

Vulkerath,

*It brings us the honor of our Ancestors to aid your families in understanding many things. We have gotten a letter from Keitan directly, though have no desire to respond to it. We appreciate you paying our honor debt to the League and understand it was to pursue your goal of peace. The League has not yet met our own requirements for peace. While they do not present an existential threat as your Enemy does, they remain a significant presence in our minds. Also, our empathy demands responding in kind. The bulk of our letters from them have been of a tone we do not wish to internalize. We would not wish to be viewed as assholes among the nations.*

*It surprises me to hear Grovel has been writing. It would break poor Jaimies heart to find out King Nibbles has been ignoring them explicitly. It is good that more of the people of Bellor are aware of our common Enemy.*

*Your desires have been noted. We will begin efforts to support your work towards growth, survival and purpose.*

*Vulkerath, I thank you in kind. When two peoples are able to support each other's weaknesses, that is the tradition of the Bestie. That which we are good at is a need you have. That which you are good at is a need we have. This balance is found over and over in nature. It is the sort of friendship that matters for generations.*

*Our friendship brings me peace, as well. Your contributions help Jaimie to grow. I now understand this through the frame of your desire to help all grow.*

*JR*

A second letter, in an identical hand is below the first.

*Dear Vulkerath,*

*I have grown so much since I last wrote you! I have so many questions. How did you learn so much about the world? How would that help me in my studies? Why does my life seem so meaningless now that the League is gone? What's the best way to learn a language? Do you think I should study more magic or science? What about history? What does it teach us? And what can we do with that knowledge? When will I be able to leave this place? Do you know anything about the outside world?*

*What if I want to be a shaman like you? Do you know any good places to start out on my journey? Can I join up with some sort of tribe?*

*If you don't know anything about these things, it doesn't matter. The only thing you need to know is that I love you.*

*Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to write to me! Thank you for answering all my questions. It means a lot to hear from someone else. I hope one day I can meet you. I will try to reply as soon as possible.*

*Your Friend,*

*Jacob Jaimie R. Age 17*

*p.s. JR says I am not old enough yet to have more names. And that it is my own fault for picking the same initials. JR is really unfair.*