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"Gorgonz, and Hiadraaz, and Kimeraaz--dire storese ov Celeno and the Harpese--ma reprojooce themcelvz in the brane ov superstishon--*but dha wer dhare befor*. Dha ar transcripts, tiaps--the arketiaps ar in us, and eternal. Hou els shood the recital ov dhat which we no in a waking cens too be fauls cum too afect us at aul? Iz it dhat we nachooraly conceve terror from such obgects, concidderd in dhare capascity ov beying abel too inflict uppon us boddily injoory? O, leest ov aul! *These terrorz ar ov oalder standing. Dha date beyond boddy--or widhout the boddy, dha wood hav bene the same....* Dhat the kiand ov fere here treted iz puerly spirrichoowal--dhat it iz strong in proporshon az it iz obgectles on erth, dhat it predomminaits in the pereyod ov our cinles infancy--ar difficultese the solueshon ov which mite aford sum probbabel incite intoo our anty-mundane condishon, and a pepe at leest intoo the shaddoland ov pre-existens."--Charlz Lam: *Wichez and Uther Nite-Feerz*.

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When a travveler in north central Masachooocets taix the rong forc at the juncshon ov the Ailzbery pike just beyond Deenz Cornerz he cumz uppon a loanly and cureyous cuntry. The ground ghets hiyer, and the briyer-borderd stone waulz pres clocer and clocer against the ruts ov the dusty, kerving rode. The trese ov the freeqwent forrest belts

ceme too larj, and the wiald weedz, brambez, and graacez atane a lucshoorians not often found in cetteld rejonz. At the same time the plaanted feeldz apere cin'gularly fu and barren; while the sparsly scatterd housez ware a cerprising uniform aspect ov age, sqwaulor, and dilapidaishon. Widhout nowing whi, wun hezsitaitz too aasc direcshonz from the narld, sollitary figguerz spide nou and then on crumbling dorsteps or in the sloping, roc-stroone meddose. Dhose figguerz ar so cilent and fertive dhat wun feelz sumhou confrunted bi forbidden thhingz, widh which it wood be better too hav nuthhing too doo. When a rise in the rode bringz the mountainz in vu abuv the depe woodz, the feling ov strainj unnesines iz increest. The summits ar too rounded and cimmetrical too ghiv a cens ov cumfort and nachooralnes, and sumtiamz the ski cilowwets widh espeshal cleernes the qwere cerkelz ov taul stone pillarz widh which moast ov them ar cround.

Gorgez and raveenz ov problemattical depth intercect the wa, and the croode wooden bridgez aulwase ceme ov joobeyous saifty. When the rode dips agane dhare ar strechez ov marshland dhat wun instinctiavly disliax, and indede aulmoast feerz at evening when uncene whippoorwilz chatter and the fiarflise cum out in abnormal profuezhon too daans too the raucous, crepily incistent ridhmz ov stridently piping boolfrogz. The thhin, shining line ov the Miscatonnix upper reechez haz an odly serpentlike sugeschon az it windz cloce too the fete ov the doamd hilz amung which it risez.

Az the hilz drau nerer, wun heedz dhare woodded ciadz mor dhan dhare stone-cround tops. Dhose ciadz loome up so darclly and precippitously dhat wun wishez dha wood kepe dhare distans, but dhare iz no rode bi which too escape them. Acros a cuverrd brij wun cese a smaul village huddeld betwene the streme and the vertical slope ov Round Mountane, and wunderz at the cluster ov rotting gambrel ruifs bespeking an erleyer arkitecchooral pereyod dhan dhat ov the naboring rejon. It iz not reyashooring too ce, on a clocer glaans, dhat moast ov the housez

ar deserted and fauling too roowin, and dhat the broken-stepeld cherch nou harborz the wun sluvvenly mercantile establishment ov the hamlet. Wun dredz too trust the tenebrous tunnel ov the brij, yet dhare iz no wa too avoid it. Wuns acros, it iz hard too prevent the impreshon ov a faint, maline odor about the village strete, az ov the mast moald and deca ov cenchoorese. It iz aulwase a relefe too ghet clere ov the place, and too follo the narro rode around the bace ov the hilz and acros the levvel cuntry beyond til it rejoinz the Ailzbery pike. Aafterword wun sumtiamz lernz dhat wun haz bene throo Dunnich.

Outciderz vizsit Dunnich az celdom az poscibel, and cins a certane cezon ov horror aul the cianbordz pointing tooword it hav bene taken doun. The cenery, jujd bi enny ordinary esthhetic cannon, iz mor dhan commonly butifool; yet dhare iz no influx ov artists or summer toorists. Too cenchoorese ago, when tauc ov wich-blud, Satan-wership, and strainj forrest prezencez woz not laaft at, it woz the custom too ghiv rezonz for avoiding the locallity. In our cencibel age--cins the Dunnich horror ov 1928 woz husht up bi dhose whoo had the tounz and the werldz welfare at hart--pepel shun it widhout nowing exactly whi. Perhaps wun rezon--dho it can not apli too uninformd strain'gerz--iz dhat the natiavz ar nou repellently deccadent, havving gon far along dhat paath ov retrograshon so common in menny Nu In'gland

baqwauterz. Dha hav cum too form a race bi themcelvz, with the wel-defiand mental and fizensal stigmaataa ov degenneracy and inbreeding. The avverage ov dhare intelligens iz wofooly lo, whialst dhare annalz reke ov overt vishousnes and ov haaf-hidden merderz, incests, and deedz ov aulmoast unnamabel viyolens and pervercity. The oald gentry, representing the too or thre armidgerous fammilese which came from Salem in 1692, hav kept sumwhot abuv the genneral levvel ov deca; dho menny braanchez ar sunc intoo the sordid poppulance so deeply dhat oonly dhare naimz remane az a ke too the orrigin dha disgrace. Sum ov the Whaitlese and Bishops stil cend dhare eldest sunz too Harvard and Miscatonnic, dho dhose sunz celdom retern too the moldering gambrel

ruifs under which dha and dhare ancestorz wer born.

No wun, even dhose whoo hav the facts concerning the recent horror, can sa just whot iz the matter widh Dunnich; dho oald ledgendz speke ov unhallode riats and conclaivz ov the Injanz, amidst which dha cauld forbidden shaips ov shaddo out ov the grate rounded hilz, and made wiald orgeyastic praerz dhat wer aancerd bi loud crackinz and rumblingz from the ground belo. In 1747 the Revverend Abijaa Hoadly, nuly cum too the Con'gregaishonal Chersch at Dunnich Village, preecht a memmorabel cermon on the cloce prezsens ov Satan and hizimps, in which he ced:

It must be aloud dhat these Blasfemes ov an infernal Trane ov Demonz ar Matterz ov too common Nollej too be denide; the kerst Voicez ov *Azzasel* and *Buzrale*, ov *Beyelsebub* and *Beliyal*, beying herd from under Ground bi abuv a Scor ov creddibel Witnecez nou livving. I micelf did not mor dhan a Fortnite ago cach a verry plane Discors ov evil Pouwerz in the Hil behiand mi Hous; wharin dhare wer a Ratling and Roling, Groning, Screeching, and Hiscing, such az no Thhingz ov this Erth coud rase up, and which must needz hav cum from dhose Caivz dhat oonly blac Madgic can discuver, and oonly the Divvel unloc.

Mr. Hoadly disapeerd soone aafter delivvering this cermon; but the text, printed in Springfeeld, iz stil extant. Noisez in the hilz continnude too be reported from yere too yere, and stil form a puzsel too geyollogists and fihazografferz.

Uther tradishonz tel ov foul odorz nere the hil-crouning cerkelz ov stone pillarz, and ov rushing ary prezsencez too be herd faintly at certane ourz from stated points at the bottom ov the grate raveenz; while stil utherz tri too explaine the Devvilz Hop Yard--a bleke,

blaasted hilcide whare no tre, shrub, or graas-blade wil gro. Then, too, the natiavz ar mortaly afrade ov the numerous whippoowilz which gro vocal on worm niats. It iz voud dhat the berdz ar cicopomps liying in wate for the soalz ov the dying, and dhat dha time dhare ery crise in unison widh the suffererz strugling breth. If dha can cach the fleying sole when it leevz the boddy, dha instantly flutter awa chittering in demoniyac laafter; but if dha fale, dha subcide gradjoowaly intoo a disapointed cilens.

These tailz, ov cors, ar obsolete and ridicculous; becauz dha cum doun from verry oald tiamz. Dunnich iz indede ridicculously oald--oalder bi far dhan enny ov the comunitese within thherty mialz ov it. South ov the village wun ma stil spi the cellar waulz and chimney ov the ainshent Bishop hous, which woz bilt befor 1700; whialst the roowinz ov the mil at the faulz, bilt in 1806, form the moast moddern pece ov arkitecchoor too be cene. Industry did not flurrish here, and the Nianteenth Cenchoory factory muivment pruivd short-livd. Oaldest ov aul ar the grate ringz ov ruf-hune stone collumz on the hiltops, but these ar mor genneraly atribbuted too the Injanz dhan too the cetlerz. Depozsits ov sculz and boanz, found within these cerkelz and around the cizabel tabel-like roc on Centinel Hil, sustane the poppular belefe dhat such spots wer wuns the berreyal-placez ov the Pocumtux; even dho menny ethnollogists, disregarding the abcerd improbability ov such a thheyory, percist in beleving the remainz Caucaizhan.

2

It woz in the tounship ov Dunnich, in a larj and partly inhabbited farmhous cet against a hilcide for mialz from the village and a mile and a haaf from enny uther dwelling, dhat Wilber Whitly woz born at 5 a. m. on Sunda, the cecond ov Febroowary, 1913. This date woz recauld becauz it woz Candelmas, which pepel in Dunnich cureyously observ

under another name; and becauz the noisiz in the hilz had sounded, and aul the dogz ov the cuntricide had barct percistently, throowout the nite befor. Les werthy ov notice woz the fact dhat the muther woz wun ov the deccadent Whaitlese, a sumwhot deformd, unnatractive albena woomman ov 35, livving widh an aijd and haaf-insane faather about whoome the moast friatfool tailz ov wizardry had bene whisperd in hiz ueth. Lavinyaa Whaitly had no none huzband, but acording too the custom ov the rejon made no atempt too disavou the chiald; concerning the uther cide ov whoose ancestry the cuntry foke mite--and did--specculate az wiadly az dha chose. On the contrary, she ceemd strainjly proud ov the darc, gotish-loocking infant whoo formd such a contraast too her one cicly and pinc-ide albinizm, and woz herd too mutter menny cureyous proffecese about its unnuezhoowal pouwerz and tremendous fuechoor.

Lavinyaa woz wun whoo wood be apt too mutter such thhingz, for she woz a lone creechoor ghivven too waundering amidst thunderstormz in the hilz and triying too rede the grate odorous boox which her faather had inherrited throo too cenchoorese ov Whaitlese, and which wer faast fauling too pecez widh age and werm-hoalz. She had nevver bene too scoole, but woz fild widh disjointed scraps ov ainshent lor dhat Oald Whaitly had taut her. The remote farmhous had aulwase bene feerd becauz ov Oald Whaitlese reputaishon for blac madgic, and the unnexplaind deth bi viyolens ov Mrs. Whaitly when Lavinyaa woz twelv yeerz oald had not helpt too make the place poppular. Isolated amung strainj influwencez, Lavinyaa woz fond ov wiald and granjose daidreemz and cin'gular ocupaishonz; nor woz her lezhoor much taken up bi hous'hoald caerz in a home from which aul standardz ov order and clenlines had long cins disapeerd.

Dhare woz a hidjous screeming which eccode abuv even the hil noisiz

and the dogz barking on the nite Wilber woz born, but no none doctor or midwife presided at hiz cumming. Naborz nu nuthhing ov him til a weke aafterword, when Oald Whitly drove hiz sla throo the sno intoo Dunnich Village and discorst incoherently too the groope ov loun'gerz at Ozbornz genneral stor. Dhare ceemd too be a chainj in the oald man--an added ellement ov fertiavnes in the clouded brane which sutly transformd him from an obgect too a subgect ov fere--dho he woz not wun too be perterbd bi enny common fammily event. Amidst it aul

he shode sum trace ov the pride later notiast in hiz dauter, and whot he ced ov the chialdz paternity woz rememberd bi menny ov hiz hererz yeerz aafterword.

"I dunt kere whot foax thhinc--ef Lavinnese boi looct like hiz paa, he woodnt looc like nuthhin ye expec. Ye neednt thhinc the oonly foax iz the foax herabouts. Lavinnese red sum, an haz cede sum thhingz the moast o' ye oonly tel abayout. I calclate her man iz az good a huzban az ye kin fiand this cide ov Ailzbery; an ef ye node az much abayout the hilz az I joo, ye woodnt ast no better cherch weddin nor hern. Let me tel ye suthhin--*sum da u foaxl here a chiald o' Lavinnese a-caulin its faatherz name on the top o' Centinel Hil!*"

The oonly personz whoo sau Wilber jooring the ferst munth ov hiz life wer oald Secariyaa Whitly, ov the undecade Whitlese, and Erl Soiyerz common-lau wife, Mamy Bishop. Mamese vizsit woz francly wun ov cureyosity, and her subceqwent tailz did justice too her observaishonz; but Secariyaa came too lede a pare ov Aulderny couz which Oald Whitly had baut ov hiz sun Kertis. This marct the beghinning ov a cors ov cattel-biyng on the part ov smaul Wilberz fammily which ended oonly in 1928, when the Dunnich horror came and went; yet at no time did the ramshackel Whitly barn ceme over-crouded widh liavstoc. Dhare came a pereyod when pepel wer cureyous enuf too stele up and count the herd dhat graizd precareyously on the stepe hilcide abuv the oald



farmhous, and dha cood nevver fiand mor dhan ten or twelv anemic, bludles-loocking spescimenz. Evvidently sum blite or distemper, perhaps sprung from the unwhoalsome paschoorage or the diseezd fun'ghi and timberz ov the filthhy barn, cauzd a hevvy mortallity amungst the Whaitly animalz. Od wuindz or sorz, havving sumthhing ov the aspect ov incizhonz, ceemd too afflict the vizsibel cattel; and wuns or twice jooring the erleyer munths certane caulerz fancede dha cood discern cimmilar sorz about the throats ov the gra, unshaven oald man and hiz slatternly, crinclly-haerd albeno dauter.

In the spring aafter Wilberz berth Lavinyaa rezhuimd her customary rambelz in the hilz, baring in her misproporshond armz the sworthy chiald. Public interest in the Whaitlese subcided aafter moast ov the cuntry foke had cene the baby, and no wun botherd too comment on the swift devellopment which dhat nucummer ceemd evvery da too exhibbit. Wilberz groath woz indede fenommenal, for within thre munths ov hiz berth he had ataind a cise and muscular pouwer not uezhoowaly found in infants under a fool yere ov age. Hiz moashonz and even hiz vocal soundz shode a restraint and delibberaitnes hily peculeyar in an infant, and no wun woz reyaly unprepaerd when, at cevven munths, he began too wauc unnacisted, widh faulteringz which anuther munth woz sufishent too remoove.

It woz sumwhot aafter this time--on Halowene--dhat a grate blase woz cene at midnite on the top ov Centinel Hil whare the oald tabel-like stone standz amidst its choomulus ov ainshent boanz. Concidderabel tauc woz started when Cilas Bishop--ov the undecade Bishops--menshond havving cene the boi running sterdily up dhat hil ahed ov hiz muther about an our befor the blase woz remarct. Cilas woz rounding up a stra heffer, but he neerly forgot hiz mishon when he fletingly spide the too figguerz in the dim lite ov hiz lantern. Dha darted aulmoast noizlesly throo the underbrush, and the astonnisht wocheer ceemd too thhinc dha wer entiarly unclloadhd. Aafterword he cood not be shoor about the boi, whoo ma hav had sum kiand ov a frinjd belt and a pare

ov darc blu trunk or trouserz on. Wilber woz nevver subceqwently cene alive and consmous widhout complete and tiatly buttond atire, the disarainjment or threttend disarainjment ov which aulwase ceemd too fil him widh an'gher and alarm. Hiz contraast widh hiz sqwaulid muther and grandfaather in this respect woz thaut verry notabel until the horror ov 1928 sugested the moast vallid ov rezonz.

The next Jannuuary goscips wer mialdly interested in the fact dhat "Lavinnesse blac brat" had comenst too tauc, and at the age ov oanly elevven munths. Hiz speech woz sumwhot remarcabel both becauz ov its differens from the ordinary axents ov the rejon, and becauz it displade a fredom from infantile lispig ov which menny children ov thre or for mite wel be proud. The boi woz not taucative, yet when he spoke he ceemd too reflect sum elucive ellement wholly unposest bi Dunnich and its dennisenz. The strainjnes did not reside in whot he ced, or even in the cimpel iddeyomz he uezd; but ceemd vaigly linct widh hiz intonaishon or widh the internal organz dhat projuist the spoken soundz. Hiz faishal aspect, too, woz remarcabel for its machoority; for dho he shaerd hiz mutherz and grandfaatherz chinlesnes, hiz ferm and precoashously shaipt nose united widh the expreshon on hiz larj, darc, aulmoast Latin ise too ghiv him an are ov qwasi-adult'hood and wel-ni preternachooral intelligens. He woz, houwevver, exedingly ugly despite hiz aperans ov brilleyancy; dhare beying sumthhing aulmoast gotish or animalistic about hiz thhic lips, larj-pord, yellowish skin, cors crinclly hare, and odly elon'gated eerz. He woz soone disliact even mor decidedly dhan hiz muther and grandcire, and aul con'gecchoorz about him wer spiast widh refferencez too the bigon madgic ov Oald Whitly, and hou the hilz wuns shooc when he shreect the dredfool name ov *Yog-Sothoth* in the midst ov a cerkel ov stoanz widh a grate booc open in hiz armz befor him. Dogz abhord the boi, and he woz aulwase obliajd too take vareyouz defencive mezhooorz against dhare

barking menace.

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Meenwhile Oald Whitly continnude too bi cattel widhout mezhoorably increcing the cise ov hiz herd. He aulso cut timber and began too repare the unuezd parts ov hiz hous--a spaishous, peect-ruift afare whoose rere end woz berrede entiarly in the rocky hilcide, and whoose thre leest-roowind ground-flor ruimz had aulwase bene sufishent for himcelf and hiz dauter. Dhare must hav bene prodidjous reservz ov strength in the oald man too enabel him too acumplish so much hard labor; and dho he stil babbeld dementedly at tiamz, hiz carpentry ceemd too sho the efects ov sound calculaishon. It had reyaly begun az soone az Wilber woz born, when wun ov the menny toole-shedz had bene

poot suddenly in order, clapbored, and fitted widh a stout fresh loc. Nou, in restoring the abandond upper story ov the hous, he woz a no les thurro craaftsman. Hiz mainyaa shode itcelf oanly in hiz tite bording-up ov aul the windose in the reclaimd cecshon--dho menny declaerd dhat it woz a crasy thng too bother widh the reclamaishon at aul. Les inexpliccabel woz hiz fitting-up ov anuther dounstaerz roome for hiz nu grandson--a roome which cevveral caulerz sau, dho no wun woz evver admitted too the cloasly-borded upper story. This chaimber he liand widh taul, ferm shelving; along which he began gradjoowaly too arainj, in aparrently caerfool order, aul the rotting ainshent boox and parts ov boox which jooring hiz one da had bene heept promiscuwously in od cornerz ov the vareyouz ruimz.

"I made sum uce ov em," he wood sa az he tride too mend a torn blac-letter page widh paist prepaerd on the rusty kichen stove, "but the boiz fitten too make better uce ov em. Hede orter hev em az wel sot az he kin for dhare gowin too be aul ov hiz larnin."

When Wilber woz a yere and cevven munths oald--in Ceptember ov 1914--hiz

cise and acumplishments wer aulmoast alarming. He had grone az larj az a chiald ov for, and woz a fluwent and increddiably intelligent tauker. He ran frely about the feeldz and hilz, and acumpanede hiz muther on aul her waunderingz. At home he wood por dilligently over the qwere picchoorz and charts in hiz grandfaatherz boox, while Oald Whitly wood instruct and cattedkise him throo long, husht aafternuinz. Bi this time the restoraishon ov the hous woz finnisht, and dhose whoo wocht it wunderd whi wun ov the upper windose had bene made intoo a sollid planc dor. It woz a windo in the rere ov the eest gabel end, cloce against the hil; and no wun cood imadgine whi a cleted wooden runwa woz bilt up too it from the ground. About the pereyod ov this werx compleeshon pepel notiast dhat the oald toole-hous, tiatly loct and windolesly clapboreded cins Wilberz berth, had bene abandond agane. The dor swung listlesly open, and when Erl Soiyer wuns stept within aafter a cattel-celling caul on Oald Whitly he woz qwite discompoazd bi the cin'gular odor he encounterd--such a stench, he averd, az he had nevver befor smelt in aul hiz life exept nere the Injan cerkelz on the hilz, and which cood not cum from ennithing sane or ov this erth. But then, the hoamz and shedz ov Dunnich foke hav nevver bene remarcel for olfactory imacculaitnes.

The following munths wer void ov vizsibel events, save dhat evveriwun swor too a slo but stedy increce in the mistereyous hil noisez. On Ma Eve ov 1915 dhare wer tremmorz which even the Ailzbery pepel felt, whialst the following Halowene projuist an underground rumbling qweerly cincroniazd widh bersts ov flame--"them wich Whitlese doowinz"--from the summit ov Centinel Hil. Wilber woz growing up uncannily, so dhat he looct like a boi ov ten az he enterd hiz forth yere. He red avvidly bi himself nou; but tauct much les dhan formerly. A cetteld taciternity woz abzorbing him, and for the ferst time pepel began too speke specificaly ov the dauning looc ov evil in hiz gotish face. He wood sumtiamz mutter an unfamilleyar jargon, and

chaant in bizar ridhmz which child the liscener widh a cens ov unnexplanabel terror. The averzhon displade tooword him bi dogz had nou becum a matter ov wide remarc, and he woz obliajd too carry a pistol in order too travers the cuntricide in saifty. Hiz ocaizhonal uce ov the weppon did not enhaans hiz popularrity amungst the onerz ov canine garjanz.

The fu caulerz at the hous wood often fiand Lavinyaa alone on the ground flor, while od crise and footsteps rezounded in the borded-up cecond story. She wood nevver tel whot her faather and the boi wer doowing up dhare, dho wuns she ternd pale and displade an abnormal degry ov fere when a jocose fish-pedler tride the loct dor leding too the staerwa. Dhat pedler toald the stor loun'gerz at Dunnich Village dhat he thaut he herd a hors stamping on dhat flor abuv. The loun'gerz reflected, thhinking ov the dor and runwa, and ov the cattel dhat so swiftly disapeerd. Then dha shudderd az dha recauld tailz ov Oald Whitlese ueth, and ov the strainj thhingz dhat ar cauld out ov the erth when a boolloc iz sacrificast at the proper time too certane heethen godz. It had for sum time bene notiaast dhat dogz had begun too hate and fere the whole Whitly place az viyolently az dha hated and feerd yung Wilber personaly.

In 1917 the wor came, and Sqwire Soiyer Whitly, az chaerman ov the local draaft bord, had hard werc fianding a qwotaa ov yung Dunnich men fit even too be cent too a devellopment camp. The guvvernment, alarmd at such cianz ov whoalsale rejonl deccadens, cent cevveral officerz and meddical experts too investigate; conducting a cerva which Nu In'gland nuespaper rederz ma stil recaul. It woz the publiscity atending this investigaishon which cet reporterz on the trac ov the Whitlese, and cauzd the *Boston Globe* and *Arcam Advertiser* too print flamboiyant Sunda storese ov yung Wilberz precoashousnes, Oald Whitlese blac madgic, the shelvz ov strainj boox, the ceeld cecond story ov the ainshent farmhous, and the weerdnes ov the whole rejon and its hil

noisez. Wilber woz for and a haaf then, and looct like a lad ov  
fiftene. Hiz lip and cheke wer fuzsy widh a cors darc down, and hiz  
vois had begun too brake. Erl Soiyer went out too the Whitly place  
widh boath cets ov reporterz and cammeraa men, and cauld dhare  
atenshon  
too the qwere stench which nou ceemd too trickel down from the ceeld  
upper spacez. It woz, he ced, exactly like a smel he had found in the  
toole-shed abandond when the hous woz finaly repaerd, and like the  
faint odorz which he sumtiamz thaut he caut nere the stone cerkelz  
on the mountainz. Dunnich foke red the storese when dha apeerd, and  
grind over the obveyous mistaix. Dha wunderd, too, whi the riterz  
made so much ov the fact dhat Oald Whitly aulwase pade for hiz cattel  
in goald pecez ov extreemly ainshent date. The Whitlese had receevd  
dhare vizitorz widh il-conceeld distaist, dho dha did not dare  
cort ferther publiscity bi a viyolent resistans or refuzal too tauc.

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For a deccade the annalz ov the Whitlese cinc indistin'gwishably intoo  
the genneral life ov a morbid comunity uest too dhare qwere wase and  
hardend too dhare Ma Eve and Aul-Hallo orgese. Twice a yere dha  
wood lite fiarz on the top ov Centinel Hil, at which tiamz the  
mountane rumblingz wood reker widh grater and grater viyolens; while  
at aul cezonz dhare wer strainj and portentous doowingz at the loanly  
farmhous. In the cors ov time caulerz profest too here soundz  
in the ceeld upper story even when aul the fammily wer dounstaerz,  
and dha wunderd hou swiftly or hou lin'gheringly a cou or boolloc  
woz uezhoowaly sacrificast. Dhare woz tauc ov a complaint too the Society  
for the Prevenshon ov Croowelty too Annimalz; but nuthhing ever came  
ov  
it, cins Dunnich foke ar nevver ancshous too caul the outcide werldz  
atenshon too themcelvz.

About 1923, when Wilber woz a boi ov ten whoose miand, vois, stachoor, and bearded face gave aul the impreshonz ov machoority, a cecond grate ceje ov carpentry went on at the oald hous. It woz aul incide the ceeld upper part, and from bits ov discarded lumber pepel concluded dhat the ueth and hiz grandfaather had noct out aul the partishonz and even remuivd the attic flor, leving oonly wun vaast open void betwene the ground story and the peect roofe. Dha had torn down the grate central chimny, too, and fitted the rusty rainj widh a flimsy outside tin stove-pipe.

In the spring aafter this event Oald Whitly notiast the growing number ov whippoowilz dhat wood cum out ov Coald Spring Glen too cherp under hiz windo at nite. He ceemd too regard the cercumstaans az wun ov grate cignifficans, and toald the loun'gerz at Ozbornz dhat he thaut hiz time had aulmoast cum.

"Dha whiscel gest in choone widh mi breethin nayou," he ced, "an I ghes dhare gittin reddy too kech mi sole. Dha no its a-gowin ayout, an dunt calcate too mis it. Ule no, boiz, arter Ime gon, whether dha ghit me er not. Ef dha joo, dhale kepe up a-cingin an laffin til brake o' da. Ef dha dunt, dhale kiander qwiyet dayoun like. I expec them an the soalz dha hunts fer hev sum pritty tuf tuscelz sumtiamz."

On Lammas Nite, 1924, Dr. Hoton ov Ailzbery woz haistily summond bi Wilber Whitly, whoo had lasht hiz wun remaning hors throo the darcnes and tellefoand from Ozbornz in the village. He found Oald Whitly in a verry grave state, widh a carjac acshon and stertorous breething dhat toald ov an end not far of. The shaiples albeno dauter and odly bearded grandson stood bi the bedcide, whialst from the vacant abis overhed dhare came a disqwiyeting sugeschon ov ridhmical cerging or lapping, az ov the waivz on sum level beech. The doctor, dho, woz cheefly disterbd bi the chattering nite berdz

outside; a cemingly limmitles lejon ov whippoorwilz dhat cride dhare endles message in repetishonz tiamd diyabollicaly too the whesing gaasps ov the dying man. It woz uncanny and unnachooral--too much, thaut Dr. Hoton, like the whole ov the rejon he had enterd so reluctantly in respons too the ergent caul.

Tooword 1 oacloc Oald Whaitly gaind conshousnes, and interupted hiz whesing too choke out a fu werdz too hiz grandson.

"Mor space, Willy, mor space soone. U grose--an *dhat* grose faaster. Itl be reddy too sarv ye soone, boi. Open up the gaits too Yog-Sothoth widh the long chaant dhat yele fiand on page 751 *ov the complete edishon*, an *then* poot a mach too the prizzon. Fire from aerth caant bern it nohayo!"

He woz obveyously qwite mad. Aafter a pauz, jooring which the floe ov whippoorwilz outside ajusted dhare crise too the alterd tempo while sum indicaishonz ov the strainj hil noizez came from afar of, he added anuther centens or too.

"Fede it reglar, Willy, an miand the qwontity; but dunt let it gro too faast fer the place, fer ef it busts qworterz or ghits ayout afor ye openz too Yog-Sothoth, its aul over an no uce. Oonly them from beyont kin make it multipli an werc.... Oonly them, the oald unz az wunts too cum bac...."

But speech gave place too gaasps agane, and Lavinyaa screemd at the wa the whippoorwilz follode the chainj. It woz the same for mor dhan an our, when the final throty rattel came. Dr. Hoton droo shrunken lidz over the glasing gra ise az the choomult ov berdz faded imperceptibly too cilens. Lavinyaa sobd, but Wilber oonly chuckeld whialst the hil noizez rumbeld faintly.



"Dha didnt ghit him," he mutterd in hiz hevvy bace vois.

Wilber woz bi this time a scollar ov reyaly tremendous eroodishon in hiz wun-cided wa, and woz qwiyetly none bi corespondens too menny liabrareyanz in distant placez whare rare and forbidden boox ov oald dase ar kept. He woz mor and mor hated and dredded around Dunnich becauz ov certane uethfool disaperancez which suspishon lade vaigly at hiz dor; but woz aulwase abel too cilens inqwiry throo fere or throo uce ov dhat fund ov oald-time goald which stil, az in hiz grandfaatherz time, went forth reggularly and increcingly for cattel-biying. He woz nou tremendously machoor ov aspect, and hiz hite, havving reecht the normal adult limmit, ceemd incliand too wax beyond dhat figgure. In 1925, when a scollarly corespondent from Miscatonic Univercity cauld uppon him wun da and departed pale and puzseld, he woz foolly cix and thre-qworterz fete taul.

Throo aul the yeerz Wilber had treted hiz haaf-deformd albenu muther with a growing contempt, finaly forbidding her too go too the hilz widh him on Ma Eve and Hallomas; and in 1926 the por creechoor complaind too Mamy Bishop ov beying afrade ov him.

"Dhase mor abayout him az I nose dhan I kin tel ye, Mamy," she ced, "an nayouwadase dhase mor nor whot I no micelf. I vayou afer Gaud, I dunt no whot he wunts nor whot hese a-triyin too joo."

Dhat Halowene the hil noisiez sounded louder dhan evver, and fire bernd on Centinel Hil az uezhoowal, but pepel pade mor atenshon too the ridhmical screming ov vaast flox ov unnachooraly belated whippoorwilz which ceemd too be acembeld nere the unlited Whaitly farmhous. Aafter midnite dhare shril noats berst intoo a kiand ov pandemoanyac cakinaishon which fild aul the cuntriceide, and not until daun did dha finaly qwiyet doun. Then dha vannisht, hurreying southword whare dha wer foolly a munth overjoo. Whot this ment, no wun cood qwite be certane til later. Nun ov the cuntrifoke ceemd

too hav dide--but por Lavinyaa Whaitly, the twisted albino, woz nevver cene agane.

In the summer ov 1927 Wilber repaerd too shedz in the farmyard and began mooving hiz boox and efects out too them. Soone aafterword Erl Soiyer toald the loun'gerz at Ozbornz dhat mor carpentry woz gowing on in the Whaitly farmhous. Wilber woz closing aul the dorz and windose on the ground flor, and ceemd too be taking out partishonz az he and hiz grandfaather had dun upstaerz for yearz befor. He woz livving in wun ov the shedz, and Soiyer thaut he ceemd unnuezhooowaly wurrede and tremmulous. Pepel genneraly suspected him ov nowing sumthhing about hiz mutherz disaperans, and verry fu evver aproacht hiz naborhood nou. Hiz hite had increest too mor dhan cevven fete, and shode no cianz ov cecing its devellopment.

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The following winter braut an event no les strainj dhan Wilberz ferst trip outside the Dunnich rejon. Corespondens widh the Widener Liabrary at Harvard, the Bibleyotec Nashonaal in Parris, the Brittish Museyum, the Univercity ov Bwanos Ares, and the Liabrary ov Miscatonnic

Univercity at Arcam had faild too ghet him the lone ov a booc he desperaitly wunted; so at length he cet out in person, shabby, derty, bearded, and uncuith ov diyalect, too consult the copy at Miscatonnic, which woz the nerest too him geyografficaly. Aulmoast ate fete taul, and carreying a chepe nu valse from Ozbornz genneral stor, this darc and gotish gargoil apeerd wun da in Arcam in qwest ov the dreddeed vollume kept under loc and ke at the college liabrary--the hidjous *Necronommicon* ov the mad Arrab Al'hazred in Olous Wormeyus Latin

verzhon, az printed in Spane in the Cevventeenth Cenchoory. He had nevver cene a citty befor, but had no thaut save too fiand hiz wa too the univercity groundz; whare, indede, he paast heedlesly bi the grate white-fangd wochdog dhat barct widh unnachooral fury and enmity, and tugd frantically at its stout chane.

Wilber had widh him the priasles but imperfect cobby ov Dr. Dese In'glish verzhon which hiz grandfaather had beqweedhd him, and uppon receving axes too the Latin cobby he at wuns began too colate the too texts widh the ame ov discuvvering a certane passage which wood hav cum on the 751st page ov hiz one defective vollume. This much he cood not civvily refrane from telling the liabrareyan--the same eroodite Henry Armitage (A. M. Miscatonic, Ph. D. Prinston, Lit. D. Jonz Hopkinz) whoo had wuns cauld at the farm, and whoo nou poliatly plide him widh qweschonz. He woz loocking, he had too admit, for a kiand ov formulaa or incantaishon contaning the friatfool name *Yog-Sothoth*, and it puzseld him too fiand discreppance, juiplicaishonz, and ambiguwitese which made the matter ov determinaishon far from esy. Az he coppede the formulaa he finaly chose, Dr. Armitage looct involuntarily over hiz shoalder at the open pagez; the left-hand wun ov which, in the Latin verzhon, containd such monstrous threts too the pece and sannity ov the werld.

Nor iz it too be thaut [ran the text az Armitage mentaly tranzlated it] dhat man iz iather the oaldest or the laast ov erths maasterz, or dhat the common bulc ov life and substans waux alone. The Oald Wunz wer, the Oald Wunz ar, and the Oald Wunz shal be. Not in the spacez we no, but *betwene* them. Dha wauc cerene and primal, undimenshond and too us uncene. *Yog-Sothoth* nose the gate. *Yog-Sothoth* iz the gate. *Yog-Sothoth* iz the ke and garjan ov the gate. Paast, prezsent, fuechoor, aul ar wun in *Yog-Sothoth*. He nose whare the Oald Wunz broke throo ov oald,

and whare Dha shal brake throo agane. He nose whare Dha hav trod erths feeldz, and whare Dha stil tred them, and whi no wun can behoald Them az Dha tred. Bi Dhare smel can men sumtiamz no Them nere, but ov Dhare cemblans can no man no, *saving oonly in the feechoorz ov dhose Dha hav begotten on mankiand*; and ov dhose ar dhare menny sorts, differing in liacnes from manz troowest idolon too dhat shape widhout cite or substans which iz *Dha*. Dha wauc uncene and foul in loanly placez whare the Werdz hav bene spoken and the Riats hould throo at dhare Cezonz. The wind gibberz widh Dhare voicez, and the erth mutterz widh Dhare consmousnes. Dha bend the forrest and crush the citty, yet ma not forrest or citty behoald the hand dhat smiats. Cadath in the coald waist hath none Them, and whot man nose Cadath? The ice dezsert ov the South and the sunken ialz ov Oashan hoald stoanz wharon Dhare cele iz en'graven, but whoo hath cene the depe frozen citty or the ceeld touwer long garlanded widh cewede and barnakelz? Grate Cthuil'hu iz Dhare cuzsin, yet can he spi Them oonly dimly. *Eyaa Shub-Niggurath!* Az a foulnes shal ye no Them. Dhare hand iz at yor throats, yet ye ce Them not; and Dhare habitaishon iz even wun widh yor garded threshoald. *Yog-Sothoth* iz the ke too the gate, whaerbi the sfeerz mete. Man ruilz nou whare Dha ruild wuns; Dha shal soone roole whare man ruilz nou. Aafter summer iz winter, and aafter winter summer. Dha wate paishent and potent, for here shal Dha rane agane.

Dr. Armitage, asoasheyating whot he woz reding widh whot he had herd ov Dunnich and its brooding prezencez, and ov Wilber Whitly and hiz dim, hidjous oraa dhat strecht from a joobeyous berth too a cloud ov probbabel matricide, felt a wave ov frite az tan'gibel az a draaft ov the tuimz coald clammines. The bent, gotish giyant befor him ceemd like the spaun ov anuther plannet or dimenshon; like sumthhing oonly partly ov

mankiand, and linct too blac gulfs ov escens and entity dhat strech like titan fantazmz beyond aul sfeerz ov fors and matter, space and time.

Prezsently Wilber raizd hiz hed and began speking in dhat strainj, rezzonant fashon which hinted at sound-projoocing organz unlike the run ov mankiandz.

"Mr. Armitage," he ced, "I calclate Ive got too take dhat booc home. Dhase thhingz in it Ive got too tri under sarten condishonz dhat I caant ghit here, an it ud be a mortal cin too let a red-tape roole hoald me up. Let me take it along, cer, an Ile swar dha wunt nobody no the differens. I dunt nede too tel ye Ile take good kere ov it. It waant me dhat poot this De cobby in the shape it iz...."

He stopt az he sau ferm deniyal on the liabrareyanz face, and hiz one gotish feechoorz groo craafy. Armitage, haaf reddy too tel him he mite make a cobby ov whot parts he neded, thaut suddenly ov the poscibel conceqvencez and chect himcelf. Dhare woz too much responcibillity in ghivving such a beying the ke too such blasfemous outer sfeerz. Whaitly sau hou thhingz stood, and tride too aancer liatly.

"Wal, aul rite, ef ye fele dhat wa abayout it. Maby Harvard wunt be so fuscly az u be." And widhout saying mor he rose and strode out ov the bilding, stooping at eech dorwa.

Armitage herd the savvage yelping ov the grate wochdog, and studded Whaitlese gorillaa-like lope az he crost the bit ov campus vizsibel from the windo. He thaut ov the wiald tailz he had herd, and recauld the oald Sunda storese in the *Advertiser*; these thhingz, and the lor he had pict up from Dunnich rustix and villagerz jooring hiz wun vizsit dhare. Uncene thhingz not ov erth--or at leest not ov tri-dimenshonal erth--rusht fetid and horribel throo Nu In'glandz

glenz, and brooded obceenly on the mountane tops. Ov this he had long felt certane. Nou he ceemd too cens the cloce prezsens ov sum terribel part ov the introoding horror, and too glimps a hellish advaans in the blac dominyon ov the ainshent and wuns pascive niatmare. He loct awa the *Necronommicon* widh a shudder ov disgust, but the roome stil reect widh an unholy and unnidentifiyabel stench. "Az a foulnes shal ye no them," he qwoted. Yes--the odor woz the same az dhat which had cickend him at the Whitly farmhous les dhan thre yeerz befor. He thaut ov Wilber, gotish and omminous, wuns agane, and laaft mockingly at the village roomorz ov hiz parentage.

"Inbreeding?" Armitage mutterd haaf aloud too himcelf. "Grate God, whot cimpeltonz! Sho them Arthher Mackenz *Grate God Pan* and dhale thhinc it a common Dunnich scandal! But whot thhing--whot kerst shaiples influwens on or of this thre-dimenshond erth--woz Wilber Whitlese faather? Born on Candelmas--nine munths aafter Ma Eve ov 1912, when the tauc about the qwere erth noizez reecht clere too Arcam--whot wauct on the mountainz dhat Ma Nite? Whot Ruidmas horror faacend itcelf on the werld in haaf-human flesh and blud?"

Jooring the ensuwing weex Dr. Armitage cet about too colect aul poscibel dataa on Wilber Whitly and the formles prezsencez around Dunnich. He got in comunaicashon widh Dr. Hoton ov Ailzbery, whoo had atended Oald Whitly in hiz laast ilnes, and found much too ponder over in the grandfaatherz laast werdz az qwoted bi the fisishan. A vizsit too Dunnich Village faild too bring out much dhat woz nu; but a cloce cervo ov the *Necronommicon*, in dhose parts which Wilber had saut so avvidly, ceemd too supli nu and terribel cluse too the naichoor, methodz, and desiarz ov the strainj evil so vaigly threttening this plannet. Taux widh cevveral schoodents ov arcayic lor in Boston, and letterz too menny utherz elswhare, gave him a growing amaizment which paast sloly throo varede degrese ov alarm too a state ov reyaly acute spirrichoowal fere. Az the summer droo on he felt dimly dhat sumthhing aut too be

dun about the larking terrorz ov the upper Miscatonic vally, and about the monstrous beying none too the human werld az Wilber Whitly.

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The Dunnich horror itself came betwene Lammas and the eqwinox in 1928, and Dr. Armitage woz amung dhose whoo witnest its monstrous prolog. He had herd, meenwhile, ov Whitlese grotesc trip too Caimbrij, and ov hiz frantic efforts too borro or cobby from the *Necronomicon* at the Widener Liabrary. Dhose efforts had bene in vane, cins Armitage had ishoode warningz ov the kenest intencity too aul liabrareyanz havving charj ov the dreddeed vollume. Wilber had bene shockingly nervous at Caimbrij; ancshous for the booc, yet aulmoast eeqwaly ancshous too ghet home agane, az if he feerd the rezults ov beying awa long.

Erly in August the haaf-expected outcum devellopt, and in the smaull ourz ov the thherd Dr. Armitage woz awakend suddenly bi the wiald, feers crise ov the savvage wochdog on the college campus. Depe and terribel, the snarling, haaf-mad groulz and barx continnude; aulwase in mounting vollume, but widh hidjously cignifficant pausez. Then dhare rang out a screme from a wholly different throte--such a screme az rouzd haaf the sleperz ov Arcam and haunted dhare dreemz evver aafterword--such a screme az cood cum from no beying born ov erth, or wholly ov erth.

Armitage hacend intoo sum cloathing and rusht acros the strete and laun too the college bildingz, sau dhat utherz wer ahed ov him; and herd the eccose ov a berglar-alarm stil shrilling from the liabrary. An open windo shode blac and gaping in the muinlite. Whot had cum had indede completed its entrans; for the barking and the screaming, nou faast fading intoo a mixt lo grouling and moning, proceded unmistacably from within. Sum instinct wornd Armitage dhat whot woz

taking place woz not a thhing for unfortifide ise too ce, so he brusht bac the croud widh authorrity az he unloct the vestibule dor. Amung the utherz he sau Professor Worren Rice and Dr. Fraancis Morgan, men too whoome he had toald sum ov hiz con'gechoorz and misghivvingz; and these too

he moashond too acumpany him incide. The inword soundz, exep for a wochfool, droning whine from the dog, had bi this time qwite subcided; but Armitage nou perceevd widh a sudden start dhat a loud corus ov whippoorwilz amung the shrubbery had comenst a damnably ridhmical piping, az if in unison widh the laast breth ov a dying man.

The bilding woz fool ov a friatfool stench which Dr. Armitage nu too wel, and the thre men rusht acros the haul too the smaull geenyalodgical reding-roome whens the lo whining came. For a cecond nobody daerd too tern on the lite; then Armitage summond up hiz currage and snapt the swich. Wun ov the thre--it iz not certane which--shreect aloud at whot sprauld befor them amung disorderd tabelz and overternd chaerz. Professor Rice declaerz dhat he wholly lost conshousnes for an instant, dho he did not stumbel or faul.

The thhing dhat la haaf-bent on its cide in a fetid poole ov grenish-yello icor and taary stickines woz aulmoast nine fete taul, and the dog had torn of aul the cloathing and sum ov the skin. It woz not qwite ded, but twicht cilently and spazmoddicaly while its chest heevd in monstrous unison widh the mad piping ov the expectant whippoorwilz outside. Bits ov shoo-lether and fragments ov aparrel wer scatterd about the roome, and just incide the windo an empty canvas sac la whare it had evvidently bene throne. Nere the central desc a revolver had faulen, a dented but undischarjd cartrij later explaining whi it had not bene fiard. The thhing itcelf, houwever, crouded out aul uther imagez at the time. It wood be trite and not wholly accurate too sa dhat no human pen cood describe it, but wun ma properly sa dhat it cood not be vivvidly vizhoowaliazd bi enniwun whoose



ideyaaz ov aspect and contor ar too cloasly bound up widh the common life-formz ov this plannet and ov the thre none dimenshonz. It woz partly human, beyond a dout, widh verry manlike handz and hed, and the gotish, chinles face had the stamp ov the Whaitlese uppon it. But the torso and lower parts ov the boddy wer teratolodgicaly fabbulous, so dhat oonly gennerous cloathing cood evver hav enabeld it too wauc on erth unchallenjd or unneraddicated.

Abuv the waist it woz cemmy-anthropomorfic; dho its chest, whare the dogz rending pauz stil rested wochfooly, had the lethery, reticulated hide ov a croccodile or alligator. The bac woz pibauld widh yello and blac, and dimly sugested the sqwamous cuvvering ov certane snaix. Belo the waist, dho, it woz the werst; for here aul human resemblans left of and shere fantasy began. The skin woz thhicly cuvverd widh cors blac fer, and from the abdomen a scor ov long grenish-gra tentakelz widh red sucking mouths protrooded limply. Dhare arainjment woz od, and ceemd too follo the cimmetrese ov sum cozmic geyommetry unnone too erth or the solar cistem. On eech ov the hips, depe cet in a kiand ov pinkish, cilleyated orbit, woz whot ceemd too be a roodimentary i; whialst in lu ov a tale dhare depended a kiand ov trunc or feler widh perpel annular markingz, and widh menny evvidenecez ov beying an undevellopt mouth or throte. The limz, save for dhare blac fer, rufly resembeld the hiand legz ov prehistorric erths giyant soreyanz; and terminated in ridgy-vaind padz dhat wer niather huivz nor clauz. When the thhing breedhd, its tale and tentakelz ridhmicaly chainjd cullor, az if from sum cerculatory cauz normal too the non-human cide ov its ancestry. In the tentakelz this woz observabel az a depenning ov the grenish tinj, whialst in the tale it woz mannifest az a yellowish aperans which aulternated widh a cicly grayish-white in the spacez betwene the perpel ringz. Ov genuwine blud dhare woz nun; oonly the fetid grenish-yello icor which trickeld along the painted flor beyond the rajus ov the stickines, and left a cureyous disculloraishon behiand it.

Az the prezsens ov the thre men ceemd too rouz the dying thhing, it began too mumbel widhout terning or rasing its hed. Dr. Armitage made no ritten reccord ov its mouthingz, but acerts confidently dhat nuthhing in In'glish woz utterd. At ferst the cillabelz defide aul corelaishon widh enny speech ov erth, but tooword the laast dhare came sum disjointed fragments evvidently taken from the *Necronommicon*, dhat monstrous blasfemy in qwest ov which the thhing had perrisht. Dhose fragments, az Armitage recaulz them, ran sumthhing like "*N'gai, n'gha'ghaa, bugg-shoggog, y'hah; Yog-Sothoth, Yog-Sothoth...*" Dha traild of intoo nuthhingnes az the whippoowilz shreect in ridhmical creshendose ov unholy anticipaishon.

Then came a halt in the gaasping, and the dog raizd hiz hed in a long, lugubreyous houl. A chainj came over the yello, gotish face ov the prostrate thhing, and the grate blac ise fel in apaulingly. Outside the windo the shrilling ov the whippoowilz had suddenly ceest, and abuv the mermerz ov the gathering croud dhare came the sound ov a pannic-struc wheuring and fluttering. Against the moone vaast cloudz ov fethery wochez rose and raist from cite, frantic at dhat which dha had saut for pra.

Aul at wuns the dog started up abruptly, gave a fritend barc, and leept nervously out the windo bi which it had enterd. A cri rose from the croud, and Dr. Armitage shouted too the men outside dhat no wun must be admitted til the polece or meddical examminer came. He woz thancfool dhat the windose wer just too hi too permit ov pering in, and droo the darc kertainz caerfooly doun over eech wun. Bi this time too poleesmen had ariavd; and Dr. Morgan, meting them in the vestibule, woz erging them for dhare one saix too poastpone entrans too the stench-fild reding-roome til the examminer came and the prostrate thhing cood be cuvverd up.

Meenwhile friatfool chain'gez wer taking place on the flor. Wun nede

not describe the *kiand* and *rate* ov shrincage and dicintegraishon dhat okerd befor the ise ov Dr. Armitage and Professor Rice; but it iz permiscibel too sa dhat, acide from the external aperans ov face and handz, the reyaly human ellements in Wilber Whaitly must hav bene verry smaull. When the meddical examminer came, dhare woz oonly a sticky whitish mas on the painted bordz, and the monstrous odor had neerly disapeerd. Aparrently Whaitly had had no scul or bony skelleton; at leest, in enny troo or stabel cens. He had taken sumwhot aafter hiz unnone faather.

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Yet aul this woz oonly the prolog ov the acchoowal Dunnich horror. Formallitese wer gon throo bi bewilderd ofishalz, abnormal detailz wer jooly kept from pres and public, and men wer cent too Dunnich and Ailzbery too looc up propperty and notifi enny whoo mite be aertz ov the late Wilber Whaitly. Dha found the cuntricide in grate agitaishon, boath becauz ov the growing rumblingz beneeth the doamd hiliz, and becauz ov the unwoanted stench and the cerging, lapping soundz which came increcingly from the grate empty shel formd bi Whaitlese borded-up farmhous. Erl Soiyer, whoo tended the hors and cattel jooring Wilberz abcens, had devellopt a wofooly acute cace ov nervz. The ofishalz deviazd excucez not too enter the noizome borded place; and wer glad too confine dhare cerva ov the deceests livving qworterz, the nuly mended shedz, too a cin'ghel vizsit. Dha fiald a ponderous report at the cort-hous in Ailzbery, and litigaishonz concerning aership ar ced too be stil in proagres amungst the inumerabel Whaitlese, decade and undecade, ov the upper Miscatonic vally.

An aulmoast interminabel mannuscript in strainj carracterz, ritten in a

huge ledger and a judd a sort ov diary becauz ov the spacing and the vareyaishonz in inc and penmanship, presented a baffling puzsel too dhose whoo found it on the oald buro which cervd az its onerz desc. Aafter a weke ov debate it woz cent too Miscatonnic Univercity, tooghether widh the deceests colecshon ov strainj boox, for studdy and poscibel tranzlaishon; but even the best lin'gwists soone sau dhat it woz not liacly too be unriddeld widh ese. No trace ov the ainshent goald widh which Wilber and Oald Whaitly aulwase pade dhare dets haz yet bene discuverd.

It woz in the darc ov Ceptember nianth dhat the horror broke looce. The hil noisez had bene verry pronounst jooring the evening, and dogz barct frantically aul nite. Erly riserz on the tenth notiast a peculeyar stench in the are. About 7 oacloc Luthher Broun, the hiard boi at Jorj Corese, betwene Coald Spring Glen and the village, rusht frenseedly bac from hiz morning trip too Ten-Aker Meddo widh the couz. He woz aulmoast convulst widh frite az he stumbeld intoo the kichen; and in the yard outside the no les fritend herd wer pauwing and lowing pittifooly, havving follode the boi bac in the pannic dha shaerd widh him. Betwene gaasps Luthher tride too stammer out hiz tale too Mrs. Cory.

"Up dhar in the rud beyont the glen, Mis Cory--dhase suthhin ben dhar! It smelz like thunder, an aul the booshez an littel trese iz poosht bac from the rud like dhade a hayous ben muivd along ov it. An dhat aint the wust, nuther. Dhase *prints* in the rud, Mis Cory--grate rayound prints az big az barrel-hedz, aul sunc dayoun depe like a ellefant had ben along, *oonly dhase a cite mor nor for fete cood make*. I looct at wun or too afor I run, an I ce evvery wun woz cuverd widh lianz spreddin ayout from wun place, like az if big paam-lefe fanz--twict or thre tiamz az big az enny dha iz--hed ov ben payounded dayoun intoo the rud. An the smel woz afool, like whot it iz

arayound Wizzard Whaitlese ol hayous...."

Here he faulterd, and ceemd too shivver afresh widh the frite dhat had cent him fliying home. Mrs. Cory, unnabel too extract mor informaishon, began tellefoning the naborz; dhus starting on its roundz the overchoor ov pannic dhat herralded the major terrorz. When she got Sally Soiyer, houskeper at Ceth Bishops, the nerest place too Whaitlese, it became her tern too liscen insted ov tranzmit; for Sallese boi Chauncy, whoo slept porly, had bene up on the hil tooword Whaitlese, and had dasht bac in terror aafter wun looc at the place, and at the paschoorage whare Mr. Bishops couz had bene left out aul nite.

"Yes, Mis Cory," came Sallese tremmulous vois over the party wire, "Chancy he just cum bac a-poast-in, and coodnt haf tauc fer bene scaert! He cez Ol Whaitlese hayous iz aul blode up, widh the timberz scatterd rayound like dhade ben dinamite incide; oonly the bottom flor aint throo, but iz aul cuvverd widh a kiand o' tarlike stuf dhat smelz aufool an drips dayoun offen the agez ontoo the grayoun whar the cide timberz iz blode awa. An dhase aufool kiander marx in the yard, tu--grate rayound marx higher rayound dhan a hogz'hed, an aul sticky widh stuf like iz on the blode-up hayous. Chancy he cez dha leedz of intoo the medderz, whar a grate swauth widern a barn iz matted dayoun, an aul the stun waulz tumbeld evvery which wa wharevver it gose.

"An he cez, cez he, Mis Cory, az hayo he sot too looc fer Ceths cayouz, frited ez he woz; an fayound em in the upper paaschoor ni the Devvilz Hop Yard in an aufool shape. Haf on emz clene gon, an ni haf o' them dhats left iz suct moast dri o' blud, widh sorz on em like dhase ben on Whaitlese cattel evver cencd Lavinnese blac brat woz born. Ceth hese gon ayout nayou too looc at em, dho Ile vayou he wunt kere ter ghit verry ni Wizzard Whaitlese! Chancy didnt looc keerfool ter ce whar the big matted-dayoun swauth led arter it lef the paschoorage, but he cez he thhinx it pinted toowordz the glen rud too the

village.

"I tel ye, Mis Cory, dhase suthhin abraud az hadnt orter be abraud, an I fer wun thhinc dhat blac Wilber Whaitly, az cum too the bad eend he dezarvd, iz at the bottom ov the bredin ov it. He waant aul human hiscelf, I aulus cez too evveribody; an I thhinc he an Ol Whaitly must a raizd suthhin in dhat dhare naild-up hayous az aint even so human az he woz. Dhase aulus ben uncene thhingz arayound Dunnich--livvin thhingz--az aint human an aint good fer human foax.

"The grayoun woz atalkin las nite, an toowordz mornin Chancy he heerd the whippoorwilz so layout in Col Spring Glen he coodnt slepe nun. Then he thaut he heerd anuther faintlike sayound over toowordz Wizzard Whaitlese--a kiander rippin or terin o' wood, like sum big box or crate woz bene opend fer of. Whot widh this an dhat, he didnt ghit too slepe at aul til sunnup, an no sooner woz he up this mornin, but hese got too go over too Whaitlese an ce whots the matter. He ce enuf, I tel ye, Mis Cory! This dunt mene no good, an I thhinc az aul the men-foax aut too ghit up a party an doo suthhin. I no suthhin afoolz abayout, an fele mi time iz ni, dho oanly Gaud nose gest whot it iz.

"Did yor Luthher take accayount o' whar them big trax led tu? No? Wal, Mis Cory, ef dha woz on the glen rud this cide o' the glen, an aint got too yor hayous yet, I calclate dha must go intoo the glen itcelf. Dha wood doo dhat. I aulus cez Col Spring Glen aint no helthhy nor decent place. The whippoorwilz an fiarflise dhare nevver did act like dha woz creyaterz o' Gaud, an dhase them az cez ye kin here strainj thhingz a-rushin an a-taukin in the are dayoun dhar ef ye stand in the rite place, atwene the roc faulz an Baerz Den."

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Bi dhat noone foolly thre-qworterz ov the men and boiz ov Dunnich wer

trooping over the roadz and meddose betwene the nu-made Whaitly roowinz and Coald Spring Glen; exammining in horror the vaast, monstrous prints, the maimd Bishop cattel, the strainj, noizome rec ov the farmhous, and the bruizd, matted vegetaishon ov the feeldz and rode-ciadz. Whotevver had berst looce uppon the werld had ashoordly gon doun intoo the grate cinnister ravene; for aul the trese on the banx wer bent and broken, and a grate avvenu had bene goujd in the prescipice-hanging underbrush. It woz az dho a hous, launcht bi an avvalaansh, had slid doun throo the tan'gheld groaths ov the aulmoast vertical slope. From belo no sound came, but oonly a distant, undefinabel fetor; and it iz not too be wunderd at dhat the men preferd too sta on the ej and argu, raather dhan decend and beard the unnone Ciaclopeyan horror in its lare. Thre dogz dhat wer widh the party had barct fureyously at ferst, but ceemd coud and reluctant when nere the glen. Sumwun tellefoand the nuse too the *Ailzbery Transcript*; but the edditor, acustomd too wiald tailz from Dunnich, did no mor dhan concoct a humorous parragraaf about it; an item soone aafterword reprojuist bi the Asoasheyated Pres.

Dhat nite evveriwun went home, and evvery hous and barn woz barricaded az stoutly az poscibel. Needles too sa, no cattel wer aloud too remane in open paschoorage. About 2 in the morning a friatfool stench and the savvage barking ov the dogz awakend the hous'hoald at Elmer Frise, on the eestern ej ov Coald Spring Glen, and aul agrede dhat dha cood here a sort ov muffeld swishing or lapping sound from sumwhare outcide. Mrs. Fri propoazd tellefoning the naborz, and Elmer woz about too agry when the noiz ov splintering wood berst in uppon dhare deliberaishonz. It came, aparrently, from the barn; and woz qwicly follode bi a hidjous screming and stamping amungst the cattel. The dogz slavverd and croucht cloce too the fete ov the fere-numd fammily. Fri lit a lantern throo fors ov habbit, but nu it wood be deth

too go out intoo dhat blac farmyard. The children and the wimmen-foke whimperd, kept from screming bi sum obscure, vestidjal instinct ov defens which toald them dhare liavz depended on cilens. At laast the noiz ov the cattel subcided too a pittifool moning, and a grate snapping, crashing, and cracling ensude. The Frise, huddeld tooghether in the citting-roome, did not dare too moove until the laast eccose dide awa far doun in Coald Spring Glen. Then, amidst the dizmal moanz from the stabel and the demoniyac piping ov late whippoorwilz in the glen, Celenaa Fri totterd too the tellefone and spred whot nuse she cood ov the cecond fase ov the horror.

The next da aul the cuntrice woz in a pannic; and coud, uncomunicative griups came and went whare the feendish thhing had okerd. Too titan swauths ov destrucshon strecht from the glen too the Fri farmyard, monstrous prints cuvverd the bare pachez ov ground, and wun cide ov the oald red barn had compleetly caivd in. Ov the cattel, oonly about a qworter cood be found and identifide. Sum ov these wer in cureyous fragments, and aul dhat cerviavd had too be shot. Erl Soiyer sugested dhat help be aasct from Ailzbery or Arcam, but utherz maintaind it wood be ov no uce. Oald Sebbulon Whaitly, ov a braanch dhat hovverd about haaf-wa betwene soundnes and deccadens, made darcly wiald sugeschonz about riats dhat aut too be practiast on the hiltops. He came ov a line whare tradishon ran strong, and hiz memmorese ov chaantingz in the grate stone cerkelz wer not aultooghether conected widh Wilber and hiz grandfaather.

Darcnes fel uppon a stricken cuntrice too pascive too organise for reyal defens. In a fu cacez cloasly related fammilese wood band tooghether and woch in the gloome under wun roofe; but, in genneral dhare woz oonly a repetishon ov the barricading ov the nite befor, and a futile, inefective geschoor ov loding muskets and cetting pichforx handily about. Nuthhing, houwevver, okerd exept sum hil noisez; and when the da came dhare wer menny whoo hoapt dhat the nu horror had



gon az swiftly az it had cum. Dhare wer even boald soalz whoo propoazd an ofencive expedishon doun in the glen, dho dha did not venchoor too cet an acchoowal exaampel too the stil reluctant majorrity.

When nite came agane the barricading woz repeted, dho dhare woz les hudling tooghether ov fammilese. In the morning both the Fri and the Ceth Bishop hous'hoaldz reported exiatment among the dogz and vaig soundz and stencchez from afar, while erly explorerz noted widh horror a fresh cet ov the monstrous trax in the rode skerting Centinel Hil. Az befor, the ciadz ov the rode shode a broosing indicative ov the blasfemously schoopendous bulc ov the horror; whialst the conformaishon ov the trax ceemd too argu a passage in too direcshonz, az if the mooving mountane had cum from Coald Spring Glen and reternd too it along

the same paath. At the bace ov the hil a thherty-foot swauth ov crusht shrubbery and saplingz led steeply upword, and the cekerz gaaspt when dha sau dhat even the moast perpendicular placez did not deflect the inexorabel trale. Whotevver the horror woz, it cood scale a shere stony cliff ov aulmoast complete verticallity; and az the investigatorz cliamd around too the hilz summit bi safer ruits dha sau dhat the trale ended--or raather, reverst--dhare.

It woz here dhat the Whaitlese uest too bild dhare hellish fiarz and chaant dhare hellish richoowalz bi the tabel-like stone on Ma Eve and Hallomas. Nou dhat verry stone formd the center ov a vaast space thrasht around bi the mountanous horror, whialst uppon its sliatly concave cerface woz a thhic fetid depozsit ov the same taary stickines observd on the flor ov the roowind Whaitly farmhous when the horror escaipt. Men looct at wun anuther and mutterd. Then dha looct doun the hil. Aparrently the horror had decended bi a roote much the same az dhat ov its acent. Too specculate woz futile. Rezon, lodgic, and normal ideyaaz ov motivaishon stood confounded. Oanly oald Sebbulon, whoo

woz not widh the groope, cood hav dun justice too the cichoowaishon or

suggested a plausible explanation.

There the night began much like the others, but it ended less happily. The whippoorwill in the glen had screamed with such unnecessary persistence that many could not sleep, and about 3 a. m. all the party telephoned rang tremulously. Those who took down their receivers heard a faint mad voice shriek out, "Help, O, my Gaud!..." and soon thereafter a crashing sound followed the breaking of one of the exclamations. There was nothing more. No one dared do anything, and no one until morning when the call came. Then those who had heard it could ever return on the line, and found that only the Frise did not reply. The truth appeared an hour later, when a hastily assembled group of armed men tramped out to the Frise place at the head of the glen. It was horrible, yet hardly a surprise. There were more swaths and monstrous prints, but there was no longer any house. It had crashed in like an egg-shell, and among the ruins nothing living or dead could be discovered--only a stench and a tarry stickiness. The Elmer Frise had been raised from Dunnich.

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In the meantime a quiet yet even more spirally poignant phase of the horror had been blackly unwinding itself behind the closed door of a shelf-lined room in Arcam. The curious manuscript record or diary of

Wilber Whately, delivered to Miskatonic University for translation, had caused much worry and bafflement among the experts in languages both ancient and modern; its very alphabet, notwithstanding a general resemblance to the heavily shaded Arabic used in Mesopotamia, being

absolutely unknown to any available authority. The final conclusion of the linguists was that the text represented an artificial alphabet, giving the effect of a cipher; the nature of the unnecessary method of

criptograffick solueshon ceemd too fernish enny clu, even when aplide on the baxis ov evvery tung the riter mite concevably hav uezd.

The ainshent boox taken from Whaitlese qworterz, while abzorbingly interesting and in cevveral cacez prommicing too open up nu and terribel lianz ov recerch amung filossoferz and men ov ciyens, wer ov no acistans whotevver in this matter. Wun ov them, a hevvy tome with an iarn claasp, woz in anuther unnone alfabet--this wun ov a verry different caast, and resembling Sanscrit mor dhan ennithhing els. The oald ledger woz at length ghivven wholly intoo the charj ov Dr. Armitage, boath becauz ov hiz peculeyar interest in the Whaitly matter, and becauz ov hiz wide lin'gwistic lerning and skil in the mistical formula ov antiqwity and the Middel Agez.

Armitage had an ideyaa dhat the alfabet mite be sumthhing esoterrically uezd bi certane forbidden cults which hav cum down from oald tiamz, and which hav inherrited menny formz and tradishonz from the wizzardz ov the Saracenic werld. Dhat qweschon, houwevver, he did not deme vital; cins it wood be unnecesary too no the orrigin ov the cimbolz if, az he suspected, dha wer uezd az a cifer in a moddern lan'gwage. It woz hiz belefe dhat, conciddering the grate amount ov text involvd, the riter wood scaersly hav wisht the trubbel ov using anuther speech dhan hiz one, save perhaps in certane speshal formula and incantaishonz. Acordingly he atact the mannuscript with the prelimminary asumpshon dhat the bulc ov it woz in In'glish.

Dr. Armitage nu, from the repeted faluerz ov hiz colleegz, dhat the riddel woz a depe and complex wun, and dhat no cimpel mode ov solueshon cood merrit even a triyal. Aul throo late August he fortifide himcelf with the mast lor ov criptografy, drauwing uppon the foollest rezorcez ov hiz one liabrary, and wading nite aafter nite amidst the arcaanaa ov Triathhemeyus *Poligraafeyaa*, Jambateestaa *Portaaz De Fertivis Literarum Notis*, De Vejenaerz *Trata dez Sheferz*, Faulconerz

*Criptomenecis Patefactaa*, Davese and Thhicnecez Ateenth Cenchoory tretesez, and such faerly moddern authorritese az Blare, von Marten, and Cloobberz *Criptografic*. He intersperst hiz studdy ov the boox widh atax on the mannuscript itcelf, and in time became convinst dhat he had too dele widh wun ov dhose sutlest and moast in'geenyous ov criptogramz, in which menny cepparate lists ov coresponding letterz ar arainjd like the multiplicaishon tabel, and the message bilt up widh arbitrary ke-werdz none oonly too the inisheyated. The oalder authorritese ceemd raather mor helpfool dhan the nuwer wunz, and Armitage concluded dhat the code ov the mannuscript woz wun ov grate antiqwity, no dout handed doun throo a long line ov mystical experrimenterz. Cevveral tiamz he ceemd nere dalite, oonly too be cet bac bi sum unforcene obstakel. Then, az Ceptember aproacht, the cloudz began too clere. Certane letterz, az uezd in certane parts ov the mannuscript, emerjd deffiniatly and unmistacably; and it became obveyous dhat the text woz indede in In'glish.

On the evening ov Ceptember cecond the laast major barreyer gave wa, and

Dr. Armitage red for the ferst time a continnuwous passage ov Wilber Whitlese annalz. It woz in truith a diyary, az aul had thaut; and it woz coucht in a stile cleerly showing the mixt ocult eroodishon and genneral ilitteracy ov the strainj beying whoo rote it. Aulmoast the ferst long passage dhat Armitage deciferd, an entry dated November 26, 1916, pruivd hily startling and disqwiyyeting. It woz ritten, he rememberd, bi a chiald ov thre and a haaf whoo looct like a lad ov twelv or thhertene.

Tooda lernd the Aclo for the Sabayoth, [it ran] which did not like, it beying aancerabel from the hil and not from the are. Dhat upstaerz mor ahed ov me dhan I had thaut it wood be, and iz not like too hav much erth brane. Shot Elam Huchinsez colly

Jac when he went too bite me, and Elam cez he wood kil me if he dast. I ghes he woant. Grandfaather kept me saying the D'ho formulaa laast nite, and I thhinc I sau the inner citty at the 2 magnettic poalz. I shal go too dhose poalz when the erth iz cleerd of, if I caant brake throo widh the D'ho-Hnaa formulaa when I comit it. Dha from the are toald me at Sabbat dhat it wil be yeerz befor I can clere of the erth, and I ghes Grandfaather wil be ded then, so I shal hav too lern aul the an'ghelz ov the plainz and aul the formulaaz betwene the Er and the Nhhngr. Dha from outside wil help, but dha can not take boddy widhout human blud. Dhat upstaerz loox it wil hav the rite caast. I can ce it a littel when I make the Urish cine or blo the pouwer ov Ibn Gasy at it, and it iz nere like them at Ma Eve on the Hil. The uther face ma ware of sum. I wunder hou I shal looc when the erth iz cleerd and dhare ar no erth beyingz on it. He dhat came widh the Aclo Sabayoth ced I ma be transfigguerd, dhare beying much ov outside too werc on.

Morning found Dr. Armitage in a coald swet ov terror and a frensy ov waicfool concentraishon. He had not left the mannuscript aul nite, but sat at hiz tabel under the electric lite terning page aafter page widh shaking handz az faast az he cood decifer the criptic text. He had nervously tellefoand hiz wife he wood not be home, and when she braut him a brecfast from the hous he cood scaersly dispose ov a mouthfool. Aul dhat da he red on, nou and then halted maddeningly az a reyaplicaishon ov the complex ke became nescesary. Lunch and dinner wer braut him, but he ate oonly the smaulest fracshon ov iather. Tooword the middel ov the next nite he drouzd of in hiz chare, but soone woke out ov a tan'ghel ov niatmaerz aulmoast az hidjous az the truths and mennacez too manz existens dhat he had uncuvverd.

On the morning ov Ceptember forth Professor Rice and Dr. Morgan incisted on ceying him for a while, and departed trembling and ashen-gra. Dhat evening he went too bed, but slept oonly fitfooly.

Weddenzda--the next da--he woz bac at the mannuscript, and began too take copeyouz noatz boath from the current cecshonz and from dhose he had

aulreddy deciferd. In the smaol ourz ov dhat nite he slept a littel in an esy-chare in hiz office, but woz at the mannuscript agane befor daun. Sum time befor noone hiz fisishan, Dr. Hartwel, cauld too ce him and incisted dhat he cece werc. He refuezd, intimating dhat it woz ov the moast vital importans for him too complete the reding ov the diyary, and prommicin an explanaishon in joo cors ov time.

Dhat evening, just az twilite fel, he finnisht hiz terribel peroozal and sanc bac exausted. Hiz wife, bringin hiz dinner, found him in a haaf-comatose state; but he woz conshous enuf too worn her of widh a sharp cri when he sau her ise waunder tooword the noatz he had taken. Weecly risin, he gatherd up the scribbeld paperz and ceeld them aul in a grate envelope, which he imejaitly plaist in hiz incide cote pocket. He had sufishent strength too ghet home, but woz so cleerly in nede ov meddical ade dhat Dr. Hartwel woz summond at wuns. Az the doctor poot him too bed he cood oanly mutter over and over agane, "*But whot, in Godz name, can we doo?*"

Dr. Armitage slept, but woz partly delereyouz the next da. He made no explanaishonz too Hartwel, but in hiz caamer moments spoke ov the imperrative nede ov a long conferens widh Rice and Morgan. Hiz wialder waunderinlz wer verry startlin indede, includin frantic apeelz dhat sumthhing in a borded-up farmhous be destroid, and fantastic refferencez too sum plan for the exterpaishon ov the entire human race and aul annimal and vedgetabel life from the erth bi sum terribel elder race ov beyinlz from anuther dimenshon. He wood shout dhat the werld woz in dain'ger, cins the Elder Thhingz wisht too strip it and drag it awa from the solar cistem and cozmos ov matter intoo sum uther plane or fase ov entity from which it had wuns faulen, vigintilleyonz ov eyonz ago. At uther tiamz he wood caul for the dredded *Necronommicon* and

the *Demonolatreyaa* ov Remijus, in which he ceemd hoapfool ov fianding sum formulaa too chec the perril he cunjoord up.

"Stop them, stop them!" he wood shout. "Dhose Whaitlese ment too let them in, and the werst ov aul iz left! Tel Rice and Morgan we must doo sumthhing--its a bliand biznes, but I no hou too make the pouder... It haznt bene fed cins the cecond ov August, when Wilber came here too hiz deth, and at dhat rate...."

But Armitage had a sound fiseke despite hiz cevventy-thre yeerz, and slept of hiz disorder dhat nite widhout develloping enny reyal fever. He woke late Frida, clere ov hed, dho sober, widh a nauwing fere and tremendous cens ov responcibility. Satterda aafternoone he felt abel too go over too the liabrary and summon Rice and Morgan for a conferens, and the rest ov dhat da and evening the thre men torchoord dhare brainz in the wialdest speculaishon and the moast desperate debate. Strainj and terribel boox wer draun voluminously from the stac shelvz and from secure placez ov storage, and diyagramz and formula wer coppede widh feverish haist and in bewildering abundans. Ov skepticizm dhare woz nun. Aul thre had cene the boddy ov Wilber Whaitly az it la on the flor in a roome ov dhat verry bilding, and aafter dhat not wun ov them cood fele even sliatly incliand too trete the diyary az a madmanz raving.

Opinyonz wer divided az too notifying the Masachoocets State Polece, and the neggative finaly wun. Dhare wer thhingz involvd which cimply cood not be beleevd bi dhose whoo had not cene a saampel, az indede woz made clere jooring certane subceqwent investigaishonz. Late at nite the conferens disbanded widhout havving devellopt a deffinite plan, but aul da Sunda Armitage woz bizsy comparing formula and mixing kemmicalz obtaind from the college laborratory. The mor he reflected on the hellish diyary, the mor he woz incliand too dout the efficacy ov enny matereyal agent in stamping out the entity which Wilber Whaitly had

left behiand him--the erth-threttening entity which, unnone too him, woz too berst forth in a fu ourz and becum the memmorabel Dunnich horror.

Munda woz a repetishon ov Sunda widh Dr. Armitage, for the taasc in hand reqwiard an infinny ov recerch and experriment. Ferther consultaishonz ov the monstrous diyary braut about vareyouz chain'gez ov plan, and he nu dhat even in the end a larj amount ov uncertainty must remane. Bi Chuizda he had a deffinite line ov acshon mapt out, and beleevd he wood tri a trip too Dunnich within a weke. Then, on Weddenzda, the grate shoc came. Tuct obscuerly awa in a corner ov the *Arcam Advertiser* woz a faceeshous littel item from the Asoasheyated Pres, telling whot a reccord-braking monster the buitleg whisky ov Dunnich had raizd up. Armitage, haaf stund, cood oanly tellefone for Rice and Morgan. Far intoo the nite dha discust, and the next da woz a wherlwind ov preparaishon on the part ov them aul. Armitage nu he wood be medling widh terribel pouwerz, yet sau dhat dhare woz no uther wa too anul the deper and mor maline medling which utherz had dun befor him.

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Frida morning Armitage, Rice and Morgan cet out bi motor for Dunnich, ariving at the village about 1 in the aafternoone. The da woz plezzant, but even in the britest sunlite a kiand ov qwiyet dred and portent ceemd too hovver about the strainjly doamd hilz and the depe, shaddowy raveenz ov the stricken rejon. Nou and then on sum mountane top a gaunt cerkel ov stoanz cood be glimpst against the ski. From the are ov husht frite at Ozbornz stor dha nu sumthhing hidjous had happend, and soone lernd ov the aniyilaishon ov the Elmer Fri hous and fammily. Throowout dhat aafternoone dha rode around Dunnich, qweschoning the natiavz concerning aul dhat had okerd, and ceying



for themcelvz widh rising pangz ov horror the drere Fri roowinz widh dhare lin'ghering tracez ov the taary stickines, the blasfemous trax in the Fri yard, the wuinded Ceth Bishop cattel, and the enormous swauths ov disterbd vegetaishon in vareyouz placez. The trale up and down

Centinel Hil ceemd too Armitage ov aulmoast cataclizmic cignifficans, and he looct long at the cinnister aultarlike stone on the summit.

At length the vizsitorz, apriazd ov a party ov State Polece which had cum from Ailzbery dhat morning in respons too the ferst tellefone reports ov the Fri tradgedy, decided too ceke out the officerz and compare noats az far az practicabel. This, houwevver, dha found mor esily pland dhan performd; cins no cine ov the party cood be found in enny direcshon. Dhare had bene five ov them in a car, but nou the car stood empty nere the roowinz in the Fri yard. The natiavz, aul ov whoome had tauct widh the poleesmen, ceemd at ferst az perplex az Armitage and hiz companyonz. Then oald Sam Huchinz thaut ov sumthhing

and ternd pale, nudging Fred Far and pointing too the danc, depe hollo dhat yaund cloce bi.

"Gaud," he gaaspt, "I teld em not ter go dayoun intoo the glen, an I nevver thaut nobodede joo it widh them trax an dhat smel an the whippoorwilz a-screechin dayoun dhar in the darc o' nuinda...."

A coald shudder ran throo natiavz and vizsitorz alike, and evvery ere ceemd straind in a kiand ov instinctive, unconshous liscening.

Armitage, nou dhat he had acchoowaly cum uppon the horror and its monstrous werc, trembeld widh the responcibillity he felt too be hiz. Nite wood soone faul, and it woz then dhat the mountanous blasfemy lumberd uppon its eldrich cors. *Negotium perambulans in tenebris*.... The oald liabrareyan reherst the formula he had memmoriazd, and clucht the paper contaning the aulternative wunz he had not

memmoriazd. He sau dhat hiz electric flashlite woz in werking order. Rice, beside him, tooc from a valse a mettal sprayer ov the sort uezd in combating incepts; whialst Morgan uncaist the big-game rifel on which he relide despite hiz colleegz warningz dhat no matereyal weppon wood be ov help.

Armitage, havving red the hidjous diyary, nu painfooly wel whot kiand ov a manifestaishon too expect, but he did not ad too the frite ov the Dunnich pepel bi ghivving enny hints or cluse. He hoapt dhat it mite be conkerd widhout enny revelaishon too the werld ov the monstrous thhing it had escaipt. Az the shaddose gatherd, the natiavz comenst too dispers hoamword, ancshous too bar themcelvz indorz despite the prezsent evvidens dhat aul human lox and bolts wer uesles befor a fors dhat cood bend trese and crush housez when it chose. Dha shooc dhare hedz at the vizsitorz plan too stand gard at the Fri roowinz nere the glen; and az dha left, had littel expectancy ov evver ceying the wocherz agane.

Dhare wer rumblingz under the hilz dhat nite, and the whippoorwilz piapt thretteningly. Wuns in a while a wind, sweping up out ov Coald Spring Glen, wood bring a tuch ov ineffabel fetor too the hevvy nite are; such a fetor az aul thre ov the wocherz had smeld wuns befor, when dha stood abuv a diying thhing dhat had paast for fiftene yeez and a haaf az a human beying. But the looct-for terror did not apere. Whotevver woz doun dhare in the glen woz biding its time, and Armitage toald hiz colleegz it wood be suwical too tri too atac it in the darc.

Morning came waunly, and the nite-soundz ceest. It woz a gra, bleke da, widh nou and then a drizsel ov rane; and hevveyer and hevveyer cloudz ceemd too be piling themcelvz up beyond the hilz too the northwest. The men from Arcam wer undecided whot too doo. Ceking shelter from the increcing rainfaul beneeth wun ov the fu undestroid Fri outbildingz, dha debated the wizdom ov wating, or ov taking the

agrescive and gowing down intoo the glen in qwest ov dhare naimles, monstrous qwory. The dounpor waxt in hev vines, and distant peelz ov thunder sounded from far horizonz. Shete liatning shimmerd, and then a forky bolt flasht nere at hand, az if decending intoo the akerst glen itcelf. The ski groo verry darc, and the wocherz hoapt dhat the storm wood proove a short, sharp wun follode bi clere wether.

It woz stil groosoamly darc when, not much over an our later, a confuezd babel ov voicez sounded down the rode. Anuther moment braut too vu a fritend groope ov mor dhan a duzen men, running, shouting, and even whimpering histerrically. Sumwun in the lede began sobbing out werdz, and the Arcam men started viyolently when dhose werdz devellopt a coherent form.

"O, mi Gaud, mi Gaud!" the vois choact out; "its a-gowin aghin, *an this time bi da!* Its ayout--its ayout an a-movvin this verry minnute, an oanly the Lord nose when itl be on us aul!"

The speker panted intoo cilens, but anuther tooc up hiz message.

"Ni on a hayor ago Seb Whaitly here heerd the fone a-ringin, an it woz Mis Cory, Jorgez wife dhat livz dayoun bi the juncshon. She cez the hiard boi Luthher woz ayout drivin in the cayouz from the storm arter the big bolt, when he ce aul the trese a-bendin at the mayouth o' the glen--opposite cide ter this--an smelt the same aufool smel like he smelt when he fayound the big trax las Munda mornin. An she cez he cez dha woz a swishin, lappin sayound, mor nor whot the bendin trese an booshez cood make, an aul on a suddent the trese along the rud begun ter ghit poosht wun cide, an dha woz a aufool stompin an splashin in the mud. But miand ye, Luthher he didnt ce nuthhin at aul, oanly gest the bendin trese an underbrush.

"Then fer ahed whare Bishops Brooc gose under the rud he heerd a

aufool crekin an stranin on the brij, an cez he cood tel the sayound o' wood a-startin too crac an split. An aul the whialz he nevver ce a thhing, oonly them trese an booshez a-bendin. An when the swishin sayound got verry fer of--on the rud toowordz Wizzard Whaitlese an Centinel Hil--Luthher he had the guts ter step up whar hede heerd it fust an looc at the grayound. It woz aul mud an wauter, an the ski woz darc, an the rane woz wipin ayout aul trax abayout az faast az cood be; but beginnin at the glen mayouth, whar the trese bed muivd, dha woz stil sum o' them aufool prints big az barlz like he cene Munda."

At this point the ferst exited speker interupted.

"But *dhat* aint the trubbel nayou--dhat woz oonly the start. Seb here woz cauln foax up an evveribody woz a-liscennin in when a caul from Ceth Bishops cut in. Hiz hayouskeper Sally woz carreyin on fit ter kil--shede gest cede the trese a-bendin becide the rud, an cez dha woz a kiand o' mushy sayound, like a ellefant puffin an treddin, a-heddin fer the hayous. Then she up an spoke suddent ov a feerfool smel, an cez her boi Chancy woz a-scremin az hayo it woz gest like whot he smelt up too the Whaitly roowinz Munda mornin. An the dogz woz aul barkin an whinin aufool.

"An then she let ayout a turribel yel, an cez the shed dayoun the rud hed gest caivd in like the storm hed blode it over, oonly the wind waant strong enuf too joo dhat. Evveribody woz a-liscennin, an ye cood here lots o' foax on the wire a-gaspin. Aul too wunst Sally she yeld aghin, an cez the frunt yard picket fens bed gest crumpeld up, dho dha waant no cine o' whot dun it. Then evveribody on the line cood here Chancy an ol Ceth Bishop a-yellin, tu, an Sally woz shrekin ayout dhat suthhin hevvy hed struc the hayous--not liatnin nor nuthhin, but suthhin hevvy aghin the frunt, dhat kep a-launchin itcelf aghin an aghin, dho ye coodnt ce nuthhin ayout the frunt

wianderz. An then ... an then...."

Lianz ov frite depend on evvery face; and Armitage, shaken az he woz, had baerly poiz enuf too prompt the speker.

"An then ... Sally she yeld ayout, 'O help, the hayous iz a-cavin in ... an on the wire we cood hor a turribel crashin, an a hul floc o' scremin ... gest like when Elmer Frise place woz tooc, oanly wus...."

The man pauzd, and anuther ov the croud spoke.

"Dhats aul--not a sayound nor sqweke over the fone arter dhat. Gest stil-like. We dhat heerd it got ayout Fordz an waggonz an rayounded up az menny abel-boddede men-foax az we cood ghet, at Corese place, an cum up here ter ce whot u thaut best ter joo. Not but whot I thhinc its the Lordz jujment fer our iniqwitesse, dhat no mortal kin evver cet acide."

Armitage sau dhat the time for pozsitive acshon had cum, and spoke deciciavly too the faultering groope ov fritend rustix.

"We must follo it, boiz." He made hiz vois az reyashoorng az poscibel. "I beleve dhaerz a chaans ov pooting it out ov biznes. U men no dhat dhose Whaitlese wer wizzardz--wel, this thhing iz a thhing ov wizardry, and must be poot doun bi the same meenz. Ive cene Wilber Whaitlese diyary and red sum ov the strainj oald boox he uest too rede, and I thhinc I no the rite kiand ov a spel too recite too make the thhing fade awa. Ov cors, wun caant be shoor, but we can aulwase take a chaans. Its invizsibel--I nu it wood be--but dhaerz a powder in this long-distans sprayer dhat mite make it sho up for a cecond. Later on wele tri it. Its a friatfool thhing too hav alive, but it iznt az bad az whot Wilber wood hav let in if hede livd lon'gher. Ule nevver no whot the werld haz escaipt. Nou weve oanly this wun

thhing too fite, and it caant multipli. It can, dho, doo a lot ov harm; so we mustnt hezsitate too rid the comunity ov it.

"We must follo it--and the wa too beghin iz too go too the place dhat haz just bene rect. Let sumbody lede the wa--I doant no yor roadz verry wel, but Ive an ideyaa dhare mite be a shorter cut acros lots. Hou about it?"

The men shuffeld about a moment, and then Erl Soiyer spoke softly, pointing widh a grimy fin'gher throo the steddily lescening rane.

"I ghes ye kin ghit too Ceth Bishops qwickest bi cuttin acrost the lower medder here, wadin the brooc at the lo place, an climin throo Carreyerz mowin an the timber-lot beyont. Dhat cumz ayout on the upper rud mity ni Ceths--a letel tuther cide."

Armitage, widh Rice and Morgan, started too wauc in the direcshon indicated; and moast ov the natiavz follode sloly. The ski woz growing liter, and dhare wer cianz dhat the storm had worn itcelf awa. When Armitage inadvertently tooc a rong direcshon, Jo Ozborn wornd him and wauct ahed too sho the rite wun. Currage and confidens wer mounting; dho the twilite ov the aulmoast perpendicular woodded hil which la tooword the end ov dhare short cut, and among whose fantastic ainshent trese dha had too scrambel az if up a ladder, poot these qwollitese too a cevere test.

At length dha emerjd on a muddy rode too fiand the sun cumming out. Dha wer a littel beyond the Ceth Bishop place, but bent trese and hidjously unmistacabel trax shode whot had paast bi. Oonly a fu moments wer conshuimd in cervaying the roowinz just around the bend. It woz the Fri incident aul over agane, and nuthhing ded or livving woz found in iather ov the colapst shelz which had bene the Bishop hous and barn. No wun caerd too remane dhare amidst the stench and the taary stickines, but aul ternd instinctiavly too the line ov horribel prints

leding on tooword the rect Whitly farmhous and the aultar-cround sloaps ov Centinel Hil.

Az the men paast the cite ov Wilber Whitlese abode dha shudderd vizsibly, and ceemd agane too 1009 hezsitancy widh dhare sele. It woz no joke tracking doun sumthhing az big az a hous dhat wun cood not ce, but dhat had aul the vishous malevvolens ov a demon. Opposite the bace ov Centinel Hil the trax left the rode, and dhare woz a fresh bending and matting vizsibel along the braud swauth marking the monsterz former roote too and from the summit.

Armitage projuist a pocket tellescope ov concidderabel pouwer and scand the stepe grene cide ov the hil. Then he handed the instrooment too Morgan, whose cite woz kener. Aafter a moment ov gasing Morgan cride out sharply, paacing the glaas too Erl Soiyer and indicating a certane spot on the slope widh hiz fin'gher. Soiyer, az clumsy az moast non-userz ov optical devicez ar, fumbeld a while; but evenchoowaly focust the lensez widh Armitagez ade. When he did so hiz cri woz les restrained dhan Morganz had bene.

"Gaud aulmity, the graas an booshez iz a-movvin! Its a-gowin up--slo-like--crepin up ter the top this minnute, hevven oanly nose whot fer!"

Then the germ ov pannic ceemd too spred among the cekerz. It woz wun thhing too chace the naimles entity, but qwite anuther too fiand it. Spelz mite be aul rite--but suppose dha wernt? Voicez began qweschoning Armitage about whot he nu ov the thhing, and no repli ceemd qwite too sattisfi. Evveriwun ceemd too fele himcelf in cloce proximimity too fasez ov naichoor and ov beying utterly forbidden, and wholly outside the sane expereyens ov mankiand.

In the end the thre men from Arcam--oald, white-beerded Dr. Armitage, stocky, iarn-gra Professor Rice, and lene, youn'gish Dr. Morgan--acended the mountane alone. Aafter much paishent instrucshon regarding its focucing and uce, dha left the tellescope widh the fritend groope dhat remaind in the rode; and az dha cliamd dha wer wocht cloasly bi dhose amung whoome the glaas woz paast around. It woz hard gowing, and Armitage had too be helpt mor dhan wuns. Hi abuv the toiling groope the grate swauth trembeld az its hellish maker repaast widh snale-like delibberaitnes. Then it woz obveyous dhat the pershooterz wer ganing.

Kertis Whitly--ov the undecade braanch--woz hoalding the tellescope when the Arcam party detoord raddically from the swauth. He toald the croud dhat the men wer evvidently trying too ghet too a subordinate peke which overllooct the swauth at a point concidderably ahed ov whare the shrubbery woz nou bending. This, indede, pruivd too be troo; and the party wer cene too gane the minor elevaishon oonly a short time aafter the invizibel blasfemy had paast it.

Then Wezly Cory, whoo had taken the glaas, cride out dhat Armitage woz ajusting the sprayer which Rice held, and dhat sumthhing must be about too happen. The croud sterd unnesily, recauling dhat this sprayer woz expected too ghiv the uncene horror a moment ov visibillity. Too or thre men shut dhare ise, but Kertis Whitly snacht bac the tellescope and strained hiz vizhon too the utmoast. He sau dhat Rice, from the partese point ov vaantage abuv and behiand the entity, had an exelent chaans ov spredding the potent pouder widh marvelous efect.

Dhose widhout the tellescope sau oonly an instants flash ov gra cloud--a cloud about the cise ov a modderaitly larj bilding--nere the top ov the mountane. Kertis, whoo had held the instrooment, dropt it



widh a peercing shreke intoo the ankel-depe mud ov the rode. He reeld, and wood hav crumpeld too the ground had not too or thre utherz ceezd and steddede him. Aul he cood doo woz mone haaf-inaudibly:

"O, o, grate Gaud ... *dhat ... dhat....*"

[Illustraishon: "O, o, grate Gaud ... *dhat ... dhat.*"]

Dhare woz a pandemoanyum ov qweschoning, and oanly Henry Wheler thaut too rescu the faulen tellescope and wipe it clene ov mud. Kertis woz paast aul coherens, and even isolated replise wer aulmoast too much for him.

"Bigher 'n a barn ... aul made o' sqwermin roaps ... hul thhing sort o' shaipt like a henz eg bighern ennithhing, widh duzsens o' legz like hogz'hedz dhat haf shut up when dha step ... nuthhin sollid abayout it--aul like gelly, an made o' ceprit riglin roaps poosht clost tooghether ... grate bulgin ise aul over it ... ten or twenty mayouths or trunx a-stickin ayout aul along the ciadz, big az stoavpiaps, an aul a-toscin an openin an shuttin ... aul gra, widh kiander blu or perpel ringz ... *an Gaud in Hevven--dhat haf face on top!...*"

This final memmory, whotevver it woz, pruivd too much for por Kertis, and he colapst compleetly befor he cood sa mor. Fred Far and Wil Huchinz carrede him too the roadcide and lade him on the damp graas. Henry Wheler, trembling, ternd the rescude tellescope on the mountane too ce whot he mite. Throo the lensez wer dicernibel thre tiny figguerz, aparrently running tooword the summit az faast az the stepe incline aloud. Oanly these--nuthhing mor. Then evveriwun notiast a strainjly uncezonabel noiz in the depe vally behiand, and even in the underbrush ov Centinel Hil itcelf. It woz the piping ov unnumberd whippoorwilz, and in dhare shril corus dhare ceemd too lerc a note

ov tens and evil expectancy.

Erl Soiyer nou tooc the tellescope and reported the thre figguerz az standing on the topmoast rij, verchoowaly levvel widh the aultar-stone but at a concidderabel distans from it. Wun figgure, he ced, ceemd too be rasing its handz abuv its hed at ridhmic intervalz; and az Soiyer menshond the cercumstaans the croud ceemd too here a faint, haaf-musical sound from the distans, az if a loud chaant wer acumpaneying the geschoorz. The weerd ciloowet on dhat remote peke must hav bene a spektakel ov infinite grotescnes and impresciavnes, but no observer woz in a moode for esthhetic apreesheyaisshon. "I ghes hese sayin the spel," whisperd Wheler az he snacht bac the tellescope. The whippoorwilz wer piping wialdly, and in a cin'gularly cureyous ireggular ridhm qwite unlike dhat ov the vizsibel richoowal.

Suddenly the sunshine ceemd too lescen widhout the intervenshon ov enny discernibel cloud. It woz a verry peculeyar fenommenon, and woz plainly marct bi aul. A rumbling sound ceemd broowing beneeth the hilz, mixt strainjly widh a concordant rumbling which cleerly came from the ski. Liatning flasht aloft, and the wondering croud looct in vane for the portents ov storm. The chaanting ov the men from Arcam nou became unmistacabel, and Wheler sau throo the glaas dhat dha wer aul rasing dhare armz in the ridhmic incantaishon. From sum farmhous far awa came the frantic barking ov dogz.

The chainj in the qwollity ov the dalite increest, and the croud gaizd about the horizon in wonder. A perplish darcnes, born ov nuthhing mor dhan a spectral depenning ov the skise blu, prest down uppon the rumbling hilz. Then the liatning flasht agane, sumwhot briter dhan befor, and the croud fancede dhat it had shode a certane mistines around the aultar-stone on the distant hite. No wun, houwevver, had bene using the tellescope at dhat instant. The

whippoorwilz continnude dhare ireggular pulsaishon, and the men ov Dunnich braist themcelvz tensly against sum imponderabel mennace widh which the atmosfere ceemd cercharjd.

Widhout worning came dhose depe, cract, raucous vocal soundz which wil nevvver leve the memmory ov the stricken groope whoo herd them. Not from enny human throte wer dha born, for the organz ov man can yeeld no such acuistic perverzhonz. Raather wood wun hav ced dha came from the pit itcelf, had not dhare sors bene so unmistacably the aultar-stone on the peke. It iz aulmoast eroanyous too caul them *soundz* at aul, cins so much ov dhare gaastly, infraa-bace tambraa spoke too dim ceets ov conshousnes and terror far sutler dhan the ere; yet wun must doo so, cins dhare form woz indisputably dho vaigly dhat ov haaf-articulate *werdz*. Dha wer loud--loud az the rumblingz and the thunder abuv which dha eccode--yet did dha cum from no vizsibel beying. And becauz imaginaishon mite sugest a con'gecchooral sors in the werld ov non-vizsibel beyingz, the huddeld croud at the mountainz bace huddeld stil clocer, and winst az if in expectaishon ov a blo.

"Ygnaiih ... ygnaiih ... thflthkh'ngha ... Yog-Sothoth...." rang the hidjous croking out ov space. "Ybthnk ... h'ehye ... n'grkdl'lh...."

The speking impuls ceemd too faulter here, az if sum friatfool cikic strughel wer gowing on. Henry Wheler straind hiz i at the tellescope, but sau oonly the thre grotescly ciloowetted human figguerz on the peke, aul mooving dhare armz fureyously in strainj geschoorz az dhare incantaishon droo nere its culminaishon. From whot blac welz ov Akerontic fere or feling, from whot unplumd gulfs ov extraa-cozmic conshousnes or obscure, long-latent hereddity, wer dhose haaf-articulate thunder-crokingz draun? Prezsently dha began too gather renude fors and coherens az dha groo in starc, utter, ultimate frensy.

"*Eh-ya-ya-ya-yahaah ... e'yaya-yayaaaa ... ngh'aaaa ... ngh'aaaa ...*  
heyeuh ... heyeuh ... HELP! HELP! ... *ff--ff--ff--FAATHER! FAATHER!*  
YOG-SOTHOTH!..."

But dhat woz aul. The pallid groope in the rode, stil reling at the *indisputably In'glisch* cillabelz dhat had pord thhicy and thunderously down from the frantic vacancy beside dhat shocking aultar-stone, wer nevver too here such cillabelz agane. Insted, dha jumpt viyolently at the teriffic report which ceemd too rend the hilz; the deffening, cataclizmic pele whoose sors, be it inner erth or ski, no herer woz evver abel too place. A cin'ghel liatning bolt shot from the perpel sennith too the aultar-stone, and a grate tidal wave ov vules fors and indescribabel stench swept down from the hil too aul the cuntricide. Trese, graas, and underbrush wer whipt intoo a fury; and the fritend croud at the mountainz bace, wekend bi the leethal fetor dhat ceemd about too asficshate them, wer aulmoast herld of dhare fete. Dogz hould from the distans, grene graas and foleyage wilted too a cureyous, cicly yello-gra, and over feeld and forrest wer scatterd the boddese ov ded whippoorwilz.

The stench left qwicly, but the vegetaishon nevver came rite agane. Too this da dhare iz sumthhing qwere and unholy about the groaths on and around dhat feersome hil. Kertis Whaitly woz oonly just reganing conshousnes when the Arcam men came sloly down the mountane in the beemz ov a sunlite wuns mor brilleyant and untainted. Dha wer grave and qwiyet, and ceemd shaken bi memmorese and reflecshonz even mor terribel dhan dhose which had rejuist the groope ov natiavz too a state ov coud qwivvering. In repli too a jumbel ov qweschonz dha oonly shooc dhare hedz and reyafermd wun vital fact.

"The thhing haz gon for evver," Armitage ced. "It haz bene split up intoo whot it woz oridginaly made ov, and can nevver exist agane. It woz an impocibillity in a normal werld. Oonly the leest fracshon woz reyaly

matter in enny cens we no. It woz like its faather--and moast ov it haz gon bac too him in sum vaig relm or dimenshon outside our matereyal univers; sum vaig abis out ov which oonly the moast akerst riats ov human blasfemy cood evver hav cauld him for a moment on the hilz."

Dhare woz a brefe cilens, and in dhat paуз the scatterd cencez ov por Kertis Whitly began too nit bac intoo a sort ov continuwity; so dhat he poot hiz handz too hiz hed with a mone. Memmory ceemd too pic itcelf up whare it had left of, and the horror ov the cite dhat had prostrated him berst in uppon him agane.

*"O, o, mi Gaud, dhat haf face ... dhat haf face on top ov it ... dhat face widh the red ise an crinclly albeno hare, an no chin, like the Whitlese.... It woz a octopus, centipede, spider kiand o' thhing, but dha woz a haf-shaipt manz face on top ov it, an it looct like Wizzard Whitlese, oonly it woz yardz an yardz acrost...."*

He pauzd exausted, az the whole groope ov natiavz staerd in a bewilderment not qwite cristaliazd intoo fresh terror. Oonly oald Sebbulon Whitly, whoo waunderingly rememberd ainshent thhingz but whoo had bene cilent heertoofor, spoke aloud.

"Fiftene yere gon," he rambeld, "I heerd Ol Whitly sa az hayo sum da wede here a chiald o' Lavinnese a-caulin its faatherz name on the top o' Centinel Hil...."

But Jo Ozborn interupted him too qweschon the Arcam men anu.

*"Whot woz it, ennihayo, an hayouwever did yung Wizzard Whitly caul it ayout o' the are it cum from?"*

Armitage chose hiz werdz caerfooly.

"It woz--wel, it woz moastly a kiand ov fors dhat duznt belong in our part ov space; a kiand ov fors dhat acts and grose and shaips itcelf bi uther lauz dhan dhose ov our sort ov Naichoor. We hav no biznes caulng in such thhingz from outcide, and oanly verry wicked pepel and verry wicked cults evver tri too. Dhare woz sum ov it in Wilber Whitly himcelf--enuf too make a devvil and a precoashous monster ov him, and too make hiz paacing out a pritty terribel cite. Ime gowing too bern hiz akerst diyary, and if u men ar wise ule dinamite dhat aultar-stone up dhare, and pool down aul the ringz ov standing stoanz on the uther hilz. Thhingz like dhat braut doun the beyingz dhose Whitlese wer so fond ov--the beyingz dha wer gowing too let in tan'gibly too wipe out the human race and drag the erth of too sum naimles place for sum naimles perpoce.

"But az too this thhing weve just cent bac--the Whitlese raizd it for a terribel part in the doowingz dhat wer too cum. It groo faast and big from the same rezon dhat Wilber groo faast and big--but it bete him becauz it had a grater share ov the *outciadnes* in it. U neednt aasc hou Wilber cauld it out ov the are. He didnt caul it out. *It woz hiz twin bruther, but it looct mor like the faather dhan he did.*"

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