Interrogator Arcelius Montalban



-Interrogator Montalban is not part of the Ordo Hereticus, and therefore not a member of Lord Inquisitor Kabella Vyne's Retinue; rather, he represents the Ordo Historica Veritas, and seeks to uncover the secret histories of Asterion. We have since opened negotiations for cooperation with the Interrogator, as elements of our aspirations currently align; though generally any interaction with the Inquisition is prudent to avoid, our position within the complexities of Asterion's politics has made this impossible, and thus controlling the nature of all interactions is the best outcome we

can strive for moving forward.

-To this purpose, Montalban has provided us with a means of communication using dead drops to be delivered by his acolytes.

-Montalban was first brought to our attention when Commissioner Comata reported alleged acolytes caught stealing the cypher ident of a navy official. Two more of Montalban's acolytes—Tongs and Thunder (given name Remus, thus all other names given can be assumed to be codenames)—were later encountered during an operation to locate Archivist Denn and the documents he'd uncovered in Level 442 of the Administratum Archive. Circumstances aligned such that we were able to join forces with the acolytes.

-Our first direct meeting with Interrogator Montalban occurred in the mid hive, at the Chapel of St. D'Chessia on Level 77-K. He is adept at subtly controlling conversations by inviting people to talk more about themselves, while deflecting questions about himself. His amiable behavior likely is a method to cause others to underestimate him.

-The Quarantine Event of Level 77-K occurred during this meeting; we suspect that Montalban was the intended target of assassination, and as such, we have advised him to look for moles in his organization.

-Agrees that House Fontarii is likely the 3rd, missing noble house of Asterion. However, he has some additional theories that may prove problematic for us if revealed, specifically that Melichdoche Traquiel framed House Fontarii, and betrayed Captain Orpheon.

-I suspect that Interrogator Montalban and Interrogator Gideon/Brother Gideon are one in the same, based on his explanation of a sending an acolyte into Halcyon who's story matches that of Solomon. Though he was not able to gain a large amount of intelligence from his spy, he was able to confirm that the Order uses Asterii Devices; his condemnation of this behavior leads me to conclude that we should under no circumstances disclose our own utilization of such technology.

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