

## *Prosperity First!*

*I am Ximen i Suerta i Guerra, the hero of Cerevado! In under a year I have taken a scruffy and incompetently-managed gambling-house and transformed it into the premier casino in the home of Imperial gaming!*

*Last summit I came to the Senators of the Freeborn and asked them to sponsor a huge casino in Cerevado. You should see my plans; it'll be the biggest, it'll be the best, it'll be spectacular. Prosperity for all! A place to learn to love life after a hard summit fighting the Grendel. What better way to put smiles on the faces of those dour Zemress types?*

*Life is short; let it never be dull! You might be reborn in Varushka, so enjoy being Freeborn while you can! And let's not let that big man Lorenzo have all the glory, hey? He thinks he's so big, but his architecture is so ugly; nobody likes it. Nobody will go to his casino. Who goes to Temeschwar to play games? The losers will get their legs broken; the winners will be mugged by the Vyig as soon as they step out of the door.*

*I came to the Senators of the Freeborn, but they weren't interested. Why are they holding back Cerevado's Prosperity? I say Cerevado's great – let's make sure everyone knows it! I have ten Thrones for the pouch of any Senatorial election if that Senator will sponsor the Senator's Palace casino with a motion. They, and the good people who arranged it, will take pride of place in the Senator's Palace. Access to the Imperial suite guaranteed, all the best games, free food and drink: the benefits are endless! Do you want a statue? I'll have someone make you a statue! Do you want that Asavean to make it? I'll get him for you!*

*See you at the big party!*

# *Ximen i Suerta*