

Bal-Sagoth, The Dreamer In The Catacombs Of Ur

"From the journal of Professor Caleb Blackthorne III, continued..."

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Such grim musings as have been occupying my mind of late unfortunately seem to suggest a possibility. When I later visited him at the sanatorium in England, I found him to be a tragic shell of the man I once knew.

"Doctor Ignatius Stone:" It was like some dark, dark dream. We had not heeded the warnings of the ancients. Lost within the lightless catacombs of Ur... Entombed within the ziggurats!

The Keeper of the Ancient Lore of Ur: Trapped forever in the catacombs of Ur... your screams are heard!

"Doctor Ignatius Stone:" Warnings etched into the cuneiform tablets of Ur... Entombed within the ziggurats!

"The Keeper of the Ancient Lore of Ur:" Behold the great Cthonic deities of Ur... Your screams are heard!

"Doctor Ignatius Stone:" What aeons-old slumber has our meddling disturbed?

"The Keeper of the Ancient Lore of Ur:" Behold the great Cthonic deities of Ur... Your screams echo!

"Doctor Ignatius Stone:" Trapped forever in the catacombs of Ur... There is something in here with us!

Here, beneath the eternally shifting sands, I sought enlightenment... but found only damnation!

"The Chief Cultist of Ur:" You have defiled the sanctity of this sacred place! Laagash, Nippur, Shuruppak!

"The Keeper of the Ancient Lore of Ur:" Ancient before the Fifth Cataclysm, here between the two!

"Forsaken (when His darksome splendid glory eclipses it) burns the sun,

Enthroned (the eternally) benighted one, Usurper of the skies.

Named in (that black, shunned tome of) forbidden lore,

Destined to rule (this telluric sphere and the myriad stars beyond) once more,

The Dreamer shall arise!

Now, let the Gate yawn wide and the horrors of the Abyss engulf the earth, for the Dreamer in the catacombs!

How many of my colleague's rants were merely the result of his psychosis and how many were actual prophecies?

"(For the events immediately prior to "The Dreamer In The Catacombs Of Ur", detailing the events of the Fifth Cataclysm, see the journal of Professor Caleb Blackthorne III, continued...)