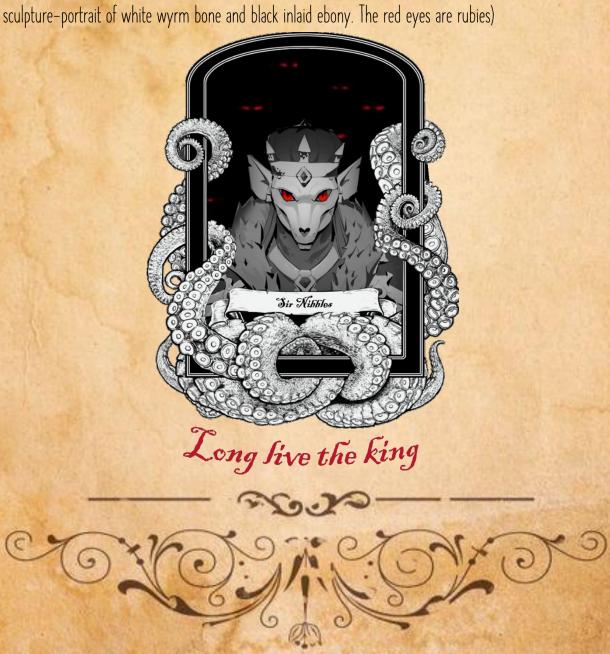


To the prodigious King Sir Nibbles, whose magnitude is matched only by his smell.

It is the season of dreams. Sir Nibbles, my servants have spent long hours writing a poem in praise of your honour, but it could not capture your might. Instead, I took the third lumbar bone of the great Sea Wyrm Te Wheke-a-Muturangi, which I slew during my twentieth season of dreaming, and I have spent long hours carving it into a portrait of your likeness. (attached to the letter is a roughly seven foot sculpture-portrait of white wyrm bone and black inlaid ebony. The red eyes are rubies)





Unfortunately, your letter reached me after my orders for my forces in Tauhan had been sent.

Furthermore, I have had no word from Al Daric. As such, I felt it was not the opportune time to attack Dun Sancerre directly, though the assistance of your troops is appreciated and I wish them success.

To stall Dun Sancerre, I ordered Salt-chief Brio'otollo to arrange a duel with the general of the Dun Sancerre forces in the area on the central island furthest from Dun Sancerres forces. This should occupy their commander and his best troops (around 2,000 knights) elsewhere should you fight their main forces, and I hope this will be sufficient aid for now.

I do, however, have a suggestion for our future moves. My fleets are mighty indeed, and my scouts have reported that much traded wealth is available on the open waters for those willing to take it - and the other nations have little to no naval forces to speak of. Next month, send your 10,000 to join my fleets in Tauhan and Keitan where they can serve as boarding parties and shore raid teams. If you agree, we will strike at our enemies all across the globe - and share in the wealth and food our combined forces can bring home.

From his majesty Mansa Sino'otollo, the Shark-Binder, Voice of the Navigators, High King of the Four Fleets, Ruler of the Four Seas, Lord of the Eight Islands, Friend of the Cnidarians, the Starblessed, Binder of Men, Warden of Northern Tauhan, Plaguecleanser, Walker of the Elder Path, Cleaner of Latrines, First Sword of the Surf, Brine-bound and Iron Willed.

