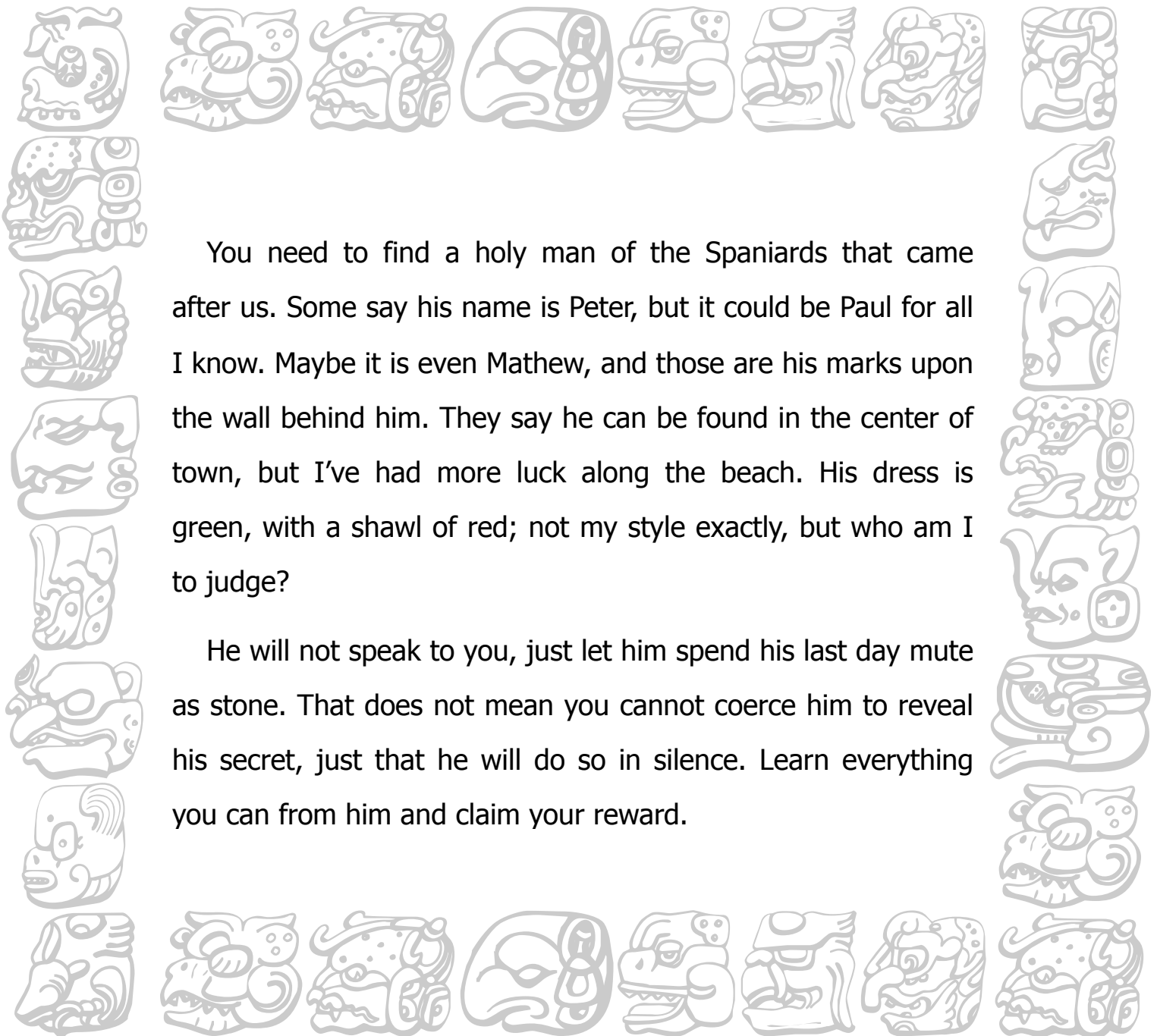
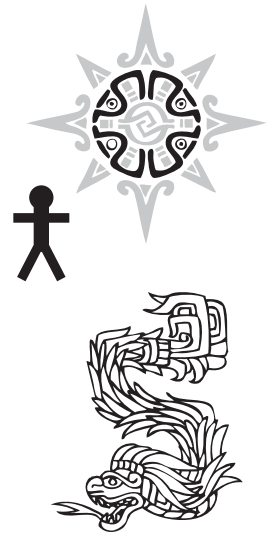


TEST OF VITALITY

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.

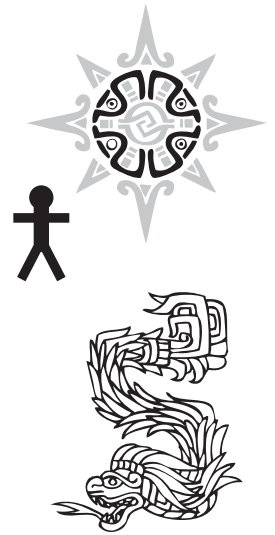


You need to find a holy man of the Spaniards that came after us. Some say his name is Peter, but it could be Paul for all I know. Maybe it is even Mathew, and those are his marks upon the wall behind him. They say he can be found in the center of town, but I've had more luck along the beach. His dress is green, with a shawl of red; not my style exactly, but who am I to judge?

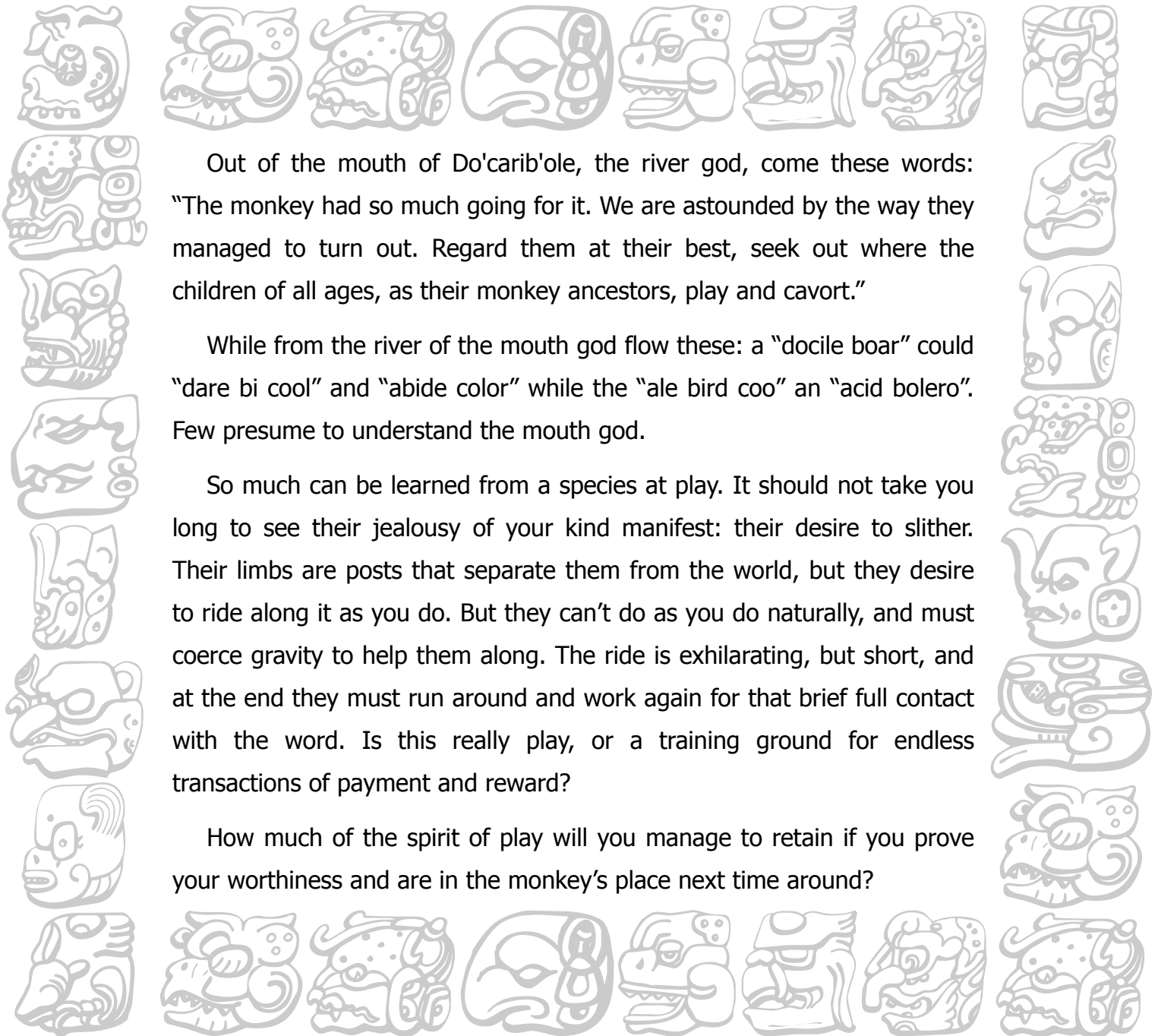
He will not speak to you, just let him spend his last day mute as stone. That does not mean you cannot coerce him to reveal his secret, just that he will do so in silence. Learn everything you can from him and claim your reward.

CHUWEN

MEASURE OF INSOURCIANCE



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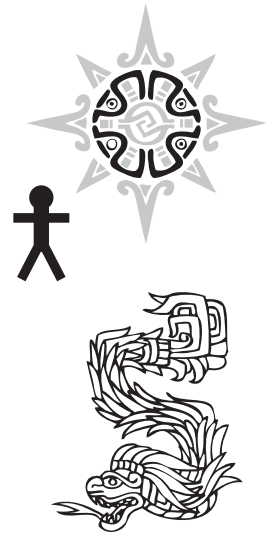
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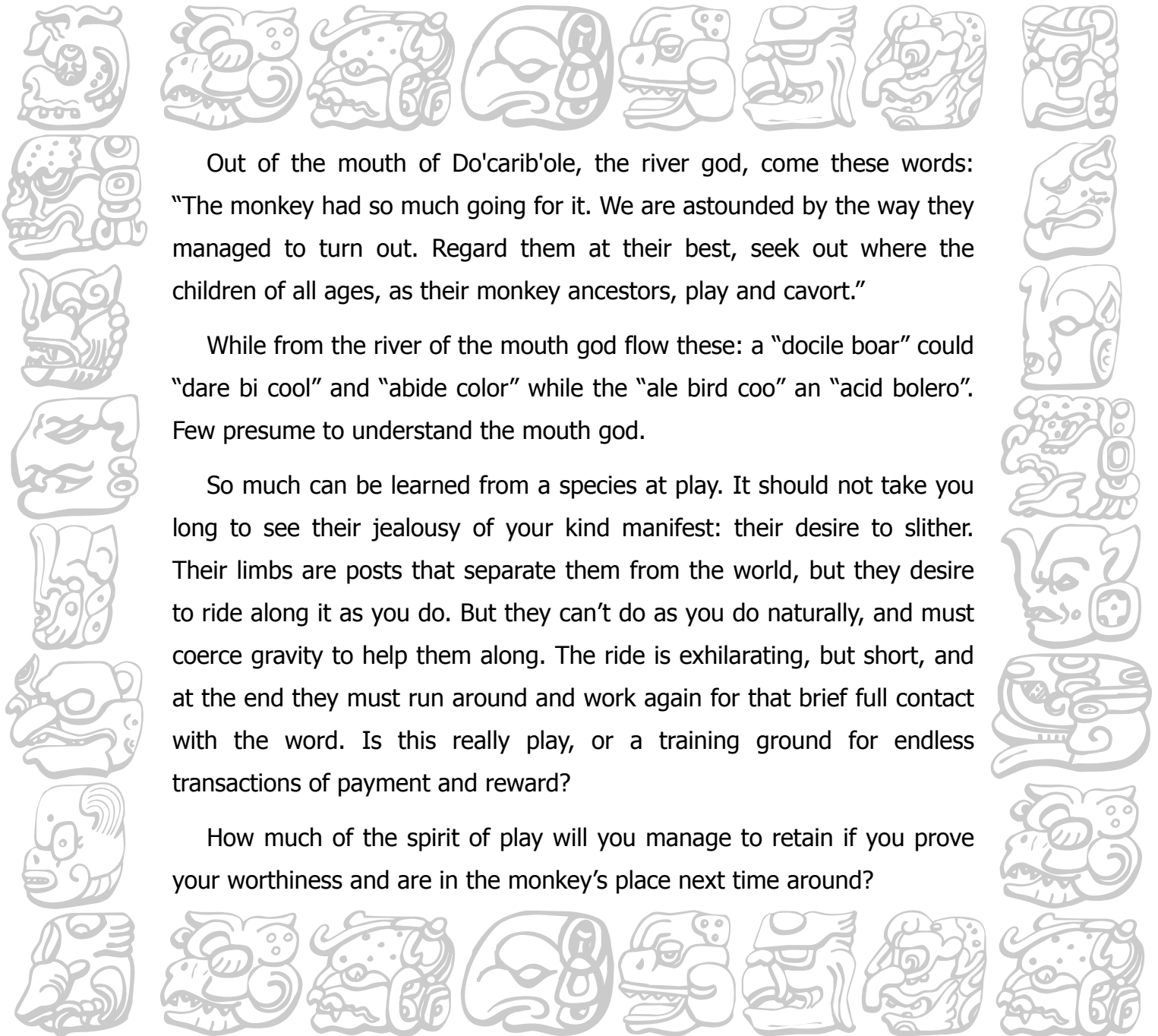
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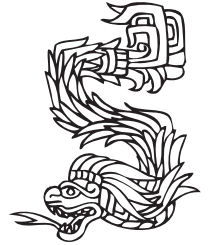
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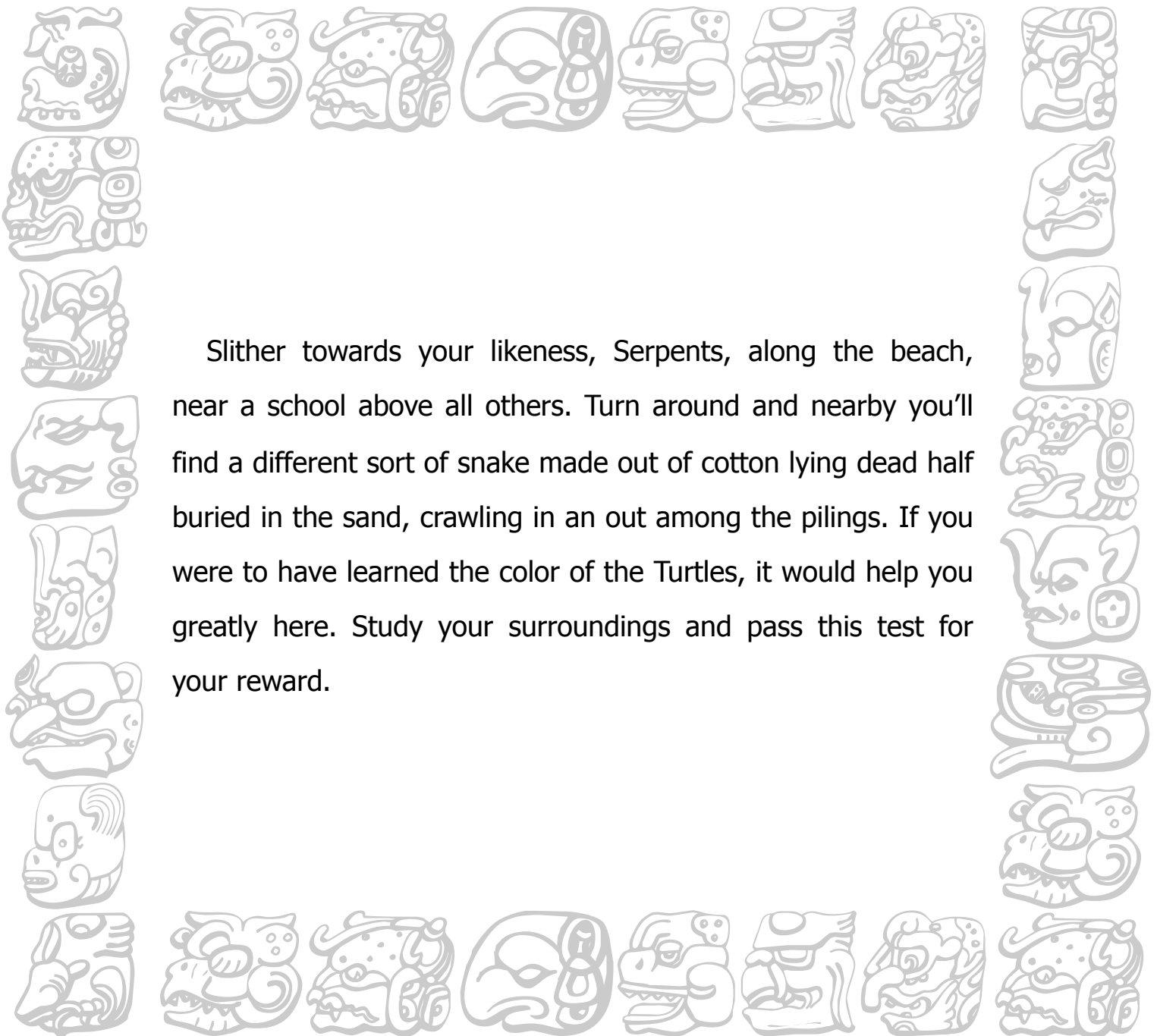


CHICKCHAN'



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.



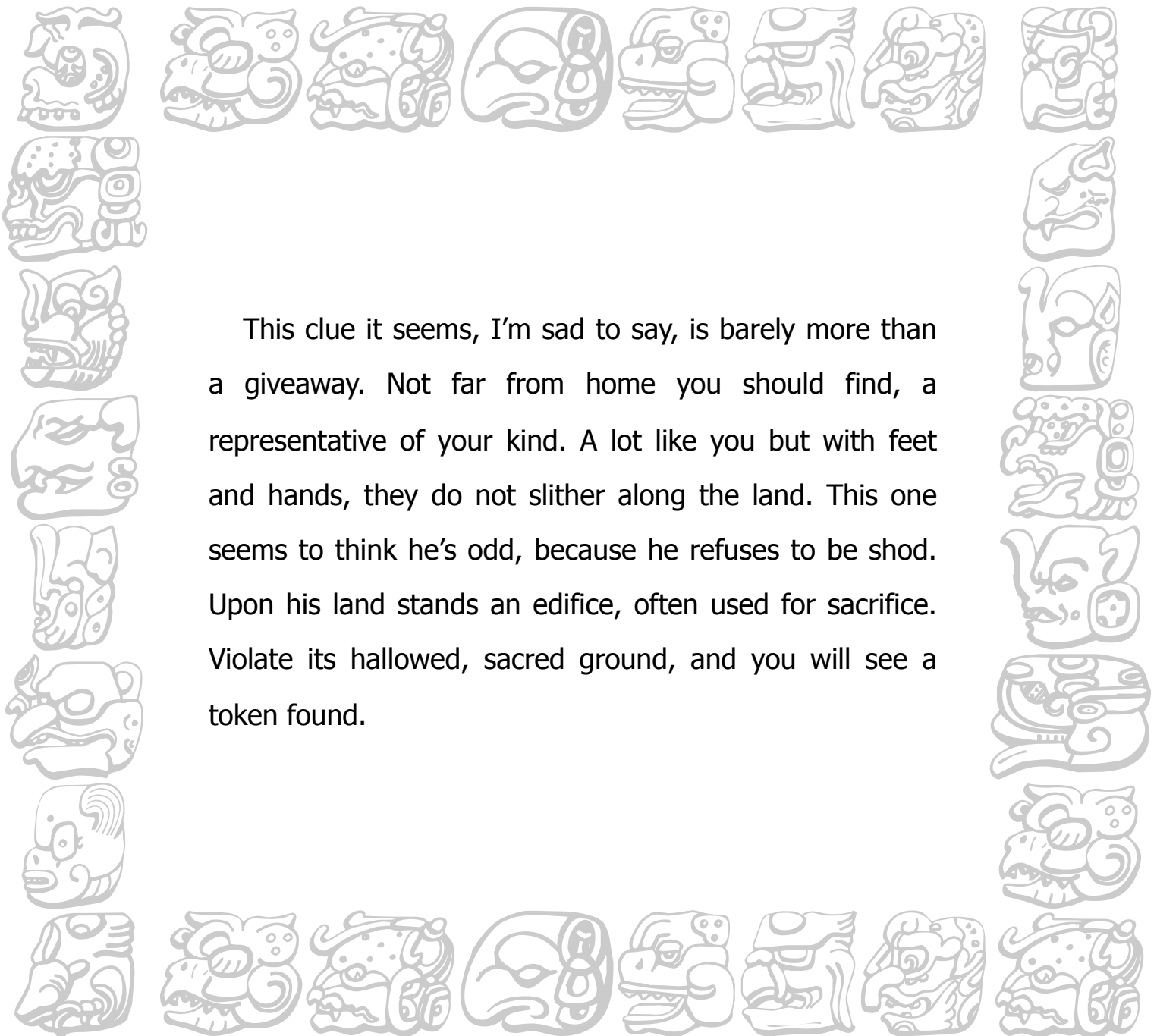
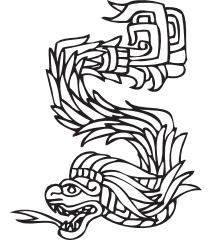
Slither towards your likeness, Serpents, along the beach, near a school above all others. Turn around and nearby you'll find a different sort of snake made out of cotton lying dead half buried in the sand, crawling in and out among the pilings. If you were to have learned the color of the Turtles, it would help you greatly here. Study your surroundings and pass this test for your reward.

B'EN



REMEMBRANCE OF THE HEARTH

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.

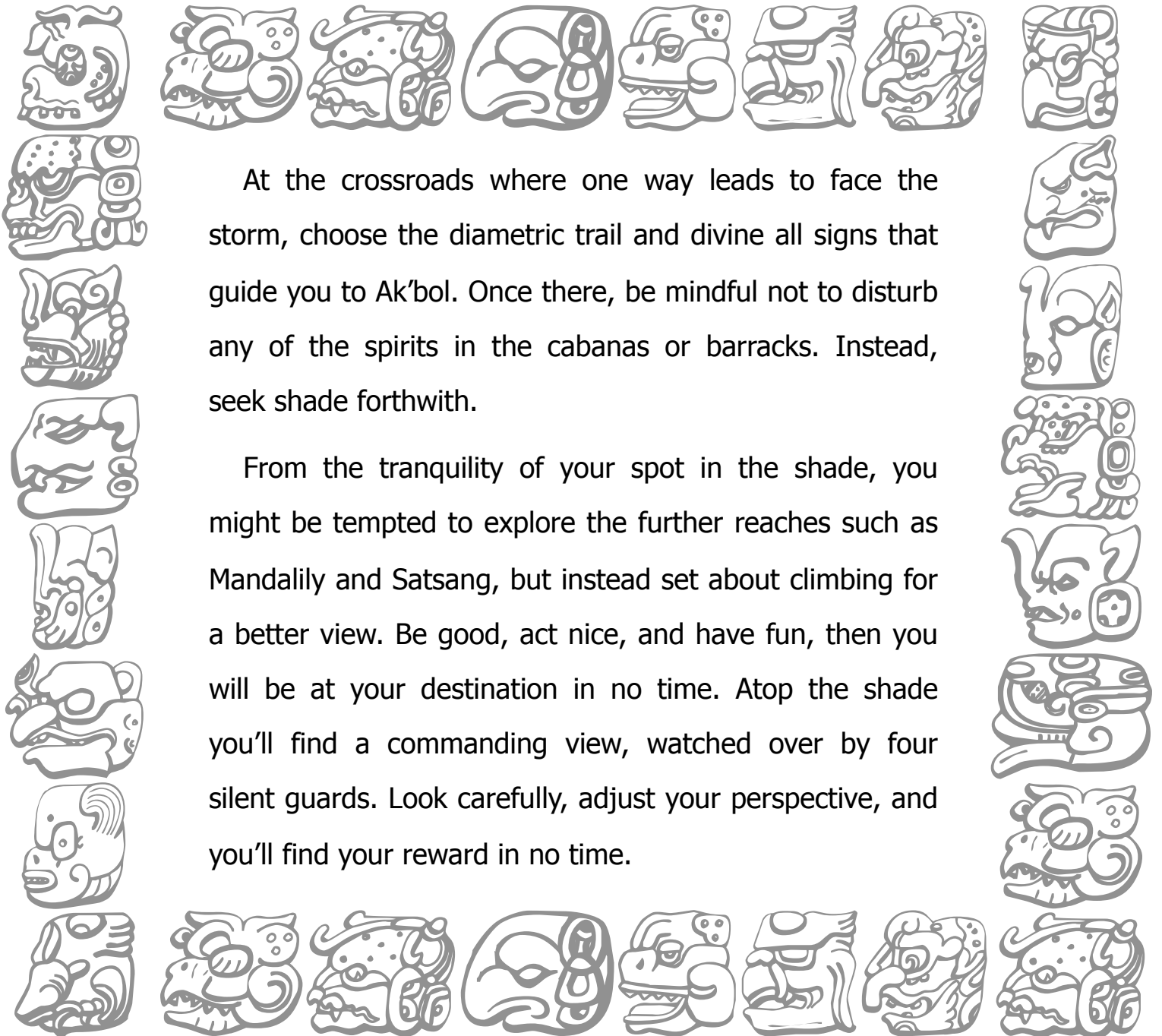


This clue it seems, I'm sad to say, is barely more than a giveaway. Not far from home you should find, a representative of your kind. A lot like you but with feet and hands, they do not slither along the land. This one seems to think he's odd, because he refuses to be shod. Upon his land stands an edifice, often used for sacrifice. Violate its hallowed, sacred ground, and you will see a token found.

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.