

1999 Mad City Masters Tournament

Chicago Supernews Tossups

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1. Pelops was the only one not to suffer the gods' curse, perhaps because having had one shoulder eaten by the Olympians, he had been deemed to have suffered enough. Pelops' son, who had had his wife seduced by Thyestes, gave his name to this family; and Aeschylus took this house as the subject of his *Oresteia*. For 10 points—what is this cursed house, whose members included Agamemnon, Niobe, and the Lydian king whose actions brought divine wrath upon his family, Tantalus?

answer: House of Atreus

2. He developed the first organ replacement by transplanting pieces of the stomach to take the place of damaged esophagus tissue. He also invented a namesake chest drain valve which saved many wounded in Vietnam by easily and conveniently draining the lungs of fluid. For 10 points—identify this doctor most famous for noticing that slaps to the back could drive obstructions further down the windpipe, and proposing instead forced manual contraction of the diaphragm from below, his namesake maneuver.

answer: Henry Heimlich

3. EBay-dot-com began as a place where these could be bought and sold. A model of one shaped like Elvis appeared in the movie *The Client*. The associated candy was first marketed in Vienna, and its name comes from the German word for peppermint. For 10 points—name either the candy or the pop-culturally famous casings it comes in.

answer: Pez dispensers (from "PfeffErminZ")

4. Now a winter resort, it is the smallest of the Iles du Salut [EEL du SAH-loo] ten miles from the mouth of the Kourou River. Though it was decreed by law in 1938 not to accept new residents, it was functional until 1953, when the entire population was transferred to French soil. For 10 points—identify this island, which plays a prominent role as the setting of *Papillon*, and whose most famous resident was the accused spy, Alfred Dreyfus.

answer: Devil's Island or L'Ile du Diable

5. Diagnosis of this disease is often made due to a dislocation of the eye lens, or cases of glaucoma or retinal detachment. Those affected with this condition are tall with long, thin limbs, and are frequently double-jointed. Abnormal heart muscle composition often causes trauma responsible for death. For 10 points—what is this hereditary disease?

answer: Marfan's syndrome or Arachnodactyly

6. Buffon [boo-FAWH] came up with the idea as a design to reduce weight, but this object did not come into wide practice until after the first one was constructed for a lighthouse in 1820. Concentric rings of glass are used to shorten focal length and to narrow the beam of light considerably from that produced by a standard simple lens. For 10 points—identify this object, developed by the French physicist who circularly polarized light.

answer: Fresnel lens (prompt on "compound lens")

7. The first one's father was Hussein ibn 'Ali, sharif of Mecca and proclaimed king of the Hejaz by the British, and his brother was Faisal, first king of Syria, then later of Iraq. The second one's father was also Hussein, who inherited the throne after his father, Talal, son of the first one, stepped down due to mental illness in 1952. For 10 points—identify these two Arab kings, numbered the first, who ruled until his assassination in Jerusalem in 1951, and the second, the current king of Jordan.

answer: Abdullah (I and II)

8. Her husband, a man by the name of Dominis, was governor of the island where the capital city was located, and would perhaps have provided her with more adroit advice when she succeeded her brother David Kalakaua, had he not soon afterwards died. Her hostility towards the foreigners who ran the native sugar industry helped lead to her overthrow in 1893. For 10 points—who was this onetime queen of Hawaii?

answer: Liliuokalani or Lydia Kamakaeha

9. Though he is praised in the prologue as a great builder and warrior and as semi-divine, he enters the story as a harsh ruler who must be humbled by the gods. In his later adventures, he and his friend destroy a heavenly bull sent to destroy him by a spurned goddess, for which his friend is to be killed by Shamash, Ea, and Anu. Alas, the plant of immortality is snatched from him by a serpent, and his friend dies. For 10 points—name this epic hero, whose first episode details his meeting with his fated friend, Enkidu.

answer: Gilgamesh

10. The hero was a young driver, just out on his second job, who was probably thinking more about his wife at the journey's end than about driving his rig. As a result, he missed the sign reading "shift to low gear — \$50 fine," and lost control of his truck along a two-mile stretch of hill, killing him and hospitalizing seven others. For 10 points—identify this song by Harry Chapin whose title refers to the young driver's Scranton, Pennsylvania-bound load of produce, possibly Chiquitas.

answer: Thirty Thousand Pounds of Bananas

11. Often considered a one-hit wonder of literature, this author's more successful book during his lifetime was *The Mystery of the Yellow Room*, the first documented locked room mystery; and he was also a noted journalist. His posthumous success is based on the story of a man believed to be a disfigured gentleman named Erik, who lives in dungeons below a Parisian landmark. For 10 points—name this author of *The Phantom of the Opera*.

answer: Gaston Leroux

12. The title character took more than 14 hours less than his opponent and his crucial mistake was play 130 at S-5 rather than at P-11, though Otake [o-TAH-kay] did not immediately realize that he would win. Within two years, the title character, a remnant of a more relaxed age long gone, had died. For 10 points—identify this 1972 work about a prolonged contest of the intellect by Yasunari Kawabata.

answer: The Master of Go or Meijin

13. Blue starts in the center; green, brown, and yellow at three points along the straight edge of the D; black on the spot towards the back of the table, and pink touching the apex of a pyramid of fifteen red balls. The name of the game comes from the term for having to shoot from a position from which it is impossible to hit the one ball without scratching. For 10 points—name this billiards variant popular in Britain.

answer: Snooker

14. The actions of Thomas Farrinor, a royal baker, attracted little concern initially from Samuel Pepys. Although 16 people died, ironically many more were likely saved, as there was a subsequent decline in the Black Plague because of the number of rats killed during this event. For 10 points—name this conflagration which swept the city of London, from which much of the rebuilding was designed by Christopher Wren.

answer: Great Fire of 1666 or (prompt for year on "Great Fire of London")

15. A patron saint of shoemakers, he and his brother came from a noble Roman family, and grew up to go to Soissons where they made numerous converts. Condemned to death and beheaded by emperor Maximian, his feast day is Oct. 25th. For 10 points—who is this saint associated with the Battle of Agincourt, and the subject of a famous speech in Act 4 scene 3 of Shakespeare's *Henry V*?

answer: Saint Crispin or Brother Crispian

16. They were united by Khan Kasym in the early 1500s but they soon split into three hordes. The Great Horde controlled Semirechie, but due to incursions from Mongols and Kalmyks, they drifted west, where they came into contact with the Russians. Expansion by the Kokand Khanate in 1820 forced them to seek Russian protection, costing them their independence. For 10 points—name this recently independent nomadic Turkic people, generally located north of the Uzbeks, whose capital has recently moved to from Almaty to Aqmola.

answer: Kazakhs

17. The architects were John Andrews and Webb Zerafa Menkes Housden, and they included a glass floor two and one half inches thick and 256 square feet in area. Originally intended just to improve the city's television reception, it was built by the National Railway company, and opened in June of 1976 with a rotating restaurant and three observation decks. For 10 points—identify this tallest free-standing structure in the world, the most prominent feature of the Toronto skyline.

answer: The CN Tower

18. As an engineering professor, he taught Czar Nicholas II how to construct fortifications. However, his friendships with A. S. Dargomyzhsky and Balakirev turned him to music, where he became a strong proponent of Russian music to the west. However, his works tended to be rooted in French themes, such as his opera based on Maupassant's "Mademoiselle Fifi." For 10 points—name this Lithuanian-born composer of French descent, whose works include *Feast in Time of the Plague* and *Prisoner of the Caucasus*.

answer: César Antonovich Cui

19. Their name implied that they came from the "White Land" and they believed themselves to be suspended on the last of a string of recreated earths above nine underworlds and 13

heavens. Unification into a great empire began in the 1430s when the capital subjugated neighboring Texcoco and Tlacopan under Itzcouatl. For 10 points—identify this Mesoamerican civilization that replaced the Toltecs and governed most of Mexico until 1521 saw the arrival of Hernán Cortés.

answer: Aztecs or Azteca

20. The landing near this town was a maneuver to outflank the Gustav Line, the hope being that the invading troops could take the Alban Hills where Highway 6 was located, and then race to Rome, bypassing the resistance that the 5th Army was facing further south. However, the slow pace of Allied advances allowed the Germans to recover and establish a defensive perimeter that prevented a linkup with southern Allied armies for four months. For 10 points—what Italian city was the target of this Allied amphibious assault in early 1944?

answer: Anzio (Accept an early Operation Shingle)

21. This scholar both fostered the study of others by writing the *Preface to Shakespeare* and also produced his own works, earning the sobriquet "the Great Cham of Literature." Among his writings were the moralistic commentary *Rasselas*. For 10 points—who is this 18th-century English lexicographer whose life was written by James Boswell?

answer: Samuel Johnson

22. There are four of them; they successively increase from 1 at the lowest state, to 7 for the fourth state. Wolfgang Pauli explained how the electrons in them are arranged in the *s*, *p*, *d*, and *f* shapes. For 10 points—what are these three-dimensional expressions of a wave function that represent the electron shell of an atom?

answer: Electron orbitals

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Chicago Supernews Bonuses

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1. Identify these works of literature that are not about Quizbowl:

A. For 5 points—this Shakespearean play is about the betrothal of Beatrice and Benedick and a conspiracy against Claudio.

answer: Much Ado About Nothing

B. For 10 points—entirely unrelated to the Hitchcock films of the same name, this collection of short stories by G. K. Chesterton features the amateur detective Horne Fisher.

answer: The Man Who Knew Too Much

C. For 15 points—this novel by Yuri Dombrovsky is about the show-trial of archaeologist Georgi Zybuin, accused of stealing state museum property.

answer: The Faculty of Useless Knowledge or Fakultet Nenuzhnykh Veshchey

2. Answer the following about a February 4, 1974 event, for 10 points each:

A. Who was the 19-year-old Berkeley student kidnapped that day, an heiress to a famous newspaper family?

answer: Patrica (Patty) Hearst

B. What was the group that kidnapped Patty Hearst, who, instead of demanding a ransom, wanted the Hearst family to donate \$70 worth of food to every needy Californian?

answer: Symbionese Liberation Army

C. After two months with the SLA, Hearst agreed to join their cause, taking the name Tania and taking part in a bank robbery. Who was the lawyer hired by her family to represent her at the subsequent trial?

answer: F. Lee Bailey

3. For 10 points each—identify the following about an American crime figure:

A. This man grew up a part of the "Five Points Gang" in New York; while working at the Harvard Inn as a bartender/bouncer, he insulted a patron and became involved in a fight with her brother where he received the distinctive markings that led to his nickname.

answer: Al(phonsus) "Scarface" Capone

B. In the infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre Capone's men, dressed as police officers, gunned down seven members of what rival's gang?

answer: Bugs Moran

C. What Chicago mayor during the 1920s, after initially working with Al Capone, decided it was bad for his political image and tried to run him out of town?

answer: William "Big Bill" Hale Thompson, Jr.

4. Identify the following essential amino acids, for 10 points each:

A. A decarboxylation of this amino acid synthesized by ribose and adenosine triphosphate is associated with allergic reactions.

answer: histidine

B. First isolated by Emil Fischer in 1901, it is synthesized by plants from pyruvic acid.

answer: valine

C. This amino acid was synthesized from silk proteins and is essential for the formation of phospholipids.

answer: serine

5. VISUAL BONUS. For 10 points each—given a picture, identify the artist from the painting.

A. (<http://209.132.4.118/art/mondrian/ryb.html>)

answer: Piet Mondrian

B. (<http://www.valais.com/106big.htm>) (Flaming June)

answer: Frederick Leighton

C. (<http://metalab.unc.edu/cjackson/homer/p-homer2.htm>) (The Gulf Stream)

answer: Winslow Homer

6. An annual springtime challenge for three year-old thoroughbreds, the Triple Crown of horseracing is something which has only been achieved 11 times.

A. For 5 points—this 1973 winner collected his crown with a stunning 31-length winning margin in the Belmont Stakes.

answer: Secretariat

B. For 10 points—this horse was the first to collect \$1 million in purse money, and became the second animal that jockey Eddie Arcaro rode to a Triple Crown.

answer: Citation

C. For 15 points—an unlikely winner, this horse only won 13 of his 31 races, and was winless before a wire-to-wire victory in the Kentucky Derby on the way to picking up horseracing's first Triple Crown.

answer: Sir Barton

7. Answer the following about Vatican II [Two], for 10 points each:

A. The Second Vatican Council was announced on January 25, 1959 by what Pope?

answer: Pope John XXIII, or Angelo Guiseppe Roncalli

B. Unfortunately, John XXIII did not live to see the completion of Vatican II; who was Pope when the council was completed?

answer: Pope Paul VI

C. John XXIII had as the goal of the council to "bring the church up to date," a concept which he referred to using what Italian term?

answer: Aggiornamento

8. Bo knows . . . Quizbowl? Test your recall of the multi-sport legend Bo Jackson. For 10 points each—

A. Bo was born with the name Vincent Edward Jackson, named after his mother's favorite television actor, Vince Edwards, who played this doctor on a 1960s ABC series.

answer: Dr. Ben Casey

B. Bo made his pro baseball debut for Kansas City on September 2, 1986, with an infield single off this aging pitcher, a one-time star with St. Louis and Philadelphia.

answer: Steve Carlton

C. Bo's second career in football began with the Raiders. However, while in a playoff game against this team in January 1991, Bo suffered a hip injury that caused him to develop avascular necrosis and ended his football days.

answer: Cincinnati or Bengals

9. Answer the following about an illegitimate child of Pepin of Herstal:

A. First, for 5 points—name this man, whose byname means "the hammer," who united the Frankish realm.

answer: Charles Martel

B. For 5 points—Charles Martel defeated Muslim invaders from Spain in this 732 battle also known as the Battle of Poitiers.

answer: Battle of Tours

C. For 10 points—what governor of Córdoba did Martel defeat at the battle of Tours?

answer: Abd ar-Rahman or Abd al-Rahman

D. For 5 points each—name the two legitimate heirs to whom Charles Martel left his kingdom at his death in 741.

answer: Pepin, Carloman

10. Identify the following works of Molière given a brief description, for 10 points each:

A. Arnolphe is afraid of women, and so decides to marry a woman who knows nothing about the world.

answer: The School for Wives, or L'Ecole des Femmes

B. Molière responded to his critics by presenting this one act discussion play which recreated the actor's lounge during rehearsals.

answer: L'Impromptu de Versailles

C. This play, though a failure, portrays the title character and his servant, Sganarelle, as the French versions of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

answer: Dom Juan (accept Don Juan) or le Festin de Pierre or The Stone Feast

11. Identify the river, given some of its tributaries, for 10 points each.

A. Xingu [SHIN-goo]; Negro [NAY-gro]; Roosevelt

answer: Amazon

B. Dongwe; Luangwa; Shangani

answer: Zambezi

C. Chinchuin; Sittang; Myittha

answer: Irrawaddy

12. Identify the following films given the year of release and the role played by Claude Rains:

A. For 5 points—1933, the title character, Dr. Jack Griffin

answer: The Invisible Man

B. For 5 points—1942, Captain Louis [loo-EE] Renault

answer: Casablanca

C. For 10 points—1939, Senator Joseph Paine

answer: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

D. For 10 points—1946, Alexander Sebastian

answer: Notorious

13. Identify the following cities in Minnesota, for the stated number of points:

A. For 5 points--this Lake Superior port handles the second largest tonnage of U.S. cities after New York.

answer: Duluth

B. For 10 points--located on its namesake river, this city was the birthplace of Sinclair Lewis and inspiration for *Main Street*.

answer: Sauk Center

C. For 15 points--this northern city, named for an Ojibwa chief, is home to Paul Bunyan State Park and features an 18-foot tall statue of him and the blue ox, Babe.

answer: Bemidji

14. Given the names of the members of a synthesizer duo, identify the band for the stated number of points.

A. For 5 points—Annie Lennox and David Stewart

answer: Eurythmics

B. For 10 points—Roland Orzabal and Curt Smith

answer: Tears for Fears

C. For 15 points—Dieter Meier and Boris Blank

answer: Yello

15. Identify these prehistoric mammals, for 10 points each:

A. Related to the rhinoceros, remains of this largest land mammal ever was first discovered in areas of Pakistan and Iran.

answer: Baluchitherium

B. The largest edentatan, this "great beast" was a gargantuan sloth.

answer: Megatherium

C. This Eocene creature was the first horse.

answer: Eohippus

16. 30-20-10. Identify the scientist.

- A. During World War II, this chemist conducted research on penicillin at Cambridge, and moved on to vitamin B-12 in 1948.
- B. She was first encouraged in the field of chemistry by A. F. Joseph, whom she met as a child while living in Sudan during an archaeology expedition of her father's.
- C. She won the 1964 Nobel Prize in chemistry for her work on X-ray crystallography.

answer: Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin

17. Name these works housed at the Louvre from their descriptions, for 10 points each:

- A. Found on Rhodes, it stands 11 feet tall and is missing both its head and its right wing.

answer: Winged Victory of Samothrace

- B. In the right of this painting, there is a mustachioed horseman rearing up, leading bound women. In the foreground, an old woman is seated, a naked baby clings to his dead mother, and the dying to the left plead to a standing soldier.

answer: The Massacre at Chios (by Delacroix)

- C. In this painting, the nude reclines with her back to the viewer, looking over the shoulder. She wears a turban, holds a feather duster, and is fiddling with the hem of a blue curtain.

answer: La Grande Odalisque (by Ingres)

18. Name these flowers from clues, for 10 points each:

- A. Not a lily, this flower is depicted in the *fleur-de-lys*; it is the source of orrisroot, from which essence of violet is derived, and two common types are blue and yellow flag.

answer: iris

- B. A relative of nightshade, this flower, though an annual, is hardy enough to grow as if it were a perennial. Its flowers are trumpet-shaped, and generally range from white to red to purple.

answer: petunia

- C. This flower is actually the trumpet narcissus and is usually yellow with one blossom bearing a six-lobed corolla.

answer: daffodil

19. Identify the following Chicago poets from works, for 15 points on the first, or for 5 on the second.

- A. 15: "The Chinese Nightingale"
5: "The Congo"

answer: Vachel Lindsay

- B. 15: the blank verse drama, *Maximilian*
5: *Spoon River Anthology*

answer: Edgar Lee Masters

20. Name the following plant structures, for 10 points each:

- A. This part of the root system is an underground plant stem which allows the parent to reproduce asexually by sending out shoots that become the new plant.

answer: rhizome

- B. This is the stalk which connects the blade part of a leaf to the main stem.

answer: petiole

- C. Together with a filament, this structure makes up the stamen; it produces spores.

answer: anther

21. Identify the capitals of these states of India, for 10 points each:

- A. Tamil Nadu

answer: Madras

- B. West Bengal

answer: Calcutta

- C. Rajasthan

answer: Jaipur

22. Identify these stories of Ambrose Bierce, for the stated number of points:

- A. For 5 points—this is the story of the hanging of Peyton Farquahr.

answer: An Occurance at Owl Creek Bridge

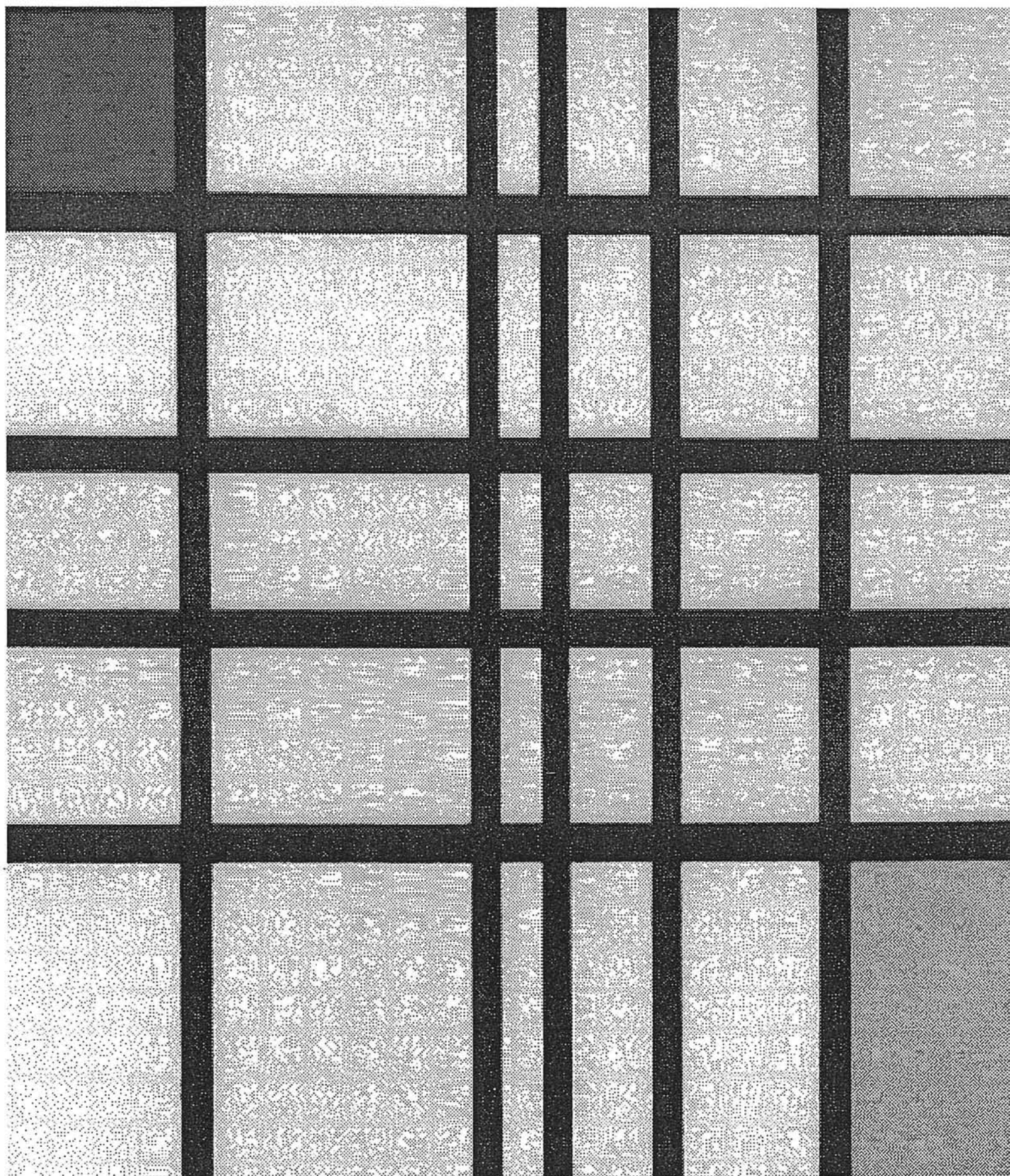
- B. For 10 points—in this story, a Confederate officer falls to his death from a cliff at the hands of his son.

answer: The Horseman in the Sky

- C. For 15 points—it is very likely that H. P. Lovecraft read this story, as its use of the name Hastur for a deity predates Lovecraft's.

answer: Haita the Shepherd

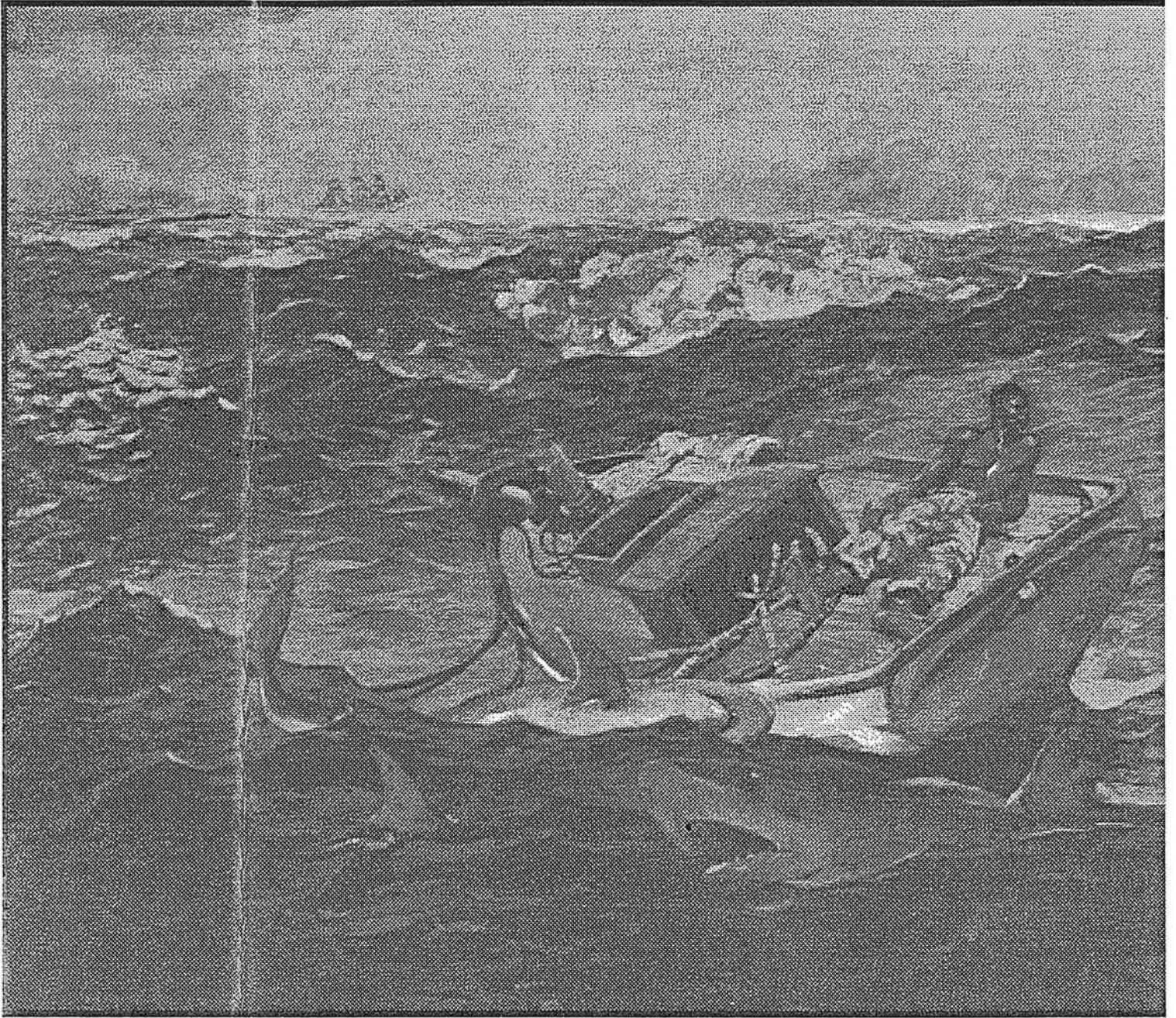
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