

# As The Vortex Illumines The Crystalline Walls Of Kor-avul-thaa

Bal-Sagoth

Kor-Avul-Thaa... finest jewel in a crown of a realm of sublime  
Glory, greatest city in the Middle Kingdoms, mayhap all the world...  
Its splendid walls of shimmering crystal could be seen from a hundred  
Leagues distant, kissed by the golden rays of the sun, or caressed by  
The ethereal fingers of a midnight moon. it's magnificent spires and  
Citadels, built by generations of kings from the resplendent gifts  
Hewn from the ancient bosom of the sacred Crystal Mountains, had oft'  
Times been the bitter envy of rival emperors, and many were the sieges  
Wich Kor-Avul-Thaa had withstood and repulsed over the centuries, for  
Powerful sorcerers did weave great spells of protection about the  
Dazzling towers, and none may have passed unbidden through the vast  
Sapphirean gates of mighty Kor-Avul-Thaa...

(FROM THE JOURNALS OF SAGE DAELUN)

THE ORACLE OF KOR-AVUL-THAA:

The sky rent asunder...

Black-winged devils surge forth from the void...

A maelstrom of crimson fire burns above us...

What carnage has thou wrought?

Not sword, ballistae, nor burning brand

Could e'er these walls aspire to breach,

Yet now the city's fall is nigh,

As elder rites black fiends unleash.

HIGH LORD OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF DARK ELUCIDATION

(KEEPERS OF FORBIDDEN BOOKS OF THE FIRST CATACLYSM):

By Klatrymadon and Zuranthus, such ancient secrets

We discovered within these sinister, worm-worn pages,

Etched with darksome glyphs and sigils, bound with fearsome

Spells, An eldritch tide of stygian sorceries unfettered

By the forbidden Tome of Shadows...

Now thunderous cataclysm befalls the gleaming Kor-Avul-Thaa

(The mystic gate stands open!)

The Xytaxehedron held to the stars...

The incantation uttered with eager tongues...

(What long-shackled powers of the elder dark

Have our conjurings loosed?)

By Klatrymadon and Zuranthus,

The vortex blackens the stars above,

A vast plague of amorphous horrors

Descends to rend with fang and talon,

(As with torrents of blood the crystalline walls run red?)

And in the glooming chambers of our shadowed sanctum,

We wait, half-mad with terror,

To reap the slaughterous harvest which we have sown...

THE CHRONICLER OF THE CATACLYSM:

And beyond the vortex, the churning black waters of the void did

Disgorge the Dwellers in Eternal Shadow, And upon a horde of winged

Horrors, brandishing swords of ebon flame, they rode out from the

Gate... And a terrible silence fell upon Kor-Avul-Thaa...

THE ECHOES OF THE ORACLE:

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A maelstrom of crimson fire burns above us...  
What carnage has thou wrought?

THE CHRONICLER OF THE CATAclysm:  
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And the darkling lords did descend upon Kor-Avul-Thaa  
To claim their splendid prize,  
And enthrone themselves within the glittering walls...

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Could e'er these walls aspire to breach,  
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THE BROTHERHOOD:  
By Klatrymadon and Zuranthus,  
In Kor-Avuk-Thaa, darkness reigns eternal...  
Nevermore shall the city glimmer,  
For now the crystalline walls gleam black...  
Ever black...

And so it was that the bedazzling and splendid Kor-Avul-Thaa did  
Become the City of Shadows, a sinister fortress of elder fiends and  
Fearsome beasts, unleashed by the meddlings of mortals aspiring to  
Dark thresholds of forbidden knowledge and arcane power, a nightmare  
City shunned and feared by all. And not since the sinking of Atlantis  
Was the fall of a realm so sorely lamented...  
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