

# FOREWORD

More often called Sankt Walpurgisnacht, *Hexennacht* traditionally commemorates the canonization of Saint Walpurga, the patroness of Eichstätt and Weilburg, Germany; Oudenarde, Veurne, and Antwerp, Belgium; and Tiel, Groningen, Arnhem, and Zutphen, Netherlands. She is revered for her battles against pests, disease, and witchcraft. The most contemporary observance of this festival is by The Satanic Temple as “a solemn holiday to honor those who were victimized by superstition.”  
-Trinton

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“There was weeping.  
Weeping not for help or for comfort  
A weapon, distant  
Or disembodied  
Not here, can’t be with me  
Can’t.  
I’ve only heard it once or twice,  
Or perhaps a thousand times.  
I can’t be sure.” -Trinton