

SIMARGL!

I WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR YOU WERE PREPARED TO TAKE MY HELP FOR THE LYCEUM. THE PLANS ARE ACTUALLY PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD. THERE'S A PLACE ON THE ISLAND - I'M SURE YOU KNOW IT ALREADY - WITH ALL THE ORANGE TREES AND THE LITTLE STREAM. THERE'S A NIGHT REGIO THERE. ITS NICE AND SHADY WITH GOOD ACCESS TO THE REST OF THE COLLEGE AND THE FRUIT TREES ARE A BONUS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO THROW IN A FOUNTAIN, BUT THAT'S JUST A SUGGESTION. PLENTY OF BOWERS PEOPLE CAN LOUNGE IN AND DRINK AND CHAT AND ... WELL GENERALLY A PLEASANT GARDEN ATMOSPHERE, THAT WILL HELP PEOPLE RELAX WHILE THEY'RE LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION.

THEN WE'LL WANT A STRUCTURE TO PUT SOME WORK ROOMS, SOME SHELVES FOR SCROLLS AND BOOKS, AND THINGS LIKE THAT IN. THE BEST THING TO BUILD THAT OUT OF IS WEIRWOOD, BUT IT'LL NEED A LITTLE MITHRIL AS WELL. SOME RUNES OR ASTRONOMANTIC SIGILS OR MIRRORS OR WHAT HAVE YOU. DICKIE HAS DROPPED OFF SOME SKETCHES WITH THE STAFF ALREADY.

FINALLY, I NEED A STATUE OF ME. I KNOW, I KNOW. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO START WAVING THEIR ARMS AND COMPLAINING ABOUT IDOLATRY BUT LET'S BE CLEAR I'M NOT LOOKING FOR AN IDOL JUST A NICE STATUE. AS THE PATRON OF THIS ANNEXE, I DON'T THINK IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR? I'M NOT FUSSED WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AS LONG AS ITS REASONABLY BIG, AND IS DEFINITELY ME. YOU DON'T NEED TO ADD AN ALTAR BUT YOU CAN IF YOU LIKE.

I'M JOKING!

OH AND FEEL FREE TO THROW IN A BUST OR A STATUE OF YOURSELF - YOU'RE THE DEAN WHO'S MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

THIS WILL COME UP TO A COST OF 6 WEIRWOOD AND 4 MITHRIL ALL TOLD. YOU CAN DEFINITELY BUILD IT BIGGER IF YOU LIKE, BUT ALL THAT'LL DO IS MAKE IT MORE IMPRESSIV. ACCORDING TO DICKIE, YOU'LL ALSO WANT 20 CROWNS FOR LABOUR AND WHAT HAVE YOU BUT IF YOU LIKE I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO SEND YOU SOME OF MY LOT TO BUILD THE THING FOR FREE IF YOU GET THE BUILDING MATERIALS. YOU'LL NEED A SENATE MOTION I'M AFRAID, AND IT'LL BE A COMMISSION AND SO ON.

AT THE END OF IT ALL THE LYCEUM WILL HAVE A NICE PLACE TO HANG OUT AND SMOKE, DRINK, EAT, AND RELAX AND THINK ABOUT MAGIC. I'LL SEND SOME OF MY FAVOURED - HERALDS AND MORTALS ALIKE - TO HELP THE MAGICIANS OF THE LYCEUM FORMULATE WHATEVER MAGIC THEY ARE WORKING ON. EVERYTHING WILL BE ABOVE BOARD - NOBODY WILL BE STEALING ANYTHING OR SNEAKING SPIES INTO THE PLACE, I GIVE YOU MY WORD.

THEY'LL WANT PAYING - THE HERALDS AND THE MAGICIANS ALIKE - IN IRIDESCENT GLOWING. WHATEVER REALM OF MAGIC YOU'RE WORKING ON, DOESN'T MATTER. THE FIRST FIVE RANKS OF ADDITIONAL RESEARCH IN A SEASON WILL SET THE DEAN BACK 18 MEASURES. THE NEXT FIVE RANKS WILL COST A FURTHER 44 MEASURES. THE NEXT FIVE RANKS WILL COST A FURTHER 88 MEASURES, AND SO ON DOUBLING THE COST FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FIVE RANKS OF RESEARCH WITHIN THE SAME SEASON.

ITS NOT CHEAP BUT WHEN YOU REALLY WANT TO GET A RITUAL COMPOSED QUICKLY, I THINK ITS WORTH THE TROUBLE. OBVIOUSLY IF THE CONCLAVE GIVES ME ENMITY IT WON'T DO FUCK ALL UNTIL THE ENMITY IS REMOVED AGAIN SO BEAR THAT IN MIND

IF THERES ANY QUESTIONS, YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME.

OH BEFORE I FORGET I GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU. COME SEE ME TONIGHT OR SEND A MINION OR WHATEVER.

