

To Sootscale, he who fails to bear the honor of the Quorum Quotidien.

The world trembles and shakes. The centre cannot hold.

Madness boils beneath the waves, and all we can do is behold.

It has been long since we heard from you, and I am saddened at the distance and lack of knowledge our peoples share. The warrior poets wish to know more of you, and your allusions intrigue me.

Who is the great enemy of which you speak. What is the great event that has occurred, and what will it bring to my people.

For our part, we have striven to aid the Tauhan, and we have now reached a great new understanding with them. We have learned how to make peace with the monsters they became, their "Elders" and to accommodate the rove within our own teachings of the stars. Such new fraternity has led to rejoicing and a new kinship, such that a new tribe has emerged: the Ayambe. We in the kietan isles formally recognize the Ayambe as a great keitan tribe, and will die to defend their interests and honor. We wish you to know this.

On more grave terms, we are disappointed in you. Personally.

It brought you honour to shoulder the debt of the Quotidiens. Indeed, we acceded to your wishes and openend peace negotiations with them.





But now you tell us that you have refused to pay the agreed debt or to send people such that we might learn of your culture. Three months later. Three months in which we have striven for peace - and succeeded - in reaching peace at your request.

This was not a situation that you needed to have concerned yourself with in the first place. Our only logical conclusion is that you sought to delay and stall us with no intention of payment.

I am not amused.

From his majesty Mansa Sino'otollo, the Shark-Binder, Voice of the Navigators, High King of the Four Fleets, Ruler of the Six Seas, Mansa of the Six Peoples, Lord of the Nine Islands, Viceroy of the Wreckage, Friend of the Cnidarians, the Starblessed, Binder of Men, Sitter of the Coral Throne, Warden of Ayambe, Plaguecleanser, Walker of the Elder Path, Cleaner of Latrines, Good Buddy, Keeper of the Ironscale Pact, First Sword of the Surf, Brine-bound and Iron Willed.

