

Skim through reading of the "G'harne fragments"

This work provides a supposed translation of inscriptions first discovered by British explorer Sir Howard Windrop in a hitherto unknown ruined city in Africa, referred to as "G'harne" by the author. Expanding on Windrop's earlier translation, Wendy-Smith, claims that the text contains the fragmentary records of a pre-historic, (perhaps even non-human) civilization.

Included in the text is an incomplete catalog of the various cities of this unknown civilization (including G'harne) as well as discussions of the cities of other increasingly fanciful civilizations and races. A lengthy passage discusses the fall of the city after the collapse of G'harne's builders' civilization and how the survivors were besieged by a race of subterranean creatures.

Eventually the city's builders were able to trap their attackers via some powerful enchantment. A short chapter presents a labyrinthine catalog of earlier wars between the builders of G'harne and a myriad of implausible races. Another section presents fragmentary star-charts and a catalog of the planets of our own solar system, including a body between Mars and Earth, as well as a host of worlds lying beyond Neptune.

A final chapter discusses the city of G'harne itself, as described by Windrop; a collection of vast, mammoth, eons-old stone blocks worn down by time and forgotten and mostly shunned by the local peoples. Wendy-Smith (like Windrop) never explains by what means he was able to translate the writings of this lost civilization, saving that for a promised future book to be written upon his return from a new expedition to G'harne.