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## **Cradle Of Filth** "Manticore"

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Write a story. Any story. But let it have dragons...

O Gods of war In the jungle corridor I feel your haughty presence feasting the Manticore

> She stalks the shadows, burning The smoke is thick and reaks of blood Her hunger an eternal yearning

Tantric, necromantic, a wank fantasy of faith She religiously feeds A feverous all man-eater In the trees I see her eyes like slithering she of snakes Monstrous this chimera In her beautiful anger

Screaming from the pulpit Damnation's oratory She is the whispering poisoned dart And the breath of Armageddon all around The embodiment of evil in a body full of raptures Anthropophagous

## Manticora

Press the silent violin of frisson over horror In my forced hand Sphinx will sing her song and coloured in lullabies Death endorsed invades our lands

Gigantic, pyromantic A beast of naked flame Panting blackened masses from her opulent Godhead III-barbed are those tongues spread wings eclipse her frame And in her deep crevasses Kundalini vents unfed

In darkness Her fastness threshed with fleshing teeth She comes to masticate you whole

She is the bane of mothers Grand leveller of Maa Kali's Mardi Gras What man would damn the world to summon her?

> Be still Pray silence lest she stoops to conquer

The perverse acid queen Ten thousand pillars in her heart Uphold a cracked palace of frozen killers And the mirror in her soul Polished black for scrying nightmares Bubbles with a lust That yearns to burn again

Razor backed, she attacks Empire's battle cat A creature of the white devil's rule Mythical and mystical Provinces will recall the swarm of refugees from her pall

Mimicking victims With a voice of the choicest deadpanned in pain Awful claws hold rapport with the skins of mankind

She is the whispering poisoned dart And the breath of Armageddon all around The embodiment of evil in a valley full of raptors

A lick of fire on her lips as silent as a will o wisp She comes amongst you all, tigressive Blazing in her pride hellraising horrors from the dark-side...

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