

Cardinal

When the *Heralds of the Prince of the Argent Fontine* spoke to me about placing some *Low Fontine* entries in the hands of someone known in the *Empire* for their wealth, there were choices to be made.

Many might have thought I would turn to *Lorenzo*, builder of *Great Works* or to the heirs of *Achilles* if they were known, but I turn to you, *Cardinal*. For it is my belief that though the *Sovereign Lord of the City of Chains* is oft described as only meeting the dark side of greed and desire, that making alliances with him, with care and a wise negotiator to aid can be a true route to *Prosperity*.

Indeed I have heard it rumoured that there is a lost *Exemplar of Prosperity* in the *Brass Coast* who was so tightly bound to the *Prince* that *Callidus* protects his legacy even now.

Whether you agree or not is a matter for another time. The matter in hand right now is this: I have 25 entries to the *Low Fontine*, each of current value 2 crowns. I am sending them to you via *Navarri* post - you might make the runners task easier if you were kind enough to leave word at the *Hub* as to where you can most easily be found.

I leave it to you whether you wish to enter the *Noisy Play* yourself and win more and more and show that the *Prosperity Assembly* can gather together much of the wealth that the *Fontine* offers, or whether you wish to trade them or even to give them to those at the beginning of their journey in *Prosperity*, for whatever loyalties their greed will give to you.

Should you not have heard of the *Fontine*, you only need to look to the *Hub* in *Anvil*. I am told that arrangements have been made for posters reminding people of the rules to be displayed therein.

I wish you good wealth

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The Chase, Astolat

