

GARTH MARENGHI

BOOK CLUB

Greetings, traveller. Now that you own several copies of *Garth Marenghi's TerrorTome* in multiple formats, it is essential that you spread its message at assorted social gatherings (Satanic or otherwise). To that end, I, Garth Marenghi, being contractually obliged by Ken Hodder and all who cover for him, call upon you to co-ordinate a series of dedicated *TerrorTome* events in order to celebrate publication of the new paperback edition, and present below some themed recipes handed to me by Ken's wife, whose name I have forgotten.

Please note – orgiastic abandon and ritual sacrifice are not essential at these events, but neither are they discouraged, as long as *all participating members* are in possession of one or more **purchased** copies of *Garth Marenghi's TerrorTome*.

Set the Scene (ESSENTIAL)

Cover all furniture in protective non-flammable sheeting and light black candles. In this way, if a portal to the Prolix is accidentally opened at any point during the event, a path to reality will remain partly ajar. *Important note – rubber clothing should not be worn anywhere near a naked flame. Leather is a safer alternative.*

Print off 'Type Face, Dark Lord of the Prolix' masks for all participants to wear. If attachable typebars are unavailable, it is permissible to use masks depicting alternative demonic entities, or Garth himself.

Dress the walls in prose passages torn from any hardback editions of *TerrorTome* you own, ensuring beforehand that you have ordered multiple copies of the paperback edition to replace them with (now orderable from all major book outlets). We suggest a live reading of said passages at the commencement of your event as a sombre ice-breaker.

Spray air freshener throughout. Failure to do so may result in complaints from your local environmental committee and/or criminal prosecution.

Bake some 'Splayed 'n' Flayed' cookies (ESSENTIAL)

Warning - preparation of the following foodstuffs may be interrupted by intense group discussion of the book's major themes. We therefore recommend the preparer peruse his or her own text in private. The paperback edition of Garth Marengi's TerrorTome is ideal for this, as its smaller, more compact size allows for greater manual dexterity while cooking.



Recipe:

Ingredients

200g unsalted butter

100g caster sugar

265g plain flour, plus extra for dusting

30g cocoa powder

1 tsp black food colouring

For the decoration

80g icing sugar

Method

1. While reading, put the butter and sugar in a bowl. Beat together with a whisk or electric beaters until smooth and fluffy (the ingredients, not individual guests). Tip in the plain flour, cocoa powder and food colouring, and mix again. Chill for 30 mins - this will make the dough easier to roll out while allowing you more time to read your new paperback edition of *Garth Marengi's TerrorTome*. Lightly flour the work surface and roll out the dough until 1cm thick. Keep reading.
2. Cut out the biscuits using a person-shaped cutter (not a person-cutter i.e. big machete), and arrange on 2-3 large baking trays. Reroll the excess dough and repeat. Chill the dough cut-outs for 30 mins while reading the next terrifying chapter of *Garth Marengi's TerrorTome* (new paperback edition).
3. Remove any rubber clothing from your body. Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and bake for 18-21 mins, until hardening around the edges. Leave to cool fully. Replace rubber clothing.
4. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl and gradually pour in 1-1½ tbsp water, mixing constantly, to get a thick paste. Put the icing in a piping bag, snip a little off the end to make a small hole, and pipe bone shapes and a skull onto the biscuits so they look like skeletons. Leave to set. If you or your guests are too terrified (or exhausted) to eat at this stage, the biscuits will keep for up to a week in an airtight container.

Fix the drinks (ESSENTIAL)

Spiced Bloody Nicks

Recipe:

Ingredients

8 tbsp vodka

2 x cans plum tomatoes

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

2 tsp horseradish sauce

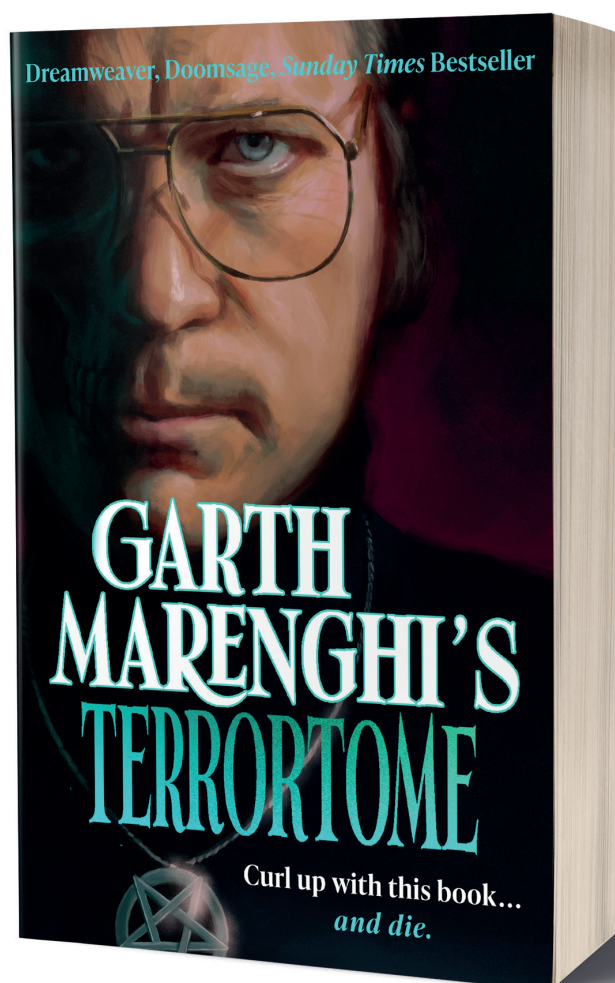
few shakes Tabasco sauce

ice, to serve

Method

Note - ensure all liquids are placed as far away from Garth Marengi's TerrorTome as possible. Especially Hodder's brand new paperback edition, which is by its very nature highly absorbent.

1. Put all the ingredients, apart from the ice, into a blender. Blend until they're all well mixed and the tomatoes are pulpy. Divide the ice between 4 glasses, pour the mix over the top and serve.
2. You may now join in with the main group discussion and/or ritual sacrifice.



Recipes adapted from BBCGoodFood.com