

Nim Brittlebane,

I know you remember me from last Solstice. I must apologise for the actions of our courier in delivering the Northbound Trademaster's invite to you. But I enjoyed the evening, and feel sure that the plans made would not be the same without your involvement. I believe it to have been a genuine error – but can't be certain that it was not something they did deliberately. They are, as we all should be, a little disappointed in the creation of the Temeschwar – Otkodov Mana Exchange, and may have acted deliberately.

Fortunately the actual Northbound Trademaster titleholder changed at the last Summit, and so we can invite them to join our discussions as well as keeping you included. We have told the other trade network members to expect you at discussions and entertainments, and pointed out that after all, we are not titleholders ourselves, so they can hardly object to one more who is not!

So, on to the Equinox. Will you join us to see the chocolate game? We will be at The Sovereign's Head in Anvil on Saturday, a little after half past nine in the evening. We're happy to move to another venue once we meet if the Network prefer. It's a game of risk – would you ask Berwyn to tell you about it, so I don't need to explain more – its Nils thing really.

As for the network plans, I support the Seren extension – but with a caveat. We want it to be very clear that the road to Seren extends from Kalpaheim south, not from Temeschwar. And we – well you all – will likely need to get a statement of principle from the Prosperity assembly approving the plans. If you do, we'll contribute at least a wain or two of whatever is needed.

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Finally, my colleague Crosbie is heading to Anvil, to Lumi's about a half turn after the start of the summit to talk to some Wintermark mediators. If you want to reassure them about Kalpaheim's role in the new plan, feel free to drop in - perhaps around seven in the evening? If not, Nils and myself or another colleague primed for negotiations will be happy to talk alongside the Saturday evening game.

I look forward to meeting you again

Aelric Kulsdottir

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We've added an OOC note to the other trade network members letters explaining our admin error, asking them not to challenge you about your inclusion IC or OOC, unless you choose to bring it up in an IC way. We hope we've given enough of an IC description for you to use if you decide its helpful for you to talk about it, but it's absolutely fine to completely avoid the topic .

For the attention of the <Vlod>, <Overseer of the Westward Road>

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Second, a suggestion:

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Aelric speaks highly of her influence, and we **insist on continuing to include her** in further discussions and entertainments. After all, we are not titleholders in your network either! As it happens, a **new League Northbound Trademaster was elected at the last Solstice**, and so it will be quite natural for us to bring them into the plans as well.

Somewhat relatedly, Aelric suggests I remind you of the decisions that were previously made in Temeschwar where the League gathered mana hungrily to themselves in building a new mana exchange which reduced Prosperity for the Northern Roads Network. Let us hope the new title holder will have enough influence to ensure the network does not suffer in future.

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