

*Vulkerath, esteemed and treasured friend,*

*We are glad. We had feared we had made too many mistakes in communication, and broke your fragile trust in us. We can devote our vast curiosity to the task of discovering your enemy's place in the world, should you wish it.*

*At first, we had assumed a culture misunderstanding with the Keitan League. We have no wish for conflict nor confusion. As you say, their ways appear an affront to us. We only asked they not bring them to our lands, just as they asked us to not bring our ways to their traders. If you learn anything that sets your mind at ease, please feel free to tell us, should you feel it appropriate.*

*We will defer to your wishes with regards to The Mage College. Should you wish us to take action, you have but to say the word. You have earned our friendship.*

*I will not deny the unease your threats of sealing us in did cause. I highly value your communication, and do not wish to return to how things had been. However, I fully understand the desire to protect your family. Our goal remains the preservation of life, culture, and information. As such, we felt no burden at being asked to provide answers to your questions. We are happy to provide an esteemed friend with the knowledge we have accumulated.*

*Perhaps our curiosity could serve us both well? We value your traders, and others, that have brought us news of the changes in the world. With your permission, we could offer information in exchange for trade? We could send our own traders to your lands to give information in exchange for goods, while still paying any traders venturing into our own lands in coin. This role is a familiar one for us, and we would treasure the chance to resume it. Knowledge spread is knowledge that cannot be extinguished.*

*Time without outside contact has made many of my people unfit to leave our land. It is my dream that with enough information of the outside world they may be acclimated to it, and so recover. The youngest of us have proven to be the most suited for leaving our borders. As we have seen with the Keitan League, they do not always make the wisest of decisions. Should you accept our traders into your borders, I hope you will help them to not make cultural blunders. To have a chance to recover.*

*Your apology is gratefully accepted.*

*JR*

*((ooc: confirm with manic but last i heard our traders provide a bonus to prosperity, or a multiplier to other trade depending on how we spin it up, rather than direct wealth. plus in letters you'd be able to ask questions about things without threats needed))*