

2006 MARCH AND APRIL TRANSCRIPT OF BRUJAH DARREN WEST'S

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Wed, 01 Mar 2006 02:01:05: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

DARREN WEST: Roske. This is Darren West. I am not sure if you think I am dead, or if people told you that I am still alive.

I am much inhibited and in no good position, but I needed to contact you.

I leave you this message on the assumption that you always trusted me and that I could trust you.

Let me tell you, in brief, the whole truth. On that night that would end in my fall, I flew into New York from Washington in response to a desperate Lansing. Lillian Greer had betrayed Lansing, and the Camarilla and turned him over to Evans for thinking treasonous thoughts. I believe Lansing to be a valuable member of the Camarilla who has shown again and again his competence and ability and I did not want to see him killed or exiled.

[REDACTED]

The Camarilla must not function this way Roske. I thought that I could lead it into a new era but the Prince set me up and those who I know would be my allies did what only they could do, believe a leader they have always wanted to believe and profit from my downfall.

The Camarilla will fail if this continues.

I acted rashly and foolishly and would take back the way I did things in a moment if I had the chance.

[REDACTED]

Your position, Roske, is invaluable to me and, in all honesty, to the entire Camarilla.

If you wish to support me then you will be one of my strongest allies to right the wrongs that have been done in New York. But it will be difficult and there are several things that you must do.

First of all, you must tell no one that I have contacted you, not even Bojan, even though I have contacted him as well. If Bojan approaches you and tells you that I have contacted him (as he should eventually do) then you must lie to him and tell him that you haven't spoken to me. The reasons for this are unfortunate. I trust Bojan with my life, and this is not a matter of his character. Unfortunately, as you may know, Dr. Greer holds some sway over him, and in all possible ways she must remain out of our affairs.

Secondly, you must do everything you can to avoid the vigilant gaze of Dr. Greer. Try not to attract attention. If she meets with you, realize that she will enter your head with the discipline Auspex. Just try to avoid conversations with her. I believe that she is busy enough that you may be able to stay under her radar, so to speak. But this is why you must not tell Bojan that you are in contact with me, because he will tell her ultimately, I fear, even if I encourage him not to. Cooperate with him as I hope you would regardless, and if he comes to you looking for support for Darren West, offer it as I hope you would. Just do not let on that you are in contact with me.

The reason you are so valuable Roske is that you are generally neutral in the Camarilla. You are new enough to the city that I believe most will assume that you

and I had no real connection. An assumption I hope is false. Furthermore, you are generally not regarded as a powerful political power in the city and therefore have room to maneuver between the larger figures. I realize that your specialty is in killing Roske, not politicking, and I am not asking you to do that, but you must be my eyes and ears in New York, the one person that I can trust and know that Evans and Greer won't find out.

I also will understand if you don't want to talk to me. If you are trying to make a career for yourself in New York and don't want to be pestered with my problems. If this is true, then tell me, and I will not contact you again, though I cannot promise we won't meet again.

But if you do support me Roske, then play it carefully. Play it smart. Use the skills that all of our clan do. Lay low politically. Secure your loyalty to the Prince in his eyes. Strengthen your relationship to others in the Camarilla, particularly others who hold little political power. Try to find out peoples opinions of the political changes of the last month and a half. See people's reactions to me. I believe that if you look, you will find the seed of distrust that exists in New York towards Prince Evans. This seed can be nurtured Roske and other seeds can be planted. Do it slowly however and carefully and keep in close contact with me.

Let me know what is going on politically in the city. If you have any opportunity to gage Von Sounderhausen, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] let me know. Especially in regard to me and in regard to Evans. These people I believe could be strong allies who will be caught dead rather than thinking bad thoughts about the Prince. But their doubts exist in their minds. I know they do.

Do it for our Clan and for the Camarilla and for Me, If any of those reasons inspire you. I await your correspondence.

Fri, 13 Mar 2006 04:06:32: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

DARREN WEST: Bojan. I havn't heard from you since your meeting with Greer. I fear the worst. I hope that she has not turned on you as she did with Lansing and myself. All of us were so willing to trust her. Lansing himself is the one who convinced me over and over again to realize that she really was trying to help the Camarilla. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Then when Lansing told Greer that he wanted to de-throne him, she turns on him and I end up blood hunted.

I hope that you are okay.

If you get this message, there are some things you can do for me at Elysium tonight. I would like to know how [REDACTED], Von Sounderhausen, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are all doing now that I am gone. If you can get any sense of what their opinions are on Evans, without obviously putting yourself in danger. Say things and gage their reactions. It's a fine line Bojan, so walk it carefully.

If there are other people in the city, new people, who you think are important, get their contact information so that perhaps if I ever need to, contact them myself. Talk to them about what happened with me, see if they have opinions. If they don't, try help my credentials in their eyes. I was a strong member of the Camarilla. You can tell them that you went out of contact with me before I declared Praxis and never really understood why it happened. I was a good Seneshcal and the actions seemed out of the blue. Maybe, you wish you knew why I did what I did. People might have heard of me if they are from other cities, just try to help them solidify in their minds the true competent and strong leader that I am.

Unite the Brujah Bojan. They are leaderless now and you must take my place and protect them. I would like you to consider being the Brujah Primogen. And please be careful with Greer. She is a strong woman who is incredibly capable and I think we both agree with that. It is probably best if you don't tell her you are in contact with me.

Try not to not think about it when you are talking to her. Do what you can. I fear what she might do if she learns that I am alive and communicating with people in the city.

Be my eyes and ears Bojan, and stay safe.

Tue, 14 Mar 2006 00:00:01: Phone Call to Darren West

BOJAN PETROV (presumably): Mr. West. I am alright. I'm sorry that I haven't made another contact with you sooner. Things have been hectic. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I wasn't able to find out much that was new.

I am the new Primogen of Clan Brujah in New York. Roske supports me and I believe he would support you, although I have not let him find out that you are not destroyed.

I have tried to spread my idea of the wrongness of what happened to you without saying anything the Prince thinks treasonous, but it is very difficult. The Primogen seem agreed that you were a good member of the Camarilla before the Praxis, but that it was a mistake and wrong to challenge Evans. Also, I have not seen Von Sonderhausen and [REDACTED] is gone, no one knows how long, on some kind of project. There seems to be a vacuum of power. As far as I know there is no new Keeper and no new Seneschal, although I was told that we will be meeting in the AOL Time Warner building again.

About Dr. Greer: She knew that you were alive and she told me before I heard from you. And she has gotten into my head and knows I have communicated with you. As far as I know, she has not told the Prince and is not planning to. I think that I can trust her that far. I don't really have another choice. I need her as an ally now more than ever.

[REDACTED] I wish that you were here, sir. I will do my best. Let me know what I can do in the future, but beware that what you tell me can reach Dr. Greer. I hope I will talk with you again soon, sir.

Tue, 14 Mar 2006 00:15:10: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

DARREN WEST: Lansing. This is Darren West. In short, I am alive. Of what little I can scrape together, you may be in the custody of the [REDACTED] I am unsure of your fate.

If you can respond. If you are alive... Call me at this number and inform me of your position and future.

New York is not settled. I await your response.

Tue, 14 Mar 2006 01:08:03: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

DARREN WEST: Bojan. These are difficult times. I regret that my presence in your life only complicates it. But I am assured that you are more than capable to deal with things as you need. The presence of the Giovanni concerns me, if there are things I can do, please let me know, although my contacts within New York were hit hard by my sudden departure.

The Camarilla sounds as though it is in a time of instability as Evans tries to consolidate his power but the Sabbat rage on.

[REDACTED] I have considered beginning to contact others in the city, but I must know the political situation as best as you can describe it. There have been some rumors of new people in New York. Anything you can tell me about these people is incredibly valuable.

I realize that everything I tell you may go to Greer. But there is no other way. She is an incredibly competent woman who has done wonders for the Camarilla. I only wish that the relationship between her and I could have had more time to develop into something workable and positive. I always wanted to trust her and continue to despite many reason to make her my enemy. You two are loyal to each other and I respect that and her competence, even if it challenges my own. I am unsure how I feel about her now.

[REDACTED] Furthermore, my failure to convert power has left him stronger than ever and the Camarilla, I believe, generally denies the reality of his state. He is weak and I would think that Greer would realize that.

If Evans is ever to be dethroned, a prospect that I do not know when or if will come to be, Greer will have to be convinced to side against him. This much is clear. I do not know how or when this will be accomplished.

Bojan, you must take care of yourself. You are doing a fantastic job. Greer is indeed your strongest ally, and I wish she were mine as well.

If you can Bojan, you must continue to establish yourself as a political power. If you can gain the other figures' trust, then they will be more likely to support your ideas and opinions. If you give me an account, I can have money begin to be funneled into it. I give this to you. I have no real need for resources here in Chicago. [pause] Resources are always a powerful tool to impress and gain the trust of other figures of power, and so I encourage you to use my money as you see fit for your personal affairs.

Even if you can get one other ally outside of our clan, besides Greer, that will be extremely useful.

[REDACTED] I realize you are busy with all your duties, but your Primogen seat is a fine opportunity to consolidate your own power Bojan.

You must realize that you are perceived as a warrior, not a social or political

power figure. You can change this perception however, and I think that even if it is not truly what you would want to do, you should try.

If you need advice in this regard, please let me know.

If you need help in anything, please let me know.

I spend long nights laying low in the political scene in Chicago.

[REDACTED] I am sure that spies within the Camarilla whisper secrets that may eventually come to Evans himself.

Until then I lay low. What mortal contacts I have left I attempt to consolidate. What political connections throughout the greater Camarilla Community I have, I also am consolidating. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In all honesty Bojan, I feel stronger than ever.

[REDACTED]

My thoughts are with you.

Tue, 14 Mar 2006 01:12:20: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

DARREN WEST: [REDACTED] This is Darren West. Your cryptic voice message and tales of your disappearance from those in New York shortly after mine greatly concerns me. I am alive and need your support. If you are alive call me back at this number and tell me what is going on. I would appreciate it if you tell no one I have contacted you. We are the future of New York.

The tides are shifting. I await your response.

Thu, 16 Mar 2006 23:55:38: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

DARREN WEST: Lillian. I hope I may still call you that. This is Darren West. I decline to deceive myself in presuming that you don't know the reality of my current fate. I am alive and in Chicago. I have contacted the only ally I have left in New York, Bojan, and from him you learned of my current state, I'm sure.

Evans crippled my resources... and my reputation... but no one--no one, will ever cripple my strength and my will [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but nonetheless, here I am calling you.

I don't have very many things to say to you Lillian, and the reason I am calling you will be made clearly shortly. But this is not a result of hatred towards you. It is a result of a gap that continues to exist between us due to a series of unfortunate events.

That is not to say that I do not consider you an enemy. At the very least, an adversary. Only because I believe that you would have me dead. I do not make enemies lightly Lillian, and am no rush to make you one of mine. New York is of another lifetime for me. I died in that life. Now I look to the future.

I write because, as I am sure you know, Bojan is in a series of dangerous positions. I believe I understand you better than you think Lillian. Alas that is only a speculation that has never had the chance to be disproven. Nonetheless, if there is one thing we can agree on, I believe both of us have an investment in Bojan. I will not attempt to characterize your relationship with him or relate it to mine, but I hope that you understand when I say that regardless of my fate, Bojan is my friend who I do not want to see him come to harm.

I realize this is a war and war's have casualties, but that is not what I am referring to. I'm sure you know that Bojan's enemy, the Giovanni, has come to New York. I am unable to gauge the real danger this Giovanni poses, but if there is anything I can do, with my crippled resources, to aid in protecting Bojan from this kindred, I would like to.

Bojan doesn't need caretaking, but even the strongest are made stronger if they have support (whatever kind of support that might be). I am sure that you realize that Evans would kill Bojan with the only second thought being of his personal safety. Whether that is shooting him down himself or sending him into a battle he won't return from. Bojan's loyalty marks his weakness. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I hope you maintain the vigilance that you obligated yourself to by supporting him. He will always be weak, but at least his threat to the Camarilla at large will be seriously diminished with your careful watch.

Nonetheless I fear the day that something should happen to you [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Until then, I remain in my fate worse than death of slavery and servitude.

It is my intention to someday meet again.

Thu, 16 Mar 2006 23:13:02: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

LILLIAN GREER: West, it's Lillian. I wonder if you'll ever hear this. I wonder if you even expected me to call back.

Well, I did.

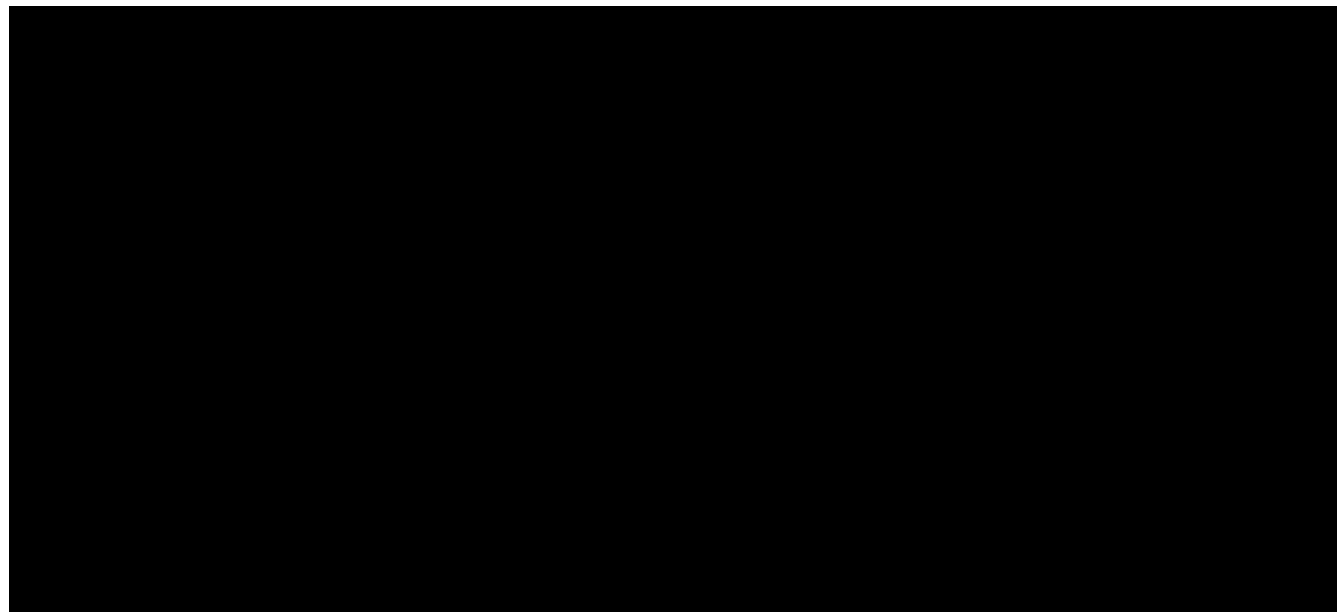
First off, West, I'll be blunt. Don't you EVER try... DON'T YOU EVER TRY AGAIN to invoke the name Bojan Petrov to emotionally blackmail me to your side. Your poignant little narrative illustrating his expendability: It didn't impress me, and however well you think you might understand me --and I can assure you that understand me less than you think-- approaches like this one aren't going to work.

Frankly, Bojan has played pawn in enough peoples' machinations already. Even if your only using him in the abstract, I don't appreciate him playing a pawn in yours.

Second off, you should be very very cognizant by now of the fact that I haven't told Evans about your calls to my Deputy. You should know very well what such a revelation could do. You know that I don't intend to betray him.

I also don't intend to betray my Prince.

You see Hadrian Evans isn't weak, West. God, no.



und wenn du lange in einen Abgrund blickst... He's not a liability, West. No. He's not weak. I don't watch him. I don't need to.

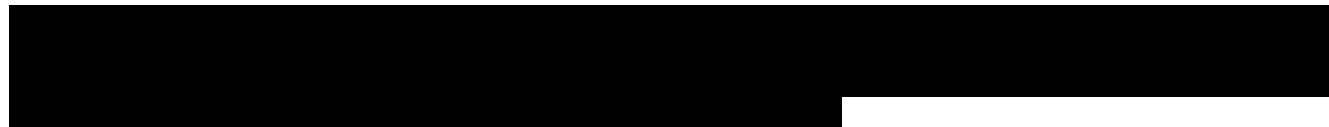
God I'm tired. You must think I'm mad West, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but then again... I'm supposed to be. I did what I ultimately thought was right for the Camarilla, West. I'm not lying.

You must know I hated him. You must know that I wanted desperately on some level to take [REDACTED] offer, to tear him to shreds for what he'd done to me. For what he'd done to Bojan. But I didn't. I didn't because Evans is strong. I had to respect that. I had to let him live and I had to make [REDACTED] pay the penalty. There are always penalties, West, and I'm not a creature of mercy. I shouldn't be.

He. He said you loved him. West, [REDACTED] did. That you loved him. I do too, you know. He's not a very lovable person, goddamnit, and I'm not very good when it

comes to words like love. But God, what was I to do West? What?



Bojan... [incomprehensible] until I... [incomprehensible] and Lillian...
[incomprehensible] god... Bojan...

I just won't. [scream] I WON'T!

[incomprehensible]

[Sounds as if the phone is being thrown against a wall. Muffled sobbing. Cuts off
after 2 minutes 11 seconds.]

Sat, 18 Mar 2006 01:02:33: Phone Call from Outside Chicago

LILLIAN GREER: West. It's Lillian again.

Ignore my last message. I wasn't myself. I still won't betray him, though. If we need any help with [REDACTED], I'll call you.

Tue, 11 Apr 2006 04:10:18: Phone Call to Darren West

ROSKE: Mr West. The rifle you acquired for me works beautifully. Because of my support fire during a confrontation, [REDACTED], and I was in the presence of Evans, Greer, and [REDACTED] I am certain they know my abilities, now.

Before Evans asked me to accompany him on this attack, I spoke at length with two politically minded kindred. One, [REDACTED] forwardly inquired about my confidence in Evans, and I deferred. His purpose was unclear. The other was a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] openly expressed negative opinions of Greer's effectiveness as Sheriff, as well as suggesting that Bojan would be more suited. This conversation was possible because the [REDACTED] frenzied and tried to attack [REDACTED] but Bojan managed to restore peace.

It has been a good night. I await your response.

Sat, 15 Apr 2006 05:07:11: Phone Call to Darren West

ROSKE: Good evening, Mr West. Evans has offered me the position of Scourge.

[REDACTED] I find it suiting to my abilities, and I plan to accept the position. Before I do, I ask for your advice and knowledge so that I may be optimally effective.

[REDACTED] and I spoke at length about other matters.

[REDACTED] The Tremere held a party in their chantry tonight, and there I noticed nothing of any importance.

Afterwards, however, Bojan spoke privately to me about an enemy of his, [REDACTED] who is in the city.

[REDACTED]
That is all.

Tue, 25 Apr 2006 23:07:07: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

DARREN WEST: Roske, I am sorry it has been so long in me getting back to you. Things have been busy in Chicago.

Take the position of Scourge and use it well. With it you are given the power to hunt down and destroy anyone who does not acknowledge themselves to the Camarilla. You and Bojan are quickly being established as the physical force of the Camarilla in New York. If there are other physical powers within the Camarilla, make them your ally. [REDACTED] All kindred have their subtleties, but if you can consolidate a relationship with him he may be an important Ally. If he is distasteful of [REDACTED] then that is all the better. It would be good to know what he thinks of Evans, for if he is extremely loyal, then he may prove an obstacle.

I presume there are many members of the Camarilla now who have arrived in New York since my departure. It is important they these new members know who I am. Presumably they are low in status or power within the city, and thus rather under the radar of Greer and Evans. Those that you think you might make friends with, or show any possible dislike of Evans, or simply think could be strong allies, talk to. Take them aside, to a private room, just to talk. Talk about your new position as scourge if that is how you want to broach topic. You can tell them you are simply talking to everyone to let them know that if they know of any non-acknowledged kindred in the city, to inform you. Then you can ask simply 'Did you know Mr. West?'. See what they know. You do not need to praise my name, nor incite distrust in Evans. Simply explain the situation as best you might have known it. You can explain that I was your Primogen, and Seneschal, and a good man. Then out of no where Evans said that he had declared praxis and was brutally killed by Greer and Evans, and that it really didn't make sense because he was Evan's most trusted advisor. Even this little fact is enough to bring my attention to people's minds. I want my name to be floating around in the heads of every acknowledged Camarilla member. And not as a possible threat, but as an mystery.

You continue to walk a fine line. Keep doing so, you are gaining the trust of Greer and Evans, I am sure of it. I am in Chicago, but I need to know that if I need to, at any time, I can call upon you and trust that you will be there for me. I trust that I can.....

One more thing, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Say that as Scourge you would appreciate a copy of all the records. Once he gives them to you, forward me all the Camarilla's haven locations, or given addresses to be reached.

[long pause]

I especially need Sheriff Greer's haven.

Be safe and strong brother.

Tue, 25 Apr 2006 23:21:07: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

DARREN WEST: Bojan. It has been a while since we spoke. I apologize for my lack of communication. I want you to know that I am alive still.

I hope that you are okay. The [REDACTED] thing has been concerning me. I hope that you are taking care of it efficiently. You are still so vital for everything Bojan. For me and for New York and for the Camarilla and for Evans. I appreciate any updates you can offer. Any allies you can make, any power you can secure. you are vital.

That said, things may happen soon.

I don't know what or how yet. I am still burdened and in Chicago.

But I need to know, that with little warning, I can call upon you. One day Bojan, one day soon perhaps, things will be right again in the Camarilla. Those who deserve power will have it..

The Camarilla will succeed. Keep me informed, my brother

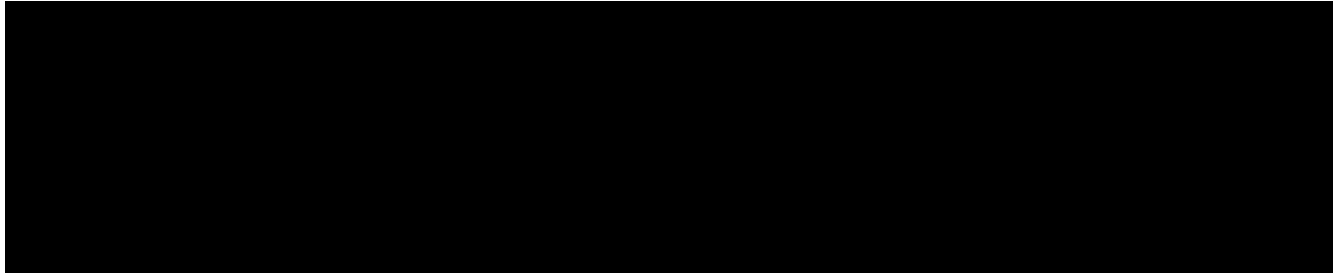
Tue, 25 Apr 2006 23:55:38: Phone Call to Outside Chicago

DARREN WEST: Hello ambitious Kindred. You don't know me. but I know a little about you.

You came to New York [REDACTED] ago. You are talented and powerful and looking to find a place to pursue your ambition. [REDACTED] wasn't quite enough for you.

You like a challenge. Am I right? Am I wrong?

[Long pause]



if you would like to know this and more, tThen meet me at [REDACTED] in Staten Island at 2 AM tonight. Tell no one, bring no one.

I am not your [REDACTED], and you will have to take my word for the fact that there is a lot in it for you.