

MYTHOS

March 2, 1929

It's 9pm. I've just arrived at the MARSH RESIDENCE. A grad student named THOMAS ARMITAGE let me inside. I've been paid \$300 to translate a slab of rock found in the basement among a dead professor's effects. It's from some dialect of ALKO I've never read before. Why they couldn't grab someone from the Languages Department at Miskatonic U, I didn't ask. \$300.

But something is wrong. Something impending. I become aware of a smell. Like old meat left in the rain.

The work is confounding. Most of it is advanced Mathematics I couldn't begin to follow. The rest is gibberish. Nonsense. Or Religion.

But the SMELL. Some dead animal maybe? It's coming from the doorstep. A prank?

I get up to see what it is. As I approach, I gag. The smell is unbearable. You can feel it like acid rain on your skin, like marbles in your throat.

I open the front door and see IT. The Thing.

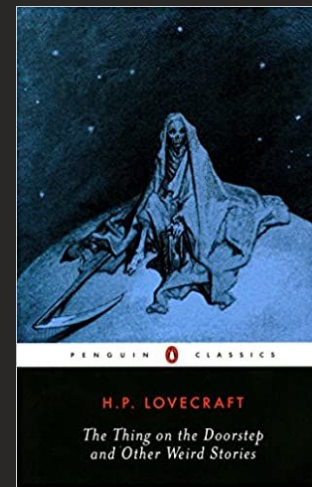
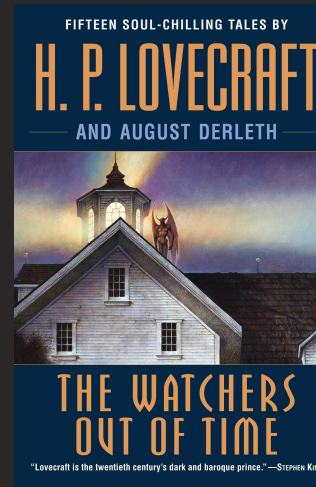
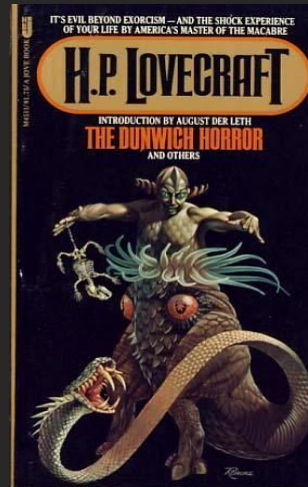
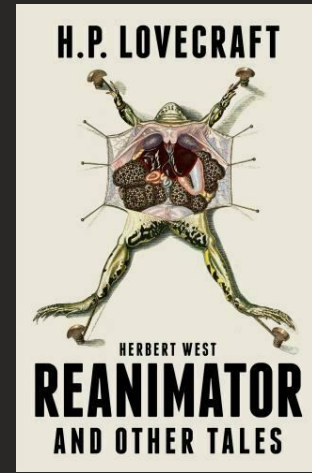
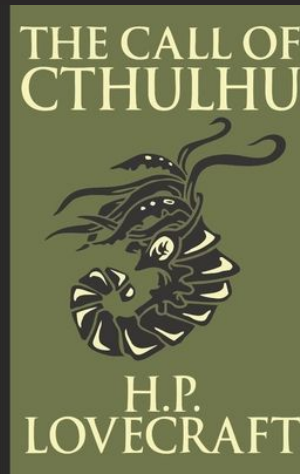
-BEN CASTRO



# Foundation

MYTHOS is an hour-long Sci-Fi/Horror/Mystery series that draws from the works of HP Lovecraft to tell an original story from the point of view of his “monsters.”

While there have been other adaptations of Lovecraft’s work, this would be the first project to bridge so many of his stories into such an expansive, yet coherent, narrative.



# the Story

A brilliant astrophysicist leads an investigation into the supernatural to rid herself of an extra-dimensional entity living inside her.

Pursued by cultists, monsters, bounty hunters, and the Law, she must make unlikely alliances and travel the globe to find answers to ancient riddles she'd be wise to leave alone.

She is joined by an occult expert/rugged adventurer, a mad scientist/ReAnimator, an immortal historian/cannibal, as well as a host of others on a dogged pursuit to uncover the horrifying truth about existence.





# the Pilot

Episode 1 "The Vessel"

## ACT ONE

In 1913, HENRY and DAVID MARSH discover a 16-foot-long fossilized COCOON in ANTARCTICA.

In 1928, Henry hosts a party at his home, after which he is shot DEAD. His granddaughter, David's daughter, AESTHER MARSH is presumed his killer and placed in a SANITARIUM.

There she is subjected to inhumane, albeit effective, treatment. She doesn't remember the night in question and doesn't care to.

But when a 16-year-old new girl named IRIS POOLE is admitted speaking in a strange dialect and walking around backwards, Aesther is drawn into a sinister mystery.



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## ACT TWO

Before Aesther can decipher Iris' code, Iris murders their doctor, an orderly, two nurses, and herself.

In 1913, Antarctica, an earthquake causes an avalanche that kills several crewmen. Henry Marsh is put in a position to save either the fossilized cocoon or his son David's life. He chooses to save the specimen and David drowns.

Aesther's new doctor is WIL WHATELEY. Unlike her previous doctor, Wil is interested in probing Aesther's subconscious, including memories of the night her grandfather was killed.





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## ACT THREE

Wil Whateley continues his interrogation of Aesther and treats her with more modern therapeutic methods. He seems to genuinely want to help but Aesther becomes increasingly agitated the more she remembers the night her grandfather was killed.

Under hypnosis, Aesther has visions of her father and the end of the universe.



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## ACT FOUR

Aesther requests a transfer out of the sanitarium but is denied. She decides to escape.

In the dead of night, Aesther sneaks into Wil Whateley's office and steals all of her files, then exits out a window overlooking a sheer cliff.

But just as she's about to make her escape, Aesther loses her footing and falls off the ledge onto the jagged rocks a hundred feet below.





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## ACT FIVE

Aesther is DEAD. Her body is pulled from the sea rocks like soggy fish bait. Wil Whateley and several of the staff of the Sanitarium are revealed to be CULTISTS who believed Aesther was a vessel for a creature called Yog-Sothoth whose appearance heralds the end of the universe.

Wil dissects Aesther's body but cannot find the creature. He gives up and the cultists light the sanitarium on fire. The heat causes Aesther's corpse to reanimate and make its escape.

Back in 1928, the night Henry Marsh was killed, it is revealed that a creature inside of Henry's head compelled him to commit suicide, then invaded Aesther's brain.

In 1929, Ben Castro, an expert linguist and adventurer, is paid by one of Henry Marsh's pupils to help decode ancient-looking etchings made in Henry Marsh's study. Overnight, he hears something outside, and opens the front door..

A few days earlier, Aesther's corpse escapes into the woods from the blazing sanitarium. After a long journey, she shows up at her grandfather's house a living corpse which Ben Castro finds on the doorstep.



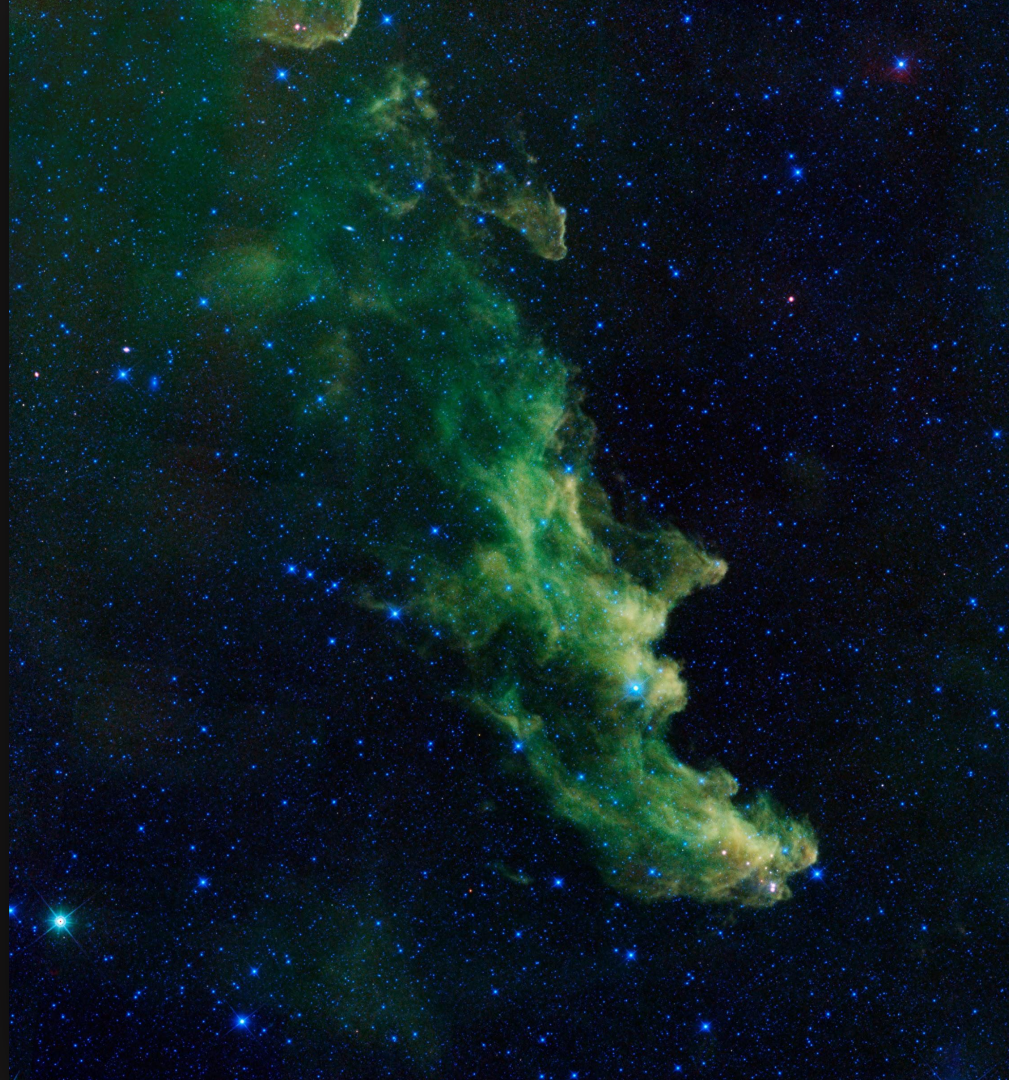
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Episode 2 “Red Hook”

**Flashback:** Ben Castro infiltrates a society of cannibals living in the sewers under Red Hook, Brooklyn, that worships a fossilized cocoon similar to the one found in Antarctica.

**Present:** Ben Castro nurses Aesther to health and brings her to disgraced doctor, Herbert West, who has become an alcoholic bootlegger.

Wil Whateley meets with his Elder Brother who enlists cultist FANATICS to hunt down and retrieve Aesther.





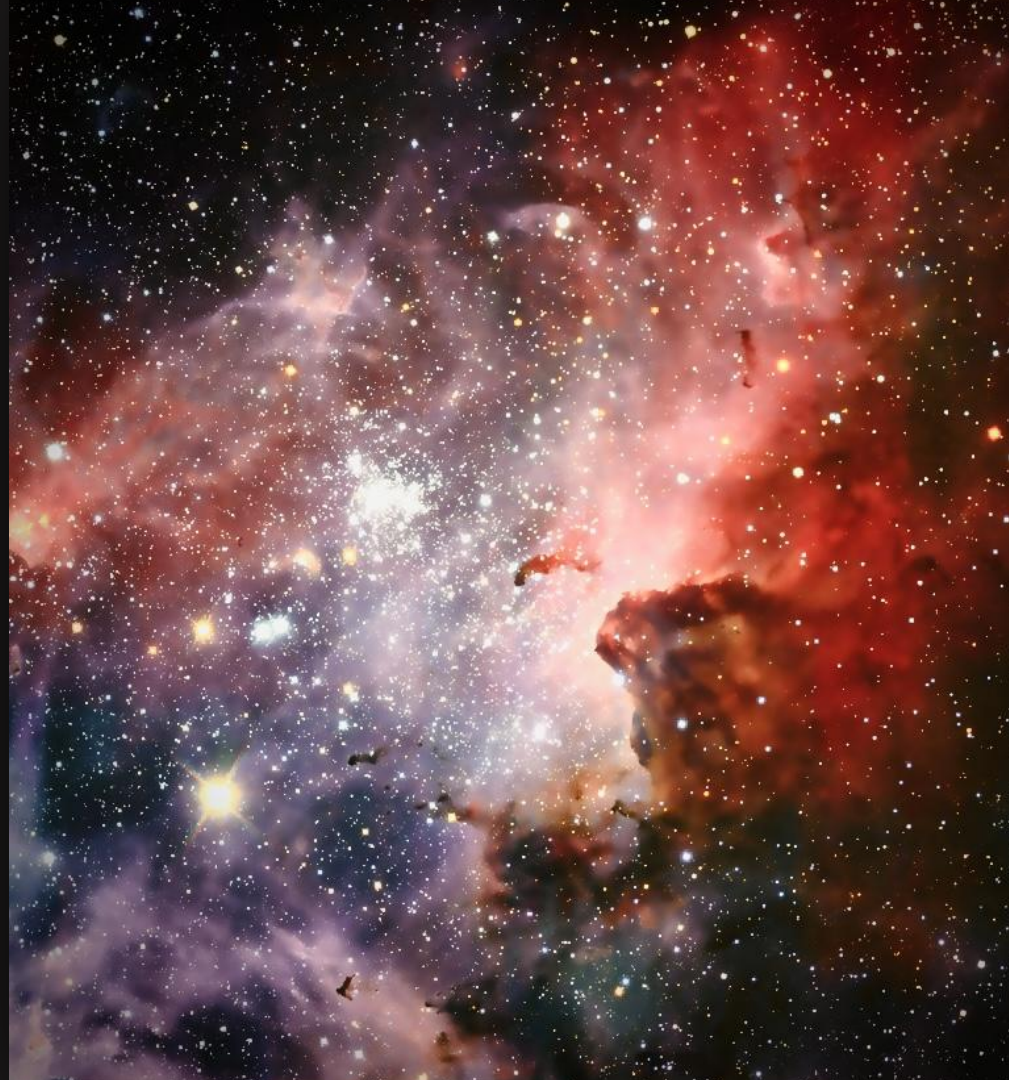
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Episode 3 "Prohibition"

Flashback: Aesther's mother suffers from addiction.

Present: "Herbert West" and Ben Castro defend the lab from ReAnimated gangsters trying to steal Herbert West's concoctions, while treating Aesther who is suffering from recently being dead.

Having made their escape, they resolve to seek out the man who funded Henry's expeditions, the mysterious millionaire, AZAR ALHAZRED.



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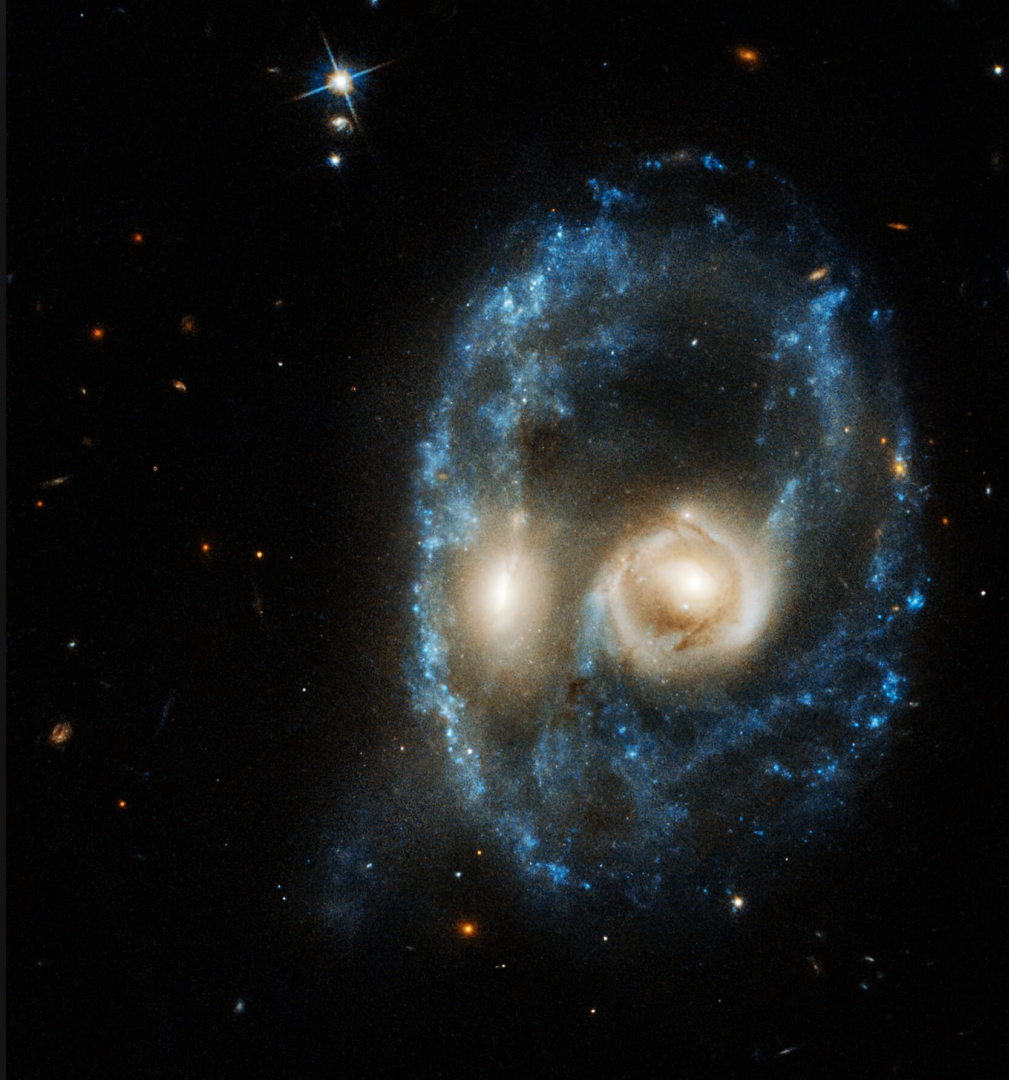
## Episode 4 "Yellow"

**Flashback:** In Antarctica, Azar Alhazred finds a cavern home to thousands upon THOUSANDS of cocoons.

**Present:** Aesther, Ben, and Herbert West find Azar Alhazred in a castle-like mansion.

Schisms in the Cults of the Starry Wisdom make Wil Whateley a target. Elder Whateley leads a revolt against their pontiff, the mysterious Yellow King.

Azar Alhazred is revealed to be immortal. He warns that if Aesther is allowed to continue her equations, she could bring about the end of the universe.





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## Episode 5 “Helen of Troy”

Flashback: In 1916, France, during the First World War, an unnamed medic meets the real “Dr. Herbert West” and subsequently steals the mad doctor’s identity and his research.

Present: Alhazred reveals the nature of Henry and Aesther’s affliction. If Yog-Sothoth is able to return to Azathoth, it will retaliate and wipe out the universe. Knowing this, Aesther still wrestles with her compulsion to work on the equations.

Alhazred knows Herbert West is not who he says he is, which makes West suspicious of Alhazred. While Alhazred shows Ben his collection of artifacts, Herbert West snoops around the mansion and discovers that Azar is the Yellow King, leader of many cults around the world including the Starry Wisdom. He convinces Ben they have to escape.

As a diversion, they release several of Alhazred’s mutant “children” called Soggoths from their cells.



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Episode 6 “Bad Specimen”

**Flashback:** Henry Marsh has the cocoon opened on board the ship. Inside is Ben. Old Castro smuggles Ben off the ship to prevent his dissection at the hands of the mad professor.

**Present:** Ben, Aesther, and Herbert West make their way to a town mentioned in a journal that West stole from Alhazred— Innsmouth.

Their goal is to find an ancient machine that they can use to extract Yog-Sothoth from Aesther.

There, they encounter the denizens of Innsmouth who worship a creature known as DAGON.





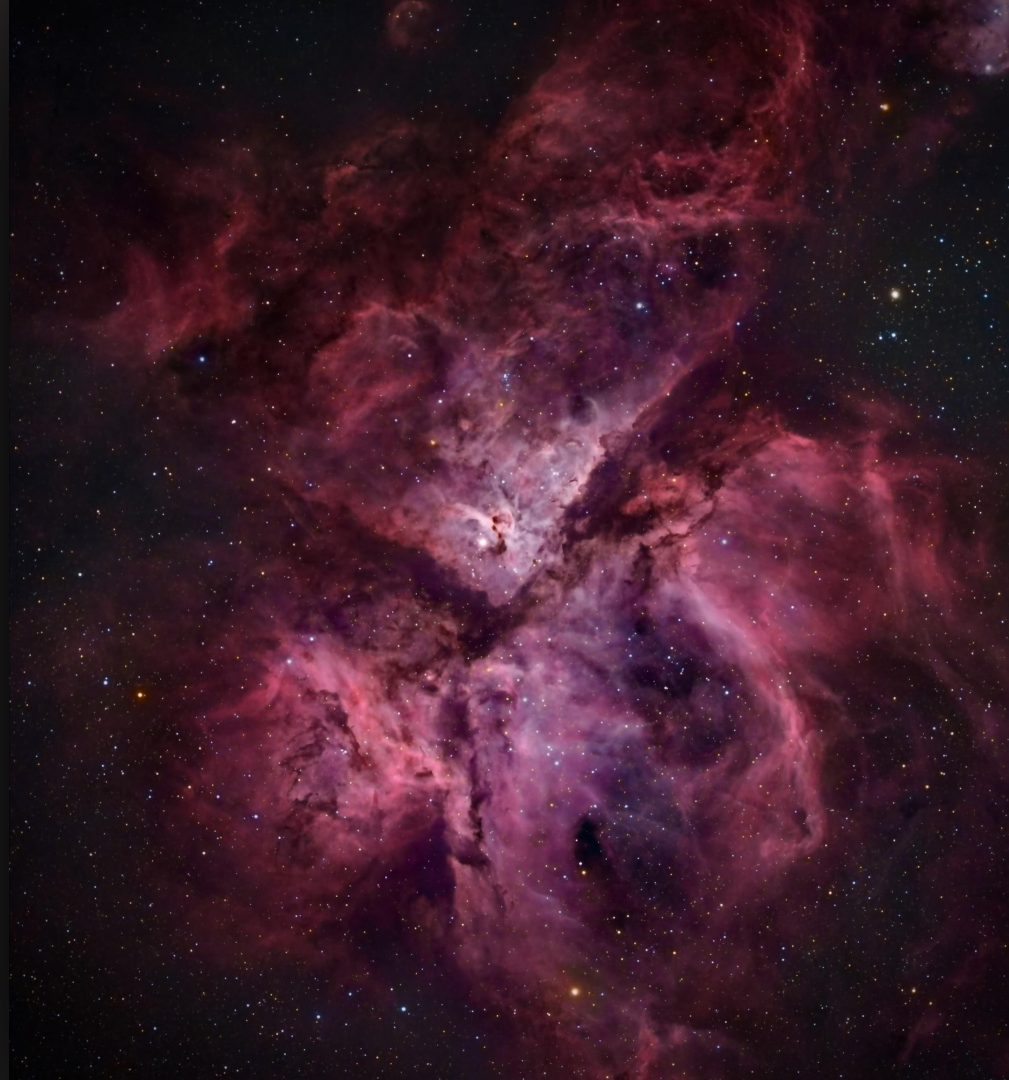
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Episode 7 “The Book of The Dead”

**Flashback:** Henry Marsh visits the grandfather of Wil Whateley and Elder Whateley, introducing Henry to the Cult of the Starry Wisdom.

**Present:** Aesther and Ben escape from Innsmouth with the help of Wil Whateley who has stolen the NECRONOMICON from Alhazred. Their unsuccessful attempt at extracting Yog-Sothoth in Innsmouth leads Aesther and Ben to the idea of someone other than Aesther entering the sarcophagus, journeying to the Space out of Time (“the 6th Dimension”) and severing Yog-Sothoth’s connection to Azathoth, thereby freeing Aesther from its influence.

Ben Castro and Wil Whateley go undercover to retrieve what they need from Elder Whateley’s compound while Aesther and Herbert West work on the sarcophagus.



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## Episode 8 “The First Supper”

**Flashback:** Alhazred encounters a mutated Ben Castro in NEOLITHIC TURKEY. He kills Ben and consumes him, making Alhazred immortal. Ben’s corpse is then consumed by various sea creatures, giving rise to other monsters of the deep including Dagon.

**Present:** Ben enters the sarcophagus. While he is indisposed, Elder Whateley attacks. Aesther has to use her powers to prevent him from disabling the device, though she is unable to stop it from being cracked.

**In the 6th Dimension:** Ben is able to sever the connection between Yog-Sothoth and Azathoth, then encounters a version of himself named KEITH HARLOW. His attempt to leave the 6th Dimension is partially unsuccessful since nothing can ever leave completely due to the dimension’s inherent timelessness, though a mutated version of him does appear back on Earth, albeit thousands of years ago. This is the version killed by Alhazred.





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Episode 9 "Lot's Wife"

**Flash "back":** The year is 2105. Keith Harlow is a NASA Astronaut who is drafted by the Department of Defense for a special assignment in Antarctica. The mission is to travel in a pod to another dimension.

Once in the 6th Dimension, Keith is shocked to discover that time works differently in this alternate world. Though he's just arrived, copies of his pod temporarily materialize every few hours and have been doing so for thousands of years. Bands of Keiths who are stranded here are hunted and consumed by other Keiths who have made this Hell a home.

Keiths who are more lucky return to their pods and dematerialize. One such Keith is Ben, whose pod re-materializes in Antarctica millions of years ago until it is opened by Henry Marsh in 1911.

**Present:** Aesther and Elder Whateley trade blows, but in the midst of their fight, Yog Sothoth's connection with Azathoth is severed and she loses her power. Elder Whateley senses Aesther's change and realizes he will never be able to ascend. He is mortal and will die like everyone else when the universe ceases to exist.



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Episode 10 "The Call"

In the 6th Dimension: Ben merges with the other versions of Keith Harlow in order to fight Azathoth. They mutate into the giant CTHULHU. They are unable to prevent Azathoth's wrath, so instead, pull the cosmos into a singularity.

Present: Due to the astronomical timer they placed in Ben's suit, The Stars are Right and Ben emerges from the sea, entangled with his brethren in the alternate dimension, continuously growing and mutating. The stars disappear in the night sky as the universe collapses.

The world ends, but because of Ben's actions, it also resets. Aesther wakes up in a timeline where the cocoon was never found and her father David returned from Antarctica.

Meanwhile Cthulhu sleeps at the bottom of the sea, waiting for the Stars to Be Right again.





# the Characters

## AESTHER MARSH

Age: 29

All her life, Aesther Marsh has been a scientist. But due to her father's abrupt death and her grandfather's domineering attitudes, she was never allowed formal education.

Instead, she pored over her grandfather's books, and taught herself to be a brilliant astrophysicist and mathematician.

After her grandfather killed himself, she was infected by a tendril of Azathoth called Yog-Sothoth, which uses its power to prevent Aesther from dying so that it may use her brain to construct a machine that will return it to the Space out of Time where Azathoth resides.

Based on Asenath Derby from "The Thing On The Doorstep"



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## WIL WHATELEY

Age: Appears to be in his 30s, but was born in 1913

Forever cast in the shadow of his monstrous Elder Brother, Wilbur Whateley finds himself torn between his loyalty to the Cult of the Starry Wisdom, his family, and the Human Race. He admires Aesther for standing up to the Elder Whateley— something he could never do.

Though he shared a womb with a monster, Wil is mostly human in appearance, with only a few ugly birthmarks that set him apart. Due to his Yog-Sothoth genetics, however, he developed quickly into an adult within only a few years, and has an intellect to match. Still, he is immature and has lived a sheltered existence with little personal agency.

Based on Wilbur Whateley from “The Dunwich Horror”





# the Characters

BEN CASTRO

Age: 38

Rescued as an amnesiac adult by Old Castro from Henry Marsh's expedition ship, Ben would go on to learn all he could from the old man. Hyper-intelligent and curious, Ben became a world-renowned cryptographer and translator of ancient texts, as well as adventurer and archaeologist.

In the last ten years he has scoured the globe, looking for clues into the appearances of fossilized cocoons, unaware how closely tied his origin is to theirs.

He will eventually remember that he is actually a scientist from the 22nd century who traveled to another dimension and interacted with a tendril of a being called Azathoth, which followed him back to Earth and infected Henry Marsh.

Based on Cthulhu from "The Call of Cthulhu"



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## ELDER WHATELEY

Age: Born in 1913

In an attempt to bring about Yog-Sothoth, Grandfather Whateley allowed Henry Marsh to impregnate his daughter Lavinia, the result being the twins Wilbur and Elder Whateley.

Elder is a monster in every sense of the word. He has numerous powers including invisibility, psychic projection, and size manipulation. However, he is vulnerable to sunlight, heat, and fire.

His goal is to bring about the End of the Universe and ascend to the Space out of Time as the prophesied Last Adam.

Based on the Horror from “The Dunwich Horror”





# the Characters

AZAR ALHAZRED

Age: Unknown

Author of the Necronomicon, originator of the Alko language, and founder/Yellow King of the various Cults of the Starry Wisdom.

Born in Neolithic Turkey, Azar came across a mutated version of Ben Castro he mistook for a monster. After eating Ben's flesh, he became immortal.

Over the years, Azar has investigated the appearances of cocoons around the world and was the silent backer behind Henry Marsh's Antarctic expeditions.

Based on Abdul Alhazred from "The Nameless City"



# the Characters

“HERBERT WEST”

Age: 32

During the First World War, a cowardly soldier impersonates a medic in the US Army, and comes under the tutelage of Dr. Herbert West, a scientist who is on the frontlines to perform experiments on the thousands of convenient corpses. Over time, Dr. West finds a way to synthesize the compound in Azar Alhazred’s blood that causes ReAnimation. However, when the doctor is killed by a landmine, the “medic” decides not to bring him back and instead assumes the doctor’s identity.

Once in the States, the new “Dr. Herbert West” returns to a life of smuggling, peddling his potions to organized criminals and worse.

Based on Herbert West from “Herbert West: ReAnimator”





# the Timeline

In 2105 - Keith Harlow enters the 6th Dimension

In D^6 - Harlow finds his pod's appearance is a recursive event and that other "Harlows" merge with one another to survive. Pursued by a tendril of Azathoth, our Harlow attempts to escape in a pod. The tendril is taken with him.

One Million Years Ago - Harlow's pod appears with countless others in a cavern in Antarctica.

In 1911 - Henry and David Marsh discover Harlow's pod. Harlow is extracted, but cannot speak or remember who he is. He is rescued by Old Castro and renamed "Ben." The tendril of Azathoth, called Yog-Sothoth, infects Henry's brain.



# the Timeline

In 1928 - Yog-Sothoth kills Henry and infects Aesther Marsh.

In 1929 - Aesther meets Ben Castro. Together with Herbert West, they build a specialized suit and a sarcophagus, to enter D<sup>6</sup> to sever Yog-Sothoth's connection to Azathoth thereby freeing Aesther. They set an astronomical timer to flood his suit with Herbert West's ReAgent.

In D<sup>6</sup> - Ben is able to sever the connection and enters the pod to return to our universe.

In Neolithic Turkey - Ben's sarcophagus is found by ancient humans and opened up. Ben is horribly mutated, and is killed and partially eaten by a young Azar Alhazred. His body falls into the ocean. The parts of him that are eaten by fish give rise to Dagon.





# the Timeline

In D^6 - Though the sarcophagus works, Ben is unable to ever completely exit D^6, as a version of him will always be stuck there. Ben meets the Harlows and sees the horror they have become. In response to its severed tentril, Azathoth motions to wipe out the source of its pain.

In 1929 - the astronomical timer in Ben's suit floods his body with ReAgent, awakening him in the present day.

In D^6 - Ben merges his consciousness with the mass of Keith Harlows, becoming recognizably CTHULHU in order to fight off Azathoth.

In 1929 - Likewise, Ben's corpse mutates into Cthulhu to the horror of millions.

In D^6 - Cthulhu is unable to hold back Azathoth, so he wipes out our home universe instead. Azathoth pulls back its tendrils and Cthulhu rests.

A singularity forms. The timeline resets.



# in Conclusion

MYTHOS serves as a unique origin story for the 20th Century's most enigmatic and controversial monsters.

In the vein of "Lovecraft Country," "Supernatural," and "Penny Dreadful," MYTHOS pulls from the source material while maintaining its own self-contained lore. This isn't just an adaptation, but a reimagining for a modern audience.

Cosmic horror is notoriously difficult to capture, but MYTHOS is a Cosmic Mystery that audiences will have to watch through to the end to fully appreciate. Every episode reveals more lore, more hidden connections, and more stunning set pieces.

Going forward, the possibilities are infinite.

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