

Erasmus

Let us deal with matters one by one.

In the matter of paying off your favour originally agreed as casting votes in a certain direction in the League Assembly instead by raising motions in the League Assembly.

This is pleasing to the Sovereign Lord of the City of Bridges.

Were you minded to raise a motion supporting the returning of all Imperial Bourse seats in League territories to the Nation – a step towards the great boon offered by Prospero to the Empire - that would be most acceptable. Just the raising of the motion would stand for half of your votes owed, campaigning so that the motion passed successfully would count for all.

As for motions of your own choosing, those deemed in the interests of the City of Bridges can be assessed and if suitable offered on appropriate terms.

Raphaela von Holberg will be in Anvil this Solstice, in many places, but noticeably in the Hub from around half past eight on the first evening. She can make an initial assessment and has pages from a Herald's Notebook so that she may communicate directly with The Golden Spider if uncertain of what you have to offer.

And now to turn to less pleasant matters. I had thought you understood well the spirit of honesty in which the City of Bridges deals, and that you understood that no person can trade favours on behalf of another without explicit instruction.

You shared information with Kseniya Sloev. She has taken utmost care not to pass a word of that information through to the City and its Sovereign Lord or to myself. She is not so foolish as to offer The Golden Spider's favour for information that she was trading for herself. She has ambition in her, not folly. How about you?

Kseniya, may still owe you some small favour for the information you gave her – though unless it concerned the Thule or Varushka I suspect it was of little weight to her. I have advised her also that she could perhaps have offered her influence, rather than items or monetary value in return. The two of you might discuss this in Anvil.

Her influence could, for example, remove the stain on your character that the Lord of the Loom would perceive if he learned that you traded with an Imperial citizen expecting to receive a favour directly from him in return.

I will not be in Anvil this Equinox but perhaps we will meet again later in the year.

May you be rich in favours and friends

Zola
Herald of the Lord of the Loom