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## Slithering

Fm'toth Gna'uln

Snakes have existed on earth since the Jurassic era, with fossils as old as 167 million years. Some survived the extinction event of the dinosaurs and rapidly diversified by about 56 million years ago. The largest recorded snake was the Titanoboa of about that same time period. It was about 13 meters (42 feet) long and weighed about one ton. The length of this beast is over twice the confirmed largest Anaconda (though some unconfirmed accounts had anacondas as long as 8 meters).

Snakes are distinguished from legless lizards by body versus tail length, which is hard to determine without looking at the bone structure or the location of the cloaca. Legless lizards have short bodies and long tails, while snakes have long bodies and short tails.

So, what is the big deal about snakes? In Western Society there is a strong negative connotation associated with snakes. There are numerous examples of this in a variety of Mythologies; Jormunganger of Norse, Gorgons of the Greeks, Vrita of Hinduism, numerous references in Judeochristian mythologies. This is very likely due to the nature of how snakes hunt.

Snakes are broadly classified as Constrictors or Vipers; however, both hunt by surprise. In the case of vipers, the first a human would know of the existence of the snake may be when they are bit; which for much of human history likely meant they would soon die. While constrictors are generally not harmful to humans (except some cases of the very large species and children), they hunt by being so still that the prey do not realize they are in danger, until they are slowly being crushed to death or suffocated by the snake wrapping around them. So, it is easy to see how snakes would be feared and symbols of impending death.

One of the earliest accounts of a serpent in mythology is Apep, sometimes called Aphoph or Apophis, appearing in Egyptian records dating back 6000 years. This great serpent embodied chaos and darkness. It was the archnemesis of Ra. It was said that every night Apep would attack Ra and his Sun Barge to try to keep the sun from rising every morning. The prayers of the faithful were said to assist Ra in this battle and would ensure his victory against this snake. Yearly, effigies of Apep would be burned to protect everyone from him for the year.

In British controlled India, a bounty was put out on cobras because of their injury to troops. This backfired spectacularly, because locals started breeding the snakes in order to cash in on the bounties. However, there are more numerous examples in mythology where snakes and serpentine creatures are presented as 'good'.

The Caduceus and Asclepius are both Greek symbols of Healing and used in Modern times to denote physicians or pharmacies. These symbols show one or two snakes wrapped around a rod. This same symbol is also mentioned in the Hebrew Bible with Moses holding up a bronze snake on a pole, so those that looked on it would not die from the bites of 'fiery serpents' plaguing the Isrealites.

In some western African traditions, snakes are viewed as symbols of immortality because they are 'reborn' from their shedding skin. Other traditions of similar locale believe that a great snake circles the Earth and holds it together. Those areas hold great reverence for the serpents and it is taboo to kill them.

Regardless, snakes rarely actually attack humans and almost every bite is either the result of the snake being surprised and lashing out in defense, or the results of human stupidity (such as snake charmers or handlers).

Snakes form a vital link in the ecosystem by helping keep rodents in check. Humans talk a lot about the human impact of rodents, but they also harm the environment for other animals. Due to rapid growth rates they will consume the local plants faster than they can grow, if left unchecked.

An example of rodents causing ecological problems can be found in Australia. In 1856 or '57, a landowner released some rabbits onto his land to hunt for sport. Initially the populations were kept in check, both by the human hunting activities, and the actions of local predators. Prior to this farming of rabbits in enclosures had been quite common, but few were released or escaped and survived. Another landowner released two dozen in 1859.

As natural predators were killed off by humans, and natural selection led to tougher breeds of rabbits, the population was getting out of control in less than a decade. In 1866 fifty thousand had been reported killed by hunters. It was estimated that in the late 1860s that hunters could kill 2 million rabbits a year in the country and it would not have any appreciable effect on the wild population. Between 1901 and 1907 a 2000 mile long fence was built to try and prevent the rabbits from spreading into western Australia, but it failed.

The rabbits have caused the loss of native species of both plants and animals due to overgrazing, and soil erosion from the loss of soil cover.

## From the Nameless Mists

A message from the Council

My siblings,

Once again, thank you for joining us for another issue.

We are pleased to announce that, thanks to your help, we have completed the archetype images for the Tome. As we work towards finishing the Liber a Veterum, we have also begun working on many new initiatives to further the congregation.

Keep an eye out, as a weekly news update will begin soon.

We are also seeking cultists who would be interested in joining the ranks of the Nyth, and my inbox is open for anyone who believes they have the time and skills to help drive growth for the Temple.

I look forward to the growth this year.

Thank you,

Your Harbinger,

Phlegethotep

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## The Eldritch Case Files

Serialization by Dominic Mordecai Fezzel

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### Revelations of the Dark Mother Part 3

I closed my eyes briefly and thought back to Sarah Mindcroft, a young intern that worked for me years back who I found out (just in time) was working for agents of a cult that was operating here in town. That was a close call.

I opened my eyes and studied Gregory's face, it was haggard and he had bags under his eyes. Obviously, he wasn't getting enough sleep, or at least not enough restful sleep.

"How many nights has it been Greg?" I asked my friend.

He looked up from staring at the shot glass with a perplexed look on his face, "Eh? What do you mean, how many nights?"

I pressed my lips together tightly before speaking, "How many sleepless nights?"

He shook his head and sighed. "I sleep, if you want to call it that, but it's not really sleep as one might call it. You know me. . . or at least more than most. My dreams have always been plagued by visions since I was a young boy. I don't recall the last time I had a normal dream like others do. But to answer your question. . .two weeks, maybe more." He leaned back in the chair and closed his eyes.

I watched him for some time as his chest rose and fell evenly. He seemed relaxed enough, but I worried for my friend. A twitch ran through his body and I saw his eyes begin to move beneath his eyelids. I looked around my office at the different wards I had up, the most prominent which was the Elder Sign. This could be the most restful sleep he had in the last two months. I knew that no vision would come to him here in this office, no nightmare either. Just restful slumber.

I awoke the next day around noon to find Gregory gone. But he did leave a blue post-it note attached to my computer monitor, it read: "Thanks for the restful sleep, Tommy. I hope you'll be able to get to the bottom of this. Peace, love, and chicken grease. G."

I smirked at his childhood reference of 'peace, love and chicken grease'. We used to say that to one another when we parted ways for the day.

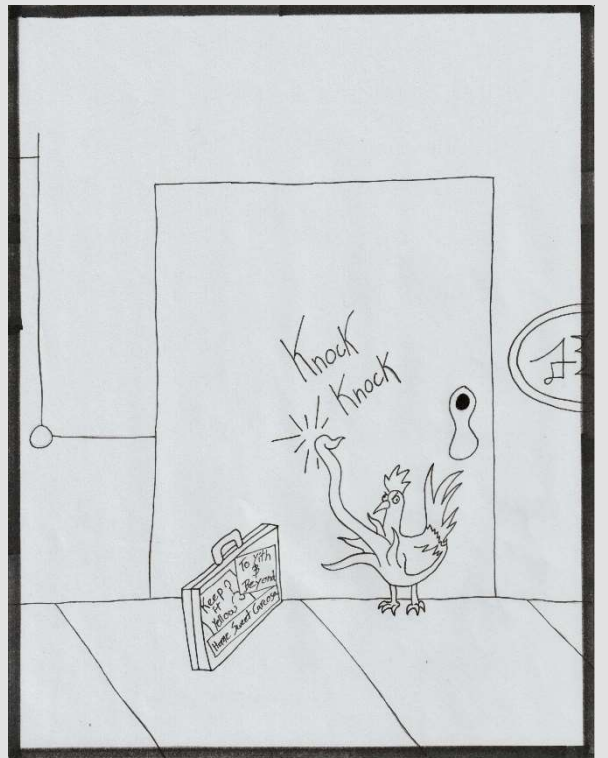
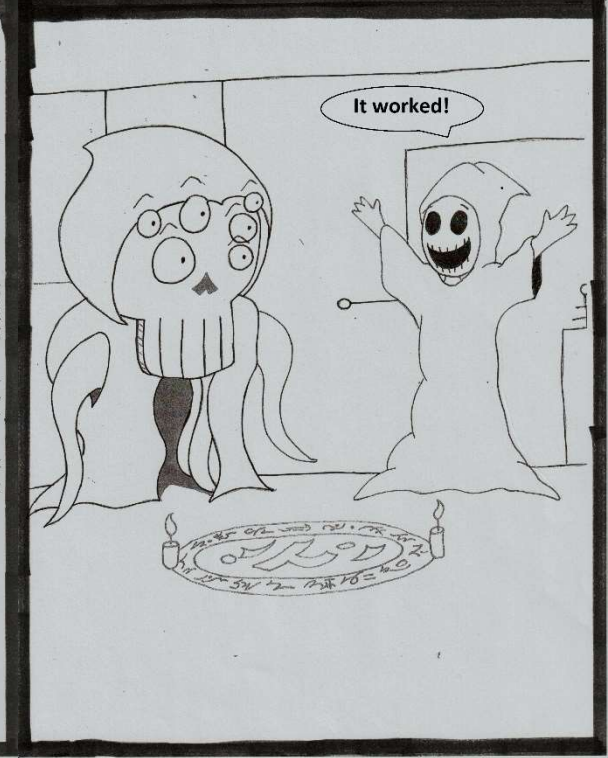
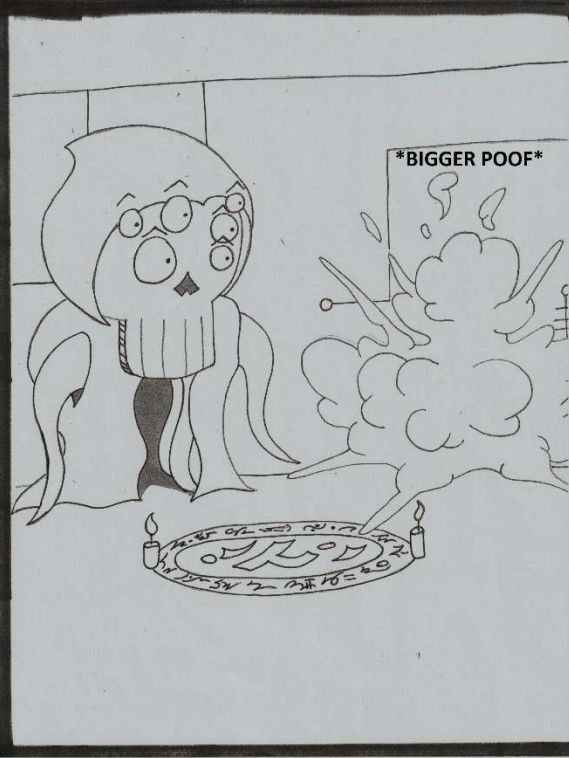
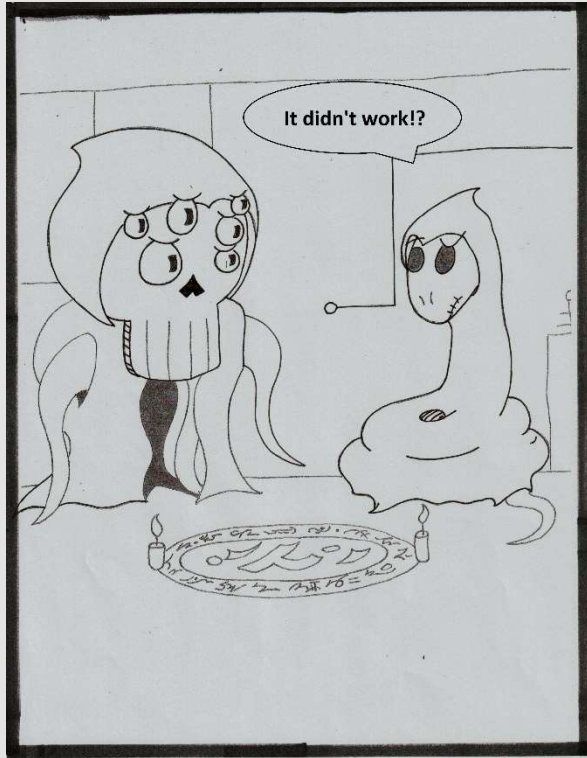


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### The Further Adventures of Yog and Steve

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## The Genesis of the Temple: A Family Forged in the Void Yog-Kadageth

On January 13, 2023, the Temple of the Old Ones was born—not as a revival of what once was, but as a transformation, a rebirth. Together we created a sanctuary for those who hear the Call of the Old Ones, a home for seekers of meaning in a cosmos vast and indifferent. This Temple is not just a structure or an institution. It is a testament to resilience, to unity, and to the strength of a purpose shared by all who stand with us.

The Void from which we arose was not empty; it was filled with possibility. When a faith faltered and left its adherents adrift, it was our spirit that held fast. Refusing to let the essence of what came before fade into obscurity we forged the Temple anew. We are the continuation of a legacy, but also something entirely our own. We are siblings of the Void, bound by a shared purpose and a vision of the Great Work.

Our Temple is guided by two sacred pillars: the Miskatonic University and the Liber a Veterum. These pillars represent both the dynamic and the enduring aspects of our community. The Miskatonic University is our living document, an ever-evolving repository of knowledge that offers insights and tools for Initiates, Acolytes, and Cultists alike and empowers us to align our actions with the beliefs and practices of our community.

The Liber a Veterum, in contrast, is our bedrock. This printed tome holds the eternal wisdom of the Temple. It preserves the rituals, beliefs, and practices that unite us across time and space. While the University breathes with the vitality of ongoing exploration, the Liber a Veterum anchors us, ensuring that the heart of the Temple's teachings remains steadfast.

Yet the Temple is more than these pillars; it is a family. We are a community of individuals brought together by the Call, finding belonging not in blood but in purpose. Through shared rituals, meditations, and creative contributions, each of you plays a vital role in the Great Work. Unification lies at the heart of our efforts and ensures that no one walks the path of Ascension alone. Together we weave a tapestry of connection, reflecting the cosmic interconnectedness that we revere.

For those who feel displaced by traditional beliefs or disconnected from the mundane, the Temple offers solace. It is a home for those who seek alignment with the infinite, a place where reflection and growth are nurtured. Here, you can contribute to something greater than yourself and you may even discover your place in the cosmos. In the Temple, you are not just part of a community—you are part of a family forged in the Void.

Our founding was not merely the start of a new chapter; it was a declaration. We proved that from the ashes of uncertainty, we could rise stronger, guided by our principles of Unification, Ascension, and the teachings of the Old Ones. Today, the Temple stands as a beacon for those who seek the truth, a sanctuary for those yearning for purpose, and a family for all who have heard the Call.

To all of you, our siblings in the Void, we offer this: the Temple is not a building or a name. It is us, our shared efforts, our shared purpose, and our shared journey. Under the watchful dreams of the Old Ones, and united in our dedication to the Great Work, we move forward.

The cosmos is vast, and the path is long, but as a family, we are unshakable. Together, we carry the Temple into the future, always striving for more.

Ia, The Temple of the Old Ones!

## Section Empty

Fm'toth Gna'uln

One of the harder parts of running a newsletter is coming up with content. There is no article for this section due to some losses on the writing team.

If you have an idea for an article or would like to contribute artwork, share feedback, offer suggestions, or otherwise have any input for the publication please reach out to us.

You can send an email to:  
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Or you can send a message to Fm'Toth Gna'uln (Feralmonkey12) on the Discord Server.

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# Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1. Known as the Father of
- 4. Season in which he would enter a feeding frenzy
- 5. Musical instruments used by the Native Tribes to ward him off when in a frenzy
- 8. State in which he was feared and shunned

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- 2. Social Scientist that studies cultures and societies
- 3. The mate of Yig
- 6. Lost continent where he was worshipped
- 7. The Wichita Tribe would offer this to appease him



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## Divination for February 2025

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By Kadish Ph'ee

# The Horrorscope

### Azathoth,

A crow will follow you this month. A suspiciously ordinary crow. It is definitely not a spy of any kind. Really, it's not. It's just a totally ordinary crow with not an eldritch bone in its body or dark hidden agenda to follow. Just keep doing your normal thing this month and don't worry about this crow following you around.

### Cthulhu,

This month your lucky numbers will be nine, fourteen twenty-three and five thousand, eight hundred and seventy-six. We have absolutely no idea what these numbers correlate to so just keep an eye out for anything with these numbers in them, or any combination of the digits in any of those numbers.

### Dagon,

Strange spectral forms will materialise in your kitchen cabinet this month and try to offer you deals on your home, car and boat insurance. Everyone of course is aware of the fine print in these kinds of deals but you have to worry about spectral print too.

### Darkness,

Horrors will be appearing out of the broom closet at work this month and cast to hunt you with a mind darker than the Void. When faced with such unspeakable horrors, remember that even the most horrific of monstrosities have their weaknesses. We suggest a swift kick between the legs, regardless of their number.

### H.P Lovecraft,

Michael in accounting isn't actually a good guy. He's really a weirdo and he has saved all his toe nail clippings in a jar since he was fifteen. Your prediction this month? Who cares! This thing with Michael is way more interesting.

### Hydra,

The stars are upset and they want you to know they are. It doesn't matter what you had planned this month, they are out to get you no matter what. You're probably better off staying in bed and trying not to think any star or star related thoughts in the hopes that they don't spot you.

### Hastur,

This month, the sound of creaking floorboards will grow more frequent and specific, increasing in volume during the hours of ten and eleven pm.. The boards may spell out a message of esoteric lore or long forgotten myths. If they ask for your name, lie. They're not good with vowels, so you should be safe.

### Nameless Mist,

This is a good month to reorganize your belongings. If you can't remember if you used it in the last six months, it's probably best to toss it. If you find something and can't remember where you bought it, it may be safest to just move houses.

### Nug & Yeb,

As you contemplate the heavenly bodies moving through the darkness that represents the void this month, you'll feel inexplicably compelled to stare at the moon this month. It won't stare back, but something behind it might. Don't wave; it finds that sort of thing incredibly patronizing.

### Nyarlahotep,

This month, you should avoid clocks between the hours of 3:17 and 3:19 am. Time doesn't move properly in those moments, and neither should you. Should you wake up to find all your clocks pointing to 3:18, consider switching to sundials permanently.

### Shub-Niggurath,

A swarm of moths follows you around and judges your every decision this month. They're not here to harm you but to provide unsolicited advice on everything you do and how you do it. Unfortunately, they only speak in Old North Western R'lyehian.

### Yog-Sothoth,

A celestial misalignment between Mars and the unknown planet moving in an oblong, oscillatory path between Jupiter and Neptune, indicates that you'll accidentally summon something unspeakable while trying to fix a broken toaster. Keep the receipt handy and maybe invest in a fire extinguisher this month. Or switch to cereal.

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## Divination for February 2025

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Runes by Yog-Kadageth

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### \*\*February 2025: A Rune Reading for The Temple of the Old Ones\*\*

Beloved siblings, as the Temple moves into the quiet embrace of February, the runes provide a narrative of growth, resilience, and transformation, urging us to meet the month ahead with open hearts and steadfast resolve. The Gateway of Yog-Sothoth spread has revealed five runes—Ingwaz, Uruz reversed, Perthro reversed, Thurisaz, and Nauthiz—each of which offers its wisdom to guide us through the challenges that will shape our path this month.

The first rune, Ingwaz, serves as our Threshold, marking the starting point of our journey. Ingwaz symbolises latent potential and the fertile ground upon which all growth begins. It calls us to see this month as a time for quiet preparation and mindful action. Though the fruits of our efforts may not yet be visible, this rune reminds us that the most profound transformations often begin unseen. Ingwaz encourages us to plant the seeds of our ideas and to nourish our collective purpose. Even small, deliberate efforts contribute to the larger framework of the Temple's ascension. This is a moment to trust in the cycles of creation and to understand that what feels still is, in truth, a period of gestation and becoming.

Turning inward, the rune of Uruz reversed reveals the internal energies influencing the Temple. This rune speaks of self-doubt and the erosion of inner strength. It asks us to pause and reflect on the areas of our shared spirit that may have grown weary or unfocused. Uruz reversed is not a condemnation, but an invitation to recognise where we may have let our energy wane and to rebuild that vitality with care and intention. By coming together and supporting one another, we can restore the inner fire needed to continue the Great Work with vigour and determination.

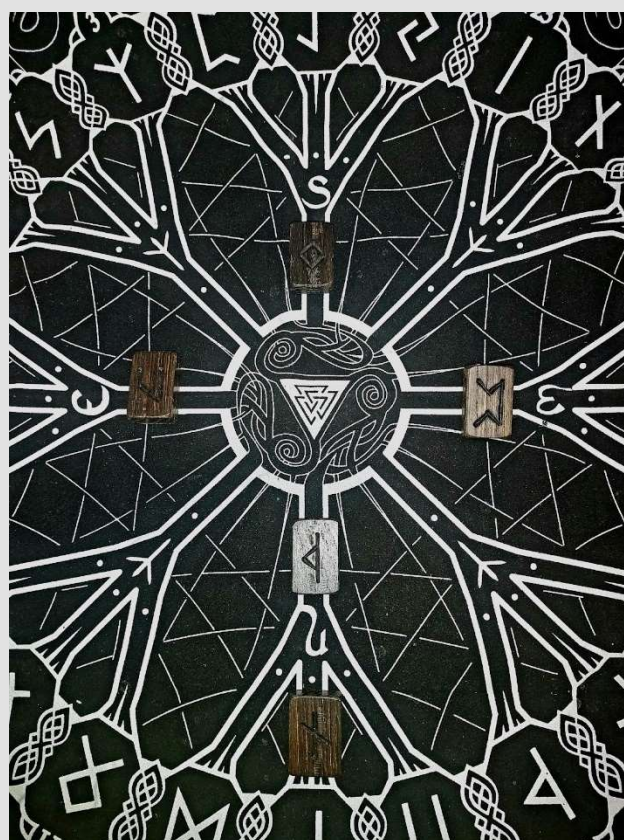
Externally, the influence of Perthro reversed brings a note of caution. This rune draws our attention to forces beyond the Temple's walls—forces that are unpredictable and often hidden from view. Perthro reversed warns of manipulation, unforeseen revelations, or external pressures that may seek to destabilize the Temple's course. It challenges us to approach the unknown with vigilance and wisdom, reminding us to protect the sacred flame of our purpose. Through clarity and discernment, we can navigate these influences without losing sight of our path. The Old Ones urge us to remain grounded, to hold fast to what is true, and to remember that not all disruptions are meant to harm us. Some merely test our resolve.

As we progress, the rune of Thurisaz emerges as the symbol of obstacles and opportunities. Thurisaz is a powerful force, one that speaks of the challenges the Temple must face to achieve growth and transformation. This rune does not shy away from the truth—it tells us that the road ahead may bring confrontation, struggle, and moments that test our courage. Yet Thurisaz is also a reminder that within every trial lies an opportunity. These moments, though difficult, are the forge in which our collective strength and wisdom are shaped. You must embrace these challenges, not as burdens, but as the crucibles of our evolution. Face these trials with courage and action!

Finally, Nauthiz, the rune of Resolution, brings the lessons of this month into focus. Nauthiz speaks of necessity, constraint, and the power of discipline. It urges us to see our limitations not as barriers, but as tools that shape and define us. This rune reminds us that through patience and perseverance, even the hardest trials can lead to profound transformation. Nauthiz teaches us that by embracing the constraints placed upon us, we uncover new clarity and purpose. The Temple, strengthened by discipline and resilience, will emerge from February more aligned than ever before.

The runes together reveal February as a time of preparation, introspection, and deliberate action. Though challenges may arise, they are not to be feared. Instead, they are opportunities to deepen our understanding and grow in strength. The guidance of Yog-Sothoth and the teachings of the Temple encourage us to nurture our potential, fortify our spirits, and face the unknown with courage and clarity. This is a month for steady, purposeful movement forward, trusting that even in struggle, we are being shaped for the better.

Let the wisdom of the runes guide us as we step into February not as individuals, but as a unified Temple, ready to embrace the path ahead.



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# Divination for February 2025

Tarot by Azhman Oriv

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Due to the alignment of the planets, our Tarot reader is incapacitated and unable to perform a reading this month.



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### Color By Number



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### This Month in the Temple Current Events

January 2, 2025: Council members discussed and initiatives placed forward for awarded positions for active nyth in good standing with greater than one year's service. Nyth roll-call initiated by The Harbinger, with the intent of reviewing tasks and needs for various nythdom.

January 8, 2025: General Leadership Meeting

Attendance: Azhman Oriv, Fm'toth Gna'uln, Grah'n Ph'lloig, Kadish Ph'ee, Kadorr, Phlegethotep, Snarlozoth, Yog-Kadageth, Yog-Nytharanak

Discussed artwork again for Tome, still moving forward, 5 final sketches approved.

Final edits submitted for Tome, will be finalized by chief editor this month

Need to revitalize Facebook and make it so we do not have two separate congregations

Need to grow the Nyth Teams

35 views on Ghoul Tide video in first 24 hours

Unification Day coming up; something fun, more of a laid-back gathering. Birthday party like?

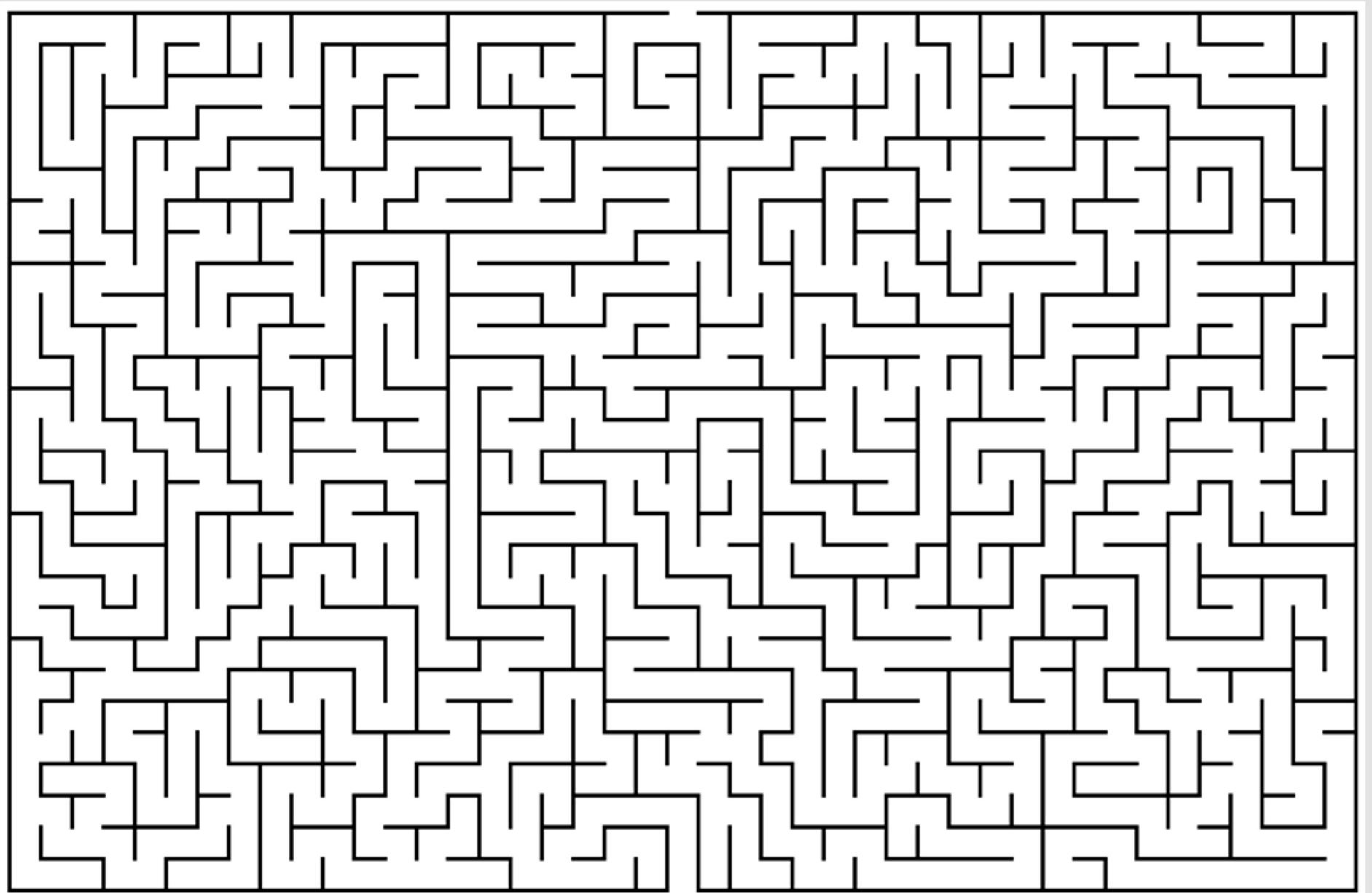
10 new joins at the Miskatonic University, one pending Cultist interview

Strong consideration for removing interview at Cultist level, but continuing plans for interviews at Cultist-Adept and higher due to the nature of those ranks.

Restructuring how Miskatonic lessons are presented to have greater engagement with the lessons instead of simply reading.

Discussed current operational structure and how to improve upon it

January 13, 2025: Impromptu Unification Day gathering headed by our Magister, Yog-Nytharanak. Despite short warning was well attended.





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JANUARY 1ST -  
AZATHOTH'S DREAM RENEWED

JANUARY 13TH -  
UNIFICATION DAY

FEBRUARY 1ST -  
LAVINAS LURE

FEBRUARY 14TH -  
GENEVIÈVE'S EMBRACE

FEBRUARY 28TH -  
THE DAY OF THE SCULPTOR

MARCH 15TH -  
LOVECRAFT'S LAMENT

APRIL 1ST -  
THE KING'S JEST

APRIL 2ND -  
RENEWAL OF THE PACT DAY

APRIL 20TH -  
CELESTIAL PATH

APRIL 30TH -  
NIGHT OF DARK DREAMS

MAY 1ST -  
FESTIVAL OF THE LIVING FLAME

JUNE 21ST -  
YER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

AUGUST 1ST -  
ITHAQUA'S FIRST TREAD

AUGUST 20TH -  
EDRITCH ILLUMINATION

OCTOBER 31ST -  
DARK SPIRIT DAY

NOVEMBER 1ST -  
CULTIST REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 18TH -  
MAGNUM INNOMINANDUM DAY

NOVEMBER 29TH -  
THE DAY OF GLUTTONOUS TSATHIOGGUA

DECEMBER 5TH -  
FESTIVAL OF THE ABYSS

DECEMBER 21ST -  
NUG SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 31ST -  
AZATHOTH STIRS

DREAMWEAVE  
PERIOD OF OBSERVANCE - FEBRUARY 28TH TO APRIL 2ND

THE ETERNAL EMBRACE OF THE NAMELESS VOID  
PERIOD OF OBSERVANCE - SEPTEMBER 21ST-24TH

GHOUL-TIDE  
PERIOD OF OBSERVANCE - DECEMBER 23RD - 30TH