

To Soot Scale,

Apologies for my extraneous letter, my intern Jaimie has been quite insistent in getting to practice writing to additional nations, and I wished to secure your approval first. I understand the desire to corroborate data with additional sources. I admit I am taken aback at the nature of the spells which so offended the League. Our coins have had such spells on them for as far back as our records go, so as to better understand the world. That such a thing caused offense, rather than some additional, here-to-fore unknown, spells leaves us baffled.

I will indeed deliver the attached letter, but I must confess that it was opened and read before your own. My people's insatiable curiosity worked against us, and we were unaware it was not for our eyes until now. Towards that end, we must emphasize that we are grateful for your mediation. I refuse to speak to the League directly after such fear. For this reason, we brought in an Intern to attempt to communicate, but given the League's silence I suspect Jaimie was not up to the task. If you would instead speak to the League on my behalf, my mind would rest far more easily.

Even though you have not let us know if our traders are welcome in your land, if there is indeed an enemy to us all I can provide the following information regarding the Ultralands:

- Source: Agent [REDACTED]
 - Infiltration totally unsuccessful, 100% casualty rate, no distress signals received.
- Source: FRIEND
 - Anyone seeking [REDACTED] is guaranteed to arrive within three days of seeking.
 - No one dies in the Ultralands.
 - Anyone who reaches [REDACTED] will be able to return.
- Source: JR
 - We plan to continue infiltration.
 - We plan to clarify data point: '100% casualty rate' vs datapoint: "No one dies in the Ultralands".

With friendship,

JR

p.s. It occurs to me we do not know if you have made the acquaintance of FRIEND. Or if you have heard of a Princess of a Land not described to us by the Heralds, who has an approaching birthday. Are these things you would be willing to tell us?