## **Crimson Offering**

## **Deeds of Flesh**

Through a process of absorption and conquest

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Waterfalls of red fall from the pyramid Producing lakes of blood Covering pits full of corpses, piled a hundred high

Ritual sacrifice on a vast scale Never seen before or since Communion with superior beings The gods are thirsty, they must be fed

With a steady supply of human hearts And Crimson offering The blood of sacrifice For expiation, and perpetuating life

To honor the gods Of the earth, and the rain, and fire

The horror, the honor Surrounded by the unworthy Spread eagle on a round stone Content to die

Waterfalls of red fall from the pyramid Producing lakes of blood Covering pits full of corpses, piled a hundred high With an obsidian knife Chests are cut open, they're still alive!

Removal of still beating Removal of still beating hearts Blood flows like rivers Bodies tossed to the bottom One hundred high So the sun will rise

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