To the honorable Mansa Sino'otollo,

While I am unable to reply with my complete title due to the security of my office, the esteemed offices of the Elthin Mage Academy of Al Daric extend their sincerest greetings. Your invitation of diplomacy and trade is most welcome, and I wish to reach out in turn with an offer that would prove immensely profitable. I have heard of your mighty cities and binding of even Titanspawn, and convey my deepest respects to your people. Such a task is far from simple, and to do so reliably enough to form a civilization is truly legendary.

I recognize the difficulty involved in exploration and navigation, and Al'Daric is willing to provide assistance if required. However, as an alternative, we are willing to consider bypassing such an arduous task altogether by providing the Keitan League with a mighty artifact granting access to the Pathways.

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 access to the Pathways would connect the League directly to a massive trade network spanning the continent, as all the wealth and knowledge of the West would flow from and through your lands, enriching your people and making the Keitan League the centerpiece of magical trade and goods flowing to the east from as far west as the Rahastan Assembly of Tribes.

The astrolabe you have provided truly is a wondrous artifact. While I cannot speak knowledgably about the subject myself, the head astronomer of the Academy was most eager to use and study the device itself, and seems most pleased with its function. In exchange, I have provided a few artefacts of our own creation. The three items you should have received alongside this are, as we call them, an Aurora Ring, a Life Elixir, and, as a guesture of thanks for the astrolabe, a Wavemaster's 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 Amulet allows the wearer to move freely upon and through the water, allowing one to walk upon water, and breathe and swim faster than a man can run while underwater. But these are but samples of the golems, spatial pockets, and regeneration salves that we can offer in trade should our partnership be founded and Al'Daric remain at peace.

In exchange for access to this mighty trade network, all we request in turn is a promise of aid in battle from the skilled warriors of any tribe who wishes to use

the Pathways, should any foreign interests attempt to harm Al Daric. Even in this, however, we would be willing to provide you with access to mighty artifacts, powerful war golems, and more should you in turn require assistance in war.

Thus, I bring this response to a close, 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

(Included in the package are a plain silver ring that reflects a multitude of colors and casts multicolored light across the room, a crystal vial filled with a pale green liquid, and a copper amulet on a silk string engraved with innumerable tiny sigils and words)