

*To the lovely Primus Empress Adélaïde de Val-d'Oise de Lesdiguières*

*Greetings from your new neighbor, Al'Daric. Firstly, I must compliment you on your wines. My Deputy, Trader Heramesh, has sent me a casket of your of your Verlon Reds, and, having sampled it myself, I must congratulate you on surpassing our skill in the field despite generations of magically-grown and enhanced grapes and enchanted fermentation techniques. It would be unbelievable if not for the glass I have sitting beside me even as I pen this letter.*

*I have received several reports that you are quite keen on honorable and glorious combat. As befitting your honorable nature and skill in the field of war, Al'Daric would be interested in establishing a formal pact of mutual defense, such that any external threat we may face would be fought back with a combination of overwhelming physical might and magical superiority. Should you likewise wish to strengthen your military might to the benefit of us both, our nation is prepared to equip you with magical equipment. Furthermore, Al'Daric and the Elthin academy would consider lending the armies of Dun Sancerre use of the Pathways, a magical transportation network. An army with backing provided by the Elthin Academy would not only have weapons years beyond any other on the continent, but additionally unparalleled mobility and information-gathering techniques.*

*Trade with your armies near our borders thus far has been extremely profitable, and to continue such efforts in peace would be a great boon to your nation, as mere foodstuffs from your land are traded for marvelous artefacts from Al'Daric. Breads and wines imported from Dun Sancerre, for instance, have been especially popular amongst the citizenry, and my reports inform me that the magical baubles that have made their way into your nation have proven very popular. Certainly, these trinkets are interesting, but they are merely that- trinkets- compared to other artefacts we have to offer.*

*Still, the potential gains from such trade pales in comparison to what lies beyond our shared border: the Ultralands. We would seek to support excursions lead by Dun Sancerre into these untamed lands. There is glory and valor to be found exploring such wild lands, and all Al'Daric would seek to gain from the lands is the knowledge and more curious eldritch phenomena to be found in the wastes. Therefore, I would propose that Dun Sancerre lead expeditions into these uncharted lands, and Al'Daric would lend magical and material support to those who decide to venture into the Ultralands and seek glory for themselves and their nation*

*I thus present an opportunity for a long and peaceful cooperation between our two nations.*

*May your reign be long and prosperous,*

*With regards,*

*The Headmaster*