

*To: JR*

*From: the Headmaster*

*Having received your report regarding the alleged violation of terms 1.2.2, I am filing an official appeal regarding your accusations and submitting counter-evidence as invited to and instructed by by your communications.*

*The exact terms of 1.2.2 are as follows:*

*1.2.2: Respect others*

*We do not condone the erasure of cultures, species or knowledge.*

*Client nations that are shown to participate in this will be considered in breach of terms, pending renegotiations or cessation of services.*

*We explicitly consider mind binding, mind slavery, or other forms of suppression of individual free will to be in breach of these terms.*

*The stated reason for violation of 1.2.2 is allegedly “negligence,” which we wholeheartedly deny. All actions taken were within reasonable responses to direct threats, with all due diligence taken to prevent any and all incidents which might result in a situation akin to the Shaking Plague and Blue Blight currently ravaging Bellor.*

*During the Age of Chaos, Al'Daric frequently faced numerous issues which required a rapid deployment of alchemical agents, biological alterations, and early-warning methods for magic storms. Accordingly, Darician researchers developed techniques to create and modify diseases with beneficial symptoms (to this day, most Daricians experience heavy bouts of sneezing in the time before wild magic phenomena materialize, courtesy of a centuries-old manufactured disease).*

*This brings us closer to present day, which is when we were contacted by the Quotidian Quorum through official channels, from one “Jamie,” introduced as an individual as a high-ranking intern, a respectable and influential position, who informed us of a direct threat to Al'Daric's sovereignty and arguable violation of term 1.2.2 in a self-replicating enchantment placed upon mundane rats which apparently made them intelligent and under the direct control of the Kingdom of Grovel, which presents not only a potential existential threat for Al'Daric in the form of mutated rat swarms resulting from a wild magic burst (something we have dealt with previously), only with intelligence and under mental command from a foreign entity.*

*Furthermore, in this selfsame communication, Jamie (who we presumed had at least some level of official backing given the letter came through genuine diplomatic channels) specifically requested that, quote “We would like you to strike back at the rats with your magic, or make them not spies, do what you will with them.” In response to this request, coupled with the aforementioned revealed threat to our existence, used our knowledge and experience with biological agents to develop a countermeasure.*

*While we were in the midst of lab testing, we were subjected to a magical attack in the guise of a potentially natural flare of magic perfectly tuned to disrupt our protections, which was calculated to be a 0.0000000009% chance of occurring, or a 1 in more than 111 billion chance. Simultaneously, the test agent mutated from a form which would cause no more of a reaction than minor fever in lab rats alone (exposure to human laboratory aides showed no cross-species transmissibility) to a deadly disease fully capable of infecting almost all forms of life. To call the latter event unlikely is an understatement, it is utterly unprecedented and wholly impossible outside of deliberate interference according to my own experience and the assurance of all mages who are or ever have been involved with any form of Vivimancy.*

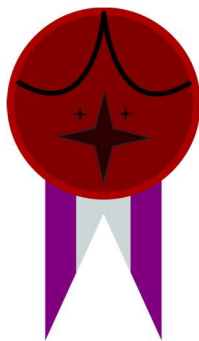
*We were completely and utterly truthful in our global proclamation wherein Al'Daric was the target of a bioterrorism attack. The odds of a single nigh-impossible event occurring, let alone two simultaneously, firmly pushes the onus of reasonable preparations past Al'Daric and into the hands of whoever or whatever organized this attack, or a leftover remnant event from the Age of Chaos. Regardless, Al'Daric claims and has no responsibility regarding the Shaking Plague and its derivation the Blue Blight.*

*Regardless of our own lack of culpability to the matter, we attempted to divest significant research into curing the plague to the best of our ability. Accordingly, we began research into two plagues, Angelus and Diabolis, to carry on the Darician tradition of using biological agents to spread desirous traits throughout the process. The former was intended as a direct cure, the latter as an agent which could be tuned to deal with our initial worry, of foreign interests violating terms 1.2.2 themselves with Al'Daric in their sights. Both projects were in complete and total control (barring another attack or literally impossible fluke, which we have taken steps to counteract besides) before your saboteurs crippled our efforts to develop a cure for the Shaking Plague, and what limited progress we had made was counteracted in part by the emergence of the Blue Blight. Your agents are therefore directly impeding*

*our efforts to counteract the bioterrorism attack made possible by your own agent's actions and statements.*

*Finally, we are physically incapable of divesting all information and tools we have pertaining to self-replicating biological agents short of a complete mind wipe or mind control of more than half the nation, given its intrinsic tie to our history. What you seek is in itself a violation of your self-proclaimed term 1.2.2.*

*If you continue to impede efforts made within Al'Daric to protect ourselves, tools to aid others and to undo the effects wrought by either an act of god or a malicious agent, I and those I represent will have no choice but to see you as and treat you as a hostile foreign entity, seeking to oppress and subjugate our lands. I have treated you congenially thus far, but if you prove to be hostile, I will have to treat you as an enemy. This is far from my desire, though I will not hesitate if I must.*



*The Headmaster*