

Greetings from the Voivode of Chains, the Grand Herald of Ephesis, the great patron of the sentient species of the mortal realm, the munificent Pharam Vex!

I write on behalf of my master, who offers the following discourse. You will not be bound to any agreement, contract or stipulations for reading this letter; no terms or conditions apply.

My master, the *Możnowładca Niewolników*, is at this time reducing his investments within the Empire. As part of this, he is particularly melancholy that he was not able to meet with you in person - but of course he understands that so busy and instrumental a figure as yourself has heavy constraints on their time. Perhaps, in future, he will again be able to aid the Empire and, as such, acquire the opportunity to meet in person. For the time being, Pharam Vex wishes me to pass the following on to you.

Pharam Vex wishes to express his deep appreciation of the work you have done in facilitating and stimulating the trade of sentient beings. Your work in Jarm was an excellent strengthener to the slave markets of the region, who not only saw busier trade in existing slave stocks to meet the new market demand that the Empire presented, but which tugged upon the chains of commerce in most wondrous ways! That chain reached out, via the workings of industrious slavers, to areas where orc tribes that had previously only enslaved one another dwelt, and resulted in many of those orcs being themselves enslaved and brought to the slave markets of the world - all to feed the Empire's fresh, albeit sadly brief, hunger for orc slaves!

The Voivode was puzzled by one thing about your venture, however. While it showed your excellent foresight as one with a masterful grip upon the markets, working to the beautiful tune of setting the chains of commerce jangling not for personal profit but purely to put the wondrous interplay of purchase and sale into motion, it seems strange to my master that you were only ever focused on orc slaves. He wonders if it was a clever ruse to affect the prices of orcs in particular, perhaps to set them as luxury items worthy of a high price, since Jarm does not deal in a large number of orc slaves. Nonetheless, to leave the vast bulk of the Jarmish slave market - namely, human slaves - to one side seems oddly narrowly-focused and to your detriment. Your slave-college will have missed out on some excellent individuals as a result of only bartering for souls from the minority of orc slaves.

In turn, my master offers you the following suggestion. If you do decide to return to working your mercantile magic upon the slave markets once more, please consider dealing in human slaves as well. If the increase in the strength of the slave trade after your orc purchases is any indication, your efforts to return the Empire to the world market of slaves would reach truly beautiful proportions once you consider human lives upon your ledger.

Farewell, merchant. May your efforts be valued highly.

