

To my ally Icarian,

We stand upon a precipice. A single wrong step will spell destruction, as powers beyond our control amass and threaten to crash into the shores of Al'Daric. We can ride this tide or be crushed under it's power, but either way we will not remain the same. Despite the enormity of the times facing us, however, my instructions for you are much as they were last month.

- Continue project Angelus to the best of our capability. Diabolus may be set aside for the time being, as it is not the weapon appropriate for this battle.*
- Prepare for a potential summit hosting Dun Sancerre and the Keitan League. Wherever we meet should be as secure as we can make it, and naturally with a tunable warding scheme should talks turn south.*
- Continue expanding the Pathways, possibly to Grovel, though out of respect to those holding armies at our borders, abstain from extending to the Assembly.*
- Make initial preparations for war. Nothing overt, merely start scouting out capable battlemages whom we may call upon should the need arise.*
- Investigate methods which may we use to trade with the QQ in secret. The Pathways are adequate, though attempt to keep most trade out of the public eye.*
- Send exploration parties into the Ultralands with the express purpose of gathering as much 'Ultrium' as possible. The more the better, even if we do not have an immediate use for it.*
- Should you find yourself with spare resources, I trust you are capable of ascertaining where they may be best spent.*

*Best regards, my loyal friend,
The Headmaster*