

# EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF HEDRACK

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**IMAGINE** my surprise to discover that Lord Suz, whom I had so faithfully and skillfully served until then, was not the true power behind the Temple of Elemental Evil. Even his ally, the demoness Zuggtmoy, was but a pawn. Cannily, I discovered that the true power was the cult of the Elder Elemental Eye, and behind them, the cult of Tharizdun. Finally, a cause worthy of my skills and prowess. Finally, I learned the proper path to ultimate power. The Doomdreamers rule over the cult, and the Triad are the masters of the Doomdreamers. I shall join their ranks, and eventually become the ultimate high priest of the Dark God himself—The First.

I have gained much respect in my time here—they know greatness when they see it. I have been entrusted with the tentacle rod, symbol of my office, and mastery of the Greater Temple in the Outer Fane. Soon, I shall advance into the ranks of the Doomdreamers in the Inner Fane.

**IN** my time as supreme commander of the Temple of Elemental Evil, I saw no greater servant of evil than the one called Pareth the Beautiful. Suz, Zuggtmoy, and even Bolth recognized his power. Although he died defending the Moathouse, I brought him back from death—albeit disfigured. I believe that he still lives in Nulb, despite the fact that he knew that the cult of the Elder Elemental Eye was willing to cover our escape from the area when the Temple of Elemental Evil fell. Perhaps he is now insane. What a waste.

**WHEN** I was informed that the Doomdreamers spoke the Prophecy of the Champion of Elemental Evil, the one who would restore the power of the Temple of Elemental Evil, I of course assumed that I was he. Imagine my surprise to discover that I was not. I believe, however, that I am the one who is destined to find this Champion and be his shepherd. Or perhaps her shepherd? I must contact Tessimon.

**TESSIMON** of the Fire Temple came to the Outer Fane today. We tested her in the Greater Temple and found that she was not the prophesied Champion. Still, she craved power and sought to seduce me yet again in order to get it. I introduced her to the Infernal Device. Now she shall have a fiendish helper with her at all times—she got the power she craved, although I suspect she barely survived the process.

**ZUGGTMOY** and Suz created an artifact called the Orb of Golden Death to help them fashion the Elemental Nodes deep in the dungeon. Now I know that they were given the secrets to do this through agents of the Doomdreamers. Although the Orb of Golden Death was destroyed (completely collapsing the underground levels of the Temple of Elemental Evil and sealing off the nodes), the cult of the Dark God has an artifact of which the Orb of Golden Death was just a copy. They call it the Orb of Oblivion and have taken it to the Temple of Elemental Evil to recover the nodes.

**ALTHOUGH** the Doomdreamers have taken the Orb of Oblivion, the Orb of Silver Death, another copy, still lies within the Black Cyst, beyond the Purple Veil.

**MY** enemy, the wizard Falrinth, and his associate Smigmal Redhand are alive. I happily assumed that they died when the Temple of Elemental Evil fell. Now they work with the Doomdreamers in their excavation of the lower levels of the old Temple, apparently because they knew a direct, secret way into the third level. Dark God take them! They are sure to betray the Doomdreamers in some way, and spoil all our plans. If only someone would listen to my wisdom, Falrinth's head would be sitting on the shelf next to my bath.

**THE** Rod of Force and the Rings of Force Armor are kept in the Black Cyst to await the Champion of Elemental Evil, as gifts of the Dark God and symbols of his acceptance of the Champion.

I now believe that the Champion of Elemental Evil is Pareth the Beautiful. Just yesterday, Satau (our oracle illithid) confirmed that my suspicions are likely correct. With that information, I used the tentacle rod in the Greater Temple to transport directly into the Inner Fane. Granted an audience with The First of the Triad, I told him of my belief and Satau's confirmation. The First said that as my reward, I would stand among the Doomdreamers when Tharizdun once again walked the earth.

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