

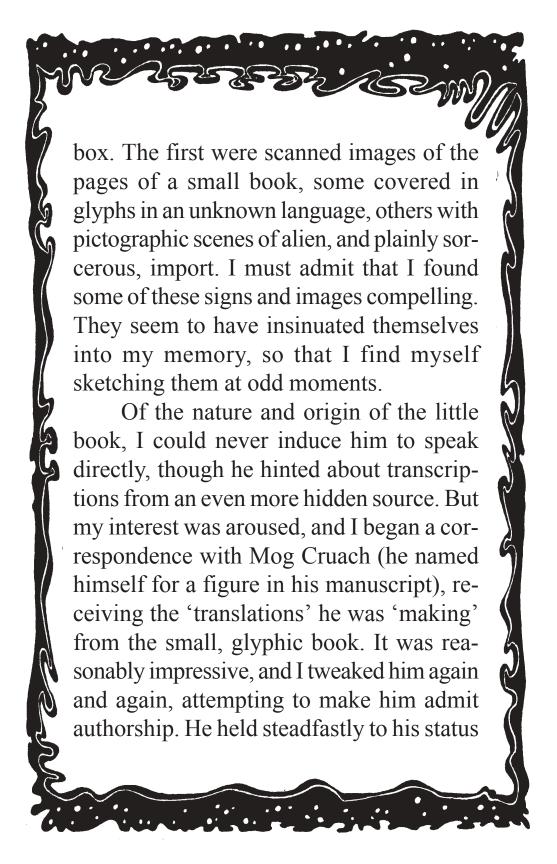


This manuscript came to me strangely. In the course of my work in Paganism and the Occult Revival, I have reason to spend a good deal of time on the internet. While a great deal of that may be called productive time, another portion is spent in pointless amusement, including so-called chat rooms. It was in one of these that I met the persona called 'Mog Cruach'. Of course, the pseudonyms used in these live exchanges are little indicator of the kind of person at the other end of the net, so I smiled at his Celtoid nickname, and we chatted.

At first I treated 'Mog Cruach' as a joke played by a knowledgeable wag. When he (I think of him as male, from his style, though without real reason) talked about the manuscript in an unknown hand that he was slowly deciphering, about the

strange tale of ancient Wales that it contained, I smiled to myself. He was plainly a well-read person, capable of concocting the whole business. When he began to talk about the latter sections of the manuscript, and their correlation with the often-pastiched works of early 20th century horror writer Howard Phillips Lovecraft, I laughed. None of the wouldbe revelators of the True version of Lovecraft's famous Cthulhu Mythos have ever seemed more authentic to me than, say 'Bob' Dobbs and his cuddly Subgeniuses. Mog claimed that he had found a branch of the Mythos that was Celtic in nature, and that he could prove it to me. I'm afraid that, several times, I engaged him in pointless yet erudite debate, and even mocked his assertions openly, if good-naturedly. So I was, at first, rather annoyed

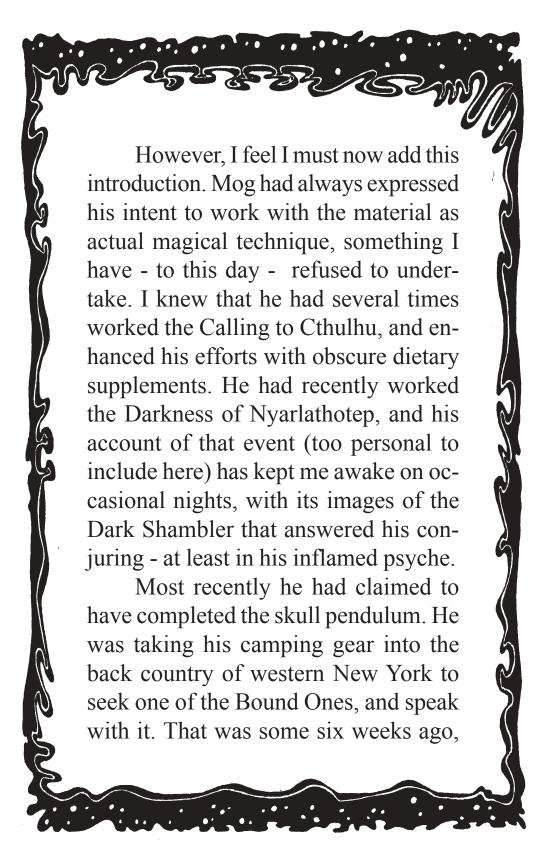
when files began appearing in my mail-



as a mere translator. In fact, he expressed excitement about the potential of the material for real occult work, though I strongly cautioned him against such experimentation. My opinion has always been that, even if the 'gods' of the Cthulhu mythos might be 'real' in some way, it makes no sense to invoke powers whose primary goal is to eat your head before destroying the human world.

Nevertheless I found the material

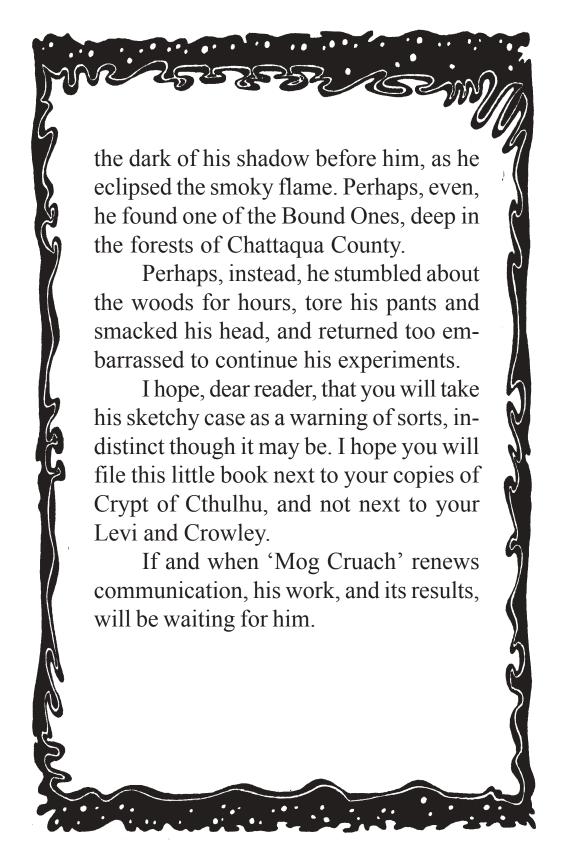
Nevertheless, I found the material interesting, and proposed to Mog that I arrange publication. He insisted on remaining anonymous, and we set up a series of internet accounts to manage the partnership we formed. After a lengthy debate over whether to publish in occult magazines or in Lovecraft literary vehicles, we chose to issue a chapbook, and let the reader decide where to place it on their shelves.



and the last I have heard from 'Mog Cruach'.

However, as I write this, the checks have cleared and the printers are poised. The internet accounts through which I have dealt with the mysterious author/researcher are active. Thus, I have chosen to proceed with our agreed publication schedule. After all, it might be merely a failed computer that has kept my unseen friend from communicating.

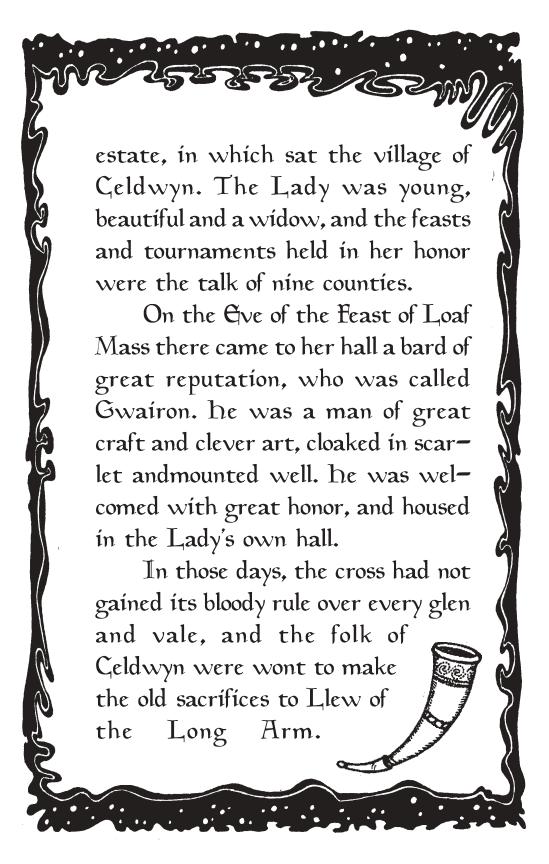
Yet I remain troubled by the imagined figure of 'Mog Cruach', turning his back on some noxious ritual fire to follow the lead of a possum skull on a chain into the nighted woodland. His own body would have cast his shadow before him, so that he would have walked into his own darkness. Perhaps he heard the whisper of dreaming Cthulhu as he walked, perhaps felt the closeness of the Shambler in



## The Tale of Avagddu

Avagddu, the Sorcerer of the ancient Cymry, who won both fame and fear from the folk of the villages and their half-wit overlords. While the common fools whisper this name in the night, making it a bogey to frighten each other from the Groves, those of us who still remember the Tribe Beneath The Mound hold his name in honor. hail to the Black Face, Avagddu the Wise. here is his tale.

In the time after the Romans left our isle, but before the Saxon kings, there lived a wise woman of great renown, who was named Lady Geridwen. She was lady of a wide



Therefor they took sheaves of grain and loaves of bread out to the Grove made sacred by tradition. The bards of the house of Ceridwen declared the peace law, which in those dayskept all pious folk from waging war during the Lammas feast. Likewise, consulting among themselves, the bards gave the pre-eminence to Gwairon, to recite the songs and charms of the feast.

So marvelously did Gwairon perform these duties that none failed to be moved by those ancient rites. Even those who called themselves Christians were moved to worship the Shining Ones, the Children of the Mother. When the blood of the sacrifice was spilled, every eye wept and

every foot danced. When the fire blazed and the folked whirled, it was the harp of Gwairon that led them on.

It is said that it was the harp, or some say his pipe, that called the Dark Ones from the wood and stone. Amidst the dancers the slender forms appeared, whirling and keening and laughing. First they kissed and then they struck, women and men thrown to the ground before the fire. Of this we have little knowledge, for those who escaped never spoke of it, if they spoke at all.

Many never escaped from those Dark Ones on that night, and for three days the Tribe of the Mound still snatched and pillaged and slew.

But among those who survived were Lady Ceridwen of Celdwyn, and the baby she bore in her womb. And this is how that came to be.

Lady Ceridwen of Celdwyn was, herself, a Wise Woman, knowledgable in the ways of the Old Ones. When the Dark Ones appeared in the Grove she spoke certain words, and made certain signs, and thus became unseeable by the Folk of the Mound. Thus she slipped away into the wood.

Gwairon has laid many spells and charms in that ill fated wood, and Geridwen was soon lost in a clinging, stinking mist. Though she knew every tree and herb in her forest, her hearing was deafened and her eyes confused, and she could not win free

of the wood. She wandered directionless for an unknown time. In the depths of the greenwood she met Gwairon at last, in the place of the mound, surrounded by crowds of the Dark Folk in their wild delight.

Perhaps it was the overweening power of the enchantments of
Gwairon that drew the Lady into
the Mound. Or perhaps it was her
own Sight, seeing the future and her
fate, that led her to go willingly with
the sorcerer into that ancient dark.
Of this we know not, for she never
once spoke of it in all the later years.

In the morning the Lady did not return to her bower in the house of the clan. her servants knew that she might pursue her own secret works of an evening, and so they merely posted a watch for her return. She did not return on the second morning and, when the third day dawned, the hew and cry was raised. The warriors led the household folk to comb the wood for sign of Lady Ceridwen and, in time, they found her. Deep in a thicket of hawthorn and willow, by a bubbling spring of clear water, where the light was green through the leaves, Ceridwen of Celdwyn had made her shrine. Most industrious had she been. Nine stakes of blackthorn were driven into the earth. in a circle drawn with dried. blackened blood. The source of that blood was easy to tell, for upon

each of those stakes was driven the skull of a beast. The head of a boar and of a serpent, the head of a hoodie crow, and of a fox, the head of a wolf and the head of a horned cow. the heads of a mouse and of a wren and, on the highest stake at the northern point, the head of Gwairon the Druid, his eyes staring downward to the figure below him.

That figure was, itself, terrible to behold. Seated on the skins of her kills, her hair was stiffened with mud and blood, and in it were leaves and feathers. She was naked, save for the spiraling patterns smeared on her face and arms, her breasts and belly and legs. In her lap lay a long knife of perfect flint, and a small sickly of sharp-

est iron. Before her burned a small, smoky fire, and into it she cast a handful of bone splinters. In the greasy smoke of the fire she looked upon her rescuers and smiled, her eyes red as coals, and streaming.

Lady Geridwen recovered, becoming again the good chatelaine, and
her belly swelled with a babe. She
made offerings to the Dark Mother,
and waited with her attendants. She
bore the babe in great travail, over
nine days and nights, and the babe
was called a wonder, for upon it was
fur, and also scales, and feathers of all
kinds. But when the babe was bathed
in the waters of that woodland spring
those wonders all fell away, and the
babe was in the main normal, save

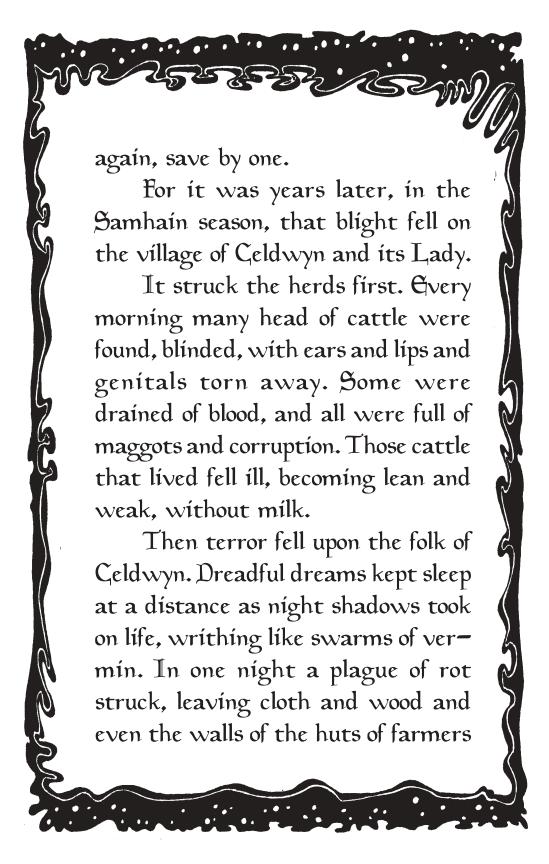
for his dark and coarse features. The Lady named him Avagddu, the Dark Face.

Avagddu grew as most children, though he was foul tempered and proud even as an infant. By the time he was ten he was renowned for his ugliness. his eyes were wide and staring, his skull long and thin, with a great pug nose above a broad, wet mouth and snaggled teeth. his hair was lank and dark and his beard, which came early, was patchy and sparse. With a puny stature and slumped shoulders, he came to be called Morvran, the big crow.

Morvran was not cherished by his noble mother.. Though she did not have him slain as her counselors ad-

vised, she gave him neither affection nor status. he was raised in seclusion, and sent to sleep with the pages in training as soon as he could follow direction. There he proved clever and able, though sullen and sneering toward the other pages. Yet, in one way, Morvran was greatly gifted. Like Gwairon, whom all assumed to be the father of the lad, Morvran had a voice of great beauty. So, when he reached a the age of a squire, he was sent to the hills to learn the way of a bard.

Most in the hall of Geridwen were relieved to have the hunched skulker gone. When word came that Avagddu had run away with a mysterious singer no one mourned, not even his mother. Thus did he pass from the ken of his folk, never to be known of



a stinking pulp Some of the peasants fled, but some began to blame Lady Ceridwen herself, and talk among themselves of her sorceries.

When, at last, on harvest home, the bounty placed on the altar of the small village chapel fell into slime, the last of the honest folk of the village fled.

That very night Ceridwen went deep within her manor house, to the chamber where she made her magic. When she had lit but a single lamp, the shadows thrown by that flickering light seemed to twist and thicken. A silver voice sang wordlessly, wierdly, and the form of Avagddu was there in the room of the witch.

Years had not sat well on the Great Grow. Though he was garbed

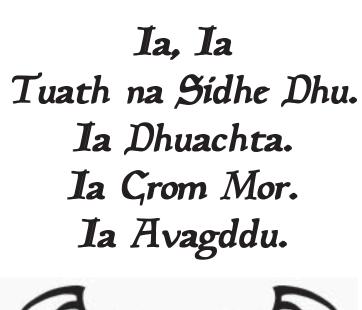
as a bard, his colors were all blacks and purples. his shaven head, tattooed, hung below his narrow shoulders. his limbs were crooked and wrong, and he leaned heavily upon a staff of blackened wood. his right eye was squinted shut, and his left stared brightly. Greeting his mother, he made clear his demand. After many years among a certain sect of bards, her son had assayed a great initiation and failed. his body was broken and his magic made bitter. he railed against the Gods, and cursed the Sword of Light, speaking names of the Imprisoned Ones, so that Geridwen was deeply frighted. he demanded that his mother brew for him

the draft of wisdom, as the Goddess had taught her, or he would poison her lovely vale forever, and rot the bones of her folk.

So the witch assented, and so came to pass the famous tale of Geridwen, Avagddu, and the Chief Bard Taliesin. how she brewed her draught for nine months; how she brought the boy Gwion to tend the fire along with Morvran. All will know how the boy got the good of that mighty spell, and how Geridwen took him into her womb to be reborn, and how Ceridwen struck Morvran a mighty blow, breaking his squint eye, and how the Cauldron spilled its poison, driving away the Dark Face. All this is commonly told.

Yet it is not commonly told that the stream of poison from the Gauldron drove Avagddu beneath the earth. It is not remembered that his ruined flesh held to life, that his spirit spoke with the wizards of his sect. Sacrifices were made, and a river of blood flowed over his mound. Avagddu dwelt between the worlds, and the Dark Ones, the Tribe Beneath, became his special ones.

So it is still, now in the time of the Christ, when the Old Powers are known only to a very few. The Dark Face wakes when the twilights meet. The Song of the Crow calles when the Bonefire blazes. The People of the Mound gather, ansd together they cry the praises of the Black Face.





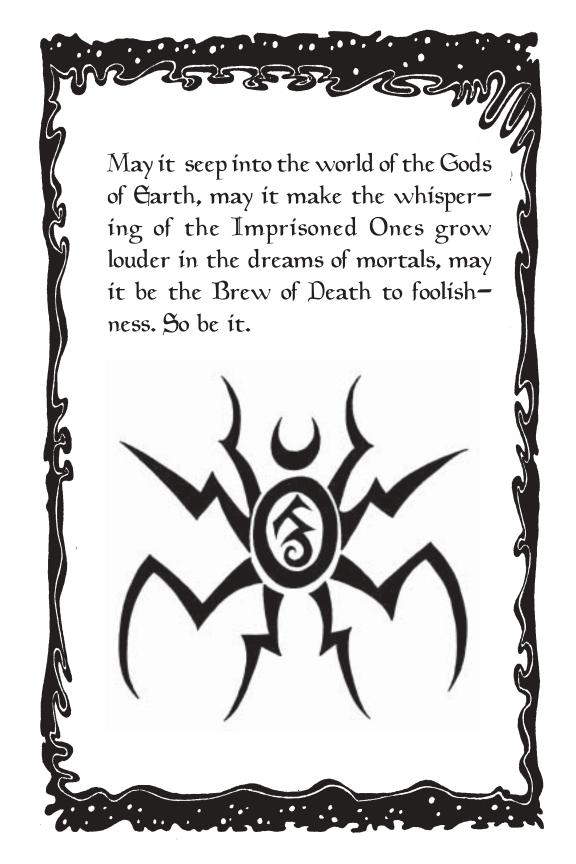
## The Words of Avagddu

Where lieth the Crom Gate? Who knoweth the number of the sacrifice, when the Saplings are put into the fire? how shall ye know the Time of the Cursing? By the howling of stones like babies, by the shadow of the dire corby, by the numbers of rotten acorns on the Oak of Glathan shall you be made wise. For it is the Gromlech that opens, from air to empty air, from substance unto emptyness, and from the deepest void into the heartmeat of the world. Fear not the lion so greatly as the worm, that lieth and feedeth and goeth from pain to greater pain, forever.

I am Avagddu, the servant of Grom Gruach, and this is my testament, my

gift and my curse upon the stinking world. You have driven my twisted body from among your squatting huts, but I have lived in cities of black stone. You have broken the neck ring of my fathers, but by this writ I place my foot upon your necks. You have been proud in your beaty, cold in your wisdom, but I will shred your minds like dry leaves, and I will have you in the Cauldron of Flesh, to be remade as I have been remade.

So this is my dwale, my night apples, harvested from the bitter plant of truth revealed, boiled in the Cauldron of the Black Face, and served out in a cup of bone, for the seeker after sorcery. This is the hellebore of my spirit, that gives vision, and is poison.



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## The Dwale

The Old Ones were, the Old Ones are, the Old Ones will be. Dreaming in their timeless halls, they wait for the stars to align, for the offerings to be made, for the Ways Between to be open. They ruled once in these lands, and here they shall rule again, to the glory of their servants and the pain and death of their enemies.

They are the firstborn of the womb of Time, the Powers that lyrked before land was syndered from the sky. Giants of vnlovely aspect, some bearing not one trace of hyman shape, some lovely byt rotten within. From within them

they bore awful tribes of children. The Pool-Lurkers and the Eaters of Limbs spilled from them. The Cloud of Terror and the Wakers of Corpses and the Flesh Wasters all preyed upon one another in the Wild Realms. In a chaos of mist and land, wind and waters, the sorcery of the Old Ones held all in thrall, pitting devourer against devourer for sport, in all the worlds. Then came in upstart Powers,

Then came in vpstart Powers, pretty new Gods of destroying Fire and Water. In many terrible wars, with mighty spells and workings, the Gods of Earth imposed their puny order on space and time. Land was firmed and sky placed over it, and the salt sea was

Gealed in its basin. The Great Old Ones were driven from the face of the world, closed up beneath the sea or in the earth, or driven into the spaces between the stars. When He Who Is Not To Be Named-him called After, the Star-struck the head from the One-Eyed, then the ancient power was broken and the tombs and prisons of the Elder Gods were sealed.

So they have languished these

So they have languished these long ages, as the tribes of men flourished beneath their new Gods. The Elder Ones cast their minds outward to those who would hear them. Whispering their truth, every country of mortals came to know their dreams. The

visions of mystics and sorcerers, the ravings of madmen have taught that the Old Ones are the true rulers of the world. They whispered their promises - power, visions of the Wild Realm, and the rulership that their servants would win. Clever mortals heard them and revised the simple Gods of Earth, taking up secretly the rites of the Old Ones.

They come to vs in Dreams, in the darkness of mist and confusion. We hear their whisper in our flesh, for all corruption and mortality speak of them. We hear their secret names and words, the charms and sorceries that grant vs

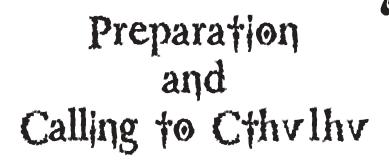
power over the bleating herds of mortals, over those earthly spirits who remember the Wild Realm, where tree preyed upon stone, and stone upon slesh. In the whispering in our hearts we hear the words, in the dark behind our eyes we see the signs, in the dread halls of the night-world we glimpse their shapes.

In Sivb Dhu. In Cthulhul A chighyn

Ia Sjvb Dhv · Ia Cfhvlhv! A chghyn fraa Amhvg gcraanakh dvjrachfaj mkrrrkh Amhaaagddv · Ia Crom Dhv!

This is the testament of Mog Crvach, the Servant of the Bowed One, he who is Lord of the Movnd Thave gone Between and danced with the Tribe Be-

neath. Though I have been reviled by the Oak Men, the Slaves of Light, and driven from their number, still I will triumph. All you who seek power · who seek knowledge of true mysteries, I tell you that in time every source of light must fail. Make your peace with the dark before it falls, for man is not the first rvler of the earth, nor its last. Turn your minds, make the offerings, chant the chants and await the moment when the prisoners will be loosed, while you have your way with the little world of men.



First it is needful to awaken the Voice, to plunge into the dream of the Before Time. The Old Ones can often be reached by the proper attunement of the mind to Their symbols, their sonic calls (one can hardly call them words) and to the types of thought most pleasing to them. I will reveal what I know of these things, the sorceries of the Old Ones. Think not that I bless you thereby. It is needful to make contact,

first, with great Cthulhu, who lies dreaming in his palace in the synken city of Riveh . In the elder days this island city was the home of the mightiest worshippers of the First Gods Mighty Cthulhu was their himself of priest, extradimensional flesh, yet still of ovr cosmos. Among the black cyclopean towers of his palace temple he made Gates to vnspeakable locales, whence he called those races of things who still serve and wait. With angles and planes unknown to our geometries, Rlych was a comfort and a haven to Those From Ovtside. From the Gates of Rlych came

TJathogva the Toad God and Shvb

Niggvrath the Black Goat of the Wood. Into the gates went vncounted offerings, living beings whose flesh and sovl were fodder for the Dwellers. When the Sword of Light was drawn, and Aster slew the mightiest of the War Kings, Rlych was svnk deep beneath the Jea. The Gods of Earth fashioned mighty spells, sealing the gates with their Star-Stones · Cthvlhv they could not slay in truth, but they bound him with all the laws of their new order. Now the Elder Priest lies dreaming beneath the weight of the sea. Of him it is said:

That is not dead, which can eternal lie, And with strange aeons even death may die.

So it is that, even in his frigid prison, under the locks and guards of the Vnnamed, the mind of great Cthulhu reaches out to those who would serve the Outer Ones. It is to him that the first offerings are made. First, go to a secret place where

the Elder Ones have broken through in the past, or to a battlefield, or scene of slaughter, or an ancient burying ground, and there remove a modicum of soil, needing no more than two hands full.

Then, in a secret place, draw in white flour the sigil of Azathoth. The Blind, Hungry God. Upon that sigil lay a fire of blackthorn, willow and driftwood, and on it place bone and meat, wormwood, asafoetida and coral. This should be lit at sunset



eat, transform and reduce all that it if given. The flame seems to writhe and congeal, af stinking smoke rolls away.

The sorcerer chants thus:

Ia Azathoth, Ia Panphage

or repeats what chants may be heard in the vision, as he carefully burns all the materials, perhaps using oil to insvre that all is burnt to ash. These ashes are pounded well, and to them are added nine drops of blood, semen or menstroom. These ashes are thoroughly mixed with the graveyard earth. This is the Symmoning Earth, Sych as Systained the Gates in elder times.

Take you some of this earth and

Spread it in a round tray, perhaps an inch deep, or upon the living earth in some secret place. Here the offering to Cthulhu is made. The next part of the Summoning Earth is mixed with clay, and from that clay the image of Cthulhu is made.

The image is a plaque about the size of a human hand, perhaps an inch thick. On it is shaped this full shape of the Great One, along with the signs. This is shaped and dried without the touch of sun or moonlight. On its back is written or carved

Phnglvi mglwnafh Cthvlhv Rlych wgah nagl fhtagn which means "In his hovse in



Rlych, dead Cthvlhv waits dreaming."

The Shaping of this eidolon Should be in proportion to the size of the tray or area of the Symmoning Earth, for the idol I set up or laid in the center of that area. It is best if the compounded earth be spread on common soil, allowing the image to be larger. If the sorcerer must work indoors, the tray is better, and the image made small. In either case, the idol is then surrounded by fire, using candles of black wax in a ring. The arrangement of these is not important, so long as the image is exalted and all surrounded by fire.

Before this eidolon there are two

types of proper devotion. Most common if meditative invocation, the mind tymed inward to seek the Dreams of the Old Ones. Beyond this is the Black Revel, where the Ovter is called into the flesh. There the celebrants writhe and howl in celebration of the Ovtsiders. To this Revelare symmoned the Ovter Kindreds, the Monstrovs Self within every human form, and their power if released over the puny citjes of men. Ia, The Tribe Within. The joy of the bursting, of the twisting of flesh, the cracking of bone when the Elder Body emerges from feeble mortal flesh . But of this mystery little will be said in this place. When the dark, winged ones

make their presence known, when the willow devils come shambling from the wood, when the shapeless ones rise from shadowed pools, all words will be unneeded.

So then, the wouldbe sorcerer strips his body naked to come before the shrine. She might be painted as she wishes, to blur the lines of her humanity, and she must bring a drum or, if possible, an assistant with a drum. The candles or fire is lit, and incense is burned in prosusion.

The witch begins to beat the drum quickly and monotonously. She rocks back and forth, seated naked before the shrine, and fixes her eyes on the image. She chants

Cthvlhv fhtagn

over and over in a voice like the huffing and grunting of a beaft, or like the breaking of wavef on rock. As she charts, she follows this vision: walking · · · walking a long time, through streets of black basalt ... giganfic fowerf, bvildingf loft in the Jea-mist above ... the angles of the bvildings and streets seem to conflict, making it difficult to know whether you walk uphill or down ... every face of the bvildings is covered with arcane yet suggestive glyphf and pictogramf · · · walking on foward a greaf glowing ahead ... hearing noise the rhythmic chanting, the sound of a great multitvde ... emerge from the path into

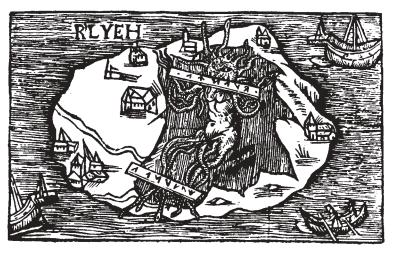
an open court, to vast to see across ... ringed in cyclopean pillarf ... the great roaring of the chanting and the beat of hovsefized drumf... in the center, within a ring of fire, stands the towering figure of Cthvlhv ... many tenf of cubits tall... Standing on a plinth, vpright on two legf, great wings reaching into the air, four arms making the sorcerous signs of hif working ... the billowing darkness from the flames caresses his ηaked form ... the head of Cthvlhv if a writhing mass of tentacles, moving independently, the great one's voice roaring from it in counterpoint to the chanting ... throughovt the great square, tall figures

robed in black and deeply hooded · · · Whipf cracking · · · linef of figures driven toward the fire, chanting dully ... moving through the crowd, to the edge of the pit ... af you watch, beings are driven forward, over the edge and into the smoking mass below ... you can now see that it is ηο common fire that hungrily consymes the flesh of the victims... it writhes and flows like some kind of Other flesh, nearly energy, as the forms of the offerings dissolve and are absorbed ... the victims fcream and the oily smoke streams up to wreathe the chanting head of the Elder Prieft, af the eldritch flame emits a mad, thin piping.



## Of Cthvlhv

It is said by some that Great Cthulhu lies dead, prisoned in the deep, in his holy city of Rlych. It is said that he was placed there by the Gods of Earth, driven there by the sword of haster, chained and sleeping until the stars are right for his rising. Many have said this, yet of its truth we cannot be certain.





For many sorcerers have made the greater Calling to the Great One, sending his eidolon into the sea, making the sacrifices as if prescribed, in ways we cannot tell here. They have reported that the very form of Himself has arisen from the deep in answer to the call.

Yet it is very possible that these wizards are deceived. The

minions of the Old Ones are many, and some have no fixed form at all, rather Shaping themthemselves as they will. It may be that it if only these demons that have answered the calling, whether by the will of Cthulhu, or by their own, taking the gifts meant for the priest of the Old Ones. In the work of opening the way to the Old Ones, there is a second Power who may aid the witch. He If the Messenger of the Elder Gods, called the Crawling Chaof.





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## Concerning Nyarlathotep

In ancient Khemi, the pharaoh Nefren Ka wakened the mind of Nyarlathotep in lits prison on the hidden planet Shaggai, which rolls aimlessly at the undiscovered edge of ovr vniverse. It was from nighted Yvggoth that his races came and went from the earth. The crinoid beings of the first evolutions of earth are said to have been seeded from the black planet, bringing the talifmans of the Messenger. In the monolith strewn desert of Khemi the Chaos is said to have taken the form of a man, hij flesh black as coal and dull as shadow. He walked in

from the desert, accompanied by two black leopards who sawned on him and licked his hands. When the pharaoh by it a lightless temple for the God, noone knows the sorm taken by the Crawling Chaos as it received its awful sacrifices. The seeker must understand

The seeker must understand that to call out to the Faceless God is a greater danger than to open to Cthulhu alone. The Elder Priest is only cousin to the Outer Gods, and now sleeps in death. Nyarlathotep is itself one of the Great Old Ones, whom some say was never truly sealed away. Yet here is a means for calling to the faceless one.



that can be rendered vtterly dark. Ideally this should be in a high tower, the next best being beneath the earth. There he makes his seat, with a simple chair or cushion. Before him he sets the image on a black cloth, and a single low black candle behind it. All other lights are extinguished, and the black stone is taken from its container.

Seated in near darkness, the worshipper fixes his gaze upon the stone in such a way as to allow the idol and the slame also to be visible. He gazes deep into the blackness of the Stone, imagining that the stone were a tear even in the darkness of the room. As that dark-



fjeldf of vyknown energjef... the beings of alien shape ... like five sided barrels with crinoid tentacles growing from each end · · · floating amid oppressive waves of energy on winglike membranes on every side ... in the depths of space a hundred of this elder race hyrtle through the cosmic emptiness toward the Earth ... Around them the darkness itself seems to writhe and flow ... Njarladh Hodhtep moves in the substance of night and Space ··· the Faceless, the Crawling Chaof, the messenger of the Ovter Godf, who led whole racef to glory and extinction in their service ... Ea¬Nhgajyggath hggoaNearlogh¬ Ea!

When the vision is established, the seeker leans forward and pinches out the candle, crying Ia! Niarladh Hodhtep!, then settles back into her seat. She sits waiting in the darkness, then begins to imagine that the darkness itself is accomplating around her form. She feels the feathery touch of the dark as it begins to slide over her skin. The blackness surrounds her totally. In this dark, visions may be seen

In this dark, visions may be seen from the Messenger, yet these ways are much more perilous than the praising of Cthulhu. When all is done, the single candle is lit, driving back the shadows, and the stone is replaced in its enclosure. It is when the Black Stone is first ex-

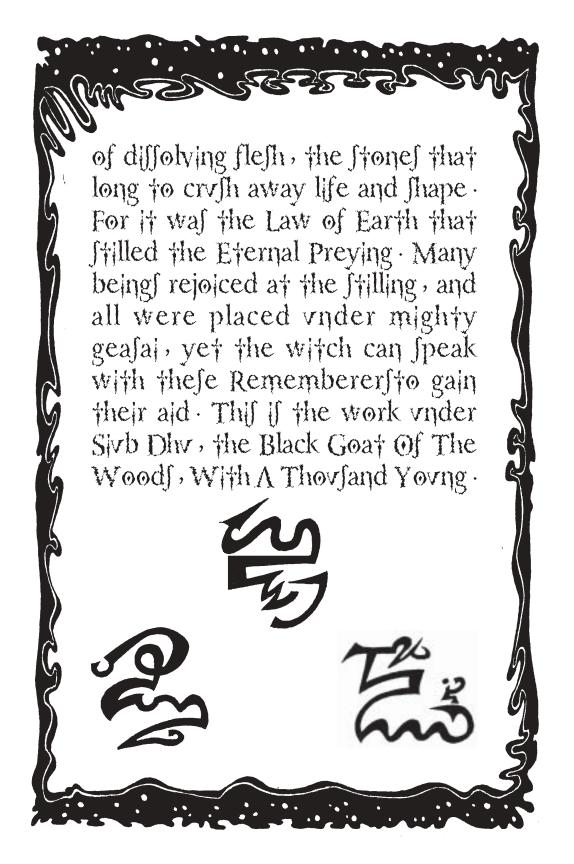
posed to light, and then left in darkness that the Dweller In The Dark is symmoned. Light will, in turn, almost always drive it back into the shadows.

Think not that the Great Old Ones are all of Darkness. The Fire of Azathoth Is all of brightness and heat as it devovrs. The globes of Yog Sothoth shimmer with a stellar blaze. Yet those who remain near to mortal ken, the Night Folk, the glogs and doels, the flesh eaters and stealers of seed have all been placed beneath the power of the Sword and Spear of Light.

Ia, The Tribe Beneath The Movnd. Though the Sword of Aster be over us, no vigilance can be

vnwinking. Though we are driven beneath the earth to dwell in sod, no sun can be bright forever, and every source of light must fail in time. Fear the night if you have not the words and signs. Fear the moonlight, but fear more the dark of the moon, and pray to the feeble Gods of Light as we devour. That is the singing that I heard in the place of the tomb. When

That I the Jinging that Theard in the place of the tomb. When the sky was moonless, when clouds rolled black over the stars, Theard the inhuman pulse, the chanting of those Elder Things that remember the ages when the Outer Gods ruled. They are the trees who still long to walk and slay; they are the still pools that remember the taste











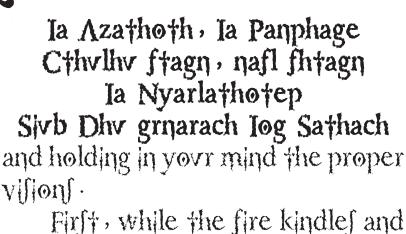
## Concerning Shvb Niggvrath

The Black Goat was driven vnder the earth in central Evrope, and her voice was still strong for many ages. Ancient man was drawn deep into the caverns by her call, there to see visions of her Thousand Young. Her saturs drove the frightened folk of Hellas from the wild into safe towns. In sevdal times the call drew the folk out again to the elder forest, to make alliance with the Rememberers, and revel in the Sabath of the Goat.

In order to find again the Revel of Shub Niggurat, the Seeker must meet and know one of the Bound, the sleeping devourers. In order to

find these spirits we use the pendulum of the Siub, the dowling by SkvII. The seeker must find the skull of a wild thing, not Slain by his own hand, but killed by nature. It must be cleansed completely, then the sigil of Shvb Niggvrath drawn on the skyll. A chain or cord if then attached to the skyll, and all is placed on Symmoning Earth for a tyrning of the moon from full to full, so that the light of the moon can fall upon it. At the end of the month, take the pendulum deep into a wild part of the wood, or perhaps into a vile and difreputable part of the city. While the Bound

may be in any place, even the most tame and calm of human habitations, it is best to search first in a wilder place, where you may learn skills before you risk discovery near hyman places. Choose a clearing in a deep forest, and there begin to build a movnd, a small rise of earth, pentagonal in Shape. There, for three nights before the dark of the moon, you must build the Fire of Azathoth af for the Symmoning Earth Each night keep the vigil, sleeping not, but chanting the names of the Old Ones, thus:



consumes its first food, hold the Vision of the Nine Ovter Priests, as given above. When the fire is well-lit, put on it a fresh piece of meat, and build this vision:

the soil smells of blood and rotten flesh ... you are small, your perception close to the ground ... you run on two legs, surrounded by others like you ... the sky is dark, the moon a sliver in black skjes, seen through leaves ... you run through foest,

treef tall af gjantf...yov feed, yov mate, you sing ... You know that at any moment a branch may Inatch, and Itone crush... a vine may bind and rend ··· You and your kind swarm and devovr ... you and yovr kind are the food of the devovrerf... in the soil itself runs a network, a plasm, an awareness that hungers and blooms and eats and spawns ... Your folk call it the Dark Enemy - Sivb Dhv · · · if if allformed, appearing at will af any Shape that it has ever eaten ... you and your kind speak and treat with it, giving sacrifice ... you gather when the moon if bright, in the grove where the Sivb if Strong. yov bring many sheep and goats to

placate the Goat ... fire lit in the center protects a small area as the drums begin, with flutes and voicef...the rhythm of giant drymf and the stamp of feet call the Dark ... the forms arise in the shadowf at the edge of the firelight ... sensval, animal, vegetable, familiar yet alien ... we drive the goats out and the Sivb feed ... then we offer ovrselves in pleasure to Those Onef ... sweet joinings ... that sometimes bring the Black Goat ... towering and goat-headed, with breaftf and phalli... it speaks and acts, and with it we do great sorceries... Ia Shvb Njgvradh · · · Black Goat Of The Woods With A Thousand Young...

On the third night, on the dark of the moon, do all this again as you have been instructed. Continuing to chant the names after you have built the vision, take up your skull pendvlym and hold it before you. Allow it to begin to swing, making no effort to control the direction of its motion. After a time the pendvlvm will point in one direction or another. You must then stand and walk in the direction of the pendvlvmf swing. By emptying the mind and focusing on the sound of the names, you will be led toward one of the Bound Ones. This is a most perilous time. When the wizard is entranced, following the Skyll, and affuned to the Devourers, he is almost equally likely to be made prey as to find the goal.

In this day, when the power of After if strong in the land, the devovrers are few, and hidden deep. They are always hungry, always ready to take control of an unwary Sorcerer · So you must be constantly Vigilant, firm as stone in will, cold and clear in mind. When confact with an Old One if made, it will Jurely seek to turn the sorcerers mind. Thus is a human made into a devovrer, a toy of the haters and Slayers. When this happens the sorcerers power and magic are ended, along with every mortal dream and hope.

Yet from the Devovrers the sor-

cerer can learn many secrets of the before time. The ways of the Old Ones are remembered by them, and can be shared if the Old One can be made to serve. In oder to do that, the sorcerer must prepare a Time of Binding.

The sorcerer must find a blackthorn tree and take from it a straight branch, as long as her forearm. This she must strip, shave and sharpen, making a stake of the green wood. Upon this stake he must place the sigil of the Siub, as well as these signs:

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The Tine must then be taken to one of the places where the Ser-

vants of the Gods of Earth gather to light their sacred fires. It must be concealed in the Grove or Temple, so that it will not be discovered. There it will rest in the shadows when the Seer Priests light their fires. By this it will gain both a hint of the power of Him Who Is Not To Be Named, and the power of the Shadow, which the Light of the Sky must always produce.

For Fire II both the everdevovring, allchaos that destroys form at the center of all, and the sign of the Power of the New Gods. In the flesh of mortals the power of fire if the Power of Death, that eats and consumes life slowly, over the course of a lifetime, or

qvickly, when it blooms into plague. Yet the Spirit of the Fire becomes the Sword of Light, that pins the Old Ones in the Dark. So by the Wizard Fire the Tine of Binding gains its power over the Devourers.

On the night of the Full Moon, take the time to the place of the Devourer and there light the Fire of Azathoth. If you cannot light the Fire, take summoning earth and at least a lamp or candle for flame. Spread the summoning earth before the Devourer, with the fire between your seat and the Old One.

The Time of binding must now be driven into the area where you

Spread the symmoning earth. In this moment the sorcerer must only be glad of the bindings of the Aster. For in these days there are very few of the Raveners that can actually rise and rend you, yet, while their bodies are penned, their minds and ancient souls may be very much awake.

So, when the fire is lit well, let the sorcerer gather his nerve, and open his mind to the Devovrer. Let him gaze at the physical form of the Old One, and seek to see into its monstrovs soul. Let him envision the form of its spirit, of its will and intention. When he has this form clearly in mind he must speak to the Old One, stating his will, and intention to bind it

away from him, to command it neverto attack him, never to harm him or his in any way, and whatever else he demands. Such a Charge might be said:

Hear me, Oh Ancient Enemy, Oh Devovrer, Oh Spawn of the First Days · I am a Child of the Earth, and the Gods of Earth command yov · I am a Child of the Elder Gods, and the Elder Gods command yov · By this time I bind you, by this time I bind you, by this time I bind yov · By this binding · may I be forever safe from harm done by you, safe from your ill will, safe from every attack, from every hunger, of your ancient soul.

You may not harm me by earth, or by sea, or by the wind, by the fire or the air or the storm, nor by the hand of a mortal, or the will of a spirit. By this time, I make myself safe from you. So, Oh Ravenor, I bid you speak to me in my head, and in my spirit, that you may no longer be alone, that you may have converse again.

Drive the fine into the soil between the fire and the form of the Old One So be bound, be bound be bound. Obey me, obey the Aster, obey the law of the world,

and harm me not.

Be strong, and know that the Devovrer will try to fill your soul with its hunger, its spite and

vileness. You must be strong, and hold fast to your own name and knowings. Some have sound that holding the image of the Fire of the Earth Gods in the mind can keep the ill at bay, but sor some that power is too painful. For some, the warding of the tine will come too late, or be too little, and the Old One may grasp their spirit by its stem. For them, there is no surther hope.

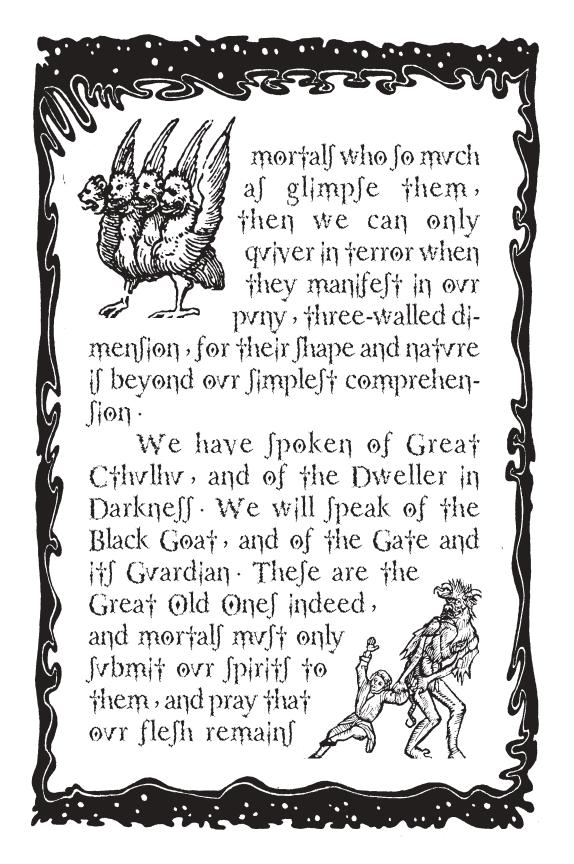
Byt for those who succeed in this spell, the Devourer can be bound, and made into a source of knowledge. In time, it may even be that the sorcerer can command the Old One to act for him, but that is an art that cannot be told here.

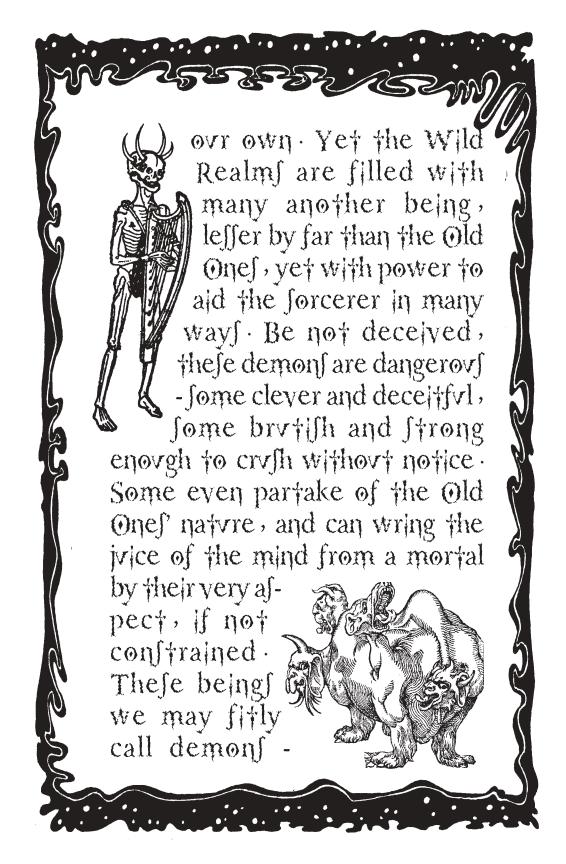


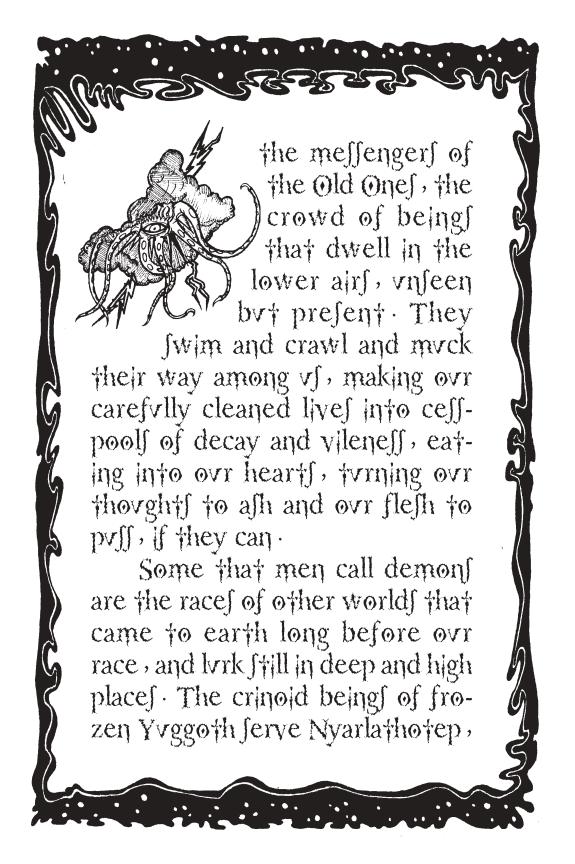


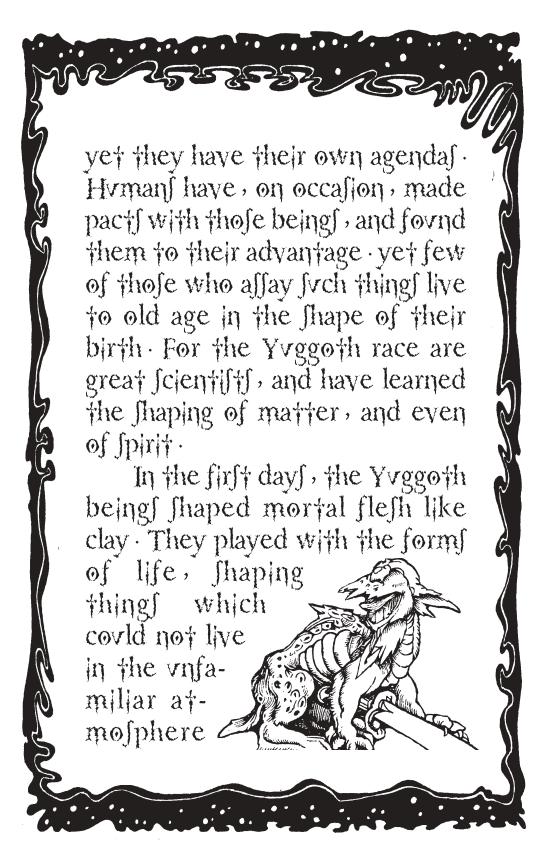
The Old Ones were, the Old Ones are, the Old Ones will be. In the first days of the world they came to ovr planet from alien worlds beyond mortal comprehension. If they came from other globes in the realms of matter, no human sage knows the name. Even nighted Yvggoth, rolling on the edges of our sun's kingdom, has birthed only the least of them. If they come from other planes, spaces so valike ovrs as to kindle mad-

ness in the minds of

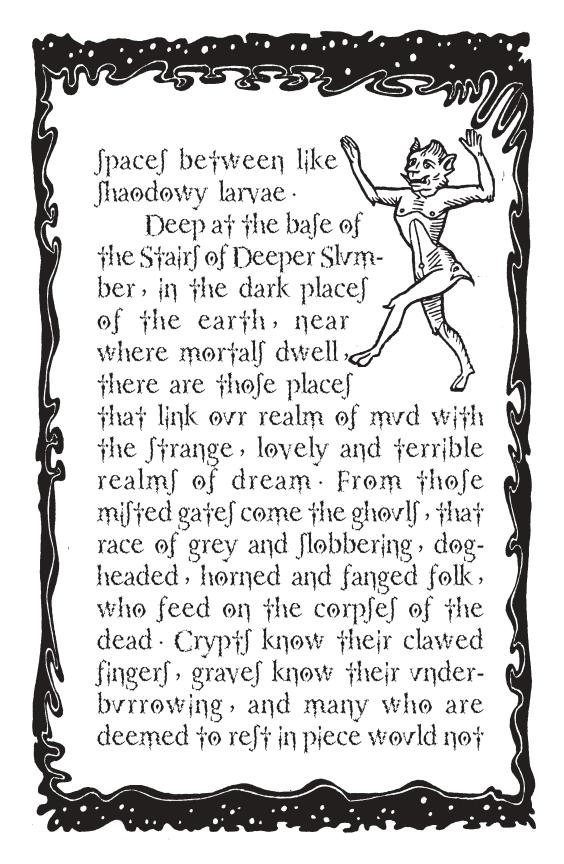






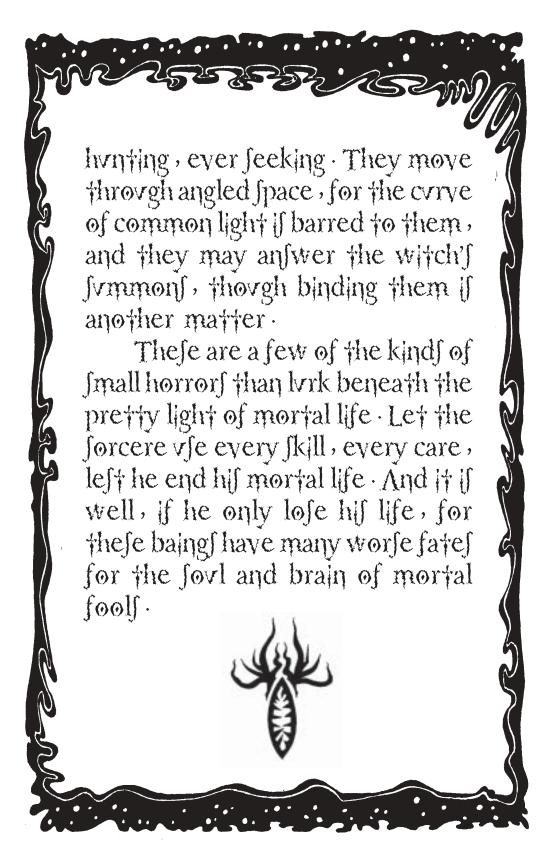


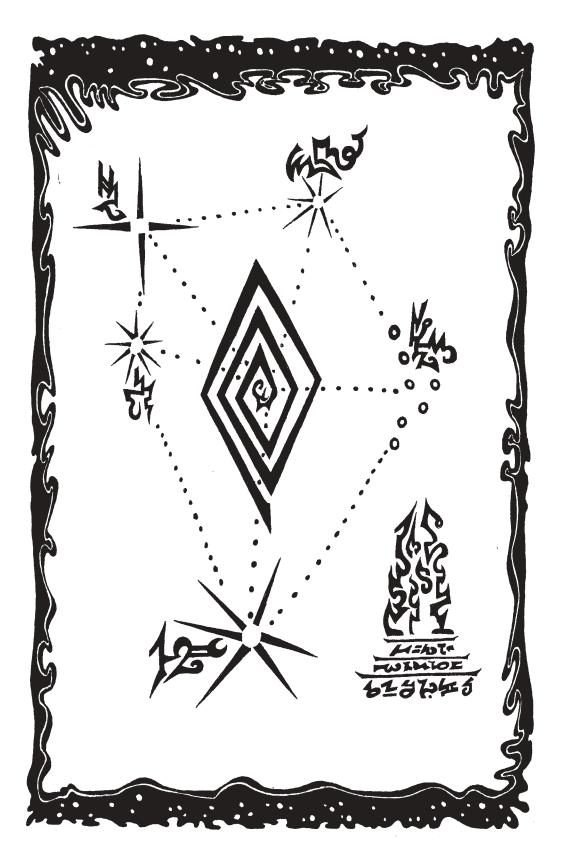
of Earth. they devised the forms of life, Shaping protoplasmic matter into many beings. Some of these thay gave intelligence, others only conning, and Jome of these may linger still in dark and uncertain places in the world. More of them perished swiftly, vnable to maintain physical life. Yet by their wizardry the Yvggoth folk kept the spirits of those beings alive, allowing them to retain their monstrovs forms in etheric flesh, where the mvd of matter wovld not maintain them. Even some of the Yvggoth race themselves have passed into unflesh, haunting the



be found, were they to be sought out. The ghouls lurk and snatch, carrying mortals into their realm, some to fill their larder, but others to be changed, to be made one of the ghoul's moldy number. Ghouls are clever of mind, and have many skills of magic. The human witch cannot rule them as he would a demon, but there may be much to be gained - or lost - by treating with the Dogs of Dreamland.

In the spaces between, the Hovnds of Tindalos lvrk. They are called Hovnds by the ancient lore of sorcerers, yet do not think them much like a mortal animal. They course and bay like hounds, ever





## Concerning Yog Sothoth

Taigh Sachach, or Tag Sathath, If the Safed Gate, the Way Between made Shut, the Ancient Hunger made satisfied. Yog Sothoth is the Gate, and the Gvardian of the Gate. By its power are the Imprisoned Ones held fast, and by its power will they be let through, when the stars are right. Cthullw is a potent demon, and Niarla Thotep I one of the Great Old Ones, and the Sivb Dhv is potent in the deep earth. But Taigh if the Way Itself, the place and being of Betweenness, without which none of the Greater Sorceries could be effected.

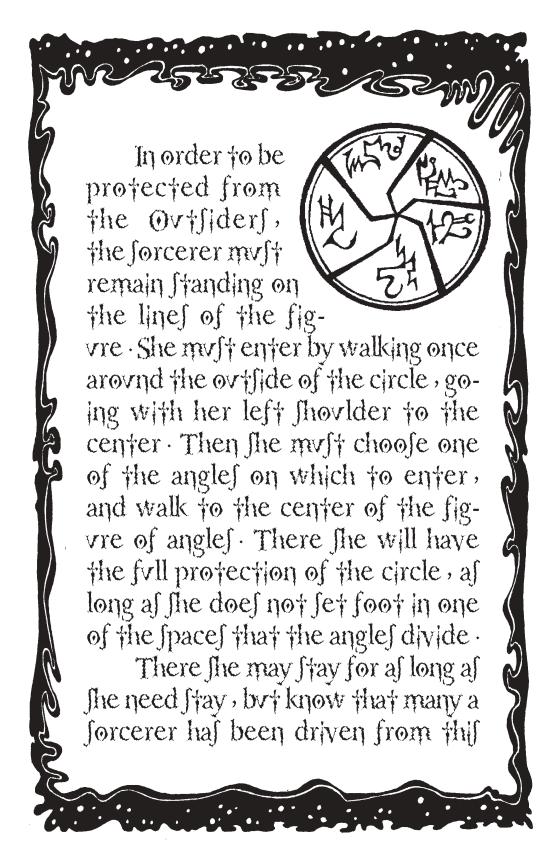
These Greater Works are the wild, old powers of the witches and wizards. To call out to Those Who Dwell Ovtside, to make in the High Places Their altars and temples, and to command them and to be obeyed. To loosen the bonds of form, so that the Monstrovs Self is made free, to loosen the bonds of mind, so that the sovls of the weak may be driven from them, and the strong sovi of the sorcerer gain the vse of their flesh. To command the Hounds of the Between, called the Hounds of Tindalos, after that ancient ryined place of the Tribe Vnder the Movnd. To call the Toad Pipers and their potent witch music, that makes body and soul to writhe in the Wild Dance. To bring through the very flesh of the Outer Ones in the womb of a mortal woman. All of these are the Greater Sorceries worked by those who have gained the power of the Jaigh.

Yet even the lesser sorcerer can gain some power from the Barred Gate. A primary work of the Gate is to provide protection for the sorcerer. Just as the Taigh is the Closed Door that holds or admits the Outer Ones, so its strength can bar those beings from the person of the wizard.

Here if the form of the magical circle called the Window of Leng. It is said that in some few places this sign has been made as an actual window of glass, and there it

has become, itself, a potent Gate to the Ovtside. In more common magics, it can be used as a circle of protection.

Take you the ashes of the Fire of Azathoth, those that have been well and completely burned, and sift them fine. Mix them with whitewash, and with that draw this circle and its glyphs. It is best if this is done on a smooth, finished surface of Stone, for that Strong Svrface presents the least opportunity for the tricks of the Ovter Ones . It can, however, be drawn anywhere, yet be certain that the glyphs are clearly and precisely drawn, for any blurring of their forms may reduce the potency of the circle.









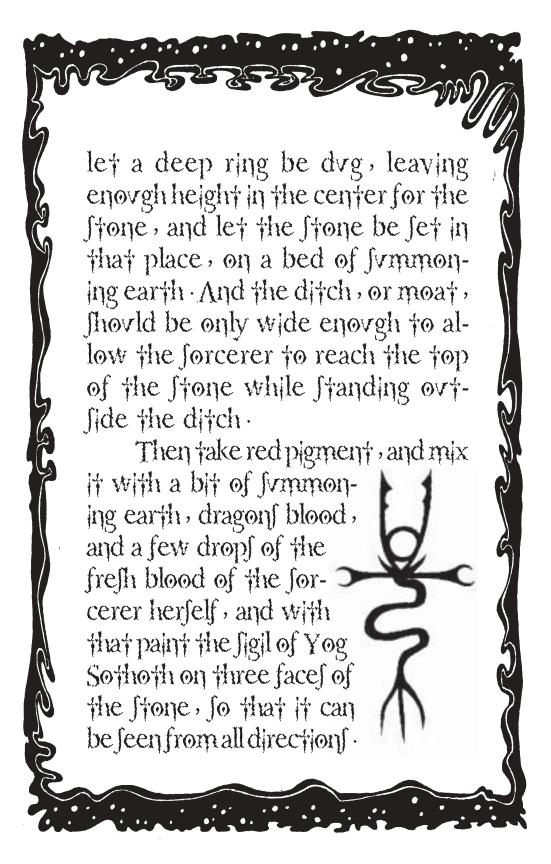
## Concerning The Gate Post

Iag Sathath if the Gate, and the Gvardian of the Gate. It if by the power of the Iaigh that the Way between if rended, to allow the Elder Ones to move again in the mortal world. The Great Sorcerers can tryly split the night with their calling, and release the nightgaynts, and dholes, and every ill thing into the world. Such secrets cannot be revealed to students, nor to those who have not been broken in the Cayldron, and remade.

Yet it is needful that the ways between be made thin, that the Imprisoned Ones might the sooner re-

tvrn to the Middle World. So the Voice Beneath the Movnd has tavght of a spell to make a thin place, a beacon, an altar of sorcery, that might serve as the seed of greater gates in times to come. These altars may be put up by anyone who seeks the favor of Those To Come.

First let the wizard sind a black stone, at least two seet high, and narrow is best, like a plinth or colvan. It should be naturally dark, or black, and have, if possible, a slat top. If the top is not slat, the wizard must knock away some of the stone, to make a slat top. Let the stone be taken to a high place, of the sort which commands a view of all the surrounding country. There



The sorcerer must then await the coming of a thunder storm with lightning in plenty. He must have with him a bundle of wood, made of blackthorn, and rowan, and willow wood, and all he needs to kindle fire. This he must be prepared to keep dry in the storm. There, on the High Place, naked before the stone, the sorcerer must recite the Conjuration of the Taigh, saying:

Ngaj, nghaghaa, bvgg-shoggog, yhah; Yog Sothoth, Yog Sothoth yhaj ng ngah, Iog Sothoth hee - lgeb Fhaj throdog vaaah



the air · · where the lightning boilf up in the watery clouds ..., where the air touches the land ... your vi-Sion passes deeper into them ... down and up, in and out of the realms of common vision ... into the fabric Between all thingf ... past the spheres we know, into deeper Spheres and rings ... spheres within spheres... and in each of these spheres, each of these rings, if an eye of log Sothoth ... See these globes, these spheres, these eyes emerge from the Between places in the rolling sky ... they roll out into your vision ... floating in the Storm ... Shining and circling one another madly, like the unfathomable orbits of vnknown galaxies... leading your eye, you mind, beyond the visible sky... through that congeries of iridescent globes... the eyes of the laigh...

The water from the storm must fill the moat around the stone, and the rain must not wash away the sigilf. The sorcerer waits out the storm, naked before the Gate Post, and, when it is sinished, she must kindle the fire on the slat top of the pillar. With the fire blazing on the stone, she must again recite the Conjuration of the saigh twenty and seven times. The fire must then be tended until it burns out entirely, or for as long as the svel to

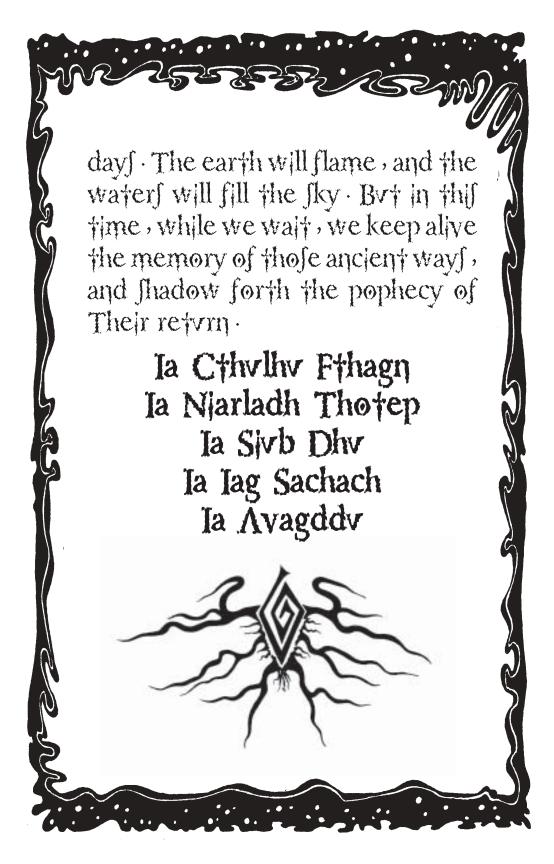
hand should last.

Thy I the Gate Post consecrated to Those Outside, for wherever Fire and Water meet, there if the Way between the Worlds. This simple altar is but a seed, but from it may grow the darkest and most potent of fruit. It cannot be said in this place whatterrible wonders may proceed from such a place, yet if the Sorcerer come frequently to the Gate Post, and lights the Fire, with water at the base, then those wonders may be revealed to his delight, or to his cost.



THESE ARE **MYSTERIES** THE AVAGDDV, the sorceries and idolatries of the Folk Beneath the Movnd. These simple acts of magic, given here, are only the briefest glimpse of the great wonders of the Dark Powers. There are So many things that cannot be revealed to the stydent. The freeing of the monster self, the entry into the Movnd Helf, the Voice of Avagddy, the Charm of Rotting, the Charm of the Shadows, all these and more await those who seek the mysteries of the Bardai Corca · In those mysteries may lie madness, corruption and slavery yet, for those with covrage and a heart free of weakness and softness,

there may be power, and rvlerhsip, and the delights of the Time of wildness. For the power of the Bardai Corca will never die until the stars come right again, and the secret priests bring great Cthvlhv from hij tomb, to revive his subjects and open the Gates, and resume his rule of the world of mortall. In that time mankind will be as the Great Old Ones, free and wild and beyond all reckoning of good and ill. Law and the morality of the Gods of Light will be thrown aside, and all will delight in the joy of the prey, shorting and killing and revelling in joy. Then will the liberated Devovrers rise, and all will be as it was in the First



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