

to Raine Tealeaf;

i am very pleased to receive a reply to my letter! i had feared that all of tea-leaf spire might be lost, and that i might lose this golden opportunity to build relations with a potential trade-partner.

i'll answer your questions out of order. firstly, i must let you down gently regarding my patron. i'm sure there's plenty of imperials who wouldn't understand the wisdom of you engaging with me - and, well, there's a lot of grendel who'd take the same view. let's the two of us respect one another's agendas, and keep my patron's name out of our dealings for now. if it's any consolation, i can fair guarantee you weren't their property ever.

incidentally, off the back of this deal, it would serve me to have an agent at anvil who could approach others of urizen, the brass coast, and even sarvos and necropolis, and prove my good faith. there'd be a percentage in it for you.

as i mentioned in my first letter, your brother equin commanded a high price at auction. bring with you a ten-throne piece and we'll haggle like friends over whiskey. if you've never had attar whiskey, prepare to be pleasantly surprised.

now, consider what value i place on that map, on the influence i believe it would grant to my patron. though i have never been to sarvos, nevertheless i understand it to be a beautiful place, and its people much given to beautiful art. help me to prove to my people that imperials are capable of better than the atrocity at solen's doubt.

as a trader by sea, i know places where it would be safe for us to meet without fear of arrest. i'll spend the autumn equinox in a comfortable sea-cave used by smugglers in years gone by, some ten miles north of the shining pillar lighthouse in madruga. i trust you'll meet me there, either by sea or by the peculiar magic of your gate. i'll be alone, except for equin.

rest assured that i have kept equin in my household, safe from the harms of worse conditions.

a transfer contract will need signing, of course. i leave the right to free him to you. if, as you say, you have spent time among us, you must know the gravity of that decision.

in respect, and in the hope of further dealings to come,

conan

OOC: Should you encounter Equin in play, he will be portrayed by Andrew Gray – please see below. If this changes for any reason (say, if he can't make the event at the last minute), you will be briefed at an appropriate time.

