



Hector de Rondell - Ángenä´mt!

I greet you and bid you welcome.

My name is Cardinal Xepicotl, präst of Ambition, from Zemeh in the Sumaah Republic; and I have been fortunate enough to spend six months in the Empire. During the Spring Equinox, I was unfortunate enough to witness your Judgement in the Synod, recognising Thrace as an Exemplar of Ambition. This judgement was upheld, by a staggering amount. In it, you praise the Salvation of Thrace being the end of slavery.

Is it really the case that the Empire recognises Orcs - beasts who have *massacred* my people and yours, as Exemplars, while it continues to support the idolatrous slave-takers of the Asavean Archipelago? Will you, similarly, be willing to denounce the slavery of the Asaveans and question the support the Empire shows to that nation? Is this Empire truly gone so mad that it would dare to elevate subhuman beasts as *Exemplars* while ignoring - nay, *supporting* the crimes of a nation that has suppressed the Way in its islands and *enslaved* followers of your faith? For *shame*, Hector - I would see you and your Synod excommunicated for this hypocrisy - you and those like you are the rot that will eat your Synod from within.

Please explain your actions, Heretic - your Empire falls further from Virtue with every step it takes and it will soon be *consumed* by outside forces.

I am now returning to the Sumaah Republic to make my report - until my return, I can be reached via my translator, Olivia Burano di Sarvos, at the sign of the Grey Dog, Tassato Mestre. Should you find a virtuous mage capable of the spell, you can send Winged Messengers to me via Kaptenen Gröntvatten, of the *Gissel* - the ship that will carry me home.

I sincerely hope you can find the Way that you have lost.

Farvä´l.

Cardinal Xepicotl, High House of Ambition.

*From a Faithful Translation by Olivia Burano di Sarvos*