## OFFERING



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The stick ladder leads to the other dimension where the hand winch lifts January out of the empty pit. The cold rope hums as the last block is placed on the altar of August.

