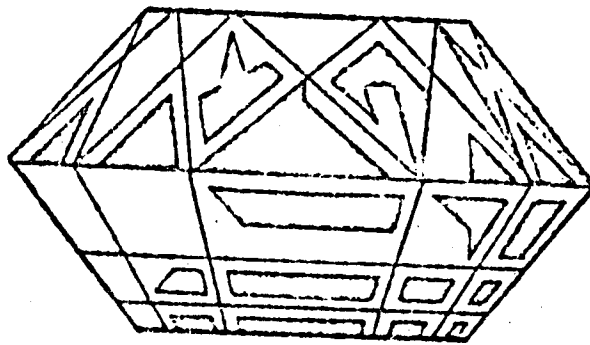


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A brilliant apparition appears before you, it is one of the seven great Lords of light. He speaks:

"Before creation there existed a single sphere of energy afloat in a vast timeless void. Within this sphere developed an intelligence that was alone and without purpose. It set itself a task to forge the ring of creation but in so doing it created an imbalance. The sphere split asunder and the intelligence was parted into two egos, good and evil. Evil corrupted the ring and used it to give birth to seven angels of darkness, the Lords of Chaos. To lessen the corruption of the great ring the power of light separated it into seven rings. To wield the power of the rings seven Lords of Light were born. They took the rings and with them created worlds and on those worlds were sown the seeds of life. Evil followed creating its own bizarre life forms. On the planet of the first born, the planet Earth, the Lords of Chaos built a fortress named Ny'Ugal. To men it was known as the towers of dread. Within its dark walls evil took upon a form. It fed on hatred and fear, its shadow growing until it filled the fortress. None could withstand its power and both men and elves were enslaved.

Their task of creation completed, the Lords of Light returned to Earth and there met in battle with the Lords of Chaos. The dark Lords and their evil force were driven back into Ny'Ugal. Together, the Lords of Light removed their rings and hurled them at the fortress. An explosion followed that threw mountains asunder and created a valley that concealed the rings. The Lords of Chaos were banished beyond our universe and for a thousand years peace prevailed upon the Earth.