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The Lost Journal of Christopher Columbus

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After multiple rejections, how did Christopher Columbus persuade Queen Isabella to support his historic voyage? In his private journal, Columbus recounts that he possesses an ancient map showing the American continent, handed down to him from the Knights Templar, which revealed the destination of their fabled treasure fleet—a treasure that included the Holy Grail, found under the Temple Mount in Jerusalem after the First Crusade. Found along with the Holy Grail was the Gospel of Lazarus, which, due to its heretical revelations about the foundations of Christianity, was kept secret for centuries by the Templars. Revealing this knowledge would have exposed Columbus to the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition. To protect himself, he wove a multi-layered web of deceptions, ultimately revealing the truth only to Queen Isabella.



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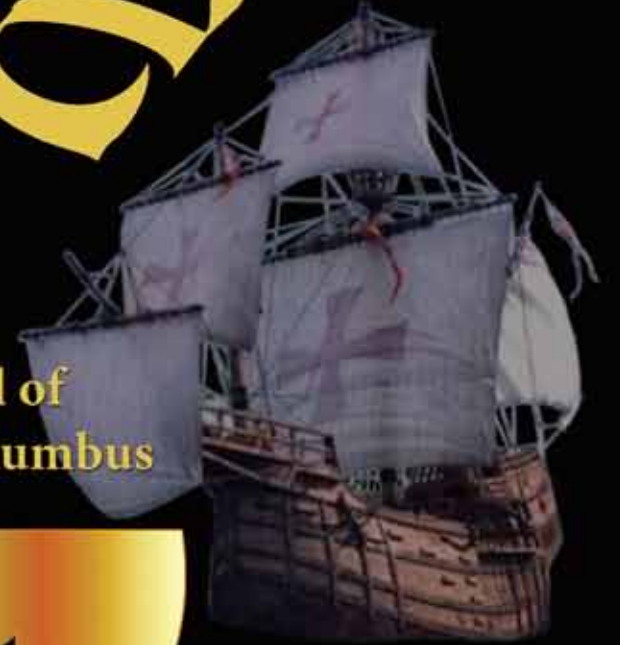
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