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1. Obtain verbal confirmation from the current leader of the humans, and the current leader of the elemental faction in question that they agree to a treaty.
2. Compose an introductory paragraph expressing your desires for the treaty. Write it down.
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6. Sign it yourself and obtain the signature of 1 other witness. (There should be 4 signatures on the treaty at this point.)
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How to Remove a Seal

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If you would like to clean a seal off a possible conduit location, you must:

1. Acquire a A Large Bowl (999), and fill it with water from the pond, stream or sink. (This will take you 2 minutes).
2. Acquire a A Bottle of Lye (999). *These items will come to a total of 3 hands bulky, so you will either need help or you will need to walk heel to toe to your location.*
3. Then spend 3 minutes cleaning the seal off. Role play accordingly.

How to Seal a Conduit Location

In the name of maintaining your advantage on this plane, you intend to prevent anyone from opening the Conduit tonight. To do this, you will have to seal the possible Conduit locations. This also leads to your ultimate goal of sealing the Conduit permanently. To seal the Conduit locations, you will need to draw a Rune of Sealing across the location in a mixture of human blood and elemental “blood.”

To seal a Conduit location:

1. Acquire a vial of human blood. To do this use your “Draw Blood” ability.
2. Acquire a vial of elemental “blood” from any elemental faction (you *may* acquire the blood from yourself). To do this use your “Draw Blood” ability.
3. Spend 2 minutes mixing the human and elemental blood and shaping the rune of sealing. Roleplay accordingly. If anyone asks you what you are doing (ie: “What do I see?”), explain to them that they see you spreading a dark, sticky substance over this location.
4. Make a tally mark on each vial when you use the vial to seal a location. **Each pair of vials (one of human blood and one of elemental blood) can be used to create up to 3 seals before they are empty (at which point, destroy the item cards).**
5. Swap the “ over the Conduit location to indicate that it has been sealed.

Unfortunately, this seal is not permanent until it sets and the mixture will not set for several days. Until then, someone could wash your seal off. You will have to keep an eye on it.

If 8 possible locations are sealed at the end of game, the Conduit will be sealed permanently and can never be opened again.

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