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Ibrahim b. 'Isa al-Za'farani narrated from Muhammad b. Habib al-Harithi — and he was the most knowledgeable and pious of the people of his time — from Ibn Sinan from al-Mufaddal b. 'Umar, who said: Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him, said: 'If you are unable to pass the night until you have taken refuge in eleven ways, then do that.' I said: 'Inform me of them, O son of the Messenger of Allah.'

He said: 'Say: "I take refuge in the Might of Allah, I take refuge in the Power of Allah, I take refuge in the Majesty of Allah, I take refuge in the Beauty of Allah, I take refuge in the Sovereignty of Allah. I take refuge in the Defence of Allah, I take refuge in the Grace of Allah, 1 take refuge in the Force of Allah, I take refuge in the Perfection of Allah, I take refuge in the Messenger of Allah, blessings of Allah on him and his family and his Ahl al-Bayt, from the evil of what He originated and scattered and created." Take refuge in Him from whatever you wish, for neither reptile (hawwam) or jinn, human or demon, will harm you if Allah, the Exalted, wills.'

From Abu Hamza al-Thumali from Abu Ja'far al-Baqir, peace be upon him, that he said: 'Take refuge for yourself from reptiles with these words: "In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate, in the Name of Allah, and by Allah. Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, blessings be on him. I take refuge in the Might of Allah. I take refuge in the Power of Allah over what He wills, from the evil of every reptile which creeps by night and day. Surely my Lord is on a straight path."

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