



SHADOW HOLOCRON

Originally discovered by Headmaster Aabsdu Dupar in 26 ABY, the Shadow Holocron was recovered from Adas two years after the Reclamation of Antei. It was kept in the Shadow Academy's Dark Vault for years without being touched until Ronovi Tavisæn began poring over it in 29 ABY.



The Shadow Holocron is engraved with old Sith runes and is presumed to have been in the possession of a Jedi within Omancor Crask's ranks. When activated, it glows a harsh amber, similar to the hue of dark side corruption in the irises of Sith. As it opens, a strange, lilting voice can be heard softly singing, encouraging the user to explore its contents further while simultaneously warning them of the consequences if they are not prepared. The poetic form of the incantation is similar to that of a [villanelle](#), or villanesque, in iambic pentameter. The rough translation of it from the original ur-Kittât is transcribed below.

The strange incantation is titled, "The Shadows Sleep."

The Shadows Sleep

The shadows sleep, but soon they shall awake,
their fingers creeping toward the curséd light;
even mad men must know what is at stake.

When dusk arrives, each somber star must break
into slim daggers plung'd in heart of night:
the shadows sleep, but soon they shall awake.

Wise men know what to leave and what to take,
while frail men behold truth beyond their sight;
even mad men must know what is at stake.

Are you wise, frail, or mad? For your own sake,
we pray the former: mad men seek out might.
The shadows sleep, but soon they shall awake.

And when they do, such knowledge you'll partake
of wond'rous power that will cure your plight;
even mad men must know what is at stake.

Your fingers slip into the jaws of snakes,
so soak up their venom before they bite.
The shadows sleep, but soon they shall awake;
even mad men must know what is at stake.