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Securing The Falkland Plain

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Your family has recently discovered a great wealth of pearl bearing clams in the Falkland Plain. It is unfortunate that the land is under dispute in the treaty discussions tonight. It is part of why you agreed to attend the Neptune Ball. You intend to secure this land for Atlantica. Your family will have no trouble monopolizing the land once it is secure.

To accomplish this, you will have to figure out why the Pacifican's care so damn much about the land – surely they don't know about the pearls? Go and make at least 2 Pacificans tell you why the Falkland Plain is so important to them. Once you do so, turn to page 2.

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The only thing worse than fighting someone who is in it for the money, is fighting someone who is in it for moral reasons. They never know when to quit. Unfortunately, it looks like the Pacificans are after the Falkland Plain for moral reasons. Their precious Kraken was supposedly sighted there, not so long ago.

You will need to contact your family and make sure that they are up for this fight. You may have to burn a lot of political capital and take some major risks to pull this off. Write a note to your family (clearly mark the note as an "in game" item) and deliver it to the nearest page (NPC) who will deliver it to your family. In 20 minutes, you may go inquire with a page as to the response. Once you have A Letter from the Aquilino Family (999), turn to page 3.

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Your family has of course written to you in code, just in case the letter was intercepted. The letter indicates that the land is of great importance to your family, and they are more than willing to take the risks involved with securing the land.

Well, if they are determined, then you'd better set things in motion. First thing's first, talk to Osiris and convince him to make a formal (written) declaration that the Explorer's Guild will veto any treaty that does not secure the Falkland Plain for Atlantica. If he is currently indisposed, or refuses to cooperate, you may forge such a document by writing your request down (and clearly marking it as an "in game" item), and giving it to a page, who will deliver it to some contacts of yours outside the palace. Be careful though, if you are caught forging Osiris's signature, the dungeons will be the least of your worries. Once you have the real or forged document in hand, turn to page 4.

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Now to convince the King. Present the document to King Triton. Make it very clear to him that the Explorer's Guild is a crucial part of these negotiations and that he cannot afford to ignore your demands. Use this fact throughout the evening to delay the treaty if you haven't completed your research. Once you have presented the document to Triton, turn to page 5.

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Now for the real digging. Go through the papers in the The Pacifican Embassy, and find out more specifics about this giant squid sighting. Once you have find a date for the sighting, and the person who sighted it, turn to page 6.

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Okay, you have a date (December 13th, 21 years ago). Now to prove that the Kraken was elsewhere. Legend has it that the Kraken causes shipwrecks on a regular basis. Well, if anyone would know, it would be the Explorer's Guild. Go and check their files and journals. (You may take "A Journal of the North Sea Shipwrecks (999)" from "A Bookshelf Full of Old Journals" in the Explorer's Guild.) turn to page 7.

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Good progress. Now the nail in the coffin. Find out who Julius Montague is. Hopefully he's got some petty criminal record that you can trump up. Spend 1 minute searching each bookshelf in "The Royal Museum". Once you have searched all 3 bookshelves, you may take "Rap Sheet (999)" from the bookshelf that your γ stat allows you to access, then turn to page **8**.

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Gold. Julius Montague has a rap-sheet as long as your uncle's (who is serving life after getting careless during a heist). Julius is a con artist, and has been for decades. Use "A Journal of the North Sea Shipwrecks (999)" and "Rap Sheet (999)" to convince the Pacificans that they have been lied to. Hopefully this will be enough to loosen their demands on the land.

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As a faithful member of the Assassin's Guild, you have a mission here. Sebastian might think it is only to bring him his precious Lionfish Spine (999), but your mission is so much more important. The Guild is concerned that Jared is going soft, and may capitulate to many Atlantican demands during the treaty negotiations. In order to prevent this, you have been charged with the task of discovering the true origins of the war. Once discovered, you should use them to harden Jared against Atlantica. At the start of game, turn to page 2.

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Despite the Guild's promise that all of their resources were at your disposal, you aren't entirely sure where to start. Perhaps you should figure out what kind of lies the Atlantican people believe about how the war started. Talk to 3 Atlanticans, for at least 1 minute each, about how the war started. Once you have done so, turn to page 3.

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Sebastian mentioned a woman by the name of Jade, but refused to elaborate. Yet, the name rings a bell. Go search through your papers and

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Jade was a Pacifican princess. The pieces are starting to come together for you. You'll need a rare text from Pacifica to prove it to Jared though. Luckily the Assassin's Guild has contacts in the city beyond the palace that almost certainly have the scroll you need. Acquire a "valuable item" to pay for "an old, fragile scroll (999)", and give it to the nearest page (NPC) to deliver to your contact. In 20 minutes, you may go inquire with a page to receive the scroll. Once you have it, open "an old, fragile scroll (999)" and turn to page 7.

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This is it. This innocuous seeming scroll is a letter from prince Onyx, to his sister, princess Jade. It expresses his deep regret that their rescue could not have come early enough to save Jade from conceiving Neptune's child. You now have proof that Atlantica started the war by kidnapping princess Jade. Use this information to prevent any treaty from being signed.

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These are definitely the weapons you need. Seal the deal with Gladius.

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Now that is devious. Only someone as clever as you could have spotted this before half of the Pacifican army was armed with these time bombs! That Gladius lied to you. He's been lying to your superiors too. He's no traitor to Atlantica. How much damage has he already done? How much more might he do? Find some way to end this threat to Pacifica.

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You are devastated to find that the music box is missing. You'll have to find it tonight. First you need to talk to someone who remembers the box and understands what an important magical item it was. Find Sebastian and discuss the music box with him for at least 2 minutes. Once you have done so, you may turn to page 2.

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Well, Sebastian couldn't give you much in the way of specifics, but your talk did do one piece of good. It has reminded you that there were inscriptions on the box. If only you could remember what those inscriptions were. Wait, of course! There must be documentation of the music box in the royal archives. You will just need to do a little research. Spend 1 minute searching each bookshelf in the library. Once you have searched all 3 bookshelves, you may turn to page 3.

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You finally found a copy of the inscription in a dusty, forgotten tome. You drew a copy of it, but it doesn't make any sense. Meditate on the inscription for 2 minutes. You must be undisturbed for the 2 minutes or you will have to start over. Once you have had this time to puzzle over the inscription, you may turn to page 4.

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You are brilliant! You figured out that the inscription is actually the lyrics to the tune that the music box plays! It is written in an ancient language that you happen to have studied at the assassin's guild. What luck. Unfortunately, the lyrics are not enough. Go find 3 people to help you, and 4 musical instruments (1 for each person). Spend 5 minutes trying to remember the tune (roleplay accordingly). If you get more people to help you, this will take a shorter period of time. For example, if 4 people help you (5 total), it will only take 4 minutes, if 5 people help, it will only take 3. Additional helpers do not need instruments. You must have at least 3 helper though. Once you have remembered the tune, you may turn to page 5

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That's it! You've got it! How could you have ever forgotten that beautiful melody for a second? Now you just need to dance to it. Find someone else who knows the merengue dance, teach it to someone, or get someone else to teach you another dance, then dance in the great hall to the music from the band. (You can request music for whichever kind of dance you will be doing.) Once you have done so, you may turn to page 6.

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As the last notes of the band fade, you hear another melody. It is faint, and ebbs and flows like the tide, but it is there. The music box! It is playing faintly! You may now interact with the packets on the walls that have musical notes on them. Go to one of these packets and look inside. The arrows will guide your way as you follow the faint tones of music to the room where the music box is. Once you find the room, search for "Packet A", if the music box is in "Packet A", turn to page 11. Otherwise, turn to page 7.

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The music box isn't there! What is going on? Surely the music wouldn't lead you falsely. As you stare in despair at the small crevice where the box so neatly would have fit, you realize that a faint green light flashes occasionally. Is it a clue? It must be! Search for 3 green stickers throughout game space. The numbers on the signs with green stickers will lead you to the music box. Once you find the new room, search the room for "Packet B". If the music box is there, turn to page 11, if it is not there, turn to page 8.

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Gone. Or maybe never there? You must be getting closer though. You must be. Okay, deep breath. Maybe the music is just too faint to hear right now. You'll need to build something to amplify the sound. Find an A large Conch (999), a jinsert item, and a jinsert item. Put them next to each other in alphabetical order by name to build the amplifying device. The second digit of each item number will lead you to the room where the music box is. Go to that room and search for "Packet C". If the music box is there, turn to page 11, if it is not there, turn to page 9.

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Okay, someone is clearly moving the music box. Who would do such a thing? Never mind, it just makes it all the more imperative that you find it. Get a magician to cast a "perceive magic" spell on location C. You must tell them what you are looking for in order for them to help you. Once they have done so, turn to page 10.

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You follow a pulsing trail of light that no one else can see to <insert room>. Search for "Packet D". Once you find it, take the music box out and turn to page 11.

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You've found it! The music box! All you have to do now is put it back on display and wind it up. Go to the sign for the empty pedestal where the music box should sit, and swap it for the sign underneath. Put the music box in the envelope attached to this sign Then spend 2 minutes winding the music box with your key. You must have the key to do this action. Once you have done so, you may turn to page 12.

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It's done. With the music box wound, Atlantica will be safe for another decade. If you haven't done so already, you should find one of your daughters and pass the secret of the music box on to them.

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to a current or former member of the Assassin's Guild for one minute. They can help you. Once you have done so, open the next page.

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The Neptune Ball/NA Not Transferable That was quite informative. Apparently the bonds of magical contracts aren't nearly as strong when performed by an unwilling participant. You need to perform something known as a Pactbreaker Ritual in order to escape it. The ritual is fairly simple, and can be done without any magical skill, but requires several items, and the assistance of 3 people you trust. To begin with, find a A Clam (999) (open or closed doesn't matter) and a A frond of Sea Fan (999). You're pretty sure that you're only going to find those in natural places. Once both are in hand, open the next page. The Neptune Ball/NA Not Transferable staple binding along here Securing a blessing before the ritual is supposed to make it a lot safer. Seek a blessing from a priest. If none are availble, a blessing from the current ruler of Atlantica will do, but this might make the ritual more dangerous. (If they don't know how to perform a blessing, tell them out of character that they can make one up). Once you have received some kind of blessing, turn to the next page. The Neptune Ball/NA Not Transferable staple binding along here You're finally ready to begin the ritual! Gather 3 people to help you, and find a secluded place. Meditate on your contract for 1 minute while the others chant around you. At the end of that minute, have two of them assist the third in a knockout attack on you. Once you wake up from being knocked out, turn to the next page.

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Your earliest memories are coming back. Gladius was your weapons instructor at the palace. But he is supposed to be dead. Gladius was on the fateful voyage that sank with no survivors, December 13th, 21 years ago. Your father was on that voyage. So what is Gladius doing in Atlantica? Go and talk to General Gladius or Lady Minerva for at least one minute, and try to find out what he's hiding. Once you have done so, turn to page 5

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The pieces are beginning to come together, but only slowly. Go do some research in the library to figure out how Gladius could be a merman and a human. Spend 1 minute searching each bookshelf in the library. Once you have searched all 3 bookshelves, turn to page 6.

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	The Neptune Ball/NA	Not Transferable
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staple binding along here	Definitely treacherous, and dangerous. It is awfully suspicious that this man, if you can even call him a man, is the only survivor survivor who never returned to Europa. You will need to acquire allies and confront him to learn what happened to your father.	of that voyage. A

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You have been talking to Jared for months about India, but he doesn't believe you. You'd better test the waters in Atlantica and figure out if the monarchy here is any more receptive. Talk to Triton, or whoever is the current ruler of Atlantica, for 3 minutes about Indian aggression. Once you've learned what Atlantica thinks about India, turn to page 2.

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Opposition at every turn. Atlantica is just as oblivious as Pacifica. You must find proof to show Jared and Triton to prove the impending danger to them. If only you could scry on India, but those spells take weeks to prepare. You have mere hours. Maybe Atlantica has a magical item that could help you? Go do some research in the library. Spend 1 minute searching each bookshelf in the library. Once you have searched all 3 bookshelves, turn to page 3.

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You found tell of a scrying mirror, Cassandra's Mirror (999). This mirror is here in the archives and should allow you to scry, as long as you know the location you want to scry on. You will have to gather more information. Try talking to Gladius since he is part of the Guardian's guild. (If he is dead, you may go through his papers instead). Find out what information Gladius has on where the Indians might be massing their troops. Spend 2 minutes trying to gather this intelligence. Once you have done so, turn to page 4.

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Gladius said something that reminds you of some of your own research. Return to your quarters and look through your documents until you find the name of the plateau south east of the Tasmanian Sea. Once you know it's name, turn to page 5.

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Well, you have a name now. All you need are coordinates. Where could you find a map? Pacifica has never been on good terms with India and so has very few maps. The Explorer's Guild of Atlantica might have better maps. Get into the Explorer's Guild and take a Map of India (999). (You may take a map of your choice from the "A Big, Disorderly Pile of Maps" sign) Then, turn to page 6.

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Acquire some Runic Chalk (999) and spend 2 minutes tracing the "Magical Runic Circle". This action activates the circle and prepares it to support

a magician through a difficult spell. Once you have prepared the circle, turn to page ${\bf 9}$.

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This is what you need to convince Triton and Jared. Hurry and do so before it is too late. You must persuade them to include a military alliance in the treaty!

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