

This contract is made between the *Provider*, who is:

Estavan i Renato i Guerra
Dhomiroy of the Renato Family

And, the *Recipient*, who is:

Edward Watcher
Of King's Stoke in the Marches

This contract is witnessed by:

Silvio i Renato i Guerra
Scrivener of the Renato Family

The *Terms* of this *Contract* are as follows:

- 1. The Clean Slate.*** Upon the signing of this contract, any former contract between the *Provider* and the *Recipient* shall be rendered null and void.
- 2. The Debt.*** Upon the signing of this contract, the *Recipient* shall owe the *Provider* a number of *Rings* and *Mana* equal to the number of summits that has passed since the contract was signed, plus three. For clarity, this will be four *Rings* and four *Mana* at the *Autumn Equinox* of 378 *VE*.
- 3. The Default.*** If the *Recipient* is unable to pay the *Debt* in clause 2, then the matter shall go to the magistrates where the

Recipient shall be required by this contract to request to be placed under a magical curse of the Magistrate's choosing, to be funded by the Recipient's resources, plus the Recipient will consent to being the target of the Excommunication Ceremony for no less than year.

4. The Completion. This contract shall be deemed to be completed, and no further Debt owed, if the Recipient is able to complete any **one** of the following list of tasks:

4.1 The Interdiction of a Curse. This contract will end if the Imperial Conclave places the Autumn Curse called *Like Water Through Your Fingers* under a Declaration of Interdiction. The Renato Family considers this curse an affront to the Virtue of Prosperity.

4.2 Upholding Tradition. The Renato Family considers it an affront that the vile snakes of the League hold both the Cardinal and Gatekeeper positions in the Assembly of Ambition. This contract may be completed when someone not of the League is appointed to either Cardinal or Gatekeeper of the Assembly of Ambition.

4.3 Testing the Souls. The Renato Family note that Senator Bridget Eastville of the Marches and Guillamo de Tassato, Master of the Mint, are individuals of strong character and yet controversial. This contract will end should either of them be chosen by the Gatekeepers to receive a vision of their past lives and an account of that life sent to us.

4.4 The Hoarding Synod. The Renato Family notes that over the last year, the Synod Virtue Fund has raised more than it spend for three of four summits. At the Summer Solstice, the Virtue Fund raised nearly four times what it spent. This is dangerously close to violating core precepts of Prosperity. This contract will end should the Virtue Fund run a deficit for two consecutive summits.

4.5 Diversifying Resources. The Renato Family feels the Virtue Fund would benefit from diversification. The contract will end if the Senate passes a motion that allows pure liao to be auctioned in the Bourse for materials other than coin. As an example, Coin in the Autumn, Liao in the Winter, Herbs in the Spring and Dragonbone in the Summer. The Renato Family believes this would enable the Synod to use its power of Rewarding more creatively.

5. Contract End. To reiterate, the Debt of Clause 2 shall increase summit upon summit until one of the five conditions listed in Clause 4 is met, or the contract defaults as per Clause 3. Once an ending condition is met, this agreement and all associated activity shall cease.

6. Signatures. Signatures and date of the contract are as below: