



To my friends: the Headmaster-in-shadows and Sir Nibbles the engorged

I write this letter to both of you, to facilitate a great undertaking.

As I have written to you both separately, the Empress of Dun Sancerre has written to me of her intentions to forcibly make a protectorate of Al'Daric and to push her armies through Tauhan and into Grovel, purging it of the "impure." She intends to move on Al'Daric once more as soon as Tauhan is under her secure control. For our part, the Empress believes she can get us to stand aside or even assist these attacks by threatening us with the might of her armies if we do not. On other fronts, we believe the QQ have sought to poison Keitan relations with you both, whilst the correspondent known as FRIEND seeks to play us against each other with tasks and plagues.

We in Keitan will not be ruled by outside forces, and the mere fact that others seek to turn us against you or to threaten us to stand aside so they can invade makes us desire greater friendship. Beyond that, your nations have proved your worth and wisdom in your own ways. I propose we deepen these friendships, both for its innate virtues and so that we might stand united against threats which seek to bully us individually. My proposal is this:

Our three nations form a loose defensive military alliance, with a name determined by our members.

The members pledge to defend each other if attacked by a hostile power

- if one member does not wish to commit military forces or does not have them, they can provide financial or magical support
- if the member is the aggressor, support could be requested but is not guaranteed by this treaty
- If any one member attacks the others, the other two unite against them (lesser hostile acts could be punished by sanctions)

Other terms could be added if you wish. Let me know of your thoughts. Sincerely



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