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## Upon a Lofty Journey

My friend, I congratulate you on your election to the Order of the Arrow.

You may not realize it now, but you will look back on today as a new beginning.

The honor you have received is great, for you have been elected to it by your fellow Scouts.

## Ponder my words.

But such an honor is not without its price.

Those who chose you are watching.

They have faith in you.

Their vote of confidence in you is a challenge: will you live up to their expectations?

As part of your induction into the Order of the Arrow, you will be given the opportunity to undergo an Ordeal.

It will test your physical strength and your inner strength.

If you complete it, you will find yourself better able to serve those who elected you.

You will also begin to understand who I am.

Who am I?  
For now, it is enough to say that I am a close friend of yours, and have been for a long time.  
I am looking forward to getting to know you even better.

I am here to help you find your way — to help you discover your true worth.

By accepting their challenge, you embark upon a journey that many before you have taken.  
It leads to true brotherhood, and greater service.

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