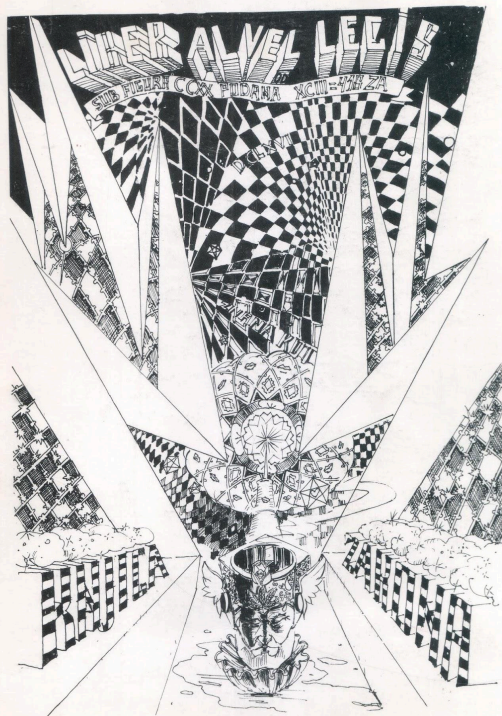


The Book of the Law
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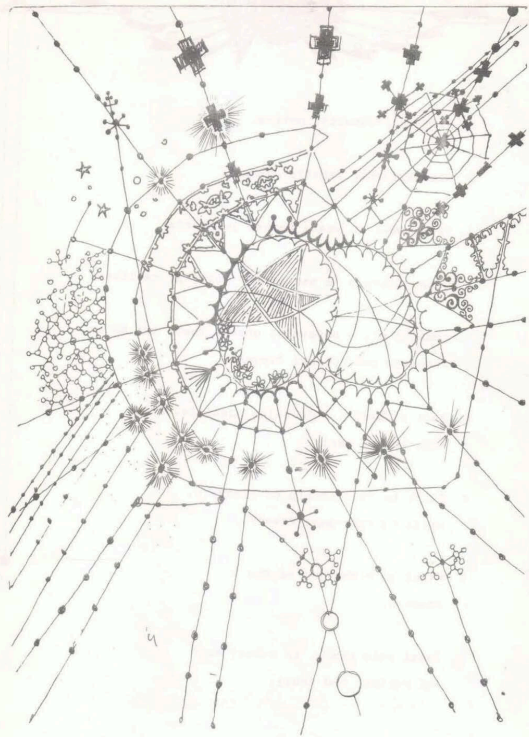
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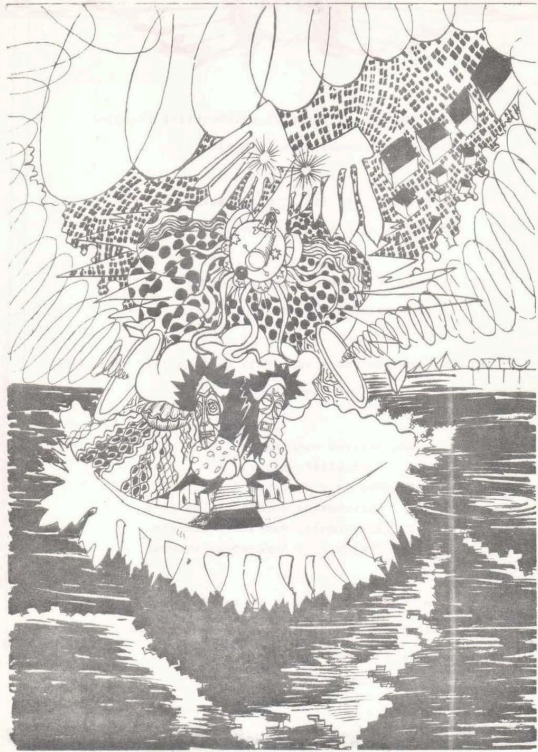
These are fools that men adore; to the their
Gods & their men are fools.

Come forth, o children, under the stars
Take your fill of love. I am above you
and in you. My ecstasy is in yours. My
joy is to see your joy

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& take your fill of love!
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and in you. My ecstasy is in yours. My
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14. Above, the gemmèd azure is
The naked splendour of Nuit;
She bends in ecstasy to kiss
The secret ardours of Hadit.
The wingèd globe, the starry blue,
Are mine, O Ankh-af-na-khonsu!
15. Now ye shall know that the chosen
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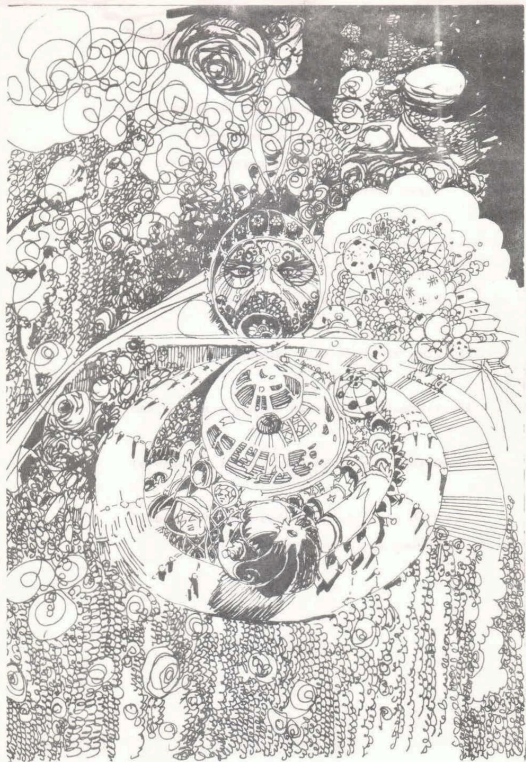
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Burn upon their brows, o splendrous serpent!
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I am Heaven, and there is no other God
than me, and my lord Hadit.

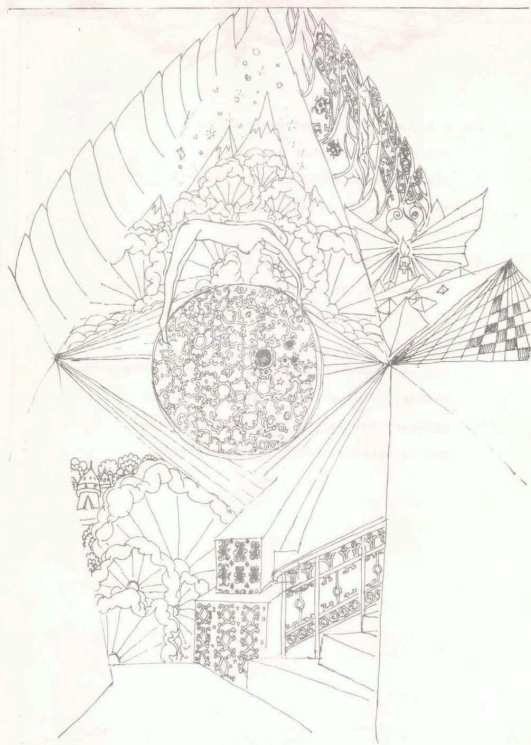
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which I will give him when at last he
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But whose availeth in this let him be
the chief of all!

I am Nuit and my word is six and fifty.
Divide, add, multiply, and understand.

Then saith the prophet and slave of the
beauteous one: Who am I, and what shall
be the sign? So she answered him, bending
down, a lambent flame of blue, all-touching
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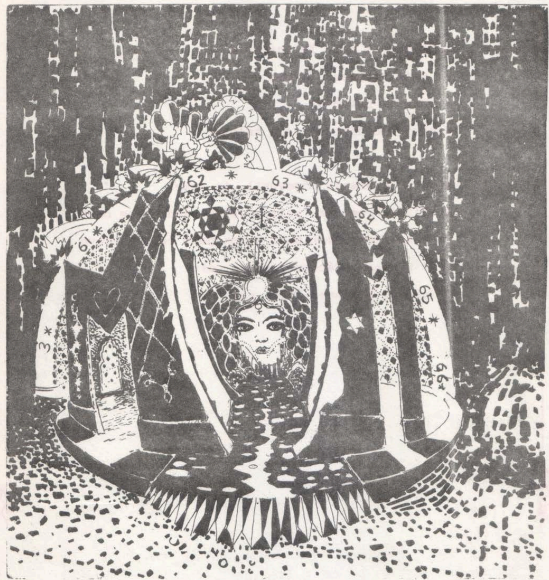
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little flowers Thou knowest! And the sign
shall be my ecstasy, the awareness of
the continuity of existence, ^{the unity} ~~the unity~~
~~omnipresence of my body~~
~~as of one part of my materiality~~
(Write this in white words) | One letter as
above.
(But go further on)

Then the priest answered & said unto
the Queen of Space, kissing her lovely brows
and the dew of her light bathing his whole
body in a sweet-smelling perfume of sweat
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be ever thus that men speak not of
Thee as One but as None and let
them speak not of Thee at all since
thou art continuous.

None, breathed the light, faint & faery, of
the stars, and two. For I am divided
for love's sake, for the chance of union.

This is the creation of the world but
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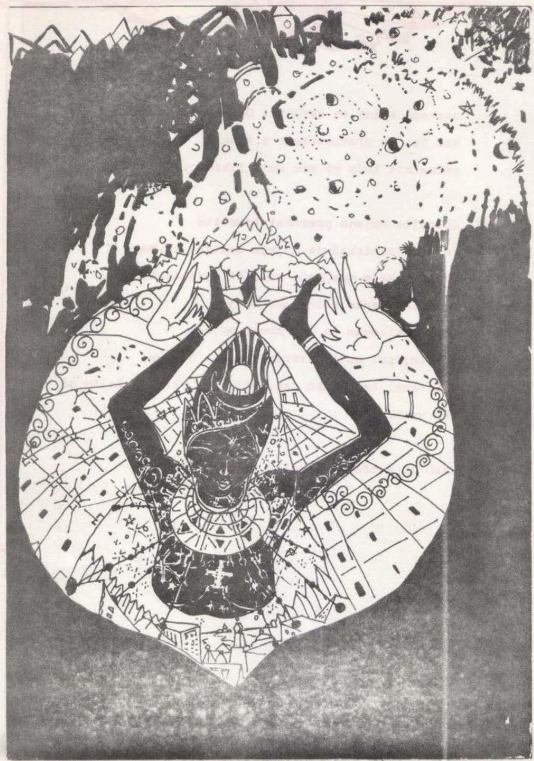
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 loves me not then at all! They feel
 little; what is, is balanced by weak
 joys: but ye are my chosen ones.

O obey my prophet! follow out the
 ordeals of my knowledge! seek me
 only! Then the joys of my love will
 redeem ye from all pain. This is
 so: I swear it by the vault of my
 body; by my sacred heart and tongue;
 by all I can give, by all I desire of
 ye all.
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Soon & said unto the Queen of Heaven
 Write unto us the ordeals write unto
 us the rituals write unto us the law.
 But she said the ordeals I write not
 the rituals shall be half known and
 half concealed: the Law is for all
 Thus that thou writest is the threefold
 book of Law
 My scribe Ankh-af-na-khonsu the
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Also the mantras and spells; the
 obeah and the wanga; the work of
 the wand and the work of the
 sword: these he shall learn and teach.
 He must teach; but he may make severe
 the ordeals.

The word of the Law is *Θελημα*.
 Who calls us Thelemites will do us
 wrong, if he look but close into the
 word. For there are therein Three
 Grades, the Hermit and the Lover and
 the man of Earth. Do what thou wilt

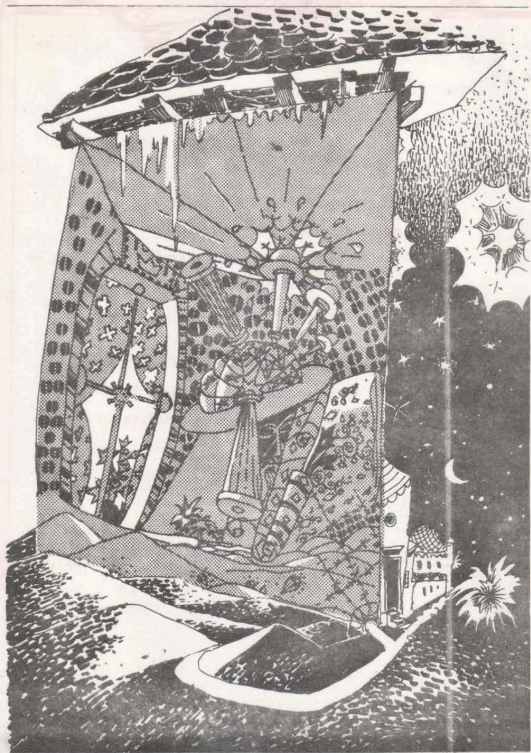
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 lover, if thou wilt, depart. There is
 no bond that can unite the divided but
 love: all else is a curse. Accurséd!
 Accurséd! be it to the aeons. Hell.
 Let it be that state of manyhood
 bound and loathing. So with thy all
 thou hast no right but to do thy will.
 O, that and no other shall my way.
 For pure will, unassuaged of purpose,

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43. Do that, and no other shall say nay.
44. For pure will, unassuaged of purpose,



delivered from the lust of result, ¹² is
every way perfect

The Perfect and the Perfect are one
Perfect and not two; nay, are more!

Nothing is a secret key of this law
Sixty-one the Jews call it; I call it
Eight, eighty, hundreded & eighty.
But they hallow the half: unite by thine
art so that all disappear.

My prophet is a fool with his one one
one: are not they the Ox and none
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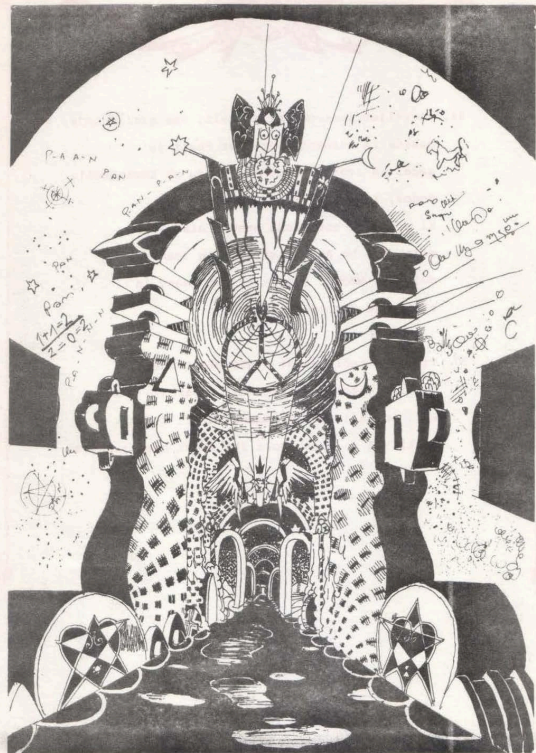
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words and signs. Ra-Hoor-Khuit hath
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who also are one. But they are not of
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ye have star & star, system & system;
let not one know well the other.

There are four gates to one palace;
the floor of that palace is of silver and
gold; lapis lazuli & jasper are there, and
all rare scents; jasmine & rose, and the
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Also, take your fill and will of
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whom ye will But always unto me.
If this be not aright; if ye confound
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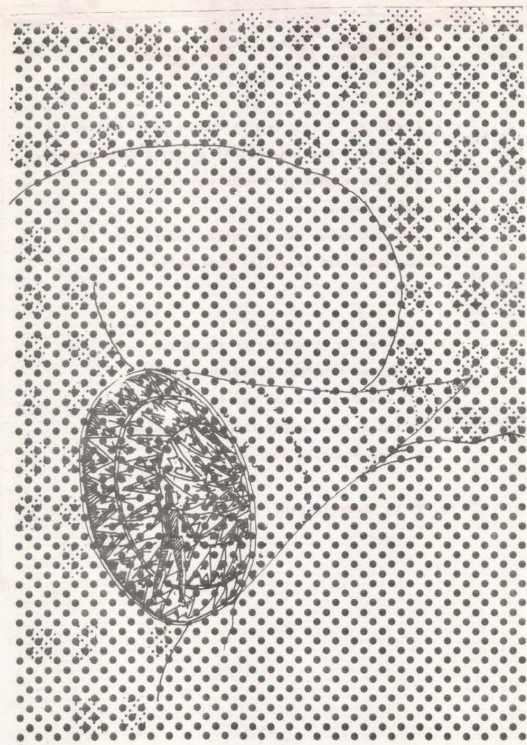
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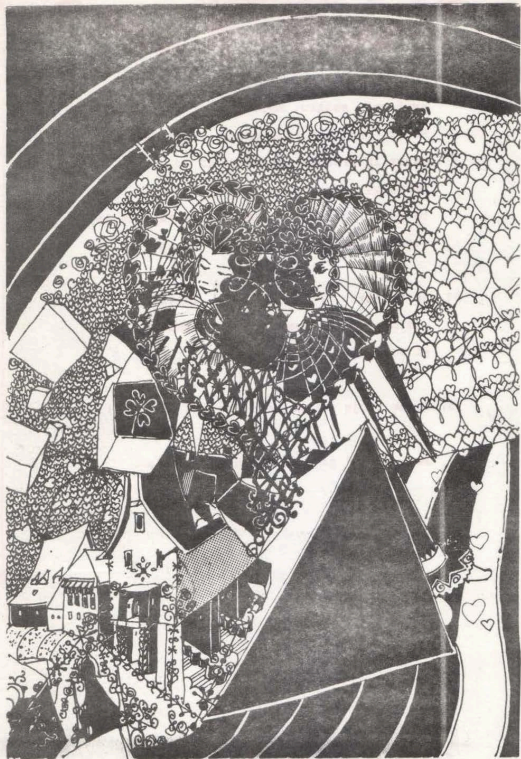
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world my sister, my heart & my tongue,
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 scribe and prophet though thou be of the
 princes it shall not assuage thee nor
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 joy of earth: ever To me To me
 Change not as much as the style
 of a letter; for behold thou o prophet
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 hidden therein.
 The child of thy bowels, he shall behold
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 half of the equation, leave the second
 unattacked but thou hast all in the
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 dark.

Invoke me under my stars. Love is the
 law, love under will. Nor let the fools
 mistake love; for there are love and love.
 There is the dove and there is the serpent.
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All these old letters of my Book are
aright; but ~~Σ~~ is not the Star. This
also is secret: my prophet shall reveal
it to the wise.

I give unimaginable joys on earth: certainty,
not faith, while in life, upon death; peace
unutterable, rest, ecstasy: nor do I demand
aught in sacrifice.

My incense is of resinous woods & gums
and there is no blood therein: because of
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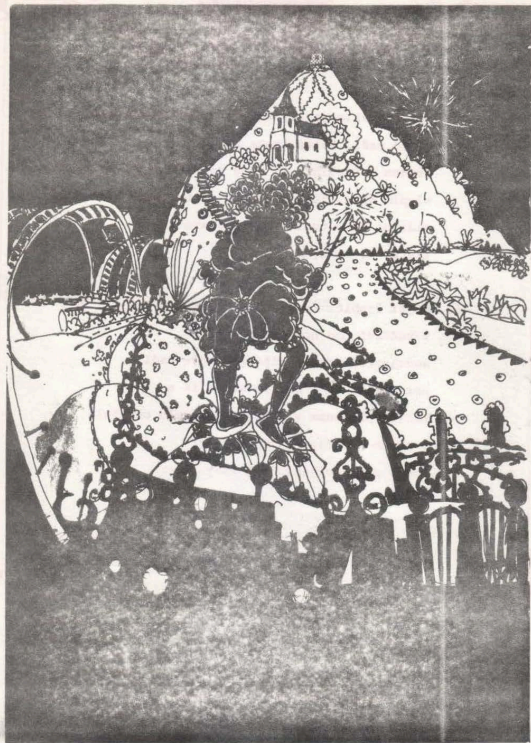
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My number is 11, as all their numbers
 who are of us ^(lost) My colour is black to the
 blind, but the blue & gold are seen of the
 seeing. Also I have a secret glory for
 them that love me.
 But to love me is better than all things: if
 under the night-stars in the desert thou
 presently burnest mine incense before me
 invoking me with a pure heart and the
 Serpent flame therein, thou shalt come
 a little to lie in my bosom. For one kiss
 wilt thou then be willing to give all:

60. My number is 11, as all their numbers
 who are of us. The Five Pointed Star, with a
 Circle in the Middle, & the circle is Red.
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but whoso gives me particle of dust
shall lose all in that hour. Ye shall
gather goods and store of women and
spices; ye shall wear rich jewels; ye
shall exceed the nations of the earth
in splendour & pride; but always in the
love of me, and so shall ye come to
my joy. I charge you earnestly to come
before me in a single robe and covered
with a rich headdress. I love you I yearn to
you. Pale or purple, veiled or voluptuous,
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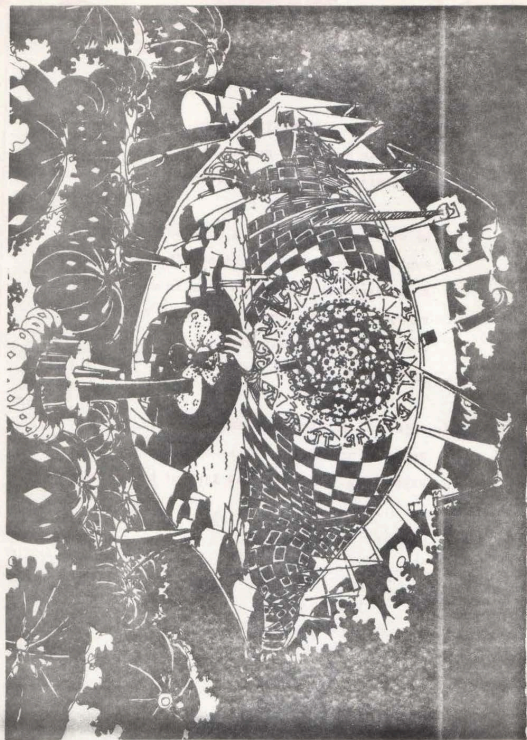
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 desire you. Put on the wings and arouse
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 At all my meetings with you shall the
 priestess say - and her eyes shall burn
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 in my secret temple - To me! To me!
 calling forth the flame of the hearts of all in her
 love - chant

Sing the rapturous love-song unto me!
 Burn to me perfumes! Wear to me jewels!
 Drink to me - for I love you! I love you!

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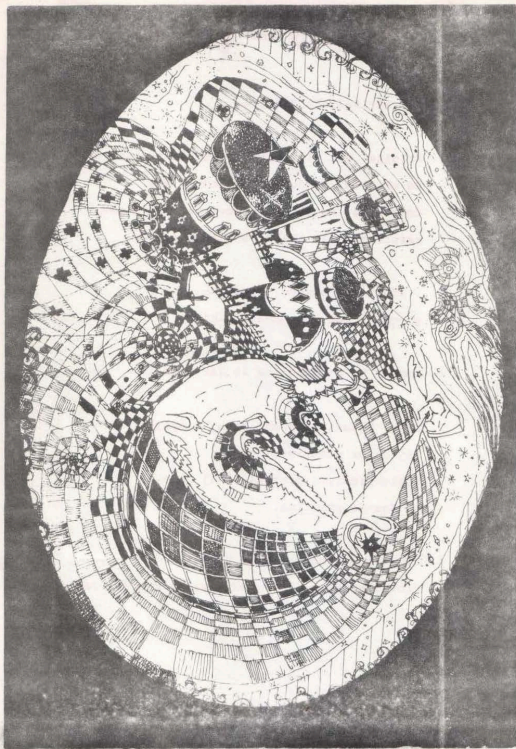
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1. Nu! the hiding of Hadit.
2. Come! all ye, and learn the secret that hath not yet been revealed. I, Hadit am the complement of Nu my bride. I am not extended, and Khabs is the name of my House.
3. In the sphere I am everywhere, the centre, & she, the circumference, is nowhere found.
4. Yet she shall be known & I never.
5. Behold! the rituals of the old time are black. Let the evil ones be cast away; let the good ones be purged by the prophet! Then shall this Knowledge go aright.
6. I am the flame that burns in every heart of man, and in the core of every star. I am

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Life, and the giver of Life; yet therefore is
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7. I am the Magician and the Exorcist I am the
axe of the wheel, and the cube in the circle.

"Come unto me" is a foolish word; for it is I that
go.

8 Who worshipped Heru-pa-kraath have
worshipped me; ill, for I am Heru-shutty.

9 Remember all ye that existence is pure joy;
that all the sorrows are but as shadows; they
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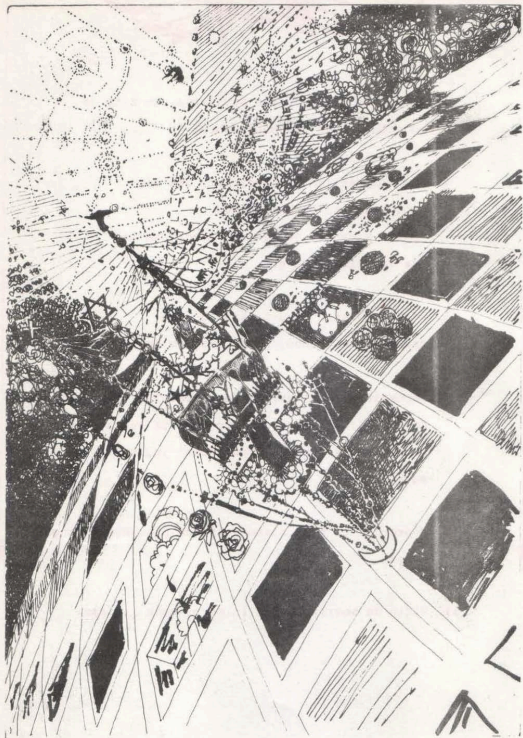
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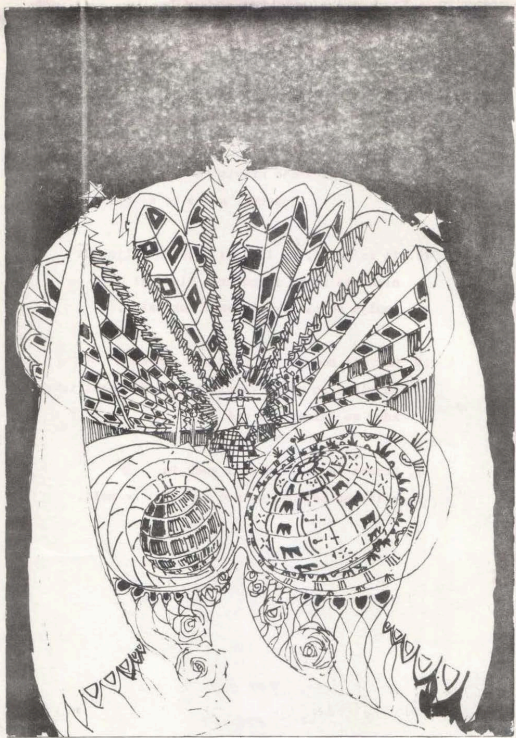
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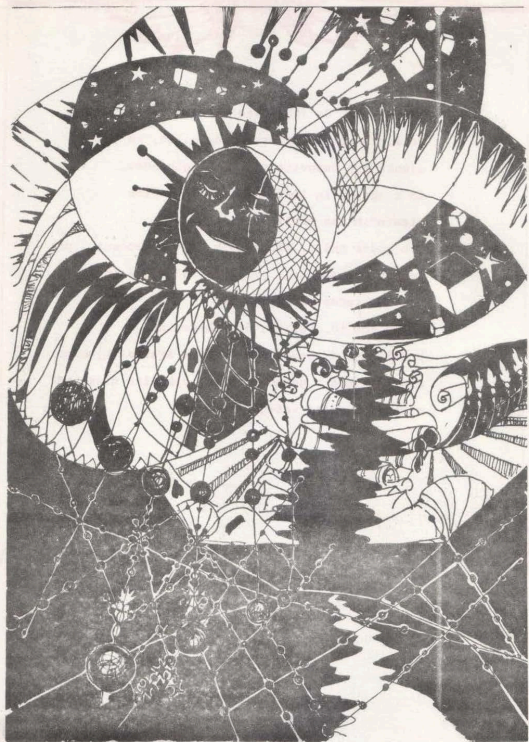
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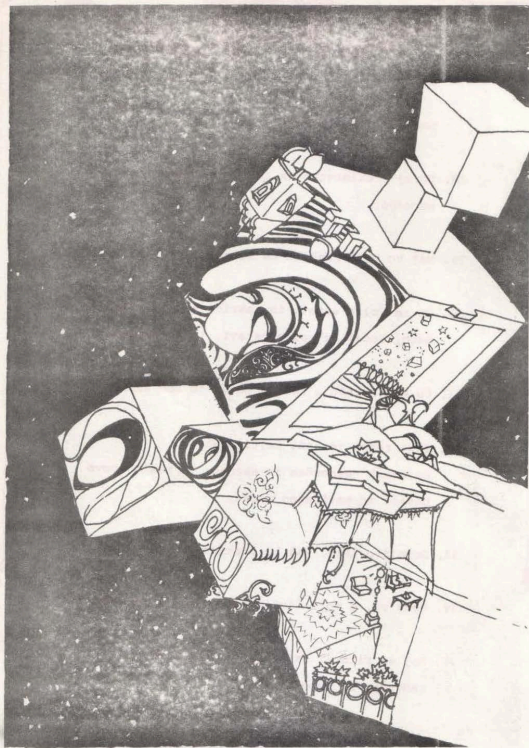
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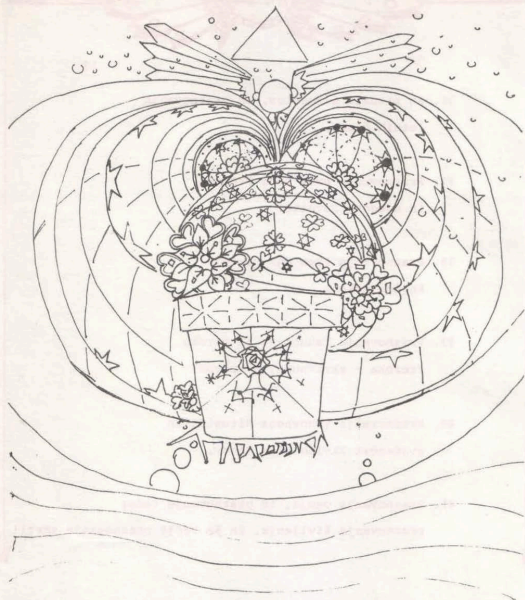
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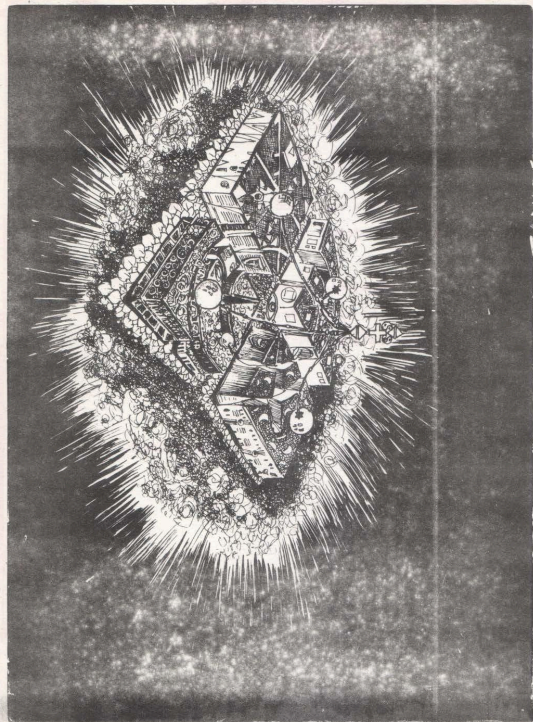
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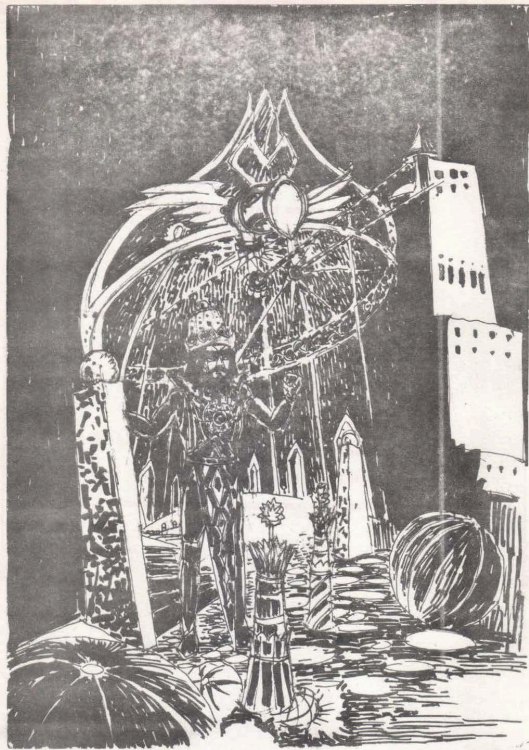


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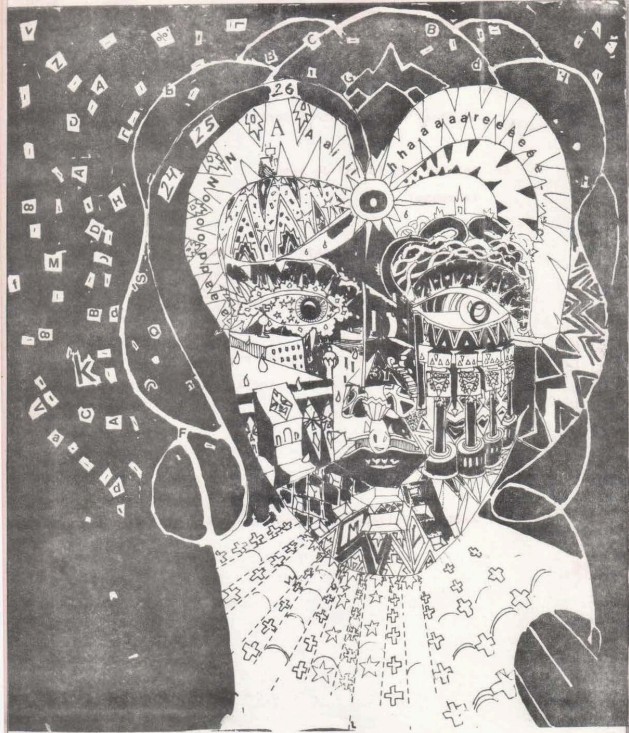
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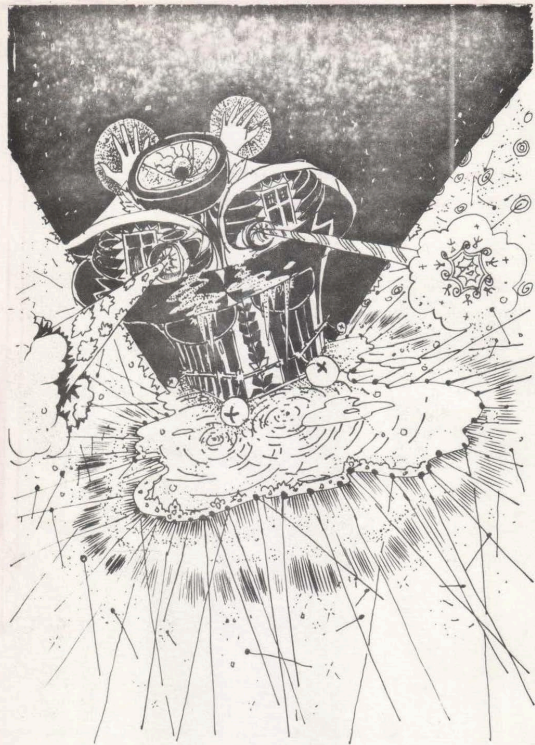


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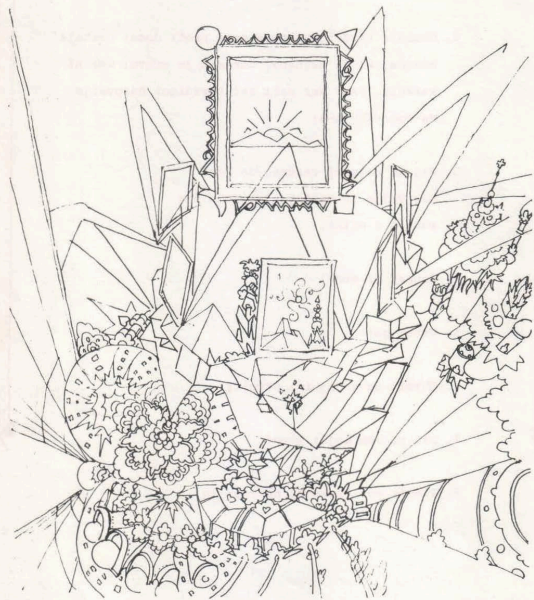
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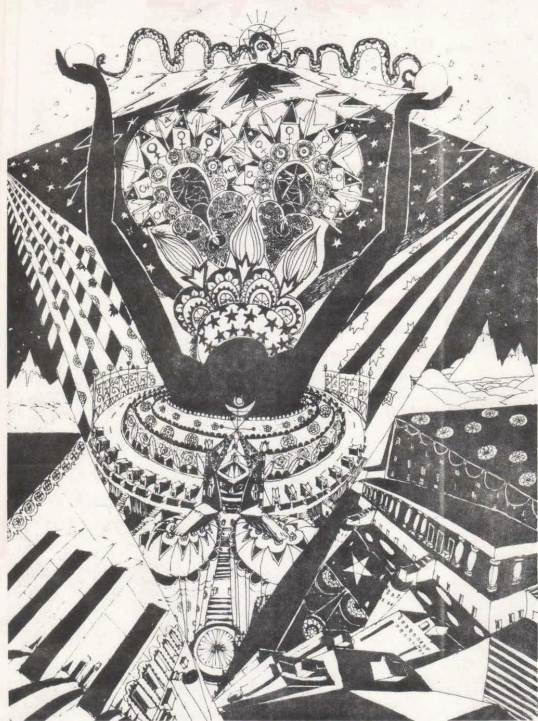


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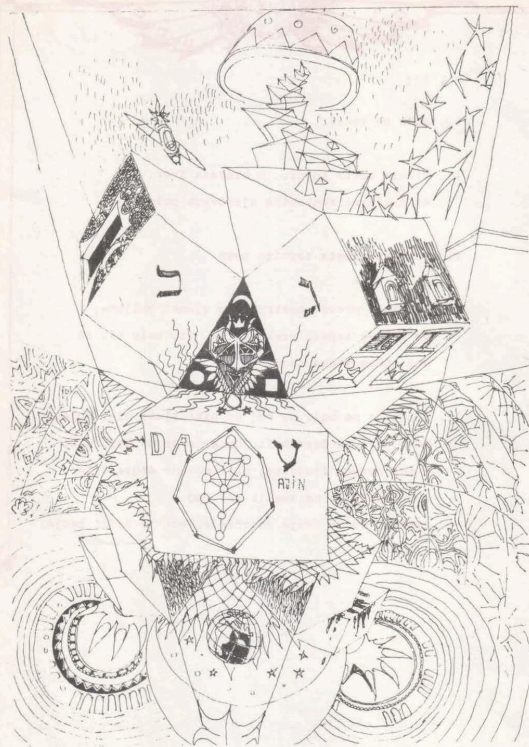
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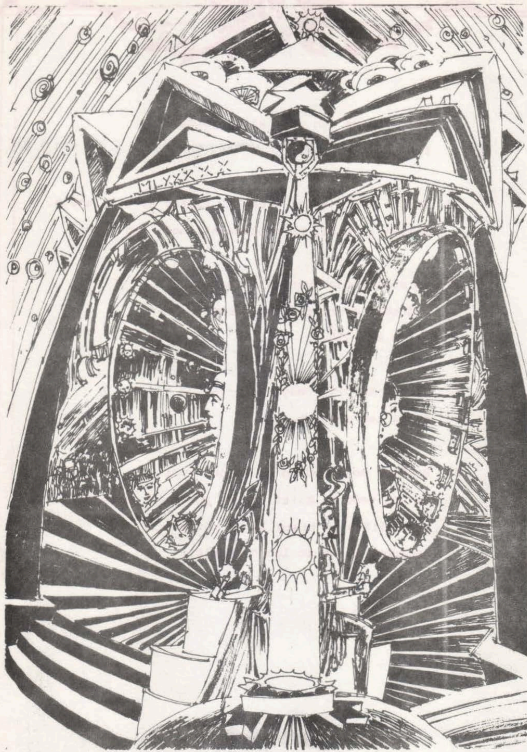


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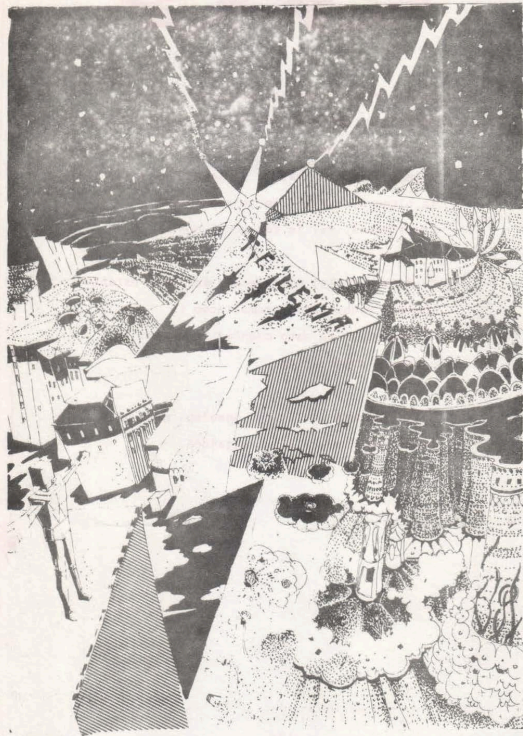
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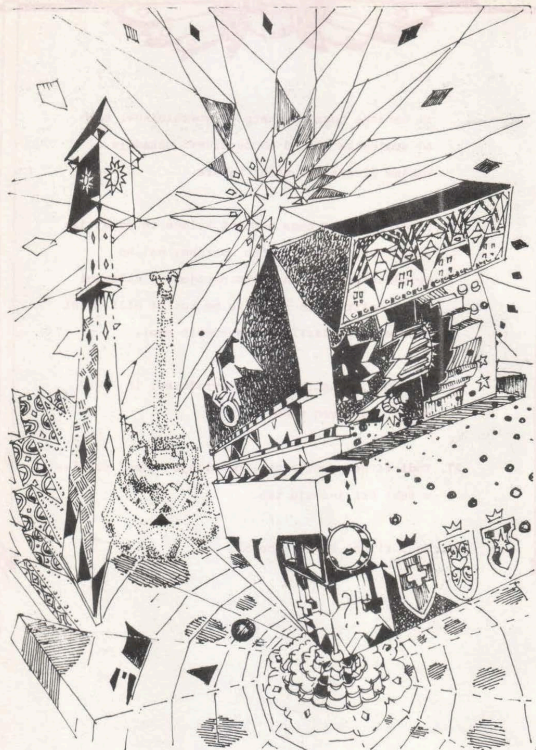
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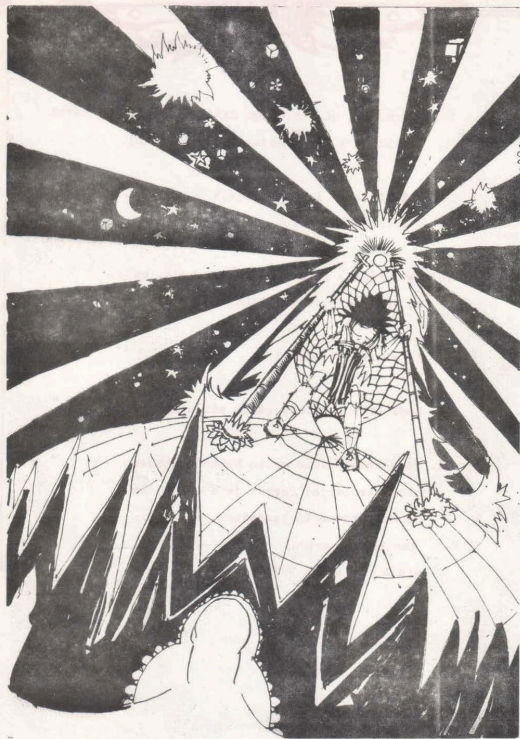
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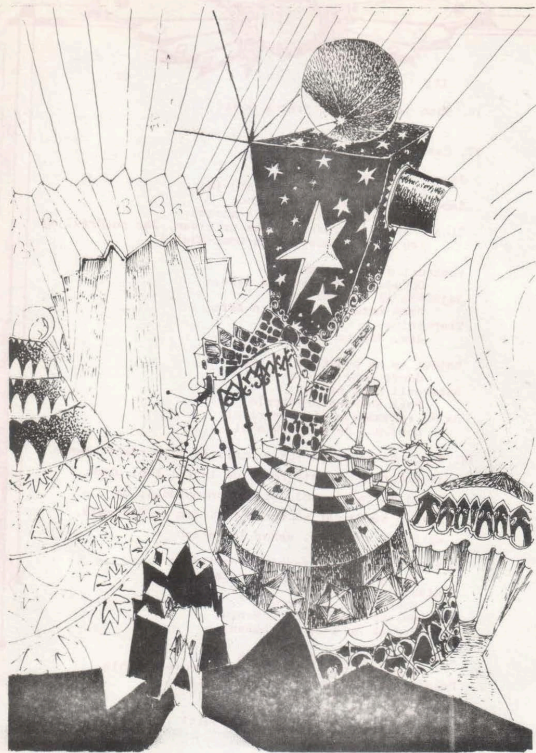
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I am the Lord of Thebes, and I
The inspired forth-speaker of Mentu;
For me unveils the veiled sky,
The self-slain Ankh-af-na-khonsu
Whose words are truth. I invoke, I greet
Thy presence, O Ra-Hoor-Khuit!
Unity uttermost showed!

I adore the might of Thy breath,
Supreme and terrible God,
Who makest the gods and death
To tremble before Thee—

I, I adore thee!
Appear on the throne of Ra!
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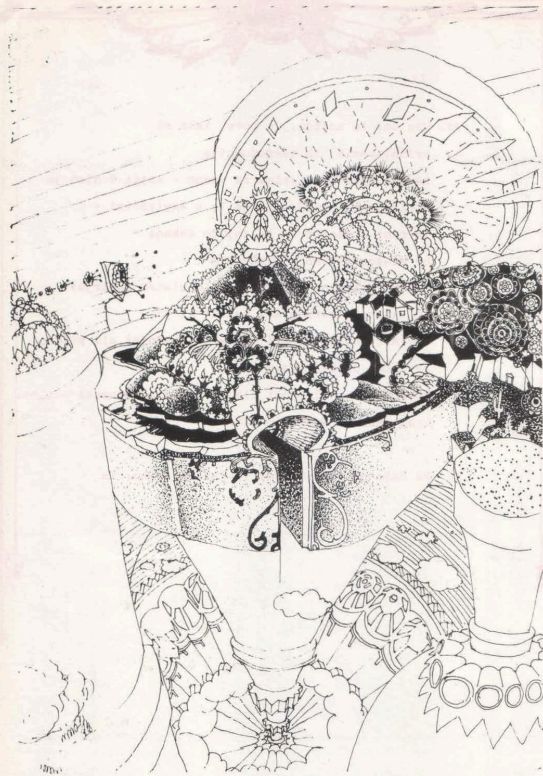
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Of Khephra and of Ahathoor.
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The prophet Ankh-af-na-khonsu!
By Bes-na-Maut my breast I beat;
By wise Ta-Nech I weave my spell.
Show thy star-splendour, O Nuit!
Bid me within thine House to dwell,
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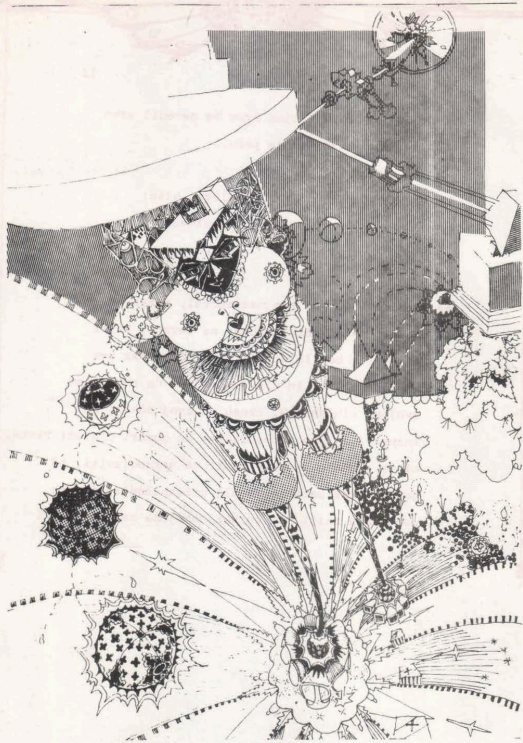
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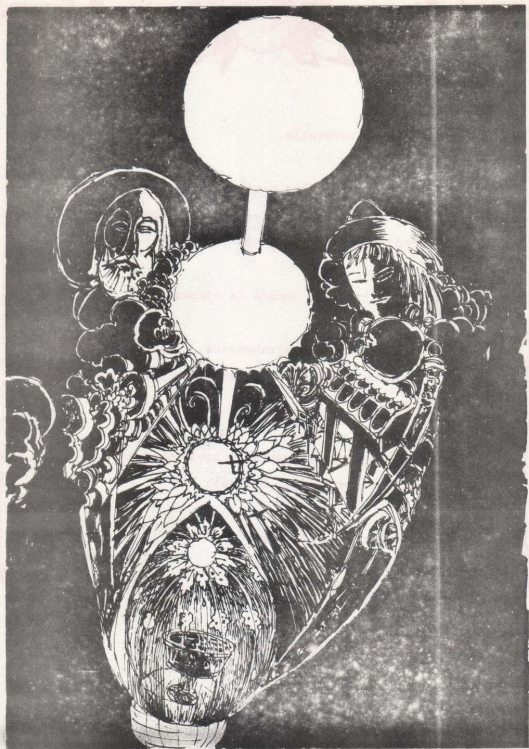
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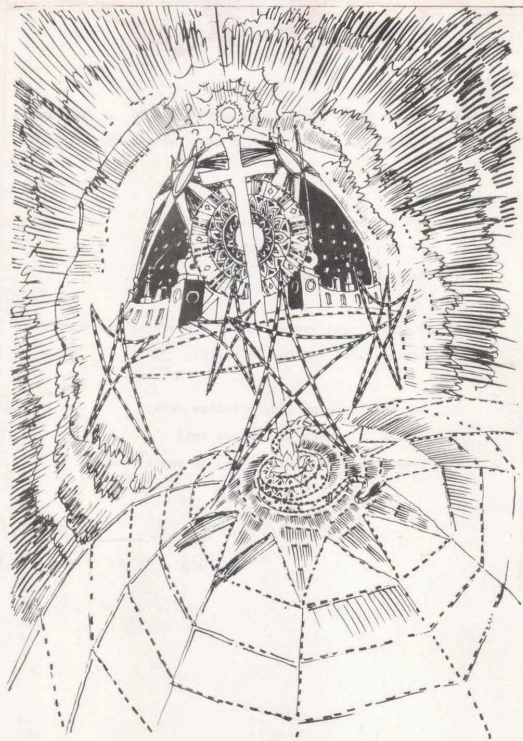
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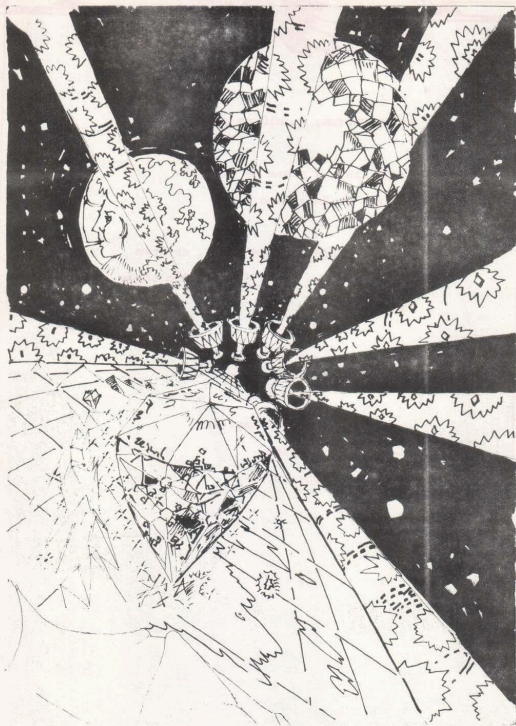
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