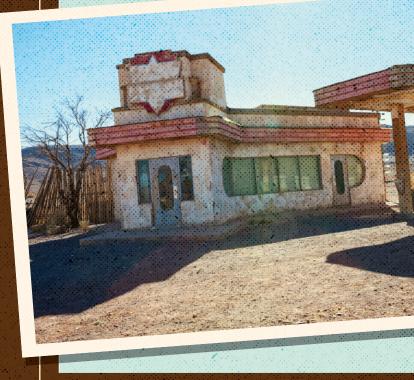


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SO...

You've got THE HEAD



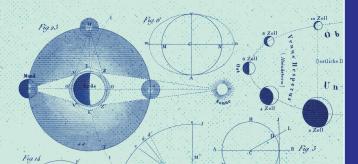


THE OHIO MOUND MUSEUM AND HERITAGE SITE/GAS STATION Discovered near Branson's Creek Ohio in 2001, the Bonesetter's Head (as it's known) is proudly displayed on the terrace of Le Musée de la Civilisation Américaine in Quebec, overlooking the beautiful Saint Lawrence Seaway.

What's this head, then?

The mound-building society that sculpted the head did so to commemorate their fear and awe for the Bonesetter of Days and Years, whom they understood as a healing intermediary between frail humanity and the immutable days and seasons. Sacrifices, mostly animal and symbolic, were conducted to please this entity.

The Bonesetter is also known as the Comte de Saint Germain, or Count Welldone, or the First and Last Man. When the universe dies and is reforged, only the First and Last Man (or "FaLM," for short) and possibly some members of his family pass from one incarnation to the next. The FaLM repairs damage and wear and tear to essential functions such as the passage of linear time, the inviolability of tangible space, and the determinacy of life vs. death.



What good is it?

Interestingly, in this edition of the universe, the FaLM has retired and appointed a successor, the Human Eternal. In the process, the FaLM was transformed into a relatively powerless but extremely well-informed cosmic outsider.

It is entirely possible that this outsider could use the head as an anchor or totem, connecting its current (diminished) state to its previous (awe-inspiring) one.

Instead of a relatively powerless cosmic outsider, it would become a somewhat more powerful one. Given its present opposition to the natural reincarnative path of the universe, this would be what mortals call "a Bad Thing."



DID YOU KNOW?

Recovering the head would not necessarily doom all human consciousness, but it would be a small step in that direction.



Should 7 destroy the head?

While destroying the Head would seem the most straightforward and satisfying option, it may be best considered a last resort. Unknown degrees of unknown (but currently stable) occult energies are bound up in this object. Destroying it would certainly release them. Releasing them in a destructive or chaotic way would, in the best case, result in widespread unnatural phenomena and, in the worst case, mass death.

What Can Be Done, Then?

It's not all doom and gloom! If returned to its initial location, it could be "re-tuned" to recognize the Human Eternal. With this icon readdressed, some useful memories from past universes might be available to help iron out wrinkles in this one!