

THE TEMPLE OF SET;
THE CITY OF LUXUR, STYGIA.



NANU--!

SSHHHHH--
THIS IS A HOLY
PLACE.

OH,
IT'S YOU,
SEFKH!

INDEED
IT IS HOLY... BUT
DO YOU KNOW
WHAT HAPPENS TO
VIRGINS IN THE
TEMPLE OF
SET?

YOU
KNOW MY
MAIDENHEAD IS
DEDICATED
TO SET!

I'M
TRYING
TO DO YOU
A FAVOR,
GIRL...

YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO WASTE
YOUR BLOOD
IN SACRIFICE
WHEN THERE
ARE SO MANY
OTHER WAYS
YOU CAN SERVE
THE GREAT
SERPENT...



SEFKH!

WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT DEFILING THE TEMPLE VIRGINS? THEY'RE DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO FIND INTACT ALREADY WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT YOU RUINING THEM!

SEIZE THE GIRL!

BUT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING--!

PLEASE, LORD TATHRA, DON'T WASTE SUCH BEAUTY...

ANOTHER WORD AND YOU'LL BE JOINING THE TEMPLE EUNUCHS.

PREPARE THE GIRL FOR SACRIFICE!

BUT...

HONESTLY, SEFKH! IF YOU EXPECT TO RISE WITHIN THE PRIESTHOOD, YOU MUST BE WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES!

PLEASE, LET ME GO!

HUSH, CHILD! DON'T WASTE THE FINAL BREATHS LEFT TO YOU BEGGING FOR MERCY.

INSTEAD, YOU SHOULD REJOICE FOR YOU ARE ABOUT TO MAKE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE!

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD.





SEFKH—
BRING FORTH
THE SERPENT'S
TOOTH!

Y-YES,
LORD
TATHRA.




BY THAT WHICH MUST NOT BE NAMED,
BY THAT WHICH CREATED THE OUTER DARK,
BY THE POWERS IMPRISONED, BY THOSE
POWERS STILL FREE, IN THE NAME OF SET,
THE GREAT SERPENT, LET THE GATE
BE OPENED!



BRING
FORTH
THE
BOWL OF
SET!

SEFKH JOINED THE PRIESTS OF SET
NOT OUT OF A DESIRE FOR PURITY OR
EVEN POWER, BUT RATHER A DESIRE
FOR FLESH AND COIN, BOTH OF WHICH
THE TEMPLES OF THE SERPENT GOD
HAVE IN GREAT ABUNDANCE.



HE DOES HIS BEST TO AVOID SACRIFICES, WHAT WITH ALL THE PREACHING AND CHANTING, NOT TO MENTION THE SCREAMS OF THE INNOCENT... HE SIMPLY DOES NOT HAVE THE STOMACH FOR SUCH THINGS...

LORD SET KNOWS THE GATE. LORD SET IS THE KEY AND GUARDIAN OF THE GATE. PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: ALL IS ONE IN LORD SET, THE GREAT SERPENT THAT DEVOURS ITSELF.

BY MY SACRED OATH, ALLOW THAT WHICH WOULD LEAVE TO COME OUT! ALLOW THOSE WHO WOULD ENTER TO COME IN! ALLOW US TO SEE INTO THE DARKEST LIGHT! ALLOW US TO SEE INTO THE BLINDING DARKNESS! REND THE VEIL! CRUSH THE MIRROR! REVEAL THE ILLUSION! OPEN WIDE THE GATE!

FOOLISH GIRL, HAD SHE TAKEN HIM INTO HER BED WHEN HE FIRST PROPOSITIONED HER A MOON AGO...

NONE OF THIS WOULD BE HAPPENING TO HER... SUCH A WASTE.



I'M SORRY, NANU...

I TRIED TO WARN YOU...

STOP DAWDLING AND FEED HER THE POTION!

SEFKH GRUDGINGLY DOES AS TATHRA COMMANDS, FOR TO DISOBEY THE HIGH PRIEST OF SET MEANS DEATH...



GAKK!

SPUTTER

BUT, AS A CHILL RUNS DOWN HIS SPINE, SEFKH REALIZES THAT THERE ARE FATES WORSE THAN DEATH.

BY ALL THE GODS--!

THERE IS BUT ONE GOD NOW!

DO NOT FEAR, SEFKH, YOU ARE ONE OF THE CHOSEN, A PRIEST OF SET.

IT IS THE REST OF HYBORIA WHO MUST TREMBLE!