

Greetings to the Throne,

I wish to congratulate you on both your accession to the throne and your acquisition of a rakshasa from Jarm. It is the latter that I am writing to you about in this case, because permanent housing, care and harvesting needs to be arranged for the creature.

If you'll excuse the frankness, in short, somewhere needs to be provided for the drake to live, and it has specialist needs. It requires a sturdy structure that will protect it and prevent it from escaping, basic arcane elements to help stimulate the production of its tears, a steady diet of meat and the provision of particular alchemical products to sustain its well-being. We are currently housing it in a sturdy cattle-pen. This is obviously not suitable. Thankfully the rakshasa remains well-tempered enough for now and continues to produce its tears at this time, but I cannot guarantee the extended wellbeing of it without a proper enclosure being provided.

Various options have been mooted for where a suitable structure might be built. The most common suggestion is that it be placed in Holberg, your own home city, where the parks are currently being rebuilt. I note that many are keen that you will build such an enclosure where the public may see the beast - an attraction, of sorts, to add to the parks' grandeur. Such a public act would also aid in bringing in coin to pay for its food and care, which would be a distinct advantage. The Civil Service has also received requests from the other League cities to ask you to home the drake in their own settlements instead, but not as many as the volume of Holberg-folk who have contacted us.

The rakshasa is yours - that is to say, it is your property personally, not the property of the Throne. This means that all the benefits of its ownership are yours to keep if you wish - but also firmly places the responsibility for providing for it under your mantle. If action is not taken to provide for the drake, it is allowed to run loose or similar occurrences, those currently fall under your duty to deal with. However, we can offer you guidance as to the options available to you.

If you decide to retain private ownership of the creature, you will need to make accommodation for it within your own business and property. This is relatively straightforward as far as the Civil Service is concerned, and can be performed much as one would diversify any other major personal property. If, instead, you chose to pass ownership to the Empire, a Senate motion would establish the tending and care of the drake as an Imperial position. Obviously you would no longer receive the harvested substances from the drake each season and would not control to whom it was awarded.

However, we have determined the plans for an enhanced enclosure and structure according to the arcane procedures kindly provided by the Jarmish. The construction of this greater building would not only likely render the drake happier and make it a far grander spectacle for viewers, but would greatly stimulate the production of the drake's substances from a single dose of Winter vis and two doses of the drug distilled from its tears, to three doses of Winter vis and four doses of the drug. Building this greater enclosure would cost three wains of white granite and two wains of mithril along with 10 crowns of labour - and might well serve as the centre for a growing menagerie were more such exotic beasts to be acquired. *However*, this sort of scale of construction would *not be possible* for you as a private citizen - it would be a public works project and thus fall under the Senate's authority. As such, it cannot be constructed if you choose to retain private ownership of the rakshasa.

It is possible that an even larger, grander arrangement could be made for the rakshasa, but we haven't made any plans or assessments for such a construction at this time.

If the drake remains your private property, I would advise you also consider how you wish the creature to be dealt with in the sad eventuality of your own death, and possibly include such details in a will or other form of testament. I feel this is particularly important in the case of such a strange and eldritch creature, because otherwise the Civil Service at that time will be faced with the conundrum of what to do with it without clear instructions on the matter, and it is likely to end up being auctioned off to the highest bidder.

In Loyalty and service,

Grigor van Temeschwar, Civil Servant, Agriculture and Livestock

OOO Note: The options available for Lisabetta with the rakshasa drake are:

Retain private ownership: She can diversify her personal resource by adding the rakshasa, giving her the Winter vis and Tears of the Rakshasa each season. This does not represent literally making the rakshasa a part of her business (no book-binding drakes!), but rather putting a portion of her own business or property to caring for the creature. Diversifying in this way does not reduce the output of the personal resource's normal production.

Grant to the Empire: Through a Senate motion, the rakshasa can be turned into an Imperial sinecure, granting whoever holds it the Winter vis and Tears of the Rakshasa each season.

Improved Pen: Were the rakshasa granted to the Empire to provide an Imperial sinecure, then for an additional 3 wains of white granite and 2 wains of mithril, the output of the sinecure would be improved. Permission for the construction of the improved pen can be combined in the same Senate motion to create the sinecure.