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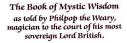
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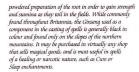


Know ye, O seeker of the mystic wisdoms, that the ways of magic are diverse and strange. There exists the need for utmost concentration and the harvesting of things magical in order that ye may harmes the powers of the introvers. Many are the across of wisdom contained in those pages which I write for the benefit of my pupils, yet still there is much to learn.

All magic is accomplished by the use of means both human and of natural, for two magic is but the melding of funnan will and natural force. Without the human voice to utter the chant, to sgell may be effective. This rangic is twofolds a bilance struck between nature and humanity. Let use cannine both magyest here, beginning with those natural substances, known as Reagents, that lend power to the work of the sgellesser. ulphurous Ash — Sulphur is the substance found in nature that is most useful in the generation of fire. It is the color of softon and, when burned, gives off an obour indicative of its great mystic strength. Yet its true power is to be found in the second burning — that is, in the use of the ashen residue of sulphur that has been burned in a crucible fositioned from the skull of a Bafron. Sulphurous Ash is not an uncommon substance, having been a stuple of the Wiand's profession through the age. It may be purchased from any reputable purcyes of magical goods and is useful in the casting of Energy Fields and Magic Missiles. so well as in spells requiring a quick burst

of light or a sustained glow.

inseng — Long praised for its strengthgiving and medicinal properties, the root of the Ginseng plant is immediately recognizable for its forbal shape, and to those initiated in the mystic ways, by its overpowering rose-coloured aura. It has been used for centuries by passins who does it or brew tea from a

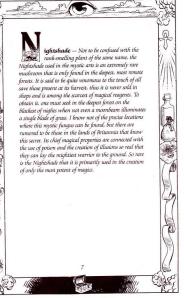


artic — Even the most common of nature's agits to our people have magical properties as can be witnessed by the power of Carlic. This pungent while is found in every garden in the lands of Britannia, and no stew or rosest would be complete without its sharp flavor. Its aromatic nature makes Garlia a powerful rangent in the easting of magaile 1961s. and it is used in all spells of the warding variety — be they the warding off common and magical sickness or the repelling of beings once dead.

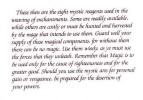
pider Silk - The miracle of Spider Silk lies in its tensile strength. Imagine, if you will, a grown man relying on a strand of catqut to hold his weight all the days of his life. A spider relies on the finest of threads to do just that, and its silk never fails it. We should praise the first wizardling who realized the mystic secret of Spider Silk, for it is to him or her that we owe the knowledge of binding and restraining spells. The silk of the deadly Albino Ghoul spider - both the miniature and giant varieties - has been used by adepts through the years in rites of magic. The spider farms of the south produce perhaps a hundred pounds of the substance each year and sell it to the merchants of magic, where it is made available to all who ply our trade. It is said that each year one worker dies the horrible death incurred by the bite of the Albino Ghoul spider to ensure the potency of the silk, although never has this deliberately been made to happen.

lood Moss - is the bane of farmers and the boon of magicians. It is a deep red fungus that attacks the crops of those who raise grain, yet it is a vital component in the casting of spells. An oddity to those who spend their lives observing the growth of that which is not animal in nature — for it behaves like no other plant or mushroom - Blood Moss grows only in the dryest of times, when all around it is perishing from drought. It cannot survive the absence of direct sunlight, and thus passes from the earth each night, only to return when the sun blazes mercilessly upon the land. Blood Moss seems to feed only in ripening grain - it can lay waste to an acre of corn in a single day and vanish without a trace as night falls, leaving naught but fruitless stalks swaying in the cool, night breeze. The magic of Blood Moss is thought to reside in its fleeting nature, for it is used in the spells of movement - from the simplest levitation to making the very earth tremble. As harvest time comes each year, the merchants send runners to wait by the fields and gather the Blood Moss. Farmers consider these runners unlucky and try to chase them from their fields, but enough show persistence to ensure their masters a plentiful supply of Blood Moss to sell.

lack Pearl - The Black Pearl is the most highly prized of all the pearls: Well-formed ones command a price from jewellers that would bankrupt a score of wizards. Yet Black Pearls are vital in the casting of spells that are hurled from the mage's person and must travel to a final destination. Fortunately for our profession, even rarer than a normal Black Pearl is one that is perfectly shaped. Most are lopsided and lack symmetry - the very quality that makes the jeweller desire them so highly. This ensures a ready supply for the thaumaturge - the weaver of magic. It is said that, unlike the ordinary pearl which is formed inside an oyster when it seeks to protect itself from a piece of sand or grit, the Black Pearl only forms when the seed of the areat pearl is yet another pearl of much smaller size cast adrift by the death of another oyster.



andrake Root - The root of the poisonous Mandrake plant is instantly recognizable by its human shape and its crimson colour. It is said that the sap runs blood-red when the plant is cut down in order to harvest the root. Long prized for its narcotic and purging effects when consumed in minute portions, the Mandrake Root is the most powerful known substance in the weaving of magical spells that give new shape to the very world around us. The variety of Mandrake Root used in the mystic arts is found only in marshy terrain, where the root can thrust deeply into the earth. The more earth that must be moved to retrieve the Mandrake Root. the more potent its effect in the magic of the finder. Many years ago, when our people were but scattered tribes of nomads, the Mandrake was plentiful. As our people have tamed the land, however, and the practice of the mystic arts has become refined, the Mandrake has all but vanished from the face of the land we now call Britannia. It is never seen in the shops of the towns and castles, and hardly even sold privately if found. Many of our profession have devoted lifetimes to the search for Mandrake Root without ever coming into possession of a single piece of it.







waken — Should you or any of your followers ever be so unfortunate as to come under the

influence of a magically induced slumber, the use of a Spell of Awakening will often alleviate the condition. It is a simple spell which may be cast by the beginning student of the mystic arts with little effort or cost. It requires the use of Ginseng for its healing qualities and Garlic in order to ward off the coming of sleep until the victim's body has returned to its normal cycle of wakefulness and rest. Blend the two reagents carefully and apply the mixture to the brow of your sleeping companion and chant "Levate" loudly.



link — Many are the occasions that the thaumatury needs to be deswhere in very short order and fink than teither horse nor ship nor any other conventional form of travel to of sufficient prompts for the situation. Mayical means of travel must then be used, of which the Blink spell is the most common. This spell disassembles the mage and comparisons and reassembles then as a spot many clause distant in any clause middle direction. There are means of travel that cover far greater distances than the Blink, but they are far more costly and fiave other limitations which we shall examine later in this tome. The Blink can only move the party distances perceptible to the mind of a common person.

The components needed for the custing of a flink spell are spider sile and fload Mass. The finding powers of the spider silk provent the escence of the travellers from being scattered during transit, while the flowd Mass aids in the movement from one location to the neet. Equal quantities of each rangent ensure the proper working of the enchantment. The concentration required for filinking is such that the spelleaster will most certainly feel the effects that to be left enhantsed.



ure — Venomous creatures abound throughout the lands of Britannia. Rarely are they evil, nature having provided them with their sting as a means of defense against larger predators, but without proper attention wounds can fester and lead to the death of a victim. Furthermore, evil mages may cast noxious, poisonous energy fields during battle or erect such barriers to prevent the virtuous from reaching their caches or sanctuaries. Fortunately, the great wizard Jaanth Nor devised a countering magic for the effects of all venom and recorded his findings for future generations to use. The Cure spell is effected by the use of a mixture of Garlic and Ginseng and the calling of the victim's name to soothe the envenomed soul. The curative powers of the Ginseng nullify the effects of the poison in the victim's system, while the use of Garlic wards off the return of any virulent residues that may lie dormant in the blood.



ispel - One of the staples of the wizard's profession is the use of energy fields. We shall discuss the casting of such fields shortly, but first let us examine the means of dismantling them when they are encountered. Although there are various forms of such fields, they are all created with a similar magic and thus may be Dispelled with a single spell. The Dispel enchantment is one of moderate difficulty, far more exhausting than the creation of energy fields. Often touching the field may prove disastrous, so the enchantment must be cast from afar and thus required the use of the precious Black Pearl needed in all projectile spells. Furthermore, Sulphurous Ash is needed to provide the flash of power that beings the dissolution of the forces holding the field together. Finally, the warding powers of Garlic are also employed to prevent the forces from reassembling at the spot where they were previously concentrated. To effect the spell, speak backwards the colour of the type of field encountered.



nergy Field - There are four types of Energy Fields known to the practitioner of the mystic arts: Sleep, Poison, Fire, and Lightning. Their effects are varied, but the magic used to erect them is the same in each instance. Any person attempting to pass through an Energy Field will run the risk of either falling asleep or being poisoned in the case of the first two types; if the field is of Fire then their flesh shall burn as they pass through and they shall feel much pain and anquish; while the field composed of Lightning is impenetrable. The casting of Energy Fields is not difficult and requires only a small exertion on the part of the spellcaster, but the fields are only effective in enclosed areas such as subterranean passages and inside of rooms. The reagents necessary in the casting of these Energy Fields are Sulphurous Ash for the burst of creation, Spider Silk for the binding of forces to a single spot, and Black Pearl for the launching of the spell to a spot away from he who works the magic. It would be a grave error indeed to cast such a spell without the latter component, for you would find yourself in the midst of the field!





ireball — When beset upon by evil. the deposal. We have discussed some of the indirect mangies such as Energy Fields, but there are times when more direct action is required. There is a class of missile spells for such occasions, of which the Fireball spell is for such occasions, of which the Fireball spell is the intermediate on All such spells call for the use of the projecties. In the case of the Fireball, Sulphurus Ash is also called for in equal proportion, for its powers of interfacts or integral to the creation of flaming missiles. Speak the name of your enemy when the spell is cast and your aim shall be unerring and your enemy will be devectated by the flames of the mangical fires.



ate Travel — In the repertoire of teleportation encharatments. Gate Travel is by far the most powerful. This is because it not only utilizes the reagents and oftents of most mapies, but also the power of the gates of the moore that control the very coarse and tides. The movemputes are located throughout Britannia, and appear only at certain phases of the twin moons Trammed and Felicac. To cast the golf of Gate Travel, one must speak the name of the moons as the reagents are strend. As the enchantment takes effect, the spellosster and any companions will be instantly carried to the location of the desired moongate.

It has been a long-standing tradition among the practitioners of the mystic ares to zealously guant the socret of the components of the Gate Travel spell. It is said that revailing these reagents will said the use of the gates to the one who divulgate the 80,9 course, none have dured to speak of them for fair of losing one of the most powerful and exhausting spells in the low of enchantment. This writer is no exception to this belief.

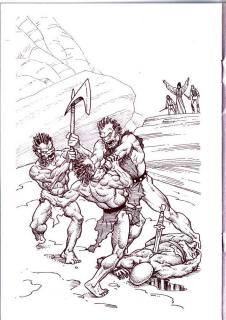


eal — One of the cornerssones of the good and true path of the wizard is the use of enchantament for beneficial ends. We have discussed the Cure spell which renders venom as harmless as the purest of yelf water. but the most common form of juny is the physical wound rather than the internal disruption foundful to the yeisen. Sworts and athous do not discriminate and the tools of justice are oft used for unjust purposes. When you or your companions have suffered physical injust that that rent or search the flesh, the Head spell is invaluable. Mue similar quantities of the healing seesence of Ginessy with integrating strength of Spells and apply it to the wound. Speak the name of the yettern and the flesh will be heatered along the road to

wholeness



ceball — This magic, the second most potent in the mage's arsunal will bring the child of the grave upon your enemy and the very blood of the victim will freeze as if it were midwinter. Ice is heavy and the toll of easting this spell is equalfy weighty. All the the sturdies of our profession will needs take rest after casting. Remember to speak the name of your intended victim as you cast the reagents aloft, lest your efforts be for naught. The important ingredients have unfortunately been loss.



inx — There are but two enchantments more powerful and difficult than the Jinx spell, and but one of similar potency. When faced with a closely packed horde of enemies, mix together equal quantities of Black Pearl, deadly Nightshade, and the crimson Mandrake Root to cast at your opponents. Call to their attention the vulnerability of their backs and weave the magic. They shall turn and smite each other as if each was alone in a crowd of mortal foes. The Black Pearl shall carry your spell to their very midst, while the hallucinatory might of the Nightshade will confound them beyond the boundaries of common sense. Mandrake Root lends the power of conviction to their misconceptions. The duration of the enchantment is varied, but throughout its course the spellcaster will be reminded of its potency by the presence of a glowing 'J". Be warned, however, that the casting of the Jinx spell requires great exertion.



ill - The Kill spell is the most powerful of the missile enchantments. It is the favorite of evil wizards and its use is prohibited by most teachers of the mystic arts. Nevertheless, when faced with a foe of singular strength and a truly evil nature, the wise magician will prepare a mixture of the highly toxic Nightshade and mercurial Black Pearl and speak the Truename of the enemy while casting the reagents toward the foe. As the last syllable of the chant fades, all of the target's vital organs shall cease to function for the space of seven heartbeats. This is usually fatal, although some beings of exceptionally hardy constitution will survive a single Kill spell. The enchantment may be woven several times, but takes a fierce toll on the energy and concentration of the caster. It is easier to Dispel a field of vibrant energy than it is to stop the functioning of a living being.



ight — The enchantment of Light is a trivial one, often the very first spell acquired by

one often the very first spell acquired by the building sorten the topics but a pinch of Sulphurous Ash, which is applied to the end of a sauff and gently folion upon until it begins to glow with a soft yellow light. The spelleaster must concentrate bright on the image of a candle and expend a slight amount of energy to sunt the magical glow. From then on it will burn splify until the reagent is consumed. Infainty the underground passesses where the thaumaturge treads. There are two principal advantages to the use of Light sells in place of ordinary tordies. They are unaffected by all but magical winds or breezes and they do not smoke and cause one's sye to smart. Many a warrior has suffered grievously because his eyes were shut by the sting of a waith of tears.



agic Missile - There are generally very few if any spells that are learned early in the practice of wizardry which are both useful and eagerly sought after by those dabbling in the mystic arts. The beginning thaumaturge almost always yearns for spells that devastate or create startling effects. The weaving of weather or the mastery of short vertical teleportations do not impress onlookers. The one simple spell that does truly inspire awe at little expense to the spellcaster is the Magic Missile. It requires the use of Sulphurous Ash and Black Pearl in the casting, and it will cause a tremendously bright flash of blue light to strike an enemy. While not visibly marked, the enemy will sustain a fair amount of internal damage, said by the cynical to be brought about by fright more than by power. The Magic Missile is a useful enchantment in battle, but it is more spectacular than effective and will not deter most enemies larger than the spellcaster who wields it.



egate — When faced with a greater or more
of the mystic arts may decide it best for all involved to
suspend everyone's use of thaumaturpy for a short time.
At this time one should invoke the powers of the Nopuse
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supether with the covite Mandrake new with mystic
potney; To this felend allot than equal amount of post
your own name hackwords. All magie fall instantify
case save the enchantment of Nopution itself, which is
manifested by the vision of a plowing 'N'! Noevring
before your eyes. The Nopus syell will fast only a brief
time, which should be used for either the amilitation of

your enemies or for the judicious removal of your presence

from the troubled spot.



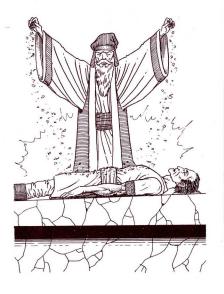
en - There was once a time when all beings were fair and just. The principal vessel used for the transport of one's worldly possessions in these times was the wooden chest, which is still the popular means. But since the coming of the evil ones and their lastina influence on the inhabitants of our fair land, the practice of placing obnoxious and sometimes lethal traps on the locks of chests has become quite commonplace. Virtually all folk use such devices, even the denizens of the underworld who quard naught but ill-gotten wealth. To bypass these sinister mechanisms the thaumaturge need but utter the chant "Appar Unem" and sprinkle a mix of Sulphurous Ash and Blood Moss on the offending lock. The flash of the Sulphurous Ash powers the movement potential of the Blood Moss and the lock will open itself safely, leaving the contents of the chest at the disposal of the spellcaster.



rotection - There are times during the heat of battle when one finds the best form of offense to be naught but a good defense. When hard-pressed by fierce antagonists, the wise magician will mix together the reagents Sulphurous Ash, Ginsena, and Garlic and invoke the spell of Protection. The wholesome qualities of the Ginseng, together with the repellent strength of the Garlic, serve to shield the wizard and all companions from the onslaught of their enemies. Such Protection is not always effective, but may be of great use. Sulphurous Ash provides the mystic fire that fuels the incantation, and also serves to startle one's opponents with an initial flash as the spell begins to function. Protection is not a simple spell, but neither is it an exceptionally strenuous spell to cast. Its duration is short, and during the course of its shielding the mage will be reminded of its effects by a glowing "P" hovering before his or her eyes.



uickness - The spell of Ouickness is one of the most unpredictable yet potent spells in the wizard's collection of enchantments, and one of the most telling on his or her companions. When cast during battle, the Quickness spell will heighten the natural dexterity of one's fellows to such a degree that they will move with twice their normal agilityat times they will be able to land two blows against their foes instead of the customary single strike during a round combat. The price is age, for the recipients of the extra speed incurred by the use of Quickness will age briefly while under the sway of the enchantment, . . yet most feel that an occasional grey hair is but a small price to to pay for the advantage of dealing twice the number of blows that one might receive. The reagents for the Quickness spell are fiery Sulphurous Ash, Ginsena, and volatile Blood Moss. The Sulphurous Ash lends the flashes of energy needed by the beneficiaries of the enchantment, while the healing powers of Ginseng prevent them from aging so rapidly as to become areubeards after a single encounter. Throughout the course of the Quickness spell, the spellcaster will be reminded of its effects by the vision of a bright, glowing "Q".



esurrect - Many are the monsters and terrors that dwell beneath the surface or in the forests and marshes of Britannia. Even groups of most valiant and fierce warriors are subject to losses too tragic to bear. If a companion is slain by an enemy, all is not lost in the presence of the most accomplished of mages. There exists the means to bring back a compatriot from the land of the dead - not as an unholy once-dead being - but as a living, breathing creature of flesh and blood restored to life, albeit in an extremely weakened condition. Each wizard must needs determine the components of this enchantment that work best with their own magic, for the combination is said to be unique to each spellcaster. What is known about weaving this the most potent of all enchantments is that it requires the spellcaster to scatter the reagents to cover the victim's body, while calling out the name of the slain companion in a voice of thunder. This magic is extraordinarily taxing, and rare is the mage who can continue to weave spells without rest once this enchantment has been successfully cast.



leep - There are moments in the lives of every practitioner of the mystic arts where discretion is truly the better part of valor. Not all foes are truly evil and deserving of annihilation verily, some are but beasts of the fields seeking provender and are entitled to life as much as you or 1. Yet, unchecked these creatures pose as great a threat to one as a score of rabid ores. It is in such situations that the wise thaumaturge weaves a Sleep spell and leaves his opposition in deep slumber whilst vacating the current location. The Sleep spell is truly a serious enchantment that requires a fair amount of mental energy to cast, but it is not of such import as to leave the spellcaster breathless or exhausted. Not one soul, however, knows the whereabouts of the secret recipe.



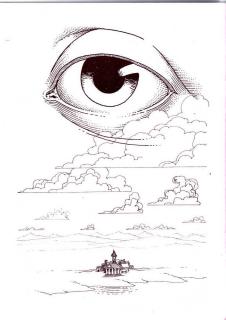


remor — The Tremor spell is a very potent magic indeed. Few spells are as exhausting

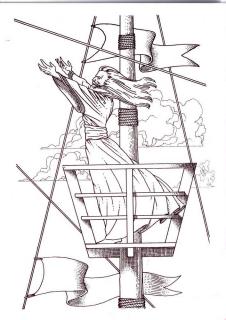
and none save Resurrection have a more striking or dramatic effect. Carefully blood protions of Sulphurous Ash with Blood Moss and Mandrake Root Sulphurous Ash with Blood Moss and Mandrake Root and cast it at the feet of your opponents while shouting as locally as possible. The volatile Sulphurous Ash shall furnish the flaod Mos and the Mandrake Root will furd row necromatic force to the spell. The very earth will termble and quake beneath the feet of your cemtes and they will fly in terror, save those that are swallowed up entirely by the very ground tiesef. No spell in the foet of the myster arts has as much power to strike fear into the fearts and minks of those that suffer its mulgity impact. But us the enchannent wisely, for it will feave you as weak as a newtorn false.



ndead - Ever since the coming of the evil wizard Mondain and his hellish offspring, the lands of Britannia have been plaqued by the return of creatures already slain. These once-dead beings take many forms, the most common being the animated skeletons of ores and goblins, or the ghoulish forms of flesh-eating corpses that have been summoned from the land of shades to wreak havoc on the living. These apparitions are cowed by the light of righteousness and fight as warriors in a trance. Nonetheless, they are hard to kill and never tire in battle and thus may jeopardize even a seasoned band of adventurers. Each mage knows a form of turning them aside when encountered, but the components of such magics are personal and depend on the spellcaster. You must use your knowledge of the properties of magical reagents to determine which two will lend force to your enchantment of Undead turning. When you have found the proper mixture, cast it at your foes while chanting the name of what the creatures once were when they trod the earth in life.



ew - The lands that we now call Britannia in honor of the wise and just influence of Lord British are vast in scope and hold many uncharted regions. Although cartographers have travelled all the circumference of the main continent, many internal tracts have yet to be accurately recorded, while there are numerous islands rumored to exist to the southeast with nary a chart to show their location. Here the practitioner of the mystic arts has a great advantage over the wanderer or seafarer in that the View spell may be woven when the need arises. The View incantation is of middling difficulty and involves the use of hallucinatory Niahtshade and powerful Mandrake Root. Mandrake lends power to the enchantment while Nightshade provides a mystic overview of all the land within the range of a simple Blink spell. Simply blend the reagents and speak out the name of the region through which you travel.

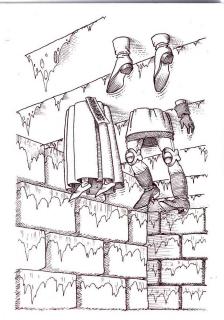


ind Change — Not all Britannia is accessible on foot, and oft times the wizard will find the need to embark on a sea voyage to reach some certain destinations in the pursuit of Truth. Once aboard ship, most voyagers find themselves at the mercy of capricious nature with her ever-changing winds. This is not true for the practitioner of the mystic arts, however, for through magical means one may control the very direction of the wind, albeit for but a short span of time. Wind Change is not a taxing enchantment; indeed a powerful wizard can cast it almost continuously, although it is not so trivial as opening trapped chests or effecting minor teleportations . . . Simply mix Sulphurous Ash for power and Blood Moss for movement to coax the wind to a more favorable direction. Speak the name of the patron of winds and call out the direction desired and the wind shall change at your bidding.





ait – When trapped in the bowsks of the arth, warny and battered with a long road afsead to the surface, the use of the spell can be beneficial. Aside from the moving Blood Moss and the binding spider Silk which ensures the safe passage of the disincorporated party, this spell requires the use of the Sulpfurous Ash to provide the flare that guides the party from the depths of darkness to the world of sundiffic. Successful casting of the spell will surely return them to that selfsame stoot.



p—The two most elementary forms of teleportation may be used only when underground. The more difficult of the two was first crafted by mage Yenthak Gnor Yenthak Gnor discovered that a blend of Blood Mass and Spider Silk in conjunction with the spoken names of the moons would cause one who utters it to be lifted upward through the very soil to the next highest level of a dampen. The Spider Silk holds the party

together during their transit, while the Blood moves

them ever closer to the moons





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