

*To our valued trade partners in the Keitan League,*

*We regret to inform you that the nation of Al'Daric has been the target of a bio-magical warfare strike, unleashing the virulent plague known as "The Shaking Plague" upon our nation. Reports seem to indicate that while your nation has thus far escaped its clutches, we wish to extend assurances that we are working on a cure for this disease. In the meantime, we advise limiting trade with other infected nations with inferior disease-handling protocols and taking precautions such as initiating a quarantine protocol, isolating within individual residences as much as possible. For individuals or groups suffering from or wishing to avoid contracting the Shakes, we advise coming to Al'Daric, where advanced medical care is available. We are also capable of disposing of any diseased corpses safely and in such a manner that should prevent further contamination.*

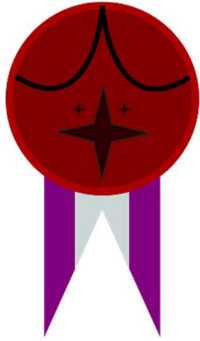
*While we have some early suspicions to the originator of this cowardly attack, investigations are still ongoing and we hesitate to assign blame before we are certain who is responsible. Rest assured, Al'Daric is doing everything in its power to deal with this plague and unleash appropriate retaliation upon those responsible.*

*In perhaps no more pleasant news, though certainly less dire, I can categorically deny any officially sanctioned actions taken against Keitan League establishments from any office I have sway over. Oaths are not made lightly in Al'Daric, though I can provide such if that is what you require. While I cannot say with confidence this was not any form of independent actor originating within Al'Daric, I suspect one of two possible culprits for this attack: either the same mysterious attacker which unleashed the Shaking Plague upon us and now wishes to sour relations between our two powerful nations, or the Quotidian Quorum.*

*In regards to the Quorum, their corpses have proven remarkably fruitful for our research. While I shall spare you the details, I can assure you that simply studying them has advanced some of our theoretical soul-magic knowledge by leaps and bounds. It seems that they are both magical and nonmagical, capable of magically shifting their true form, making them shapeshifters wholly immune to all normal methods of divining the presence of such creatures. Nonetheless, we are confident with some time we can counteract this ability, though our current attention is still on the Shaking Plague, so dealing with*

*Quotidian spies is something of a lower priority, as I am certain you understand.*

*Best regards, and may a river of gold never run dry,*



*The Headmaster*