

Greetings from the Voivode of Chains, the Grand Herald of Ephisis,
the great patron of the sentient species of the mortal realm, the
munificent Pharam Vex!

I write on behalf of my master, who wishes to express his pleasure at having met you at the solstice just passed. He hereby offers the following discourse. You will not be bound to any agreement, contract or stipulations for reading this letter; no terms or conditions apply.

I understand that my master spoke to you about the potential for binding Autumn spirits into ushabti to improve their efficacy, and that you also inquired about the possibility of purchasing property in the City of Gold and Lead. He wishes to pass on two pieces of information to you regarding this. The first is that my master has consulted with his owner, the Sovereign Lady of the City of Gold and Lead, and Ephisis has made her decision clear on the matter. The Grand Plutocrat is not interested in relinquishing any land or structure property in her city-domain to any mortals under any circumstances. It is possible that her decision may change at a later date but, for now, the High Merchant will not countenance any such sale.

The second is that, should my master be placed under Amity by the Conclave *and* were the Senate's current strong statement opposing slavery in all its forms to be overturned, diminished or otherwise softened in the form of a fresh Statement of Intent, then he has a functional method of implementing the enhancement of ushabti with Autumn spirits that you would be able to undertake. Were a Needle of Brass to be built as a structure in Spiral - a vessel-forge through which ushabti could be processed - and that structure gifted to my master, the Maitre de la Cage de Golde would staff it with a cabal of Heralds who would oversee the binding and maintenance of the drudge-vessel ushabti. A single Needle of Brass would be enough to supply and maintain these greater ushabti for the entire territory, enhancing the output of resources that rely on such constructs - the businesses, farms, mines and forests. Possibly, were permission given by the Senate, such ushabti *might* also reduce the maintenance costs of the Legacy and other such expensive affairs in the territory, though no promises can be made on this latter notion. After a trial run, were the output to be satisfactory, it might be possible to then roll out Needles of Brass across the other Urizen territories as well, bringing these modern advances and luxury to all the people of your enlightened and wise nation.

Please consider the above. I expect that my master will once again offer audiences to the noble citizenry of the Empire at the Winter Solstice.