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The Nameless City

1. Adjective _____
2. Verb - Past Participle _____
3. Adjective _____
4. Noun _____
5. Noun _____
6. Adjective - Superlative _____
7. Noun _____
8. Noun - Plural _____
9. Location _____
10. Adjective _____
11. Noun - Plural _____
12. Noun - Plural _____
13. Noun - Plural _____
14. Adjective _____
15. Noun - Plural _____
16. Type Of People _____
17. Noun - Plural _____
18. Type Of People _____
19. Adjective _____
20. Verb - Present Ends In Ing _____
21. Animal _____
22. Part Of Body _____
23. Noun - Plural _____

24. Adjective _____
25. Animal _____
26. Colour _____
27. Colour _____
28. Sound _____
29. Noun - Plural _____
30. Adjective _____
31. Onomatopoeia _____
32. Part Of Body _____
33. Noun _____
34. Animal _____
35. Verb - Past Tense _____

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When I drew nigh the _____Adjective_____ city I knew it was _____Verb - Past Participle_____. I was traveling in a _____Adjective_____ and terrible valley under the moon, and afar I saw it protruding uncannily above the sands as parts of a _____Noun_____ may protrude from an _____Noun_____. Fear spoke from the age-worn stones of this hoary survivor of the deluge, this great-grandfather of the _____Adjective - Superlative_____ _____Noun_____; and a viewless aura repelled me and bade me retreat from antique and sinister _____Noun - Plural_____ that no man should see, and no man else had dared to see.

Remote in the desert of _____Location_____ lies the _____Adjective_____ city, crumbling and inarticulate, its low walls nearly hidden by the _____Noun - Plural_____ of uncounted ages. It must have been thus before the first _____Noun - Plural_____ of Memphis were laid, and while the _____Noun - Plural_____ of Babylon were yet unbaked. There is no legend so _____Adjective_____ as to give it a name, or to recall that it was ever alive; but it is told of in whispers around _____Noun - Plural_____ and muttered about by grandams in the tents of _____Type of people_____ so that all the tribes shun it without wholly knowing why. It was of this place that Abdul Alhazred the mad poet dreamed of the night before he sang his unexplained couplet:

That is not dead which can eternal lie,

And with strange _____Noun - Plural_____ death may die.

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should have known that the _____Type of people_____ had good reason for shunning the _____Adjective_____ city, the city told of in strange tales but seen by no _____Verb - Present ends in ING_____ man, yet I defied them and went into the untrodden waste with my _____Animal_____. I alone have seen it, and that is why no other _____Part of Body_____ bears such hideous lines of fear as mine; why no other man shivers so horribly when the night wind rattles the _____Noun - Plural_____. When I came upon it in the ghastly stillness of unending sleep it looked at me, chilly from the rays of a _____Adjective_____ moon amidst the desert's heat. And as I returned its look I forgot my triumph at finding it, and stopped still with my _____Animal_____ to wait for the dawn.

For hours I waited, till the east grew _____Colour_____ and the stars faded, and the **Repeat Last** Colour turned to roseate light edged with _____Colour_____. I heard a _____Sound_____ and saw a storm of _____Noun - Plural_____ stirring among the antique stones though the sky was clear and the vast reaches of desert still. Then suddenly above the desert's far rim came the blazing edge of the sun, seen through the tiny **Repeat Last** Noun storm which was passing away, and in my _____Adjective_____ state I fancied that from some remote depth there came a _____Onomatopoeia_____ of musical metal to hail the fiery disc as Memnon hails it from the banks of the Nile. My _____Part of Body_____ rang and my _____Noun_____ seethed as I led my _____Animal_____ slowly across the sand to that unvocal place; that place which I alone of living men had _____Verb - Past Tense_____.

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