

*To my ally, Mansa Sino'otollo, the Shark-Binder, Voice of the Navigators, High King of the Three Fleets, Ruler of the Four Seas, Lord of the Eight Islands, the Starblessed, Councillor of the Cnidarians, Good Buddy, Binder of Men, Cleaner of Latrines, First Sword of the Surf, Brine-bound and Iron Willed,*

*I apologize for not responding to you with the haste our new primary trading partner merits. I cannot assure you it will not happen again, sadly, but I can assure you I shall endeavor to avoid as much.*

*With the Pathways now established, I am certain that you have noticed as well as I the incredible bounty already passing through your lands. With time and cooperation, I hope that we can draw these ties together ever tighter, where our mutual trade, Al'Daric's magic and your martial prowess might prove a mighty alliance.*

*Fortunately for the both of us, Dun Sancerre has not made any aggressive maneuvers towards us, instead withdrawing partially from our lands, possibly to attempt an incursion towards the north where the Tauhan once stood.*

*Regarding the ruins of Tauhan, you and your people are most certainly welcome to use the Pathways to visit Al'Daric for any purpose save open hostility towards our nation. We have, after all, a pseudo-instantaneous method of travel between our peoples, and the blending of cultures can result in some truly fascinating and novel solutions to problems. In any case, we have plenty of guilds and attendant members who are quite eager to attempt to delve into the former Tauhan lands and the Ultralands alike. Should it interest your adventurers, these guilds are quite open to foreign members (and offer many advantages to those who would formally join), but even without dedicated membership, you likely will find willing participants and sponsors amongst these guilds quite easily for any expeditions you venture upon.*

*Regarding the Quotidian Quorum, may I inquire as to the slights presented? Their secrecy and mage-schools are of great interest to Al'Daric, the latter most of all, and for a culture that prizes the controlled flow of knowledge, sharing what we do know of them is surely a grave insult to them. As a gesture of goodwill, I shall share much of what I know of their people which I presume you may not yet know yourself:*

*They prize knowledge and learning "above all else," and have 'very rigorous' entry requirements to their own Magical Academy. Furthermore, they have great skill regarding languages, capable of responding in fluent Darician script after but a single letter written in such script. I have a suspicion that they are*

*not capable of original speech, merely repeating words and phrases they have encountered. I have little evidence for this, however. It is merely a hunch.*

*I also thank you for your donation of this carrion. One of my advisors is quite giddy at the possibility of investigating them, but they are being kept in stasis for the moment as we make the necessary preparations for a full dissection and examination. Accordingly, be prepared for a more complete report in time, and your generous provision of these corpses will potentially allow for the development of weapons and spells designed specifically with their unique biology in mind.*

*May Trade Flow Like Endless Rivers,*

*The Headmaster.*