Guaril Karela waves over the members of the Exchange faction as they depart the Chromatic Dragon. The plane's heat has not been kind to him, and he sweats profusely while directing dockworkers who move crates stamped with the Exchange's symbol.

"This damned heat! Even with magical protection, I'm sweating like a Taldan noble after half a day's honest work! I normally wouldn't be on the front lines like this, but the opportunity's too good to let amateurs screw it up." He smiles and adds, "Hence your presence here, and mine. What has the heir to the Mishalq fortunes demanded this time?"

Guaril hopes to learn your mission is so that he can help the Exchange profit at the same time. He takes special note of the Cinderfurys' extensive records

collection as well as any talk of ambitions, encouraging you to based on what information you

When you mention record

"We're already running into because we're virtual that if you're not made of fire, dozen not-made-of-fire taxes vex you. As you can imagine, we our operations here, and I wouldn't of the nobles' own wealth to pay What's more, it would be nice to contractors than the ones I've found acquire trade agreements, letters the like, we could cut a lot of leans in. "Honestly, I find short supply of assistants who don't inconvenient times. around here would be

As for Qalkami's ambitions:

could settle for a few good

"Yes, this city seems quite the you were born an efreeti, you

collections, he says:

pursue additional tasks

Qalkami's political

share.

issues here
unknowns. It seems
you have to pay a
they just make up to
need capital to drive
mind if we used some
their ludicrous fees.
meet some more reliable
so far. Were someone to
of credit, contracts, and
overhead." Guaril
myself in

ignite at which 'always.' I leads there."

exclusive club; if win, but if you are

anyone else, you suffer. It's quite the cruel condemnation of honest businesspeople like us, yes? What we need is a local liaison who can open those doors for us while letting us go about our business. Ideally this would be an efreeti, but maybe a less privileged creature would suffice. Shop around, and if you find someone suitably connected, cooperative, and capable, make a pitch."

GUARIL KARELA