### THE MAGAN TEXT

THE verses here following come from the secret text of some of the priests of a cult which is all that is left of the Old Faith that existed before Babylon was built, and it was originally in their tongue, but I have put it into the Golden Speech of my country so that you may understand it. I came upon this text in my early wanderings in the region of the Seven Fabled Cities of UR, which are no more, and it tells of the War between the Gods that took place in a time beyond the memory of man. And the horrors and ugliness that the Priest will encounter in his Rites are herein described, and their reasons, and their natures, and Essences. And the Number of the Lines is Sacred, and the Word are Sacred, and are most potent charms against the Evil Ones. And surely some Magicians of the country do write them on parchment or clay, or on pottery, or in the air, that they might be efficacious thereby, and that the Gods will remember the words of the Covenant.

I copied these words down in my tongue and kept them faithfully these many years, and my own copy will go with me to the place where I will go when my Spirit is torn from the body. But heed these words well, and remember! For remembering is the most important and most potent magick, being the Rememberance of Things Past and the Rememberance of Things to Come, which is the same Memory. And do not show this text to the uninitiated, for it hath caused madness, in men and in beasts.

The Text:

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#### THE MAGAN TEXT

Hearken, and Remember! In the Name of ANU, Remember! In the Name of ENLIL, Remember! In the Name of ENKI, Remember! When on High the Heavens had not been named, The Earth had not been named, And Naught existed but the Seas of ABSU. The Ancient One, And MUMMU TIAMAT, the Ancient One Who bore them all. Their Waters as One Water. At this time, before the ELDER GODS had been brought forth, Uncalled by Name, Their destinies unknown and undetermined, Then it was that the Gods were formed within the Ancient Ones. LLMU and LLAAMU were brought forth and called by Name, And for Ages they grew in age and bearing. ANSHAR and KISHAR were brought forth, And brought forth ANU Who begat NUDIMMUD, Our Master ENKI, Who has no rival among the Gods. **Remember!** 

The Elder Ones came together They disturbed TIAMAT, the Ancient One, as they surged back and forth. Yea, they troubled the belly of TIAMAT By their Rebellion in the abode of Heaven. ABSU could not lessen their clamour TIAMAT was speechless at their ways. Their doings were loathsome unto the Ancient Ones.

> ABSU rose up to slay the Elder Gods by stealth. With magick charm and spell ABSU fought, But was slain by the sorcery of the Elder Gods. And it was their first victory. His body was lain in an empty Space In a crevice of the heavens Hid He was lain, But his blood cried out to the Abode of Heaven.

#### TIAMAT Enraged

Filled with an Evil Motion Said Let us make Monsters That they may go out and do battle Against these Sons of Iniquity The murderous offspring who have destroyed A God. HUBUR arose, She who fashioneth all things, And possessor of Magick like unto Our Master. She added matchless weapons to the arsenals of the Ancient Ones, She bore Monster-Serpents Sharp of tooth, long of fang, She filled their bodies with venom for blood Roaring dragons she has clothed with Terror Has crowned them with Halos, making them as Gods, So that he who beholds them shall perish And, that, with their bodies reared up None might turn them back. She summoned the Viper, the Dragon, and the Winged Bull, The Great Lion, the Mad-God, and the Scorpion-Man. Mighty rabid Demons, Feathered-Serpents, the Horse-Man, Bearing weapons that spare no Fearless in Battle, Charmed with the spells of ancient sorcery, ... withal Eleven of this kind she brought forth With KINGU as Leader of the Minions.

**Remember!** 

#### ENKI

Our Master Fearing defeat, summoned his Son MARDUK Summoned his Son The Son of Magick Told him the Secret Name

The Secret Number The Secret Shape Whereby he might do battle With the Ancient Horde And be victorious.

#### **MARDUK KURIOS!**

**Brightest Star among the Stars** Strongest God among the Gods Son of Magick and the Sword Child of Wisdom and the Word **Knower of the Secret Name Knower of the Secret Number Knower of the Secret Shape** He armed himself with the Disc of Power In chariots of Fire he went forth With a shouting Voice he called the Spell With a Blazing Flame he filled his Body Dragons, Vipers, all fell down Lions, Horse-Men, all were slain. The Mighty creatures of HUBUR were slain The Spells, the Charms, the Sorcery were broken. Naught but TIAMAT remained. The Great Serpent, the Enormous Worm The Snake with iron teeth The Snake with sharpened claw The Snake with Eyes of Death, She lunged at MARDUK With a roar With a curse She lunged. **MARDUK struck with the Disc of Power Blinded TIAMAT's Eves of Death** The Monster heaved and raised its back Struck forth in all directions Spitting ancient words of Power Screamed the ancient incantations MARDUK struck again and blew An Evil Wind into her body Which filled the raging, wicked Serpent MARDUK shot between her jaws The Charmed arrow of ENKI's Magick MARDUK struck again and severed The head of TIAMAT from its body.

And all was silent.

**Remember!** 

#### MARDUK

Victor Took the Tablets of Destiny Unbidden Hung them around his neck. Acclaimed of the Elder Gods was he. First among the Elder Ones was he.

He split the sundered TIAMAT in twain And fashioned the heavens and the earth, With a Gate to keep the Ancient Ones Without. With a Gate whose Key is hid forever Save to the Sons of MARDUK Save to the Followers of Our Master ENKI First in Magick among the Gods.

From the Blood of KINGU he fashioned Man. He constructed Watchtowers for the Elder Gods Fixing their astral bodies as constellations That they may watch the Gate of ABSU The Gate of TIAMAT they watch The Gate of KINGU they oversee The Gate whose Guardian is IAK SAKKAK they bind. All the Elder Powers resist The Force of Ancient Artistry The Magick Spell of the Oldest Ones The Incantation of the Primal Power The Mountain KUR, the Serpent God The Mountain MASHU, that of Magick The Dead KUTULU, Dead but Dreaming **TIAMAT, Dead but Dreaming ABSU, KINGU, Dead but Dreaming** And shall their generation come again?

WE ARE THE LOST ONES From a Time before Time From a Land beyond the Stars From the Age when ANU walked the earth In company of Bright Angels. We have survived the first War Between the Powers of the Gods And have seen the wrath of the Ancient Ones **Dark Angels** Vent upon the Earth WE ARE FROM A RACE BEYOND THE WANDERERS OF NIGHT. We have survived the Age when ABSU ruled the Earth And the Power destroyed out generations. We have survived on tops of mountains And beneath the feet of mountains And have spoken with the Scorpions In allegiance and were betraved. And TIAMAT has promised us nevermore to attack With water and with wind. But the Gods are forgetful. Beneath the Seas of NAR MATTARU Beneath the Seas of the Earth, NAR MATTARU Beneath the World lays sleeping The God of Anger, Dead but Dreaming The God of CUTHALU, Dead but Dreaming! The Lord of KUR, calm but thunderous!

The One-Eyes Sword, cold but burning!

He who awakens Him calls the ancient

Vengeance of the Elder Ones The Seven Glorious Gods of the Seven Glorious Cities Upon himself and upon the World And old vengeance...

Know that our years are the years of War And our days are measured as battles And every hour is a Life Lost to the Outside **Those from Without** Have builded up charnel houses To nourish the fiends of TIAMAT And the Blood of the weakest here Is libation unto **TIAMAT** Queen of the Ghouls Wreaker of Pain And to invoke her The Red Water of Life Need be split on a stone The stone struck with a sword That hath slain eleven men Sacrifices to HUBUR So that the Strike ringeth out And call TIAMAT from Her slumber From her sleep in the Caverns Of the Earth.

And none may dare entreat further For to invoke Death is to utter The final prayer.

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Of the Generations of the Ancient Ones

#### UTUKK XUL The account of the generations Of the Ancient Ones here rendered Of the generations of the Ancient Ones Here remembered. Cold and Rain that erode all things They are the Evil Spirits In the creation of ANU spawned Plague Gods PAZUZU And the Beloved Sons of ENG

The Offspring of NINNKIGAL Rending in pieces on high Bringing destruction below They are Children of the Underworld Loudly roaring on high

> Gibbering loathsomely below They are the bitter venom of the Gods. The great storms directed from heaven Those are they The Owl, Messenger of UGGI Lord of Death Those they are THEY ARE THE CHILDREN BORN OF EARTH THAT IN THE CREATION OF ANU WERE SPAWNED.

The highest walls The thickest walls The strongest walls Like a flood they pass From house to house They ravage No door can shut them out No bolt can turn them back Through the door like snakes they slide Through the bolts like winds they blow Pulling the wife from the embrace of the husband Snatching the child from the loins of man Banishing the man from his home, his land THEY ARE THE BURNING PAIN THAT PRESSETH ITSELF ON THE BACK OF MAN.

#### THEY ARE GHOULS

The spirit of the harlot that hath died in the streets The spirit of the woman that hath died in childbirth The spirit of the woman that hath dies, weeping with a babe at the breast The spirit of an evil man One that haunteth the streets Or one that haunteth the bed. They are Seven! Seven are they! Those Seven were born in the Mountains of MASHU **Called Magick** They dwell within the Caverns of the Earth Amid the desolate places of the Earth they live Amid the places between The Places Unknown in heaven and in earth They are arrayed in terror Among the Elder Gods there is no knowledge of them They have no name Not in heaven Nor on earth They ride over the Mountain of Sunset And on the Mountain of Dawn they cry

Through the Caverns of the Earth they creep Amid the desolate places of the Earth they lie Nowhere are they known Not in heaven Nor in the Earth

Are they discovered For their place is outside our place And between the angles of the Earth They lie in wait Crouching for the Sacrifice THEY ARE THEY CHILDREN OF THE UNDERWORLD.

Falling like rain from the sky Issuing like mist from the earth Doors do not stop them Bolts do not stop them They glide in at the doors like serpents They enter by the windows like the wind IDPA they are, entering by the head NAMTAR they are, entering by the heart UTUK they are, entering by the brow ALAL they are, entering by the chest GIGIM they are, seizing the bowels TELAL they are, grasping the hand URUKU they are, giant Larvae, feeding on the Blood They are Seven! Seven are They! They seize all the towers From UR to NIPPUR Yet UR knows them not Yet NIPPUR does not know them They have brought down the mighty Of all the mighty Cities of man Yet man knows them not Yes the Cities do not know them They have struck down the forests of the East And have flooded the Lands of the West Yet the East knows them not Yet the West does not know them They are a hand grasping at the neck Yet the neck does not know them And man knows them not. Their words are Unwrit Their numbers are Unknown Their shapes are all Shapes Their habitations The desolate places where their Rites are performed Their habitations The haunts of man where a sacrifice has been offered Their habitations The lands here And cities here And the lands between the lands The cities between the cities In spaces no man has ever walked

In KURNUDE The country from whence no traveller returns At EKURBAD In the altar of the Temple of the Dead And at GI UMUNA At their Mother's breast

At the Foundations of CHAOS In the ARALIYA of MUMMU-TIAMAT And at the Gates Of IAK SAKKAK!

#### SPIRIT OF THE AIR, REMEMBER! SPIRIT OF THE EARTH, REMEMBER!

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Of the Forgotten Generations of Man

And was not Man created from the blood of KINGU **Commander of the hordes of the Ancient Ones?** Does not man possess in his spirit The sees of rebellion against the Elder Gods? And the blood of Man is the Blood of Vengeance And the blood of Man is the Spirit of Vengeance And the Power of Man is the Power of the Ancient Ones And this is the Covenant For, lo! The Elder Gods possess the Sign By which the Powers of the Ancient Ones are turned back But Man possesses the Sign And the Number And the Shape To summon the Blood of his Parents. And this is the Covenant. Created by the Elder Gods From the Blood of the Ancient Ones Man is the Key by which The Gate if IAK SAKKAK may be flung wide By which the Ancient Ones Seek their Vengeance Upon the face of the Earth Against the Offspring of MARDUK. For what is new Came from that which is old And what is old Shall replace that which is new And once again the Ancient Ones Shall rule upon the face of the Earth! And this is too the Covenant!

# IV

Of the Sleep of ISHTAR

#### Yet ISHTAR Queen of Heaven

**Bright Light of Nights Mistress of the Gods** Set her mind in that direction From Above she set her mind, To Below she set her mind From the Heavens she set forth To the Abyss Out of the Gates of the Living To enter the Gates of Death Out of the Lands we know Into the Lands we know not To the Land of No Return To the Land of Queen ERESHKIGAL ISHTAR, Queen of Heavens, she set her mind ISHTAR, Daughter of SIN, she set forth To the Black Earth, the Land of CUTHA She set forth To the House of No Return she set her foot Upon the Road whence None Return She set her foot To the Cave, forever unlit Where bowls of clay are heaped upon the alter Where bowls of dust are the food Of residents clothed only in wings To ABSU ISHTAR set forth. Where sleeps the dread CUTHALU **ISHTAR set forth.** 

> The Watcher Stood fast. The Watcher NINNGHIZHIDDA Stood fast. And ISHTAR spoke unto him

NINNGHIZHIDDA! Serpent of the Deep! NINNGHIZHIDDA! Horned Serpent of the Deep! NINNGHIZHIDDA! Plumed Serpent of the Deep! Open! Open the Door that I may enter! NINNGHIZHIDDA, Spirit of the Deep, Watcher of the Gate, Remember! In the Name of our Father before the Flight, ENKI, Lord and Master of Magicians Open the Door that I may enter! Open Lest I attack the Door Lest I break apart its bars Lest I attack the Barrier Lest I take its walls by force Open the Door Open Wide the Gate Lest I cause the Dead to rise! I will raise up the Dead! I will cause the Dead to rise and devour the living! Open the Door Lest I cause the Dead to outnumber the Living! NINNGHIZHIDDA, Spirit of the Deep, Watcher of the Gate, Open!

#### NINNGHIZHIDDA The Great Serpent

Coiled back on itself And answered ISHTAR Lady Queen among the Gods I go before my Mistress ERESHKIGAL Before the Queen of Death I will announce Thee.

#### And NINNGHIZHIDDA

Horned Serpent Approached the Lady ERESHKIGAL And said: Behold, ISHTAR, Thy Sister Queen among the Gods Stands before the Gate! Daughter of SIN, Mistress of ENKI She waits.

And ERESHKIGAL was pale with fear. The Dark Waters stirred.

Go, Watcher of the Gate. Go, NINNGHIZHIDDA, Watcher of the Gate, Open the Door to ISHTAR And treat Her as it is written In the Ancient Covenant.

And NINNGHIZHIDDA loosed the bolt from the hatch And Darkness fell upon ISHTAR The Dark Waters rose and carried the Goddess of Light To the Realms of the Night. And the Serpent spoke: Enter Queen of Heaven of the Great Above That KUR may rejoice That CUTHA may give praise That KUTU may smile. Enter That KUTULU may be pleased at Thy presence

#### And ISHTAR entered.

And there are Seven gates and Seven Decrees.

At the First Gate

NINGHIZHIDDA removed the Crown The Great Crown of Her head he took away And ISHTAR asked Why, Serpent, has thou removed my First Jewel? And the Serpent answered

Thus is, the Covenant of Old, set down before Time, The Rules of the Lady of KUTU. Enter the First Gate.

And the Second Gate

NINNGHIZHIDDA removed the Wand The Wand of Lapis Lazuli he took away And ISHTAR asked Why, NETI, has thou removed my Second Jewel? And NETI answered Thus it is, the Covenant of Old, set down before Time The Decrees of the Lady of KUTU. Enter the Second Gate.

At the Third Gate

NINNGHIZHIDDA removed the Jewels The Jewels around her neck he took away And ISHTAR asked Why, Gatekeeper, has thou removed my Third Jewel? And the Gatekeeper answered Thus it is, the Covenant of Old, set down before Time, The Decrees of the Lady of KUTU Enter the Third Gate.

At the Fourth Gate

NINGHIZHIDDA removed the Jewels The Jewels on her breast he took away And ISHTAR asked Why, Guardian of the Outer, has thou removed my Fourth Jewel? And the Guardian answered Thus it is, the Covenant of Old, set down before Time, The Rules of the Lady of KUTU. Enter the Fourth Gate.

At the Fifth Gate

NINNGHIZHIDDA removed the Jewels The Belt of Jewels around her hips he took away And ISHTAR asked Why, Watcher of the Forbidden Entrance, hast thou removed my Fifth Jewel? And the Watcher answered Thus it is, the Covenant of Old, set down before Time, The Rules of the Lady of KUTUK. Enter the Fifth Gate. At the Sixth Gate NINNGHIZHIDDA removed the Jewels The Jewels around her wrists And the Jewels around her ankles he took away. And ISHTAR asked Why, NINNKIGAL, hast thou removed my Sixth Jewel? And NINKIGAL answered Thus it is, the ancient Covenant, set down before Time, The Decrees of Lady of KUTU.

Enter the Sixth Gate.

At the Seventh Gate

NINNGHIZHIDDA removed the Jewels The Jewelled Robes of ISHTAR he took away. ISHTAR, without protection, without safety, ISHTAR, without talisman or amulet, asked Why, Messenger of the Ancient Ones, hast thou removed my Seventh Jewel? And the Messenger of the Ancient Ones replied Thus it is, the Covenant of Old, set down before Time, The Rules of the Lady of KUTU. Enter the Seventh Gate and behold the Nether World.

> ISHTAR had descended to the Land of KUR To the Depths of CUTHA she went down. Having lost her Seven Talisman of the Upper Worlds Having lost her Seven Powers of the Land of the Living Without Food of Life or Water of Life She appeared before ERESHKIGAL, Mistress of Death. ERESHKIGAL screamed at Her presence.

ISHTAR raised up Her arm. ERESHKIGAL summoned NAMMTAR The Magician NAMMTAR Saying these words she spoke to him Go! Imprison her! Bind her in Darkness! Chain her in the Sea below the Seas! Release against her the Seven ANNUNNAKI! Release against her the Sixty Demons! Against her eyes, the demons of the eyes! Against her sides, the demons of the heart! Against her feet, the demons of the feet! Against her head, the demons of the head! Against her entire body, the demons the KUR!

And the demons tore at her, from every side.

And the ANNUNAKI, Dread Judges

Seven Lords of the Underworld Drew Around Her Faceless Gods of ABSU They stared Fixed her with the Eye of Death Withe the Glance of Death They killed her And hung her like a corpse from a stake The sixty demons tearing her limbs from her sides Her eyes from her head Her ears from her skull.

#### ERESHKIGAL rejoiced.

Blind AZAG-THOTH rejoiced IAK SAKKAK rejoiced ISHNIGGARRAB rejoiced KUTULU rejoiced The MASKIM gave praise to the Queen of Death The GIGIM gave praise to ERESHKIGAL, Queen of Death.

And the Elder Ones were rent with fear.

**Our Father ENKI** Lord of Magick **Receiving word by NINSHUBUR ISHTAR's servant NINSHUBUR** He hears of ISHTAR's Sleep In the House of Death He hears how GANZIR has been Opened How the Face of Abyss **Opened** wide its mouth And swallowed the Queen of Heaven Queen of the Rising of the Sun. And ENKI summoned forth clav And ENKI summoned forth wind And from the clay and from the wind **ANKI** fashioned two Elementals He fashioned the KURGARRU, spirit of the Earth, He fashioned the KALATURRU, spirit of the Seas, To the KURGARRU he gave the Food of Life To the KALATURRU he gave the Water of Life And to these images he spoke aloud Arise, KALATURRU, Spirit of the Seas Arise, and set thy feet to that Gate GANZIR To the Gate of the Underworld The Land of No Return Set thine eves The Seven Gates shall open for thee No spell shall keep thee out For my Number is upon you. Take the bag of the Food of Life Take the bag of the Water of Life And ERESHKIGAL shall not raise her arm against you ERESHKIGAL SHALL HAVE NO POWER OVER YOU. Find the corpse of INANNA Find the corpse of ISHTAR our Queen And sprinkle the Food of Life, Sixty Times And sprinkle the Water of Life, Sixty Times Sixty Times the Food of Life and the Water of Life Sprinkle upon her body And truly ISHTAR will rise.

> With giant wings And scales like serpents The two elementals flew to that Gate Invisible

NINNGHIZHIDDA saw them not Invisible They passes the Seven Watchers With haste they entered the Palace of Death And they beheld several terrible sights.

The demons of all the Abyss lay there Dead but Dreaming, they clung to the walls Of the House of Death **Faceless and terrible** The ANNUNAKI stared out Blind and Mad AZAG-THOTH reared up The Eye on the Throne opened The Dark Waters stirred The Gates of Lapis Lazuli glistened In the darkness **Unseen Monsters** Spawned at the Dawn of Ages Spawned in the Battle of MARDUK and TIAMAT Spawned in HUBUR With the Sign of HUBUR Lead by KINGU ...

> With haste they fled Through the Palace of Death Stopping only at the corpse of ISHTAR

The Beautiful Queen Mistress of the Gods Lady of all the Harlots of UR Bright Shining One of the Heavens Beloved of ENKI Lay hung and bleeding From a thousand fatal wounds.

> ERESHKIGAL Sensing their presence Cried out.

> > KUGAARU Armed with Fire

Looked upon the Queen of Corpses with the Ray of Fire

KALATURRU Armed with Flame Looked upon the Queen of the Graves With the Rays of Flame.

> And ERESHKIGAL Mighty in CUTHA Turned her face

Upon the corpse of INANNA Sixty times they sprinkled The Water of Life of ENKI

Upon the corpse of ISHTAR Sixty times they sprinkled The Food of Life of ENKI

Upon the corpse Hung from a stake They directed the Spirit of Life INANNA AROSE.

The Dark Waters trembled and roiled.

AZAG-THOTH screamed upon his throne CUTHALU lurched forth from his sleep ISHNIGARRAB fled the Palace of Death IAK SAKKAK trembled in fear and hate The ANNUNNAKI fled their thrones The Eye upon the Throne took flight ERESHKIGAL roared and summoned NAMMTAR The Magician NAMMRAR she called But not for pursuit But for protection.

INANNA ascended from the Underworld.

With the winged elementals she fled the Gates Of GANZIR and NETI she fled And verily The Dead fled ahead of her.

When through the First Gate they fled ISHTAR took back her jewelled robes.

When through the Second Gate they fled ISHTAR took back her jewelled bracelets.

When through the Third Gate they fled ISHTAR took back her jewelled belt.

When through the Fourth Gate they fled ISHTAR took back her jewelled necklace.

When through the Fifth Gate they fled ISHTAR took back her Belt of Jewels.

When through the Sixth Gate they fled ISHTAR took back her Wand of Lapis

When through the Seventh Gate they fled ISHTAR took back her jewelled crown.

And the Demons rose And the Spirits of the Dead And went with her out of the Gates Looking neither right nor left Walking in front and behind They went with ISHTAR from the Gate of GANZIR

Out of the Netherworld they accompanied her And ERESHKIGAL Scorned Queen of the Abyss Wherein All Are Drowned Pronounced a Curse Solemn and Powerful Against the Queen of the Rising of the Sun And NAMMTAR gave it form.

> When the Lover of ISHTAR Beloved of the Queen of Heaven Goes down before me Goes through the Gate of GANZIR To the House of Death When with him the wailing people come The weeping woman and the wailing man When DUMUZI is slain and buried MAY THE DEAD RISE AND SMELL THE INCENSE!

### V

Stoop not down, therefore, Unto the Darkly Shining World Where the ABSU lies in Dark Waters And CUTHALU sleeps and dreams

Stoop not down, therefore, For an Abyss lies beneath the World Reached by a descending Ladder That hath Seven Steps Reached by a descending Pathway That hath Seven Gates And therein is established The Throne Of an Evil and Fatal Force. For from the Cavities of the World Leaps forth the Evil Demon The Evil God The Evil Genius The Evil Ensnarer The Evil Phantom The Evil Devil The Evil Larvae Showing no true Signs Unto mortal Man. AND THE DEAD WILL RISE AND SMELL THE INCENSE!