BLIZZARD ENTERTAINMENT

DIABLO IV

SINS of the HORADRIM

APOTHEOSIS

I WRITE TO YOUR CATHEDRAL OF LIGHT WITH URGENT NEED.

YOU'VE DOUBTLESS HEARD OF THE WORLD'S COMING.

A WARD-FOUGHT VICTORY, WON BY MYSELF AND THE DRUIDS OF ANDAR AND NARAKH.

BUT THAT IS NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH.

FOR AS YOU READ THIS, THE COMING IS ALMOST UPON US.

THIS IS NOT HOW THINGS WERE MEANT TO BE.

BUT THE ALTERNATIVES...

WE'RE FAR WORSE.

WE SHOULD MAKE PREPARATIONS. OUR PEOPLE RETURN.

BUT WE DIDN'T ASK YOU TO DRAW UP SOME PLANS FOR SOTLONNA.

IT MAY BE THE ONLY WAY TO OTHER POWERS.

SOULSTONES.

THEY'VE BEEN THE GREATEST WEAPON OF THE NORADRIM.

BUT WITHOUT THE HOMUNCULUS, THE ONLY OTHER HEAD NO PROSPECT ONE.

NO, DONAH. NOT YAKINOSE. THE ONLY ONE — THAT THE ILLUSION OF PERFECTION.

A TEMPORARY TRUCE AGAINST THE HELLS.

THE REASON OF SOULSTONES WAS THE DEATH OF THE NORADRIM. DEMONS HAVE BEEN CONTAINED FOR CENTURIES.

ZOLTUN WILLS WRITE THE ENTIRE CONFLAGRATION SOULSTONES.

ZOTUN KULLE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THOSE VERY WRITINGS.

KULLE'S BLACK SOULSTONE NEARLY CHAINED US ALL.

I'D HEAD ABOUT NOT FOR THIS.

DOUBT? I THOUGHT YOUR LOVE FOR ME IS OVER JEALOUSY.

WITHOUT TORAEL, THE HORADRIM FRACTURED.

UNWILLIF—UNWILLING—TO MAKE THE NECESSARY DECOVE.

I COULD DO IT NOW.

THE HORADRIM AND THEIR ALLIES WERE SCATTERED HIS WRITINGS. YET I KNEW THEY COULD BE FOUND.

FOR YEARS I DELVED INTO DISTANT, FORGOTTEN LIBRARIES.

AN INSTANTANEOUS ASSEMBLING THE FRAGMENTS OF A MAGNIFICENT BRILLIANCE WHICH IS THE HIDDEN BY THE FEARFUL.

BUT KULLE'S WRITINGS WERE SUPPLIED LIKE A BROKEN MIRROR REFLECTING A SHATTERED MIRROR.

OVERING THAT TIME, ELIAS LEFT OUR ORDER—AS DID I. HE WENT TO SEEK CHEATH AND LEARN FROM HIS COMPANIONS EVEN LESS.

BUT I WAS DETERMINED TO CAPTURE THE SOULSTONE AND BURN FOR PURPOSE, NOT HUBRIS.

I TRAVELED ALL OF SANCTUARY, CHASING WHISPERS.

AND I FOUND THE MAN, JUST AS A SHADOW BEGINS RISING IN THE WEST.

NO!

BY THE LIGHT!

ASTAROTH.

I WATCHED THE ENSUING FIGHT UNFOLD FROM A DISTANCE, AS IT CAUSED THE SOULSTONE, NOTHING BUT A SOULSTONE.

MY SEARCH CONTINUED. UNTIL, FINALLY, I FOUND THE CITY OF ALTAN—THE CAPITAL OF KULLE'S HORADRIM.

DOUBTS HAD SEEN AGAIN ABOUT ONE THING.
I WAS ILL-PREPARED FOR THE HORRORS FESTERING WITHIN.
FWOOM
TWISTED EXPERIMENTS AND WORSE.
BRKSHH TTH
BUT I WOULD NOT BE DETERRED.
NOT WHEN SCOULDEN'S SALVATION WAS WITHIN MY GRASP.
WHAT I SOUGHT WAS HERE, IN THESE THEIRS HALLS.
WHERE THE UNDEAD AND POWERFUL SPIRITS NIGHTMARES TO CARAVAN PASSING ABOVE.
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE I FOUND, I COULD FULFILL THE MISSION THEIRS LEFT US.
I COULD PROTECT OUR WORLD FROM THE WRATH OF THE HELLS.
WHO TREAD THE PATH OF ANCIENT MYSTERIES APPROACHED?

YOU BEAR THE SYMBOL OF THE MORAGRAM...
WHY THEY FINALLY ARRIVED FROM THE HEADS OF THE LAND AND WITH THE WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS OF THE ALTAMEST.

NO. THEY HAVEN'T.
BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR DOUBT BLIND US WITH. WE WOULD NEVER NOW. "SPEAK."

WITH EACH UNINTERRUPTED HEARING BUT I HEARD THE DOUBT OF DISTRACTORS.
BUT I ALSO GLIMPSED THE SHINE OF A FUTURE FREE FROM SUFFERING.

AND THEY NEED CHOOSE HIS PORTRAIT.
I WOULD NOT FALTER.

ALTAROTH IS NOW CONFINED TO A SOLITARY PLANE, HALFLY BOUND BY MY OWN BLOOD AND SACRIFICE.

BUT FOR HOW LONG DEPENDS ON YOU.
UNLESS YOU WISH TO SEE OUR WORLD FILLED WITH ALL OTHER HOWS I AM NOW YOUR ALLY.

END

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