DHS Comix
RANDOM ENCOUNTER

"TRICK TRACTS #5"
OFF-WORLDERS
It’s an open day at the Temple of Leviathan! All are welcome to come and join our congregation!

Hello sirs, would you like to join us for worship?
Umm...

Thanks, but no thanks! We ain't the worshipping type.

What do you mean you're not the worshipping type...?

...You're not tricksters, are you?
Uh...

Well I ain’t too sure what that means, so probably not.

You don’t know?! What kind of rock have you been living under?
We’re offworlders, honey. We don’t follow local politics.

Rock?

Local Politicians...? Oh, I see. I mistook you for like... some sorta weird half-fey.
Ah, but as offworlders, you won't have heard of the glory of The Elemental Gods!

No, and we are not interested.

Wait-!
Let them be, young priestess. They are merely offworlders.

But- but they can be told the word of Leviathan!
Is this your first time seeing offworlders, dear?

Well, yes. They’re very rare.

What do you know about them?

I know they don’t know Leviathan - and we can change that!

Hmmm...
What's the most delicate way I can put this? Oh-

Offworlders aren't people.

H-huh??
So, we live in LaRaGa.
La for Luna, Ra for Sola, and Ga for Gaea.
It’s a nice place. We got magic, we got gods, it just Makes Sense.
Offworlders are from outside LaRaGa. From weird, strange, bizarre places, away from the reach of our gods.

...Some of the places they’re from don’t even have magic.

What?!
Crazy, right? And only those born in LaRaGa can work with the gods, so even if they come here, there’s no magic for offowrlders. And as we know... only those who can use the gods’ magic are people.
Oh! Since they can’t use magic, they can’t be people!

You got it!
PLANT
Too many to choose from...

Basil! Just what I'm looking for.
You gonna buy that?!
Um...
Er... yes...?
Trickster!!

Wh-what?!

Sir-? Sir! I told you before! You are banned! Please leave!!
Sorry about that. You want to buy that plant? Good choice!

Yeah... um... what's up with him? He's crazy, ask him. Or don't, really... have a nice day either way! Thanks.
Psst- hey!

Oh... you again. What's your problem?

You brought a plant? For an illusion I bet. You a trickster?

No, it's not, and I'm not.
...wait. Uh... Illusion?

Sure, that's why you gotta be careful around nurseries.

Terrible tricksters use leaves to weave their illusions, so it's very suspicious to have a potted plant.
Wh-what about outdoor plants?
Outdoor plants mean tricksters too!!

So dryads and guardians must be-
Super Tricksters, yes.
Wow, that's horrible! Thanks so much for letting me know. I'm definitely not a trickster, so I shouldn't have any plants at all.

I can't go home empty-handed though, maybe I'll get flowers.

No, you fool!!

What?
A flower petal is just a pretty leaf! This is just another trickster front!

For all we know, they’re in there sacrificing kids to their god and drinking the blood of probably goats right as we speak!
Wow, I never knew florists were so secretly evil!
And now you know.
And knowing is probably half the battle!

Indeed! We must exercise constant vigilance to stay on the straight and narrow, new friend.
Report your neighbours for having a tree! Heck, save time and chop down the tree for them, and burn down a florist*!

*maybe don’t do that though actually
LIGHT & DARK
So you take the muffin mix and-

knock knock

Now who could that be?
Hi, I'm here to talk to you about The Lords!

Do you have to--? I'm kind of in the middle of something...
Besides, unless you’re here to tell me about the glory of Sola*, you’re wasting your time here.

You’re a light power?! Then you must let me tell you about Phoenix!

*Pffft she’s not that glorious

Uh, no actually, that means the opposite. Don’t tell me.
Well I'm clearly dedicated to the Goddess. I would never switch to a mere elemental god.

Switch? Oh no, you should definitely just worship both!
I won’t be doing that either.

Why not??

...why?

Ooh! I can tell you why!! Let me tell you the story of the light power Scha and dark power Ern.

Er-
Scha and Ern lived long ago, in a small Anorian town. They fought, as light and dark powers often do, with neither truly besting the other.

The light power Scha could never find Ern during the day and hid herself at night. And at dusk and dawn, they were equal in power.
Dark powers always slink away under light of day, they’re hard to catch, crafty little so-and-sos.

Like light powers at night!

Uh, rude.

A-anyway! So one day Scha caught Ern at dawn, as darkness began to fade!
You can’t run. You’re finished!

Oh, mercy~!
As the sun’s rays rose, Scha thought Ern to be helpless, then-

Kapow! He used Phoenix magic!
Thanks to Lord Phoenix, I was able to defeat a light power, even during the daytime!!

That’s horrible!! Perish the thought!
It *is* horrible! And that's why you should worship Phoenix!

Then at night, if you see a dark power... bam! unexpected magic!

Hrm...
Usually I just carry a knife for that. They don’t expect a shanking either.

Ah, but consider: magic is cooler.
You're right, magic is cooler.

So, can I tell you about Lord Phoenix?

Well, I- wait. I could choose any magic god, right?

No!! Only elemental ones!!
You want awesome magic and to not be a damn heretic? There’s clearly only one righteous choice! Become an elementalist today!
Hmph!!

Who is that...? A heretic!

You say that about everyone who's not an Elementalist.
No, no, no. There are those who have not yet let the Elemental Gods into their hearts, but he is WORSE than that!

You mean he's a Trickster?! We must lynch him right away!

NO! His Master will avenge him!
He is no trickster, but almost as bad. He is a follower of Daryil, God of Debauchery!

It is said he came from another world. Since then, he has sent his followers to tempt the unwary into his arms and away from the True path of the Elemental Gods!
What powers does he offer his followers...?

You get shiny, shiny gloves like mine! Shiny pants, too! As a Debaucher, you get to have lots of fun! You get to look pretty, stay pretty and you won't get fat!
I offer you loads of song, good food, men, women, whatever! Sex, drugs and late 60s pop-psych! And if you sign up today, you'll get a free toaster!

Plus, if anyone tries to kill you, I'll beat the scheiss out of them.
That sounds fun, but... what's the catch...?

Your SOUL!
There is always a price to be paid!
If you let this monster into your heart, you will have blasphemous all-night sex-orgies and... and...
Pie-eating contests!

..and pie-eating contests, for one year! And after that he will consume your immortal soul!
No, no!
Wait, what?!

Don't you see...? THAT is why you stay pretty, because he will destroy you utterly before your beauty can fade!
Repent! Flee! Turn away from this evil one! He will eat your very afterlife!

What is she talking about...?

...I have no idea.
Come on, join us! Surely you don't believe this kau-scheiss about soul-eating!

Main drawbacks are:
Being gay, my mark appears on your body, and a slight allergy to fish.

Look, mate, I'm happy to go halves. Anyone who wants to worship both me AND Ceraph...

BLASPHEMY!
Let me tell you a story. Once there was a man who was a pious elementalist!

Every day, he prayed to Ceraph... rarr kill all tricksters...
But then the Debaucher God appeared before him!

He rejected Great Ceraph and the Elemental Gods!

hmm seduce all tricksters
I don't remember that! Lies!!

This poor sinner gave his heart instead to Daryil, and embraced his unnatural affections!
Is it that unnatural? Lots of people do it and, no-one seems to care...

Silence, corrupter of men!

But after a year, he had to pay the price! He became a true minion of Daryil, and went forth to feast upon the souls of the innocent, that he could remain young and pretty!
Hold on... That's not what you said just now!

For these crimes, the people justly and nobly executed him in Great Ceraph's name!
And because he rejected Great Ceraph, he ended up in limbo for ever and ever!

Can't you at least have a consistent story?!

Urgh, enough of this nonsense. Let's go do some of that unnatural affection stuff.
Thank you for saving me from the evil of Daryl! I shall give all I own to Ceraph's temple, renounce all worldly pleasures and spend the rest of my days contemplating Ceraph's Greatness!

Damn right you will.
What a beautiful day! God bless!

Hey miss!!
SPLOOOSH

Wha-?!

Pranked you!
Pranked you!
Haw haw!
Oh no

It's Fools' Week...
Priest Olaf!! Pranks have come to our town!!

Gasp- that's blasphemy*!!

*the worst kind of blasphemy, even
Fool’s Week is a week of pranks. It is a disgusting and evil celebration of the disgusting and evil trickster god Jake.

*Jake, also known as the god of lies, is disgusting and also evil*
In the name of Phoenix, we must stop them!

Hallelujah!

But how can we stop them...?

We’ll outprank them, elemental-style!
But... pranks are blasphemy.
That's right.
So how-

We're going to fight metaphorical fire.... with literal fire!!
That sounds extremely righteous.

Yeah it totally is.

Let’s go “prank” some kids!!
And so they went out and cleansed the blasphemers with the fires of righteousness, putting an end to all the disgusting pranks.
Wow, cool! And that’s why there ain’t no pranks here!

Thanks, we’ll definitely never prank!!
Remember! Pranks are a gateway prank to further pranks!

Stay cool, stay in school, never start with the pranking.
FAIRY TALE
Wow! Such adept Phoenix magic! You must be dedicated to our good lord Phoenix!

Huh? Uh... Not really.
Whatever do you mean? Aren't you grateful for the magic He gives you?

I'm sure I would be if my magic came from Him.

My magic is my own. All Fey have their own magic. They don't need to worship a god to have powers!
Gasp! That can't be! Only the pious can be allowed to our Lord's power!

I just said this power is my own...

Your powers are but a cheap imitation of Lord Fire God's magic! It's blasphemy!
My magic is just as good as your Lord's Fire any day*.

Hah! If that were true, then show me you can reduce this trickster to ash!

*That’s heresy

What?? I’m not--!
Man, I'm not into that! I got my magic special from Gaea*, and I won't use it to kill someone!

You have taken the trickster's side! Eat Phoenix's fury!

* Gaea picked the wrong guy to give magic to obviously
See? Your fake magic couldn't save you!

The key to true righteous and awesome power is through our good Elemental gods! That Fey could have followed Phoenix and had SUPER POWERED fire magic but he didn't let the Lord into his heart!
HERE, CHECK IT OUT! TRICK TRACTS! FREE FOR YOU!
TAKE AS MANY AS YOU--

Hey! Stop! You can't do that here!!

Master, why did you tell us that pranks would get us to heaven?

That's it! If you can't trust the God of Lies, who can you trust?

Shut up!

I... uh... I lied!

Because that's what I do!

Get over it!

Why not?

Because this is a Church of J'ude and you are doing the exact opposite of spreading knowledge!!

Oh, you look unhappy. Would a free tract cheer you up?

Please leave.