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**WEIRD TALES ISSUED 1st OF EACH MONTH**

# Night Gaunts

By H. P. LOVECRAFT

Out of what crypt they crawl, I cannot tell,  
But every night I see the rubbery things:  
Black, horned, and slender, with membranous wings,  
And tails that bear the bifid barb of hell.  
They come in legions on the north wind's swell,  
With obscene clutch that titillates and stings,  
Snatching me off on monstrous voyagings  
To gray worlds hidden deep in nightmare's well.

Over the jagged peaks of Thok they sweep,  
Heedless of all the cries I try to make,  
And down the nether pits to that foul lake  
Where the puffed shoggoths splash in doubtful sleep.  
But oh! if only they would make some sound,  
Or wear a face where faces should be found!