

*Greetings to the Most Glorious Immortal Rat King Nibbles, of the Kingdom of Grovel,*

*May your reign be even longer, more glorious, and even more prosperous. It is with a heavy heart that I pen this letter, but I also have great hope for our future together as allies. As you have doubtlessly noticed, Dun Sancerre is preparing for war. Therefore, to aid both of our nations in the inevitable conflict, we wish to present a bargain unlike any offered by any of your other neighbors or allies, and one that shall never be found elsewhere.*

*In exchange for the armies of your fine kingdom's aid in battle should any foreign interests attempt to harm Al'Daric, we are prepared to lend access to the Pathways, a magical network of portals that can facilitate trade to a degree impossible otherwise. Through this network, it would be simplicity itself to provide support to your armies in the form of powerful artefacts, mighty defensive wards, and potentially even direct aid from our battlemage corps should the situation require it.*

*Even in peacetime, such a trade network would be a massive boon to your kingdom, as all the wealth and knowledge would flow through your lands, enriching your people and making the Kingdom of Grovel the centerpiece of magical trade and goods flowing to the east from as far west as the Rahastan Assembly of Tribes. Such an arrangement would be quite mutually beneficial, particularly given the low cost to you and your people for such an opportunity.*

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

*Best wishes,*

*The Headmaster*