

*To my friend and ally Icarian,*

*In this time of crisis, I ask you to do only what you have proven yourself adept at before, and what you are wont to do on your own.*

*Your first priority is, naturally, to find a cure for the Shakes which ravage both our people and that of our allies. Whatever form the cure takes, I urge you to make it available for purchase once it is ready. The Academy should subsidize some level of the cost of the cure for Daricians, as per usual, but foreign interests must still provide some level of payment for our services (though I am certain you need not be reminded of such a mundane fact of life, it bears repeating nonetheless).*

*Those who were working on the plague, and similar countermeasures for potential rat spies, keep them on their course. However, instead of making it a species-specific countermeasure, if at all possible, make it a contagious yet dormant plague, curse or similar, which requires activation to show any symptoms. In this way, we may be able to bring our enemies to their knees without Darician blood being shed. I recognize this may involve further research into Vivimancy to expand beyond our healing arts, which I give full authorization towards.*

*While the plague is a more urgent priority at the moment, the Pathways continue to be our most valuable resource and thus should continue to be expanded. I do not trust the Rahastan Assembly, and given we may well find ourselves at war with Dun Sancerre in the near future, I feel that the kingdom of Grovel (with their open invitation towards us to open an Embassy in the aboveground) is a decent next target, though I leave the final decision to your judgement.*

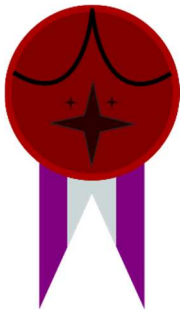
*If you feel that if the above goals can be adequately met yet still have resources remaining upon completion or adequate progress being met, the following projects are to be at least begun, accompanied by a variable level of commitment dependent on feasibility, resources, and initial results:*

- Attempt to extract 'Ultrium' from the Ultralands. Instructions from the QQ are attached to this report which supposedly contain instructions for how to extract the resource. Decipher and execute these instructions assuming costs are not too high.*

- *Related to the above, sponsorships of the Adventurer's Guild to begin probing expeditions into the Ultralands.*
- *Expansion of the Psiomantic branch of the Elthin Academy. Recent revelations, particularly from the Keitan League, have left me unsatisfied with our current state of mental defenses and enhancements.*
- *Further research Morhic Fields and our Necromancy branch for that specific aspect of soul magics.*

*As always, do not spread yourself too thin. These are to be longer-term projects, to be pursued with spare time. Naturally, should you find yourself in need of help, you are authorized to hire additional help. I trust you will not abuse this privilege.*

*Best regards and best of luck,*



*The Headmaster*