To the Enigm atic JR,

I tak e no off ense at your requirem ent of entrance exams to enter into your schols, as, just as you surmised, much the same ra e required in our own Elthin Academy simply as part of the appl ication process (though said tests are adm ittedly more to determ ine the proper inducti on l evel to the Acad emy rather than to k ep prospective students out altogether, as we value the contributions that any individual could provide with an education, not m erely the el ite).

Howev er, I am certain that, ev en if not all Daric ians who wish to attend your f ine schol will manage to do so, at l east a handful will, and that itself will aid in diplomatic and soc ial ties.

I likewise welcom e the aid provided in trav ersing h azard ous terrain, and anticipate the reports I receive from those who you gu ide as to h ow skill ed you are in such manners. Regarding the Rahastna Assembly, I do understand the ned to confirm, though my

understanding of their reluctance to open a Pathway more so regards a h esitancy to welcome such a strong foreign ni fluence within their lands as opposed to receiving trade from outsid e. I shall begin making the rel ev ant preparations posthaste.

I apologize for the del ay in this response; my stati on has k ept m e unavoidably busy as of l ate.

Best regards,

The Headmaster