

To the Van Pelt Gang,

You now have a choice. It is known that Van Pelt did not act on his own, he did not commit slaughter and treason on his own. He had help, aid from his own group...

And thus, you will be given an ultimatum. A chance to atone for the sins your leader has committed against hundreds of innocent people, all because he could not listen. Here is your ultimatum:

You can either disband the Van Pelt Gang, and absolve any current crimes you would be punished for,

Or

You offer forth the ones involved, so that they may face punishment. They will be turned in, with no violence, and no resistance.

*Let it be known, that **if any from the Van Pelt Gang take violent action pending this missive option one, will combine into option two.** There will be no pardons, and your group will be disbanded.*

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It is extremely disappointing that this was the route forced upon us as a people. It is disappointing that peace was not allowed to be brokered, that one man decided to pay our dues with blood, without any of our consent to do so. You may scream he saved us, you may scream

he is a 'hero',

He is not the hero we chose, nor is he the hero for hundreds of non-combative lives that now rest at the bottom of the sea. Many will still mourn him, as is his right, but what he has done is not heroism.

It was a massacre .

Our supposed foes were not faceless, nor were they nameless, nor were they evil. They were people. A people shattered now, however, but a people nonetheless. We are not savages nor animals, but people ourselves, and should conduct ourselves as such. To them now, and likely to much of the rest of the world, we are now barbarians. This, we must rectify.

Choose wisely .

- *The Circle of Four*