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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO LEARNING LOST LANGUAGES AND AWAKENING THE EVILS THAT SLEEP WITHIN

To those of you who do not live in the twisted hellscapes of King, or Lovecraft, or Poe (here as a matter of courtesy I will refer to that foul land by its proper name . . . Massachusetts—I shudder to even think about it) there may be a marked lack of true, cosmic, unfathomable horror in your life. In order to remedy the lack of the all-consuming stench of fish in your lives I have constructed a few fun activities to help you let The Watchers at the Threshold in and to let the Sleeping Ancients wake.

1. Learn a new language: Duolingo not quite your jar of worms? Not afraid of some random Owl? Well, did you know that 8/10 employers are now looking for candidates that are fluent in the Lost Tongues of R'lyeh. So what if you need three mouths to speak it, that will all come with time.
2. Read a Book: Bored of standard library fair and trashy romance novels? Try picking up a Grimoire! Don't worry about the fact that it is bound in human skin and contains unspeakable evil. A little knowledge never hurt anyone. Just think about how well-read you will be after quarantine ends. You will be the life of the party. In fact, you will be the only life at the party.
3. Get some exercise: Home workout routines may not be feasible for many people, but don't worry. With just a simple ritual and a few blood sacrifices (It'll only cost you an arm and a leg) you can have The Dungeon of Ymbstendra transported right to your door! Endless corridors of living stone, cackling behind closed doors, movements seen out of the corner of your eye, what a great place for a little bit of cardio! For extra fun you can pretend that you are running away from some nameless horror!
4. Send out some job applications: In order to deal with the crushing weight of your parent's disappointment, why don't you find some meaningful employment over the summer. Denison may have stopped its summer research, but Miskatonic University sure hasn't. For those of you with a knack for interior decoration, Prince Prospero is looking for a party planner. Any amateur sommeliers will be interested to learn that a rare cask of Amontillado has been reported in the catacombs, and apparently a sailor wants someone to teach his Orangutan how to shave. What lovely possibilities!
5. Make some new friends: Sometimes you have to break a few rules to get what you want. Who cares if you break into the local burying-ground with nothing but a shovel and your handy grimoire? The dead don't care. Especially after you raise them. Throw a party: Corona-Bologna. Now that you've made some new friends, become well read, sacrificed your arm and your leg (and maybe your soul as well), and found meaningful employment it's time to live a little. Crack open a cold Amontilado with the boys, wait for the ebony clock to chime midnight, and dance like your life depends on it (it does).

The Bullsheet and The Author do not recommend the practice of black magic, especially in your own home (if you have to do it go somewhere else). After the storming of Innsmouth in '28 contacting eldritch horrors has been expressly forbidden by the federal government (just make sure they don't catch you). Do not follow any of the previously listed advice. Please, listen to me. Please. It's too late. . .

Everything is going to be okay.

-William Kelsey, Staff Newbie

TURNS OUT AMERICANS DON'T SUCK ALL THE TIME

Good day/evening/night to all (I think we can all agree time really is just a social construct at this point). Been a while since I've hopped on the soap box here, but I hope you're all doing well and having endless fun *~staying home~*.

There's nothing I can say that hasn't been said already in a far better, more eloquent way about this whole situation. But I hope everyone is doing their best to stay sane and safe. Being an international student, quarantine has presented some...interesting challenges. But I'm not here to dwell. In fact, I want to share some love and give some quick thanks.

I'll admit, sometimes I feel like Julian Assange all cooped up under political asylum here (see pic for reference). But the support that I've felt over the past few weeks by so many friends, even strangers, has been truly overwhelming.



The Denison community has been supportive and caring in ways that I will be forever grateful for. Special shout out to my fellow staff member, Betsy, for so graciously offering me a place to stay and feeding me. I can't thank you enough. I want to say thanks to everyone for everything they've done for me, and anyone who's struggling right now, even when they're dealing with the stress of this all themselves. Special shout out to my dearly beloved and idiotic friends who make me laugh a lot. Who knew Americans could be kinda cool??

Without the support I've received, there is no way in hell I would be coping at all right now. SO, I just want to say thank you. I feel like I really have a second family here, and I love you all.

Hopefully next time you hear from me I have some more giggles to share, but I wanted to make sure I got this one out there!! <3333333333

-Emma Rutherford, Staff Newbie

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Which Pokemon game was the best one? There is a right answer and 20 wrong answers