



To Navigator Captain Bri'otollo, salt chief, crow-killer, ratsbane, knife of the waves, the coral blade.

Salt Chief Bri'otollo, though you remain amongst the most rotten reptiles I have had the misfortune to meet, I commend your work in Tauhan. Your orders are as follows:

1. You are to manage the traders formerly under Akira's control, have them continue trade, and the fish fleet to continue to fish. Have the traders visit Al'Daric and acquire a handful of indentured servants so that our culture might learn their skills. Secretly take one to the cauldron of the sun and drown him - if the Al'Daric ask what has become of him, report he died to the shaking plague.

2. Cease attacks on refugees, and send the Shark Fleet to aid the Rahastan and Dun Sancerran forces in protecting the refugees and slaying monsters in the south of Tauhan.

For your subordinates:

3. Instruct the Navigators under THE ASTROLOGER to continue researching the monsters of Tauhan and attempt to win their allegiance. The stars have indicated that we should treat them as family - tell THE ASTROLOGER this, and have him offer them traditional rituals and sacrifices to appease the star-gods, as well as food. Only do this in the north, away from the eyes of Dun Sancerre.

4. Use 2 wealth to raise a new military fleet, the Naga fleet, and give it to raid captain Zami'okollo to



command. She is to take the Naga fleet and sail to The Labyrinth and learn to traverse its waters, plotting navigable routes through.

5. Use 12 wealth to equip, enlarge and organise the Adventuring Party that follows Akira around, ensuring there are loyal women around him to prevent him going off the leash. Once they are ready, they are to set off into the world to discover how I might walk the Path of the Elders. They should seek the shrine of D'Vaya, where they will find the Ritual of Ascension. They are also to Find the Crown of Vost, the Sunken Betrayer. Any progress is to be reported to me.

As to your own questions about the Shaking Plague - let it be known throughout the realm that I prayed to the stars, and they answered: the stars have blessed those under my protection with immunity to the Shaking Plague. Tell any that might be disloyal that if I revoke my protection, they will die.

Good luck my dear friend, you inveterate irritant.

From his majesty Mansa Sino'otollo, the Shark-Binder, Voice of the Navigators, High King of the Three Fleets, Ruler of the Four Seas, Lord of the Eight Islands, Friend of the Cnidarians, the Starblessed, Binder of Men, Warden of Northern Tauhan, Walker of the Elder Path, Cleaner of Latrines, First Sword of the Surf, Brine-bound and Iron Willed. May the stars whisper his words to you this day, so that you may hear them and enact his will.



*Mansa Sino'otollo*