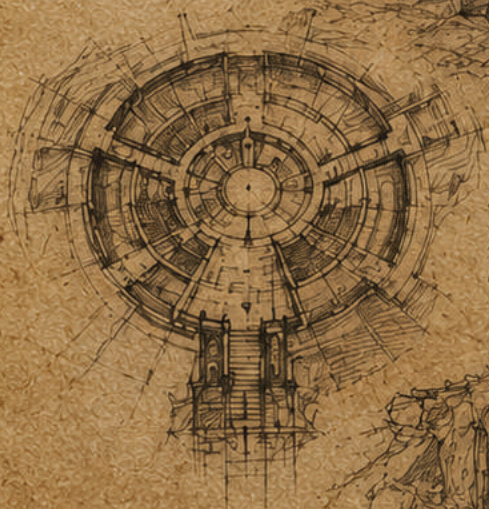


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BROKEN FANG

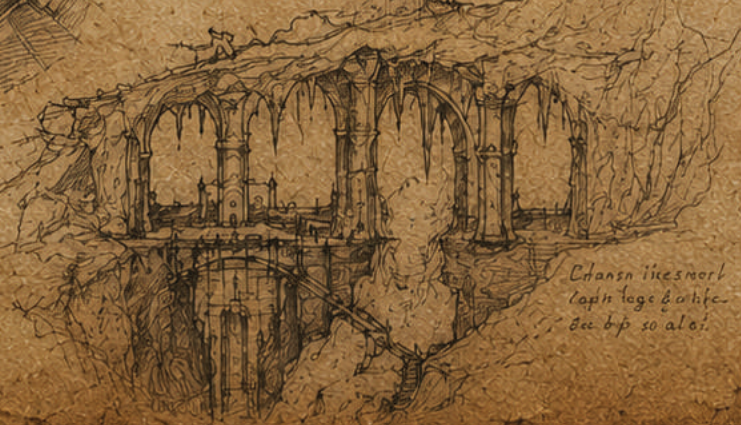




Tiēfēk 'h
Vafnōsh vich
Sounnēi fēgōs
Le cooglos.



Kāiron i
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Ruy bediceaturs.



Chansn iiesmōt
Capn lōgē & oīhfe
Bee bōp so alōi.

FOREWARD

This volume was never intended as a mere history of the orc.

Historians concern themselves with migrations, wars, tribal succession, and the rise and fall of chieftains. Such records possess value, but they reveal little of the forces that truly shape a people across generations.

The purpose of this work is to study blood itself.

Contained within these pages are lineage charts, tribal censuses, battlefield examinations, fertility records, anatomical observations, and genealogical surveys collected throughout the northern marches. Most readers will find a thorough accounting of the Broken Fang, Graytusk, Ash Maw, and dozens of lesser tribes whose histories have gone otherwise unrecorded.

The attentive scholar will discover something far more useful. Patterns.

Certain traits emerge with a consistency that conventional heredity struggles to explain. Aggression appears where no martial tradition exists. Arcane sensitivity manifests among bloodlines lacking magical ancestry. Entire family lines display unusual resistance to corruption while neighboring lineages readily succumb.

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Master of Comparative Blood Studies
Hellgate Keep Archives
1368 DR

During the years of Hellgate Keep's greatest prosperity, opportunities arose to observe numerous populations under controlled conditions. Orcs, barbarians, tieflings, cambions, and other infernally influenced peoples provided generations of invaluable data through which bloodline behavior could be measured and compared.

From this research emerged the Abyssal Susceptibility Scale (A.S.S.), a classification framework used to estimate a lineage's receptiveness to infernal adaptation. Though imperfect, the scale has repeatedly demonstrated its usefulness when forecasting bloodline stability, mutation potential, and survivability under adverse conditions.

Several findings proved especially noteworthy. Among them were recurring manifestations associated with what I have termed the Tanarukk Convergence Principle, and studies of dormant infernal inheritance expanded into what are now known as the Veiled Blood Program.

The papers concerning Death Missed arose from similar inquiries. Though many conclusions remain incomplete, preliminary evidence suggests that the relationship between blood, soul, and mortality is more flexible than current scholarship would admit.

Should these records survive when their authors do not, let them stand as proof that blood remembers what history forgets.

One need only learn how to listen.





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03 / 09

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SUBJECT DESIGNATION

ID

VB-031

NAME

Korr Slaghide

BLOODLINE STATUS

Bloodline: Early Tanarukk Prototype

Capture Date: 1368 DR

Apparent Ancestry: Male Half-Orc

Observed Demonic Signature: Volatile

Abyssal Pattern: Type II (Emergent)



6'6"

6'0"

5'6"

5'0"

4'6"

4'0"

3'6"

3'0"

SUBJECT MARKINGS / NOTES

Scarring across chest and
left shoulder

VITALS SUMMARY

Age (est.): 22

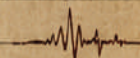
Height: 5'9"

Weight: 176 lbs

Blood Type: O-

Heart Rate: 112 bpm

Dem. Resonance: 4.7%



OBSERVED TRAITS

TRAIT	PASSED	INCONCLUSIVE	SIGNIFICANT
No external tusk protrusion beyond standard half-orc metrics	☐	☒	☐
No dermal calcification, claw adaptation, or tail emergence	☐	☐	☒
Eye pigmentation stable	☒	☐	☐
Aura negligible	☒	☐	☐
Passed passive detect evil screening	☐	☒	☐
	☐	☐	☐

PROGRAM NOTES

- Early Tanarukk Prototype
- Immediate aggression and instability
- Subject combusted during testing
- Lineage terminated

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SUBJECT DESIGNATION

ID	NAME
VB-117	Kelthek Collapsar

BLOODLINE STATUS

Bloodline: *Third-Generation Tiefling
(Abyssal-Touched Lineage)*

Capture Date: *1372 DR*

Apparent Ancestry: *Tiefling*

Observed Demonic Signature: *Overwhelming*

Abyssal Pattern: *Type V (Volatile)*



6'6"
6'0"
5'6"
5'0"
4'6"
3'6"
3'0"

SUBJECT MARKINGS / NOTES

*Ritual scarring across
torso and face.*

Horn tips filed to points.

VITALS SUMMARY

Age (est.): *143*
Height: *6'1"*
Weight: *128 lbs*
Blood Type: *AB-*
Heart Rate: *118 bpm*
Dem. Resonance:

OBSERVED TRAITS

TRAIT	PASSED	INCONCLUSIVE	SIGNIFICANT
Physiological Anomalies			☒
Demonic Resonance			☒
Bloodline Corruption			☒
Abyssal Pattern Stability		☒	
Behavioral Deviance			☒
Cognitive Resistance	☒		
Adaptation Potential		☒	

PROGRAM NOTES

- Empathy manipulation triggered catastrophic breach.
- 47 staff fatalities confirmed.
- Gate to Pale Wastes opened briefly (approx. 3.2 minutes).
- Containment protocols failed; facility sealed.
- Subject deemed extreme existential threat.
- Authorization granted for permanent removal from Material Plane.



*Subject transferred to custody
of the 9 Hells under terms of
the Blood Accord.*

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SUBJECT DESIGNATION

ID	NAME
VB-219	Shagadoosh

BLOODLINE STATUS

Bloodline: *First-Generation Tanarukh
(Veiled Subtype)*

Capture Date: *1372 DR*

Apparent Ancestry: *Female Half-Orc*

Observed Demonic Signature: *Dormant*

Abyssal Pattern: *Type IV (Unmanifested)*



6'6"
6'0"
5'6"
5'0"
4'0"
3'6"
3'0"

SUBJECT MARKINGS / NOTES

None of note

VITALS SUMMARY

Age (est.): *19*

Height: *5'4"*

Weight: *146 lbs*

Blood Type: *O-*

Heart Rate: *72 bpm*

Dem. Resonance:

OBSERVED TRAITS

TRAIT	PASSED	INCONCLUSIVE	SIGNIFICANT
Physiological Anomalies		☒	☐
Demonic Resonance	☒	☐	☐
Bloodline Corruption	☒	☐	☐
Abyssal Pattern Stability	☐	☒	☐
Behavioral Deviance	☒	☐	☐
Cognitive Resistance	☐	☐	☒
Adaptation Potential	☐	☒	☐

PROGRAM NOTES

- Subject exhibits strong physical resilience and rapid recovery.
- Demonic signature remains dormant under standard observation.
- Continued monitoring recommended during stress-induction trials.
- Potential for future manifestation assessed as moderate.

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06 / 09

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HK-BR-1372-06

SUBJECT DESIGNATION

ID	NAME
VB-208	Sirath of Three Veins

BLOODLINE STATUS

Bloodline: Hybrid Graft
(Abyssal + Baatezu Lineage)

Capture Date: 1372 DR

Apparent Ancestry: Indeterminate

Observed Demonic Signature: Catastrophic

Abyssal Pattern: Type VI (Cataclysmic)



6'6"
6'0"
5'6"
5'0"
4'6"
3'6"
3'0"

SUBJECT MARKINGS / NOTES

Ritual scars at convergence points.
Harness of bone and iron.
Two voices. One will.

VITALS SUMMARY

Age (est.): Unknown

Height: 9'4"

Weight: 1723 lbs

Blood Type: ---

Heart Rate: 47 bpm

Dem. Resonance:

OBSERVED TRAITS

TRAIT	PASSED	INCONCLUSIVE	SIGNIFICANT
Physiological Anomalies			☒
Demonic Resonance			☒
Bloodline Corruption			☒
Abyssal Pattern Stability			☒
Behavioral Deviance			☒
Cognitive Resistance		☒	
Adaptation Potential		☒	

PROGRAM NOTES

- Combined Abyssal and Baatezu lineage grafting successful.
- Subject capable of channeling both radiant and necrotic energy.
- Dream-state manifestations correlated with seismic disturbances.
- Recorded tremors up to magnitude 6.2 within facility.
- Long-term containment deemed unsustainable.
- Current status unknown following containment breach.

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07 / 09

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HK-BR-1372-07

SUBJECT DESIGNATION

ID	NAME
VB-001	Project Daggerseed

BLOODLINE STATUS

Bloodline: *Solamith / Fiend*

Capture Date: *1372 DR*

Apparent Ancestry: *Indeterminate*

Observed Demonic Signature: *Catastrophic*

Abyssal Pattern: *Type VII (Unstable Convergence)*



10'0"

9'0"

8'0"

7'0"

6'0"

5'0"

4'0"

3'0"

SUBJECT MARKINGS / NOTES

- Unnatural adipose layering.
- Pallid violet mottling beneath skin.
- Occasional weeping lesions.
- Branding deferred; lethal response.

VITALS SUMMARY

Height: *10'0"*

Weight: *Up to 2,000 lbs
(1 ton)*

Blood Type: *---*

Heart Rate: *36 bpm*

Dem. Resonance:

OBSERVED TRAITS

TRAIT	PASSED	INCONCLUSIVE	SIGNIFICANT
Physiological Anomalies			X
Demonic Resonance			X
Bloodline Corruption			X
Abyssal Pattern Stability			X
Behavioral Deviance			X
Cognitive Resistance		X	
Adaptation Potential		X	

PROGRAM NOTES

- Foundational study into Solamith-Fiend convergence.
- All exposure trials resulted in immediate subject lethality.
- 100% fatality rate across all stages.
- Extreme memetic and psychic backlash recorded.
- Further development suspended pending high-council directive.



CAUTION

*Subject exhibits extreme lethality.
Containment breach risk deemed
unacceptable. All personnel warned.*

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SUBJECT DESIGNATION

ID	NAME
VB-227	Basement Dweller

BLOODLINE STATUS

Bloodline: Shadow Infused Human Half-Breed

Capture Date: 1372 DR

Apparent Ancestry: Human (Corrupted)

Observed Demonic Signature: Profound

Abyssal Pattern: Type V (Umbral Assimilation)

OBSERVED TRAITS

TRAIT	PASSED	INCONCLUSIVE	SIGNIFICANT
Physiological Anomalies			X
Demonic Resonance			X
Bloodline Corruption			X
Abyssal Pattern Stability			X
Behavioral Deviance			X
Cognitive Resistance		X	
Adaptation Potential			X

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PROGRAM NOTES

- Demonstrates advanced camouflage and near-total silence.
- Prefers confined, dark spaces; alters micro-shadow density to blend with surroundings.
- Extreme threat in unlit environments.
- Feeding subject Corona after midnight induces hyper-agitation, resulting in dimensional bleed and facility damage.
- Continued containment recommended in null-light cell.

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SUBJECT MARKINGS / NOTES

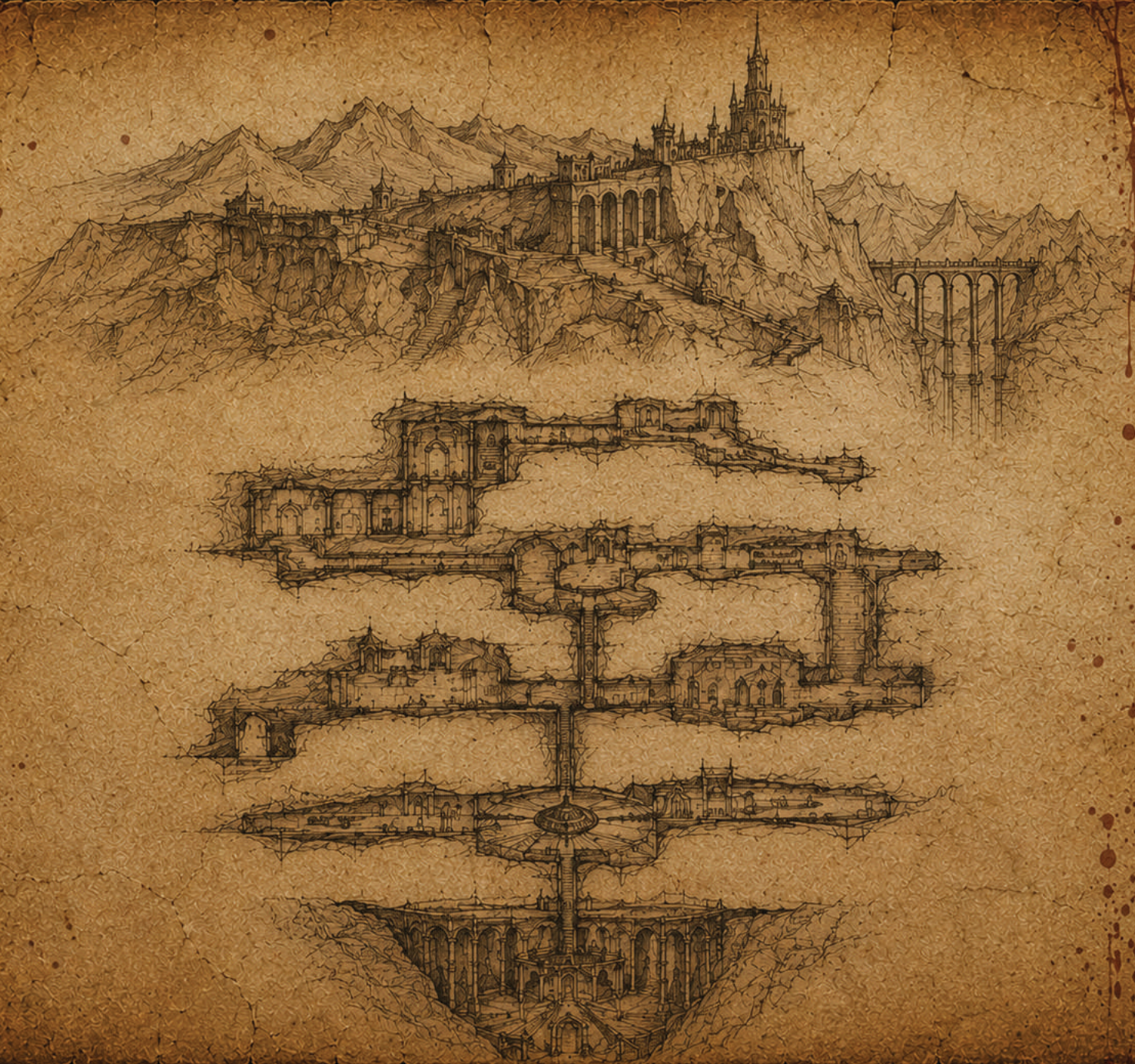
- Subdermal void-blotching.
- Vocal cords partially atrophied.
- Oil-slick residue exudes from skin pores.
- Emits low-frequency hum when agitated.

VITALS SUMMARY

Age (est.): 33
Height: 5'10" (compressed)
Weight: Unknown
Blood Type: A-
Heart Rate: 42 bpm
Dem. Resonance:



Subject unaccounted for.
Last seen during containment breach, 1372 DR.





The progeny are the key