

My Dear Beatrice,

I would like to express my appreciation for bringing the content and implications of the Nod fragment to my attention. This is a most fascinating discovery. At this point my findings are merely preliminary. When I am ready I will, as promised, share my conclusions.

I should warn you that the actions of the Lilin have attracted attention from other quarters as well. After you left, I was visited by a Lazarene associated with the Inquisition. He was most unpleasant in both appearance and tone. It appears the Inquisition has stepped up its activity considerably. The Lazarene was in an agitated state, casting aspersions widely. I attempted to ascertain whether he was in possession of information that might illuminate the theological question at the heart of this dispute. He offered only specifics with regard to the unpleasanties that might befall those that defy the Inquisition. The conversation was most unproductive. Given the level of collaboration within the Black Hand, I might have suggested they get that house in order before invading mine. But even this was more information than I felt inclined to provide.

With regard to the text of the fragment, there are a number of passages worthy of further study. Of particular interest is making the proper identification of 'last daughter/ Bearing the mark of the moon' who is ascribed the role of destroying the grandchild of Cain. In other texts a similar role is assigned, not to the last daughter of God, but to the 'last daughter of Eve'. This implies one of the kine rather than Lilith. Although, given the infirmity of the kine and their propensity for procreation, it is difficult to imagine who a 'last daughter of Eve' would refer to or how this creature might be capable of destroying the Antediluvians. Perhaps Lilith is the more suitable interpretation. This is among the issues that require further study.

At the conclusion of my inquiry I will travel to Montreal. You will insure that I am able to continue my inspection of the Tapestry of Blood and other relevant texts. If, at that time, I am satisfied with the quality of your scholarship and the integrity of your conclusions, then we will confer on how we might best offer our services to our Queen during the Final Nights. If it appears that the text is fraudulent or your interpretation is incorrect then I will destroy you. I'm sure you understand.

Sincerely,  
Marconius