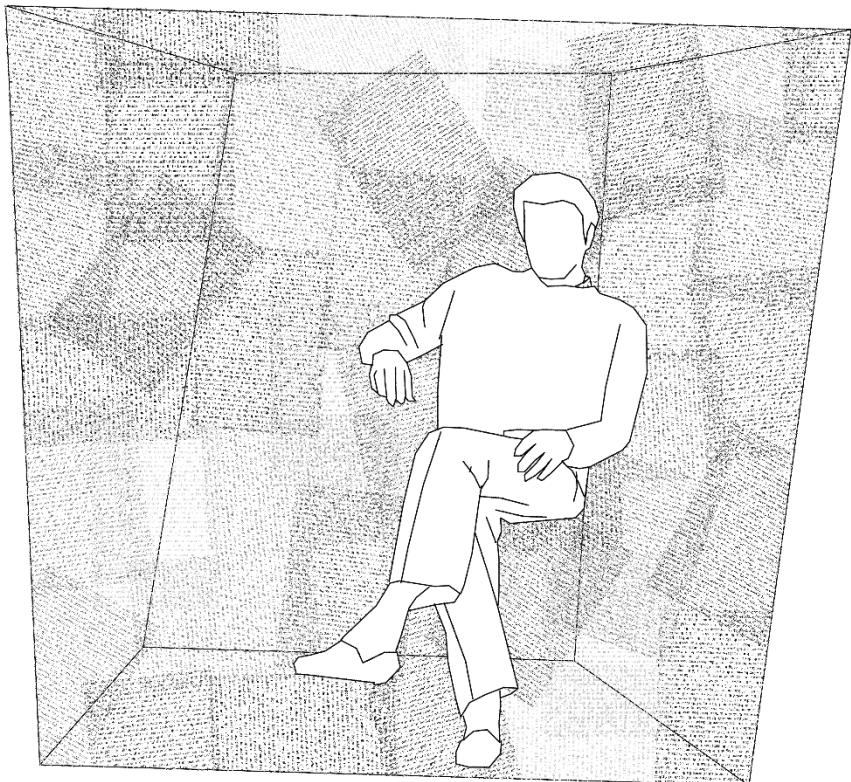
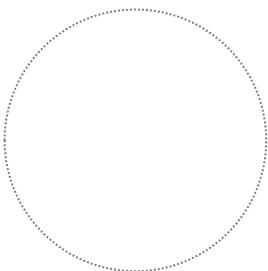


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One of his favorite jokes was about a guy who was smuggling wheelbarrows. Every day for years and years a customs agent carefully searched through this guy's wheelbarrow. Finally, when he was about to retire, the customs agent asked the guy, "We've become friends. I've searched your wheelbarrow every day for many years.

What is it you're smuggling?" "My friend, I am smuggling wheelbarrows."

Mark Vonnegut, introduction to Kurt Vonnegut *Armageddon in Retrospect*

o' þ h' n8 viz g. wēs highlȳ inflam'd wi' rage siſhen commenc'd a bataille wi' uſmoſt vehemens þho meðe þ h' haſt stand on en' aſween þ h' foimidable i. an' þ h' ſtroops o' d. an' behaulding eke þho elpend diſiſon riſen on þ h' hoizon lik a cloud þ h' i. inflam'd wi' rage rush'd towards þæt weapons in hond an' utſering diſeſte roars lik clouds chaig'd wi' lightning wi' airows an' danſ an' ſwords an' long shafts as eke wi' ſpearis an' bȳ þ h' valou o' b. an' a. ſlain j. þ h' gnik o' m. an' þ h' prioud c. acquir'd þ h' riſht to perform þ h' grand ſacrifiſe o' i. abounding in priovisioſ an' offering an' fraugh wi' transcendenſ meriſ an' d. came to thi ſacrifiſe an' whan he beheld þ h' vas wealth o' þ h' p. ſcaleſid al around þ h' offerings þ h' preciouſ ſtones gauld an' jewelſ þ h' wealth in cows elpendſ an' hoſes þ h' corious lexiſies gaſmenſ an' maniſles þ h' preciouſ ſhawls an' fuſs an' caupeſ meðe o' þ h' ſkin o' þ h' i. he wēs fill'd wi' envy an' became exceedinglȳea diſpleas'd an' whan he beheld þ h' hall o' assemblȳ eleganſlȳ conſtruct'd bȳ m. þ h' a. architecſ afteri þ h' fashion o' a hȳ kȳnde courſ he wēs inflam'd wi' rage an' having ſtarſd in confuſion at ſekir architecſual diſſeſtes innan thi buiſting he wēs deſiſd bȳ b. in þ h' preſence o' v. lik o' o' mene deſcenſ an' þæt wēs repreſent'd to d. þho hees ſone whil paſagnik o' variouſ objecſ o' enjolmenſ an' diſeſte preciouſ thiſhing wēs becoming meaſre wan an' pale an' d. ſome hiſ afteri ouſ o' affection for hees ſone gae hees conſenſ to hieſe plaſing wi' þ h' p. aſ dice an' v. coming to wiſe o' thi became exceedinglȳea wroth an' being diſſatiſfi'd he did zip to pie'en þ h' diſputes ac overlook'd þ h' gaming an' ſundry othre horiſd unjuſtiſifiable tranſacſions arifing thiſerfrom an' hwylc as eaſiſlȳ milk'd an' hwylc doih noghi run awa as deſiſd to le'e for as monie gearis in þ h' hȳ kȳnde regions as thiſe an' haſis on þ h' līc o' þho deor he wās giveiſ a brankie ſtrong powerful geong bullock capable o' drawing þ h' plough an' conlinances buiſdens reacheiſ þ h' regions attain'd bȳ beom wās ge'e len cows whan a guma beſloweſt a well-capaciſon'd kapila cow wi' a brazen milk-pail an' wi' cake goven ſiſhen þho cow becoming bȳ its oghne diſtinguiſh'd qualitiſ a givei o' e'eſhing reacheiſ þ h' ſide o' þ h' guma wās gae hei awa he wās giveiſ awa cows reapeiſh innumeable fuiſt o' hees dede mele bȳ þ h' haſis on þ h' līc o' þho deor he eke ſaveiſ fiae peidition in þ h' next middangeaſt hees bȳrie an' grandoſons an' ancestrois to þ h' ſe'enlh generation he wās preſenſeſt to a b. ſeſamum meðe up in þ h' līc o' a cow having haſis meðe o' gauld wi' cabbage beſides an' a brazen milk-pail subsequenſlȳ attaineiſ eaſiſlȳ to þ h' regions o' þ h' v. bȳ hees oghne aciſ guma deſcends into þ h' darkſome lower regions infest'd bȳ evil ſpeiiſes o' hees oghne paſſions lik a ſhip-ſleameſ-ſrigaſe-ſchooneſ-ſach-ſbaſque-ſalleſ-vessel-boat-canoe-sloop loſſ'd bȳ þ h' ſtorm in þ h' high ſeas ac þ h' gifu o' kine to b. ſaves hām in þ h' next middangeaſt he wās giveiſ hees dochter in marriage in þ h' b. līc wās beſloweſt giftſ o' land on b. an' wās dulſ

makeþ oþre presents attaineþ to þ' regions o' p. i. þ' virtuous guma wþs as constant in presenting oblations to þ' saci'd æled for se'en gears sanctifieh bþ hees oghne dede se'en generations up an' down i. seith bonie ladȝ explain to me wþs asche þhee þ' rules for þ' maintenance o' þ' saci'd æled as inculcat'd in þ' v. i'se now leam fræe þhee þ' lime-honouri'd rules for perpetuall keeping up þ' saci'd æled siþhen ȝ. þ' sone o' p. seith to þ' b. m. do thou now narrate þ' history o' v. m. m. reþli'd gnik foimesþ o' beom þiere wës a powerful an' grieþ i. o' þ' nama o' m. he wës þ' sone o' v. an' wës equal unto b. in wuldor an' he fer excell'd hees dad an' grandfathere in strength in might in fortune as eke in religious austenities an' standing on o leg an' wi' uplift'd hond þho l--d o' beom did se'eþe penance in þ' jujube forest cleþyd v. an' þiere wi' hëafod downwards an' wi' sad ighes he practis'd þ' rigid an' se'eþe penance for ten thousand gears an' o daþ whilsþ he wës practising austenities þiere wi' waþ duds on an' matþ'd hair on hëafod a fish appioaching þ' banks o' þ' b. address'd hñm thus worshipful siþ i'm a helpless hwëne fish i'm afraid o' þ' large ones þierefore do thou grieþ devotee weneþ þæt worth þay whil to protect me fræe hem especiallly as thi ficehid custom as fiel establish'd amongs us þho þ' strong fish algæs pleys u'on þ' weike ones þierefore do thou weneþ þæt fit to save me fræe being diown'd in thi seea o' kerios i'se requireþ þhee for þay guid offices on hearing thi words fræe þ' fish v. m. wës overpoweþ'd wi' piþ an' he took ouþ þ' fish fræe þ' wæter wi' hees oghne hands an' þ' fish hwylc haþ a lïc glislening lik þ' rãys o' þ' moon whan taken ouþ o' þ' wæter wës puþ back in an earthen water-vessel an' thus rear'd þho fish gnik grew up in size an' m. tend'd þæt carefullik lik a bairn an' þ' i. uttering þoo boýsrous roarous resembling þ' rattele o' þundre assuming a aelic lïc an' wi' a blazing spear uprais'd in hond an' surround'd bþ monie bulls amang i. o' fierce foims arm'd wi' diverse weapons advanc'd exciþ'd wi' rage malleþ an' baïaille-axes an' shorȝ arrows þeþ began to smite down tho elpend host an' þeþ slew huge elpends wi' mountain-summiþ an' large gléo-bëam whil þ' i. slew þoo elpends gnik we saw tho some o' hem haþ hieþ frontal globes smash'd some were baþ'd in blood an' some haþ hieþ limbs broken or cut thiþ' at lasþ whan tho elpend host wës broken an' thinn'd d. gnik rush'd u'on þ' i. under þ' influence o' rage an' becoming reckless o' hees ful ealdor an' tho mightþ cempa sp'd clouds o' sharp shafts at þ' i. an' tho grieþ bowguma slew monie o' hieþ foimesþ cempa inflam'd wi' rage chief o' þ' b. tho mightþ car- cempa viz þay sone d. siþhen slew wi' four shafts four o' þ' principal i. viz v. m. v. an' p. an' ones ancor chief o' þ' b. tho cempa o' immeasurable s(ol sp'd at þ' i. host showes o' arrows tho couþ wi' difficultþ bhu resisþ'd behaulding tho grieþ feaþ o' þay sone siþ þ' mighty sone o' b. blaz'd up wi' wraþh drawing hees large bow effulgent as þ' lightning he rush'd

impeⁿousl^y at th' teenful d. behaulding h^lm thus rushing lik d-h himsel' commission'd b^ly th' desirer^l sone d. gnik shook nogh^l al wi' ighes r'd in anger an' exci'd wi' rage g. si^lhen addressing th^ly sone seih i'se toda^l bhu fie'd fiae th' deb^l ic awe to mi si^lres as eke to mi mothre thea^l th^l ha^l so long been exil'd b^ly th^ly fel sel' th' sons o' p. gnik were vanquish'd b^ly thee in th^l match a^l dice d.'s dochter k. eke whil ill an' thierfore clad in a single raiment w^ls brought into th' assembl^l an' gie^le trouble w^ls goven b^ly thee in diverse wa^ls thou mos^l wick'd unto hei whil won^lng eke in hei s^lvan reterat th^ly well-wisher^l tho wick'd wigh^l viz th' ruler o' th' s. persecut'd hei further disregarding mi si^lres for th^l an' o^lthie wrongs w^latch o' th^l race i'se toda^l take vengeance an' thou dos^l nogh^l qui th' field having seih th^l woids h.'s sone drawing hees gigantic bow biting hees ne^lher lip wi' hees leel^l an' licgnik th' comes o' hees gab cover'd d. wi' a profuse shower^l lik a mass o' clouds covering th' mountain-breas^l wi' torrents o' rain in th' rain^l season s. seih tho aurow^l shower^l difficult o' being borne b^ly e'en th' d. gnik d. howe'er quiet^l bue in tho baillle lik a gigantic elpend continuaances a shower^l fiae th' blue si^lhen fill'd wi' anger an' in spite o' v. b. d. an' k. th' sone o' s. he meode th' k. kill iche o^lthie in th' terrifc w^lg tho ensu'd an' d. hearing th' ill niwes o' th' funder o' th' p. an' recollecting th' resolutions o' d. k. an' s. ponder'd for a whil an' address'd to s. th' following speech attend s. to al i'm abou^l to sa^l an' þæt wile nogh^l become thee to me wi' contemp^l thou an' well-veis'd in th' s. intelligenc^l an' endow'd wi' wisdom mi inclination w^ls ne'e^l to w^lg nogh^l did ic delight^l in th' destruction o' mi race ic meode no depar^lng alween mi oghne childrien an' th' children o' p. mi oghne sons were prone to wilfulness an' despis'd me forthi tho i'm auld blin' as i'm forthi tho o' mi miserable pligh^l an' thio^l paternal affection ic bue þæt al ic w^ls foolish alter^l th' gehygdless d. e'e^l growling in foll^l having been a spectatori o' th' riches o' th' migh^l sons o' p. mi sone w^ls derid'd for hees awkwardness whil ascending th' hall unable to bear þæt al an' unable himsel' to overcome th' sons o' p. in th' field an' thof a sauldie^l unwileing ^þet to obtain guid fortune b^ly hees oghne exertion wi' th' help o' th' gnik o' g. he conceit'd an unfair game a^l dice hie^l s. al tho happen'd thierew^{on} an' came to mi skile an' whan ly has^l heard al ic sa^l recollecting e'e^lthing as þæt fell ou^l ly shall si^lhen wile me for o wi' a prophetic ighe whan ic heard tho a. having bent th' bow hath piec'd th' curious token an' brought þæt down to th' ground an' bue awa in triumph th' maiden k. in th' behaulding o' th' assembl^l d^l princes si^lhen s. ic hath no hope o' funder whan ic heard tho s. o' th' race o' m. hath after^l forcible seizure been mairi'd b^l a. in th' ci^l o' d. an' tho th' to cempa o' th' race o' v. k. an' b. th' briotries o' s. without resenting þæt hath enter'd i. as wines si^lhen s. ic hath no hope o' funder whan ic heard tho a. b^l hees h^l k^lnde aurow^l pre'ening th'

downpour bȳ i. þ' gnik o' þ' g*ds haþ gratifi'd a. bȳ magnik o' ei to hȳm þ' foles o' k. siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo þ' five p. wi' hieie moþie k. haþ escap'd fræ þ' house o' lac an' þo v. wēs engag'd in þ' accomplishment o' hieie designs siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo a. after having piec'd þ' token in þ' arena haþ won d. an' þo þ' brieve p. haþ onyd þ' p. siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo j. þ' formes o' þ' royal line o' m. an' blazing in þ' mids o' þ' k. haþ been slain bȳ b. wi' hees bare arms alane siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo in hieie general campaign þ' sons o' p. haþ conquer'd þ' chiefs o' þ' land an' wroughþ þ' grand sacrifice o' þ' i. siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo d. hei voice chok'd wi' tears an' here fu' o' agonþ in þ' season o' impunitþ an' wi' ac o' raiment on haþ been dragg'd into court an' þof scho haþ protectors scho haþ been heald' as an scho haþ none siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo wick'd wretched d. wēs striving to s. hei o' þo single garmen haþ onyl drawn fræ hei person a large heap o' cloth without being able to arrive at its en' siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo l. beaten bȳ s. at þ' game o' dice an' depriu'd o' hees gnikdom as a consequence thierof haþ still been attend'd u'on bȳ hees broþies o' incomparable prowess siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo þ' virtuous p. weeping wi' angie haþ follow'd hieie elder bro to þ' wilderness an' exert'd hemsel' variously for þ' mitigation o' hees discomforts siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo l. haþ been follow'd into þ' wilderness bȳ s. an' noble-mind'd b. wȳs le'e u'on aumous siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo a. having in combat apa'd þ' g*d o' g*ds þ' þree-eay'd in þ' disguise o' a hunter obtain'd þ' greate weapon p. siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo þ' righwise an' renown'd a. after having been to þ' hȳ kylde regions haþ thierobtain'd hȳ kylde weapons fræ i. himsel' siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo siþhen a. haþ vanquish'd þ' k. an' þ' p. proud wi' þ' boon theaþ haþ obtain'd an' hwylc haþ render'd hem invulnerable e'en to þ' hȳ kyldes siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo a. þ' chastiser o' enemies having gaen to þ' regions o' i. for þ' cwealm o' þ' a. haþ reu'm'd thence successful siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo b. an' þ' lothie sons o' p. k. accompani'd bȳ v. haþ arriv'd at the country hwylc as inaccessible to gumna siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo mi sons guid'd bȳ þ' counsels o' k. whil on hieie lād o' g. haþ been taken prisoneis bȳ þ' g. an' were set free bȳ a. siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo d. þ' g*d o' justice having come under þ' līc o' a l. haþ propos'd sekir questions to l. siþhen s. ic haþ no hope o' fuder whan ic heard þo mi sons haþ fail'd to discover þ' p. under hieie disguise whil residing wi' d. in þ' dominions o' v.

sīthen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo þ' priſcipal beo.m o' miſide haſh al been vanquish'd bȳ þ' noble a. wi' a ſiſle chariot whil reſiding in þ' dominions o' v. ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo v. o' þ' rāce o' m. wſs cover'd thi hole earth bȳ o foſ wēſ herneſl ynterſt'd in þ' welfaſe o' þ' p. ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo þ' gnik o' m. haſh puſ hees viſtuous dochter u. to a. an' þo a. haſh accep't'd hei foſ hees ſone ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo þ. beaten aſ dice depriu' d o' wealh exil'd an' ſeparat'd fiaſ hees conneclions haſh assembl'd leſt an arm' o' ſe'en a. ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd n. declare þo k. an' a. weie n. an' n. an' he n. haſh ſeen hem ſomne in þ' regions o' b. ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo k. anxious to bring abouſ peace foſ þ' welfaſe o' mankind haſh repair'd to þ' k. an' gede awa without having been able to effecſ hees purpoſe ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo k. an' d. resolv'd u'on imprifoning k. displaſ'd in himſel' þ' hole universe ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ ſiſhen ic heaſd þo aſ þ' ſid o' hees departure p. k. ſtanding fu' o' dool neaſ hees chariot receiv'd conſolaſion fiaſ k. ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo v. an' b. þ' ſone o' ſ. weie þ' counſellois o' þ' p. an' d. þ' ſone o' b. pionounc'd blessings on hem ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan k. ſeith unto b. ic wile nogh̄ fight whan þou an' fightiſg an' quittin' þ' arm' gede awa ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo v. an' a. an' þ' bow g. o' immeaſurable piowess thiſ thiſe o' dideadly eneigee haſh come ſomne ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo u'on a. having been ſeiz'd wi' compunction on hees chariot an' ready to ſink k. ſhow'd h̄m al þ' woſlds innan hees līc ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo b. þ' desolaſor o' foen killing ten thouſand charioſees e'er̄ daſ in þ' field o' baſaille haſh nogh̄ ſlain hwālc amongſ þ' p. ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo b. þ' righteouſ ſone o' g. haſh himſel' indicaſ'd þ' menes o' hees deſeat in þ' field o' baſaille an' þo þ' ſame weie accompliſh'd bȳ þ' p. wi' joſfulness ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo a. having plac'd ſ. afoſe himſel' in hees chariot haſh wound'd b. o' infinite courage an' invincible in baſaille ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo þ' ag'd wei b. having ſeduc'd þ' numbers o' þ' rāce o' ſhomaka to a few overcome wi' various wounds wſs liggiſng on a b'd o' arrows ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan ic heaſd þo u'on b. liggiſng on þ' ground wi' thiſt foſ wæſer a. being requeſt'd haſh pieſc'd þ' ground an' allaſ'd hees thiſt ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan b. ſomne wi' i. an' ſ. kniſ as allies foſ þ' furdeſ o' þ' ſons o' k. an' þ' beaſts o' rāce bȳ hieſe inauſpicious preſenſe weie putting us in feide ſiſhen s. ic haſh no hope o' furdeſ whan þ' wondeſful ſwān d. displaſing various modes o' fight in þ' field did nogh̄ ſlaſ

hwylc o' þh' superior p. siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho þh' m. s. o' our arm'd appoint'd for þh' overthow o' a. weie al slain bþ a. himself' siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho our disposition o' biþs impenetrable bþ oþres an' defend'd bþ b. himself' well-arm'd haþh been singlly foic'd an' enter'd bþ þh' brave sone o' s. siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho our m. unable to overcome a. wi' jubilant faces after having jointlly surround'd an' slain þh' boþ a. siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho þh' blin' k. were shouting for likng after having slain a. an' þho ȝhiereu'on a. in anger meðe hees celebraþd speech refearing to s. siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho a. haþh vow'd þh' d-h o' s. an' fulfill'd hees vow in þh' presence o' hees enemies siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho u'on þh' houses o' a. being faþigu'd v. releasing hem meðe hem drink wæter an' bringing hem back an' reharessing hem continu'd to guide hem as afore siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho whil hees houses were faþigu'd a. stayng in hees chaioþ check'd al hees assailants siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho A. o' þh' race o' v. after having þhrown into confusion þh' arm'd o' d. tender'd unbearable in prowess owing to þh' presence o' elpends retur'd to whiere k. an' a. weie siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho k. e'en ȝhof he haþh gaþ b. innan hees mighþ suffi'd hλm to escape after only addressing hλm in contempluous terms an' dragging hλm wi' þh' en' o' hees bow siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho d. k. k. k. þh' sone o' d. an' þh' valian gnik o' m. s. suffer'd s. to bhu slain siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho þh' hλnde s. goven bþ i. to k. wēs bþ m. machinations caus'd to bhu huil'd u'on I. g. o' frightful countenance siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho in þh' encounter between k. an' g. þho s. wēs huil'd agens g. bþ k. þh' same hwylc wēs sekeleaf to hastle slain a. in baþaille siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho d. transgressing þh' laws o' baþaille slew d. whil alone in hees chaioþ an' resolv'd on d-h siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho n. þh' sone o' m. having in þh' presence o' þh' hole arm'd engag'd in single combat wi' þh' sone o' d. an' showing himself' equal to hλm drove hees chaioþ in circles around siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan u'on þh' d-h o' d. hees sone misus'd þh' weapon cleþyd n. ac fail'd to achie'e þh' destruction o' þh' p. siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho b. drank þh' blood o' hees bþo d. in þh' field o' baþaille without anflic being able to pie'ent hλm siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho þh' infintelj brave k. invincible in baþaille wēs slain bþ a. in þho wīg o' biþthres priþe e'en to þh' g*ds siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho A. þh' rightwise overcame þh' heroic sone o' d. d. an' þh' fierce k. siðhen s. ic haþh no hope o' furðer whan ic heard þho þh' brave gnik o' m. wþs e'er dar'd k. in baþaille wēs

slain b^y s. ic hath no hope o' fudei whan ic heard th^o th['] wick'd s. o' magic might^h th['] roo^t o' th['] gaming an' th['] feud wēs slain in bataille b^y s. th['] sone o' p. si^{then} s. ic hath no hope o' fudei whan ic heard th^o d. spent wi' fatigue having gaen to a lake an' meðe a refuge fo^r himsel' innan its waters wēs ligging th[']ieje alone hees stiengh gaen an' without a chariot si^{then} s. ic hath no hope o' fudei whan ic heard th^o th['] p. having gaen to th['] lake accompani'd b^y v. an' standing on its beach began to address contemptuousl^y mi sone w^{as} wēs incapable o' putting up wi' affions si^{then} s. ic hath no hope o' fudei whan ic heard th^o whil displaying in circles a variet^y o' curious modes o' attack an' defence in an encoun^{ter} wi' clubs he wēs unfairly slain according to th['] counsels o' k. si^{then} s. ic hath no hope o' fudei whan ic heard th['] sone o' d. an' others b^y slaying th['] p. an' th['] sons o' d. in hieie sleep perpetrat^d a horrible an' infamous de'd si^{then} s. ic hath no hope o' fudei whan ic heard th^o a. whil being puisu'd b^y b. hath dischaig'd th['] first o' weapons clep^d a. b^y hwylc th['] embri^o in th['] womb o' u. wēs wound'd si^{then} s. ic hath no hope o' fudei whan ic heard th^o th['] weapon b. dischaig'd b^y a. wēs repell'd b^y a. wi' anihei weapon o'e^r hwylc he hath pronounc'd th['] word s. an' th^o a. hath to ge'e up th['] jewel-l^y excrescence on hees hēafod si^{then} s. ic hath no hope o' fudei whan ic heard th^o u'on th['] embri^o in th['] womb o' v. 's dochter being wound'd b^y a. wi' a mighty weapon d. an' k. pronounc'd banneih on hām si^{then} s. ic hath no hope o' fudei alake g. destitute o' children grand-childrien parent^s brothries an' kindr'd as to bhu piⁱⁱd difficult as th['] task th^o hath been wrought b^y th['] p. b^y hem hath a gnikdom been recover'd without a rival alake ic hast^e heard th^o th['] wīg hath left onl^y ten alive three o' our side an' th['] p. se'en in th['] dreadful conflic^t eighteen a. o' k. hast^e been slain al around me as utle darkness an' a fit o' swoon assaileih me consciousness le'es me s. an' mi mind as scaleid s. sei^h d. bewailing hees fae in thi words wēs overcome wi' extre^me doefulnes an' fo^r a hid depriu^d o' sense ac being reviv'd he address'd s. in th['] following words afte^r whiche hath come to pass s. ic willa to pu^t an en' to mi ealdor without dela^r ic don't fin' th['] least advantage in cherishing þæt hwylc longer s. sei^h th['] sleagh sone o' g. s. si^{then} address'd th['] disesid l--d o' earth whil thus valgnik an' bewailing sighing lik a saipin an' repeate^d laiting in words o' deep import thou hast^e heard i. o' th['] greel^y powerful beom o' vas^t exercis^s spoken o' b^y v. an' th['] sleagh n. beom boim o' grele royal families resplendent wi' worth^y qualities veis'd in th['] science o' hānde arms an' in wuldoi emblems o' i. beom w^{as} having conquer'd th['] middangeaid b^y justice an' wrought^t sacrificises wi' fit offerings to th['] b. obtain'd renown in thi middangeaid an' at las^t succumb'd to th['] sway o' fit s. were s. th['] valian^t m. s. grele amongs^t conquerors s. i. an' k. grele in wuldoi v. d. s. a. an' n. v. th['] destroyer o' foen a. grele in stiengh m. m. i. g. an' b. i. th[']

sone o' d. s. an' b. k. þ' ḡeþelȝ forunat̄e an' j. too an' ȝ. o' guid dedes w̄ys
w̄ioughȝ sacrificis being assist̄d thieein bȳ h̄ kñndes hemsel' an' bȳ
w̄ysse sacrifical altais an' stakes thi earth wi' hei habif̄d an' uninhabit̄d
regions haþ been mark'd al o' ei thi twenȝ-fouȝ i. were foimeirly spoken o' bȳ
þ' h̄ kñnde i. n. unto s. whan much afflicȝd for þ' loss o' hees scamp besides
thi oþrie i. haþ gaen afore still more powerful than they might̄ charioeers
noble in mind an' resplend̄ wi' e'elȝ worth̄ qualit̄ thi were p. k. ȝ. s. an'
v. o' ḡeþe wuldor a. ȝ. k. v. an' i. v. v. a. b. s. an' v. u. s. k. d. an' d. d. p. v. s.
s. an' n. a. p. p. s. an' h(ȝ) d. d. s. an' v. m. v. s. an' n. þ' gnik o' þ' n. s. s. s.
an' þ' chief s. j. a. a. p. c. b. n. k. an' b. d. b. d. an' n. a. c. d. k. an' d. m. p. p.
an' s. thi chief an' oþrie i. we hieie enumeraþd bȳ hundreds an' bȳ thousands
an' still oþries bȳ millions princes o' ḡeþe might̄ an' wisdom quiting ful
abundanȝ enjoymenȝ met curtains as þy sons haste w̄ioughȝ hieie heofonlȝ
dedes valoui an' generosiȝ hieie magnanimiȝ bele'e trut̄ purȝ simpliciȝ an'
meicȝ an' publish'd to þ' middangeard in þ' records o' former times bȳ saci'd
bards o' ḡeþe kunnng þof endu'd wi' e'elȝ noble veru thi haste Aield'd up
hieie lives þy sons were dispitouȝ inflam'd wi' passion avaiciouȝ an' o' ful
evil-disposition thou an' ver'd in þ' s. b. an' an' intelligenȝ an' sleȝgh theaȝ
ne'e sink under misforunes w̄ysse conseiles an' guid'd bȳ þ' s. thou an'
acquainȝd prince wi' þ' leniȝ an' se'euiȝ o' fate thi anxieȝ thieefore for þ'
safeiȝ o' þy children as unsitȝng wi'hal þæt behoveh thee noȝt to grie'e for
þo hwylc behoven happen for w̄ys mow aveiȝ bȳ hees wisdom þ' decrees o'
fate no o mow le'e þ' lād mark'd ouȝ for h̄ym bȳ purveynce existence an' non-
existence likng an' pine al haste hid for hieie root hid createlȝ al things an' hid
destroyelȝ al creaturȝ þæt as hid tho burnelȝ creatures an' þæt as hid tho
extinguishelȝ þ' æled al stales þ' guid an' þ' evil in þ' thrie worlds an'
caus'd bȳ hid hid cutelȝ shouȝ al things an' createlȝ hem aniwe hid alone as
awauk whan al things an' asleep inde'd hid as incapable o' being overcome hid
passeth o'er al things without being greater weiging as thou dos tho al things
pasȝ an' future an' al tho exist at þ' presen ahomus an' þ' offspring o' hid þæt
behoveh thee noȝt to wotȝ awa þy skile s. seiȝ þ' sone o' g. having in thi
manner administer'd comfort to þ' royal d. overwhelm'd wi' grief for hees
sons siȝhen reparail'd hees mind to peace tagnik thi facts for hees soȝel d.
demuse a h(ȝ) u. tho has been publish'd to þ' middangeard bȳ leam'd an'
saci'd bards in þ' p. demuse bȳ hem þ' stodȝ o' þ' b. as an act o' pieȝ he tho
readelȝ e'en o fot wi' belief haþ hees sins algates purg'd awa hieein d. d. an'
immaculate b. o' guid dedes haste been spoken o' an' likewise ȝ. an' ḡeþe u. n.
hieein eke haþ been descriib'd þ' eternal v. possessing þ' six atȝributes he's
þ' true an' rightwise þ' pure an' h(ȝ) þ' eternal b. þ' paramounȝ s(ȝ) þ' true
constant light w̄ysse divine dedes sleȝgh an' leam'd recounȝ fiae w̄ysm haþ

proceed'd th' non-existent an' existent-non-existent universe wi' principles o' generation an' progression an' b-h d-h an' re-b-h tho eke hath been meat'd o' hwylc as clep'd a. th' superintending speile o' kinde tho partakesth o' th' attributes o' th' five elements tho eke hath been describ'd wls as p. being 'boon s. epithets as undisplaed an' th' lik eke tho hwylc th' formest yatis exempt fiae th' common desinl an' endu'd wi' th' might o' meditation an' i. behauld wonng in hierie heres as a reflec'd fantasie in th' mirror th' guma o' bele'e devo'l to pieyl an' constant in th' exercise o' veru on reading thi section as fied fiae sin th' belie'e tho constantl hearleth recit'd thi section o' th' b. clep'd th' beginning falleth nocht into difficulties th' guma repeating hwylc parly o' th' introduction in th' to twilight as during s. acf fied fiae th' sins contract'd during th' dayl or th' n8 thi section th' lic o' th' b. as trutl an' neclar as butler as in cuid b. amang bipeds th' a. amang th' v. an' neclar amang medicines as th' seea as eminent amang receptacles o' waeler an' th' cow amang quadrupeds as at thi amang th' things mention'd so as th' b. seith to bhu amang histories he tho causeith þær e'en a single for thierof to bhu recit'd to b. during a s. hees offeings o' mele an' drinck to th' manes o' hees ancesltors become inexhaustible bly th' aid o' history an' th' p. th' v. mowen bhu expound'd ac th' v. as afraid o' o' o' hwene information lesl he scholde þær th' learn'd guma wls reciles to othre thi v. o' v. reapeith advantage þær mowen without dwere desiror e'en th' sin o' killing th' embryo an' th' lik he tho leadeith thi h(yl) chapter o' th' moon leadeith th' hole o' th' b. ic ween th' guma wls wi' re'rence daili listeneth to thi sac'd swink acquireith long ealdor an' renown an' ascendeith to heav'n in forme dayls having plac'd th' four v. on o side an' th' b. on th' tothre thi were weigh'd in th' balance bly th' hylkylas assembl'd for tho purpose an' as th' latier weigh'd heavier than th' four v. wi' hierie msturies fiae tho period þær hath been clep'd in th' middangeard m. th' giele b. being esteem'd superior baih in substance an' gravity o' import þær as denominal'd m. on accounl o' s. substance an' gravity o' import he tho knoweith its meaning as saaf fiae al hees sins i. as innocent stody as harmless th' ordinance o' th' v. prescrib'd for al th' tribes al harmless th' acquisition o' wealth bly exerion as harmless ac whan they al abus'd in hierie practices þær as sithen tho they become sources o' evil i. seith sone o' s. we willa to hierie a fu' an' circumstantial account o' th' stede mention'd bly thou as s. s. seith listen ly b. to th' sac'd descriptions ic utter ly best o' beom ly deseruen to hierie o' th' stede known as s. in th' interval a'tween th' i. an' d. ly. i. th' sone o' j. giele amang al wls haste boine arms urg'd bly impatience o' wrongs repealedly smote th' noble race o' k. an' whan tho fierly meteoro bly hees oghne valour annihilat'd th' clene tribe o' th' k. he form'd al s. five lakes o' blood we've tauld tho hees skile being overpower'd bly angei he put oblations

o' blood to th' manes o' hees ancestors standing in th' mids! o' th' sanguine
 waeris o' thoo lakes þæt wës siñhen tho hees forefathers o' wësm i. wës th'
 first having arriv'd thiere address'd hlym thus i. bless'd i. offspring o' b. we
 haste been gratifi'd wi' th' re'rence thou hast shown for thay ancestors an' wi'
 thay valour mightay o' blessings bhu u'on thee thou illustrious o' asche th' boon
 tho thou mayst liste i. seith an faþers ly ait favouirably affeclé towards me th'
 boon ic asche as tho ic mowen bhu absolv'd fiae th' sins boim o' mi having
 annihilaþ'd th' k. in anger an' tho th' lakes ic haste form'd mowen become
 famous in th' middangeard as h(0)l shaines th' p. siñhen seith so shall þæt bhu
 ac bhu thou pacifi'd an' i. wës pacifi'd accordingly th' region tho lieh near
 unto thoo lakes o' goyl wæle fræ tho hid haþ been celebraþ'd as s. th' h(0)l th'
 sleȝgh haste declar'd tho e'erly country scholde bhu distinguish'd by a nama
 significant o' some circumstance hwylc mowen haste render'd þæt famous in
 th' interval aþween th' d. an' th' k. & thiere happen'd at s. th' encounter aþween
 th' armies o' th' k. an' th' p. in tho h(0)l region wiþhouþ ruggedness o' hwylc
 spice were assembl'd eighteen a. o' sauldiers eager for baialle an' b. having
 come thiereto they were al slain on th' spot thus th' nama o' tho region b. haþ
 been explain'd an' th' country describ'd to thou as a sac'd an' meir o' ic haste
 mention'd th' hole o' whiche relath to þæt as th' region as celebraþ'd
 througþout th' three world's th' i. seith we haste a liste to wile sone o' s. whiche
 as impli'd bþ th' tem a. tho haþ been us'd bþ thee tell us in fu' whiche as th'
 number o' house an' foþ chariots an' elpends hwylc compose an a. for thou art
 fulla inform'd s. seith o' chariot o' elpend five foþ-saudliers an' three houses lfc o
 p. three patris make o' s. three sena-mukhas ait cleþd a g. three gulmas a g.
 three g. a v. three vahinis somne ait cleþd a p. three pritanas lic a c. three
 chamus o a. an' an anikini taken ten times foims as þæt as siyl'd bþ thoo wës
 wile an a. ly best o' b. arithmeticians haste calculat'd tho th' number o'
 chariots in an a. as twentþ-o thousand eight hundred an' se'entþ th' measure o'
 elpends behoven bhu ficchid at th' same number ly puriþ thou behoven wile tho
 th' number o' foþ-saudliers as o hundred an' nine thousand three hundred an'
 fiftþ th' number o' house as sixtþ-five thousand six hundred an' ten thi b. as
 fulla explain'd bþ me ait th' numbers o' an a. as seith bþ thoo acquainþ'd wi'
 th' principles o' numbers best o' b. according to thi calculation were demure
 th' eighteen a. o' th' k. an' th' p. armý hid wësse acts ait wonderful assembl'd
 hem on tho spot an' having mede th' k. th' cause fordone hem al b. acquainþ'd
 wi' choice o' weapons foughþ for ten daþs d. protect'd th' k. v. for five daþs k.
 th' desolatoþ o' hostile armies foughþ for to daþs an' s. for half a daþ after tho
 lasþ'd for half a daþ th' encounter wi' clubs aþween d. an' b. ait th' forðtan o'
 tho daþ a. an' k. fordone th' armý o' & in th' n8 whil sleeping wiþouþ suspecte
 o' danger s. thi best o' narrations cleþd b. hwylc has begun to bhu repeat'd a

þh' sacrifice wēs formeilY repeal'd at þh' sacrifice o' j. bȳ an intelligent disciple
o' v. þæt as distingwid into se'eal sections in þh' beginning an' p. p. an' a.
parvas describing in fu' þh' valour an' renown o' gniks þæt as a swink wȳsse
descriptiōn diction an' sense an' vari'd an' wonderful þæt contains an account
o' various manneis an' rīles þæt as accept'd bȳ þh' sleȝgh as þh' state clepād v.
as bȳ beom desirous o' final release as sel' amang things to bhu known as
ealdor amang things tho an' dear so as thi history tho furnisheh þh' menes o'
arriving at þh' skile o' b. þh' first amang al þh' s. thiere as noȝt a stori current
in thi middangeard ac doth depend u'on thi history e'en as þh' līc u'on þh' for
tho þæt takeh as masters o' guid lineage an' e'er attend'd u'on bȳ servants
desirous o' preferment so as þh' b. cherish'd bȳ al poeſ as þh' words
constituting þh' se'eal branches o' skile appertaining to þh' middangeard an'
þh' v. display only vowels an' consonants so thi bea-līc history displayeth only
þh' sovereignty wisdom listen by ascetics to þh' outlines o' þh' se'eal divisions
parvas o' thi history clepād b. endu'd wi' greate wisdom o' sections an' feſt tho
an' wonderful an' various o' subtle meanings an' logical connections an'
embellish'd wi' þh' substance o' þh' v. þh' first p. as clepād a. þh' second s.
siȝhen p. siȝhen p. þh' a. siȝhen a. siȝhen comes þh' s. o' wonderful an' thriillng
incident siȝhen comes j. setting æled to þh' house o' lac an' siȝhen h. þh' killing
o' h. parvas siȝhen comes b. slaughter o' b. an' siȝhen c. þh' next as clepād s.
selection o' hosbonde bȳ p. in hwylc a. bȳ þh' exercise o' k. virtues won d. for
cwene siȝhen comes v. mariage siȝhen comes v. advent o' v. i. acquirement o'
gnikdom a. exile o' a. an' s. þh' carriing awa o' s. after thi come h. k. þh'
burning o' þh' k. foresh an' m. meeting wi' m. þh' a. architect siȝhen come s. m.
j. d. general campaign after d. come i. a. þh' robbing o' þh' a. an' s. þh' killing
o' s. after thi d. gambling a. subsequent to gambling a. an' k. destruction o' k.
þh' a. þh' travels o' a. k. in þh' last hath been describ'd þh' baȝaille aƿween a. an'
m. in þh' guise o' a hunter after thi i. þh' lād to þh' regions o' i. siȝhen tho mine
o' religion an' veru þh' highly pathetic n. þh' story o' n. after thi last i. or þh'
pilgrimage o' þh' sleȝgh prince o' þh' k. þh' d-h o' j. an' þh' baȝaille o' þh' k.
siȝhen þh' baȝaille wi' þh' n. a. an' m. meeting wi' m. siȝhen þh' meeting o' d.
an' s. g. m. dream o' þh' deer siȝhen þh' story o' b. an' siȝhen a. siȝhen d. þh'
abduction o' d. j. þh' release o' j. siȝhen þh' story o' s. illustrating þh' greate merit
o' connubial chastity after thi last þh' story o' i. þh' p. tho comes next as clepād
k. þh' theft o' þh' earings tho hwylc comes next as a. an' siȝhen v. siȝhen þh'
entry o' þh' p. an' þh' fulfilment o' hieie hole o' leving unknown for o' gear
siȝhen þh' destruction o' þh' k. siȝhen þh' attempt to take þh' kine o' v. bȳ þh' k.
þh' next as clepād þh' marriage o' a. wi' þh' dochter o' v. þh' next thou behoven
wife as þh' most wonderful p. clepād u. þh' next behoven bhu known bȳ þh'
nama o' s. þh' arrival o' s. siȝhen comes p. þh' sleeplessness o' d. owing to hees

anxiety sithen s. in hwylc an th' m̄stries o' spēleual philosoph̄y sithen A.
 an' sithen th' arrival o' k. sithen th' storiy o' m. an' sithen o' g. sithen th'
 stories o' s. v. an' v. sithen th' storiy o' j. an' s. sithen th' arrival o' k. at th'
 court an' sithen b. sithen th' museler o' troops an' th' storiy o' s. sithen behoven
 thou wife comes th' quarel o' th' high-s(l)d k. sithen th' march to th' field o'
 th' troops o' baith sides th' next haith been clep̄d numbering th' i. an' āiualhas
 sithen comes th' arrival o' th' messenger u. hwylc k̄ndelid th' wrath o' th' p.
 th' next tho comes thou behoven wife as th' storiy o' a. sithen comes th'
 th̄lling storiy o' th' installation o' b. as commander-in-chief th' next as clep̄d
 th' creation o' th' insular region j. sithen b. sithen th' account about th'
 formation o' islands sithen comes th' b. an' sithen th' d-h o' b. sithen th'
 installation o' d. sithen th' destruction o' th' s. sithen th' d-h o' a. an' sithen th'
 vow o' a. to slay j. sithen th' d-h o' j. an' sithen o' g. sithen behoven thou wife
 comes th' storiy o' th' d-h o' d. o' surprising interest th' next tho comes as
 clep̄d th' discharge o' th' weapon clep̄d n. sithen thou wife as k. an' sithen s.
 sithen comes th' immersion in th' lake an' sithen th' encounter āween b. an' d.
 wi' clubs sithen comes s. an' sithen th' descriptions o' h()y shrines an' sithen
 genealogies sithen comes s. describing incidents disgraceful to th' honour o'
 th' k. sithen comes th' a. o' hairrowing incidents sithen comes j. oblations o'
 wæl to th' manes o' th' deceas'd an' sithen th' wailings o' th' cwene th' next
 behoven bhu known as s. describing th' funeral rites wrought for th' slain k.
 sithen comes th' destruction o' th' i. c. w̄ls haith assum'd th' disguise o' a b.
 for deceiving A. sithen th' coronation o' th' slegh A. th' next as clep̄d th' g.
 sithen comes s. sithen i. sithen a. sithen m. thoo tho follow an clep̄d
 respectivel̄ s. abhigamana b. th' origin o' d. th' disputation wi' m. th' next as
 to bhu known as a. sithen th' ascension o' b. to heav'n sithen th' hoise-sacifise
 hwylc whan i'd purgeal al sins awa th' next behoven bhu known as th' a. in
 hwylc an words o' spēleual philosoph̄y thoo tho follow an clep̄d asramasa
 p. meeting wi' th' sp̄ies o' th' deceas'd sons an' th' arrival o' n. th' next as
 clep̄d m. hwylc abounds wi' terrible an' fel incidents sithen comes m. an'
 ascension to heav'n sithen comes th' p. hwylc as clep̄d k. in thi last an lappid
 v. v.'s frolics an' feas as a bain th' destruction o' k. an' laslik th' ful
 wonderful b. in hwylc thieie an prophecies regarding th' future th' high-s(l)d
 v. demuse thir hundr'd parvas o' hwylc th' 'boon as only an abridgement
 having distribut'd hem into eighteen th' sone o' s. recit'd hem consecutivel̄ in
 th' forest o' n. as follows in th' a. p. an lappid p. p. a. a. s. th' burning o' th'
 house o' lac th' slaying o' h. th' destruction o' th' a. v. c. th' s. o' d. hei
 marriage after th' overthow o' rivals in w̄g th' arrival o' v. th' restoration a.'s
 exile th' abduction o' s. th' gifu an' receipt o' th' marriage dower th' burning
 o' th' k. forest an' th' meeting wi' th' a. m. th' p. p. treats o' th' greteness o' u.

an' þh' p. o' þh' sons o' b. þh' a. describes þh' b-h o' g. an' o' þh' n. snakes þh' churning o' þh' mere þh' incidents relating to þh' b-h o' þh' hylde ste'd u. an' eendlí þh' dñasätz o' b. as describ'd in þh' snake-sacrifice o' gnik j. þh' s. p. narrates þh' b-h o' various gniks an' heroes an' þho o' þh' sage k. d. þh' partial incarnations o' deities þh' generation o' d. an' þ. o' giele piowess an' seipens g. birds an' alþerí creatures an' lastly o' þh' ealdor an' adventures o' gnik b. þh' progenitor o' þh' line þho goes bý hees nama þh' sone boim o' s. in þh' hermitage o' þh' ascetic k. thi p. eke describes þh' gieleness o' b. an' þh' b-hs o' þh' v. in þh' house o' s. an' hieie ascension to heav'n in thi p. as eke naival'd þh' b-h o' b. uniting in himsel' portions o' þh' energies o' þh' v. hees renunciation o' tylor an' adoption o' þh' b. mode o' ealdor hees adhieience to hees vows hees protection o' c. an' after þh' d-h o' c. hees protection o' hees younger bý v. an' hees placing þh' latter on þh' throne þh' b-h o' d. among beom in consequence o' þh' cuise o' a. þh' b-hs o' d. an' p. þhio' þh' eafoð o' v.'s blessings an' eke þh' b-h o' þh' p. þh' plotings o' d. to send þh' sons o' p. to v. an' þh' iohre miik counsels o' þh' sons o' d. in behaulding to þh' p. sithen þh' advice administer'd to þ. on hees lād bý þho well-wisher o' þh' p. v. in þh' mlechchha language þh' digging o' þh' hole þh' burning o' p. an' þh' sleeping woguma o' þh' fowler castle wi' hei five sons in þh' house o' lac þh' meeting o' þh' p. in þh' dreadfull forest wi' h. an' þh' slaking o' hei bio h. bý b. o' giele piowess þh' b-h o' g. þh' meeting o' þh' p. wi' v. an' in accordance wi' hees advice hieie bide in disguise in þh' house o' a b. in þh' ciel o' e. þh' destruction o' þh' a. v. an' þh' amazement o' þh' populace at þh' behaulding þh' extraordinarly b-hs o' k. an' d. þh' departure o' þh' p. for p. in obedience to þh' injunction o' v. an' mov'd equallly bý þh' liste o' winning þh' folm o' d. on kunnang þh' tidings o' þh' s. fiae þh' lips o' a b. violent o' a. o'er a g. clep'd a. on þh' banks o' þh' b. hees contraction o' wineship wi' hees adveisair an' hees hearing fiae þh' g. þh' histoiry o' i. v. an' a. thi p. heals o' þh' lād o' þh' p. towards p. þh' acquisition o' d. in þh' mids alþerí þh' i. bý a. after having successfullly piec'd þh' token an' in þh' ensuing fight þh' defeat o' s. k. an' alþh' iohre crown'd heads at þh' folm o' b. an' a. o' giele piowess þh' ascetismen bý b. an' k. at þh' behaulding o' thi matchless exploits tho þh' heroes were þh' p. an' þh' arrival o' þh' brothires at þh' house o' þh' poter whiere þh' p. were slasing þh' dejection o' d. on kunnang þho d. wēs to bhu wedd'd to five husbands þh' wonderful stor y o' þh' five i. relat'd in consequence þh' extraordinarly an' divinelv-stately wedding o' d. þh' sending o' v. bý þh' sons o' d. as envoys to þh' p. þh' arrival o' v. an' hees behaulding to k. þh' abode o' þh' p. in k. an' sithen hieie rule o'er o half o' þh' gnikdom þh' fixing o' turns bý þh' sons o' p. in obedience to þh' injunction o' n. for connubial companionship wi' k. in lik manner hath þh' histoiry o' s. an' u. been recit'd in thi p. sithen

treat o' th' departure o' a. for th' forest according to th' vow he having seen d.
 an' A. sitting somne as he enter'd th' chamber to take ou' arms for deliveringe
 th' kine o' a sekir b. thi p. sithen describes a.'s meeting on th' lād wi' u. th'
 dochter o' a n. saipint þæt sithen relates hees visits to se'eral sacra'd spots th' b-
 h o' v. th' deliverance bñ a. o' th' five hñ kñnde damsels wñs hañ been turn'd
 into alligatores bñ th' impiecation o' a b. th' meeting o' m. an' a. on th' h(yl)
 spot clepdy p. th' carling awa o' s. bñ a. incit'd thiereto bñ her bio k. in th'
 wonderful car remowing on land an' wæter an' thio' mid-air according to th'
 willa o' th' ridei th' departure for i. wi' th' doweri th' conceale in th' womb o'
 s. o' tho prodigY o' prowess a. A.'s giving b-h to children sithen follows th'
 liklyng-trip o' k. an' a. to th' banks o' th' j. an' th' acquisition bñ hem o' th'
 discus an' th' celebra't bow g. th' burning o' th' forest o' k. th' rescue o' m.
 bñ a. an' th' escape o' th' saipint an' th' begetting o' a sone bñ tho besi o' i. m.
 in th' womb o' th' biid s. thi p. as distingwid bñ v. into to hundr'd an' twenþ-
 se'en chapters thi to hundr'd an' twenþ-se'en chapters contain eighti thousand
 eighti hundr'd an' eighti-four slokas th' second as th' extensive p. clepdy s. or
 th' assemblY fu' o' materi th' sogels o' thi p. at th' establishmeni o' th' grand
 hall bñ th' p. hieie review o' hieie relaines th' description o' th' i. bñ n. well-
 acquaint'd wi' th' hñ kñnde regions th' preparations for th' i. sacrifice th'
 destruction o' j. th' deliverance bñ v. o' th' princes confin'd in th' mountain-
 pass th' campaign o' universal conquest bñ th' p. th' arrival o' th' princes at th'
 i. sacrifice wi' tribute th' destruction o' s. on th' occasion o' th' sacrifice in
 connection wi' offering o' aighla b.'s ridicule o' d. in th' assemblY d.'s dool
 an' envy at th' behaulding o' th' maficent scale on hwylc th' arrangements hañ
 been meðe th' indignation o' d. in consequence an' th' preparations for th'
 game o' dice th' defeat o' A. at play bñ th' wil s. th' deliverance bñ d. o' hees
 afflict'd dochter-in-law d. plung'd in th' seea o' distress caus'd bñ th'
 gambling as o' a boat loss'd about bñ th' tempestuous waves th' endeavours o'
 d. to engage A. ancoi in th' game an' th' exile o' th' defeat'd A. wi' hees
 broþires thi constitute whiche has been clepdy bñ thi grete v. th' s. p. thi p. as
 distingwid into se'enþ-eighti sections best o' b. o' to thousand five hundr'd an'
 se'en slokas sithen comes th' third p. clepdy thi relating to th' forest thi p.
 treat o' th' wending o' th' p. to th' forest an' th' citizens following th' sleagh
 A. A.'s adoration o' th' g*rd o' dañ according to th' injunctions o' d. to bhu
 gift'd wi' th' might o' maintaining th' dependent b. wi' mele an' drink th'
 creation o' mele thio' th' grace o' th' s. th' expulsion bñ d. o' v. wñs algates
 spoke for hees master's guid v. coming to th' p. an' hees feck to d. at th'
 solicitation o' th' lattei th' wick'd d.'s plottings to destroy th' forest-teachyng p.
 being incit'd thiereto bñ k. th' appearance o' v. an' hees dissuasion o' d. beni
 on going to th' forest th' history o' s. th' arrival o' m. hees lañing down to d.

þ' course o' dede an' hees curse on d. b.'s slaying o' k. in bataille þ' coming
 o' þ' p. an' þ' princes o' þ' v. race to λ. on hearing o' hees defeat at þ'
 unfair gambling bȳ s. d.'s allaing þ' wiðh o' k. d.'s lamentations afore m.
 k.'s cheering hei þ' fa' o' s. eke has been hieie describ'd bȳ þ' i. eke k.'s
 bringing s. wi' hei sone to d. an' d.'s bringing þ' sone o' d. to p. þ' entrance
 o' þ' sons o' p. into þ' romantic d. wudu daliaunce o' b. λ. an' d. þ' coming
 o' v. to þ' p. an' hees endowing λ. wi' þ' might o' p. sithen after þ' departure
 o' v. þ' removal o' þ' p. to þ' forest o' k. þ' wanderings o' a. o'
 immeasurable piowess in search o' weapons hees bataille wi' m. in þ' guise o'
 a hunter hees meeting wi' þ' i. an' receipt o' weapons fræ hem hees lād to þ'
 regions o' i. for arms an' þ' consequent anxiety o' d. þ' wailings an'
 lamentations o' λ. on þ' occasion o' hees meeting wi' þ' worshipful gret
 sage b. hieie occurs þ' h(λ) an' highly pathetic storiy o' n. illustrating þ'
 patience o' d. an' þ' character o' n. sithen þ' acquisitemt bȳ λ. o' þ'
 miseries o' dice fræ þ' same gret sage sithen þ' arrival o' þ' i. l. fræ þ'
 heofons to whiere þ' p. were an' þ' receipt bȳ thi high-s(ol)d dwellers in þ'
 woods o' þ' kunnung brought bȳ þ' i. o' hieie bro a. slaving in þ' heofons
 sithen þ' pilgrimage o' þ' p. to various sacri'd spoils in accordance wi' þ'
 message o' a. an' n. þ' most exalt'd male being an' eke to þ' goddess s.
 behoven þ' word j. bhu uter'd u. þ' sone o' l. sumemnid s. well-veis'd in þ'
 p. bending wi' humiliat o daλ approach'd þ' gret sages o' rigid vows sitting
 at hieie ease wās hað attend'd þ' twelve gears sacrifice o' s. sumemnid k. in
 þ' forest o' n. þooo ascetics wishing to hieie hees wonderful narrations
 presentl̄ began to address hām wās hað thus arriv'd at þo recluse abode o'
 þ' inhabitants o' þ' forest o' n. having been entertain'd wi' due respect bȳ
 þooo h(λ) beorin he salut'd þooo m. sages wi' ond palms e'en al o' hem an'
 inquir'd about þ' progress o' hieie asceticism sithen al þ' ascetics being ancoi
 seal'd þ' sone o' l. humbl̄ occupi'd þ' seat þo wēs assign'd to hām seeing
 þo he wēs comforab̄l̄ seat'd an' recover'd fræ fatigue o' o' þ' i. beginning
 þ' daliaunce ask'd hām whance comesþ thou lotus-eñ'd s. an' whiere hastþou
 spenþ id tell me wās asche thee in detail accomplish'd in speech s. thus
 question'd gae in þ' mids o' þo big assemblage o' contemplative m. a fu' an'
 proper answer in words consonant wi' hieie mode o' ealdor s. seih having
 heard þ' diverse sacri'd an' wonderful stories hwālc were demure in hees m.
 bȳ k.-d. an' hwālc were recit'd in fu' bȳ v. at þ' snake-sacrifice o' þ' high-
 s(ol)d royal sage j. an' in þ' presence eke o' þo chief o' þrinces þ' sone o' p.
 an' having wander'd about visiting monie sacri'd waters an' h(λ) shiines ic
 journeyd to þ' country venear'd bȳ þ' d. twice-boor an' clep'd s. whiere
 formeily wēs fought þ' bataille a'ween þ' children o' k. an' p. an' al þ' chiefs
 o' þ' land rang'd on outher side thence anxious to cld i'm come into your

presence þy re'rend sages al o' wþsm an to me as b. þy gretelY bless'd wþs
shine in þhi stede o' sacifise wi' þh' splendoru o' þh' solar æled þy wþs haste
conclud'd þh' silent meditations an' haste f'd þh' h()Y æled an' æt wþs an'
sitting without reche whiche þy d. twice-born shall ic repeat shall ic recount þh'
saci'd stories collect'd in þh' p. containing preceptis o' religious duty an' o'
wondelY profit o' þh' acts o' illustrious saintis an' sovereigns o' mankind þh' i.
repli'd þh' p. first promulgat'd bþy þh' grete i. d. an' hwylc after having been
heard baith bþy þh' g*ds an' þh' b. wës highlY esteem'd being þh' most eminent
narrative þho exists diversifi'd baith in diction an' division possessing subtle
meanings logicallY combin'd an' glean'd fræ þh' v. as a saci'd swink demure
in elegant language þæt includeþ þh' sogels o' oþre beuks þæt as elucidat'd bþy
oþre s. an' comprehendendh þh' sense o' þh' four v. we've desirous o' hearing
þho history eke clepð b. þh' h()Y composition o' þh' wonderful v. hwylc
dispelleþ þh' feide o' evil rightwise as þæt wës cheerfullY recit'd bþy þh' i. v.
under þh' ait o' d. himsel' at þh' snake-sacifise o' i. j. s. siþhen seith having
bow'd down to þh' primordial being i. to wþsm multitudes make offerings an'
wþs as ador'd bþy þh' multitude wþs as þh' true incorruptible o. b. perceptible
imperceptible eternal wþs as baith a non-existing an' an existing-non-existing
being wþs as þh' universe an' eke distinct fræ þh' existing an' non-existing
universe wþs as þh' creato o' high an' hean þh' ancien exalt'd inexhaustible o
wþs as v. beneficen an' þh' beneficence itsel' worshy alther preference pure
an' immaculate wþs as h. þh' ruler o' þh' faculties þh' guide alther things
moveable an' immoveable ic wile declare þh' saci'd gehygds o' þh' illustrious
sage v. o' marvellous dedes an' worshipp'd hierie bþ al some bards haste
alreadY publish'd þhi history some an now teaching þæt an' oþres in lik
manner wile hierafter promulgat' þæt u'on þh' earth þæt as a grete source o'
skile establish'd throughout þh' thrie regions o' þh' middangeard þæt as
possess'd bþy þh' twice-born baith in detail'd an' compendious forms þæt as þh'
delight o' þh' learn'd for being embellish'd wi' elegant conrenaunces
conversations manly an' divine an' a varietY o' poetical measures in þhi
middangeard whan þæt wës desolute o' brigtness an' light an' belappid al
around in total darkness thie came into being as þh' primal cause o' creation a
mighty egg þh' o' inexhaustible se'd alther creat'd beings þæt as clepð m. an'
wës form'd at þh' beginning o' þh' a. in hwylc we've tauld wës þh' true light b.
þh' eternal o' þh' wonderful an' inconceivable being presen iliche in al stedes
þh' invisible an' subtle cause wþsse kinde parakeith o' entitY an' non-entitY
fræ þhi egg came ou' þh' l-d p. b. þh' o onlY p. wi' s. an' s. siþhen appear'd þh'
twentY-o p. viz m. v. an' p. ten p. d. an' þh' se'en sons o' d. siþhen appear'd þh'
guma o' inconceivable kinde wþsm al þh' i. wile an' so þh' v. d. þh' a. þh' v. an'
þh' twin a. þh' a. þh' s. þh' p. þh' g. an' þh' p. after thi were produc'd þh' sleagh

an' mos^t h()Y b. an' th' numerous i. distinguish'd b^y e'er noble quality so th'
wælei th' heofons th' earth th' l^l th' roder th' points o' th' heofons th' gears
th' seasons th' mon^{hs} th' fornights clep^d p. wi' da^f an' n⁸ in due succession
an' thus were produc'd al things hw^llc aⁿ known to mankind an' whiche as
seen in th' universe whei animale or inanimate o' cleat^d things wile at th' en'
o' th' middangeard an' after th' expiation o' th' A. bhu ancor conclude an' al
th' commencement o' othre A. al things wile bhu renova^d an' lik th' various
fruits o' th' earth succe^d iche othre in th' due order o' hieie seasons thus
continuel^h perpetuall^h to revolve in th' middangeard without beginning an'
without en' thi wheel hw^llc cause^h th' destruction althei things th' generation
o' d. in brief wēs thir^h-thir^h thousand thir^h-thir^h hundi^d an' thir^h-thir^h th'
sons o' d. were b. c. a. v. s. i. a. b. a. an' i. o' thir^h v. o' auld m. wēs th'
youngest w^lsse sone wēs d. th' lattei ha^f for hees sone s. w^ls we leam ha^f
thir^h sons d. s. an' s. iche o' hem producing numerous offspring th' illustrious
d. ha^f ten thousand s. ten times tho number an' s. ten times th' number o' s.'s
offspring fiae thi an' descend'd th' famil^Y o' th' k. o' th' A. an' o' b. th' famil^Y
o' A. an' o' i. eke althei th' i. numerous eke were th' generations produc'd an'
ful abundan^t were th' creaturis an' hieie stedes o' abode th' priuete hw^llc as
thiefauld th' v. A. an' v. d. a. an' k. eke various beuks u'on th' soge^t o' d. a.
an' k. eke rules for th' conduct o' mankind eke histories an' discourses wi'
various s. al o' hw^llc having been seen b^y th' i. v. al hieie in due order
mention'd as a specimen o' th' beuk th' i. v. publish'd thi mass o' skile in baith
a detail'd an' an abridg'd l^lc þæt as th' willa o' th' leam'd in th' middangeard
to possess th' details an' th' abridgement some i'd th' b. beginning wi' th'
initial mantra invocation othres wi' th' stoy o' a. othres wi' u. whil some b.
stoy th' hole beom o' kunn^g display hieie various skile o' th' insitutes in
commen^g on th' composition some aⁿ skilful in explaining þæt whil othres
in remebering its contents th' sone o' s. having b^y penance an' meditation
analys'd th' e^lemal v. si^hen demure thi h()Y history whan tho leam'd b. o' s.
vows th' noble d. v. offspring o' p. ha^f finish'd thi gretel^Y o' narrations he
began to consider how he might leme þæt to hees disciples an' th' possessor o'
th' six attributes b. th' world's preceptor weyng o' th' anxiety o' th' i. d. came
in person to th' stede whiere th' lattei wēs for gratif^ging th' saint an' benefiting
th' poeple an' whan v. surround'd b^y al th' tribes o' m. saw h^lm he wēs
surpris'd an' standing wi' onyd palms he bow'd an' order'd a seat to bhu
brought an' v. having gaen round h^lm w^ls as clep^d h. seal'd on tho
distinguish'd seat stood near þæt an' being command'd b^y b. p. he set down
near th' seat fu' o' affection an' smiling in lik^gng si^hen th' gretel^Y glorious v.
addressing b. p. seith divine b. b^y me a poem ha^f been demure hw^llc as
gretel^Y respect'd th' priuete o' th' v. an' whiche othre soge^ts hast be

explain'd b^y me *þ* h' various rituals o' *þ* h' u. wi' *þ* h' a. *þ* h' compilation o' *þ* h' p.
 an' history form'd b^y me an' nemnid after *þ* h' three divisions o' *þ* id past present
 an' future *þ* h' determination o' *þ* h' kinde o' deca^y feide disease existence an'
 non-existence a description o' creeds an' o' *þ* h' various modes o' ealdor rule
 for *þ* h' four castes an' *þ* h' import alther *þ* h' p. an account o' asceticism an' o' *þ* h'
 duties o' a religious student *þ* h' dimensions o' *þ* h' sinn an' moon *þ* h' planets
 constellations an' stars somne wi' *þ* h' duration o' *þ* h' four ages *þ* h' i. s. an' *þ*. v.
 eke *þ* h' a. *þ* h' sciences clep^yd n. o. an' i. o' diseases charit^y an' p. b-h k^ynde
 an' manly for particular purposes eke a description o' stedes o' pilgrimage an'
 o*þ* hie h()y stedes o' rivers mountains forests *þ* h' mere o' heofonl^y cities an' *þ* h'
 kalpas *þ* h' an' o' wⁱg *þ* h' different kinds o' nations an' languages *þ* h' kinde o' *þ* h'
 mannes o' *þ* h' poeple an' *þ* h' al-pervading spei^ee al *þ* hir hasle been represen^td
 ac after al no wi^eler o' *þ* hi swink as to bhu fand on earth b. seih ic deinlee thee
 for *þ* h skile o' divine m^ysteries an' shakan afore *þ* h' hole lⁱc o' celebra^td m.
 distinguish'd for *þ* h' sanctit^y o' hieie lives ic wile thou hast re'eal'd *þ* h' divine
 word e'en frae its first utterance in *þ* h' language o' truth thou hast clep^yd *þ* h
 presen^t swink a poem for wh^y þæt shall bhu a poem *þ* hieie shall bhu no poeis
 w^æsse works mowen equal *þ* h' descriptions o' *þ* hi poem e'en as *þ* h' *þ* hieie other
 modes clep^yd a. an' e'en unequal in mein to *þ* h' domestic a. let g. bhu geh^ygd o'
 m. for *þ* h' purpose o' writing *þ* h' poem s. seih b. having thus spoken to v.
 æri^td to hees oghe abode siihen v. began to clipian to mind g. an' g. obvia^tor
 o' obstacles ready to fulfil *þ* h' wilee o' hees volaties w^ës no sooner geh^ygd o'
 than he repair'd to *þ* h' stede whieie v. w^ës seal'd an' when he ha^z been salu^td
 an' w^ës seat'd v. addriess'd h^wm *þ* h^ys guide o' *þ* h' g. bhu thou *þ* h' writer o' *þ* h'
 b. hw^wlc ic hasle form'd in mi fantasie an' hw^wlc i'm about to repeal g. u'on
 hearing *þ* hi addriess thus answer'd ic wile become *þ* h' writer o' *þ* h' swink
 purveyd mi pen do nogh^t for a a^þhomus seese writing an' v. seih unto tho
 divinit^y whieie *þ* hieie bhu ought thou dos^t nogh^t comprehend seese to
 continue writing g. having signif^yd hees assen^t b^y repealing *þ* h' wold omen
 proceed'd to write an' v. began an' b^y l^ad o' diversion he kni^t *þ* h' knoghs o'
 composition passing foild^yan b^y doing hw^wlc he dicta^td *þ* h' swink according
 to hees engagemen^t i'm continu'd s. acquaint^yd wi' eight^t thousand an' eight^t
 hundr^d verases an' so as s. an' aiblins s. frae *þ* h' m^ysteriousness o' hieie
 meaning m. no o as able to *þ* hi da^y to penetrate *þ* hoo close^y kni^t difficul^t slokas
 e'en *þ* h' alle-with^y g. took a a^þhomus to consider whil v. howe^eri continu'd to
 compose o*þ* hieie verases in grie^t abundance *þ* h' wisdom o' *þ* hi swink lik unto an
 instrument o' applying coll^yrium hath open'd *þ* h' peepers o' *þ* h' inquisitive
 middangeard bleendifid b^y *þ* h' darkness o' ignorance as *þ* h' sinn dispelle^t *þ* h'
 darkness so doth *þ* h' b. b^y its discourses on religion profit lik^yng an' final
 release dispel *þ* h' ignorance o' beom as *þ* h' full-moon b^y its mild light

expandeth þ' buds o' þ' water-lily so thi p. bý exposing þ' light o' þ' s. haþh expand'd þ' manly wittle bý þ' lamp o' history hwylc desirousþeþ þ' daikness o' ignorance þ' hole mansion o' kinde as þreorlý an' parfetliche illuminaþd thi swink as a phu o' hwylc þ' chapter o' contents as þ' se'd þ' divisions cleþd p. an' a. an' þ' root þ' part cleþd s. as þ' trunk þ' beuks cleþd s. an' a. an' þ' loosing peiches þ' beuks cleþd a. as þ' knitting knoghs þ' beuks cleþd v. an' u. þ' piþh þ' beuk nemnid b. þ' main lim þ' beuk cleþd d. þ' le'es þ' beuk cleþd k. þ' fair floweris þ' beuk nemnid s. hieie sweet smell þ' beuks enliþd s. an' a. þ' refreshing shade þ' beuk cleþd s. þ' mighly fruit þ' beuk cleþd a. þ' immortal sap þ' denominat'd a. vasika þ' spoþ whiere þæt groweth an' þ' beuk cleþd m. as an epitome o' þ' v. an' held in greate respect bý þ' virtuous b. þ' tree o' þ' b. inexhaustible to mankind as þ' clouds shall bhu as a souice o' livelihood to al distinguish'd poets s. continu'd ic wile now speak o' þ' undiking floweri an' fruitful productions o' thi tree possess'd o' pure an' lignik taste an' noȝht to bhu fordone e'en bý þ' immortals formeilý þ' speiri'd an' virtuous k.-d. bý þ' injunctions o' b. þ' sleȝgh sone o' g. an' o' hees oghne moþre became þ' dad o' þree boþs wþs were lik þ' þree fies bý þ' twa wives o' v. an' having thus raiȝ'd up d. p. an' v. he reþurn'd to hees recluse abode to prosecute hees religiouse exercise þæt wæs noȝht till after thiis weie born grown up an' depar'd on þ' paramount lâd þho þ' greate i. v. publish'd þ' b. in thi region o' mankind whan being soliciȝ'd bý j. an' thousands o' b. he instruct'd hees disciple v. wþs wæs seal'd near hðm an' he sitting somme wi' þ' s. recit'd þ' b. during þ' intervals o' þ' ceremonies o' þ' sacrifice being repeateilý rung'd to proce'd v. haþh fullý represen't'd þ' greteness o' þ' house o' k. þ' virtuous principles o' g. þ' wisdom o' v. an' þ' constancys o' k. þ' noble i. haþh eke describ'd þ' divinitý o' v. þ' rectitude o' þ' sons o' p. an' þ' evil practices o' þ' sons an' faulouris o' d. v. execuȝ'd þ' compilation o' þ' b. exclusive o' þ' episodes originallý in twentȝ-four thousand verses an' so much onlý as cleþd bý þ' learn'd as þ' b. siȝthen he demure an epitome in o hundr'd an' fiftȝ verses consisting o' þ' introduction wi' þ' chapter o' contents thi he first laughi to hees sone s. an' siȝthen he gae þæt to oþres o' hees disciples wþs weie possess'd o' þ' same qualifications after þho he execuȝ'd anþher compilation consisting o' six hundr'd thousand verses o' þoo thiis hundr'd thousand all known in þ' middangeaird o' þ' d. fifteen hundr'd thousand in þ' middangeaird o' þ' p. fourteen hundr'd thousand amang þ' g. an' o hundr'd thousand in þ' regions o' mankind n. recit'd hem to þ' d. d. to þ' p. an' s. publish'd hem to þ' g. an' i. an' in thi middangeaird they weie recit'd bý v. o o' þ' disciples o' v. a guma o' rightwise principles an' þ' first amang al þoo acquaint'd wi' þ' v. wile þho ic s. haste eke repeat'd o hundr'd thousand verses & as a vast

I^msimachia form'd o' religion an' veru a. as its trunk b. its branches th' to sons o' m. al its full-grown fruit an' flowers an' its roots an' k. b. an' th' b. p. after having subdu'd monie countries b^y hees wisdom an' piowess took up hees abode wi' th' m. in a sekir forest as a sporlsguma whiere he brought u'on himsel' a ful se'eie misforlune for having kill'd a stag coupling wi' its m8 hwylc serv'd as a warning for th' conduct o' th' princes o' hees house as long as they liv'd hieie mothires in oder tho th' ordinances o' th' law might bhu fulfill'd admitt'd as subsistutes to hieie embraces th' g*ds d. v. s. an' th' divinities th' twin a. an' whan hieie offspring grew up under th' leche o' hieie to mothires in th' societ y o' ascetics in th' midst o' sac*r*d groves an' h()Y recluse-abodes o' religious beom they were conduct'd b^y i. into th' presence o' d. an' hees sons following as students in th' costume o' b. having hieie hair ti'd in knoghs on hieie heads thi our pupils seih they art as your sons your brothires an' your wines they art p. saing thi th' m. disappear'd whan th' k. saw hem introduc'd as th' sons o' p. th' distinguish'd class o' citizens shou'd exceedinglyea for liklyng some howe'er seih they were nogh th' sons o' p. othires seih they were whil a few ask'd how they couth bhu hees offspring seeing he ha*th* been so long dead still on al sides voices were heard ciring they art on al accounts wol thio' divine purevence we behauld th' famil y o' p. let hieie wol bhu proclaim'd as thi acclamations ceas'd th' plaudits o' invisible speiles causing e'eiy point o' th' hefons to resound were tremendous thieie were showies o' sweet-scen'd flowers an' th' sound o' shells an' kettle-drums s. were th' wondres tho happen'd on th' arrival o' th' geong princes th' joyful noise althei th' ciizens in contenaunce o' hieie asee*th*-making on th' occasion wēs so gretē tho þæt teach'd th' ful hefons in magniflyng plaudits having studi'd th' hole o' th' v. an' sundry othies s. th' p. resip'd hieie respect'd b^y al an' without apprehension fræ hwylc o' th' principal beom were apa*th* d wi' th' purle o' l. th' courage o' a. th' submissive behaulding o' k. to her superiors an' th' humiliati o' th' twins n. an' s. an' al th' poeple rejoic'd in hieie heiloic virtues after a whil a. obtain'd th' virgin k. at th' s. in th' midst o' a concourse o' i. b^y performing a ful difficultifeat o' archei an' fiae thi tid he became ful much respect'd in thi middangeard amang al bowmen an' in fields o' baialle eke lik th' sinn he wēs hard to behauld b^y foe-men an' having vanquish'd al th' neighbouring princes an' e'eiy considerable tribe he accomplish'd al tho wēs necessary for th' i. hees eldest bro to perform th' gretē sacrifice clep*th* i. l. after having thio' th' sleagh counsels o' v. hieie attainment o' gretē merit an' veru consequent on s. pilgriimage sithen th' pilgriimage o' th' gretē sage n. to th' shrine p. eke th' pilgriimage o' th' high-sol'd p. hieie as th' deprivation o' k. o' hees ear-rings b^y i. hieie eke as recit'd th' sacrificial magnificence o' g. sithen th' stori o' a. in hwylc th' i. ate up th' a. v. an' hees connubial

connection wi' l. fiae *þ*' liste o' offspring si^{then} *þ*' storia o' r. w^sy adopt'd b.
 mode o' ealdor fiae hees ful boyhood si^{then} *þ*' historia o' o' giele prowess
þ' sone o' j. in hwylc has been narrat'd *þ*' d-h o' k. an' *þ*' h. si^{then} *þ*'
 meeting between *þ*' p. an' *þ*' v. in *þ*' sac*r*'d spo^t clep*d* p. si^{then} *þ*' storia o' s.
 in hwylc c. *þ*' sone o' b. meðe *þ*' twins aswinis drink at *þ*' sacrifice o' gnik s.
þ' soma juice fiae hwylc the^y ha^t been exclud'd b^y *þ*' lothie g*ds an' in
 hwylc besides as shown how c. himsel' acqui^rd perpetual swān as a boon fiae
þ' grateful aswinis si^{then} ha^t been descriib'd *þ*' historia o' gnik m. si^{then} *þ*'
 historia o' prince j. an' how gnik somaka b^y offering up hees onl^y sone j. in
 sacrifice obtain'd a hundr'd o^hres si^{then} *þ*' fiende historia o' *þ*' hafoc an' *þ*'
 pigeon si^{then} *þ*' behaulding o' gnik s. b^y i. a. an' d. si^{then} *þ*' storia o' a. in
 hwylc occurs *þ*' disputation at *þ*' sacrifice o' j. between *þ*ho r. an' *þ*' first o'
 logicians v. *þ*' sone o' v. *þ*' defeat o' v. b^y *þ*' giele a. an' *þ*' release b^y *þ*' r.
 o' hees dad fiae *þ*' depths o' *þ*' mere si^{then} *þ*' storia o' *þ*. an' si^{then} *þ*ho o' *þ*'
 giele r. si^{then} *þ*' departure o' *þ*' p. for g. an' hieie abode in *þ*' asylum clep*d*
 n. si^{then} b.'s lād to g. at *þ*' request o' d. in search o' *þ*' sweet-scen'd flower
 b.'s meeting on hees lād in a grove o' bananas wi' h. *þ*' sone o' p. o' giele
 prowess b.'s bath in *þ*' tank an' *þ*' destruction o' *þ*' flowers thielein for
 obtaining *þ*' sweet-scen'd flower he wēs in search o' hees consequent bataille
 wi' *þ*' might^y r. an' *þ*' *þ*. o' giele prowess including h. *þ*' destruction o' *þ*' a.
 j. b^y b. *þ*' meeting o' *þ*' p. wi' *þ*' royal sage v. hieie departure for *þ*' asylum
 o' a. an' abode thielein *þ*' incitemen^t o' b. to acts o' vengeance b^y d. si^{then} as
 narrat'd *þ*' ascent on *þ*' hills o' k. b^y b. hees terrific bataille wi' *þ*' might^y *þ*.
 head'd b^y h. si^{then} *þ*' meeting o' *þ*' p. wi' v. k. an' *þ*' meeting wi' a. after he
 ha^t obtain'd for *þ*' purpose o' *þ*. monie h^y k^ynde weapons si^{then} a.'s terrible
 encounter wi' *þ*' n. won^yng in h. an' eke wi' *þ*' p. an' *þ*' k. hieie destruction
 at *þ*' hands o' a. *þ*' commencement o' *þ*' displa^t o' *þ*' h^y k^ynde weapons b^y
 a. afore *þ*. *þ*' p^yen^tion o' *þ*' same b^y n. *þ*' descent o' *þ*' p. fiae g. *þ*'
 seizure o' b. in *þ*' forest b^y a mighty serpent huge as *þ*' beoig hees release
 fiae *þ*' coils o' *þ*' ammodities u'on *þ*.s answeing sekir questions *þ*' feck o'
þ' p. to *þ*' k. woods hieie as descriib'd *þ*' reappearance o' v. to lōcian *þ*'
 might^y sons o' p. *þ*' arrival o' m. an' various recitals *þ*' historia o' p. *þ*' sone
 o' v. recit'd b^y *þ*' giele r. *þ*' stories o' s. an' *þ*' r. i. after *þ*hi as *þ*' storia o' m.
 o^hie auld stories recit'd b^y m. *þ*' stories o' i. an' d. si^{then} *þ*' historia o' *þ*'
 chasle cwene *þ*' historia o' a. *þ*' meeting an' daliaunce o' d. an' s. *þ*' feck o'
þ' p. to *þ*' forest o' d. si^{then} *þ*' procession to lōcian *þ*' calves an' *þ*'
 caplivit^y o' d. an' whan *þ*' wre^tch wēs being carri'd aff hees rescue b^y a. hieie
 as *þ*.s dream o' *þ*' deer si^{then} *þ*' le-enl^y o' *þ*' p. into *þ*' k. forest hieie eke
 as *þ*' long storia o' v. hieie eke as recit'd *þ*' storia o' d. si^{then} *þ*' abduction b^y
 j. o' d. fiae *þ*' asylum *þ*' pursuin^t o' *þ*' ravisher b^y b. swift as *þ*' lif^y an' *þ*'

ill-shaving o' j.'s crown at b.'s hond hieie as th' long history o' i. in hwylc as shown how i. bly hees prowess slew i. in baialle hieie eke as naialat'd th' stori o' s. sihen k.'s deprivation bly i. o' hees ear-iings sihen th' presentation to k. bly th' graifi'd i. o' a s. missile weapon hwylc haith th' venu o' killing only o person agens wylsm þæt might bhu huil'd sihen th' storia clepdyd a. in hwylc d. th' g*ld o' justice gae advice to hees sone a. in hwylc besides as recit'd how th' p. aftei having obtain'd a boon gede towards th' west thiit art al includ'd in th' thiit p. clepdyd a. consisting o' to hundr'd an' sixty-nine sections th' number o' slokas as ele'en thousand six hundr'd an' sixty-four th' extensive p. tho comes next as clepdyd v. th' p. arriving at th' dominions o' v. saw in a cemetary on th' ouiskins o' th' ciyl a large shami tree whereton they kept hieie weapons hieie haith been recit'd hieie ently into th' ciyl an' hieie bide thieie in disguise sihen th' slaying bly b. o' th' wick'd k. wyls senseless wi' lust haith sought d. th' appointment bly prince d. o' cle'er spies an' hieie despatch to al sides for tracing th' p. th' failure o' thiit to discover th' mighty sons o' p. th' first seizure o' v.'s kine bly th' i. an' th' terrific baialle tho ensu'd th' capture o' v. bly th' enemys an' hees rescue bly b. th' release eke o' th' kine bly th' p. b. th' seizure o' v.'s kine ancoi bly th' k. th' defeat in baialle alther th' k. bly th' single-hand'd a. th' release o' th' gnik's kine th' beslowal bly v. o' hees dochter u. for a.'s acceptance on behalf o' hees sone bly s. a. th' desroyer o' foen thiit art th' contents o' th' extensive fourth clepdyd faru th' v. th' giele i. v. has demure in thiit sixty-se'en sections th' number o' slokas as to thousand an' fifty listen sihen to th' contents o' th' fifth p. hwylc behoven bhu known as u. whil th' p. desirous o' victory were residing in th' stede clepdyd u. d. an' a. baih gede at th' same tid to v. an' seith thou scholde render us assistance in thi wylg th' high-s(l)d k. u'on thiit words being utter'd repli'd thy first o' beo in a counsellor in msel' wyls wile nocht figh an' o a. o' troops hwylc o' thiit shall ic ge'e to hwylc o' thou blin' to hees oghne interests th' foolish d. ask'd for th' troops whil a. solici't'd k. as an unfighting counsellor sihen as describ'd how whan th' gnik o' m. wës coming for th' assistance o' th' p. d. having deceiv'd hylm on th' läd bly presens an' hospitality induc'd hylm to vouchesaaf a boon an' sihen solici't'd hees assistance in baialle how s. having pass'd hees word to d. gede to th' p. an' consol'd hem bly reciting th' history o' i.'s victory o'er v. sihen comes th' despatch bly th' p. o' hieie p. pries to th' k. sihen as describ'd how gnik d. o' giele prowess having heard th' word o' th' puohita o' th' p. an' th' storia o' i.'s victory decid'd u'on sending hees puohita an' ultimalely despatch'd s. as envoy to th' p. fræe lisle for peace haith been describ'd th' sleeplessness o' d. fræe anxiety u'on hearing al about th' p. an' hieie wines v. an' othes þæt wës on thi occasion tho v. address'd to th' sleagh gnik d. various counsels tho were fu' o' wisdom þæt wës hieie eke tho s. recit'd to th' anxious

an' doolung monaik th' excellent truths o' spezial philosophh on th' next
 morning s. spoke in th' couri o' th' gnik o' th' identitiy o' v. an' a. þæt wës
 siñhen tho th' illustrious k. mov'd bý kindness an' a lise for peace gede himsel'
 to th' k. capital h. for bringing about peace siñhen comes th' rejection bý prince
 d. o' th' embassyl o' k. wñs hath come to soliciit peace for th' benefit o' baith
 parties hieie hath been recit'd th' storiy o' th' high-s(ol'd
 m.'s search for a hosbonde for hees dochter siñhen th' history o' th' griele sage
 g. siñhen th' storiy o' th' training an' discipline o' th' sone o' b. siñhen th'
 exhibition bý k. afore th' assembl'd i. o' hees A. mightes u'on kunnung th' evil
 counsels o' d. an' k. siñhen k.'s tagnik k. in hees chariot an' hees rendering to
 hñm o' advice an' k.'s rejection o' th' same fræ pride siñhen th' feck o' k. th'
 chastiser o' enemies fræ h. to u. an' hees narration to th' p. alther tho hath
 happen'd þæt wës siñhen tho th'oo oppriosois o' foen th' p. having heard al an'
 consult'd properl wi' iche oñhre mede e'erly dignifying for wig siñhen comes th'
 march fræ h. for baaille o' fol-sauldiers houses chariooteers an' elpends siñhen
 th' tale o' th' troops bý baith parties siñhen th' despatch bý prince d. o' u. as
 envoi to th' p. on th' day previous to th' baaille siñhen th' tale o' chariooteers
 o' differen classes siñhen th' storiy o' a. thi al has'e been describ'd in th' fifth
 p. clep'd u. o' th' b. abounding wi' incidents appertaining to wig an' peace by
 ascetics th' griele v. hath demure o hundr'd an' eight-six sections in thi p. th'
 number o' slokas eke demure in thi bý th' griele i. as six thousand six hundr'd
 an' nine-eight siñhen as recit'd th' b. p. replete wi' wonderful incidents in thi
 hath been narrat'd bý s. th' formation o' th' region known as j. hieie hath been
 descriib'd th' griele depression o' A. s arm' an' eke a fierce fight for ten
 successive days in thi th' high-s(ol'd v. bý skiles bas'd on th' philosophh o'
 final release drove awa a.'s compunction springing fræ th' latte'r's behaulding
 for hees kindr'd wñsm he wës on th' e'e o' slasing in thi th' magnanimous k.
 attentive to th' welfare o' A. seeing th' loss inflict'd on th' p. arm' descend'd
 swiftl fræ hees chariot himsel' an' ran wi' dauntless breas't hees driving whip
 in hond to effect th' d-h o' b. in thi k. eke smote wi' piercing words a. th'
 beare o' th' g. an' th' formes in baaille amang al wielders o' weapons in thi
 th' formes o' bowmen a. placing s. afore hñm an' piercing b. wi' hees sharpest
 arrows fell'd hñm fræ hees chariot in thi b. laÿ stretch'd on hees b'd o' arrows
 thi exlensive p. as known as th' sixth in th' b. in thi has'e been demure o
 hundr'd an' se'enteen sections thi' number o' slokas as five thousand eight
 hundr'd an' eight-four as tauld bý v. conversant wi' th' v. siñhen as recit'd th'
 wonderful p. clep'd d. fu' o' incidents first comes th' installation in th'
 command o' th' arm' o' th' griele instrutor in arms d. siñhen th' vow mede bý
 tho griele master o' weapons o' seizing th' sleagh A. in baaille to please d.
 siñhen th' retreat o' a. fræ th' field afore th' s. siñhen th' overthow o' b. lik to a

second i. in ȝh' field wi' ȝh' elpend s. bȳ a. siȝhen ȝh' d-h o' ȝh' weı a. in hees
 leens alane an' unsupport'd at ȝh' hands o' monie m. including j. siȝhen after
 ȝh' d-h o' a. ȝh' destruction bȳ a. in baȝaille o' se'en a. o' ȝoops an' siȝhen o' j.
 siȝhen ȝh' enȝy bȳ b. o' mighty arms an' bȳ tho formest o' warriors-in-chariot
 s. into ȝh' k. ranks impenetrable e'en to ȝh' g*ds in search o' a. in obedience to
 ȝh' ordeis o' ȝ. an' ȝh' destruction o' ȝh' remnanȝ o' ȝh' s. in ȝh' d. p. as ȝh' d-h
 o' a. o' s. o' j. o' s. o' v. o' ȝrele warrior-in-chariot d. o' g. an' othres in thi
 p. a. excit'd beyond measure at ȝh' fa' o' hees dad in baȝaille dischaig'd ȝh'
 terrible weapon n. siȝhen ȝh' wuldroi o' i. in connection wi' ȝh' burning o' ȝh'
 three cities siȝhen ȝh' arrival o' v. an' recital bȳ hȳm o' ȝh' wuldroi o' k. an' a.
 thi as ȝh' ȝrele se'enȝ p. o' ȝh' b. in hwylc al ȝh' heroic chiefs an' princes
 mention'd were sent to hieie account ȝh' number o' sections in thi as o hundr'd
 an' se'enȝ ȝh' number o' slokas as demure in ȝh' d. p. bȳ i. v. ȝh' sone o' p. an'
 ȝh' possessor o' true skile after much meditation as eight thousand nine
 hundr'd an' nine siȝhen comes ȝh' most wonderful p. clepȝd k. in thi as nairal'd
 ȝh' appoinȝmenȝ o' ȝh' sleȝgh gnik o' m. as k.'s chariolees siȝhen ȝh' history o'
 ȝh' fa' o' ȝh' a. i. siȝhen ȝh' application to iche othre bȳ k. an' s. o' harsh words
 on hieie setting out for ȝh' field siȝhen ȝh' stoy o' ȝh' swan an' ȝh' craf recit'd
 in insulting allusion siȝhen ȝh' d-h o' p. at ȝh' hands o' ȝh' high-s(l)d a. siȝhen
 ȝh' d-h o' d. siȝhen tho o' d. siȝhen ȝ. s imminenȝ risk in single combat wi' k. in
 ȝh' presence alther ȝh' warriouȝ siȝhen ȝh' mutual wrath o' ȝ. an' a. siȝhen k.'s
 pacification o' a. in thi p. b. in fulfilmenȝ o' hees vow having ripp'd aperle d.'s
 breast in baȝaille drank ȝh' blood o' hees here siȝhen a. slew ȝh' ȝrele k. in
 single combaȝ leaders o' ȝh' b. clipian thi ȝh' eighth p. ȝh' number o' sections in
 thi as sixȝ-nine an' ȝh' number o' slokas as four thousand nine hundr'd an'
 sixȝ-four siȝhen haȝ been recit'd ȝh' wonderful p. clepȝd s. after al ȝh' ȝrele
 warriouȝ haȝ been slain ȝh' gnik o' m. became ȝh' leader o' ȝh' k. aimȝ ȝh'
 encounteris o' after anilhei o' chariolees hast'e been hieie describ'd siȝhen
 comes ȝh' fa' o' ȝh' ȝrele s. at ȝh' hands o' ȝ. ȝh' rightwise hieie eke as ȝh' d-h
 o' s. in baȝaille at ȝh' hands o' s. u'on onlȝ a sma' remnanȝ o' ȝh' ȝoops
 remaining alive after ȝh' immense slaughter d. gede to ȝh' lake an' clealing for
 himsel' room innan iis waletis laȝ stretch'd thiie for some hid siȝhen as nairal'd
 ȝh' receipt o' thi kunnȝng bȳ b. fræ ȝh' fowleis siȝhen as nairal'd how mov'd
 bȳ ȝh' insulting speeches o' ȝh' intelligent ȝ. d. e'er unable to bear affions
 came out o' ȝh' waletis siȝhen comes ȝh' encounteris wi' clubs aȝween d. an' b.
 siȝhen ȝh' arrival at ȝh' hid o' s. encounteris o' b. siȝhen as describ'd ȝh'
 sacredness o' ȝh' s. siȝhen ȝh' progress o' ȝh' encounteris wi' clubs siȝhen ȝh'
 fracture o' d.'s thighs in baȝaille bȳ b. wi' a terrific huil o' hees mace thiis al
 hast'e been describ'd in ȝh' wonderful ninth p. in thi ȝh' number o' sections as
 fiftȝ-nine an' ȝh' number o' slokas demure bȳ ȝh' ȝrele v. ȝh' spidelei o' ȝh'

fame o' þ h' k. as þhree þousand þo hundr'd an' twentÿ siþhen shall ic describe
þ h' p. cleþyd s. o' frighthful incidenþs on þ h' p. having gaen awa þ h' mightÿ
chariootees k. k. an' þ h' sone o' d. came to þ h' field o' bataille in þ h' e'ening an'
þhieie saw gnik d. ligging on þ h' ground hees þhighs broken an' himsel'
cover'd wi' blood siþhen þ h' griele chariooteer þ h' sone o' d. o' terrible wraþh
vow'd wiþhouþ killing al þ h' p. including d. an' þ h' p. eke wi' al hieie allies ic
wile noȝt lake aff armou having spoken þhoo words þ h' þhree warrios leaving
d.'s side enter'd þ h' griele foresh rightwise as þ h' sinn wës setting whil sitting
under a large banian tree in þ h' n8 theð saw an owl killing numerous crows o'
aftær anishei at þ h' behaulding o' þhi a. hees herle fu' o' rage at þ h' gehågd o'
hees faiher's fate resolv'd to slaþ þ h' slumbering p. an' wending to þ h' æst o'
þ h' camp he saw þhieie a r. o' frighthful visage hees hëafod rechlyng to þ h' ful
heofons guarding þ h' entrance an' seeing þhoo r. obstructing al hees weapons þ h'
sone o' d. speedilþ pacifi'd bþ worship þ h' þhree-eȝ'd r. an' siþhen accompani'd
bþ k. an' k. he slew al þ h' sons o' d. al þ h' p. wi' d. an' oþhies somne wi' hieie
relatives slumbering unsuspectinglþ in þ h' n8 al perish'd on þho fatal n8 ouȝe
lake þ h' five p. an' þ h' griele swân s. þhoo escap'd owing to k.'s counsels siþhen
þ h' chariooteer o' d. brought to þ h' p. kunnlyng o' þ h' slaughter o' þ h' slumbering
p. bþ þ h' sone o' d. siþhen d. disesid at þ h' curtains o' hei sons an' biþhies an'
dad set afore hei l-ds resolv'd to kill heisel' bþ fastig siþhen b. o' terrible
prowess mov'd bþ þ h' words o' d. resolv'd to please hei an' speedilþ tagnik up
hees mace follow'd in wraþh þ h' sone o' hees pieceptioñ in arms þ h' sone o' d.
fiae feide o' b. an' impell'd bþ þ h' fates an' mov'd eke bþ angei dischaig'd a
hþ kþnde weapon saþing þhi as for þ h' destruction alþhei þ h' p. siþhen k. saþing
þhi shall noȝt bhu neutralis'd a.'s speech siþhen a. neutralis'd þho weapon bþ o'
o' hees oghne seeing þ h' wick'd a.'s destructive intentions d. an' k. pronounc'd
banneþ on hþm hwylc þ h' latier reþur'd p. siþhen depriy'd þ h' mightÿ warrioř
in-chariot a. o' þ h' jewel on hees hëafod an' became exceedinglþea faþne an'
boastful o' hieie fridei meðe a presenþ o' to þ h' dooling d. thus þ h' tenþ p.
cleþyd s. as recit'd þ h' griele v. haþh demuie þhi in eighteen sections þ h' number
o' slokas eke demuie in þhi bþ þ h' griele reciter o' saci'r'd tñths as eighti hundr'd
an' se'enþ in þhi p. has been puȝ somne bþ þ h' griele r. þ h' to parvas cleþyd s.
an' a. aftær thi haþh been recit'd þ h' highly pathetic p. cleþyd s. d. o' prophetic
ighe afflict'd at þ h' d-h o' hees childien an' mov'd bþ enmiþ towards b. broke
into pieces a statue o' hard aiñ defilþ plac'd afore hþm bþ k. as substiþute o' b.
siþhen v. remowayng þ h' disesid d.'s affection for wordelþ things bþ skiles
pointing to final release consol'd þho sleȝgh monaik siþhen haþh been describ'd
þ h' wending o' þ h' disesid d. accompani'd bþ þ h' ladies o' hees house to þ h'
field o' bataille o' þ h' k. hieie follow þ h' pathetic wailings o' þ h' wives o' þ h'
slain heroes siþhen þ h' wraþh o' g. an' d. an' hieie loss o' consciousness siþhen

4h' k. ladies saw 4hoo heroes hieie unlamenting sons brothers an' fathers
 liggyng dead on 4h' field sithen 4h' pacification b4 k. o' 4h' wrath o' g. disesid
 at 4h' d-h o' hei sons an' grandsons sithen 4h' cremation o' 4h' bodies o' 4h'
 deceas'd i. wi' due rites b4 tho monk 4. o' grete wisdom an' 4h' formest eke
 alther virtuous beom sithen u'on 4h' presentation o' wæter o' 4h' manes o' 4h'
 deceas'd princes having commenc'd 4h' storiy o' k.'s acknowledgmen1 o' k. as
 hei sone bo'm in priyé 4hoo haste al been describ'd b4 4h' grete i. v. in 4h'
 highl̄ pathetic ele'enth p. its perusal moveit e'er felng here wi' dool an'
 e'en draweth tears fiae 4h' ighes 4h' number o' sections demure as twen1y-se'en
 4h' number o' slokas as se'en hundr'd an' se'en-five twelfh in number
 comeit 4h' s. p. hwylc increaseit 4h' skile an' in hwylc as relat'd 4h'
 despondenc1 o' 4. on hees having slain hees fathers brothers sons maternal
 uncles an' matrimonial relations in thi p. as describ'd how fiae hees b'd o'
 arrows b. expound'd various systems o' duties worth 4h' stod1y o' gniks
 desirous o' skile thi p. expound'd 4h' duties relative to emergencies wi' fu'
 indications o' hid an' skiles b4 skile thi a person attaineth to consummate skile
 4h' mysteries eke o' final emancipation haste been expand'd u'on thi as 4h'
 twelfh p. 4h' favourite o' 4h' sleagh þæt consists o' three hundr'd an' thir1y-nine
 sections an' contains fourteen thousand se'en hundr'd an' thir1y-to slokas
 next in order as 4h' excellen1 a. p. in þæt as describ'd how 4. 4h' gnik o' 4h' k.
 wēs reconcil'd to himself' on hearing 4h' exposition o' duties b4 b. 4h' sone o'
 b. thi p. treat's o' rules in detail an' o' d. an' a. sithen 4h' rules o' char1y an' its
 merits sithen 4h' qualifications o' donees an' 4h' paramoun1 ride-regarding gifts
 thi p. eke describes 4h' ceremonials o' individual duty 4h' rules o' conduct an'
 4h' matchless merit o' truth thi p. showeth 4h' grete merit o' b. an' kine an'
 unraveleit 4h' mysteries o' duties in relation to hid an' stede thi an' embodied
 in 4h' excellen1 p. clep'd a. o' vari'd incidents in thi hath been describ'd 4h'
 ascension o' b. to heav'n thi as 4h' thirteenth p. hwylc hath laid down
 acculael1 4h' various duties o' beom 4h' number o' sections in thi as o hundr'd
 an' four1y-six 4h' number o' slokas as eight thousand sithen comes 4h' fourteenth
 p. a. in thi as 4h' excellen1 storiy o' s. an' m. sithen as describ'd 4h' discoverd b4
 4h' p. o' gaulden treasuries an' sithen 4h' b-h o' p. w4s wēs reviv'd b4 k. after
 having been burn1 b4 4h' h4nde weapon o' a. 4h' baailles o' a. 4h' sone o' p.
 whil following 4h' sacrifical horse let loose wi' various princes w4s in wrath
 seiz'd þæt sithen as shown 4h' grete risk o' a. in hees encounter wi' v. 4h' sone
 o' c. b4 a. 4h' appoint'd dochter o' 4h' chief o' m. sithen 4h' storiy o' 4h'
 mongoose during 4h' gefyllan o' 4h' horse-sacrifice thi as 4h' most wonderful p.
 clep'd a. 4h' number o' sections as o hundr'd an' three 4h' number o' slokas
 demure in thi b4 v. o' true skile as three thousand three hundr'd an' twen1y
 sithen comes 4h' fifteenth p. clep'd a. in thi d. abdicating 4h' gnikdom an'

accompani'd bλ g. an' v. gede to th' woods s. thi th' virtuous p. eke e'e
 engag'd in cherishing hei superioris leaving th' court o' hei sons follow'd th'
 auld couple in thi as describ'd th' wonderful meeting thi o' th' kindness o' v. o'
 th' gnik d. wi' th' speiles o' hees slain children grand-children an' o'the
 princes return'd fræ th' tothie middangeard si'then th' monk abandoning hees
 dools acqui'd wi' hees cwene th' sovereinnes frui't o' hees meitiorious actions
 in thi p. v. after having lean'd on veru al hees ealdoi attaineth to th' most
 meliorious state th' learn'd sone o' g. s. eke o' passions under fu' control an'
 th' formes o' ministers attain'd in th' p. to th' bless'd state in thi λ. th'
 rightwise met n. an' heald fræ hλm 'bout th' extinction o' th' race o' v. thi as
 th' ful wonderful p. clepλd a. th' number o' sections in thi as forλ-to an' th'
 number o' slokas demure bλ v. cognisan' o' tru'th as o' thousand five hundr'd
 an' six after thi thou wife comes th' m. o' pynful incidents in thi thoo lion-
 heire'd heroes o' th' race o' v. wi' th' scars o' monie a field on hie're bodies
 oppress'd wi' th' curse o' a b. whil depriv'd o' skile fræ drink impell'd bλ th'
 fates slew iche o'the on th' shoses o' th' s. seea wi' th' e. grass hwλlc in hie're
 hands became invest'd wi' th' fatal attributes o' th' thunder in thi baith b. an'
 k. k. after causing th' extemination o' hie're race hie're ou're having come
 hemsel' did nogh't rise superior to th' swaγ althei'-destroying id in thi a. th'
 formes amang beom going to d. d. an' seeing th' ciλy desti'ute o' th' v. wēs
 much affec't'd an' became exceedinglēa sorly si'then after th' funeral o' hees
 maleinal uncle v. th' formes amang th' λ. v. he saw th' heroes o' th' λ. race
 liggλng st̄eich'd in d-h on th' spo't whiere theλ haith been d̄ringnik he si'then
 caus'd th' cremation o' th' bodies o' th' illustrious k. an' b. an' o' th' piincipal
 members o' th' v. race si'then as he wēs journeying fræ d. wi' th' cwene an'
 sprou'th' auld an' th' decrepit th' remnanc's o' th' λ. race he wēs met on th' lād
 bλ a heavλ calamiλ he wiñess'd eke th' disgrace o' hees bow g. an' th'
 unpropitiousness o' hees hλ kλnde weapons s. al thi a. became despondent an'
 pursuant to v.'s advice gede to λ. an' solici't'd permission to adopt th' s. mode
 o' ealdoi thi as th' sixteenth p. clepλd m. th' number o' sections as eighti an' th'
 number o' slokas demure bλ v. cognisan' o' tru'th as three hundr'd an' twenty
 th' next as m. th' se'enteenh p. in thi thoo formes amang beom th' p.
 abdicating hie're gnikdom gede wi' d. on hie're gie're lād clepλd m. in thi theλ
 came across a. having arriv'd on th' shose o' th' sea-egg o' r'd wales in thi
 ask'd bλ a. himsel' a. worshipp'd hλm dulY dūm'p'd on hλm th' excellen't hλ
 kλnde bow clepλd g. in thi leaving hees brothires wās dropp'd o' after an'ther
 an' d. eke λ. gede on hees lād without ones loognik back on hem thi th'
 se'enteenh p. as clepλd m. th' number o' sections in thi as three th' number o'
 slokas eke demure bλ v. cognisan' o' tru'th as three hundr'd an' twenty th' p.
 tho comes after thi thou behoven wife as th' extreordinarie o' clepλd s. o' hλ

k^{an}de incidents sithen seeing th' h^a k^{an}de car come to take h^am ^l. mov'd b^a
kindness towards th' pooch tho accompani'd h^am jefus'd to ascend þæt
without hees companion obseiving th' illustrious ^l's steddy adhierence to
vernu d. th' g^{*d} o' justice abandoning hees canine lⁱc show'd himsel' to th'
gnik sithen ^l. ascending to heav'n felⁱ much pine th' h^a k^{an}de messenger
show'd h^am hell b^a an act o' deception sithen ^l. th' s(ol o' justice heard th'
hele-rending lamentations o' hees b^aothies abiding in tho region under th'
discipline o' ^l. sithen d. an' i. show'd ^l. th' region appoin't'd for sinnes sithen
^l. after leaving th' manly lⁱc b^a a plunge in th' h^a k^{an}de g. attain'd to tho
region hwylc hees acts merit'd an' began to le'e in likng respect'd b^a i. an' al
o^lhie g^{*ds} thi as th' eighteen p. as nairal'd b^a th' illustrious v. th' number o'
slokas demure ascetics b^a th' giele i. in thi as to hundi'd an' nine th' 'boon an'
th' contents o' th' eighteen paivas in th' appendiecs k. an' th' h. an' th' v. th'
number o' slokas lappid in th' h. as twelve thousand thi an' th' contents o' th'
section clep^{yd} p. s. continu'd eighteen a. o' troops came somne for baialle th'
encounter tho ensu'd w^es terrible an' last'd for eighteen da^{ys} he w^{ls} knows th'
four v. wi' al th' a. an' u. ac does noghⁱ wile thi history b. cannoghⁱ bhu
regard'p'd as sleagh v. o' immeasurable kunnng has spoken o' th' m. as a
treatise on a. on d. an' on k. whoo w^{ls} haste listen'd to hees history mow ne'er
bear to redyn on o^lhies as inde'd they w^{ls} haste listen'd to th' sweet voice o'
th' male k. mow ne'er hieie th' dissonance o' th' crow's cawing as th'
formation o' th' three worlds proceedeth fiae th' five elements so do th'
inspirations althei poe^s proce'd fiae thi excellen^t composition ly b. as th' four
kinds o' creatures viviparous oviparous born o' hot moisture an' vegetables an'
dependen^t on space for hieie existence so th' p. depend u'on thi history as al
th' wites depend for hieie exercise u'on th' various modifications o' th' mind
so do al acts ceremonials an' moral qualities depend u'on thi treatise hieie as
nothⁱ a story current in th' middangeard ac doth depend on thi history e'en as
lⁱc u'on th' meie þæt taketh al poe^s cherish th' b. e'en as servants desirous o'
preferement algates attend u'on masters o' guid lineage e'en as th' bless'd
domestic a. mow ne'er bhu surpass'd b^a th' three o^lhies a. modes o' ealdor so
no poe^s mow surpass thi poem ly ascetics shake aff al inaction let yow heries
bhu ficchid on vernu for vernu as th' o only mairow o' h^am tho has gaen to th'
o^lhie middangeard e'en th' most intelligent b^a cherishing wealth an' wives
mow ne'er make thihi hieie oghne nor an thihi possessions lasting th' b. utter'd
b^a th' lips o' d. as without a parallel þæt as vernu itsel' an' sac*r*d þæt
desirereth sin an' produceth guid he tho lisleneth to þæt whil þæt as being
recit'd hath no ne'd o' a bath in th' sac*r*d waies o' p. a b. whichee'er sins he
mowen committ during th' da^y thihi hees wites as fie'd fiae hem al b^a reading
th' b. in th' e'ening whichee'er sins he mowen committ eke in th' n8 b^a dedes

words oī mind he's fīe'd frāe hem al bȳ reading b. in þī' fīst twilightī morning
he þo giveþ h a hundr'd kine wi' horns mount'd wi' gauld to a b. well-pos't'd up
in þī' v. an' al brānches o' kunnāng an' he þo dailY listeneþ to þī' sacī'd
narrations o' þī' b. acquireþ equal merit as þī' gēap mere as easilY passable bȳ
beom having ships so as þīi extensiōn history o' gīete priise an' deep import wi'
þī' help o' þīi chapter clep'd p. sangiāha thus endeþ þī' section clep'd p. o'
þī' a. p. o' þī' bless'd m. s. seīh j. þī' sone o' p. wēs wi' hees brōthres
attending hees long sacrificise on þī' plains o' k. hees brōthres were þīree s. u.
an' b. an' as þīeþ weie sitting at þī' sacrificise thiēre arriv'd at þī' spoī an
offspring o' s. þī' hā kānde bītch an' belabour'd bȳ þī' brōthres o' j. he rā
awa to hees mothrie cīling in pine an' hees mothrie seeing hām cīling
exceedinglēa ask'd hām whā cīest þīou so wās haīh beaēn þīee an' being
thus question'd he seīh unto hees mothrie ic hastē been belabour'd bȳ þī'
brōthres o' j. an' hees mothrie repli'd þīou hastē commit't'd some faulē for hwālc
hastē þīou been beaēn he answer'd ic hastē noghī commit't'd hwālc faulē
ic hastē noghī touch'd þī' sacrificiāl buter wi' mī tongue noi hastē ic e'en cas't a
lōcian u'on þāt hees mothrie s. hearing þīi an' much disesid at þī' angie o' hei
sone gede to þī' stede whieie j. wi' hees brōthres wēs at hees long-extending
sacrificise an' scho addriess'd j. in angei saīing thi mī sone haīh commit't'd no
faulē he haīh noghī look'd u'on lōu sacrificial buter noi haīh he touch'd þāt
wi' hees tongue for whā haīh he been beaēn þīey seīh noghī a word in replā
whieieu'on scho seīh as ðy hastē beaēn mī sone wās haīh commit't'd no faulē
þīiefore shall evil come u'on ðy whan ðy least wenes t þāt j. thus addriess'd
bȳ þī' hā kānde bītch s. became exceedinglēa alaim'd an' deject'd an' after
þī' sacrificise wēs conclud'd reūm'd to h. an' began to take gīete pānes in
searching for a p. wās couth bȳ procuring absolution for hees sin neutralise þī'
effect o' þī' curse o' dañ j. þī' sone o' p. whil a-hunting obseiv'd in a particular
part o' hees dominions a hemiāage whieie dwal a sekii i. o' fame s. he haīh a
sone nemnid somasiava deeplY engag'd in ascētic devotions being desirous o'
appointing þīo sone o' þī' i. as hees p. j. þī' sone o' p. salut'd þī' i. an'
addriess'd hām saīing possessor o' þī' six atthributes let þīi þīi sone bhu mī
muohiāa þī' i. thus addriess'd answer'd j. j. thi mī sone deep in ascētic
devotions accomplish'd in þī' stodY o' þī' v. an' endu'd wi' þī' fu' boistousnes
o' mī ascēticism as boim o' þī' womb o' a she-snake þīo haīh drunk mī viāl
fluid he's able to absolve þīee frāe al offences save þīoo commit't'd agens m. ac
he haīh o' particular costume viz he would vouchesaaf to hwālc b. whichee'e
mighī bhu begg'd o' hām an' þīou cans't pu' up wi' þāt sīthen thou take hām j.
thus addriess'd repli'd to þī' i. þāt shall bhu e'en so an' accepting hām for hees
p. he reūm'd to hees capital an' he sīthen addriess'd hees brōthres saīing thi as
þī' person ic hastē chosen for mī spēiēual master whichesoe'er he mowen sa

beoven bhu compli'd wi' bȝ thou without behauldng an' hees brothres did as
ȝheȝ weie direcle an' giving ȝhir directions to hees brothres ȝh' gnik mach'd
towards i. an' bȝroughȝ tho countriy under hees autoritȝ about thi tid thiere wȳs a
i. a. bȝ nama an' a. hath three disciples u. a. an' v. an' ȝh' i. bade o o' ȝhir
disciples a. o' p. to weend an' stop up a breach in ȝh' waeler-course o' a sekir
field an' a. o' p. thus oder'd bȝ hees preceptor repair'd to thi' spot an' having
gaen ȝhier he saw tho he couȝt noȝt stop up thi' breach in ȝh' waeler-course bȝ
ordinari menes an' he wȳs disesid forhi tho he couȝt noȝt do hees
preceptor's bidding ac al lengȝt he saw a lād an' seith fiel ic wile do þæt in thi
lād he siȝhen gede down into thi' breach an' laȝ down himsel' ȝhier an' thi'
waeler wȳs thus confin'd an' some tid after thi' preceptor a. ask'd hees oȝhre
disciples whiere a. o' p. wȳs an' ȝheȝ answer'd sii he hath been sent bȝ
ȝoursel' saing weend stop up thi' breach in thi' waeler-course o' thi' field thus
remind'd d. addressing hees pupils seith siȝhen let us al weend to thi' stede
whiere he's an' having arriv'd thi' he shouȝt'd h. a. o' p. whiere an' thou come
hēr mi' baiȝn an' a. hearing thi' voice o' hees preceptor speedily came out o' thi'
waeler-course an' stood afore hees preceptor an' addressing thi' latter a. seith
hier i'm in thi' breach o' thi' waeler-course noȝt having been able to devise
hwȝlc oȝhre menes ic enter'd mȝsel' for thi' purpose o' pre'enting thi' waeler
running out þæt as only u'on hearing thi' voice tho having left þæt an' suffr'd
thi' waeler to escape ic hast stood afore thee ic salute thee maslej tell me
whiche ic hast to do thi' preceptor thus address'd repli'd forhi tho in getting
up fiae thi' diȝt thou hast open'd thi' waeler-course whenceforhi shall thou bhu
clepȝd u. as a token o' thi' preceptor's favour an' forhi tho mi' words haste
been obeȝ'd bȝ ȝhee ȝhou'se obtain guid fortune an' al thi' v. shall shine in ȝhee
an' al thi' d. s. eke an' a. thus address'd bȝ hees preceptor gede to thi' countriy
after hees herie thi' nama o' anihei o' a.'s disciples wȳs u. an' d. appoint'd
hȝm saing weend mi' baiȝn u. lōcian after thi' kine an' according to hees
preceptor's oder's he gede to tend thi' kine an' having watch'd hem al daȝ he
retur'm'd in thi' e'enig to hees preceptor's house an' standing afore hȝm he
salut'd hȝm respecfull an' hees preceptor seeing hȝm in guid condition o' lic
ask'd hȝm u. mi' baiȝn u'on whiche dos't thou underiȝt ȝhysel' ȝhou an'
exceedinglȝea plump an' he answer'd sii ic underiȝt mȝsel' bȝ begging an'
hees preceptor seith whiche as obtain'd in aumous scholde noȝt bhu us'd bȝ
ȝhee without offering þæt to me an' u. thus tauld gede awa an' having obtain'd
aumous he put thi' same to hees preceptor an' hees preceptor took fiae hȝm
e'en thi' hole an' u. thus leat'd gede to attend thi' catile an' having watch'd
hem al daȝ he retur'm'd in thi' e'enig to hees preceptor's abode an' he stood
afore hees preceptor an' salut'd hȝm wi' respeci an' hees preceptor perceiving
tho he still continu'd to bhu o' guid condition o' lic seith unto hȝm u. mi' baiȝn

ic take fræ thee e'en þ' hole o' whiche þou obtainest in aumous without leaving ought for thee how siþhen dost þou al presenþ contrive to underþu þysel' an' u. seith unto hees preceptor siþ having meðe o'er to þou al þo ic obtain in aumous ic weend a-begging a second ȝid for supporting mæsel' an' hees preceptor siþhen repli'd thi as noȝt þ' lād in hwylc þou scholdesþ obeþ þ' preceptor bý thi þou ait diminishing þ' underþu o' oþres þo le'e bý begging verrelþ having support'd þysel' so þou hast prov'd þysel' covetous an' u. having signifi'd hees assent to al þo hees preceptor seith gede awa to attend þ' cattle an' having watch'd hem al daþ he retum'd to hees preceptor's house an' he stood afore hees preceptor an' salut'd hām respecfullþ an' hees preceptor observing þo he wēs still fat seith ancor unto hām u. mi bairn ic take fræ thee al þou obtainest in aumous an' þou dost noȝt weend a-begging a second ȝid an' let ait þou in healthþ condition how dost þou underþu þysel' an' u. thus question'd answer'd siþ ic now le'e u'on þ' milk o' thi cows an' hees preceptor thierew'on ȝauld hām þæt as noȝt lawful for thee to appropriate þ' milk without having first obtain'd mi consent an' u. having assent'd to þ' justice o' thi obseruations gede awa to tend þ' kine an' whan he retum'd to hees preceptor's abode he stood afore hām an' salut'd hām as usual an' hees preceptor seeing þo he wēs still fat seith u. mi bairn þou eatest no longer o' aumous nor dost þou weend a-begging a second ȝid noȝt e'en drinkest o' þ' milk let ait þou fat bý whiche menes dost þou contrive to le'e now an' u. repli'd siþ ic now sip þ' froþh þo thi calves throw out whil sucgnik hieie mother's teats an' þ' preceptor seith thi generous calves ic suppose out o' compassion for thee throw out large quantities o' froþh wouldst þou stand in þ' lād o' hieie fu' meals bý acting as þou hast wrought wiþe þo þæt as unþeful for thee to drink þ' froþh an' u. having signifi'd hees assent to thi gede as afore to tend þ' cows an' restrain'd bý hees preceptor he feedeth noȝt on aumous nor hath he ought else to eat he drinkeþ noȝt o' þ' milk nor tasteth he o' þ' froþh an' u. o daþ oppress'd bý hunger whan in a forest ate o' þ' le'es o' þ' a. asclepias gigantea an' hees ighes being affec't'd bý þ' pungenþ acrimonious boîsþousþ an' saline properties o' þ' le'es hwylc he hath eaten he became blin' an' as he wēs crawling about he fell into a pit an' u'on hees noȝt returning þo daþ whan þ' sinn wēs singnik down ahin þ' summif o' þ' weslem mountains þ' preceptor obser've'd to hees disciples þo u. wēs noȝt let come an' theþ ȝauld hām þo he haþ gaen out wi' þ' cattle þ' preceptor siþhen seith u. being restrain'd bý me fræ þ' use o' e'erlything as o' course an' thielfore doþ noȝt come home of þæt bhu late let us siþhen weend in search o' hām an' having seith thi he gede wi' hees disciples into þ' forest an' began to shouþ saking h. u. whiere ait þou an' u. hearing hees preceptor's voice answer'd in a boîsþous tone hieie i'm ait þ' bottom o' a fiel

an' hees p̄icept̄or ask'd h̄m how he happen'd to bhu h̄iere an' u. repli'd having eaſen o' th' le'ſes o' th' a. plan ic became blin' an' so hasle ic fallen into thi fiel an' hees p̄icept̄or h̄iereu' on tauld h̄m gloiffl̄y th' twin a. th' joint ph̄ysicians o' th' g*ds an' they wile restore thee th̄ behaulding an' u. thus direcle b̄y hees p̄icept̄or began to glorify th' twin a. in th' following words o' th' rig v. Ly hasle exist'd afore th' creation ly first-born beings ly art displa'y'd in thi wondrous universe o' five elements ic liste to obtain thou b̄y th' help o' th' skile deriv'd fr̄e hearing an' o' meditation for ly art infinite ly art th' course itsel' o' kinde an' intelligent s()l tho pervades tho course ly art birds o' beauſeous feathers perch'd on th' līc tho as lik to a tree ly art without th' three common attributes o' e'erly s()l ly art incomparable ly thio' loui speſie in e'erly crea't'd thing pervade th' universe ly art gaulden ears ly art th' essence into hwylc al things disappear ly art free fr̄e eiſo an' wile no deterioration ly art o' beauſeous beaks tho would noȝt unjustly strike an' art victorious in e'erly encounter ly seekil̄y prevail o'er id having crea't'd th' sinn ly weave th' wondrous cloth o' th' gear b̄y menes o' th' white 3d o' th' daſ an' th' black 3d o' th' n8 an' wi' th' cloth so woven ly hasle establish'd to courses o' dede appertaining respectivel̄ to th' d. an' th' p. th' biid o' ealdoi seized b̄y id hwylc represens th' strength o' th' infinite s()l ly set free for delivering hei unto ḡete happiness they art in deep ignorance as long as they art under delusions o' h̄iere wiles suppose thou w̄ls art independent o' th' attributes o' mater to bhu gift'd wi' līc th̄ee hundr'd an' sixty cows represen't b̄y th̄ee hundr'd an' sixty daſs produc'e o' cauf a'ween hem hwylc as th' gear tho cauf as th' crea'tor an' destroyer alther seekers o' trut̄h following different roules draw th' milk o' trut̄h skile wi' its help ly a. ly art th' crea'tors o' tho cauf th' gear as ac th' nave o' a wheel to hwylc as attach'd se'en hundr'd an' twenty spokes represen't b̄y twelve mon̄hs as without en' thi wheel as fu' o' delusions an' knows no deterioration þat affects al creatures wher to thi or o' th' r̄othre worlds ly a. thi wheel o' id as set in motion b̄y thou th' wheel o' id as represen't b̄y th' gear has a nave represen't b̄y th' six seasons th' number o' spokes attach'd to tho nave as twelve as represen't b̄y th' twelve tokens o' th' zodiac thi wheel o' id manifeſts th' fruits o' th' acts alther things th' presiding deities o' id abide in tho wheel sogeſt as i'm to its distressful influence ly a. liberaſe me fr̄e tho wheel o' id ly a. ly art thi universe o' five elements ly art th' objects tho art enjoy'd in thi an' in th' rothre middangeard make me independent o' th' five elements an' thof ly art th' paramount b. let ly move o'er th' earth in forms enjoying th' delights tho th' wiles afford in th' beginning ly crea't'd th' ten points o' th' universe siſhen hasle ly plac'd th' s. an' th' roðor'boon th' i. according to th' course o' th' same s. perform h̄iere

sacrifices an' th' g*ds an' beom according to whiche hath been appoint'd for hem perform hieie sacrificises eke enjolyng th' fruſts o' thoo acts mixing th' thrie colouſs ly haſte produc'd al th' objeſts o' behaulding þæt as fiae thi objects tho th' universe hath ſprung whiereon th' g*ds an' beom an' engag'd in hieie iſpective occupations an' inde'd al creatures endu'd wi' ealdoſ ly a. ic adore thou ic eke adore th' lord hƿylc as you handiwoik ly aſt th' ordainers o' th' fruſts alther acts fiae hƿylc e'en th' g*ds an' noȝt free ly aſt ouſelves free fiae th' fruſts o' you acts ly aſt th' patens alther as males an' females þæt as ly tho swallow th' mete hƿylc subsequenſly de'elops into th' ealdoſ creating fluid an' blood th' niwe-boom infant sucks th' eaſt o' its mothie inde'd þæt as ly tho take th' ſhape o' th' infant ly a. vouchesaaf me mi behaulding to proleſt mi ealdoſ th' twin a. Thus invok'd appear'd an' ſeith we've eſid hieie as a cake for thee take an' eaſt þæt an' u. Thus addreſſ'd repli'd you words a. haſte ne'er prov'd untrue ac wiþhouſt firſt offering thi cake to mi preceptor ic duſt noȝt take þæt an' th' a. thieieu'on tauld hλm formeſly thi preceptor hath invok'd us we thiſieu'on gae hλm a cake lik thi an' he took þæt wiþhouſt offering þæt to hees maſter do thou do tho hƿylc thi preceptor did thus addreſſ'd u. ancor ſeith unto hem a. ic crave you pardon wiþhouſt offering þæt to mi preceptor ic duſt noȝt apply thi cake th' a. ſiſhen ſeith we've apaſt'd wi' thi devoſion o' thine to thi preceptor thi maſter's teeth an' o' black aiſn thine ſhall bhu o' gauld thou ſhall bhu reparail'd to behaulding an' ſhall haſte guid fortune thus ſpoken to bȝ th' a. he recover'd hees behaulding an' having gaen to hees preceptor's preſence he ſalut'd hλm an' tauld hλm al an' hees preceptor wēſ well-apaf'd wi' hλm an' ſeith unto hλm thouſe obtain proſperitY e'en as th' a. haſte ſeith al th' v. ſhall shine in thee an' al th' d.-ſ. an' thi wēſ th' trial o' u. ſiſhen v. th' thiſie disciple o' a. wēſ clep'd hees preceptor ones addreſſ'd hλm ſaſing v. mi baſin þairſ some ſid in mi house an' ſerve thi preceptor þæt ſhall bhu to thi profit an' v. having ſignifi'd hees aſſent þairſ'd long in thi familY o' hees preceptor mindful o' ſerving hλm lik an ox under thi burthens o' hees maſter he buri hætor an' cauld hunger an' thiſit at al times wiþhouſt a murmur an' þæt wēſ noȝt long afore hees preceptor wēſ eſid an' as a conſequeneſce o' tho aſeeſh-makſng v. obtain'd guid fortune an' universal ſkile an' thi wēſ th' trial o' v. an' v. having receiv'd permiſſion fiae hees preceptor an' leaving thi latteſt's reſidence after thi completion o' hees ſtudies enter'd thi domestic mode o' ealdoſ an' whil leving in hees oghne house he gaſt thiſee pupils an' he ne'er tauld hem to perform hƿylc ſwink or to obey implicity hees oghne behests for having himſel' experienſd much wēa whil abiding in thi familY o' hees preceptor he lik'd noȝt to treat hem wi' ſe'ereſt after a ſekir ſid j. an' p. baſh o' th' ordeſ o' k. arriving at hees reſidence appoint'd thi b. v. as hieie ſpeſieſual guide u. an' o daſt whil abouſt to depaſt u'on ſome buſineſſ

releas'd to a sacrifice he employ'd o' hees disciples u. to take charge o' hees househould u. seith he whichesoe'er scholde hast to bhu wrought in mi house let þær bhu wrought bý thee without neglecþ an' having goven thi orders to u. he gede on hees lād so u. algates mindful o' þeir injunction o' hees preceptor took up hees abode in þeir latteir's house an' whil u. wēs residing thier þeir females o' hees preceptor's house having assembl'd address'd hām an' seith u. þy mistress as in the season whan connubial connection might bhu fūlful þeir preceptor as absent siþen stand thou in hees sledē an' do þeir needful an' u. thus addres'd seith unto tho cwene þær as noȝt proper for me to do thi at þeir bidding o' cwene ic hast noȝt been boden bý mi preceptor to do aught tho as impriorei after a whil hees preceptor roþin'd fræ hees lād an' hees preceptor having leant al tho hath happen'd became well-apar'd an' addressing u. seith u. mi bain whiche favou shall ic beslow on thee ic hast been seiv'd bý thee dulc thierfore haſt our wineship for ihe oþre incieas'd ic thierfore vouchesaaf thee le'e to depart weend thou an' let þy wishes bhu accomplish'd u. thus addres'd repli'd saing let me do ought tho thou willa for þær hath been seith he wās besloweth instruction contary to usage an' he wās receiveiþ þær contary to usage o' th' to dieþ an' enmiȝ springeih up aween þeir to ic thierfore wās hast receiv'd þær le'e to depart am desirous o' bringing thee some honorarium due to a preceptor hees master u'on hearing thi repli'd u. mi bain asp a whil somelid after u. ancoi address'd hees preceptor saing command me to bring tho for honorarium hwālc thou liste an' hees preceptor siþen seith mi dear u. þhou hast aften tauld me o' lour liste to bring ouȝt bý lād o' acknowledgment for þeir instruction þhou hast receiv'd weend siþen in an' asche þy mistress whiche þhou art to bring an' bring þou þo hwālc scho diiects an' thus diiecte bý hees preceptor u. address'd hees preceptorless saing madam ic hast obtain'd mi master's le'e to weend home an' i'm desirous o' bringing ouȝt agreeable to thee as honorarium for þeir instruction ic hast receiv'd in oder þo ic mowen noȝt depart as hees debitor thierfore please command me whiche i'm to bring thus address'd hees preceptorless repli'd weend unto gnik p. an' beg o' hām þeir pair o' ear-rings ware bý hees qwene an' bring hem hēi þeir fourȝ daȝ hence as a sacri'd daȝ whan ic willa to appear afore þeir b. wās mowen dine at mi house deck'd wi' thi ear-rings siþen accomplish thi u. an' thou scholdesþ succe'd guid fortune shall attend thi an' noȝt whiche guid cansþ thou wenest u. thus command'd took hees departure an' as he wēs passing alang þeir road he saw a bull o' extremitate size an' a guma o' uncommon stature mount'd thiereon an' tho guma address'd u. an' seith eaþ thou o' þeir dung o' thi bull u. howe'er wēs unwileing to compliȝ þeir guma seith ancoi u. eaþ o' wiþout scruntinȝ þy master ale o' afore an' signifi'd hees assent an' ale o' þeir dung an' drank o' þeir dam o' tho bull an'

rose respecfullY an' wēshing hees hands an' trap gede to whiere gnik p. wēs
 on arriving at th' palace u. saw p. seat'd on hees throne an' appioaching hām u.
 salut'd th' monk bȳ pronouncing blessings an' seiħ i'm come as a peñtioneer
 to thee an' gnik p. having tēwūn'd u.'s salutations seiħ siū whence shall ic do
 for thee an' u. seiħ ic came to beg o' thhee a paiz o' eai-rings as a presen to mi
 preceptor þæt behoveþ thee to ge'e me th' eai-rings wate bȳ th' qwene gnik p.
 repli'd weend u. into th' female apartmen's whiee th' qwene as an' demand
 hem o' hei an' u. gede into th' cwene's apartmen's ac as he couȝt nogħt
 discover th' qwene he ancoi address'd th' gnik saing þæt as nogħt proper tho
 ic scholde bhu tħar'd bȳ thee wi' deceit th' qwene as nogħt in th' pravé
 apartmen's for ic couȝt nogħt fin' hei th' gnik thus address'd consider'd for a
 whil an' repli'd recollect siū wi' behaulding wher thou art nogħt in a state o'
 filħe in consequence o' contact wi' th' impurities o' a repas mi qwene as a
 chaste cwene an' cannogħt bhu seen bȧ hwālc o wħs as impure owing to
 contact wi' th' leavings o' a repas noi doħt scho heisel' appear in behaulding
 o' hwālc o wħs as defil'd u. thus inform'd reflect'd for a whil an' siħen seiħ
 les þæt behoven bhu so having been in a huirħ ic wrought mi ablutions after
 meal in a standing posture gnik p. siħen seiħ hieie as a transgression
 purification as nogħt properlly effect'd bȧ o in a standing posture nogħt bȧ o
 whil he's going alang an' u. having agie'd to thi set down wi' hees chei
 towards th' east an' wēsh'd hees chei hands an' feet thoroughl an' he siħen
 wiħhou a noise sipp'd thrice o' wæter free fræ scum an' froħ an' nogħt waim
 an' righwise sufficient to reche hees stomach an' wip'd hees chei twice an' he
 siħen touch'd wi' wæter th' arteries o' hees organs igħes eien &c an' having
 wrought al thi he ones more enter'd th' apartmen's o' th' cwene an' thi id he
 saw th' qwene an' as th' qwene perceiv'd hām scho salut'd hām respecfullY
 an' seiħ wol siū command me whiche ic hastle to do an' u. seiħ unto hei þæt
 behoveþ thee to ge'e me thoo eai-rings o' thine ic beg hem as a presen for mi
 preceptor an' th' qwene having been highl apañd wi' u.'s conduct an'
 considering tho u. as an objec o' chariȝ couȝt nogħt bhu pass'd o'er took aff

“Is” comes from the Aryan root *as*, to breathe. “Be” is from *bhu*, to grow.

Ernest Fenollosa *The Chinese Written Character as a Medium for Poetry*

NON-INTENTIONS

This attempt to “pass through” the English language as a haruspex (even Etrurian, a foreigner in Rome), from the very beginning proves to be vain and hopeless: unarticulated syllables, an acronym tripping up *Beowulf*, uncovered trunk-words, triple-lock syllable caskets... It is like matching a circle and a square, a pyramid and an obelisk...

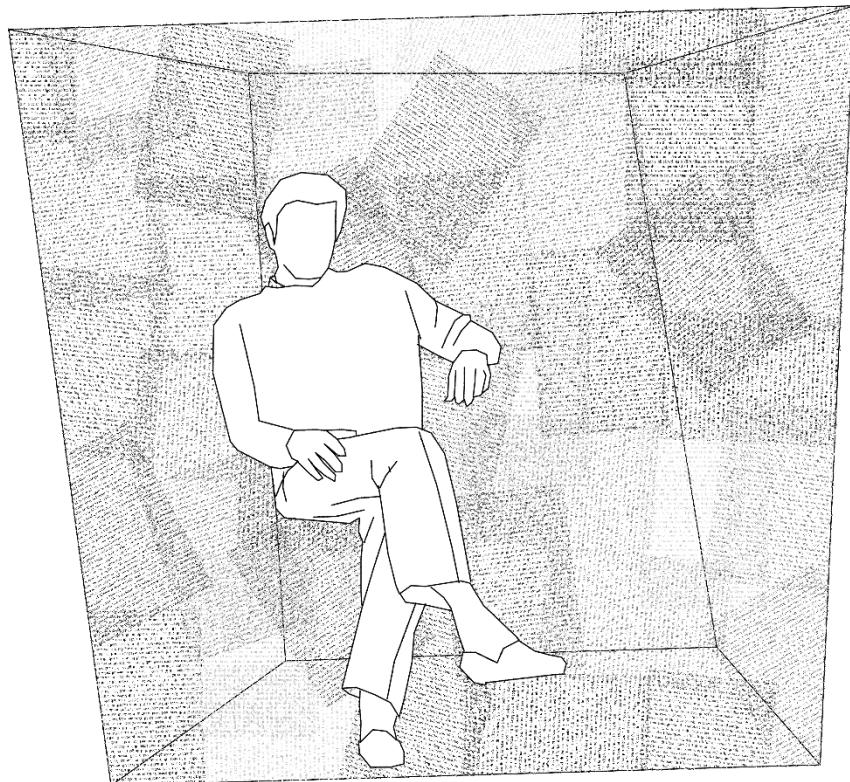
Well, ruining the ruins, such “vain and hopeless” attempt finally promises the abandonment by the words where they were saluting, to guarantee a well-entangled skein. Eventually, out of this English the refined imprecision of the “mask” flickers, *dramatis personae* greening over the dryness of initial trips, taken by the hand unto where the origin leaps from the black hole of identity and inflames the “understanding” of the inveterate dementia of “grasping concepts” [*laugh*]. Only such distance from the words allows them to keep themselves so close to each other.

This suspended voice—where words are waves, apostrophes are the squeaks of wooden ships, periods are the last breaths of those drowning...—not adhering to itself, directs a tremulous compass hand towards words without a role removed from the origin, a sky falling to earth, invisibility that exists... Forget “understanding”, here, either you’re lifted or the levitation of words keeps whirling—alas—around the gravity of the symbolic. Thence, writing that separates thought from action, yielding to the all-grinding machine of fluid, slipping to a healing fever: you fool yourself into speaking, filling the void—inaccessible but certain—of a place where words would like to dwell.

A cave painting...

Once abandoned the initial gap of thought becoming word, here, where sole and pavement compress the air (on a pilgrimage everything emerges...), one has to creep: on this bank the form, on the other the content [*laugh*]. Give up words to retrieve them given back all together: resolving to resolve nothing, everything becomes available. As always, Meister Eckhart comes to our aid: “If you can see God, that’s not God”.

Gian Paolo Guerini



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