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**O**ne year ago a terrible and spectacularly brutal crime was committed against the United States of America, and against the thousands of citizens of the world who happened to be in the way of the crime. Many more folks, young and old, and of all nations have died in the year since and continue to die. This is a very grim time for our only world, and for each of us and our families and communities. Roarshock Page is convinced that we must continue to do our work as best as we can; to live mindfully and seek cleaver and creative ways to help out in our immediate environment, and perhaps facilitate some changes for the better through the exercise of art and free expression.

*"It is an old saw in the world of Nehwon that the fate of heroes who seek to retire, or of adventurers who decide to settle down, so cheating their audience of honest admirers - that the fate of such can be far more excruciatingly doleful than that of a Lankhmar princess royal shanghaied as cabin girl aboard an Ilthmar trader embarked on the carkingly long voyage to tropic Klesh or frosty No-Ombrulsk. And let such heroes merely whisper a hint about a "last adventure" and their noisiest partisans and most ardent adherents alike will be demanding that it end at the very least in spectacular death and doom, endured while battling insurmountable odds and enjoying the enmity of the evilist archgods."*

*-- Fritz Leiber,  
The Knight and Knave of Swords (1988)*

*"We now return our souls to the creator. And as we stand on the Edge of Eternal Darkness, let our chant fill the void, that others may know:  
In the Land of the Night,  
The Ship of the Sun  
is drawn by the Grateful Dead."*

*-- Egyptian Book of the Dead*

## 23 TROLL SKIDOO

Medinet Habu Troll, a most skilled practitioner of Scientific Art was so brilliant and the Inventor of such wonderful Aperatus that it was impossible for his contemporaries to deny him. Even though his son, Deir Troll el Medina went to great lengths to discredit his father, and in many ways was successful.

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**"So Roarshock."** Roloc Lee Troll asked in a booming voice, "Why have you called us together this time?" "We must Enact an Experiment." Dr. Roarshock replied. "To test the effectiveness of the new Re-Exploration Tool developed by myself and Dr. Dee." Dr. Dee nodded in agreement. "I must warn you though," Dr. Roarshock continued. "This Tool is but another facet of the Rapid Aging Process." "There's nothing so terrible in that!" Dr. Dee interjected. "All you've got to do is pass through the Abyss and learn how to reverse the Process!" They all stood for a moment in grim silence. This was a feat that none of them had been capable of performing. Obrien E. Troll stood with head a-skew as his left eye merrily danced about the room. "Shouldn't Bozo be here?" he asked. "He won't be here." Roarshock answered. "Even though a part of him can't help but be here." "Eddie's here." Dr. Dee stated. "Eddie knows." Roloc Lee Troll reaffirmed. Dr. Dee stared at the ceiling. The huge grey moth appeared and circled about his head. He watched it somberly. Then it flew gently in a spiral around the room and out through the open door. The moon was bright. Dr. Dee hurried out the door Clephius Troll entered through the door a moment later holding his stick above his head.

To find out what time it is in TROLL TIME all you've got to do is turn over the clock (11:30 PM, Monday Oct. 6 '80 Troll Time)

Hey, kids! Let's snort dragons!!! Yes! The need to snort dragons can never be overstated, so c'mon everybody, Let's Snort Dragons today!

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This Experiment requires the participation of five parties. At least three of these have to be "present" at the onset of the experiment. Should only four be in presence, then a fictional fifth party will have to be invented by one or more of the parties present.

OK. Let's just imagine that Trolls really can Travel In Time. Let's just imagine that! Then it's perfectly natural for you, Zoro S. R. Troll, to Travel into the future in order to write about what you don't know about yet. So that you can learn from your experience before it happens to you... Now, concerning Those Trolls: The Blind One has no top to his head. It runs off the edge of any sheet no matter how you draw him. The One Eyed One is the Eye in the Pyrmid, the Eye of Horus, all that. The Gruff One is hard to identify. All dispute his true identity. The chunk of *dirt* he carries has more power than a gun. As for Uncle Power, er, Uncle Willie, his power is all in his magic wand, the joint that he holds (or is it a pencil?). It's hard to recall. He's not here NOW.

HELLO! HELLO! HELLO! We are now functioning on Troll Time... Troll Time went into effect at the moment that Ralph Bing "Bozo" Troll decided to join us... Now you may think that this foolishness about Troll Time was over when Clephius threw his watch into Gualala River, as I am sure *he* thought was the case. But, no... because the clock in Roloc's car was also set to Troll Time that day (and may still be today). And I had a watch in my pocket that day set two months in advance. We are all here hurled into a loop within a loop within a loop.

Sometimes I hope to get away from all this hiding under bridges, but here I am in but another cave. There is no better place to write a **Book of Troll** than in the shrouded darkness of a cave, as I look again at my pocket watch, and try to understand what time it is.

-- Zoro S. R. Troll, *Book of Troll*

[Not to be confused with the  
*Scandalous Lies*  
of Clephius J. Troll.]

### PRAYER

**DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF ALL THOSE WHO  
DIED AND ENDED SO SUDDENLY A YEAR AGO  
AND SINCE AND BEFORE. AS WE REMAIN  
ALIVE, NEVER GIVE UP ON LIFE AND LOVE,  
SO LONG AS WE BREATHE.**

## SEPTEMBER ALMANAC

9/2	1666	Great Fire of London.
	1917	Cleveland Amory was born.
9/3	1783	U. S. Revolutionary War ended.
9/5	1912	John Cage was born.
	1957	<i>On The Road</i> by Jack Kerouac was published by Viking Press in New York.
	1992	Literary Grand Master, Fritz Leiber died in San Francisco at age 81.
9/6		NEW MOON
9/7	1936	Buddy Holly was born.
	1990	Vince Welnick joined Grateful Dead.
9/8	1945	Ron "Pigpen" McKernan was born.
9/9	1941	Otis Redding was born.
	1979	Founding of the Troll Empire.
9/10	1935	Huey Long assassinated.
9/11	1943	Mickey Hart was born.
	2001	Terrorist Attacks on United States.
9/13		FIRST QUARTER MOON
9/14-16	1978	Grateful Dead play Egypt.
9/16	1925	B.B. King was born.
9/19	1468	Johann Gutenberg died.
	1928	Mickey Mouse film debut.
9/21		FULL HARVEST MOON
9/23		AUTUMNAL EQUINOX
	1846	Planet Neptune discovered.
	1926	John Coltrane was born.
9/25	1690	<i>Public Occurrences</i> , first newspaper in the American colonies began publishing.
	1804	Nez Perce Chief Joseph was born.
9/28	-551	Confucius was born.
9/29		LAST QUARTER MOON

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