

Bourse Privilege Auction

In order to make information on listed items available promptly to all seat holders, the Civil Service have determined it prudent to examine all items using standard methods and make the results available as part of the listings. There will still be an opportunity to physically examine the items in advance of the auction and perform additional non-disruptive investigations.

Listings: Summer 379YE

This summit sees an interesting selection of items including several which have been made available to the Empire due to the recent assistance offered to the Axou.

Lot 1: Axou Battle Mask

Ritual mask purchased in Axos by permission from the Axou after the Siege of Ipotavo. It provides a bonded user considerable additional benefits when used with the Summer rituals **Splendid Panoply of Knighthood** or **Unbreakable Behemoth's Strength** - equivalent to three times the benefit gained from similar masks constructed by the Empire.

Lot 2: Axou War Mask

Ritual mask purchased from the Gates of Ipotavo in Axos. Special permission has been given for this mask, and the mask in lot one, to leave the Axos territories as recognition of the Empire's role in the liberation of the citadel from the Druj. This item was constructed using centuries-old methods, and has been reforged many times. It provides a bonded wearer a significant advantage when performing the rituals **Clarity of the Master Strategist** or **Knights of Glory** - thrice the benefit provided by similar masks constructed within the Empire.

Lot 3: Skouran Forge Gauntlet

Purchased from an Axou merchant who described it as a "Skouran Forge Gauntlet". This item doubles the effect of the ritual known as "The Sweating Forge" in Skoura - called "Timeless Hammer Rhythm" by Imperials, allowing an artisan to craft two items rather than one, and leaving the user energised rather than enervated. The item itself does not require bonding, but it's marvellous powers can only be invoked once.

Lot 4: Deeds to the Black Unicorn Vineyards

Placed for auction by the family of the previous owner, who died during the Liberation of Holberg. This deed entitles any citizen to take on the Black Unicorn Vineyards near Withy, in Astolat, in place of their current resource. It includes the right to use the black unicorn label on wine. The rich dragonbone deposits in the area give this wine a distinctive flavour which is popular across the Empire. The House Ganardorn wishes the new owner well.

DISCLAIMER: The civil service wishes to gently remind purchasers of the traditional problems encountered by a non-Dawnish individual operating a farm in a Dawnish territory.

Lot 5:**Nemorian Vessel**

Offered by Lady Madrianna of the Blue Stones, a contract with a prominent Nemorian shipyard for the construction of a superior trading vessel, particularly suited to trade in Asavean waters, with the intent that delivery take place during the Autumn Equinox. The contract holder can optionally send additional wains of Weirwood to provide for the construction of a more advanced vessel in the usual manner. The Asaveans have placed no upper limit on the amount of Weirwood that may be provided.

Lot 6:**Axou Bone Dust**

This box contains rare and expensive Axou bone dust from the Gates of Ipotavo. The Axou have little access to vinum and consequently little Liao. This specially prepared substance is sometimes used as an alternative to Liao. There are believed to be three "doses" of this material contained in the box. The vendor cautioned that it is more useful the more powerful the priest who consumes it.

WARNING: Axou Bone Dust is claimed to have narcotic properties, although details are unclear.

Lot 7:**Herbalist Tool**

Acquired by an Imperial soldier from a travelling merchant during the campaign in Faraden's Roaring Hills. Closer examination has shown that it is an item of great age. It was at one time crafted as a Phial of the Sun, but possesses the unique property that adds a fruity scent to any liquid stored within, and can lighten the heart in dark moments. The magical properties of this item could be restored by an artisan who knows how to make the Phial of the Sun, possibly through the use of the Timeless Hammer Rhythm.

Lot 8:**Andretti Painting**

A genuine and authenticated picture by the famous Urizeni painter Andretti, with a letter of provenance.

Lot 9:**The Iron Raptors**

The Iron Raptors - the Empire's foremost Mercenary Company, accepts a commission to locate your Heart's Desire.

'Hearts Desire' is accepted to be someone or something that could conceivably be within the Empire or on it's borders. The Iron Raptors offer no guarantees of success. *Break Clause:* If your Hearts Desire remains out of reach, The Iron Raptors guarantee to supply pertinent information regarding it and the best methods of obtaining it.

**Lot 10:****Sealed Envelope**

A ticket for one citizen to meet with Yallick, senior courtier of the Autumn Eternal Estavus, the Forge Mistress. Details of the audience are contained in a sealed envelope for the eyes of the purchaser only.