

**MA'ALECA'ANDRA.**  
**CITY OF G'ORR G'REGG.**  
**EMERGENCY WARD.**

I'M  
SORRY,  
MA'WALK  
E'RR...

...BUT YOU  
ARE SHOWING  
SYMPTOMS OF  
H'RONMEER'S  
CURSE.

SKIN'S ON  
FIRE...THOUGHT  
WHITEFLESH COULDN'T  
CONTRACT IT...

THAT'S A  
MYTH. IDEAS ARE  
CONTAGIOUS,  
REGARDLESS OF  
YOUR CORE FLESH  
COMPOSITION...

I'VE HEARD THEY  
TESTED A MEMETIC  
VACCINE ON THE  
FROZEN--I'D LIKE TO  
TRY IT ON MA'WALK  
IN A CLOSED  
ENVIRONMENT.

SHAME  
TO WASTE A  
BREAKTHROUGH ON  
A WHITEFLESH...

WE HELP  
EVERYONE,  
D'EEN. EVERYONE.  
THE HEALTH COUNCIL'S  
IGNORING THE  
PLAGUE'S EXISTENCE.  
THEY SHOULD BE  
PROACTIVE.

THE IDEA OF  
H'RONMEER'S CURSE  
IS H'RONMEER'S CURSE.  
IF IT HITS THE ENTIRE  
THOUGHTSTREAM...



"...IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE."

SEHNE'MHOO'T SLUM.

CRIME PAYS. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU TWO FOOLS AGAIN.

DOESN'T PAY WHAT IT USED TO...

MORE OF MY PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING THE CURSE. GETTING HARD TO FIND A CLEAN MIND TO WORK THE STREETS.

LET THEM BURN. THE HEALTH COUNCIL WON'T GO PUBLIC UNTIL THERE'S A CURE. AND WITHOUT OUR CURSE CORPSES TO STUDY THEY WON'T FIND ONE.

DEAD OR ALIVE, WE PROFIT OFF THEM. WHO HAS NUMBERS FROM LAST NIGHT'S WHITEFLESH FIGHTS? ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN-- WAIT...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

W'LUUR K'ATT, "THE COUNT OF CONQUEST."

G'ULL V'EGG, "THE EARL OF GREED."

D'OOO L'UZZ, "THE DUKE OF DECEPTION."





SOMETHING WE CAN HELP YOU WITH, CHIEF HUNTER J'ONZZ?

OVER THE MEGACYCLES, I'VE WORKED WITH EACH OF YOU. THE COUNCIL SYSTEM IS BROKEN. CORRUPTION LIVES IN SEWER AND TOWER ALIKE.

SO I KEPT YOUR SECRETS, PROTECTED YOUR CRIMES FROM THE MANHUNTERS. IN RETURN, I GAVE MY FAMILY A BETTER LIFE.

THERE'S MORE TO H'RONMEER'S CURSE THAN WE'VE BEEN TOLD. WE'VE ALL SEEN IT. IT'S NO ISOLATED INCIDENT AS THE COUNCIL'S SAY.

I'VE NEVER ABUSED OUR RELATIONSHIP, THE MUTUAL RESPECT WE SHARE.

NOW...I HAVE ONLY ONE THING TO ASK. WHEN THE CURSE HITS, I NEED YOUR HELP...



...TO GET MY FAMILY OFF-PLANET.



HA!

YOU'RE MAKING DEMANDS OF US?

MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU, J'ONZZ. BUT NOT FOR FREE. BRING US THE HIGH COUNCIL'S UNDER-COVER LOGS.

BETRAY THE MANHUNTERS.

SAVE YOUR FAMILY.



## SUBURBS OF G'ORR G'REGG.

SORRY I'M  
LATE, M'YRI'AH.  
K'HYM ALREADY  
ASLEEP?

PASSED  
OUT WITH HER  
STUDIES...I  
WISH I COULD  
BE, TOO,  
J'ONN.

WHAT'S  
WRONG?

...I'VE MADE  
MULTIPLE DATA  
REQUESTS BUT  
THE COUNCIL  
REFUSES TO  
SHARE THEIR  
FINDINGS ON  
THE CURSE.

THEY THINK  
ACKNOWLEDGING  
THE CURSE WILL  
MAKE IT MORE  
VIRAL.

I TRIED  
TO TELL THEM  
THAT **IGNORING**  
IT, **DELEGITIMIZING**  
IT, WON'T  
**CURE IT.**

YOU CAN'T  
**CLEAN** THE  
THOUGHTSTREAM,  
CAN'T **ERASE** AN  
IDEA...YOU **COULD**  
CHANGE IT, TURN  
IT BENIGN.

NO ONE WILL  
**LISTEN!** THE  
WARDS CAN ONLY  
DO SO MUCH  
WITHOUT COUNCIL  
SUPPORT.

WHY WON'T  
THEY **BELIEVE**  
US?

M'YRI'AH...YOU ARE  
**SMARTER** THAN THE  
ENTIRE COUNCIL  
COMBINED.

YOU'RE THE  
GREATEST  
SENTIENT IN  
MY LIFE.

I HAVE  
ALWAYS  
**BELIEVED**  
IN YOU...





...AND I  
ALWAYS  
WILL.

J'ONN...

THIS CYCLE'S  
JUST BEEN  
SO...LONG...

I NEED  
YOU...

...I NEED  
YOU...

NEED  
US NEED...  
SHARE...

SO  
BADLY...NEED  
NOW...NEED--  
**QYAH!** NEED  
TO NOT--I  
NEED...

**WE!**