

Greetings to you, Ambassadors.

My apologies for the relatively frank nature of this missive, and that I am having the same letter copied to each of you rather than more personalised messages - we are most busy here! I simply want to quickly outline the remaining matters of various trade opportunities.

Firstly, on the trade of rituals. I will be sending a delegate to the coming Spring summit to conduct the exchange. Obviously the delicate and significant nature of the texts being exchanged means that I hope you will ensure the delegate is well-treated and well protected. They will have full details as to the Jarmish end of the deal - the coven who will be receiving the Imperial text - and of course will be carrying the ritual text from Jarm that you have indicated, namely that which is used in quickening the raising up of fortifications.

Secondly, Magician-Prince Zmeshka still wishes to perform the exchange of the Shield of Wisdom in return for a True Liao vision at Anvil. However, she is also now receiving extensive interest in the Shield from representatives of Suumah. As such, she asks that your Gatekeepers assign the True Liao for her vision this summit, so that she may travel to Anvil for the Summer summit and undertake the vision. If the Gatekeepers are not able to come to agreement on this assignation of True Liao, I regret to inform you that Her Eminence will instead trade the Shield to Suumah - so time is dearly of the essence here.

Thirdly, I am very pleased to hear that work has proceeded apace on the construction of the merchant compound near Tassato. This news has been carried to the crystal traders interested in participating and they will, barring any unforeseen circumstances, begin buying and selling at the Exchange from the coming season onwards.

Finally, on the matter of the Realmsroot trade with the Golden Pyramid, the Magician-Prince in question has indicated their willing to raise the offer of crystal mana to thirty-six crystals for the twelve Realmsroot, but the ongoing bequest that they will grant remains at two Thrones per season. However, I strongly expect that if the deal is not struck this season, they will lose interest - they have other demands on their mana and wealth, after all. In terms of what to do with the Realmsroot if the Golden Pyramid do acquire it, I recommend it be given to Ambassador Eriktho so that she can convey it via ambassadorial channels during the coming season. If it is acquired by the time that the delegate arrives for the ritual trade, it could instead be given to them, but I cannot currently guarantee when during the summit that delegate will arrive.

With regards,

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