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<Text> on the floor. The runeâ€™s â€œcornersâ€ are all marked by
black candles. As we watch, ALAN, wearing somber clericâ€™s robes, pours
POWDER from his cupped hands as he walks. Alan is using the powder to
â€œdrawâ€ the last line, completing the rune. He chants a mystic
incantation as he walks.</Text>
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<Paragraph Type="Character">
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<Text>Alan</Text>
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<Paragraph Type="Dialogue">
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<Text>Oh, Malefic One, your humble servants make you these offerings;
the bones of dragons, ground into powder, fat from the flesh of a griffin,
rendered into candles, the rune that is your name, unspeakable by our
unworthy tongues.</Text>
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has given me my last swirly.</Text>
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explain himself.</Text>
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 <Text>Alan</Text>

</Paragraph>
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 <Text>(continuing)</Text>
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We ask this in your name.</Text>
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read whatâ€™s written on the headstone but we do see that something is
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 <Text>(terrifying ROAR)</Text>
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 <Text>(startled CRY)</Text>
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 <Text>(eerie WAIL)</Text>
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</Paragraph>
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  <Text>Stu</Text>
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  <Text>Me either. What a rip!</Text>
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<Text> one?/Oh yeah!/Almost forgot!</Text>
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four, or we lose our deposit.</Text>
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a </Text>

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