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Re: *Avar Press Xen Cryptogram Competition*

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that I have been retained by representatives of Avar Press in connection with the cryptographic puzzle and challenge which pertains to one of their publications, the novel, *Xen*, by D.J. Solomon.

Specifically, and relative thereto, I am holding in escrow the funds which are to be utilized to award the first person to solve the puzzle. Likewise, I have been provided with a copy of the solution for safe keeping, verification purposes and otherwise.

I will hold the funds until such time as I have been informed by the authorized representatives of Avar Press (the publisher) that there has been a successful, satisfactory and complete submission to the publisher of a correct answer/solution, in full compliance with their rules and regulations. At that time, the publisher shall award the funds pursuant to the timeline, terms and rules of the contest.

I have been told that the competition aforesaid will remain open for a period of five years, beginning on December 1, 2007, through December 1, 2012.

Very truly yours,

Robert T. Sylvan