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Status Report on Property D350 (DarkWood Manor) Starfall- August 3rd, 2022

The current groundskeeper, Dr. Howard Schroeder, reported to the university that on the night of August 1st a meteorite struck a farm no less than a mile from the DarkWood property. By itself a meteorite would be no concern to us in the advanced paranormal sciences department. Large chunks of space debris usually burn up in our atmosphere, but on occasion one does make it to the ground. However, any occurrence outside the ordinary and truly mundane that happens near the D350 location has to be reported to all our divisions. Only one department got back to me with any interest in the matter. Dr. Van Pelt of our cosmology department, wanted to know if the grounds keeper had ascertained the meteorite, and if not that he do so immediately. If he had to buy it from the local farmer then please do so without reservation on cost. Van Pelt warned me that a meteorite falling on August 1st, Lughnasadh, the pagan harvest, and so near a psychic hot zone such as D350, did not bode well. I immediately contacted Dr. Schroeder and instructed him to acquire the meteorite.

Groundskeeper report, August 6th 2022

Inform Dr. Van Pelt that I have obtained the meteorite that fell on the farm of Delmer Jenkins on August 1st. My assistants and I have sealed it in a container and will ship it to him at the university on Monday. According to our instruments it is not radioactive, but it does seem to give off some strange luminance that we can't account for.

Acquiring the stone was more trouble than I thought it would be. I've had dealings with Mr. Jenkins before, and have always found him to be friendly and welcoming to having someone from the university in residence at the manor. So, I assumed he would be willing to sell me the stone for a small fee, and after some mild media attention died down on the farm, I went to see Mr. Jenkins. I discovered that I was not the first person to inquire about purchasing the meteorite. When I arrived at the farm, I found Mr. Jenkins in the company of a woman by the name of Violet Gray. She claimed to be a professor of astronomy at the local community college, and she had already offered Mr. Jenkins five thousand dollars for the meteorite. Unfortunately a short lived bidding war ensued, but I did manage to out bid her. Miss Gray seemed very annoyed at the loss. She said that Miskatonic had no right to interfere with local affairs, and assured me that the matter was not settled. I do not like to make enemies of the locals, but in any case the meteorite is ours, and will be at the university by midweek.
-Dr. Schroeder

Transcript of a call placed to the university on August 9th at 10:20 PM

Operator: Miskatonic University, how may I direct your call?

Caller: *(breathing heavy)* ...I need.. I need to talk to Dr. Van Pelt.

Operator: Dr. Van Pelt is no longer in his office. May I take a message?

Caller: I need to talk to Linus now, damn it! Dr. Van Pelt...call him at his house!

Operator: I'm sorry sir I can't do that. I would have to...

(An indescribable sound is heard from the caller's end of the phone.)

Operator: Sir? Sir... are you still there?

Caller: I'm sorry...it's too late...tell him the woman was a cultist! The Witches of the Worm. They have the house and the cursed meteor....it's growing! Plantatum est cor Azathoth, et prolem chaos, erit messis;...(*Another louder sound is heard before the line went dead*)

Status Report on Property D350 (DarkWood Manor)
Crisis- August 10th 2022

Based on the evolving situation at D350; the phone call placed to the university last night by Dr. Howard Schroeder, the meteorite that has not arrived, and the concerns of Dr. Van Pelt, we believe that there is a Class 2 Paranormal Breach occurring. In light of this we have dispatched Dr. Van Pelt and his assistant, Adjunct Professor Charles Brown, to DarkWood Manor. They will be met by Commander Patricia Reichardt and Dr. Marcie Carlin, leaders of the VAPS team, on location. Their mission is to retake the manor and secure the meteorite.

Dr. Van Pelt's report to Paranormal Science Department on what was occurring at D350

When I was informed of the meteorite strike near DarkWood Manor I was concerned. After hearing the recording of the phone call from the caretaker last night I'm now seriously worried. It is my sincere belief that a ritual, taken from the accursed tome *De Vermis Mysteriis*, has been undertaken, and the results of that ritual is playing out at DarkWood Manor at this moment. The cultist, the coven known as The Witches of the Worm, are obviously the ones who performed this ritual setting these events in motion.

The ritual is intended to "call down a star" to earth. This fallen object is referred to as the "seed of chaos" which contains the "spawn of Azathoth". I do not have to tell you that anything born of the hellish elder thing known as Azathoth is not good.

When I first suspected this was occurring I searched for more references to the spawn of Azathoth in other occult books. What I learned is that the meteorite, or falling star, will give birth to eight separate entities. It is said the spawn will grow or arise from the land around them, and their growth will consume and corrupt all life as they spread. Ancient cultists make references to them that are akin to that of the four horsemen of the apocalypse told of in the Christian book of Revelations. Their presence is the herald of their sire. They are called by the names Pandemonium, Bone Shadow, Wormwood, Tumult, Ferment, Bedlam, Putress, and Blight.