Honorable Leader of the Rahastan Assembly, Vulkerath Soot Scale,

Greetings from the esteemed offices of the Elthin Mage Academy of Al'Daric. I reach out to you with an offer that would prove immensely profitable. Your exports of spices and Titan Reagents are both incredibly high-quality, and those of my agents fortunate enough to visit your lands have assured me that the fresh fruit and fish you likewise seek to sell far surpass those which we can attain in Al'Daric on our own.

Therefore, I wish to offer you a bargain unlike any offered by any of your other neighbors or allies, and one unlikely to be made by any others. We wish to make you the Cir'Kalan, or Partner Primus, of Al'Daric. In exchange for merely the first pick of your Titan Reagents and similar components in trade, our nation offers to open the first international Path within your fine Assembly.

These Pathways are a series of portals throughout the region, managed and maintained by our nation and the Elthin Academy itself. It is through the Pathways that we have such a thriving trade network internally, and there are no reasons for the Assembly to not likewise benefit in addition.

Access to the Pathways would open up trade to the entire continent for you, as your exports would be able to reach the heart of Bellor in hours instead of weeks, allowing for the sale of fresh fish as far east as the Serebian Confederation in time. In addition, the Pathways would enable your citizenry to attend the Elthin Academy in person. I have been informed that your mages are quite able and would greatly benefit from the refinement that the Academy is ready and able to provide. I would expect that you would see Archmages of your very own within the year should talented mages decide to attend.

While I could list countless wonders that would be available to freely trade upon the Pathways originating from our crafting halls, such artifacts best speak for themselves, so I have included with this letter a few of our prettier baubles as a gift of goodwill. The three items you should have received alongside this are, as we call them, an Aurora Ring, a Life Elixir, and a Comfort Amulet. The Aurora Ring, when worn, creates shimmering auroras of any color the wearer wishes, and can be shaped into creating projections of many sorts, the Life Elixir will cure most any disease afflicting the imbiber, and the Comfort Amulet will ensure the wearer is comfortable according to their own standard regardless of temperature, humidity, wind, or sunlight. But these are mere baubles compared to the golems, spatial pockets, and regeneration salves that

we can offer in trade should our partnership be founded and Al Daric remain at peace.

This brings me to my final and most serious point in this correspondence. We do not know Dun Sancerre's intentions with our fine nation, and while we are confident in our ability to repel any potential attacks from them, such an attack would force us to divert heavy amounts of resources from trade and production. Therefore, we would ask to form a defense pact. Should Al'Daric, or the Rahastan Assembly of Tribes, be attacked by an outside force, none other could supply you with a vast quantity of war supplies of the kind that would make any other weapon on the planet look like a mere sharpened stick in comparison. Doing so would lead to greater infrastructure; far more productive and impactful than even the most brilliant and fortunate efforts previously attempted.

Thus, I bring to close this letter, offering gifts of magical sophistication, an opportunity to join the global trade market, and requesting your participation in a mutually beneficial defense pact.

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and good health, and eagerly await your response,

Best wishes,

The Headmaster