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Carrion Crown

SHADOWS OF GALLOWSPIRE

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Beyond Lichdom

Many servants of death view lichdom as the ultimate state of power and immortality. Yet the ultimate does not always mean the end. The oldest liches discover that although the transformation into undeath spares them a physical death, it does not make their forms immune to the ravages of time. While many go to great lengths to preserve their corpses, some liches facing bodily dissolution make a second foul apotheosis—their evil spirits possess their own crumbling skulls and augment them with gems enhanced with soul-binding necromantic magic, thus transforming themselves into legendary abominations known as demiliches.



Awaiting an Age of Secrets

Each year, many who dare to question tales held as fact or push the boundaries of modern knowledge disappear, leaving little trace of their existence or lives' work. Between communities of academics pass whispered warnings of secrets not meant to be known and the danger of straying from the paths of established thought. In Ustalav, there is a name for lore that kills: "anaphexis." Yet such knowledge alone is not lethal. None speak of those who make it so—the Anaphexia, the Keepers of Secrets. In library-tombs stalk tongueless scholars, servants of the master of secrets, collecting revelations unfit for a juvenile world and hoarding them for an age that may never come.

