

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.

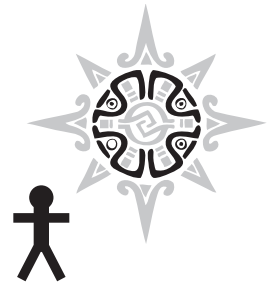


Discover these columns that support the wheel of time itself, for between them lies your token. Be careful though, as your natural predator the Jaguar lingers nearby, as hungry as ever. Insure that the great wheel does not swing early and rush you to your appointed fate.

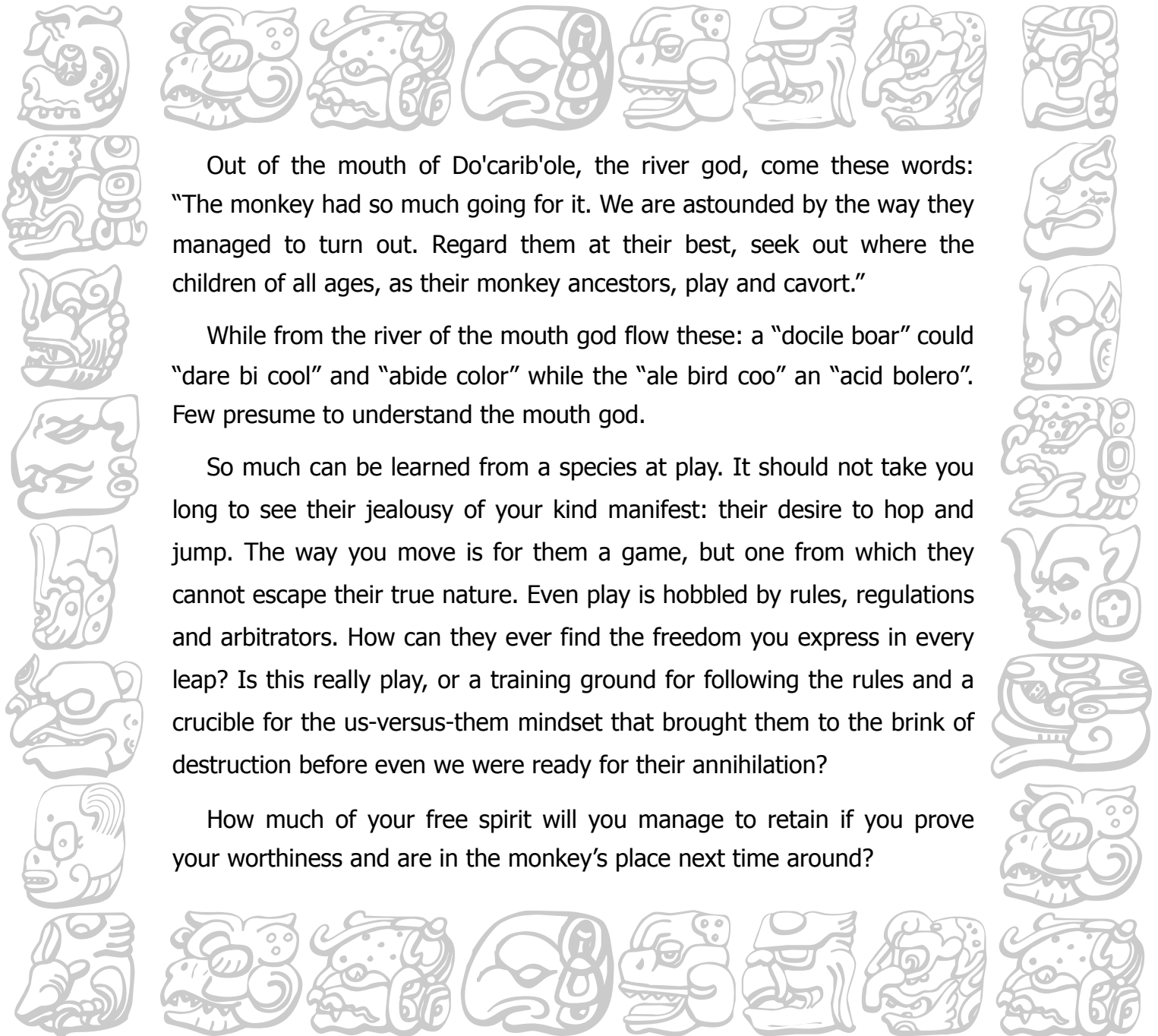


CHUWEN

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 hop and jump. The way you move is for them a game, but one from which they cannot escape their true nature. Even play is hobbled by rules, regulations and arbitrators. How can they ever find the freedom you express in every leap? Is this really play, or a training ground for following the rules and a crucible for the us-versus-them mindset that brought them to the brink of destruction before even we were ready for their annihilation?

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

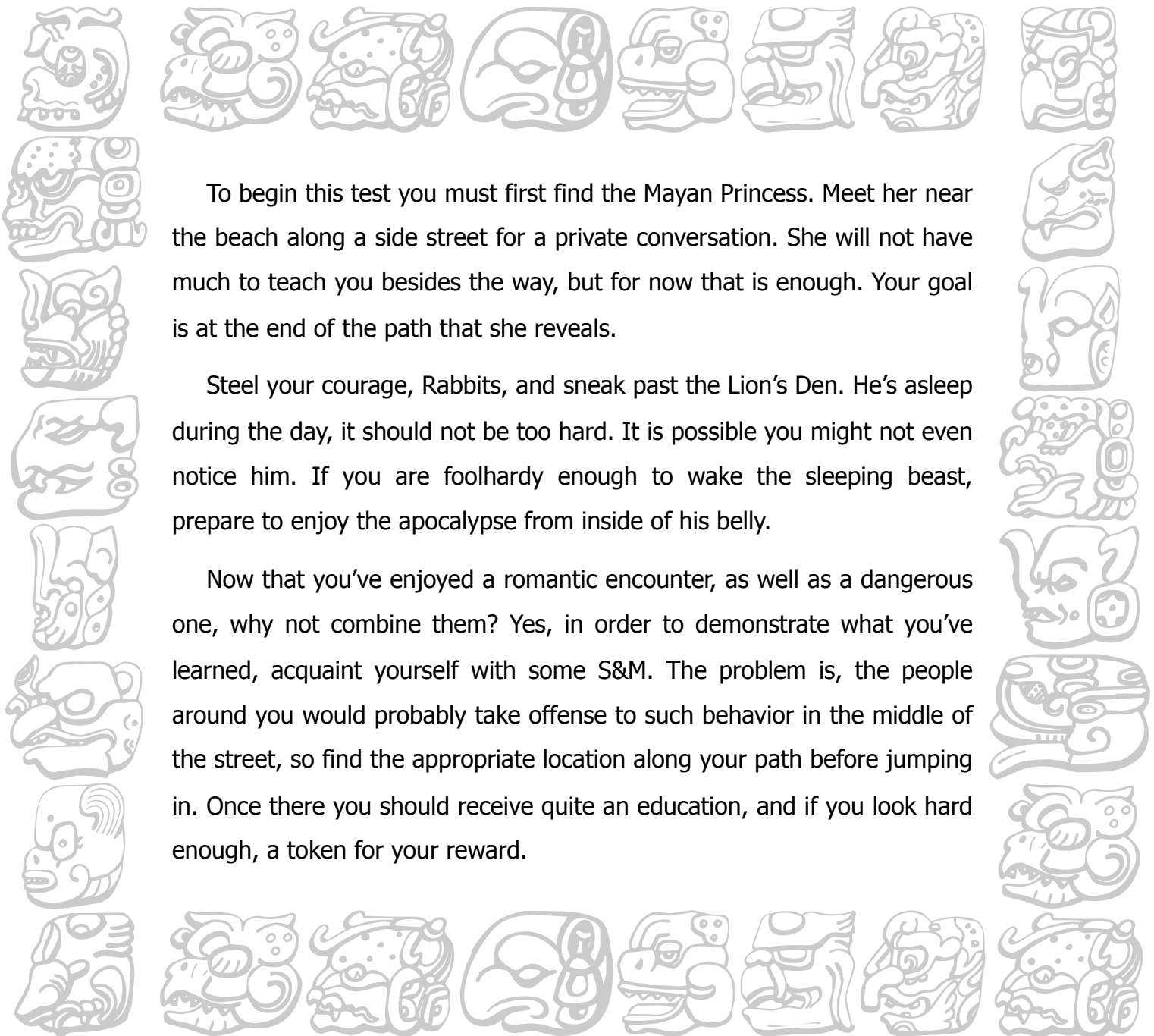


CHICKCHAN'



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.



To begin this test you must first find the Mayan Princess. Meet her near the beach along a side street for a private conversation. She will not have much to teach you besides the way, but for now that is enough. Your goal is at the end of the path that she reveals.

Steel your courage, Rabbits, and sneak past the Lion's Den. He's asleep during the day, it should not be too hard. It is possible you might not even notice him. If you are foolhardy enough to wake the sleeping beast, prepare to enjoy the apocalypse from inside of his belly.

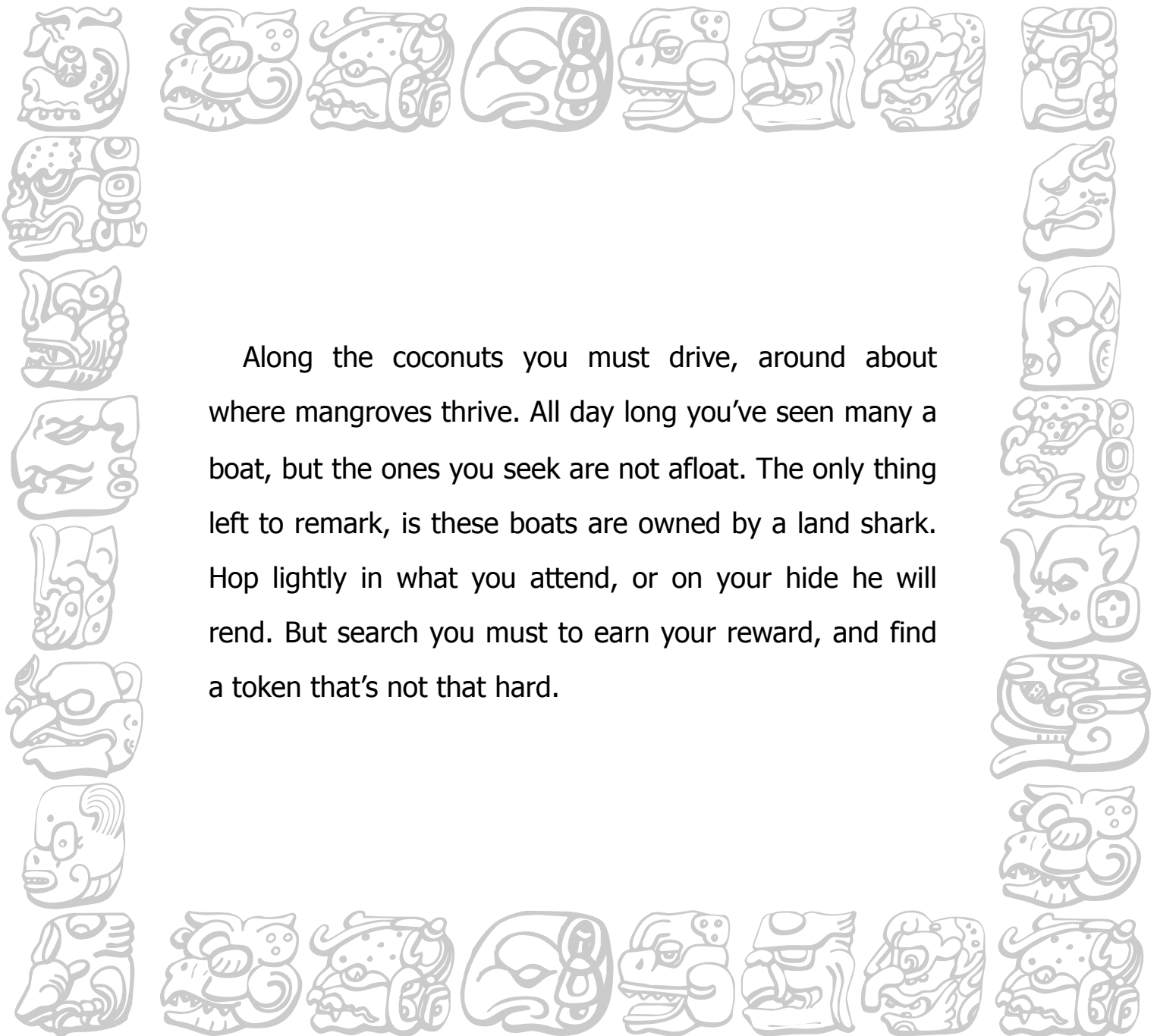
Now that you've enjoyed a romantic encounter, as well as a dangerous one, why not combine them? Yes, in order to demonstrate what you've learned, acquaint yourself with some S&M. The problem is, the people around you would probably take offense to such behavior in the middle of the street, so find the appropriate location along your path before jumping in. Once there you should receive quite an education, and if you look hard enough, a token for your reward.

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.

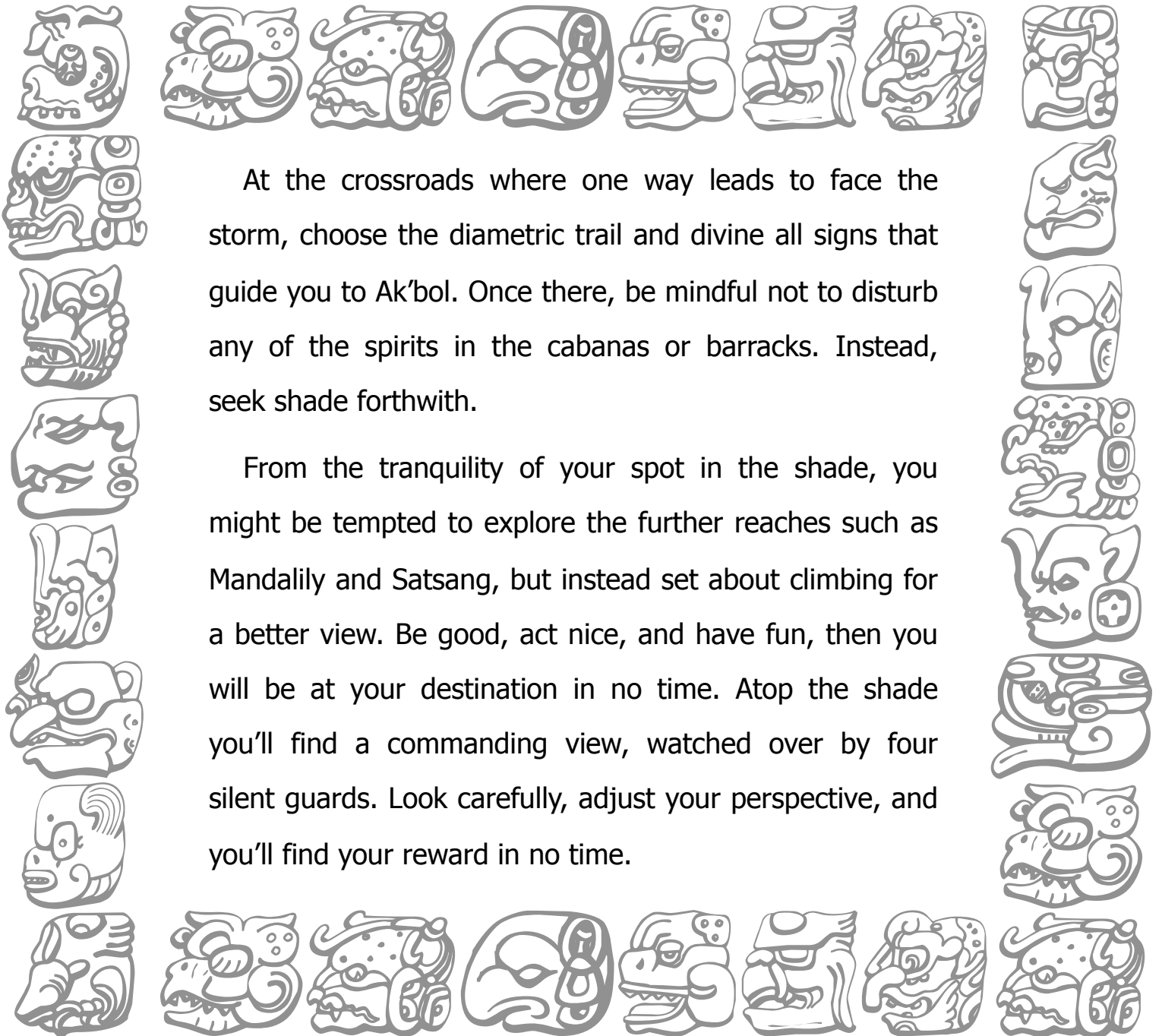


Along the coconuts you must drive, around about where mangroves thrive. All day long you've seen many a boat, but the ones you seek are not afloat. The only thing left to remark, is these boats are owned by a land shark. Hop lightly in what you attend, or on your hide he will rend. But search you must to earn your reward, and find a token that's not that hard.

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.