

THE ETERNAL SHAFTS OF TIME, THE PRIDE OF IKKA'S TEARS, THE SINGING CAVES, THE LEGACY, THE THIMBLE, THE GRANITES OF VELTSGORSK, THE VIGILANT SWAN, THE STEEL FIST, THE BROKEN SHORE BOUNTY ARE OF INTEREST TO THE SOVERIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS.

EACH IS A SOURCE OF GREAT WEALTH WHICH IS BEING MISHANDLED. WHAT IS ACHIEVED CHEAPLY IS ESTEEMED LIGHTLY.

THE SOVERIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS MAKES THE FOLLOWING OFFER TO THE CASINEAN EMPIRE.

IF THE IMPERIAL SENATE OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE CHOOSES ONE OF THESE WASTED OPPORTUNITIES AND REMOVES IT FROM THE HANDS OF THE NATION THAT CURRENTLY MISHANDLES IT; AND IF THEY DECLARE THE SAME TO BE AN IMPERIAL POSITION THAT IS AUCTIONED THROUGH THE IMPERIAL BOURSE; THEN THE SOVERIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS BINDS HIMSELF TO SEND HIS HERALDS TO HELP IN THE EFFICIENT AND PROFITABLE OPERATION OF THAT MINE, QUARRY, FOREST, OR WHAT HAVE YOU.

THE AGENTS OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS WILL OVERSEE ALL BUREAUCRACY, AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LABOUR FORCE SUCH THAT THE PRODUCTION OF THE MINE, QUARRY, FOREST, OR WHAT HAVE YOU BE INCREASED BY A FACTOR OF ONE FIFTH.

THIS WILL IN TURN REQUIRE AN INVESTMENT FROM THE IMPERIAL TREASURY SUCH THAT THE UPKEEP OF SAID MINE, QUARRY, FOREST, OR WHAT HAVE YOU, WILL BE DOUBLED.

THIS BOON REQUIRES ALSO THAT THE SOVERIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS HAVE THE AMITY OF THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE.

THIS AGREEMENT WILL PERSIST AS LONG AS AMITY PERSISTS AND AS LONG AS THE MINE, QUARRY, FOREST, OR WHAT HAVE YOU, REMAINS IN IMPERIAL HANDS.

THE IMPERIAL SENATE OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE NEED MEELY INDICATE THEIR INTENTION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY IN THE SENATE MOTION OF ALLOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE MINE, QUARRY, FOREST OR WHAT HAVE YOU.

EITHER PARTY MAY REQUEST A CHANCE TO RENEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENT AFTER EVERY FOUR SEASONS THAT IT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION.

THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS AVERS AND ASSERTS THAT THIS OFFER REMAINS OPEN TO THE CASINEAN EMPIRE UNTIL THE END OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE 382YE. IF NO SUCH SENATE MOTIONS HAVE BEEN PASSED BY THIS TIME THIS OFFER SHALL BE RENDERED NULL AND VOID.

THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS MAKES THE FOLLOWING OFFER TO MARCUS OF ENDSMEET.

MARCUS OF ENDSMEET WILL SECURE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WHITE GRANITE STRUCTURE IN SARVOS OR TASSATO BUILT WITH AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF 12 WAINS OF WHITE GRANITE AND AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF 12 WAINS OF MITHRIL.

THIS STRUCTURE SHALL TAKE THE FORM OF A SECURE BANKING HOUSE WITH A GRAND VAULT BENEATH IT, AND SHALL BE CEDED TO THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS TO USE AS HE SEES FIT IN THE PURSUIT OF USURY WITHIN THE CASINEAN EMPIRE.

IN EXCHANGE, MARCUS OF ENDSMEET WILL BE EMPOWERED TO PURCHASE THE VALUABLE ASHES THAT ARE A CONSEQUENTIAL PRODUCT OF THE FIRE MOUNTAIN SHIKAL.

THIS ARRANGEMENT SHALL PERSIST SO LONG AS THE BANKING HOUSE IS LEFT UNMOLESTED, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THOSE WHO OVERSEE THE PLACE WILL ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE WRITTEN LAWS OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE; AND ALSO SO LONG AS THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS SHALL NOT BE UNDER THE ENMITY OF THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE.

THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS AVERS AND ASSERTS THAT THIS OFFER REMAINS OPEN TO MARCUS OF ENDSMEET UNTIL THE END OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE 382YE; IF CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE IMPERIAL SENATE OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE BY THIS TIME THIS OFFER SHALL BE RENDERED NULL AND VOID.

THE SO-CALLED PRIESTS OF THE IMPERIAL SYNOD OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE HAVE MEDDLED IN MATTERS THAT SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE GOLDEN PYRAMID AND THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE.

BY ATTEMPTING TO SHACKLE THE INVISIBLE HAND OF TRADE; BY ATTEMPTING TO STEAL THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GREAT WEALTH PRESENTED BY TRADE BETWEEN THE BOLD ENTRPRENEURS OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE, THEY HAVE DECLARED THEMSELVES TO BE ENEMIES OF ALL AMBITIOUS MERCHANTS.

THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS MAKES THE FOLLOWING OFFER TO THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE.

IF THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE RAISES AND PASSES A DECLARATION OF CONCORD THAT CLEARLY DEMANDS THAT THE IMPERIAL SYNOD SHOULD LEAVE ALL MATTERS OF TRADE BETWEEN MAGICIANS IN THE HAND OF THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE, THEN THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS SHALL USE THE INFLUENCE HE POSSESSES IN THE PRINCIPALITIES OF THE JARMISH PRINCES TO OFFSET ALL PENALTIES ENCOUNTERED BY IMPERIAL TRADERS VISITING VEZAK AND KAVOR.

IF THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE COMBINES SUCH A DECLARATION OF CONCORD WITH A DECLARATION OF AMITY RECOGNISING THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS, THEN HE SHALL GO FURTHER AND SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL IMPERIAL TRADERS VISITING THE CITIES OF VEZAK AND KAVOR SHALL GAIN A PROJECTED BENEFIT OF AN ADDITIONAL CRYSTAL OF MANA OVER AND ABOVE WHAT THEY COULD REASONABLY EXPECT, IRREGARDLESS OF ANY CURRENTLY EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH THE MAGICIAN PRINCES OF THE PRINCIPALITES OF JARM.

THESE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS SHALL LAST FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE POINT THE DECLARATION OF CONCORD IS MADE, OR UNTIL THAT CONCORD IS REFUTED BY THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OR UNTIL THE AMITY OF SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS IS REFUTED.

THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS AVERS AND ASSERTS THAT THIS OFFER REMAINS OPEN TO THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE 382YE; IF ONE OR BOTH DECLARATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE BY THIS TIME, THIS OFFER IS NULL AND VOID.

THE SOVEIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS ASSERTS AND AVERS THAT ESTANA I MESTIERE I GUERRA IS A FINE AND UPSTANDING INDIVIDUAL; OF EXEMPLARY CHARACTER AND POSSESSED OF BOTH CLEAR SIGHT AND EXCELLENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE REALITIES OF THE WORLD.

FURTHER, THE SOVERIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS ASSERTS AND AVERS THAT SHOULD THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BRASS COAST RAISE A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE WORDED SUITABLY TO LAUD HIS CHARACTER, THAT RECOGNISES HE IS AN INSPIRATION TO THOSE WHO WOULD PURSUE PERSONAL WEALTH; AND THAT THE PURSUIT OF PERSONAL WEALTH IS TO BE ENCOURAGED, THEN ESTANA I MESTIERE I GUERRA SHALL RECEIVE TWO GIFTS.

A GIFT FOR HIMSELF, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS FINE CHARACTER.

A GIFT FOR HIS NATION - AN ARCANIC PROJECTION THAT RECOGNISES THESE LAUDABLE CHARACTERISTICS AND SHALL EMPOWER ANY ARMY TO FIND THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN WEALTH FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR GENERAL WHEN THEY ARE ENGAGED IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEIR ENEMIES, WITH THE INTENTION THAT SUCH BE CODIFIED AND USED HOWSOEVER THE MAGICIANS OF THE BRASS COAST DEEM MOST EFFECTIVE.

AS ESTANA I MESTIERE I GUERRA IS AN ENDURING INSPIRATION, SO THIS OFFER SHALL REMAIN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE NAMED FREEBORN SHALL DIE, OR UNTIL THE SOVEREIGN LORD OF THE CITY OF CHAINS SHALL BE PLACED UNDER THE ENMITY OF THE IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE CASINEAN EMPIRE.