

## The Second Rite of the Black Path

*My life, and its ending, are my own affair*

Fire 1

Water 2

Blood 2

Earth 2

Air 1

Drachma 10

Performing this mystery requires around five minutes of ritual involving the philosophers, the mystery focus and a specially prepared dagger. To prepare the dagger the philosopher must have access to or obtain a small amount of the mystical metal ORICHALCUM. The more unique-looking the dagger is, the better. During the ritual the dagger is prepared by bathing it in the blood of the target philosopher. If the target philosopher has not completed the First Rite of the Black Path, they die at the completion of the mystery and it fails. If successful, the dagger is bound to the philosopher's life force and if it is used to shed blood for the purposes of a Greater Mystery casting, that blood counts as double strength (i.e. satisfies the requirement for blood from two philosophers). The dagger is to all intents and purposes now an artifact and will respond to Wisdom of the Magi - please come to GOD to obtain a ribbon and lore sheet for the dagger. The focus can be used to perform this greater mystery once, and only during an annual under the sign of Sagittarius. Enhancement Each Philosopher who contributes blood and is bound to the order of the Black Lodge by the First Rite of the Black Path reduces the cost to perform the mystery by 1 of each type of quintessence to a maximum reduction of 3 of each type.

***This Greater Mystery may only be cast once at the Thirteenth Annual unless otherwise specified, and may only be cast under the Sign of Taurus***



*This sheet represents the information available through the use of the Lesser Mystery "Wisdom of the Seer" on a Greater Mystery focus. This information is valid only for the Thirteenth Annual.*

*This is an OOC document, but represents IC knowledge your character has gained of the purpose of the Greater Mystery and the ritual and ceremony necessary for the casting of it.*

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