

**In Prosperity, I greet you.**

**If my ambitions and designs have come to pass, my letter is being read by either Edward Watcher of the Marches, or Lucifer of the Sighborn. Your names have come to my attention as individuals interested in the works of Abraxus of Urizen in the first century of the Empire.**

**I am Estavan i Renato i Guerra, Dhomoiro of the Renato family. My family do not normally send representatives to Anvil as we find the Sighguard climate to be changeable and unappealing.**

**I am writing to you because my great-great-great grandmother once struck a bargain for some documents. The seller claimed that they were written by Abraxus himself and traded to the Freeborn corsair that ferried him back to Imperial lands upon his return from exile. Although not that breed of priest that calls themselves a theologian, our family's sutannir knew these texts would possess a certain value. Consequently, we held onto them against the day we would have need of that value.**

**However, the Renato family are rich in virtue, and most certainly prosperity. We have never needed to trade this rare document for common goods, such as coin, mana or materials. Yet I remain most aware that to cling to something of value, which has no true value to us, is also a sin against Prosperity.**

**So it is that I wish to propose a trade. You have evidenced, through your use of the Senate to pursue your ambitions, that you are capable**

of navigating the currents of Imperial politics, and that is the skill that I wish to employ.

With this letter, there is a contract. If one of you signs this contract, my scrivener will provide you with the Abraxian document the same day.

The contract itself is one of our virtuous contracts. That is to say that it rewards Ambition. The cost of the contract will increase, summit on summit, until the conditions of the contract are met. The swifter and more able you are in meeting those terms, the cheaper the contract will be for you, and your virtue shall be rewarded.

If you sign the contract, and fail to meet the requirements of Ambition, then the Renato family shall prosper at your expense for the rest of your lives. The question is simply whether you can meet the demands of the virtue of Ambition.

If neither of you is willing to sign the contract, my scrivener is instructed to find someone who will, or make other arrangements.

I feel confident that I have understood the depths of your ambition in this matter. I await to see if my confidence is justified.

May you always use what you have prosperously,

**Estavan i Renato i Guerra**

**Dhomiro of the Renato Family**

**Pilgrim of the Path of Prosperity**