

# The Katabasis BOOK NOOK







This year, for International Lego Classicism Day 2026, I'm building an Underworld Book Nook.







Let me take you on a tour!

I should mention that we've been going through some corporate restructuring in the Underworld lately.








There have been some rounds of voluntary severance - but we've managed to locate and dispose of most of the skulls.



With the help of our Workforce Planning Analyst, Medea, we've reassigned some staff and taken a good look at workload allocations.



Staff satisfaction levels are at an all time high.





There were a few objections - but those were swiftly addressed through our robust conflict resolution processes.



KATHARINA



CHARLOTTE HIGGINS



MYTHOLOGY







When you enter the Underworld (through the Gate of Ivory: the Gate of Horn is closed due to staff shortages) you'll meet our receptionist.



Dante tried to put him in the Seventh Circle, but it turned out that he has a knack for customer service, so he's been reassigned to front-of-house duties.







Downstairs in the garage you'll find Charon's ferry. He withdrew it from service when the government started cracking down on small boats.






Charon has his own office now, and a desk job processing applications from the recently deceased. The paperwork is so complicated that it's being classified as a new level of Hell.



Medusa also has an office here in the Underworld. She's here to tackle the gender pay gap.







Medusa takes the slogan 'Smash the Patriarchy' literally: she turns abusive men to stone, then hits them with her hammer.

She reports a lot of job satisfaction.



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We do have a few challenging residents, as you might expect.





Nero recently located Orpheus' harp, and his playing is awful. Now he's started shouting that if people don't clap, he'll 'burn it all down'.







Cerberus is looking forward to it. He hasn't been allowed to eat a resident in ages.









If you get lost, Teiresias is happy to show you around. He accepts payment in black sheep and Bitcoin.



We take the safety of our residents and staff very seriously. If you're in the Underworld looking for an ex, please speak first to our People Operations Coordinator, Dido. You can find her office in the Fields of Mourning, just across the River Acheron.





RED THREAD





We're short-staffed in the Underworld Cafe at the moment, so we're very grateful to the Lego Classicist for stepping in to help.







Please don't feed the frogs.  
It just makes them louder.





*by Cora Beth Fraser*

(with thanks to Tony and Jasper for the Lego!)