



To his most glorious ratful-ness, Sir Nibbles

I will keep this to the point, as I know you disdain the florid communications of which I am fond.

I have received communications from Dun Sancerre's Empress, declaring that her nation alone may control Tauhan and demanding that Keitan's forces either withdraw entirely, or stay only to assist her in seizing the rest of the land and making war upon Grovel. I suspect by this she may be levelling an insult at your people. Her declaration of intent was commendably frank, and my people shall find great honour in meeting hers steel for steel. I believe she is bringing many Knights - an armoured force of spearmen reliant on horseback, I believe, into the south of Tauhan, with herself at the head.

My forces are ready to assist in defending yours. If you wish my council on joint military action, I can offer it in a subsequent communication.

As a minor side issue, the tribes of Rahastan have treated my own people with courtesy and honour. They indicate they have had difficulty conversing with you or persuading you to trade freely with them. I would vouch for them, and perhaps they can trade with your people *via* the Keitan lands in northern Tauhan.

From his majesty Mansa Sino'otollo, the Shark-Binder, Voice of the Navigators, High King of the Three Fleets, Ruler of the Six Seas, Lord of the Nine Islands, Warden of Northern Tauhan, the Starblessed, Councillor of the Cnidarians, Good Buddy, Binder of Men, Cleaner of Latrines, First Sword of the Surf, Brine-bound and Iron Willed.

*Mansa Sino'otollo*

