

Zola

If you're certain you're going to Anvil, then here's the deal with what you can offer Faustus of Urizen, the battlemage whose ambition was high and strong and focused around casting impressive battle magics that we both know The Golden Prince would enjoy.

First, for goodness sake, walking around Anvil is not the pleasant experience that walking around the City of Bridges is, so send a letter ahead and ask him to leave word of where he'll be, somewhere like The Sentinel's Repose in Urizen is good.

Then, you need to apologise for that stupid construct Trinket. We owe Faustus 3 Thrones and 3 Crowns because it came scuttling back to the City of Bridges at the Lord of the Loom's call but told no one it was on a contract. Task 1: Faustus of Urizen (believed to be with The Scarlet Guard)

We owe him a bit more than an apology, and he needs a bit of a push if he's going to find the political ambition in either himself or a trusted friend that the subtle spider is looking for. When you're telling him that we think he should become a Grandmaster of an Order or an Archmage or at the very least control one of them, then you should offer him a Conspirator's Cloak - I here it is your speciality.

Next, and this part is complicated. Here is the additional deal that the Golden Prince and I worked out - AND where you can negotiate and where you can't. Its not an easy deal to make, the Sovereign Lord is being characteristically ambitious. But I hear you're good.

Prospero will grant 30 Autumn Vis (equivalent of 90 Mana) to the individual who gets the following declaration passed in Conclave: "The Empire will gift a copy of A Mountain Remembers its Yputh to a foreign nation of Prospero's choosing."

Don't let this letter fall into the wrong hands or people will see your negotiation limits

You can accept stipulations on how long/when that nation must be Foreign

You can negotiate on a specific named nation, but only by returning to the City of Bridges

You need to set when the declaration must be passed - start with "this season" but you'll give them up to a year

Down payment of 10 Vis, IF someone is prepared to sign a written contract agreeing to the deal

There, I would say more of what I know of Anvil, but if you take to it as fast as you have to the City of Bridges you won't need anyone's advice.

Faure, once favoured by the Weaver

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I don't know what you are going to demand in return, and I know it won't be pretty, but here's what you need to know about the Navarri creature whose Gambling Debts are owned by the Lord of the Loom, that I went to visit at Anvil last season.

Her name is Keeling Foxden, and her group are quick with threats. Her gambling debts were incurred in gaming houses in Temeschwar before Prospero acquired them. She is supposed to get the Star that fell from the loom back. This is complicated since it is in the hands of an enemy of Prospero called Achilles of Damakan's Forge. She'll need to get it without him realising it is for Prospero.

If she can't deliver by next season, she'd better start preparing other favours to offer The Golden Prince or face the consequences. And I'm not even sure he's mindful of accepting other favours at the moment.

Oh! one more thing, I think they've been calling it a Rock Crystal in some places

I'd wish you luck, but I may be in a better position if you don't succeed, who knows

Verta, Herald of Ember and Bone