- -Has the Contract tricked us?
- Certainly. Only he could have done it.
- —It's an assassination or a betrayal.
- Would Jadida have abandoned her family? She would have chosen to undermine our mission?
- She was weak, not invested and troubled. She didn't understand the urgency of the situation.
- But she was also our protection, for all of us!
- We've searched for her for so long, and as she resurfaces, she dies. It was supposed to be impossible!
- We might have provoked her end by finding her hiding place. What matters now is finding out how "this" happened.
- —A human, or an elf?
- Come on, don't be ridiculous.
- What else ? The orcs can't have such a power, the giants are long gone, and the chimeras are not living in this part of the world.
- An external force ?
- —There was only one powerful enough to cause us harm and I made sure that didn't happen.

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- What does that do? Defeat...
- Are you so eager to find out, Hajar?
- Come on, don't be so bitter, you and I are linked, all of us in this castle.
- We serve the same master, but that doesn't make us friends.
- —You break my heart, Aïstihdar. We are sisters after all!
- Stop your chatter, we have a lot to do. The Eastern elves have been particularly turbulent of late. Will they be a threat?
- Of course not. The renegades of Jelkafalkarth are terribly effective. Their mastery of forbidden spells is surprising.
- —In that case, let's keep our attention on the west. We are reaching our Master's goal.
- With this strange threat in this part of Mirh, our Master will ask us to ferret it out sooner or later.
- Indeed. However, stay on your guard, we are no longer protected, and our enemy has not yet revealed himself.
- —Don't worry, Puppeteer.
- I'm not. I'm being cautious and you should be too. I know you're up to something.
- Shut up.

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- Concerning the Huntress...
- Mutahawil is nowhere to be found. She should be somewhere in the South, but her aura is troubled. She hides.

- That's what I feel too.
- Last I heard of her, she caused quite a lot of trouble.
- She won't betray, she loves her mission too much for that.
- She's faithful, that is true, but also impulsive and jealous.
- Which makes her effective.
- And not very discreet! She could become a target.
- You are right, let's keep our eyes peeled. Go, Majnun.
- -Very well, Master.
- Kathreftis, how much time do we have left?
- A few months, a few years, difficult to say.
- We must go faster.
- Yes.
- Return to Mihuryss and find out why the mirror broke. The Scholars are dead and the territory is under our control, so the White Princess probably freed herself on her own. If so, her power could be unmatched. She could be the enemy we're looking for.
- I... well.
- Was that an hesitation?
- -No.
- -Are you sure?
- Absolutely.

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Somewhere in the Immaterial, spirits traveled.

- —So here we are.
- What do you mean?
- This is the end.
- Of course not. Not yet.
- That's not what i meant, Mother.
- —I know, my old friend.