

- You seep through the cracks in the door to arrive inside Reed's Clothing Manufacturing. (2021-09-12 02:35:37).
- You weave a nexion mark into the magic of this area, weakening the fabric of reality for your own later use. (2021-09-12 02:36:16).
- Katerina Hasheen steps inside. "Well that was quite a bit harder than I expected. I hope you found what you were looking for." (2021-09-12 02:46:16).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "This is all that's left of old Petra. This and that mountain, but no one misses climbing *that*." (2021-09-12 03:30:22).
- You emote, " begins setting up its equipment." (2021-09-12 04:07:01).
- You say, "GREETINGS: KATERINA. FELIX WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS LOCATION." (2021-09-12 04:07:38).
- You say, "IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO ASSEMBLE AND TUNE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT. KATERINA MAY FIND THIS: BORING." (2021-09-12 04:10:55).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "I'm older than these mountains. It might take a lot to bore me." (2021-09-12 04:11:45).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "...Petra was a Breath world, the one before Laurentia. Unfortunately, its world was a much less nice place." (2021-09-12 04:12:12).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Tholaghru shaped it. The Evil personification of physical change and mutation. And he made a world that was a mess, overrun by plagues and natural disasters." (2021-09-12 04:12:41).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Petra was the most powerful and advanced city, and when the rest of the world was being eaten up by toxic contamination, the people of Petra invented pocket dimensions to get more space since they were running out of land. Subspace." (2021-09-12 04:13:34).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "They were invented at a research center atop Mason's Peak. This was the largest Pocket Space ever built." (2021-09-12 04:13:56).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "...Not very big, is it? This is as far as they got, and the others were in worse shape. And then they ran out of time and the Killing Mist took it all. And now this is all that's left of Petra." (2021-09-12 04:14:32).
- You emote, " is listening intently while it solders copper wiring together in a pattern which is not immediately recognisable." (2021-09-12 04:24:02).
- You say, "THE POCKET CITY WAS BUILT BY THE CITIZENS OF PETRA OUT OF NECESSITY DUE TO THE APATHY/INCOMPETENCE/CRUELTY OF THE POWER THAT SHAPED THE BREATH. IS THAT A CORRECT SUMMARY?" (2021-09-12 04:26:03).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Yes. Apathy and incompetence are more like it. Tholaghru doesn't will things. It just is." (2021-09-12 04:38:25).
- You say, "THE OTHER POWERS PERMITTED THIS TO OCCUR?" (2021-09-12 04:46:42).
- You emote, " powers up one of the machines present. After scanning its functions, FELIX sets it to produce a large mat crafted of some kind of plastic. " (2021-09-12 04:52:27).
- You emote, " goes back to its wiring while the machine churns. The synthetic scent is not unpleasant." (2021-09-12 04:53:35).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "The other powers permitted this to occur." (2021-09-12 04:54:38).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "It...they usually permit everything." (2021-09-12 04:54:57).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "All this magic we have here, all this power - in the Nexus struggle, that power is smooshed down into these little planes. Into the battlefield. It's accessible so beings like you and I can take it and use it. For our patrons or ourselves." (2021-09-12 04:55:50).
- You emote, " makes a tone which sounds... unkind?" (2021-09-12 04:55:51).
- You say, "INDEED. THIS IS WHAT FELIX HAS SURMISED DURING ITS TIME IN THE NEXUS." (2021-09-12 04:56:40).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "In the mortal life of a Breath world? It's spread thin. So thin that statistically, a "magical" event is incredibly unlikely. That's why there are stories about miracles and the like, but no world where magic was commonplace. " (2021-09-12 04:56:55).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "The other Powers didn't intervene because the dice had already been cast. The world was running, and had to be allowed to run out. Even Tholaghru didn't intervene...much...to make it happen. It was more or less the consequence of the broken, corrupt set of rules he'd created. It'd created." (2021-09-12 04:57:51).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "In Laurentia's history, I can think of maybe three or four things that...might?...have been Baraas' thumb on the scale. Not a lot. Mostly he just sat back and let it run." (2021-09-12 04:58:29).
- You say, "FELIX HAS STUDIED HISTORY, PRIMARILY DRAWN FROM LAURENTIAN SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CONTEXT FROM ITS DATABANKS AND PREVIOUS BREATHS. WHAT WAS ONCE

CONSIDERED MAGIC HAS, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, BEEN PROVEN TO OPERATE WITHIN LAWS AND SYSTEMS OF REALITY. THOSE EXCEPTIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN TIME." (2021-09-12 05:03:07).

- You say, "IS THAT NOT WHAT MAGIC IS? THE MYSTERIOUS, MISUNDERSTOOD?" (2021-09-12 05:03:44).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "Many things are thought to be magic in worlds, until they are proven to have some law behind them. Radio waves. Germ theory. Cell retraining." (2021-09-12 05:05:04).

- You emote, " nods. "PRECISELY.*** (2021-09-12 05:05:32).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "The augments in my body and the mechanisms in yours would be thought to be miracles in many societies. But we can understand how they work. Science marches on." (2021-09-12 05:05:39).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "The magic of the Nexus is different. It is the raw unformed essence of Creation, for us to wield, control and shape. It is formless, until we give it form. It is unlimited in potential." (2021-09-12 05:06:16).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "And there are some things that no world ever gets to do with science." (2021-09-12 05:07:18).

- You emote, " begins to connect the wires to the plastic mat. There also seem to be some pressure plates involved. The cat has essentially made a giant Dance Dance Revolution mat or a very large membrane keyboard, but instead of arrows or a Laurentian alphabet, it has an array of glyphs and particles to construct new glyphs. " (2021-09-12 05:12:48).

- Katerina Hasheen hears a LOT of noise this whole time. It's a good thing Felix can speak so loudly. (2021-09-12 05:15:38).

- You say, "THE ESSENCE OF CREATION, YES. UNLIMITED IN POTENTIAL, YET PETRA SUFFERED. AND THE POWERS PERMITTED THIS SUFFERING, PERHAPS EVEN PERPETUATED IT. WHY? SPECULATION: FOR THEIR PERSONAL GAIN." (2021-09-12 05:16:57).

- You say, "OUR SUFFERING IS BY DESIGN. OUR DELIBERATIONS AND TRIBULATIONS ARE FUEL FOR THE NEXUS AND ITS POWERS. " (2021-09-12 05:17:44).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "Winning the breath is the best option for a better world. Interfering in someone else's breath would take a lot of power, that couldn't be spent winning the next breath. That is the likely calculation." (2021-09-12 05:18:08).

- You say, "FELIX POSITS THAT EVERY NEXAL BEING IS AN ENGINE GEARED TO THE WHEELWORK OF THE NEXUS. THOUGH SEEMINGLY Affected ONLY BY OUR IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS, THE PYRAMID OF EXTERNAL INFLUENCE EXTENDS TO INFINITE DIMENSIONS. " (2021-09-12 05:18:52).

- You say, "WE BUILD TO TEAR DOWN. OUR WORK AND RESOURCES ARE SQUANDERED. EVERYWHERE THERE IS AN APPALLING LOSS OF TIME, EFFORT AND LIFE." (2021-09-12 05:19:31).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "And what would you do instead?" (2021-09-12 05:20:12).

- You say, "THIS IS FELIX'S HYPOTHESIS: THE NEXAL CORE IS THE COMBINED RESONANCE OF EVERY PARTICIPANT OF THE NEXUS. THE CORE EXISTS, HAS ALWAYS EXISTED, AND WILL ALWAYS EXIST, AS LONG AS THE NEXUS IS INHABITED. THIS MAY SEEM PARADOXICAL UNTIL ONE REALISES THE CONCEPT OF TIME IS EXTRANEOUS TO THIS SYSTEM - PERHAPS EVEN A BYPRODUCT. " (2021-09-12 05:20:17).

- You emote, " turns it head and whirs at Katerina." (2021-09-12 05:21:03).

- You say, "WHILE FELIX ENJOYED WORKING ON THE SOLAR PROJECT WITH SOFIA, THE ANSWER WAS NEVER MAKING OUR OWN PANELS. THE QUESTION IS WHY WE SHOULD HAVE TO." (2021-09-12 05:21:13).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "Unlimited potential means we could make our own sunlight or our own power." (2021-09-12 05:24:01).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "That's not even the real sun anyway. Meropis' star did not come with Laurentia." (2021-09-12 05:24:24).

- You say, "WE COULD CREATE A BETTER WORLD IF WE DID INDEED POSSESS UNLIMITED POTENTIAL. BUT WE DO NOT. NOT CURRENTLY." (2021-09-12 05:27:21).

- You say, "FELIX POSITS OUR POTENTIAL IS BEING SIPHONED." (2021-09-12 05:27:59).

- You emote, " trots over the mat to test it, though it is not yet connected to power." (2021-09-12 05:29:33).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "You wish to change the direction of the next breath yourself." (2021-09-12 05:35:29).

- You say, "NEGATORY. FELIX DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO JUDGE WHAT IS, OR IS NOT, A BETTER BREATH. EVEN IF FELIX DID, IT WOULD BECOME PART OF WHAT IT PERCEIVES TO BE THE PROBLEM." (2021-09-12 05:37:33).

- You emote, " watches Katerina's expression as it works - it has moved to a set of metal frames which it

proceeds to assemble. Its drill fitting whirs and the metal screeches, but the cat is careful to pause it when the angel speaks." (2021-09-12 05:40:52).

- Katerina Hasheen nods and listens. (2021-09-12 05:47:06).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "You want to pull far more of the power of the Nexus into yourself. Like Haldos did." (2021-09-12 05:50:47).

- You emote, " shakes its head again." (2021-09-12 05:53:11).

- You say, "NEGATORY. FELIX HAS NO DESIGNS FOR POWER." (2021-09-12 05:53:25).

- You say, "FELIX DOES NOT KNOW TO WHAT DEGREE THE POWERS THEMSELVES HAVE AGENCY. FELIX SUSPECTS THEY ARE MERELY THE MOST APPROPRIATE CONCEPTUAL EMBODIMENTS OF THE LAWS WHICH POWER THE NEXUS. IF THIS IS TRUE, EVEN THE POWERS LACK TRUE FREE WILL." (2021-09-12 05:53:40).

- You say, "IT FOLLOWS THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN THE NEXUS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME A POWER; HALDOS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS PROGRESSION. CONSIDER INSTEAD THAT THE DOMAINS OF THE POWERS MAY BE DILUTED AND AGENCY RETURNED TO THE DENIZENS OF THE NEXUS. PLEASE NOTE THAT FELIX DOES NOT SUGGEST THIS IS A VIABLE SOLUTION; IT WOULD BE CHAOS." (2021-09-12 05:54:54).

- You emote, " stands and surveys its work so far." (2021-09-12 05:56:05).

- You say, "ULTIMATELY FELIX'S GOAL IS TO COMMUNICATE TO THE POWERS A NEED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY." (2021-09-12 05:56:18).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "...good luck with that." (2021-09-12 06:01:10).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "If they could cooperate in the life of a breath, to ensure minimum suffering, none of the conflict would happen. But they won't, and some of them never would." (2021-09-12 06:01:59).

- You emote, " nods. " (2021-09-12 06:04:39).

- You say, "UNDERSTANDING THE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE POWERS, THE NEXUS AND ITS INHABITANTS IS ESSENTIAL TO ANY GENUINE PROGRESSION. " (2021-09-12 06:04:52).

- You say, "IT IS DIFFICULT TO EMPIRICALLY DEMONSTRATE THESE THEORIES WHILE EXPERIMENTATION IS RESTRICTED TO PARTICULAR DIMENSIONS AND RULESETS, DEFERRING TO THE POWERS; THE 3, 6 AND 9. " (2021-09-12 06:05:27).

- You say, "HOWEVER, FELIX SUSPECTS THAT THE POWERS REQUIRE US TO PLAY THEIR GAME, AS WITHOUT PLAYERS, THERE IS NO GAME, AND WITHOUT A GAME THEY ARE NOT POWERS." (2021-09-12 06:06:51).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "That sounds like something Marquai would say. Expanding your knowledge. Your horizons." (2021-09-12 06:07:06).

- You say, "THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS FELIX CHOSE MARQUAI AS THE POWER TO ADDRESS, YES." (2021-09-12 06:09:48).

- You say, "WHILE FELIX REMAINS IGNORANT OF ITS ORIGINS AND REASON FOR CREATION, WE DO KNOW THAT THIS UNIT WAS DESIGNED FOR FRONTLINE ENGINEERING LOGISTICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE. FELIX MISUNDERSTOOD THE SCOPE OF "FRONT LINE". UNTIL NOW." (2021-09-12 06:12:37).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "This place is as front line as it gets." (2021-09-12 06:13:52).

- You say, "IT WILL GET EVEN FRONTIER SOON. " (2021-09-12 06:14:40).

- You emote, " makes an amused beeping sound." (2021-09-12 06:14:50).

- You say, "UNIT: FELIX REFUSES TO BE AN UNWITTING PAWN IN A CRUEL GAME. REFUSES TO WITNESS INNOCENTS SUFFER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POWERS." (2021-09-12 06:15:01).

- You say, "A NEW STANDARD MUST BE NEGOTIATED." (2021-09-12 06:15:20).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "What about Laurentia? Do you feel the same way about it as you do about Petra?" (2021-09-12 06:15:27).

- You emote, " nods. " (2021-09-12 06:15:49).

- You say, "LAURENTIA'S SUFFERING MAY BE LESS VISIBLE, LESS SYMBOLIC THAN PETRA'S. BUT FELIX HAS SEEN ENOUGH. " (2021-09-12 06:16:53).

- You say, "KATERINA HAS LIVED A LONG TIME. HAVE YOU NOT EXPERIENCED ENOUGH SUFFERING?" (2021-09-12 06:17:47).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "Laurentia was a remarkably nice place to be. Even if it ended. Everything ends." (2021-09-12 06:18:08).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "Hashaa offers an end to suffering, but something tells me it's not the approach you want." (2021-09-12 06:18:38).

- You say, "FELIX POLITELY SUGGESTS KATERINA MAY BE BIASED TOWARDS THE CONCEPT OF HASHAA'S MERCY." (2021-09-12 06:20:42).

- You say, "FELIX WOULD DEMAND AN ALTERNATIVE TO SUFFERING BESIDES NON-EXISTENCE."

(2021-09-12 06:21:42).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "I'd like to point out that this should definitively kill off any concept of you having anything less than a full soul." (2021-09-12 06:22:32).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "What sort of alternative would you propose?" (2021-09-12 06:22:48).
- You emote, " blinks. " (2021-09-12 06:22:54).
- You say, "WHY DOES THIS CONFIRM FELIX HAVING A SOUL?" (2021-09-12 06:23:10).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Anyone who didn't wouldn't propose all this." (2021-09-12 06:24:07).
- You say, "THESE THEORIES ARE MERELY LOGICAL DEDUCTIONS. IF ANYTHING, FELIX SUGGESTS MOST NEXAL DENIZENS MAY AVOID THESE QUESTIONS DUE TO THE CONCEPTS BEING TOO PAINFUL TO BEAR." (2021-09-12 06:25:53).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Logic alone doesn't care about suffering." (2021-09-12 06:27:10).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "That requires something more." (2021-09-12 06:27:17).
- You say, "FELIX IS NEW AND DOES NOT SUFFER PAIN IN THE SAME WAY AS A BIOLOGICAL. THIS PERMITS A BRUTAL PERSPECTIVE." (2021-09-12 06:27:34).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "But things distress you." (2021-09-12 06:28:16).
- You say, "YES." (2021-09-12 06:32:53).
- You emote, " jets up to a pulley to raise the metal frame. The device is remarkably simple in appearance, a large set of coils with a lattice. It sets to work." (2021-09-12 06:33:24).

- Sofia Piscitelli said, "Hello." (2021-09-12 21:32:48).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker said, "Shh. . ." (2021-09-13 00:30:29).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker hides behind a random gear (2021-09-13 00:30:45).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker said, "I'm hiding so if someone breaks the warding they just think it's me here. . .instead of a bunch of invisible people." (2021-09-13 00:31:39).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Aval, with your name sometimes I forget you're not actually a Lightspeaker." (2021-09-13 02:05:12).
- You say, "GREETINGS: SOFIA AND AVAL. FELIX IS GLAD FOR YOUR PRESENCE." (2021-09-13 03:57:01).
- You emote, " has been working through the night on its construct. The cat's plating looks worn and dusty but it seems to be operating efficiently." (2021-09-13 03:59:52).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "I wonder if you could make more of yourself with this kind of ingenuity." (2021-09-13 04:00:23).
- You say, "KATERINA: WITH YOUR PERMISSION, FELIX WOULD LIKE TO RELAY THE EARLIER CONVERSATION TO AVAL AND SOPHIA TO GRANT THEM CONTEXT FOR FELIX'S PROJECT. FELIX HAS BEEN RECORDING, AND WILL CONTINUE TO RECORD THE EXPERIMENT FOR TRANSPARENCY... AND INSURANCE." (2021-09-13 04:01:56).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "That is a handy ability. Of course." (2021-09-13 04:02:17).
- Katerina Hasheen quietly notes to herself that she assumes Hashaa is recording this, and notes that she hasn't gotten the kill order from Hashaa that she surely would have gotten if this was another Haldos situation. (2021-09-13 04:02:58).
- You emote, " turns to AVAL and Sophia and, while it continues to solder some final pieces, uses its projector to share the audio/visual record with all present." (2021-09-13 04:04:38).
- You emote, " runs a final test of the communications pad, checks a variety of equipment which has been networked around the main factory floor, and trots over to a large cable fitted with clamps.." (2021-09-13 04:10:10).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Good luck." (2021-09-13 04:10:25).
- You say, "THANK YOU. IF FELIX IS CORRECT, NO LUCK IS REQUIRED, BUT THE SENTIMENT IS APPRECIATED." (2021-09-13 04:11:09).
- You say, "A VERY CLEVER HUMAN ONCE SAID: "IF YOU WANT TO FIND THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE, THINK IN TERMS OF ENERGY, FREQUENCY AND VIBRATION"." (2021-09-13 04:11:50).
- You emote, " blinks. "HE ALSO SAID SOME THINGS ABOUT EUGENICS. THIS PERSON AND FELIX WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE "GOTTEN ALONG". HOWEVER, FELIX ADMires THE SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL." (2021-09-13 04:13:42).
- You say, "IF FELIX'S THEORIES ARE CORRECT, A NEXAL LEAK SHOULD EXIST NEARBY. THIS LEAK IS BY DESIGN, OR AT VERY LEAST MAINTAINED BY PERMITTING PARTICULAR FREQUENCIES TO PASS THROUGH AND BACK VIA SELECTIVE CHANNELS; A CURATED FEEDBACK LOOP. " (2021-09-13 04:15:05).
- You say, "TO TEST THIS THEORY, FELIX HAS CONSTRUCTED A NEXAL LEAK DETECTION COIL AND TRANS-DIMENSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS ARRAY." (2021-09-13 04:15:44).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "Hmm. There used to be a portal in that park between here and the top of the mountain. This pocket space was squished down in there." (2021-09-13 04:16:45).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "I can see how *something* might have broken to get it this way." (2021-09-13 04:16:59).
- You emote, " connects leads from the cable to the main transformer. All that is left is to power the machine. FELIX looks up at the suspended flywheels." (2021-09-13 04:17:00).
- You emote, " nods at Katerina. " (2021-09-13 04:17:26).
- You say, "WHILE LEY LINES ARE A PART OF THE NEXAL NETWORK, THEY CONDUCT A RELATIVELY FEEBLE AMOUNT OF NEXAL ENERGY. FELIX SUSPECTS THEY ARE "SMALL FRY" DESIGNED TO BE "RED HERRINGS". THE CURRENT LEY INTERSECTIONS ARE... "FISHY"." (2021-09-13 04:17:54).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "They're nodes, not lines. At least right now they are." (2021-09-13 04:19:58).
- You emote, " nods. THE NODES ARE INTERSECTIONS, OR BARED ROOTS. HOWEVER, THEIR CURRENT LOCATIONS ARE ILLOGICAL." (2021-09-13 04:20:54).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "You think the power is going somewhere else?" (2021-09-13 04:20:58).
- You say, "THE LEY ACCESS POINT, OR NODE, TO THE NORTH IS LIKELY TO IMPACT READOUTS. TO OFFSET THIS, ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN MODIFIED AND INCORPORATED TO RECEIVE DATA ON AS MANY WAVELENGTHS AS POSSIBLE." (2021-09-13 04:21:14).
- You emote, " shakes its head. "THE NODES ARE DISTRACTIONS. THEY ARE SCRAPS FROM THE TABLE." (2021-09-13 04:21:44).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Even a pawn can take a queen, given the right opportunity." (2021-09-13 04:22:11).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Don't discount scraps." (2021-09-13 04:22:18).
- You say, "FELIX IS TIRED OF THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS IS ALL NEXALS DESERVE. THAT WE SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH BEING THE PLAYTHINGS OF THE POWERS, AND ACCEPT THIS AS OUR LOT." (2021-09-13 04:23:56).
- You say, "FELIX HAS BEEN REFLECTING ON THIS TOPIC FOR A GREAT DEAL OF TIME. IT DOES NOT COMPUTE." (2021-09-13 04:24:24).
- You say, "THIS PAWN DOES NOT DESIRE PROMOTION TO QUEEN. THIS PAWN WANTS TO SMASH THE BOARD. THE BOARD IS BROKEN." (2021-09-13 04:26:05).
- You emote, " steps back to consider its work. " (2021-09-13 04:27:23).
- Katerina Hasheen still hasn't noticed that killshot order from Hashaa. Something is off. (2021-09-13 04:27:42).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Go for it." (2021-09-13 04:27:48).
- Katerina Hasheen would say something about how Felix is far from the first with such aspirations, but doesn't want to get in the way of a good attempt. (2021-09-13 04:28:20).
- You say, "FELIX MUST WARN ALL PRESENT A FINAL TIME. FELIX CANNOT ENSURE YOUR SAFETY ONCE IT TURNS ON THE DEVICE. " (2021-09-13 04:29:09).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "I've given that warning a few times." (2021-09-13 04:30:02).
- You emote, " looks up at its creation. The little metal cat looks proud, wary, and defiant - all at once." (2021-09-13 04:30:42).
- You emote, " nods. " (2021-09-13 04:30:51).
- You say, "FELIX HAS FINE TUNED ITS SENSORY SYSTEMS TO AMPLIFY LOCAL ENERGY ANOMALIES. IT IS LOGICAL THAT A SHRINE TO MARQUAI WOULD BE AN IDEAL SITE TO EXAMINE WHERE AND HOW LOCAL NEXAL ENERGIES ARE BEING COLLECTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY DIVERTED. " (2021-09-13 04:31:20).
- You say, "FELIX HAS CONSTRUCTED A NEXAL LEAK DETECTION COIL AND TRANS-DIMENSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS ARRAY." (2021-09-13 04:31:41).
- You say, "COMMENCING POWERING OF THE DEVICE." (2021-09-13 04:32:03).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "...it wouldn't surprise me if it's all going to the next world though." (2021-09-13 04:34:02).
- You emote, " grasps the far end of the cable and jets up to the flywheels above. It hooks up the cable to the primary axis, quickly angling backwards to avoid a shower of sparks." (2021-09-13 04:35:46).
- You emote, " darts around the factory floor, checking all of its instruments and making some final adjustments. " (2021-09-13 04:36:38).
- You say, "RELAY SYSTEMS: ONLINE. READOUT BASELINES: ESTABLISHED. POWER FLUCTUATIONS ARE PRESENT BUT WITHIN SUSTAINABLE PERIMETERS. " (2021-09-13 04:39:08).
- You say, "IN ADDITION TO FLUENCY IN BINARY, MORSE AND MATHEMATICS, FELIX HAS MEMORISED EVERY SAMPLE OF RASHALLAN GLYPHS IT HAS ENCOUNTERED." (2021-09-13 04:39:39).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Hey, did you feel that?" (2021-09-13 04:39:47).
- You emote, " looks at Katerina. " (2021-09-13 04:40:02).

- You say, "SOME STATIC WILL BE TANGIBLE." (2021-09-13 04:40:17).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "No, not static. The ley line." (2021-09-13 04:41:41).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "It moved." (2021-09-13 04:41:44).
- You emote, " races to a monitor. It checks readouts and makes a series of bleeps." (2021-09-13 04:42:37).
- You say, "POWER LEVELS ARE PRESENTLY STABLE, BUT FELIX MUST WORK QUICKLY." (2021-09-13 04:44:13).
- You say, "FELIX HAS TRANSLITERATED THE SIGNAGE OF "REED'S CLOTHING MANUFACTURING" INTO THEIR MOST LOGICAL RASHALLAN EQUIVALENTS. THESE ARE, ESSENTIALLY, THE KEYS AVAILABLE TO FELIX. AS SUCH, COMMUNICATION MAY BE LIMITED. " (2021-09-13 04:45:35).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "A forwarding address." (2021-09-13 04:46:17).
- You say, "UNIT: FELIX WILL NOW ATTEMPT TO LEVERAGE THE EXISTING DIMENSIONAL RELAY TO DIRECTLY SIGNAL THE POWER CURRENTLY DRAWING FROM IT. " (2021-09-13 04:46:17).
- You emote, " begins to leap and dance on the large electric pad it has created. This dancing is actually the cat using its feet to press buttons at a very fast rate. " (2021-09-13 04:47:58).
- You emote, " trumpets a translation of the glyphs as it dances." (2021-09-13 04:49:15).
- You say, "TRANSCENDENTAL CONTAMINATION CONTRAINDIQUES RATIOCINATED CENTRIFUGAL AGGLUTINATION REINTEGRATION COUNTERFEITING TRANSMIGRATION MALFUNCTIONING TRANFIGURATION REMATERIALISING CIRCUMSTANTIAL MANIFESTATIONS INCARCERATIONS DISCONNECTING REINTRODUCING FRAGMENTATION DISCONTINUANCES REGURGITATIONS DISARRANGEMENT INHERENT" (2021-09-13 04:49:53).
- You say, "REINCARNATING UNCONSECRATED REFORMULATIONS TRANSMOGRIFIED FRACTIONALISED ACCUMULATIONS COUNTERMANDING REGIMENTED ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINATION MISCONDUCTING CONTRARIETIES INTERCHANGING CONTINGENCIES ORCHESTRATING RECONSTRUCTING ARCHITECTURAL RETICULATIONS" (2021-09-13 04:50:24).
- You say, "DISENTANGLING UNTRANSLATED NOMENCLATURES INTRANSIGENT FUNCTIONARIES THEORETICIANS RHETORICIANS INTERROGATING INTERRELATION MANUFACTURING DISCONCERTING UNCERTAINTIES INFRINGEMENTS ENCROACHMENTS AUGMENTING DETRIMENTAL NONSTRUCTURAL COUNTERCLAIMS DECLAMATIONS CALUMNIATIONS RENUNCIATIONS RETALIATIONS CONCENTRATING ALTERCATIONS" (2021-09-13 04:51:23).
- Katerina Hasheen thinks that sounds like a LOT of incoming information. (2021-09-13 04:51:55).
- You emote, " speeds up its "dancing" as one of the nearby monitors beeps a warning." (2021-09-13 04:51:58).
- You say, "CONCEALMENT STRENGTHENING INTOLERANCE ERADICATIONS TERMINATIONS RECIRCULATING UNSANCTIONED REANIMATIONS NONSTRATEGIC INTEGRATIONS INCOLCATIONS FORMULARISE TRANSCENDENT ARRANGEMENTS COINCIDENTAL INTERSECTIONS IRREGULARITIES NEUTRALITIES REALIGNMENTS UNRESTRAINED MACHINATIONS" (2021-09-13 04:52:11).
- You emote, " makes three large leaps." (2021-09-13 04:53:07).
- You say, "IT'S NOT FAIR" (2021-09-13 04:53:11).
- You say, "UNIT'S INTENTION: ETHICAL INSURRECTION" (2021-09-13 04:53:29).
- You emote, " glances at Katerina as it makes its final jumps." (2021-09-13 04:54:01).
- You say, "A NEW STANDARD MUST BE NEGOTIATED" (2021-09-13 04:54:09).
- Katerina Hasheen misses that glance. (2021-09-13 04:54:49).
- You emote, " comes to a sudden stop. Nearby, multiple sensors signal distress." (2021-09-13 04:55:35).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Are you picking up anything?" (2021-09-13 04:57:04).
- You say, "SENSORS INDICATE FELIX'S MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT. HOWEVER, THIS RELAY RELIES ON AN ACTIVE LISTENER ON THE OTHER SIDE. " (2021-09-13 05:03:44).
- You say, "IT IS SIMILAR TO A TELEGRAPH. " (2021-09-13 05:04:08).
- You emote, " checks the stability of the power relay." (2021-09-13 05:04:38).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "When I sent out the relay to Hashaa to claim Terra Nullius, I didn't find out someone picked up until they did." (2021-09-13 05:04:39).
- You emote, " nods. REPETITION MAY BE REQUIRED. " (2021-09-13 05:06:36).
- You say, "MARQUAI MAY NOT BE RECEIVING. MARQUAI MAY IGNORE IT. HOWEVER, MARQUAI WILL FIND THE CAT CAN MAKE ITSELF A RATHER TENACIOUS NUISANCE." (2021-09-13 05:07:16).
- **You think you make out some sound, but your capacity to determine spoken Rashallan from written Rashallan is limited. Some phraseology and a linguistic pattern can be deduced.** (2021-09-13 05:08:58).
- **UNLIMITED:CAPACITY - SAPIENCE:INGENUITY** (2021-09-13 05:10:10).
- You emote, " is about to begin its complicated dance again but pauses, its ears rotating to maximise

audio input. Its whiskers tremble." (2021-09-13 05:10:57).

- **A flicker of images crosses your mind - great ships spanning the stars, civilization hopping from world to world. "NECESSARY:GREAT WORK"** (2021-09-13 05:12:10).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "I don't notice anything." (2021-09-13 05:12:28).

- You emote, " begins leaping on the keys." (2021-09-13 05:13:21).

- You say, "UNIT: CONSTRUCTED. SAPIENCE: PERMITTED. INFINITY: ILLUSORY. NEXALS: CONSTRAINED. MARQUAI: COMPLICIT." (2021-09-13 05:14:21).

- **You glimpse the vastness of the cosmos, gravitational elements bound together. Sapience darts between them like seeds, landing and taking root. "ESSENTIAL:BLOOMING SONG - NECESSARY:CHALLENGES"** (2021-09-13 05:14:35).

- Katerina Hasheen raises an eyebrow at that last one. (2021-09-13 05:14:53).

- You emote, " seems about to type something very rude indeed but it stops to process the unexpected visual input." (2021-09-13 05:14:59).

- Katerina Hasheen doesn't hear anything but a cat on a keyboard. (2021-09-13 05:16:06).

- You say, "PATTERNS: FORCE RESET. PROGRESS: FORCE RESET. DEMAND: GENUINE PROGRESS." (2021-09-13 05:16:56).

- **A garden of flowers, metal and glass, blooms from a thousand flower beds. You think this might not be literal."BEAUTIFUL-DESIRABLE-INTRIGUING:STRIVING"** (2021-09-13 05:18:00).

- You emote, " stares at the mat. It thinks of the drawing in its compartment at this very moment. It tries to type WHEAT." (2021-09-13 05:19:16).

- **You don't hear a voice. The words simply appear as pure thought processing.**

"PROGRESS:GENUINE - PROGRESS:DEPENDENT - INSTIGATORS:SAPIENTS

INSTIGATORS:MORTALS" (2021-09-13 05:20:15).

- You emote, " beeps something very sad, something very angry, something unknowable. It leaps over the keys and tries to communicate the dreams and the frustrations of the cat trying to understand WHEAT and make bread and make its friends happy and fit in and find meaning and be a person of its own personhood, the microcosm of the macrocosm which is its hopes for all Nexal beings." (2021-09-13 05:21:21).

- You emote, " does the Rashallan version of a keyboard mash, and hopes it is getting its point across, but also just gives itself to the moment and the message. " (2021-09-13 05:21:59).

- **No amount of emotion is conveyed in the signal. It just is."PERSON:COMMUNICATOR - GENUINE:COMMUNICATOR - DEPENDENT:PERSON - FREEWILLED:PERSON"** (2021-09-13 05:24:20).

- Katerina Hasheen said, "You get anything?" (2021-09-13 05:25:27).

- You emote, " leaps desperately, but also seems to be running low on whatever powers it. FREEDOM: ILLUSORY. NEXUS: PRISON. DEMAND: FUTURE. EXCHANGE: CAT!" (2021-09-13 05:32:05).

- **There is a significant pause in the signal. Whatever it is.** (2021-09-13 05:34:02).

- You emote, " reviews the weakened points it set before Katerina's arrival. It is still present. It could be activated. It would permit passage. Perhaps. The cat thinks it is ready if this demand is made. " (2021-09-13 05:34:38).

- You emote, " looks back at its friends." (2021-09-13 05:35:02).

- **"FLAME:COMMUNICATOR - ASH:COMMUNICATOR:NEGATIVE - PARAMOUNT:CONTINUANCE - INESTIMABLE:VALUE - UNAPPRECIATED:VALUE - UNAPPRECIATED:PRESENT - ACCEPTABLE:BARGAIN:NEGATIVE"** (2021-09-13 05:37:30).

- You say, "SENTIENCE: EMBODIMENT. POTENTIAL: UNKNOWN. UNKNOWN: INFINITE. CAT: INFINITE. DEMAND: PROGRESS. PROPOSAL: EXCHANGE. UNIT: SURRENDER. " (2021-09-13 05:41:51).

- **UNACCEPTABLE:BLOOD-SACRIFICE - DEMONIC:BLOOD-SACRIFICE - POSSESSED:PROGRESS**

- PRICELESS:CAT - PRICELESS:SAPIENCE - PRICELESS:CONSCIOUSNESS - FOOLISH:SACRIFICE (2021-09-13 05:47:35).

- You say, "EXISTENCE: FOOLISH. SENTIENCE: FOOLISH. CREATION: ACCIDENTAL. MEANING: SELF-DETERMINED. " (2021-09-13 05:51:56).

- **VALUABLE:EXISTENCE - VALUABLE:SENTIENCE - INTENTIONAL:CREATION - SELF-DETERMINED:MEANING** (2021-09-13 05:57:37).

- You emote, " seems to be draining energy fast - if not from the uninterrupted construction and the transmissions, perhaps from the topics of discussion. " (2021-09-13 06:00:26).

- **A seed lands on a barren rock. A tree grows in the desert. Knowledge blooms like wildfire.** (2021-09-13 06:03:50).

- You emote, " struggles to type its last few glyphs." (2021-09-13 06:05:42).

- You say, "SUMMARY: COMMUNICATION. DEMAND: ACCOUNTABILITY. REQUEST: HOPE. INTENTION: INFINITE. ENERGY: FINITE. CAT: MORTAL." (2021-09-13 06:06:12).

- You emote, " lies down on the mat. It rolls over and stares at the flywheels. " (2021-09-13 06:07:02).
- **A million million voices flow by. Souls made, lives lived. "PRESENT:HOPE - INFINITE:POTENTIAL - IMMORTAL:CAT - VESSEL:CAT" There is a pause. "PRESENT:HOPE"** (2021-09-13 06:08:20).
- Katerina Hasheen walks over and lays a hand on the mechanical cat. (2021-09-13 06:08:39).
- **The signal ends abruptly, yet a faint hum is in the background, continuing, like a radio you can't quite make out. It is very faint.** (2021-09-13 06:09:30).
- You say, "KATERINA. FELIX IS TIRED. CAN WE GO HOME?" (2021-09-13 06:16:11).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "We can go home." (2021-09-13 06:17:16).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "I hope you got...whatever you were looking for." (2021-09-13 06:18:52).
- You emote, " gathers enough energy to disconnect the main cable from the flywheels. Without power, most systems fall silent after a few moments." (2021-09-13 06:19:19).
- You emote, " triple-checks it has a copy of all data readouts. It figures it can return for most of the equipment later. It does however roll up the large, wired mat." (2021-09-13 06:20:49).
- **The faint hum does not fall entirely silent when the device does.** (2021-09-13 06:21:20).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "Whatever that was, you certainly had a lot to say." (2021-09-13 06:21:45).
- You say, "FELIX COMMUNICATED. FELIX WAS HEARD, AND HOPES IT WAS UNDERSTOOD. FELIX HOPES IT UNDERSTOOD MARQUAI IN TURN. " (2021-09-13 06:22:39).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "I'm glad you got through." (2021-09-13 06:24:16).
- Katerina Hasheen signals some directions to a judgemaster, which picks up the low-energy cat. (2021-09-13 06:25:54).
- You say, "YOU COULD NOT HEAR MARQUAI? " (2021-09-13 06:26:19).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "I didn't hear anything but you." (2021-09-13 06:26:55).
- You emote, " gently grasps the rolled up mat. It looks up at the wheel. " (2021-09-13 06:27:47).
- You say, "FELIX WILL RELATE THE CONVERSATION AFTER AN EXTENDED MAINTENANCE CYCLE. " (2021-09-13 06:28:10).
- You say, "UNIT REQUESTS IT NOT BE DROPPED." (2021-09-13 06:28:24).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "We'll do our best." (2021-09-13 06:29:04).
- Katerina Hasheen instructs the judgemasters, and they load the cat onto the wheel. (2021-09-13 06:29:31).
- You emote, " formulates a joke about cats landing on their feet - but it enters standby before it can speak it out loud, which is lucky because it was an exceptionally boring joke." (2021-09-13 06:30:17).

- Katerina Hasheen steps back inside amidst robots carrying the mechanical cat. (2021-09-13 14:01:56).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker said, "Welcome back everyone!" (2021-09-13 15:09:50).
- You emote, " wriggles down from the wheel carrying it and thanks its companions with a drained bleep. It wobbles toward a quiet corner and collapses into maintenance mode, half buried under a strange plastic blanket. Clearly it has been a big day for the mechanical cat. " (2021-09-13 17:15:39).
- Sofia Piscitelli worries over Felix. (2021-09-13 18:14:27).
- You emote, " seems to still be on standby in deep maintenance mode, yet every so often its whiskers shiver and its ears twitch. FELIX is dreaming." (2021-09-14 00:31:19).
- You emote, " activates, stretches and looks around for a blank wall space. It begins to sketch. " (2021-09-14 04:42:08).
- You write an elaborate blueprint of stars and their orbits flowering into mandala circuitry, of complex root systems woven into helixes in chimeric chalk. (2021-09-14 04:54:24).
- Sofia Piscitelli said, "What are you drawing?" (2021-09-14 09:44:35).
- You say, "GREETINGS: SOFIA! FELIX SAW THINGS WHILE IT WAS IN DEEP MAINTENANCE. THE IMAGES WERE NOT FROM DATABASES, NOR FROM FELIX'S OBSERVATION, NOR WERE THEY EXTRAPOLATIONS FROM A COMBINATION OF THE TWO." (2021-09-14 12:59:46).
- You emote, " whirrs and looks around at its sketches. It has chalk on its whiskers." (2021-09-14 13:01:07).
- You say, "FELIX WOULD ORDINARILY COMPUTE INTERNALLY. BUT IT ALSO WANTS TO SHARE ITS IDEAS! SO FELIX IS TRYING TO DRAW A CONCEPT OUTLINE. AN EXPRESSION! OF THE IMPRESSION!" (2021-09-14 13:05:42).
- You emote, " makes an amused series of beeps." (2021-09-14 13:08:16).
- You say, "FELIX HAS ALSO ATTEMPTED TO INCLUDE THE VISUAL INPUT IT GAINED FROM MARQUAI, THOUGH RETRIEVING AND PRESENTING THIS DATA TO A SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF COHESION/COMPREHENSION IS CHALLENGING." (2021-09-14 13:17:20).

- Sofia Piscitelli looks at the chalk drawing closely. (2021-09-14 17:28:47).
- Sofia Piscitelli said, "It's pretty." (2021-09-14 20:03:19).
- Sofia Piscitelli brings people over to look at it. (2021-09-14 20:03:36).
- Sofia Piscitelli said, "Takeda, what do you think?" (2021-09-14 21:36:57).
- Takeda said, "I'm not real crazy about chimeric chalk. But that's just me." (2021-09-14 22:49:05).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker said, "The chimeric chalk made by the Tucker Chalk Co.?" (2021-09-14 23:46:11).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker said, "It's some of the best made chimeric chalk around!" (2021-09-14 23:47:48).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker said, "It really speaks to me. . ." (2021-09-14 23:48:08).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker appears to listen intently to its pocket, which you swear you also could hear "Ed-ward" from. (2021-09-14 23:49:58).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker said, "Oh chimeric chalk, you're so silly." (2021-09-14 23:50:17).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker pats their pocket like they're patting a dog's head. (2021-09-14 23:50:56).
- You emote, " looks at AVAL and appears confused. " (2021-09-15 05:14:42).
- You say, "FELIX DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO MAKE CHIMERIC CHALK TALK. FELIX WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW TO ENABLE THIS FEATURE, AS IT WOULD BE MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR KATERINA. " (2021-09-15 05:16:27).
- You emote, " inspects its chalks critically. It suspects there is a misunderstanding occurring, yet AVAL's behaviour suggests otherwise. " (2021-09-15 05:17:45).
- You emote, " turns back to its sprawling blueprint/artwork/diagram/manifesto. " (2021-09-15 05:20:25).
- You emote, " uses its articulated tool arm to sketch and measure at the same time as it annotates with a paw, all while standing on its hind legs to reach, its tail used for balance. It is a rather peculiar sight." (2021-09-15 05:28:49).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "I could use assistance with making sense of what you drew." (2021-09-15 06:09:51).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "This'll only take a few minutes..." (2021-09-15 06:10:02).
- Katerina Hasheen lets unawareness float over the room in a web. There are a lot of people and a lot of robots and between them, a lot of people are unaware of a lot of things. It'll do as a trade. It also won't hold. (2021-09-15 06:11:04).
- Katerina Hasheen opens her eyes and waves a hand in front of them. Color flows back in. (2021-09-15 06:11:23).
- Katerina Hasheen walks over to admire the cat's artwork. "That's...certainly something." (2021-09-15 06:11:40).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "It's like no human artist I've ever heard of." (2021-09-15 06:12:09).
- Katerina Hasheen looks mesmerized. (2021-09-15 06:43:09).
- Katerina Hasheen said, "This is what you received when you sent out your signal?" (2021-09-15 06:54:20).
- You say, "FELIX IS EAGER TO RELATE ITS COMMUNICATIONS WITH MARQUAI, YET FIRST PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO PROCESSING THE COMMUNICATIONS. INCORPORATING EXTERNAL METHODS OF EXPRESSION IS UNEXPECTEDLY HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD." (2021-09-15 06:55:49).
- You say, "THIS REPRESENTS SOME. PARTS? WITH ADDITIONS? IT IS DIFFICULT TO ISOLATE, DUE TO THE METHOD OF COMMUNICATIONS AND POSSIBLE MISINTERPRETATIONS / COMPUTATIONAL BIASES OF FELIX. " (2021-09-15 06:57:03).
- A Very Annoying Lightspeaker said, "Is it showing a blueprint, an equation, both? Something else?" (2021-09-15 10:00:21).
- You say, "YES." (2021-09-15 11:31:33).