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FIRST DEGREE
MAN AND BROTHER
WOMAN AND SISTER

LUSTRATION

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HIBERNIAE IONAE ET
OMNIUM BRITANNIARUM
REX SUMMUS SANCTISSIMUS

OFFICERS REQUIRED

Saladin or Master

Wazir

Emir

(Sentinels)

CHECKLIST

Three scripts

Three small flashlights or “booklights”

Conical tent with pole and tools to erect it

Oriental costume for Saladin

Robes for other officers

Sword for each sentinel (if there is one)

Four cubes (for sitting) in shape of Tau

Altar (cylindrical)

Candle and holder

Well with coping-stone, and lots of water (tepid)

Ark

Liber Legis (not scroll form)

Dagger

Disk

Hoodwink

Noose For each candidate

Flag of candidates' country of birth

Towels

Discs prepared by initiates

Drum

Banquet given by Camp (from Initiation fees)

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*The Oasis is a space, preferably circular.³ In the West is a Well, with a coping-stone; that is, a cubical altar with a removable top. it is made so as to hold water; and on this floats an Ark, preferably proportioned as is given in The Canon,⁴ containing a Dagger, a Disk, and The Book of the Law. In the East is an Altar, cylind , where burns a Candle. This is overshadowed by a conical Tent, where is a throne composed offour cubes, arranged as an inverted Tau, for the three offters. These are Saladin, his Wazir, and an Emir. The Wazir sits at Sal adin's right hand.*⁵

- 1) "Woman and a Sister" is the necessary correlative of "Man and Brother" for female candidates. I consider this to be among the "obvious amendments" that Baphomet suggests is necessary when using a script written for a male candidate in an initiation for a woman. It is arguable that "man" is used in the general sense of "human," but "brother" is unambiguously gender-specific. This need not disturb the I°-III° sequence of Man-Magician-Master Magician if the terms in that specific context are understood as independent of gender. Neither does the calling of female candidates "women" necessarily interfere with the symbolism of the III°, where they are called upon to assume a male role in the drama. - NEMO
- 2) Baphomet attributed this degree to the element Water, and to the Vishuddha chakra. Its traditional attribution to the time of day is dawn, and many initiators perform it at that time. -NEMO
- 3) See diagram of the Man of Earth temples, appendix. -NEMO
- 4) These proportions are 30 long x 5 wide x 3 high. -NEMO.
- 5) The Oasis may be visualized as the Lamen of the Order, with the Altar considered as the Shining Triangle (4') and the Well as the Graal (K). The tent as it moves from degree to degree may thus be viewed as the dove descending. It may also be viewed as the Sun in its progress from dawn to dusk. -NEMO

OPENING IN MINERVAL⁶

Saladin gives one knock #.

All rise.

Saladin. Noble Emir, what is your duty in this encampment?

Emir. Mighty Saladin, it is to protect our Mysteries against the indiscretions of the profane.

- S. Have you taken measures to that effect?
- E. The Sentinels are at their posts and we are in security.
- S. Since it is so, satisfy yourself that all present are Minerval.
- E. Brethren, it is the Mighty Saladin's command that you prove yourselves Minerval.

Done.

- E. Mighty Saladin, the Brethren have proved themselves Minerval.
- S. That being so, I will thank the Brethren to stand to order whilst I declare this encampment open.

Done.

Accordingly, in the name of the Secret Master, and under the auspices of the Sovereign Sanctuary, I proclaim this encampment open in the Degree of Minerval for the quest of Peace and Wisdom.

Noble Emir, enquire if there is aught to report.

The brethren resume their seats.

6) This should be performed in the Antechamber if that is to be used for Minervals. If however the Oasis or Lodge is being opened for higher degree work only, then this opening may be performed in the Oasis or Lodge proper. — NEMO

OPENING IN 1°⁷

Saladin crosses his hands, left over right; Wazir and Emir take them between theirs, with their left hands on top.

Saladin	A
Wazir	U----
Emir	M (simultaneously) ⁸
All together	AUM.

- S. (rises) Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.
- W. (rises) Love is the law,
- E. (rises) love under will.
- S. Fellow-soldiers, assist me. What is the first duty of a True Man?
- W. Most Mysterious Master, to guard the Camp.
- S. Let the Camp be guarded.

Done by locking doors, and setting sentinel, if there be one.

- W. Most Mysterious Master, the Camp is duly guarded.
- S. The next duty?
- E. To see that all present are True Men.
- S. To order, fellow-soldiers.

All take the pose and give sign.

- S. How many officers has the Camp?
- W. Three visible.
- E. And eight invisible.
- S. What is the Weapon of the Master?
- W. (gives Candle) Light.
- S. How shall he use it?
- E. To find Truth.
- S. Where shall he seek it?
- W. In the Well.

7) note from Baphomet to the 1110 Opening states: "The Opening is given very slowly and solemnly, in entire opposition to the brisk manner of the first two degrees." Therefore the 10 Opening should be given briskly. -NEMO

8) E.g., Saladin should begin the mantra and hold it with the other officers chiming in, each in their turn, until all are simultaneously chanting. Care should be taken to rehearse this mantram in order to achieve good intonation and harmony. I prefer a I-V-VIII chord (e.g. C-C-C') but unison will work as well. -NEMO

They go together, S. bearing Candle, W and E. with arms crossed over his back, to the Well.

S. A spring shut up, a fountain sealed! Brethren, let the Well be opened!

W. and E. remove the Ark, and bear it to the Altar walking in front of 5~9

S. places the Candle upon it.

They form a triangle about the Altar.¹⁰

S. takes the Dagger and gives it to W, the Disk, and gives it to E., and takes the Book of the Law himself

E. lays Disk on Altar, to West of Candle; S. places Book open upon Disk; W places Dagger upon Book.

S. Fellow-soldiers, we have drawn the Living Water of Truth from the Well of the Oasis.

O. T. O. applause.¹¹ All resume seats.

9) In order to avoid the necessity of lifting the ark over the head of S., a possible arrangement is that S. goes to South, leaving W. in East, and E. in North. -NEMO

10) I suggest Saladin to East of altar, Emir in SW, Wazir in NW. -NEMO

11) According to oral tradition, O.T.O. applause consists of clapping the hands three times, then five, then three, like the battery in Liber Reguli. -NEMO

FIRST POINT

THE OATH

The Candidate is in waiting without.

S. directs W. and E. to admit him.

They go out, and asks if he is willing to be hoodwinked.

They do this, on his consenting, and lead him to the door.

W knocks once #.

Open the door.

S. Whom have you there?

W. A poor stranger, who has been drawn to our Oasis, and received the hospitality of our Camp.

S. Halt!

Close the door,

S. Sir¹², I demand of you: are you free and of full age?

C. I am.

S. Do you understand that by entering this Camp you have incurred the penalty of Death?

C. Ido.

W puts his dagger to C. 's throat.

S. Do you consider the honour of enrolling yourself among us full compensation for this doom?

C. I do.

S. Advance, 0 free man,¹³ without fear!

They leave him, and he advances to the center of the Camp.¹⁴ Arrived, they stop him.

S. Whom have you there?

W. A poor stranger, who has been drawn to our Oasis, and received the hospitality of our Camp.

S. Who answers for him?

12) Or Madame. NEMO

13)) Or woman. –NEMO

14) He is gently guided, if necessary. –Baphomet.

W. I, the Father.

S. Pass, seeker of Life!

He is taken to the West of the Well.

S. Whom have you there?

E. A poor stranger, who has been drawn to our Oasis, and received the hospitality of our Camp.

S. Who answers for him?

E. O, the Mother.

S. Pass, seeker of Life!

They take him to the Altar.

W. Most Mysterious Master, I present Mr./Ms. _____¹⁵, a poor stranger, who has been drawn to our Oasis, and received the hospitality of our Camp.

S. Is he well and worthily vouched for?

E. He is.

S. Is he controlled?

E. catches his wrists behind; W applies Dagger to throat.

W. He is.

S. Sir! Are you prepared to obey and to uphold our laws and regulations?

C. Jam.

S. To conform with our ceremonies and customs?

C. Lam.

S. And to persevere through this ceremony of Lustration?

C. I am.

S. In all cases of difficulty and danger, in whom do you put your trust?

C. In myself.¹⁷

S. Right glad am I to find your faith so well founded. We are willing to admit you, because two worthy persons have agreed to make this possible; but I am bound to explain to you that it would have been better had you never approached us should you imagine that we can teach you the secrets of the Mysteries. The real Secrets are

15) Name here, father and mother having bestowed it. —Baphomet.

16) Or Madame. —NEMO

17) Candidate must not be prompted, but need not make the point literally. If the Candidate does not give the correct answer, Saladin may explain, but should then ask if the Candidate trusts himself. Then ask the question again. —NEMO

incommunicable. The Secret of the Royal Art grows like a flower within the heart of man. All that we can do is to aid this flower by supplying it with food, air, water, and sunlight. Candidate! Will the assurance of such aid satisfy you?

C. Yes.

S. Man is blind from his birth to his death. Deep in his heart is rooted the ardent desire to see the Light, and to attain its source. So short is life that few succeed. For most of us, during our travels in this valley of death, the utmost to be hoped is to catch a few glimpses of that light which comes from beyond, to fortify and encourage us in our travels toward its source. However, in spite of all the assistance given to mankind, many never do find the Light. Nor do we know whether, even with the help that we can give you, you will succeed.

Therefore I pause, and declare: up to now, nothing has been done which would make it impossible for you to withdraw.

But if you still persist, then nothing will ever enable you to sever the ties which you are now about to form with us and our Order.

Therefore, once more, for the third and last time, Candidate, I ask you: do you still desire to become a Member of our Order? Please answer aloud.

C. Yes.⁸

S. (*Hard knock on Altar with Dagger, which W gives him.#*)
Then your will be done! Officers, do your duty!

W. places C. 's left hand on the open Book, and S. fixes it there with the Dagger, which he keeps there during the Oath. E. grasps C. firmly by the throat.

S. Are you willing to take a solemn obligation to keep inviolate the secrets and mysteries of our Order?

C. I am.

S. Repeat your name at length, and say after me:

I, _____(name *in full*), in the presence of the Powers of Birth, visible and invisible, and of this camp of Free Men and Women, do hereby and hereon

18) It hardly needs a prompter and must not have one. – Baphomet.

most solemnly promise and swear:
Never to reveal
What I learn beneath the Seal
Within the guarded border
Of this Most Holy Order
Unless it be to a True Sister or Brother
And not another
Using a perfect portion
Of proper caution
That they be duly
Tested truly
By right divine
Of Grip and Sign
And of each word
That ye have heard
In full possession
Or else in session
Of such a Camp as this
within whose border I stand,
aspiring to the Holy Order
Which I do know
By the letters O.T.O.

- S. Besides the Oath of Secrecy, there are certain obligations designed to make you more efficient in your way as in ours. Are you willing to take these?
- C. I am.
- S. I most solemnly promise and swear that I will not submit myself to hypnotism, mesmerism, or any similar practice whereby my full consciousness and free will might be impaired.
- I most solemnly promise and swear that I will not indulge unduly in any drug including alcohol, cocaine, marijuana, hashish, ether, opium,

heroin,
amphetamines,
or barbiturates,
whereby my full consciousness and free will
might be impaired.

I most solemnly promise and swear
that I will not allow myself to fall unduly
under the influence
of any person
whereby my free will
might be impaired.

Finally I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear
to obey the Laws of the Order in general,
and in particular the rulings of the Superior of the Order
or his duly appointed substitute,
as conveyed to me
by the Most Mysterious Master of This Oasis
under the hand and seal of the Grand Master Baphomet.
These several points I solemnly swear to observe
declaring them each and every one
to be in accord with my own free will,
under no less a penalty,
on the violation of any one of them
than that of having my throat pierced with a Dagger

S. applies same.

and my carcass
thrown to the monsters of the Sea
that they may devour it.

S. W E. Pronounce — AUM — as in the Opening.

S.	A--
W.	U
E.	M
All together.	AUM.

S. You will seal this solemn Oath with your lips on the Book of the Law.

E. raises Book to C's lips. Done.

You will now retire from my presence, and undergo the due preparation for the
Ordeal which awaits you.

W. and E. take him out.

SECOND POINT

THE BRINGING-FORTH

The Candidate is stripped completely by W and E. ¹⁹

S. conceals in the closed Tent his Candle, so that the Camp is in absolute darkness.

C.brought to West of Well.

They leave him.

A pause.

S. 0 thou! Lady of the East! I hereby invoke upon this Candidate the Powers of Birth. May he be brought safely from darkness into light.

AUMN!

S.,W.,E., AUMN!

S. Send the Candidate on his travels with the Moon. *3 circles.*²⁰ *Music.*²¹ E.

conducts C.

S. This is the Pathway to the Knowledge of Thyself. Be true toward Thyself. *3 circles. Music.*

S. This is the Pathway to the Perfection of Thyself. Conquer Thyself. *3 circles. Music.*

S. This is the Pathway to the Truth. Seek Beauty. In Beauty is eternal Truth revealed.

Candidate is now brought to the center of the Oasis.

19) It is perfectly airight for the Candidate to undress and hand the clothing to W. and E. Jewelry, etc., should be removed as well. -NEMO

20) These circles are widdershins. Since the Oasis is dark, the Candidate may be instructed to keep his left hand on the rim of the well while circling. -NEMO

21) This is the beating of the tom-tom, unless some highly skilled musician be a member of the Oasis. -Baphomet. The best drums are a pair of tuned tom-toms on a stand, played with soft mallets in simulation of a heartbeat. This is preferable to a recording. -NEMO

W. Most Mysterious Master, the Candidate has fulfilled the Nine Moons.

W and E. advance silently, throw a noose around his neck, and carry him to the well, where he sits crouched, immersed to the neck. They put the coping-stone in place.²² Music.

S. Before the beginning of years,
 There came to the making of man
Time, with a gift of tears;
 Grief, with a glass that ran;
Pleasure, with pain for leaven;
 Summer, with flowers that fell;
Remembrance fallen from heaven,
 And madness risen from hell;
Strength without hands to smite;
 Love that endures for a breath;
Night, the shadow of light,
 And life, the shadow of death.

And the high gods took in hand
 Fire, and the falling of tears,
And a measure ~of sliding sand
 From under the feet of the years;
And froth and drift of the sea;
 And dust of the laboring earth;
And bodies of things to be
 In the houses of death and of birth;
And wrought with weeping and laughter,
 And fashioned with loathing and love.
With life before and after
 And death beneath and above

22 The wording of this is ambiguous as to whether the Candidate is in the well when the poem is read or not. Often in the early rituals, staging instructions are given well in advance of the dialogue they correlate to, rather than in a strict sequence. Agape Lodge had the Candidate in the well during the reading, as is attested by W.T. Smith's note to this passage that reads "This before chorus from Swinburne." Also, W.T. Smith was trained in the rituals during Baphomet's Grand Mastership. This is appropriate since the poem describes the formation of the "child", and is my preference. However, several Lodges prefer to put the C. in the well after the reading. -NEMO

For a day and a night and a morrow,
That his strength might endure for a span
With travail and heavy sorrow,
The holy spirit of man.

From the winds of the north and the south
They gathered as unto strife;
They breathed upon his mouth,
They filled his body with life;
Eyesight and speech they wrought,
For the veils of the soul therein,
A time for labor and thought,
A time to serve and to sin;

They gave him light in his ways,
And love, and a space or delight,
And beauty and length of days,
And night, and sleep in the night.
His speech is a burning fire;
With his lips he travaileth;
In his heart is a blind desire,
In his eyes foreknowledge of death;
He weaves, and is clothed with derision;
Sows, and he shall not reap;
His life is a watch or a vision,
Between a sleep and a sleep.

A pause.²³

S. replaces his candle, and descen& to the Well.

He knocks thrice with the Dagger on the coping-stone ~ ~ and returns.²⁴

S. And the Earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the powers of Nature said: Let there be Light!

W. and E. raise the stone.

And there was Light.

W and E. pull out C., and wrap him in the flag of his country.²⁵

23) Thirty seconds to a full minute is recommended. -NEMO

24) It is most effective if S. remains by the well until after uttering "And there was light", holding the candle where the C. can see it when the coping stone is raised. -NEMO

25) The country of their birth, not their citizenship or present allegiance. -NEMO

They lead him to the Altar.

S. In the name of the Secret Master!

Puts Book to his brow.

In the name of the O.T.O.

Puts Dagger to throat.

By the authority of Baphomet

Puts Disk to heart.

I proclaim you a Man and a Brother.²⁶

*Triple handshake, a chain being formed by the three officers and Candidate.*²⁷

*The Noose is now cut, by Wazir,*²⁸ *not untied.*

O. T. O. applause.

26) Or "Woman and a Sister". -NEMO

27) extends hands, which are taken by W. and E., who also grasp C.'s hands. Shake hands 3x3 and dissolve chain. -- NEMO

28) The noose is symbolic of the umbilical cord, and as the Emir is the Mother and the Wazir the Fath~ it is appropriate that the Father cut the cord. -NEMO

THIRD POINT

THE NOURISHMENT

- S. You will now be clothed in the characteristic robe of our Order. See well to it that you soil it not.

Done.

You will now retire from my presence. On your return, I will communicate to you the first secrets of our Order.²⁹ *Done.*

I will now communicate to you the first secrets of our Order. Firstly, let me renew the recommendation made to you on the former occasion; to study constantly in the Book of the Law.

Indicates it.

Secondly, let me call your attention to this Dagger, which has played so large a part in this ceremony. Strive as best you may to discover the significance of this weapon; your labour will be well repaid.

Thirdly, let me counsel you to take note of this Disk. You have little acquaintance with it, but it has been there upon the Altar, even as the Sun, our Father, is always in the Heaven, even when we perceive Him not.

Now, the Dagger is in the form of a cross, and the Disk in that of a Circle; crosses and circles are therefore true signs of our Order.

You will therefore stand perfectly erect, the feet together. Now link the thumbs of your hands; and placing the left foot behind and across the right, swing it outward with a circular motion until it comes to rest in front of and across the right. It is in this position that the Secrets of Lustration are communicated; they consist of a Sign, a Grip, a Word.

29) When initiating more than one candidate to this degree, some Lodges work individually until the Third Point, and bring the candidates together for the Third Point. This requires considerable skill in order to avert confusion in Temple however. -NEMO

The Sign is given by clenching the fingers of the right hand, and making a motion as if to stab the throat with the thumb.

The Grip is given by seizing the thumb of the brother in your fingers and pressing it nine times in three batteries of three. You then elevate your own thumb.

This Grip demands a Word. This Word is JA³⁰ which means The Lord. As in the Minerval Degree, it is an universal name or title of the Most High.

Knocks #

Send the Candidate on his travels with the Sun.

*E.leads C. seven deosil circles around the Well, returning to Saladin.*³¹

S. (Gives grip.³²) What is this?

E.for Candidate who repeats throughout.

*C.must be taught this dialogue thoroughly during these travels.*³³

C. (prompted by E.) The Grip or Token of a Man and a Brother~'.

S. What does it demand?

C. Aword.

S. Give me that Word.

C. At my initiation I was taught to be cautious; I will letter it with you.

S. I agree. Begin.

30) State the word, and then spell it. -NEMO

31) The original rituals were ambiguous as to whether the C. was sent around once, "symbolizing" seven years, or literally went around seven times. It has been decided that there is insufficient basis or precedent for inferring the "symbolic" interpretation. Taking the rituals I°-III° as a whole, the actual intent becomes obvious. The I° has three passages like this, totalling 21 years. The II° has three parallel passages, totalling 21 years, and additionally four circambulations of seven for each of the elemental prayers, totalling 28. Thus $21 + 21 + 28 = 70$. Therefore, the Candidate can truthfully say, in the First Point of III°, "I have fulfilled seventy years. In the Northern hemisphere the deosil circling would be clockwise; in the Southern, counterclockwise. -NEMO

32) To "give" the grip, S. takes the Candidate's thumb. Apparently giving is the opposite of "rising with", where one extends the hand, fingers clenched, with the thumb sticking up, in order to "receive" the grip. -NEMO.

33) This is rarely done but highly recommended. It requires an experienced Emir to guide and coach the C. simultaneously, but gives an alert Candidate a reasonable chance of completing the testing without prompting. In these testing dialogues, Candidate should only be prompted if he or she needs it. -NEMO

34) Or "Woman and a Sister" and so on throughout as appropriate. -NEMO

*Done.*³⁵

What is its import?

C. The Lord.

*E. leaves C. to Wazir.*³⁶

S. Pass.

W. Noble Emir, I present to you a Man and a Brother on his initiation.

E. I will thank him to advance to me as a Man and a Brother.

Done.

Have you anything to communicate?

C. (*prompted by W.*) I have.

E. (*rising with Grip*) What is this?

C. The Grip or Token of a Man and a Brother.

E. What does it demand?

C. A word.

E. Give me that Word.

C. At my initiation I was taught to be cautious. I will letter it with you.

E. I agree; begin.

Done.

its import?

C. The Lord.

W leaves C.

E. Pass.

Emir rises and conducts Candidate seven deosil cirdes around the Well and then to Wazir.

E. Worthy Wazir, I present to you a Man and a Brother on his initiation.

W. I will thank him to advance to me as a Man and a Brother.

Done.

What is that?

35) C. gives first letter; S. responds with second letter. -NEMO

36) If they do not circle. -NEMO

- C. (*prompted by Emir*) The first regular step.
- W. Do you bring anything else?
- C. I do.

Gives Sign.

- W. What is that?
- C. The Sign of a Man and a Brother.
- W. To what does it allude?
- C. To the penalty of my Obligation.
- W. Have you anything to communicate?
- C. I have.

Gives Cup.

- W. What is that?
- C. The Grip or Token of a Man and a Brother.
- W. What does it demand?
- C. A word.
- W. Give me that Word.
- C. At my initiation I was taught to be cautious. I will letter it with you.
- W. I agree; begin. (*Done.*) Its import?
- C. The Lord.

E. leaves C.

- W. Pass.

Wazir takes C. round seven deosil circles and then to Saladin.

- W. Most Mysterious Master, I present to you a Man and a Brother on his initiation that he may receive a mark of your favor at the beginning of his travels with the Sun.
- S. My Brother, I have it notably in mind to counsel you concerning your Way among us. During the whole ceremony, you have been exposed to many dangers and discomforts, and you were wholly helpless to defend yourself against malice and neglect. I pray you, bear it ever in your heart, should you at any time encounter any brother or sister in nakedness, poverty, danger, or affliction, to be instant to bring relief or succor. For this reason it is appropriate that

I Bestow upon you this Disk³⁷, the symbol of that Light of Life without which you were nothing, and which you should therefore be equally ready to radiate from yourself when there is need.

May your conduct among us be free and glorious as is Our Father the Sun, and your progress rapid toward the apprehension of that further Light of which you have now beheld the earliest Ray.

Be seated, Brother.

It is an immemorial custom among us, so that the memory of Man runneth not to the contrary, for the Officers of the Camp to offer a banquet to the newly-made Man and Brother.³⁸ You have signified your intention to conform with this custom, and the business of the evening being completed, we may pass from labor to refreshment.

- 37) The disk should be composed by the individual candidate according to the procedures laid down in the first part of Liber A vel Armorum —V.
- 38) This banquet is provided by the Oasis for the initiate or initiates, using the initiation fees. Nonessential guests of the Oasis should contribute in proportion to their share of the banquet. — NEMO

CLOSING IN I°

Saladin crosses his hands, left over right; Wazir and Emir take them between theirs.

Saladin	A---
Wazir	U----
Emir	M (<i>simultaneously</i>)
All together	AUM.

- S. (*rises*) Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.
W. (*rises*) Love is the law,
E. (*rises*) love under will.
S. Fellow-soldiers, assist me. What is the first duty of a True Man?
W. Most Mysterious Master, to guard the Camp.
S. Let the Camp be guarded.

Done by locking doors, and setting sentinel, if there be one.

- W. Most Mysterious Master, the Camp is duly guarded.
S. The next duty?
E. To see that all present are True Men.
S. To order, fellow-soldiers.

All take the pose and give sign.

- S. How many officers has the Camp?
W. Three visible.
E. And eight invisible.
S. Fellow-soldiers, how shall we guard Truth?
W. By Silence.

They take the Book, etc., reversing their actions in the Opening, until the Well is again closed.³⁹ S. extinguishes his Candle. O.T.O. applause.

- E. Let every man depart unto his tent.

The door is opened.

39) The Officers form the triangle about the Altar, S. in East, E. in SW, W. in NW. W. takes Dagger. S. takes Book. E. takes Disk. S. places Book in Ark. S. takes Disk from E. and places it in the Ark. S. takes Dagger from W. and places it in the Ark. W. and E. return Ark to Well, preceding S. The coping-stone is replaced. — NEMO