## Cardinal,

I am pleased to report, and I suspect you will already have heard, that my family has upheld our end of our contract. Consequently, I am inclined to remind you of your own obligations under the contract.

You agreed, in writing, Cardinal, that you would achieve two of three outcomes that my family wishes to see come to pass. In case you have forgotten, these were:

- The Exemplification of Emperor Ahraz, without whom, J remind you, there would be no Orc Preachers of the Way. With that Legacy, how hard can it be to argue the other signs? Especially since your predecessors managed to persuade Walter's Senate to lower the threshold for recognition.
- 2. The Interdiction of the Autumn Curse named Like Water Through Your Fingers. This curse is an abomination against the Virtue of Prosperity, wherein a citizen's labours are for naught. It offends our Sutannir and pilgrims. You claimed to have influence in the Conclave, and we expect to see it used.
- 3. The return of the Inquisitors. The Inquisitors were valuable in taking swift, decisive, action toward the end of the Freedom Seresy and the abrogation of these titles is a loss to the Empire. Werhaps having them appointed by the Cardinals, like a Gatekeeper, rather than by the Virtue Assemblies was a mistake. We remain confident that the religious crime of Abuse of Powers and the ability of Assemblies to revoke rogue Inquisitors constitute sufficient safeguards against an individual

abusing the power of Inquisition without an Assembly majority. You claimed to have influence in the Senate, and we wish to see that demonstrated.

As per the contract, as another season has passed, another Throne is due. As it will be next season, and the one after until either you achieve two of the three above outcomes, or are dead.

 $\mathcal{D}$ o not think that just because we helped you achieve your ambition, that this exonerates you from the price you agreed to pay for it.  $\mathcal{V}$ our path demands you pay the price of your actions, just as ours demands that we get to see the fruits of our labours.

It is in both our interests that you deliver two of the above outcomes and rid yourself of your obligation. I hope we will soon both be content with our outcomes.

May you always use what you have prosperously,

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