

"Wherever we have spoken we have said nothing.
But where we have written something in CODE
and in PICTURES we have concealed the TRUTH."

ROSARIUM PHILOSOPHORUM 16th cen.

OVER THE CENTURIES ALCHEMISTS DEVELOPED COMPLEX VISUAL IMAGES AND ALLEGORIES TO CONVEY SECRET INFORMATION AND TEACH MULTILAYERED METAPHORS. BUT NONE ARE MORE ILLUMINATING AND POWERFUL THAN

The ALCHEMIST'S Garden



THE SECLUDED ALCHEMICAL GARDEN IS THE SYMBOL FOR PERFECTION OF WORK. IT IS THIS VISION OF THE GARDEN THAT THE ALCHEMIST CONTEMPLATES AS THE ULTIMATE TRANSMUTATION!

ALL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IS ALCHEMY--DESIGNERS TRANSFORM THE LANDSCAPE FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER.

THE ALCHEMIST'S JOURNEY TO KNOWLEDGE IS REPRESENTED BY THE GARDEN LABYRINTH. **A**S TRAVELERS NEGOTIATE THEIR WAY THROUGH THIS TANGLED MAZE, IT IS VITAL THAT THEY KEEP THEIR FOCUS ON THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION. **T**HOSE WHO WANDER FROM THE PATH LOSE THEIR ORIENTATION AND FACE A DANGEROUS FALL!



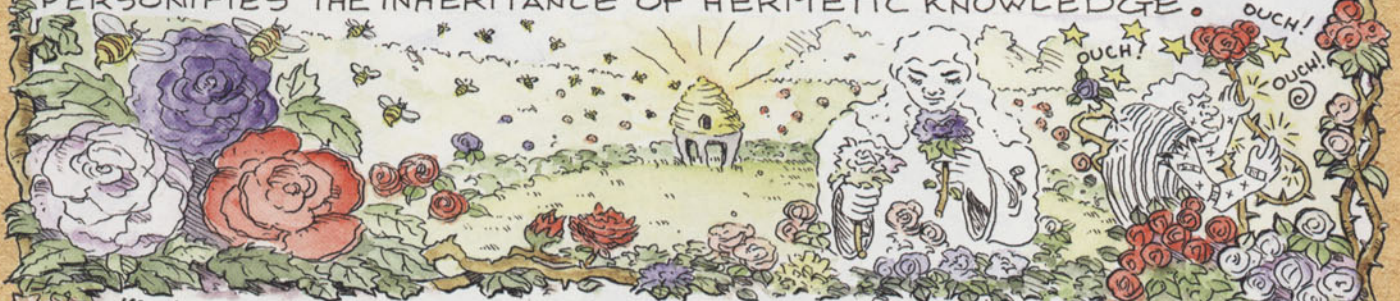
"Let NATURE be thy GUIDE"

M. MAIER 1618

FOR THE ALCHEMIST IT IS DESIRABLE TO ALWAYS FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF NATURE. **R**EASON IS REPRESENTED BY HIS WALKING STICK, EXPERIENCE BY HIS SPECTACLES, AND THE STUDY OF TEXTS BY HIS LANTERN.

PLANTS KNOW THE OLD SECRET OF THE ALCHEMISTS. EVERY DAY UNDER OUR VERY GAZE THEY ARE TRANSMUTING ELEMENTS. PIERRE BARANGER.

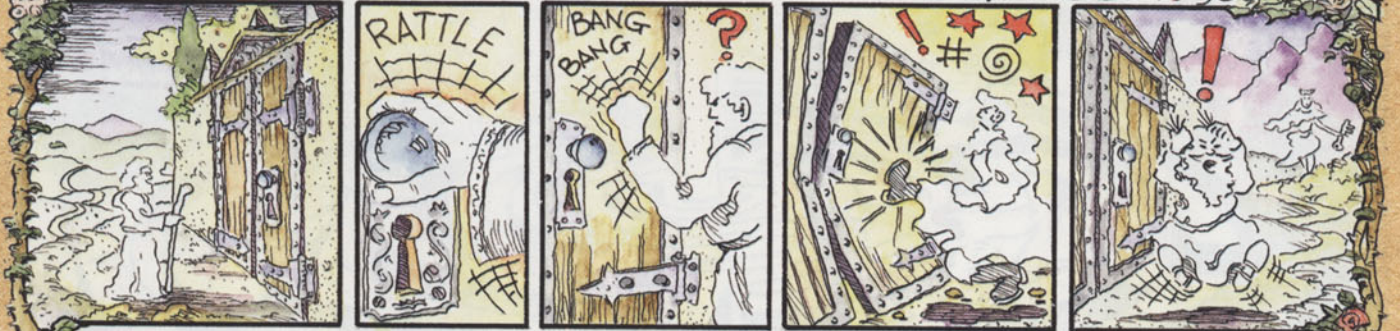
THE WHITE ROSE SIGNIFIES THE LUNAR "PHILOSOPHICAL TINCTURE," THE RED ROSE THE SOLAR "METALLIC TINCTURE," & THE MYSTERIOUS BLUE ROSE IS CALLED THE "FLOWER OF WISDOM." **T**HE BEE'S COLLECTION OF NECTAR PERSONIFIES THE INHERITANCE OF HERMETIC KNOWLEDGE.



"When collecting roses to obtain their elixir, the wise man plucks them without being pricked, while thieves have nothing but pain from them."

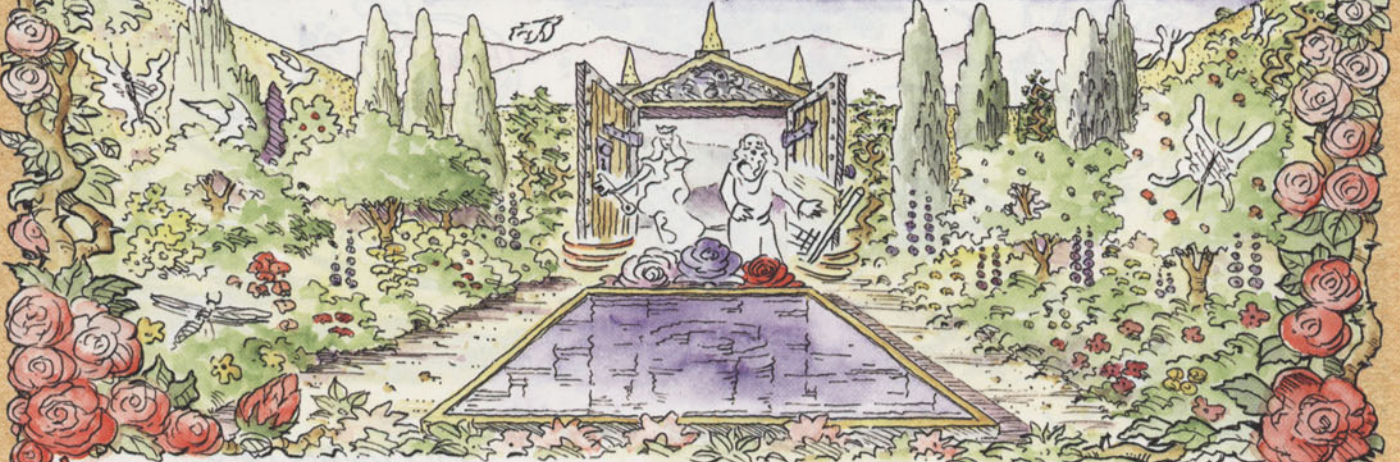
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THE ALCHEMIST'S SISTER HURRIES DOWN FROM THE PLANETARY MOUNTAINS CARRYING THE KEY TO THE GARDEN.



"Whosoever wishes to enter the philosophical rose garden without the key is like a wise man who wishes to walk without feet."

ONCE THE GATE IS UNLOCKED, THE SWEET UTOPIA OF THE ALCHEMIST'S GARDEN IS REVEALED. **H**ERE IS THE END OF ALL TRANSMUTATIONS, WHERE A BALANCED STILLNESS & IMPECCABLE CALM PREVAIL.



"**T**he REAL GARDENS do not last long, but it is only through them that KNOWLEDGE can be truly learned and people can come to see what a GARDEN REALLY IS."

ABU-ISHAK CHISHTI