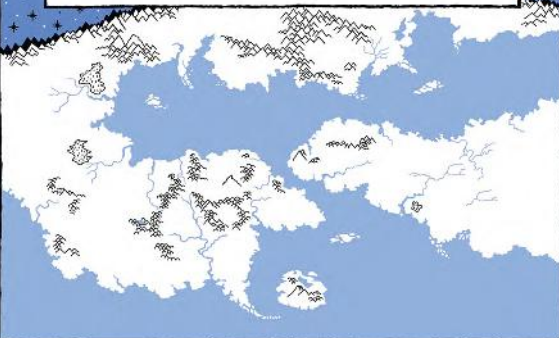


LET ME TELL YOU THIS STORY THE WAY IT WAS TOLD TO ME.  
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER!  
SO... THERE'S A PLACE, A UNIVERSE BESIDE OUR OWN, THAT'S CALLED THE DREAMLANDS...  
FROM WHAT I HEAR, IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A GREAT PLACE TO GET LOST IN...



THE PROBLEM IS, THE 'DREAMLANDS' BORDER MANY OTHER UNIVERSES AND REALITIES,  
INCLUDING THE ONE THE OUTER GODS WERE EXILED TO. THOSE ARE TERRIFYING CREATURES,  
WHOSE ONLY GOAL IS REACHING OUR DIMENSION, REUNITING WITH THE GREAT OLD ONES  
(EVEN MORE TERRIFYING CREATURES) AND CAUSING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.



ANYWAYS, THANKS TO NYALATHOTEP  
(ONE OF THE MONSTERS MOVING FREELY IN THE  
MULTIVERSE), THE OUTER GODS HAVE BEGUN  
THEIR INVASION, LEAVING THE DREAMLANDS...

...WHICH THEY RAAGED...

AND THEN USED AS A  
GATEWAY TO OUR REALITY,  
ENTERING THROUGH  
PEOPLE'S DREAMS.

DREAMS PROVIDED THEM  
A WAY IN THE INVASION  
ARMIES PASS THROUGH  
THEM ON THEIR WAY HERE.

BUT REFUGEES FROM  
THE DREAMLANDS FOUND  
THEIR WAY THROUGH THAT  
PASSAGE, TOO.

AMONG THOSE REFUGEES,  
THERE WERE THREE  
SURVIVORS FROM THE CITY  
OF ULTHAR, WHERE NO MAN  
MAY KILL A CAT IF YOU EVER  
HAPPEN TO MEET ONE OF  
THE "KATS OF ULTHAR."  
YOU'LL KNOW WHY.

THEY CAME TO OUR WORLD LOOKING FOR THE  
DESCENDANTS OF RANDOLPH CARTER, AN  
AMERICAN TRAVELER THE BEST FRIEND OF A CERTAIN  
HORROR WRITER, AND ON, ALSO A MULTIVERSE  
TRAVELER... WHO HAPPENED TO BE CAPABLE OF  
WIELDING THIS MYSTICAL SILVER KEY.





