

# The Lancaster Grimoire

Description: a children's composition notebook, well-used with swollen pages (kept shut by a large rubber band). The cover (with the words 'LANCASTER GRIMOIRE' written on it, in block letters) is battered and stained, but surprisingly intact. The pages inside are covered with a variety of spells, diagrams, and crude pictures, written in a childish hand (and a variety of inks). An esoteric inspection of the Lancaster Grimoire will indicate that it definitely has spent time around ambient magical energies, and that there is an unknown spell of protection and mending laid upon the Grimoire itself. It does not reek of evil.

The Lancaster Grimoire first surfaced in 2021 at a mid-level occult auction in Rock Springs, Wyoming. The hedge-wizard who purchased it as part of a 'collected miscellany' sale only really *looked* at the Grimoire three weeks later, which was unfortunately enough time for details of the original owners to be lost (occult auctions of this type are notoriously bad at record-keeping, particularly since they are often used as the arcane version of anonymously dumping your garbage into somebody else's dumpster). The wizard immediately and wisely passed the Grimoire along to a more knowledgeable colleague, which is why we have it now.

That's good, because the Lancaster Grimoire is occult dynamite. The spells themselves aren't incredibly powerful, or even creative in their goals (they're mostly mending, divination, protection, or luck spells), but each spell's architecture is dazzling. The person who wrote these spells clearly knew no more than the absolute basics of arcane law to start with, and yet extrapolated from those laws to create an internally consistent system of magic.

What's more, that system is more efficient than any of the current magical traditions available today, by a factor of at least ten. Even just looking at the end result is shaking up the somewhat insular world of magical theory; every research Circle and Cabal that have seen the spells are clamoring for the source code, as it were. This new theory could have the same effect on esoteric learning that Newtonian physics had on exoteric -- yes, that analogy was deliberate, and without hyperbole.

Lastly: all of this was apparently written by a ten year old child.

What's your mission? Isn't it obvious? *Find that kid!* Bring him or her back!

*Smiling!*

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