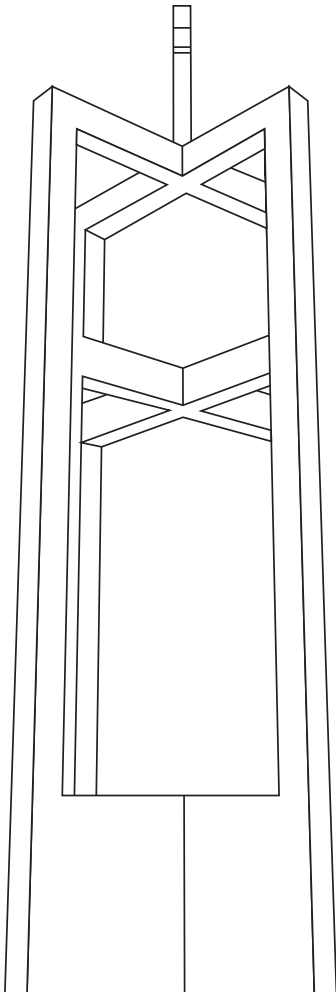


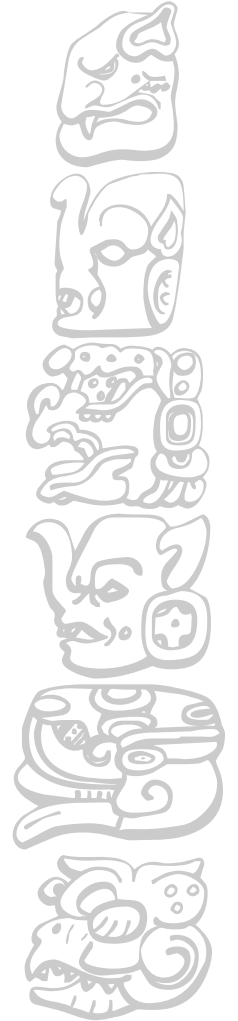
TEST OF VITALITY

Ix, represents the powerful Jaguar. One of the most enigmatic daysigns in the Tzolk'in, Ix is the nawal of nature and Mayan altars. It embodies spirit, force, energy and vitality, and it is recommended to give thanks for special sacred places we create in our lives, on this day. Ix's animal totem is the jaguar.



In a Central part of town look for a place to perch and survey the world around you. A structure such as this would please any Eagle.

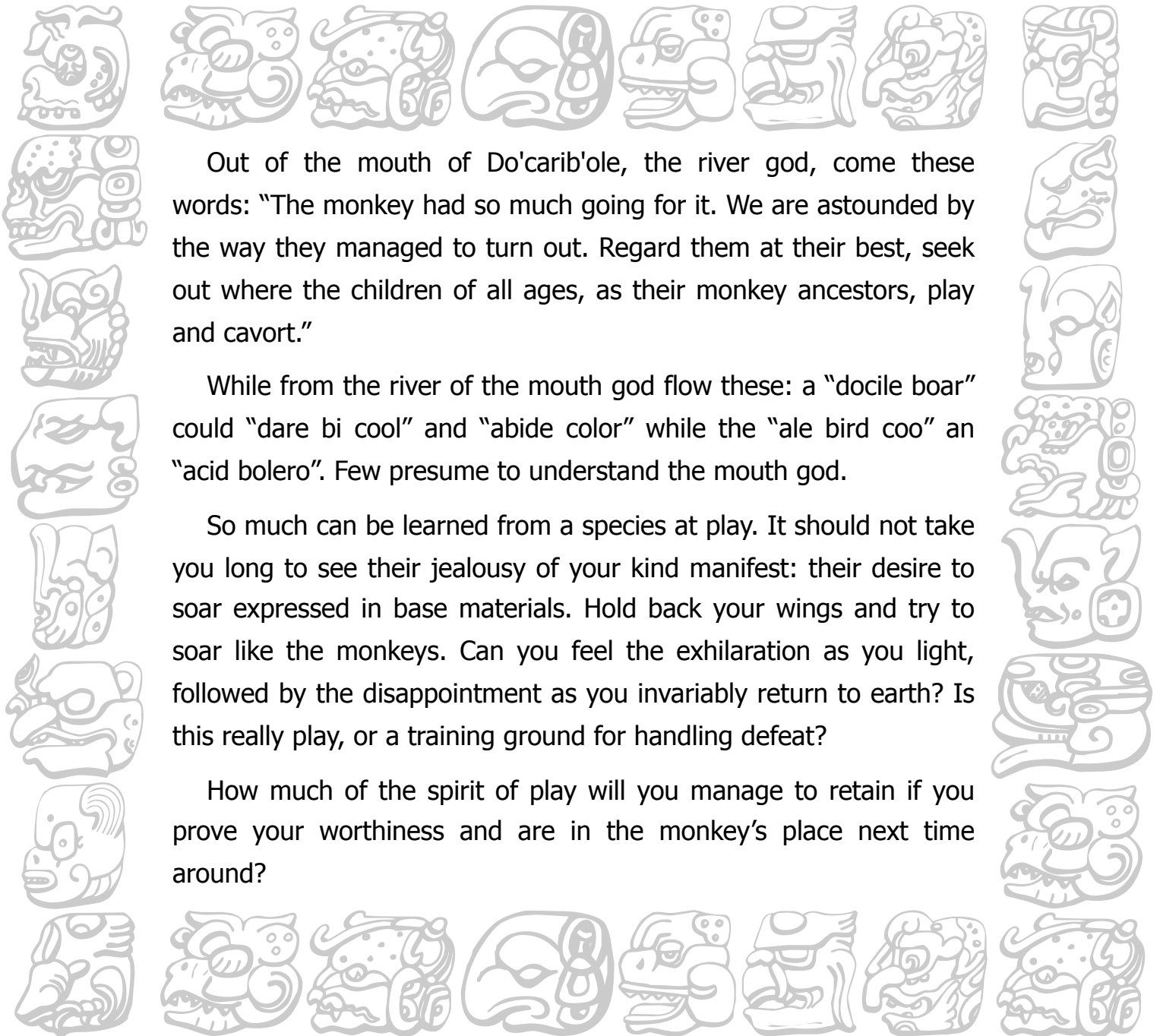
From this vantage you should spy with your Eagle eyes, the reward for this test. You will not be able to reach it from the topmost roost, but a keen eye will guide you to where it lies nearby.



CHUWEN

MEASURE OF INSOURCIANCE

Chuwen, is the daysign of the Monkey. This is the nawal of all arts and the artists—and as such, Chuwen is the patron daysign of all creative expression, endeavor and achievement. It is often referred to as the "weaver of time," and is considered to be the best day to be married.



Out of the mouth of Do'carib'ole, the river god, come these words: "The monkey had so much going for it. We are astounded by the way they managed to turn out. Regard them at their best, seek out where the children of all ages, as their monkey ancestors, play and cavort."

While from the river of the mouth god flow these: a "docile boar" could "dare bi cool" and "abide color" while the "ale bird coo" an "acid bolero". Few presume to understand the mouth god.

So much can be learned from a species at play. It should not take you long to see their jealousy of your kind manifest: their desire to soar expressed in base materials. Hold back your wings and try to soar like the monkeys. Can you feel the exhilaration as you light, followed by the disappointment as you invariably return to earth? Is this really play, or a training ground for handling defeat?

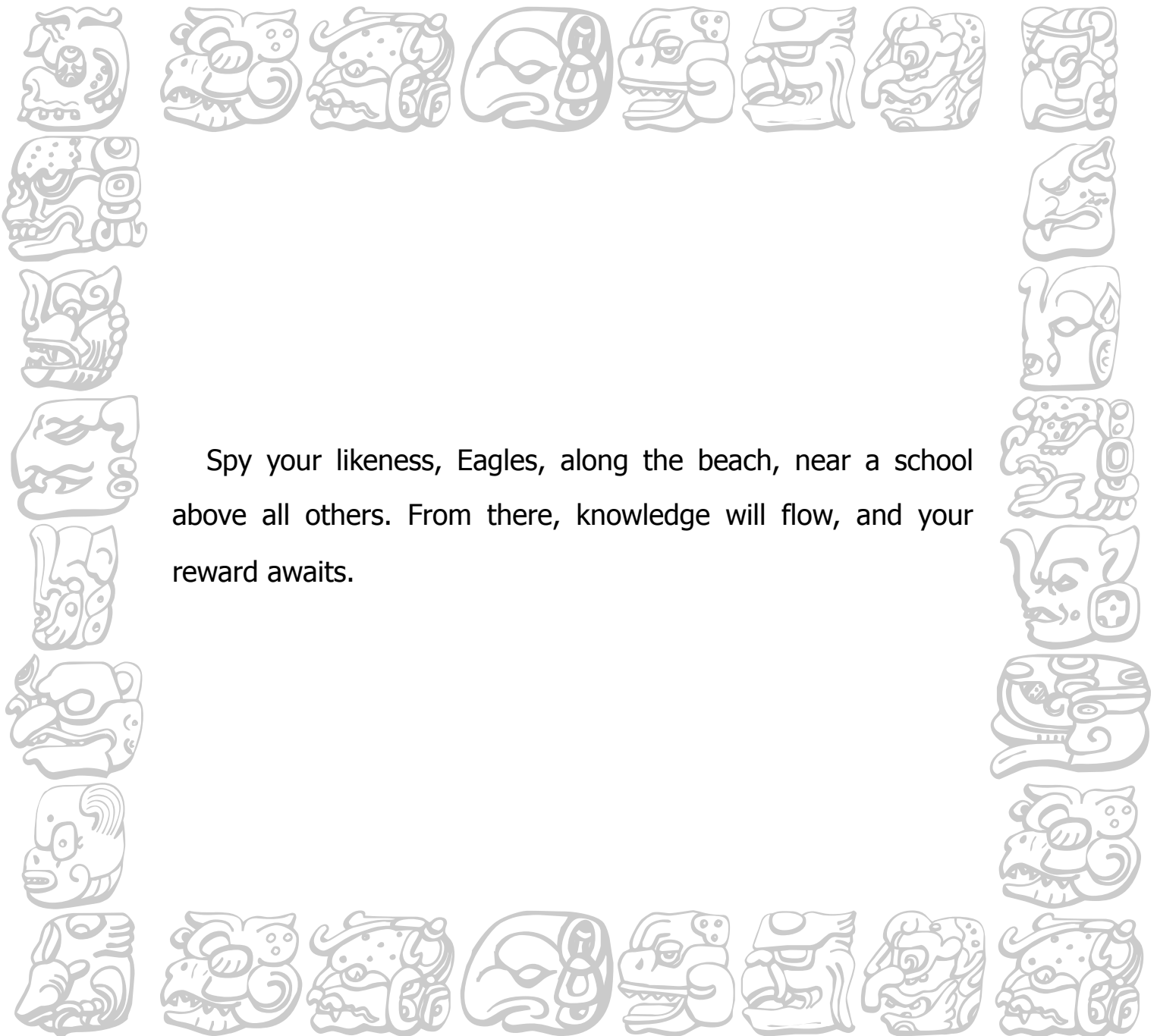
How much of the spirit of play will you manage to retain if you prove your worthiness and are in the monkey's place next time around?



CHICKCHAN'

TEST OF EDUCATION

Chickchan', is the Feathered Serpent. This daysign is also the nawal of the creation of humans and of education and training. Chickchan' has a strong connection to koyopa, the inner fire also known as kundalini, and thus provides a positive energy to build both physical and spiritual strength. Its animal totem is the serpent.



Spy your likeness, Eagles, along the beach, near a school above all others. From there, knowledge will flow, and your reward awaits.

B'EN



REMEMBRANCE OF THE EARTH

B'en, represents the Reed or Corn. It is the nawal of the home and children; on this day we give thanks for our home, our family and for the nourishment we are provided by the planet. Ben's animal totems are the armadillo and the bee.



The Land of Dreams

Dear child, I also by pleasant streams
Have wander'd all night in the Land of Dreams;
But tho' calm and warm the waters wide,
I could not get to the other side.

Father, O father! what do we here
In this land of unbelief and fear?
The Land of Dreams is better far
Above the light of the morning star.

- William Blake

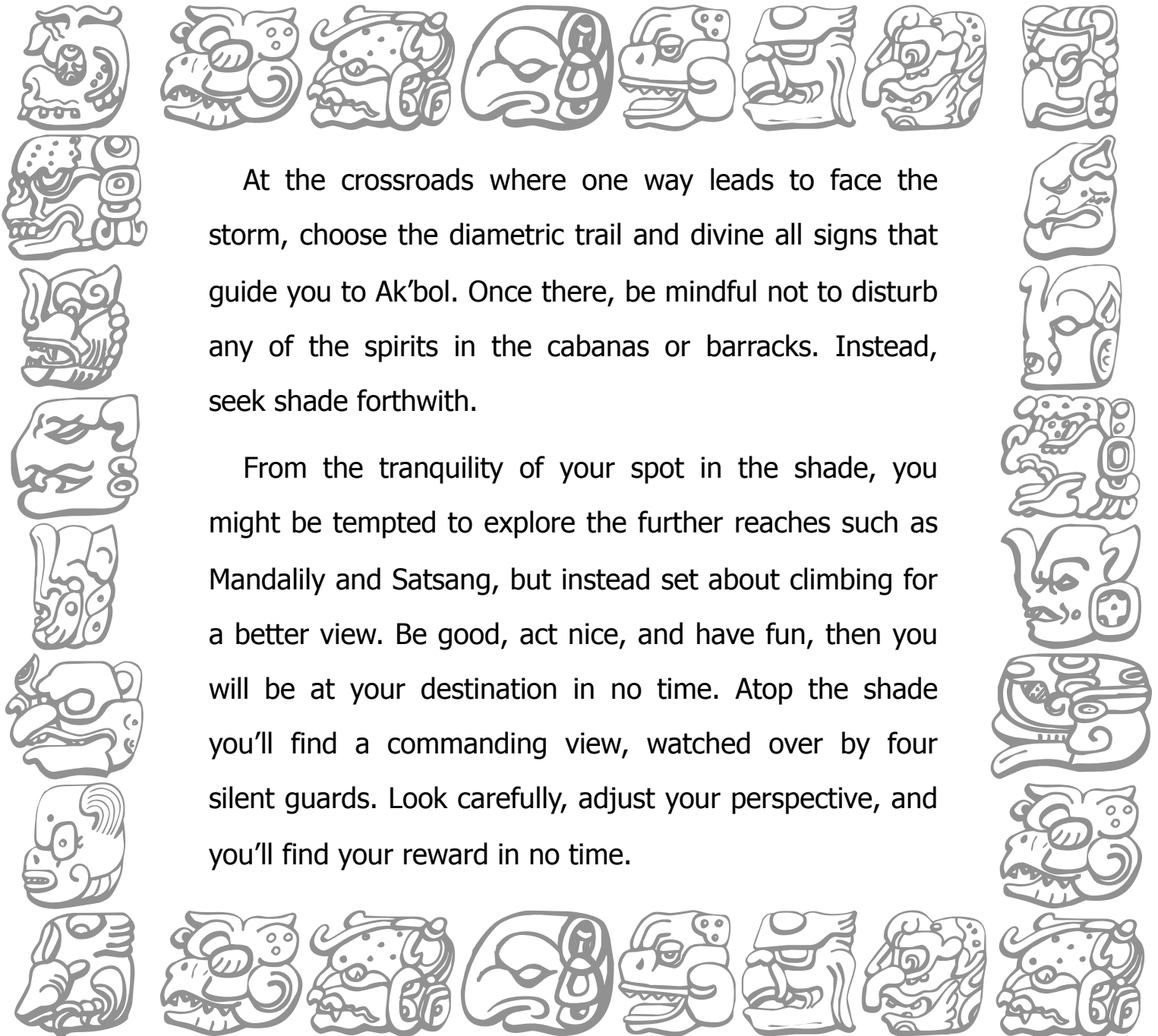
You must find the way of the scribe, though it's not on many maps. A sign, though, you are sure to find, if you are euphemistically flatulent (tread lightly, however, as H₂S may be present). From the perspective of the poet, you'll see two ways to go. You seek the morning star, and it stands there still, no matter what the sun might say.



Ak'bol

CLARITY OF PERSPECTIVE

Ak'bol, is the daysign of Vision. It is the nawal of clarity or light, and symbolizes both dawn and daylight. This is a day particularly propitious for love and marriage, and for the ability to think and act with perfect clarity. The animal totems of Ak'b'al are the fawn and the macaw.



At the crossroads where one way leads to face the storm, choose the diametric trail and divine all signs that guide you to Ak'bol. Once there, be mindful not to disturb any of the spirits in the cabanas or barracks. Instead, seek shade forthwith.

From the tranquility of your spot in the shade, you might be tempted to explore the further reaches such as Mandalily and Satsang, but instead set about climbing for a better view. Be good, act nice, and have fun, then you will be at your destination in no time. Atop the shade you'll find a commanding view, watched over by four silent guards. Look carefully, adjust your perspective, and you'll find your reward in no time.