

Dear Adoria,

It was several seasons ago now that you responded to Meraud's challenge and we have not recently spoken of how he can offer you aid. I remember that you were trying to decide whether your goal is a Great Work or a Sinecure, but remember also that whichever you choose, you planned to engage in magical teaching in the Brass Coast and improve Mana provision.

How is your ambition progressing? Have you made the right allies, found the right support to get a commission through its political hoops? If you are struggling, do not forget that your Egregore can help you work out a path you could take. Meraud has not forgotten your ambition and will most definitely assist. Most likely you would want from him Mana - in the form of Golden Apples, to make a partial contribution to the costs once traded - or instead to use to bribe and influence support.

I can also perform introductions - to some who might be inclined to support your ambition - including the Grandmaster of the Order of Rod and Shield - if you have not spoken to them already.

I urge you to strike forward with the political gathering of support, and gathering of the funding you will require. Your reward for the contest will pay some, make this easier for you, it will not pay all.

I may not be at Anvil this Equinox, although I may on Sunday. Do use the ritual newly enshrined in Imperial Lore - Out of the Mouths of Babes - to tell me how your plans are progressing.

*Barthek, Lorekeeper
Herald of Meraud*