH, TO SEE HER SMILE!*

*VARIAN, OF COURSE, SWEARS IT WAS HIM SHE WAS
SMILING AT! HE COULDN'T LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE, COULD
HE? HE ALWAYS HAS TO BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION. IT IS SO
FRUSTRATING – ALL OUR TEACHERS FAVOR HIM, BUT HE DOESN'T
WORK HALF SO HARD AS I!*

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8 CHANCE, YEAR OF THE SUN 1186

*I TAKE MY GRADUATION EXAMS TOMORROW. I AM IN BAD
SHAPE, I'M AFRAID. I'VE SLEPT THROUGH HALF MY CLASSES THIS*

SEMESTER, AND I FEAR I AM NOT PREPARED FOR ANCIENT LORE OR SPELLCRAFT. I SHALL PRAY FOR GUIDANCE, AND DO MY BEST.

I SAW HER LOOKING AT VARIAN AGAIN TODAY. SHE SAYS IT IS NOTHING, ONLY AN OLD FRIENDSHIP, BUT I HAVE MY DOUBTS... HE IS SO CHARMING, WHILE I AM JUST A CRIPPLE. WHO COULD LOVE ME? LELANI SAYS SHE DOES, BUT DOES SHE MEAN IT? I WISH I COULD SEE INTO HER HEART. NOT EVEN BROTHER WILLIS HAS THAT POWER.

9 CHANCE, YEAR OF THE SUN 1186

AGAINST ALL REASON, I HAVE PASSED MY EXAMS! I WILL BE ORDAINED A CLERIC OF ORB IN A FEW MERE DAYS! FATHER WILL BE VERY PROUD. AND SO WILL LELANI... AND I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR HER, AS WELL. I AM ASKING HER FATHER FOR HER HAND IN MARRIAGE THIS AFTERNOON, AND WILL PROPOSE TO HER AFTER MY ORDINATION.

I SNUCK OUT LAST NIGHT TO TALK TO MY FRIEND'S COUSIN, WHO IS AN APPRENTICE JEWELER. HE SOLD ME A RING TO GIVE HER. MY FRIEND'S COUSIN PROMISED THAT THE LADIES ALL LIKE THIS TYPE OF RING. I HAVE NO HEAD FOR SUCH THINGS. I WILL TAKE HIS WORD AND HOPE THAT LELANI LIKES IT.

VARIAN, OF COURSE, PASSED ALL HIS EXAMS, THOUGH I DON'T THINK HE STUDIED ONE BIT. THE TEACHERS ALL LOVE HIM; HE WILL NO DOUBT BE HEAD OF OUR ORDER ONE DAY, WHILE I GET RELEGATED TO SOME DUSTY LIBRARY.

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16 SPINDLE, YEAR OF THE SUN 1189

TODAY IS OUR THIRD ANNIVERSARY, AND LELANI IS MORE RADIANT THAN EVER. MY LIFE COULD NOT BE HAPPIER. SHE TOLD ME THIS MORNING AFTER PRAYERS (SHE IS VERY FAITHFUL AND ALWAYS GETS UP WITH ME TO PRAY) THAT SHE IS WITH CHILD!

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT A FEW SHORT YEARS AGO, THAT LAME LANDOR THE INITIATE WOULD BE MARRIED TO THE

*PRETTIEST GIRL IN THREE COUNTIES, AND BE SERMON-LEADER
AT THE CHANCEL OF COVENANT GROVE? AND A FATHER TO BE, AS
WELL?*

4 FREEDOM, YEAR OF THE SUN 1190

*MY, I DIDN'T REALIZE IT HAD BEEN THIS LONG SINCE I HAD
WRITTEN IN MY JOURNAL! I HAVE BEEN WRITING SO MANY
SERMONS LATELY THAT I GUESS I JUST HAVEN'T HAD WORDS TO
SPARE FOR PERSONAL THOUGHTS.*

*TODAY, THOUGH, I FEEL THE NEED TO SET MY THOUGHT
DOWN AND WORK THEM OUT.*

*LELANI IS SHOWING NOW QUITE OBVIOUSLY – IT WILL NOT
BE LONG BEFORE OUR CHILD IS BORN. I THINK IT WILL BE A
LITTLE GIRL, THOUGH FATHER THINKS SHE CARRIES LOW AND
THAT MEANS A BOY. I DEFER TO HIS WISDOM, BUT WE WILL
BOTH SEE SOON ENOUGH.*

*LELANI IS VERY HAPPY – HAPPIER THAN I HAVE SEEN HER
IN OUR WHOLE LIVES TOGETHER. THE BABY ON THE WAY SEEMS
TO SUIT HER. SHE IS VERY... FOCUSED. I AM SURE SHE WILL BE
AN EXCELLENT MOTHER.*

6 FREEDOM, YEAR OF THE SUN 1190

*I SPOKE RATHER HARSHLY TO LELANI THIS MORNING, AND
SHE BURST INTO TEARS! I HAVE NEVER MADE HER CRY
BEFORE... SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SO HAPPY... SHE RAN INTO
THE NURSERY WE HAVE BEEN PREPARING TOGETHER, AND
SLAMMED AND LOCKED THE DOOR!*

*13 Freedom, year of the
I never meant for it to come*

