

*To her majesty Empress Adélaïde de Val-d'Oise de Lesdiguières,*

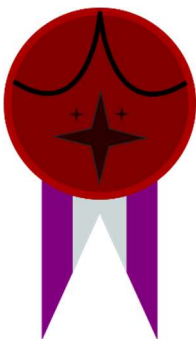
*I am pleased and highly relieved that my letter managed to find its way to you prior to your summit with the Keitan League. Had you invaded us, we would have been forced into using more... unsavory tactics.*

*While the Quotidians have yet to return our research to us (they claim they cannot), we hopefully have established enough countermeasures for their kind to work on engineering a permanent cure for the Shaking Plague and its sister, the Blue Blight. With some fortune, such efforts shall pay off shortly and we can focus upon the true threats which face us.*

*Which brings me to the matter of the Quotidian Quorum. My people are not warlike, we are more scholars and artificers. While some mages may be willing to assist in your battles, I cannot provide any noticeable level of military force outside of a direct and substantial threat, such as invasion. A counterattack to our neighbors to the south does not qualify, unfortunately. However, I can attempt to provide support to your efforts to the best of my ability. The workshops of Al'Daric are open to you, and will continue to be for as long as your wars are in pursuit of our common enemies.*

*Unfortunately, I am incapable of providing use of the Pathways to strike directly into the heart of the QQ. As per their insistence, the Path established within their lands is near their border, and in a false town beyond that. What I can instead provide is access to many Paths near their border, and, with your leave, a corresponding Path in the heart of Sancerran lands, enabling you to all but bypass the supply train such an army mandates. Depending on the nature and length of your occupation of Quorum lands, we may even be capable of installing a Path on the other end, providing unparalleled options and opportunity for your military.*

*Best regards,*



*The Headmaster*