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*Tarquinius Ankarien,*

*I appreciate your flexibility with your initial deadline. Unfortunately, none of my associates in Kaban are aware of anybody creating a substance similar – but distinct – to blackened key.*

*The one herb you mentioned that is not common in the Empire: black lotus. I have heard that name before. It's an uncommon term, a flower which is not a lotus at all – it's a black orchid. I could speak nothing of its effects; I am no herbalist and have never come across it save for hearing a snatch or two from merchants.*

*It is of course understandable that we will not be able to come to a transaction at this time. I hope we may find reason to trade in future as Kaban finds its feet once more.*

*Regards,*

*Hippolytus Marinos*