

Weird Tales



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Black Candles

By YETZA GILLESPIE

WHEN the black candles of the night
 Are set again before time's portal,
 The ancient ones—the furry-footed,
 And such of these as being mortal
 Yet have at heart a space of midnight
 Lit by old stars they never saw,
 Find an old path along the margin
 And follow it past proven law,
 Back to the sphinx, the pyramids
 Of mystery and old delight,
 A way that only can be found
 By the black candles of the night

