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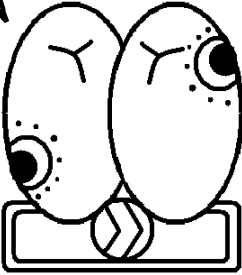
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FOREWORD

HI! MY NAME IS *BAKT'UN*. I'M A MAYAN GLYPH REPRESENTING A CALENDRIAL PERIOD OF 144,000 DAYS!



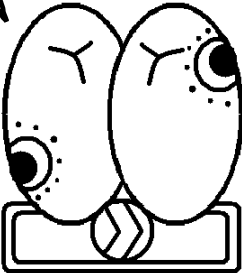
AND I'M *WANG*, THE ANCIENT CHINESE BIRD-WORM SEAL SCRIPT CHARACTER MEANING "KING"!



AND ME? I'M *ISO 21482*, A MODERN PICTOGRAM WARNING THAT THERE'S DANGEROUS *IONIZING RADIATION* IN THE VICINITY!



WANG AND I ARE EXAMPLES OF THE *EARLY STAGES* OF EVOLUTION FROM PICTURE WRITING TO PHOENETIC SCRIPTS!



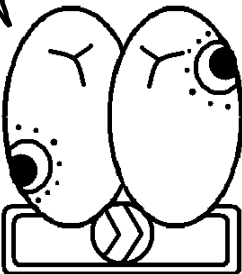
AND GUESS WHAT? IT'S *AWESOME* HERE IN THE EARLY STAGES! THE EARLY STAGES ARE THE *BEST!* ALPHABETS ARE *STUPID!* ...UNLESS YOU HAND-PAINT THEM WITH A LOT OF *STYLE*.



EVEN *MODERN SCIENCE* IS STARTING TO REALIZE THE ADVANTAGES OF USING SYMBOLS LIKE ME THAT CAN BE UNIVERSALLY UNDERSTOOD INDEPENDENT OF LANGUAGE!



LET'S FACE IT: READING LENGTHY PASSAGES OF UNADORNED TEXT IS *BORING...* AND A *BIG WASTE OF TIME!* WE CALL FOR SUCH TEXTS TO BE *ERADICATED!*



OBLITERATED!



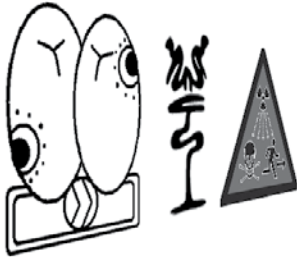
OBLITERATE LITERATURE! DOWN WITH NOVELS! LONG LIVE COMICS AND PICTURE BOOKS AND GRAFFITI AND WACKY ART!



BLASPHEMY!

≥GULP≤

THE WRITTEN WORD IS SACRED!
WE SHALL NOT ALLOW SUCH HERESIES
TO BE SPOKEN ALOUD!!!!



AAA!

DIE, INFIDELS!



ONWARD, SOLDIERS!
OUR WORK HERE IS DONE!

≥COUGH≤... ≥SPUTTER≤...
FRIEND... THE BOOK YOU NOW HOLD
IN YOUR HANDS... YOU MUST ... ≥LNNH≤... KEEP IT SAFE...
ONE DAY... OBLITERACY... WILL PREVAIL!
≥COUGH≤... ≥GNNN≤... ≥LGNH≤...

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