
Private Auction
for the Seats of the Imperial Bourse
Summer 380YE

Lot One : Seed Necklace

This interesting necklace comes from Nemoria in Asavea. It was apparently given to the Freeborn trader Tierra i Lopez i Riqueza by a slave who wanted it to reach Imperial shores by any means that could be found. The slave's name is unknown.

Lot Two : Personal Effects of Kurfürst Wilhelm Jaeger

This collection of personal effects was found in a back office in Holberg which had been used for storing food supplies for some time; it seems the box had been thrown in there by mistake. Efforts to track down its provenance eventually revealed that these items are antiques, originally belonging to one Kurfürst Wilhelm Jaeger, an old noble who lived in those lands which are now the Commonwealth. He fled to the Empire after the revolution there, and his family settled in Holberg. His last living relative, when she had been traced, was kind enough to sell these items to the Bourse Auction.

Of particular note is the small silver object, probably a pendant, which seems to have been enchanted at some time. Some of its magic still lingers.

Lot Three : Mysterious Box

A curious one: this item appeared in the Bourse Acquisitions offices in Astolat without anyone working out how it had got there – although there was a very charming young Cambion in delivering some messages a few minutes before, and no-one can quite work out who he was working for. It was accompanied by a note: “A gift for the Empire's prosperous.”

The Civil Service are of the opinion that someone is playing silly buggers, and yet this item is interesting enough – because of its provenance! – that we decided to include it in the auction.

Lot Four : Silver Tray

This tray is actually a subtly crafted covenstone; it was used by the Troupe of the Mirrored Night, a small group of Sarvos players, when performing rituals on large groups of people. Apparently, they would commonly use the tray to carry their dramaturgical instruments and to carry refreshments for the audience and participants. Over time, a little of the magic of the theatre has rubbed into it, as it is wont to do.

The troupe's leader, Sal, sold the tray to Bourse agents in rather a hurry; it seems he had some fines to settle with magistrates and needed the cash. Apparently there was a difference of opinion between the definition of "guardianship of valuables" and "looting"...

Lot Five : Custodianship of the Crystal Brook

This lot is for custodianship of a quaint bend in the river in the wilds of Weirmoor, up Weirwater way.

It is quite a walk through the woods to reach this peaceful glade by which the river runs, and the boughs and bank are inlaid with fine mithril, which shines on a Summer day with ethereal beauty. In this bend of the river, it's not just stones that pile on the bank: great mana crystals sometimes wash up too – around ten a season – drawn by the mithril channels laid out by the Weavers who built this glade originally. It would make a lovely retreat for someone who enjoys contemplative introspection. Bourse agents can also confirm that it makes a lovely place to enjoy a nice picnic, with some fine wines and cheeses.

The Weavers who built it have not been seen for some time, and acting on instructions left with an advocate before their disappearance, this charming glade now comes to market on the Bourse.

Lot Six : Stang van de Bloedzuiger

This interesting and highly potent magical rod was crafted in the Sarcophan Delves, and gives credance to rumours between a link between the leech-priests of the delves and the ritual the Empire knows as Coils of the Black Leech.

This item was part of a lot negotiated with a Bedelaar of the Delves who wished to purchase several bushels of herbs and spices from Bourse agents trading at the port. The Empire's herb production has been high this season, thanks to the powerful Spring enchantment that suffuses the land, and that has also meant a fine crop of spices to trade!

Lot Seven: Exclusive Drug Contracts

Anton du Marie, a freelance trader who has occasionally worked as a Bourse agent and is a member of the Fellowship of Purple Sails, has presented an interesting business opportunity before the Bourse.

He is the sole importer within the Empire of two potions – the “Ocean's Caress” and the “Blackened Key” – from Asavea and Axos respectively. He is looking for someone to sell on 10 doses of each one each season for the next year – so 40 doses of each in total.

The Bourse will pass on the money and your details to Anton, who will make arrangements to send you your delivery each season.

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Lot Eight: Bugle of the Undefeated

The civil service's supplies of vinum and hence liao have been boosted thanks to the Spring ritual that currently enchants the Empire – this bounty has been used here to purchase this item at a fine price from the House of the Resplendent Moon of Faraden. Items of this nature are apparently a speciality of theirs.

It allows Courage dedications to easily create Courage consecrations – though it must carry an aura of Courage to do so. The potency of this item has increased along with the other changes to liao ceremonies augured by the passing of the red star.

Lot Nine: Dawnish Favour and Accoutrement

This box contains what appears to be a Dawnish favour. There is some strange magic that surrounds it; it is likely that divination rituals will be useful in discerning its nature. Accompanying it is a pouch which appears to contain a letter; the pouch seems to be sealed at present using a strange and permanent version of the magic which creates a Night Pouch. The magic appears to be slowly unravelling for reasons unknown; it is likely that by the time of the auction on Saturday, it will be accessible.

The box which contains the favour and the pouch was recently found in an old barn in Weirwater. The barn has been abandoned for many years; the Civil Service estimate that this item must be a few decades old at least.

End of Items.