

*Greetings to High Chancellor Wladislaw,*

*I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. From the reports I have received, you are perhaps the only other nation that similarly places as high an importance on the magical arts as they are due. Accordingly, we wish to present to you a bargain unlike any offered by any of your other neighbors or allies, and one that shall never be found elsewhere.*

*We have heard of the fine warriors of your land, and in exchange for their 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 more besides, even should all other avenues of supply be cut off. The Pathways allow the journey to be accomplished in but the blink of an eye for the traveler, and with none of the dangers of crossing hazardous terrain or navigating around warbands.*

*Even in peacetime, such a trade network would be a massive boon to your cities, as all the wealth and knowledge of Al'Daric and the West would flow through your lands, enriching your people and making the Serebrian Confederation the origin of magical trade and goods flowing to the east from as far west as the Rahastan Assembly of Tribes.*

*Furthermore, the Pathways would allow your mage-nobles direct access to the Elthin Academy and all the opportunities therein. Even the oldest and most knowledgeable archmages of Al'Daric constantly learn and discover new facets of magic within its hallowed halls, and I am confident that even the mightiest and most knowledgeable of your mages would likewise benefit from the resources and knowledge it provides.*

*I eagerly await your response,*

*Looking Ever Onwards,*

*The Headmaster*