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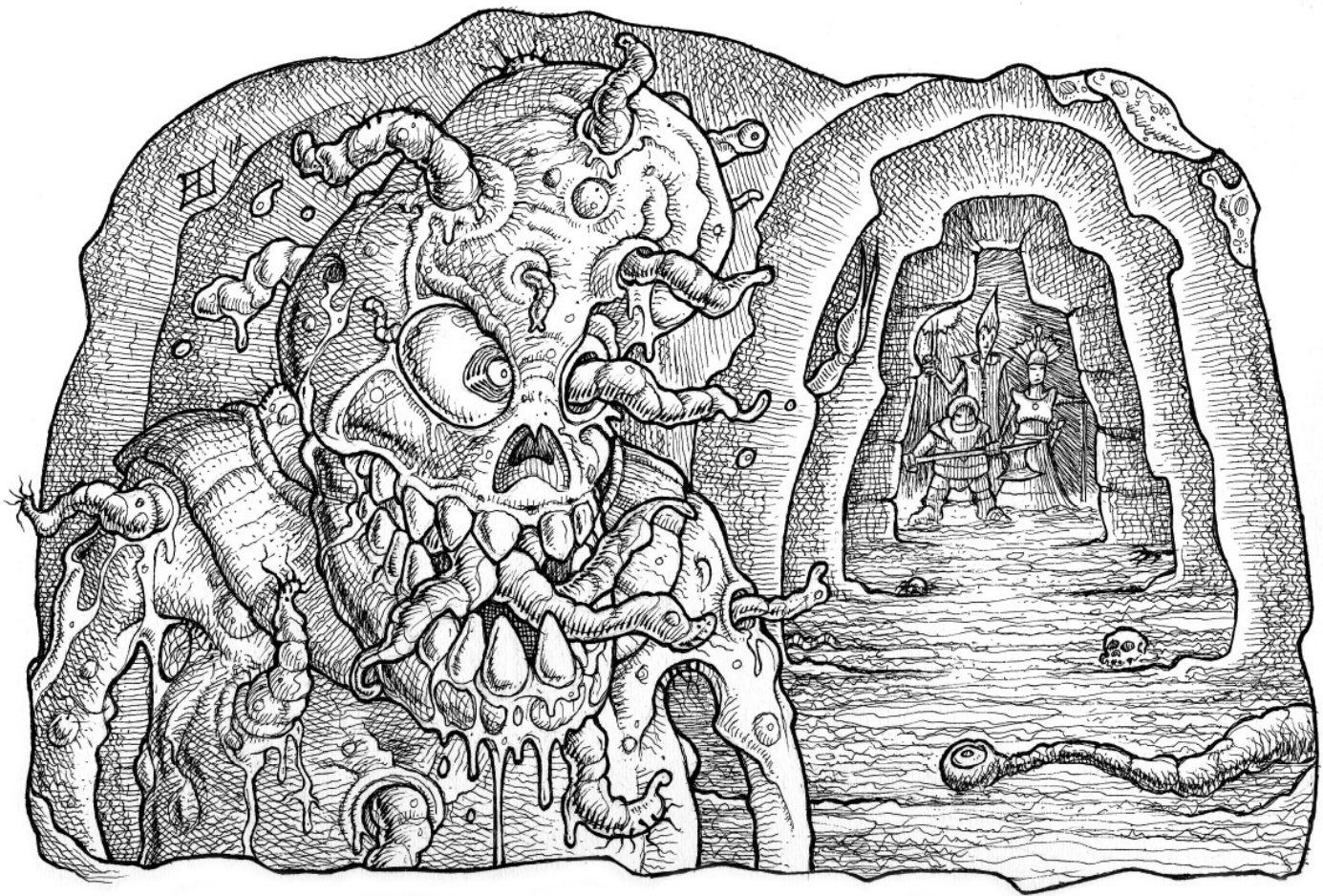


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# Preface

The book you hold in your hands represents the completion of a three-year project with two stages. In 2011, I revised the notes of my home-game megadungeon to create Barrowmaze I (published under the Open Gaming License and compatible with Labyrinth Lord and other classic fantasy role-playing games). One year later I ran a crowdfunding campaign to publish the second half of the dungeon, called Barrowmaze II.

Through the support of the old school gaming community, Barrowmaze was listed in the Top 10 on RPG now for months and finished in Second Place for the prestigious Three Castles Game Award for RPG Design at the North Texas RPGcon in June of 2013.

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Although Barrowmaze has my name on the cover, I view the adventure as a communal expression of old school gaming-it speaks to the type of game we want to play, the style of game we want to forward, and that the history and roots of our hobby are important and worth preserving for future gamers.

This new version, specifically designed for 5e in partnership with Rogue Comet, opens up a new audience for Barrowmaze Complete. Those who want to play 5e, but with an old school feel, can now explore the dark depths of Barrowmaze! Remember, get rich, or die trying!

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## Introduction

Barrowmaze is an exploration-style megadungeon for Labyrinth Lord™ and other classic fantasy role-playing games. The dungeon is designed to begin with first level characters and continue through mid and high-level play. Barrowmaze starts in the isolated village of Helix located in a swampy region known as the Duchy of Aerik. Over the course of the adventure, players will learn that a great field of mist-swept barrow mounds exists in the marsh and that the dead have risen in the dungeon below.

As a megadungeon, Barrowmaze is intended to support an extended campaign lasting months and years. Unlike most megadungeons (constructed vertically with levels and sub-levels corresponding to character ability), Barrowmaze is constructed as a vast sprawling horizontal dungeon. As the player characters (PCs) move from west to east across the map, the monsters increase in power and the treasures increase in value. Subject to the choices made by the PCs, this megadungeon presents opportunities for more than one end-game scenario.

This book is divided into the following parts, each with their own subsections. The first provides an introduction to the history of Barrowmaze. The second provides a gazetteer and outlines the geography of the Duchy of Aerik, paying particular attention to the village of Helix. The third offers information to Referees on how to run Barrowmaze. The fourth details the Barrow Mounds and the fifth the dungeon itself. The final sections provide all the supplementary material such as magic items, monsters, random tables, illustrations, etc.

Although the scope of the dungeon might seem daunting at first, Barrowmaze is written to aid Referees and facilitate immediate play. You can begin merely by creating characters and setting off to the dungeon. If you want to set the broader context of the adventure for players, then read through the gazetteer information first.

### Barrowmaze: A Brief History

Ages ago, an unknown people settled near a great moor. They built a village and, following their custom, constructed burial mounds and underground tombs to lay their dead to rest. Some were buried in simple alcoves, while others were entombed behind sealed doors and guarded by deadly traps. Time passed and the settlement grew—and the underground passages became maze-like in their complexity.

This continued for centuries until the cult of Nergal, God of the Underworld, appeared. Nergal received a vision. He knew his sons, Orcus and Set, desired his throne and wanted to depose him as Lord of the Underworld. Nergal

commanded his evil cultists to drive the villagers off and occupy the labyrinth. He further commanded them to take his most powerful unholy relic, The Tablet of Chaos, and entomb it behind many wards and traps. In time, Nergal's vision came to pass and his sons overthrew him. The cult of Nergal, now leaderless, fragmented and abandoned the burial maze. Knowledge of The Tablet was lost.

Once they deposed their father, Orcus and Set turned on each other and a civil war for control of the Underworld began. A stalemate ensued with each side hoping to tip the balance of power in their favour. Orcus gathered his acolytes. He ordered them to enter the maze and find The Tablet of Chaos. Set countered by sending his powerful necromancers after the artifact. Both groups have been commanded to find The Tablet of Chaos or destroy the opposing faction.

Nergal's masterstroke revealed itself in the time that followed. By hiding The Tablet in the maze, Nergal ensured that neither of his sons could completely take his place as Lord of Death and the Underworld. Moreover, The Tablet of Chaos, secreted in a vast labyrinthine burial site, has defiled the sanctity of the crypts. The relic has

*The history of Barrowmaze is kept purposefully brief and should not be immediately available to player characters. The PCs should only be able to advance their understanding of Barrowmaze and its history through dungeon exploration and role-play. Not all of the information is available in the dungeon, nor is all the information available in the village of Helix. The history and background of the dungeon is delivered in a slow and purposeful manner. Referees should also note that only the most conscientious players will be able to weave together the various threads of the broader backstory as they proceed through the dungeon. This is a good thing. If the players want more information they need to work for it. Whether they chose to hunt for details in the dungeon, or are more interested in killing monsters, it is their decision to make.*





called the dead and commanded them to rise from their graves! Nergal's undead attack the living and defend The Tablet of Chaos. The undead have also started to wander onto the surface and into the surrounding marsh.

Although Nergal's followers drove off the first human peoples that lived near the moor, other settlements grew

in their place over time. The small villages of Helix and Bogtown, and the larger community of Ironguard Motte, all share folk tales of the dead walking in the mist and riches buried in the swamp. Local villagers are aware of the barrow mounds and the labyrinth that exists beneath—they refer to the dungeon as Barrowmaze.



# Gazetteer

This section introduces the district known as the Duchy of Aerik. This region draws its name from Aerik Ironguard, one of the first settlers and the founder of Ironguard Motte. The purpose of this overview is two-fold: to provide an outline of the surrounding area in which Barrowmaze is set and to highlight the village of Helix in detail. This format should allow Referees to begin play immediately using Helix as the starting point and add more detail about the surrounding region as required.

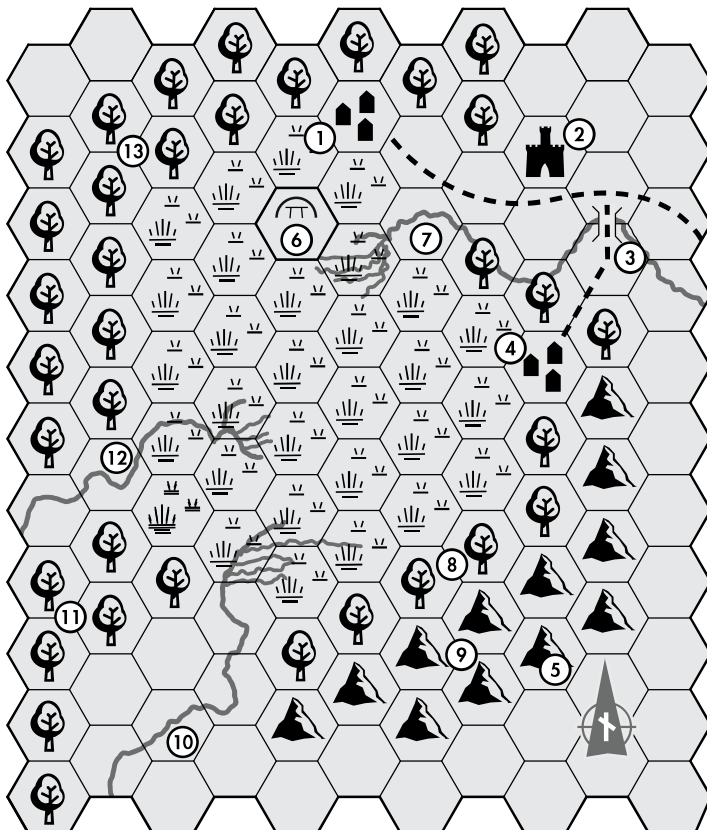
The hex map provides a geographical overview of the surrounding region. Each map hex represents 5 miles. This map uses the rough guideline that a human can march a maximum of 20 miles a day (in 8 hours) given the nature of the damp terrain.

The ground between Helix and the Barrow Mounds (1 hex or 5 miles) is swampy and slows movement. It takes double the amount of time, or the equivalent of a half-day (4 hours or 10 miles), to reach Barrowmaze. This means that expeditions to the dungeon will remain relatively short in order to allow player characters time to travel back to Helix before dusk. Players should be strongly encouraged to return to Helix as the area of the dungeon and barrow mounds are simply too dangerous to camp overnight.

The chart below approximates the distances between the villages and towns of the duchy. Helix and Bogtown are both about 15 miles from Ironguard Motte and a round trip from Helix to Bogtown would be 30 miles. However, the roads in the duchy are little more than dangerous dirt (or mud) pathways and only increase movement slightly (5–10 miles).

Time in Hours (h)/Distance in Miles (mi)				
Locations	Helix	Ironguard Motte	Bogtown	Old Dwarf Bridge
Helix	—	6h/15mi	12h/30mi	8h/20mi
Ironguard Motte	6h/15mi	—	6h/15mi	2h/5mi
Bogtown	12h/30mi	6h/15mi	—	4h/10mi
Old Dwarf Bridge	8h/20mi	2h/5mi	4h/10mi	—

In addition, for every hex travelled by caravan the Referee should role percentage dice with a result of 15% or lower indicating that a wagon has broken a wheel (or sustained road damage of some sort) and must be repaired or abandoned along the caravan route.



## The Duchy of Aerik

Scale: one hex equals 5 miles

### Key

	Village		Bridge
	Castle		Marsh
	Forest		Mountain
	River		Road

### Locations

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Helix                   | 8. Wyrdwood              |
| 2. Ironguard Motte         | 9. The Moon Peaks        |
| 3. Old Dwarf Bridge        | 10. Blackwater River     |
| 4. Bogtown                 | 11. Thornswild Forest    |
| 5. Secret Shrine of Zorgon | 12. The Merisc River     |
| 6. Barrowmaze              | 13. The Blackened Forest |
| 7. Moorwash River          |                          |

# Geography

## The Barrowmoor

The Barrowmoor dominates the Duchy of Aerik. The moor is a vast fetid bog roughly 30 miles north and south and 35 miles east and west. Within the marsh, an obscuring fog hangs heavily on the landscape and easily disorients travelers. At dusk the fog is nearly impenetrable and the moon casts an eerie glow across the moor. The air feels thick and hard to breathe. The marsh smells of rot and decay. The ground of the Barrowmoor is soft and footprints quickly fill with dark peat-coloured water. The bog is difficult to navigate due to the tangled and near impenetrable mass of decaying trees, weeds that stand seven feet high, knotted vines, and deep pools of black swamp water. The moor is an unnervingly silent place. Occasionally the deep croak of a bullfrog can be heard before it plops into the water, or perhaps the distant caw of a raven, but otherwise the moor is strangely quiet.

Stories abound about the monsters and inhabitants of the Barrowmoor. A tribe of froglings (see New Monsters) is known to exist somewhere in the central eastern portion of the marsh. These small, frog-like humanoids often emerge from the moor to attack caravans travelling back and forth along the trade routes to Helix and Bogtown. Locals also tell stories of pterodactyls, and larger pteranodons, flying above the marsh. The rangers brave enough to journey across the bog also tell tales of lizardmen conducting strange rituals around ancient standing stones to the south.

For much of the year the Barrowmoor is near impenetrable. During the fall, winter, and early spring the marshland is simply too soggy and water-covered to traverse. Over the last two seasons, the populations of Helix, Bogtown, and Ironguard Motte have grown with adventurers in the summer months. See Random Table 1 for encounters in the Barrowmoor.

## The Old Dwarf Bridge

Created long ago by the dwarves of the Moon Peaks, "The Auld Brig" or "The Old Dwarf Bridge" (as the humans call it) facilitates trade across the Moorwash River between the dwarves and the human settlements at Ironguard Motte and Helix. Although the dwarves still conduct trade occasionally, they have by-and-large retreated to their underground halls. The bridge itself provides the primary ford across the Moorwash River and is essential to the village of Bogtown. Periodically human brigands or monstrous humanoids from the Barrowmoor, the Wyrddwood, or the Moon Peaks, have been known to occupy the bridge for a short time and waylay (or demand tolls) from travellers and caravans.

## The Merisc and Blackwater Rivers

From the Barrowmoor, the Merisc and Blackwater rivers drain to the forests and plains beyond the duchy. Both rivers appear blackened by peat moss and slowly return to clear water the farther away from the Barrowmoor. Tales say a large tribe of lizardmen live in the delta of the Blackwater River.

## The Moon Peaks

The Moon Peaks are a mountainous range that runs east of the Wyrddwood. The mountains are called the Moon Peaks due to their extreme vertical elevation that reaches toward the moon in the night sky. The tips of these mountains are so high their peaks often penetrate the clouds. A clan of dwarves, the Hammerhands, lives in the northernmost of these mountains near Bogtown. In their mountain home, called Karnak by the dwarves, they mine metals and trade both raw ore and finished goods (metalware, arms, and armour) to the human settlements by caravan to Bogtown and Ironguard Motte. All non-dwarves are strictly forbid. Some say a great Roc makes its nest in the southern edge of the mountains.

## The Moorwash River

From the plains to the east, the Moorwash River empties into the Barrowmoor. Although its waters appear clear they darken to black, due to the peat from rotting vegetation, as the river approaches the swamp. Monstrous humanoids such as froglings and lizardmen often use the banks of the Moorwash River, particularly to the west of the Old Dwarf Bridge, to hide their numbers and strike at caravans and travellers before retreating quickly into the Barrowmoor.

## The Blackened Forest

The Blackened Forest is a dark swampy woodland. Some say the trees have turned black from the peat of the Barrowmoor and others say that a greater evil has poisoned the forest. The wood is known to harbor all manner of monstrous creatures including goblins, froglings, bugbears, trolls, and giant spiders. During the spring and summer months the villagers of Helix, accompanied by a group of men-at-arms, attempt to harvest the extremely valuable giant spider silk from the forest. Only a couple villagers (including **Valeron** the Elf and **Vina** the miller's wife) possess the skill to weave giant spider silk. Some say the clothing made from the silk possesses unique properties. The majority of the silk harvest is transported by the Silver Standard Merchant Caravan Company to Ironguard Motte. In addition, a white marble ruin—perhaps an ancient temple—is said to exist in forest north of Helix.



## The Secret Shrine of Zorgon

Old tales tell of a temple to the forbidden Anganach deity Zorgon can be found in the mountains of the Moon Peaks. Sages know little else about this mysterious site.

## The Thornswild Forest

The Thornswild Forest is a rotting swampy wood choked with vines, thorns, and tangled branches. A small community of black-haired elves is said to live in the forest. They protect their borders against both men and lizardmen alike. Little else is known about this woodland.

## The Wyrwood

The Wyrwood is a dark forest that stands between the Barrowmoor and the Moon Peaks. It is a mixed wood: damp and wet closest to the bog and dry forest nearest the mountains. Tribes of neanderthals are said to live in the low caves of the Moon Peaks and wyverns have also been spotted at higher elevations. Although a small handful of elves still patrol the woods, but they have largely abandoned the Wyrwood to join their kin in the Thornswild Forest.

## Religion, Faith, and The Gods

### Old and New Gods: Anganach and Futurus

The Ancient Ones, called the Anganach by the folk of the region, represent the elder gods. Whether they preexisted in the forests, swamps, and old streams of the land, or whether they were brought with the first humans, few can say. The humans who founded Ironguard Motte, Helix, and Bogtown (called the Second Settlement by local sages) found protection in the worship of Silvanus (Green Man), Herne the Hunter, Cromm Cruach, Impurax, and to a lesser extent, Nergal. Through respect and reverence for the wilderness and its deities, the human settlers learned to survive and established their villages. With the migration of the new gods from the civilized kingdoms to the east, the Anganach are in decline.

The New Gods, called the Futurus, include the faiths of St. Ygg and Arcantryl, and the more clandestine cults devoted to Orcus and Set. Slowly their priests have made their way to the duchy. The clerics of St. Ygg have been aggressive in their attempts to convert the people from the "primitive" faiths of Silvanus and Herne. They established a stone temple at Ironguard Motte, converted the Ironguard family, and began to spread their influence from the major trade and political center of the district. Although the cults of Orcus and Set are not openly worshipped their influence has started to grow in the dark corners of the region.

Despite its isolation from the outside world, the people of the duchy (particularly those in Ironguard Motte) have heard tales of foreign religions including Kor the Sun God, Athena the Goddess of Military Strategy, Thor the God of Thunder and Lightning, and others.

*In terms of gameplay, the Anganach and the Futurus represent an interesting decision for faith-based PCs. If a player decides to play a character from the area, like a ranger, fighter, or a druid, perhaps they might choose Silvanus or Herne. If a player decides to play a character that just arrived in Helix, like a cleric, magic-user or a paladin, they might lean toward one of the new deities. Either way, their choice (at the Referee's discretion) may predispose them to favourable or unfavourable reactions from select villagers.*

### Deities in the Duchy of Aerik:

#### Herne the Hunter, also called the Horned God (Venator Cervus)

Demi-God of the Hunt, Swamps and Forests  
Lawful Neutral (Good)

Symbol: An antlered human face or stag head



Herne is one of the Anganach or Ancient Ones. The worship of St. Ygg has replaced Herne in recent years, but there are those who still pray and offer sacrifices to him. Herne is the god of the northern woodlands, swamps, and the creatures that inhabit them. He prefers to take the form of a deer, or a man with an antlered deer's head. Herne chooses a favoured son, a druid, barbarian, ranger, or warrior, to serve him as the Guardian of the Forest. Some believe Herne is the son of Silvanus. The people of the region often use the phrase "Herne protect us" or "Herne protect you" as a toast or when parting company.



**Silvanus,**  
**also called Green Man (Viridis Voltus)**

God of Nature and the Balance  
Neutral  
Symbol: A face carved of leaves

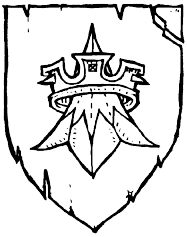


As one of the Anganach, Silvanus' faith arrived with the first human settlements. His religion has been largely, but not exclusively, replaced by the worship of St. Ygg. Silvanus, also called Green Man, oversees the balance in nature: law and chaos, light and dark, growth and decay,

life and death. For generations the rangers and druids looked to Silvanus for guidance and protection. He is also considered by some to oversee the spheres of rebirth and fertility. Faces of Silvanus have been carved into trees and rocks for centuries in the region. Tales say good fortune befalls those who chance upon his face in the wild.

**Crom (Cromm Cruach)**

God of Strength and Battle  
Chaotic Good  
Symbol: A silver crown over a white capped mountain



An Ancient One, Crom is worshipped largely by fighters, rangers, barbarians, and clerics. Due to the constant threat of monsters and monstrous humanoids from the Barrowmoor and the surrounding forests, Crom's faith among warriors and mercenaries has remained

steady in comparison to that of Silvanus and Herne. The clerics of Crom seek to advance their faith through strength of arms and feats of daring in battle.

**Arcantryl (Magus)**

Goddess of Magic  
Lawful Neutral  
Symbol: A star within a star



Arcantryl is one of the new gods or Futurus. Arcantryl derives her power from knowledge of the laws of the universe and existence. She believes in understanding the structure of the cosmos and harnessing (and bending) that knowledge to express magical energies. Instead of branching out

immediately to the smaller villages of Helix and Bogtown, the clerics of Arcantryl have focused on developing followers at Ironguard Motte where they have established a small shrine. A large stone temple is currently under construction and will facilitate the instruction of both clerics and magic-users when complete.

**St. Ygg (Veridicus)**

God of Righteousness  
Lawful Good  
Symbol: A red cross on a white field



St. Ygg is the lawful deity of righteousness and light. St. Ygg believes in the highest moral standards. He is self-righteous and possesses an indignant temper with those who fail to see the just nature of his actions. St. Ygg is the most influential of the "civilized" or Futurus deities in

the region. His clerics have been aggressive to convert the followers of Herne and Silvanus to the faith. St. Ygg demands his followers destroy undead as he views them as an abomination of the highest order. His followers include clerics and a rare group of paladins known as the Order of the Crimson Cross. Paladins are very rare in the duchy but are common in the more civilized kingdoms far to the east.

**Impurax (Impuratus)**

God of Decay, Corruption, and Pestilence  
Neutral Evil  
Symbol: A rotting raven's head

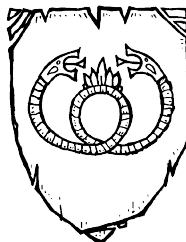


Little is known about the ancient deity Impurax. It is believed his faithful consisted of a secret order of corrupt druids. These witches and warlocks lived in the Barrowmoor and possessed a strange power over select creatures and monsters, but little has been heard of his faith for

decades. Impurax is the natural enemy of Silvanus and Herne the Hunter. Folk tales say Herne's favoured son died decades ago in a great battle against the followers of Impurax. Impurax aligns himself with Nergal, historically.

**Set (Jakuul Mortis)**

God of Serpents, Death, and the Underworld  
Lawful Evil  
Symbol: Two snake heads facing each other



Set and his brother Orcus deposed their father Nergal for control of the underworld. After completing the task they turned on each other to establish complete control over their father's spheres of power. A war for control of the underworld began. A stalemate ensued with each son controlling a

portion of Nergal's power. In order to tip the scales, Set gathered his necromancers and commanded them to find the Tablet of Chaos. Followers of Set are committed to the destruction of Orcus and his faithful. Set and Orcs currently share the spheres of Death and the Underworld.

### Orcus (Malum Mortis)

God of the Undead, Death, and the Underworld  
Chaotic Evil  
Symbol: A white ram head on a black field



Orcus and his brother Set combined their power to overthrow Nergal. A civil war resulted with both brothers possessing a portion of their father's power. Orcus, aware of the Tablet of Chaos, knew that whoever possessed the artifact could tip the balance of power and claim control of the underworld. The acolytes of Orcus are committed to annihilation of Set and his followers. Set and Orcs currently share the spheres of Death and the Underworld.

### Nergal (Ossum Mortis)

Greater God of Death, Undead, and the Underworld  
(Presumed Dead)  
Chaotic Evil  
Symbol: A single white skull



One of the Anganach, Nergal once ruled the Underworld and the spheres of Death and the Undead. He was deposed and presumably destroyed by his sons Orcus and Set. Prior to his presumed death, Nergal ensured his followers interred his most powerful artifact, The Tablet of Chaos, deep in Barrowmaze. Over time The Tablet has called the dead to rise. Whether The Tablet retains Nergal's last remaining essence, or whether he still exists, is unknown.



## Towns and Settlements

### Bogtown

**Population:** 464  
**Alignment:** Neutral and Chaotic Neutral  
**Demographics:** Primarily human with a few dwarves, half-elves, and elves  
**Political Structure:** Ironguard Designate and Elderman Herik Anguson (Level 2 Fighter/Level 3 Rogue)  
**Industry and Trade:** Lumber, Dried Peat, Metal Goods (trade with dwarves).

Bogtown is located on the eastern edge of the Barrowmoor at the base of the Moon Peaks. Bogtown was first populated by men for the purpose of logging and as a location to facilitate trade between Ironguard Motte and the dwarves of the Moon Peaks. The local villagers of Bogtown, mockingly called "Boggers" in Ironguard Motte and Helix, also have contact with the handful of elves that remain in the Wyrddwood.

The village has a seedy reputation. Bogtown is a haven for the low-born and the outcasts of civilized society. Although Bogtown is comparable to Helix in many respects, the village is smaller and possesses fewer amenities. It seems as though most structures are in disrepair and almost everything in the village is covered in moss from the constant dampness.

Bogtown's reputation is well-earned. Bogtown is the headquarters of The Shadow Hands, the thieves' guild that operates in the region. The Hands are a small guild and base their operation in the backrooms of The Toasty Troll tavern. They have one guild connection in Helix (**Merda the Barmaid**) and relationships with two others (**Perni** and **H.H.R. Huffnpuff**). They try to avoid the prying eyes of the militia in Ironguard Motte but do have one connection (**Umlar the Barkeep**). Bogtown is administrated by **Herik Anguson**, who is the Ironguard's designate in the village. However, **Anguson** is secretly part of the thieves' guild.

The guild is currently run by **Alzo Danuth**, a Level 6 Rogue. Danuth is often accompanied by 1d4+1 Level 2 Rogues who serve as bodyguards. Danuth's lieutenant is **Urnst Gunter**, a Level 4 Rogue.

**Gunter** plans on assassinating **Danuth** and taking over the guild, but is biding his time and waiting patiently for the right opportunity. During the day, **Gunter** works as the Silver Standard's trade supervisor in Bogtown to provide a cover for his clandestine activities.

A few miles to the west of Bogtown, in a small dark hovel, lives an old crone called The **Mother of Toads**. She is a Level 4 Wizard/Level 3 Cleric of Impurax the God of Rot,



Disease, and Decay.

The **Toad-Mother** is an ugly squat woman with a broad mouth and large bulging eyes. She was cast out of Bogtown for heinous acts of witchcraft that included blights of disease, insect swarms, and a pestilence of frogs and toads on the village. She now lives alone in a small hovel in the swamp surrounded by her batrachian kin.

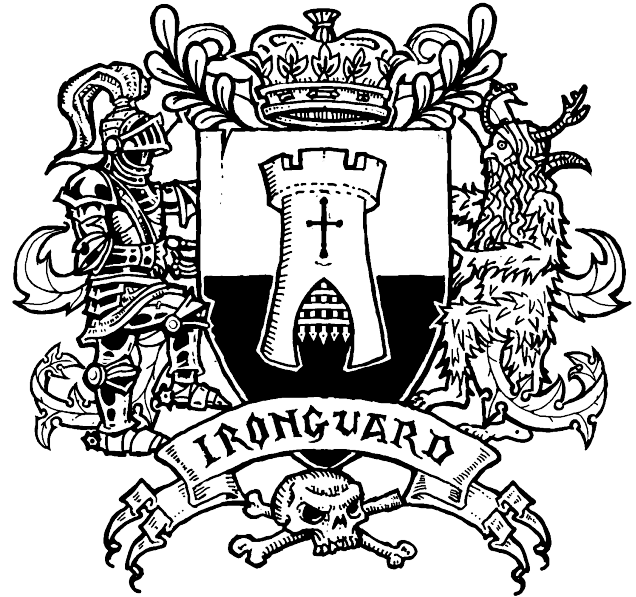
If the PCs spend time in Bogtown, they will likely hear the villagers speak of the **Mother of Toads** in hushed tones. She presents no real physical threat to a party of veteran adventurers. However, as the PCs approach her hut they will notice an unusual number of **Giant Frogs** and **Giant Toads** (in addition to a vast number of ordinary species) will surface from the pools of the bog such that they are quickly and vastly outnumbered. If befriended—she is particularly susceptible to effusive flattery from handsome male PCs—she will offer, occasionally, to create balms for healing (similar to *Cure Wounds*) and poison (like *Protection from Poison*) and/or trade spells of equal level. To create these balms and salves, the **Mother of Toads** will require special ingredients for her bubbling cauldron. The exact components are subject to the GM and should include side-quests into heretofore unexplored areas of the duchy.

Classed NPCs from Bogtown will likely be rogues, fighters, and possibly rangers or druids living in the surrounding forest.

**Places of Note:** The Toasty Troll (Tavern), Shrine to Crom, Temple to Silvanus, The Broken Buckler (Trade Goods), and a small depot for the Silver Standard Merchant Caravan Company and barracks.

## Ironguard Motte

<b>Population:</b>	1,638
<b>Alignment:</b>	Lawful and Neutral Good
<b>Demographics:</b>	Primarily human with some dwarves, elves, gnomes, and halflings
<b>Political Structure:</b>	(Noble Family—Hereditary) Lord Viscount Kell Ironguard (Level 7 Fighter/Retired)
<b>Industry and Trade:</b>	Agriculture (corn, wheat), Fine Goods (clothing, armour), Metal Goods (raw and finished from trade with the dwarves), Trade Center.



Located at the eastern edge of the Blackened Forest and northwest of Old Dwarf Bridge, Ironguard Motte is the largest populated town in the region. Ironguard Motte refers to both the Ironguard noble family and their Motte and Bailey castle that serves as the town's primary fortification. The town proper is encircled by a wooden palisade, although many farms and other structures are located in the immediate countryside. The Ironguards employ a force of 50 men-at-arms (treat as **Guard**) that both protect the castle and serve as law enforcement.

As the largest town and center of trade in the region, Ironguard Motte offers all the services available in Helix in addition to the specialized services that include an armorer, weaponsmith, temples to St. Ygg and Crom, and a shrine to Arcantryl. The town also has a larger jeweler/money-lender than Helix and can offer 5% more in gold piece value when exchanging all precious jewels and ancient treasures subject to a successful role-play negotiation (or alternatively a successful Charisma check). The Silver Standard Merchant Caravan Company is also centered in Ironguard Motte and conduct weekly trips to Helix and Bogtown.

Ironguard Motte is also the seat of political power in the duchy. Although they are a noble family, the Ironguards are considered by their cultured peers in the east as uncouth, unsophisticated yokels. Nonetheless, the Ironguards have tried to bring a resemblance of stability and trade to the area despite the recent influx of adventurers and mercenaries to the region each spring.

Classed NPCs from Ironguard Motte will include fighters, clerics, wizards, rogues, and possibly rangers or paladins (the latter being very rare).

**Places of Note:** Three religious sites are located at

Ironguard Motte. They include a temple to St. Ygg (Friar Fergus/Level 6 Cleric), a smaller temple to Crom (Brother Titus/Level 4 Cleric/Level 3 Fighter), and a shrine to Arcanryl (new temple construction is underway). There are two well-known taverns including The Bloated Halfling (Hamock Hardcheese/Barkeep) and The Leaky Barrel (Vandal Whitebeard/Barkeep).

There is also a smaller and seedier tavern called The Black Dragon which is a front for the Ironguard chapter of The Shadow Hands (the thieves' guild based out of Bogtown). Umlar is the barkeeper. Other shops include The Unexpected Gift (Huetin Blackstock/Jeweler and Money Lender), a general store called The Shining Shovel (Corutta and Garrick Barrelhouse), and The Silver Standard Merchant Caravan Headquarters (Bandrik Ironstone/Level 4 Fighter). Castle Ironguard is located within the inner palisade.

## Helix

<b>Population:</b>	632
<b>Alignment:</b>	Lawful Neutral
<b>Demographics:</b>	Primarily human with a few dwarves, elves, half-elves, and halflings.
<b>Political Structure:</b>	(Noble Family—Hereditary) Krothos Ironguard (Level 3 Fighter)
<b>Industry and Trade:</b>	Dried Peat, Livestock (goats), Agriculture (subsistence)

The village of Helix is located between the northern edge of the Barrowmoor and south of the Blackened Forest. Humans established the village centuries ago atop the ruins of a much older settlement. The location affords access to water, the protection of the forest, and fuel supply in the form of harvested peat moss from the bog.

The people of Helix are a mixed group. The remote location of the village, on the western edge of the known world and far removed from civilized society, means the townspeople are either hardy frontiersmen who make the village their home or scoundrels and knaves seeking refuge in the distant corners of the realm.

The time of year also influences the village population. Helix appears relatively quiet during the rainy season in the fall and winter months. During this time, only the foolish would attempt to cross the marsh (even highly skilled rangers and druids would think twice). The water level rises during the rainy season and it makes traversing the ground a perilous undertaking. Instead, most wait until the late spring or early summer to navigate the Barrowmoor.

Helix falls under the feudal protection of **Lord Viscount Kell Ironguard**. **Lord Ironguard** has designated his son and heir, **Krothos Ironguard**, as ruler of the village (even

though the young **Krothos** spends the majority of his time shirking his duties). **Lord Ironguard** knows his son is too immature for the position, but hopes the responsibilities of leadership will help him grow and develop into the future ruler of Ironguard Motte. In truth, the people of Helix have great admiration for **Lord Ironguard** but despise his son **Krothos** who cares little for the well-being of the land and its people. **Krothos** is rarely seen without his personal advisor and councilor—a weasel-looking fellow in black robes by the name of **Ollis Blackfell**.

Many folk tales and legends are told in Helix. Of these stories the undead are the most persistent. Village elders agree that the sightings of strange human-like figures shuffling through the fog are a growing threat to their communities. Some locals in Helix blame adventurers for these disturbances and say the barrow mounds must be left alone and that the dead must not be disturbed.

New PCs or classed NPCs from Helix may include rangers, druids, fighters, rogues, clerics, and possibly wizards and paladins (the latter being very rare).

Each fall, the people of Helix celebrate the harvest by constructing a large effigy of Green Man or Herne in the village square made of dried peat, reeds, and hay. The villagers, wearing masks symbolizing the animals of the swamp and forest, surround the effigy with sacrifices, conduct prayers, and then light it aflame on the night of the Autumnal Equinox. This is followed by a celebration of drinking, singing, and dancing. The church of St. Ygg discourages this longstanding practice.

**Places of Note:** Village Map of Helix

### 1. Village Square (central meeting place and marketplace)

This is the central meeting and marketplace in the village. The village crier makes announcements each day at noon from a dais in the center of the square. These announcements normally gather a large crowd and provide an excellent opportunity for PCs to learn news or attempt to find hirelings or henchmen, beyond those available in the Mercenary Guild. The cost to solicit hirelings and henchmen through





the village crier is 5gp. There is also a pillory in the square that serves as a deterrent for criminals and thieves.

## 2. Turgen's Trade Goods

**Billworth Turgen**, a merchant, has provided basic equipment and trade goods to the villagers of Helix for decades. He also serves as the local agent for the Silver Standard Caravan Company and facilitates shipments back and forth between Helix (dried peat, dried fish, animal skins, giant spider silk from the Blackened Forest, and goats) and Ironguard Motte (return shipments include wine, ale, fine clothing, armour, food stuffs (corn and wheat), metal ingots). **Turgen** also hires men-at-arms through the mercenary guild to serve as protection for his caravans. He pays 2gp (per day, per person) and covers lodging (there are basic barracks at each Silver Standard supply depot). If a complete shipment arrives safely **Turgen** will pay an additional bonus of 2gp.

## 3. The Axe and Anvil

**Karg Barrelgut** is the lead hammer at The Axe and Anvil smithy. **Barrelgut** is a fine craftsman and serves the village in the varied roles of blacksmith, armourer, and weaponsmith, as needed. His young cousin, **Gern**, works as his apprentice. **Barrelgut** was originally from the Stone Mountains far across the plains to the east but fled decades ago for an unknown reason. He has befriended the other dwarves in Helix and his smithy

now serves as the defacto dwarven meeting place (social and religious). He can provide all the weapons (except bows and arrows) and most armor types (plate must be ordered from Ironguard Motte on a cash up-front basis and will take one week). In addition, adventurers can also purchase a broadsword (same stats as longsword) from the Axe and Anvil for 8gp. The broadsword is the favoured weapon of warriors in the duchy. If given sufficient time, **Barrelgut** can make unique non-magical dungeoneering items and equipment. He is known as a fair dealer in Helix.

## 4. Mercenary Guild

This building serves as the home of the mercenary guild in Helix. **Osen**, the Guildmaster, created a business for himself recruiting men-at-arms, classed henchmen, porters, torch-bearers, and guides to serve adventurers and expeditions into the Barrowmoor and the surrounding region. In the spring and summer months, when the population of Helix swells with the influx of lowly adventurers, scoundrels, and rogues, **Osen** and his guild manage to bring order to the village. The locals jokingly refer to the mercenary guild as "The League of Ordinary Gentlemen." The roster of men and women available for hire should be randomly determined by the GM.



## 5. The Silver Standard Merchant Caravan Company

This building serves as the supply depot for the Silver Standard Merchant Caravan Company in Helix. Trade goods are both delivered and loaded at this location. **Billworth Turgen** oversees each shipment personally and normally has a small crew of men to load and unload the caravans. The building is locked at night. It may also be protected by several **Guards**, subject to the situation.

The Silver Standard Caravans follow a route that exchanges goods between the settlements at Helix, Ironguard Motte, and Bogtown. Iron ore, iron goods, and lumber are loaded at Bogtown and brought to Ironguard Motte. These goods are then sold or forwarded to Helix. The same takes place from Helix to Ironguard Motte and then to Bogtown.

In addition to the exchange of goods, the company is often asked to transport persons or cargo of import. In these situations the rate of pay is triple or more. Members of the Ironguard family and select merchants always travel with additional protection.

*The road between these locations is little more than a perilous dirt trail and caravans are forced to move slowly. GMs should account for roughly a day of slow travel between Helix and Bogtown to Ironguard Motte. Both distances are approximately 15 miles but the nature of the ground, and the unpacking and packing of the caravans upon reaching their destination, requires a full day's work. Wet weather during the fall and winter months can slow caravans even further (subject to the discretion of the GM).*

The caravan road is often attacked by monsters. Ambushes are common between Helix and Ironguard Motte where the road nears the Moorwash River. Encounters on the caravan trail between Ironguard Motte and Bogtown often take place on the Old Dwarf Bridge and in the Wyrddwood just northeast of Bogtown. Brigands, froglings, lizardmen, and worse use these spots to waylay caravans, plunder their cargo, and disappear into the moor.

## 6. Shrine of St. Ygg

The Shrine of St. Ygg is a small church in the center of the village. Most villagers in Helix pray to both the ancient gods (Anganach) and the new (Futurus). The Shrine of St. Ygg, in particular, has been successful in establishing a small religious following. **Brother Othar** (Level 5 Cleric), and his under-clerics **Cella** (Level 2 Cleric) and **Gamdar** (Level 1 Half-Orc Cleric), oversee the shrine and tend to the needs of the villagers regardless of their faith.

*Gamdar is a recent addition to the shrine. He is a spy in the service of the Acolytes of Orcus and passes intelligence about the shrine and possible threats through periodic meetings with his evil brethren at a remote location in the swamp.*

## 7. The Rosy Quartz Jeweler and Money Lender

This is the shop of **Harnold Huwen Reginald** (or H.H.R) **Huffnpuff**, the primary jeweler and money lender in the village. **Huffnpuff** can provide several services for adventurers. These include the appraisal of gemstones and precious treasures, exchange of these items into gold pieces, and banking services (he charges 10% for each transaction). He can also lend money (up to 300gp/level) at an interest rate of 25%. There are no other money lenders in Helix and **Huffnpuff** has a monopoly on these services. He has a keen eye and is a shrewd businessman. In the past, **Huffnpuff** has hired brigands and adventuring parties to collect from delinquent clientele. **Huffnpuff** is not part of The Shadow Hands thieves' guild based in Bogtown, but he does business with them, from time to time.

## 8. The Brazen Strumpet (Tavern)

The Brazen Strumpet is the heart and soul of the village. **Bollo the Barkeep** owns the tavern and employs three barmaids **Taycee**, **Ugritte**, and **Merda**. The tavern is usually quiet in the mornings and early afternoons. Patrons normally start arriving in the late afternoon and the music and merriment continues until **Bollo** closes the bar in the wee hours of the morning. By spending time in the tavern player characters can talk to the patrons or hear rumours by providing good tips to **Bollo** or the barmaids (see the Random Rumor Table). PCs can also recruit henchmen and hirelings, talk to locals, and meet rival adventuring parties. **Alaster the Village Idiot** (Level 6 Rogue) spends most of his time muttering to himself outside the tavern. There is an 80% likelihood the PCs will find him there anytime they approach the tavern. The prices of food, drink, provisions, and lodging are commensurate with the standard rates.

There is an announcement board outside the tavern that serves to find missing people, recruit henchmen, and to make official announcements, etc. See Table 2 for The Brazen Strumpet Random Patron Generator.

## 9. The Foul Pheasant

**Pernicious "Perni" Ticklebottom** owns and operates the only gambling house in Helix. Although she attempts to pass her business off as a simple, seedy tavern to the locals, **Perni's** primary business is gambling and, to a lesser degree, prostitution.



**Mazzahs the Magnificent**



**Bollo**



**Taycee**



**Alaster**



**Merda**

Like many in Helix, **Perni** migrated to the village from the lands to the east after an assignment for her thieves' guild went awry and resulted in several deaths. **Perni** is privy to interesting pieces of information (see Random Rumours) for the right price (and subject to the GM's discretion). **Perni** is not part of the thieves' guild based in Bogtown, but she does pay them 10% for her "protection."

The GM is encouraged to use this location to make gambling games available to the player characters. **Krothos Ironguard**, a high stakes gambler, makes regular appearances late at night, as well as rival adventuring parties.

### 10. Wizard's Spire

This decaying spire is the home of **Mazzahs the Magnificent** (Level 6 Wizard). The spire itself is impressive especially the observatory. However, the structure is in disrepair and the sides are covered in green moss. A sign on the door reads "Do not disturb!" **Mazzahs** is quirky and grouchy. He prefers to be left alone to work on his experiments, read arcane lore, and study the cosmos through his makeshift observatory at the top of the spire.

When interacting with player characters **Mazzahs** might nod off to sleep, forget their names, name them incorrectly, or fail to remember why they came to see him. The inside of his spire is significantly larger than the outside might suggest. It is also very warm and cozy despite its somewhat dilapidated condition.

*Mazzahs will offer to buy historical or arcane lore unearthed from Barrowmaze. He will buy magic items (excluding swords and armour) at -30% of their value. He will never sell magic or write scrolls for the PCs.*

### 11. Bowyer/Fletcher

This is the home of **Valeron** the elf. **Valeron** is a bowyer and fletcher. Player characters can purchase short/longbows and arrows from him at standard prices. **Valeron** is the finest bowyer in the region. There is a

10% chance that any bow crafted by **Valeron** will offer a non-magical +1 to damage rolls. **Valeron** also possesses the knowledge and skill to weave giant spider silk from the Blackened Forest into fine garments, cloaks, robes, or rope at a cost of 500gp/plus 100gp per level of the PC. There is a 10% chance that the garments weaved from this silk possess unique properties such as free action, climbing, or cold resistance.

### 12. Mill

**Hendon** the miller, his wife **Vina**, teenage son **Tamson**, and boy **Yusef**, live here. They represent the hardy and determined frontier folk who worship the Anganach and make Helix their home. The mill grinds grain brought from Ironguard Motte into flour for the villagers. **Hendon** is a capable man (Level 4 Ranger) and occasionally walks the moor in defense of the village.

**Tamson** is learning the ways of the wild and apprenticing as a miller with his father. Although not yet a Level 1 Ranger, **Tamson** can shoot a longbow with skill and is proficient with the broadsword. If he can sneak away without his father knowing, he will serve as a guide for a group of PCs. **Tamson** is a strong lad and has 5 hit points. He can also wear leather armour. **Tamson's** brother **Yusef** dreams of adventure and wants to apprentice as a ranger like his father and older brother.

**Vina** possesses the skill to weave giant spider silk from the Blackened Forest into fine garments, cloaks, robes, or rope at a cost of 500gp/plus 100gp per level of the pc. Like **Valeron**, there is a 10% chance that **Vina's** spider silk garments possess unique properties. PCs must supply the silk and 1d4 weeks of time.

### 13. Barrowmaze

Barrowmaze, and its vast field of barrow mounds, rests a half day's march south of Helix. The first few expeditions will require the services of a guide. **Hendon's** sons can serve in this capacity. There is also a 25% chance that a hireling or henchman will know the way. The village locals tend to be the most reliable guides.



Karg



Othar



Cella



Gamdar



Kell Ironguard

GMs should roll on Random Table 1: Barrowmoor Random Encounters when the PCs embark for Barrowmaze and on their return to Helix.

#### 14. Statue of Herne

Surrounded by a ring of stones, a statue of Herne the Hunter stands in a secluded grove three miles west of Helix. The statue serves as a shrine and those who worship him travel to the grove with offerings and animal sacrifices.

#### 15. Ancient Ruins

An ancient white marble ruin can be found in the Blackened Forest about five miles north of Helix. Once a secret temple to Impurax, the ruins have been reclaimed by the black trees and growth of forest.

The ruins are covered in giant spider webs that dominate the wood. Some say they occasionally see torches near the old temple that correspond to the cycle of the moons.

#### 16. Ironguard Motte

Ironguard Motte rests along a caravan route approximately 15 miles east of Helix. Ironguard Motte, a town by most standards, is the seat of the Ironguard family. See the town overview and the Silver Standard Caravan Company for more information on travel routes between Helix and Ironguard Motte.

### Personalities of Helix

**Mazzahs the Magnificent** (Level 6 Wizard) is a strange mage who makes his home in Helix. **Mazzahs** gives a poor first impression. His left eye is slightly larger than the right, giving him a bug-eyed appearance. His wizard cap is bent and his robes are decorated with small charms and knick-knacks that jingle together as he walks.

**Bollo** (Level 3 Fighter), Owner and Barkeep of The Brazen Strumpet, was a stout warrior in his youth. The barrel-chested **Bollo** retired from adventuring to open The Brazen Strumpet after he took an arrow to the knee. **Bollo** is an honest and fair-dealing man. He has a loud and ready

laugh. He feeds **Alaster** the village idiot for free, prays to Herne, and supports the local shrine. He will always protect his serving girls. He normally wears a worn leather apron and his old warhammer and shield hang behind the bar. **Bollo** has heard every Barrowmaze story (true and false) and is a wealth of information on the dungeon. He also knows everyone in town and can help direct PCs accordingly.

**Taycee the Barmaid** (Commoner) is the archetype of the feminine, buxom, red-headed barmaid. She is pretty but sarcastic with a droll sense of humor. She has worked for **Bollo** for years and has heard most of the rumors regarding Barrowmaze. If given an opportunity she can verify or dismiss common rumors if the PCs provide good tips. She is loyal to **Bollo**.

**Urgritte the Barmaid** (Commoner) is strong and tall, and yet possesses a feminine build. She has long, braided, golden blonde hair. **Urgritte** appears of Northern warrior stock and has a strong Scandinavian accent. She has worked at The Brazen Strumpet for a few months.

**Merda the Barmaid** (Level 1 Rogue) is beautiful but shorter and with a more slender build than the other barmaids due to her half-elven heritage. She is short-tempered and is always late serving tables. She cares little for **Taycee**, **Urgritte**, or the tavern patrons. Unlike the other servers, she always carries a concealed dagger on her person.

***Merda** is a spy paid by the Necromancers of Set to provide them with intelligence on the tavern, village, and adventuring parties. She has no particular affiliation with the necromancers, rather this is simply a paying job. She understands the dynamic of the tavern and plays her role well. Her latest directive is to bribe or extort **Ollis Blackfell**, the advisor to the Ironguard family, to join the necromancers and thus directly influence the rule over Helix and the surrounding area. She receives her instructions via a note slipped under her tavern room door late at night. **Merda** is also member of The Shadow Hands thieves' guild in Bogtown.*



Krothos Ironguard



Ollis Blackfell



Valeron



Guildmaster Osen



H.H.R. HuffnPuff

**Karg Barrelgut the Blacksmith** (Level 3 Fighter) serves as the blacksmith, weaponsmith, and armorer for the village of Helix. **Karg** possesses a dark sense of humor and is quick to develop humorous nick-names for his patrons. **Karg** is well known within Helix. He is concerned with the irresponsible behaviour of **Krothos Ironguard** and does not trust elves, especially **Merda the Barmaid**. **Karg** speaks broken common and prefers to conduct business in Dwarven, if possible. He has a young dwarf, **Gern**, who serves as his apprentice.

**Othar of St. Ygg** (Level 5 Cleric) is well-groomed and makes an excellent first impression. He is devoted to establishing St. Ygg as the primary deity in Helix and the surrounding area. **Othar** is well-educated, articulate, kind, and compassionate.

**Othar** is a key figure in Helix. Until recently, he has had a longstanding relationship with the Ironguard family, especially the elder **Viscount Kell Ironguard**. His son, **Krothos**, has hired a new advisor **Ollis Blackfell** and no longer heeds **Othar's** council to the degree he once did. **Othar** knows **Krothos** has undertaken an expedition to Barrowmaze, and is concerned that young **Krothos'** impetuous nature—and the advice of **Ollis Blackwell**—will get him killed and leave no heir for the Ironguard line.

**Cella the Devotee** (Level 2 Cleric); rescued as an orphan and raised by **Othar**, **Cella** is a devout follower of St. Ygg. She has short black hair and piercing pale blue eyes. She is quiet and reserved and will follow **Othar's** commands without question. She has reservations about **Gamdar**.

**Gamdar the Acolyte** (Level 2 Cleric) recently “joined” the faith of St. Ygg in Helix. His mixed blood gives him a strange appearance. He has two small tusks that jut from either side of his mouth and this makes his speech difficult to understand.

***Gamdar** is a spy. The Acolytes of Orcus sent him to the village to keep an eye on the church of St. Ygg and on the comings and goings of adventurers to Barrowmaze. **Gamdar** often passes information to the acolytes who then set an ambush and waylay unwitting adventurers on the way back to Helix (when their sacks are full of treasure). **Gamdar** also doublecrosses the acolytes by conducting his own low-level PC ambushes and hoards the gold somewhere in the Barrowmoor. In these instances **Gamdar** will appear as a bucket-helmed knight dressed in black. He will always have an equal number of **Tomb-Robbers** to PCs plus 1d4+1 more. **Gambar** possesses a magical amulet that masks his chaotic character.*

**Lord Viscount Kell Ironguard** (Level 7 Fighter); in his prime, **Kell Ironguard** would have possessed a commanding physical presence. Over six feet tall, the Lord of the Duchy of Aerik has graying hair and long handlebar moustache that gives him a knightly appearance. He is committed to his family and the people of the region. **Lord Kell** is concerned for his son **Krothos**. In an effort to include **Krothos** in the ruling of his realm, **Kell** has tried to keep his son close and provide him with administrative duties. However, **Kell's** efforts to bring **Krothos** closer have pushed him further away.

The Ironguard family founded the village of Helix many generations ago. The Ironguards, as the primary noble family in the region, have attempted to keep law and order in the village. This has been a difficult task, one made even more difficult with the arrival of adventurers every spring and summer in an effort to plunder the riches of Barrowmaze.

**Krothos Ironguard** (Level 3 Fighter) is the epitome of impetuous youth. Unlike his father he looks down on the villagers of Helix and treats the people with disinterest. He is brash, a braggart, and has accomplished little in his life. **Krothos** is always accompanied by two burly bodyguards (**Baddock** and **Kantin**). They typically wear



chainmail (with the tabards of House Ironguard) and carry longswords. Each of them are Level 1 Fighters. **Krothos** has delved into Barrowmaze once, but let his men-at-arms do all the fighting (and the dying). He brags about the experience even though he never drew his sword. **Krothos** can often be found in The Foul Pheasant gambling and whoring.

In his effort to exert more power and influence over their surrounding lands, **Krothos** hired a new advisor, **Ollis Blackfell**, to council his father. **Ollis** has used the opportunity to further cultivate his own power.

**Ollis Blackfell** (Commoner); although he displays thoughtful concern for the Ironguards, **Ollis Blackfell** is a liar and a self-interested man. He possesses intelligence and a silver tongue. **Ollis** understands the game of politics and uses his influence with **Krothos** to his best advantage. He is plotting to poison **Kell Ironguard** and have his death appear as the result of old age. The Necromancers of Set have directed their agent in Helix, **Merda** the barmaid, to the task of recruiting **Ollis** to their cause.

**Valeron** (Level 4 Fighter) is a vagabond. He stays in a village and plies his trade as a bowyer and fletcher for a time and then he moves on. **Valeron** is a handsome and lithe Elf. He has sharp features and long jet black hair. He greets most non-elves with an aloof disapproving gaze, but regardless of his first impression no one can question the quality of his work. **Valeron** is the finest bowyer and fletcher in the region. Indeed, there is a 10% chance that any bow crafted by **Valeron** will offer a non-magical +1 to all damage rolls. **Valeron** is friends with **Bollo** and **Perni**. He has reservations about **Merda** the barmaid and **Pernicious "Perni" Ticklebottom**.

**Guildmaster Osen** (Level 3 Fighter), a retired former adventurer with grey receding hair, came to Helix last summer when he heard of the discovery of a great field of Barrow Mounds in the Barrowmoor. Although his adventuring days are now behind him, **Osen** created a mercenary guild to represent and organize local labour. The recent rumours of gold and treasure in Barrowmaze ensure **Osen** has a steady stream of desperate (and greedy) ne'er-do-wells hoping to make a quick gold piece. **Osen** and **Turgen** the merchant are friends. **Osen** often has dealings with **Turgen** and the Silver Standard Merchant Caravan Company who require armed escort of their wagons to neighboring villages.

**Billworth Turgen** (Commoner) owns Turgen's Trade Goods in Helix and also serves as the local agent for client for the larger Silver Standard Merchant Caravan Company based at Ironguard Motte. He is very friendly with a bald head and a short round body. His appearance belies his nature as a shrewd businessman. He has operated his

shop for many years and is a trusted name in the village. **Turgen** knows everyone and his shop provides the majority of the everyday trade goods required in the village. He knows **Guildmaster Osen** well as he often requires men-at-arms to protect his caravans from marauding froglings and lizardmen who waylay his wagons when their path leads them close to the Barrowmoor. **Osen** steers clear of the brothel and the local tavern for fear of associating himself with the underbelly of the town and detracting from his business.

**Alaster the Village Idiot** (Level 6 Rogue) is a terrible sight to behold. He wears old dirty clothes and smells like ale, vomit, and feces. His hair is a tangled mess matted with mud. Long ago, **Alaster** was a highly skilled rogue whose party was consumed by zombies in Barrowmaze before his eyes. The sight of the slaughter made him insane and he wandered the Barrowmoor for days before being found by **Valeron** the Elf. **Alaster** ekes out an existence through the charity of select villagers like **Bollo**, **Perni**, **Valeron**, and the clerics of St. Ygg.

***Alaster** is privy to the activities of most villagers (including **Gamdar**, **Merda**, and rival adventuring groups) but due to his insanity he cannot communicate it. However, inspection of his gibberish noise, insane laughter, and hand-signs will reveal a strange form of Thieves' Cant. The longer a PC rogue spends with **Alaster** (5% cumulative per attempt) the higher the chance that s/he may be able to translate his machinations into meaningful communication. To accomplish this, the PC will have to put up with all manner of foulness from **Alaster** including flatulence, soiling himself, leg humping, etc. It should also be noted that **Alaster** will purposely bump into people and pick their pockets with a 48% chance of success. For **Alaster**, old habits are hard to break. He is no longer part of The Shadow Hands thieves' guild.*

**Pernicious "Perni" Ticklebottom** (Level 3 Rogue) is a halfling who once tried her hand at adventuring but decided she was better suited to a life of comfort. She appears cherub-faced and is always overdone with makeup. **Perni** is excellent at reading people and can play shy or aggressive, as the situation or client demands. She believes that there are agents of chaos at work in Helix and cares little for their plots for machinations as long as it does not impact her business. She despises **Krothos Ironguard** as he treats her place with disrespect. **Perni** understands the bigger picture—that **Krothos** is a paying customer and the future lord of the region.

She established The Foul Pheasant tavern and gambling house largely due to the influx of mercenaries last spring. PCs can play games of chance there (choices are subject

to the GM). **Perni** and her girls are an excellent source of information, for a price.

**Harnold Huwen Reginald** (or **H.H.R**) **Huffnpuff** (Commoner) plies his trade as a jeweler and money lender in the village of Helix. He has a head of curly brown hair and a broad smile that seems to extend almost from ear to ear. He always introduces himself to new clients in grand fashion saying, "H.H.R Huffnpuff, jeweler, money lender, and purveyor of ancient antiquities. How may I be of service?" **Huffnpuff** comes from a long line of jewelers. He has a keen eye for appraisal and a shrewd mind for business. He will happily exchange treasures for gold pieces.

**Hendon the Miller** (Level 4 Ranger) is emblematic of the tough, hardy villagers that make Helix their home. Prior to raising a family, **Hendon** served as a ranger in protection of the village. He is viewed as a local hero of sorts and villagers still tell stories of his bravery in defending the village against a host of froglings that attacked Helix decades ago. **Hendon** is a proud and capable man. His sons **Tamson** and **Yusef** want to learn to walk the moors like their father. **Hendon** wants to spare them the reality of butchery and death but knows they need to learn to defend themselves in the wilderness. **Hendon** will take up his sword to defend the village but has no interest in adventuring.

## The Campaign Begins:

### Adventure Hooks

GMs are encouraged to design their own adventure hooks. However, the following are provided to set the players within the game and get them started:

- **Mazzahs the Magnificent**, an old local wizard in Helix, is looking to hire a party of adventurers to recover historical and arcane lore from Barrowmaze. He's interested in learning more about the people who constructed the barrow mounds for research purposes.
- The penniless PCs have slowly migrated, one-by-one, to a backwater village called Helix in the gods-forsaken-middle-of-nowhere. They overheard a group of loudmouth adventurers called the *Bastards of Bogtown* talking about the gold and jewels they recovered from a barrow mound in the swamp. Hey, that sounds like a good idea!
- The miller's boy has gone missing! **Hendon**, the miller in Helix and a ranger of note, needs help finding his youngest son **Yusef**. The boy has taken his father's bow and is determined make his name in the village. **Hendon** followed the boy to the mounds, where his tracks suddenly disappeared. He needs help to cover the vast area and can offer 50 gold pieces for the boy's safe return.

- The village smithy, a dwarf named **Karg Barrelgut**, is concerned about his young cousin **Gern**. The young dwarf apparently was press-ganged at sword-point to join *Bertrand's Brigands* on a expedition to Barrowmaze while **Karg** was away. He fears the worst and offers a shiny new set of chainmail and shield to the adventurer who can return his cousin.
- Local villagers say they saw the dead walking near Herne's Grove. They fled and the creatures eventually turned south back to the Barrowmoor. **Hendon**, a ranger, is gathering a party of adventurers to head west and investigate. The villagers don't have much but **Bollo**, the barkeep at The Brazen Strumpet, has offered free pints and 50gp for those who pledge their aid.

### Barrowmaze Random Rumor Table

Many rumors can be heard in Helix and at the local tavern regarding the moor, the mounds, and the Barrowmaze crypts. Roll 1d20 for each PC or hireling:

1. *It is said that a twisted, mutated people live in Barrowmaze. (T)*
2. *All the entrances to Barrowmaze are trapped. (F)*
3. *Tomb-robbers recently returned with a silver chalice worth 666gp. (T)*
4. *A powerful evil warrior and his band use Barrowmaze as a hideout. (F)*
5. *An elven maiden was recently freed from Barrowmaze. (F)*
6. *Piles of magical items can be found in the southern crypts. (F)*
7. *The mutated people of Barrowmaze guard wonderful treasures. (F)*
8. *For safety seek the pools. (F)*
9. *Barrowmaze is 4 levels deep. (F)*
10. *The Chosen, an ancient sect of the dead god Nergal, are said to be buried in the maze. (T)*
11. *Altars are very dangerous. (T)*
12. *Tribes of different humanoids make their home in the Barrow Mounds. (F)*
13. *Frogmen, or froglings, make their home in the muck and mire of the Barrowmoor. (T)*
14. *The dead have been seen walking the Barrowmoor with increasing frequency. (T)*
15. *Runic tablets contain curses, but some contain information. (T)*
16. *Runic tablets curse those who read them. Beware! (T)*
17. *All rumors are true. (F)*
18. *The mutated people of Barrowmaze enslave humans. (F)*
19. *Rumors are just folk-tales, the mounds are just an old burial ground. (F)*
20. *The spirits of the dead will not harm you if you leave an offering at each barrow. (F)*

# Running Barrowmaze

## Dungeon Keys and Entries

Rather than boxed text to read aloud to players, Barrowmaze uses a shortened entry style. This approach encourages the GM to read the entry and then convey the scene while making eye contact with players. This style allows the GM to play the dungeon with minimal preparation time. This approach also encourages you to play with your players rather than reading aloud to them. In the text monsters have been bolded and magic items italicized.

## Random Monsters

Random monsters are critical to classic fantasy role-playing games. Under normal circumstances, the GM should roll for random monsters every 20 in-game minutes with a 1 on a d6 indicating an encounter. There are numerous other instances in Barrowmaze that, either due to the dungeon atmosphere or player choice, may necessitate additional random monster rolls by the GM. They include, but are not limited to, anytime the players declare they are searching for something, making too much noise, or if they engage in prolonged battle. In these instances, it is critical to roll for random monsters. The potential upside of searching for treasure, or spending time doing tasks, must be balanced by the possibility of an encounter with random monsters.

## Random Monsters and Silence

The atmosphere of Barrowmaze is extremely quiet and embodies the saying – as silent as a tomb. The only sound that breaks the stillness is the constant dripping of water from the moor above the dungeon.

The nature of the quiet atmosphere will force players to make time-sensitive decisions as they relate to random monsters. For example, do the players want to search a crypt full of burial alcoves? Do they want to stop and pry gems out of the wall? Do they want to search for a secret door? Break down a stuck door or a bricked-up wall? Are they making too much noise? All of these examples take time and will cause a disturbance that can compromise their position in the dungeon and pique the interest of the dungeon's denizens.

## Random Tables

To minimize preparation time, Barrowmaze is presented ready for play. However, there are a number of random tables presented at the end of the book that the GM can consult as needed to add flavour to the dungeon. There are two exceptions. In the case of Pit Contents, there are several pits within the dungeon that are already

determined. These are explicit in the main body text. The GM may wish to determine the result of the other pits in advance. The GM should also roll Table 2: The Brazen Strumpet Random Patron Generator several times prior to play.

## Dungeon Restock

The random dungeon restock table is a key feature of Barrowmaze. The GM should keep track of all dungeon rooms explored. Each time the PCs return to Helix, this table should be consulted to restock the maze.

Restocking the dungeon between forays provides a sense of verisimilitude, gives the game a unique evolving character, and ensures that the PCs never get complacent. GMs may consult the random monster tables for each area of the dungeon, use the tables for the Random Barrow Mound Crypt Generator, or create their own.

In terms of treasure, GMs can consult the tables provided with the aforementioned Crypt Generator at the end of this book.

## Burial Alcoves

Barrowmaze is filled with rooms that contain burial niches and alcoves of all shapes and sizes. Some are filled with spider-webs and bones, some have been plundered, and others contain wondrous treasures.

When player characters decide to search burial alcoves the GM must keep close track of time. Burial alcove entries look like this:

**Burial Alcoves:** (145) Square, mummified remains.  
**Contents:** 94 sp, Silver Bracelet (20gp).

In this entry the total number of burial alcoves is listed in parentheses (145). One character can search one burial alcove in one minute. When players decide to search alcoves ask them how many characters they are devoting to the task. Divide accordingly to determine the amount of time it will take to search all the alcoves in that room. Always round up to the nearest multiple of ten.

*Example: Five characters decide to search 145 burial alcoves. Five characters multiplied by 1 alcove per minute equals a total of 5 alcoves per minute. It will take five characters 30 minutes (145 rounded up to 150) to search the alcoves. This will necessitate at least one random monster roll.*

There are other examples in the dungeon that use a similar mechanic for resolution. In each case the amount of time is referenced in the text.

## Bricked-Up Walls

Barrowmaze presents a new obstacle for players: the bricked-up wall. Bricked-up walls block entry to tombs of import and require at least one sledgehammer to penetrate. Players will need to purchase one in Helix (Sledgehammer, 5gp) or find one in the dungeon. A tack hammer is simply too small for the job and a melee-style warhammer will be damaged beyond repair if used to break down a wall.

Bricked-up walls provide a quandary for players. Do they risk bashing the wall down and making noise? Will anything come out of the wall and attack them from behind if they pass it by?

In terms of time, use the following as a guide to determine how long it takes to break down a wall and create an entrance of sufficient size:

### Breaking Down Brick Walls

Number of Sledgehammers	Time Spent
1 Character	30 minutes
2 Characters	20 minutes
3 Characters	10 minutes

Regardless of how long it takes, trying to bash down a bricked-up wall will disrupt the silence of the dungeon and necessitate at least one random monster roll.

*If players consistently bypass bricked-up walls, GMs are encouraged to have a group of undead burst through the wall and attack them from behind in dramatic fashion. The next bricked-up wall they encounter may give them pause.*

## Light, Sight, and Time

Barrowmaze is a dark tomb. There are no torches or lit areas other than those specifically identified in the text. GMs should be sure to manage time, movement, and light. Remember that torches shed bright light in a 20' radius and dim light for an additional 20', and last for 1 hour. They are susceptible to water and gusts of wind. Common hooded lanterns shed bright light in a 30' radius and dim light for an additional 30', and last for 6 hours on a single flask of oil before they go out. If a character is holding a light source they might have their weapon sheathed. Also, monsters that prefer the dark

may target light-wielding characters first.

## Partial Collapses

Barrowmaze has stood for centuries and many chambers are in various stages of collapse. Any room, either noted in the text or represented on the map, that contains a partial collapse is likely to give way. Every 10 minutes while PCs are in these rooms, there is a 1–2 on d6 chance of further collapse. Those caught in a collapse take 3d6 points of bludgeoning damage, or half as much damage if a successful DC 13 Dexterity saving throw is made.

## Stuck Doors

Unless otherwise stated, the doors in Barrowmaze are made of wood. Some have been swollen shut with moisture and age. In the case of a stuck door, players will need to force the door open by rolling 1d6 + half their Strength modifier (rounded down). A roll of 5 or higher indicates a player character has broken the door down. Check for random monsters with each attempt.

## Runic Tablets

Runic Tablets were often interred with the dead in Barrowmaze to ward off tomb-robbers. Folk tales say the tablets curse those who near them.

Each time a player reads a Runic Tablet, consult Table 6 for Random Runic Tablet Results. Runic Tablets detect as magical and, like a *Wand of Wonder* or a *Deck of Many Things*, represent both risk and reward for players. Runic tablets also insert a level of randomness and a sense of high-stakes dice-rolling into each game session. They are one-use magical items.





## Turning Undead

Due to the presence of The Tablet of Chaos and Nergal's lingering power, turning undead is a more difficult task in Barrowmaze. All creatures within the Barrowmaze have a +2 bonus to saving throws against effects that turn undead.

Moreover, clerics and paladins will find the process of calling on their deities more draining. To reflect this, each subsequent turn attempt per day increases the bonus by a cumulative +2. In this context, turning undead must be carefully considered by players.

## Defiled and Quiet Crypts

To illustrate the power of The Tablet of Chaos, Barrowmaze possesses both "defiled" and "quiet" crypts. Defiled crypts (noted on the map as #210 D1 or #355 D6), represent spaces where undead can be found—The Tablet has called the dead to rise! Quiet crypts (such as #210 Q2 or #223 Q5) are tombs where the dead have not yet risen in response to the unholy relic. There are rare exceptions and this is a function of the random design of the dungeon.

## Fear

Barrowmaze highlights monsters that inspire fear. Fear plays a critical role in early fantasy role-playing games. This dungeon presupposes that a character's first experience with undead—even in the form of mundane skeletons or zombies—would be profound in the context of the game world.

Players will experience fear, both from the environment and from monsters, and need to deal with the consequences. Running away and screaming in fear (and potentially dropping weapons, falling into pits, or getting lost) will draw attention and require the GM to check for random monsters.

Although fear is less likely to be a concern for mid-and-high level adventurers, the GM should still describe monsters in terms of their fear effects and/or communicate the fearsome nature of undead monsters through hirelings, henchmen, or men-at-arms.

*In my home-game we employ a rule—that we jokingly called the Fear Factor—wherein each encounter with undead resulted in the accumulation of points. When the character reached their Wisdom score, they went insane. We used the following as a guide: each encounter with undead equals 1 point, and each time a party member flees in fear from undead equals 3 points. Spending a week in town reduced this number by one. GMs employing this rule are encouraged to find a scale that suits their game and style.*

## Entrances

The entrances to Barrowmaze are intentionally limited and not all are immediately accessible. All the entrances are found in the barrow mounds. The limited number of entrances is designed to inspire a sense of danger and create logistical problems for players. How far do they want to explore away from their means of escape?

Smart PCs will establish fall back positions and/or hide caches of equipment and weapons. They might also hide reserves of oil or caltrops just in case they need to slow monsters down while they make good their escape. The entrances and exits to the dungeon should not be convenient for players. Make them work for it.

## Barrowmaze: New Treasure Types

There are four new types of grave goods found in the mid-to-high areas of Barrowmaze—Death Masks, Funerary Figures (or Neshralk), Scarabs, and Canopic Jars—that are intended as valuable treasure types in terms of their worth in gold pieces.

## Death Masks

Long before the arrival of The Tablet and Nergal's cult, when the maze was used as a place to lay the dead to rest, death masks were an important part of ancient burial rites. Death masks varied in design. Some depicted the deceased, the gods, or ancient heroes. Others portrayed the faces of the seasons, animals, or the elements. They were as unique as the deceased.

Death masks are made of precious metals or alloys, such as copper, brass, silver, electrum, gold, platinum, and



even mithril, although the latter are very rare. Other masks are carved from wood or bone. For player characters, these are a valuable source of grave goods.

Select death masks are magical in nature and bolster the strength and power of the undead who wear them. They will not function for the living. Magical death masks augment and/or possess the following enchantments:

### Death Masks

Mask Type	Magical Enchantment
Mithril	+4 to AC, +4 to saves against spells
Platinum	+4 to saves against spells
Gold	+2 to hit, +2 damage
Electrum	+5 hit points per CR (rounded up)
Silver	<i>Spider Climb</i> (climb speed equal to walking speed, including upside-down on ceilings)
Bone	+1 to AC

### Neshralk: Funerary Figures

Many of the low and high-born were interred with funerary figures. These figures, called Neshralk (pronounced *Neh-shralk*) were created using different materials depending on the wealth of the individual or family. Those with limited means used clay, wood, wax, stone, terra cotta, or sometimes glass. Families of greater wealth used precious metals, including silver, gold, platinum, and mithril, or encrusted their figures with gemstones. They also vary in size with the tallest normally 12 inches and the shortest 6 inches.

The figures represent family members, servants to assist the wealthy in the afterlife, or soldiers to serve as tomb guardians. Many possess simple inscriptions devoted to eternal service, such as "Bid me and I will serve," or proclaiming wrath, like "I curse you for entering my master's tomb!"

Although not a hard and fast rule, the material and volume of funerary figures corresponds to the socio-political import of the person or family entombed. Some crypts possess only one or two finely shaped figures whose craftsmanship bordered on a work of art, and others were crudely made of clay and found in scores. Unless otherwise stated in the text, there is a 10% percent chance that select figures (specifically Platinum, Gold, Terra Cotta, Wax) may be magical in nature. If so, consult the following table:

### Neshralk

Neshralk Type	Magical Enchantment
Platinum	Enlarges when command word is spoken and attacks first living thing it sees. (Treat as <b>Steel Skeleton</b> )
Gold	Animates for 1 minute when command word is spoken. Can brace doors, increasing the DC to forcefully open them by 5. (1d6 charges)
Gold with gem eyes	Animates for 10 minutes when command word is spoken. Can decipher magical inscriptions. Dictates in Ancient Common. (1d6 charges)
Terra Cotta	Animates and offers to answer one question: Roll 1d6. Response is (1-2) Truthful, (3-4) Cryptic, (5-6) False
Wax	Enchanted by the <i>Continual Flame</i> spell.



### Scarabs

Scarabs, small hand-held carvings in the shape of dung-beetles, provide another interesting form of treasure in Barrowmaze.

There are innumerable variations on the basic design of a scarab. Most were used for the ostentatious display of wealth and took the form of necklace amulets or small signet rings.

Other scarabs, their owners believed, served as powerful magical talismans. Some scarabs function as keys to open crypts, and still others curse those who violate the tombs where they lay. If a scarab is magical, consult the following table. Magical scarabs require attunement.

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## Decorative Scarab Amulet

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### Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Electrum

1. Allows you to cast the *Nondetection* spell once per day.
2. Allows you to cast the *Detect Thoughts* spell once per day. (DC 13)
3. *Cursed Item*. Halves your movement speed until the curse is broken.
4. Grants you advantage on saving throws against fear effects.

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## Gemstone Scarab

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1. Functions as a hooded lantern, but consumes no oil.
2. Functions as a random non-legendary *loun Stone*.
3. Functions as a *Scarab of Protection* with 1d4+2 charges.
4. *Cursed Item*. Any creature that picks up the scarab must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or die after 1 minute as it burrows into their heart.

## Canopic Jars

Although canopic jars are not magical, they provide a valuable source of treasure. Similar to the grave goods already discussed, canopic jars vary in value based on the material used in their construction. Some were decorative and made of gold. Others were made of simple bronze or pottery containers.

Regardless of the jar, the contents can also be a valuable form of treasure. Local folklore suggests the stomach, intestines, lungs, and liver (the typical contents of canopic jars) can be ground into powder or made into creams and potions that possess medicinal qualities. They can even be used as components for exotic spells or for other purposes (subject to the GM).

For each canopic jar found there is a 20% chance that its contents can be converted for medicinal purposes (this conversion is expensive and requires alchemical expertise). If so, check the room description or roll 1d4 and consult the Canopic Jars Table to determine their contents, medicinal value, and cost to covert in gold pieces.

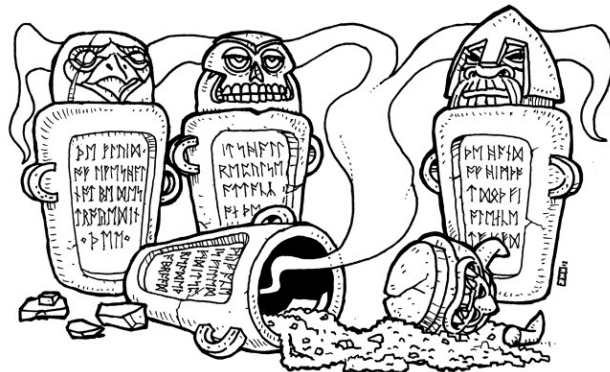
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### Canopic Jars

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Jar Contents	Medicinal Value (Cost)
1. Stomach	Neutralizes all poisons and grants resistance and advantage against them for 1 hour. (2,500gp)
2. Lungs	Restores 8d4+8 hit points. (2,000gp)
3. Liver	Neutralizes all diseases and grants advantage against them for 1 hour. (1,550gp)
4. Intestines	Restores 2d4+2 hit points. (1,050gp)

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There is a small percentage chance that some of these grave goods possess magical enchantments. Unless otherwise stated in the text there is a 10% chance that Neshralk or Scarabs found in Barrowmaze are magical in nature. Some can help the players survive, while others are cursed. In addition to other mundane treasures, these grave goods should keep your players both interested and wary.

## Barrowmaze: Factions

### Mongrelmen

The mongrelmen in Barrowmaze are the distant ancestors of the human tribes that once lived near the Barrowmoor. They were enslaved by the cult of Nergal and their bodies have been twisted and mutated through exposure to The Pit of Chaos. They now eke out their existence in small groups in the south and central portions of Barrowmaze. Mongrelmen can be found in Area Five as prisoners and scouts for the Necromancers of Set. The Necromancers capture, torture, or charm them for information, and send them forth to loot crypts and gather resources.

Despite their abominable appearance, **Crab-Claw**, the chief of the mongrelmen, and **Sayer of the Truth**, their religious leader, are actually quite intelligent (if you can comprehend their language) and seek to free their people from the yoke of the Necromancers' oppression.

### Necromancers of Set

The Necromancers of Set, the most recent faction to arrive in Barrowmaze, have been called by their god to seek The Tablet of Chaos. They managed to find and plunder a series of secret crypts and now use the location as their primary lair. They are a small but formidable faction led by the 10th level magic-user **Nathalas the Despicable**.

**Nathalas**, and his right hand **Thala-Kul**, have been slowly recruiting apprentices from the surrounding villages and teaching them the Black Art. **Nathalas** has been using the loot from plundered crypts to build special golems, called Steel Skeletons, to fight the Acolytes of Orcus.

They also maintain a force of undead.

In addition, **Nathalas** has hired a mercenary tribe of bugbears from the Blackened Wood called the Red Fangs. They are led by **Gblug**, their chief, and **Kakta**, the tribal shaman.

The Necromancers are aware that somehow Nergal's power yet lingers in the maze. They are currently unaware of the final resting place of The Tablet, but **Nathalas'** study can provide the PCs with clues.

### Acolytes of Orcus

The Acolytes of Orcus entered Barrowmaze a year before the Necromancers of Set and immediately set about creating a defensive position. They converted one of Nergal's largest temples to the worship of The One-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named. The Acolytes have been given divine instruction to recover The Tablet. Led by **Zur the Black** and his foremost pupil **Emnuron**, they are aware that the forces of the Necromancers have grown. Like the Necromancers, the Acolytes have captured and pressed wayward youth from surrounding villages into the faith.

**Zur** maintains a standing force of undead and recently recruited a group of trolls from the Barrowmoor. The Acolytes believe The Tablet rests somewhere to the North of their temple, but they do not know its exact position. They have formed an alliance with **Vultrix** and the Barrow Harpies and have an uneasy truce with **Grizelda's** ghosts. Like the Necromancers, they are aware that somehow Nergal's power lingers in the maze. The Acolytes commonly raise their own dead to serve as foot soldiers.

### Nergal's Waning Power

Nergal, the elder god of Death and the Underworld, was apparently destroyed by his two sons Orcus and Set. The Tablet of Chaos, an ancient relic created by Nergal himself, continues to exert his power and is the reason why the dead have risen in Barrowmaze. **The Keeper of the Tablet**, a former high priest and now a lich of great power, retains Nergal's spark and jealously guards The Tablet against intruders.

However, The Tablet of Chaos has had an effect most unexpected. Its eldritch energy has animated the skeletal remains of **Ossithrax Pejorative**. **Ossithrax**, an ancient black dragon, died long ago in a huge barrow mound hollowed out as his lair. Somehow, the chaos energy of The Tablet melded the personalities of **The Keeper** with **Ossithrax** such that they now co-exist in the remains of both beings. The lich and the dragon always refer to themselves as "we"—the plural form of first person

perspective, and never use the singular personal pronoun "I". Players must defeat both physical forms to destroy both monsters.

In addition, the close proximity of The Tablet has spawned new forms of undead, including Crypt Knights, former anti-paladins of Nergal, and Spectral Dead, ghostly phantoms that endlessly wander the dark corridors of Barrowmaze.

### Gargoyles

Gargoyle statues and columns are legion in the older crypts of Barrowmaze. Some of these were enchanted and tasked with the guardianship of tombs.

Over the centuries, some managed to free themselves from their servitude and gathered under their leader **Zygal**, a mighty margoyle of great size and cunning intelligence. His bodyguards are mighty four-armed gargoyles, and he is further protected by spell-casting maggot gargoyles. **Zygal's** gargoyles present a formidable force for any PC party to deal with.

The gargoyles leave **Grizelda** and her group alone, but they dislike the barrow harpies. They have had some dealings with both the Acolytes and the Necromancers, but they have no interest in their quest for The Tablet. A recent leadership challenge between the two largest margoyles, **Zygal** and **Xxaxik** (pronounced *Zax-ik*), ended with the latter's banishment. **Xxaxik** now plots his revenge against **Zygal**. If the PCs plan to move against the gargoyles, **Xxaxik** and his motley crew may join them temporarily to gain an advantage.

### Grizelda the Ghastly Gourmet

**Grizelda** is a Barrow (or Greater) Ghast. She is eccentric and fancies herself a gourmet of sorts. She can often be found stirring her great cauldron, in which she cooks and eats captured adventurers.

**Grizelda's** ghastly gang tends to move as a pack and has a tacit agreement with the gargoyles to leave each other alone. **Grizelda** has no knowledge of why she awoke in her undead state or The Tablet of Chaos.

She does possess knowledge of The Chaos Sepulcher of Elements, select secret areas, and the general dungeon environs. The exact nature of her knowledge is subject to the needs of the GM and the campaign.

### Vultrix and the Barrow Harpies

Not long ago, a large vaulted chamber, and the barrow mound above it, collapsed into the dungeon. This created a wide cylindrical cavity (40' wide, 40' deep) that runs from the surface down into Barrowmaze (#244).



A group of despicable barrow harpies, creatures more interested in feeding on carrion than hunting for a meal, descended and now nest in the walls of the barrow cave-in. Their leader, a large, nasty female named **Vultrix**, is using a nearby crypt as a throne room and has managed to find more than enough carrion to feed her growing flock.

They have aligned with the Acolytes insofar as they will not let the Necromancers pass through their area. Their knowledge of the dungeon is limited, as they prefer not to explore confined areas where their wings are useless as a means of escape. They have an uneasy truce with **Zystral's** gargoyles.

### The Keeper of the Tablet

Many centuries ago, a promising young acolyte—**Ascyet** (Az-say-et) **Vie Yannarg**—completed the dark rituals for anointment into the faith of Nergal. Yannarg possessed a sharp mind and advanced quickly through the ranks. In time, he rose to the level of high priest and commanded Nergal's faithful. When Nergal created The Tablet of Chaos, he entrusted the artifact to **Yannarg** and instructed him to take his followers and occupy Barrowmaze.

Foreseeing the treachery of his sons Orcus and Set, Nergal commanded **Yannarg** to hide The Tablet within a series of secret vaults, where his sons' followers could not reach it. Nergal promised him that through The Tablet he would wield great power, and so he, and several other dark priests, were entombed to guard The Tablet for eternity. When **Yannarg** closed his eyes for the last time, he reopened them as a lich and became **The Keeper of the Tablet**. For centuries he carried out his duties, guarding, protecting, and obsessing over The Tablet of Chaos. When The Tablet called upon the spirit of **Ossithrax** to rise, its strange dark energy fused the personalities of both creatures. The two now exist simultaneously in the bodies of the other.

### Ossithrax Pejorative

For centuries, **Ossithrax Pejorative**, an ancient black dragon, ruled the Barrowmoor swamp and laid waste to the surrounding region. He tunneled below a huge barrow mound and into the Great Temple of Nergal (#375). There he sat upon his vast hoard, and in time, died jealously clutching his gold.

Untold centuries passed, and slowly the chaos energy of The Tablet began calling to him to return to his now skeletal form. **Ossithrax** awoke as a Lich-Dragon, a monster that is both a lich and an Ancient Black Dragon. His personality was fused with **The Keeper of the Tablet**, and now the two exist simultaneously in the remains of the other.

## Barrowmaze: Endgame

When The Tablet of Chaos is destroyed, the dead will cease to rise in Barrowmaze. This means that **The Keeper** will have been slain but his life force will remain within **Ossithrax Pejorative**. If the lich-dragon is not destroyed, he will likely seek his revenge or perhaps a new dragon cult might emerge from the ruins of Barrowmaze. The possibilities are endless.

As a sandbox megadungeon, players will choose their own path and may decide that The Tablet is simply too dangerous to destroy or may not involve sufficient gold to warrant the risk.

In either case, concluding Barrowmaze will be an open-ended exercise that is subject to the decisions made by players—as it should be.



## The Barrow Mounds

### The Barrow Mounds: Low-Level Random Encounters

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#### Day

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1. Skeletons (1d6)
2. Zombies (1d6)
3. Tomb-Robbers (2d4+4)
4. Giant Scorpions (1d4)
5. Giant Toads (1d6)
6. Coffer Corpse (1d2)

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#### Night

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1. Skeletons (2d6)
2. Zombies (2d6)
3. Coffer Corpse (1d4)
4. Ghouls (2d4)
5. Will-O-Wisp (1d2)
6. Ghosts (1d4)

*These tables are intended for low and mid-to-high level PCs, respectively. GMs are encouraged to modify them as needed. The PCs should understand that lingering about the barrow mounds at night is hazardous to their health.*

### Barrowmaze: Entrances and Exits in the Mounds

The Barrow Mounds are located a half-day's march from the local village. The area of the mounds is ancient, damp, and obscured by mist. Everything is still and eerily quiet. No bird or animal sounds can be heard. Low stone cairns line a broken path toward mound #12. The interior of the smaller mounds is approximately 30x30 feet but this is subject to the GM's discretion. GMs are encouraged to use the Barrow Mound Random Crypt Generator located at the end of this book to create additional crypts to delve, if needed.

### The Barrow Mounds: Mid-Level Random Encounters

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#### Day

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1. Sons of Gaxx (2d4)
2. Ravenous Zombies (3d6)
3. Tomb-Robbers (3d4+4)
4. Barrow Harpies (3d6)
5. Wight (1d6)
6. Juju Zombies (2d4)

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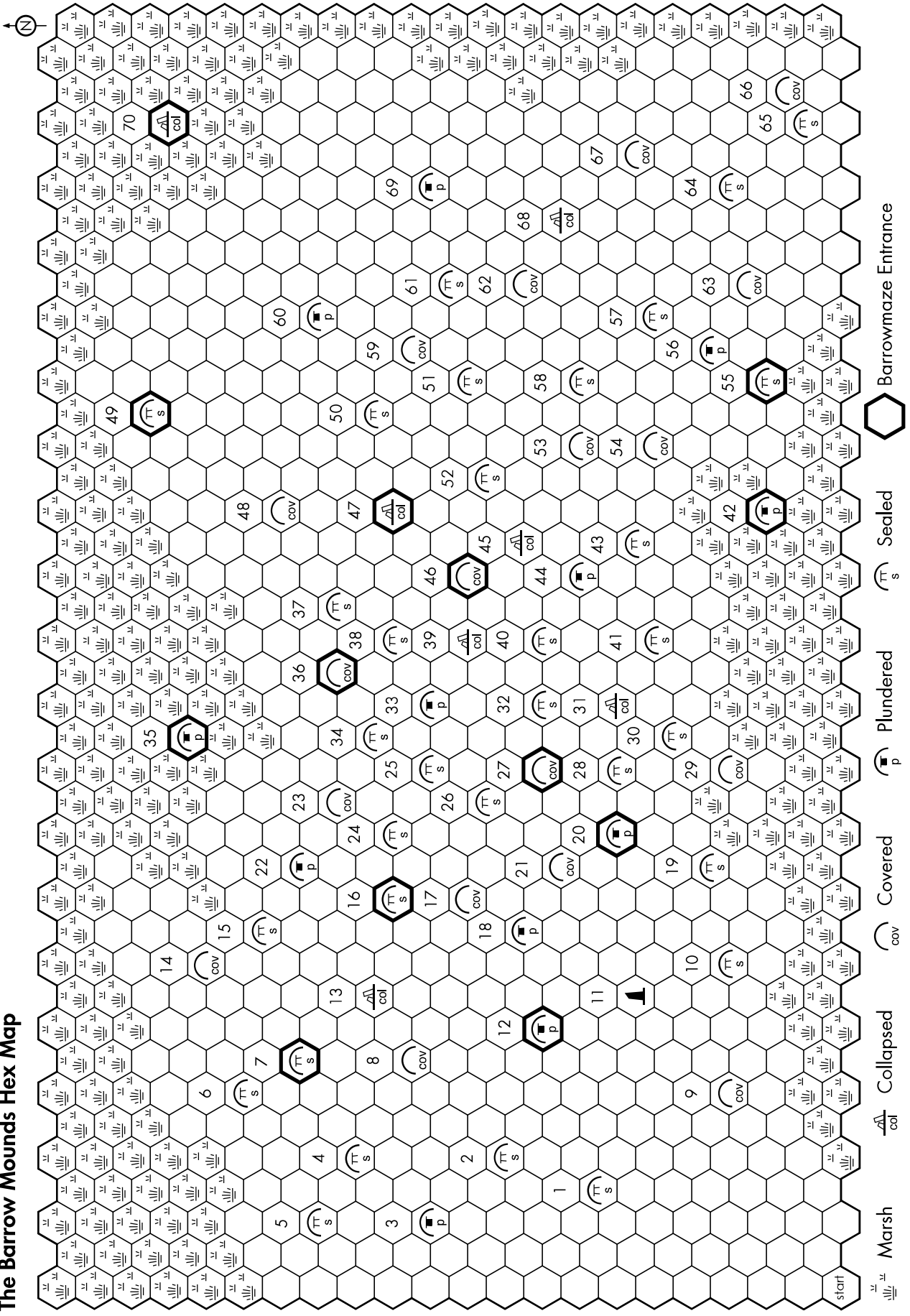
#### Night

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1. Spectral Dead (2d6)
2. Ravenous Zombies (4d6)
3. Wraith (1d4)
4. Barrow Ghost (1) & Ghouls (2d4)
5. Will-O-Wisp (1d6)
6. Vampire (1)



# The Barrow Mounds Hex Map



# The Barrow Mounds

Barrowmaze entrances are intended to pose logistical problems for PCs. There are a total of thirteen possible entrances in the mounds. The entrances are not easily found or immediately accessible. The primary entrance for the PCs will likely be the large central burial mound (#12). They must be lowered into the dungeon at this point. This will present logistical problems if the PCs need to flee or remove heavy treasures. Alongside the Barrow Mounds Hex Map, the following key will allow GMs to keep track of the mound entrances and their corresponding location on the Barrowmaze dungeon map:

## Barrowmaze Entrances and Exits

Mound Entrance	Barrowmaze Location
Mound #7	Room #158A
Mound #12	Room #1
Mound #16	Near Room #81
Mound #20	Near Room #50
Mound #27	Near Room #93
Mound #35	Northwest of Room #189
Mound #36	Room #112
Mound #42	Room #337F
Mound #46	Room #271
Mound #47	Room #244
Mound #55	Room #333
Mound #49	Room #205A
Mound #70	Room #375*

\*The GM should note that the dragon **Ossithrax** hollowed out barrow mound #70 and dug a tunnel into the Great Temple (#375). He used the temple as his lair for centuries. Although a passageway still exists here, it has become heavily overgrown with reeds such that locating the passage or the mound would be difficult. It is possible that the PCs may complete the dungeon and exit via this mound.

## The Barrow Mounds: Overview

There are four primary types of barrow mounds:

**Sealed Mounds:** The entrances to these mounds remain sealed with a thick coverstone. They have not been looted and will require a sledgehammer and an iron spike to break open. This takes 20 minutes, makes noise, and will necessitate a random monster roll.

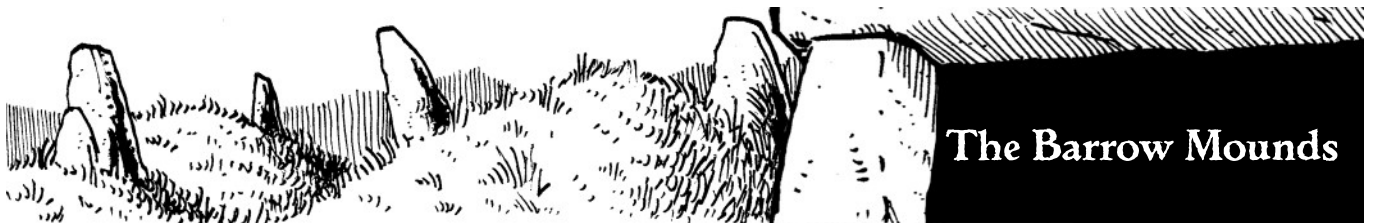
**Covered Mounds:** The entrances to covered mounds have been buried through time and shifting earth. PCs will need to excavate the entrances to these mounds.

After the entrance has been excavated, use the mechanic provided below for sealed mounds to break open the coverstone.

*Excavation of Covered Mounds requires 3d4+4 hours of digging with appropriate equipment (shovels, picks, etc.) purchased in town. For each 2 PCs or hirelings devoted to the task the result will be reduced by 1 hour to a minimum of 2 hours to excavate the entrance to the mound. Be sure to roll for random encounters.*







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**Plundered Mounds:** These mounds have been opened and looted by previous bands of tomb-robbers. In these instances a broken coverstone can be found near the barrow. Although they appear looted and abandoned, some are still worth exploring for treasure and monsters.

**Collapsed Mounds:** These mounds appear derelict and have caved-in through time or because the dungeon beneath has given way. Mound #47 is unique because a vaulted room underneath the mound collapsed creating a vast hole in the ground. The barrow harpies now use this as their lair.

*The barrow mounds are located a half-day march from the nearest village. This means only a half-day is available for digging and exploration before nightfall. GMs should note that it may take two half-days of digging or more to excavate covered mounds. This may prompt other tomb-robbers and seedy adventurers to take an interest in a fresh dig.*

*Only the barrow mounds that possess multiple chambers, dungeon entrances, or key monsters have crypt maps. Mounds that are simple round 30x30 or 50x50 foot chambers do not have maps.*

### Barrow Mounds Entry Key

**1. Sealed Mound:** Inside are two stone slabs. On the slabs are two skeletons draped in burial shrouds. Each possesses a small bowl at their head and decorative amphora at their feet. The bowls contain 25gp (each) and the amphorae are worth 50gp each. The latter are valuable but brittle. If the PCs engage in combat while carrying them there is a 1–5 on d6 chance that they will break.

**2. Sealed Mound:** Inside is a single sarcophagus with a **Zombie** (1) covered in a black burial shroud. He bears a Gold Necklace with a Jade Scarab worth 100gp and wears a *Ring of Protection*.

**3. Plundered Mound:** This mound was looted long ago. A short stone stairway leads to a 30x30 tomb. A broken stone door can be found on the floor. A broken sarcophagus sits in the center with a disturbed skeleton inside. In their haste, the tomb-robbers left a Gold Ring (20gp) beside the remains.

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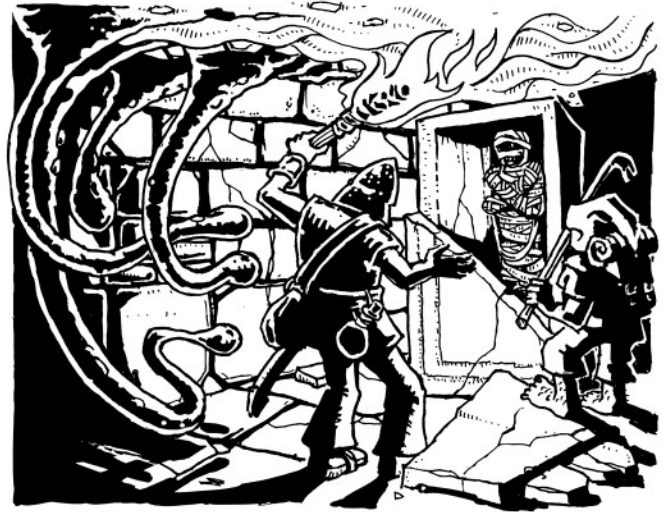
**4. Sealed Mound:** A sarcophagus dominates the center of this burial mound. Opening the lid will be much like the door and will require a sledge hammer and spike. Inside the stone sarcophagus is a wooden casket shaped to resemble a beautiful woman. The casket contains her skeletal remains in addition to four sealed perfume bottles. These are ancient and rare. They will be worth 50gp each in a small town, but if sold in a city could garner as much as 100gp per bottle.

**5. The Mound of Ooze (Sealed):** A ten-foot staircase descends into a dry stone crypt.

**Entrance:** This room contains sealed stone doors on the east and west walls. A six foot tall iron statue stands in an alcove to the north. There are 20 burial alcoves cut into the walls of the chamber containing a pouch with 10pp, a silver dagger, and a wooden sword.

**Chamber 2:** This chamber is lined with burial alcoves (160). The following treasure items can be found if all the alcoves are searched: Amphora (200gp), Electrum Goblet (50gp), Ancient Scrolls (Holy Writs worth 400gp), 200ep, and a *Dagger of Throwing +1* (returns to the hand of the wielder when thrown). Be sure to roll for random monsters.

**Chamber 3:** A sarcophagus stands in the center of the room. Inside is a mummy. The mummy's still white teeth contrast against its blackened skin. It wears a wrought Silver Ring worth 300gp and a Bloodstone Gem on a chain around its neck (75gp). These two items are underneath the wraps and are not immediately visible. Hanging on the ceiling, camouflaged against the flagstone, is a **Gray Ooze** (1).

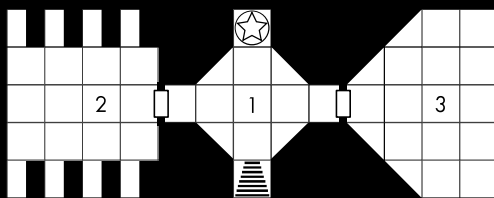


**6. The Rat Mound (Sealed):** A five foot staircase leads down into a dry, stone crypt filled with statues. The doors in this crypt are made of bronze and covered with verdigris.

**Entrance:** There are five eight-foot tall marble statues of beautiful women in this room. The two on the east and west walls each possess Ruby Gemstones in their eye sockets (value 50gp per gem). It will take 10 minutes to remove the gems from one statue. At the northern end of the entrance chamber is a statue with Black Opal gemstones in its eyes. These are, even to the casual observer, larger and more valuable than the rubies (150gp per gem). However, this statue is trapped. If the opals are removed, the PCs will hear stone grinding on stone as the mouth of the statue opens and emits a cloud of poisonous gas. Anyone immediately in front of the statue must succeed on a DC 11 Con save or die. A successful save results in 1d4 damage. Note that a successful DC 14 check for traps will reveal a small metal pipe barely protruding from the back of the statue's mouth.

**Chamber 2:** A pack of **Giant Rats** (12) have managed to burrow their way into this chamber and have created a nest of crypt detritus for themselves in the center of the room. In addition to the dozen rats, there is a large leader among them with black fur. He has twice as many hit points and +1 to attack and damage rolls. In their nest they have gathered shiny grave goods that include an assortment of coins (1d20 for each of copper, electrum, silver, gold, and platinum). They also found a sealed arcane scroll tube with the spells: *Magic Missile*, *Floating Disk*, and *Web*. The alcoves here are empty. The rats have already picked through the remains.

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**12. The Great Mound (Plundered):** An overgrown pathway, lined with small stone cairns, leads toward this large central mound. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #1.**

The mound is encircled with standing stones. A large stone door rests face down, broken in two, in the long grass of the entranceway. The area is littered with skulls and bones. A foul smell emits from the interior of the mound and the darkness beyond is black as night.

A short stone stairway descends into the mound. The inside is 60x60 feet. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #2** (available at the back of this book). There are both booted footprints (tomb-robbers) and other tracks the party cannot make out (shuffling zombies etc). Bones litter the floor. Four huge square stone columns support the structure. Between the pillars there is an old, rusty 6' high tripod with a block and tackle suspended over a hole in the floor. A rope descends down into the darkness (to room #1 on the dungeon map).

Players who drop a torch will notice that they stand above a room with a 35 foot high vaulted ceiling. It has partially collapsed, contains rubble, bones, and faded frescos on the walls. This place is dark and very quiet. This is the primary entrance to Barrowmaze.

**13. Collapsed Mound:** This mound has collapsed with the weight of the centuries. If 3 hours are spent excavating, the party will be able to recover a Silver Goblet worth 1,800gp, an Electrum Plate worth 2,000gp, and a *Dagger +1* from the ruins of the mound.

**14. The Bathing Crypt (Covered):** The entrance to this ancient mound will need to be excavated. The crypt is dry and the doors are made of wood.

**Entrance:** A ten foot staircase descends into the entrance chamber of this crypt. All the doors in this chamber are locked. There are two pools in this room filled with dark, peat coloured water. The pools radiate magic if detected. Partially ruined frescoes on the walls depict people removing their clothes and entering the pools. Disrobing and bathing in one pool reduces the intelligence of the character by one point permanently. However, bathing in both pools restores the previous point of intelligence and increases the charisma of the bather by two points (to a maximum of 18). This happens only once.

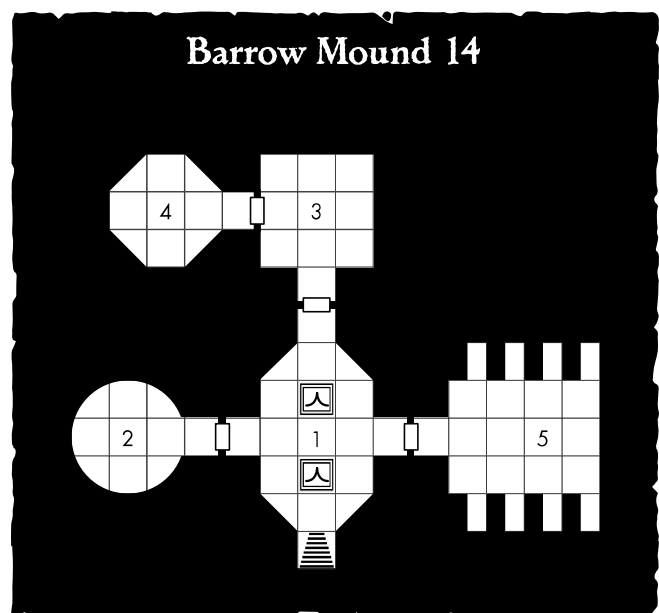
**Chamber 2:** A broad, jeweled goblet rests on a pedestal in the center of this room. Inside the goblet is a sickly

substance. This is a small **Ocre Jelly** (1). The cup is made of gold and worth 345gp. An alcove on the western wall holds skeletal remains.

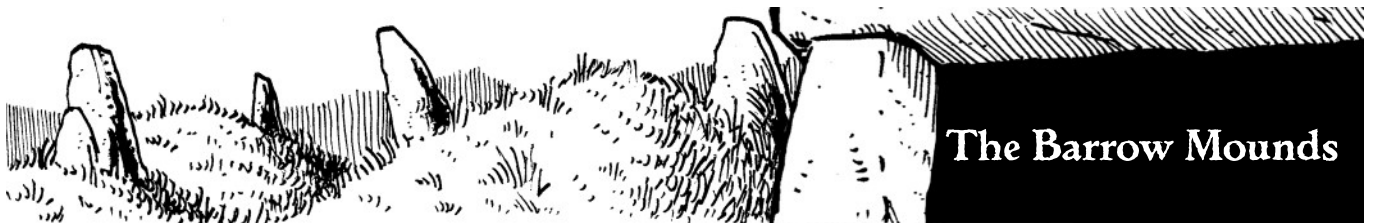
**Chamber 3:** Opening this locked door will set off a trap. A large stone block, suspended from the ceiling, hangs just inside this room. If the door is swung open it will trip the wire and release the block; victims must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 3d6 damage (half on save). There are 99 burial alcoves set into the walls of this room. They contain a *Chain Shirt +1*, a bag with 45 gold pieces, and a *Potion of Greater-Healing*.

**Chamber 4:** The wooden door to this chamber is swollen shut. Inside are two **Sons of Gaxx** (2). There is no treasure.

**Chamber 5:** There are eight single side-crypts set off the main chamber of this room. In the center of this room are two **Wood Golems** (2; treat as **Flesh Golem** but with half hit points and no damage immunities) carved in the likeness of men with antlered heads. The statues face each other and have their hands raised above their heads. If one of the crypts is disturbed, or they are harmed, they will attack. Each side-crypt contains a rotting wooden sarcophagus with the effigy of the dead cut into the lid. One, in the likeness of a knight, contains a *Shield +1*. Another, in the image of a shieldmaiden, contains a winged helm.







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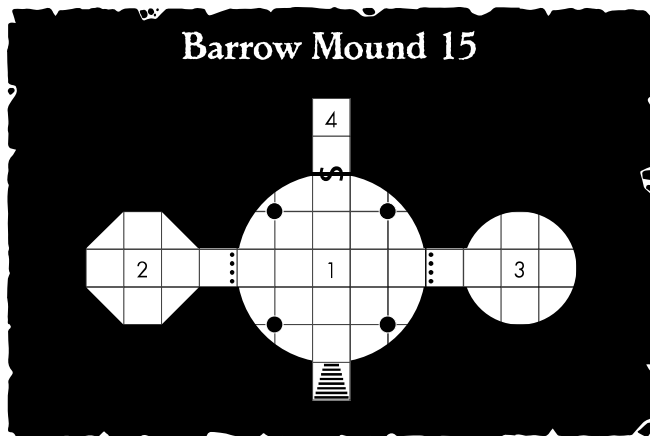
**15. The Mound of Rusty Gates (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. The crypt is flooded knee deep with dark water.

**Entrance:** A ten foot staircase descends into a round 50x50 foot burial chamber. The chamber is supported by four stone columns and a rusty portcullis can be found on both the east and west walls.

**Chamber 2:** There are two sarcophagi in this chamber nearly covered with water. Both possess skeletal remains and were buried with scrolls and books destroyed by water. However, one tube, still sealed, contains a magical scroll that provides *Protection from Energy (Fire)*.

**Chamber 3:** A group of **Zombies** (6) will rise from the water if a disturbance or light can be heard or seen in the main chamber. Initially, the zombies will be contained by the rusty portcullis but after 1d4 minutes they will breakdown the weakened gate and attack. They carry nothing of value.

**Chamber 4:** Beyond the secret door, on a shelf at the back of the chamber, is an urn with ash remains and a locked metal box trapped with a poison needle (DC 11 Con save or die). Inside the box are a pair of *Gauntlets of Dexterity* (the wearer's Dexterity score becomes 19).



**16. The Sword-Mound of the Ancients (Sealed):** Show the players **Barrowmaze illustration #3** when they enter this crypt. The interior is lined with six, six-foot high vertical alcoves that contain the remains of six skeletal warriors. They wear old, rusty coifs, shields, and chainmail. They are armed with spears. Lying on an altar, in the center of the room, is an ornate, jeweled *Broadsword +1* (same stats as longsword). These warriors will rise as **Skeletons** (6) if the sword is disturbed, but will wait until the PCs

enter the mound and are surrounded. One of the alcoves can be bashed in to reveal a staircase (to #81). However, this would be very difficult to detect (Perception DC 20).

*In my homegame, I managed to lure one of the playtesters to their doom. Dan B., who played the elf Shantilion, proceeded cautiously but was surrounded and cut-down by the skeletons. To immortalize his ne-er-do-well status we wrote a simple poem to remember him:*

*Shaft, the inattentive one,  
Ye savvy thief of old,  
Could see the sword before him,  
And thought to be so bold.  
His battle cry hung in the air,  
his new blade shining bright,  
The skeletons were in their lair,  
he should have taken flight.  
He struck at last, and much too fast,  
he joins the ranks of Kreel,  
goodbye fair Shaft, find at peace at last,  
We (who are about to die) salute you, for your zeal.*

**17. The Ghoul Mound (Covered):** The entrance to this ancient mound has been covered with earth and will need to be excavated. This mound contains a stone sarcophagus. The sarcophagus has a stone mechanism at the top that appears to require a key (shaped like a scarab) to open. It cannot be opened otherwise. Inside the sarcophagus is a **Ghoul** (1). She is buried with a beautiful Gold Necklace (500gp), two Platinum Bracelets (400gp each), and a *Dagger +1, +2 vs. Undead*. The key can be found in Barrowmaze #31, Quiet Crypt #4.

**18. The Broken Tomb of Toads (Plundered):** This mound was plundered long ago and is filled to the waist with dark peat-colored water. **Giant Toads** (2) lurk just under the surface (check for surprise). Two Copper Candle Holders can be found below the water (12gp each).

**19. The Statue Mound (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. The crypt is flooded knee-deep with dark water and the doors are made of wood reinforced with iron.

**Entrance:** This chamber is empty. Behind the secret door

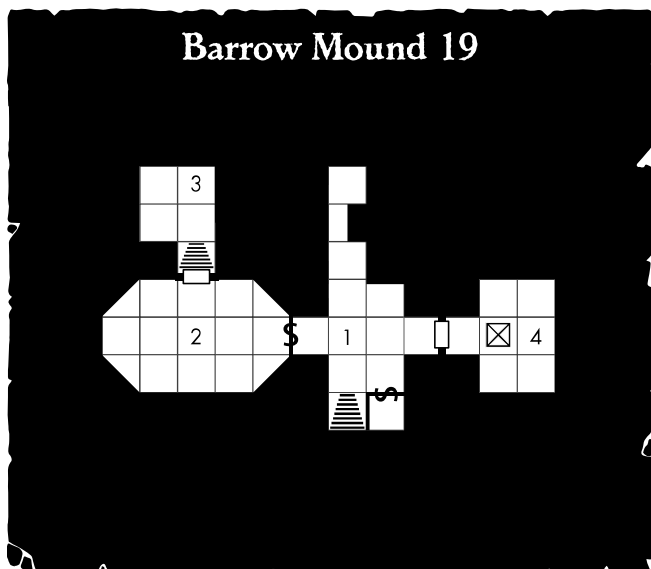
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is a low altar with a funerary box containing skeletal remains. A Silver Ring set with Diamonds (worth 800gp) can be found inside the box.

**Chamber 2:** A large sculpture takes up the majority of this room. It depicts an ancient elvish warrior, alone and wounded, battling three lizardmen. The elf holds a longsword that shines in the darkness (permanently affected by the *light* cantrip). If the sword is taken the three lizardmen will animate as **Stone Statues** (3; see new spell *Animate Statue* for stats).

**Chamber 3:** The crypt contains the remains of the elf warrior depicted in chamber 2. He was laid to rest on a stone slab with a once-green burial shroud, now in tatters. Folded beside him, near the floor, are his *Boots of Elvenkind*. Frescoes on the wall depict the unnamed elf as a hero of the Thronswild Forest.

**Chamber 4:** This is a false crypt. A pedestal set against the eastern wall holds an ornate amphora worth 600gp and a Runic Tablet. Between the doorway and the eastern wall is a concealed 10' deep spiked pit (1d6 for falling 10' and another 1d6 for the spikes). In addition, the bottom of the pit is covered in **Yellow Mold** (1).



**20. The Mound of Secret Stairs (Plundered):** This mound is empty. There is a broken sarcophagus decorated in bas relief with skeletons dancing in the Underworld. If one of the skeletons is pulled out, turned counter-clockwise, and depressed, the sarcophagus will shift to reveal a slender staircase lined with dust, cobwebs (just west of #50 on the dungeon map), and distinct footprints. This staircase

was used recently.

**21. The Skeleton Mound (Covered):** The entrance to this ancient mound will need to be excavated. Two stone slabs lie in the center of the 30x30 foot mound. The occupants have risen as **Skeletons** (2). If the PCs linger or search the mound the skeletons will animate and attack! A concealed drawer (pull out) in one of the slabs holds small wooden Funerary Figures (no value, not magical), a Jeweled Silver Dagger (35gp) and an arcane scroll: *Burning Hands*, *Shocking Grasp*, and *Light*.

**22. The Pillaged Crypt (Plundered):** The coverstone to this mound has been broken into pieces. Booted footprints can be found near the entrance. The interior of the mound, roughly 40x40 feet, is littered with bone debris and the chamber has been hastily searched. There is nothing of value here.

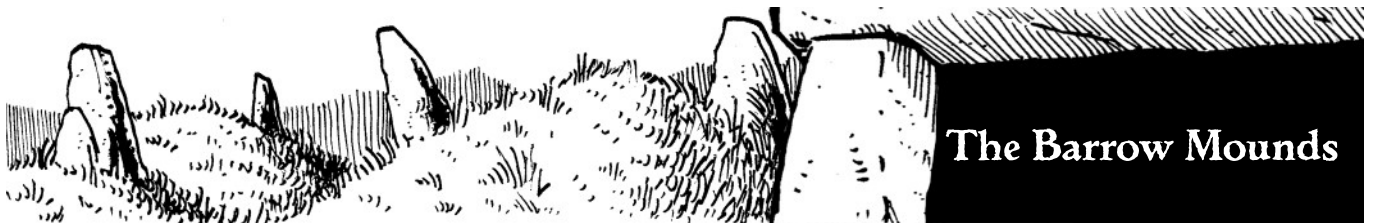
**23. The Barrow of Beetles (Covered):** A ten foot long staircase descends into a round 50x50 foot mound. **Giant Boring Beetles** (3) (treat as **Giant Badger**) have tunneled into this crypt and made a nest.

The crypt is in disarray. Among the rubble the PCs can find a runic tablet and three scroll tubes. The first is a clerical scroll with *Cure Light Wounds* and *Cure Serious Wounds*. The second is a magic-user scroll with *Mazakala's Mucilaginous Effluvium*, *Hitzemun's Blue Feet*, and *Fennril's Exquisite Strangulation* (see New Spells). Finally, there is a *Scroll of Protection (Gargoyles)*. A small coffer can be found that contains Emeralds of varying sizes and values: 50gp, 75gp, 100gp, 100gp, 250gp, and 750gp.

**24. The Mound of Tapestries (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. The crypt is dry and the doors are made of wood reinforced with iron.

**Entrance:** A ten foot staircase enters into an octagonal 30x30 foot chamber. Three large tapestries hang from floor to ceiling and conceal alcoves beyond. Behind each of these is a **Ghoul** (3). Each alcove contains 8d20 gold pieces and one contains a Runic Tablet.

**Chamber 2:** This chamber features an altar between two dark stone statues. On top of the altar is a skull and a simple wooden cup. The cup detects as magical and fills with the following once per day 1) Ale, 2) Mead, 3) Healing Salve (heals 1d4+1 hit points), 4) Random



Potion Type. The two statues are **Barrow Guardians** (2).



**25. The Mound of the Cursed Jewel (Sealed):** Crypt is dry and the doors are made of bronze and covered with verdigris. The doors are locked.

**Entrance:** The entrance chamber to this crypt contains four pillars each covered with 1d4+2 gemstones worth 200gp each. It will take 10 minutes to pry the gems out of 1 pillar.

**Chamber 2:** A concealed pit in the center of this room descends 20 feet into spikes. Anyone falling into the pit takes 2d6 points of falling damage and 1d6 from the spikes. There are 130 small burial alcoves in this chamber. They contain 5d20cp, 4d20sp, 3d20ep, 2d20gp, and 1d20pp. A *Ring of Protection* can also be found amongst the bones.

**Chamber 3:** This chamber contains a unique trap. Unlike the other doors in this crypt, this door pulls toward the PCs rather than into the room. A tripwire at the entrance is connected to three crossbows—one on the east, west, and northern walls—that are all designed to shoot simultaneously at the entrance to the chamber. Each crossbow bolt does 1d8 points of damage. There is a 10% chance per crossbow of a misfire.

**Chamber 4:** There has been a partial collapse in this room. While PCs are here, there is a 1–2 on d6 chance per 10 minutes of further collapse. Anyone caught in a collapse must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 3d6 bludgeoning damage (half on save).

**26. The Demon Mound (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. A short stone staircase descends into a single rounded chamber 60x60 feet across and supported by four columns carved with screaming faces. A large brazier can be found in the center of the room. The brazier can only be lit by magical flame. If so, it will ignite with a fire that rages red, orange, green, purple, and then black. A terrible, horned, fanged demon face will appear and with a loud booming voice offer to answer three questions. Once the questions have been asked, the fire in the brazier will disappear forever.

**27. The Crypt of Genniis the Younger (Covered):** This 30x30 foot crypt contains the skeletal remains of an ancient warrior-priest, Genniis the Younger, sitting on a throne covered in cobwebs. He wears ancient ornamental chainmail (value 125gp). On a table there are four scrolls that recount his life and faith (75gp each to a sage). A concealed lever behind the throne will open a secret partially-collapsed staircase (to #93). It will take 1d4+3 days of digging to remove the rubble and open the staircase. A halfling or gnome may be able to squeeze through and scout the area below (GM's discretion).

**28. The Tomb of the Dark Arts (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. A short stone staircase descends into a single hexagonal chamber 30x30 feet across. In the center of the chamber is a stone lectern with a yellow book covered in arcane markings. The walls depict Azcursh the Arcane, a wicked and evil mage, who possessed a unique mastery of the Dark Art. The tome is one of Azcursh's spellbooks and radiates magic. If opened by a wizard, they will instantly vanish and the book will slam shut. The PC wizard will be instantly transported to an alternate demi-plane where

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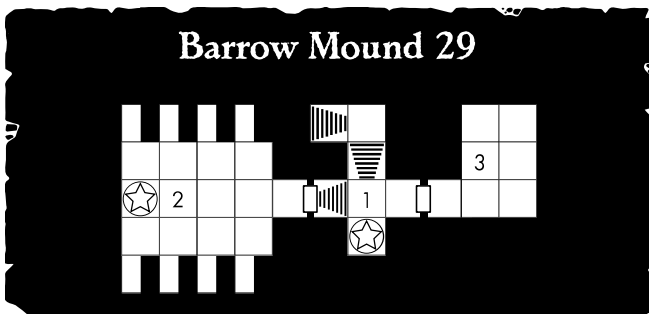
s/he must do battle with a grey-skinned and eye-less simulacrum of Azcursh with the same statistics and equipment as the trapped PC. If the PC dies, s/he will never return. If successful, the spellbook will open and the PC will reappear. The spellbook contains all second level wizard spells.

**29. The Flagstone Mound (Covered):** The interior of this crypt is dry and the doors are made of wood reinforced with iron.

**Entrance:** A broken statue can be found here.

**Chamber 2:** A large statue of Nergal stands on a dais at the back of this room. The statue itself appears quite menacing, but the primary threat are **Greater Flagstone Golems** (4) (two on the east walls above and below the doorway, and two others that will peel themselves off the floor). They will attack if the side crypts are disturbed. The crypts contain a *Mace +2*, *20 Arrows +1*, a *Potion of Stone Giant Strength*, a *Ring of Resistance (Force)*, and 2d100gp.

**Chamber 3:** A **Wight** (1) has risen from the dead in this crypt. It will pounce on the first living thing to enter the room. A pouch at its belt contains nine small Amethysts worth 100gp each.



**30. The Mound of Rot (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. A short stone staircase descends into a dry crypt.

**Entrance:** The entry chamber is covered in bas relief depicting Impurax, the elder God of Rot and Pestilence.

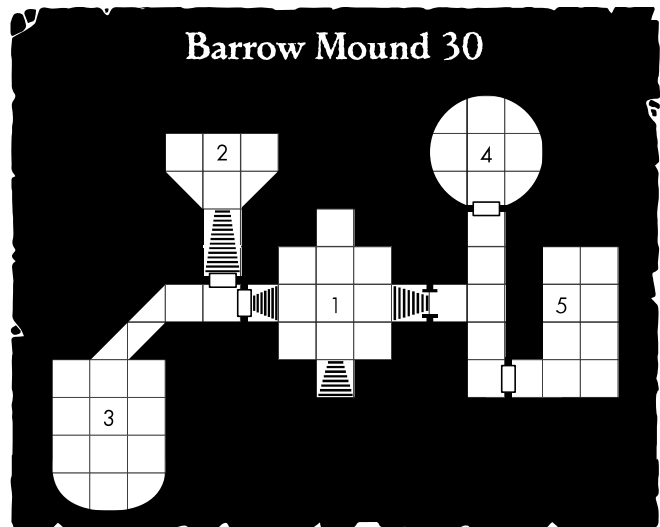
**Chamber 2:** This chamber contains four mummies on stone slabs. They are inanimate but all possess the disease of Mummy Rot (if touched). Resting beside each is a bowl with 35pp.

**Chamber 3:** This chamber was used for mummy

preparation. The shelves here are lined hundreds of jars, bottles, and ointments. Careful searching (20 minutes) will reveal *Restorative Ointment* (4 uses), *Dust of Disappearance* (3 uses), and *Dust of Sneezing and Choking* (2 uses).

**Chamber 4:** An ornate sarcophagus stands in the center of this room. There are funerary baskets and urns along the outside of the chamber but most are rotting or broken. Three Amphorae worth 600gp each might be salvaged but they are brittle. If the PCs engage in combat while carrying them there is a 1-5 on d6 chance that they will break. The occupant of the sarcophagus, once an ecclesiastic in the cult of Impurax, has turned into a terrifying **Barrow Wight** (1). Inside the sarcophagus is a set of scrolls with four random cleric spells.

**Chamber 5:** This room contains a small library filled with scrolls and tomes devoted to the worship of Impurax. There are hundreds of documents here. For every 40 minutes spent searching and reading there is a 15% chance of finding an ancient holy writ of value (roll a d6: 1-2 600gp, 3-4 800gp, 5-6 1,000gp)

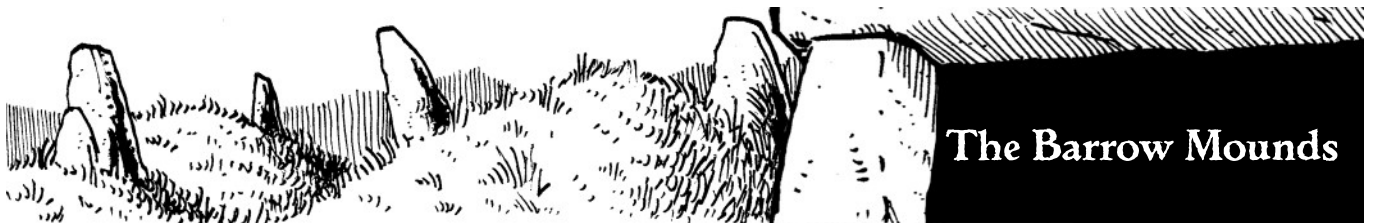


**31. Collapsed Mound:** Excavation at the side of this mound has led to its collapse. It appears tomb-robbers, unable to break the coverstone, attempted to dig through the side of the barrow. There is nothing of value here. There are many human (boot) and horse tracks in the mud and grass around the mound.

**32. The Caryatid Crypt (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. The doors are made of steel and locked.

**Entrance:** This chamber has partially collapsed in three





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different places. While PCs are in this room, there is a higher than normal chance of further collapse (1–3 on d6 chance per 10 minutes). Fighting anywhere in this crypt will necessitate a collapse roll and further raise the possibility of a cave-in (1–4 on d6). Those caught in a collapse must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 3d6 bludgeoning damage (half on save). A basket under one of the rumble heaps contains 666gp.

**Chamber 2:** This room contains a single stone sarcophagus. For its contents, consult Table 7: Random Sarcophagus Contents. The sarcophagus is trapped and will emit choking gas in a 10 foot cloud. Creatures in the cloud must make a DC 13 Con save, taking 1d8 poison damage on a failure, and being incapacitated while violently choking for 5 minutes regardless of the save result. Be sure to check for random monsters.

**Chamber 3:** This chamber is filled with burial alcoves filled with skulls but the niches are devoid of treasure.

**Chamber 4:** This room contains a single stone sarcophagus. For its contents, consult Table 7: Random Sarcophagus Contents. There are four white marble statues of women in this room. Three are **Caryatid Columns** (3) that will attack if the sarcophagus is disturbed.



**33. Plundered Mound:** It appears the coverstone of this mound was pulled off using ropes and horses. The ropes are still attached to the coverstone which rests 20 feet away in the long grass. Human (boot) and horse tracks abound. Inside the mound, a sarcophagus has been hastily searched and a mummified body now lies face down on the floor of the mound. In their haste the tomb-robbers left a Gold Ring on the floor near the mummy worth 530gp.

**34. The Mound of Mummies (Sealed):** A short stone staircase descends into a dry entrance chamber (although other portions of this crypt are ankle-deep in

water). The doors are made of stone.

**Entrance:** A rotting tapestry, covered in mold, hangs on the south wall. A statue of the god Impurax stands, broken and cracked, along the eastern wall. Stairs descend to the west and north into flooded chambers.

**Chamber 2:** This room is ankle deep in water. There are stairs leading up to an elevated platform with two black stone statues of helmed, male warriors and a white marble sarcophagus. Mummified bodies and remains can be seen partially submerged in the water. There has been a partial collapse in the northern portion of the chamber. Combat in this room raises the possibility of a further collapse to a 1–3 on d6. Water trickles into the room from the collapsed wall.

If the PCs approach the white sarcophagus, **Mummies** (1d3) will rise from the dark water and attack. One round into combat the sound of stone grating on stone will be heard, and a **Barrow Mummy** (1) will emerge from the white sarcophagus. The Barrow Mummy wears a magical *Platinum Death Mask* (3,400gp). He also bears a magical *Platinum Neshralk Funerary Figure* (2,400gp). Finally, inside his sarcophagus there is a Terra Cotta Funerary Figure and four Ivory Canopic Jars with gold lids in the form of mythic creatures (1,250gp each). All four of the jars can be converted into medicinal salves (see the introductory section on preparing Barrowmaze for play). Each jar represents 25% of the Barrow Mummy's hit points.

**Chamber 3:** The room is ankle-deep in water. Shelves on the walls hold scroll tubes, old moldy tomes, and papers. The personal papers of those laid to rest in the crypt have value as historical documents (750gp).

**Chamber 4:** The chamber is ankle deep in water. The room has twelve horizontal burial alcoves cut into the walls. Three despicable **Ghasts** (3) have risen from the dead and made this crypt their lair. They have dug themselves a well-concealed hole to slip back and forth to the surface. They are currently feasting on the bodies of some adventurers they ambushed. Set within some of the burial alcoves are several Funerary Figures including Clay (6 worth 25gp each), Terra Cotta (8 worth 125gp each), and Wax (12 worth 35gp each). A *Potion of Greater Healing* can be found on the body of one of the dead adventurers.

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**35. The Necromancer's Barrow (Plundered Mound):** The coverstone to this crypt lies broken in the tall grass. A short 10-foot staircase descends into a round 50x50 foot burial mound. A well worn path in the floor leads to a statue of Nergal on a large pedestal. It has been knocked over on its side and defaced. Underneath the statue base, a stone staircase descends into the dark.

The Necromancers of Set use this as their primary entrance and exit from Barrowmaze. This entrance leads to the stairway just northwest of Room #189. The close proximity of this stairway to The Secret Shrine of Set is perfectly situated for the Necromancers to make a quick escape if the need arises.

**36. The Mound of Mirrors (Covered):** The entry chamber to this crypt appears like many others. The room is covered in mold, the air smells damp, and there have been partial collapses on two walls. There is a sarcophagus in the room along the northern wall. The bas relief on the sarcophagus depicts skeletons walking down stairs into the Underworld. The sarcophagus contains a mummy and a few worthless bronze bracelets. The sarcophagus has a false bottom that leads downward 10 feet and continues north for another twenty feet. The passage stops and PCs will notice that they are standing behind a mirror that looks into a 30x30 octagonal chamber covered with mirrors. In the center of the room is a pedestal with a single skull with glowing black runes. PCs will notice their reflection in each mirror except the eastern one, but they may only notice if they actively search the room and make a successful intelligence check. Each time a player breaks a mirror there is a 50% chance of summoning an **Invisible Stalker** (1) to defend skull on the pedestal. Behind the eastern mirror is a stairwell that descends near Barrowmaze Room #112. The skull detects as magical and offers its possessor a +2 bonus to saving

throws against spells.



**37. The Forgotten Ossuary of the Abomination (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. The skull symbol of Nergal is engraved on the door. A 10 foot stone staircase descends into a dry chamber.

The entrance to this chamber is bracketed by two opposing statues of Nergal with crossed scythes. Parts of these huge 15 foot tall statues have broken and rest on the floor. There are three partial collapses in this room. It is clear that this chamber was used as a mass burial crypt. Skulls are stacked from floor to ceiling and the collapses have left large bone and skull piles strewn across the floor. At the back of the room a skeletal warrior sits on a tall black throne.

If the warrior is disturbed a **Barrow Abomination** (1) will burst forth from the ground surrounded by a ghostly green light. Combat with the Barrow Abomination will increase the likelihood of further collapse from 1-2 to 1-3 on a d6.

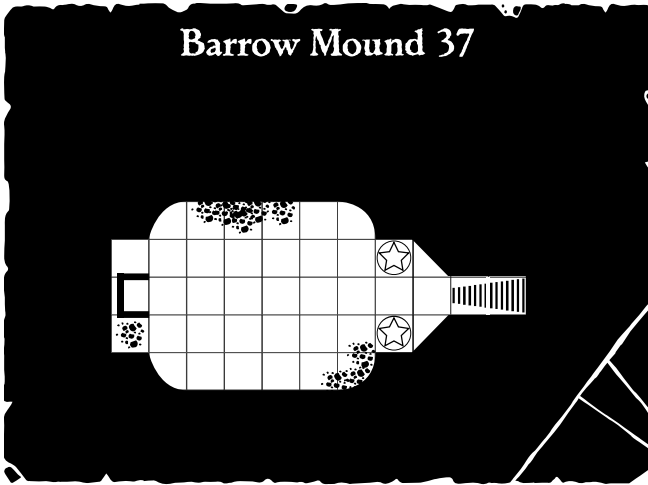
With the abomination present, there is a 25% chance of **Skeletons** (1d8) rising to defend the crypt.

Surrounding the throne of the skeletal warrior is a locked chest (poison needle, DC 13 Dex save or die) with 6,340gp and two coffers one contains four gems and the other five pieces of jewelry: Large Azurite (910gp), Small Exquisite Moonstone (725gp), Medium Lapis Lazuli (875gp), Large Flawed Aquamarine (1,200gp); Ivory and Gold Cloak Clasp (650gp), Silver Belt Buckle inlaid with Sapphires (1,075gp), Silver Brooch inset with a Black Pearl (1,025gp), Coral Bracelet (660gp), Gold Necklace with Jade (950gp).



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**38. The Mound of Traps (Sealed):** A short staircase descends into a crypt 10 feet wide and 40 feet long. The floor is made of steel plates shaped as flagstones. At the end of this crypt is a dais with a Gold Urn (500gp). Above the urn, hanging on the wall is a beautiful bejeweled *Horn of the Dead* (see New Magic Items). Between the stairs and the back wall are four sets of traps for each 10-foot length of the crypt. If the PCs can fly (or levitate) these traps will be easily negotiated:

**Trap 1:** Pressure Plates with the four elemental symbols (Water, Earth, Air, and Fire—see The Chaos Sepulcher later in this volume) trapped with darts. Pressure in excess of 10 pounds on Air will fire 20 darts (1d4 damage each) from bas relief faces set in the walls. Tapping with a 10-foot pole will not set off the trap. Roll 1d20 to determine how many darts are directed at the target. An attack roll (+5) must be made for each dart.

**Trap 2:** Vorpil Scything Blades. PCs will notice three sets of vertical grooves in the walls and ceiling here. Stepping on any of the metal plates in this section will activate three vorpil scything blades that swing like pendulums across the hallway. A DC 13 Dexterity (Acrobatics) check must be made to pass each blade. On a failed check, the blade strikes with +5 to attack and 1d8 damage. On a natural 20 the victim will be cut in half (no save).

**Trap 3:** Magical Flame. The next section of metal floor is covered by small circular metal holes (3x3 inches) instead of metal flagstone. Any pressure on the floor will cause the jets to begin spouting magical flame doing 1d6 damage if the victim fails a DC 13 Dex save. If the save result is 8 or lower, the victim will reflexively jump onto

another jet of flame and take an additional 1d6 points of damage. A victim can (potentially) take damage in this manner three times before they have backed out of the flames. This trap can only be passed by flying, levitating, or running across (3d6 points of damage with no save). The walls here are smooth and cannot be climbed.

**Trap 4:** The final 10-feet contains a double trap. Pressure in excess of 10 pounds will shoot a single crossbow bolt from the back wall (near the horn) down the center of the room that strikes with +7 to attack and deals 1d8 points of damage. This is designed to lull would-be tomb-robbers into a false sense of security.

The second trap presents the greatest danger. The pressure plates in the middle of this 10-foot section of floor will trigger compacting walls. Anyone caught between the walls must succeed on a DC 13 Str save or be crushed for 6d6 points of damage (half on save).

**39. Collapsed Mound:** This mound has collapsed in on itself through age and shifting ground. There is nothing of value here.

**40. The Barrow of the Urns (Sealed Mound):** This crypt is dry and the doors are made of bronze covered in verdigris.

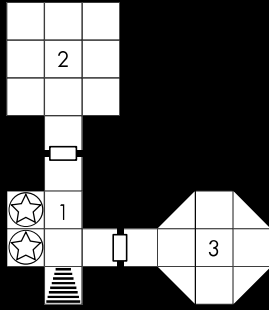
**Entrance:** The entrance to this crypt contains two statues of Set with Emeralds in their eye-sockets (4x500gp each). The PC who removes the stones will be cursed with blindness (no save, *Remove Curse* to cure).

**Chamber 2:** The bronze door to this chamber is sealed. The handles are tied with rope and sealed with a dollop of wax bearing a scarab sigil imprint. A sarcophagus against the eastern wall contains a skeleton with a Gold Circlet worth 600gp. Inside the sarcophagus are two small **Clockwork Scorpions** (2) that will attack if anyone reaches toward the remains.

**Chamber 3:** The door to this chamber is locked. Four tall black urns sit atop an altar to Set. Three possess ashes but the fourth contains 900ep. This urn is also trapped with a pressure plate. If this urn is lifted off the altar a poison needle will shoot from the wall behind the urn. The needle strikes with +6 to attack, deals 1d4 damage, and the victim must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or die.

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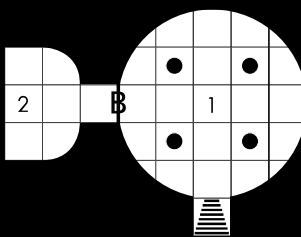


**41. The Mimic Mound (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. A short stone staircase descends into a dry crypt. The doors are made of bronze.

**Entrance:** Ten foot stairs leads down into a round, roughly 50x50 burial chamber supported by four stone columns. The images of menacing gargoyles are cut into the stone of the columns. A small galley-style ship stands in the center of the room. The boat is surrounded four funerary baskets and two chests. The skeletal remains of a northern warrior are laid to rest in the center of the boat. A light blue shimmer surrounds the galley and its contents. This is a stasis field that, when disturbed, will disappear and activate the six **Mimics** (6) currently posing as funerary baskets and chests. These mimics are smaller than average; they have half as many hit points and a -2 penalty to attack and damage rolls. The following items were buried with the warrior immediately around his body: two small pots of coins (75pp, 500ep), a *Dagger +1*, *Hand Axe +2*, *+3 versus Spell-Casters*, and a Norse-style *Helm of Frost Resistance*.

**Chamber 2:** Behind this bricked-up wall are two family members of the northern warrior interred in stone sarcophagi. For contents, consult Table 7: Random Sarcophagus Contents.

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**42. The Tomb of the Acolytes (Plundered):** This barrow mound was plundered long ago. The Acolytes of Orcus used this entrance when they first entered Barrowmaze. Subsequently, this entrance has been clawed and widened by the trolls to allow them into the dungeon. Troll guards are always posted at #337F at the bottom of the rough-hewn staircase. This is intended to provide protection while also keeping a relatively low profile near the barrow. The Acolytes will not allow this mound to be occupied and will meet resistance with maximum force. This passage and #333 (Mound #55, known only to **Zur** and **Emnuron**) are their only means into Barrowmaze, and they will fight to hold them.

**43. The Mound of Water Witch (Sealed):** This mound is sealed with a stone door. Five wavy lines (the elemental symbol of water) have been carefully carved into the coverstone. The water in the crypt is ankle deep, and the walls have been tiled in shades of blue. The doors are made of bronze.

**Entrance:** A 10 foot staircase descends into a roughly 30x30 foot room with a water fountain in its center. The fountain is inhabited by a large **Water Weird** (1).

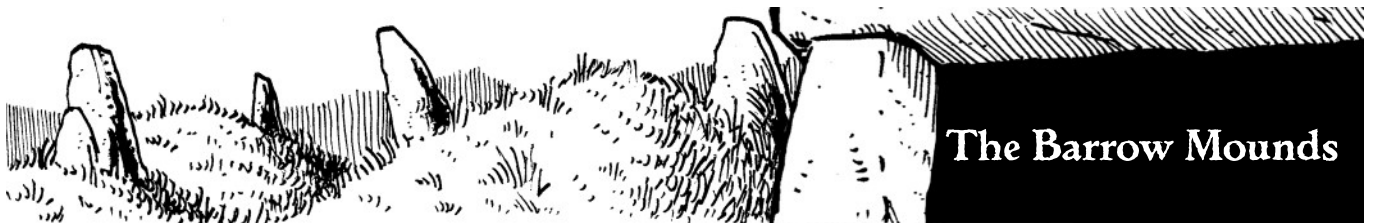
Small pools of water can also be found in the eastern and northern portions of the room. The western door has the same water symbol as the outer coverstone to the crypt. The only way this door will open is to pour water on the door symbol.

**Chamber 2:** A pedestal in the center of this room holds a bowl of twenty Small Aquamarines worth 45gp each (900gp total).

**Chamber 3:** The door to this crypt is locked. Water somehow pours down the western wall of this room onto the floor, but the level never rises above the ankle. Through the water the PCs can see an ocean floor and hear the sounds of the deep in addition to the rushing water. A number of sea crabs move about periodically in the distance. Blue-colored flagstones on the floor depict a mural of five wavy lines. The longer the PCs mill about in this room, the more attention they will draw from the crabs. Within a few minutes **Giant Crabs** (10) will begin pouring through the ocean scene and attack the PCs. Under a slightly loose and upraised blue flagstone is a *Ring of Water Breathing*.

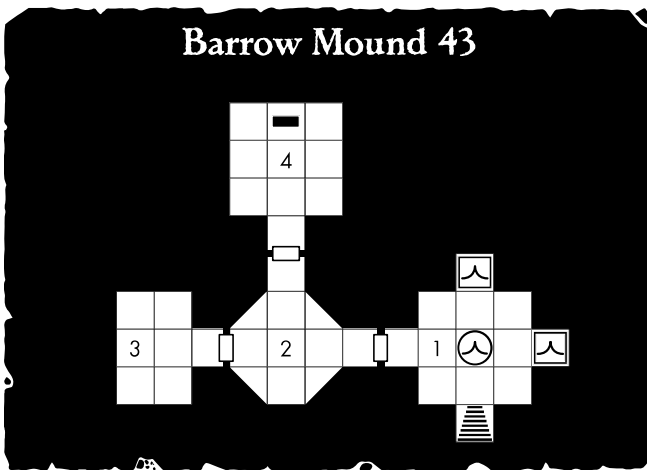
**Chamber 4:** An inscription above the door to this crypt reads "Here lies Glossmira. Thrice Cursed. Bitch of the Deep." Glossmira was an elven witch said to possess a





strange power to control and manipulate the Plane of Water. She was slain for witchcraft and has risen as a terrible **Banshee** (1). Glossmira's sarcophagus is strange insofar as it possesses no lid and is filled with water that pours out from the lip. Her gaunt and white-skinned body has been strangely preserved at the bottom. She will manifest if her crypt is disturbed.

An unlocked rusty metal treasure chest in front of the sarcophagus holds 6,960ep and a *Trident of Wounding* hangs on the north wall. Frescos depict the various gods of water, rivers, and the sea (each in six different shades of blue, green, and white). They are sublime—both terrifying and beautiful to behold.



**44. Plundered Mound:** The coverstone can barely be seen in the long grass and the ceiling has partially collapsed. There are human and halfling bones spread around the entrance to the mound.

**45. Collapsed Mound:** This barrow mound has collapsed. The crypt below is now inaccessible. If the PCs attempt to excavate, they have a cumulative 10% chance per 10 minutes of digging that they will find a skeleton bearing a *Ring of Protection*.



**46. The Vault of Severed Heads (Covered):** This crypt contains the bizarre experiments of a strange wizard who converted severed heads into magical items. In a (brief) fit of regret he gathered them all together and buried them here.

**Entrance:** This room is 70 feet wide and 20 feet deep. A stone shelf extends from the wall about two feet (and four feet off the floor) all around the chamber. Scores of severed heads, some monstrous but mostly humanoid, sit on the shelf. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #4.**

There are a total of 30 heads in the room, but many of these have deteriorated or no longer contain magical properties. They include a basilisk (no longer functions), bugbear, doppelganger, human peasant, gnome illusionist, goblin, human gravedigger, gnoll, hippogriff, leprechaun, lizardman, mind flayer, and many others that have decayed beyond recognition.

Ten severed heads detect as magical, serving as a similar magic item, or allowing the user to cast spells from it (spell save DC 14 and spell attack bonus +6 when applicable). Consult the random severed heads table (or select 10



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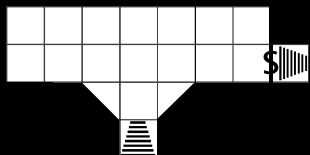


you feel provide the best entertainment value for your campaign). Keep in mind these heads are unique and can only be found once.

The heads are inanimate until touched. Their eyes will open as if awakened from a long sleep. They retain their life memories and each possesses its own history and quirky personality. GMs are strongly encouraged to use their imaginations and make this a strange and fun role-playing opportunity. A secret stairway descends to #271.

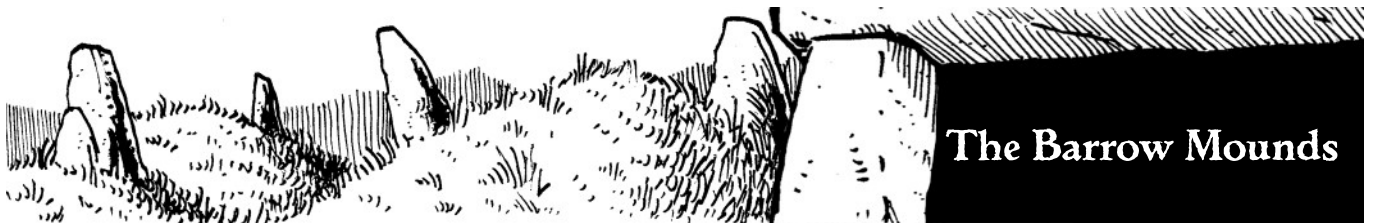
1. Note that in some cases the PCs must be able to speak the head's language.
2. The Tavern Drunk belches a *Stinking Cloud*.
3. Cursed heads are as follows: The Old Witch has a rotten apple in her mouth and shouts profanities and curses when it is removed. The Zombie smells like decaying flesh. The Nagging Wife is a real drag.
4. The Evil Cleric can Speak with Dead but had his tongue cut out before his execution.
5. Must listen for a full week, 1 use only.

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Severed Head	Spell Effect/Serves As
1. Wizard	<i>Detect Magic</i> (5 Uses)
2. Homunculus	<i>Comprehend Languages</i> (5 Uses)
3. Thief	<i>Find Traps</i> (5 Uses)
4. Hell Hound <sup>1</sup>	<i>See Invisibility</i> (5 Uses)
5. Tavern Drunk <sup>2</sup>	<i>Stinking Cloud</i> (5 Uses)
6. Elf <sup>3</sup>	<i>Divination</i> (5 Uses)
7. Blind Man	<i>Clairvoyance</i> (5 Uses)
8. Dwarf	<i>Darkvision</i> (5 Uses)
9. Mummy	<i>Fear</i> (5 Uses)
10. Marionette	<i>Suggestion</i> (5 Uses)
11. Evil Cleric <sup>4</sup>	<i>Speak with Dead</i> (5 Uses)
12. Minotaur <sup>1</sup>	<i>Find the Path</i> (5 Uses)
13. Succubus	<i>Charm Person</i> (5 Uses)
14. Cyclops <sup>1</sup>	<i>Eyes of the Eagle</i>
15. Old Witch <sup>3</sup>	When the rotten apple is removed, all creatures within 30' must succeed on a DC 14 Wis save or suffer a -2 penalty on attack rolls, saving throws, and skill checks until a <i>remove curse</i> is cast on them.
16. Slovenly Trull	<i>Bag of Holding</i> (Mouth)
17. Zombie <sup>3</sup>	After 24 hours, the bearer of this head contracts a rotting affliction that reduces their Dexterity, Constitution, and Charisma scores by 1 per week. Curing this effect requires a <i>remove curse</i> followed by a magical disease cleansing effect, such as <i>lesser restoration</i> .
18. Seasick Pirate	Vomits a random potion once per week.
19. Nagging Wife <sup>3</sup>	The bearer's movement speed is reduced by half until a <i>remove curse</i> is cast on them.
20. Old Paladin <sup>5</sup>	<i>Tome of Leadership and Influence</i>



**47. The Mound-Pit of the Barrow Harpies (Collapsed):** Instead of a burial mound, a large roughly cylindrical hole (40' wide and 40' deep) extends into the earth. Recently a large vaulted chamber collapsed, and the burial mound that once existed here collapsed with it. The edges of a mound and broken arch-stones remain, but the entirety of the mound has caved in. PCs who look down into the hole will see the collapsed rubble at the bottom. Normally several vultures can be seen high in the sky circling the remains of this mound. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #5.**

Led by **Vultrix**, a flock of despicable barrow harpies have claimed the niches and outcroppings of this hole as their nesting ground. If the party climbs down to access the dungeon, the harpies will wait to attack until the PCs have descended halfway and are most vulnerable (see #244).

The barrow harpies come and go as they please. The longer the PCs linger about this hole, the more likely they will have an encounter. For every 10 minutes spent here the likelihood of a barrow harpy encounter increases by 1 on a d6. The PCs may hear the caws and screeches of the harpies before they are in view.

The harpies (and their giant vultures) are craven and will not engage in a prolonged combat. Instead they will test the PCs and then report back to **Vultrix**.

**48. The Forgotten Mound of Dhekeon the Disgraced (Covered):** This small mound is 30x30 feet wide. A skeleton wearing ancient rusted platemail is chained to the back wall. He is kneeling on the floor, head down, and motionless. His head is slouched forward. He wears a sword at his waist. This is **Dhekeon the Skeletal Warrior**. He wields a *Greatsword +3*.

**Dhekeon** will not move if poked or prodded (at least initially). However, if a living person steps within reach he will leap up quickly (as if trying to grab the PC or trying to attack) but will be held by his bonds. He will then scream in blood-curdling fashion and shake his hands above his head in frustration. He has not seen another human being in centuries. A phantasmal eye lingers in his right eye socket and gives him a strange otherworldly appearance beyond his skeletal form—a grim reminder of his once human existence.

After meeting the PCs, **Dhekeon** will tell his tragic tale:

*Many centuries ago, when the clerics of St. Ygg, the*

*God of Righteousness, learned of Barrowmaze and the Pit of Chaos, they created a unique magic item called the Fount of Law. They charged their most devout paladins, including myself, with the task of throwing the Fount into the Pit and closing it forever. Led by Sir Guy de O'Veargne, we fought our way through Nergal's undead hordes. We were about to complete our great quest—and then I betrayed my fellow knights.*

*Seduced by the promise of wealth and power, I, Dhekeon, once a noble young paladin of St. Ygg, lured my fellow knights into a trap. I murdered Sir Guy myself with a thrust of my sword. The remaining knights were overrun and put to death. The followers of Nergal then buried me alive within this barrow. I am a traitor and a liar.*

*Upon my death, St. Ygg refused to embrace me in the afterlife. Instead, the God of Righteousness sent me back and cursed me to walk the realm for eternity as one of the very undead abominations I swore to destroy.*

**Dhekeon** is unique among skeletal warriors. There is no circlet that contains his soul. Rather, he must regain favour with St. Ygg through knightly deeds (and ultimately self-sacrifice) to atone for the betrayal of his order and for the murder of Sir Guy (see below).

If **Dhekeon** deems them worthy, or there is a follower of St. Ygg in the party, he will serve as an NPC. He will accrue experience as a 10th level fighter and will ask that the party give all his treasure to the temple of St. Ygg or to the poor.

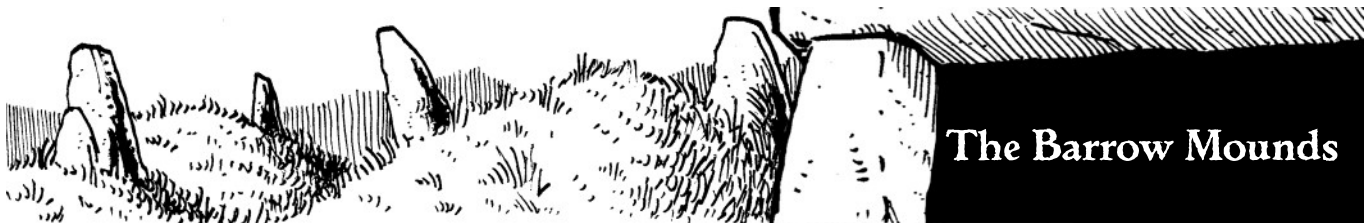
The epitome of a tragic hero, **Dhekeon** must be roleplayed appropriately. He is quiet, sad, and solemn. He will be forthright in his dealings with the PCs. He will also tell them that after many years of solitary prayer he understands there is only one path to salvation—righteousness in the face of evil. He will be quick to aid and defend his fellow adventurers.

Although he will attack chaos in all its forms, he will be relentless in his pursuit of Nergal, his followers, and his undead.

There are several ways the PCs can destroy The Tablet of Chaos. **Dhekeon** is correct—St. Ygg has a plan for his disgraced paladin.







**49. The White Marble Mausoleum (Sealed):** Two columns of six white marble pillars, some standing, and some in ruins, line the entrance to a white stone mausoleum. In addition, six beautiful stone statues of exquisite detail and craftsmanship can be found in the immediate vicinity of the mausoleum (a dwarf, elf, centaur, two human tomb-robbers, and a halfling). Several have been pierced by arrows.

Unlike many of the other mounds, the door to this mausoleum is locked, made of bronze with verdigris, and is magical in nature. The door appears to have a scarab-shaped lock-like mechanism. The scarab key must be found, inserted, and turned clockwise to open the door. The door to this mausoleum cannot be picked, bashed, or opened magically. The key for this door is shaped like a scarab with its wings extended (this is unique among scarab keys). The key hangs around the neck of the **Medusa** in #205. Inside the mausoleum a staircase descends into the darkness (#205A).

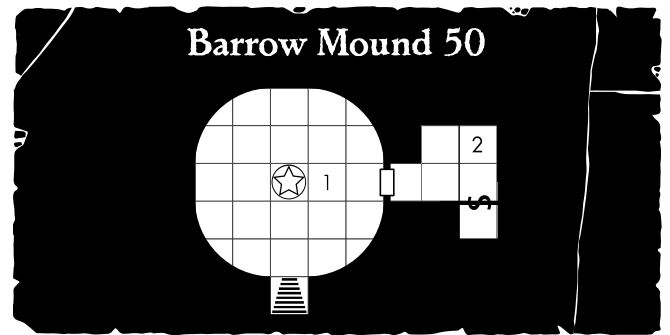
**50. The Barrow-Crypt of the Hero (Sealed):** The crypt is dry and the doors are made of wood.

**Entrance:** In the center of this round burial chamber is a dull stone statue of a proud male warrior with a broad helm, breastplate, greaves, round shield, and "Dwimmerdeath" a gleaming steel *Shortsword +2, +3 versus Spellcasters*. The shortsword cannot be removed from the statue until the puzzle-lock has been solved.

This statue is the likeness of Bareus of Barrowcrest, an ancient hero of law. An inscription with raised letters (underscores are for the GM only) at the base of the statue reads: Be Forthright and Rejoice Under the Sun. The inscription is a puzzle-lock. If the letters of the name B-a-r-e-u-s are depressed in order, the statue will release the shortsword. Note that the name "Bareus" is not located on the statue (it can be found on the inside of the sarcophagus in Chamber 2).

**Chamber 2:** The door to this crypt is locked. If the party spends too much time or is too loud in the entrance chamber they will draw the attention of Bareus, who, sadly, has risen as a **Wraith** (1) in response to The Tablet of Chaos. He now dwells in this burial chamber near his remains, and, with whispered voice, curses the gods of law for abandoning him.

If the PCs linger, he will pass through the door and attack. Otherwise, the PCs will find him here in the darkness near his sarcophagus. There is nothing of value inside except the name "Bareus" etched on the inside of the lid. Behind a secret door on the south wall is a magnificent Amphora that commemorates Bareus' victory over a great troll chieftain centuries ago. This is now a historical artifact of great value (5,300gp).



**51. The Barrow of Gems (Sealed):** The crypt is dry and the doors are made of bronze.

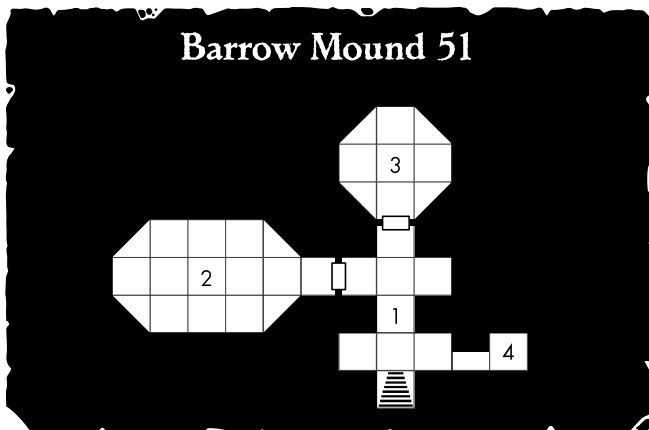
**Entrance:** The entrance chamber to this crypt is decorated with frescos of the underworld and is a macabre scene of death, torture, and sacrifice. Several tapestries have rotted completely and lie in piles on the floor.

**Chamber 2:** The door to this chamber is locked. Inside, a funerary urn sits on a dais surrounded by a hoard of jewels! The jewels are actually a **Gemstone Golem** (1) who will attack anyone who steps toward to the urn. Be sure to check for surprise. In a small metal box beside the urn is a Platinum Goblet worth 1,800gp.

**Chamber 3:** The door to this crypt is locked. A large ornate sarcophagus stands against the northern wall. When the PCs enter, the door to the sarcophagus will swing open and a **Mummy** (1) will emerge wearing a glowing red *Necklace of Fire Resistance*. Inside the sarcophagus are four Silver Canopic Jars (200gp each).

**Chamber 4:** This small burial alcove contains the remains of the mummy's servants. There are four here and each has a Funerary Figure made of Jade (350gp each).

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**52. The Barrow of the Pool (Sealed):** The crypt is dry and the doors are made of bronze.

**Entrance:** The entrance to this crypt has partially collapsed along the eastern wall.

**Chamber 2:** The door to this crypt is locked. Against the western wall, two **Wights** (2) rest entombed within their rectangular sarcophagi.

Between the sarcophagi sits a large iron chest. The chest is locked and contains 700gp. If the party listens to the chest (but only if they specifically take the time to listen) they will faintly hear the *Bzzzzzzzt, click, click, click* of a **Clockwork Cobra** (1) that will attack if the chest is opened.

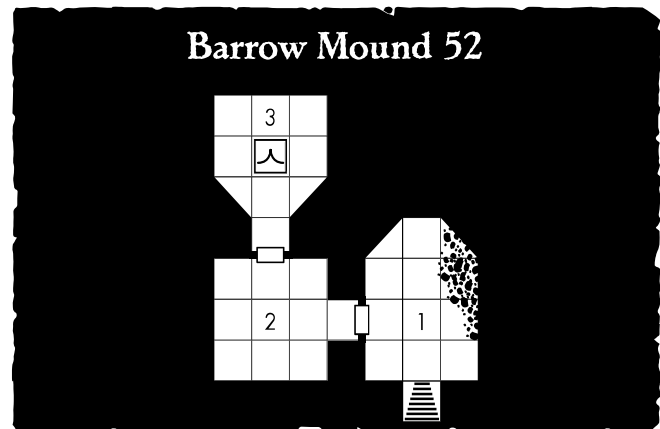
**Chamber 3:** The door to this chamber is enchanted by the *Arcane Lock* spell; the DC to pick the lock or break the door down is 25.

In the center of this chamber, a strange dark pool of water is set into the flagstone floor. Sitting on the lip of the pool is a simple steel cup (no value).

Despite the dark, foreboding look of the pool it offers a single boon to the first person to drink from it. The first person to drink from the pool will have their hit points increased permanently by 1d4. All those thereafter will have their hit points permanently decreased by 1d4 points.

Behind the pool sits a Silver Funerary Box, beautifully decorated with Gold Filigree (1,000gp). Inside the box are the bone remains of a cleric and a small leather bag filled with 2d10 fossilized hydra's teeth. If thrown on the ground, **Fossil Skeletons** will emerge in 1d4 minutes and obey the bidding of the PC who scattered the teeth.

They will obey until destroyed or controlled by a chaos-aligned cleric.



**53. The Giant Ant Colony (Covered):** A colony of Giant Ants have made a nest and connected the crypts between mound #53 and mound #58. The ants include a total of **Workers** (30), **Soldiers** (19), and a **Queen** (1).

The crypt doors are made of wood and the ant caverns are rough-hewn and damp.

**Entrance:** This crypt is in complete upheaval. Two broken stone sarcophagi sit in large pieces on the floor. Bones have been strewn about, and earthen debris covers the floor.

Small narrow passages have been dug into the northern portion of this room. It appears that this chamber has been used to pile earth. The door to the west has been chewed off below the waist. Note that dwarves and Small creatures can travel normally in the ant passages; all others must squeeze.

**Chamber 2:** This secret door protects the remains and treasure of a family of lesser nobility. There are six Silver Urns (25gp each) placed in burial niches in the wall. In addition to the urns, each niche has a valued possession: a Small Electrum Idol crafted in the likeness of Demetra, Goddess of the Harvest (250gp), an Ivory Comb (200gp), a *Silver Dagger +2*, a Gold Belt Buckle (300gp), a Golden Circlet (400gp), and a Small Mirror (50gp).

**Chamber 3:** The door to this room and the door heading north from this room have been chewed off.

**Chamber 4:** Small narrow passages have been dug into



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this room. The ants have piled rubble and earth here.

**Cavern 5:** There are always **Soldiers** (4) on guard here.

**Cavern 6:** A group of **Workers** (6) are busy widening this cave.

**Cavern 7:** **Soldiers** (4) are always stationed here to protect the queen.

**Cavern 8:** This is the queen's main chamber. If she is killed, the ants will become disorganized and will be likely to scatter rather than keep fighting.

There are currently **Soldiers** (6), **Workers** (12), and the **Queen** (1) in this cave. If the queen is in peril, all the ants in the complex will immediately converge on her location and defend her.

The queen is effectively immobilized due to her reproductive abdomen. However, if the GM wishes, she can rip herself free and engage in battle! The worker ants have found various shiny grave goods (6,600gp) and brought them to this cave.

**Cavern 9:** There are **Workers** (4) busy in this cave feeding the larvae (6 with 1hp).

**Cavern 10:** The **Workers** (4) are feeding the larvae (8 with 1hp).

**Cavern 11:** **Workers** (4) are moving eggs (4) from the main chamber to this cave.

**Chamber 12:** This is part of mound #58. The ants have broken into the back of this chamber but have not proceeded further. The ants have piled earthen debris in this room.

There are four **Soldiers** (4) here at all times (unless they have been called to battle nearby in the catacombs).

**Burial Alcoves (40):** Circular. Bone piles.

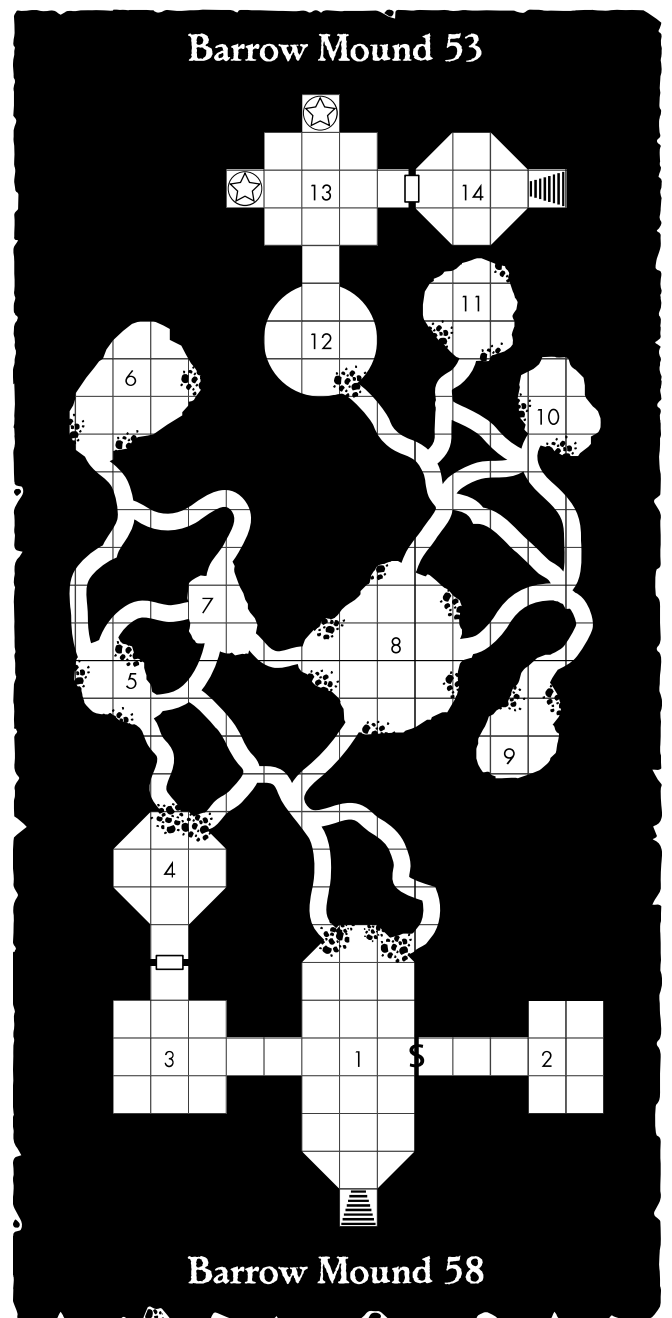
**Contents:** Ivory Canopic Jar that serves as a Bag of Holding (empty) and a satchel with 300gp.

**Chamber 13:** The eastern door of this room is made of stone. In addition to a single Black Urn inlaid with Gold (50gp), the walls are lined with shelves that hold Funerary Figures: 12 Clay (no value), 12 Wax (10gp each), 8 Terra Cotta (75gp each), 6 Gold (600gp each),

and 2 Platinum (800gp each).

There are two statue-columns of beautiful robed women in white stone set into the north and western walls. The statues are **Caryatid Columns** (2). If anyone attempts to take the urn, the statues will attack.

**Chamber 14:** This is the entrance chamber to mound #58. The western door is made of stone. There is nothing remarkable about this chamber.



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**54. The Scholar's Mound (Covered):** This crypt has flooded (waist deep) and the doors are made of wood reinforced with iron.

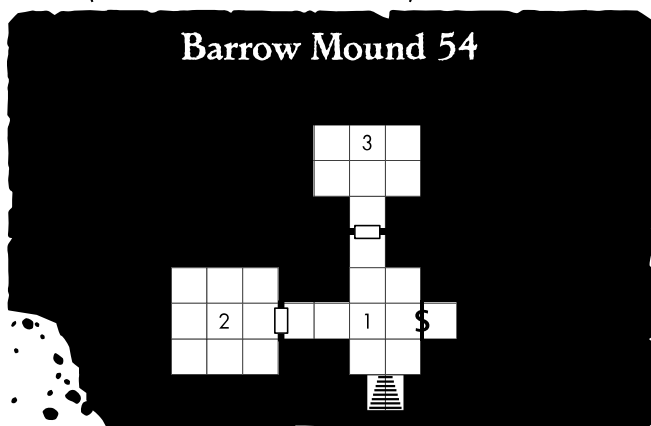
**Entrance:** Dark, peat-colored water is waist deep in the crypt. The secret door here will be difficult to find given the state of the crypt. The 10 foot secret room is a hidden library. Sadly, all the books on the lowers stacks have been destroyed by water. Many others are covered in **Yellow Mold** (2). There are valuable scholarly books here that may be destroyed subject to the PCs actions, the mold, and the GM's discretion. They are An Illustrated History of the Clan Serpenthelm (8,800gp) and The Rites and Rituals of Kor, Sun God (10,650gp). A sealed *Scroll of Stammering* can be found floating in the water (see New Magic Items).

**Chamber 2:** The door to this room is stuck and trapped. If opened, a swinging ball will strike the first two human-sized people in the chest for 3d6 points of damage (no save). Inside the room is a large throne engraved with ancient runes devoted to both light and darkness. If a neutral character sits on the throne, s/he will gain 1 point of wisdom, all others will lose one point of wisdom.

**Chamber 3:** The door to this chamber is stuck. This chamber is covered in burial alcoves.

**Burial Alcoves (60):** Square. Single skulls.  
**Contents:** Jade Brooch (600gp), *Scarab of Health*.

Ten of these alcoves (determine randomly) contain **Rot Grubs** (see **Son of Gaxx** for effects).



**55. The Secret Mound of Zur (Sealed):** This mound possesses a unique decorated bronze door with verdigris. In the center of the door is a scarab locking mechanism with a bird (crane) in the center. There are boot prints in

front of the door. **Zur**, the high priest of the Acolytes of Orcus, has kept this mound secret from all but **Emnuron**, his second-in-command. In the event of a major conflict in the temple they may attempt escape via this route. **Zur** wears the scarab key around his neck. The interior of this mound has been plundered by **Zur** and **Emnuron**. However, a descending staircase can be found inside leading to #333.

**56. Plundered Mound:** This 50x50 foot mound was plundered long ago and is filled to the waist with dark peat-colored water.

**57. The Mound of the Green Mummy (Sealed):** This crypt is flooded (knee deep) with dark peat-colored water. The doors are made of wood reinforced with steel.

**Entrance:** The short staircase leading into this chamber is partially submerged in water. The walls are lined with small square burial alcoves that sit atop the bodies of warriors in bas relief. The alcoves contain single skulls.

**Burial Alcoves (25):** Small Squares. Single skulls.  
**Contents:** A pouch of four Rubies (400gp each).

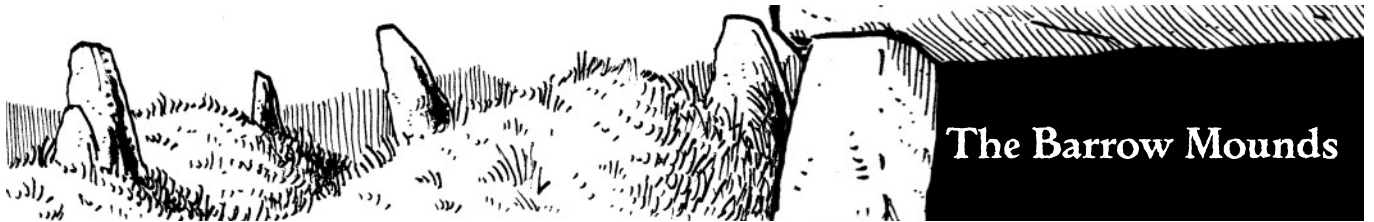
**Chamber 2:** The door to this chamber is swollen shut. Inside are horizontal burial alcoves lined with strangely preserved bodies. One of these is **Emil Muzz**, a mighty **Barrow Ghast** (1) who leads a large group of **Ghouls** (9).

**Muzz** lost an eye in his youth and wears an eye-patch bearing a Large Tiger Eye jewel (1,050gp). This gives him a weird appearance beyond his undead state. There is a 10' floor spear trap in the center of the room which strikes with +6 to attack and deals 1d8 damage. **Muzz** will attempt to draw intruders towards them at the back of the chamber.

**Chamber 3:** The door to this chamber is swollen shut. Noise at the door will draw the attention of **Ravenous Dead** (8) that dwell within. One of the zombies wears a Gold Belt Buckle with Small Pearls worth 700gp.

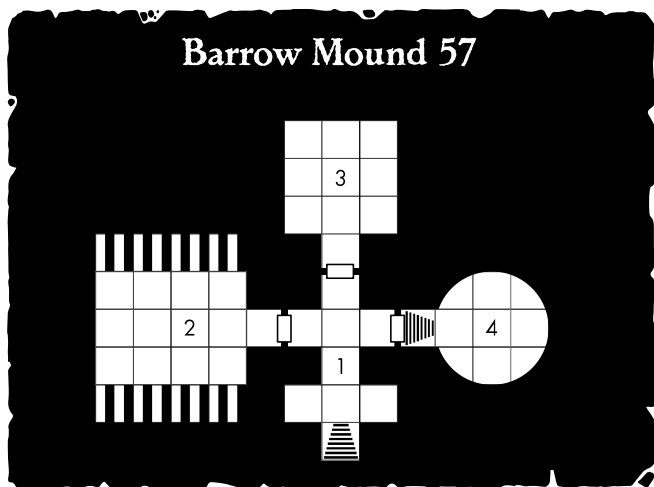
**Chamber 4:** The door to this chamber is swollen shut and enchanted with a lightning ward. Anyone standing in the water or within 10 feet of the door when the ward is triggered must succeed on a DC 15 Dex save or take 4d10 damage (half on save). A short staircase descends into the chamber, and the water is darker and deeper (waist level). All sorts of sepulcher debris floats in the water (bones, sealed bottles that look like potions, mummy wraps, etc).





A mummified horror lurks just below the water. The Green Mummy is a unique **Barrow Mummy** (1) whose wraps have been colored black-green by the peat-colored water. He wears a magical *Mithril Death Mask* (4,200gp) in the shape of a skull. It will attack anyone who enters into the chamber proper.

The floating bottles (6) are not potions, but rather each holds **Dehydrated Rot Grubs** (see **Son of Gaxx** for effects). If fighting breaks out in the chamber, there is a 40% chance that a PC will break a bottle on any hit or miss. If so, the rot grubs will revive in 1 minute and swim to the closest PC.



**58. Sealed Mound:** This location is an extension of barrow mound #53.

**59. The Mound of Gaius Appuleius Diocles (Covered):** This mound is covered and sealed with locked bronze double doors. These doors can be opened with long prybars or pulled off with rope and horses. Each door is embossed with a horse, a wheel, and four victory wreaths. The crypt is dry and the doors are made of stone.

**Entrance:** In the center of this chamber is a statue of a charioteer. His left hand is outstretched holding horse-reins and his right hand is raised above his head bearing a victory wreath. Rotting tapestries depict his victories.

There are two stone doors in this room, one to the west

and one to the north. The western door appears purple in color, and PCs standing near the statue will smell a strange fragrance emanating from it.

The western door is covered in a colony of **Purple Moss** (1). In addition, immediately in front of the purple door is a concealed pit that is 20 feet deep. The bottom of the pit is covered with **Brown Mold** (1).

**Chamber 2:** A large sarcophagus is here.

Bas relief on the walls depict the charioteer Gaius Appuleius Diocles racing down the circus to victory. His many victory wreaths, now long withered and brittle to the touch, hang on the walls of his tomb.

Inside the sarcophagus are the remains of his *Studded Leather +3* and an old leather whip.

**Chamber 3:** This chamber is a sight to behold. A massive quadriga chariot stands in the center of this room attached to four stone horses. The frescos throughout the room, now worn with age, depict the floor of the circus and are filled with cheering spectators.

The first person to stand in the chariot and pick up the reins will be transported into a fever dream—the moment right before a chariot race against the great charioteer Gaius Appuleius Diocles! Diocles and the PC are wearing no armor and carry horse whips and boot knives.

**Chariot Racing Mini-Game:** Take a piece of graph paper and draw a line 20 squares long. Draw small circles at both ends. This line is the spina or “spine” that the charioteers must race around. Draw a line perpendicular to the spina at the base (envision an inverted “T” on the page). This serves as the start and finish lines. The race is one lap only.

The rules for running a chariot race follow the classic fantasy combat mechanic and are as follows:

**1. Starting Position:** The GM will play Diocles. Hold a highest roll dice-off to determine who begins with inside position.

**2. Initiative:** Roll 1d6 for initiative every round. The winner moves his/her chariot first.

**3. Movement:** A chariot can move 1d6 squares per round. During the race, each player can spur on their horses for a total of 6 bonus squares. The 6 squares can be divided

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in any manner over the course of the race. However, the number of bonus squares used in a round must be indicated before the player rolls a d6 for their movement. Diagonal or lateral movement for lane changes is allowed. Chariots cannot occupy the same square.

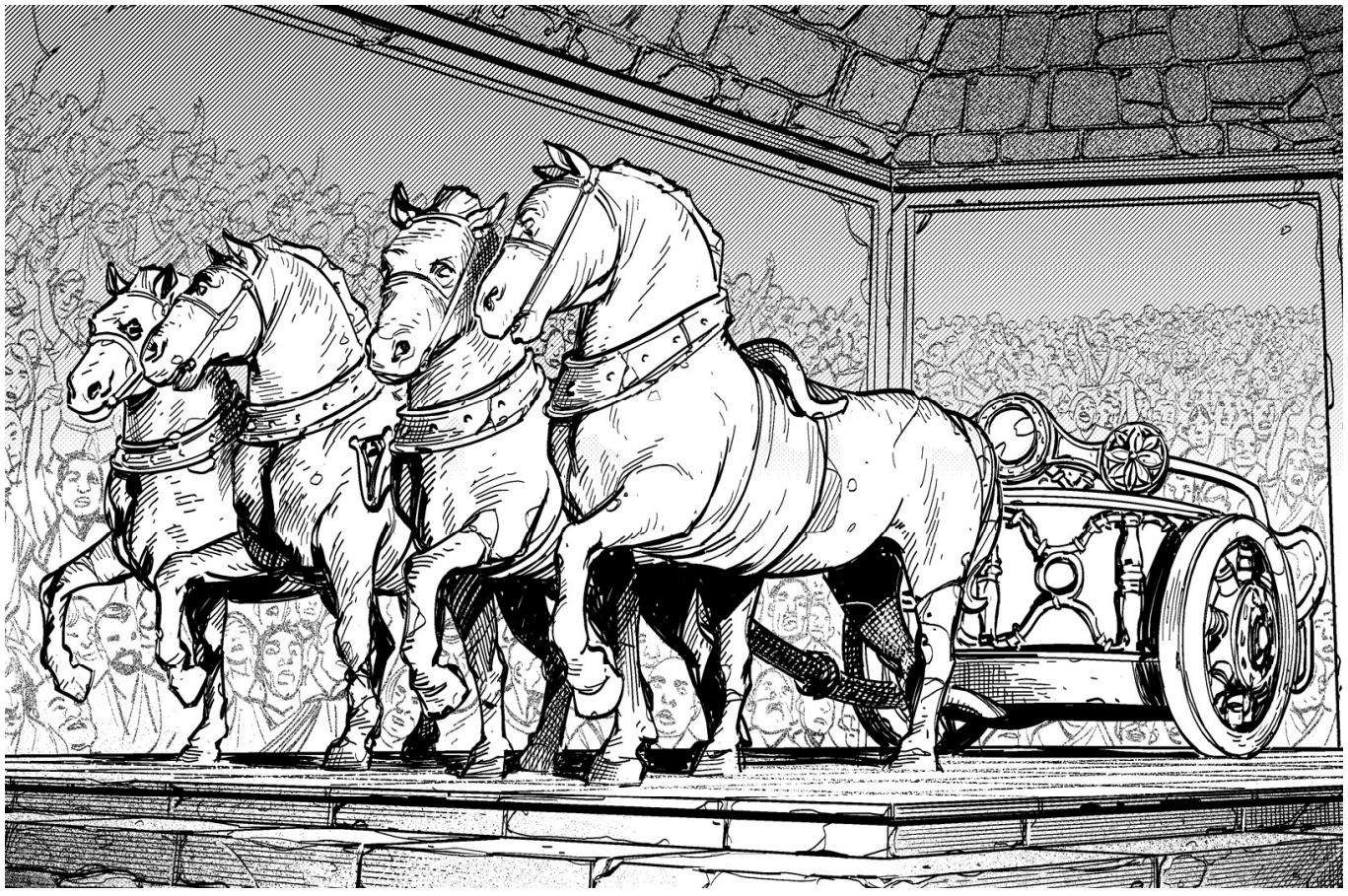
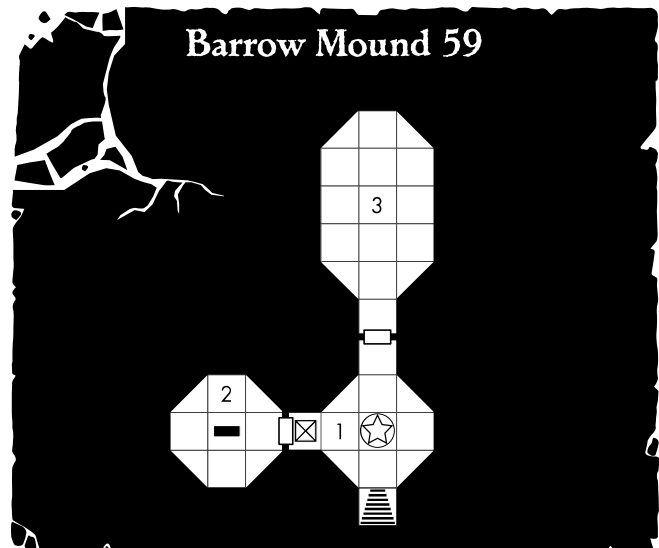
**4. Tactics:** Each chariot can make one attack on an adjacent chariot at any time during their turn. The result of an attack is determined randomly (roll 1d6):

**(1-3):** Chariots lock together for one round and then separate. No other movement for either chariot can take place this round. Roll initiative.

**(4-5):** You whip the opposing driver who is stunned and can advance no more than 3 squares on his/her next movement.

**(6):** Chariots bash together and separate. The defending chariot takes wheel damage. For remainder of race that chariot's movement is reduced by 1.

If the PC loses the race, he/she will be returned to the chariot inside the mound chamber (and feel shame). If the PC wins the race, he/she will return with the adoration of the crowd ringing in his ears and wearing *Armbands of Healing* (see New Magic Items).



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**60. The Shaded Crypt (Plundered):** This crypt has been opened recently. The coverstone, broken in two, lies in the dead grass nearby. A foul stench comes from in-side the mound, and the air is strangely cold. The crypt is dry.

**Entrance:** A short staircase leads to a 50x50 foot round burial chamber. Bones and rubble are strewn about the crypt. Near the stairway are three Necromancers of Set lying in pools of blood. Their bodies are twisted and broken. An altar in the center of the chamber is decorated with a depiction of Nergal.

Anyone who enters will disturb the **Greater Crypt Shade** (1) that killed the Necromancers for violating its tomb.

It will float above the altar, and in a hollow raspy voice say "Life in Death" in Black Tongue before attacking the party.

If the altar is searched and the right hand of Nergal is pulled out, turned clockwise, and pushed in, it will reveal a secret drawer with a *Staff of Striking*.

The tracks of the Necromancers appear to head due west and then are lost.



**61. The Mound of the Snake-Guardian (Sealed):** This crypt is dry and the doors are made of wood.

**Entrance:** Three woven funerary baskets with rotted grain sit on the floor. All are decorated with a circular symbol: a snake eating its tail with a gem in the center.

**Chamber 2:** The door to this room is locked and trapped. If the door is opened, 1d4 poisoned arrows will shoot from the west wall of the crypt, across the room and toward the doorway. The arrows strike with +6 to attack and deal 1d6 points of damage each; victims must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or take an additional 2d6 damage from the strange toxin on the arrows. On a pedestal in the center of the room is a large bowl

of coins (1,800ep). Frescos depict an evil snake god worshipped by lizardmen.

**Chamber 3:** The door to this crypt is locked. There are four slabs with bodies resting in state. However, these are not human but rather the dried husks of lizardmen. They are armed with scimitars and shields and will attack anyone that steps into their crypt. These lizardmen are the guardians of this tomb and have risen with the powers and abilities of **Crypt Knights** (4) except they possess a slightly less effective armor class (17 instead of 19) and are vulnerable to fire damage.

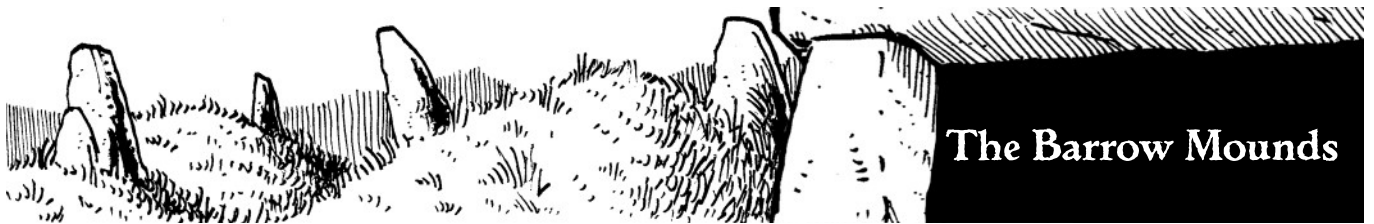
**Chamber 4:** The door to this crypt is locked. Inside, the walls depict strange hieroglyphics. They are written in Ancient Lizardmen and describe their elder gods and acts of sacrifice in the time before the first humans appeared in the region. There are also the dried remains of six lizardmen in shallow alcoves (three on the north wall and three on the south). One bears a scroll: Beware the Portal! (written in Ancient Lizardman)

**Chamber 5:** This door is made of stone and sealed with wax.

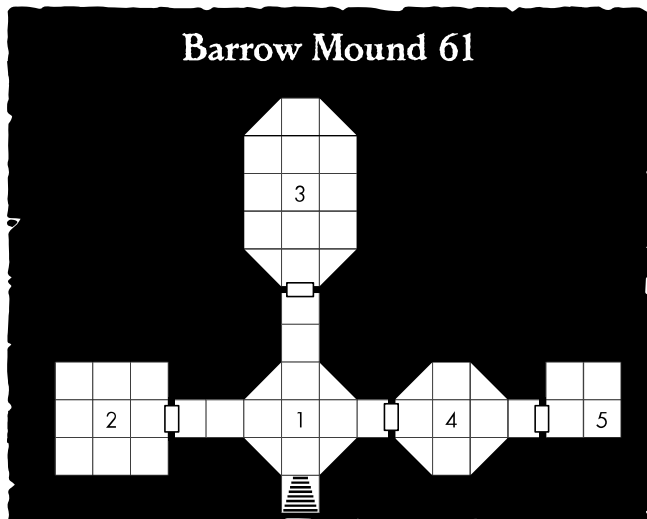
A lizardman shaman bound **Sssythos**, a **Guardian Naga** (1) to protect this tomb long ago. The exact words of the shaman were to "protect the crypt from those who would steal our knowledge or defile our dead."

**Sssythos** has longed to be free but is bound to carry out his task. He will speak with the PCs and must know their purpose, but he can be lied to and is somewhat naïve. **Sssythos** will become excited at the prospect of freedom—until he reaches the entrance chamber. If the crypt is in disarray, he may return and attack (using *Animate Dead* on the lizardmen first), subject to the actions of the PCs in previous chambers.

**Ssythos** guards the remains of the lizardman chief. He possesses Gold Rings, Bracers, and a Necklace worth 3,500gp total. He was also buried with several carved totems tied to hide about his neck. These include: 1) Ape, 2) Giant Spider, 3) Giant Boar, and a 4) Saber-Toothed Tiger. If pulled from the neck and cast to the ground, they will animate and follow commands for 6d6 minutes (single use).



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**62. The Portal of Bones (Covered):** Once the earth is removed, the PCs will notice that the coverstone and archway to this mound is covered with black runes. The runes, written in Ancient Lizardman, issue warnings and curses those who behold The Portal of Bones! This mound is very old. Skulls are carved into the stone above and at the four corners of the door. The PCs have been duly warned.

Inside this crypt is a short staircase into a simple circular 50x50 foot mound supported by four pillars. The floor is earthen. However, the walls of the crypt are stacked with varied skulls four feet high with bones piled on top of the skulls. At the far end of the room is The Portal of Bones. The portal was created in the pre-history of the Barrowmoor. Its strange eldritch energy even predates the time of the lizardmen. The structure itself is made of the bones of a great dinosaur and is bound together by unknown magic. The feeling of dread here is overwhelming. The PCs should realize they have entered a place beyond their understanding.

Staring into the portal will activate its energy and cause a brilliant light to swirl and then darken. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #6.** The portal is both a gate and a scrying device. One of the following random things (1d6) will happen to the PC or hireling who gazes into the portal:

1. Strange tentacles reach through the portal and grab you. You are pulled into an unknown plane of existence.
2. You slowly disintegrate. Your ashes float ever faster into the portal creating a stream of scorched corporeality. Only smoldering boots remain.

3. He-Who-Shall-Not-Be-Named comes for you! A clawed, red arm with black nails reaches through the portal and pulls the PC through. You immediately become aware of the 666 torments you will endure for eternity.

4. Set himself comes for you. You hear the cackling of jackals as a muscled, obsidian black arm reaches forth and pulls you through the gate. You know of The Tablet of Chaos—and Set wants answers.

5. The whispering of shadows can be heard. One by one the shadows in the crypt pull away from the walls and floors and surround your entire body. You scream, go insane, and run wildly into the portal to the Plane of Shadow.

6. You are commanded to the Underworld but possess the will and strength of spirit to thumb your nose at death!!! Your hair turns white and you age 15 years. Having looked into the void and survived, your effective Wisdom is now 20.

**63. The Armourer's Tomb (Covered):** This mound opens into a square 30x30 foot crypt. A sarcophagus made of bronze and covered with verdigris holds the skeletal remains of an ancient elvish armourer. Beside the sarcophagus, hanging on the wall is a magnificent gleaming set of *Scale Mail* +2 that provides a +2 bonus to saving throws against spells and a *Shield* +2 with a green griffin device. Perhaps the most valuable of the treasures in this crypt is a book within the sarcophagus that details the secrets of elven armour crafting known to very few in the realm today. This book could be sold for 8,500gp to the right sage or armourer.

**64. The Worship Mound of Demetra (Sealed):** This crypt is dry and the doors are made of bronze.

**Entrance:** There are four large woven funerary baskets with grain that rotted long ago. Frescos on the walls depict the Goddess of Agriculture. The colors are many and varied. If the PCs take 10 minutes to study the frescos, they will notice the following color pairs: yellow and violet, blue and orange, green and red. These repeat throughout the fresco.

**Chamber 2:** The door to this chamber is locked. There is an altar to the goddess in the center of this room with a funerary box in its center. The altar is surrounded by four **Iron Statues** (4; see new spell *Animate Statue* for stats). If the box is removed, it will trigger a gas trap. Anyone in the room will need to succeed on a DC 13 Con save or



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be paralyzed for 10 minutes. The statues will only animate and pummel trespassers if the trap is triggered.

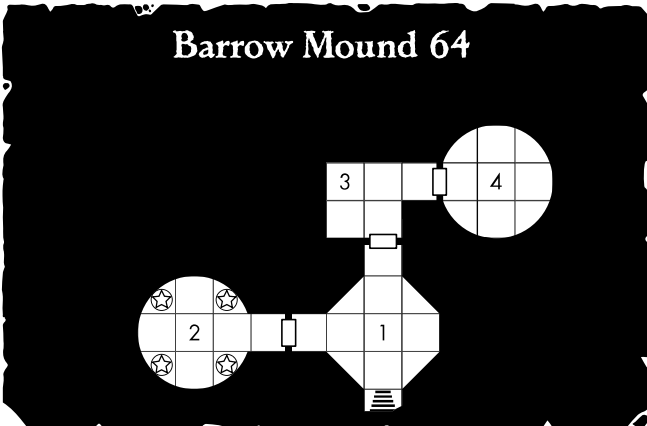
The box contains skeletal remains, 800sp, a spell scroll of *Glove of Invulnerability*, and six strange oval-shaped stones— yellow, blue, green, orange, violet, red.

**Chamber 3:** The door to this chamber is locked. A short staircase leads down into this chamber. Frescos, worn with age, depict the goddess of agriculture bestowing the blessings of the harvest. There is nothing else of interest in this room.

**Chamber 4:** This room is locked. In the center of this room is a throne made of stone. There are hollowed cavities for three gemstones. If the primary-color gemstones (red, yellow and blue) are inserted into the cavities, the throne will glow with a golden radiance.

The first PC who sits on the throne will gain enough experience to advance to their next level plus one experience point. This happens only once. Incorrect attempts drain one level of experience (to the level below plus one point).

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**65. The Crypt of the Dread Knight (Sealed Mound):** The coverstone of this mound depicts a skull over a rose in bas relief - the symbol of The Black Legion. The Black Legion was Nergal's elite force of warriors and, alongside The Chosen, formed a formidable regiment. Lawful clerics or paladins will sense something amiss outside this mound. Inside, the crypt is dry and the doors are made of bronze with verdigris.

**Entrance:** A stone staircase descends into this crypt. Nine small black stone statues of Nergal line the walls of this tomb. The wall frescos depict Lord **Varghoulis** of Nergal defeating the forces of law. Learned PCs may know his name as a blood-thirsty dark warrior who was defeated at the cost of many good knights. His forces withdrew with his body and interred him here centuries ago.

**Chamber 2:** This chamber contains a large sarcophagus. The lid is shaped in bas relief depicting **Varghoulis** in full armor, and his eyes are set with large (but fake) rubies. The body in the sarcophagus is a **Wight in Platemail** (1; 18 AC instead of 14) who will attack the person who removes the lid. On the east wall of the chamber is a secret door. The undead creature was intended to fool would-be tomb-robbers from plundering the crypt of Varghoulis.

**Chamber 3:** This is the final resting place of **Lord Varghoulis**, who has risen as a **Dread Knight** (1)—armed with *Platemail +3*, *Shield +1*, and *Longsword +3*, +4 versus Law—and his lieutenants **Crypt Knights** (4)—each equipped with *Platemail +1*. Be sure to adjust the stats of Varghoulis and his entourage to account for their magical gear.

**Varghoulis'** sarcophagus looks exactly like that in chamber 2 except the eyes are Large Finely Cut Rubies worth 6,000gp each. There is also a large unlocked chest with 8,850gp.

**Varghoulis** will be aware of the PCs from the moment they enter his crypt. He will be prepared and will be bracketed by his lieutenants. If he makes it to the surface, he will call to his dark skeletal legion in barrow mound #66. They will rise and claw up from the earth a few minutes later. Skeletal horses will also rise in close proximity to the mound.







# The Barrow Mounds



If **Varghoulis** can unite with his forces, he will begin spreading chaos across the land. The PCs will definitely be in for more than they bargained. **Varghoulis** presents an excellent opportunity for side-adventuring. Perhaps **Varghoulis** occupies a ruined keep in the Barrowmoor? Maybe he returns with a large undead host and forms a new faction devoted to Nergal's return in Barrowmaze? No doubt a three-faction war would break out between the forces of Nergal, Orcus, and Set!

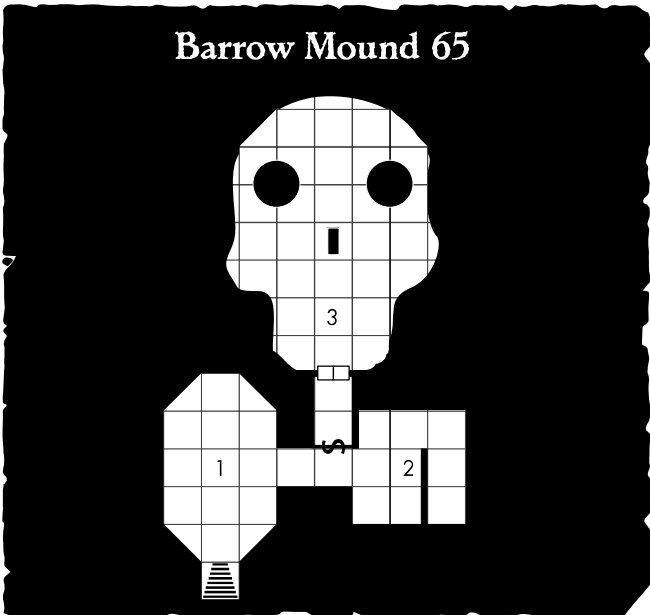
legionnaires will heed his call and rise en masse from the grave to serve their lord.

Alternatively, if this crypt is opened before **Varghoulis'** mound there is a 20% chance (+10% per 10 minutes the PCs remain in this mound) that the legion will rise and attack the PCs. They will then seek to release their master from his mound. The mound contains:

**Skeletons** (50), **Zombies** (30), and **Crypt Knights** (10) bearing *Broadswords +1*.

Each skeleton carries 1d10sp, each zombie carries 1d10gp, and each crypt knight carries 1d10pp.

The following treasure can be found randomly (per 10 minutes searching) in the alcoves. Note that magical weapons and armor can only be found twice. Adjust the table accordingly if the PCs conduct a thorough search of the mound and be sure to check for random monsters:



**66. The Vault of the Dark Legion (Covered Mound):** Over the centuries the entrance to this ancient mound has been covered over with earth and will require excavation to access the entrance.

When the earth is cleared, PCs will notice that the mound is sealed with a stone door. The coverstone of this crypt depicts a skull overtop a rose in bas relief with a line of warriors armed with spears and shields.

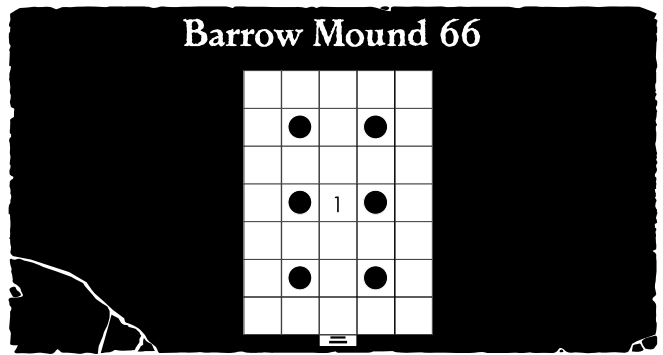
A stone staircase descends into this crypt. However, rather than a small entranceway this chamber is 50 feet wide and extends 70 feet deep, supported by columns every ten feet. Along the walls are the burial alcoves of **Varghoulis'** former legionnaires, their skeletal forms resting in rusty mail and rotten boots.

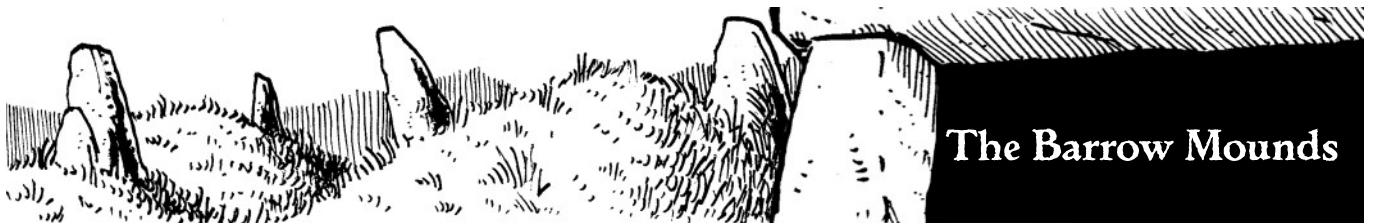
If **Varghoulis** manages to free himself from his crypt, the

## Legion Treasure

Treasure	Details
1. Coin <sup>1</sup>	(Amount: 1-100)
2. Coin <sup>1</sup>	(Amount: 1-100)
3. Gemstone	(See LL Core Rulebook p.107)
4. Jewelry	(See LL Core Rulebook p.107)
5. Magical weapon <sup>2</sup>	(90% +1; 8% +2; 2% +3)
6. Magical armor <sup>3</sup>	(90% +1; 8% +2; 2% +3)

1. Roll 1d20: Copper (1-5), Electrum (6-10), Silver (11-14), Gold (15-18), Platinum (19-20).
2. Roll 1d6: Mace (1-2), Spear (3-4), Broadsword (5), Longsword (6).
3. Roll 1d6: Leather (1-2), Chainmail (3-5), Platemail (6).





**67. The Tomb of the Sacred Blade (Covered):** Once the excavation is complete the party will discover strange glyphs on the coverstone of this burial mound. The glyphs depict the following shapes: Sword, Sun, Star, Moon, and Skull. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #7.**

As soon as they see the glyphs, a paladin (or lawful cleric) will hear a voice inside his/her head, "To find me you must solve the puzzle of the glyphs. You must do this by proving your worth. Open the door without touching the glyphs more than 30 times. If you fail, you are unworthy and the magic of the glyphs will fade."

The glyphs on the door are a puzzle lock and must be touched in the right order to gain entrance. This must be completed within 30 glyph touches, or the magic of the



glyphs will dim as per the preceding paragraph. This is a high-reward opportunity for smart, problem-solving PCs.

The sequence to open the door **MUST** be exactly as follows: Sword, Sun, Moon, Star, Sword. Below are the meanings of the various glyphs and the rules of the puzzle-lock.

**Sword:** Pressing the Sword glyph "opens" and "closes" the activation sequence.

**Skull:** This glyph resets or "kills" the sequence and dims all glowing glyphs.

**Sun:** The first glyph in the sequence.

**Moon:** The second glyph in the sequence.

**Star:** The third glyph in the sequence.

1. When any glyph is touched it glows a soft white colour. Exception: the Skull will not illuminate if touched first.

2. Touching any glyph other than Sword first drains the victim's life energy 5 hit points.

3. Making an incorrect choice in the sequence will also drain 5 hit points and dim the glyphs.

4. Touching the Skull at any time after the first "resets" the board and dims all the glyphs. The Skull will not drain hit points after a glyph has been lit.

5. Anyone reduced to zero hit points, including hirelings, will immediately rise as a **Wight** and wildly attack party members to drain their life essence.

*Example: Party members push Gamblor the Elf forward to take his turn at the door. Gamblor touches the Sun and loses 5 HP. He then touches the Sword, which lights up, followed by the Moon. He takes 5 more HP damage, and the glyphs dim. Finally, he touches the Sword and then the Sun (which both light up) followed by the Skull, which resets the sequence (no damage), and all the glyphs dim. He gives up.*

Inside this 30x30 foot crypt is the statue of a noble knight on bended knee with his head down and his hands raised above his head. In his hands gleams a magical longsword. This is "Caliburn" a sentient weapon (see New Magic Items).

## The Barrow Mounds

**68. Collapsed Mound:** This mound collapsed long ago. There is nothing of import here.

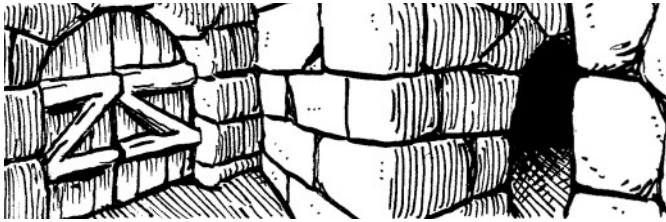
**69. Plundered Mound:** This mound has been plundered and has partially collapsed. There is nothing of value here.

**70. Collapsed Mound of the Dragon:** This mound has been hidden by the moor for centuries. Only one being knows of its existence—the ancient black dragon **Ossithrax Pejorative**.

Long ago, **Ossithrax** found this mound and dug beneath it to create a lair. He created a long wide passage and, to his surprise, tunneled into the Great Temple of Nergal (#375). There he piled his treasure, wrought havoc in the region, and, after many centuries, died. This barrow mound is very difficult to find and the tunnel has partially collapsed near the temple. Only a party dedicated to hex-crawling the entire area of the mounds would possess a chance of discovering it.







## Area One: The Forbidden Antechamber

### Barrowmaze Area One: The Forbidden Antechamber

#### Area One: Random Monsters

1. Skeletons (1d6)
2. Zombies (1d6)
3. Tomb Robbers (2d4+4)
4. Giant Rats (2d6)
5. Mongrelmen (1d6)
6. Ravenous Dead (1d4)
7. Stirges (1d6)
8. Huecuva (1d3)
9. Sapphire Skeletons (1d6)
10. Giant Fire Beetles (3d8)
11. Dungeon Dressing\*
12. GM's Choice

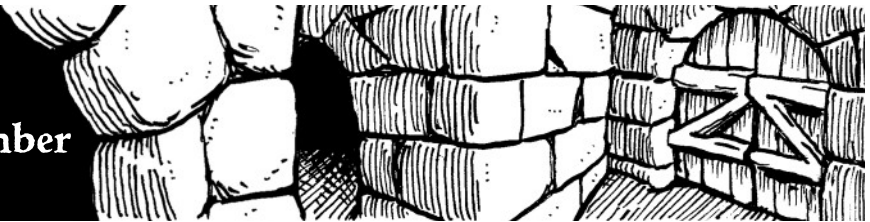
\*See Table 3: Random Dungeon Dressing.

1. The only way to enter the dungeon at this point is through a hole in the ceiling. An old, rusty block and tackle attached to a tripod sits atop the hole (this is located inside burial mound #12) and a rope descends down into the room. The ceiling is vaulted and 35 feet high from the floor. The room has partially collapsed along the western wall. Worn frescos of a burial procession leading to a barrow mound line the walls. Bones litter the floor. Booted footprints can be seen heading east. Rubble and debris throughout. Smells of dampness and death. Graffiti (check Table 5: Random Graffiti). **When they look down the hallway out of this room, show the players Barrowmaze illustration #8.**

2. This room has a pressure-plate isolation trap. As soon as the first PC (and second, GM's discretion) enters this room a stone wall will descend from the ceiling isolating the front rank from the rest of the party. The door to the north wall will swing open and the skeletons from room #3 will attack! A dark flagstone in the hallway floor just outside the door to #2 is loose and conceals a reset lever that will raise the stone slab (PCs must actively search to



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find the loose stone). Testing the floor with a pole prior to entering may (25%) set off the trap (and break the pole).

### 3. Skeletons (7)

*In my homegame, Tymor One-Eye, a half-elven fighter played by Alex, set off the trap and managed to survive the skeletons. His comrades frantically tried to open the door while Tymor heroically held off the undead.*

*He was later killed when his arms ripped were off by ghouls in the southern crypts.*

4. Debris litters the floor of this room.

5. **Giant Rats** (11) are foraging for food. A sack, dropped on the floor by a fleeing tomb-robber, contains 123sp.

*After playing through the first portion of Barrowmaze (and restocking,) Room #5 held a couple of tough Sapphire Skeletons. The fighter Kreeel (played by Jason) opened the door and decided to bum-rush the skeletons. He rolled a natural 1 and impaled himself on the skeleton's spears for maximum damage. Thereafter this tactic took on legendary status and became known in my group as the Kreeel Manoeuvre™ (patent pending).*

6. This room is empty. Three polished skulls sit on a dusty table. The secret door leads to a small area where a tomb-robber crawled away from combat and died. He wears a dark yellow stripped tunic. In his boney hands he still holds a torch stub and a bag with 15pp.

7. A wooden bucket of fresh human scalps sits in the corner of this room. A small pile of rags is piled on the floor.

8. As the party enters this room they will notice that something has broken through this wall—from the inside. The room is otherwise empty.

9. This room is empty.

10. This room is filed with small octagonal-shaped alcoves. A group of **Zombies** (6) huddle together in the corner. They turn as the PCs enter and attack!

**Burial Alcoves:** (145) Octagonal filled with remains.  
**Contents:** 94sp, Silver Bracelet (20gp).

11. This hallway has three crypt entrances on the north wall, a portcullis on the south, and a bricked-up entrance on the far eastern wall. The corridor is lined with dust and debris.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** This crypt is empty. The door is closed. Graffiti (check Table 5: Random Graffiti).

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is ajar. A **Giant Spider** (1) hangs above the door and will attack the first character to enter. This crypt is decorated in bas relief with images of the dead walking into the afterlife. Beside the remains of a skeleton is a bag with 163sp.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt lies in pieces on the floor. There is a coldness to this room. The walls are decorated with faint and vandalized frescos. A disturbed skeleton rests on a stone slab. There is a runic tablet on the floor (if read, check Table 6: Runic Tablets). This crypt contains the ghostly image of a **Phantom** (1).

12. The entrance to this crypt was bricked-up long ago. There is a large half-skull above the archway. Inside, time-worn frescos of warriors defeating the armies of law decorate the east wall and scores of burial alcoves line the others. Four evil warriors have all risen as **Shadows** (4). One is buried with *Leather +1* and another has a steel *Shield +1* (emblazoned with a black dragon) across his chest. The corpse holds so tight to the shield that PCs will have difficulty pulling it away.

**Burial Alcoves:** (179) Square, mummified remains.  
**Contents:** 94sp.

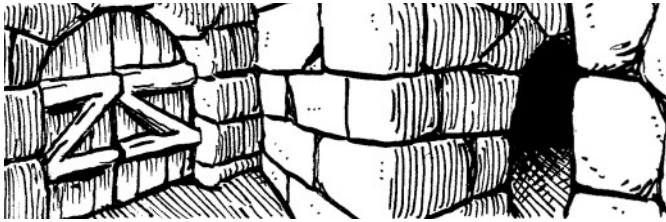
13. The door to this room is trapped. Opening the door snaps a tripwire that sets off a rusty light crossbow mounted on the north wall (+4 to attack, 1d6 damage). The crossbow has a 2 in 6 chance to misfire. Alcoves line with walls. This room has been hastily searched.

**Burial Alcoves:** (51) Triangular, disturbed remains.  
**Contents:** 108gp.

14. Empty. Booted footprints on the floor. Graffiti (check Table 5: Random Graffiti).

15. This room is lined with burial alcoves. There is an undisturbed layer of dust on the floor. A statue of a vile





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demon squats in the center of the room. Two bags beside the statue hold 300sp and 400gp respectively.

**Burial Alcoves:** (146): Octagonal with skull piles.  
**Contents:** 666sp.

16. A previous group of tomb-robbers used this room as a secret supply depot. There are two backpacks (contents subject to GM's discretion), a sledge hammer, a 50' coil of rope, 1 quiver with *Arrows +1* (4), and two *Potions of Healing*.

**Burial Alcoves:** (49) Triangular with bones.  
**Contents:** None.

17. Upon entering this room the party will hear a noise off in the distance: "Tap-tom, tom-tap." It repeats once more and silences. A dwarf or gnome can discern the sound as a hammer. PCs cannot determine the location of the sound.

18. Empty.

19. This room smells of rot. PCs must succeed on a DC 11 Con save or be incapacitated while vomiting for 1d6 rounds (make a random monster check). Two adventurers are impaled on the south wall with spears. Their guts have been ripped open and fed upon. They died of battle wounds, possibly 2–3 weeks ago. One still carries a backpack with 200sp and 30gp.

**Burial Alcoves:** (155) Square filled with urns.  
**Contents:** None.

A. The door to this side crypt is broken. The small crypt beyond the archway was plundered long ago. Bones and debris rest on the floor near the walls. If the PCs actively search this area they will notice passage marks on the floor but cannot ascertain by whom or what. The tracks vary considerably (mongrelmen).

B. This secret room holds a small bag of 45sp in a niche on the western wall. This area also contains signs of passage that end at the wall to the north and then head toward 23B.

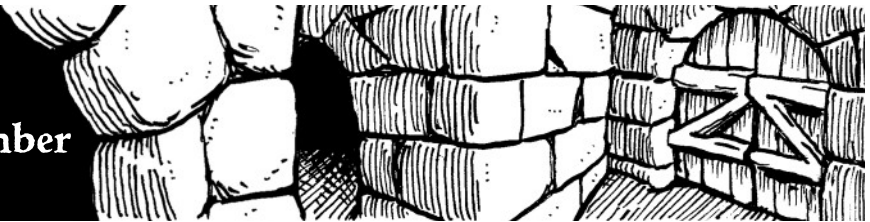
C. This crypt belonged to **Hildras Forestgreen**, a priest of Green Man. **Hildras'** remains rest atop a stone slab against the northern wall. The area is completely covered in cobwebs and dust. **Hildras'** priestly vestments were made of giant spider silk from the Blackened Forest and offer resistance to cold damage when worn. However, they do not detect as magical and will be destroyed if the crypt is lit aflame. **Hildras** also possessed a magical *Club +1* that will survive non-magical fire.

D. Inside the 10x10 foot space is a secret shrine and altar to Green Man/Silvanus. The sides of the altar are decorated in bas relief depicting the forest and the top is shaped into a broad single leaf. On the wall above the altar is the face of Green Man carved in stone. Anyone who prays at the altar will receive a blessing from Silvanus in the form of advantage on their next saving throw. Anyone who desecrates the altar will automatically fail their next saving throw.

20. Empty.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** This defiled crypt contains four **Zombies** (4) who will attack the first person to open the door. One possesses an Electrum Necklace worth 56gp.

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**Quiet Crypt 2:** This crypt contains four pedestals—two each on the east and west walls. Black velvet funerary boxes stand atop each pedestal. The boxes are now moldy, dusty, and covered in cobwebs. Inside the boxes are the remains of a skeleton and a single right-handed glove. The glove is also made of black velvet. The backhand of the glove is decorated to look like a two demonic eyes near the knuckles and the opening looks like a ravenous fanged maw. Underneath each box, in a hidden compartment, is a lever set into the stone. In order to open the secret door to 19C, four PCs must put on the gloves and pull all four levers at the same time. It is the only way by which the secret door may be opened.

**21.** This hallway contains entrances to three burial crypts. Graffiti (see Table 5: Random Graffiti).

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door is locked and the room is empty. A faint runic script written in charcoal decorates this room wall-to-wall. It is undecipherable. A single skeleton wears two Electrum Bracelets (52gp each).

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is locked. A group of **Skeletons** (7) will rise from stone slabs and attack intruders. Frescos too faded to discern. Grave goods include two Platinum Necklaces (174gp each); bags with 400sp and 20gp, *Potion of Clairvoyance*, and a runic tablet.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is locked. **Giant Rats** (8) have managed to enter this crypt through cracks in the walls and are looking for food. Grave goods include a Silver Locket worth 60gp. Moldy, half-rotted tapestries line the walls.

**22.** As the party exits this room they will hear the sound of breaking pottery from #23. If they have already been to #23, roll for an alternative from Table 3: Random Dungeon Dressing.

**Burial Alcoves:** (181) Square with dust, cobwebs.  
**Contents:** 150sp, Tooled Buckle (25gp).

**23.** A skeleton rests face down in the middle of this room. A **Poltergeist** (1) hovers near its lifeless remains. The spirit will screech and throw small clay burial urns at the party.

**Burial Alcoves:** (139) Octagonal with small urns.  
**Contents:** 164cp.

**A.** This room is empty.

**B.** There is a group of **Mongrelmen** (6) in this room. The mongrelmen of Barrowmaze are adept at listening, mimicry, and camouflage. If possible, or if they flee combat, they will exit the door to the northeast, through the secret doors, and out via room #19. The mongrelmen possess no wealth. Their main goal is survival and avoiding the Necromancers of Set. Their abominable appearance belies their intelligence. If the PCs can somehow speak with them, they may impart information about the dungeon for their freedom.

**C.** This room contains a rubble pile in the southeastern corner of the room. However, close inspection will reveal that this rubble pile is merely a camouflaged tarp thrown over an old equipment and weapons cache. The cache includes: sledgehammer, 10 iron spikes, 4 flasks of oil, a bundle of 5 torches, 20 arrows, 10 crossbow bolts, and a *Potion of Healing*.

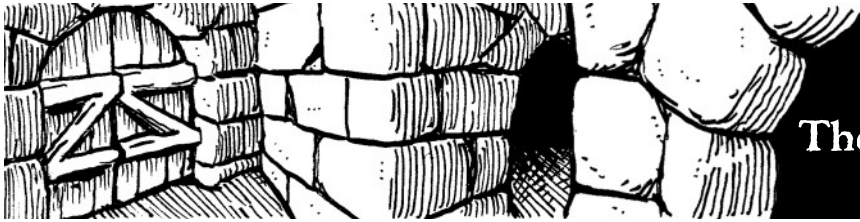
**D.** The walls of this crypt are carved with the likenesses of six armoured knights, six feet tall, and six feet apart. The "heads" of these knights are recessed into the stone and a skull sits in each niche. A 3x3 foot stone bowl stands atop a pedestal in the center of this room. Beside the pool is an empty bronze water jug. If it is filled with the equivalent of ten flasks of water the bowl will glow with a soft green light and offer the benefit of the *Scrying* spell for 10 minutes. Once the effect expires, the eyes of the skulls will glow with the same green light and release **Shadows** (6) that will attack the PC(s) who used the pool.

**24.** This room contains 25 empty alcoves, except one with a **Gray Ooze**. Between the alcoves are decorative patterns plated with silver. The silver can be removed, but it is difficult, time-consuming, and noisy (2 hours and additional random monster checks apply). Removal will require the PCs to purchase special tools and chisels for the job in town (100gp). The total value of the silver is 1,500gp.

**Burial Alcoves:** (25) Rectangular and empty.  
**Contents:** Diamond (80gp).

**25.** This room remains undisturbed. The room contains burial alcoves:

**Burial Alcoves:** (87) Rough cut squares with skeletal remains.  
**Contents:** Gold Holy Symbol (400gp), Silver Earrings (100gp), Small Topaz (50gp)



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**26.** A strange and sudden draft of wind will extinguish torches as the PCs enter this room. Lanterns are unaffected. A number of semi-precious stones, arranged as stars, are set into the low ceiling of this room. Some have been stolen but a few remain. The party can either try to remove them hastily (30 minutes, total value 30gp) or remove them with care (1 hour, total value 300gp). Random monster checks apply.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this room is locked. Inside is a single sarcophagus. The sarcophagus contains a mummy buried with a Copper Inkwell (15gp), a Small Ceramic Bowl (45gp), a Runic Tablet, and a *Potion of Hill Giant Strength*.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this room is locked. The room is in disarray with bones, dust, grave goods, and bits of stone thrown about the room. The chaos is the result of two **Crypt Shades** (2). These undead abominations will materialize and attack any trespassers. The following grave goods can be found strewn across the floor: Dented Brass Cup (25gp), a bag with an Ancient Taper and Sealing Wax (35gp), two Silver Candleholders (25gp each), three *Spell Scrolls* (each with a random cleric spell), and an Ivory Funerary Figure (300gp).

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is broken. The inside contains two plundered sarcophagi. The coverstones were broken with iron spikes that remain on the floor. There are several torch nubs and rusty weapons on the ground. There are also four shriveled corpses: a human male, human female, male dwarf, and female elf. A white marble statue of a robed woman warrior stands on a plinth against the southern wall. The statue will detect as magical. A successful DC 15 Intelligence (Religion) check will reveal the statue as the likeness of the goddess Demetra. If her name is spoken aloud, the statue will activate and relay the last conversation spoken in its presence. In this case, the statue last overheard a discussion between a doomed party of tomb-robbers. GMs are encouraged to role-play the scene and make it come alive for their players:

**Brak** (Male Human Fighter): "There's no escape. We'll have to fight."

**Theena** (Female Human Wizard): "No, we can make the stairs."

**Rukag** (Dwarf Fighter): "I agree with Theena. We can make the stairs."

**Lorilen** (Elf Rogue): "No. We'll never make it. The demon bats will kill us first."

**Brak:** "Theena. Rukag. There are too many and it's too far."

**Rukag:** "What about the entry chamber? Could we climb the rope and escape that way?"

**Lorilen:** "No. We need to fight."

**Theena:** "Wait! What's that? Did you hear that?"

**Brak:** "I hear them too. The decision has been made for us. The demon bats. They are coming..."

If the PCs repeat the activation word (Demetra) they will hear their last conversation prior to activating the statue, or if the GM deems enough time has passed, their conversation immediately after the statue recounts the last stand of the tomb-robbers. The tomb-robbers possessed standard dungeoneering equipment, weapons, and armour. Tucked away in a backpack PCs can find an old piece of parchment displaying three or four dungeon rooms the PCs have yet to find on their map.

**27.** A small pile of coins and a rock rest at the base of three stacked burial alcoves in the south-western corner of this room. Removing either the coins or the stone activates a pressure plate and drops a portcullis, trapping anyone within (be sure to check for random monsters). Careful probing may set off the trap (GM's discretion) and will break a 10 foot pole. Unless they have leverage of some kind it will take the combined strength of six characters to raise the portcullis. This will make noise and require a random monster check.

**Burial Alcoves:** (3) Rectangular with full skeletons.  
**Contents:** 25pp, 3 Pearls (25gp each).

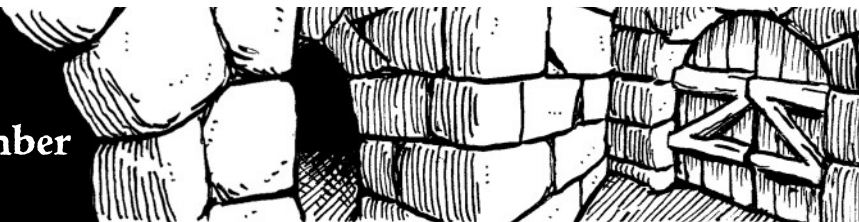
**Quiet Crypt 1:** There is a funerary box (with four skulls) in this room. They each possess black inverted triangles on their foreheads. These skulls can be used as ranged weapons if thrown at an opponent. The skulls are thrown as a magical +1 weapons (10 feet range). The skull does 1d4 points of bludgeoning damage plus 1d4 points of fire damage as it explodes.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** With the exception of a ruined fresco on the northern wall depicting death's door this room is empty.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** This crypt contains two **Exploding Bone**



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**Skeletons** (2) that rest in shallow vertical alcoves. There is no treasure here.

**28.** A stone statue of a great winged gargoyle sits crouched on top of a dais. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #9.** The posture of the statue suggests it is looking into its left hand. However, the statue is missing its left arm near the elbow. The missing left arm is located in room #35Q4. If the arm is reattached the hand will open and reveal a *Pearl of Power*. Graffiti (check Table 5: Random Graffiti).

**29.** A small group of **Mongrelmen** (6) are discussing the party's intrusion into the crypts in hushed tones. The mongrelmen are unaware of the secret door.

**30.** The corridor to this room is lined with statues that appear to watch passersby with their eyes. The wooden door has been chewed off below the knees. There is a nest of **Giant Rats** (11) within. A large black male (twice as many hit points with a +1 bonus to attack and damage rolls) is among them.

**Burial Alcoves:** (130) Square, rearranged bones.  
**Contents:** 89gp, Ruby (50gp).

**31.** This corridor is empty, although rotten yellow funerary curtains conceal small chambers off the main hallway. If the party listens before proceeding tell them they hear faint noises (from the ghouls in D1).

**Defiled Crypt 1:** Two **Ghouls** (2) former lovers in life, are alternating between cooing and yelling at each other in the dark.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** A shelf with human bones. A Jeweled Bracelet (631gp) and a runic tablet can be found.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** Fresco defaced with excrement.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** Removing this curtain reveals a hideous sight! A swarm of **Giant Rats** (8) are consuming the remains of a recently deceased human tomb-robber hastily shoved behind the rotting curtain. The tomb-robber possesses the special scarab key to open the sarcophagus in Barrow Mound #17.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** Tapestries decorate the walls of this secret crypt. **Skeletons** (8) will slowly rise from a pile of bones on the floor.

**Quiet Crypt 6:** Three Gold Rings (68gp each) are under a stone in the floor.

**32.** Members of an ancient order of priests were laid to rest on stone slabs in this crypt. They have risen as **Skeletons** (10) and **Zombies** (10), and will attack all those who disturb their rest. Each wears tattered robes and carries 2d20sp and 2d20gp. Each slab is decorated in bas relief with roses and thorns. The slab on the north wall has a secret compartment (pull out, turn, and depress a rose). Inside PCs will find a *Mace +1*, *+2 versus Undead* and a set of *Bracers of Defense*.

**33.** The body of a dwarf adventurer lies on the floor. It has been stripped bare. Graffiti (check Table 5: Random Graffiti).

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is open. **Giant Spiders** (3) are within as well as five thin Copper Bracelets (20gp each). Runic script written in blood (long dried) adorns the walls. It is undecipherable.

**Burial Alcoves:** (40) Square with bone piles.  
**Contents:** 89ep, Amethyst (60gp).

**34.** This corridor is empty with the exception of four crypt doors.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** This door hangs in pieces from the frame. The room is decorated in bas relief depicting a setting sun.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** This door is locked. Inside the occupants have risen as **Ghouls** (4). Frescos inside depict death's door. Beside the bodies a runic tablet and two bowls with grave offerings (700sp, 10gp) can be found.

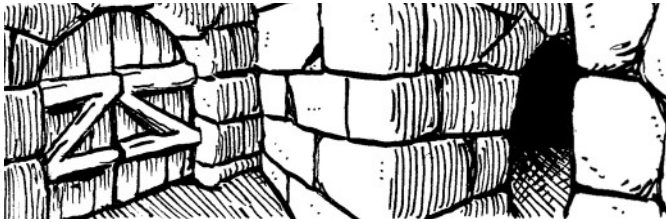
**Quiet Crypt 3:** This crypt is locked and empty without decoration.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** This door is ajar. The room is empty.

**35.** This hallway is empty with the exception of two doors on the north wall and four curtained alcoves on the south.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** This crypt is locked, empty, and decorated with bas relief. Behind the secret door there is a bag of 65pp and a runic tablet.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The wooden door to this room has swollen and is stuck. Inside, standing in small vertical burial niches are ten **Skeletons** (10). One skeleton wears



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tattered blue robes and a blue conical magician's cap complete with silver stars and moons. He also has a *Spell Scroll of Dispel Magic* tied to his waist. The hat is *Pinto's Conical Cap* (see New Magic Items). The hat is filled with 146cp.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** A single **Zombie** (1) stands behind the curtain. He clutches a dagger and repeatedly gouges the southern wall. Once disturbed, he attacks. Buried in the wall is a small leather pouch with a Copper Locket (5gp) with an engraving of a young woman. It appears as a minor trinket. However, the locket is actually a *Brooch of Shielding*. It will take 10 minutes to dig it out (check for random monsters).

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The left arm and hand (with a closed fist) of a stone statue can be found on the floor. See room #28.

**Quiet Crypt 5:** A rotted black curtain hangs here. Scribbles in Black Tongue are written across the floor (check Table 5: Random Graffiti). As well as the scattered bones of two skeletons, there are two tarnished Platinum



Bracelets worth 20gp each. Ill-tempered **Rats** (13) scurry along the walls of this room.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** The image of a **Phantom** (1) lingers in this crypt. Tucked at the back under a pile of bones, rubble, and dust are five Silver Cups (100gp each).

**36.** This room smells of rot and offal. As soon as the door opens each PC must succeed on a DC 11 Con save or be incapacitated while vomiting for 10 minutes. A large pile of refuse, bones, and rotting cadavers is heaped in the middle of this room. Burial alcoves line the walls. If the party searches the mound, **Rot Grubs** (see **Son of Gaxx** for effects) will emerge to feed. Inside the mound is a rotting finger still wearing a *Ring of Protection*.

**Burial Alcoves:** (55) Rectangular with full skeletons.

**Contents:** 113gp, Ivory Statuette (30gp).

**37.** Beyond the bricked-up wall, this hallway contains 6 crypt doors.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. The crypt contains skeletal remains and ancient silver coins (186sp) in a rotting wooden coffer.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is locked. Frescos depict Nergal, the elder God of the Dead and the Underworld. On the floor is a runic tablet.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** This room is empty and the door is closed.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt is locked. The remains of a skeleton are undisturbed. A purse near his waist contains ancient gold pieces (149gp). There are five mummified cats, or **Neb'Enakhet** (5) near the skeleton. They will appear shy and curious at first but then begin their cacophonous wail.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** The door to this room is stuck. As soon as it opens three **Ghouls** (3) jump out and attack.

**Quiet Crypt 6:** This room is locked. Through small holes a large group of **Rats** (17) have made a nest in this crypt. A bag hidden underneath a skeleton contains 45pp.

**38.** Beyond the bricked-up wall, this hallway contains six crypt doors.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door is ajar. Two Silver Earrings (10gp each) lay on the floor. This room is otherwise empty.

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**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door is closed. **Rats** (8) scurry about a small altar. The altar is made of rusted iron and has incense holders on either side. It is decorated with bas relief of skeletons. If the eye sockets of one of the skeletons are pushed inwards (there is a poison needle trap; victims must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or die) a secret niche will open to reveal a leather bag with 52pp.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door is locked and the room is empty.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The door is stuck. **Skeletons** (9) lying on the floor will rise and attack. Two **Silver Rings** can be found on the floor (32gp each). Wall frescos depict a long forgotten war.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** The door to this crypt is locked. Three **Ghouls** (3) want out and are willing to dialogue with the party for freedom. However, they only speak Black Tongue. They have no knowledge of the dungeon outside their crypt and only fragmented memories of their former lives. They each wear cheap **Silver Necklaces** (32gp each). If they are let go, they will likely hunt the party and attack at an opportune time.

**Quiet Crypt 6:** This room is empty and the door is swollen shut. A **Silver Candelabra** worth 50gp rests at the head

of the only skeleton in this crypt.

**39.** The pit trap in the hallway leading to this room is concealed and teleports anyone who falls to #74G.

A **Gray Ooze** (1) is hiding in one of the alcoves along the eastern wall of this room.

**Burial Alcoves:** (172) Square with bones.  
**Contents:** Jade idol (300gp).

**40.** Empty.

**Burial Alcoves:** (126) Octagonal filled with dust and cobwebs

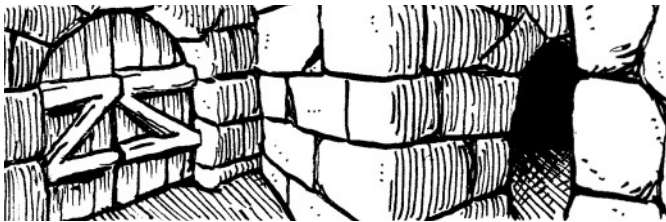
**Contents:** A bag with 97ep. One alcove contains the remains of a warrior with shield (silver tree device), ancient platemail, and a *Battle Axe +1*. Another holds the remains of a black-robed wizard with his arms tightly clutching a unique spellbook, which is covered in red velvet with steel fittings and tied with goblin hide. This spellbook is cursed. Vermin will seek to attack the bearer of the spellbook over others. 1st Level: *Alarm, Burning Hands, Color Spray, Feather Fall, Comprehend Languages, Magic Missile*, 2nd Level: *Knock, Suggestion, Vitharia's Vengeful Visage* (see New Spells), 3rd Level: *Blink*.

**A.** There are no monsters, traps or treasure in this chamber. Instead, this crypt provides PCs an opportunity to learn more about the history of Barrowmaze. This crypt is made of black stone. The walls (west, north, and east) of this room are decorated in ancient frescoes. The western wall depicts Nergal, the elder God of Death and the Underworld surrounded by hooded priests and followers. The northern wall pictures Nergal bestowing a large magical tablet (akin to a runic tablet) to the high priest of his faith. The eastern wall depicts Nergal commanding his faith and pointing to the east. They form a long procession into a set of barrow mounds and descend into Barrowmaze. Etched in Black Tongue is the following:

*And so the great and powerful Lord of the Underworld gathered His Chosen, and unto His priest most favoured—Ascyet Vie Yannarg—He bestowed The Tablet of Chaos. He commanded His Chosen to entomb The Tablet for all eternity. So He commanded. And so it was done.*

**41.** The door is ajar. **Giant Carnivorous Flies** (2; treat as **Giant Bat**) are feeding on two strangely preserved corpses. Between them the corpses have 23pp.





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**Burial Alcoves:** (71) Square, preserved corpses.  
**Contents:** 149gp, *Potion of ESP*, Ruby (800gp).

42. This hallway is empty.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door to this room is ajar. A dead elf, abandoned by his adventuring comrades, lies face down in a pool of congealed blood. He has risen as a **Ghoul** (1) and is playing dead, hoping to use his paralyze ability. He has a pair of *Gloves of Swimming and Climbing* stuffed in his belt. Graffiti (check Table 5: Random Graffiti).

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is ajar. Four white corpses pose as dead but are really **Ghouls** (4) who will attempt to gain surprise. A single runic tablet.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door is ajar. This room has been hastily searched. Amongst the debris on the floor are two Copper Rings worth 20gp each. Frescos depict gladiatorial combat. **Grr'Woof-nub**, a **Mongrelman** (1) hiding from his mongrel brethren. He is frail and



weaker than the others and has been outcast. He knows that the mongrelmen have been watching the party since they entered Barrowmaze. He also knows that the mongrelmen have been forced to serve "the great master" but does not elaborate—merely relating the experience with a combination of reverence and fear. **Grr'Woof-nub** only speaks a broken version of common intermixed with animals sounds (whimpers, cries, growls, and yips) and ambient dungeon noises (many of which the PCs have heard already). His speech may or may not be understood. If he hears combat he is 80% likely to stay where he is, using his hiding and mimicry ability to throw off the PCs. **Grr'Woof-nub** should provide great role-playing opportunities. He will flee the party the first chance he gets, unless it is in his interest to stay. He will not leave the dungeon.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt is stuck. A group of **Zombies** (4) stand huddled together in the center of the room. They attack anyone who disturbs their tomb.

**Quiet Crypt 5:** This crypt was looted long ago.

**Quiet Crypt 6:** The door is closed. Tapestries hanging from all the walls are now moldy and decayed.

43. Show the players **Barrowmaze illustration #10**. A massive stone obelisk rests in the center of this chamber. The obelisk outlines the dark rituals of Nergal's faith written in Black Tongue, Elvish, Dwarven, and Ancient Common on its four sides. Rubbings from this obelisk would be valuable to a sage (1,000gp) but would also allow a cleric or wizard (with a month worth of study) to learn the rudiments of any of the four languages. There is a 70% chance that a group of **Skeletons** (8) led by **Kelmok**, a **Mage of Set** will enter the room from the southern door a few moments after the PCs arrive.

*This is a dangerous encounter for players characters. My group refused to proceed into the room and used the hallway as a natural choke point to deal with the skeletons. Kelmok cast his sleep spell instead and near TPKed the party.*

*The only survivor was the druid Milren of Herne who was later paralyzed and eaten by a Carcass Scavenger.*



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**Kelmok** carries a spellbook and a pouch with 13pp. He wears a half-skull mask and bones are stitched onto his black robes. One of the skeletons serves as his torch-bearer. He will use his skeletons as a barrier and throw his *Sleep* spell as soon as possible. He is a fanatical follower of Set and will not surrender.

**44.** Each of the six long burial passages in this large crypt holds 50 alcoves. There are four skeletons per passage that will animate and attack as soon as one of the passages is searched. **Skeletons** (6 groups of 4 skeletons each).

**Burial Alcoves:** (300 total) Circular, with bones.

**Contents:** Each passage holds 6d20cp, 4d20sp, and 1d20pp in various pouches, bags, and bowls. Four passages contain rare treasure. Passage 1 holds three *Spell Scrolls: Cure Wounds, Protection from Evil and Good, and Spiritual Armor* (see New Spells). Passage 3 contains two more *Spell Scrolls: Mirror Image and Darkvision*. The fifth passage holds a *Sling +1* and the sixth passage contains a *Cloak of Protection*.

**A.** This crypt contains a standing sarcophagus along the southern wall. PCs will notice a terrible stench emitting from it. The sarcophagus contains **Reuts Ool**, a **Ghaist** (1). **Reuts** believes he is alive and, as soon as he hears noise in the chamber, will begin yelling "Help! Help me! Let me out! Pleeese!" If freed **Reuts** may join the party for a time (subject to the opinions of a cleric or paladin), but his emerging desire to eat human flesh will get the better of him eventually. He has no memories of his former life, and is quite obviously insane. Inside is a Small Platinum Funerary Figure (2200gp) and a *Longbow +2*.

**45.** A hideous **Coffer Corpse** (1) with yellowed skin rests on a granite slab. Beside his body is a shield and a *Hand Axe +1* which is enchanted to shed light equivalent to a torch on command.

**46.** This door enters into a set of crypts.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** This crypt is locked. An undisturbed skeleton in a burial shroud rests on a stone slab. A runic tablet can be found beside the remains.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is ajar and the crypt is empty.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is locked. A skeleton rests atop of a stone slab. The floor, slab, and

skeleton are partially covered in what appears to be thick yellow dust. The dust is **Amber Mold** (1). As the **Skeleton** (1) rises to face the party, the amber mold will eject its spores.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The door to this room is closed. Four open sarcophagi are filled to the rim with dark peat-colored water. The water drips slowly from the ceiling and walls. The skeletons in the sarcophagi have calcified from the minerals. They attack when disturbed. **Fossil Skeletons** (4). Each sarcophagus holds 4d20gp.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** The door to this tomb is closed. Black Tongue, scribbled in black charcoal, adorns the walls in an undecipherable and erratic pattern. Two **Ghouls** (2) are crouched gnawing on unsatisfying bones.

**Quiet Crypt 6:** This door to this room is locked. There is one sarcophagus with its lid ajar. Three **Giant Poisonous Snakes** (3) have managed to enter this room through cracks and crevices in the walls. They have made their nest in the sarcophagus. Inside are two Gold Chalice worth 15pp each.

**47.** A **Gelatinous Cube** (1) is here (in the square marked #47) digesting a tomb-robber. When the party enters they will see a man, standing with his back to the party, with his right arm raised (this is the tomb-robber enveloped in the middle of the gelatinous cube. The front side of his body has been dissolved). The cube will stay still and only move toward the party if it is attacked by ranged weapons or if a party member approaches for a closer look. It is almost invisible otherwise.

Each of the eight burial vaults accommodates approximately 50 paupers' alcoves (410 total).

### Burial Vault 1:

**Burial Alcoves:** (50) Square with urns.

**Contents:** 165ep, *Luckstone* (+1 on saves).

### Burial Vault 2:

**Burial Alcoves:** (51) Circular with bones.

**Contents:** 183 gp.



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### Burial Vault 3:

**Burial Alcoves:** (53) Triangular with bones.

**Contents:** 107sp, Ivory Carving (666gp), Bracelet (60gp), Fire Opal (100gp), and a Glass Box (20gp).

### Burial Vault 4:

**Burial Alcoves:** (48) Octagonal with skulls.

**Contents:** 21sp, Jade Idol (300gp), Earrings (60gp), and a Copper inkwell (15gp).

### Burial Vault 5:

**Burial Alcoves:** (52) Hexagonal with full skeletons.

**Contents:** 162ep and an Ornate Plate (18gp). One skeleton wears a mithril brooch in the shape of an elven tree. If set on a fine quality cloak or robe the garment will function as a *Cloak of Elvenkind*.

### Burial Vault 6:

**Burial Alcoves:** (52) Trapezoidal, bronzed skulls.

**Contents:** Necklace (20gp) and a Coral (50gp).

### Burial Vault 7:

**Burial Alcoves:** (52) Triangular, disturbed remains.

**Contents:** Ruby (70gp) and a Brass Cup (60gp).

### Burial Vault 8:

**Burial Alcoves:** (52) Hexagonal, hastily searched.

**Contents:** 87gp and a Circlet (50gp).

A small maze of rough-hewn passages extends from one of the southern crypts. A variety of strange monsters have found their way into these passages. A powerful and ancient magic item, called the *Fount of Law*, is also buried deep in this catacomb.

**A.** Located on a ledge about 10 feet above the ground is a **Cave Fisher** (1; treat as **Giant Crab**, but with twice as many hit points and a Multiattack that uses Claw twice). In its nest are numerous bones and remains including an elf and his *Studded Leather +2* that the cave fisher spat back out. There is also a partially destroyed scroll with the following words written in elvish: Red, Black, Purple (a hint to area #84).

**B.** This cave is covered with large mushrooms, except for

a small pool at its center. Two of the mushrooms near the water are **Shriekers** (2) and another is a **Violet Fungus** (1). A few fire beetle shells are dotted around the pool.

**C.** A small nest of **Giant Fire Beetles** (5) have gathered to feed on the lichen that grows in the cave. Their glands continue to glow after they have been slain. Wise players can harvest them as a light source.

**D.** This small tomb appears different than the others in this area of Barrowmaze. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #11.** It is rough-hewn and does not possess care or craftsmanship in its construction. Three ominous statues of male warriors surround a sarcophagus. Two are a type of caryatid column called **Barrow Guardians** (2). They attack if the sarcophagus is approached.

The outside of the sarcophagus is covered with unholy clerical runes of protection painted in dried blood. Inside is a pale white orb. This is the *Fount of Law*. See the section on New Magic Items for more information. The *Fount* will brighten slightly in the hands of a lawful PC. As the orb is brought closer and closer to the Pit of Chaos in #151 it will brighten further and begin to pulse. The remains of its bearer, a knight by the name of **Sir Guy de O'Veargne**, a holy-warrior of St. Ygg, can be found in #109A and his ghost can provide the PCs with more information.

**E.** **Stirges** (7) hang from the ceiling of this chamber like bats. If the party is listening as they approach the cave, give them an opportunity to hear the occasional squeaks and chatter of the stirges. Three shiny gems can be seen in the center of the cave floor amongst some bones (250gp x2, 75gp).

**F.** A large, old, bloated **Carcass Scavenger** (1; treat as **Giant Centipede** but with ten times as many hit points) has retreated to its lair to feed. There is a 3 in 6 chance that it will hear the PCs approach and position itself above the doorway on the ceiling. Otherwise it will be too preoccupied by its meal to hear the party. This monster has somehow managed to accumulate a large trove including 2,891cp, 2,041sp, 4,113gp, four Rubies (75gp, 25gp, 1,000gp, 10gp).

**48.** Entrance to this room is blocked by a rusty portcullis. The portcullis requires four people to lift/hold and will create noise (random monster check). This room is covered in small rock debris and cobwebs. It is otherwise empty.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt lies in pieces on the

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floor. Three **Giant Spiders** (3) cling to the ceiling above the entrance. A total of 37cp glints at the back of the crypt. Frescos of men in short white tunics running in footraces decorate the walls.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** This room is ajar. Two open sarcophagi with skeletons rest within. No treasure.

49. This room is filled with statues dedicated to long-forgotten gods. A broken altar sits along the southern wall. The room is otherwise empty.

*The pit in this room created a lasting memory with my players. Smedly, an Elven Cleric of Arcantry, inadvertently stepped on the edge of the concealed pit. He balanced precariously there, and made successive Dexterity checks until his fellow adventurers formed a line extending from a statue to save him.*

*Smedly was later killed by a poisonous snake.*

50. A small rubble pile near the secret door hides **Giant Centipedes** (6).

51. This room has two unique features. The inner walls are lined with small rectangular burial alcoves. In the center is a short sealed stone mausoleum. It has a stone door with engraved runes in Ancient Common that read "Klexx the Maligned." The area smells of old death and rot. A **Coffer Corpse** (1) is buried with jewelry including a Golden Crown worth 1,000gp, and two Jeweled Bracers worth 1,400gp (each).

**Burial Alcoves:** (143) Square with black urns.  
**Contents:** 131sp.

52. There is a broken and defaced statue on the floor as well as a group of **Giant Carnivorous Flies** (5); treat as **Giant Bat**.

53. A former group of low level clerics of Nergal have risen as **Huecuva** (6) and will pull themselves out of their burial alcoves when the party enters. Give the PCs a partial move before initiative. One of the undead carries a pouch with three gems (10gp, 1,000gp, 1,200gp).

**Burial Alcoves:** (72) Square choked with dust, bones, and cobwebs.  
**Contents:** Earrings (30gp) and a *Bag of Holding* that currently holds 123gp.

54. A low snarl echoes from the west as the party enters this burial chamber.

**Burial Alcoves:** (69) Circular with chewed bones.  
**Contents:** 51ep.

55. Eight yellowed human teeth are arranged in an arrow pointing west.

**Burial Alcoves:** (54) Square, mummified remains.  
**Contents:** 41pp.

56. Broken stones are piled into a pyramid along the northern wall of this room. Graffiti (see Table 5: Random Graffiti).

57. There is a 4 in 6 chance that the **Mongrelmen** (3) in this room will hear anyone approaching from room #56. They are counting shiny grave goods spread into piles on the floor: 1,532cp, 1,897sp, and four Emeralds (75gp, 100gp, 200gp, 400gp).

If they hear the party coming, two will hide behind the door and the third will throw itself down in the middle of the floor as a diversion and mimic an elderly woman's voice quietly moaning "Help. Help."

58. The head of a stone statue, chipped and broken, can be found here.

59. In this hallway the entrances to A and C have rubble piles at their base and suggest that something broke free from inside—they smell of old death. Alcove B is still bricked-up with a **Zombie** (1). The ten alcoves are located in D. Also note that Alcove B is the teleport location for the pit located in #126.

**Burial Alcoves:** (10) Octagonal with skulls.  
**Contents:** 88ep. One alcove (determine randomly) is infested with **Rot Grubs** (see **Son of Gaxx** for effects)

60. Partial collapse in the south-east corner.

61. This small area is dotted with 20 small alcoves.

**Burial Alcoves:** (20) Circular. Empty but one.  
**Contents:** 115cp, Silver Earrings (50gp), and a *Silver Dagger +1*.

62. A **Giant Constrictor Snake** (1) recently entered this room and created a nest for itself behind the pillars



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on the eastern side of this room. A rubble pile in the north central portion (from a partially collapsed ceiling) shows the glint of 85cp. The snake takes advantage of this natural bait. In its nest there are bones of humans and various other creatures as well as a pouch with six assorted gemstones: 10gp, 25gp, 50gp, 100gp, 500gp, 750gp.

**63.** Two **Crystal Statues** (2; see new spell *Animate Statue* for stats) of ancient warriors stand outside this room. Their heads turn to watch the PCs but they only attack if the party searches the immediate area. These statues can be shattered instantly if a tuning fork is struck.

**Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #12.** In the center of the room is a round dais with a large pedestal. On the pedestal is a metal gauntlet that glows softly in the darkness. This is the *Gauntlet of Palantis* (see *New Magic Items*). If the gauntlet is lifted, a scything blade extends from the pedestal and cuts horizontally at the abdomen (if standing). The victim must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 1d8 damage (half on save) and, if struck, must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or die from the poison coating the blade.

**64.** This hallway ends with four doors—all burial crypts. This area is eerily quiet.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. The remains of three skeletons are at rest.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is locked. A dreaded **Son of Gaxx** (1) can be found lying in a closed sarcophagus. Inside the sarcophagus is a Gold Necklace worth 2,100gp.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is smashed to pieces. Two runic tablets are piled on the floor. The western wall has been scorched black with flame.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The door to this room is ajar. Bones litter the floor. This room has been searched previously. Every other flagstone on the wall appears to have been cracked or smashed with a hammer. If the PCs linger for more than 10 minutes, a **Poltergeist** (1) will manifest and begin throwing bones and sepulcher debris at the PCs.

**65.** This room appears to be a small temple. Along the western wall, a small altar rests in front of a large foreboding statue of Nergal, the former God of the Underworld.

The statue beckons entrants forth. Note that a pit is located immediately in front of the statue. If the party stops and listens before they proceed, they will hear faint cries and curses in dwarven. These come from **Arnd Cobblestone** (a second level Dwarven Cleric) who fell into the pit and was abandoned by his adventuring comrades. He has been down there for days and is currently at 1 hit point. Only his dwarven fortitude and the presence of water have kept him alive. If healed and armed he will join the party and serve as a loyal henchman (with a full share of experience and treasure). **Arnd** is a typical dwarf. His favorite sayings are "That's not even fit for a goblin!" or "I'd trust an elf before I'd trust..."

If the statue is presented an offering on the altar worth 500gp+ (this value should increase with the level of the characters), the statue will animate and answer a question. The statue will answer five questions before it loses its power. For each attempt roll 1d6: 1–2 truthful response, 3–4 cryptic response, 5–6 false response.

**66.** This hallway is empty. Dust lies thick on the floor.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door is stuck. Two skeletons covered in lime deposits are interred within. Both wear a Jeweled Necklace of White Gold (133gp each). The boney remains are **Fossil Skeletons** (2) and will attack those who enter their crypt. Rotting yellowed tapestries depict day-to-day life of knights, clergy, and lay peoples.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** This crypt is unlocked. Inside is a glass sarcophagus scattered into pieces. Skeletal remains litter the floor. Frescos depict great buildings and structures. A total of 382ep is scattered around the floor (random monster check to collect) as well as a runic tablet. If the remains are touched the bones will begin glowing a sickly yellow color and animate! **Yellow Glowing Skeleton** (1; treat as a normal skeleton but with three times as many hit points and a +3 bonus to attack and damage rolls).

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is stuck. The skeletal remains of a human lay on a stone slab against the western wall. Hanging above him is a well-worn longbow. A ledge on the northeastern wall contains three arrow tips. These arrow tips are engraved with the symbol of Herne the Hunter on one side and a second symbol on the other appropriate to the arrow (GM's discretion). They all detect as magical. Use the random table below to determine the exact properties of the arrow tips:



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### Arrow Tips

1. Arrow +1
2. Arrow +2
3. Arrow of Slaying (Wraiths)
4. Arrow of Slaying (Golems)
5. Arrow of Slaying (Elementals)
6. Arrow, Cursed Backbiter\*



\*When fired, this arrow will fly in an arc above and behind the archer and strike him/her in the back as a +3 weapon.

67. This long corridor is empty. Archways enter into ancient, undisturbed burial-niches:

A. The first to enter this niche disturbs a swarm of normal beetles. **Swarm of Insects** (1; has 5' burrow speed).

B. This niche is empty.

C. This niche is empty.

D. This niche contains a *Magic Mouth* that screams "Grave Robbers!" three times. The first character must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or flee in fear for 1 minute. Make random monster check.



E. Beside a skull rests a beautiful jeweled Gold Chalice (value 500gp) that shines in the torchlight once dusted. Underneath the chalice is a scrap of burnt paper showing a random area of the dungeon 40' in all directions (GM's Discretion).

F. The remains of a halfling can be found in this crypt. On either side of her remains are two halfling sized wooden statues. The statues are **Wood Golems** (2; treat as **Flesh Golem** but with half hit points and no damage immunities). They attack if the halfling's bones are disturbed.

G. This niche is empty.

H. A gold skull rests atop a pedestal with black opal gems in the eye sockets. It looks quite intimidating. There is no trap. Etched into its base is the word "dlohnoitisop". The skull detects as magical and can be used as *Wand of Paralysis* (12 charges, not rechargeable). When used, beams of energy will shoot forth from the opals in magnificent fashion. A plate underneath the skull suggests it could be mounted on a staff, mace shaft, or wand.

I. A simple skeleton is at rest. A clay bowl holds 10pp and bone dice. Under his right arm is an astrolabe.

J. This niche holds the remains of a knight, a suit of ornate, rusty plate mail (no longer usable) and "Bonesplitter" a *Broadsword* +1, +2 versus Undead. However, the entire niche is blanketed by a colony of **Amber Mold** (4).

68. This room is empty with the exception of a chalk drawing on the floor (a partial map to the barrow passages in #47 (B-F).

**Burial Alcoves:** (45) Circular, rearranged bones.  
**Contents:** Ruby Ring (275gp), Topaz (100gp).

69. This room has partially collapsed (NW corner). Be sure to consult the collapse rules presented in the front of this book.

70. This room possesses an illusion trap. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #13.** The illusion of a glowing white sword sits on the floor of this room in front of a 30 foot tall statue of Nergal sitting on a throne.



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If someone comes within 5 feet of the sword they will fall into a pit. An **Ochre Jelly** (1) waits at the bottom.

### Burial Vault 1:

**Burial Alcoves:** (52) Square and empty.  
**Contents:** None.

### Burial Vault 2:

**Burial Alcoves:** (51) Triangular, disturbed skeletons.  
**Contents:** 54cp, Gold Circlet (80gp), Amethyst Gem (60gp), and a *Silver Spear +1*.

### Burial Vault 3:

**Burial Alcoves:** (49) Hexagonal, gnawed bones.  
**Contents:** Circlet (100gp), Diamond (40gp), Dented Helm (1sp). One alcove contains a small wooden coffer. The box is trapped with an old poisoned dart (DC 9 Dex save or die). The box contains a *Ring of Protection*.

### Burial Vault 4:

**Burial Alcoves:** (50) Circular with skeletons.  
**Contents:** Gold Statuette (500gp), Bloodstone (30gp), and a *Cursed Spear* (imposes a -1 penalty to attack and damage rolls, and no other weapons can be used until the curse is broken).

### Burial Vault 5:

**Burial Alcoves:** (50) Circular, silver-plated skulls (3gp each).  
**Contents:** Bracelet (60gp), Ruby (100gp), Ornate Figurine (18gp). One alcove holds a small, locked metal box. The box detects as magical. The lock can only be opened by a specific magical key located in room #77. Inside is a *Spell Scroll of Stoneskin*, a *Helm of Comprehending Languages* (in the form of a pair of eyeglasses), and a *Silver Dagger +2*.

### Burial Vault 6:

**Burial Alcoves:** (51) Square, mummified remains.  
**Contents:** Shaped Coral (80gp), Pewter Chalice (50gp), Pouch of Gold Coins (35gp), broken spear.

**71.** The door to this room is locked and made of rusted steel. See area #72 regarding instructions to open this door. This room is empty. However, opening the door

to A will set off a deadfall trap. Anyone in the doorway must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 3d6 damage (half on save). A dwarf may detect the nature of this stonework trap before opening the door.

**Burial Alcoves:** (160) Circular with shrunken heads.  
**Contents:** Bloodstone Jewel (80gp).

**72.** Show the players **Barrowmaze illustration #14**. There are two rusty steel doors in this room: west and south. Both doors are locked.

On the west wall of this room is a metal box with a set of three mechanical levers all in the down position. Moving the two outer levers up (makes a distinct mechanical *Clank!* sound) opens the western door for 10 minutes. The levers will reset to the down position after that time (note that this may trap players). Moving the two outer levers up and then immediately back down (this makes a mechanical *Clank! Click!*) opens the western door and locks the door in the open position. The same process works for the south door using the center and right levers.

**Burial Alcoves:** (39) Square with cobwebs.  
**Contents:** 52pp, Gold Earrings (80gp).

**73.** The door to this room is locked and made of rusted steel. See area #72 regarding instructions to open this door. If the party is exceedingly quiet and listens at the door intently before proceeding they will hear the murmurs of the two ghouls in Defiled Crypt 6 arguing over their latest meal.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this room is stuck. The walls are covered in a large yellow panoramic fresco depicting two groups: the lawful and chaotic gods. Each group has their hands raised to receive a tablet from on high. On a low stone altar are a copper plate with two Silver Rings (50gp each), a wooden funerary figurine, three small Emeralds (35gp each), 10pp, a cracked clay bowl, and a carved wooden deer.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** This door is locked and locks behind those who enter. Two **Giant Spiders** (2) are within. One of their victims, a halfling, has a *Stoutblade Dagger* in his sheath (see New Magic Items) and 43ep. He lays face down covered in cobwebs. A large fresco depicts a great temple.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The entrance to this crypt is closed. A total of 48sp sits in a short squat bowl on a low table beside



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a black urn.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** This door is ajar. The tomb is decorated with bas relief depicting the raising of the dead. Whatever was interred on the stone slabs stood up and walked away.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** This door is partially open. Shadows from torch/lantern light flicker and dance wildly in this room. Three **Shadows** (3) will use the low flickering torchlight to their benefit, gaining advantage on initiative for this combat. Frescos depict three brothers devoted to Nergal.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** The door to this crypt lies in pieces on the floor. Two **Ghouls** (2) are whispering and hissing to each other as they fight over a meaty (and recent) human leg (including high hard boot). A steel helm (complete with head and horrified facial expression) sits on the floor beside them. A total of 102ep can be found among the other rubble and debris. Two runic tablets can be found and two others are broken. The ghouls recently managed to lock themselves in (from area #72) and will negotiate for freedom. They have knowledge of the immediate dungeon area. They may choose to track and attack the party.

**Burial Alcoves:** (72) Rectangular with dust.

**Contents:** Topaz Necklace (60gp), Fire Opal (40gp), and a Platinum Ring (40gp).

**74.** A number of small mausoleums line this hallway. Graffiti (check Table 5: Random Graffiti).

**A.** The door to this mausoleum is ajar. A nest of **Giant Poisonous Snakes** (6) wait inside.

**B.** The body of a wizard appears to have been hastily pushed into this crypt. She has a small spellbook with *Sleep*, *Light*, *Identify*, *Detect Magic*, and *Web* in her backpack. Her body is in an advanced state of decay. The character that opens the door must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be incapacitated while vomiting for 1d6 rounds (random monster check).

**C.** As soon as the door to this tomb is opened a strong draft of wind will extinguish torches. Lanterns are unaffected. The tomb is empty except the skeletal remains of two humans.

**D.** A white arrow written in chalk on the door points west with the warning, "Don't go this way." This mausoleum

is empty.

**E.** This mausoleum contains bones arranged on an altar.

**F.** A trail of slime appears to extend from underneath this door, heads east for 30 feet, and then disappears. This mausoleum is empty.

**G.** The door to this crypt is locked. A **Skeleton** (1) rests within. It wears black *Chainmail +1* and carries a *Longsword +1*. Note that this is a teleport location for the pit trap in room #39.

**75.** A small altar dried with blood sits against the north wall. Fresco above the altar faded away long ago.

**76.** Blood stains on the walls are sticky to the touch. A dead mongrelman can be found with a Platinum Necklace (400gp) and a bag (40gp).

**Burial Alcoves:** (157) Square and some alcoves plundered long ago.

**Contents:** 666cp and a Gold Figurine (100gp).





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**77.** This room is filled with alcoves. One step beyond the first secret door will activate a pressure plate that will drop an extremely heavy portcullis (9 people to lift/hold) and isolates the first party member (or rank) from the group.

Simultaneously, a second secret door will open and release a **Shadow** (1) who will attack. The portcullis can be raised by a lever located at the back of one of the alcoves in the north-east section of this room, or by a six-foot long pry bar.

On the other side of the pit is a Silver Coffin sitting on the lap of a skeleton in robes and covered in cobwebs. Inside the coffin is a key for the metal box located in room #70 (Vault #5). The key detects as magical.

**Burial Alcoves:** (32) Octagonal. All the alcoves are empty but two. One contains a mechanical lever.  
**Contents:** Pouch with 64pp.

**A.** A round statue plinth stands in the center of this room. Engraved in stone at the base of the plinth is the name "Solis." A successful Intelligence (Religion) check will recall the name Solis belonged to an ancient deity of light and the sun. Immediately above the plinth, on the ceiling, is an engraving of a radiant sun. If a PC stands on the plinth and raises their arms above their head they will receive the radiant light of Solis (effect of a *Bless* spell for 1 hour).

**B.** This secret crypt contains **Exploding Bone Skeletons** (4). They will attack when the secret door is opened. The door at the back of the room is stuck. Behind the door is a strangely preserved white skinned-corpse. Around a chain on its neck is a Gold Pendant with a Large Pearl in the center (950gp).

**78.** As the party stands in this corridor they hear the scraping of stone on stone, then silence.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** This room is locked and empty. A bowl at the head of a robed skeleton holds 150pp. A wall fresco depicts worship to the dark gods.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** This room is empty and the door is ajar. In the center is a large pile of broken runic tablets. Underneath the stones (random monster check) is a *Silvered Warhammer +1*.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door is open. This crypt was recently plundered by the tomb-robbers located in #79. Bones have been strewn around the floor and two wooden

caskets have been demolished. A Small Flawed Black Sapphire (65gp) can be found amongst the debris.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** A metal engraving of a book is embossed into this door. The door radiates magic if detected. The door possesses two locks. These locks must be used to open the door (or two *Knock* spells cast simultaneously). The tomb-robbers in #79 possess one of the keys. A mongrelman in area #100 owns the other.

This crypt is the final burial place of an alchemist-wizard. His wish was to have his remains laid to rest in a tomb that resembled his magic laboratory. His skull and four *Spell Scrolls* with random wizard spells rest on a pedestal in the center of the room. The walls are lined with tables and shelves with beakers, vials, and bottles of various shapes and strange contents. For each period of 10 minutes spent searching the crypt, roll 1d6. A roll of 1 indicates something of interest has been found. No more than six items can be found. Be sure to check for random monsters.

### Potion Result

1. *Potion of Healing*
2. *Potion of Mind Reading*
3. *Oil of Slipperiness*
4. *Potion of Poison*
5. *Antitoxin*
6. *Potion of Hill Giant Strength*

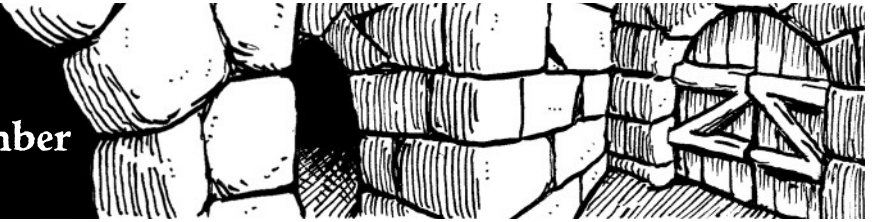


**Defiled Crypt 5:** The door to this crypt is made of rusted steel and locked. The lock must be picked (trapped with a poison needle; DC 13 Dex save or die) or opened magically. Perched on the northern wall near the door is a fearsome gargoyle statue with its clawed hands outstretched. A sealed sarcophagus against the southern wall contains a **Mummy** (1). The mummy has a Gold Headband (600gp) and an ornate Gold Sceptre embedded with Black Opals (1600gp) lying underneath its crossed arms.

**79.** A group of **Tomb-Robbers** (8) are at rest quietly discussing how to proceed through the crypts. They just hid two pouches (containing 300gp and 10gp) under a loose stone in the south-east corner. One of the robbers has a key engraved with a book (for room #78 Q4).



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**Burial Alcoves:** (26) Octagonal with clay urns.  
**Contents:** Bowl with 52ep.

**80.** This room is barred with a portcullis. It will take 5 characters to lift and hold. Beyond, all the party can see are rotted and moldy yellow curtains, hanging by threads. The curtain hides a mirror on the back wall. The first character to look into the mirror will be instantly transported inside it. The character will appear standing on a dead, amber landscape dotted with withered trees and a mirror suspended in the air. There the PC must do battle with a **Zombie** that has a hit point maximum equal to 10 times their character level, and a bonus to attack and damage rolls equal to their character level. If the player is successful s/he returns to the living and the mirror shatters to pieces. If the player loses, the mirror will turn opaque gray and maniacal laughter will echo throughout the room (random monster check).



**81.** Water trickling down the walls of this room has fossilized a number of skeletons that animate and attack intruders. **Fossil Skeletons** (7).

**Burial Alcoves:** (52) Circular with full skeletons.  
**Contents:** 58gp, Diamond Ring (500gp).

**A.** The door to this room is ajar. There are three **Blood-Thirsty Spiders** (3) hanging from webs in the ceiling of this room. Skulls line the walls of the chamber at the floor. There is no treasure here.

**82.** A soft red glow filters out of this room. There are **Giant Fire Beetles** (5) inside scrounging for food. Their glands continue to glow after they have been defeated. Players can use them as a temporary light source, if needed.

**83.** Empty.

**84. Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #15.** There are three pools recessed into the floor. They contain liquids: black, purple, and deep red. If a player mixes red, black, and purple in that order, and drinks the fluid, they will have their primary ability score increased by one. This happens only once. If they mix the liquid together in a different order, consult the table below. Note: a hint is provided on a scroll located in area #47A. The pools have no power if consumed individually.

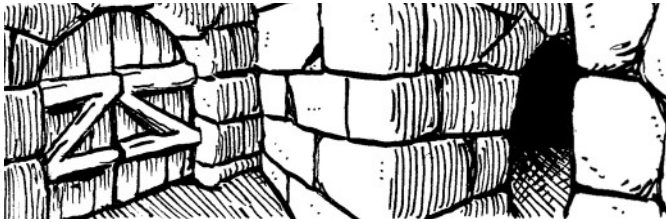
### Pools of Misfortune\*

1. DC 13 Wis save or suffer *Fear* effect for 1 minute.
2. Maximum hit points permanently decreased by 1d8.
3. Paralyzed 1d4 x 10 minutes.\*\*
4. -1 on all attack rolls for 24 hours.
5. Total XP reduced by 25% (may cause character to de-level).
6. DC 13 Con save or die.

\*Note: chaotic characters suffer no ill effects from the pools. The liquid merely tastes like dirty water.

\*\* Check for random monsters.

*My players took one look at the Pools of Misfortune, got an eerie vibe, and never came back.*



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**Burial Alcoves:** (71) Square with disturbed remains.  
**Contents:** The remains of an elf with *Boots of Elvenkind*.

**85.** One skeleton rests on a stone slab in the center of this room, its black shroud is now moldy and decayed. It holds a small golden box in its hand with an arrow that spins in circles (before it is picked up by a PC). The box is *Fennril's Faithful Compass* (see New Magic Items).

**86.** This room is empty. A large, heavy, rusted portcullis blocks progress to the south.

**87.** A portcullis blocks entrance to this area of the maze. Unless other methods are used, it will require the combined strength of 5 characters to lift and hold. The noise of raising the rusty portcullis will likely draw the attention of random monsters.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this tomb is locked and the room is empty. Two silver statuettes (30gp each) sit on a low table.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this room is ajar. **Rats** (14) lair in this crypt. One sits on a skull, atop a runic tablet, and hisses.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this room is stuck. A hole has been chewed in the bottom. Five **Giant Rats** (5) are inside. In their nest are bones and two Platinum Bracelets worth (52gp each). Frescos depict fishing and the sea.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** This crypt is empty. Something broke free from the inside.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** The door to this room is stuck. Two **Ghouls** (2) lay in their undeath. Frescos depict ritual sacrifice.

**Quiet Crypt 6:** The door to this crypt is ajar. A **Phantom** (1) hovers in the corner of the tomb. Incomprehensible script is written in charcoal on the southern wall.

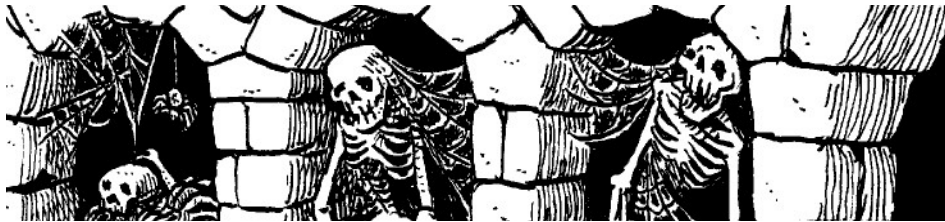
**88. Killer Scorpions** (3) rush and attack from the darkness! Three tomb-robbers lay dead. They managed a pretty good haul of treasure and grave goods before meeting their end. Between them there are sacks of 5,309sp, 3,980gp; as well as two white pearls: 10gp, 25gp. They also carry a *Potion of Growth*, a *Potion of Greater Healing*, and a *Potion of Resistance (Necrotic)*.

Alcoves along the walls include the following:

**Burial Alcoves:** (90) Square with bone piles.  
**Contents:** One alcove contains the remains of a priest. Beside his skull rests a folded and dusty *Chain Shirt +1* and an unknown holy symbol (Zuul, the chaos deity of the elements).







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#### Area Two: Random Monsters

1. Skeletons (1d8)
2. Giant Fire Beetles (3d10)
3. Tomb Robbers (2d4+4)
4. Giant Rats (2d6)
5. Mongrelmen (1d8)
6. Ravenous Dead (1d8)
7. Stirges (1d8)
8. Coffin Corpse (1d4)
9. Necromancers of Set (1d4)
10. Acolytes of Orcus (1d6)
11. Dungeon Dressing\*
12. GM's Choice

\*See Table 3: Random Dungeon Dressing.

**89.** The door is closed and the room appears empty. The first person to step into the middle of the room will depress a stone and set off an isolation trap. An iron cage will fall from the ceiling and trap select adventurers (GM's discretion) from the rest of the party (cautious players scanning the ceiling will see the cage. It is too heavy to lift). There are heavy wooden rafters among the debris in room #92 that could be used to leverage the cage. The cage is difficult to spot. If the party probes the floor with a 10 foot pole they will set off the trap (and break their pole). It will make a very loud noise when it falls and will necessitate two successive random monster rolls.

**90.** The door to this room was bashed in long ago when this crypt was first plundered. Only destroyed funerary baskets and three broken stone sarcophagi remain. Dust is thick throughout the room. If the party searches the sides of the sarcophagi, and brush the dust away, they will notice filigree-style decorations in gold. It will take 2 hours to carefully remove the gold. It is painstaking and noisy work, but the total value is 1,700gp. Check for random monsters accordingly.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. The chamber is covered from floor to ceiling in burial alcoves:

**Burial Alcoves:** (260) Small squares with bone piles.

**Contents:** 85pp, 450gp, 668sp, 15 Crossbow Bolts +1, Hand Axe +2

**91.** This door is closed. This room contains an ancient statue of a sphinx. The statue is broken and crumbling. The tail and nose are broken. It is covered with moss and dust. The statue will animate and dialogue with the party. It is normally very tired and yawns constantly. It will offer to answer a question (about Barrowmaze) but only if the PCs can solve the following riddle. If they fail the statue crumbles into dust. The door on the east wall is ajar.

*Close to the words stay I,  
But I wither, wane, and grow dry.*

**Answer:** A flower (preserved in a book).

**92.** There is a large pile of debris including rubble, rags, broken wood, and two wooden rafters. The door on the north and eastern portion of this room has been bashed down.

**A.** This crypt antechamber hides a deadly guardian monster—both invisible and in stasis. A **Cerepod** (1) floats in the southeastern corner of the room. Its stasis and invisibility will only be broken if: 1) a PC bumps into the monster, or 2) if the bricked-up wall is broken.

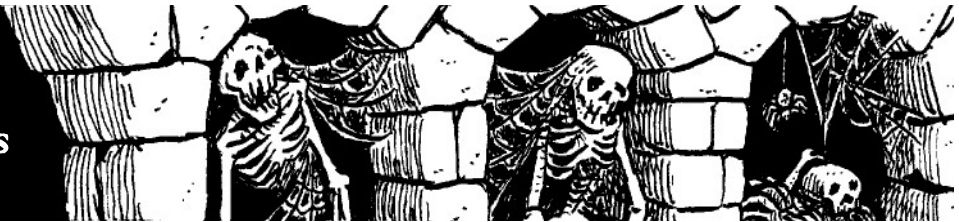
**B.** The walls of the interior crypt are lined with burial alcoves. An engraving in Ancient Common above the bricked-up wall reads **Vermingetrix the Reaver**.

**Burial Alcoves:** (117) Rough-hewn niches, Skulls.

**Contents:** 197gp, Ivory Demon Idol (850gp), and a Black Finely-Cut Sapphire (540gp).

**C.** This inner crypt contains the sarcophagus of **Vermingetrix the Reaver**. When the bricked-up wall is broken down, he will cast off the coverstone of his sarcophagus, draw his sword, and attack. Vermingetrix was an evil warrior of repute in the days before the coming of the Ironguards to this area of the realm. Due to the Tablet of Chaos he has animated into a more powerful and sentient **Funeral Pyre Zombie** (1). He possesses a *Greatsword +1* and wears black *Platemail +2*. Unlike most funeral pyre zombies, **Vermingetrix** will remain ablaze after his remaining flesh has melted away. Any creatures that start their turn within 5 feet of him take

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an automatic 1d6 points of fire damage. He is immune to cold damage and cold-based conditions.

**Vermingetrix's** sarcophagus contains two magical funerary figures: Terra Cotta (500gp) and Gold with Gemstone Eyes (1000gp). There is also a *Scarab of Protection* with 1d4+2 charges and bag with 500sp.

**93.** This room is empty. A broken runic tablet (now useless) rests on the floor.

*This room was fun to play. My players disturbed the Giant Scorpions in #94 who came to investigate. A battle ensued and quickly turned against the wounded and outnumbered party. Snake the halfling climbed the walls to safety. The hirelings Clonan and Derwood were quickly killed with the latter falling into a concealed ten foot pit. Ziggy the wizard was also wounded and in rough shape. This left Kleege the dwarf, now cornered and alone, with two options: fight the scorpions or jump into the pit. Thankfully Ziggy pulled a white rabbit out of Pinto's Conical Cap to distract the remaining creatures. The ensuing chaos gave the party enough time to escape...barely.*

**94.** There are **Killer Scorpions** (6) in this room. They attack and defend their lair.

**Burial Alcoves:** (197) Octagonal, wicker effigies.

**Contents:** 183gp, Jade Idol (300gp), and a Sapphire (55gp).

**95.** This room is empty with the exception of a black altar with dried blood. The altar is decorated with Black Onyx Gemstones.

If these six stones are carefully removed (40 minutes and normal random monster checks) they will be worth 111gp each. The altar contains a secret compartment with a poison needle trap; the victim must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or their hit point maximum is permanently reduced by 5. The compartment holds a bag with 72pp.

**96.** Empty.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. There is a bag (372ep) on a small dais in the corner.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door is closed and the crypt is empty.



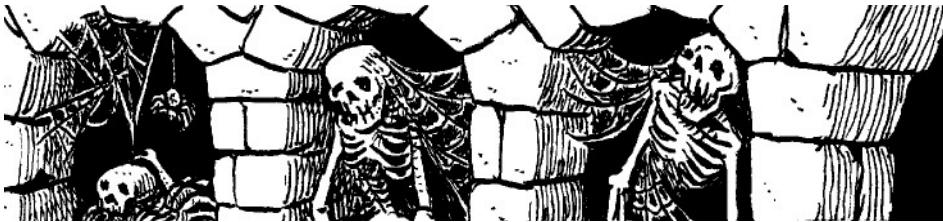
**Quiet Crypt 3:** This door is closed and locked. Two undisturbed funerary boxes rest on a stone slab (one piece of jewelry in each box, 25gp each). One has a small runic tablet inside.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** This door hangs off the hinges. Empty.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** This door is closed, locked, and trapped with a magical fire ward; the victim must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 3d6 fire damage (half on save). There is stone debris from a minor collapse of the ceiling. A skeleton rests with a shield over its chest. If disturbed a **Crypt Shade** (1) will attack. The shield is a magnificent metal *Shield +2* that depicts a golden hawk on a purple field.

**97.** The door to this room is locked. This room is filled with alcoves on the western and eastern walls of this room. A large patch of **Amber Mold** (4) covers the burial alcoves on the eastern wall.





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**Burial Alcoves:** (96) Rectangular with small bone piles and choked with dust.

**Contents:** Pouch with 193gp, Finely Crafted Silver Holy Symbol of Nergal (400gp), Diamond Ring (75gp), and a Platinum Cloak Clasp (200gp).

98. The door to this room is ajar. Two **Giant Carnivorous Flies** (2; treat as **Giant Bat**) have found their way into this room.

99. The door to this room has been burned out. On the south wall is an entrance to a crypt. The door is sealed and made of stone. It cannot be spiked open. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #16.** On the door is a circle of numbers (much like a clock) from 1 to 35 with a dial in the center. To the right of the circle are the following three number sets listed:

### Door Vault Combination

Number Sets	Answer	Solution
3.6.9.12.15.	18	Add 3
1.1.2.3.5.8.	13	Add last 2
1.6.4.9.7.	10	Add 5; Minus 2

Each number set establishes a sequence. In order to open the crypt door the final missing number of each sequence must be provided. When the dial is moved to the numbers 18, 13, and 10 (in that order), the door opens.

Inside the crypt is a stone slab with the dried remains of a dwarf prince in ornate platemail. Across his chest is a *Dwarven Thrower*. In a steel coffer there is a *Potion of Heroism* and a *Ring of Fire Resistance*. However, the body is booby-trapped. It rests on a pressure plate. Disturbing the body in any way will cause the door of the crypt to slam shut and fill the room with poison gas (roll for random monsters). Anyone trapped in the room will be isolated and must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or die.



*This unique room marked the end of "Killer" Kelg Barrelgut, a 5<sup>th</sup> Level Dwarven Fighter. Kelg, given the nickname "Killer" for killing cowardly hirelings, entered the vault after the lock combination had been solved by Ziggy, the party wizard. Kelg and Uthred the Unshaven were volunteered to enter and explore the crypt. In short, the trap was triggered, the vault door swung shut, and the room filled with poison gas. Uthred made his save and Kelg, who needed but a 5 to survive rolled a 3 and died. So close, and yet so far, from the Dwarven Thrower!*

100. There is a group of **Mongrelmen** (6) tormenting a giant rat. They are engrossed and may be easily surprised, subject to the party's light and noise discipline. One of the mongrelmen possesses a strange metal key that ends in the shape of a pentagram. This key will open the door to barrow mound #7. Another possesses a key engraved with a book (for room #78 Q4).

A. There are four **Mongrelmen** (4) on guard here.

B. **Horned-One** the mongrelman sub-chief (five times as many hit points and a +1 bonus to attack and damage rolls), and **Liger** the mongrelman mage (three times as many hit points and can cast *Hold Person*, *Magic Missile*, and *Burning Hands* once per day each—spell save DC 13) hold court in this room. Since the Necromancers of Set recently abducted the chief, **Crab-Claw**, and their religious leader, **Sayer of the Truth**, responsibility for holding the mongrelmen band together has fallen to **Horned-One** and **Liger**. Their first responsibility will be to protect their brethren—thus they will negotiate or flee before engaging in direct conflict. They have a detailed understanding of western half of Barrowmaze. They also know information about select factions (subject to the discretion of the GM). They also know they will need to move their location soon or be found by the Necromancers. **Liger** possesses a *Quarterstaff +1* that also functions as a *Wand of Secrets* (15 total charges; cannot be recharged).

C. A group of four **mongrelmen females** and three non-combatant offspring sleep in this chamber. They also use this chamber as a larder (several, half-eaten dead things, including humanoids hang on the walls) and store supplies here (rope, wood, water, etc.).

D. This secret area contains the treasure accumulated by

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the mongrelmen. They have no real concept of its value, but they love to look and hold the bright shiny trinkets: 5,455cp, 4,598sp, Small Carnelian (100gp), Small Bloodstone (100gp), Small Flawed Obsidian (10gp), Large Star Rose Quartz (345gp), Small Flawed Obsidian (25gp). There is also a *Cloak of Displacement* and a *Wand of Wonder* taken from a Necromancer of Set.

**E.** This short secret passage is used as a means of quick escape by the mongrelmen.

**F.** This secret passage is always guarded by three **Mongrelmen** (3).

**101.** This room is empty with the exception of burial alcoves along the walls.

**Burial Alcoves:** (135) Circular, with gnawed bones.  
**Contents:** 113gp, Sealed Bottle of Perfume (60gp).

**102.** This hallway is empty except for burnt ashes and scraps of moldy paper. One **Fossil Skeleton** (7) can be found in each of the seven secret crypts. If the party passes beyond the mid-point of the hallway they will disturb the skeletons that will burst through their walls and surround the adventurers.

**103.** A **Runic Golem** (1) appears as a large pile of runic tablets in the northwest corner of the room. It will flicker to life with magical energy when the PCs proceed into the crypt.

A large elaborate mirror on a pedestal is positioned near the southern wall of this room surrounded by burial alcoves. Five feet in front of the mirror is a bottomless pit. Anyone vain enough to stand in front of the mirror will fall in.

**Burial Alcoves:** (77) Hexagonal, disturbed remains.  
**Contents:** 87ep, Sapphire (75gp) and a *Tome of Clear Thought*.

*I love a good mirror trap. Although the players were extremely wary of this room, Uthred the Unshaven, a Level 2 Barbarian, decided to take a look in the mirror and fell into the bottomless pit. If you listen close you can still hear his screams...*

**104.** This room has six crypt doors. It appears empty with the exception of some broken flagstones and some

small pools of water. Three of the doors are closed (C, D, F). Behind C and F are a group of **Ravenous Dead** (7) as well as two **JuJu Zombies** (2) behind door D. As soon as one of crypts are opened or searched they burst forth and attack. Be sure to check for surprise.

**A.** The door to this crypt is closed. The crypt is empty.

**B.** The door to this crypt is swollen stuck with moisture. There is nothing of value.

**C.** This door is closed. There are three **Ravenous Dead** (3).

**D.** The door to this crypt is closed. There are two **JuJu Zombies** (2) in this crypt. One has a longbow with 20 arrows +1 and the other wears *Slippers of Spider Climbing*. Initially, PCs may mistake them as **Ravenous Dead**.

**E.** This door is closed. The crypt is empty.

**F.** This door is closed and there are four **Ravenous Dead** (4).

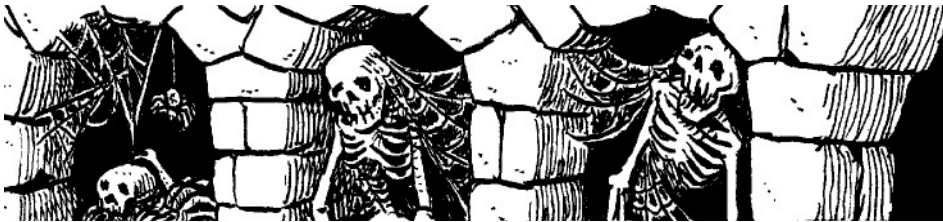
**105.** The door is closed. The crypt is empty.

The walls of this room are decorated with solid gold scarabs about the size of a hand. These can be removed and are quite valuable. There are 10 worth 100gp each. Each scarab takes 10 minutes to remove. One is a *Scarab of Protection* with 1d4+2 charges, but that can only be determined with an *Identify* spell and is indistinguishable from the others. Normal random monster checks apply.

**106.** The door to this room is closed, and the floor just inside of the room is trapped with a tripwire. As soon as the first individual (or rank) steps into the room a stone slab will drop and seal the room. A **Greater Flagstone Golem** (1) will peel itself off the floor and attack. The door has 10hp and can only be damaged with sledge hammers.

**Burial Alcoves:** (300) Rectangular with bones.  
**Contents:** 257ep, Jade (100gp), *Shield +1*.

**107.** The floor just on the other side of the secret door is dotted with 3 inch holes. Unless otherwise looking, give the first person to pass through the secret door a 1 in 6 chance to notice the holes. Stepping onto the floor in the first 10 feet of this room will set off a tripwire and cause spears to rise out of the holes; all those caught in the area must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 3d6 points of damage (half on save).



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**Burial Alcoves:** (245) Circular with broken thigh bones (marrow sucked out long ago).

**Contents:** 164gp, a Large Pearl (75gp), and a Gold Signet Ring (350gp).

**108.** This hallway is empty. There are four crypts along the eastern wall. Several appear broken into.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is open. Two disturbed skeletons rest on slabs. Two thin Silver Bracelets are hidden under some refuse and debris in the southeastern corner of this room (35gp each). Frescos depict hunting and fishing.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The wooden door to this crypt is open. Three **Giant Spiders** (3) have managed to lair above the doorway. A thin dirty Silver Circlet (27gp) on an undisturbed withered corpse in a black shroud can be seen from the doorway.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** There are numerous dead rats outside the open door to this crypt. There are eight mummified cats, or **Neb'Enakhet** (8) protecting the remains of their masters. They will observe the PCs for a moment before beginning their cacophonous wail. A *Potion of Greater Healing* can be found under a loose flagstone. A fresco depicts the crypt occupants worshipping Nergal, the elder God of the Dead and the Underworld.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt lay in pieces on the floor. The crypt has been sacked and only a few bones remain.

**109.** Dark peat-colored water drips from the ceiling into this crypt. A large pool of the fetid stinking water dominates the floor of this room. Three **Giant Leeches** (3) will leap forth and attack the first living thing that approaches. Alcoves line the walls of the room and their contents are damp.

**Burial Alcoves:** (285) Trapezoidal, bronzed skulls.

**Contents:** 265gp, Electrum Necklace (50gp), Diamond (90gp), and a Silver Goblet (300gp).

**A.** A small crypt can be found on the western edge of the pool. The pool must be entered to reach the crypt entrance. The remains of a human paladin were unceremoniously dumped in this crypt long ago. His bones, rusted platemail, and a winged and visored *Magical Helm* (grants a +1 bonus to AC), are all that remain of **Sir Guy de O'Veargne**, a holy-warrior of St. Ygg. O'Veargne's spirit has lingered close to his bones. His

body was put here after he was betrayed and murdered by **Dhekeon** in an attempt to use the *Fount of Law* to close The Pit in room #151. **O'Veargne** will appear to PCs as a translucent older knight in ornate armor. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #17.** He will retell the story of the Pit, his task, and his demise. If the PCs have the orb, he will tell them to prepare for a great battle and do what he could not. If they do not have the orb, he will urge them to find it and finish his task. He senses that in addition to the Pit, a great artifact of Nergal's power exists somewhere in Barrowmaze.

**110.** Light spills down this corridor and the sounds of battle can be heard. The PCs have happened upon a *mêlée* between two factions vying for control of Barrowmaze: the Acolytes of Orcus and the Necromancers of Set. See the section detailing New Monsters at the end of the dungeon.

The **Acolytes of Orcus** wear black mail over dark grey robes and simple sandals. The symbol of Orcus decorates their shields and they wear unholy symbols around their neck. The **Necromancers of Set** wear black hooded robes with skull or half-skull masks over their face. Senior necromancers stitch bones onto their robes and wear jackal headdresses.

The two groups have formed battle-lines with the Acolytes facing north-east and the Necromancers facing south-west. The two groups are using undead to attack each other while they throw spells from behind. The acolytes control four skeletons and the necromancers control three zombies.

If the party arrives unnoticed, they will see the Necromancers and their zombies eventually win battle. The Necromancers will then search the bodies, animate several undead, and head north and east.

The **Acolytes of Orcus** (4) consist of:

The Half-Orc **Garmeth the Wicked** (carries 15pp), and the Humans **Leggatos**, **Octus**, and **Arcos** (each carries 11gp).

The acolytes control four **Skeletons** (4).

The **Necromancers of Set** (4; all Humans) consist of:

**Kallic the Unmerciful** (carries 27pp and a *Talisman of the Dead*), and **Gurn**, **Valtor**, and **Gallock** (each carries 6gp).

The Necromancers control three **Zombies** (3).



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**111.** An open pit sits in the center of this room. Numerous broken bodies lay at the bottom of the pit. The stench is terrible. The door on the west wall has been destroyed and the door on the east wall is open.

**112.** This room is empty. The door on the north wall has been bashed down and the door on the east wall is ajar.

**113.** There is a trap in this room so be sure to read the full entry. The ceiling of this short hallway and room is high and dark. Torchlight reveals the glint of gold on the back wall. A tripwire, set just at the opening to this room, will trigger a deadfall trap (10x10x10 stone block suspended from a high ceiling). The first individual or rank caught under the block must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or suffer 4d6 points of damage (half on save). Be sure to roll for random monsters.

The walls of this room are decorated in unique fashion. There are prayers etched in Black Tongue to Nergal and hieroglyphs depict Nergal battling his jackal-headed Set and goat-headed Orcus for control of the Underworld. Most importantly, Gold Skulls inlaid with rubies in the eye sockets adorn the walls. There is much wealth here (Gold Skulls 18x115gp, Rubies 36x50gp: a total of 3,870gp) but it will be labor-intensive to excavate. A total of 6 hours must be spent to remove the decorative valuables from the walls (random monster checks apply). Moreover, special chisels and tool sets must be purchased to conduct this exercise (100gp). Hasty removal will quarter their value. Moreover, these valuables must be taken to the nearest city to be sold for their full value otherwise the PCs will only receive 75% of the total value.

**114.** The doors in this room are closed and the room is empty. A path of dried up bread crumbs stops at a wall.

**Burial Alcoves:** (82) Octagonal with skeletons.  
**Contents:** 177gp and a Silver Bracelet (90gp).

**115.** This room is empty. An altar with fresh blood can be found against the west wall. The door on the north wall is open.

**Burial Alcoves:** (123) Hexagonal with Silver-Plated Skulls (3gp each).  
**Contents:** 192gp, an Electrum Bracelet (85gp) and a Small Opal (85gp).

**116.** This door is locked. A strong gust of wind (coming from a hole in the bricked-up wall) extinguishes torches

when the door is opened. Lanterns are unaffected.

**117.** The bricked-up wall has begun to crumble and a draft can be felt periodically. The draft comes from a small air shaft located in the top north-eastern corner of this room.

A pillar in the center of the room is encrusted with small emeralds and rubies. These are valuable and can be removed. There are 20 emeralds (10gp each) and 20 rubies (20 gp each). Removing these jewels will take 3 hours of work. Normal random monster checks apply.

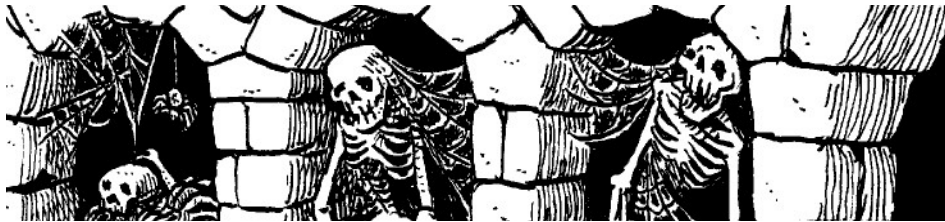
**118.** This door is broken and the room is empty.

**119.** The door is locked and, with the exception of burial alcoves, the room is empty.

**Burial Alcoves:** (138) Trapezoidal with skulls.  
**Contents:** 132ep, Silver Bracers (60gp), Ruby Ring (65gp), Ivory Carving (400gp), and a Light Crossbow +2.







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**120.** Four highly detailed statues are found in this room. They include a knight drawing a sword, a kneeling halfling, a female wizard with a look of astonishment, and a grim faced dwarf swinging an axe. These statues are the result of the two cockatrices that nest in room #121. Sufficient noise will draw the creatures.

**Burial Alcoves:** (157) Circular, tattered shrouds.  
**Contents:** 259ep, Gold Necklace (80gp), Topaz (100gp), and a *Rope of Climbing*.

**121.** Two chicken-like **Cockatrices** (2) make their nest in this room and can pass through the portcullis unhindered.

Their nest includes: a runic tablet, three gems: Sardonix (250gp), Lapis Lazuli (25gp), Blue Quartz (25gp); two pieces of jewelry: Diadem (100gp), Platinum Ring (600gp), a *Ring of Spell Storing*, five *Spell Scrolls: Baltron's Black Sheen, Shocking Grasp, Detect Evil and Good, Detect Thoughts, and Knock*; a *Potion of Heroism*, and a *Potion of Resistance (Necrotic)*.

**122.** The stonework changes at this dead end. The flagstone appears older and darker in color

**123.** The door to this room is ajar. Guano (cockatrice) of some type litters the floor. There are numerous statues, many old and broken or overgrown with moss and lichens. There are statues of female Valkyrie-style warriors in each of the four corners of this room. Two have broken arms and one of those has been decapitated. The other two are **Caryatid Columns** (2) that attack if the party heads toward room #120. Noise may (25%) draw the cockatrices.

**124.** This small room contains a bevy of **Sapphire Skeletons** (6).

**125.** A **Coffer Corpse** (1) lies here draped in a dark yellow burial shroud. A runic tablet and a sealed amphora are beside the body. The amphora contains two doses of a *Potion of Healing*.

**126.** All the doors in this room are closed. A helm (with a skull inside) is on the floor. Burial alcoves, effectively paupers' graves, line the walls of this long hallway. The pit teleports to #59 Alcove B.

**Burial Alcoves:** (298) Square with bone piles.  
**Contents:** 39pp and an Emerald Brooch (65gp).

**127.** The door to this room is closed and the room is empty. A partial map on burned parchment (showing the location of room #125) can be found on the floor if the room is searched.

**128.** A bricked-up wall encloses this room. A funerary bone box with disintegrated remains sits on an altar to Nergal.

**129.** The door on the western wall of this room is closed. Four **Giant Carnivorous Flies** (4; treat as **Giant Bat**) have somehow made it into this room and are hanging from the ceiling.

**130.** The east door is closed. This room is covered in webs (not flammable) and the husks of giant flies abound. Two **Blood-Thirsty Spiders** (2) hang from the webs.

**131.** The north door is ajar. The west door is closed. This room is empty.

**132.** The portcullis is down and the door is closed. With the exception of a number of burial alcoves this room is empty.

**Burial Alcoves:** (121) Circular with bronzed skulls.  
**Contents:** 243gp and a Gold Statuette (550gp).

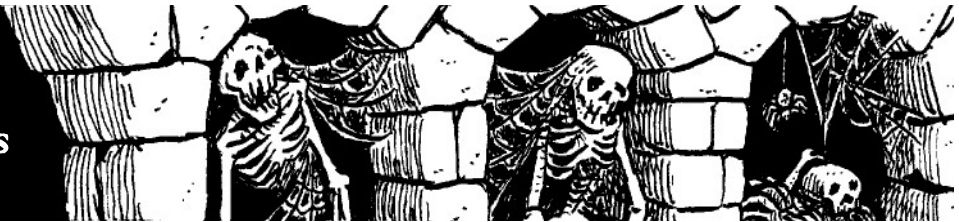
**133.** Both doors are closed. This room contains the paupers' burial alcoves.

**Burial Alcoves:** (136) Rectangular, funerary boxes.  
**Contents:** 89ep.

**134.** This room is sealed by a bricked-up wall. In the center of the room is an ornate water fountain. Written in Ancient Common on the side of the fountain are the words, "Pay your due". If the PCs toss one gold piece each (or the equivalent for the entire party if done by one PC) two *Potions of Water Breathing* float to the surface. If the PCs fail to provide an offering to the fountain two **Water Elementals** (2) will spring forth and attack. They will not leave the room.

**135.** The north doors are closed. This room is dotted with 10 small holes in the floor (3' deep).

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### Contents:

1. A lever that shoots paralytic darts horizontally across the room. Creatures in the path of the darts must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be paralyzed for 1d8 rounds. Roll for random monsters.
2. A small **Ochre Jelly** (1) sits at the bottom of this hole. The hapless PC that reached in must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or lose their hand as it is dissolved by the jelly's acid.
3. A dirty unholy symbol to Nergal.
4. A recently severed hand.
5. A lever that raises the portcullis to the west.
6. A ring set with a Cat's Eye gem worth 1,100gp.
7. Empty.
8. Empty.
9. Scrap of Paper: First up, then down (hint to #72).
10. *Wand of Secrets* (15 total charges; cannot be recharged)

*After pulling the recently severed arm from one of the holes, my players decided to stick the hand on the end of their ten foot pole. They used this invention with great success while searching floors, alcoves, and other spaces. Thereafter it became known as *The Handy-Penetrator™* (patent pending).*

**136.** A rusted cauldron with yellowed teeth can be found in this room.

**Burial Alcoves:** (127) Hexagonal. Contents removed long ago.

**Contents:** 139gp, Bloodstone (65gp), three *Spell Scrolls* containing 2nd level Wizard spells (GM's discretion).

**137.** There is a small hole constructed above the door to this room (the door is locked). When opened a cloud of laughing gas will emit from the hole above the door and envelop all those within 10 feet. PCs must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be compelled to laugh hysterically for 10 minutes, causing quite the ruckus in the process. Roll for random monsters twice during this period.

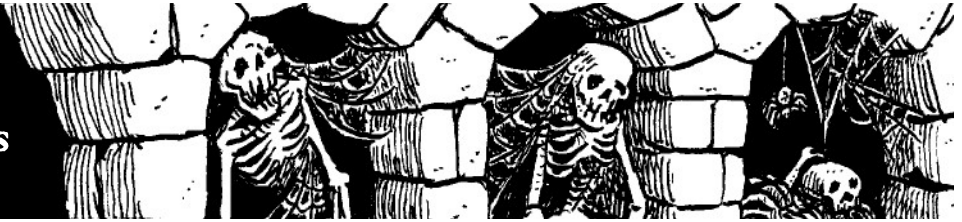
**Burial Alcoves:** (134) Square and choked with dust.

**Contents:** 215gp, an Onyx Encrusted Bracelet (60gp), and a Small Bloodstone (65gp).





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**138.** The door to this room is ajar, and noise can be heard within. There are two **Ravenous Dead** (2) in this room feasting on the bodies of two fresh adventurers. The adventurers possess standard dungeoneering equipment (GM's choice). A *Heavy Crossbow +1* can be found near one of the bodies.

**139.** The door to this room is swollen shut with moisture. An open doors roll will be required to open it, or the door must be bashed in. In either case a random monster roll should be made.

**Burial Alcoves:** (300) Square, disturbed remains.  
**Contents:** 290gp, Necklace (60gp), a Small Jade (100gp), and a Silver Ring missing a stone (50gp).

**140.** The door to this room is locked. At the back of this room is a stone slab with four urns and the walls are lined with burial niches. In the center of this room is a **Rust Monster** (1) in a magical stasis. Opening the door to this room breaks the stasis and allows the monster (which is famished) to attack.

**Burial Alcoves:** (169) Trapezoidal with single skulls.  
**Contents:** 142gp, Silver Goblet (400gp), Jade Idol (100gp), and *Arrows +2* (6).

**141.** The door to this room is ajar. A runic tablet can be found on the floor.

**Burial Alcoves:** (211) Rectangular with rotted, tiny wooden boxes.  
**Contents:** 271gp, Pearl (65gp), Sea Shells (no value).

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door is swollen shut with moisture. Three skeletons rest on stone slabs. There is nothing of value.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** An assortment of 11 different zombies have risen here in response to The Tablet of Chaos. They include **Ravenous Zombies** (3), **Funeral Pyre Zombies** (4), and **JuJu Zombies** (4) armed with light crossbows.

**A.** This 10x20 foot secret chamber contains a rusty metal coffer. The coffer is locked and trapped with an acid spray. The PC who opens the coffer must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 3d6 points of damage (half on save). If the save is failed, percentage dice must also be rolled with a 10% chance that the PC will have burn scars and have their Charisma score permanently reduced by 1. The coffer functions as a *Bag of Holding*.



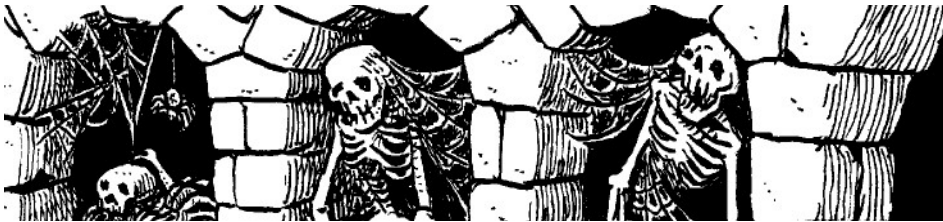
**Quiet Crypt 3:** A small gargoyle, perhaps 3 feet tall, crouches on a ledge at the back of this crypt. Two mummified bodies rest below it. Each has a Runic Tablet. This gargoyle is sentient but cannot fully animate or attack player characters. It might dialogue with a PC if it can spot a wineskin—it would love a drink of wine! The gargoyle knows little, but it is aware of a great magical chaos emanating from the north.

**142.** This hallway is empty but caked with dust. Frescos depicting waves line both walls, but are now discolored and faded with age. All doors are closed.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** Frescos depict sea-faring. Two undisturbed skeletons. Nothing of value.

**Defiled Crypt 2: Ravenous Dead** (7). One wears a *Cloak of Protection*. Bas relief of Nergal.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** Two withered corpses. Two Copper Rings (28gp each). Frescos of mountaineering.



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**Quiet Crypt 4:** This room contains skeletal remains.

**Defiled Crypt 5: Ghouls (3).** A bowl of 320sp. Rotted tapestries of the sea.

**Defiled Crypt 6: Shadows (4).** Four bodies draped in burial shrouds. All four have Gold Circlets worth 80gp each.

**143.** This vast tomb appears to be a re-created throne room. A large, full-size Norse galley dominates the center of the room. The ship is loaded with silver and gold burial treasure and the (apparent) withered body of a king—Osric the Wise. The corpse sits on a throne in the middle of the ship bearing a crown and a voluminous, hooded, dark yellow robe. The body sitting on the throne is not King Osric, it is a **Crypt Thing (1)**. The elaborate set-up was intended as a ruse to discourage potential tomb-robbers from finding the real tomb of King Osric in room #144. It may dialogue with the PCs for a moment or two (acting as King Osric) before teleporting them out of the tomb to a random location. Inside the boat are numerous coin baskets: 5,000sp, 3,000gp, and 100pp.

**144.** The remains of **King Osric**, his **Queen Breana**, and their royal treasures, can be found in this crypt. The two sarcophagi are each magically sealed with *Arcane Lock*. The king and queen are guarded by **Runic Golems (2)** who flicker to life with magical energy when the PCs enter. Osric wears *Platemail +2*, a *Frost Brand Longsword*, a *Shield +1*, and a *Helm of Comprehending Languages* (has the appearance of a crown). Breana rests in *Bracers of Defense*, and a *Ring of Protection*. Large coffers contain 10,000sp, 6,000gp, and 200pp.

**145.** This crypt is empty. **Ghouls (3)** hide behind the secret door (A).

**146.** Empty.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this room is ajar. There are eight zombies; seven standard **Zombies (7)** and a fearsome **JuJu Zombie (1)** with a heavy crossbow.



**Quiet Crypt 2:** This room is empty.

**147.** This room is empty.

**148.** The door is closed. Parasitic grubs called Ear Seekers infest the wood of the door. Any PC that listens at the door must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or become infested with these pests, which lay eggs within their ear. 4d6 hours later, the eggs hatch, dealing 5d4 points of damage to the victim every round. This infestation can only be removed by a magical disease-curing spell.

**Burial Alcoves: (124)** Octagonal, withered corpses.  
**Contents:** 217gp, Silver Statuette (350gp), and an Electrum Cup (300gp)

**149.** The door to this room is locked and is etched with a magical fire ward; PCs attempting to open it must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 4d6 points of damage (half on save). Three **Huecuva (3)** in tattered amber robes are buried in this room.

**Burial Alcoves: (148)** Octagonal, choked with dust.  
**Contents:** 190pp and a suit of *Studded Leather +3*.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door has been destroyed. The crypt is empty.

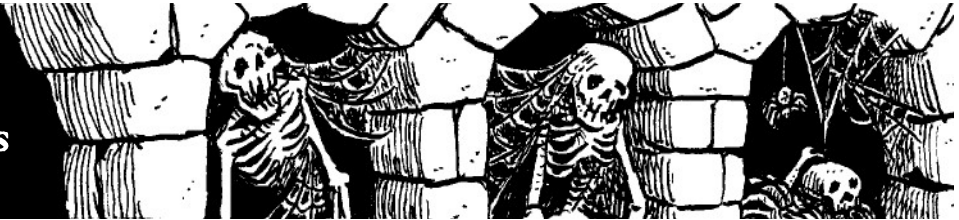
**Quiet Crypt 2:** This door is made of stone. There are three recessions in the stone that appear to hold Runic Tablets. This door can only be opened if three Runic Tablets are placed into the recessions. If this is done, the door will slide open to the north (the three tablets are not retrievable) and reveal the crypt beyond. Five Runic Tablets sit atop a stone slab. There is nothing else of value here.

**150.** An overwhelming smell of decay and death comes from the north.

**151.** The massive 15 foot double-doors to this large temple room are slightly ajar. A massive pit rests at the center of this room braced by two sets of large pillars decorated with faces of tortured souls. A terrible green haze emerges from the pit that smells of rot. A huge 20 foot tall statue of the demon-like Nergal, cross-legged and holding a bowl sits at the back of the temple. Two black stained altars, decorated with symbols of death and the Underworld, sit in front the statue. Statues on the outside of the room depict his demonic lieutenants.



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The pit is a mass of twisting blackness, refuse, and body parts. It radiates an air of chaos that lawful characters immediately sense. It is lined with ornate stonework decorated with runes and teeth-like protrusions that jut inwards.

The Pit of Chaos is an extremely dangerous place for unprepared or low level PCs. The PCs may not be able to defeat the monsters that emerge from the Pit without the aid of the *Fount of Law*. Wise players will know if they are outclassed in the engagement and flee. Foolish PCs will die a quick and painful death (as it should be). The turn attempts of clerics and paladins are impossible in Nergal's temple. Your gods will not help you.

**Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #18.** The first time the PCs enter this room there will be a group of **Skeletons** (10), **Zombies** (10), and the great **lbex-ibyd** a **Chuul** (1) between them and the pit. Monsters will not leave the temple unless The Pit is destroyed. **lbex-ibyd** does not understand exactly how he was gated into Barrowmaze but feels compelled to defend the temple and the Pit.

Under normal circumstances, the Pit periodically generates and spews forth monsters into the maze. However, as soon as the party enters the room, the Pit will sense their arrival and will immediately discharge monsters every 3 rounds until the *Fount of Law* closes the pit or the PCs leave the immediate vicinity. Consult the Pit of Chaos random tables below.

If the PCs enter this room with the *Fount*, all monsters will recoil 10' from the orb and hiss in pain and agony. Intelligent monsters will tell them about the eternal torments they will inflict upon them. If the *Fount* is thrown into the Pit a great blast of energy will issue forth knocking everyone on their backs. All remaining monsters will flee the area immediately.

### The Pit of Chaos: A Brief History

Long ago, before he was usurped by his children, this temple was used by evil cultists to worship Nergal, the God of the Dead. The temple was built on a spatial weakening in the layers between other planes and this realm. Evil rites took place here and the bodies of sacrifices were thrown into the pit. Through these sacrifices the cultists called forth all manner of demons and unsavory creatures through the gate.

The lawful orders saw this temple as a great threat, and a small group of knights and priests, led by **Sir Guy de O'Veargne**, entered and battled the cultists and their undead minions. Sir Guy carried a powerful gleaming white orb—called the *Fount of Law*—created specifically to close the gate. Sadly, **O'Veargne** and his henchmen were betrayed, captured, and killed. The *Fount of Law* was hidden. The Fount of Law must be found and thrown into The Pit to seal the gate.

As noted above, when the PCs enter this room the Pit will randomly spew forth the monsters every 3 rounds. Consult the following random tables:

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1. Skeleton (3d4)	7. Wight (1d6)
2. Zombie (2d4)	8. Ogre Zombie (1d4)
3. Ravenous Zombie (2d4)	9. Hell Hound (1d4)
4. Ghoul (1d6)	10. Shambling Mound (1)
5. Ghast (1d6)	11. Otyugh (1)
6. Mummy (1)	12. Sub-table I

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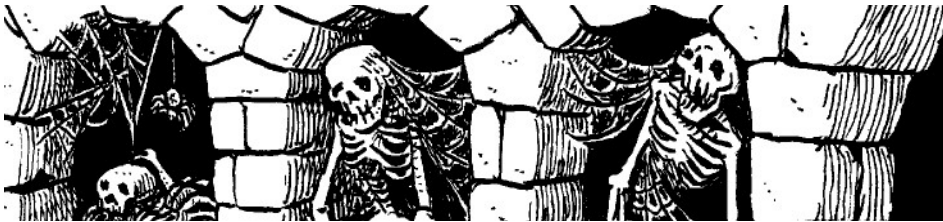
1. Ghost (1)	4. Black Pudding (1)
2. Banshee (1)	5. Night Hag (1)
3. Specter (1d4)	6. Sub-Table II

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1. Chuul (1)
2. Lamia (1)
3. Chimera (1)
4. Gorgon (1)
5. Dretch Demon (3d4)
6. Sub-Table III

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1. Hezrou Demon (1)
2. Vrock Demon (1)
3. Bone Devil (1)
4. Horned Devil (1)
5. Barbed Devil (1d2)
6. GM's Choice



## Area Two: The Haunted Tombs

It is unlikely the PCs will be able to search The Pit. However, if they do, consult the following table, for either contents or events, every 3 rounds (if they can hold off the monsters that long):

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### Searching The Pit of Chaos

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1. Gated to the Underworld
2. Gated to the Plane of Fire
3. Gated to the Plane of Shadow
4. Alignment changed to Chaotic
5. Contract Leprosy
6. Contract Flesh-Eating Disease
7. Character mutates into a mongrelman
8. Character mutates into a mongrelman
9. Character mutates into a mongrelman
10. An old shoe
11. *Portable Hole*\*
12. Dead bodies
13. *Javelin of Lightning*\*
14. *Gauntlets of Ogre Power*\*
15. Dead bodies
16. *Berserker Greatsword*\*
17. Dead bodies
18. Grateful NPC pulled from pit
19. *Periapt of Proof Against Mummy Rot*\*\*
20. Gain one level of experience

\*These items are found only once.

\*\*See the section on New Magic Items.

After the pit is destroyed, PCs can search the temple for treasure. The exact type and amount of treasure is determined by the GM, though the recommended loot is three potions, one magical ring, one spell scroll, and one suit of magical armor.

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#### Area Three: Random Monsters

1. Funeral Pyre Zombie (1d6)

2. Rival Adventuring Party<sup>1</sup>

3. Ghouls (1d6)

4. Huecuva (1d6)

5. Mongrelmen (1d6)

6. Ravenous Dead (1d6)

7. Wight (1d2)

8. Coffin Corpse (1d4)

9. Necromancers of Set (1d6)

10. Acolytes of Orcus (1d6)

11. Dungeon Dressing<sup>2</sup>

12. Special<sup>3</sup>

1. Use the pregenerated characters or a rival adventuring party.
2. See Table 3: Random Dungeon Dressing.
3. Battle between the Necromancers of Set and the Acolytes of Orcus. In this case either randomly generate your own encounter using the New Monster section or tweak encounter.

**152.** Read this entire entry carefully. This room is empty. Paupers' burial alcoves line the walls. There is an open pit in this room. Tell the PCs they smell something strange emanating from the pit.

The bottom of this 10' spiked pit is covered dark purple mold. The mold is **Purple Moss** (1). All PCs that attempt to peer into the pit are immediately affected by the moss' Soothing Scent ability; on a failed save, they plummet into the spiked pit, taking 2d6 damage. The moss will move quickly to cover and suffocate slain and/or sleeping PCs. At the bottom of the pit there are the skeletal remains of two long-dead adventurers. One backpack holds 295gp. The other has spilled open (71pp).

**Burial Alcoves:** (89) Square with disturbed remains.

**Contents:** Small Vase (100gp), Sapphire Encrusted Walking Stick (90gp), and an Ornate Quill (75gp).

**A.** This room is empty.

**B.** The hint of yellow can just barely be seen underneath the door to this room. This can only be noticed if proceeding cautiously and searching actively. If so, there is a 4 in d6 chance of noticing **Amber Mold** (8) before opening the door. This chamber contains a small storehouse of adventuring equipment that has been sitting here for decades and the entire area is now covered in **Amber Mold**. The equipment includes two sledgehammers, two bags of caltrops, 50' rope, and a backpack with two *Potions of Greater Healing* and a *Potion of Heroism*.

**C.** A large statue made of amber is set against the southern wall. The statue is rudimentary in its carving and depicts a muscled man in a loincloth. The statue is an **Amber Golem** (1; treat as **Clay Golem**). The golem will attack anyone who moves towards the southern door to 152 D.

**D.** This is a false crypt. A sarcophagus in the center of the room contains a **Son of Gaxx** (1). He is buried with a Silver Necklace worth 750gp and a Gold Ring set with a Ruby worth 430gp. The walls and floor of this room are slick and covered with wet moss. Combat here is at a -1 to hit penalty.

**E.** This secret room contains a funerary box warded with magical fire. Victims must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 5d6 points of damage (half on save). A *Battle Axe +2* hangs on the northern wall.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. A sinking, oozy slime-trail can be found on the floor and leads under the door. The trail heads to the north towards #176 and then dissipates. Inside the crypt is a **Rot Pudding** (1) that is currently dissolving mummified remains inside the room. There is nothing else of value.

**A.** This small crypt contains a moldy yellowed funerary box bracketed by two amphora depicting snakes. This secret chamber is magically trapped. The first person to step into the crypt will trigger the trap and cause the opening to be covered in a *Wall of Force*, blocking them off from their companions. Once the spell has been activated a **Clockwork Cobra** (2) will emerge from each of the two vases and attack. The funerary box contains mummified remains and a 175pp.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** This crypt is empty.





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**153.** A **Wight** (1) skulks in the dark.

**Burial Alcoves:** (105) Hexagonal with skeletons wearing black shrouds.

**Contents:** 266gp, Silver Kilt Pin (100gp), Coral Figurine (175gp), and *Bracers of Defense*.

**154.** This room is empty. A rubbish pile along the southern wall contains bones, rags, and some yellowed teeth.

**155.** The door to this room is ajar and the room is empty. A trail of slime leads south and enters a crack in the wall after several feet.

**156.** The door to this crypt is closed and it is warded with magical lightning. Victims must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 2d10 points of damage (half on save). A runic tablet rests beside a black shrouded skeleton on a stone slab.

**157.** A bricked-up wall blocks entrance into this crypt. Two 2x2 foot shafts are located on the north and south walls at the ceiling. Close inspection will reveal a trickle of water coming from both. A dais is in the center of this room. Two silver urns, the first filled with remains and the second filled with gemstones (value 750gp), sit atop the dais. Removing an urn will set off a trap (with a loud grinding of stone on stone) that drops a stone slab in the doorway, sealing the room. Water will begin pouring into the room and completely fill the 20x20 area in 5 minutes. The only way out of the trap is to find the secret door. Once opened, water will flow down the hallway from the secret door and into iron grates in the floor.

**158.** This room contains a 10x10 foot pool of slimy fetid water. Four hungry **Giant Leeches** (4) are in the pool and will seek to surprise their prey. The door on the west wall is closed.

**A.** The door to this room is locked. Inside the walls are decorated in once-colourful frescoes depicting an ancient evil deity by the name of Zorgon. The frescoes are barely discernible in their current state. One side of the chamber does possess a series of glyphs carved into the stone. If a rubbing is taken of these glyphs, or if a PC member seeks to write them down, they may be valuable to a sage or wizard (800gp).

**159.** This hallway is littered with rubble from several cave-ins. The ceiling appears less stable than the other parts of the dungeon. There is a 1 in 6 chance each 10

minutes while the PCs are present that a cave in may occur; those caught in the area must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 2d6 points of damage (half on save).

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this room is ajar. This appears to be a former embalming room. There are dusty broken tables, jars, and wraps on the floor. The room has been searched previously. There are four **Blood-Thirsty Spiders** (4). Somehow a canopic jar filled with Glass Beads (40gp) has survived underneath the debris.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this room is stuck. Two **Wights** (2) hide in the dark. These are former adventurers who had their life force drained. One possesses a bag with four Rubies (314gp each). The other wears *Platemail +1* and has a sheathed *Longsword +1* (enchanted to shed light equivalent to a torch on command) at her waist.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door is closed. Empty.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The portcullis is down. The room is empty with the exception of a bone-pile. There is a thin Silver Bracelet (129sp) hidden underneath.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** The door to this crypt is bricked shut. There are two **Exploding Bone Skeletons** (4) lying on stone slabs. One is buried with 141gp and the other wears a Gold Bracelet (80gp).

**Quiet Crypt 6:** The portcullis is up. There are three **Blood-Thirsty Spiders** (3)—one on the floor in plain sight and two hiding on the ceiling. A skeleton wearing a Jeweled Necklace (350gp) can be found against the east wall.

**160.** The door to this room is swollen with moisture and stuck closed. Two **Sons of Gaxx** (2) wearing tattered clerical robes of Nergal rise from their stone slabs and shuffle to attack.

**161.** This secret hallway was once used by a group of adventurers as a rest and re-arm area. Sadly, they were killed by the **Water Weird** in room #180. There are three backpacks filled with standard dungeon exploration equipment (GM's discretion) as well as two large saws designed for cutting metal, two sledge hammers, and a 6' foot long pry bar (for a portcullis). The rations rotted long ago.

**162.** The door to this room is stuck closed with moisture and yellowish mold (no effect). The room is empty with the exception of an inordinate number of burial alcoves

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that run from the floor to the ceiling.

**Burial Alcoves:** (285) Small squares with urns.

**Contents:** 222gp, *Wand of Mirrors* (functions as per the wizard spell *Mirror Image* with 7 charges).

**163.** The south and eastern doors in this room are ajar. The room is empty.

**164.** This door is closed and warded with magical lightning. Victims must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 3d10 points of damage (half on save). The walls of this room were once beautifully decorated with murals, and are now faded with age. On a slab are the remains of an artist who was buried with five decorative amphorae. These are valuable but brittle. If the PCs engage in combat while carrying them there is a 1–5 on d6 chance that each will break. They are valuable historical artifacts worth 750gp each but that value can only be obtained in a city.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is trapped. A wire near the floor connects to a mounted crossbow on the wall that attacks at +6 and will score 1d8 points of damage if a successful hit is rolled. The crypt contains no treasure.

**Defiled Crypt 2: Coffin Corpses** (2) will shamble quickly out of the secret door the moment it is opened. They will likely fall into the pit trap in the hallway and take the person who opened the door with them. The PC(s) will require two successful DC 13 Dex saves: one to avoid the undead rushing out and another to avoid falling in to the pit with them. One of the undead creatures possesses a sealed *Silver Scroll Tube* (438gp). Inside the tube is a formula for a new potion: *Oil of Piercing*. The exact ingredients of the potion are subject to the GM but should include at least two exotic components.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** As the PCs enter the crypt a **Bone Naga** (1) will uncoil itself from atop a plinth in the center of the room. It has been tasked with the protection of this crypt and its treasures.

**A.** A large rotting wooden coffer in this alcove contains a horde of jewels and gemstones. They include: Very Small Eye Agate (10gp), Very Small Malachite (10gp), Small Flawed Turquoise (10gp), Very Small Hematite (10gp), Small Rhodochrosite (25gp), Small Tiger Eye Agate (25gp), Small Rhodochrosite (25gp), Large Flawed Eye Agate (25gp), Small Banded Agate (50gp), Large Broken Obsidian (50gp), Large Flawed Malachite (50gp), Small



Banded Agate (50gp), Small Eye Agate (50gp), Large Turquoise (50gp), Large Lapis Lazuli (50gp), Medium Citrine (75gp), Medium Carnelian (75gp), Small Finely-Cut Bloodstone (75gp), Small Finely-Cut Rock Crystal (75gp), Medium Jasper (75gp), Medium Jasper (75gp), Medium Bloodstone (100gp), Large Flawed Smoky Quartz (100gp), Large Moonstone (100gp), Medium Carnelian (100gp), Medium Jasper (100gp), Large Sardonyx (250gp), Large Rock Crystal (250gp), Small Finely-Cut Star Rose Quartz (250gp), Small Finely-Cut Carnelian (250gp), Medium Bloodstone (250gp), Large Zircon (250gp), Large Star Rose Quartz (250gp), Large Finely-Cut Spinel (500gp), Huge Flawed Coral (750gp), Medium Finely-Cut Chrysoberyl (750gp), Large Spinel (750gp), Large Fine-Cut Star Ruby (1000gp), Large Exquisite Black Pearl (4000gp)

**B.** The floor of this alcove is painted to resemble a pentagram with burned candle nubs at the corners. The center of the pentagram is blackened and the skeletal remains of a wizard, lying face-down, rest near the outside of the symbol. The wizard possesses a spellbook containing the following random wizard spells by level (8/6/4/2) and *Bracers of Defense*.

**165.** The door is ajar and the room is empty.

**166.** This hallway is caked with dust and cobwebs. There are strange footprints here. A human foot and a “stump” run back and forth from the secret door to Defiled Crypt 1.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door is ajar. Inside is a **Wight** (1). The creature’s movement rate is halved as it possesses a foot and a wooden leg stump. He wears a *Gold Brooch* (130gp). The crypt is decorated with bas relief depicting Nergal and the Underworld. A runic tablet rests on the floor.



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**Defiled Crypt 2:** This crypt is empty. It once had a stone door that now rests on the floor in pieces.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** This crypt is sealed with a stone door. There are four **Sapphire Skeletons** (4) in this crypt and each wears Jeweled Bracers (187gp per set).

**Quiet Crypt 4:** This crypt door is open. The room is empty.

**Quiet Crypt 5:** Standing on a ledge above the archway to this chamber are two **Gargoyles** (2). There are two strangely preserved corpses on stone slabs in the center of this room. Each possesses a Runic Tablet. The room is otherwise empty.

**Quiet Crypt 6:** This door is locked. The walls of this antechamber-crypt are decorated in frescoes that glow slightly in the darkness. They depict the great sacrifice of The Chosen as they willingly gave their souls to Nergal. The first person to touch the frescoes will be cloaked in *Faerie Fire* for 20 minutes.

**Defiled Crypt 7:** In the center of this room, standing in three rows of three, are nine former-priests of Nergal who have risen as **Huecuva** (9). The undead creatures all wear Gold Holy Symbols worth 150gp each.

**Defiled Crypt 8:** The door to this crypt is locked and trapped with a swinging ball; victims must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 2d6 points of damage. This chamber contains a sarcophagus standing against the eastern wall of this room. The image of a knight is engraved in the coverstone. Inside is a former warrior of Nergal who has risen as a vengeful **Crypt Knight** (1) wearing a magical *Silver Death Mask* worth 550gp. Note that Death Masks cannot be used by the living. Inside the sarcophagus is an old sword and a pouch with two scarab-shaped rubies (120gp each).

**Quiet Crypt 9:** The door to this crypt is made of rusted steel and locked. A vast kingly horde of jewels and gemstones covers the center of the floor. The huge mound of jewels is actually a **Gemstone Golem** (1) placed here to guard the treasure behind the secret door. It will wait to attack until the PCs have entered and began searching the room.

A small secret door can be found on the western wall. This secret door can only be opened with a special key (found in the bottom of the pool in #180). Behind the door is a tight, cramped space with a sword hanging on the wall. This is the famed *Sword of Skewering* (see New Magic Items).



**167.** This room contains two black stone statues of gargoyles on either side of a chest. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #19.** They have open mouths and large Cat's Eye gemstones set into their eyes. The gems appear very valuable and are finely crafted (500gp each). The stone gargoyles are not actually gargoyles, but if any PCs move towards the chest or attack the statues they will animate, choke several times, and then each vomit forth an **Ochre Jelly** (2) on the closest PC. The chest is magically sealed with an *Arcane Lock* and contains an urn (the remains of a wizard), a dusty and worn conical cap, a spellbook: *Spider Climb*, *Feather Fall*, *Magic Missile*, *Sleep*, *Mazakala's Glassy Facsimile*, *Invisibility*, *Enlarge/Reduce*, *Fire Shield*, and *Ool's Broiling Exhalation*.

*During this encounter, the party activated the gargoyles who then wretched uncontrollably and projectile vomited two oozes on Ulfgar the Dwarf. At the same moment the wight from #166 entered the room. The group decided to divide their efforts with some party members dowsing Ulfgar with oil while the others dealt with the undead creature. After dispatching the wight they lit Ulfgar on fire. Shockingly he survived the encounter but was later mutated into a mongrelman and gated to the Underworld while searching The Pit of Chaos.*



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**168.** This room is empty and there are circular paupers' burial alcoves throughout. The concealed pit is bottomless.

**Burial Alcoves:** (261) Circular with bone piles.  
**Contents:** 169ep and a Ruby (75gp).

**169.** Paupers' burial alcoves dot this room and extend into the northern hallway.

**Burial Alcoves:** (218) Circular, mummified remains.  
**Contents:** 238gp, Circlet (90gp), Silverware (80gp).

**170.** The head of a statue, chipped beyond recognition, rests on the floor. The chamber is covered in burial alcoves.

**Burial Alcoves:** (183) Square with funerary figures.  
**Contents:** 123ep and the head of a *Warhammer* +2. It will take a blacksmith/weaponsmith 1 week and 3,500gp to repair the weapon.

**171.** There are a number of charred human bodies lying on the floor. There are also several large burn marks against the walls. Activity in this area will draw the attention of **Funeral Pyre Zombies** (6) hiding in six secret alcoves. One of the charred bodies carries a *Potion of Resistance (Fire)*. There is nothing else of value.

**172.** Six **Fossil Skeletons** (6) rest at the bottom of a pool in this room. Any activity in the room disturbs their rest. Burial alcoves line the walls of this room.

**Burial Alcoves:** (237) Trapezoidal with gold plated skulls (3gp each).  
**Contents:** 123ep, Earrings (65gp), Silver Nose Ring (40gp), and a Silver Coffin (2,000gp).

**173.** The door to this crypt was smashed to pieces long ago. The room is empty.

**174.** A deadfall trap (10x10x10' stone block) trap hangs above the door to this room. Anyone stepping into the room must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 3d6 points of damage (half on save).

**Burial Alcoves:** (134) Square, mummified remains.  
**Contents:** 137gp, Electrum Bracelet (80gp), Topaz (60gp), Spellbook with all first level wizard spells.

**175.** The door to this room has been smashed in. The room is empty.

**176.** The north door in this room is ajar.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** This crypt contains skeletal remains. Grave goods include two pieces of Silver Jewelry (120gp each) and a Fine Leather Belt (60gp).

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is open. A group of **Stirges** (13) have made a nest in this crypt. There is no treasure. However, a Woven Tapestry (120gp) can be scavenged but requires two people to carry.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** There are four **Zombies** (4) at rest on stone slabs. They possess no treasure but a Fine Silk Scarf (30gp) can be found in a dusty bag beside one of the bodies. Wall frescos depict birds in flight.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The narrow passage to this crypt is covered with **Amber Mold** (9). The **Sandlings** (below) do not provoke the mold as they pass back and forth.

There is a single stone sarcophagus in the center of this crypt and the walls are lined with musty bookshelves. The sarcophagus and the corners of this crypt are covered in sand. Two powerful **Sandlings** (2) use this crypt as their lair. When the party first enters they will remain still and use their natural camouflage until they can strike from behind. Give a wary halfling a 1 in 6 chance of noticing







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the monsters before they attack. The sarcophagus holds the remains of a sage. His wealth was measured in books, rather than gold.

Some of his more interesting titles include *The Collected Works of Maaaaar, Falcor of Balterdex: An Autobiography*, and *The Adventurers' Guide to Paranoia*.

Valuable titles include *Draconis: The Ecology of a Red Dragon* (1,270gp), *The Realm of Darthon* (1,375gp), *The Wisdom of Gaxx* (1,500gp), *The Magical Properties of Gemstones* (1,250gp), and *Slimes, Molds, and Fungus: A Manual of Extermination* (although this book can be sold for 1,100gp, PCs can opt to keep it and use it as a reference text when confronted by this monster type. PCs can learn one key strength or weakness per encounter (subject to the GM's discretion).

Magical books and scrolls include *Tome of Understanding*, *Manual of Bodily Health*, a huge *Wizard Spellbook* containing all 2nd-level spells, and four *Spell Scrolls* containing cleric spells (subject to GM).

**Defiled Crypt 5:** A large sarcophagus can be found. Inside is a wretched **Mummy** (1). Treasure inside the sarcophagus includes a bag with 129gp, a Platinum Cup (300gp), four Gold Canopic Jars (200gp each), and a runic tablet.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** Four green-skinned **Ghouls** (4) lie in burial niches in this crypt. Two niches contain Platinum Jewelry 225gp (each) and one holds a curved *Dagger +3*.

**177.** This room is empty. The west door is stuck and the east door is closed.

**178.** This room is filled with burial alcoves. There are four large pillars in this room. The pillars are the sculptured images of women bearing scimitars. Two of the pillars are **Caryatid Columns** (2).

**Burial Alcoves:** (219) Small, circular, and empty.  
**Contents:** 265gp and a Pearl (90gp).

**179.** Empty.

**Burial Alcoves:** (247) Octagonal with urns.  
**Contents:** 72pp, *Potion of Heroism*, *Potion of Invisibility*, *Sling Stones +2* (7).

**180. Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #20.** A large rectangular pool runs north-south along the length of this room. Two large columns are located at either end. Torch-light reveals the glint of coins and other metals in the pool. Five human bodies, and the skulls and bones of others, and a few coins, are scattered across the floor. A large and dangerous **Water Weird** (1) inhabits this pool. The adventurers who were recently slain by the creature left a portion of their gear in room #161. The pool contains 20sp, 60pp, 85gp, a key to the secret door in room # 166 Q9, a *Broadsword +2*, *Shield +1*, *Platemail +1*, and a *Potion of Heroism*.

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There are no random encounters in The Death Vault of The Chosen. These crypts have not yet been plundered by tomb-robbers due to their concealed nature.

#### A Brief History of the Death Vault

The Death Vault is the resting place of an elite order—The Chosen—within the faith of Nergal.

The Chosen were fanatical followers of Nergal, led by High Priest **Rendar Serouc**, and have risen in response to the proximity of the Pit (#151) and the presence of The Tablet of Chaos.

The Death Vault is constructed to direct tomb-robbers toward certain (trapped) areas over penetration into the main crypt.



**181.** The entrance to this crypt is a giant skull mouth. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #21.** The walls of this room are engraved with the names and members of The Chosen—Nergal's elite clerics and disciples. Above the list is written "Life in Death." A statue of Nergal stands on a dais against the northern wall. A few torch stubs can be found on the floor.

**182.** This is a false crypt designed to trap and kill tomb-robbers. The walls are lined with alcoves with runes etched above each. This is merely a ruse. When the first rank of PCs steps into the room, the entire floor will collapse 10 feet to a stone floor (succeeding on a DC 14 Dex save will prevent PCs from falling). Checking for traps or using a 10 foot pole may (2 in 6) discover the trap (give a dwarf or wary halfling walking in front a 3 in 6 chance to discern the trap). Once the floor collapses a **Bone Golem** (1; treat as **Clay Golem** but with +1 AC and no acid immunity/absorption) with the skull of an antlered deer stag will emerge from an alcove and attack those who fell into the pit.

*A fierce battle took place in this room after "Killer" Kelg Barrelgut (Level 5 Dwarf) and Cromwell (Level 5 Cleric) fell into the pit when the floor collapsed. The Bone Golem animated and attacked the two PCs. Kelg took several hits and drank two potions (Greater Healing and Growth). Cromwell tried repeatedly to cast spells and each time was struck by the mighty arms of the monster. The other PCs, including Sol the Bad Man (Level 3 Fighter), Snake Plisken (Level 5 Halfling), and a couple hirelings, attempted ranged attacks and fumbled around above the pit. It looked like curtains for the two adventurers until Kelg, bolstered by the potions, managed several solid hits and defeated the Bone Golem.*

**183.** The domed ceiling of this crypt is lined with diamonds that sparkle like star constellations when a torch or lantern is held aloft. One star, larger than the others, is set in the center of the dome. A concealed bottomless pit is located immediately below this star in the middle of the floor. The alignment of the constellations appears strange and does not reflect the night sky. If studied carefully for 10 minutes a cleric or wizard can interpret the stars—they portend the vengeful return of Nergal!



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*This room presented a real challenge. Cromwell, a Level 5 Cleric of St. Ygg played by my friend Alex, peered into the room and immediately became fascinated with the diamond star constellations. He moved closer and closer into the center of the room until he fell into the bottomless pit. It was a sad day for Alex but a worse day for the party—Cromwell was carrying The Fount of Law! I never expected that to happen! I managed to piece together a side quest for the PCs involving the Temple of St. Ygg and an ancient tome of holy prayers that, if recited for five rounds at the mouth of the Pit of Chaos, would seal the gate. Several sessions later the party succeeded in closing the gate, although the expedition resulted in a near TPK.*

**184.** This crypt contains the rank and file of The Chosen. As the party enters **Skeletons** (20) will begin pulling themselves out of the bone closets and attack. They wear the unholy symbol of Nergal and cannot be turned.

**185.** This crypt contains the rank and file of The Chosen. As the party enters **Funeral Pyre Zombies** (20) will begin pulling themselves out of the bone closets and attack. They wear the unholy symbol of Nergal and cannot be turned. They were buried with nothing of value.

**186.** This corridor is empty and caked with dust and cobwebs.

**A.** This is a small temple room with an altar and a small Onyx Statuette of Nergal (500gp). It is very heavy and will require three characters to lift.

**B.** This room is lined with four chests. All are locked. The first contains black clerical high priest vestments. The second is filled with 2,000gp and is guarded by a **Clockwork Cobra** (1). The third is filled with candles and two dozen incense blocks. The fourth contains 5 cleric *Spell Scrolls: Darkness, Silence, Hold Person, Protection From Energy, and Spiritual Weapon.*

**C.** This appears to have been an embalming room. There are tables and jars of all descriptions. Wall frescos depict The Chosen walking into death's door and appearing as skeletons on the other side.

**D.** This room is lined with weapon racks (4 maces, 4 morningstars, 4 light hammers) and armor racks (4

shields, 2 suits of chainmail, and 2 suits of platemail). The weapons and armor are of exceptional quality and worth double their normal value. Two ornate weapons hanging on the wall include a *Longbow +1* and a *Halberd +1*.

**E.** This is a false crypt for a high priest and is designed to misdirect would-be tomb-robbers. It is decorated in bas relief and runic script in the Black Tongue describes the life and faith of **Rendar Serouc**, a favoured priest of Nergal. A sarcophagus in the center of the room is dusty and sealed. The remains of a skeleton in high priest robes can be found within. There are four canopic jars, an unholy symbol, and a bag with 50pp lying beside the body. The crypt is otherwise empty.

**F.** This is a false crypt for the lieutenants of the high priest, and, like E, is designed to throw-off would be tomb-robbers. There are two sarcophagi in this room and both possess dark yellow clerical robes and are buried with shields, flails, and unholy symbols. They each have small coffers with 20pp.

**187.** This crypt holds **Serouc's** two closest lieutenants. They have risen as **Ghasts** (2). They wear unholy symbols and cannot be turned. Unless disturbed in their sarcophagi, they will only rise to aid **Serouc**—by attacking the party from behind. Their sarcophagi include the following: *Potions of Flying, Speed, Greater Healing, Climbing, and Mind Reading*, and a *Greatsword +1, +3 versus Monstrosities.*

A decorated bowl of precious jewels rests between the two sarcophagi: Jade (75gp), Jasper (500gp), Quartz (50gp), Amber (750gp), Opal (1000gp), Moss Agate (75gp), Carnelian (75gp), Tiger Eye Agate (100gp), Topaz (500gp), Ruby (250gp), and a Diamond (666gp).

A funerary basket holds 6,000cp and a large wooden chest holds 10,000sp. The chest is trapped with a poison needle; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or die.

**188.** The lid on the stone sarcophagus in the center of this room has been opened (from the inside). Numerous coffers, decorated amphora, and funerary baskets line the walls. **Rendar Serouc**, a High Priest of Nergal, was buried here long ago. He has risen as a **Barrow Wight** (1), a terrifying and deadly undead creature. When the PCs first enter the room, **Serouc** will be standing at the back of the room in the shadows between the two statues. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #22.** He will keep his head down, concealed by his burial



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shroud, until combat begins—he has gone insane but has retained his devious intelligence. Serouc will not be noticed at first and may monologue in a dry, cryptic voice about how feeble they are and how he will feed on their life essence.

The statues are actually golems and he will command them to attack first. One statue is a **Barrow Guardian** (1), and the other is a **Caryatid Column** (1).

Once the party is engaged with the golems he will command his lieutenants in #187 to attack the PCs from behind.

There are four canopic jars inside the sarcophagus. Serouc will take 1d10 points of damage per jar that is destroyed.

The sarcophagus also holds **Serouc's** personal items and includes a *Shield +2*, *Ring of Water Walking*, *Staff of Striking*, 4 cleric *Spell Scrolls: Dispel Magic, Cure Wounds, Commune, and True Seeing*, and a *Treasure Map* leading to a cache of 13,000gp. The GM can decide the exact location of the trove, somewhere in a deep, dark (and guarded) section of Barrowmaze or in a secluded burial mound deep in the moor. The funerary baskets and coffers that line the walls contain the following:

Decorated Bowl (Gems and Jewels): Malachite (250gp), Turquoise (10gp), Lapis Lazuli (75gp), Sardonyx (100gp).

Funerary Basket 1 (Coins): 4,000gp.

Coffer 1 (Jewelry): Gold Necklace (1,300gp), Silver Chalice (400gp), Gold Coffer (300gp), Jade Bracelet (70gp), Silver Bracers (1,000gp), and a Platinum Circlet (500gp).

Coffer 2 (Coins): 1,000ep.

Coffer 3 (Coins): 3,000gp.





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#### Area Five: Random Monsters

1. Ravenous Zombies (2d6)

2. Crypt Knights (1d6+1)

3. Ghouls<sup>1</sup> (2d6)

4. Sons of Gaxx (1d8)

5. Ochre Jellies (1d4)

6. Mongrelmen (3d6)

7. Gargoyles (1d4)

8. Necromancers of Set (2d6)

9. Necromancers of Set (2d6)

10. Necromancers of Set<sup>2</sup> (2d4)

11. Dungeon Dressing<sup>3</sup>

12. GM's Choice

Note: There is a 2 in 6 chance that wandering undead are wearing Death Masks.

1. This group is led by a Barrow Ghost.
2. In addition to rolled results, the Necromancers have at least one Mage of Set, a Mongrelman scout, and two Steel Skeletons.
3. See Table 3: Random Dungeon Dressing.

**189.** The secret door in this room has been trapped by the Necromancers of Set. A magical fire ward has been placed on it; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or take 6d6 damage (half on save). If the door explodes, the undead in #206 have been instructed to attack intruders.

**190.** With the exception of columns depicting female warriors, this room appears empty. Two of the pillars, the one in front of the secret door and the one in the northeastern corner of the room, are **Caryatid Columns** (2). They will only attack if the PCs search near the secret door.

**191.** This room has not been opened in centuries. A thick layer of dust has settled across the floor. A small chest rests in the center of the south wall. The dust on the floor hides hundreds of small holes from which (pressure-sensitive) magical flame will shoot forth for 3d6 points of damage

per hole. It is impossible to cross the floor without stepping on one of these holes and setting off the flame. PCs must decipher a means to get to the chest without touching the floor. The chest is chained to the south wall. It is trapped with a poison needle; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or die. Inside the chest is a **Clockwork Cobra** (1). The chest contains a *Mace of Disruption*.

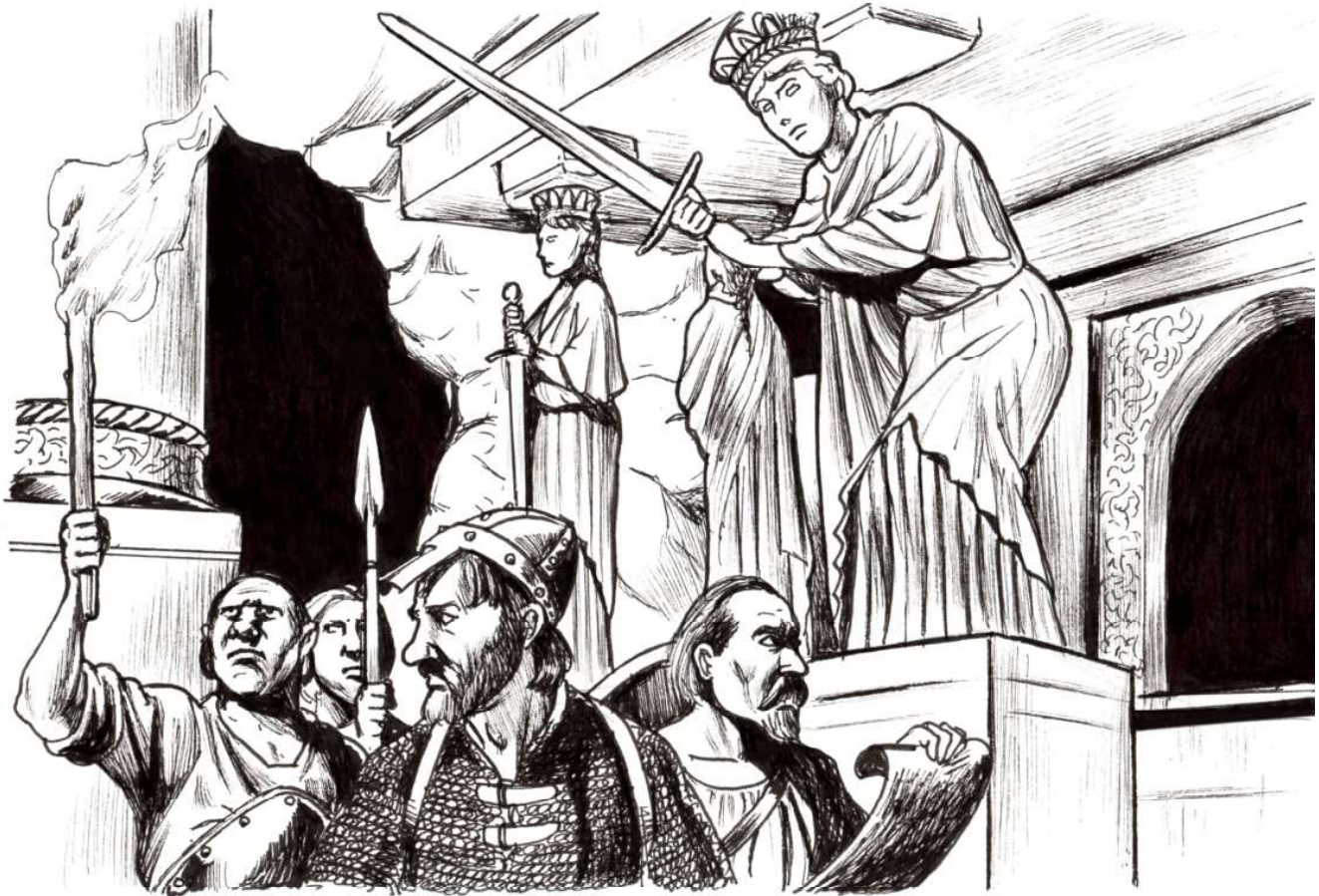
**192.** The door to this crypt is sealed and made of stone. This room contains a series of stairways leading up to a rolling ball trap. The ball is cleverly hidden from sight above the door to the crypt. The door has a large, trapped pull-ring. An inscription on the door reads, "Knock and Pull to Enter the Crypt of Mahle Royc." Unless the PCs knock the correct number of times (6), they will set off the trap (a hint is provided in **Thala-Kul's** chamber #216).

If the trap is released, the ball will drop from the secret area above the door, and all those below must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or take 4d6 points of damage. A successful save means they managed to turn and flee down the stairway with the ball rolling down after them. PCs who managed to save must make three DC 10 Dexterity (Acrobatics) checks to make it outside the initial door to the crypt. Failure means they slipped on the stairway and are crushed for 3d6 points of damage. Note that any potions or fragile items will also be crushed. The crypt contains the remains of the fighter **Mahle Royc** and his *Platemail +2*.

**193.** The door to this crypt is sealed and made of stone. This crypt is the final resting place of **Pinto the Pyromancer**. His sarcophagus rests at the western edge of the room, over 50 feet away. Pinto's apprentices used their abilities to harness the Plane of Fire in the construction of his tomb. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #23.**

The majority of the crypt is covered by a pit of intense magical fire that periodically shoots geysers of flame into the air. The walls are completely smooth and cannot be scaled. Large disks hang from the ceiling three feet apart. A successful DC 14 Dexterity (Acrobatics) check must be made to swing and then jump from one disk to the next. The room is intensely hot and players will tire easily. Any effort to cross the pit in medium or heavy armor will result in the DC increasing by +1 per disk. In addition, flame geysers are apt (70%) to shoot forth at the third and sixth disks, requiring a successful DC 14 Dex save or the PC will fall into the pit and die. A successful save means the PC takes 2d6 points of damage from the geyser.

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The sarcophagus, decorated in flames, is trapped with a fire ward; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or take 6d6 points of damage (half on save). Lying beside Pinto's remains is a *Ring of Protection*, the *Staff of the Pyromancer*, and a spellbook containing all fire-related wizard spells between first and fourth level.

Note that this chamber dampens the effect of magical flight. For each *Fly* spell, or similar spell or spell-like device used to cross the pit, the PC will only advance half-way before the spell energy is drained completely.

**194.** The door to this crypt is sealed and made of stone. A large sarcophagus sits in the center of the round portion of this room. A unique scarab with an imprint of an oak leaf must be inserted and turned to open the sarcophagus (see #205).

Four **Greater Flagstone Golems** (4) line the walls and will animate and attack if someone tries to plunder the sarcophagus.

This is the resting place of **Rathgar**, a famous ranger of the Northern Reaches. Inside the sarcophagus are the following potions: *Healing*, *Greater Healing*, and *Heroism*, and a *Spell Scroll of Zozomir's Stentorian Shout* (see New Spells). He wears *Studded Leather +2* and a *Longsword +2* rests by his side.

**195.** This room contains dungeon detritus including small pieces of stone and a few bones.

**196.** This room is empty.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. This chamber seems to be an antechamber for the remaining crypts. The room contains the overpowering smell of dead flesh (from D3). The stench is so disgusting that PCs must succeed on a DC 14 Con save or vomit for 10 minutes (check for random monsters).

**Quiet Crypt 2:** This crypt contains a single stone slab piled with skulls. When the PCs enter one skull will begin a evil cackling laugh, followed by another, and another,





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until all the skulls are laughing in a ghostly cacophony of death. This unholy sound will make those who hear it turn insane unless a successful DC 12 Wis save is made. One of the skulls has a *Gem of Seeing* in its eye socket.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** The smell of dead flesh is overpowering, even through the bricked-up wall. This chamber is filled, shoulder-to-shoulder with undead. There is no room for the PCs to walk whatsoever. The ceiling is very low here, no more than seven feet from floor to ceiling. Each ten foot square in this chamber contains five rows of undead that are five deep for a total of 200 undead creatures. They appear to be in some sort of dormancy. The undead are shackled together with chains connected to rusty iron bands around their necks. The bands are branded with the unholy symbol of Nergal. Two doors can barely be noticed on the far eastern wall. There is not sufficient room for the PCs to fly or climb above the undead due to the low ceiling.

How the PCs decide to reach the doors is up to them. However, if the undead are attacked or the door to either A or B is opened without speaking the phrase "Life in Death," the shackles will fall from the necks and the gruesome horde will be unleashed.

Use the table below to randomly determine the various types of undead (200 total):

Undead Type
1. Zombies (1d20)
2. Ravenous Zombies (1d20)
3. Coffin Corpses (1d10)
4. Ghouls (1d10)
5. Ghosts (1d10)
6. Mummies (1d4)

strange playing cards. This is a *Deck of Many Things*.

**197. A Greater Crypt Shade** (1) now haunts this tomb. It will whisper torments of death in Black Tongue as it swirls around the room attacking the PCs. The sarcophagus contains a coffer with 200gp.

**A.** This chamber contains a pedestal in the center of the room. On top of the pedestal is a velvet pillow, now moldy and ruined. On the pillow sits a scarlet and blue *loun Stone (Intellect)*.

**B.** This chamber contains a pedestal in the center of the room. On top of the pedestal is a pile of

**Burial Alcoves:** (80) Square, Skull Piles.

**Contents:** 52gp, *Potion of Growth*.

**198.** This room contains two sarcophagi. If one of them is touched a *Magic Mouth* will appear and scream "Thieves!" repeatedly. If this happens, it will trigger a second *Magic Mouth* to appear and scream "Tomb-Robbers!" ten times (roll for random monsters twice). The sarcophagi contain bones and no treasure.

**A.** The inside of this alcove is covered in **Purple Moss** (6).

**B.** This alcove contains a low stone altar with a dozen clay funerary figures (no value).

**199.** Similar to 198, this crypt contains two sarcophagi. Both are sealed with wax and bas relief along the sides depict worship of the gods. Both skeletons wear funerary masks crafted of bone (100gp each).

**A.** This alcove contains a **Brown Pudding** (1) that has oozed through cracks in the walls from #201.

**B.** This alcove contains a single scarab carved from the bone of a large creature. It is magical and cursed. Anyone who touches it will develop Mummy Rot.

**200.** This crypt is the resting place of two **Mummies** (2). Both wear magical *Gold Death Masks* that are worth 600gp each. One mummy wears a strange green medallion that functions as a *Gem of Brightness*.

**A.** Sitting on a low table in this alcove are four bronze canopic jars. The jars are not valuable. Their contents include: stomach, lungs, liver, and kidneys.

**B.** Sitting on a low table in this alcove are four clay canopic jars. See A for details.

**201.** This crypt contains three statues (two women with scimitars on either side of a large, helmed male warrior with a mattock). They are simply regular statues.

Near these statues are entrances to a set of catacombs lined with a staggering number of square burial alcoves. There are 40 small alcoves for every 5 foot by 10 foot area of passage shown on the map (42) for a total of 1,680 burial niches.

There is a 50% chance of finding coin in each section of

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alcoves. To determine the coin type roll 1d4 (1: Copper; 2: Silver; 3: Electrum; 4: Gold). After determining the type of coin, randomly determine the amount. Roll 1d10. The result is the number of coins (in hundreds) found in that set of alcoves.

In addition, the following special items/encounters can be found in their respective alcove areas:

**A.** This area includes an alcove with a lever. If the lever is pulled, the three secret doors in room 201 will open and release three **Wights** (3) into the room intent on feeding on the life force of the PCs.

**B.** A beautiful double-bladed *Dagger* +3.

**C.** *Spell Scroll of Cure Wounds* (3rd level) (x3).

**D.** Gold Funerary Figure (1,000gp).

**E.** Ten Ancient Scrolls and Books (Value: 10,240gp).

**F.** A quiver of 20 *Arrows* +2.

Be sure to check for random monsters if the PCs decide to search by hand (rather than using magic). If they only search by magic, the PCs will likely miss the Ancient Scrolls and Books.

**202.** This room is covered in burial alcoves:

**Burial Alcoves:** (66) Trapezoidal. Small black urns.  
**Contents:** 435gp and 321sp.

**203.** This natural cavern possesses a small lake at its center. In the middle of the lake is an island with a white stone sarcophagus. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #24.**

Relief on the coverstone depicts a priest at rest. This is the final resting place of Palantis, a powerful cleric of law. Only those of lawful good alignment can remove the coverstone. It is immovable to anyone else. Inside the sarcophagus are the skeletal remains of Palantis and his unique mace called the *Aspergillum of Palantis* (see New Magic Items).

The lake is home to a strange and terrible creature called **Black Tentacles** (1). The monster somehow managed to get carried into the small lake through an underground river. It is ravenous and will lash out at PCs, choosing

those with light sources followed by good-aligned clerics and warriors. It will retreat when it has only one eye stalk remaining.

**204.** This room is the living quarters of the **Medusa** in #205. It is filled with the statues of men that she moved here as trophies. If the PCs have the means to cure petrification, the GM is encouraged to draw up unique NPCs or use the pregenerated characters. Anyone returned to flesh will be grateful and may serve the party for a time (if needed).

**205.** Long ago, the maiden **Moniphine** believed herself more beautiful than the gods. She was worshipped as a demi-god and summarily cursed for her arrogance. She became a **Medusa** (1), and has taken this small ruined temple as her lair.

The room is lit with flaming braziers that cast shadows throughout. Statues and decorated pillars that look like caryatid columns line the room. The floor is covered in debris, including bones, rubble, and dried sticks. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #25.**

The medusa cannot be seen when the PCs first enter the room. She will be in the shadows at the back of the temple, close to the secret door. From there she will use her bow and snipe the PCs one by one, starting with light-bearers and spell-casters. To slow the PCs down, she will use her first action to cast a unique, once-per-day spell on the sticks lying on the floor near the entrance, transforming them into **2d8 Giant Poisonous Snakes** for 1 hour.





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She will not move from the high ground unless she has no other choice. She bears a *Longbow of Speed* (has the same properties as a *Scimitar of Speed*). She also wears a quiver filled with 10 normal arrows and 10 snake-arrows. The latter do an additional 1d6 points of poison damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 11 Con save or die. She also possesses a *Shortsword +2*.

**Moniphine** wears two scarab keys as amulets around her neck. The first opens the door to Barrow Mound #49 and the second, showing an oak-leaf with runes, opens the sarcophagus of **Rathgar** in #194.

There are two large baskets in A that contain 15,126sp and 7,621gp respectively.

**206.** The **Ravenous Dead** (8) here have been instructed by the Necromancers of Set to attack if the secret door to #189 opens or explodes.

**207.** This room is empty. Peat-colored water has dripped in from the ceiling and swollen several crypt doors.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is swollen shut.

Skeletal remains. There is nothing of value.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** This crypt is empty, and the door is open. The contents of this room have been plundered.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is swollen shut. There is nothing of value.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt is slightly ajar. An **Ochre Jelly** (1) has oozed into this crypt. A runic tablet can be found on the floor.

**208.** A lever, used to raise the portcullis between room #207 and #208, is located on the wall of this room, close to the double doors. Raising the rusty portcullis will be noisy and may (50%) bring the Necromancer patrol in #213 to investigate.

**209.** A large pool of dark fetid water dominates this crypt. Against the far eastern wall is an ornate sarcophagus. This crypt is haunted by a terrible **Banshee** (1). If anyone approaches within 10 feet of the sarcophagus, the banshee will materialize and wail.





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Inside the sarcophagus is a coffer with 1,000gp. However, the primary trove is hidden in a secret compartment below the remains and includes a *Potion of Healing* and a glowing *Broadsword +2, +3 vs Undead* (same stats as Longsword).

There is also a coffer holding gems and jewels: Small Flawed Azurite (10gp), Small Carnelian (100gp), Small Flawed Obsidian (10gp), Small Alexandrite (100gp), Medium Amethyst (100gp), Large Pure Black Pearl (500gp), Finely Cut Fire Opal (1000gp), Medium Deep Blue Spinel (500gp), Small Flawed Tiger Eye (10gp), Small Flawed Moss Agate (10gp), Small Flawed Lapis Lazuli (10gp), Small Bloodstone (50gp), Large Topaz (500gp), Small Sardonyx (50gp), Small Flawed Malachite (10gp), Medium Aquamarine (500gp), Small Coral (100gp), Small Flawed Pink Moss Agate (10gp), and a Medium Violet Garnet (500gp).

**210.** This corridor is dark and eerily quiet.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. It contains the remains of four warriors leaning in vertical alcoves covered in cobwebs. They have risen as **Crypt Knights** (4).

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is locked. Eight Small Silver Coffers are lined against the north wall beside the skeletal remains of a man. Statues of four small gargoyles sit in each corner of the room. The coffers are worth 250gp and contain 2d20 gold pieces each.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** This door is slightly ajar. A group of **Ravenous Dead** (6) have wandered into this crypt. They wear *Amulets of Proof Against Turning*. They bear the following treasure: Buckle inlaid with Coral (800gp), Jade Necklace (800gp), Silver Pendant (400gp), Belt inlaid with Ivory (300gp), Silver Crown inlaid with Jade (1,100gp), and a Silver Goblet (800gp).

**Quiet Crypt 4:** This crypt is locked. A tripwire just inside will release a large maul above the door that will strike the first human in the chest (it will miss smaller humanoids) with a +6 to attack, for 2d6 points of damage. Two Gold Drinking Horns (450gp each) rest beside skeletons draped in burial shrouds.

**211.** This 25 foot high crypt is supported by four large pillars shaped like dwarves with raised hands supporting the ceiling. In the center of the room is a beautifully carved stone sarcophagus that resembles an anvil. Inside the sarcophagus is a Gold Burial Casket shaped

like a dwarven priest (value 5,000gp). **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #26.**

Inside the casket are the remains of **Drambuin Hillsmith**, a cleric entombed here long ago. He is dressed in his *Platemail +1 of Fire Resistance* and bears a *Magical Helmet* (grants a +1 bonus to AC). Across his chest rests his mithril *Warhammer +2, +3 vs Constructs*. One of the statue-like pillars supporting the crypt (SE) is actually a **Stone Golem** (1) that will attack if the sarcophagus is disturbed.

**212.** This hallway contains of a few bones and small rubble piles.

**A.** The stone door to this crypt has a small crack near the floor. A dangerous **Black Pudding** (1) has managed to make a lair here.

**B.** A bricked-up wall blocks entrance to this crypt. A skeleton can be found resting on a stone slab in mummiform position against the back wall. A Celadon Vase sits near it (value 1,200gp). If 3 or more characters enter the room, their weight will set off a trap. Floor spears will emerge, causing 2d6 points of damage to anyone in the room. There is no save for half damage. If the PCs engage in combat while holding the fragile vase, there is a 1–5 on d6 chance it will break.

**C.** The door to this crypt is sealed. There is nothing of value inside, only skeletal remains.

**D.** Behind this bricked-up wall is a small shrine to Herne the Hunter, Demi-God of the Forest. A set of bronze disks outlines Herne's faith (neutrality) and would be of particular interest to rangers, druids, and elves. There is also a totem crafted out of deer antler and decorated with Celtic-style knot-work. This is *Herne's Rune*, a magical holy symbol that can store one first level cleric or druid spell (for one of his followers).

**E.** The stone door to this crypt is sealed. The crypt contains two funerary boxes with bones. A Large Gold Goblet (110gp) sits on a pedestal between the boxes. If lifted, a 5x5 foot pit will open beneath the feet of the tomb-robber, dropping them 20 feet and causing 2d6 points of damage. Moreover, the doors of the pit will then close, trapping the person below.

**F.** The stone door to this crypt has been broken. It rests in pieces on the ground, and the crypt has been plundered.



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A colony of **Brown Mold** (4) now covers the inside of the crypt.

**213.** This room is a guard post. The post is manned by two young apprentice Necromancers of Set: **Kohl** and **Sinnis**, carrying a total of 17gp combined.

They command a small group of undead, including **Juju Zombies** (3) and **Funeral Pyre Zombies** (6).

**Kohl** and **Sinnis** are primarily concerned with the western door. They have their **Funeral Pyre Zombies** lined up facing the door with the **Juju Zombies**, armed with longbows, immediately behind them. They have been instructed to kill intruders, but to flee through the secret door to #215 and sound the alarm if things appear to go against them.

One of the **Juju Zombies** was a former Necromancer of Set. He could never remember the phrase that must be recited to open the secret doors to the Shrine. Not a very clever chap, he wrote the password "Set Commands and I Obey" in Black Tongue on a piece of parchment that remains in the pocket of his rotting robes.

*The Secret Shrine of Set (#214 to #222) is lit by torches throughout the complex.*

**214.** These are the living quarters of **Kelingard**. He possesses a spellbook and 30pp. Kelingard also has a *Ring of Feather Falling*. He has been charged with overseeing the apprentices quartered in #219.

**A.** These are the living quarters of **Orthos**. He possesses *Bracers of Defense*, a spellbook, and 29pp.

**Orthos'** primary charge is to command the escape, if one is necessary. If the alarm is raised, **Orthos** will proceed to B and begin lining the undead up in the hallway behind the secret doors between A and B. If instructed to execute the escape plan, he will move the undead out into the hallway just outside the secret door, leave a small group to cover behind them, and then proceed with the rest of the undead en masse to #189. He will hold that position so that all the Necromancers may escape.

**B.** The Necromancers of Set use this room to house a portion of their undead force and as a prison for select mongrelmen. This room is well-suited to repel incursions

into the shrine. There are twenty normal zombies here: **Zombies** (20). The stench of death is so strong that PCs who enter this room must succeed on a DC 14 Con save or be incapacitated while vomiting for 1d4 minutes.

The Necromancers have found it very useful to charm mongrelmen to do their exploration, recover grave goods, and learn information. They keep a cell in the northeastern corner of the room specifically for mongrelmen.

Early on, they managed to capture **Crab-Claw**, the chief of the mongrelmen, and their religious leader, **Sayer of the Truth**. These two are both intelligent and "act" as if charmed, although they are not. All the other mongrelmen here, including **Panther-man**, **Dingo-Baby**, **Li'On-Ess**, and **Spider-Pig** have been charmed and act accordingly.

**215. Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #27.** The Necromancers have devoted this room as a shrine to their jackal-god Set. The ceiling is 30-feet high. A statue of Set in the middle of the room is bracketed by two large columns. A blood-stained altar rests in front of the statue. Several flaming braziers are located in this room. There are two **Brass Jackals** (2) on guard here at all times on either side of the altar. At the back of the shrine are three black-and-yellow curtained areas. These are the quarters for leaders of the sect.

**216.** This chamber belongs to **Thala-Kul**, a **Mage of Set**. He is second-in-command of the Necromancers. He possesses a *Ring of Protection*, *Sandals of Kicking* (see New Magic Items), a spellbook, and 36pp. His quarters are guarded by **Brass Jackals** (2) at all times.

**Thala-Kul** takes pleasure in the vivisection of mongrelmen. His bookshelves are filled with tomes and treatises on death, undeath, and bestial anatomy. These include a scroll with the name "**Mahle Royc**" and the number "six." This is a hint to enter crypt #192.

**Thala-Kul** currently has a mongrelman, **Son-of-Snake**, restrained on his vivisection table (1 hit point remaining). His skin is pinned open at various points. Once the PCs reach him, he will say with his dying breath "Help us! You must... free... Crab-Claw..." and then he will die.

**217.** The room houses **Nathalas the Despicable** (treat as **Mage of Set**, but with twice as many hit points, an Intelligence modifier of +5—which affects spell save DC and spell attack bonus—and the ability to cast *Blight*

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and *Cloudkill* twice per day each). He is the high-mage and leader of the Necromancers of Set. He possesses a *Potion of Resistance (Necrotic)*, a *Scroll of Protection (Wraiths)*, two *Spell Scrolls of Animate Dead*, a *Wand of Magic Missiles*, a *Quarterstaff +2*, a *Spellbook*, and 68pp.

**Nathalas** is paranoid and guarded by a small elite force consisting of **Black Skeletons** (6). One possesses a *Longsword +2*. The skeletons collectively have 360cp among them. They are positioned immediately outside his door. Nathalas' personal bodyguards are two **Steel Skeletons** (2).

His quarters are sparsely furnished with a large spellbook on a podium in the center of the room. Magic circles and pentagrams have been drawn on the floor, and melted candles can be found throughout. The skulls of various exotic creatures abound in the room.

A piece of ancient parchment in his spellbook contains a note in Black Tongue "... near... four fingers... beware Nergal's power... Life in Death... a key..." The four fingers reference #231 and its proximity to #232 which provides an entrance into The Secret Vault of the Unholy Relic.

**218.** **Nathalas** has given this room to **Gbulg, the Bugbear Chief**. Gbulg has a *Shield +2* and uses it as a breastplate. His wife, **Kakta**, is the **Bugbear Shaman** (treat as **Bugbear**, but with a +2 Wisdom modifier, and can cast *Cure Wounds* three times per day, and *Darkness* and *Spiritual Weapon* once per day each—spell save DC 13, spell attack bonus +5). Together, **Gbulg** and **Kakta** lead the Red Fang bugbear tribe. They hope to improve their lot through mercenary service with the Necromancers.

There are four chests here and two runic tablets. Chest 3 and 4 are locked and trapped with poison needles; the victim must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or die.

Chest 1: 2,080cp, Chest 2: 1,450sp, Chest 3: 1,003ep, Chest 4: Gems and jewelry that include a Small Flawed Rhodochrosite (10gp), Small Flawed Turquoise (10gp), Very Large Oriental Amethyst (1,000gp), Small Smoky Quartz (50gp), Very Large Star Sapphire (1,000gp), Small Star Rose Quartz (50gp), Small Flawed Hematite (10gp), and a Small Black Jasper (100gp). The jewelry includes a Gold Comb (300gp), Coral Figurine (400gp), Platinum Cloak Clasp (500gp), and a Bone Drinking Horn inlaid with Silver (600gp).

**219.** This room serves as a barracks for apprentice Necromancers. They include **Sarla**, **Applewood**, and **Barsnowik**, who carry a total of 44gp combined. The quarters are spartan and include makeshift beds, desks, and candles.

**220.** This room serves as a barracks for three apprentice Necromancers: **Bannock**, **Diveen**, and **Jabbard**, who carry a total of 33gp combined. They use this room as their living and study quarters. There is nothing here of value. The apprentices use the area behind the curtain to stow their standard dungeoneering equipment. They are unaware of the secret door.

**221.** This is the Necromancers' secret treasure trove. **Brass Jackals** (2) guard the room.

There is a massive Gold Sarcophagus worth 12,500gp (and weighing 3,000lbs) in this room. Inside, the Necromancers have piled four treasure chests with ancient coins (4,409cp, 3,345sp, 2,234ep, and



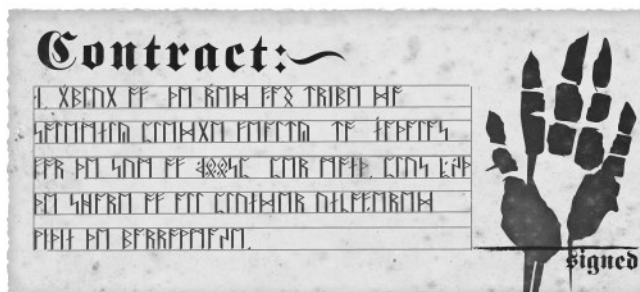


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2,934gp).

A locked iron chest (trapped with a poison needle; DC 14 Dex save or die) contains a *Wand of Wonder* and a spellbook with 8 third level wizard spells.

**222.** The rank-and-file of the Red Fang **Bugbears** (10) are quartered here, in part to provide a buffer between intruders and the necromancers. The bugbears have +2 bonus to attack rolls when in the presence of the chief or the shaman.



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#### Area Six: Random Monsters

1. Black Skeletons (1d6)
2. Crypt Knights (2d4)
3. Spectral Dead (2d6)
4. Barrow Harpies (2d6)
5. Gargoyles (1d6)
6. Gargoyles<sup>1</sup> (2d4)
7. Acolytes of Orcus (1d6)
8. Acolytes of Orcus (2d6)<sup>2</sup>
9. Necromancers of Set (1d6)
10. Necromancers of Set (2d6)<sup>3</sup>
11. Special<sup>4</sup>
12. Special<sup>4</sup>

Note: There is a 2 in 6 chance that wandering undead are wearing Death Masks.

1. This group is led by a Maggog Gargoyle.
2. In addition to rolled results, the Acolytes have at least one Priest of Orcus, two Gehennian Goats, and a Runic Golem.
3. In addition to rolled results, the Necromancers have at least one Mage of Set, four Black Skeletons, a Mongrelman scout, and a Steel Skeleton.
4. Battle between the Necromancers of Set and the Acolytes of Orcus. The exact details are the GM's discretion.

**223.** This complex once served as a series of crypts for priests and followers of Nergal. Now, it is a dark chamber supported by crumbling pillars in the center of the room. The pillars are shaped as shielded warriors with great helms, and supporting columns along the walls are the shape of robed women with swords.

When the PCs enter this room they will notice several dim, dancing lights glowing softly in the back of the room near #225 (see room for more details). These are the lights of an undead creature called a **Corpse Candle** (1), attempting to draw the PCs to the corner of the room where it was pummeled and killed by two **Greater**

**Barrow Guardians** (2). These guardians are the two easternmost pillars depicted on the map.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is swollen shut. Three **Mummies** (3) rest in sealed sarcophagi in this crypt. Inside one of the sarcophagi is a rare Platinum Funerary Figure with Small Sapphire Eyes worth 4,000gp.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is closed. A mummy rests at the back of the room in a horizontal alcove. The person who disturbs the body will be cursed (disadvantage on saves until a *Remove Curse* is cast).

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is swollen shut. Burial alcoves adorn the walls.

**Burial Alcoves (42):** Square. Skulls and thigh-bones.  
**Contents:** Tooled Leather Scabbard (125gp), *Potion of Greater Healing*, and a dented helmet.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt is closed. Two **Mummies** (2) rest in their sarcophagi. A tripwire at the door is connected to a heavy crossbow trap on the south wall. There is a 1 in 6 chance the rusty crossbow will not shoot. It strikes with a +6 bonus to attack for 1d10 points of damage. If the crossbow fires it will disturb the mummies who will throw off the lids of their sarcophagi and attack. Each sarcophagus is lined with ten Pewter Chalice worth 50gp each.

**Quiet Crypt 5:** The door to this crypt is swollen shut. One sarcophagus sits in the center of this room. Inside are the remains of a mummified priest. Beside him are three Gold Canopic Jars worth 2,000gp each. Their contents are not recoverable.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** The door to this crypt is swollen shut. Its inhabitants have risen as **Juju Zombies** (4). They are armed with maces and shields, as well as slings with 20 bullets. They wear magical *Gold Death Masks* that are worth 1,000gp each.

**224.** The door has been bashed down. There are burial alcoves here. They have been hastily searched. There are 6 Clay Funerary Figures scattered on the ground (20gp each).

**225.** The door to this room is ajar. The body of a human thief in an advanced state of decay lies face down in the doorway. He was killed by a massive wound from behind. The thief has risen as a vengeful **Corpse Candle**



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(1) and now attempts to draw others into the same fate (see #223). The room itself is empty except for a low bench in front of the secret door.

**226.** This appears to have been a secret treasure room at one point, but was later used as a rest and re-arm area by a group of tomb-robbers. There are two coils of strong rope (50 feet each), two sledgehammers, and two steel potion bottles (*Greater Healing*). There is also a short iron rod 1 foot long with a tiny button. This is a unique piece of dungeon exploration equipment called *Teknar's Ten-Foot Pole* (see *New Magic Items*). These dungeon exploration items are covered in dust and it appears their owners never returned.

**227.** This hallway leads to several small crypts.

**A.** The door is locked. A funerary box with remains sits beside a locked coffer. The coffer is trapped with poison gas; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Con save or take 2d6 points of damage (half on save). It contains a Silver Necklace inlaid with Small Pearls (1,100gp), a Silver Sword Harness inlaid with Amber (700gp), and a Small Coral Statuette (700gp).

**B.** The door is closed and this crypt is empty.

**C.** The door is open. Whatever was entombed on the stone slab here stood up and walked away.

**D.** The door to this crypt is made of stone and is sealed shut. If someone attempts to break the door poisonous gas will fill #227 from small holes in the floor. Anyone in the room must succeed on a DC 14 Int save or be *Feebleminded* (as per the spell).

Inside the crypt is the body of a former aristocrat. The walls are lined with Funerary Figures. If the PCs search, they will find two extremely valuable figures made of mithril (5,000gp each). Although they are not especially valuable, there are also Clay (4 worth 25gp each), Terra Cotta (6 worth 100gp each), and Wax (6 worth 50gp each) figures in this crypt.

**228.** This hallway leads to several small crypts.

**A.** This crypt has been plundered. The door barely hangs on its rusty hinges.

**B.** The door to this crypt is closed. Two **Amber Jellies** (2) oozed under the door and have made a lair here. They now stick to the ceiling to surprise unwary prey. A skeleton lying on a slab against the western wall clutches a Valuable Scroll worth 950gp to a sage.

**C.** The door is closed and the room is empty.

**D.** A dwarven fighter, half-decayed, is propped up in the corner of this room. Tucked in his belt is a partial map of the caves in #312 (GM's discretion).

**229.** There are **Steel Skeletons** (2) here at all times. They serve as the first line of defense for the Secret Shrine. They will allow those wearing Necromancer robes to pass unhindered.

**230.** This room is empty. Small piles of rubble can be found here along the walls. If carefully searched using bright light (beyond a torch or lantern), PCs may notice footprints heading toward the secret door. The door is opened by speaking "Set Commands and I Obey."





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**231.** Take a moment to read the entries below before proceeding with play.

This hallway contains 4 narrow doors leading to small “finger” crypts. Only a dwarf or Small sized creature can walk in these crypts. All others must squeeze. These crypts are protected by four **Crypt Knights** in secret areas (two are located in E and two in F). They will wait until a PC enters one of the small round crypts before they burst through the secret alcoves in dramatic fashion and attack the nearest party member.

**A.** The door to this crypt is sealed shut. Inside the crypt is an urn sitting beside a narrow well with bucket and winch. Drinking from the well will cause a PC to have their primary ability score increased by one and a different randomly determined ability score reduced by 1d2. There is nothing else of note in this crypt.

**B.** The door to this crypt is swollen shut. Other than a funerary box there is nothing of value here.

**C.** The door to this crypt is open. **Killer Scorpions** (4) nest in this room. There are six Electrum Coffers on a shelf along the rounded wall. These are worth 300gp each. Inside each coffer is a moonstone worth 100gp each.

**D.** This door is locked. A **Brown Pudding** (1) has oozed into this crypt from a hole in the wall. There are three mummies lying on a large stone slab. They each wear Copper Death Masks worth 250gp each. The **Brown Pudding** sits on the ceiling above the bodies. If the mummies are disturbed a secret stone wall will descend in the narrow corridor and isolate anyone caught inside. The pudding will then attack. The slab can only be broken with an iron spike and sledge. This will take five minutes.

**E. Crypt Knights** (2). Both wear Gold Amulets with the symbol of their order (skull atop a rose) that function as *Amulets of Proof Against Turning*, each worth 700gp. One wears a signet ring that is actually a *Ring of Free Movement*.

**F. Crypt Knights** (2). The crypt knights wear Gold Amulets with the symbol of their order (the skull atop a rose). Similar to those in E they function as *Amulets of Proof Against Turning* and are worth 700gp each.

**232.** This room has not been accessed in centuries. A thick layer of dust covers the floor. A large simple stone sarcophagus dominates the room. Inside are skeletal

remains and six **Clockwork Scorpions** (6).

The sarcophagus is one of two entrances into The Secret Vault of the Unholy Relic. The entrance is located in a false bottom underneath a sarcophagus. A narrow tunnel heads east and leads to a trapdoor.

**233.** There are two large tapestries hanging on the walls of this room. The tapestries appear in excellent condition and are actually ravenous **Mimics** (2).

**A.** This room is empty.

**B.** This room contains a small group of mongrelmen scavenging for food. The **Mongrelmen** (6) wield vicious spiked clubs and patched-together bits of armour. There is a 1 in 3 chance on d6 that they will hear the PCs coming and flee or camouflage themselves. The largest of the mongrelmen is so adept at mimicry he will also try to make the PCs believe they hear noises behind them. The mongrelmen are aware of their proximity to the Secret Shrine of Set and listening for noise, particularly from the north and are listening.

Unbeknownst to the mongrelmen, the secret door contains a cache of adventuring gear including a sledgehammer, 50' rope, 6 vials of oil, 3 bottles of holy water, and two *Potions of Greater Healing*.

**C.** This chamber contains a large rubbish pile. There is nothing of value here.

**D.** This room contains a small five foot high obelisk. The writing on the obelisk has been chiseled away recently and it has been smeared with excrement. Enough detail can be gleaned from the remaining glyphs to suggest this was erected in the name of Nergal, God of the Underworld.

**E.** The door to this chamber has destroyed. Magical blast marks surround the entranceway. The corpses of two adventurers, a warrior and a wizard, lay dead on the floor. Their bodies have been hastily stripped and they have been dead for some time. They appear to have been pummeled to death.

**F.** Similar to E, the door to this chamber has been destroyed. The room is empty. The floor is littered with bones and debris.

**234.** This room is empty. Bones and rubble have been



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piled in the corners of this room.

**A.** A gargoyle statue, broken and crumbled into innumerable pieces, lies on the floor of this chamber. Several sword marks and magical blast points can be found on the walls.

**235.** This room is empty. Signs of battle and magical blast points mark the flagstone walls.

**236.** The steel door to this crypt is magical and made of stone and opens one-way only (into the crypt).

The door cannot be held open by simple pieces of wood or metal. Magical weapons will hold for a number of minutes equal to the magical bonus of the weapon before they break and become useless.

There are four sarcophagi here. Their inhabitants have risen as terrible **Wraiths** (4). Once the tomb has been entered, the wraiths will rise from their sarcophagi and converge upon the intruder.

Inside one of the sarcophagi are two Platinum Rhytons (worth 2,300 and 2,100gp), two runic tablets, as well as a set of *Gauntlets of Ogre Power*.

**237.** This hallway is empty.

**238.** A sarcophagus stands upwards against the southern wall of this room. Recently, a fourth level paladin, **Sir Pelinore**, was captured, bound, and put here by a **Necrolyte of Nergal**.

An illusion was also cast (along with a permanent silence on the sarcophagus) to make him appear as a bloodthirsty vampire. The PC who slays the paladin will automatically fail their next saving throw.

If the illusion is discovered, and the paladin is freed and armed, he will serve the party for a year before returning to his knightly order.

**239.** Empty.

**240.** This hallway is empty.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door is locked. This crypt contains a **Mummy** (1) wearing a magical *Gold Death Mask* worth 1,000gp.

His four canopic jars (Terra Cotta, 100gp each) can be found in the crypt. The mummy will take 1d6 points of damage each if they are destroyed.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is closed. Inside is a glass casket with a beautiful elf maiden.

Beside her are many items of power (see below). However, the PCs cannot open or break the glass. It does appear that a scarab key, with a shape of an elvish tree, can be inserted into a lock device to open the casket. This scarab key can be found in #312D.

The maiden is an illusion. The woman inside is actually a dreaded **Barrow Wight** (1). Inside her casket is a bag with 5,000gp, a *Spell Scroll of Globe of Invulnerability*, a *Rope of Entanglement*, and a *Tome of Understanding*.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is ajar. There are two **Ghosts** (2) lying on slabs. They will investigate noise or light, or might play dead if caught unaware. Between them is a Bowl of Gems: Small Red-Brown Garnet (200gp), Large Black Pearl (1,000gp), Very Large Fire Opal (1,000gp), Large Finely Cut Aquamarine (1,000gp), and a Small Black Jasper (50gp).

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt is locked. A bowl of gems sits on a pedestal in the center of the room. A bronzed skeleton rests on a slab against the back wall. If the bowl is removed from the pedestal, five poisoned darts will fly from the wall, striking with a +6 attack modifier. If hit, the victim will be *Slowed* as per the spell for 10 minutes. The bowl contains a Small Amber (100gp), Small Coral (100gp), Small Flawed Chalcedony (40gp), and a Small Jade (100gp).

**Defiled Crypt 5:** The door to this crypt is locked. Four **Mummies** (4) have risen here.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** This door is swollen shut. A group of **Juju Zombies** (6) will burst through the door if sufficient noise is made in the hallway or the sound of battle is heard.

They wear unique Silver Death Masks inlaid with Gold. This provides them with the benefits of both magical *Silver Death Masks* and magical *Gold Death Masks*.

**241.** This room is empty.

**242.** There are five curtains in this room that hide alcoves. Moving clockwise the contents include:

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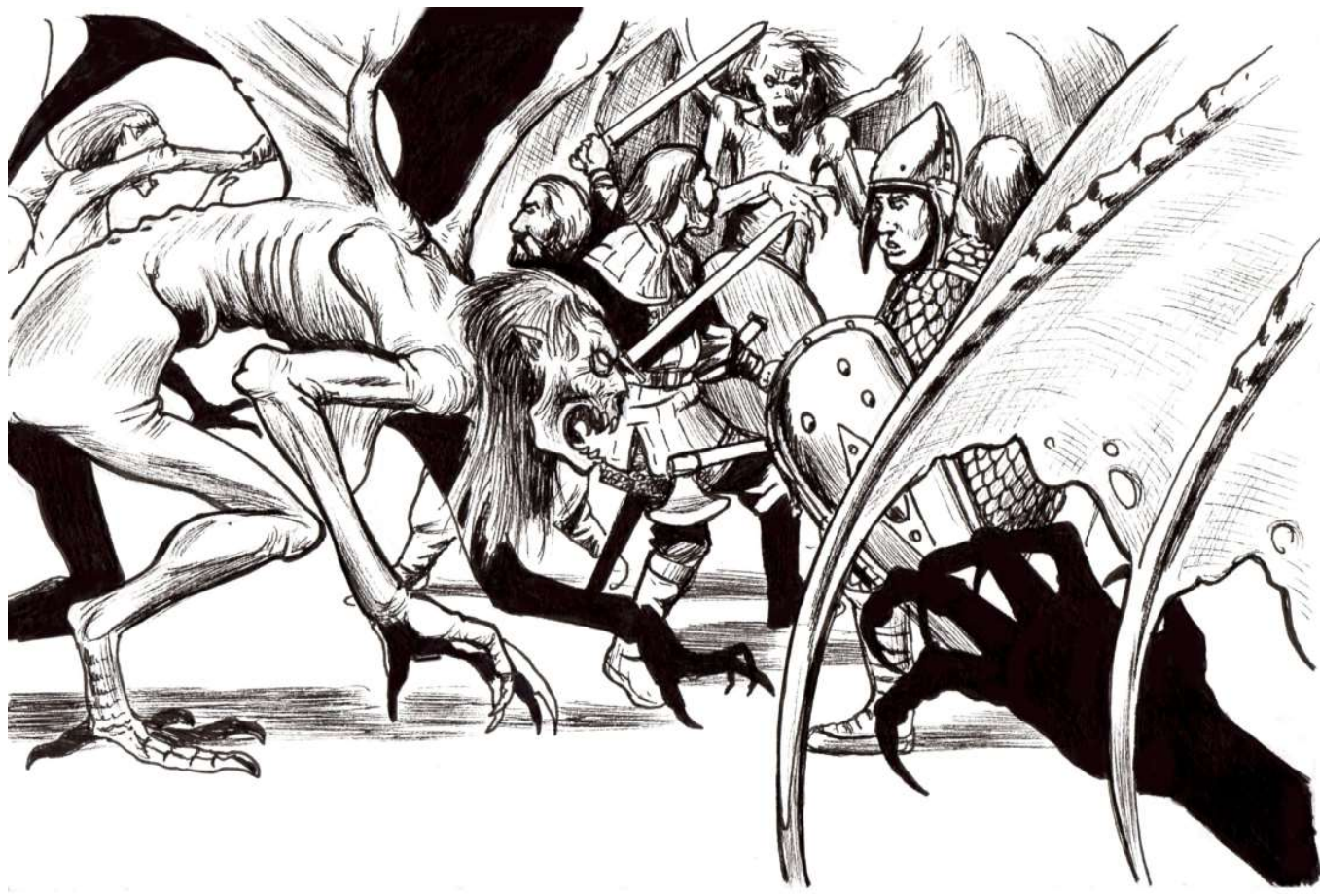
1. A half-chewed human corpse.
2. Yellowed skulls neatly stacked in a pyramid.
3. A **Clockwork Cobra** (1) underneath a pile of rags.
4. A *Dagger +2 of Throwing*.
5. A Gold Death Mask (500gp).

**243.** In the center of this room is a sarcophagus covered in strange glyphs on all four sides. This is a magical puzzle lock. The total number of glyphs on each side of the sarcophagus is as follows: West (36), South (32), East (67), North (41).

On the top of the coverstone there are thirteen round steel rods and twelve rod slots with the following numbers 108 (N+E), 99 (E+S), 68 (S+W), 77 (W+N). As well as 185 (N+E+W+N) and 167 (E+S+S+W) and 352 (N+E+W+N+E+S+S+W). There are also the following false numbers 45, 69, 71, 155, 377.

The rods must be inserted into the following holes in order to access the sarcophagus: 108, 99, 68, 77, 185, 167, 352. If a rod is inserted into a false hole it will immediately shock the rod inserter for 1d6 points of lightning damage (no save) and shatter the rod. The PCs only have six extra rods (13 for 7 holes) and thus must choose wisely. The sarcophagus cannot be damaged by mundane or magical means. Inside the sarcophagus is the *Couter of Palantis* (see New Magic Items).

**244.** A barrow mound on the surface has collapsed into this room creating a large cylindrical opening (40' wide and 40' deep) to the surface. During the day, light streams down from above. Rubble, earth, bones, and offal covers the ground here and worn frescos adorn the walls. In the various outcroppings leading to the surface, a flock of despicable **Barrow Harpies** (15) have made their lair. In addition to gnarled clubs and rusty shortwords, half of these harpies also possess shortbows with small quivers of 10 arrows. They will let wandering undead and those dressed in the garb of the Acolytes of Orcus pass unhindered, but will attack other intruders.







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In addition, the harpies keep a flock of **Giant Vultures** (8) as guardians and pets. Some of these can be seen circling high above the barrow mounds.

**245.** A great set of double doors enters into this crypt. The leader of the barrow harpies, a particularly despicable female named **Vultrix**, has made this crypt into her personal throne room. She prefers to lie in a semi-reclined position atop the sarcophagus in the eastern portion of the room.

**Vultrix** (treat as **Barrow Harpy**, but with three times as many hit points, and Strength & Dexterity modifiers of +3) is stronger and more agile than the others. She wields a *Flame Tongue Longsword* and a *Shield +2* in battle. **Vultrix** is guarded by two strong male **Barrow Harpies** (2; each has twice as many hit points as standard Barrow Harpies) armed with tridents. There are also six female **Barrow Harpies** (6) here that serve as her attendants armed with longswords and shortbows (10 arrows). There are also two **Giant Vultures** (2) that **Vultrix** keeps as pets. If the sounds of battle are heard in #244, **Vultrix** will send her bodyguards to investigate. She will then appear with her attendants. Large clay pots at the back of the room contain 3,853cp, 5,367sp, and 3,922ep.

The barrow harpies gain a +1 bonus to attack rolls while in the presence of **Vultrix**. If she dies, however, the remaining barrow harpies are likely to flee.

**246.** A strange and weird mural on the southern wall depicts ritual sacrifice to an ooze creature. There are three strange urn-like vessels, about three feet tall, grouped together on the floor in the center of this room. The PCs have never seen urns this shape before. They are not urns but rather vessels used long ago to trap and contain a great monster.

They will need to decide what they want to examine first. If the PCs begin to examine the mural the images will start to move. Each PC must succeed on a DC 14 Wis save or stare entranced at the mural for 20 minutes. If the urns are touched, or the PCs spend more than 10 minutes in the room, the urns will begin weeping strange black goo. Within 10 minutes the goo will pool together as a monstrously large **Black Pudding** (1; has twice as many hit points, and is Huge size).

**247.** This door is closed. **Amber Jellies** (3) have managed to enter the room and now stick to the ceiling to best surprise their prey.

**248.** Access to this crypt is blocked by a bricked-up wall. There are eight six-foot tall niches along the wall of this room. Inside each are the skeletal remains of ancient warriors covered in dust. When the PCs enter this tomb, they will hear a cacophonous wailing followed by white vaguely warrior-like apparitions stepping out of the alcoves. These apparitions are **Spectral Dead** (8). In the vertical niches the PCs can find an ancient set of *Chainmail +2*, a *Greatsword +1*, *+2 vs. Monstrosities*, and a *Potion of Heroism*.

**249.** This crypt antechamber is guarded by a **Necrolyte of Nergal** (1).

He protects this crypt with a contingent of **Crypt Knights** (10). These crypt knights wear platemail and shield. Five carry halberds and the other five carry *Broadswords +1* (same stats as Longsword). Due to the bricked-up wall, the necrolyte will have plenty of time to prepare spells and set his defenses prior to the PCs entering the crypt. Note that this crypt blocks all scrying attempts. The walls are lined with books and it appears spell research has taken place here. A book with the wizard spells *Animate Statue*, *Zozomir's Stentorian Shout*, and *Baltron's Effusive Bloodboil* can be found on a desk.



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**250.** The door to this crypt is locked and trapped with a poison needle; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or die. A locked metal box, wrapped in chains and padlocked, sits on a pedestal in the center of this room. The padlock is not trapped but the box possesses a poison needle trap; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or die. The box contains a valuable arcane volume that is the color of the blackest midnight. Ironically, this is a *Libram of White Magic* (see New Magic Items). This book radiates law/good if detected.

**251.** The door to this crypt is locked and trapped with a poison needle; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or die. Sitting on a pedestal in the center of the room is a white book edged in gold. Ironically, this is a *Libram of Dark Magic* (see New Magic Items). This book radiates chaos/evil if detected.

**252.** This room is supported by four large pillars in the center. The pillars are decorated with stone gargoyles of all shapes and sizes.

Hiding among the inanimate statues are four gargoyles. These include the brutish **Xxaxik** (*Zax-ik*), a **Margoyale** (1) and his henchmen **Gargoyles** (3). **Xxaxik** and his crew were recently banished from the larger contingent of gargoyles (#272) after he challenged **Zygztral** for leadership and lost.

These gargoyles are completely indistinguishable from the decorative gargoyle statues found in the room unless a *Detect Magic* spell is cast. With so many gargoyle faces in the room, PCs will get an eerie sensation of being watched.

**Xxaxik** will try to lure the party into helping him kill **Zygztral** with promises of gold and treasure in #273 (but he will not tell them about the pit or the mimic). He will tell the PCs what they want to hear. Despite his recent defeat, **Xxaxik** is haughty and his speech is labored—he has very large fangs that jut upwards from his mouth and he speaks with a forked tongue. They have knowledge of the larger gargoyle lair and of **Grizelda** in #265.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** This crypt is sealed with a stone door. It will take an iron spike and a sledgehammer to break the seal. Inside are two **Wraiths** (2) in voluminous black burial shrouds. A large metal coffer on a low altar is trapped with a magical fire ward; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or take 5d6 points of damage (half on save). It holds 4,262gp.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** This tomb is sealed with a bricked-up wall. The interior is covered in small burial alcoves:

**Burial Alcoves:** Hexagonal. Wicker effigies.

**Contents:** Glass Beads (40gp), Glass Box (300gp), and a Pewter Goblet (30gp).

**Quiet Crypt 3:** Similar to D1, a sealed stone door bars entrance to this crypt. It will take an iron spike and a sledgehammer to break the seal. Four urns rest on a shelf in the room. A small funerary basket holds 434sp.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** This crypt is sealed with a stone door. It will take an iron spike and a sledgehammer to break the seal. An **Amber Mold** (8) has grown inside this crypt and covers the floor and skeletal remains lying on a slab.

The skeleton clutches a *Cursed Scarab* that sticks to the hand of whoever picks it up. It cannot be removed unless a *Remove Curse* is cast.

**Quiet Crypt 5:** A statue of Demetra, Goddess of Agriculture, stands in the center of this room. The statue weeps. Each tear consumed heals 1d4 hit points a maximum of four times per day. Keep a running total. Once 30 tears have been consumed in this manner the statue will cease weeping. Undead cannot enter this room as long as the statue retains power.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** This crypt is sealed with a stone door. It will take an iron spike and a sledgehammer to break the seal. A terrible **Specter** (1) has risen here in response to The Tablet of Chaos.

A secret compartment underneath a stone slab (pry open) holds three Funerary Figures. Two are made of Gold (800gp each) and the third is made of steel. When picked up, its mouth will open and emit a cloud of paralytic gas. Everyone in the room must succeed on a DC 14 Con save or be paralyzed for 10 minutes. Be sure to roll for random monsters.

**253.** There are two inanimate stone gargoyles outside the door to this room. The gargoyle faction uses this as a guard room. Inside are two **Gargoyles** (2) intent on a game of dice instead of tending to their duties. There is a 1 in 4 chance (d6) that the PCs will surprise them.

**254.** This room is empty.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is swollen shut.



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The crypt contains six horizontal burial alcoves six feet long. They contain the skeletal remains of six knights. The alcoves are in two columns of three and stacked vertically on the southwestern and southeastern walls. If the remains of the knights are disturbed they will rise as **Spectral Dead** (6). Each alcove contains 1d20pp. There is nothing else of value.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** Similar to 254 D1, this crypt contains the remains of six knights presented in the same fashion as the preceding chamber. However, these remains have not yet heard the call of The Tablet.

**A.** Behind the secret door is a small shrine to a long forgotten deity. The shrine contains a ruined tapestry, a small statue (no value), and wax candle numbs. A *Tome of Understanding* rests on a lectern before the shrine.

**255.** This antechamber contains a massive set of double doors over 15 feet high (an identical set can be found on the opposite side of the room). The doors are made of bronze and depict Nergal in the background with skeletons and devils dancing in the underworld.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is ajar. The crypt has partially collapsed. Inside are the bloody remains of five tomb-robbers and a spilled chest of silver coins (1134sp). The bodies of three appear bloody and partially chewed. The other two are covered with black cloaks. This group of tomb-robbers were slaughtered by **Cloakers** (2) who are currently still enjoying their meals. A Gold Medallion inlaid with Jade (1300gp), an Electrum Statuette (200gp), and a Platinum Pendant (325gp), can also be found near the bodies.

**256.** This massive 40 foot tall chamber is supported by two sets of large pillars on both the right and left every ten feet. They are shaped in the form of great helmed warriors with swords and shields (to make the PCs think they are Greater Barrow Guardians). Between the columns are rows of sarcophagi (66 total).

If the PCs decide to search the sarcophagi consult Random Table 7 for their contents (be sure to track time and random encounters). In the center of the room, standing on a large dais, is a giant bronze statue of Nergal. The statue is actually a mighty **Bronze Golem** (1; treat as **Iron Golem** but with half as many hit points, 18 AC instead of 20, and no Sword attack or Poison Breath). The golem has been instructed to guard this room against tomb-robbers. As soon as a sarcophagus

is opened, the doors to the chamber will slam shut (if open) and the golem will activate and attack. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #28.**

*Note to the GM: Each time the golem attacks (regardless of the result) determine if it destroys a column. A result of 1 on d6 indicates the golem, in an attempt to strike the PCs, has smashed one of the pillars supporting the ceiling. If 4 of these are destroyed the ceiling will partially cave in causing 8d6 points of damage (DC 14 Dex save for half) and destroy all but 3d4+2 of the sarcophagi.*

**257.** Ten gargoyles, depicted in bas relief, decorate the walls of this room. Four **Gargoyles** (4) are here using the stone ornamentation as camouflage.

**258.** This room is empty. A pile of giant rats appear to have been tortured and killed here.

**259.** The room is empty.

**260.** This is the library crypt. The two "librarians" are **Necrolytes of Nergal** (2). They are protected by two **Crypt Knights** (2). Due to the bricked-up wall, the necrolytes will have plenty of time to prepare spells.

The crypt itself consists of a main area filled with reading desks and six *Everburning Candles* (See New Magic Items). The long narrow crypts serve as bookshelves. This crypt offers a treasure trove of knowledge on Nergal, his faith, history, and followers.

**A.** Scrolls: Five Ancient Scrolls (1,100gp each). There are also four *Spell Scrolls* containing cleric spells, and five *Spell Scrolls* containing wizard spells. The exact spells are subject to the GM's discretion.

**B.** Monographs: There are many strange books dealing with the dead and the underworld, the most interesting of which is entitled *Life in Death: The Key to Nergal's Faith* (9,540gp). This is also a hint regarding room #344.

**C.** Anthologies: These books provide the collected thoughts of sages, spell-users, and scholars on the faith of Nergal over time. Three tomes worth 2,000gp each can be found as well as a *Manual of Martial Skillfulness* (See New Magic Items).



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**D. Religious Writs:** The combined wisdom of Nergal's clerics can be found here as well as a *Manual of Bodily Health*.

**E. Military Orders:** The tomes and manuals here outline Nergal's militant faction of anti-paladins. The Skull and the Rose would be worth 3,500gp to a sage.

**261.** There are four **Gargoyles** (4) in this room. They are using this crypt as a guard post. They are unaware of the secret door. There is nothing of value.

**262.** This secret crypt was plundered long ago. A chest lies open on the floor. The room is in disarray. Ten gold pieces can be found.

**263.** The door to this crypt has been bashed in and its contents plundered long ago. The secret door in this room has yet to be discovered.

**264.** A **Wraith** (1) haunts this crypt. Across the remains of an elf is a *Longbow +2*.

**265.** This macabre room is the lair of **Grizelda**, a **Barrow Ghast** (1).

**Grizelda the Ghastly Gourmet** normally stands behind a large bubbling black cauldron. She has a table completely covered in strange books and bizarre spices. She cackles like an old witch and possesses a quirky, dark personality.

When the PCs enter this room they will be assaulted by the smell of the ghasts. They must succeed on a DC 14 Con save or be incapacitated while vomiting for 1d4 minutes. **Grizelda** and her gang will merely point, laugh at them, and lick their lips. She is supremely confident in her ability to destroy the PCs and thus will parley with them—although lawful clerics and paladins may not wish to barter with her. She is very intelligent, sly, and calculating.

**Grizelda** will not be coaxed into conflict with any other group. She is particularly interested in acquiring human flesh to feed her growing number of followers. She will trade knowledge of the secret door in #265 and knows that many crypts lay beyond it. She will double-cross the PCs as soon as it suits her.

As **Grizelda** and the PCs interact, the hand of an adventurer will periodically emerge from the thick stew

in her cauldron (followed by a gurgling noise). She will casually stuff the hand back down into the cauldron, as if it was a mere nuisance.

In life **Grizelda** was a spellcaster of repute and gained levels both as a cleric and as a wizard. She has Intelligence and Wisdom modifiers of +4; her spell save DC is 15, and her spell attack bonus is +7. She has three spell slots each of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th level. She can cast the following spells:

**1st Level:** *Detect Magic, Inflict Wounds, Protection from Evil and Good, Magic Missile*

**2nd Level:** *Darkness, Invisibility, Silence, Web*

**3rd Level:** *Ool's Broiling Exhalation, Lightning Bolt*

**4th Level:** *Confusion, Phantasmal Killer*

**Grizelda's** female lieutenants are the halfling **Krisella** and the human **Armaxelda**. Both are powerful **Ghasts** (2; has twice as many hit points as standard Ghasts). **Krisella** still wears a beautiful Platinum Necklace worth 174gp around her neck.





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**Griselda** is also always accompanied by a gaggle of **Ghasts** (5) and **Ghouls** (8).

Among the pots, shelves, and bookstacks are: 1,076cp, 4,235ep, 3,284gp, 112pp.

There are also four *Spell Scrolls* containing random 4th level wizard spells, a *Scroll of Protection (Vampires)*, and a Treasure Map to a burial mound hidden in the Barrowmoor that contains 14,000gp and a deadly monster (subject to the GM). Finally, there are potions of *Speed* and *Invisibility*.

**266.** This room has a ledge extending from the wall five feet from the floor. On this ledge are gargoyles of all shapes and sizes (20 total). This is the gargoyles' first line of defense. They are all inanimate except for five (1 regular gargoyle on each wall plus a spell-casting maggog gargoyle near the door). The first two standard gargoyles will attack while the other two surprise from behind a round later.

The **Gargoyles** (4) and the **Maggog Gargoyle** (1) will flee to warn the rest of the lair if half of their number are killed.

**267.** This crypt is now used as a guardroom. There are three **Gargoyles** (3) here at all times. They have not bothered to knock down the bricked-up wall to A.

**A.** On a sarcophagus is a coffer with 2,080ep. There is nothing of value inside.

**268.** Similar to #267 above, this crypt was converted to a guardroom. Unless alerted, the **Gargoyles** (3) are playing bones and terrorizing a couple of giant rats.

**A.** This room contains a sarcophagus. Draped over it is a large woven tapestry. On top of the tapestry is a coffer (3,000gp). Although the sarcophagus holds nothing of value the tapestry is worth 1,000gp.

**269.** The gargoyles use this room as a prison cell. A halfling, a dwarf, and two humans, all in loincloths, are chained to the back wall (the "jailer" in #270 has the key). The inmates appear to have been tortured and perished of their wounds. **Wendul**, a fifth level human wizard, is the only exception.

**Wendul** was part of a larger party that was ambushed by the gargoyles. Most of his comrades were killed. The

rest were imprisoned here and tortured for sport. He is currently at 1 hit point but if healed and armed he might join the party to seek revenge.

**270.** The "jailer" and "torturer" **Gargoyles** (2) can be found in this room. The jailor carries the key to release the prisoners from their chains in #269. They are both obese and hideous-looking specimens. In a coffer at the back of the room is 3,053cp and 1,120ep.

**271.** The door is made of steel and has a unique lock that requires a special two-pronged key. **Zygstral**, the gargoyle chief, possesses it. The lock is too complex to pick. However, a *Knock* spell will unlock it. The secret door leads to Barrow Mound #46.

**272.** This is the gargoyle throne room. On the south wall of this room is a large dais. On the dais is a large ornate throne, where **Zygstral** holds court over the gargoyles and where he sits most of the time. Similar to #266, a ledge runs down both walls about five feet off the floor. On the ledge are dozens of inanimate stone gargoyles.

There are at least eight **Gargoyles** (8) in this room. If they are caught unaware, they will be on the floor of the room. If they have been alerted to the PCs' invasion of the lair, they will perch themselves among the inanimate gargoyles as camouflage and await the command to strike.

**Zygstral**, their leader, is a massive and brutal **Margoyale** (1). He possesses a fearsome *Battle Axe +3* which he can wield with one hand in place of one of his claw attacks.

**Zygstral** is always accompanied by his bodyguards, two ferocious **Four-Armed Gargoyles** (2) who normally stand on either side of his throne.

**Zygstral's** advisor is **Vizix'Vol**—a particularly old and sinister **Maggog Gargoyle** (1) who possesses slightly better resilience and greater spell-casting ability than other maggogs (has 42 hit points instead of 32, and has two 3rd-level spell slots with which he can cast *Haste* and *Lightning Bolt*).

**Zygstral** may parley with the PCs, but his preference is to use brutal force. He knows a way through the catacombs to the east and knows the Acolytes and the Temple of Orcus can be found there. He may allow the PCs passage if they destroy **Vultrix** and the barrow harpies for him.

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Beyond the secret door is a large chest that contains 7,324cp and 4,592sp. However, the real treasure hoard of the gargoyles lay beyond the second secret door (#273).

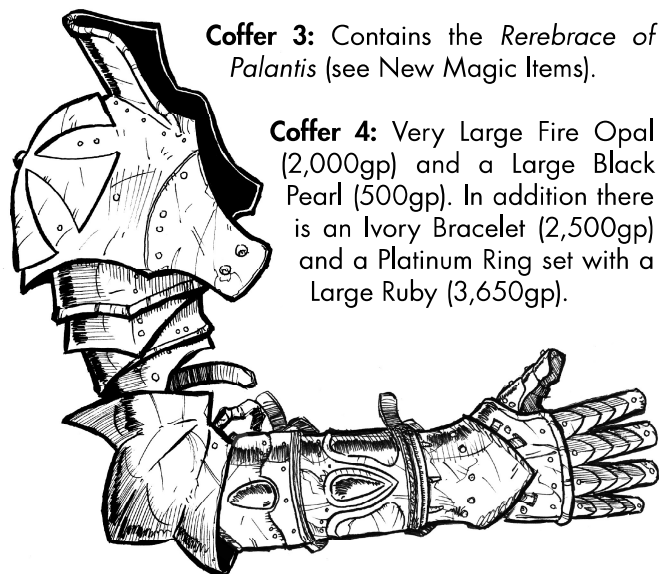
**273.** When the PCs first enter this room they will see Silver Coffers, a Box, a Chest (**Mimic**), a Gem-Encrusted Chalice, Ivory Statuettes, and several other shiny treasures (see below) resting on the floor against the north wall. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #29.** Although the treasures are wondrous, this is a trap. The entire floor of this room, with the exception of a 5 foot ledge on which the treasure sits, will open up into a bottomless pit. Like the gargoyles, the PCs will have to fly (or travel by some other means) over to the ledge approximately 25 feet away to gain the treasure.

**Coffer 1:** Large Topaz (500gp) and a Very Large Black Opal (1,000gp). There is also a Coral Amulet (2,000gp).

**Coffer 2:** Chrysolite (50gp) and a Red Garnet (100gp) as well as a Silver Necklace with Gemstones (3,000gp) and Jade Earrings (1,800gp)

**Coffer 3:** Contains the *Rerebrace of Palantis* (see New Magic Items).

**Coffer 4:** Very Large Fire Opal (2,000gp) and a Large Black Pearl (500gp). In addition there is an Ivory Bracelet (2,500gp) and a Platinum Ring set with a Large Ruby (3,650gp).



The box holds two unique spellbooks:

The first is a huge tome. The cover is made of lizardman scales and it is bound with silver fittings. It contains all 1st-level wizard spells. This book attracts reptiles and reptile-like monsters.

The second is made of doppelganger hide. The color of the book changes, chameleon-like, to match its surroundings. It possesses more pages than its thickness might suggest. This book contains all 2nd-level wizard spells in addition to all the spells located in the New Spells section of this book. Occasionally, this book snarls at its owner.

There are four Ivory Statuettes (1,000gp each), a Celadon Vase (1,200gp), three Electrum Death Masks (300gp each), a Gem Encrusted Chalice (850gp). There are also two runic tablets.

The small wooden chest is a **Mimic** (1) who the gargoyles keep as a pet to guard their treasure.



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There are many bricked-up walls in The Chaos Sepulcher of the Elements, thus a random encounter table is not practical in this area of the dungeon.

As a result, packs of **Grizelda's** ghosts and ghouls from room #265 are the most appropriate encounter type. In the event of a random encounter, GMs can also survey nearby crypts and tombs and match the rough location to the monster type.

It is subject to the GM's discretion if a faction, such as the Necromancers, Acolytes, or a rival adventuring party, previously bargained with **Grizelda** for safe passage into The Chaos Sepulcher.

**274.** Three **Barrow Mummies** (3) lie in decaying wooden caskets in this room. These monsters wear Bone Death Masks inlaid with Gold (worth 650gp each) that provide them with the benefits of both magical *Bone Death Masks* and magical *Gold Death Masks*. One sarcophagus contains a pouch with 3 gems: Large Finely Cut Sardonyx (1,300gp), Large White Pearl (900gp), and a Large Aquamarine (650gp).

**275.** Three **Barrow Mummies** (3) have broken free of their wooden sarcophagi and will attack anyone who enters their crypt. The mummies still bear Silver Bracers (700gp), an Electrum Belt Buckle (1,250gp), and a Silver Ring with a Black Sapphire (850gp).

**276.** When the party enters this room, they will see a massive pile of gemstones sitting in a huge stone bowl (five feet across) in the center of the room. Opposite the doorway, on the northeast wall, are the skeletal remains of a jewel merchant. Frescos on the wall depict him travelling to distant lands and trading for gemstones.

At first glance, the gems appear as a king's treasure hoard, but the jewels are actually a **Gemstone Golem** (1) that will attack as soon as anything in the crypt is disturbed. The skeleton wears a large beautiful jewel on a chain around its neck that will radiate powerful magic if detected. This is a *Gem of Seeing*.

**277.** A **Sandling** (1) has managed to move through the

cracks of the walls and taken this crypt as its lair. There is nothing of value.

**278.** An ornate stone sarcophagus sits on a square dais in the middle of this room. The remains of a human and an elf, apparently adventurers, lie near the sarcophagus. They died of battle wounds.

The sarcophagus is trapped. If it is touched by a living being, secret doors will open in two of the four square pillars of this room (northwest and southeast) and **Bone Golems** (2; treat as **Clay Golem** but with +1 AC and no acid immunity/absorption) will emerge to slay the intruders.

The sarcophagus contains skeletal remains and a bag of gems that include: a Small Cracked Azurite (8gp), Small Alexandrite (100gp), Small Finely Cut Bloodstone (100gp), Large Flawed Black Pearl (350gp), Large Topaz (1,000gp), Small Bloodstone (50gp), and a Large Finely Cut Deep Blue Spinel (1,000gp).

**279.** There is an archway on either side of this hallway.

**A.** Empty.

**B.** A strange symbol can be found on this door. The symbol is a magical fire ward; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or take 7d6 points of damage (half on save). There are four Copper Death Masks (400gp each) hanging on a wall.

**C.** There is nothing behind this rotting yellow curtain.

**D.** The door to this crypt is locked. As soon as the door opens an **Amber Golem** (1; treat as **Clay Golem**) will attack.

**E.** Behind this rotting curtain are two partially decayed human bodies. One clutches a *Spell Scroll* with the 2nd-level wizard spell: *Djriixim's Purple Haze* (see New Spells).

**F.** An **Ochre Jelly** (1) has made a home in this small crypt. Beside the skeletal remains of the occupant there are three Platinum Rhytons worth 1,700gp, 2,000gp, 2,300gp respectively.

**G.** There is nothing behind this curtain.

**H.** In the middle of this crypt, resting on the floor, is a rotting wooden sarcophagus. On top of the sarcophagus is a bowl of gemstones that sparkle in the torchlight,



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including a massive diamond.

However, the entire floor of this 10 foot by 10 foot crypt is trapped. As soon as someone steps into the room, the entire floor will give way into a 20 foot deep pit with poisoned spikes. Any PC that falls into the pit must make a DC 14 Con save. On a failure, they die from the poison. On a success, they merely take 3d6 points of damage from the combination of the fall and the spikes. The bowl contains a Large Topaz (500gp), Small Brown Jasper (70gp), Large Finely Cut Deep Blue Spinel (800gp), and a Very Large Exquisite Clear Diamond (5,000gp).

**I.** Whatever was behind this curtain was plundered long ago.

**J.** The door to this crypt is locked. A **Brown Pudding** (1) has oozed into this crypt and now hangs from the ceiling. As soon as the party opens the door, they will be greeted by the sparkle of gold in their torchlight. Three beautifully crafted Canopic Jars made of gold sit on a low altar at the back of the crypt. They are worth 2,000gp each.

**K.** Behind this curtain is a low stone slab. A funerary shroud can be found on the floor. Whatever was interred here stood up and walked away.

**L.** The door to this crypt is locked and trapped. If the door is opened, a swinging ball will descend from above the door and strike the first person in the room; the victim must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or take 2d6 points of damage (half on save).

Inside, on top of a stone slab, are skeletal remains in a funerary box. A secret compartment in the slab (push a stone inward) holds a pouch of gems that includes a Small Blue Quartz (20gp), Small Flawed Moss Agate (9gp), Small Rock Crystal (50gp), Small Citrine (50gp), Large Sardonyx (100gp), Small Hematite (10gp), Very Large Exquisite Pale Blue Opal (8,000gp), Very Large Finely Cut Star Ruby (2,000gp), Small Hematite (10gp), and a Large Moonstone (100gp).

**280.** This room is empty.

**281.** This room contains an altar in front of a large clay statue of a man in a seated position with large red ruby eyes.

The statue is a **Clay Golem** (1) who guards the crypts to the west (#282 and #283). The golem will activate if



the PCs move toward the door (#282) or if they attempt to remove its gemstone eyes. The eyes are rubies worth 3,000gp each.

**282.** The walls of this room contain scores of burial alcoves.

**Burial Alcoves:** (80) Round, bone piles.  
**Contents:** 52pp, *Potion of Greater Healing*.

**283.** Three sarcophagi are in the center of this room. The coverstones depict a husband, wife, and son of the Ironguard family in bas relief.

The Ironguards are part of the minor nobility in the region. The lid of **Parnel**, the son, has been opened. He has risen as a **Ghoul** (1). **Parnel** is hiding at the back of the crypt in the shadows of his father's sarcophagus. He recalls little of his life, including his family, but stays close to their remains.

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**Parnel** possesses some knowledge of The Chaos Sepulcher (subject to the discretion of the GM). The other two sarcophagi contain the strangely preserved bodies of **Parnel's** parents. They each possess Gold Circlets (500gp each) and Ironguard signet rings (as does Parnel).

**Parnel** may lose his remaining sanity (75% chance) and enter a berserker rage (+2 to hit) if either sarcophagus is looted.

**A.** The secret door to the Ironguard treasure room can only be accessed by a diligent group of PCs. A tiny insert for an Ironguard signet ring can be found near the floor. If the signet is inserted and turned counterclockwise three times the secret door will slide open. If it is turned less than three times (for the three family members), a cloud of paralytic gas will fill the 10x10 foot area in front of secret door (victims must succeed on a DC 14 Con save or be paralyzed for 10 minutes) and a *Magic Mouth* will appear and scream "Trespassers! Trespassers in the Crypts!" ten times. Check for random monsters twice if the trap is sprung.

**284.** Worn frescos on the walls of this room depict the elemental planes of water, earth, fire, and air.

**285.** This crypt antechamber is decorated with a large worn square fresco on the western wall that depicts the four elements (one in each corner). A central demonic figure at its center appears to draw power from each of the four elements. This is a depiction of Zuul, an ancient chaotic deity of the elements. See the illustration of elemental symbols later in the book.

**A.** The door to this crypt is locked. At rest on a stone slab here is a **Mummy of Zuul** (1). Attempting to unlock the door will cause the mummy to rise and attack! This monster wears a Gold Necklace inlaid with Jade (1,200gp) that detects as magical and will provide neutral or chaotic aligned-characters a +1 bonus to saving throws against fire-based spells and magical effects.

**B.** A second **Mummy of Zuul** (1) can be found in this crypt. Similar to A, it will rise and attack anyone that disturbs its rest. Around the neck of the mummy is a gold scarab key with the symbol of a lidless eye (#287).

**286.** A tall 16 foot stone statue of a four-armed demon (Zuul) stands at the back of this vaulted crypt antechamber. In each hand the demon holds a skull with the corresponding symbol for water, earth, fire, and air.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. Inside are the disintegrated remains of a sage. The walls are lined with dusty bookshelves.

If searched, Valuable Scrolls and Manuscripts can be found (Value: 100gp, 150gp, 400gp, 700gp, 850gp). In addition, a unique scroll outlines the process the people of the barrow used to mummify remains. This would be quite valuable to a historian, wizard, or clerical order (1,350gp).

**Quiet Crypt 2:** This door is locked. Inside are the remains of a wealthy aristocrat wearing many of the precious baubles he cared for in life. However, his remains are guarded by two **Runic Golems** (2) that will activate once someone enters the crypt.

The body holds the following grave goods: Platinum Nose Ring inlaid with a Huge Exquisite Ruby (6,300gp), Coral Cloak Clasp (400gp), Jade Bracelet (800gp), Platinum Goblet (900gp), Silver Scabbard inlaid with Small Black Opals (1,600gp), Silver Bracelet (600gp), and a Jade Ring (600gp).

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is locked. A massive **Brown Mold** (1) has covered the entire floor of the crypt, including a skeleton and an Ornate Celadon Vase worth 900gp near its feet.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The wooden door to this crypt is locked. PCs will notice an unusual chill emanating from this room, and the door is cold to the touch. The crypt is in disarray. The contents (bones, mummy wraps, burial shrouds, rubble, etc.) of rectangular burial alcoves are strewn around the floor.

Anyone who enters will disturb the final resting place of **Nileed Enad**, a follower of Nergal in life. The Tablet of Chaos has called to him, and he has risen as a terrible undead monster, a **Greater Crypt Shade** (1) whose evil nature is so strong that cold negative energy flows from it.

When the shade manifests to guard its remains, its whirling winds will slam the door closed (DC 18 Strength check required to open it). While the creature is present, all PCs that are wearing metallic armor take 2d8 cold damage at the start of each of their turns. Additionally, attack rolls with metallic weapons are made with disadvantage. Inside the sarcophagus is a *Frost Brand Broadsword* (same stats as Longsword) and 3,459gp.



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**Defiled Crypt 5:** This door is locked. This is a family crypt and they have all risen as **Ghouls** (8). These ghouls wear Mithril Death Masks inlaid with Electrum that provide the benefits of both magical *Mithril Death Masks* and magical *Electrum Death Masks*. The masks are worth 500gp $\times$ 2, 750gp $\times$ 3, 1,500gp $\times$ 2, and 3,000gp.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** The door to this crypt is locked. A feeling of dread will overcome the first person to touch this door. The crypt is haunted by a vengeful **Specter** (1). His prized possession in life, a Gold Rhyton that depicts deer-hunting (1,300gp) hangs on the wall and possesses a curse. Anyone who touches it must succeed on a DC 14 Wis save or be struck with insanity.

**Defiled Crypt 7:** The door to this crypt is locked. If a PC listens at the door s/he will hear a soft moaning from within. A large stone sarcophagus holds the remains of a woman who was slain by her lover for another woman. She has returned as a vengeful **Banshee** (1). She will manifest with the intent to kill all male PCs. Inside her sarcophagus is an Ivory Circlet (600gp). In a secret compartment below the body is a Gold Goblet (1,100gp), Platinum Dagger Scabbard (1,200gp), an Ivory Ring (600gp), and an elven *Shortbow +2*.

**Quiet Crypt 8:** The door to this crypt is locked. Beyond skeletal remains, the room is empty.

**287.** The door to this crypt is made of steel and radiates a faint aura of magic if detected. It is locked and a circular scarab locking mechanism with a lidless eye is in its center. The scarab found in 285B (or a *Knock* spell) will open the door. This room possesses an isolation trap. Unless the scarab key is used to open the door, it will swing shut on the first person who enters the room.

If someone is caught in the room, the secret door will open and a young **Basilisk** (1) will be released from stasis in 287A and attack the intruder. It will fight to the death. Inside 287A is the small crypt of an ancient warrior of Zuul. His black armor is now useless. However, he possessed a unique helm called the *Pigface Bascinet* (see New Magic Items).

**288.** This appears to be a family crypt with five small burial chambers accessed through narrow archways.

A large statue of a Valkyrie with winged helmet, sword, and shield stands in the center of the room. An epitaph at the bottom reads: *Halgritte, Shield-Maiden, May Your*

*Name Live Forever.*

The statue of Halgritte is actually a **Caryatid Column** (1). It will attack if the PCs try to destroy it or if they set off the gas trap in the vicinity of the secret crypt at A.

**A.** This secret crypt is trapped. If more than two PCs stand in this corner of the room, a potent paralytic gas will shoot up from tiny holes in the floor; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Con save or be paralyzed for 10 minutes. Inside is the skeleton of a female warrior. She wears *Chainmail +2*, a *Shield +2*, and the *Winged Helmet of Halgritte* (see New Magic Items). There are three Decorative Silver Scarab Amulets beside the body. These are worth 700gp each.

**B.** Two **Runic Golems** (2) are in this secret crypt. Somehow a colony of **Brown Mold** (4) has managed to spread across the entire crypt including the golems. As soon as the amphora is removed from chamber E, the golems will activate and burst through the secret door in dramatic fashion, sending rock and dust throughout the crypt.

**C.** A dusty funerary box can be found here. On top of the box are what appear to be strange symbols. This is a trap. The symbols are explosive runes; victims must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or take 4d6 points of fire damage. Beside the box are two Gold Chalices worth 900gp and 400gp.

**D.** This burial chamber appears empty. The floor of this chamber conceals a pit.

**E.** A dust-covered funerary box sits in this alcove beside an exquisite amphora (1,100gp). As soon as the PCs pick up the amphora the golems will attack from B.

**F.** A funerary box sits in the middle of this burial alcove. The box is locked. Inside are two **Clockwork Scorpions** (2).

**G.** This crypt appears empty with the exception of a stone altar against the back wall. Numerous offerings, all very dusty, have been left there. These include Funerary Figures (six Clay, six Terra Cotta, and three Wax), 10gp, a plain dagger, and a gemstone (Small Ruby 100gp).

Any PC that enters this chamber and fails to leave an offering, or who steals an offering from the altar, will feel an overwhelming sensation of dread. S/he will suffer the effects of the *Bane* spell for 1 week until they leave an offering or return a stolen offering.



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**H.** When the PCs enter this chamber they will notice the following: the flagstones on the floor of this chamber are colored, and the skeletal remains of a human woman lie at rest along the back of this room. The skeleton is laden with jewelry and gemstones.

There are two traps in this room. The flagstones on the floor are colored blue, black, red, green and purple. PCs must step on the stones in the following pattern three times to make it to the skeleton: red-green-black. Each time they make a mistake part of the floor will give way to a bottomless pit. PCs can make three mistakes before the entire floor has fallen into the bottomless pit. The walls are smooth and cannot be climbed.

If the PCs make it across, they must negotiate one more trap. If they look up, they will see small holes on the ceiling one foot apart. The skeleton rests on a pressure plate, which, if disturbed, will fire a volley of poison darts (DC 14 Dex save or die) down from the ceiling.

The skeleton possesses the following grave goods: Gold Ring inlaid with Small White Pearls (1,000gp), Platinum Pendant inlaid with Small Sapphires (1,100gp), Platinum Belt Buckle (1,000gp), Gold Pendant inlaid with White

Pearls (1,400gp), Jade Comb (500gp), Coral Bracelet (900gp), and a Silver Ring inlaid with Red Garnets (1,300gp).

**289.** Sand covers the hallway floor and stairs leading down into this crypt. The crypt itself is also covered in sand. There are several large cracks in the stonework here. Two large statues depict robed priests of a long-forgotten god. Camouflaged by the sand are two **Sandlings** (2). These are the “pets” of the sandman in #290. They travel back and forth through cracks in the walls.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is made of stone and sealed. It will require an iron spike and sledgehammer to open. Be sure to check for random monsters.

This crypt contains **Yasuj-Jac**, a priest in life who has risen as a terrifying **Wight** (1). **Yasuj-Jac** is completely confused and in denial about his undead state. He views himself as alive and acts accordingly. He wears a dark rotting cowl so his face cannot be seen.

He will welcome the PCs warmly, “Hello! Hello, friends!” and will extend his hand to greet them (subconsciously hoping to drain their life force). He will act perturbed if they do not shake his hand, and will deny knowledge of his undead state. If the PCs anger him, he will attack.

There is a small bag of gems in the open sarcophagus where he was laid to rest. Any PCs who remove the bag will be struck by a curse of *Confusion* (as per the spell) until a *Remove Curse* is cast on them.

The bag contains a Small Bloodstone (50gp), Large Black Pearl (1,000gp), Small Black Onyx (50gp), Large Deep Blue Spinel (500gp), Small Flawed Brown Jasper (45gp), Large Finely Cut Chrysolite (1,000gp), Large Finely Cut Aquamarine (1,000gp), Small Rock Crystal (100gp), Small Amethyst (100gp), Small Flawed Obsidian (12gp), and a Small Red Garnet (100gp). There is also a runic tablet inside the sarcophagus.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is made of stone and sealed. It will require an iron spike and sledgehammer to open. Be sure to check for random monsters.

This crypt contains a rectangular sarcophagus with runes around the edge of the coverstone. A powerful **Mummy of Zuul** (1) rests within the sarcophagus. As soon as the coverstone is disturbed, it will throw it off, landing on the

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other side of the crypt.

Inside the sarcophagus are a number of Valuable Scrolls and Books worth 600gp, 750gp, 550gp, and 250gp to a sage or wizard.

**290.** The door to this crypt is made of stone and sealed. It will require an iron spike and sledge to open. Be sure to check for random monsters.

Similar to #289, this crypt is covered in sand. Everything is very quiet and still here. This crypt is the lair of the **Sandman** (1).

The **sandman** possesses the softest, most calming, harmonious voice the PCs have ever heard. He might say something in Ancient Common like, "You look soooo tired. Don't you want to sleep?" His voice echoes ever so sweetly throughout the vaulted chamber. The **sandman** is almost invisible.

An iron coffer covered in sand holds 3,000gp.

The walls of the crypt are uniquely decorated with scarabs (6 magical and 14 non-magical). Consult the following tables to determine which magical properties they emulate, or how much they are worth, respectively.

### Magical Scarabs

1. *Amulet of Proof Against Detection and Location*
2. *Medallion of Thoughts*
3. *Scarab of Proof Against Fear* (see New Magic Items)
4. *Gem of Brightness*
5. *Ring of Protection*
6. *Amulet of Health*
7. *Ring of Spell Turning*
8. *Stone of Good Luck (Luckstone)*
9. A random, non-legendary *Ioun Stone*
10. *Circlet of Blasting*
11. *Cursed Item.* Victim must succeed on DC 13 Dex save or the scarab burrows into their heart and kills them in 1 minute.
12. *Cursed Item.* Halves movement speed until the curse is broken.

### Non-Magical Scarabs

1. Platinum (2,000gp)
2. Platinum (1,550gp)
3. Gold (1,000gp)
4. Gold (750gp)
5. Gold (500gp)
6. Silver (400gp)
7. Silver (350gp)
8. Silver (300gp)
9. Electrum (250gp)
10. Electrum (200gp)
11. Electrum (150gp)
12. Electrum (100gp)

Note that the scarabs will need to be pried out of the walls. There is a 20% chance that the scarabs will be damaged when removing them. If so, a magical scarab will lose its powers (value 300gp) and a non-magical scarab will decrease in value by 50%. Each magical scarab can be found once.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** There are two skeletons on stone slabs here. They have nothing of value.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** Two **Barrow Mummies** (2) have broken free of their sarcophagi and stand motionless in the middle of the room. They will attack as soon as intruders enter their crypt.

One of the mummies, a dwarf, wears a Silver Ring inlaid with Sardonyx (900gp) with the name Balazaar engraved on the inside. He also bears Coral and Platinum Bracelets (900gp and 1,100gp respectively).

The other mummy wears an Ivory Ring (600gp). A Jade Statuette (400gp) can be found in one sarcophagus and a Silver Goblet inlaid with Bloodstones (1,500gp) can be found in the other.



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(#291 through #296): This series of crypts are some of the oldest in Barrowmaze—the burial chamber of Uthuk Amon Thar, a great hunter and warrior of old. Thar lived in the time before the Barrowmoor was known as the Barrowmoor. He wielded a weapon of great power—the Spear Predestined. Thar's tomb is divided into two parts. Room #291 and its four defiled and quiet crypts represent the outer tombs and rooms #292 to #296 are his inner crypts.

**291.** A moldy and tattered yellow tapestry hangs from the ceiling here. PCs can attempt to discern the picture on the tapestry, but it will take time to make sense of the image through the mold. It appears to depict a muscular man in a loincloth with his hands upraised to the sky. A fresco depicts an important man being laid to rest.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is made of stone and sealed. It will require an iron spike and sledge to open. Be sure to check for random monsters. **Thar's** porters and bearers of the hunt are buried here. They have nothing of value.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** Similar to crypt 1 this door is made of stone. Six of **Thar's** most loyal personal servants are buried in rectangular alcoves cut into the wall. They have risen as **Funeral Pyre Zombies** (6). They will wait until the PCs are attacked by the Huntmaster in D3 and then attack from behind.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** This door is also made of stone. This crypt belongs to **Thar's** Huntmaster and his two lieutenants, who lay on stone slabs. The Huntmaster wears a magnificent magical *Platinum Death Mask* worth 800gp, depicting a screaming warrior. He has risen as a **Barrow Wight** (1) and carries a *Flame Tongue Dagger* in a sheath at his waist.

His two lieutenants are **Juju Zombies** (2) wearing Mithril Death Masks inlaid with Electrum that provide them with the benefits of both magical *Mithril Death Masks* and magical *Electrum Death Masks*. They are armed with *Longswords +2*.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The door is made of stone inlaid with an image of **Thar**. This is a false crypt intended to dissuade would-be tomb-robbers from reaching the inner chambers. A great, ornate stone sarcophagus, decorated in bas relief, depicts **Thar** slaying a gorgon with his spear. Engraved in stone on the cover is the great warrior lying in state with his spear and a shield.

The stone-carving is actually a **Greater Barrow Guardian** (1). The guardian will peel itself off the coverstone the moment the sarcophagus is touched. Inside the sarcophagus are the skeletal remains of a man with an ornate headdress.

On his chest are a *Cursed Spear* (imposes a -3 penalty to attack and damage rolls, and half of all damage dealt is duplicated onto the wielder; no other weapons can be used until the curse is broken) and an ornate *Shield of Missile Attraction* (imposes a -2 penalty to AC in addition to its usual properties). A rotting leather bag contains 2,000sp.

**292.** A rusty steel door swings open into this chamber. This is the first of **Thar's** inner crypts. To reach his final resting place the PCs must survive the Trial of the Hunt outlined in each of the three inner crypts.

Cracked frescos depict **Thar** as a young hunter with a glowing spear. In these images he hunts great cave bears and man-eating apes (both sets of figures will detect as magical). **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #30.**

Once the PCs have a chance to inspect the room, a *Magic Mouth* on the wall will appear and boom "The





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Great Uthuk Amon Thar Welcomes You, Tomb-Robber—  
Let the Trial of the Hunt begin!”

Immediately the steel door will swing closed (and lock) and the frescos depicting **Brown Bears** (1d4+1) will leap from the walls and attack.

Once the bears are destroyed, **Apes** (1d4+1) will leap from the frescos and attack.

Once these monsters have been slain, the outline of a door will appear on the eastern wall of the room and allow the PCs into the second crypt.

**293.** Frescos depicting **Thar** as a veteran hunter with a glowing spear adorn the walls of this crypt. In these images, he hunts hell hounds and owlbears (both sets of figures will detect as magical).

Once the PCs have a chance to inspect the room, a *Magic Mouth* on the wall will appear and boom “Let the Second Trial of the Hunt begin!”

Immediately, the frescos depicting **Hell Hounds** (1d4+1) will attack followed by **Owlbears** (1d4+1).

After these monsters have been destroyed, the outline of a door will appear on the opposite side of the room. The PCs may then proceed to the third trial.

**294.** Frescos depicting **Thar** as an elderly hunter with a glowing spear adorn the walls of this tomb. In these images, he battles a great hydra and a Tyrannosaurus Rex (both sets of figures will detect as magical) in a great jungle. Once the PCs have a chance to inspect the room, a *Magic Mouth* on the wall will appear and boom “Let the Final Trial of the Hunt begin!”

At this point the fresco of the hydra will shimmer, then slowly the PCs will feel their heads swoon, and they will collapse. They will wake a short time later in a demi-plane that represents the Barrowmoor during a prehistoric period. The moor, during this time, was more jungle-like and warm than the cold, damp marsh they are accustomed to near the barrow mounds.

There they must seek and slay the great five-headed **Hydra** (1) and then the mighty **Tyrannosaurus Rex** (1).

The PCs should search for a period of time (a day or two) before they are ambushed by the hydra. The GM is encouraged to elaborate the encounter. Perhaps the PCs might also meet the Ancient Lizardman tribes of the Barrowmoor?

Once both monsters have been slain the PCs will reappear in #294. The outline of a stone door will appear and lead to the final burial place of Uthuk Amon **Thar**.

**295.** This secret passage is known only to **Thar** and his two wives. They may use it to flank or flee the PCs.

**296.** This is the final resting place of the great hunter Uthuk Amon **Thar**.

**Thar** has heard the call of The Tablet and has risen as a great and terrible **Vampire** (1). His pale white skin stands out against his black burial shroud and he wears a unique magical *Gold Death Mask* in the shape of a stoic warrior (value 6,800gp.)

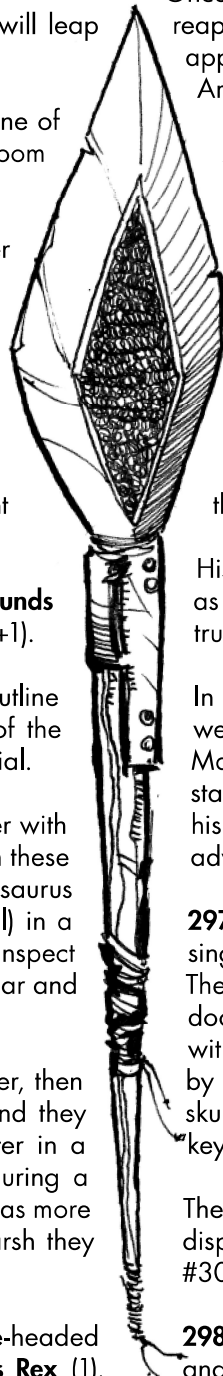
His two wives, buried in the small side tombs, have risen as **Wights** (2) and will defend him until they meet the true death.

In life, **Thar** wielded a powerful (and lawful) magic weapon called the *Spear Predestined* (see New Magic Items). He cannot touch it in his evil undead state. However, it still hangs on the back wall of his crypt. Wise PCs could use this weapon to their advantage.

**297.** Walking into this entranceway PCs will notice a single stone door, at least 15-foot tall in front of them. The door is sealed at the edges. In the center of the door are four skull-shaped depressions, each of them with a special symbol. The door cannot be opened, by magical means or otherwise, without the elemental skulls from chambers #302-#305 that serve as the “keys” to the door.

The archways around the four bricked-up entrances display the appropriate symbol alternating with a skull: #302 Air, #303 Water, #304 Fire, and #305 Earth.

**298.** This bricked-up entrance has partially collapsed and created a hole in the bottom right corner. Dust and rubble line the hallway here. The archway is decorated





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with the symbol of air alternating with a skull. The sound of wind can be heard.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is closed. There are two **Mummies** (2) in wooden sarcophagi. If enough noise is made in the hallway, they will burst through their door and attack. There are four Terra Cotta Canopic Jars with Gold lids in each sarcophagus. The jars (1,000gp each) are valuable but are also cursed. Removing them from the crypt will cause the looters' hands to blacken and smell of rot until they are returned or a *Dispel Magic* and *Remove Curse* is cast on them. There are also two runic tablets.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is ajar. An **Amphisbaena** (1) has slithered through a hole in the wall and made a lair here. Two skeletons draped in black burial shrouds rest on stone slabs at the back of the crypt.

Beside each is a Gem-Encrusted Funerary Figure (4,000gp each)—one with emerald and one with ruby eyes. They are shaped as menacing totems with pointy teeth and sinister facial expressions. Both figures are magically trapped. If the figure with emeralds is touched its mouth will open and spew forth a *Stinking Cloud* (as

per the Wizard spell, DC 14). If the other is taken it will electrocute and thereby permanently reduce the victim's Intelligence score by 1 unless a successful DC 18 Con save is made. This happens only once.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door is locked. There are two funerary urns on a low stone altar here. There is nothing of value.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The door is stuck. There is nothing of value among the four skeletons interred in this crypt.

**Quiet Crypt 5:** This door is stuck. A single sarcophagus sits in the center of this room. Inside are four funerary boxes with ash remains. There is nothing of value.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** The door to this crypt is locked. Inside a group of evil men entombed long ago have risen as **Sons of Gaxx** (6). They attack as soon as the door to their crypt has been opened.

One of the **Sons of Gaxx** wears a unique magical *Gold Death Mask* of a medusa that, in addition to its usual benefits, grants the Son of Gaxx the Petrifying Gaze trait (identical to that of a medusa). In his burial shroud is the Key of Air needed to enter #302.

**Quiet Crypt 7:** The door to this crypt is closed and trapped. As soon as the door is opened it will break a tripwire attached to a wooden bar-and-stake. The stake strikes with a +7 attack bonus, dealing 3d6 points of damage, and causing the victim to bleed for 1 hit point every minute until affected by a magical healing spell cast at 3rd level or higher.

**Quiet Crypt 8:** The door is closed. The crypt is empty.

**299.** The archway around the bricked-up entrance displays a strange symbol (water) alternating with a skull. The bricked wall is intact, and the corridor beyond is empty.

*A note about the monsters in this set of crypts: If the sounds of battle (or undue noise) can be heard in the corridor here, the undead (in D2, D6, D7) may emerge from their tombs and attack. This could be a problem for an unprepared party.*

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. There are two mummies lying in alcoves. There is nothing of value.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door is locked. There are **Barrow**

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**Mummies** (4) standing motionless in this crypt. One of the mummies still wears a Scarab Signet Ring of the Sackville family. Sackville descendants might pay handsomely for it (GM's discretion). They might also wonder where it came from.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is stuck. There are three funerary boxes here. Inside each are Platinum Chalice (900gp, 1,000gp, and 1,300gp).

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The door is closed. The floor is covered in **Amber Mold** (12). There is nothing of value here.

**Quiet Crypt 5:** The door to this crypt is closed. Other than mummified remains, there is nothing of note here.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** The door is closed. A lawful cleric or holy fighter will have an overwhelming feeling of dread outside this door. The room is abnormally dark and gloomy. Torchlight is limited to two feet inside this room. Three fearsome **Wraiths** (3) linger here in the darkness.

At the back of the crypt, in a small alcove cut into the wall, is a bowl of gemstones covered in a layer of dust. The bowl contains a Very Large Oriental Topaz (1,000gp), Large Violet Garnet (500gp), Small Flawed Moss Agate (10gp), Very Large Finely Cut Emerald (2,000), Large Finely Cut Aquamarine (1,000gp), Small Flawed Black Jasper (10gp), Large Topaz (500gp), and a Finely Cut Emerald (3,000gp). The Key of Water (to enter #303) can be found on the floor of this crypt.

**Defiled Crypt 7:** The door is stuck. Three **Barrow Mummies** (3) stand motionless in the dark until a living being crosses the threshold of the crypt. A Silver Goblet (800gp) and a set of Ivory Bracers (600gp) rest on a stone bench.

**Quiet Crypt 8:** The crypt is empty.

**300.** The archway around the bricked-up entrance displays a strange symbol (fire) alternating with a skull. The bricked wall is intact and the corridor beyond is empty.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door is stuck. A group of **Wraiths** (3) haunt this crypt. Their skeletal remains rest on low stone slabs alongside the following treasures: a Commemorative Celadon Vase worth 4,000gp, a *Ring of Resistance (Cold)*, a bag with *Dust of Disappearance* (two doses), a runic tablet, and a *Bag of Devouring*.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is locked. Inside

are a **Son and Daughter of Gaxx** (2). Once a married couple, they are now rotting and bloated with maggots and rot grubs. One still wears a Silver Belt inlaid with a Small Black Pearl worth 1,000gp.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door is locked. A tripwire in the middle of the crypt will set off a partial ceiling collapse; those caught underneath it must succeed on a DC 14 Dex save or take 3d6 points of damage (half on save). Beside a strangely preserved corpse is a large coffer containing 3,793ep.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt is locked. Moreover, there are two padlocked bars across the outside of the door. In the middle of the room is a round stone dais. On top of the dais is a stone sarcophagus. The sarcophagus appears to be filled to the brim with a massive pile of gemstones that twinkle and gleam in the torchlight.

A skeleton lies underneath the gems, and its bones are barely visible. There are many valuable gems inside the sarcophagus, but a **Gemstone Golem** (1) constitutes the majority of them. Beyond the gemstones listed below, be sure to check the gemstones in the monster entry in the New Monsters section at the back of this book.

Bowl of Gems: Small Black Jasper (50gp), Small Zircon (50gp), Small Carnelian (70gp), Small Jade (100gp), Large White Pearl (500gp), Large Finely Cut Turquoise (800gp), Small Finely Cut Bonded Agate (500gp), and a Huge Exquisite Black Sapphire (10,000gp).

**Quiet Crypt 5:** The door is stuck and locked. Two seven foot statues stand on either side of a simple sarcophagus. One of the two is a **Stone Golem** (1) that will attack if the sarcophagus is touched. On top of the sarcophagus are two Decorative Amphora (800gp each) that depict ancient footprints.

**Quiet Crypt 6:** The door to this crypt is unlocked, and the room is empty.

**Defiled Crypt 7:** The door to this crypt is locked. This crypt is haunted by **Fecal Nul**, who has risen as a **Specter** (1). An evil man in life, **Nul** bartered lives as an evil slave-trader. He has gone mad in his undeath but has lucid moments. He may choose to parlay with the PCs.

Along the back wall, on a high shelf, are 10 Pewter Chalice worth 75gp each. Nothing of apparent value can be found inside his stone coffin. However, in his





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pocket is a black handkerchief. This is actually a *Portable Hole* that holds 6,356sp and the Key of Fire (for #304).

**Defiled Crypt 8:** This door is stuck. A group of **Wights** (3) draped in dark yellow funerary shrouds inhabit this crypt and long to feed on the living. Ten Clay Funerary Figures can be found strewn across the floor. Five Gold Coffers (900gp each) line the eastern wall by the floor.

**301.** The archway around the bricked-up entrance displays a strange symbol (earth) alternating with a skull. The bricked wall is intact and the corridor beyond is empty.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. A bowl of gemstones can be found atop a funerary box on a wooden table. The bowl contains a Small Flawed Lapis Lazuli (7gp), Small Flawed Blue Quartz (8gp), Small Blue Jasper (50gp), Small Sardonyx (100gp), Small Coral (100gp), and a Very Large Finely Cut Fire Opal (1,600gp).

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is locked. A group of **Ravenous Dead** (6) have risen here. Four large Platinum Rhytons sit in stands. They are worth 1,500gp, 1,700gp, 2,000gp, and 2,200gp.

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is locked. A large **Ochre Jelly** (1; has twice as many hit points and is Huge size) inhabits this crypt. It looks like massive fetid puddle on the floor.

Inside a rectangular stone sarcophagus is a Valuable Scroll with unique magical properties—The Doctrine of Zuul. Clerics with neutral or chaotic alignment who read the scroll must succeed on a DC 14 Wis save or adopt Zuul as their primary deity. This can only be reversed by means of a *Wish*. To all others, this scroll outlines the teachings and basic tenets of Zuul and his faith. In a large city this scroll would be worth 10,000gp to the right sage or ecclesiastic. Indeed, word of its discovery might bring Zuul's secret followers forward to recover it.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt is locked. A group of fearsome **Wraiths** (4) dwell within. Inside the crypts are four horizontal alcoves cut into the walls where they were interred. In these niches are a *Tome of Understanding*, a *Dagger of Venom*, and a Mithril Funerary Figure worth 6,000gp.

**Quiet Crypt 5:** The door to this crypt is stuck. A bag with 643ep is hidden under a stone beside a bronzed skeleton.

**Quiet Crypt 6:** The door of this crypt is closed and covered in **Amber Mold** (1). Beside skeletal remains are eight Silver Chalice worth 300gp each.

**Defiled Crypt 7:** This door is ajar. A group of **Ghouls** (6) led by two nasty **Ghasts** (2) have recently awoken in their undead state. Any noise will send the ravenous ghouls towards the PCs in the hope of eating flesh. Five Potions (*Flying*, *Invisibility*, *Resistance (Lightning)*, *Philter of Love*, *Animal Control*), 4,231gp, and four Rubies of varying sizes (50gp, 250gp, 500gp, 500gp) can be found in a rubbish pile.

**Quiet Crypt 8:** The door is locked. The crypt is empty. Underneath a loose stone is the Key of Earth (#305).

*(#302 through #305): These four sepulchers are imbued with the chaos power of the elements. The PCs must defeat the forces coalescing within each sepulcher to obtain the four Skull Keys that provide entrance into the central chamber (#307). Monsters generated will never leave their sepulchers.*



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Fire



Water



Earth



Air

**302.** This is the Chaos Sepulcher of Elemental Air. A set of bronze double doors (affixed with the elemental symbol) will only open if the Key of Air is used (#298 D6). The muffled sound of wind can be heard on the other side of the door.

Inside is a large vaulted chamber 40-feet high supported by large square columns. At the far end of the room is an altar. On the altar rests the Skull of Air with the elemental symbol engraved on its forehead. Wind swirls and gusts throughout the room from an unknown source. The gusts of wind in this room make ranged attacks useless. Also, all spells have a 50% failure rate in this room due to the wind.

Before the PCs can move into the room a group of **Giant Eagles** (6) will manifest from the Plane of Air and attack. Before these are destroyed a group of lesser **Air Elementals** (1d4+2; has 23 hit points instead of 90, can't use Whirlwind, and is Medium size) will also appear and attack. Finally, the wind will pick up significantly, and an **Air Elemental** (1) will manifest and attack the PCs.

**303.** This is the Chaos Sepulcher of Elemental Water. A set of bronze double doors (affixed the elemental symbol) will only open if the Key of Water is used (#299 D6). The door is cool to the touch.

Inside is a large vaulted chamber. Large round pillars support the ceiling in this room. A large rectangular pool of water is set into the floor. At the far end of the chamber is an altar with the Skull of Water.

The first set of monsters from the Plane of Water are **Sahuagin** (4). They will be followed by lesser **Water Elementals** (1d4+2; has 29 hit points instead of 114, can't use Whelm, and is Medium size), and finally a **Water Elemental** (1).

**304.** This is the Chaos Sepulcher of Elemental Fire. A set of bronze double doors (affixed with the elemental symbol) will only open if the Key of Fire is used (#300 D7). The door burns hot to the touch.



Inside is a large vaulted chamber. This large chamber is supported by square columns every 10 feet. A large crevasse burning with flames occasionally spits forth large globs of lava into the air that splatter when they hit the floor of the temple. At the far end of the chamber is an altar. On the altar rests the Skull of Fire.

The heat in this room is extreme. Any metallic weapons and armor of characters fighting here will be under the effect of a continuous *Heat Metal* spell. Also, prolonged melee combat in excess of 10 rounds will result in fatigue (*Slowed*, as per the spell).

The first wave of fire creatures includes a group of **Fire Crabs** (6) that will climb out of the crevasse and attack the PCs. Next, the pit will shoot forth two huge globs of lava that are actually **Lava Weirds** (2). These will be followed by lesser **Fire Elementals** (1d4+2; has 21 hit points instead of 102, and is Medium size). The final monster is a **Fire Elemental** (1).

**305.** This is the Chaos Sepulcher of Elemental Earth. This door will only open if the Key of Earth is used (#301 Q8).



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The flagstone of this large chamber is either broken or covered over in places by earth, mud, and natural rock. Stalactites and stalagmites can be found throughout the room. The Skull of Earth can be found at the back of the chamber, behind the huge earth elemental.

One of the stalagmites is actually a **Roper** (1), and the stalactites are **Piercers** (4). These will be followed by a group of lesser **Earth Elementals** (1d4+2; has 26 hit points instead of 126, and is Medium size) that will pull themselves out of the ground. Last, an **Earth Elemental** (1) that appears as a large boulder will unfold itself and attack.

**306.** This hallway leads to the Grand Sepulcher of the Elements. This hallway can only be accessed once all four elemental skull keys have been placed into the large stone door located at #297.

Once the PCs have passed the mid-point of the hallway, **Mummies of Zuul** (12) will burst through their secret doors starting with the most westerly (closest to #297). This will push the PCs toward #307 and into the Grand Sepulcher of the Elements. The PCs will then be trapped with monsters both in front and behind.

**307.** This great burial chamber is the Grand Sepulcher of the Elements. It is the abode of the High Priest **Zvin Lorktho**, who, in life, was a cleric of Zuul, a long-forgotten chaotic deity of the elements. Lorktho has risen as a powerful **Mummy Lord** (1).

When The Tablet of Chaos was brought to Barrowmaze, it began twisting and further corrupting **Lorktho**, his minions, and the elemental sepulchers.

He is armed with the *Staff of Zuul* (see New Magic Items). He also possesses a *Scarab of Protection* with 1d4+2 charges, and an *Amulet of Magic Resistance*.

The high priest's attendants are **Mummies of Zuul** (8). The mummies are aware of the concealed pit in this room.

Coffers containing the following treasure can be found in the crypts: 7,387cp, 6,362sp, 9,987gp, 420pp.

Large Gold Coffer worth (3,000gp) contains the following gemstones: Small Flawed Azurite (10gp), Small Moss Agate (Pink) (10gp), Small Obsidian (10gp), Small Rhodochrosite (10gp), Small Tiger Eye (10gp), Small Flawed Turquoise (10gp), Orange Carnelian (50gp), Brown Jasper (50gp), Clear Rock Crystal (50gp), Medium Sized Amethyst (100gp), Small Red Spinel (100gp), Small Tourmaline (100gp), Medium Sized White Pearl (100gp), Medium Sized Amber (100gp), Medium Sized Brown-Green Garnet (160gp), Large Chrysolite (500gp), Large Black Pearl (500gp), Large Violet Garnet (500gp), Very Large Finely Cut Diamond (1,000gp), Very Large Finely Cut Star Sapphire (1,000gp), Very Large Finely Cut Emerald (1,200gp), Huge Exquisite Deep Crimson Ruby (5,000gp), and a Very Large Exquisite Black Opal (12,000gp).

The following magical items can also be found in the side crypts: *Periapt of Proof Against Poison*, *Periapt of Wound Closure*, *Chime of Opening*, *Robe of Useful Items*, *Figurine of Wondrous Power (Onyx Dog)*, and a *Manual of Quickness of Action*.





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#### Area Eight: Random Monsters

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1. Juju Zombies (2d6)
2. Mummies (1d4+3)
3. Trolls (1d6)
4. Ghouls (2d6)
5. Mongrelmen (4d6+16)
6. Gargoyles (1d6)
7. Wights (1d4)
8. Acolytes of Orcus (1d4)
9. Acolytes of Orcus<sup>1</sup> (1d6)
10. Acolytes of Orcus<sup>2</sup> (2d6)
11. Dungeon Dressing<sup>3</sup>
12. GM's Choice

Note: There is a 2 in 6 chance that wandering undead are wearing Death Masks.

1. This patrol group has Ghouls (2d4) in addition to any other monsters (see New Monster entry).
2. This patrol group has Trolls (1d4) in addition to any other monsters (see New Monster entry).
3. Table 3: Random Dungeon Dressing

**308.** There are two mausoleums with sealed stone doors in this hallway.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** Four **Wights** (4) skulk about in this crypt. Three Silver Rhytons worth 400gp, 500gp, and 700gp lay on the floor. A *Shield* +3 hangs on the wall.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** Four **Mummies** (4) lie in their sarcophagi here. One of the mummies appears as a beautiful maiden wearing a large emerald necklace. This is an illusion. The mummy will wait until a PC leans in and then attack. Inside her sarcophagi are two *Cursed Scarabs*. The first sticks to the hand of the person who touches it until a *Remove Curse* is cast. The second reduces the effectiveness (by 4 points) of all magical healing cast on (or used by) the possessor.

**309.** This hallway contains four 20x20 foot open areas. They have been used as a dump for all manner of materials including wood, rubble, broken statue parts, decaying bodies, and offal. This area smells terrible. Four soiled robes and unholy symbols bearing the mark of Orcus can be found in the debris (if searched for 10 minutes).

**A.** The Acolytes of Orcus have positioned a group of **Ravenous Dead** (7) here as a first line of defense. The zombies will attack anything that approaches without displaying the holy symbol of Orcus.

**B.** A pile of refuse can be found here. There is nothing of value.

**C.** The refuse pile in this area has been covered by **Amber Mold** (1). A runic tablet can be found under the pile.

**D.** When the PCs first enter this area they cannot see the hallway heading south. The hallway is covered by a massive refuse pile. 40 minutes must be spent to clear a hole large enough to proceed down the hallway. Be sure to roll for random monsters.

**310.** This room is empty. Two smashed stone sarcophagi can be found on the floor here. This tomb was plundered recently.

**311.** The stone door to this crypt lies in pieces on the floor. This tomb was plundered recently.

**A.** This chamber contains bizarre laboratory equipment. There are large sealed glass vats containing body parts, tables with bandages, and a central table covered in age-old blood stains. A close inspection of the vats will show that some of the body parts have been sewn together, but only if the observation is careful and deliberate. A lectern in front of the table contains a huge book with blank pages. The spine of the book reads in Black Tongue, "Manual of Dead Flesh." Prior to its use, this was a manual that detailed the construction of a flesh golem.

**B.** Behind this bricked up wall PCs will find the skeletal remains of an evil priest and necromancer of Nergal. He has no valuables other than a Gold Circlet inlaid with Bone and Obsidian (535gp).

**C.** This large chamber contains two pillar statues of Nergal and a strange inner tomb. The inner tomb is bricked-up except for an eye slit about 7 feet off the floor.

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A short set of wooden steps sits in front of the bricked-up wall. This crypt is guarded Former High-Priest **Neffeel the Blackheart** and three other **Necrolytes of Nergal** (4; Neffeel has twice as many hit points).

Long ago, these necrolytes were charged with the capture and torture of **Sir Torrick Einkensteig**, a holy warrior of law. Not long after the cult of Nergal took possession of Barrowmaze, **Einkensteig** immediately recognized the threat and pledged to his god to destroy the Dark One's forces. He nearly succeeded. However, the cunning **Neffeel** and his minions captured **Einkensteig** and tortured him until he hovered near death. To continue his torment for eternity, **Neffeel** magically sealed **Einkensteig's** soul into a huge bloodstone. Using a *Manual of Golems*, **Neffeel** created the body of a **Flesh Golem** and implanted the bloodstone in place of a brain. The necrolytes then bound him magically to his tomb and torment him mercilessly with details about what they did to his village after they captured him and how they murdered his family.

Staring through the eye slit of his tomb, PCs will see what appears to be a large (eight foot tall) corpse with eyes that nearly bulge from their sockets. It is hard to discern if this is anger or if he is pleading for release. **Einkensteig's** flesh is covered in black charcoal necromantic glyphs and he cannot move or speak until these are wiped off. When he can move he will first seek to kill the Necrolytes. If they are already destroyed, he will fall to one knee and sob before seeking their remains and crushing them to a bloody pulp.

**Einkensteig (Flesh Golem)** seeks vengeance against the cult of Nergal and its followers. However, his torture and torment over many centuries has made him unstable (in combat, he must always roll for his Berserk trait, regardless of his current hit point value). **Einkensteig** cannot be healed magically.

**312.** Four rough-hewn holes, each four feet across and four feet high, penetrate the walls of this room. Each hole is located where the wall meets the floor. These holes were made long ago by a giant ant colony that dug down from the surface. After a time, the colony moved on.

The labyrinth of tunnels now serves as home to a number of interesting monsters. Note that most Medium size creatures will need to squeeze here. Dwarves and Small size creatures may traverse normally.



**A.** Here the tunnels open up into a larger cave. The cave is faintly lit by blue fluorescent lichen. The cave is seven feet high with small stalactites hanging from the ceiling. There are numerous crevices in the walls of this natural cave.

In the center of the room are several bones, human and non-human, as well as a shiny axe and shield partially covered in loose earth. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #31.**

The center of this cave serves as a "killing ground" for a group of **Cave Morays** (6). Anyone who steps into the center of the room will be simultaneously attacked. The shield is not magical. However, the axe is a dwarven-crafted *Hand Axe +3*.

**B.** This large cave, roughly 20x20, is littered with stalactites and stalagmites. The cave is faintly lit by green mushrooms dotted around the cave. In the center of the cave is a distinct ring of oversized mushrooms. This is actually a Fairy Circle created long ago by mushroom-men who have since abandoned the caverns—yet the circle retains





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some of their strange magic. Anyone who stands in the center of the circle will be immediately glamoured and begin dancing (no save). The dancing has the effect of the spell *Hypnotic Pattern* on anyone who observes the dance taking place. Instead of standing dazed, those affected will enter the circle and join the dance. While dancing everyone will begin stripping off their armor and clothes until naked. The dance continues for 10 minutes, at which time the PCs will fall to the cave floor tired but healed of all wounds. This happens only once.

**C.** The dead ants in this cave recently animated as **Giant Ant Exo-Skeletons** (8).

**D.** There are two **Icterine Fungi** (2) in this cave. At the base of the fungi, among some bones, is a scarab with an elvish tree symbol circled by runes. This key will open the casket located in room #240 (D2).

**E.** A group of **Giant Ant Exo-Skeletons** (10) have animated here and will attack intruders.

**F.** **Giant Ant Exo-Skeletons** (12) can be found in the darkness of this cave.

**G.** Several **Wights** (3) have risen from slain adventurers. They are feral and eager to feed on the living.

**H.** Several giant mushrooms, including two **Shriekers** (2) can be found in this room. The noise of the shriekers will alert a nearby **Basilisk** (1) to come and look for food. Persistent searching (20 minutes) around the base of the **Shriekers** will uncover a *Ring of Regeneration* in the loose earth.



**313.** Show the players **Barrowmaze illustration #32**. Known as the Chamber of Doors, this diamond-shaped room contains eight doors and four pillars. Located in the center of the room is a large bronze statue of a minotaur armed with a great battle axe. The statue is actually **Minoton**, a **Bronze Golem** (1; treat as **Iron Golem** but with half as many hit points, 18 AC instead of 20, no Poison Breath, and uses an axe instead of a sword—same stats). **Minoton** has been instructed to attack anyone who enters this chamber without wearing the unholy symbol of Orcus.

**314.** This was a crypt devoted to the faithful of Nergal. However, the many small crypts were ransacked and plundered by the Acolytes of Orcus. The floor is littered with bones and tattered cloth that were simply thrown on the floor. If carefully searched (30 minutes), the PCs can find a *Potion of Climbing*, a *Potion of Greater Healing*, and a *Potion of Speed*.

**315.** The stone door to this crypt is sealed. This is the final resting place of **Luscious Revonus**, a former legionnaire and politician in life. His sarcophagus stands against the west wall. His mummified remains can be found within, along with four Ivory Canopic Jars with Gold Heads (2,000gp each) representing a horse, a sphinx, a camel, and an eagle. His gladius, a *Shortsword +2*, can also be found at his side.

**316.** The stone door to this crypt has been shattered and the contents of the tomb plundered by the Acolytes of Orcus.

**317.** This door is made of stone and magically locked. It cannot be knocked down or otherwise opened without solving the puzzle lock. The following words are written on the door vertically in Ancient Common: Bun, Shoe, Spree, Hive, Kicks, Heaven, Gate, Brine, Men. In order to solve the puzzle of the door, the PCs must discern the door code (the letters rhyme with the numbers one through ten) and then either say the number “four” or a word that closely rhymes with the number four (the GM may wish to scramble the words to increase the difficulty).

**318.** The smell of death permeates this hallway.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. A **Banshee** (1) sobs in the back corner of the room. The phantom will ignore the PCs as long as they leave immediately. If they do not, she will wail to force them to flee.

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A locked iron chest, trapped with poison arrows (save or die at +2), contains the following grave goods: Electrum Bracers (550gp), Ivory Cloak Clasp (600gp), Scabbard inlaid with Silver (800gp), Silver Belt Buckle inlaid with Jade (900gp), Gold Bracelet (1,000gp), Platinum Circlet with Sapphires (1,000gp), and a Gold Necklace with Emeralds (2,000gp). A false bottom contains a bag with 210pp and a runic tablet.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is swollen with moisture and stuck. A group of **Juju Zombies** (4) have risen from the dead. They all wear magical *Gold Death Masks* that are worth 600gp each.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is locked. Long ago the remains of **Sir Huxley Tallbow** were thrown unceremoniously on the floor. He was one of the knights who followed **Sir Guy de O'Veargne** to destroy the Pit of Chaos but were ultimately betrayed by the young knight **Dhekeon**. **Tallbow** will manifest when the PCs enter and speak with them for a moment before disappearing out of existence. GMs are encouraged to use **Tallbow** to help the PCs or to fill in gaps of knowledge that might help them destroy The Tablet of Chaos. He will be matter of fact with **Dhekeon** and remind him there is only one path to redemption in the eyes of St. Ygg.

**Quiet Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt is locked and trapped. A swinging-ball melee trap set above the door will strike the first person in the chest, who must succeed on a DC 15 Dex save or take 3d6 points of damage (half on save).

A single funerary box can be found on a low stone altar. The inside of the box is covered in **Amber Mold** (1). If the PCs search the exterior, they will notice a tiny bit of the mold (not enough to cause any damage) on the side of the box. There is nothing of value inside.

**319.** A series of small crypts can be found in this corridor. Some appear to have been searched.

**A.** The door to this crypt has been bashed in. A pile of bones has been scattered across the floor. There is nothing of value here.

**B.** The door to this crypt is swollen shut. A small black stone altar is covered with **Purple Moss** (1).

**C.** The door to this crypt is locked. Scribbled on the door in charcoal (Ancient Common) are the words "Begone! I, Dolmvay, cursed this tomb." Inside is a Gold Urn worth

1,000gp. Unless a *Remove Curse* spell is cast on the urn, the first person to touch the urn will automatically fail all saving throws for 1 week.

**D.** The door to this crypt is ajar. A group of **Killer Scorpions** (6) have made a nest here. Sufficient noise in the hallway will bring them forward to protect their lair.

**E.** The door to this crypt has been bashed in. There is nothing of value here.

**F.** The door to this crypt is locked. Beside skeletal remains are two Electrum Coffers worth 500gp each.

**G.** The door here has been bashed into two pieces. The contents of the room have been plundered. Under a loose stone in the back of the room is a small box with four Scarab Gems: Large Finely Cut Aquamarine (1,000gp), Medium-Sized Topaz (500gp), Medium-Sized Chrysolite (500gp), and a Large Finely Cut Spinel (1,000gp).

**320.** A set of double-doors provides entry to this room. Above the doorway, written in Ancient Common, reads "Here Rests Sir **Wildrif Raurriel**, Paladin and Hero." **Sir Wildrif** was a holy warrior of great renown and a knight commander of the Order of the Golden Hawk (a golden hawk on a purple field). A wizard or cleric in the party might vaguely remember him from their studies.

When the PCs enter this room they will notice that the walls are covered in bas relief of **Sir Wildrif** engaged in epic battle with a mantichore, a chimera, and finally a great demon. They will also see a huge stone sarcophagus and notice a huge mound of runic tablets in the southern end of the room. They will also notice a huge mound of runic tablets in the southern end of the room. The tablets are actually a **Runic Golem** (1) that will activate and attack if anyone approaches the sarcophagus. One round after the battle begins, two **Greater Flagstone Golems** (2) will peel themselves off the eastern and western walls (near the double doors) and attack from behind.

If the PCs attempt to open the sarcophagus, the apparition of **Sir Wildrif** will appear and ask them why they have disturbed his rest. If they answer to destroy The Tablet of Chaos or to bring an end to the undead rising in Barrowmaze, **Sir Wildrif** will acknowledge the righteousness of their cause and implore them to use his weapons and armor to defeat the evil—but they must leave his bones and close the sarcophagus. If they lie to



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him, he will manifest and attack as a **Ghost** (1).

Inside the sarcophagus are the remains of Sir Wildrif, his *Platemail +3*, *Longsword +2*, *+3 versus Chaos*, and the *Shield of the Golden Hawk* (see New Magical Items).

*The Acolytes of Orcus have prepared the temple (between #321 and #336) with magical defenses to ensure their undead cannot be turned/controlled by intruders (such as the Necromancers).*

*Every room and hallway contains at least one large unholy symbol of Orcus painted in blood on the wall. These have been enchanted with dark clerical magic to ensure He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named retains control of His undead. This area is lit by torches throughout.*

**321.** An archway here leads to a small room used as a sentry post by the Acolytes of Orcus. The **Priest of Orcus—Gethron**, is in charge. Gethron wears platemail and wields a *Mace +2*.

He is accompanied by another **Priest of Orcus—Mortimer**, and several **Ghouls** (8). Gethron and Mortimer carry 38pp combined.

If intruders are detected, **Gethron** will command the ghouls to attack while **Mortimer** sounds the alert by fleeing through the secret door to #322.

**322.** Two **Priests of Orcus**, and undead reserves, are posted here as a second line of defense. They include **Gerg** and **Lesieg**, who possess 31pp between them.

If they hear a disturbance the two priests will command a group of **Exploding Bone Skeletons** (4) to attack intruders. Once they hear the skeletons explode, they will send the **Funeral Pyre Zombies** (6).

Finally, **Gerg** will wade into battle while **Lesieg** runs to alert the others.



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**323.** This is the temple antechamber. There is a 50% likelihood that the **Priest of Orcus—Char** (who wears *Platemail +2*, wields a *Warhammer +2*, and carries a *Potion of Healing*) is on duty here.

He commands two **Gehennian Goats** (2) and a group of **Funeral Pyre Zombies** (8).

Note that if a battle breaks out here there is a 50% likelihood that the trolls in #336 will hear the noise and come to investigate. The trolls are well aware of the fire that the **Funeral Pyre Zombies** and the **Gehennian Goats** generate and will not engage in melee until the coast is clear.

If the PCs have not sounded the alarm throughout the complex, they will hear loud ritual chanting and a fire-and-brimstone sermon taking place in the temple. This is loud enough that the sounds of battle may not be heard in the temple (GM's discretion).

**324.** A massive set of double doors depicting the torments of hell open into the Temple of Orcus. The 40 foot tall ceiling of the temple is supported by eight massive columns. At the end of the room is a huge statue of Orcus sitting on a throne. In front of the statue is a large blood-stained altar strewn with sacrificial bodies. In the center of the room is a large pool of mercury.

If the alarm has not been raised throughout the complex, the PCs will catch the Acolytes in the midst of a dark and vile summoning ritual.

The High Priest of the Temple of Orcus, **Zur the Black**, has received a vision. Orcus plans to send one of his foremost minions, **Manon-itziq**, a Balor Demon, to aid his priests in the recovery of The Tablet of Chaos.

**Zur** has been instructed to prepare a gate—a vast pool of mercury—through which **Manon-itziq** will journey to this realm. In this endeavour, Zur is attended by **Emnuron**, his brightest and most sadistic priest, as well as a dozen low-level acolyte attendants.

As the PCs enter the room, the summoning will be partially complete. **Manon-itziq** will be visible, from the waist up, covered in mercury. However it will take five more rounds before he will fully emerge from the gate. Regardless, he will be the first to notice the PCs and begin shouting orders to **Emnuron** and the others to attack the defilers.

Meanwhile, **Zur** will remain completely focused on his incantation, knowing that the slightest slip of his attention could ruin the summoning. **Zur** is not expecting an attack and does not have any defensive spells active. If he dies before **Manon-itziq** is through the gate (five rounds) or if **Zur** takes more than 53 points of damage from a single attack or spell, he will be unable to continue the summoning, the gate will close, and the Balor demon will be cut in half by the gate.

If the alarm has been raised, those in the temple will be prepared for a fight. The Acolytes will be positioned as a first line of defense. Those who can cast spells to prepare themselves for battle will have done so. **Zur** and **Manon-itziq** will stand behind and throw spells before entering combat. The bodies of twelve sacrifices litter the altar; **Zur** and **Emnuron** will likely cast *Animate Dead* to bolster their ranks.

Regardless of the situation, if the battle appears to turn against them **Zur** and **Manon-itziq** will flee and plot their revenge against the PCs.

**Zur the Black** (treat as **Priest of Orcus** with four times as many hit points, a +3 Strength modifier, a +5 Wisdom modifier—update attack and spell modifiers and DCs accordingly—, three 4th level spell slots with which he can cast *Death Ward* and *Freedom of Movement*, two 5th level spell slots with which he can cast *Flame Strike* and *Insect Plague*, and one 6th level spell slot with which he can cast *Harm* and *Word of Recall*). Zur wears *Platemail +2*, wields a *Shield +2* and a *Mace +3*, and possesses a *Staff of Withering*, a *Ring of Spell Turning*, a *Potion of Fire Giant Strength*, and 62pp.

**Emnuron (Priest of Orcus)**; he wears *Platemail +1* and a *Cloak of Protection*, wields a *Shield +1* and a *Mace +2*, and possesses a *Potion of Speed*, a *Bag of Holding*, and 23pp.

**Manon-itziq, Balor Demon** (1). **Manon-itziq** possesses "Law-Breaker" a *Greatsword +2, +4 vs. Law* made of red steel that he uses one-handed alongside his whip of pure flame. This sword cannot be used by lawful or neutral PCs.

Reinforcing the front lines are a dozen **Acolytes of Orcus** (12) named **Octus**, **Tumbledown**, **Leggat**, **Brymgn**, **Oggle**, **Dirtin**, **Gulwag**, **Yark-Bree**, **Ventis**, **Arnson**, **Nulbar**, and **Jurkgal**. Each acolyte possesses 2d20gp and a silver unholy symbol worth 25gp.





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**325.** This room serves as a guard post. The novice **Acolyte of Orcus, Willock** (has 8gp), is stationed here.

**Willock** is not the most devoted of the Acolytes. If mass combat takes place in the temple, he is 40% likely to run away and 60% likely to proceed to #331 and warn **Baalbek**. If **Willock** chooses the latter, **Baalbek** will gather **Willock, Gak, and Meray**, cast what spells they can, and join the battle in the temple.

**326.** This is the living quarters of **Gethron** and **Char**. Their quarters are spartan with plain wooden beds and two small wooden lockers (locked). Each has a bag of 50gp and a *Potion of Healing*.

**327.** This is the living quarters of **Emnuron**, the second-in-command of the Acolytes of Orcus. Emnuron's quarters are plush, in comparison to those of the other priests. He has a lavish bed, a full-length mirror, a bookstack, and a small unholy shrine for private prayer.

**Emnuron** prefers to keep his most valuable treasure on his person, and thus there is little by way of interesting items

worth plundering. However, he did take a valuable set of small Gold Couchant Jackals from a dead Necromancer of Set. These are in a box under his bed. He intends to sell the pair. They are worth 2,000gp each.

**328.** These are the living quarters of the low level acolytes. There are shabby wooden bunk beds throughout this room. A small pouch with +3 *sling stones* (3) can be found in one of the bunks. There is nothing else of value.

**329.** This is a guard room. Only **Zur** and **Emnuron** know of the secret door and the entrance to burial mound #42. They are unaware of the secret door that leads to crypts #334 and #335.

There are always normal **Zombies** (12) and a **Runic Golem** (1) guarding this room. They have been instructed to attack those who do not display the robes and symbol of Orcus.

**330.** This is the temple cellblock. The **Acolyte of Orcus, Gak** (has 13gp), is currently on guard duty.



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Inside the cells are **Rosilk**, a Necromancer of Set, **Gurn Hammerhand**, a third level dwarven fighter, and **Serella**, the daughter of a local magistrate. They are all currently at 1 hit point and have been abused and beaten. **Rosilk** will flee Barrowmaze if freed, **Gurn** may join the party as a henchman, and **Serella's** father will offer 300gp and a magic item (GM's discretion) for her return.

**331.** This is the living quarters of the **Priest of Orcus, Baalbek**. He wears platemail, wields a *Mace +2*, and possesses a *Potion of Greater Healing* and 24pp.

He is currently at work translating ancient unholy texts in hope of finding additional clues to the whereabouts of The Secret Vault of the Unholy Relic. He recently made a discovery that an entrance exists near the "four finger crypts."

**Baalbek** is attended by his scribe, an **Acolyte of Orcus, Meray**, who has 8gp.

Bookshelves are lined with old texts devoted to the faiths of Orcus and Nergal. There are two large wooden tables covered with open books and a large desk. Inside a secret compartment in the desk **Baalbek** keeps his meager treasure: 76pp. These texts are invaluable to the acolytes, and **Baalbek** and **Meray** will protect them to their death, unless the alarm has been raised and they have been called to battle elsewhere.

**332.** This is the living quarters of **Zur the Black**. His chambers suggest that **Zur** enjoys his amenities. His bed is plush with rich furs (2,400gp). The room is lit with *Everburning Candles* (20), and there is a small shrine to Orcus for private prayer. There is a bookstack along the east wall in front of the secret door. If the book *Goat Sacrifices and Their Meaning* is pulled, the floor will rotate until the bookstack turns perpendicular to the wall. Among the many books is a *Manual of Golems* with instructions on how to create a Runic Golem (same time and resources as a stone golem). Three runic tablets are also wedged onto the shelf.

Behind the secret door is **Zur's** secret treasure trove. The floor of this secret area is covered in deadly **Clockwork Scorpions** (8) that will come streaming out when the bookstack/secret door is opened. They attack anyone but **Zur**.

At the back of the secret chamber is a locked chest with 4,804gp. A locked coffer with 3,423ep. Two small Mithril Funerary Figures (3,500gp each) and a magical *Platinum Funerary Figure* (this is a golem, see introduction). There are two *Potions of Greater Healing* and a *Potion of Invisibility*.

**333.** This stairwell leads to barrow mound #42. It is known only to **Zur** and **Emnuron**.

**334.** This crypt has a magical one-way door. The wizard interred here long ago wanted to ensure his crypt would not be looted and so had enchantments cast to protect his treasures.

This door functions similar to the door in #236. For every person that enters, a monster will appear subject to the progression listed below.

### Monster

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| 1. Zombie | 4. Wight  |
| 2. Shadow | 5. Ghast  |
| 3. Ghoul  | 6. Wraith |

After each wave of monster(s) have been defeated, the door will unlock briefly and allow those who entered the crypt to leave (the interred was not a particularly malicious person, he just wanted his treasures for himself in the afterlife). The only way to access his





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treasure (located in a large steel chest beside his stone sarcophagus) is to stand and defeat all the monsters that appear through the entire progression. This will also open the door permanently. PCs can take one action between monster sets.

The treasure in the locked and trapped chest (poison needle; the victim must succeed on a DC 15 Dex save or die) includes 4,500gp, a *Tome of Clear Thought*, *Gloves of Dexterity* (similar to *Gauntlets of Ogre Power*, but affects Dex rather than Str), a runic tablet, and a scarlet and blue *Ioun Stone (Intellect)*.

**335.** This is a false tomb designed to dupe would-be tomb-robbers into searching for the crypts beyond.

This set of narrow burial passages contain the following niches.

- A. Stack of books now moldy and useless with moisture.
- B. The remains of a friar and his folded *Monk's Habit* (see New Magic Items).
- C. This alcove is empty.
- D. **Amber Mold** (4) grows in this alcove.
- E. An ornate Gold Funerary Box (3,000gp) that holds

the remains of a boy-prince. Folded beside the box is a set of *Mithril Chainmail +3* designed for a young lad, but would also fit a halfling or gnome. The chainmail is trapped. It is attached by a carefully disguised string on the wall to an invisible metal box located on the ceiling. If pulled, the box will open and drop **Clockwork Scorpions** (3) onto the head of the thief. Spells that allow PCs to see invisible objects will allow them to notice the box.

**336.** **Ogbog** and **Wortbad**, two **Trolls** (2) are on guard here. **Ogbog**, the largest of the two, is particularly tall, thin, and powerful for one of his kind. He receives a +2 bonus on all damage rolls. **Ogbog** enjoys picking on the smaller **Wortbad**. **Wortbad** just wants to be left alone so he can pick his nose in peace. An inscription above the archway reads "The Catacombs of the Cursed."

**337.** This area is a rough-hewn burial catacomb. The catacomb is ancient but has seen recent activity. The burial alcoves here are all horizontal rectangles about 5 feet long cut roughly into the walls. PCs can search anywhere in the catacombs for treasure. If they do there is a 2 in 6 chance they will find treasure. If successful, the contents should be determined randomly (see Random Table 7). Treasure can only be found in this fashion seven times. Be sure to roll for random monsters.

There are unique burial alcoves and areas containing monsters and/or treasure. These are outlined below.

When **Zur the Black** recruited **Shagrot** and his trolls, he promised them human flesh and coin. After some initial success, the relationship has not been as fruitful as **Shagrot** hoped. He will not risk his own life for **Zur** or the Acolytes.

**Zur** encouraged the trolls to occupy the catacombs to give them their own space but also to guard F—an exit to the surface located in barrow mound #42. **Zur** was also aware that the Necromancers had added a small tribe of bugbear mercenaries to their forces and hoped to counter with the trolls.

A. The majority of the trolls can be found here. The area is littered with makeshift beds and the gnawed bones of humanoids and animals. There is a 20% chance that four of the ten are sleeping. **Trolls** (10).

B. **Shagrot** has braced several pieces of magical platemail to his legs, arms, and shoulders and thus possesses 21 AC instead of 15. An armorer, given

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the pieces and 7,500gp, can refit these into a suit of *Platemail +3*. **Shagrot** uses a heap of old furs as a bed. Under the furs is a small wooden box with five *Wasp Darts* (see New Magic Items). Beside the bed is a large unlocked chest with mixed coins from **Zur** for services rendered: 3,562sp and 3,905gp. If **Shagrot** hears battle in the catacombs, he will investigate.

**C.** The skeleton of a woman can be found in an alcove here. Folded beside her, at the back of the alcove, is a beautiful *Cloak of Protection* and a *Ring of the Ram*.

**D.** Hidden underneath a skeleton at this location is a *Staff of Healing*. This staff is unique because it can be used to cast *Cure Wounds* at any slot level (expending one charge per level). The staff has 28 charges and cannot be recharged.

**E.** A filthy **Rot Pudding** (1) has secluded itself in this area. It has no interest in the trolls but will attack the PCs if they pass nearby. Check for surprise.

**F.** **Gargar** and **Uzgot**, two **Trolls** (2) have been instructed to guard this entrance. If they see light or hear anyone approach down the stairs, they will set for an ambush and surprise on a 1–4 on d6.

**338.** This room is empty.

**339.** On a dais, set against the western wall, is a throne made of stone. The area immediately around the throne and the dais is charred black by fire. Barely recognizable remains of an Acolyte of Orcus can be found on the throne. The throne is decorated in bas relief depicting Athena, Goddess of Warriors, and frescoes along the eastern wall depict her in glorious battle.

The throne detects as magical and is aligned (law/good). If anyone of chaotic alignment sits in the throne they will immediately receive burning damage as per the clerical spell *Flame Strike*. If anyone of neutral alignment sits in the chair there will be no effect. If a lawful cleric or paladin sits in the throne, they will have their spellcasting ability score raised by one (this happens only once).

**340.** This hallway contains eight crypts.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** This door is ajar. Someone used a prybar to open the door. The floor of this crypt is covered in precious gemstones. Two dead Acolytes of Orcus are on the floor here. As soon as someone enters the crypt, the

jewels will pull themselves together as a mighty **Gemstone Golem** (1) and attack to defend the crypt. There is nothing of value here other than a black urn with ashes.

**Defiled Crypt 2:** This door is closed. A small group of **Wights** (3) are muttering to themselves in the darkness. They have gone completely mad. All three are wearing magical *Electrum Death Masks* (300gp each).

**Quiet Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is actually a small set of iron double doors. The handles to the doors have been bound with rope. A scarab signet has been imprinted in wax to one side. At the back wall of the crypt is a stone sarcophagus with the following epitaph: "I, Dresta, the Mighty Warrior Rest Here. Athena Was My Protector."

If the sarcophagus is disturbed an **Iron Golem** (1; can't use *Poison Breath*) in the shape of Athena will break through the secret door sending shards of stone everywhere, and attack, surprising intruders on a 1 in 4 on d6.

**Dresta's** remains can be found inside the sarcophagus. She wears *Chainmail +3* and carries a *Broadsword +3* (same stats as Longsword). She wears a Jade Bracelet (800gp), Gold Ring (900gp), Platinum Circlet with Small Garnets (1,500gp), Gold Statuette inlaid with Bloodstones (1,000gp), and a Platinum Ring inlaid with Small Aquamarines (2,000gp).

**Quiet Crypt 4:** Strange runes have been written on this stuck door. They are a magical fire ward; victims must succeed on a DC 15 Dex save or take 6d6 points of damage (half on save). Inside the crypt is a box with disintegrated remains.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** The door to this crypt is ajar. A pack of **Ravenous Dead** (7) have gathered here. If sufficient noise is raised in the hallway, they will attack. Four of the seven are wearing magical *Bone Death Masks* (no value) that provide +1 to their armor class.

Inside the crypt is a small unlocked coffer with two Valuable Scrolls (worth 150gp and 350gp) and one Manuscript (worth 750gp). There are also five *Spell Scrolls* with random wizard spells.

**Defiled Crypt 6:** The door to this crypt is open, and the burial alcoves here have been looted. There is nothing of value.

**Quiet Crypt 7:** The door to this crypt is locked. Inside a malevolent **Greater Crypt Shade** (1) has risen from the





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remains of the interred.

Inside his sarcophagus are two Ivory Canopic Jars inlaid with Gold worth 2,500gp each and a strange necklace. This is a *Necklace of Prayer Beads*. There are also five *Spell Scrolls*, four of which contain random 4th level wizard spells, and one of which contains *Galaxina's Scintillating Spark Shower* (see New Spells).

**Quiet Crypt 8:** The door to this crypt is closed. The room is covered in burial alcoves:

**Burial Alcoves (40):** Triangular. Single bronze skulls.

**Contents:** Scattered throughout the alcoves are a Tiny Mirror (150gp), Engraved Silver Inkwell (250gp), Fine Leather Belt (160gp), and a **Clockwork Scorpion** (1).

**341.** This long rectangular room contains six mausoleums 10 feet high—all with stone doors. On top of each is a unique marble statue. The ceiling is 30 feet high here.

**A.** The stone door here has been broken and the contents of the mausoleum plundered. The statue on top of the mausoleum is that of a satyr dancing with a pan pipe.

**B.** The stone door here is closed and sealed with wax. Anyone disturbing the door will set off a trap. The statue on top of the mausoleum is that of a muscular man holding a large globe (8 feet tall and 8 feet wide) on his back. Disturbing the door will trigger the statue to bend forward, dropping the ball on anyone in front of the door. Those caught must succeed on a DC 15 Dex save or take 6d8 points of damage (half on save). Anyone who fails the save will have all their fragile equipment destroyed, including potions. Roll for random monsters.

In addition, just inside the door is an **Amber Golem** (1; treat as **Clay Golem**) that will strike as soon as the door has been breached. Inside the mausoleum, beside a small urn, is a Gem-Encrusted Platinum Chalice worth 1,800gp.

**C.** The door to this crypt is broken and the contents have been plundered. The statue of a beautiful elf maiden with a bow stands atop.

**D.** The stone door here is sealed with wax. The statue on top depicts a priest holding a large bowl above his head as if he was providing an offering.

Similar to B there is both a trap and a monster here. Anyone disturbing or searching the door will activate a

pressure plate that emits a 10x10 foot cloud of paralytic gas immediately outside the door (victims must succeed on a DC 15 Con save or be paralyzed for 1 minute). Regardless of the result, this will alert a **Black Pudding** (1) that is nestled in the bowl. It will drop on anyone standing, or making noise, in front of the door.

Inside the crypt are the skeletal remains of woman wearing a beautiful gold ring. This is a *Ring of Evasion*.

**E.** The door to this crypt is sealed with wax and made of stone. The statue atop the mausoleum depicts a dwarf with hammer raised above an anvil. Inside are three Electrum Coffers worth 300gp each. Inside one is a lock of red hair.

**F.** The door to this crypt is sealed with wax and made of stone. There is nothing of value inside. The statue above depicts a noble deer stag.

**342.** A large set of sealed bronze double doors bars entry to this room. The doors are joined with rope and sealed with a scarab imprint in wax. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #33.** The rope is a *Rope of Strangulation* (treat as **Rug of Smothering** with advantage on attack rolls) that will magically fly off the door handles and attack the person who breaks the clay seal.

This massive room is supported by twelve 30 foot columns. The bottom 10 feet of each column are shaped as helmed male warriors. Four of the warrior pillars are actually **Greater Barrow Guardians** (4) who will likely attack with surprise (1–4 on d6) once the PCs have started investigating and searching the room. The guardians are located in the northeastern, northwestern, southeastern, and southwestern pillars.

The room is filled with small burial crypts. The entrances are covered with rotting yellow curtains.

**A.** Behind this curtain is a low altar with a simple wooden carving. Anyone who touches the figurine will be cursed with *Blindness* (*Remove Curse* to cure).

**B.** A colony of **Amber Mold** (4) grows on the walls and floor here.

**C.** This area is empty.

**D.** This crypt contains a heavy crossbow trap. The trap is connected to the curtain by a wire. Anyone who pulls the

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curtain aside will spring the trap. The crossbow will strike with a +8 attack modifier for 1d10 points of damage. A small funerary box contains minor gemstones: two Small Flawed Rhodochrosites (10gpx2) and a *Pearl of Power*.

**E.** A stone door, sealed with wax at the edges, blocks entrance to this tomb. An inscription on the door reads "*Here Rests Roeth and Able Blackshield, Brothers and Warriors of the Black Order.*" They have risen as **Wraiths** (2). They will not emerge from the crypt unless they can sense the presence of a lawful paladin or cleric beyond their door. In that case, they will rise and use their incorporeal forms to pass through their crypt door. They will attack, targeting the above character types first. In their sarcophagi the PCs can find 3 *Javelins of Lightning* and a *Necklace of Adaptation*.

**F.** This crypt is empty.

**G.** An urn, covered in dust, rests against the back wall. Beside the urn are 12 clay Funerary Figures (no value).

**H.** A skeleton covered in a funeral shroud lies on a stone slab at the back of this crypt. Mounted on the wall above him is a *Platinum Drinking Horn* worth 1,150gp.

**I.** This crypt is empty.

**J.** A group of **Amber Jellies** (3) are stuck to the ceiling of

the crypt near the doorway.

In the center of the floor is a bowl of gemstones that glitter in the torchlight. The bowl contains a Small Flawed Bonded Agate (10gp), Large Finely Cut Topaz (2,000gp), Large Aquamarine (500gp), and a Small Flawed Carnelian (40gp).

**K.** An illusion has been cast in this crypt to make it appear empty. The illusion, located just into the room, provides a sense of depth and hides a stone sarcophagus. Inside are disintegrated remains and three *Platinum Chalice*s (1,200gpx3).

**L.** A runic tablet lies on the floor of this crypt.

**M.** The skeletal remains of a man lie at rest on a stone slab here. In one hand he clutches a *Deck of Many Things*.

**N.** This crypt appears empty with the exception of wall sconces on the eastern and western walls. Turning the eastern sconce upside-down will open a secret narrow stairway in the floor that only a Small size creature (or a particularly thin Dwarf, at the GM's discretion) might descend. At the base of the stairs, completely covered in dust and cobwebs, are the skeletal remains of a halfling wearing *Gloves of Dexterity* (similar to *Gauntlets of Ogre Power*, but affects Dex instead of Str) and a *Shortsword*



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+3. Underneath the remains, waiting to strike, is a **Clockwork Scorpion** (1).

**O.** The door of this tomb is made of stone and sealed at the edges with wax. The inscription on the door reads "Tomb of Hephecates, Husband, Father, and Sage."

The inside of the tomb is covered in dust. It seems an age or two has passed since the crypt was sealed. There are two sarcophagi here. One for Hephecates and one for his wife. If the PCs enter the tomb, **Hephecates** will appear as a **Spectral Dead** (1). However, he is sentient and will dialogue with the PCs as long as they are respectful and leave the two sarcophagi undisturbed.

**Hephecates** will speak very slowly and his ghost-like voice will echo through the tomb. He knows of the existence of The Secret Vault of the Unholy Relic. He also knows that it can be accessed to the north and west of his location. He implores the PCs to destroy The Tablet of Chaos and thus allow the dead to rest in peace.

If the PCs insist on opening the sarcophagi, **Hephecates** will implore them to stop and will eventually begin a terrible cacophonous wail, screaming "Noooooooooo!" In 1d4 minutes, a group of **Spectral Dead** (20) will materialize in #342 and attack. There is nothing of value in either sarcophagus.

**P.** A funerary box sits atop a pedestal in this crypt. Inside the box are two Platinum Scarabs worth 1,000gp each.

**Q.** This crypt is empty.

**R.** An Urn (no value) and 15 Wax Funerary figures (10gp each) can be found on the floor of this crypt.

**S.** This crypt is empty.





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There are no random monsters in The Secret Vault of the Unholy Relic.

*The Keeper can teleport at will within The Secret Vault. He cannot be turned. The Secret Vault cannot be scryed or located magically. Magic will not function in #344.*

**343.** This false crypt is designed to trap and kill would-be tomb-robbers and those who seek entry to the inner sanctum of The Tablet. Note that the entrance is a one-way door and cannot be held open or destroyed. The door is marked with the symbols of Nergal and The Tablet of Chaos is carved in relief. A warning on the door reads, "Embrace Death Ye Who Enter Here." The phrase "Life in Death" can also be found on the door.

Frescos on the walls depict Nergal's followers praying en masse. One by one they walk forward and commit suicide. Their spirits then emerge from their corporeal forms.

Two sarcophagi are located at the top of short staircases in this room. At the top of the center staircase—located at A—is a circular platform with arcane runes. Teleport circle A leads to the teleport circle at #344A.

This circular platform is one of several teleport circles within The Secret Vault. Most of the chambers are not physically connected and PCs will need to use the circles to proceed. To activate a teleportation circle, the PCs must recite the phrase "Life in Death" or "Embrace Death."

Immediately after the PCs enter the chamber, **The Keeper** will make his first appearance. He will appear at A and dialogue with the PCs for a moment or two. He has been following their progress but means to observe them first hand before engaging them in combat.

Remember **The Keeper** always refers to himself as "we" and towards the end of the conversation will become irritated. He will throw a spell or two but will call on Nergal's minions to finish the PCs.

At this point, the two secret doors will slide open and **Crypt Knights** (10)—five from each secret room—will attack the PCs from behind. Also, two **Barrow Mummies** (2) will emerge from the sarcophagi and attack. They are wearing Mithril Death Masks inlaid with Gold and Platinum. This provides them with the combined benefits of magical *Mithril Death Masks*, magical *Gold Death Masks*, and magical *Platinum Death Masks*. Each mask is worth 8,500gp.

**344.** When the PCs are teleported to #344A (from #343A), they will find themselves standing on a platform of stone that floats in the air, completely separated from the walls. There is no floor to this room, just murky darkness and the stone of the outside walls. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #34. When they approach The Tablet of Chaos and inspect it closely, show the players Barrowmaze illustration #35.**

In the center of the platform The Tablet of Chaos, covered in unholy runes, hovers four feet above a square dais. A dark radiance extends from The Tablet. This tablet is an illusion.

This is the false resting place of The Tablet of Chaos. The room is designed to trap would-be tomb robbers. PCs cannot touch the Tablet. Their hands will pass right through it.

The PCs will notice several curved daggers and ancient copper blood stains on the platform.

There is neither a teleport circle here nor ordinary means of escape from the platform. Rather the party must think like the followers of Nergal to pass Nergal's Test. Death is the only way to enter the inner sanctum and obtain The Tablet of Chaos. This means that they must demonstrate their loyalty to Nergal and kill themselves in order to leave this room! The phrases "Embrace Death" and "Life in Death" from #343 (and elsewhere throughout the dungeon) have provided the PCs with repeated hints to solve this dilemma. Once all the PCs have sacrificed themselves they will be teleported to #345A. GMs: ask for character sheets as they kill themselves to heighten the dramatic effect.

Any PCs cowardly enough to throw themselves off the platform will be lost, their whereabouts unknown.





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**345.** This is one of the three inner chambers of The Secret Vault. This room is covered with dusty bookshelves and scrolls are laid out across various desks. One portion of the room is littered with lab equipment.

**A.** This is the teleport circle for all those who pass the test in #344.

**346.** This is the inner sanctum of **The Keeper** of the Tablet.

When the PCs enter this room, they will see a dark place lit by tall flaming braziers that cast shadows throughout the room. **The Keeper** sits on a broad throne in the northernmost part of the room. He will dialogue with the PCs before the battle begins, again using “we” throughout his discourse. Use this opportunity to present some dialogue from both **The Keeper** and **Ossithrax**. They may even argue with each other. He will remind them of how pathetic they are and how powerful he has become through the dark magic of The Tablet.

By the time the PCs arrive he will have cast *Globe of Invulnerability* and *Detect Invisibility* and any other protective spells the GM deems appropriate. **The Keeper’s** primary weakness is his over-confidence—he may not be as prepared as he should.

On either side of **The Keeper** are two **Hezrou Demons** (2) and four **Necrolytes of Nergal** (4). The Hezrou demons will engage while the necrolytes sling their spells from behind. They will all fight until destroyed.

**The Keeper**, who can teleport at will within The Secret Vault, will withdraw if below 50% of his hit points. He will heal, prepare, and then hasten to #348 in a final effort to protect The Tablet of Chaos.

**347.** This is the secret treasury of **The Keeper**. Two coffers (2,984sp and 666pp), one chest (731gp), and funerary baskets (empty), line the walls of this room. In the center is a tall pedestal with a Crystal Ball. A teleport circle (A) can be found against the eastern wall. This circle will transport the PCs to #348A.

**348.** The inner sanctum of The Tablet appears exactly like the false sanctum at #344. The Tablet of Chaos hovers magically several feet above a square dais.

If **Ossithrax** has already been destroyed:

**The Keeper** will be standing beside The Tablet and will



have cast any remaining defensive spells and summoned allies in anticipation of a final pitched battle to protect The Tablet from the PCs. He will work himself into a frenzy, screaming, screeching, and hissing as he begins to unravel and battles to the true death.

Once The Tablet is destroyed, the remaining PCs will be teleported to #232.

If **Ossithrax** has not been destroyed:

Similar to the above, **The Keeper** will be standing beside The Tablet and will have cast any remaining defensive spells and summoned allies in anticipation of a final pitched battle to protect The Tablet from the PCs. He will fight to the end here, knowing that his essence will revert to the body of **Ossithrax Pejorative**.

Before he “dies” he will laugh maniacally at the PCs and state, “You think you have defeated us? No! Nergal’s bidding will be done and we (laughing), AND WE (laughing), shall make it so.”

**A.** The PCs are effectively trapped here—so close and yet so far away. Once they search, the PCs will notice teleportation circles at points A through D. The four teleportation points will not activate until at least one PC stands on each circle and recites the phrase of passage “Life in Death” or “Embrace Death.” Once this is done, all PCs will then be teleported into The Tablet Platform at #348E for the final battle with **The Keeper**.





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#### Area Ten: Random Monsters

1. Ravenous Zombies (2d6)

2. Crypt Knights (1d6+1)

3. Ghouls<sup>1</sup> (2d6)

4. Sons of Gaxx (1d8)

5. Vampire (1)

6. Mongrelmen (4d6+16)

7. Gargoyles (2d4)

8. Necromancers of Set (2d6)

9. Necromancers of Set (2d6)

10. Necromancers of Set<sup>2</sup> (2d4)

11. Dungeon Dressing<sup>3</sup>

12. GM's Choice

Note: There is a 2 in 6 chance that any wandering undead are wearing Death Masks.

1. This group is led by a Barrow Ghast.

2. The Necromancers also have two Steel Skeletons.

3. See Table 3: Random Dungeon Dressing.

**349.** A statue of a stoic man stands atop a dais in the southwest corner of this room. The 8 foot tall statue is made of stone, with large diamonds in the eye sockets (2,000gp each). The statue stands erect and holds out an offering plate several feet long on which an inscription reads "Erected in the Memory of Sigmund: Sigmund would own Red Devils" (underscores are for the GM only). If a magical sword is placed on the tray it will have its magical bonus increased by one (to a max of +5). This happens only once. If the gems are taken the statue loses its magical ability.

Note that sufficient noise or light here may draw the attention of mummies in #354.

**350.** This room is empty.

**351.** Entrance to this crypt is blocked by a large rusted metal portcullis. It will require 8 PCs to lift. With the

appropriate equipment (metal saws), it would take 1 hour to cut through. Beyond the portcullis are two 10x10 foot mausoleums with stone doors. Each has a metal skull face with an attached door-ring. These doors open outward. On the south wall, between the two mausoleums, is the following inscription:

*Two doors stand before you.*

*One door must speak the truth,*

*One door only utters lies.*

*One of them leads to certain death,*

*The other, to wondrous treasure.*

*Knock on each door.*

*You may ask it a single question.*

*Choose wisely, or death shall come for thee.*

The door that always lies is located at A and the door that always tells the truth is located at B. Ultimately, the PCs will ask their questions. If they choose door A, death will emerge through the stone door in the form of two **Wraiths** (2). There is nothing of value in the two sarcophagi.

If they choose door B, the door opens to a single sarcophagus. Once the lid is pried open, the PCs will find a false bottom under skeletal remains. The false bottom reveals a rough stone tunnel heading north to #352. The tunnel is caked with mold and cobwebs.

**352.** The tunnel from #351 opens, from the floor, into a 20x20 burial chamber covered in dust. On a stone slab are the remains of an elf. Beside him are the following items: a *Staff of Swarming Insects*, a *Ring of Spell Storing*, and a *Defender* (shortsword). There are also 12 Terra Cotta Funerary Figures worth 80gp each.

**353.** This crypt has a portcullis similar to the one located in #351.

**A.** This crypt is locked and sealed with wax around the edges of the stone door. A pressure plate immediately in front of the mausoleum will trigger a volley of arrows from the eastern wall of the crypt, all aimed toward the door. Anyone caught in the 10 foot space between the wall and the door will be subject to four ranged attacks, each of which strike with a +8 attack bonus for 1d6 points of damage. Note that PCs will only notice the holes if the wall is carefully searched or if they specifically poke the area in front of the door with a 10 foot pole.

Inside are the remains of a woman wearing eight



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Decorative Silver Scarab Amulets worth 300gp each. Two Silver Scarab Amulets, indistinguishable from the others, bear magical properties. The first Scarab can *Detect Magic* (1/day). The other will function as a *Fireball* if thrown (one use only). It is inscribed with a phoenix.

**B.** If the PCs listen at this stone door, they will hear muffled voices and scratching. A small group of **Wights** (3) inhabit this crypt. All three wear magical *Electrum Death Masks* (value 500gp each).

**354.** Numerous burial niches covered with rotting curtains can be found on the western wall. The ceiling is 10 feet high here.

A group of eight mummies will begin to emerge from behind the curtains a moment or two after the PCs enter the chamber. These mummies wear *Death Masks* and carry *Gold Scarab Amulets* (magical, see below). For the purpose of this entry (and to ease the task for the GM), the eight mummies will be subdivided into three groups based on their accoutrements.

**Mummy** (3) These three mummies wear magical *Mithril Death Masks*. The masks are worth 3,000gp each. Two bear *Scarabs of Proof Against Fear* on gold necklaces.

**Mummy** (2). These mummies wear magical *Gold Death Masks*. The masks are worth 800gp each. These two also bear magical *Cursed Scarabs* on gold necklaces; any living creature that touches it must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or the scarab burrows into their heart and kills them in 1 minute.

**Mummy** (3). This group wears magical *Silver Death Masks*. The masks are worth 400gp each. One wears a *Scarab of Insanity* (once per day, as a bonus action, the bearer can cast the *Confusion* spell—DC 15). The other two bear *Scarabs of Protection* with 1d4+2 charges on gold chains around their necks.

The mummies that can *Spider Climb* will do so immediately upon noticing the presence of the party. They will position themselves to attack from either the walls or the ceiling. They may choose to walk behind the party and cut them off. The others will shuffle awkwardly to engage the PCs.

**A.** This burial crypt contains two Silver Chalice sitting on a low stone slab covered with bas relief of skeletons. They are worth 700gp each.



**B.** Two **Amber Jellies** (2) are stuck to the ceiling here. There is nothing of value. Bas relief of a great dragon decorates a stone slab.

**C.** The side of a stone slab depicts the moon and stars. The crypt is otherwise empty.

**D.** Bas relief of St. Ygg and his apostles illustrates the side of a low stone slab. There is nothing of value.

**E.** A stone slab with bas relief of the sun shining on a field of poppies rests against the western wall. If one of the poppies is pulled out and rotated clockwise, a secret drawer of grave goods will be revealed. The treasures include: Silver Cloak Clasp (600gp), Silver Dagger Scabbard (500gp), Gold Necklace (500gp), Platinum Ring inlaid with Small Aquamarines (2,000gp), Jade Bracelet (300gp), Gold Belt Buckle inlaid with Small Black Opals (1,500gp), Platinum Nose Ring (600gp), Silver Circlet inlaid with Bloodstones (1,000gp), Jade Earrings (300gp), and a Silver Ring (500gp).

**355.** This long corridor contains dust and debris near the walls.

**Quiet Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is ajar. The contents



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of the four 6-foot long horizontal alcoves (formerly holding full skeletons) have been looted and dumped on the floor. A single Bronze Canopic Jar can be found underneath some crypt detritus (value 100gp).

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is made of rusted steel. There are four large urns in the room. One has broken and spilled its contents onto the floor. There is nothing of value here.

**Defiled Crypt 3:** The door to this crypt is stuck. A group of evil men have risen as **Sons of Gaxx** (7).

A Celadon Vase sits in a small niche carved into the side of the seven stone slabs in this crypt. Each vase is worth 100gp each, but these are brittle and likely to break (1–4 on d6) if they are carried into combat.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** This door is ajar. A group of **Wights** (4) have made a lair for themselves in this crypt. If they hear noise in the hallway (60% chance) or see light, one of them will investigate. A funerary basket in this room contains 3,064ep, although half that amount has spilled onto the floor.

**Defiled Crypt 5:** This crypt has numerous burial alcoves from floor to ceiling:

**Burial Alcoves:** (66) Octagonal. Empty but two.

**Contents:** Two Scarabs, one silver and the other electrum, can be found. They both detect as magical. The former has the same effect as the spell *Insect Plague* (beetles). The latter will *Heal* the user. Both effects are as per the cleric spells but are usable by any class (one use only).

**Defiled Crypt 6:** This crypt, like D5, is covered in burial alcoves:

**Burial Alcoves:** (45) Octagonal. Empty but one.

**Contents:** Only one alcove contains something of interest: a lever. If pulled the secret door on the northern wall will open and release a fearsome **Barrow Wight** (1) into the room. Inside the secret crypt are six Silver Funerary Figures worth 500gp each and two runic tablets.

**356.** Strangely, the door to this room swings outward, not inward. A pressure plate 15 feet inside this room will set off an isolation trap. Specifically, once the pressure plate is depressed, an audible click will be heard. A stone slab will slide down from the ceiling, blocking the doorway. The secret door will then open and a group of



**Crypt Knights** (6) will emerge and attack those remaining in the room. They wear magical *Mithril Death Masks* valued at 1,200gp each. Barring the use of magic, only an iron spike and a sledgehammer can break through the stone slab. This will take 10 minutes.

**357.** The door to this crypt is stuck. There are three urns on a low altar against the eastern wall. There is nothing of value.

**358.** This room is empty.

**359.** The door to this room is locked. There are ten holes (3' deep) in the western wall.

1. Handle in the hole. If pulled, a blade will chop the PCs hand off at the wrist.

2. A jar of pickled lady fingers (elf).

3. Empty.



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4. A Large Finely Cut Diamond (2,500gp).
5. A *Wand of Fiery Burning* (see New Magic Items).
6. A lever in the hole will open the door to #369. PC's will hear the sound of stone grinding on stone from the north if pulled.
7. PCs will note something shiny toward the back of this hole (a *Ring of Jumping*, see New Magic Items). A group of **Rot Grubs** (6; see **Son of Gaxx** for effects) have nestled into this hole as well.
8. Empty.
9. A partial map depicting some of #371, #372, and #373 but not the secret door that leads to the area.
10. An **Ochre Jelly** (1) has made itself a lair in this dark hole.

**360.** The door to this room is closed. Long ago, a mass self-sacrifice to Nergal took place here. The members of the death cult have all risen as **Ravenous Zombies** (25). They all wear Silver Holy Symbols of Nergal (worth 50gp each) that serve as *Amulets of Proof Against Turning*.

**361.** This was a prayer room of the death cult of Nergal. Atop a small altar along the east wall are a Gold Statuette of Nergal (100gp) and assorted bone-piles (elves, humans, and dwarves).

**362.** The door to this room is locked. This room was used as a barracks by the death cult. The room is otherwise spartan. There is no treasure here.

**363.** This room was once a barracks for the death cult of Nergal. There is nothing of value here.

**364.** Before they sacrificed themselves, the death cult created a strange golem to guard the entrance into The Secret Vault of the Unholy Relic. They created an enhanced **Bone Golem** (1; treat as **Clay Golem** but with +1 AC and no acid immunity/absorption) with six arms. The golem wears a *Ring of Protection*. Its Multiattack uses Slam a total of six times—once with each arm. While affected by Haste, it can make three attacks as a bonus action, rather than one (each of the three bonus attacks uses a different arm, determined randomly). The golem possesses the following arms (the base damage die listed replaces Slam's 2d10):

1. Dwarven Skeletal Arm with Hand Axe (1d6)
2. Elven Skeletal Arm with Longsword (1d8)
3. Giant Crab Claw Exoskeleton (1d8)\*
4. Gnoll Skeletal Arm with Spear (1d6)\*\*
5. Owlbear Skeletal Arm and Claw (1d8)\*\*
6. Partially Preserved Zombie Arm (1d8)

\*On a hit, the target is grappled (escape DC 15). When a target is grappled, the arm can't be used to attack; instead, when the Bone Golem expends its attack with this arm, it chooses to either throw the grappled target against a wall (dealing 6d6 bludgeoning damage), or tighten its grip, causing the grappled target to become restrained.

\*\*Has 10' reach.

In addition, the golem also possesses a necrotic breath weapon (recharge 6). All those in a 15-foot cone in front of the golem must succeed on a DC 15 Con save or die a gasping, painful death.

**365.** A sarcophagus rests at the end of this room. This is intended as a secret false crypt to confuse would-be transgressors of The Secret Vault. The sarcophagus is padlocked on all four sides. Inside is a **Massive Scorpion** (1) held in stasis. It will attack as soon as the coverstone is removed from the sarcophagus. There is nothing of value inside.

**366.** This hallway is empty. Worn frescos to Nergal adorn the walls and grow in size and complexity toward the doors of the Great Temple (#375).

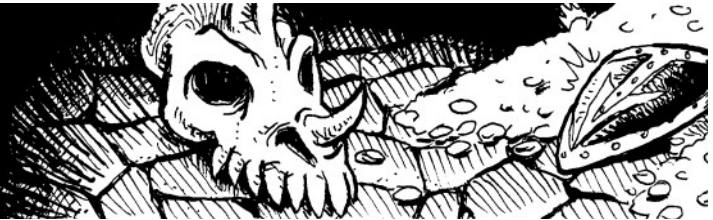
**367.** This room is the antechamber of the Death Cult of Nergal—a faction of his followers who devoted themselves to protecting The Tablet of Chaos for all eternity. The frescos here depict self-sacrifice using long curved daggers thrust into the chest and skeletons walking away toward the door to the underworld.

**368.** This room is empty with the exception of a stone door covered in runes to the north. The door cannot be opened, magically or otherwise, unless the lever in #359 is used.

**369.** The stone door to this room can only be opened by the lever in #359. When opened Minos, a huge minotaur, held in stasis, will be released. **Minos the Minotaur** is different than his standard minotaur brethren. He is



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larger, stronger (+6 Strength modifier instead of +4), and possesses a bronze chest plate (17 AC instead of 14) and an over-sized *Greataxe* +2 (+1d12 base damage; may only be wielded by Large size creatures). Factoring in all of his bonuses, **Minos'** *Greataxe* has a +10 to hit, and deals 3d12+8 damage. **Minos** is the Key-Master of Nergal. A great black metal key hangs around his neck. The key is magical and glows dark purple. It is the only way to open #375 (now the lair of **Ossithrax**).

If **Minos** is killed, and the Tablet of Chaos has not been destroyed, he will rise in 1d4 days as **Minos the Minotaur-Ghast** (similar to a standard **Ghast**, but with twice as many hit points, a +6 Strength modifier instead of +3, 17 AC instead of 13, and can attack with his over-sized *Greataxe* +2—same attack and damage as above). The undead **Minos** will seek his revenge on the PCs.

**370.** This is the antechamber of the Great Temple of Nergal. Massive steel double doors (each door almost 8 feet across) covered in bas relief depict Nergal with his arms outstretched and a large group of hooded followers walking toward him. Skulls and chaos swarm around him. Lawful clerics and paladins can sense a great ancient evil lies behind these great doors. **Show the players Barrowmaze illustration #36.**

**371.** This room was formerly used to prepare bodies for burial. Rotting shelves hold glass jars of all shapes and sizes.

**372.** This room was used to wrap bodies for mummification.

**373.** This long crypt corridor is empty.

**Defiled Crypt 1:** The door to this crypt is locked. Three sarcophagi hold **Mummies** (3) who will burst forth if their tomb is disrupted. Each sarcophagi holds two Silver Funerary Figures worth 500gp each.

**Quiet Crypt 2:** The door to this crypt is swollen shut. This crypt is quiet and filled with burial alcoves. A sarcophagus rests here undisturbed.

**Burial Alcoves (60):** Circular. Disintegrated bones.  
**Contents:** Gold Nose Ring (60gp), Sealed metal box with Satin Nightshirt (125gp), *Warhammer* +3 (head only, 7,500gp to repair).

**Defiled Crypt 3:** The door to this room is locked. Inside is a sarcophagus that has been opened. The deceased



has risen as a powerful **Daughter of Gaxx** (1; twice as many hit points, 17 AC instead of 13 on account of her *Chainmail* +1, and 2d8 base Fist damage instead of 2d4). The sarcophagus reads "Broodina. Warrior-Maiden of Nergal." Two funerary baskets contain 2,274sp and 1,720gp.

**Defiled Crypt 4:** The door to this crypt is made of stone and sealed with rope and a wax imprint. A group of **Mummies** (4) have risen from their sarcophagi and stand motionless until the seal is broken on their tomb. They wear unique magical *Wooden Death Masks* painted red that provide them with a flaming breath weapon (recharge 6), allowing them to target a single creature that must succeed on a DC 15 Dex save or take 6d6 points of damage (half on save). The masks are worth 3,400gp each. Twenty Wax Funerary Figures, depicting servants and guardians, stand on a shelf on the eastern wall (no value).

**Quiet Crypt 5:** This room is empty.



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**Defiled Crypt 6:** The door to this crypt is open. The stench of rot is overpowering. The stench comes from two **Ghasts** (2) and a pack of **Ghouls** (10) that have made a lair from this crypt. The ghasts will send the ghouls to investigate noise or light in the hallway.

**Quiet Crypt 7:** The door to this crypt is locked. A pedestal in the center of the room holds a small burial offering of jewels. The pedestal is trapped and will cause the ceiling above to partially collapse. Those caught underneath must succeed on a DC 15 Dex save or take 4d6 points of damage (half on save). If searched, a small wire can be found running in a crevice on the floor and wall toward the ceiling. The jewels include: Very Large Star Ruby (1,000gp), Small Bloodstone (50gp), Small Star Rose Quartz (50gp), Small White Onyx (50gp), and a Small Coral (100gp)

**Defiled Crypt 8:** The door to this crypt is made of stone and sealed with rope and a wax imprint. A terrible **Specter** (1) now hovers and protects his remains, which are contained in an urn on the northeastern wall.

Near the urn an array of valuable engraved drinking horns hang on the walls (800gp, 950gp, 700gp, 3,000gp, 3,000gp, 850gp, 850gp, 700gp, 800gp, 600gp, 900gp, 1,650gp, 750gp, 600gp, 850gp, 1,000gp, and 6,000gp).

**374.** This is the resting place of **Rorteb Meerab**. **Meerab**, in concert with **Rendar Serouc**, were key high priests in Nergal's faith. Like **Serouc**, **Meerab** has risen as a powerful **Barrow Wight** (1; twice as many hit points, 16 AC instead of 14, 1d10 base damage instead of 1d6 on Life Drain and Withering Touch, and the ability to cast *Protection From Evil and Good*, *InFLICT Wounds*, *Darkness*, *Silence*, and *Hold Person* once per day each—spell save DC 15). **Meerab** wears powerful magical bracers that serve as both *Bracers of Defense* and *Gauntlets of Ogre Power*.

**Meerab** was interred with his two wives, who have risen as enhanced **Daughters of Gaxx** (2; twice as many hit

points, 16 AC instead of 13, and 2d8 base Fist damage instead of 2d4).

**Meerab** was directly responsible for recruiting **Dhekeon** and encouraging him to betray his fellow knights. If **Dhekeon** is with the party he will recognize **Meerab** immediately, although it will take **Meerab** a moment to remember **Dhekeon** and the role he played centuries ago. If **Dhekeon** is present, there could be an interesting exchange between the two before the battle begins.

By turning a torch sconce behind the central sarcophagus, **Meerab** can open the secret doors to A and B releasing a **Runic Golem** (2) from each alcove.

Inside the crypt are two steel chests with 200gp each, a funerary basket with 300ep, and an old Statue of Nergal worth 8,000gp. This statue weighs 500 pounds. There are also four jars of *Oil of Piercing*, a *Necklace of Prayer Beads*, *Potion of Growth*, *Oil of Etherealness*, *Potion of Mind Reading*, *Potion of Heroism*, *Potion of Gaseous Form*, and a *Potion of Hill Giant Strength*. A runic tablet can also be found here.

**375.** An age ago, this was the Great Temple of Nergal. It was constructed from a large cave by his followers and is lined with a score of massive ten foot wide pillars to support the 50 foot ceiling. A huge broken statue of Nergal, the largest ever created in his honor, can be found at the back of the chamber.

After Nergal's cult fled Barrowmaze, the Great Temple lay empty for centuries until the black dragon **Ossithrax Pejorative** burrowed beneath an old barrow mound and into the Great Temple of Nergal. He made the place his lair. The chamber has only a shadow of its former magnificence. Several pillars have collapsed, the bones of **Ossithrax's** old victims lie strewn about the temple, and his massive treasure hoard sits in front of the broken statue of Nergal.











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There are many different ways to play this encounter. If **The Keeper** has already been destroyed, **Ossithrax** will likely be more conservative. He cannot be surprised, so he would likely prepare with spells to make himself invisible (etc.) and animate the dead that are strewn about the chamber. Under this scenario, **Ossithrax/The Keeper** would likely dialogue with the PCs while positioning himself to kill spellcasters with his breath weapon. The Great Temple is large enough that he can use hit-and-run tactics before engaging in sustained melee combat.

Alternatively, if **The Keeper** is still alive when the PCs meet **Ossithrax**, he will be much more confident of a strong frontal assault and attempt to crush them outright.

### Ossithrax's Treasure Hoard: Coins

Coins	Kept
20,456cp	Loose
45,324sp	Loose
9,567ep	Loose
25,985gp	Loose
435pp	Chest

### Ossithrax's Treasure Hoard: Gems and Jewels

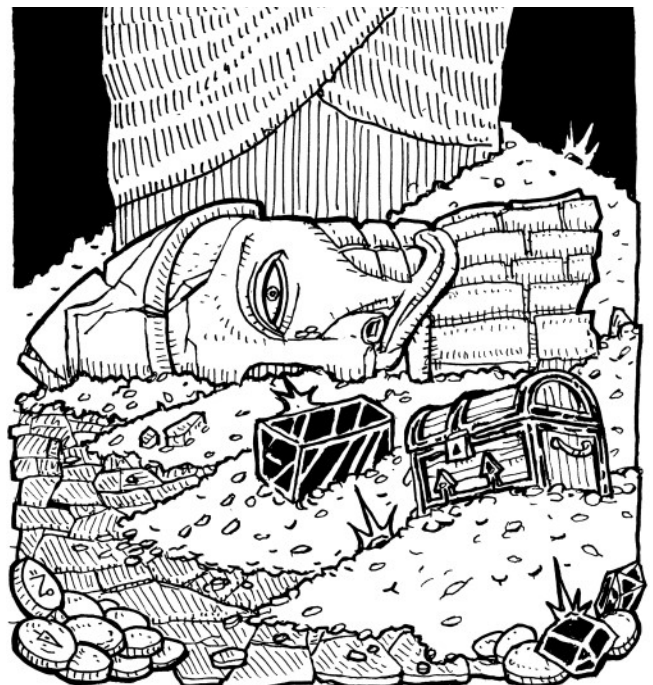
Gems and Jewels	Kept
15 gems (10gp ea.)	Loose
102 gems (20gp ea.)	Loose
42 gems (100gp ea.)	Silver Coffar
35 Scarabs (250gp ea.)	Steel Chest
435pp	Chest
21 Pieces of Jewelry (400gp ea.)	Loose

### Ossithrax's Treasure Hoard: Miscellaneous

Miscellany	Kept
4 Ivory Statuettes (400gp ea.)	Loose
2 Gold Mirrors (1000gp ea.)	Loose
1 Bloodstone Nergal Idol (1900gp)	Loose
4 Ancient Perfumes (1100gp ea.)	Steel Box
10 Gold Plates (200gp each)	Loose

### Ossithrax's Treasure Hoard: Magical Items

Magical Items	Kept
Spellbook: All 4th level wizard Spells	Loose
Suit of Platemail +3	Loose
Shield +3	Loose
6 Random Potions	Gold Coffar
Dragon Slayer Longsword	Loose
Stone of Controlling Earth Elementals	Loose
Robe of Useful Items	Backpack
10 Runic Tablets	Loose





## Ossithrax Pejorative

For centuries **Ossithrax Pejorative**, an ancient black dragon, ruled the Barrowmoor swamp and laid waste to the surrounding region. He tunneled below a barrow mound and into the Great Temple of Nergal (#375). There he sat upon his vast hoard, and in time, died jealously clutching his gold.

Untold centuries passed and slowly the chaos energy of The Tablet began calling to **Ossithrax** to return to his now skeletal form. **Ossithrax** awoke as a Lich-Dragon, a monster that is both a Lich and a Black Dragon.

The power of The Tablet has melded the personalities of **Ossithrax** and **The Keeper of the Tablet**. They can only be destroyed if both bodies—human and dragon—are slain with lawful weapons or their bones are sprinkled with holy water.

### Role-Playing Ossithrax Pejorative

When the party meets **Ossithrax**, they interact primarily with him. **The Keeper** will occasionally interrupt or quip on issues of relevance. **Ossithrax** and **The Keeper** may have a conversation with each other in front of the PCs. If the party can piece this together, they may be able to use this information to their tactical advantage.

**Ossithrax** will speak down to the PCs—he was the mightiest of black dragons for most of his lifetime. He is paranoid about his treasure hoard and desperately wants to taste something (as a living creature might)—anything! Depending on the circumstance he might say:

“I’m going to savor the taste of your blood and crunch your bones with my teeth.”

“You came to steal my hoard of treasure! Didn’t you!”

“How could you hope to defeat me? My claws are like swords! My tail like a hurricane. And my breath—DEATH!”

### Statistics

In addition to the standard **Lich-Dragon** statistics presented, **Ossithrax Pejorative** has some additional traits:

**Cold Touch:** Each melee attack (Bite, Claw, or Tail) does an additional 1d6 points of cold damage.

**Spell Abilities:** Ossithrax can cast the following spells once per day each (spell save DC 16):

Level 1: *Entangle*, *Faerie Fire*, *Magic Missile*

Level 2: *Blur*, *Detect Thoughts*, *Invisibility*, *Mirror Image*, and *Heat Metal*

Additionally, **Ossithrax** can cast *Detect Invisibility* and *Animate Dead* at will. He is immune to physical damage from nonmagical weapons. He never sleeps and thus cannot be caught unaware.

**Ossithrax** possesses the intelligence and the memories he had in life. He speaks Common, Ancient Common, Ancient Lizardman, Elvish, and Black Tongue.

**Potential Weaknesses:** Flattery, over-confidence, jealousy (hoard), longs for taste of fresh blood, dual personality, teeters on control.



## The Keeper of The Tablet

In life, **The Keeper** was known by the name **Ascyet** (Az-say-et) **Vie Yannarg**. **Yannarg** was a powerful necromancer and cleric of Nergal. **Yannarg** received The Tablet from Nergal himself and was charged with burying the relic deep in Barrowmaze. Upon his death, The Tablet elevated him to lichdom and he has devoted himself to its protection.

**Yannarg** was born of nobility and was educated. He employs formal language and etiquette. These are both characteristics he retains in his lichdom. He speaks with a dash of upper-class smugness. He is confident, rational, calculating, and in control. He speaks slowly and purposefully. **Yannarg** is also a deeply religious man and often references his faith and his ecclesiastical duties to Nergal. He speaks with a haughty disinterestedness if discussion turns to the traitors Orcus and Set.

The power of The Tablet has also raised the terrible **Ossithrax Pejorative** and, in so doing, melded the personalities of the dragon and the lich. **The Keeper** can only be destroyed if both bodies—human and dragon—are slain with holy weapons or their bones are sprinkled with holy water.

## Role-Playing The Keeper of the Tablet

When the party meets The Keeper, they interact primarily with **Yannarg** with occasional interruptions, proclamations or discussion from the lich-dragon **Ossithrax**. **Ossithrax** and **Yannarg** may have a conversation with each other if a topic is of interest to both.

As noted above, **Yannarg** is a religious man of the educated class. He is matter-of-fact, but he has been without the company of “real” humans for centuries. Depending on the circumstance he might say:

“The Tablet belongs to Nergal. He placed it in my trust. You cannot escape. You will die here, just like I did long ago.”

“You are not supposed to be here. I’m not supposed to have visitors.”

“So you forward Law? Isn’t that a shame. Would you like to die now or later?”

At the end of their first encounter, he will simply say, “Hmmm, ok, well—I guess it’s time for you to die. Shall we begin?” By the time the PCs reach the inner vault (#348), their proximity to The Tablet will be too much for **Yannarg** to bear. He will have lost all manner of rationality and will defend The Tablet until he meets the true death.

## Statistics

**The Keeper of The Tablet** is a **Lich** of tremendous power. In addition to the standard statistics, he can teleport at will within the Secret Vault. Rather than merely being resistant to turning, **The Keeper** is immune to it. Finally, due to his history as a cleric, he has access to the following spells: *Cure Wounds*, *Inflict Wounds*, *Bestow Curse*, *Protection From Energy*, *Death Ward*, *Divination*, *Harm*, and *Heal*. As an exception to the usual rule, **The Keeper’s** healing spells can affect undead creatures.

**The Keeper** possesses a *Staff of Power* and a *Robe of the Archmagi (Evil)*. Be sure to adjust his stats accordingly.

**Potential Weaknesses:** Over-confidence, jealousy (The Tablet), devout faith in Nergal, curiosity (has not seen a human being in centuries).

## The Tablet of Chaos

Sages only speculate as to the origin of The Tablet of Chaos. Some believe The Tablet was created by Nergal himself. Others suggest a supreme being—the all-father of the gods—gave a great tablet of knowledge to the pantheon of law, neutrality, and chaos.

Regardless of the origin, it is known that Nergal possessed the relic for millennia. Upon learning of the coming betrayal of his sons Orcus and Set, he hid The Tablet with his most loyal followers. Nergal instructed them to seek the ancient crypts of Barrowmaze and to bury The Tablet behind many wards and traps. Nergal’s most powerful follower became a lich of great power—known as The Keeper of the Tablet—to safeguard the relic until he returned.

## Prime Power:

1. *Nergal’s Beckoning*: This power is a stronger, more powerful, mass-effect form of the spell *Animate Dead*.

*Nergal’s Beckoning* animates the dead and they remain animated until destroyed. Unlike the spell *Animate Dead*, which limits the total number of undead created, *Nergal’s Beckoning* produces a mass effect. All remains within 1 mile of The Tablet of Chaos, starting with those closest in proximity and extending outward, are affected. However, the undead created by The Beckoning are not animated immediately. Rather, it is the prolonged and sustained exposure to The Tablet over time that calls the dead to rise.

## Major Benign Effects:

1. *Wither Life*: When this power is used, a beam of dark energy extends from The Tablet and automatically strikes a single target. Roll 1d20. The result is the number of Constitution points, or life essence, drained from the target. If the number exceeds the total constitution of the victim, the target will rise immediately as a (roll 1d4):

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### Wither Life

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| 1. Son of Gaxx | 3. Barrow Wight |
| 2. Wraith      | 4. Specter      |

2. *Scarab Plague*: Once per day, the possessor can cast *Insect Plague* at 9th level (spell save DC 20).

## Minor Benign Effects:

1. *Animate Dead*: The wielder of The Tablet can cast *Animate Dead* three times per day at 9th level.

2. *Speak with Dead*: The possessor of The Tablet can cast *Speak with Dead* three times per day.

### Major Malevolent Effects:

1. *Alignment Change*: The alignment of the possessor changes immediately to Chaotic Evil.

2. *Keeper of the Tablet*: The Tablet both consumes the possessor's life essence and imbues it with negative energy over time. Upon death, The Tablet elevates its possessor to lichdom, thus always ensuring a **Keeper of the Tablet**.

### Minor Malevolent Effects:

1. *Pollute Holy Water*: All holy water within 50 feet of The Tablet of Chaos is instantly polluted.

2. *Decay Vegetation*: All vegetation within 30 feet of The Tablet of Chaos withers and dies.

### Destroying The Tablet of Chaos

The Tablet is impervious to spells, physical attacks, and most magic items. The Tablet can be destroyed by sundering a powerful lawful-aligned magic item or weapon against it. Examples include the *Fount of Law*, the *Aspergillum of Palantis*, *Caliburn*, the *Armature of Palantis*, the *Spear Predestined*, or an item deemed appropriate by the GM.

Alternate Ending: If **Dhekeon** is present when the PCs reach The Tablet he will exclaim, "My time has come my friends. Blessed St. Ygg has told me what I must do. Farewell." He will then destroy The Tablet and himself by sundering his mighty *Greatsword +3* on the relic. **Dhekeon**, his sword, and The Tablet will all be consumed in a great explosion of chaos energy. The PCs will then be teleported to #232.



## New Magic Items

### Amulet of Magic Resistance

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement)*

While wearing this amulet, any time you would be affected by magic, make an unmodified d20 roll. On a result of 17 or above, you negate the effect.

### Amulet of Proof Against Turning

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement)*

While wearing this amulet, you are immune to *turn undead* and similar abilities.

### Armature of Palantis

*Wondrous item, very rare (requires attunement by a lawful-aligned cleric or paladin)*

When you are attuned to the *Gauntlet*, *Couter*, and *Rerebrace of Palantis* simultaneously, their effects are combined and amplified. The resulting set is known as the *Armature of Palantis*, and for the purposes of attunement, they are considered a single magic item.

Unarmed attacks made with the *Armature* are considered magical, have a weapon die of 1d6, and gain a +2 bonus to attack and damage rolls.

While wearing the *Armature*, you gain a +2 bonus to AC, and any time you would be affected by magic, make an unmodified d20 roll. On a result of 18 or above, you negate the effect.

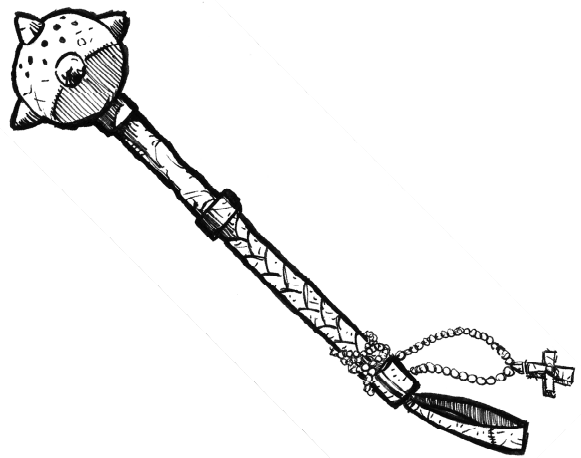
In addition, you can cast the *Detect Magic* and *Cure Wounds* spells at 1st-level three times per day each, and the *Lesser Restoration* and *Cure Wounds* spells at 3rd-level once every two days each.

Finally, if you are a cleric or an Oath of Devotion paladin, your *Turn Undead* or *Turn the Unholy* features, respectively, also project a 25-foot cone of shining white energy. All undead within it that fail their saving throw against being turned take 1d10 radiant damage. This damage does not cause the turn effect to end.

### Armbands of Healing

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement)*

While wearing these armbands, you regain an additional 2 hit points whenever you receive magical healing, such as from a spell or potion.



### Aspergillum of Palantis

*Weapon (mace), rare (requires attunement by a lawful-aligned cleric or paladin)*

You gain a +1 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with this magic weapon. You can spend 1 minute pouring a vial of holy water into the top of the weapon. When you do this, the next 3 attacks you make with it deal an extra 1d4+1 radiant damage if the target is undead.

### Caliburn

*Weapon (longsword), very rare (requires attunement by a lawful-aligned paladin)*

“Caliburn” is sentient magic longsword, granting a +3 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with him. He has Int 12, Wis 16, and Cha 16. He can speak Common and Elvish telepathically, and has a lawful alignment.

Once per day, Caliburn can cause attacks made with him to deal an extra 1d8 slashing damage if the target is undead, for 1 minute. Additionally, once per day, he can cast the *bleed* spell on his wielder.

Caliburn’s personality is a double-edged sword. He possesses the strongest of righteous ideals and a paladin’s sense of self-importance. To Caliburn, the world exists only in black and white. He will spur on his wielder and be encouraging. On the other hand, he cannot abide the presence of undead and may force his wielder into action if s/he refuses to engage them. He will never agree to flee, but having the right wielder is ultimately more important than his vanity. He is so conceited that he will refuse to communicate with anyone except a paladin or a lawful cleric (in the latter case he will demand to be taken to the nearest lawful temple immediately). He may lower his lofty standards to a ranger, subject to the discretion of the GM. Caliburn should be role-played as smug and sanctimonious—the epitome of paladinhood.



## Couter of Palantis

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement by a lawful-aligned cleric or paladin)*

The Couter is a platemail elbow articulation designed to be worn with the *Gauntlet of Palantis*. Worn on its own, any time you would be affected by magic, make an unmodified d20 roll. On a result of 20, you negate the effect.

If worn in conjunction with the *Gauntlet of Palantis*, the effect is empowered to occur on a result of 19 or above.

## Everburning Candle

*Wondrous item, common*

This magic item possesses an effect similar to the *continual flame* spell, but it sheds light akin to a candle (5' radius bright, additional 5' radius dim) instead of a torch (20' radius bright, additional 20' radius dim).

## Fennril's Faithful Compass

*Wondrous item, uncommon*

This magic compass serves as a boon for tomb robbers, unerringly leading them to their greatest desires. Such unscrupulous people, however, often desire wine and women as often as they do gold (or more often).

Whenever the compass is consulted, the GM rolls a d6. On a roll of 1–2 the compass points toward the closest tavern, 3–4 the compass points toward the closest whorehouse, 5–6 the compass points toward the closest location of treasure.

## Fount of Law

*Wondrous item, rare (requires attunement by a lawful-aligned character)*

This magical white orb was constructed by clerics of law for the specific purpose of closing the Pit of Chaos. It appears lifeless and dull to neutral or chaotic creatures, but in the hands of a lawful character, the orb will brighten and glow with a soft white light.

While attuned and on your person, the orb provides you with the effects of the *protection from evil and good* spell, as well as a +1 bonus to attack rolls and saving throws.

As the orb is brought closer to the Pit of Chaos (#151), it will brighten further and begin to pulse. The remains of its bearer, **Sir Guy de O'Veargne**, a holy-warrior of St. Ygg, can be found in #109A and his ghost can provide the PCs with information about the orb.

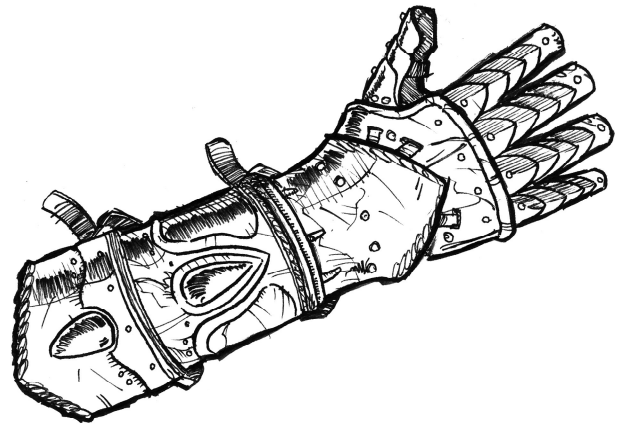
## Gauntlet of Palantis

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement by a lawful-aligned cleric or paladin)*

The gauntlet is an elbow-length iron plated glove designed to be worn with the *Couter of Palantis*. Worn on its own, it allows you to cast the *detect magic* and *cure wounds* spells at 1st-level once per day each.

In addition, if you are a cleric or an Oath of Devotion paladin, your Turn Undead or Turn the Unholy features, respectively, also project a 15-foot cone of shining white energy. All undead within it that fail their saving throw against being turned take 1d6 radiant damage. This damage does not cause the turn effect to end.

If worn in conjunction with the *Couter of Palantis*, you can also cast the *Lesser Restoration* spell once every three days.



## Horn of the Dead

*Wondrous item, rare*

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### Horn of the Dead

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Roll	Undead Summoned
1–75	4d10 Skeletons
76–80	2d10 Zombies
81–85	1d10 Ghouls
86–90	1d6 Wights
91–95	Barrow Wight
96–00	Vampire

You can use an action to blow this horn. When you do so, a number of undead northmen emerge from the ground within 60 feet of you. These creatures fight for you until all hostile creatures have been defeated, at which point they immediately turn on you, attempting to kill you and

drag your body beneath the earth.

The creatures summoned by the horn are immune to *turn undead* and similar abilities until you are slain.

Once you use the horn, it can't be used again until 7 days have passed.

### **Libram of Dark Magic**

*Wondrous item, rare (usable only by an arcane spellcaster)*

This tome is filled with words of vile discord. Its effects vary depending on the alignment of the character attempting to read it.

Characters of the lawful good, lawful neutral, or neutral good alignment will be unable to decipher the words, and will take 3d10 psychic damage upon attempting to read it.

Characters of the lawful evil, true neutral, or chaotic good alignment will also be unable to decipher the words, but will take no damage upon attempting to read it.

Characters of the neutral evil, chaotic neutral, or chaotic evil alignment will be elevated to the next level of experience plus one experience point upon reading it, after which the words disappear and the tome becomes nonmagical.

### **Libram of White Magic**

*Wondrous item, rare (usable only by an arcane spellcaster)*

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### **Manual of Martial Skillfulness**

*Wondrous item, rare (usable only by a fighter, monk, paladin, ranger, or rogue)*

This tome provides insight into advanced martial techniques and skills. The reader will be elevated to the next level of experience plus one experience point upon reading it, after which the words disappear and the tome becomes nonmagical.

### **Mithril Hauberk**

*Armor (chain shirt), rare*

The secrets of creating mithril chain are known to only the oldest dwarven and elvish smiths. This armor grants the same AC as a normal chain shirt, but it is considered light armor rather than medium, and can be worn inconspicuously underneath clothing.

### **Monk's Habit**

*Wondrous item, rare (requires attunement by a cleric or monk)*

This garment appears as a simple brown monk's robe. Despite its basic appearance, the habit is magical, and provides a +1 bonus to AC. It can be draped over top of armor, or worn on its own as an unarmored garb.

Additionally, you suffer no ill effects from extreme heat or cold (from 100 degrees F to -50 degrees F). Effects powerful enough to deal fire or cold damage will typically exceed these thresholds.

### **Oil of Piercing (+1)**

*Wondrous item, uncommon*

This bottle is filled with enough viscous liquid to cover the blade of a sword, the head of a hammer, or some other striking surface of a melee weapon. Applying the oil takes an action, and once applied, it persists for 1 minute before drying. Attacks made with an oiled weapon have a +1 bonus to attack and damage rolls and are considered magical. Weapons that are already magical increase their bonus by +1, to a maximum of +5.

### **Periapt of Proof against Mummy Rot**

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement)*

This periapt is a green skull-shaped gem that hangs on a black chain. While wearing it, any time you would be affected by mummy rot, make an unmodified d20 roll. On a result of 6 or above, you negate the effect.

## Pigface Bascinet

*Wondrous item, rare (requires attunement by a fighter, paladin, or ranger)*

While wearing this magic helmet, you gain a +1 bonus to AC. Additionally, you can breathe normally in any environment, and you have advantage on saving throws made against harmful gases and vapors.

## Pinto's Conical Cap

*Wondrous item, rare (requires attunement by a wizard)*

This cap once belonged to the secretive magic-user, **Pinto** the Pyromancer. Little is known of Pinto other than he spontaneously combusted during the casting of a modified fireball spell.

**Pinto's** apprentice hat appears as a simple blue conical magician's cap decorated with silver stars and moons. It is a worthless cap to any non-magic-user. However, when worn by a wizard, this item provides a +1 bonus to AC and serves as a *Bag of Holding*.

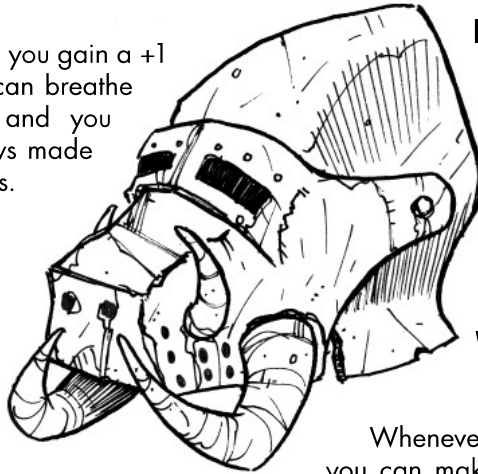
Additionally, once per day, the wearer can pull a white rabbit out of the hat. The rabbit is particularly useful when fleeing, as unintelligent monsters will stop, chase, and eat the rabbit instead of maintaining pursuit. Effects on semi-intelligent and intelligent monsters are subject to the GM's discretion.

## Rerebrace of Palantis

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement by a lawful-aligned cleric or paladin)*

The Rerebrace is an upper arm plate designed to attach to the *Couter* and *Gauntlet of Palantis*. Worn on its own, you gain a +1 bonus to AC. Additionally, any time you would be affected by magic, make an unmodified d20 roll. On a result of 20, you negate the effect.

If worn in conjunction with the *Couter of Palantis*, the magic resistance effect of both items are added together, empowering it to occur on a result of 19 or above.



If worn in conjunction with both the *Couter* and *Gauntlet of Palantis*, they will combine to form a new magic item—the *Armature of Palantis*.

## Ring of Water Breathing

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement)*

While wearing this ring, you can breathe underwater.

## Sandals of Kicking

*Wondrous item, rare (requires attunement by a cleric, monk, or wizard)*

Whenever you take the Attack action on your turn, you can make one extra attack by kicking with these sandals. The sandals are considered magical, have a weapon die of 1d6, and use your Strength modifier to determine attack and damage rolls.

## Scarab of Proof Against Fear

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement)*

These small, palm-sized scarabs are often attached to necklaces. While the scarab is on your person, you are immune to all forms of fear, magical or otherwise.

## Scroll of Stammering (Cursed)

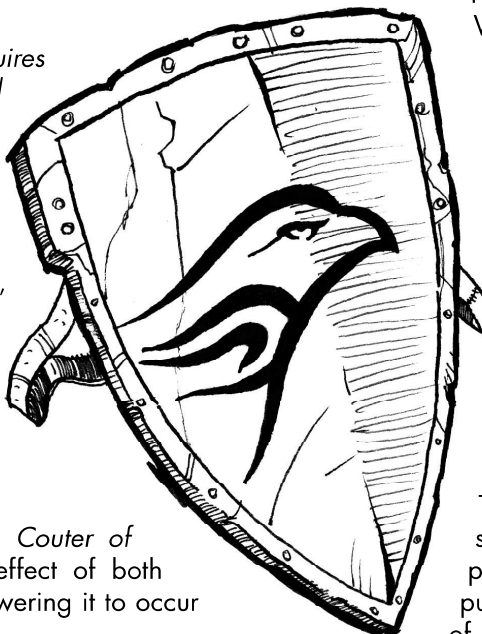
*Wondrous item, uncommon (usable only by a spellcaster)*

This cursed item appears as a spell scroll. When examined closely, the reader will find nothing of import on the scroll with the exception of runes which immediately disappear when read. In effect, the reader has been cursed. S/he can speak normally, but any attempt at spell-casting will result in an inability to articulate (and thereby ruin) the spell. This condition can be removed only by a *Dispell Magic* followed by a *Remove Curse*.

## Shield of the Golden Hawk

*Shield, rare (requires attunement)*

The *Shield of the Golden Hawk* is a steel shield of magnificent craftsmanship. It possesses the image of a golden hawk on a purple field—the device of an ancient order of paladins. While wielding this magical shield, you gain a +2 to bonus to AC.



If you are a lawful-aligned paladin, you can unlock the shield's true power. Once per day, you can cast the *Zozomir's Stentorian Shout* spell at 3rd level (save DC 15).

## Spear Predestined

*Spear, very rare (requires attunement by a lawful-aligned character)*

The *Spear Predestined* is a lawful-aligned magical weapon made of an unknown alloy. Attacks made with the spear have a +2 bonus to attack and damage rolls. However, this bonus increases to +4 against chaotic-aligned creatures.

Once per day, you can use an action to empower the *Spear Predestined*. This effect lasts for 1 minute, and causes you to double the spear's weapon die when attacking undead creatures.

Additionally, once per day, you can use an action to twirl the *Spear Predestined* above your head, causing a 10'-radius aura of light similar to the *daylight* spell to extend from you until the end of your next turn. Before this effect expires, you can choose to maintain it by using another action to keep twirling the spear; when you do so, the radius of the aura expands by 10', to a maximum of 30' after three consecutive rounds of twirling.

The *Spear Predestined* may be sundered on The Tablet of Chaos to destroy it.

## Staff of the Prestidigitator

*Staff, rare (requires attunement by an arcane spellcaster)*

This staff is the product of elvish wizardry, and can be wielded as a magic quarterstaff that grants a +2 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with it. While wielding the staff, you can use a bonus action to speak a command word and cause the staff to shed bright light in a 20'-radius, and dim light for 20' beyond that.

Additionally, you can cast the *Dancing Lights*, *Faerie Fire*, and *Galaxina's Scintillating Spark Shower* spells (save DC 15) at their lowest levels once per day each.

## Staff of the Pyromancer

*Staff, rare (requires attunement by an arcane spellcaster)*

This metal staff radiates powerful magic and was created by the Arch-Mage **Pinto the Pyromancer**. The staff can discharge spells, but only those the wielder is powerful enough to cast. S/he will not be aware that the staff has additional spells until the appropriate level is reached.

This staff can be wielded as a magic quarterstaff that grants a +2 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with it. While wielding the staff, you have resistance to fire damage.

The staff possesses 2d10+40 charges when found. Once all the charges are expended, the staff becomes non-magical. Spells cast from the staff use your own spell save DC or attack bonus, expend the following number of charges, and can be used at the following character level:

*Fire Bolt* (0 charges, 1st level), *Burning Hands* (1 charge, 1st level), *Faerie Fire* (1 charge, 1st level), *Continual Flame* (2 charges, 3rd level), *Scorching Ray* (2 charges, 3rd level), *Fireball* (3 charges, 5th level), *Fire Shield* (4 charges, 7th level), *Wall of Fire* (4 charges, 7th level)

## Staff of Zuul

*Staff, rare (requires attunement by a non-lawful-aligned spellcaster)*

This staff can be wielded as a magic quarterstaff that grants a +3 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with it.

The staff possesses 1d10+20 charges when found. Once all the charges are expended, the staff becomes non-magical. Spells cast from the staff use your own spell save DC or attack bonus, and expend the following number of charges:

*Lightning Bolt* (3 charges), *Sleet Storm* (3 charges), *Conjure Elemental* (5 charges; can be used only once per week)

## Stoutblade Dagger

*Weapon (dagger), uncommon (requires attunement)*

For most creatures, this weapon is a dagger which grants a +1 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with it.

However, in the hands of a gnome or halfling, the weapon's full potential is realized. For the wee folk, it instead functions as a shortsword which grants a +1 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with it. Despite functioning as a shortsword, it can be used effectively even if the wielder is proficient only with daggers.

## Sword of Skewering

*Weapon (rapier), very rare (requires attunement)*

You have a +2 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with this magic weapon. When you score a critical hit with this sword, you roll one additional weapon damage die. Attacks with this sword critically hit on a roll of



18-20 against Medium-sized creatures, 19-20 against large-sized creatures, and 20 against Huge-sized or larger creatures, or creatures of any size made of stone or metal.



### Talisman of the Dead

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement by a worshipper of Set)*

This talisman is a magic item that allows a Necromancer of Set to cast the *Animate Dead* spell once per day. The device will not function for unbelievers.

### Teknar's 10-Foot Pole

*Wondrous item, uncommon*

This unique piece of dungeon exploration equipment was crafted by **Teknar** the gnomish smith and magician. **Teknar**, often stuck with the difficult task of carrying (or retrieving) his party's wooden 10-foot, decided to craft a new magical item to make the task easier.

**Teknar** created a short magical steel rod that, with the press of a button, would expand or contract by two feet in length (to a maximum of ten feet). **Teknar's** pole could easily be expanded or contracted as needed.

Although the pole is magical, it can still be damaged by any force powerful or abrasive enough to sunder steel. The exact severity or result of damage sustained by the pole is determined at the GM's discretion.

### Wand of Fiery Burning

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement by an arcane spellcaster)*

While holding this wand, you can use an action to spew a gout of flaming oil at a target within 15'. If the target is a creature, it can attempt a Dex save (against your own spell save DC) to avoid the effect completely. On a failed save, the target takes 1d12 fire damage at the start of its next turn, 1d8 fire damage at the start of its subsequent turn, and 1d4 fire damage at the start of its turn after that.

### Wasp Darts

*Weapon (dart), uncommon*

You have a +2 bonus to attack rolls made with these small yellow ringed magic darts. When you throw a *Wasp Dart*, roll 1d6. Mid-air, the dart multiplies, creating a total number of darts equal to the result. You then make a separate attack and damage roll for each individual dart, all against the same target.

### Winged Helmet of Halgritte

*Wondrous item, rare (requires attunement by a fighter, paladin, or ranger)*

While wearing this magic helmet, you gain a +1 bonus to AC. Additionally, once per day, you can cast the *Levitate* spell on yourself.



# New Spells

## Animate Statue

*3rd-level transmutation*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** 120 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** Concentration, up to 1 minute

Choose a nonmagical statue within range. The target animates and becomes a creature under your control until the spell ends or until reduced to 0 hit points. If the spell ends as a result of you falling unconscious, the statue goes berserk and attacks creatures randomly until destroyed. Otherwise, it simply becomes inanimate.

As a bonus action, you can issue a mental command to the statue, which it follows as long as it remains within 500 feet of you. You can decide exactly where it moves and what action it takes, or you can issue a general command, such as "guard this chamber" or "go through that door and attack anything that moves". If you issue no commands, the statue only defends itself against hostile creatures.

Each statue has 18 Str, 10 Dex, 16 Con, and 3 Int, Wis, and Cha. Its movement, AC, hit points, attack bonus, and damage die vary according to the table below.

Animate Statue					
Statue	Move	AC	HP	ATK	DMG
Crystal	30'	18	40	+6	1d10+2
Stone	25'	19	60	+5	1d8+2
Iron	20'	20	50	+5	1d10+2

## Baltron's Effusive Bloodboil

*2nd-level transmutation*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** 30 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** 3 rounds

Choose a humanoid creature within range. At the start of the target's next turn, it burns with fever and sweats uncontrollably, taking 2d4 fire damage. At the start of its following turn, blood starts dripping from its eyes, ears, and nose, and it takes another 2d8 fire damage. At the start of its subsequent turn, it takes another 2d4 fire

damage as the spell's effects dissipate.

Each time the target would take damage from this spell, it makes a Constitution saving throw, taking only half damage on a success.

**At higher levels.** When you cast this spell using a spell slot of 3rd level or higher, the damage at the start of each of the target's turns increases by 1d4, 1d8, and 1d4, respectively, for each slot level above 2nd.

## Djriixim's Purple Haze

*2nd-level conjuration*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** 30 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** Until dispelled

You create a bank of thick purple vapor that takes up a 20-foot cube within range. Any living creatures caught within the vapor are incapacitated. An affected creature remains incapacitated even after leaving the vapor, but can make a Constitution saving throw to end the effect at the end of each of its turns while not within the vapor.

A moderate wind (at least 10 miles per hour) disperses the cloud after 4 rounds. A strong wind (at least 20 miles per hour) disperses it after 1 round.

## Fennril's Exquisite Strangulation

*1st-level evocation*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** 20 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** Concentration, up to 1 minute

Choose a medium-sized or smaller humanoid within range. When you first cast this spell, and as an action on each of your subsequent turns for the duration, you can attempt to magically strangle the target.

The target makes a Strength saving throw. On a failed save, it takes 1d4 bludgeoning damage, and on its next turn it doesn't move and takes no actions, focusing solely on attempting to breathe. On a successful save, it wrests free from your magical grasp, ending the spell.



## Galaxina's Scintillating Spark Shower

*2nd-level evocation*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** Self (10-foot by 25-foot area)

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** Instantaneous

Sizzling, crackling sparks leap from your fingertips in an area extending 10 feet in front of you, and 25 feet across. Creatures within the area must make a Dexterity saving throw, taking 2d4 lightning damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one. The damage increases to 4d4 if the creature is wearing metallic armor or bearing metallic weapons.

**At higher levels.** When you cast this spell using a spell slot of 3rd level or higher, the damage increases by 1d4 for each slot level above 2nd, or 2d4 if the target is wearing metallic armor or bearing metallic weapons.



## Hitzemun's Blue Feet

*2nd-level transmutation*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** Touch

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** 10 minutes

One willing creature you touch has its feet imbued with protection against icy hindrances. For the duration, the target's feet (but not the rest of its body) are immune to cold damage and negative effects brought about by

freezing temperatures.

Additionally, the target ignores difficult terrain caused by ice, and has advantage on saving throws related to keeping its traction on icy surfaces.

## Mazakala's Mucilaginous Effluvium

*1st-level evocation*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** 20 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** 1 round

You spew forth a ball of sticky mucilage at a target within range. Choose one of the following options, which the target must succeed on a Strength saving throw against or be subjected to until the end of your next turn.

**Head.** The target is blinded.

**Body.** The target cannot make attacks or cast spells that have somatic components.

**Feet.** The target's speed becomes 0, and it can't benefit from any bonus to its speed.

## Spiritual Armor

*1st-level abjuration*

**Casting Time:** 1 bonus action

**Range:** Self

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** 10 minutes

You enhance your armor with the blessing of your deity, granting it a shimmering blue glow. For the duration, you have a +2 bonus to AC against undead. This bonus is not cumulative with similar effects from other spells.

## Zozomir's Stentorian Shout

*3rd-level evocation*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** Self (30-foot cone)

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** 1 minute

You emit a thunderous yell. Each creature in a 30-foot cone originating from you must make a Constitution saving throw. On a failed save, a creature takes 3d8 thunder damage and is deafened for the duration. On a successful save, a creature takes half as much damage and is not deafened.

If a creature is made of crystal, it makes the saving throw at disadvantage, and the spell deals maximum damage to it.

**At higher levels.** When you cast this spell using a spell slot of 4th level or higher, the damage increases by 1d8 for each slot level above 3rd.

## Vitharia's Vengeful Visage

*2nd-level illusion*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** Self (20-foot cone)

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** Concentration, up to 1 minute

This spell creates an illusion that deforms the face of the caster (or accentuates a pre-existing deformity) and inspires terror in each living humanoid creature within range. The target must succeed on a Wisdom saving throw or be frightened for the duration.

While frightened by this spell, a creature must take the Dash action and move as far away from you as safely possible. If it ends its turn in a location where it doesn't have line of sight to you, it can repeat the saving throw, ending the effect on a success.

## Ool's Broiling Exhalation

*3rd-level evocation*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** 40 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** Instantaneous

You spew a gout of searing magical flame from your mouth, toward a creature within range that you have clear line of sight to. The target must make a Dexterity saving throw, taking 6d4 fire damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

This spell deals an extra 2d4 damage if the target is undead.

**At higher levels.** When you cast this spell using a spell slot of 4th level or higher, the damage increases by 2d4 for each slot level above 3rd.

## Baltron's Black Sheen

*1st-level conjuration*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** 60 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** 1 minute

You create a thin sheet of black ice that covers a 10-foot square centered on a point within range. Whenever a creature enters the area or ends its turn there, including when you first cast this spell, it must succeed on a Dexterity saving throw or fall prone.

**At higher levels.** When you cast this spell using a spell slot of 2nd level or higher, the size of the square increases by 5 feet for each slot level above 1st.

## Mazakala's Glassy Facsimile

*1st-level illusion*

**Casting Time:** 1 action

**Range:** 30 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** Until dispelled

You create a sparkly phantasmagorical simulacrum of a specific humanoid creature, which lasts until it is touched. The illusion can be seen and touched by anyone, but affects only the creature that it is a copy of.

If the creature beholds its copy, it must succeed on a Charisma saving throw or be stunned for up to 1 minute. At the end of each of its turns, the creature can repeat the saving throw. On a successful save, the effect ends, and the illusion is dispelled.





# New Monsters

## Terminology

**ACTIVE:** This term is used to describe any creature that is not incapacitated.

**CHARMED:** Unless otherwise stated, it is assumed that a charm effect ends prematurely when the caster dies, enters a different plane of existence, or dismisses the effect as a bonus action.

**HALF ON SAVE:** When a damaging effect is followed by this term, roll the damage and apply half of it (rounded down) to creatures that succeeded on their save against the effect.

**IMMUNE ON SAVE:** When a condition is followed by this term, it means that when the target's save against the effect is successful or when the effect ends for it, the target becomes immune to that specific ability for the next 24 hours.

**LEGENDARY ACTIONS:** A creature that has this section at the end of its statblock can take up to three legendary actions per round, regaining expended uses at the start of each of its turns. Only one legendary action option can be used at a time, and only at the end of another creature's turn.

**PHYSICAL:** Some creatures have this term listed under their resistances, immunities, or vulnerabilities. It encompasses any bludgeoning, piercing, or slashing damage dealt by nonmagical attacks.

**RECHARGE:** If an ability's name is followed by this term, it has limited usage. While it is expended, the creature rolls a d6 at the start of each of its turns; if the result is within the notated range, the ability recharges.

**SAVE ENDS:** Some conditions that are inflicted after failing a save are followed by this term. In these cases, the target can repeat the save at the end of each of its turns, ending the condition on itself on a success.

**ST:** This value, which is listed in brackets following certain ability scores, is used instead of the original modifier for the creature's save tied to that stat. The original modifier is still used for any rolls that are not saves.

## Acolyte of Orcus

Medium humanoid, chaotic evil  
HP 9; AC 14; Speed 30'; CR 1/4; XP 50  
Str +0, Dex +0, Con +0, Int +0, Wis +2, Cha +0

**Skills** Arcana +2, Religion +2

**Senses** Pass. Perception 12

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 12. Spell Attack Modifier +4.

**At-Will.** *Chill Touch, Resistance, Thaumaturgy*  
**1st-Level (3 slots).** *Bane, Inflict Wounds, Protection From Evil and Good*

### Actions

**Mace.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +2 to hit. 1d6 bludgeoning damage.



The acolytes are clerics in the service of Orcus. They typically wear studded leather, dark grey robes, and simple sandals. They often decorate their shields with the unholy symbol of He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named.

For every 3 acolytes encountered, there will be a **Priest of Orcus** accompanying them.

## Priest of Orcus

Medium humanoid, chaotic evil  
HP 27; AC 15; Speed 30'; CR 2; XP 450  
Str +0, Dex +0, Con +1, Int +1, Wis +3, Cha +1

**Skills** Arcana +3, Persuasion +3, Religion +3

**Senses** Pass. Perception 13

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**At-Will.** *Chill Touch, Resistance, Thaumaturgy*  
**1st-Level (4 slots).** *Bane, Inflict Wounds, Protection From Evil and Good*

**2nd-Level (3 slots).** *Hold Person, Spiritual Weapon*

**3rd-Level (2 slots).** *Animate Dead, Bestow Curse*

### Actions

**Mace.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +2 to hit. 1d6 bludgeoning damage.

Each Priest of Orcus carries a mace and a metal shield, and wears a chain shirt. There is a 10% chance that one of these three items is magical (+1).

When first encountered, Priests of Orcus begin with 1d4 skeletons or zombies under their command, as per the *Animate Dead* spell. In addition, they are accompanied by an undead entourage, determined by rolling on the following table. The undead entourage is not directly controlled by the priest, but acts in accordance with the priest's interests.

## Undead Entourage

D6	Type	No. Enc.
1-2	Skeletons	2d6
3-4	Zombies	1d10
5	Funeral Pyre Zombies	1d8
6	Ghouls	1d3

In addition to the undead entourage, there is a 25% chance that the Priest of Orcus possesses a **Gehennian Goat**.

## Amber Jelly

Medium ooze, unaligned  
**HP** 20; **AC** 14; **Speed** 20', climb 20'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +1, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** -5, **Wis** -1, **Cha** -4

**Resistances** acid

**Immunities** cold, fire, blinded, charmed, deafened, exhaustion, frightened, prone

**Senses** blindsight 60' (blind beyond this radius), Pass. Perception 9

### Traits

**Amorphous.** The jelly can move through a space as narrow as 1 inch wide without squeezing.

**Spider Climb.** The jelly can climb difficult surfaces, including upside down on ceilings, without needing to make an ability check.

### Actions

**Spew Mucilage.** Melee Attack. 15' reach. +3 to hit. 1d6 bludgeoning damage and 2d6 acid damage. The target must succeed on a DC 13 Str save or be covered sticky ichor, save ends. While covered in ichor, the target suffers the effects of the *Slow* spell.

### Reactions

**Split.** The first time the jelly is subjected to cold or fire damage, it splits into two new jellies of Small size, each with hit points equal to half of the original jelly's.

Amber jellies are glistening, transparent amoebae of a densely gelatinous and vaguely ovoid nature. They are most notable for their deep sickly yellow color. Often found in small groups, amber jellies work together to trap their prey.



## Amber Mold

Medium plant, unaligned  
**HP** 1; **AC** 0; **Speed** 0'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** --, **Dex** --, **Con** --, **Int** --, **Wis** --, **Cha** --  
**Immunities** all damage except fire, all conditions  
**Senses** blindsight 5' (blind beyond this radius)

### Traits

**Semi-Sentient.** The mold does not have the capacity to move or take actions. It automatically fails all saving throws, and any attacks against it automatically hit. Its only function is to expel its Toxic Spores whenever it senses a creature within 5' of it.

### Reactions

**Toxic Spores.** The mold releases a burst of noxious gas. Each creature within 5' of the mold must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be incapacitated for 1 minute as they suffer a fit of choking and vomiting.



A colony of amber mold normally covers a patch of floor, wall, or ceiling. Each 5-foot square section of mold is considered a separate creature with the above stats. The intensity of the Toxic Spores' sickening effects may provoke a random monster check, at the GM's discretion.

## Amphisbaena

Medium beast, unaligned  
**HP** 30; **AC** 12; **Speed** 30';  
**CR** 2; **XP** 450

**Str** +2, **Dex** +3, **Con** +1,  
**Int** -5, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -4

**Senses** blindsight 10', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Two Heads.** The amphisbaena has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks and on saving throws against being blinded, charmed, deafened, frightened, stunned, and knocked unconscious.

### Actions

**Multitack.** The amphisbaena uses Bite twice.

**Bite.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 piercing damage. The target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be affected by the poisoned condition. The target must repeat the save at the end of its next turn, ending the effect on a success, or instantly dying on a failure.



## Reactions

**Split.** If the amphisbaena takes 15 or more slashing damage from a single attack, it splits into two independent halves, each with hit points equal to half of the original's. Neither half can use its Two Heads trait or Multiattack action for 1 minute, after which time each half regrows a new head.

The amphisbaena is a variety of giant poisonous snake often found in caves and dank dungeons. Its deadly poison makes it a fearsome to those with weak fortitude.

## Barrow Abomination

Large undead, chaotic evil

**HP 55; AC 16; Speed 30'; CR 4; XP 1,100**

**Str +3, Dex +2, Con +2, Int +0, Wis +0 (+2 ST), Cha +3**

**Resistances** cold, necrotic, physical

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion,

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Multi-Directional Vision.** The abomination can see in all directions simultaneously and is never surprised.

**De-Animate.** When the abomination fails a saving throw against an effect that turns undead, it is reduced to a pile of ghostly protoplasm and bones, reconstituting itself after 1 minute.

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 14. Spell Attack Modifier +6.

**At-Will.** *Chill Touch*

**1st-Level (4 slots).** *False Life, Ray of Sickness*

**2nd-Level (3 slots).** *Hold Person, Ray of Enfeeblement*

**3rd-Level (3 slots).** *Bestow Curse, Fear*

**4th-Level (3 slots).** *Blight, Phantasmal Killer*

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The abomination uses Ghostly Tentacle four times.

**Ghostly Tentacle.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +6 to hit. 1d6 cold damage and 1d6 necrotic damage.

**Enveloping Maw.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +6 to hit. 5d8+3 piercing damage.

A Barrow Abomination is a physical manifestation of Nergal's chaos energy and the corruptive power of The Tablet of Chaos. Upon disturbing its rest, a Barrow Abomination will draw itself up from piles of bones and skulls until it resembles a roughly humanoid shape approximately eight feet tall.



## Barrow Ghast

Medium undead, chaotic evil

**HP 70; AC 14; Speed 30'; CR 5; XP 1,800**

**Str +4, Dex +4, Con +1, Int +1, Wis +1, Cha +0**

**Resistances** necrotic

**Immunities** physical, poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.

Perception 11

### Traits

**Stench.** Any creature that starts its turn within 5' of the ghast must succeed on a DC 10 Con save or be poisoned until the start of its next turn. Immune on save.

**Greater Turning Defiance.** The ghast and any undead within 30' are immune to effects that turn undead.

**Control Undead.** Any undead within 60' of the ghast that are CR 3 or lower will follow the ghast's commands.

**Infected Strikes.** When the ghast deals damage with its Bite or Claw, the target's hit point maximum is reduced by an amount equal to the damage dealt. Effects that cure disease will end the infection and restore the target's hit point maximum to normal.

### Actions

**Bite.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +7 to hit. 2d8+4 piercing damage.

**Claw.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +7 to hit. 2d6+4 slashing damage, and if the target isn't an undead, it must succeed on a DC 10 Con save or be paralyzed for 1 minute, save ends.

The barrow or greater ghast is a deadly enemy in its own right, but its true power comes from its sway over undead. In addition to being able to control any lesser undead it comes across, barrow ghasts always have a pack of **1d4-1 Ghasts** and **2d4 Ghouls** serving them.

Some barrow ghasts, who were wizards, clerics, or fighters in life, may retain some of their abilities in death, subject to the discretion of the GM.

## Barrow Guardian

Medium construct, unaligned

**HP 52; AC 17; Speed 20'; CR 2; XP 450**

**Str +2, Dex -1, Con +3, Int -4, Wis +0, Cha -5**

**Immunities** poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Resinous.** Whenever the barrow guardian is struck by



a weapon, the attacker must make a DC 11 Str save, adding their weapon's magical bonus (+1, +2, etc.) if applicable. On a failed save, the weapon becomes stuck inside the barrow guardian until it drops to 0 hit points.

#### Actions

**Longsword.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 2d8+2 slashing damage.

The barrow guardian is similar to a caryatid column, but they are specific to Barrowmaze. They appear as stone statues, pillars, or columns in the form of stately male warriors. Barrow guardians are often used to guard crypts and tombs of import. They are inanimate until someone disturbs the tomb they have been assigned to protect.



### Barrow Guardian (Greater)

Medium construct, unaligned

**HP 68; AC 20; Speed 20'; CR 3; XP 700**

**Str +3, Dex -1, Con +3, Int -4, Wis +0, Cha -5**

**Immunities** poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

#### Traits

**Resinous.** Whenever the barrow guardian is struck by a weapon, the attacker must make a DC 11 Str save, adding their weapon's magical bonus (+1, +2, etc.) if applicable. On a failed save, the weapon becomes stuck inside the barrow guardian until it drops to 0 hit points.

**Magic Resistance.** The barrow guardian has advantage on saves against spells and other magical effects.

#### Actions

**Longsword.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 2d8+3 slashing damage.

The greater barrow guardian is similar to the regular barrow guardian insofar as they appear as statues or columns of helmed male warriors. However, greater barrow guardians are constructed with stronger enchantments and a large stone shield, granting them



greater armor glass and resistance to magic.

### Barrow Harpy

Medium monstrosity, chaotic evil

**HP 32; AC 11; Speed 20', fly 40'; CR 1; XP 200**

**Str +1, Dex +1, Con +1, Int +0, Wis +0, Cha -1**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

#### Traits

**Lesser Magic Resistance.** The barrow harpy has a +2 bonus to saves against spells and other magical effects.

#### Actions

**Multitack.** The barrow harpy uses Claw once and Club once.

**Claw.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 2d4+1 slashing damage.

**Club.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d4+1 bludgeoning damage.

#### Terrifying Shriek.

Humanoid creatures within 300' must succeed on a DC 11 Wis save or be frightened, save ends.

Immune on save. While frightened, affected creatures are also paralyzed.



These despicable creatures resemble harpies but are skinnier and more wretched. Unlike common harpies, their appearance and feathers suggest a lineage to vultures. Instead of fresh meat, they prefer to feed on carrion and thus frequent grave sites and battlefields.

Although they have relatively low morale and are quick to flee combat, barrow harpies are persistent and may return to battle if they can gather greater numbers. They often keep giant vultures as pets and guardians.

### Barrow Mummy

Medium undead, lawful evil

**HP 63; AC 13; Speed 20'; CR 4; XP 1,100**

**Str +4, Dex +1, Con +2, Int -2, Wis +0 (+2 ST), Cha +1**

**Vulnerabilities** fire

**Immunities** cold, necrotic, physical, poison, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

#### Actions

**Multitack.** The barrow mummy uses Freezing Fist twice and Dreadful Glare once.

**Freezing Fist.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +6 to hit. 2d6+4 bludgeoning damage and 1d6 cold damage. Humanoid creatures hit by this attack must succeed on a DC 12 Con



save or have one of their limbs frozen for 1d4+1 hours. To determine which limb is struck, roll 1d4 (1: right arm, 2: left arm, 3: right leg, 4: left leg). A frozen arm cannot be used for any purpose that requires articulation, such as casting a somatic spell, blocking with a shield, or interacting with an object. One frozen leg halves an affected creature's speed; two frozen legs reduces their speed to 0.



**Dreadful Glare.** One creature within 60' must succeed on a DC 11 Wis save or be frightened until the end of the barrow mummy's next turn. If the save result is 6 or lower, the target is also paralyzed for the same duration. Immune on save.

A barrow mummy is more powerful and resilient than a standard mummy. Though they don't spread the same cursed disease that their counterparts are known for, a barrow mummy's touch chills to the bone, rendering their hapless enemies' limbs useless.

## Barrow Wight

Medium undead, neutral evil

**HP** 59; **AC** 14; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 5; **XP** 1,800

**Str** +3, **Dex** +2, **Con** +3, **Int** +0, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +2

**Skills** Perception +3, Stealth +4

**Resistances** physical (bypassed by silver)

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 13

### Traits

**Gaze of Insanity.** Living creatures that start their turn within 30' of the barrow wight must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be affected by the *confusion* spell, save ends. Immune on save.

**Sunlight Sensitivity.** While in sunlight, the barrow wight has disadvantage on attack rolls, as well as Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.

### Actions

**Multiaction.** The barrow wight uses Life Drain once and Withering Touch once.

**Life Drain.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 necrotic damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or its hit point maximum is reduced by an



amount equal to the damage taken. This reduction lasts until the target finishes a long rest. A humanoid slain by this attack rises 24 hours later as a normal wight under the barrow wight's control.

**Withering Touch.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 necrotic damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or suffer one level of exhaustion.

Barrow wights are fearsome opponents. They are similar to normal wights but stronger and more powerful. They are found near barrows, crypts, and gravesites. Barrow wights have thin white skin pulled tight over their bones, and often wear funerary shrouds that hang in tatters. The eyes of a barrow wight burn with malevolence for the living.

## Black Tentacles

Large aberration, unaligned

**HP** 166; **AC** 14; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 7; **XP** 2,900

**Str** +3, **Dex** +0, **Con** +4 (+7 ST), **Int** -2, **Wis** +1, **Cha** -2

**Senses** darkvision 120', Pass. Perception 11

### Traits

**Eye Stalks.** The black tentacles have four eyes, each attached to a prehensile tendril which can be attacked (AC 14; 25 hit points; immunity to poison and psychic damage). If all four eyes are destroyed, the black tentacles are blinded until the tendrils regrow after 1d4+2 weeks.

### Actions

**Multiaction.** The black tentacles use Smack or Constrict a total of six times.

**Smack.** Melee Attack. 10' reach. +6 to hit. 1d8+3 bludgeoning damage.

**Constrict.** Melee Attack. 10' reach. +6 to hit. 1d8+3 bludgeoning damage, and the target is grappled



(escape DC 15). The black tentacles can repeat this attack against a creature it has grappled; on a hit, the target is also restrained. For each tendril that is grappling or restraining a creature, the black tentacles reduce the number of attacks in their Multiattack by one.

### Reactions

**Gnashing Maw.** When a creature ends its turn and is grappled by the black tentacles, they can pull the creature into their central maw, dealing 4d6 piercing damage to it.

A fearsome opponent, black tentacles are a mass of ten wiggling, black, octopus-like limbs attached to a main body. The body is comprised of a large maw that possesses rows of sharp teeth. Six of the tentacles are used to move and/or attack while the remaining four possess bulging eyestalks at their terminal end.

Black tentacles must stay submerged in water the majority of the time. They abhor light and will typically target those with light sources, followed by good-aligned clerics and warriors. It is believed that the black tentacles are a distant cousin of the otyugh, although sages cannot make this claim with certainty.

## Brass Jackal

Medium construct, unaligned

**HP 17; AC 17; Speed 40'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +2, Dex +1, Con +1, Int -4, Wis -2, Cha -4**

**Immunities** physical, poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 8

### Traits

**Magic Resistance.** The brass jackal has advantage on saves against spells and other magical effects.

### Actions

**Bite.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 piercing damage.

Brass jackals are constructed by high level necromancers of Set, who use them as sentinels and personal protectors. Constructed of bronze and black iron, they possess a smooth shell of brassy armor, and their eyes glow like orbs of red.



## Brown Mold

Medium plant, unaligned

**HP 1; AC 0; Speed 0'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str --, Dex --, Con --, Int --, Wis --, Cha --**

**Immunities** all damage except cold, all conditions

**Senses** blindsight 5' (blind beyond this radius)

### Traits

**Semi-Sentient.** The mold does not have the capacity to move or take actions. It automatically fails all saving throws, and any attacks against it automatically hit. Its only function is to use Drain Heat whenever it senses a creature within 5' of it.

**Feeds on Flame.** Whenever the mold is subjected to fire damage, it bubbles and expands, increasing its size. (Medium to Large, Large to Huge, etc.)

### Reactions

**Drain Heat.** The mold absorbs the body heat of those around it. Each living creature within 5' of the mold takes 2d8 damage.

Brown mold drains the body heat of living creatures that approach, and swells in response to fire. It can be destroyed only by intense cold, the likes of which can rarely be generated by non-magical means.

## Brown Pudding

Large ooze, unaligned

**HP 112; AC 9; Speed 20', climb 20'; CR 7; XP 2,900**

**Str +5, Dex -1, Con +5, Int -4, Wis -1, Cha -4**

**Immunities** acid, cold, lightning, slashing, blinded, charmed, deafened, exhaustion, frightened, prone

**Senses** blindsight 60' (blind beyond this radius), Pass.

Perception 9

### Traits

**Amorphous.** The pudding can move through a space as narrow as 1 inch wide without squeezing.

**Spider Climb.** The pudding can climb difficult surfaces, including upside down on ceilings, without needing to make an ability check.

**Corrosive Form.** A creature that touches the pudding or hits it with a melee attack takes 1d8 acid damage. Any nonmagical weapon made of wood that hits the pudding dissolves and becomes useless.

### Actions

**Pseudopod.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +6 to hit. 1d6+5



bludgeoning damage and 5d8 acid damage. In addition, nonmagical clothing and non-metal armor worn by the target dissolves and becomes useless.

### Reactions

**Split.** When a pudding that is Medium or larger is subjected to slashing damage, it splits into two new puddings if it has at least 10 hit points. Each new pudding has hit points equal to half of the original pudding's rounded down. New puddings are one size smaller than the original pudding.

The brown pudding is a subspecies of black pudding. Brown puddings are found most often in moors and swamps, although they can be encountered elsewhere.

## Caryatid Column

Medium construct, unaligned

**HP 52; AC 20; Speed 20'; CR 3; XP 700**

**Str +3, Dex -1, Con +3, Int -4, Wis +0, Cha -5**

**Immunities** poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Dense Construction.** Whenever a nonmagical weapon strikes the caryatid column, roll a d20 with no modifiers. On a result of 8 or lower, the weapon shatters and becomes useless.

**Magic Resistance.** The caryatid column has advantage on saves against spells and other magical effects.

### Actions

**Longsword.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 2d8+3 slashing damage.

The caryatid column is akin to the stone golem in that it is a magical construct created by a spellcaster. Caryatid columns are always created for a specific defensive function. The caryatid column stands 7 feet tall and weighs around 1,500 pounds. Its smooth, chiseled body is shaped as a beautiful woman. The column always wields a weapon (usually a longsword) in one of its hands. The weapon itself is constructed of steel, but is melded with the column and made of stone until it animates.

Caryatid columns are programmed as guardians and activate when certain conditions or stipulations are met or broken (such as a living creature entering a chamber guarded by a caryatid column). A caryatid column attacks its opponents with its longsword. It does not move more than 50 feet from an area it is guarding or protecting.



## Cave Moray

Large beast, unaligned

**HP 25; AC 14; Speed 20', burrow 10'; CR 1; XP 200**

**Str +2, Dex +2, Con +1, Int -3, Wis +1, Cha -4**

**Skills** Stealth +4

**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Traits

**Ambush.** The cave moray has advantage on initiative checks. Additionally, it has advantage on attack rolls against any creature that hasn't yet taken a turn in combat.

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The cave moray uses Bite twice.

**Bite.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 piercing damage.



Cave morays are a land-based version of their watery brethren. The males grow about 7 feet long. They make their lairs underground in the walls of caves and dungeons. They create their burrows in high traffic areas, or near water-holes, where they can surprise their prey.

Although they live individually, groups of cave morays in the same area will work together to cross-sect their immediate killing ground.

## Cerepod

Large aberration, unaligned

**HP 59; AC 14; Speed 20', fly 40' (hover); CR 3; XP 700**

**Str +2, Dex +1, Con +1, Int -2, Wis +1, Cha -2**

**Skills** Stealth +7

**Immunities** lightning, prone

**Senses** darkvision 60',

Pass. Perception 11

### Traits

**Lesser Magic Resistance.**

The cerepod has a +2 bonus to saves against spells and other magical effects.

**Tentacles.** The cerepod has ten tentacles which can be attacked (AC 14; 10 hit points; immunity to poison and psychic damage). For each tentacle that is destroyed, the cerepod reduces the number of attacks in its Multiattack by one.

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The cerepod uses Tentacle or Secrete Enzyme a total of ten times.



**Tentacle.** Melee Attack. 10' reach. +4 to hit. 1d4+1 bludgeoning damage, and the target is grappled (escape DC 13).

**Secrete Enzyme.** The cerepod produces a paralytic enzyme from its suction cups against one creature grappled by it. The target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be paralyzed until the start of the cerepod's next turn.

### Reactions

**Beak.** When a creature ends its turn and is paralyzed by the cerepod, it can pull the creature into its central beak, dealing 1d6+2 piercing damage to it.

The cerepod, also called a "floating horror," is a solitary underground creature. Although the exact origin of the beast is unknown, sages believe the cerepod is the result of strange magical experimentation.

A cerepod stands well over eight feet tall. Its central body appears as an exposed organ of pink tissue. The creature possesses greenish tentacles that hang below the body. The cerepod has a sharp yellow beak.

A cerepod moves through a combination of magical levitation and its tentacles. The latter it uses to pull itself through space. The source of the creature's levitation ability is a gland located in the central body. If the gland is punctured, it will secrete enough liquid that, if harvested, can be consumed to grant a creature the effects of the *levitate* spell for 10 minutes.

## Cobra, Clockwork

Medium construct, unaligned

**HP 16; AC 16; Speed 15'; CR 1; XP 200**

**Str +1, Dex +3, Con +1, Int -5, Wis -1, Cha -5**

**Skills** Perception +3

**Resistances** physical

**Immunities** poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.

Perception 13

### Actions

**Bite.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d4+3 piercing damage.

### Bonus Actions

**Poisoned Fangs (Recharge 6).**

The clockwork cobra fills its fangs with a reservoir of lethal poison. The next time the clockwork cobra hits with its Bite, the target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be affected by the poisoned condition. The target must repeat the save at the end of its next turn, ending the effect on a success, or instantly dying on a failure.



Clockwork cobras are metal constructs used in crypts to guard precious treasures. They are animated by magic.

A clockwork cobra is silent when motionless, but when moving, it emits a repeated *Bzzzzzzzt, click, click, click* series of noises.

## Coffer Corpse

Medium undead, chaotic evil

**HP 20; AC 8; Speed 20'; CR 1/2; XP 100**

**Str +1, Dex -2, Con +3, Int -4, Wis -2 (+0 ST), Cha -3**

**Immunities** physical, poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 8

### Traits

**Fearsome Resurgence.** After sustaining 10 hit points of damage or more, the coffer corpse collapses, and appears to be defeated. At the start of its next turn, however, it rises and continues to attack. Living creatures that witness the coffer corpse rise must succeed on a DC 11 Wis save or become frightened for 1 minute, save ends. If the initial save result is 6 or lower, the target also drops whatever it is holding. While frightened, affected creatures must take the Dash action and move as far away from the coffer corpse as possible on their turns.



### Actions

**Grasp.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. On a hit, the target is grappled by the coffer corpse. The grapple cannot be escaped by normal means, and is broken only when the coffer corpse drops to 0 hit points.

**Strangle.** The coffer corpse squeezes the neck of a victim it has grappled, dealing 1d6+1 bludgeoning damage.

The coffer corpse resembles a zombie, but hapless adventurers who assume as much are in for a terrifying surprise. These relentless undead cannot be harmed by normal weapons, and even after falling to magical wounds, they rise again to continue their pursuit.

## Corpse Candle

Medium undead, chaotic evil

**HP 24; AC 11; Speed 0', fly 30' (hover); CR 2; XP 450**

**Str -2, Dex +1, Con +0, Int +0, Wis +1, Cha +2**

**Resistances** acid, fire, lightning, physical, thunder

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, grappled, paralyzed, petrified, prone, restrained



**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 11

### Traits

**Invisible.** The corpse candle resembles its humanoid self from when it was alive, but its true form is invisible. Most creatures see only the Luminescence that the corpse candle creates, but those with truesight will observe the real corpse candle hovering near its remains.

**Shared Malevolence.** If a creature is killed by the corpse candle, either directly or as a result of being led into a trap, the corpse candle rolls a d10. On a result of 10, the creature rises as another corpse candle after 1 minute.

### Actions

**Ghostly Touch.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 2d6+2 necrotic damage.

**Luminescence.** The corpse candle creates a twisting pattern of light within 20', or moves an existing light up to 20'. The pattern sheds dim light in a 5' radius. Living creatures that behold the light must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be charmed by the corpse candle for 1 minute. Immune on save. While charmed, affected creatures are incapacitated, and must spend their turns approaching the light. Whenever the target takes damage, it can repeat the saving throw to end the effect.

Corpse candles are a vengeful, incorporeal form of undead. They remain close to the location of their death and are completely invisible to the naked eye.

They create dim twisting patterns of light similar to candles in darkness. Corpse candles are devious and will attempt to draw victims into the traps, or toward the den of the monsters, that killed them.



## Crypt Shade

Medium undead, chaotic evil  
**HP** 25; **AC** 13; **Speed** 0', fly 30' (hover); **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +2, **Dex** +2, **Con** +1,  
**Int** -1, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -1  
**Resistances** physical  
**Immunities** poison,  
charmed, exhaustion,  
grappled, paralyzed,  
petrified, prone, restrained

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Swirling Form.** The crypt shade can enter spaces occupied by Medium or smaller creatures.



### Actions

**Engulf.** The crypt shade makes a melee attack against a creature whose space it is occupying. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 bludgeoning damage.

This undead creature is a roughly human-shaped collection of shadows, dust, rotted burial linens, bone fragments, and other sepulcher debris. Spawned from chaos and lingering hate, crypt shades feed on the fear and pain of their victims. They attack by engulfing and battering victims within the shifting cloud of grave detritus that gives them shape.

## Crypt Shade, Greater

Medium undead, chaotic evil

**HP** 41; **AC** 13; **Speed** 0', fly 30' (hover); **CR** 2; **XP** 450

**Str** +3, **Dex** +3, **Con** +2, **Int** -1, **Wis** +0 (+2 ST), **Cha** -1

**Resistances** physical

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion, grappled,  
paralyzed, petrified, prone, restrained

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Ghostly Visage.** Living creatures that start their turn within 30' of the greater crypt shade must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be affected by the *fear* spell, save ends. Immune on save.

**Swirling Form.** The greater crypt shade can enter spaces occupied by Medium or smaller creatures.

**Lingering Hate.** When the greater crypt shade is destroyed, there is a 50% chance that it will reform after 1d4 days.

### Actions

**Engulf.** The greater crypt shade makes a melee attack against a creature whose space it is occupying. +5 to hit. 1d10+3 bludgeoning damage, and the target is grappled and restrained (escape DC 13).

This malevolent creature is more powerful than its lesser counterparts. The debris that comprises a greater crypt shade whips around with such intensity that its victims find themselves trapped in a whirlwind of linen and bone.



## Crypt Knight

Medium undead, chaotic evil

**HP** 56; **AC** 20; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 3; **XP** 700

**Str** +3, **Dex** +1, **Con** +3, **Int** +0, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +0

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 11

## Traits

**Ghastly Visage.** Living creatures that start their turn within 30' of the crypt knight must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be affected by the *fear* spell, save ends. Immune on save.

## Actions

**Multiattack.** The crypt knight uses Longsword twice.

**Longsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

Crypt Knights are all that remain of a secret martial order—the Black Legion—devoted to Nergal, God of the Underworld. When The Tablet of Chaos was hidden, the order gathered together and willingly allowed their life energy to be drained by Nergal's undead. They rose in death as crypt knights devoted to the protection of the Dark God's great temples and The Tablet of Chaos.

Crypt Knights typically use a longsword and a shield, though they may wield other weapons, at the GM's discretion. The symbol of the order is a white skull on a black rose. This device often decorates their armor and/or shields. They attack all intruders except followers of Nergal.



## Crypt Thing

Medium undead, unaligned  
HP 71; AC 15; Speed 30'; CR 3; XP 700

Str +3, Dex +0, Con +2, Int +1, Wis +2, Cha +2

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 11

## Actions

**Multiattack.** The crypt thing uses Claw twice.

**Claw.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 slashing damage.

**Teleport Foes (1/Day).** The crypt thing unleashes a wave of magic across creatures of its choice within 50'. Each



creature must succeed on a DC 13 Cha save or be teleported 5d20' in a random direction.

Crypt things look much like skeletons shrouded in a black robe. Powerful magic-users create crypt things to serve as guardians to their tombs or to protect special treasures. They never leave their designated tomb and never initiate combat unless they or their tombs are disturbed.

## Dread Knight

Medium undead, chaotic evil

HP 117; AC 20; Speed 30';

CR 9; XP 5,000

Str +4, Dex +2, Con +4, Int +0,

Wis +2 (+6 ST), Cha +3 (+7 ST)

**Immunities** necrotic, poison, charmed, exhaustion, frightened

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 12

## Traits

**Reflective Magic Resistance.** The dread knight has advantage on saves against spells and other magical effects. Whenever the dread knight succeeds on a save against such an effect, it is reflected back to the original caster.

**Turn Immunity.** The dread knight is immune to effects that turn undead.

**Control Undead.** Any undead within 60' of the dread knight that are CR 8 or lower will follow the dread knight's commands.

## Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 15. Spell Attack Modifier +7.

**1/Day Each.** *Dispel Magic* (7th-level slot), *Fireball* (7th-level slot), *Symbol*

## Actions

**Multiattack.** The dread knight uses Dread Strike twice.

**Dread Strike.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +8 to hit. 3d8+4 damage (type varies based on weapon).

## Bonus Actions

**Dreadful Voice.** The dread knight speaks in a hollow and chilling tone. All living creatures that hear it must succeed on a DC 15 Wis save or be affected by the *fear* spell, save ends. Immune on save.

The dread knight is a terrible undead creature. It is unknown if they achieved their state through a fall from grace or if they were created by the dark gods. Dread knights carry the equipment they possessed in life. They often wear ancient magical platemail and shield, and carry a magical longsword, mace, or flail.

It is believed only nine dread knights exist, and they are said to ride mighty undead warhorses. Some believe they appear as riders in flowing black shrouds, while others say they look like black knights risen from the grave.



## Fire Crab

Medium elemental, unaligned

**HP** 13; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50

**Str** +1, **Dex** +2, **Con** +0, **Int** -5, **Wis** -1, **Cha** -4

**Immunities** fire

**Vulnerabilities** cold

**Senses** blindsight 30', Pass. Perception 9

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The fire crab uses Claw twice.

**Claw.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d6+1 piercing damage and 1d4 fire damage.

A fire crab is a creature from the plane of fire that appears as a giant crab in most respects. However, its reddish color and jagged appearance distinguish it. In combat, fire crabs generate intense heat and flames rise from their back.



## Frogling

Small humanoid (frogling), chaotic neutral

**HP** 7; **AC** 14; **Speed** 20', swim 40'; **CR** 1/8; **XP** 25

**Str** +1, **Dex** +1, **Con** +0, **Int** -2, **Wis** -1, **Cha** -2

**Senses** Pass. Perception 9

### Traits

**Amphibious.** The frogling can breathe air and water.

**Standing Leap.** The frogling's long jump is up to 20', and its high jump is up to 10', with or without a running start.

### Actions

**Bash.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d6+1 damage (type varies based on weapon).

### Bonus Actions

**Frogling Leap (1/Hour).**

The frogling uses its movement to jump; this movement does not provoke opportunity attacks. The frogling has advantage on any melee attack rolls it makes in the same turn after using this ability.



Froglings, also called boglings or frogmen, are often found in marshes and moors. They have large round eyes, a broad mouth, and are from 3' to 3½ feet tall. They possess thin arms and legs that belie their strong leaping ability, which they use to ambush unsuspecting prey, or to escape from a losing battle. They have olive green to bright green skin with lighter coloured underbellies and wear drab clothing to reflect their environment.

Froglings use primitive weapons. They prefer clubs, spears, nets, and shortwords. Their weapons are often in disrepair. They often use wooden shields or shields made from tortoise shells. Froglings have naturally tough hides and are very agile. They rarely wear coats of mail, but instead create armour from scraps and bits of things they have scavenged or looted.

For every 4 froglings encountered, there will be a **Sub-Leader** accompanying them. The sub-leader is a CR 1/4 creature with the same stats as a regular frogling, but has 21 hit points instead of 7.

For every 20 froglings encountered, there will be a **Frog King** leading them. The frog king is a CR 1/2 creature with the same stats as a regular frogling, but with 35 hit points instead of 7, and a Multiattack that allows it to use Bash twice. Additionally, the frog king has **2 Sub-Leaders** that serve him as bodyguards.

Finally, in any group of 20 or more froglings, there is a 75% chance that the tribe will have a **Shaman**. The shaman is a CR 1/2 creature with the same stats as a regular frogling, but with 28 hit points instead of 7, a Wisdom modifier of +2, and the ability to cast four 1st-level spells per day from the cleric or wizard spell list, using Wisdom as its spellcasting ability.

## Gargoyle (Four-Armed)

Medium elemental, chaotic evil

**HP** 32; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30', fly 60'; **CR** 3; **XP** 700

**Str** +2, **Dex** +0, **Con** +3, **Int** -2, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -2

**Immunities** physical, poison, exhaustion, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The gargoyle uses Claw four times, Bite once, and Tail once.

**Claw.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d4+2 slashing damage.

**Bite.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 piercing damage.

**Tail.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 bludgeoning damage.

Four-armed gargoyles are ferocious creatures and have a fondness for inflicting pain on their foes. Though not particularly intelligent, they are vicious in combat.



## Gargoyle (Maggog)

Medium elemental, chaotic evil

**HP** 32; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30', fly 60'; **CR** 3; **XP** 700

**Str** +2, **Dex** +0, **Con** +3, **Int** +3, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -2

**Immunities** physical, poison, exhaustion, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Lesser Magic Resistance.** The gargoyle has a +2 bonus to saves against spells and other magical effects.

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**1st-Level (4 slots).** *False Life, Magic Missile, Shield*

**2nd-Level (3 slots).**

*Darkness, Invisibility, Ray of Enfeeblement*

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The gargoyle uses Claw twice, and Tail once.

**Claw.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d4+2 slashing damage.

**Tail.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 bludgeoning damage.



Maggogs are highly intelligent gargoyles that possess innate spellcasting abilities. Their typical spells are listed above, though they are able to cast any 1st or 2nd level wizard spells, at the GM's discretion.

## Gargoyle (Margoye)

Large elemental, chaotic evil

**HP** 44; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30', fly 60'; **CR** 3; **XP** 700

**Str** +4, **Dex** +0, **Con** +3, **Int** +3, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -2

**Immunities** physical, poison, exhaustion, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

Perception 10

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The gargoyle uses Claw twice, Horns once, and Tail once.

**Claw.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +6 to hit. 1d4+4 slashing damage.

**Horns.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +6 to hit. 1d6+4 piercing damage.

**Tail.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +6 to hit. 1d8+4 bludgeoning damage.



A margoyle is a bigger, stronger, more intelligent version of a standard gargoyle. In addition to great size, it possesses a wicked, cunning intelligence. For these reasons, margoyles are often leaders when among their brethren.

## Gehennian Goat

Medium fiend (demon), chaotic evil

**HP** 35; **AC** 15; **Speed** 40'; **CR** 2; **XP** 450

**Str** +3, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** -2, **Wis** +1, **Cha** -2

**Resistances** cold, lightning, physical

**Immunities** fire, poison

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

Perception 10

### Actions

**Bite.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 2d6+3 piercing damage.

**Hellfire Breath (1/Day).** The gehennian goat breathes fire in a 15' cone. Each creature in the area must succeed on a DC 12 Dex save or take 6d6 fire damage (half on save).

### Bonus Actions

**Demon's Sight (1/Day).** The gehennian goat gains truesight 60' for 1 minute.



Gehennian goats are demonic creatures created by Orcus. They are matted and shaggy in appearance, with twisted horns and dull black eyes.

Gehennian goats are summoned by Orcus' followers through an unknown ritual. They follow the commands of their summoners until they are slain or 666 days pass, at which time they return to their lair in the underworld.

## Ghaist

Medium undead, chaotic evil

**HP** 36; **AC** 13; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 2; **XP** 450

**Str** +3, **Dex** +3, **Con** +0, **Int** +0, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -1

**Resistances** necrotic

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 11

### Traits

**Ghastly Visage.** Living creatures that start their turn within 30' of the ghaist must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be affected by the *fear* spell, save ends. Immune on save.

### Actions

**Bite.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 2d8+3 piercing damage.

**Claw.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 2d6+3 slashing damage, and if the target isn't an undead, it must succeed on a DC 10 Con save or be paralyzed for 1



minute, save ends.

**Breath of Death (1/Hour).** The ghaist exhales necrotic energy over one living creature within 5'. The target must make a DC 10 Con save. On a failed save, the target instantly dies; 30 minutes after being killed by this effect, the victim rises as a ghaist. On a successful save, the target is incapacitated and can't move as it suffers from a fit of violent choking until the start of the ghaist's next turn.



Akin to a ghoul or a ghost, a ghaist is a terrible undead creature. They appear as purple-hued, emaciated humanoids with elongated claws and sharp fangs, the mere sight of which inspires fear.

### Giant Ant (Worker)

Small beast, unaligned

**HP 11; AC 13; Speed 40'; CR 1/8; XP 25**

**Str +2, Dex +1, Con +0, Int -5, Wis +0, Cha -4**

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

#### **Actions**

**Bite.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 piercing damage.

### Giant Ant (Soldier)

Medium beast, unaligned

**HP 19; AC 15; Speed 40';**

**CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +3, Dex +1, Con +1,**

**Int -5, Wis +0, Cha -4**

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.

Perception 10

#### **Actions**

**Bite.** Melee attack. 5' reach.

+5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

#### **Bonus Actions**

**Sting.** This attack can only be used immediately after the giant ant hits with its Bite. Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d4+3 piercing damage.

Giant ants are often found in two varieties: workers and soldiers. Workers are normally three feet long, while soldiers are normally four feet long and are stronger and more resilient than their lesser kin.



For every 20 giant ants encountered, there will be a **Giant Ant Queen** ruling over them. The queen is a CR 1/2 creature with the same stats as a worker, but with 55 hit points instead of 11. The queen is normally a non-combatant. In addition to the queen herself, there will also be 10-40 larvae present, which are normally overseen by the worker ants. Giant ants will never retreat if defending the queen.

Giant ants tend to have little treasure but in some rare instances they inexplicably mine precious metals. This occurs in about 30% of nests, and there will be as much as 1d10x1000 gold pieces' worth of raw gold nuggets.

### Giant Ant Exoskeleton

Medium undead, unaligned

**HP 17; AC 14; Speed 40';**

**CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +3, Dex +1, Con +1,**

**Int -5, Wis +0, Cha -4**

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.

Perception 11

#### **Actions**

**Bite.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d10+3 piercing damage.



These undead creatures are the dry animated husks of giant ants.

### Giant Vulture

Large beast, unaligned

**HP 15; AC 13; Speed 15', fly 60'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +1, Dex +2, Con +1, Int -5, Wis +0, Cha -5**

**Immunities** disease

**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

#### **Traits**

**Pack Tactics.** The giant vulture has advantage on attacks if at least one of its active allies is within 5' of the target.

#### **Actions**

**Beak.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 piercing damage.

Giant vultures are scavengers. They search for carrion and prefer to avoid direct combat. They have pink bald heads and greasy black feathers. They are often found with barrow harpies who train them as pets or for protection.



## Golem, Flagstone (Lesser)

Medium construct, unaligned

**HP 22; AC 17; Speed 20'; CR 1; XP 100**

**Str +2, Dex +0, Con +3, Int -4, Wis +0, Cha -5**

**Resistances** acid, cold, fire, lightning, piercing, slashing

**Immunities** poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

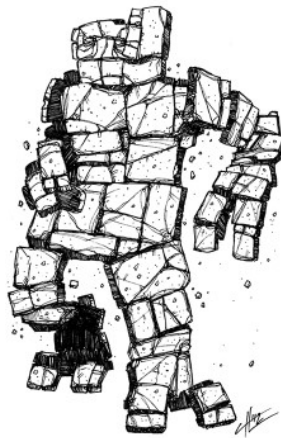
### Traits

**False Appearance.** While it remains motionless, the golem is indistinguishable from its surroundings.

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The golem uses Slam twice.

**Slam.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 bludgeoning damage.



A flagstone golem is constructed from the stones and mortar used to construct dungeon walls and floors. These monsters often serve as special camouflaged guardians to protect crypts and other important locations.

Flagstone golems are relatively flat and pull themselves away from the wall or floor to surprise tomb-robbers.

## Golem, Flagstone (Greater)

Large construct, unaligned

**HP 36; AC 17; Speed 25'; CR 2; XP 450**

**Str +3, Dex +0, Con +3, Int -4, Wis +0, Cha -5**

**Resistances** acid, cold, fire, lightning, piercing, slashing

**Immunities** poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**False Appearance.** While it remains motionless, the golem is indistinguishable from its surroundings.

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The golem uses Slam twice.

**Slam.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 bludgeoning damage.

## Golem, Flagstone (Superior)

Huge construct, unaligned

**HP 50; AC 17; Speed 30'; CR 3; XP 700**

**Str +4, Dex +0, Con +3, Int -4, Wis +0, Cha -5**

**Resistances** acid, cold, fire, lightning, piercing, slashing

**Immunities** poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**False Appearance.** While it remains motionless, the golem is indistinguishable from its surroundings.

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The golem uses Slam twice.

**Slam.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +6 to hit. 1d10+4 bludgeoning damage.

## Golem, Gemstone

Large construct, unaligned

**HP 67; AC 17; Speed 30'; CR 3; XP 700**

**Str +3, Dex +0, Con +3, Int -4, Wis +0, Cha -5**

**Immunities** poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.

Perception 10

### Traits

**False Appearance.** While it remains motionless, the golem is indistinguishable from a hoard of gemstones.

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The golem uses Slam twice.

**Slam.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d10+3 bludgeoning damage.

**Hail of Gemstones (Recharge 5-6).** The golem issues forth a barrage of gemstones from its body in a 30' cone. Creatures within the cone must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 8d4 bludgeoning damage (half on save).



Gemstone golems are constructed by powerful clerics and wizards and are bound as tomb guardians. They activate when certain conditions or stipulations are met or broken (such as a living creature entering the crypt they have been assigned to protect).

Gemstone golems appear as a huge hoard of gemstones of all shapes, sizes, varieties, and cuts. However, when disturbed, the gemstone golem draws itself up quickly into a large, roughly humanoid shape with great fists.

When defeated, PCs can collect 4d4+8 gemstones. Each gemstone has a random value ranging from 10gp to 500gp, with 50gp and 100gp varieties being the most common.

## Golem, Runic

Large construct, unaligned

**HP** 85; **AC** 16; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 4; **XP** 1,100

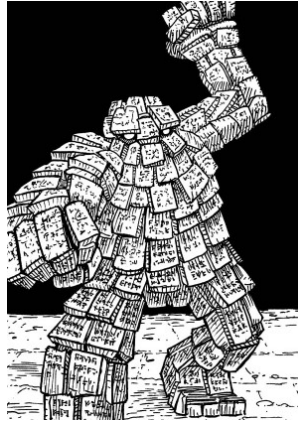
**Str** +3, **Dex** +0, **Con** +3, **Int** -4, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -5

**Immunities** physical, poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Runic Tablets.** Whenever the golem takes damage from an attack or a spell, the attacker or caster must make an unmodified d20 roll. On a result of 10 or lower, they become the target of a random spell-like effect rolled on the table below. The runic tablets have the potency of a 2nd-level spell slot, with a spell save DC of 14 and a spell attack modifier of +6.



### Actions

**Slam.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d10+3 bludgeoning damage.

#### Runic Golem Tablets

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| 1. <i>Burning Hands</i>  | 4. <i>Hold Person</i>         |
| 2. <i>Silence</i>        | 5. <i>Ray of Enfeeblement</i> |
| 3. <i>Inflict Wounds</i> | 6. <i>Magic Missile</i>       |

A runic golem is roughly humanoid in shape and is comprised of magical runic tablets found in Barrowmaze. These golems are used to guard tombs and crypts of import.

When a runic golem is first activated—normally by an intrusion into the crypt it guards—its magical energy flickers on and off momentarily as if powering up after a long period of dormancy.

When a runic golem is destroyed, 1d4 runic tablets will remain intact. The tablets can be activated with an action, causing their spell-like effect to occur against a target of the activator's choice.

## Huecuva

Medium undead, chaotic evil

**HP** 31; **AC** 12; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1; **XP** 200

**Str** +2, **Dex** +0, **Con** +1, **Int** -1, **Wis** +0 (+2 ST), **Cha** +0 (+2 ST)

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Actions

**Virulent Touch.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 2d6+2 necrotic damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or contract a flesh-eating disease that kills the target after 1d4 days. The disease is magical in nature, and thus can be cured only by magical means, such as the *lesser restoration* spell.



Huecuva are a terrible form of undead and appear as skeletons in tattered robes. They are drawn to attack lawful-aligned clerics and paladins over others.

## Icterine Fungi

Medium plant, unaligned

**HP** 23; **AC** 10; **Speed** 5'; **CR** 1; **XP** 200

**Str** +1, **Dex** +1, **Con** +1, **Int** -5, **Wis** -1, **Cha** -5

**Senses** blindsight 60', Pass. Perception 9

### Traits

**Inject Spores.** Whenever the fungi hits a living creature with a melee attack, 1d10 small yellow mushrooms sprout aggressively from the wound. At the start of the fungi's next turn, each individual mushroom erupts for 1d4-1 poison damage, unless the target is cured of poison before this occurs.

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The fungi rolls 1d4 and uses Tentacle a number of times equal to the result.

**Tentacle.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d4+1 slashing damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 10 Con save or contract jaundice. 1d4 hours after being infected by this disease, the target's skin turns a sickly yellow color, and they become incapacitated. At the end of each long rest, the target can make a DC 10 Con save, ending the disease on a success.



Sages believe that the icterine fungi is a distant cousin of the violet fungi. Icterine fungi range from 3' to 8' tall and are often found growing among shriekers and large mushrooms. The fungi's strange yellow color gives it a sickly appearance.

## Lava Weird

Large elemental, neutral  
**HP** 54; **AC** 13;  
**Speed** 0', swim 60' (in lava);  
**CR** 3; **XP** 700

**Str** +3, **Dex** +3, **Con** +1,  
**Int** +0, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +0

**Resistances** physical

**Immunities** fire, poison,  
exhaustion, grappled,  
paralyzed, restrained,  
prone, unconscious.

**Vulnerabilities** cold

**Senses** blindsight 30', Pass. Perception 10

### Actions

**Constrict.** Melee attack. 10' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 bludgeoning damage and 1d6 fire damage, and the target is grappled and restrained (escape DC 13), and pulled 5' toward the lava weird. Creatures that are immersed in the lava pool take 3d6 fire damage at the start of each of their turns. The lava weird can constrict only one Medium or smaller creature at a time.

A lava weird appears as a large pseudopod that emerges from a pool of lava. This appendage looks like a snake at first glance but does not possess eyes or a mouth. A lava weird attacks by wrapping itself around its victims and dragging them into the lava pool in which it resides.



## Leech, Giant

Small beast, unaligned  
**HP** 47; **AC** 10; **Speed** 25',  
swim 25'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100

**Str** +2, **Dex** +1, **Con** +3,  
**Int** -5, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -4

**Senses** tremorsense 60', Pass.  
Perception 10

### Actions

**Blood Drain.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 2d6+2 piercing damage, and the leech attaches to the target. At the start of each of the leech's subsequent turns, the target automatically loses 2d6+2 hit points due to blood loss.

Giant leeches are 4' long, brown or green, and slimy. They live in marshy terrain and other bodies of stagnant water. Once attached, a giant leech will only release a victim if it dies or the leech itself is killed.



## Lich-Dragon

Huge undead, chaotic evil

**HP** 200; **AC** 19; **Speed** 40', fly 80'; **CR** 15; **XP** 13,000  
**Str** +6, **Dex** +2 (+7 ST), **Con** +5 (+10 ST), **Int** +2, **Wis** +1  
(+6 ST), **Cha** +3 (+8 ST)

**Skills** Perception +11, Stealth +7

**Immunities** acid, cold, lightning, necrotic, poison,  
charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed

**Senses** blindsight 60',  
darkvision 120', Pass.

Perception 21

### Traits

**Legendary Resistance (3/Day).** If the lich-dragon fails a saving throw, it can choose to succeed instead.

**Magic Resistance.** The lich-dragon has advantage on saves against spells and other magical effects.

### Actions

**Multiaction.** The lich-dragon uses Frightful Presence once, Bite once, and Claw twice.

**Bite.** Melee Attack. 10' reach. +11 to hit. 2d10+6 piercing damage and 1d8 acid damage.

**Claw.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +11 to hit. 2d6+6 slashing damage.

**Tail.** Melee Attack. 15' reach. +11 to hit. 2d8+6 bludgeoning damage.

**Frightful Presence.** Each creature of the lich-dragon's choice within 120' must succeed on a DC 16 Wis save or be frightened for 1 minute, save ends. Immune on save.

**Acid Breath (Recharge 5-6).** The lich-dragon exhales acid in a 60' line that is 5' wide. Each creature in the line must succeed on a DC 18 Dex save or take 12d8 acid damage (half on save).

### Legendary Actions

**Detect.** The lich-dragon makes a Wisdom (Perception) check.

**Tail Attack.** The lich-dragon uses Tail.

**Wing Attack (2 Actions).** The lich-dragon beats its wings, and each creature within 10' must succeed on a DC 19 Dex save or take 2d6+6 bludgeoning damage and be knocked prone. The dragon can then fly up to half its flying speed.



A lich-dragon is the combination of a Lich and a Black Dragon. It appears as a giant skeletal dragon with small red orbs glowing dully in its eye sockets. Small vestiges of membrane may remain on its wings but most of its skin and tissue decayed long ago.

A lich-dragon possesses the intelligence and the memories it had in life. They often speak Common, Ancient Common, Dragon, and Black Tongue. Like all dragons, a lich-dragon is susceptible to flattery.



## Mongrelman

Small humanoid (mongrelman), neutral  
**HP** 6; **AC** 14; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/8; **XP** 25  
**Str** +2, **Dex** +2, **Con** +0, **Int** +0, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -2  
**Skills** Stealth +6  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Mimicry.** The mongrelman can imitate any sound that it has heard. Creatures hearing the sound are fooled unless they choose to make a Wisdom (Insight) check and beat the DC of 15 to recognize it as an imitation.

**Ambush.** The mongrelman has advantage on initiative checks. Additionally, it has advantage on attack rolls against any creature that hasn't yet taken a turn in combat.

### Actions

**Bash.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 damage (type varies based on weapon).

Mongrelmen are abominable creatures that possess the blood and body parts of many different creatures. Mongrelmen are shunned by society and often retreat to subterranean caves or dungeons to eke out their existence. They are shy by nature (and experience) and often find themselves enslaved to a greater power.

Mongrelmen live together in small groups where the largest and strongest serves as a chieftain. They prefer to hide, or lure opponents into traps, instead of engaging in direct combat.

Their language consists of a mixture of human, goblin, and orc words along with a mixture of animal sounds. Mongrelmen also include ambient environmental sounds in their language to allow them to communicate without giving away their position to others in a dungeon.

## Mummy of Zuul

Medium undead, chaotic evil  
**HP** 58; **AC** 11; **Speed** 20';  
**CR** 4; **XP** 1,100  
**Str** +3, **Dex** -1, **Con** +2, **Int** -2,  
**Wis** +0 (+2 ST), **Cha** +1  
**Resistances** fire (nonmagical)  
**Immunities** necrotic, physical,  
poison, charmed, exhaustion,  
frightened, paralyzed  
**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.  
Perception 10



### Traits

**Protection of Zuul.** The mummy of zuul is immune to damage and conditions inflicted by spells. It is also immune to weapon effects based on the four elements (fire, earth, water, air) and their derivatives (cold, frost, etc).

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The mummy of zuul uses Rotting Fist once and Dreadful Glare once.

**Rotting Fist.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 2d6+3 bludgeoning damage and 3d6 necrotic damage. Creatures hit by this attack must succeed on a DC 12 Con save or be cursed with mummy rot. The cursed target can't regain hit points, and its hit point maximum decreases by 3d6 for every 24 hours that elapse. The curse lasts until removed by the *remove curse* spell or other magic.

**Dreadful Glare.** One creature within 60' must succeed on a DC 11 Wis save or be frightened until the end of the barrow mummy's next turn. If the save result is 6 or lower, the target is also paralyzed for the same duration. Immune on save.

A mummy of Zuul is a former priest of the chaos deity of the elements. They are similar to a standard mummy in all respects except for their unprecedented protection against magical harm.

## Neb'Enakhet

Small undead, neutral evil  
**HP** 4; **AC** 11; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 0; **XP** 10  
**Str** -1, **Dex** +1, **Con** +0, **Int** +2, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -2  
**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Hellish Wail.** A group of four neb'enakhet can howl and keen together, each spending their action to create a single cacophonous effect. Living creatures that hear the effect must succeed on a DC 11 Wis save or be affected by the *fear* spell, save ends.

### Actions

**Claw.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d4+1 slashing damage.



Neb'Enakhet are sacred, mummified cats placed in the tombs of the social elite. They are highly intelligent, and will often work together using complex tactics to drive off would-be tomb-robbers.

Despite their undead state, Neb'Enakhet retain a fondness for nepeta cataria. The exact nature of the effect is subject to the GM's discretion.

## Necrolyte of Nergal

Medium humanoid, chaotic evil  
**HP** 49; **AC** 11 (14 with mage armor);  
**Speed** 30'; **CR** 3; **XP** 700  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +1, **Con** +1,  
**Int** +4, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +0  
**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion  
**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 14  
Spell Attack Modifier +6.

**At-Will.** *Chill Touch*

**1st-Level (4 slots).** *False Life, Mage Armor, Shield*

**2nd-Level (3 slots).** *Crown of Madness, Mirror Image, Ray of Enfeeblement*

**3rd-Level (3 slots).** *Bestow Curse, Fear, Vampiric Touch*

**4th-Level (1 slot).** *Blight*

### Actions

**Necrolyte's Touch.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +2 to hit. 1d8 cold damage.

Necrolytes are magic-users devoted the cult of Nergal who, by means of secret rituals and enchantments, have become undying.

Despite their skin being pulled tightly over their skeletons, necrolytes are not technically a type of undead, at least not as the term is usually understood. Clerics have no power over necrolytes and thus cannot turn them.

In return for the gift of immortality, necrolytes typically guard locations of particular importance to the cult of Nergal. They are often encountered (75%) with **1d4 Crypt Knights** to serve as their personal escort.

While acting as crypt guardians, they are free to continue their research into magic and occult lore, unfettered by the weaknesses to which all flesh is prone. Those who serve Nergal faithfully might one day gain access to more powerful rituals that send them further down the path to apotheosis.

## Necromancer of Set

Medium humanoid, chaotic evil  
**HP** 8; **AC** 11; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/8; **XP** 25  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +1, **Con** +0, **Int** +1, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +0  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 11. Spell Attack Modifier +3.

**1st-Level (1 slot).** *Magic Missile, Protection From Evil and Good, Shield*



### Actions

**Dagger.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d4+1 piercing damage.

Necromancers are a faction of magic-users who have occupied a portion of Barrowmaze in the service of Set. They wear black hooded robes with skull or half-skull masks over their face. Senior necromancers stitch bones onto their robes and wear jackal headdresses. Necromancers carry 2-20gp and a spellbook.

For every 3 necromancers encountered, there will be a **Mage of Set** accompanying them.

## Mage of Set

Medium humanoid, chaotic evil  
**HP** 31; **AC** 13; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 2; **XP** 450  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +1, **Con** +1, **Int** +3, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 13

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**At-Will.** *Blade Ward, Chill Touch, Ray of Frost*

**1st-Level (4 slots).** *Charm Person, False Life, Magic Missile, Sleep*

**2nd-Level (3 slots).** *Hold Person, Suggestion, Web*

**3rd-Level (2 slots).** *Bestow Curse, Fear, Slow*

### Actions

**Quarterstaff.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +2 to hit. 1d8 bludgeoning damage.

Each Mage of Set carries a staff and wears a set of *Bracers of Defense*. There is a 10% chance that the staff is magical (+1).

Each mage is accompanied by an undead entourage, determined by rolling on the following table. The entourage is not directly controlled by the mage, but acts in accordance with the mage's interests.

### Undead Entourage

D6	Type	No. Enc.
1-2	Skeletons	2d6
3-4	Zombies	1d10
5	Sapphire Skeletons	1d8
6	Ghasts	1d3



In addition to the undead entourage, there is a 25% chance that the Mage of Set controls a **Runic Golem** and a charmed **Mongrelman** scout.

## Phantom

Medium undead, unaligned

**HP** --; **AC** --; **Speed** --; **CR** --; **XP** --

**Str** --, **Dex** --, **Con** --, **Int** --, **Wis** --, **Cha** --

### Traits

**Horrifying Visage.** Living creatures that start their turn within 30' of the phantom must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be affected by the *fear* spell, save ends. Immune on save. If the initial save result is 8 or lower, the target also drops whatever it is holding. While frightened, affected creatures must take the Dash action and move as far away from the phantom as possible on their turns.



A phantom is a ghostly, residual, reoccurring image. A phantom is merely an image, an echo of life, and possesses no intelligence. It cannot harm or be harmed.

Often mistaken for other forms of undead, a phantom remains close to the area of its death or remains. The phantom often details something of importance about its life or death.

## Poltergeist

Medium undead, chaotic neutral

**HP** 1; **AC** 10; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/8; **XP** 25

**Str** +4, **Dex** +2, **Con** +0, **Int** -4, **Wis** -2, **Cha** -4

**Immunities** physical (bypassed by silver), poison, charmed, exhaustion, grappled, paralyzed, petrified, prone, restrained

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.

Perception 8

### Traits

**Unseen Spirit.** The poltergeist is invisible.

### Actions

**Destructive Rage.** The poltergeist throws physical objects every which way, causing those who witness the scene to panic. Living creatures within 30' of the phantom must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be affected by the *fear* spell, save ends. Immune on save. If the initial save result is 8 or



lower, the target also drops whatever it is holding. While frightened, affected creatures must take the Dash action and run hysterically in a random direction.

The poltergeist is a vengeful incorporeal spirit that haunts the place of their death, lashing out at those that disturb their rest by throwing objects and sowing fear.

Only the use of holy water or the authoritative pronouncement of faith by a cleric or paladin will force a poltergeist to retreat.

## Purple Moss

Medium plant, unaligned

**HP** 1; **AC** 0; **Speed** 10'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50

**Str** --, **Dex** --, **Con** --, **Int** --, **Wis** --, **Cha** --

**Immunities** all damage except fire, all conditions

**Senses** blindsight 10' (blind beyond this radius)

### Traits

**Creeping Moss.** The moss can enter spaces occupied by unconscious Medium or smaller creatures. (A conscious creature can simply shake the moss off of itself.) After entering a creature's space, the moss begins spreading out in an attempt to cover the creature's entire body. This process takes 1 round for Small creatures, or 2 rounds for Medium creatures. After being completely covered, the creature suffocates in 1d4 rounds. Its body is then digested by the moss' acid secretions over the course of 1 hour.

### Reactions

**Soothing Scent.** The moss emits a sweet smell upon sensing prey nearby. Each creature within 10' of the moss must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be knocked unconscious as they fall into a deep sleep for 1 minute.



Purple moss is related to yellow mold. It kills its victims by unleashing a slumber-inducing aroma, then suffocating them while they sleep. Like its yellow mold cousin, purple moss is destroyed by fire, but unhindered by anything else.

## Rot Pudding

Medium ooze, unaligned

**HP** 150; **AC** 14; **Speed** 20'; **CR** 6; **XP** 2,300

**Str** +4, **Dex** +0, **Con** +4, **Int** -5, **Wis** -1, **Cha** -4

**Immunities** cold, lightning, poison, blinded, charmed, deafened, exhaustion, frightened, prone

**Senses** blindsight 60' (blind beyond this radius), Pass. Perception 9

## Traits

**Amorphous.** The pudding can move through a space as narrow as 1 inch wide without squeezing.

**Pus-Filled Blisters.** Whenever the pudding is hit by a melee attack that deals slashing or piercing damage, the attacker must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or become infected with Rot Blight.

**Combustible Toxin.** Whenever the pudding takes fire damage, the diseases it bears become airborne, creating a noxious cloud in a 5' radius sphere centered on the pudding, which lingers for 1 minute. Creatures that enter the cloud or start their turn there must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or become infected with Rot Blight.

**Rot Blight.** Creatures that contract the Rot Blight disease are immediately wracked by shooting pain, their bodies becoming warm and perspiring profusely as they suffer the effects of the *slow* spell. After 1 hour, they fall into a comatose state and must make a DC 13 Con save. On a failure, the disease reaches its final stage, and they die within 24 hours. On a success, they are reduced to 1 hit point and incapacitated until they finish a long rest, after which time the disease has fully run its course.

## Actions

**Pseudopod.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +7 to hit. 2d8+4 bludgeoning damage and 2d6 poison damage. The target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or become infected with Rot Blight.

Rot puddings are dungeon scavengers. They subsist on carrion and thus are incubators for all forms of disease. They are a sickly yellow-brownish color and ooze pus from small orifices.



## Sandling

Medium monstrosity, unaligned  
**HP 37; AC 15; Speed 20'; CR 1/2; XP 100**  
**Str +3, Dex +1, Con +2,**  
**Int -1, Wis -1, Cha -3**  
**Senses** blindsight 60' (blind beyond this radius), Pass.  
Perception 9

## Traits

**Amorphous.** The sandling can move through a space as narrow as 1 inch wide without squeezing.

**Porous.** If a sandling is exposed to a large quantity of water (at least five cubic feet),



it will suffer from the effects of the *slow* spell until it can spend at least 1 hour drying out.

## Actions

**Slam.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d12+3 bludgeoning damage.

A sandling appears as a simple pile of sand. However, they are semi-intelligent, territorial, and highly solitary creatures. They are easily provoked and attack by lashing out with tendril-like appendages of sand.

## Sandman

Medium monstrosity, unaligned  
**HP 61; AC 15; Speed 20'; CR 2; XP 450**  
**Str +0, Dex +1, Con +2, Int +0, Wis +1, Cha +3**

**Immunities** physical

**Senses** blindsight 60' (blind beyond this radius), Pass.  
Perception 10

## Traits

**Amorphous.** The sandman can move through a space as narrow as 1 inch wide without squeezing.

## Actions

**Pulse of Drowsiness.** Creatures of the sandman's choice within 20' must succeed on a DC 13 Cha save or fall unconscious for 1 minute. This effect ends early if the sleeper takes any damage, or if someone uses an action to shake or slap the sleeper awake.

A sandman is a creature made of magical sand, coalescing to appear as a slender humanoid. Though it can do no physical harm on its own, a sandman can radiate an aura of sleep magic, which leaves victims defenseless against the assault of other creatures.



## Scorpion, Clockwork

Small construct, unaligned  
**HP 8; AC 15; Speed 15'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +1, Dex +3, Con +0,**  
**Int -5, Wis -1, Cha -5**

**Skills** Perception +3

**Resistances** physical

**Immunities** poison, psychic, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.  
Perception 13





## Actions

**Stinger.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d4+3 piercing damage.

## Bonus Actions

**Poisoned Stinger (Recharge 6).** The clockwork scorpion fills its stinger with a reservoir of lethal poison. The next time the clockwork scorpion hits with its Stinger, the target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be affected by the poisoned condition. The target must repeat the save at the end of its next turn, ending the effect on a success, or instantly dying on a failure.

Relics of an age long past, clockwork scorpions are deadly magical constructs used to guard important tombs or precious treasures.

Clockwork scorpions strike quickly and are resilient to damage due to their bronze carapace. Often the first sign of their presence is the death cry of a foolish tomb-robber. Unlike the clockwork cobra, the clockwork scorpion is completely silent and emits no noise when moving.

## Scorpion, Killer

Medium beast, unaligned  
**HP 14; AC 14; Speed 40'; CR 1/2; XP 100**

**Str +2, Dex +1, Con +1, Int -5, Wis +0, Cha -4**

**Senses** blindsight 60', Pass. Perception 10

## Actions

**Multiattack.** The killer scorpion uses Pincer twice and Stinger once.

**Pincer.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d4+2 piercing damage.

**Stinger.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d4+2 piercing damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be affected by the poisoned condition. The target must repeat the save at the end of its next turn, ending the effect on a success, or instantly dying on a failure.



## Scorpion, Massive

Large beast, unaligned  
**HP 46; AC 14; Speed 40'; CR 2; XP 450**

**Str +3, Dex +1, Con +2,**

**Int -5, Wis +0, Cha -4**

**Senses** blindsight 60', Pass. Perception 10

## Actions

**Multiattack.** The massive scorpion uses Pincer twice and Stinger once.

**Pincer.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d8+3 piercing damage.

**Stinger.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d4+3 piercing damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 13 Con save or be affected by the poisoned condition. The target must repeat the save at the end of its next turn, ending the effect on a success, or instantly dying on a failure.



## Skeleton, Black

Medium undead, lawful evil  
**HP 39; AC 18; Speed 30'; CR 2; XP 450**  
**Str +3, Dex +2, Con +2, Int -2, Wis -1, Cha -3**

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion  
**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 9

## Actions

**Multiattack.** The black skeleton uses Longsword twice and Hellish Scream once.

**Longsword.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

**Hellish Scream.** Each creature of the black skeleton's choice within 30' must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be frightened for 1 minute, save ends. Immune on save.

Black skeletons, or black bones, are the skeletal remains of mighty warriors infused with dark magic to make them stronger than a standard skeleton.

Small orbs of reddish light burn from their hollowed eye sockets. Their bones glisten like black steel, and they bear the weapons, armor, and equipment they carried in life. This is usually a longsword, a shield, and a suit of chainmail, although they may have different gear at the GM's discretion.



## Skeleton, Exploding Bone

Medium undead, lawful evil  
HP 13; AC 13; Speed 20';  
CR 1/4; XP 50

Str +1, Dex +0, Con +2,  
Int -2, Wis -1, Cha -3

**Immunities** poison, charmed,  
exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.  
Perception 9

### Actions

**Claw.** Melee Attack. 5' reach.  
+3 to hit. 1d4+1 slashing  
damage.

### Reactions

**Death Burst.** When the exploding bone skeleton dies, it erupts in a burst of bone shards. Each creature within 5' of it must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 2d4 piercing damage (half on save).

Exploding bone skeletons, simply called "exploding bones," are an undead necromantic construct.

Exploding Bones look like regular skeletons except for a black inverted triangle painted on their forehead.



## Skeleton, Fossil

Medium undead, lawful evil  
HP 16; AC 16; Speed 30';  
CR 1/2; XP 100

Str +0, Dex +2, Con +2,  
Int -2, Wis -1, Cha -3

**Resistances** all damage

**Immunities** poison, charmed,  
exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.  
Perception 9

### Actions

**Shortsword.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 piercing damage.

**Shortbow.** Ranged Attack. 80'/320' range. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 piercing damage.

Fossil skeletons are often found in deep subterranean passages where limestone or mineralized water was in constant contact with bones.

Fossilized skeletons are effectively made of rock and are harder to destroy than regular skeletons. In some instances the fossilization process has been induced deliberately.



## Skeleton, Sapphire

Medium undead, lawful evil  
HP 13; AC 13; Speed 30';  
CR 1/2; XP 100

Str +0, Dex +2, Con +2,  
Int -2, Wis -1, Cha -3

**Vulnerabilities** bludgeoning

**Immunities** fire, poison,  
charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.  
Perception 9

### Traits

**Jewel of Rebirth.** The sapphire skeleton has a jewel embedded in its forehead which can be attacked (AC 20; 10 hit points; immunity to fire, poison, and psychic damage). While the jewel is intact, if the sapphire skeleton is reduced to 0 hit points, it draws itself back together in two rounds and is restored to full hit points.

### Actions

**Shortsword.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 piercing damage.

**Shortbow.** Ranged Attack. 80'/320' range. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 piercing damage.

Sapphire skeletons are like normal skeletons in most respects. However, each has a large sapphire embedded into its forehead, which glows brightly when in combat. Upon destroying the sapphire, it will break into valuable shards and chunks worth 100gp per skeleton.



## Skeleton, Steel

Medium construct, unaligned  
HP 98; AC 20; Speed 30';  
CR 6; XP 2,300

Str +4, Dex +2, Con +3,  
Int -4, Wis +0, Cha -5

**Immunities** physical, poison,  
psychic, charmed, exhaustion,  
frightened, paralyzed, petrified

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.  
Perception 10

### Traits

**Magic Resistance.** The steel skeleton has advantage on saves against spells and other magical effects.

### Actions

**Multitack.** The steel skeleton uses Fist twice.

**Fist.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +7 to hit. 2d8+4 bludgeoning damage.

At first glance, steel skeletons appears like a regular skeletons and are often mistaken as such. Despite their outward appearance, they are not undead but rather golem-like constructs made of steel.



## Skeleton Warrior

Medium undead, lawful evil  
**HP** 120; **AC** 17; **Speed** 30';  
**CR** 5; **XP** 1,800

**Str** +4, **Dex** +2, **Con** +3,  
**Int** -4, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -5

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 9

### Traits

**Ghastly Visage.** Living creatures that start their turn within 30' of the skeleton warrior must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be affected by the *fear* spell, save ends. Immune on save.

**Eternal Quest.** The skeleton warrior cannot be destroyed. If reduced to 0 hit points, it merely collapses into a bone pile and will reconstitute itself after 1d4 days.

### Actions

**Multiaction.** The skeleton warrior uses Greatsword twice.  
**Greatsword.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +9 to hit. 2d6+6 slashing damage.

Once a proud fighter of great ability, a skeleton warrior appears as a skeleton draped in the tattered clothes they possessed in life.

A skeletal warrior exists in an undead state because its soul was trapped in a golden circlet. The circlet exerts power over the skeleton warrior, and it is bound to obey the commands of its possessor.

A skeleton warrior will unerringly quest to regain its circlet. Sages only speculate as to what happens when a skeleton warrior obtains the circlet. Some suggest the skeleton warrior simply crumbles and dies; others suggest it will bring the warrior back to life.

A skeleton warrior retains the weapon it used in life. These are often magical two-handed blades of repute (with at least a +2 bonus). Their exact detail is subject to the discretion of the GM.

## Spider, Blood-Thirsty

Medium beast, unaligned  
**HP** 17; **AC** 14; **Speed** 30', climb 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +2, **Dex** +3, **Con** +1, **Int** -4, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -3  
**Senses** blindsight 10', darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Blood Frenzy.** The bloodthirsty spider has advantage on melee attack rolls against any creature that doesn't have all its hit points.



**Spider Climb.** The bloodthirsty spider can climb difficult surfaces, including upside down on ceilings, without needing to make an ability check.

**Web Walker.** The bloodthirsty spider ignores movement restrictions caused by webbing. Additionally, while in contact with a web, it knows the exact location of any other creature in contact with the same web.

### Actions

**Bite.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

These spiders look similar to a giant black widow spider, with one exception. Instead of a red hourglass design, a white patch—some say resembles a skull—is located on the ventral abdomen.



## Son of Gaxx

Medium undead, chaotic evil  
**HP** 48; **AC** 13; **Speed** 20'; **CR** 2; **XP** 450  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +0, **Con** +2, **Int** -4, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -5

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion  
**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 9

### Traits

**Regeneration.** The son of gaxx regains 5 hit points at the start of its turn. If the son of gaxx takes acid or fire damage, or comes in contact with holy water, this trait doesn't function at the start of the son of gaxx's next turn. The son of gaxx dies only if it starts its turn with 0 hit points and doesn't regenerate.

**Horridifying Visage.** Living creatures that start their turn within 30' of the phantom must succeed on a DC 13 Wis save or be affected by the *fear* spell, save ends. Immune on save. If the initial save result is 8 or lower, the target also drops whatever it is holding. While frightened, affected creatures must take the Dash action and move as far away from the phantom as possible on their turns.

**Rot Grubs.** These large maggots burrow into the flesh of living creatures in the goal of feasting on the blood of their victim's heart. If the victim acts quickly, the Rot Grubs can be destroyed with fire, though doing so causes the victim to take whatever fire damage was dealt in the process of exterminating them. If the Rot Grubs are not dealt with before the start of the Son of Gaxx's next



turn, they burrow into the victim's flesh and deal 1d6 damage at the start of each of the victim's turns (this damage cannot be reduced or negated). From this point on, the victim will continue to take the damage unless the affected limb is severed, or the Rot Grubs are killed by using a magical disease-curing effect on the victim. Victims killed by Rot Grubs will rise in 1d4 days as a Son or Daughter of Gaxx.

### Actions

**Fist.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 2d4+3 bludgeoning damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 13 Dex save or take 1d6 piercing damage as one of their appendages is covered in several Rot Grubs (see trait for details). Moreover, if the initial attack critically hits, the target contracts a flesh-eating disease that causes their Constitution score to be permanently lowered by 2 every two months. The disease can be cured only by magical means.

These hideous, rotting undead creatures look like grisly cadavers infested with wiggling Rot Grubs that squirm in and out of their decaying bodies.

## Spectral Dead

Medium undead, chaotic evil  
**HP 36; AC 15; Speed 30'; CR 1; XP 200**

**Str +3, Dex +2, Con +1, Int -4, Wis +0, Cha -5**

**Immunities** physical, poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 9

### Traits

**Lesser Magic Resistance.** The spectral dead has a +2 bonus to saves against spells and other magical effects.

### Actions

**Ghostly Strike.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage and 2d4 cold damage.

The spectral dead are the incorporeal spirits of warriors interred in Barrowmaze long ago. They have heard the call to rise that emanates from The Tablet of Chaos, but their physical remains have disintegrated to dust. With no bones to occupy, these vengeful spirits wander Barrowmaze aimlessly, particularly in the areas close to The Tablet. Their sole purpose is to destroy the living.

## Tomb-Robber

Medium humanoid, neutral evil

**HP 4; AC 12; Speed 30'; CR 0; XP 10**

**Str +1, Dex +1, Con +0, Int +0, Wis +0, Cha +0**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Actions

**Bash.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d6+1 damage (type varies based on weapon).

The tomb-robbers found in the Barrowmaze are usually seedy criminals or desperate men looking to make a few quick gold pieces by recovering grave goods from the dungeon.

For every 10 tomb-robbers encountered, there will be a **Leader** accompanying them.

## Tomb-Robber Leader

Medium humanoid, neutral evil

**HP 44; AC 20; Speed 30'; CR 2; XP 450**

**Str +3, Dex +2, Con +2, Int +0, Wis +0, Cha +2**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Actions

**Multiattack.** The tomb-robber leader uses Longsword twice.

**Longsword.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

Each Tomb-Robber Leader carries a longsword and a shield, and wears platemail. There is a 10% chance that one of these three items is magical (+1).

## Zombie, Funeral Pyre

Medium undead, neutral evil

**HP 19; AC 13; Speed 20'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +2, Dex +0, Con +2,**

**Int -4, Wis -2, Cha -3**

**Immunities** fire, poison,

charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass.

Perception 9

### Traits

**Immolation.** When the funeral pyre zombie first takes damage, it bursts into flames, and all creatures within 5' of it take 1d6 fire damage. If other, non-immolated funeral pyre zombies are in this area, there is a 20% chance that their immolation trait will be activated.

### Actions

**Claw.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 slashing damage.





Funeral pyre zombies, sometimes referred to as "Bombies" by veteran adventurers, are a strange necromantic construct. They appear as normal zombies except for black runes written on their decaying flesh.

## Zombie, Juju

Medium undead, neutral evil

**HP** 27; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30', climb 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +3, **Con** +2, **Int** -4, **Wis** -2, **Cha** -3

**Resistances** fire

**Immunities** cold, force, lightning, physical, poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 9

### Actions

**Claw.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

**Bow.** Ranged Attack. 80'/320' range. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 piercing damage.



Juju zombies are stronger and faster than standard zombies, and can use ranged weaponry like longbows and crossbows. They are distinguished from their lesser counterparts by their dark amber-colored skin.

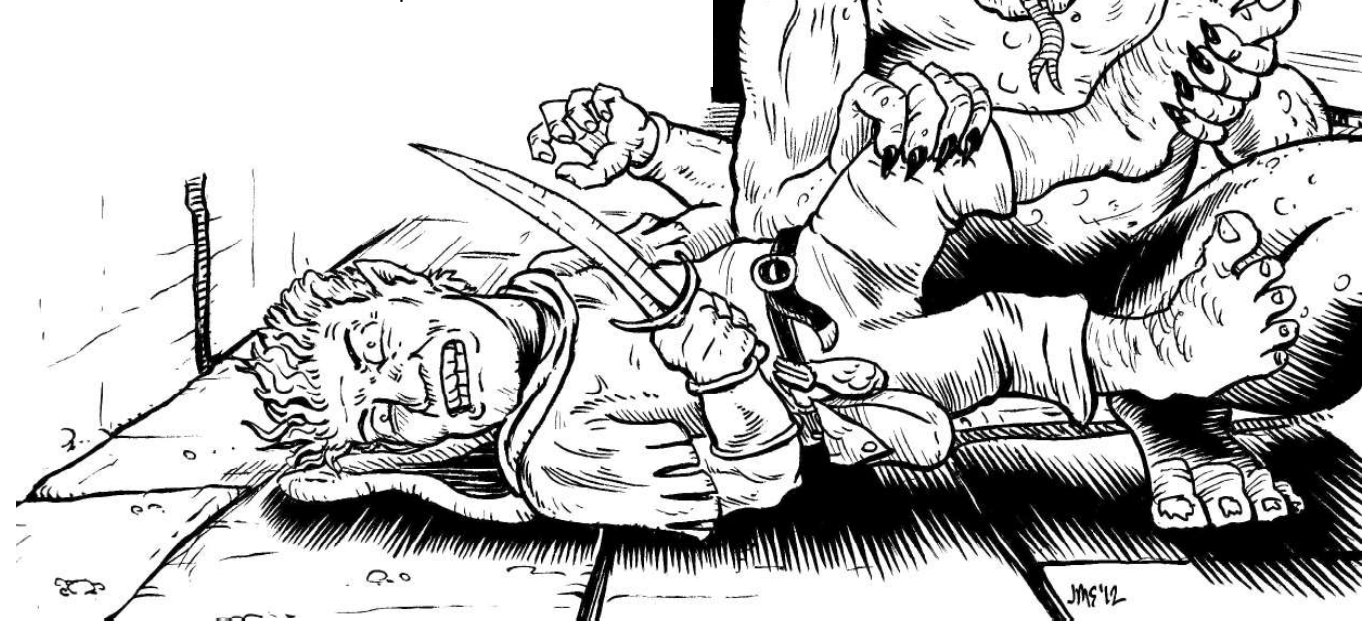
## Zombie, Ravenous

Medium undead, neutral evil

**HP** 22; **AC** 8; **Speed** 20'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +1, **Dex** -2, **Con** +3, **Int** -2, **Wis** -1, **Cha** -3

**Immunities** poison, charmed, exhaustion

**Senses** darkvision 60', Pass. Perception 9



### Traits

**Blood Frenzy.** The ravenous zombie has advantage on melee attack rolls against any creature that doesn't have all its hit points.

### Actions

**Slam.** Melee Attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d6+1 bludgeoning damage.

Ravenous dead appear as regular zombies but have an insatiable desire to feed on the living.



# Rival Adventuring Parties

Rival adventuring parties are useful as they provide a certain verisimilitude to the game world. They create a more dynamic environment and situate treasure (and XP) as a limited resource. However, GMs should use rival adventuring parties with care. Sometimes the rumours of a rival group (and rumours of their successful forays into a barrow mound or dungeon) can be just as advantageous as a direct meeting with them in the tavern. Seven competing groups are outlined below. They each have their own personality and motivations. GMs should change, adapt, or increase the levels of these groups commensurate with advancement of the player characters. These groups will possess standard equipment as determined by the GM.

## 1. Boon Companions

A cautious adventuring party led by an extremely wealthy and cunning wizard. So far the mercenary guild has tolerated their high mortality rate among torchbearers and men-at-arms due to their liberal attitude regarding rates of pay. The Companions make sure to relocate between Bogtown and Helix to give time for friends and relatives of their hirelings to mourn between adventures.

### Sly the Medium

Medium humanoid (human), lawful neutral  
**HP** 8; **AC** 11; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** +3, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

#### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**At-Will.** *Friends, Mage Hand, Ray of Frost*  
**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Charm Person, Shield, Sleep*

#### Actions

**Dagger.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d4+1 piercing damage.

**Sly** has a spell book with all 1st level spells, and is not above selling access for financial gain. He has an aversion to physical exertion, particularly combat, and prefers soft solutions or overwhelming advantage to fighting.

**Sly** employs four men-at-arms (treat as **Guard**) and a torch-bearer (treat as **Commoner**) with unique personalities to handle his dirty-work: **Selnon** (near deaf); **Serhtims** (bandy-legged); **Ottoic** (horribly burned from fire and a former wizard's apprentice); **Grenak**, (has a gruesome

scar and is a former traitor); **Enk** the torch-bearer (stutters).

### Brule Armstrong

Medium humanoid (human), lawful neutral  
**HP** 12; **AC** 18; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** +0, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +0  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

#### Actions

**Halberd.** Melee attack. 10' reach. +5 to hit. 1d10+3 slashing damage.

**Longbow.** Ranged attack. 150'/600' range. +3 to hit. 1d8+1 piercing damage.

**Sly's** trusted partner in all things. He commands an additional man-at-arms named **Houselander** who, like **Brule** himself, is equipped with platemail.

### Torvik Calanon

Medium humanoid (elf), lawful good  
**HP** 15; **AC** 19; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +2, **Dex** +0, **Con** +1, **Int** +2, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +0  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

#### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 12. Spell Attack Modifier +4.

**At-Will.** *Blade Ward, True Strike*

**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Magic Missile, Shield*

#### Actions

**Broadsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 slashing damage.

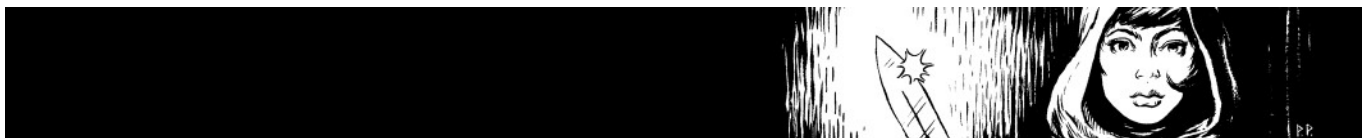
**Longbow.** Ranged attack. 150'/600' range. +2 to hit. 1d8 piercing damage.

Naive, trusting **Torvik** has risked his life to help strangers on several occasions. His friends have warned it will be the death of him if he does not wise-up, by Crom. He wears distinctive, magical red chainmail which grants a +1 bonus to AC. The color of his shield matches his armor, but it is not enchanted.

The Boon Companions have 3,298gp with **H.H.R HuffnPuff**, the halfling jeweler and money lender in Helix.

## 2. Renata's Robbers

**Renata**, also known as "the Robber" or "the Rotten," and her motley crew live in a secret redoubt in the Blackened Forest. **Renata** and her band waylay caravans and demand tribute for her "protection." Many rumours exist about her. Some say she is of noble blood. Others say



she was once the favoured ranger of Herne the Hunter but now lives in disgrace. Still others say she has connections to the thieves' guild based in Bogtown. Regardless of her beginnings, **Krothos Ironguard** recently placed a bounty of 2,500gp for her kill or capture.

Campaign Use: **Renata** and her bandits can serve as a reappearing character over the course of the larger campaign. **Renata** is too smart and evasive to engage in direct combat with the PCs. Rather she will organize ambushes from a safe position where she can flee into the forest and return to fight another day, if the need arises. Only an experienced band of adventurers should be able to defeat her.

### Renata the Robber

Medium humanoid (human), neutral evil  
**HP** 65; **AC** 18; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 5; **XP** 1,800  
**Str** +4, **Dex** +3, **Con** +2, **Int** +1, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +2  
**Skills** Acrobatics +6, Insight +3, Intimidation +8, Perception +6, Sleight of Hand +9, Stealth +9  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 16

#### Traits

**Ambush.** Renata has advantage on initiative checks. Additionally, she has advantage on attack rolls against any creature that hasn't yet taken a turn in combat.

**Cunning Action.** Renata can Dash, Disengage, or Hide as a bonus action.

**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Renata can deal 2d6 extra damage when she hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of her active allies is within 5' of the target.

**Vicious.** Renata's attacks critically strike on a roll of 19-20.

#### Actions

**Multiattack.** Renata uses Broadsword twice as an action, and can then use Dagger once as a bonus action.

**Broadsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +9 to hit. 1d8+6 slashing damage.

**Dagger.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +7 to hit. 1d4+4 piercing damage.

**Renata** possesses magical chainmail (+2), a magical broadsword (+2), and a magical dagger (+1). She also has a *Potion of Superior Healing*, a *Potion of Flying*, and a *Potion of Speed*. She will use her potions only under dire circumstances.



**Renata** will normally have 1d10+15 men-at-arms (treat as **Bandit**) on any given ambush. These men-at-arms will be accompanied by a lieutenant (treat as **Bandit Captain**).

### 3. The Norse Whisperers

These Norse-inspired adventurers are led by the blonde haired **Ragnar**, a smart and charismatic leader. Based out of Ironguard Motte, they have stuck to caravan protection and possess little dungeon delving experience. They are a ruthless lot of ragtags and bandits.

#### Ragnar

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic evil  
**HP** 12; **AC** 18; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +0, **Con** +2, **Int** +2, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +2  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

#### Actions

**Broadsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

#### Ivar

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic evil  
**HP** 9; **AC** 19; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +1, **Dex** +0, **Con** +1, **Int** +3, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +0  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

#### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**At-Will.** *Light, Mage Hand, Shocking Grasp*  
**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Comprehend Languages, Detect Magic, Magic Missile*

#### Actions

**Quarterstaff.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d8+1 bludgeoning damage.

#### Bjorn

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic neutral  
**HP** 10; **AC** 16; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50

**Str +2, Dex +0, Con +2, Int +0, Wis +2, Cha +1**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 12

### Spellcasting

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Spell Save DC 12. Spell Attack Modifier +4.

**At-Will.** *Guidance, Resistance, Spare the Dying*  
**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Bless, Command, Healing Word*

### Actions

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**Club.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d4+2 bludgeoning damage.

## Leif

Medium humanoid (human), neutral

**HP 10; AC 15; Speed 30'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +1, Dex +3, Con +2, Int +0, Wis +1, Cha +0**

**Skills** Athletics +2, Perception +5, Intimidation +4, Stealth +5

**Senses** Pass. Perception 15

### Traits

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**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Leif can deal 1d6 extra damage when he hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of his active allies is within 5' of the target.

### Actions

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**Shortsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

## Rollo

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic evil

**HP 9; AC 15; Speed 30'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +0, Dex +3, Con +1, Int +1, Wis +0, Cha +1**

**Skills** Acrobatics +2, Perception +2, Sleight of Hand +7, Stealth +7

**Senses** Pass. Perception 12

### Traits

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**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Rollo can deal 1d6 extra damage when he hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of his active allies is within 5' of the target.

### Actions

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**Shortsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

**Longbow.** Ranged attack. 150'/600' range. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 piercing damage.

## Hagertha Shield-Maiden

Medium humanoid (human), lawful neutral

**HP 12; AC 18; Speed 30'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +3, Dex +1, Con +2, Int +0, Wis +0, Cha +2**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Actions

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**Longsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

## 4. The Fearsome Fivesome

The five are led by the elf **Findalu**. They are a mixed

group and possess little loyalty to each other. They have experience battling froglings near Bogtown and have worked for the Silver Standard Caravan Company on occasion.

## Findalu

Medium humanoid (elf), neutral

**HP 21; AC 17; Speed 30'; CR 1/2; XP 100**

**Str +0, Dex +2, Con +0, Int +2, Wis +0, Cha +2**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Spellcasting

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Spell Save DC 12. Spell Attack Modifier +4.

**At-Will.** *Blade Ward, Light, Message*

**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Charm Person, Comprehend Languages, Detect Magic, Mazakala's Mucilaginous Efflevium*

### Actions

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**Longsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 slashing damage.

**Longbow.** Ranged attack. 150'/600' range. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 piercing damage.

## Marak

Medium humanoid (dwarf), lawful neutral

**HP 13; AC 16; Speed 25'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +3, Dex +0, Con +3, Int +0, Wis +1, Cha +1**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Actions

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**Greataxe.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d12+3 slashing damage.

## Grimson

Medium humanoid (dwarf), lawful neutral

**HP 22; AC 18; Speed 25'; CR 1/2; XP 100**

**Str +3, Dex +0, Con +3, Int +0, Wis +1, Cha +1**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Actions

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**Battleaxe.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

## Helmond of Greyfallow

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic neutral

**HP 17; AC 16; Speed 30'; CR 1/2; XP 100**

**Str +3, Dex +0, Con +2, Int +0, Wis +2, Cha +1**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 12

### Spellcasting

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Spell Save DC 12. Spell Attack Modifier +4.

**At-Will.** *Guidance, Resistance, Thaumaturgy*

**1st-Level (3 slots).** *Bane, Command, Inflict Wounds*

### Actions

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**Mace.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 bludgeoning damage.



## Dasdra

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic evil  
**HP** 15; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +3, **Con** +1, **Int** +1, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +1  
**Skills** Intimidation +3, Perception +2, Sleight of Hand +7, Stealth +7  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 12

### Traits

**Cunning Action.** Dasdra can Dash, Disengage, or Hide as a bonus action.

**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Dasdra can deal 1d6 extra damage when she hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of her active allies is within 5' of the target.

### Actions

**Shortsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

**Sling.** Ranged attack. 30'/120' range. +5 to hit. 1d4+3 bludgeoning damage.

## 5. The Bastards of Bogtown

The Bastards of Bogtown represent the scum that seems to wander into the region each year. The Bastards consist of thieves, knaves, and cut-throats. Their strength rests in their numbers. They are led by **Ferwig the Frenetic**, a wizard of note. They prefer to waylay adventuring parties as they return from the Barrowmoor in the hopes of finding them wounded, slow, and laden with treasure.

## Ferwig the Frenetic

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic evil  
**HP** 20; **AC** 11 (14 with mage armor); **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** +3, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**At-Will.** *Chill Touch, Mage Hand, Prestidigitation*

**1st-Level (4 slots).** *Comprehend Languages, Detect Magic, Mage Armor, Hideous Laughter*

**2nd-Level (2 slots).** *Baltron's Effusive Bloodboil, Galaxina's Scintillating Spark Shower*

### Actions

**Dagger.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d4+1 piercing damage.

## Tomli

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic evil  
**HP** 21; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +3, **Con** +1, **Int** +1, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +1  
**Skills** Acrobatics +5, Intimidation +5, Perception +2, Stealth +7  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 12

## Traits

**Cunning Action.** Tomli can Dash, Disengage, or Hide as a bonus action.

**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Tomli can deal 2d6 extra damage when he hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of his active allies is within 5' of the target.

### Actions

**Shortsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

## Jogrin

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic evil  
**HP** 14; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +3, **Con** +0, **Int** +1, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +2  
**Skills** Deception +4, Perception +4, Sleight of Hand +5, Stealth +7  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 14

### Traits

**Cunning Action.** Jogrin can Dash, Disengage, or Hide as a bonus action.

**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Jogrin can deal 1d6 extra damage when he hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of his active allies is within 5' of the target.

### Actions

**Shortsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

**Light Crossbow.** Ranged attack. 80'/320' range. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 piercing damage.

## Olen

Medium humanoid (human), neutral  
**HP** 12; **AC** 18; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** +0, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Actions

**Broadsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

## Farwyn

Medium humanoid (human), chaotic evil  
**HP** 10; **AC** 11; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +1, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** +3, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**At-Will.** *Guidance, Prestidigitation, Shocking Grasp*

**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Comprehend Languages, Detect Magic, Magic Missile*



## Actions

**Quarterstaff.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d8+1 bludgeoning damage.

## Krisko Proudfoot

Small humanoid (halfling), lawful neutral

**HP 21; AC 15; Speed 25'; CR 1/2; XP 100**

**Str +0, Dex +3, Con +1, Int +1, Wis +0, Cha +1**

**Skills** Acrobatics +5, Deception +3, Perception +4, Stealth +7

**Senses** Pass. Perception 14

### Traits

**Cunning Action.** Krisko can Dash, Disengage, or Hide as a bonus action.

**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Krisko can deal 2d6 extra damage when he hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of his active allies is within 5' of the target.

### Actions

**Shortsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

**Shortbow.** Ranged attack. 80'/320' range. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

## Odo Furryfoot

Small humanoid (halfling), neutral

**HP 9; AC 15; Speed 25'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +0, Dex +3, Con +1, Int +1, Wis +0, Cha +1**

**Skills** Acrobatics +5, Deception +3, Perception +4, Stealth +7

**Senses** Pass. Perception 14

### Traits

**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Odo can deal 1d6 extra damage when he hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of his active allies is within 5' of the target.

### Actions

**Dagger.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

**Sling.** Ranged attack. 30'/120' range. +5 to hit. 1d4+3 bludgeoning damage.

## Redenlin

Medium humanoid (elf), lawful evil

**HP 13; AC 19; Speed 30'; CR 1/2; XP 100**

**Str +2, Dex +0, Con +0, Int +2, Wis +0, Cha +2**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 12. Spell Attack Modifier +4.

**At-Will.** *Fire Bolt, Mage Hand, Prestidigitation*

**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Comprehend Languages, Detect Magic, Fennril's Exquisite Strangulation, Burning Hands*

### Actions

**Longsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 slashing damage.

## 6. Bertrand's Brigands

**Bertrand** leads a band of ruffians known as Bertrand's Brigands. **Bertrand** was a professional soldier who abandoned his post and became a mercenary. As a result, **Bertrand's** warriors fight with a precision and level of coordination that most adventuring bands lack. **Bahere**, a cleric of Thor, has started to wonder if he made a poor choice joining this adventuring company.

### Bertrand

Medium humanoid (human), lawful evil

**HP 31; AC 21; Speed 30'; CR 1; XP 200**

**Str +3, Dex +0, Con +3, Int +2, Wis +0, Cha +1**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Traits

**Vicious.** Bertrand's attacks critically strike on a roll of 19-20.

### Actions

**Longsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

**Light Crossbow.** Ranged attack. 80'/320' range. +2 to hit. 1d8 piercing damage.

### Bahere

Medium humanoid (human), lawful neutral

**HP 9; AC 18; Speed 30'; CR 1/4; XP 50**

**Str +2, Dex +0, Con +1, Int +1, Wis +2, Cha +1**

**Senses** Pass. Perception 12

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 12. Spell Attack Modifier +4.

**At-Will.** *Guidance, Resistance, Spare the Dying*

**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Command, Cure Wounds, Shield of Faith*

### Actions

**Mace.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d6+2 bludgeoning damage.



## Tomsen

Medium humanoid (human), lawful evil  
**HP** 20; **AC** 16; **Speed** 25'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +2, **Con** +2, **Int** +1, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Actions

**Warhammer.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 bludgeoning damage.

### Bonus Actions

**Dagger.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +4 to hit. 1d4+2 piercing damage.

## Isenwyn

Medium humanoid (human), lawful evil  
**HP** 14; **AC** 11; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** +3, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**At-Will.** *Fire Bolt, Mage Hand, Prestidigitation*

**1st-Level (3 slots).** *Detect Magic, Feather Fall, Unseen Servant, Shield*

### Actions

**Dagger.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d4+1 piercing damage.

## Wiselaumas

Medium humanoid (human), lawful evil  
**HP** 8; **AC** 11 (14 with mage armor); **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +0, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** +3, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**At-Will.** *Dancing Lights, Friends, Ray of Frost*

**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Comprehend Languages, Detect Magic, Mage Armor, Thunderwave*

### Actions

**Dagger.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d4+1 piercing damage.

## Thae

Medium humanoid (elf), lawful neutral  
**HP** 12; **AC** 18; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +2, **Con** +2, **Int** +0, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Actions

**Longsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

**Light Crossbow.** Ranged attack. 80'/320' range. +4 to hit. 1d8+2 piercing damage.

## Burgen

Medium humanoid (dwarf), neutral  
**HP** 13; **AC** 16; **Speed** 25'; **CR** 1/4; **XP** 50  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +0, **Con** +3, **Int** +0, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Actions

**Battleaxe.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d10+3 slashing damage.

**Warhammer.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d10+3 bludgeoning damage.

## 7. The Outriders of Uleck

The Outriders come from a town called Uleck, located southeast of the Moon Peaks. They all bear a brand on their left hands that, supposedly, marks them as criminals. Little more is known about them other than their leader, **Grak Bloodshield**, shows no quarter on the battlefield.

## Grak Bloodshield

Medium humanoid (half-orc), chaotic neutral  
**HP** 34; **AC** 18; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1; **XP** 200  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +1, **Con** +2, **Int** +1, **Wis** +3, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 13

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 13. Spell Attack Modifier +5.

**At-Will.** *Guidance, Mending, Resistance*

**1st-Level (3 slots).** *Command, Protection From Evil and Good, Shield of Faith*

### Actions

**Warhammer.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +3 to hit. 1d10+3 bludgeoning damage.

## Keelgo

Medium humanoid (dwarf), neutral  
**HP** 31; **AC** 20; **Speed** 25'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100  
**Str** +3, **Dex** +1, **Con** +3, **Int** +0, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +1  
**Senses** Pass. Perception 11

### Actions

**Battleaxe.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d8+3 slashing damage.

**Light Crossbow.** Ranged attack. 80'/320' range. +3 to hit. 1d8+1 piercing damage.

## Slyven

Medium humanoid (elf), chaotic neutral

**HP** 16; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100

**Str** +0, **Dex** +3, **Con** +1, **Int** +2, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +2

**Senses** Pass. Perception 10

### Spellcasting

Spell Save DC 12. Spell Attack Modifier +4.

**At-Will.** *Friends, Prestidigitation, Ray of Frost*

**1st-Level (2 slots).** *Comprehend Languages, Detect Magic, Floating Disk, Sleep*

### Actions

**Shortsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

## Safherd

Medium humanoid (human), lawful neutral

**HP** 15; **AC** 15; **Speed** 30'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100

**Str** +0, **Dex** +3, **Con** +1, **Int** +1, **Wis** +1, **Cha** +0

**Skills** Nature +3, Perception +5, Survival +5, Stealth +7

**Senses** Pass. Perception 15

### Traits

**Cunning Action.** Safherd can Dash, Disengage, or Hide as a bonus action.

**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Safherd can deal 1d6 extra damage when she hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of her active allies is within 5' of the target.

### Actions

**Shortsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

**Shortbow.** Ranged attack. 80'/320' range. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

## Lanwise Proudfoot

Small humanoid (halfling), chaotic neutral

**HP** 17; **AC** 15; **Speed** 25'; **CR** 1/2; **XP** 100

**Str** +0, **Dex** +3, **Con** +2, **Int** +0, **Wis** +0, **Cha** +1

**Skills** Deception +3, Perception +4, Sleight of Hand +5, Stealth +7

**Senses** Pass. Perception 14

### Traits

**Cunning Action.** Lanwise can Dash, Disengage, or Hide as a bonus action.

**Sneak Attack.** Once per turn, Lanwise can deal 1d6 extra damage when he hits with an attack and has advantage, or one of his active allies is within 5' of the target.

### Actions

**Shortsword.** Melee attack. 5' reach. +5 to hit. 1d6+3 piercing damage.

**Sling.** Ranged attack. 30'/120' range. +5 to hit. 1d4+3 bludgeoning damage.



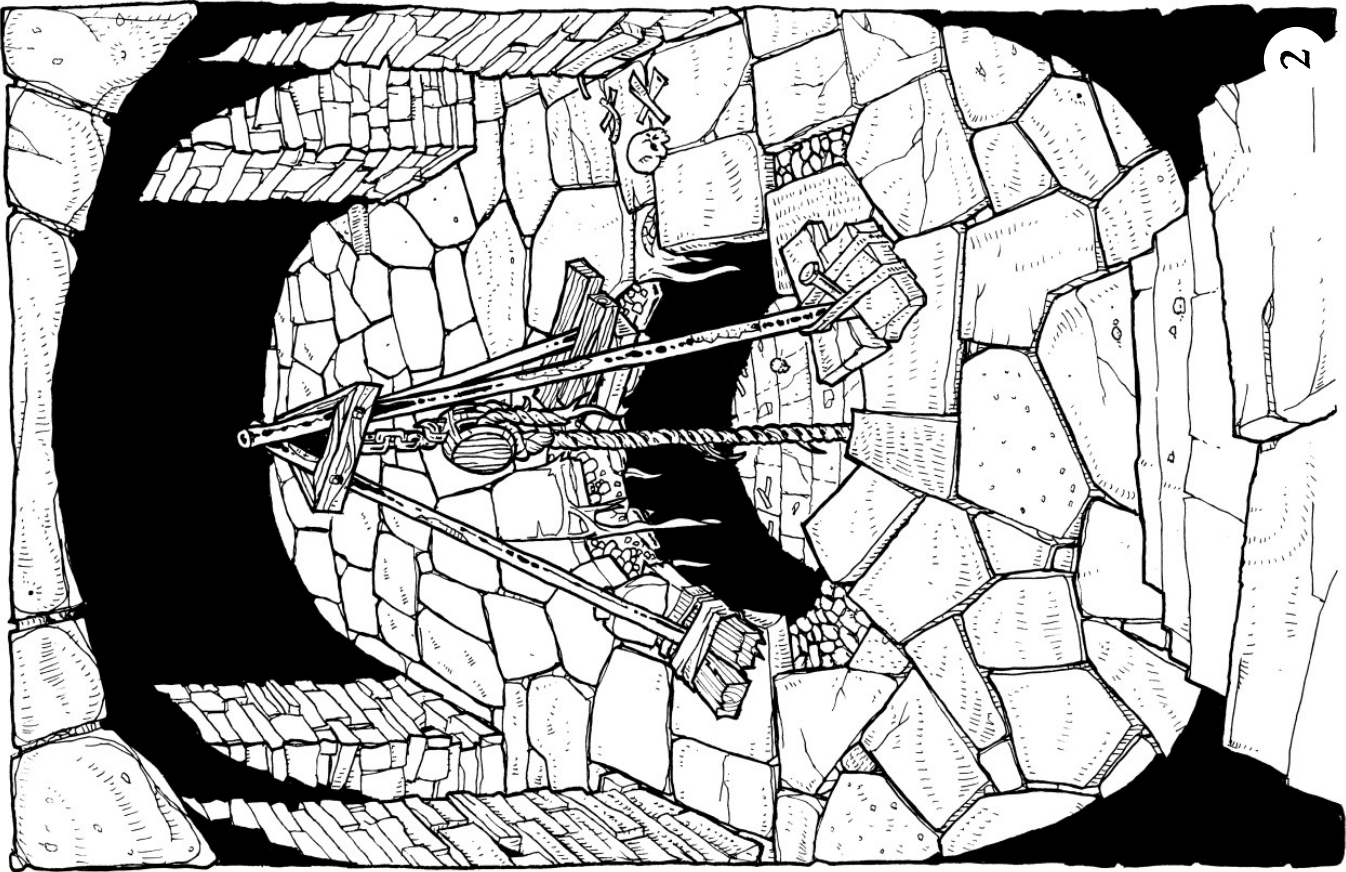
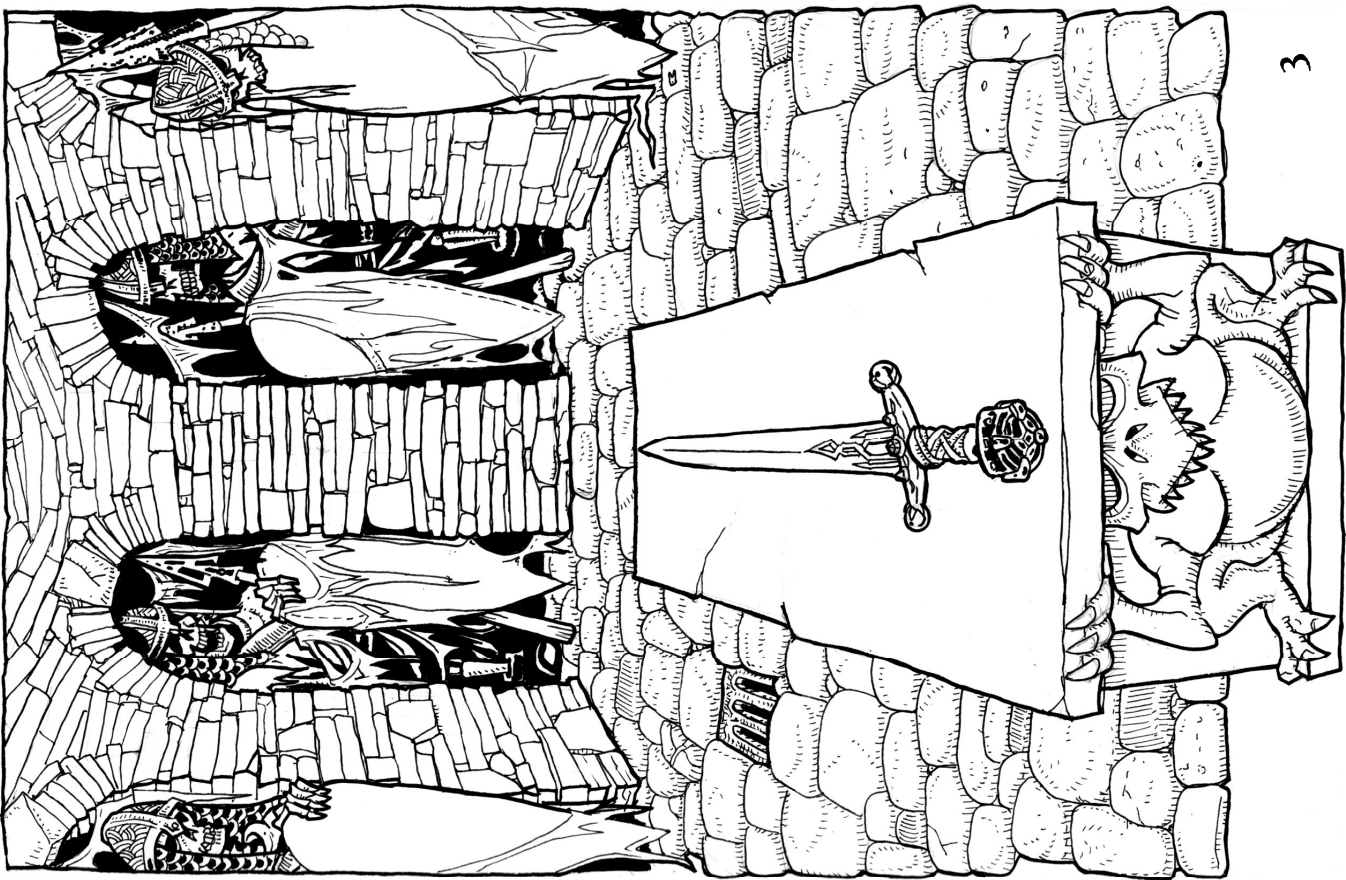




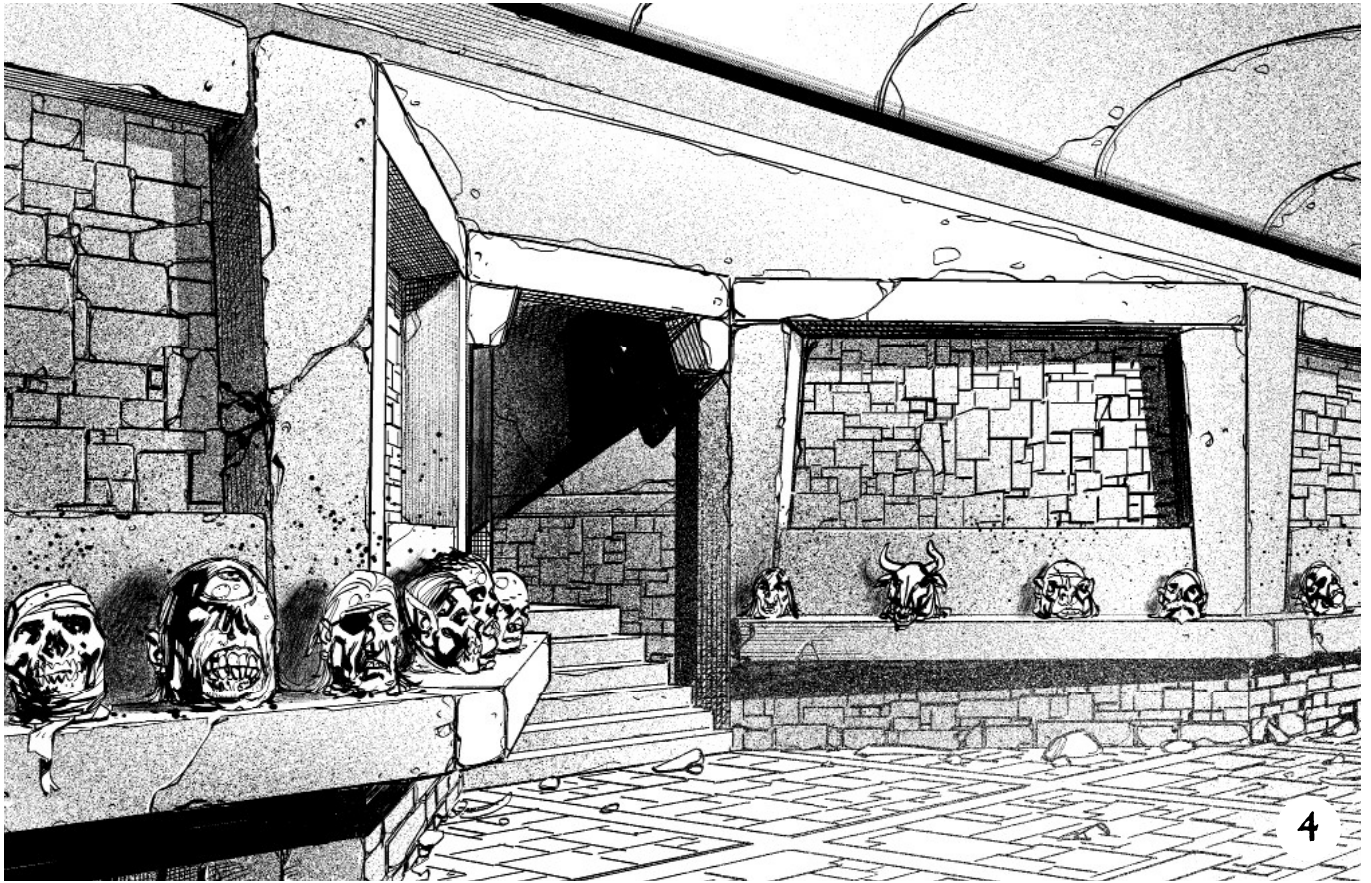


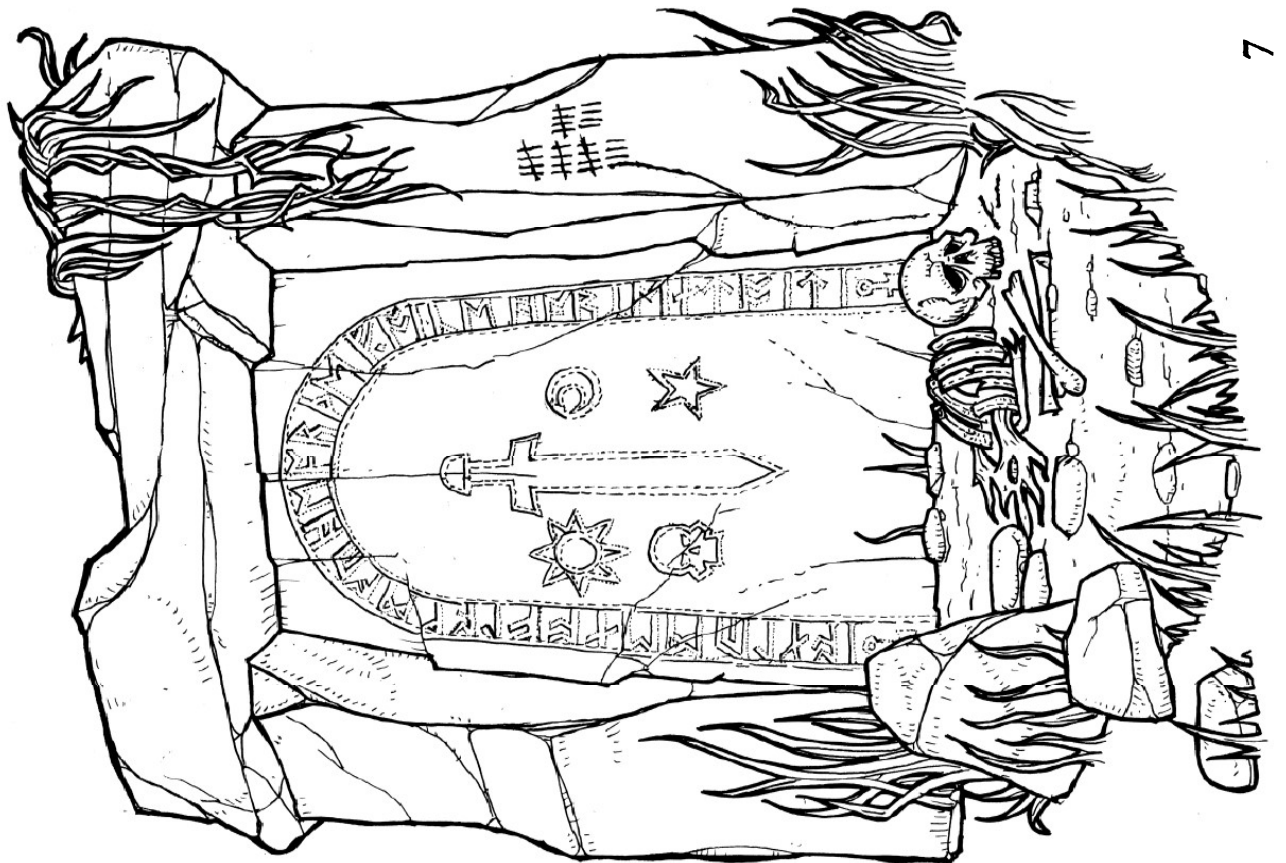
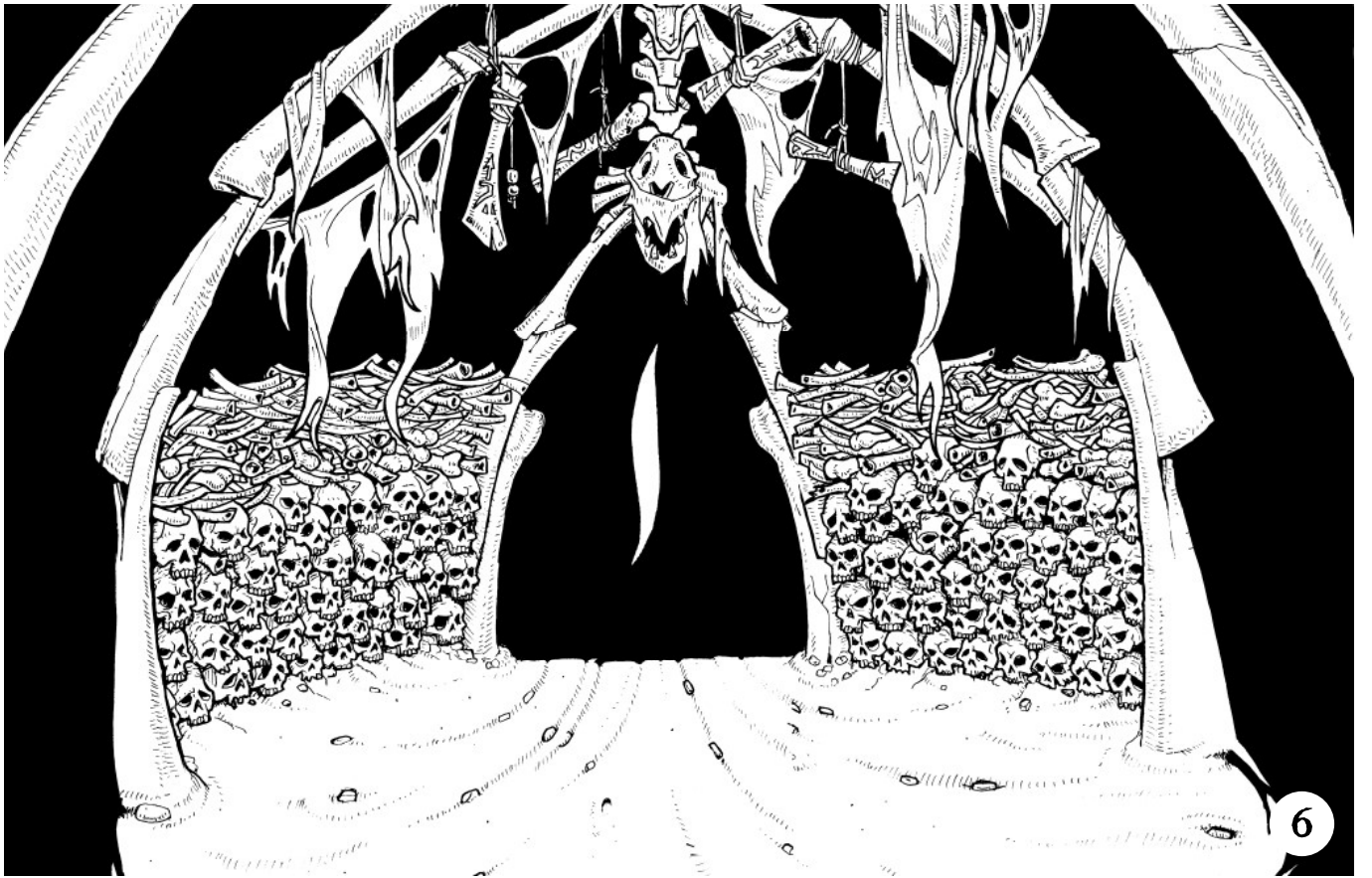




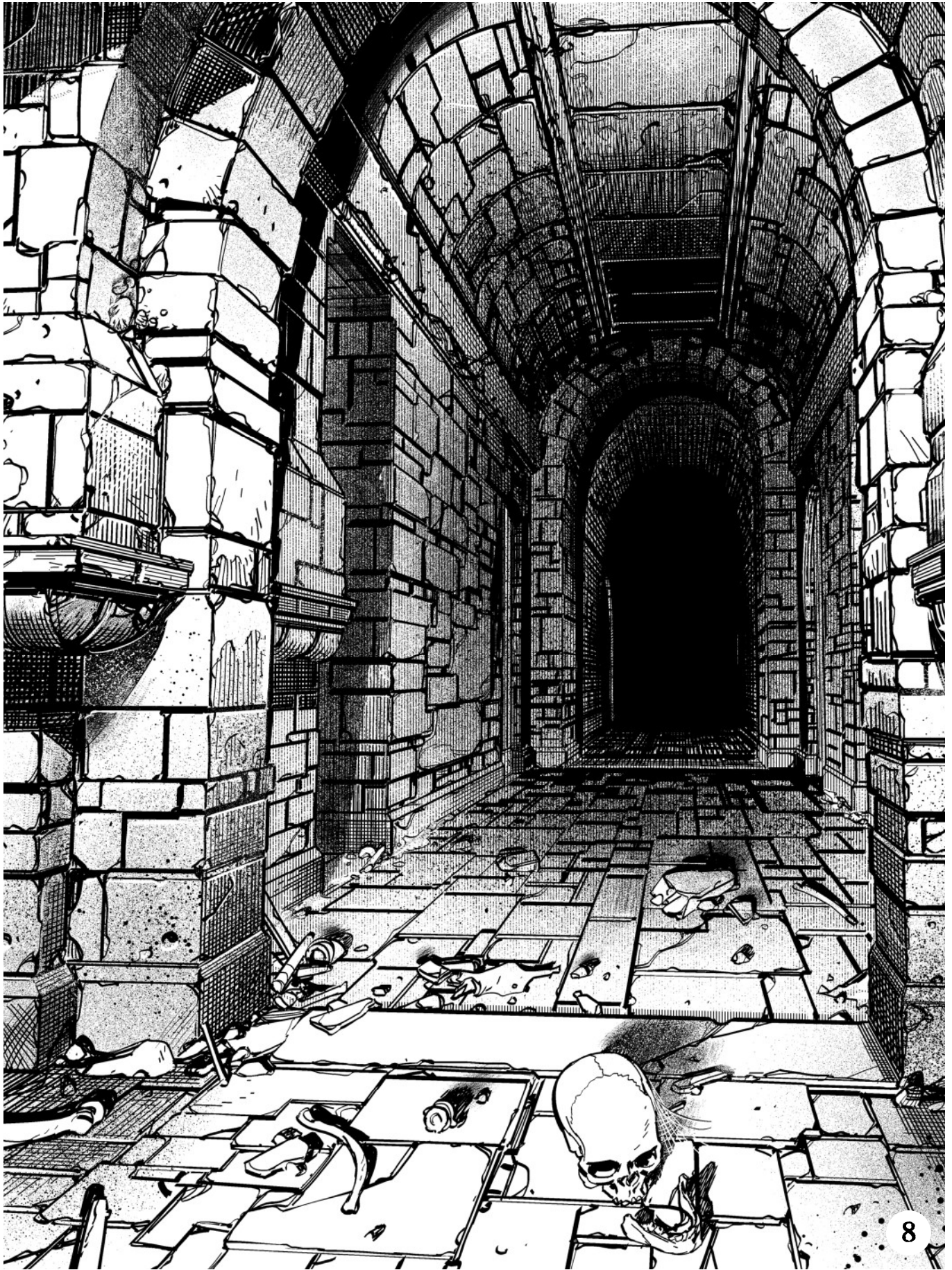






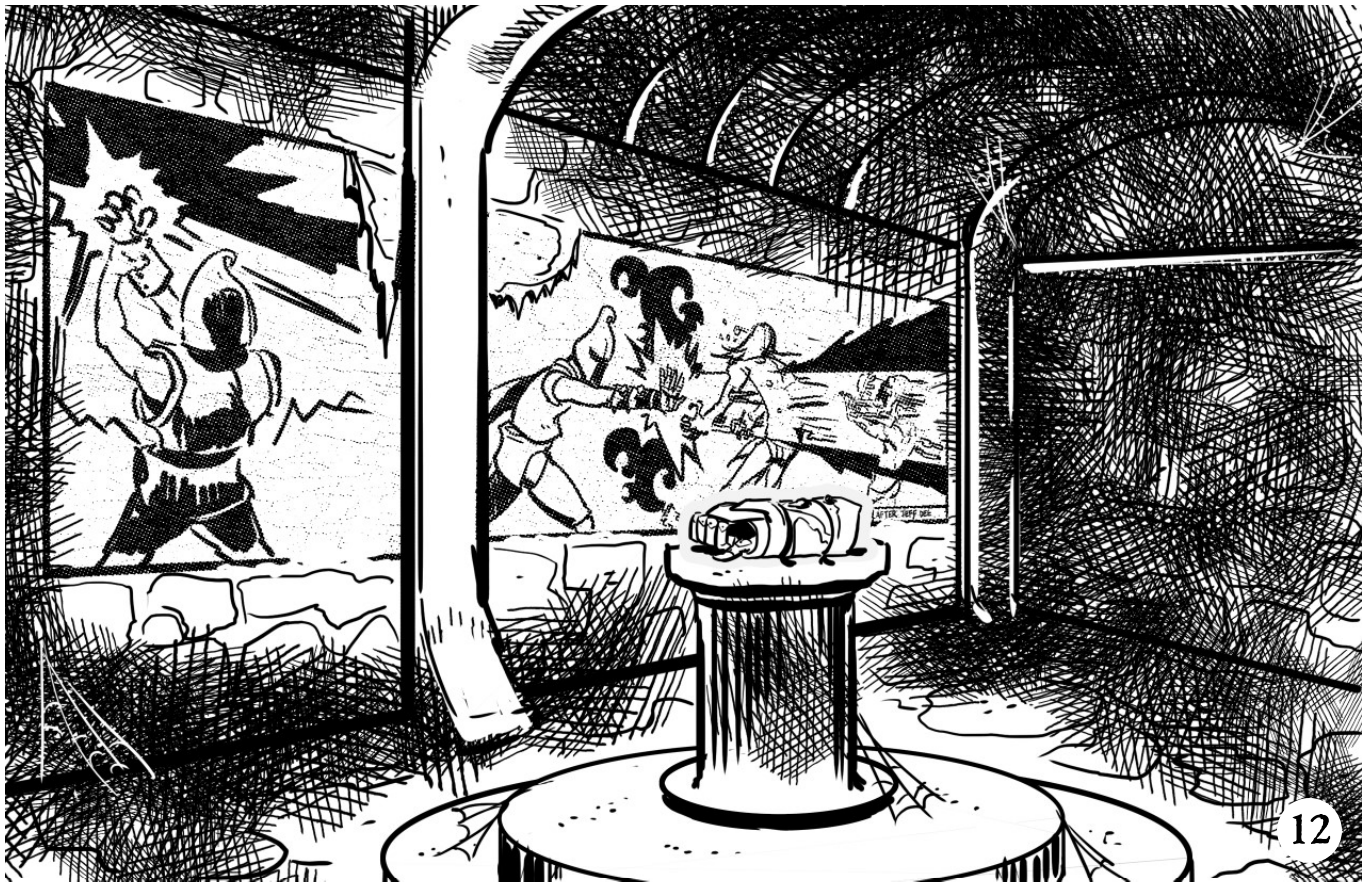
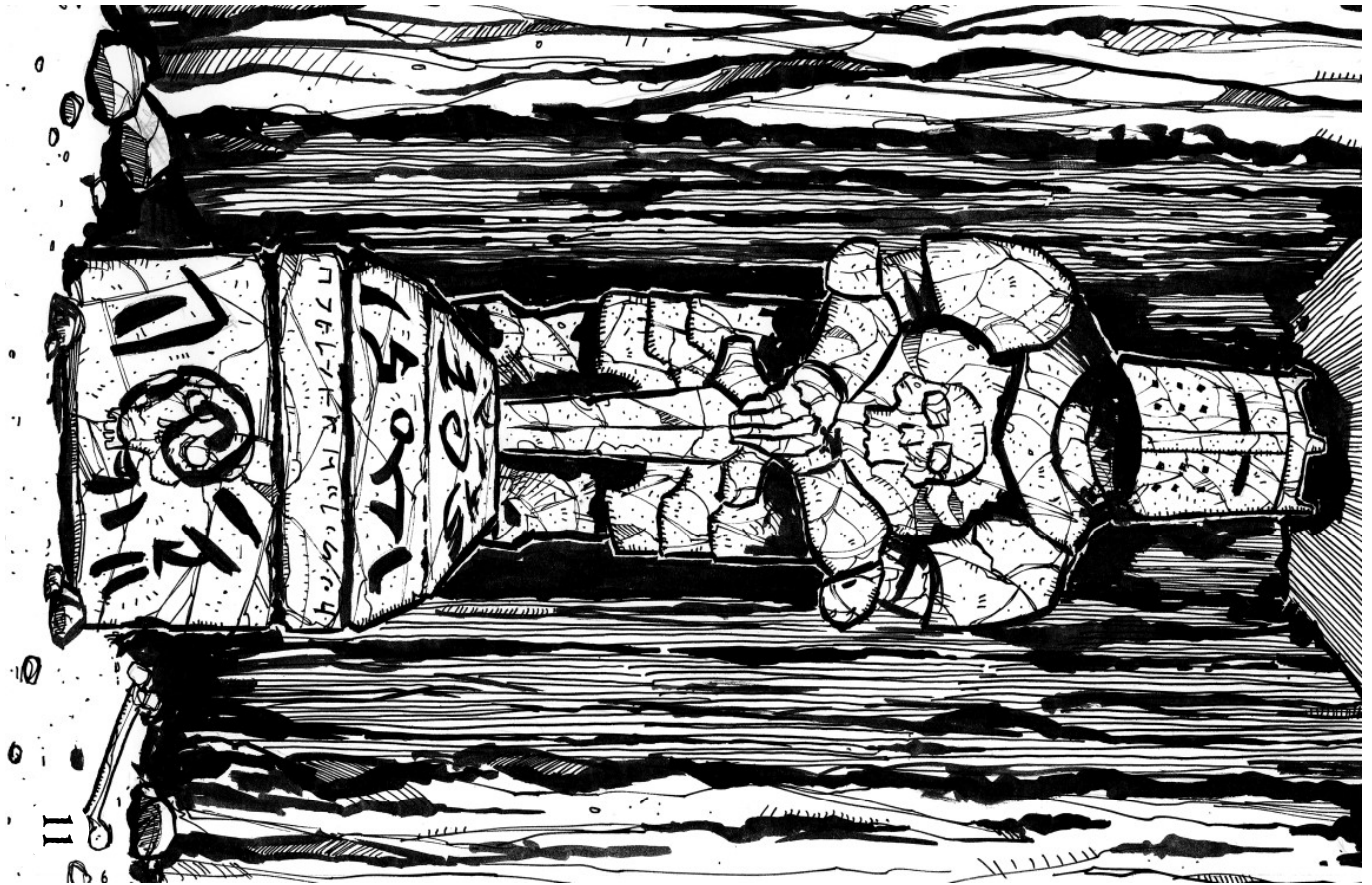


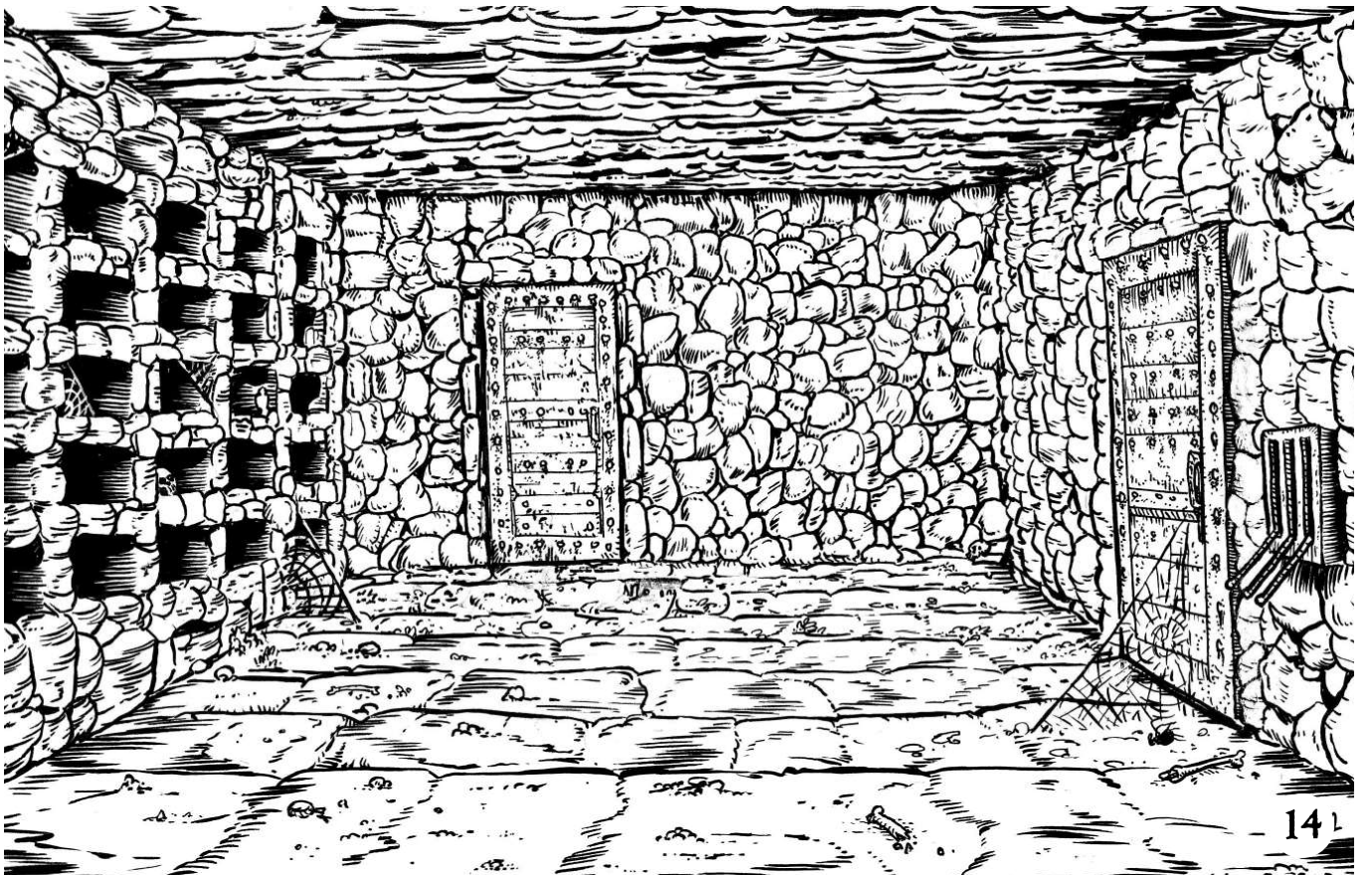
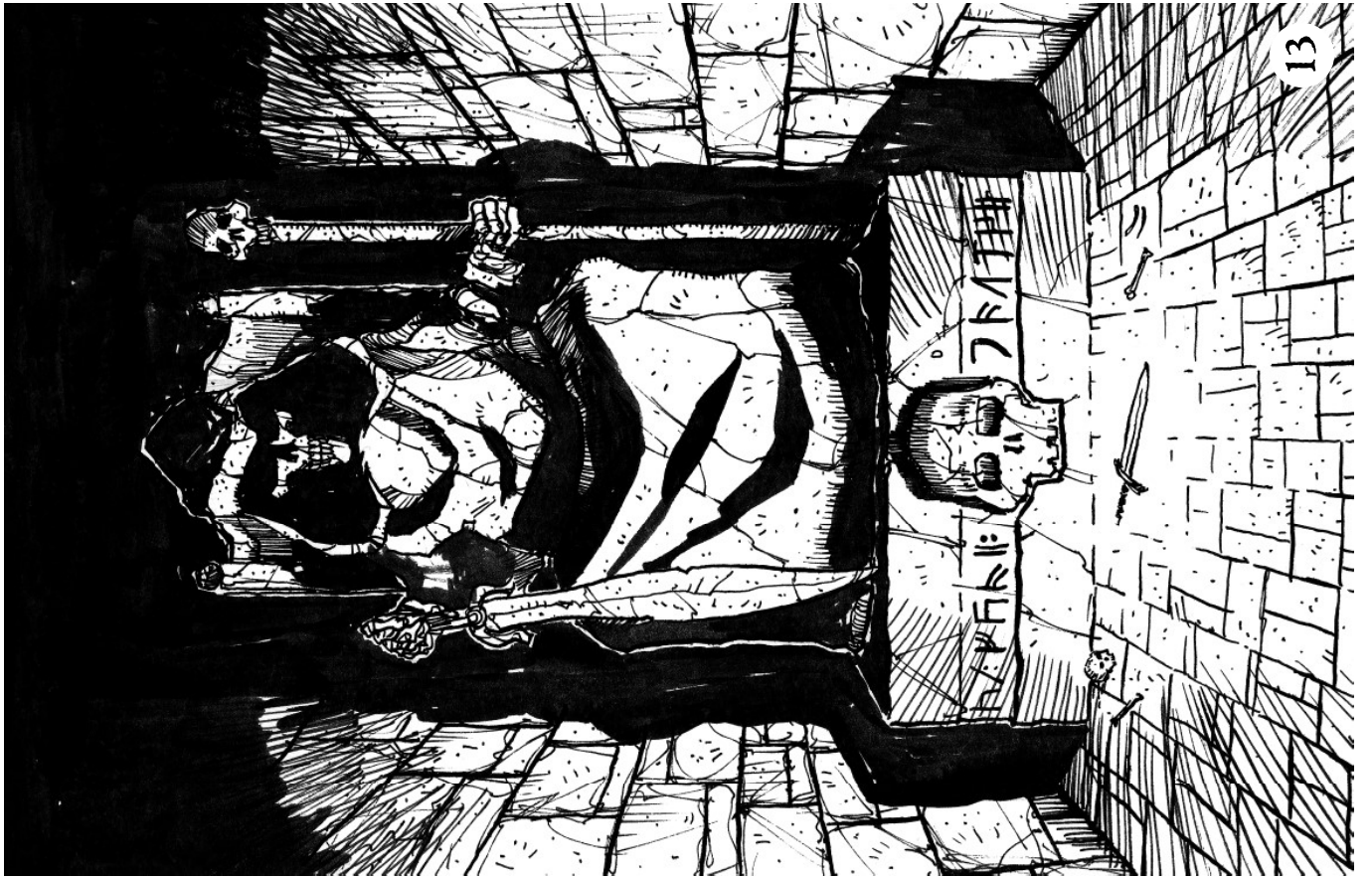




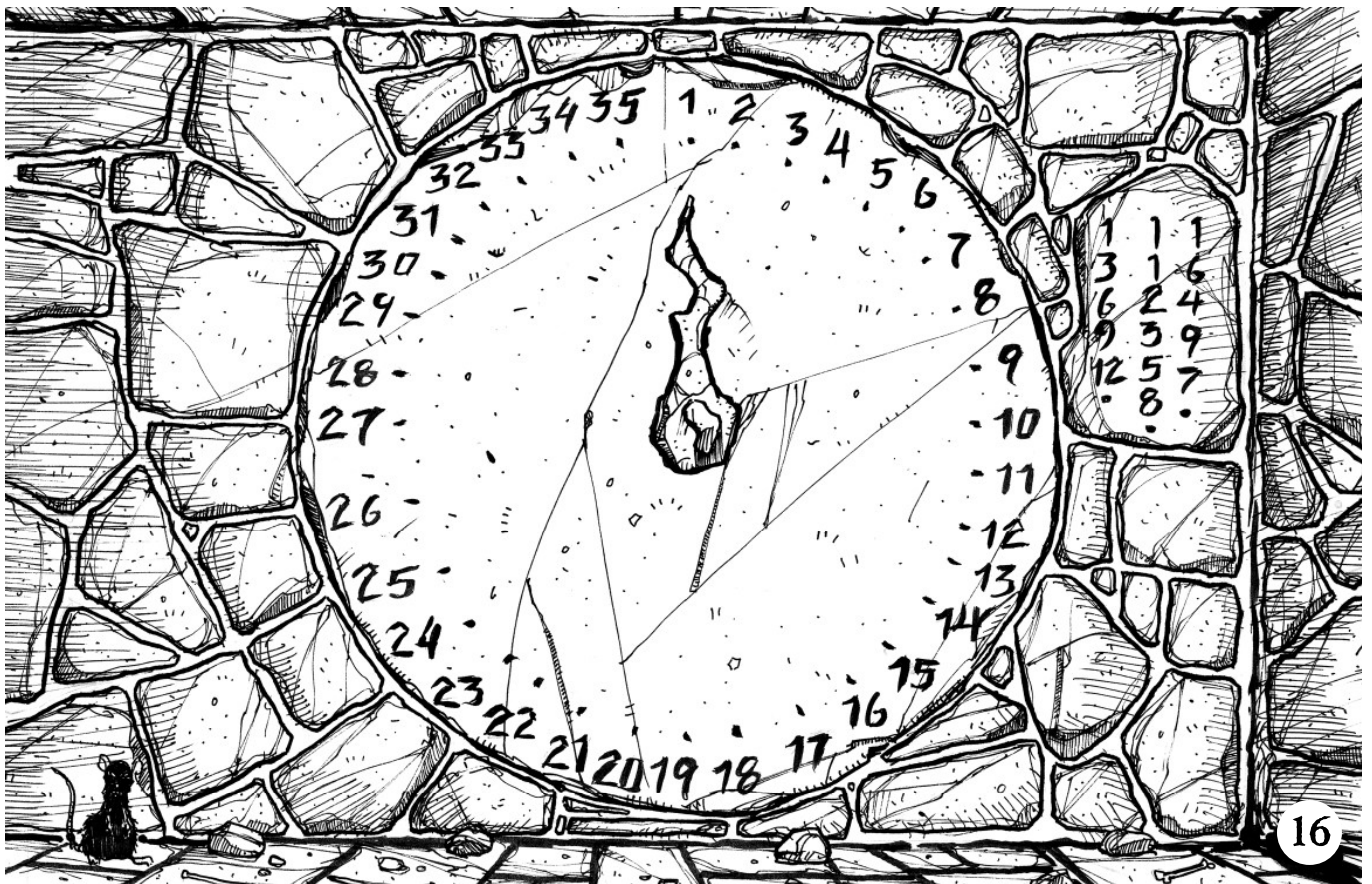






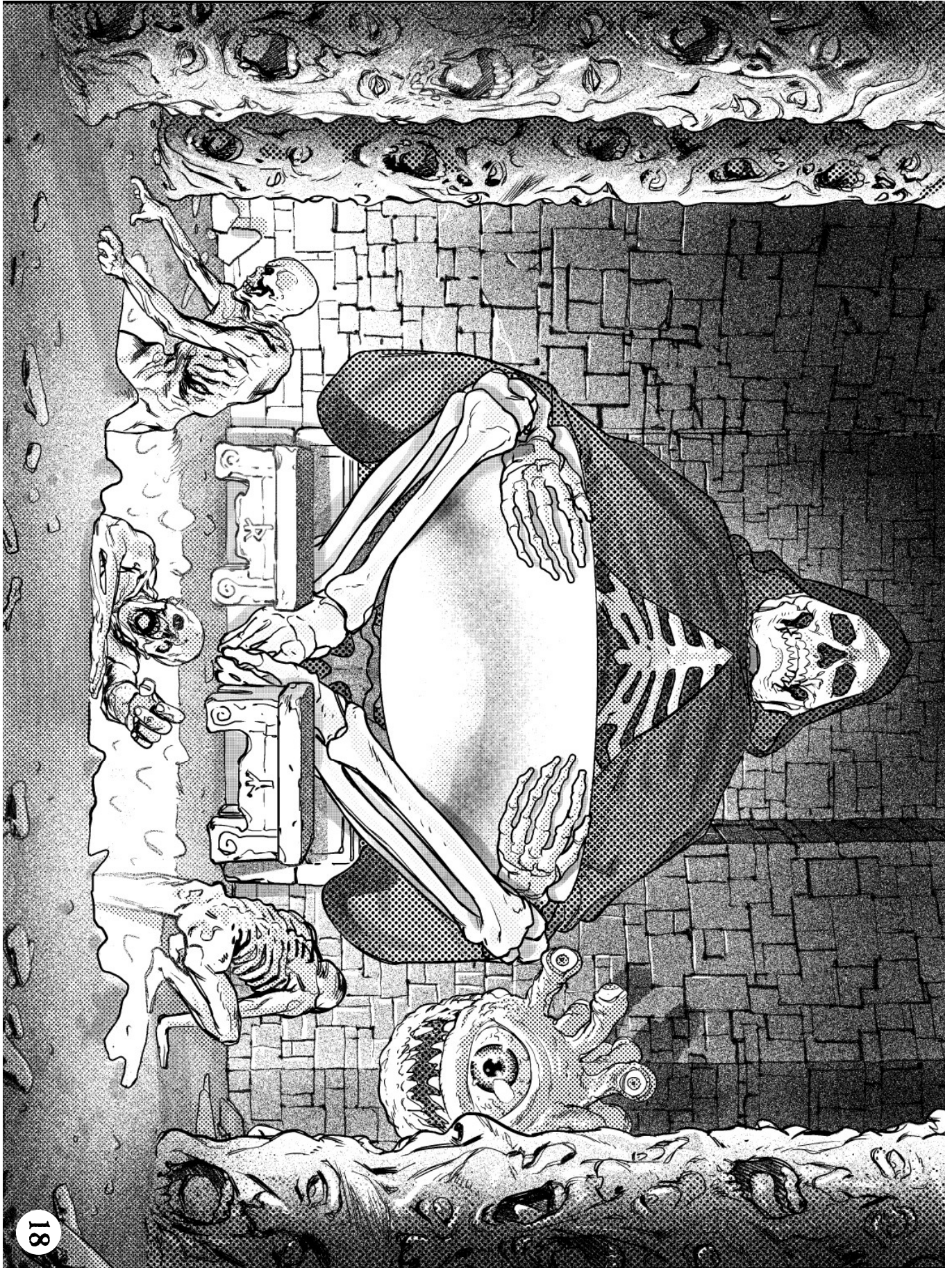


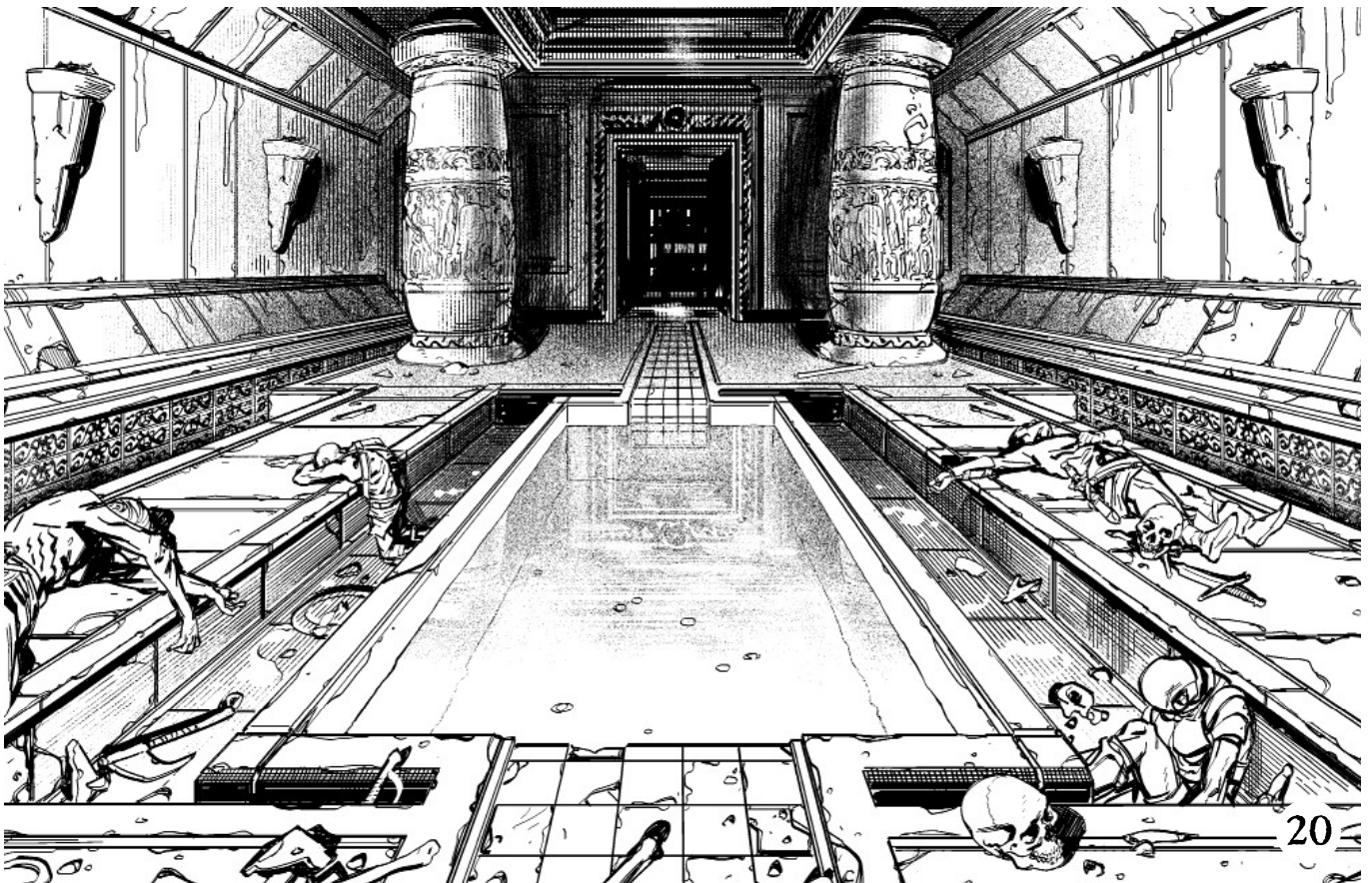




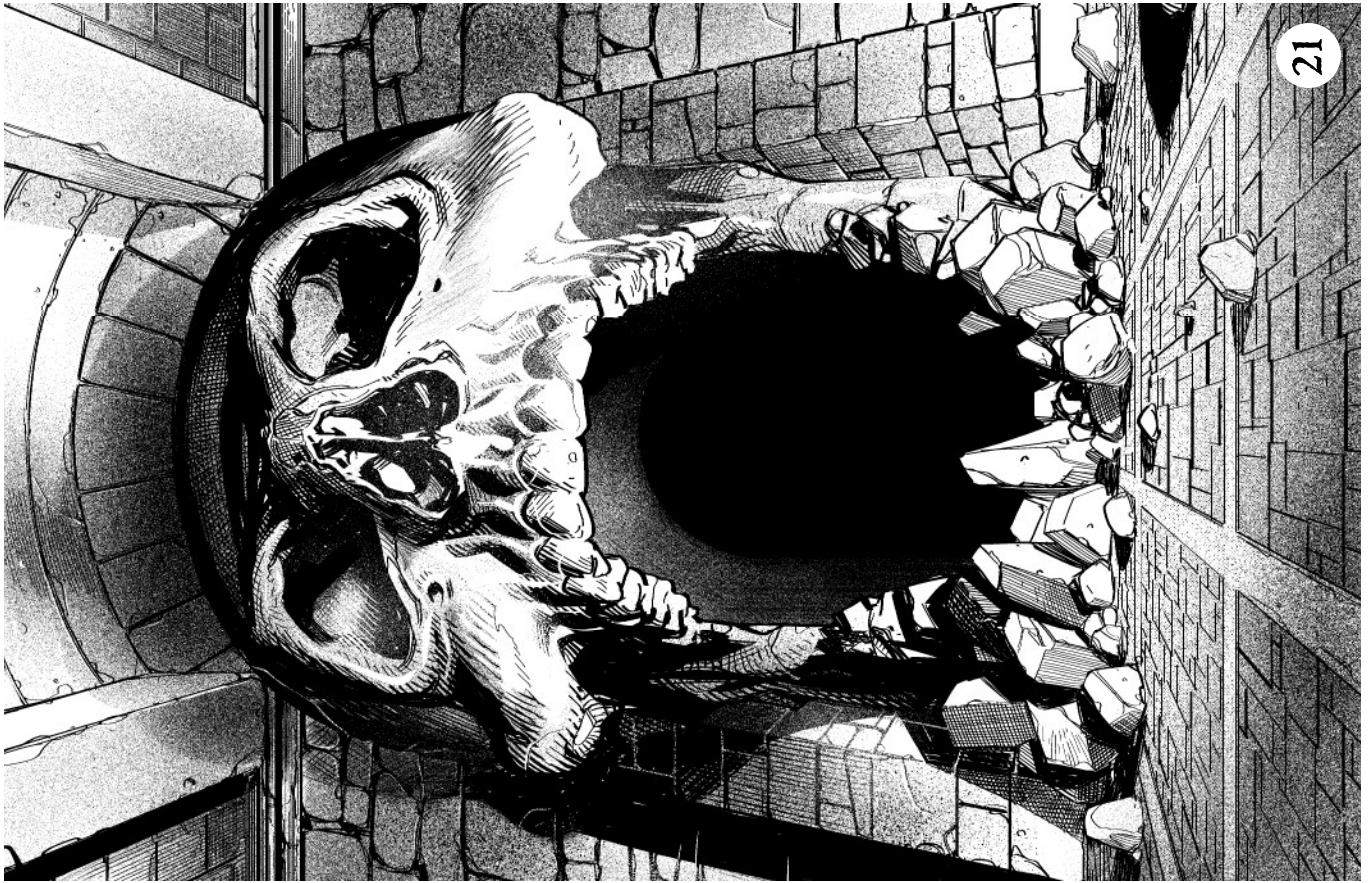


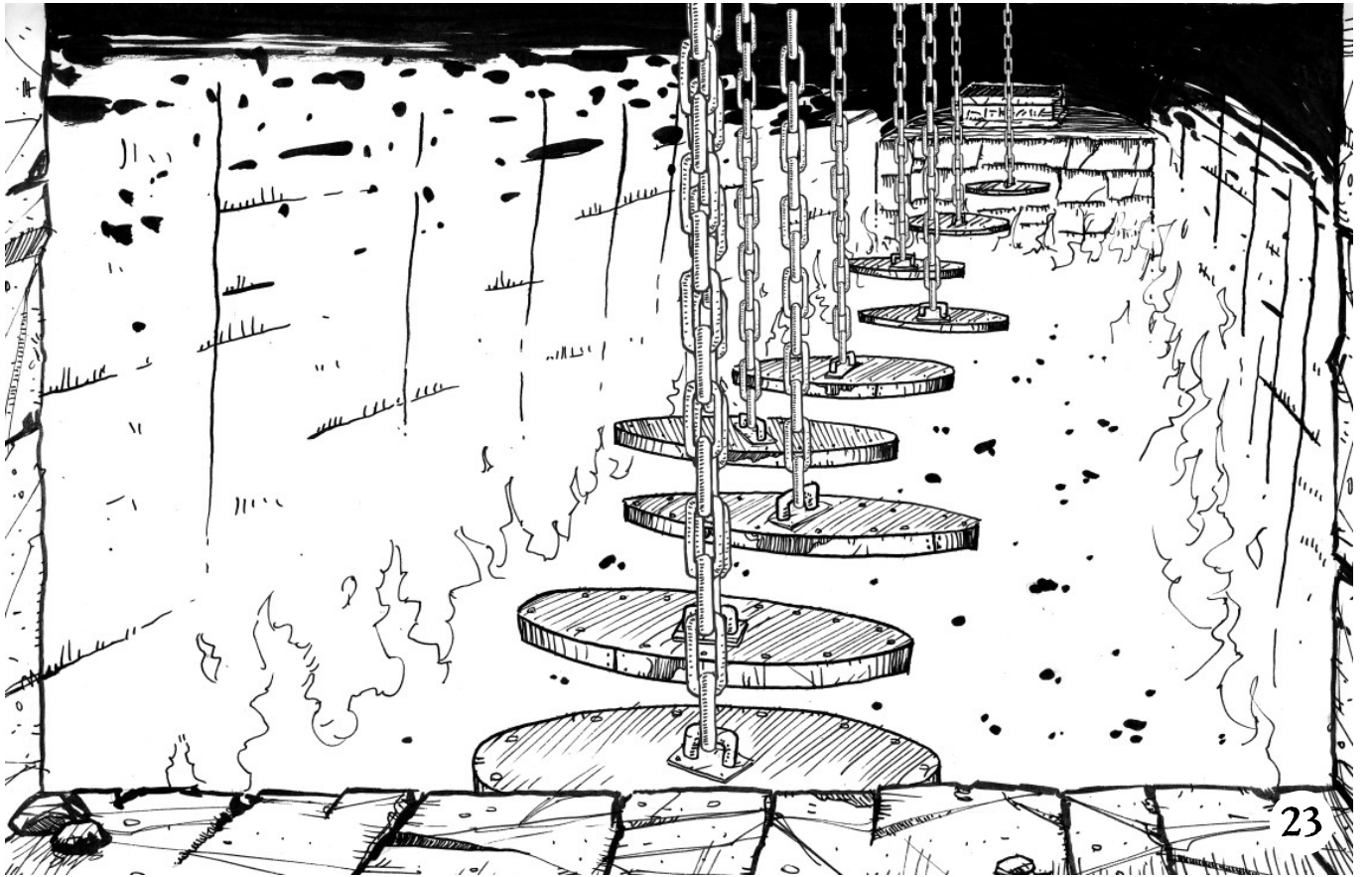




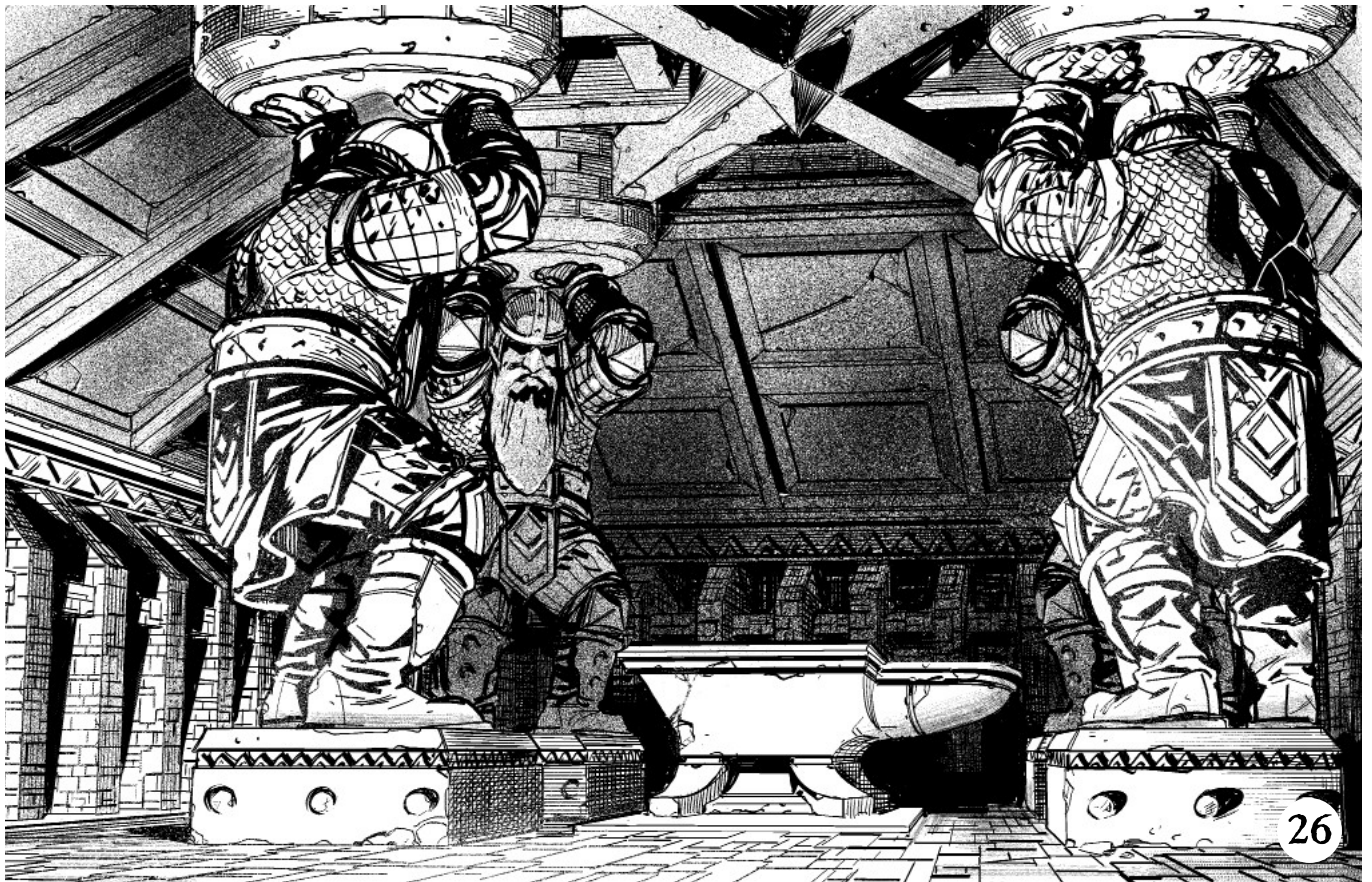


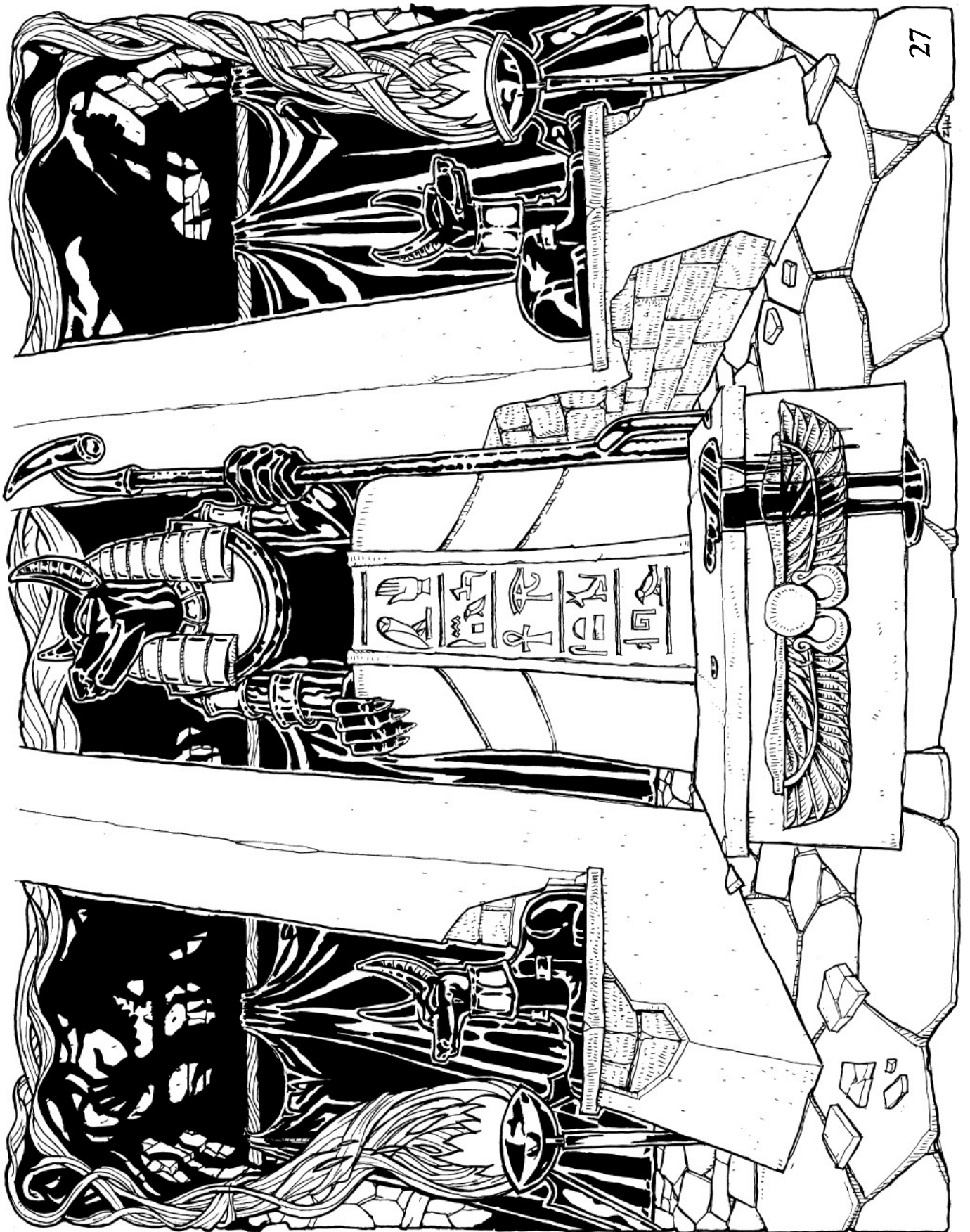






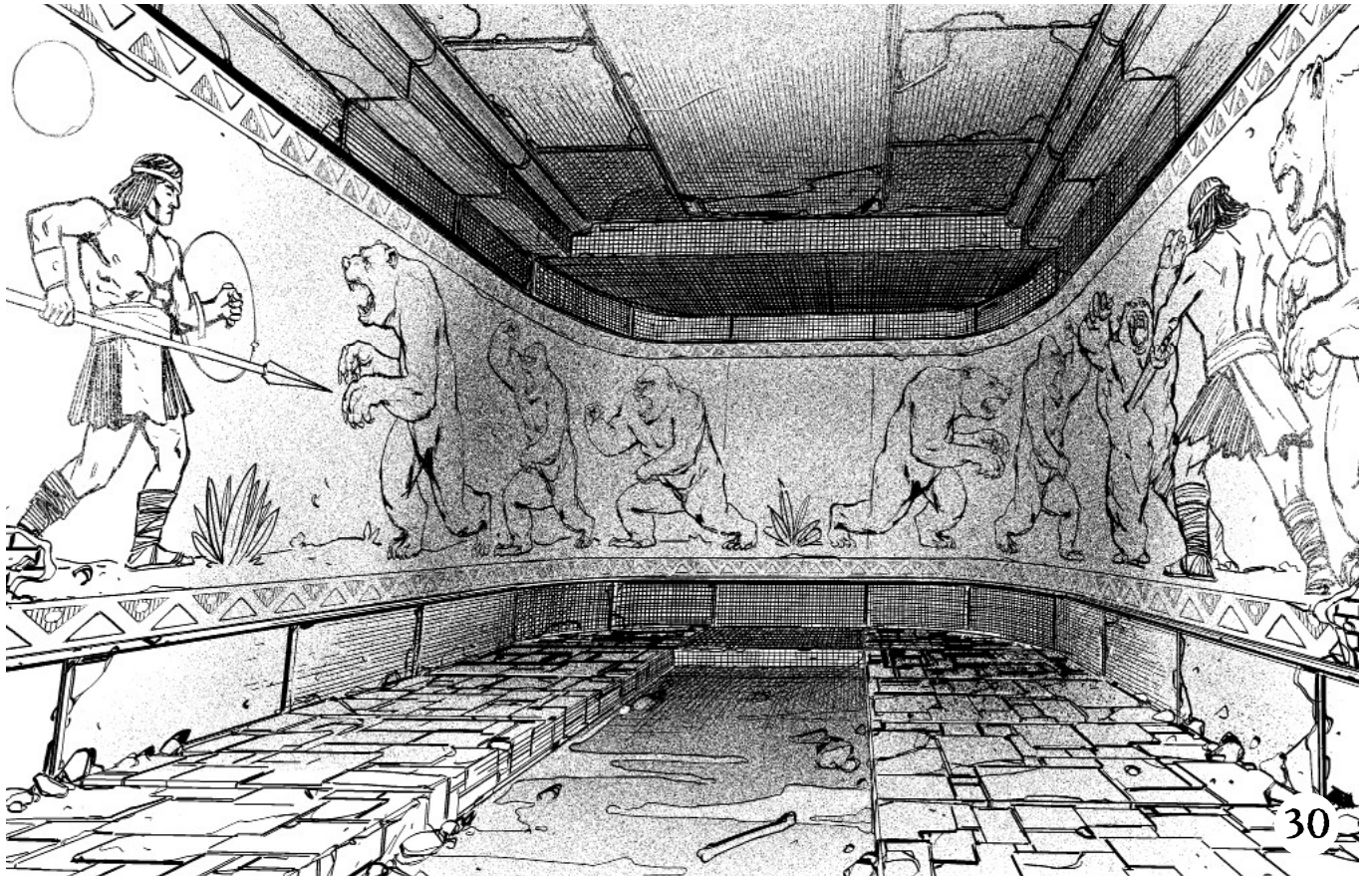
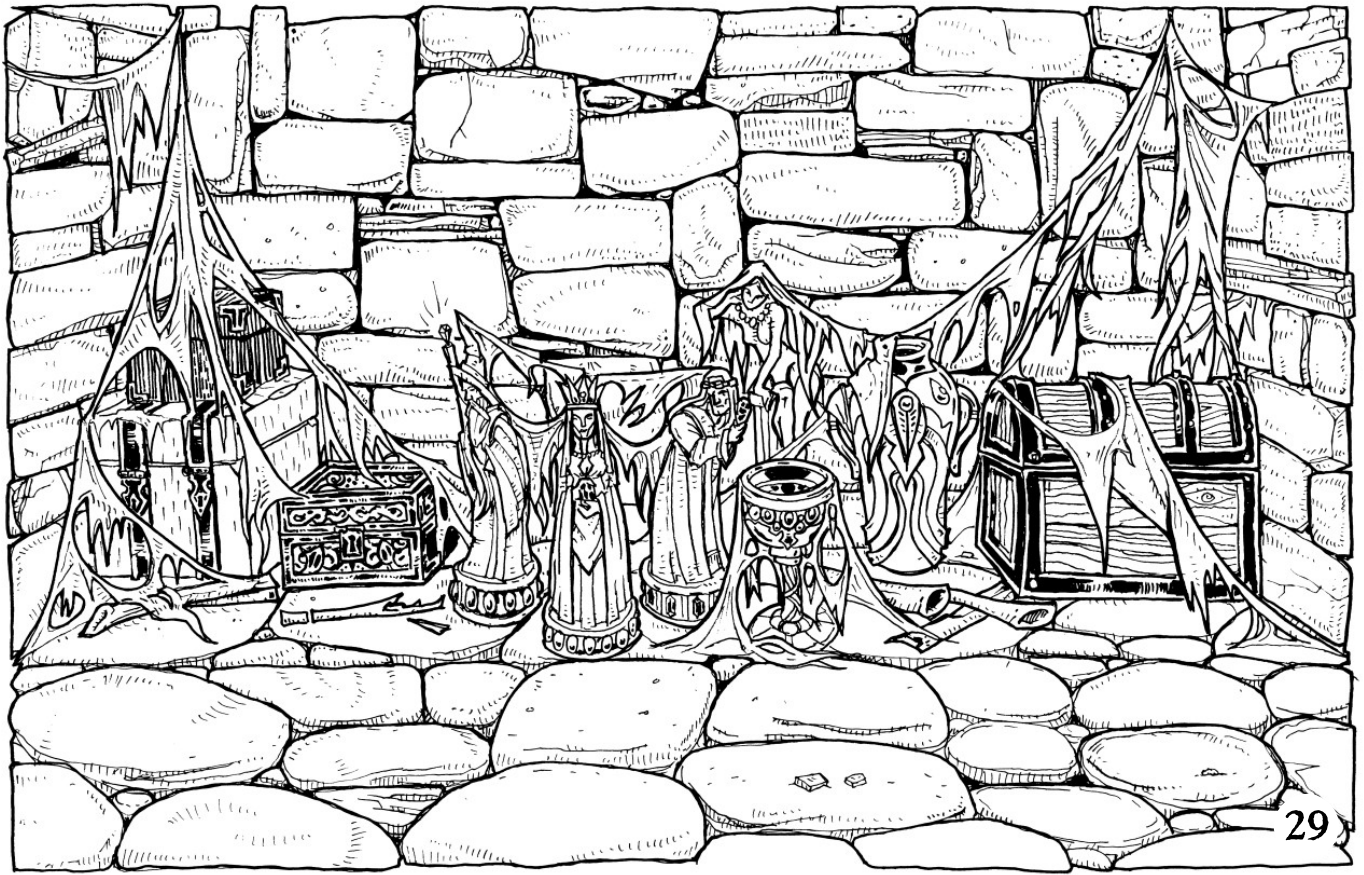




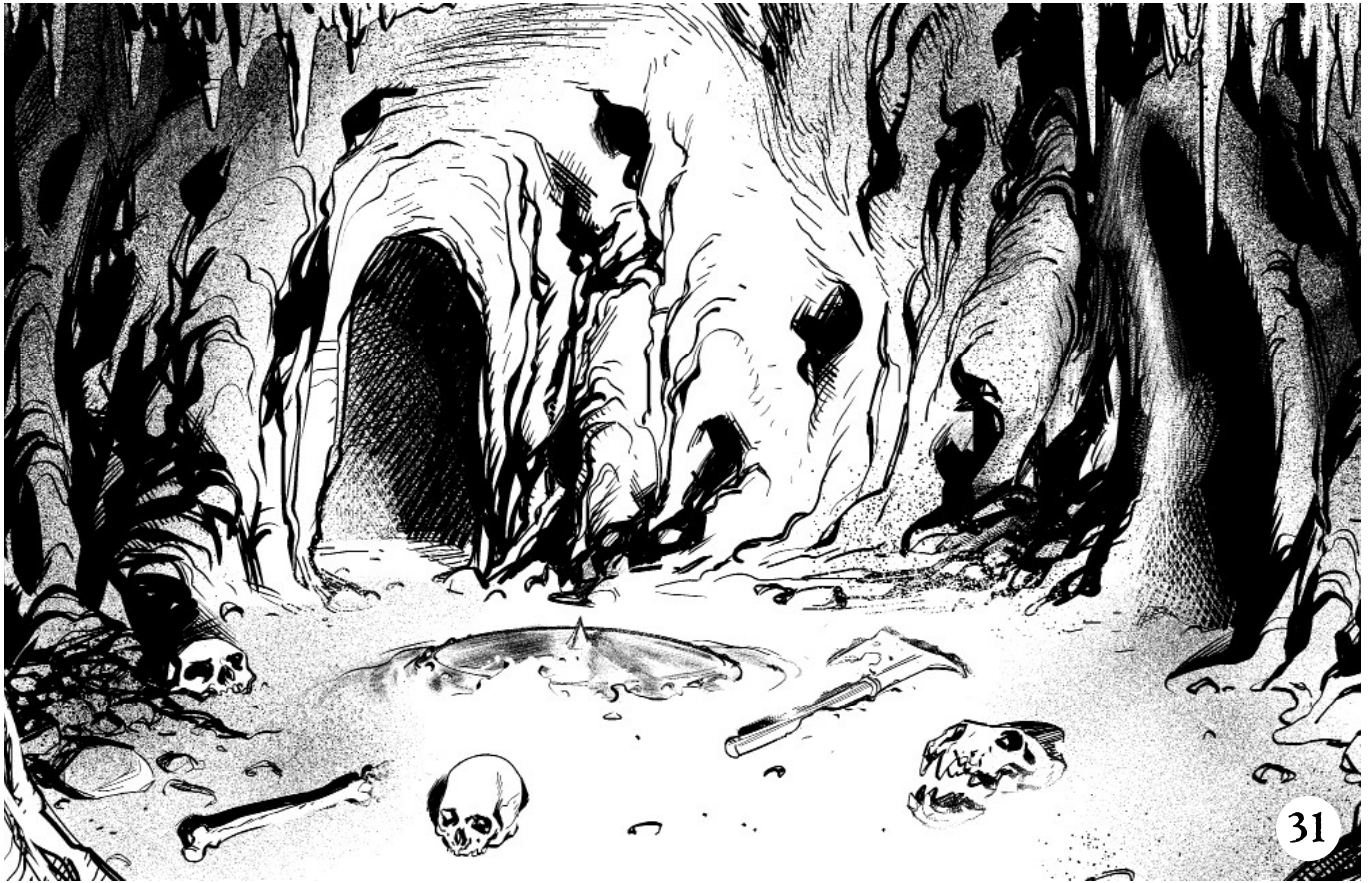


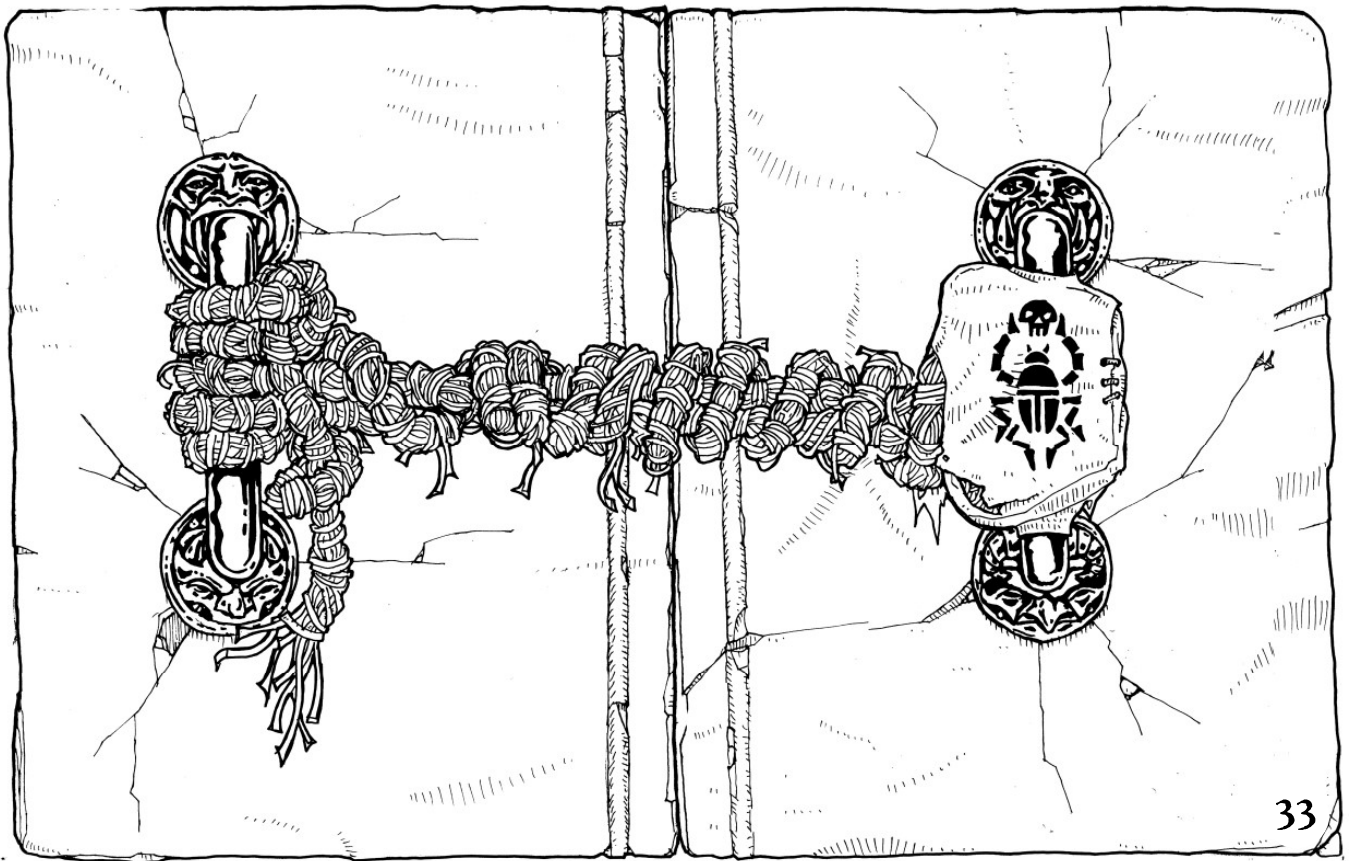




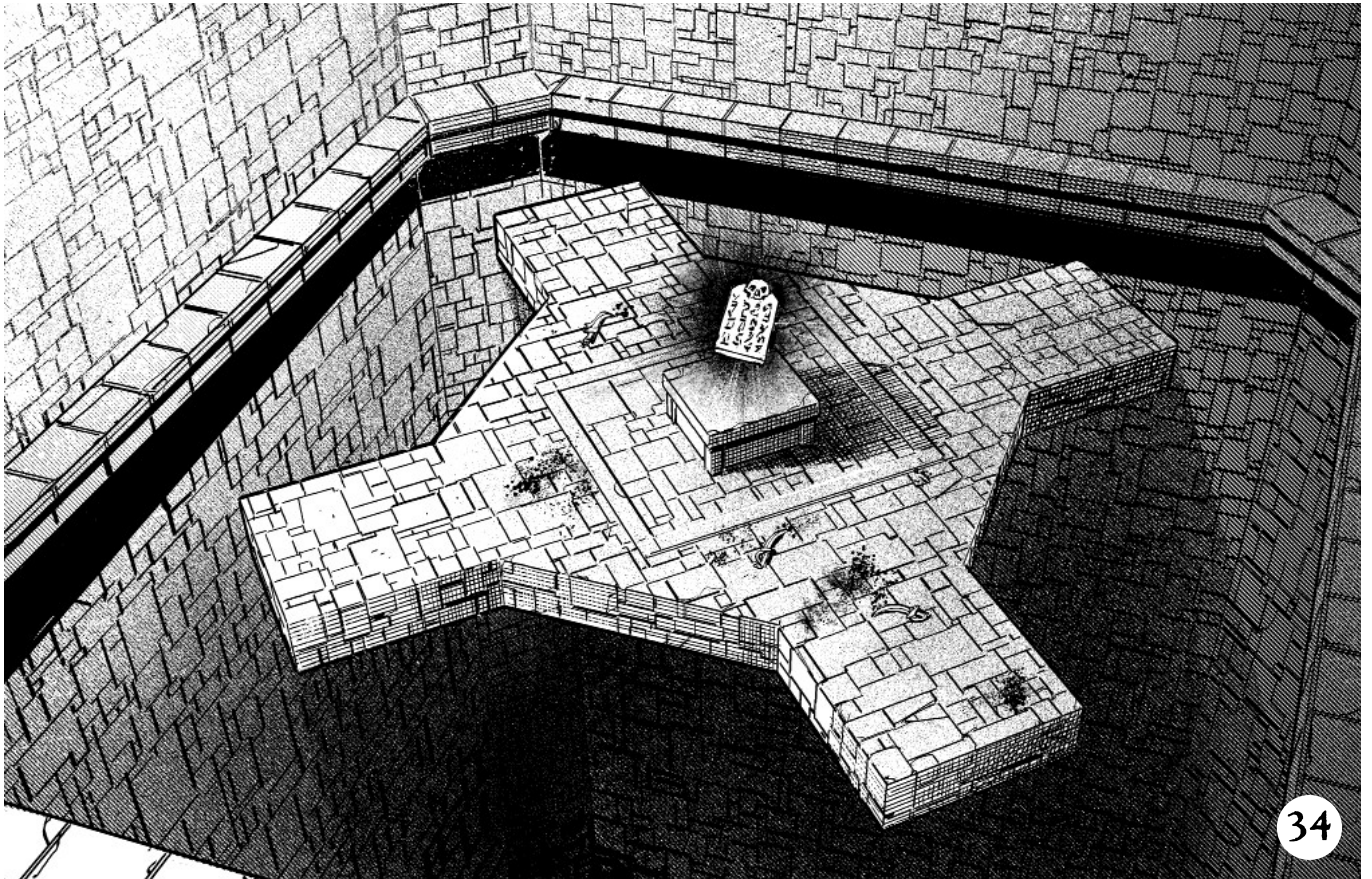








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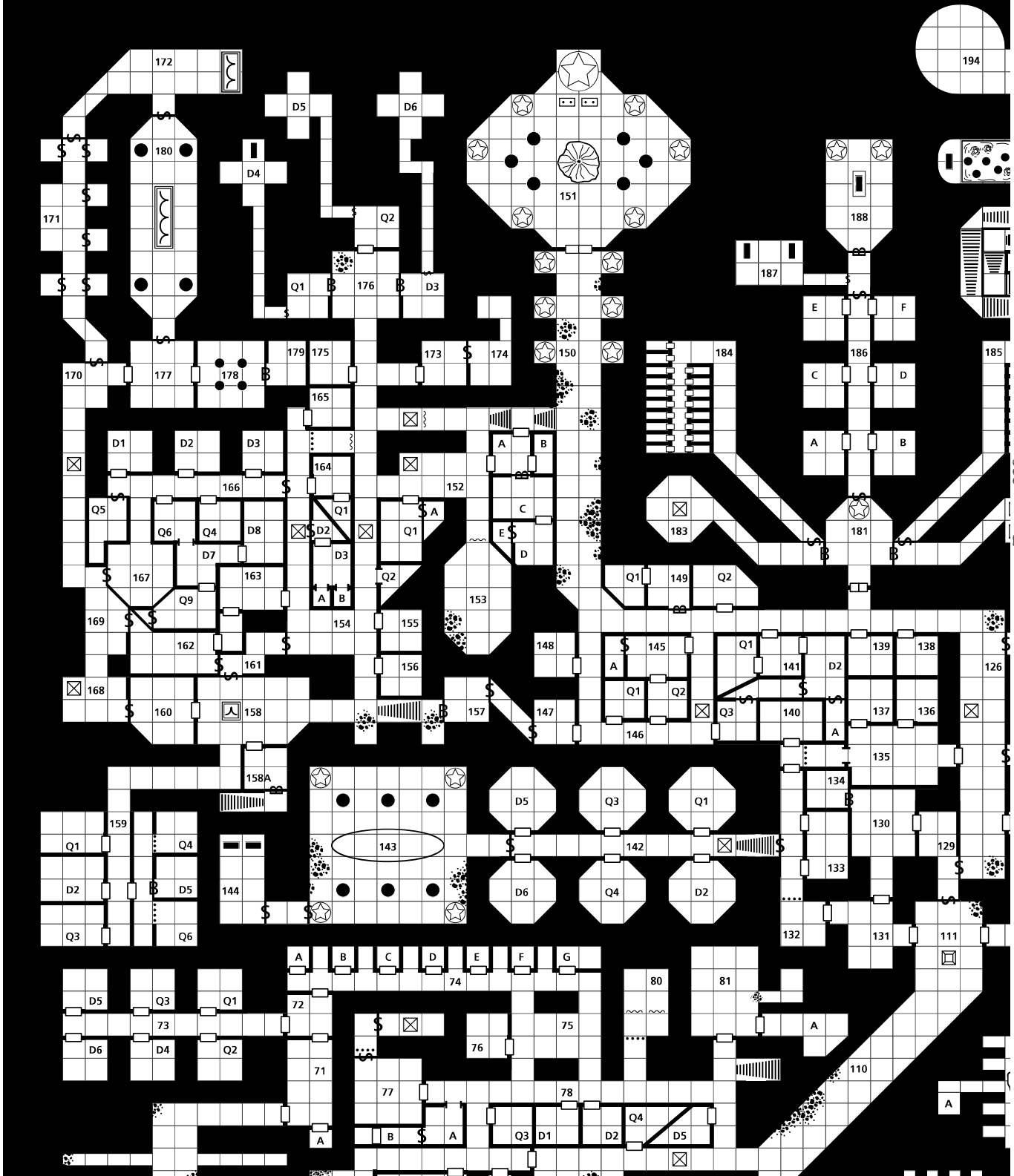






1 Square = 10 feet

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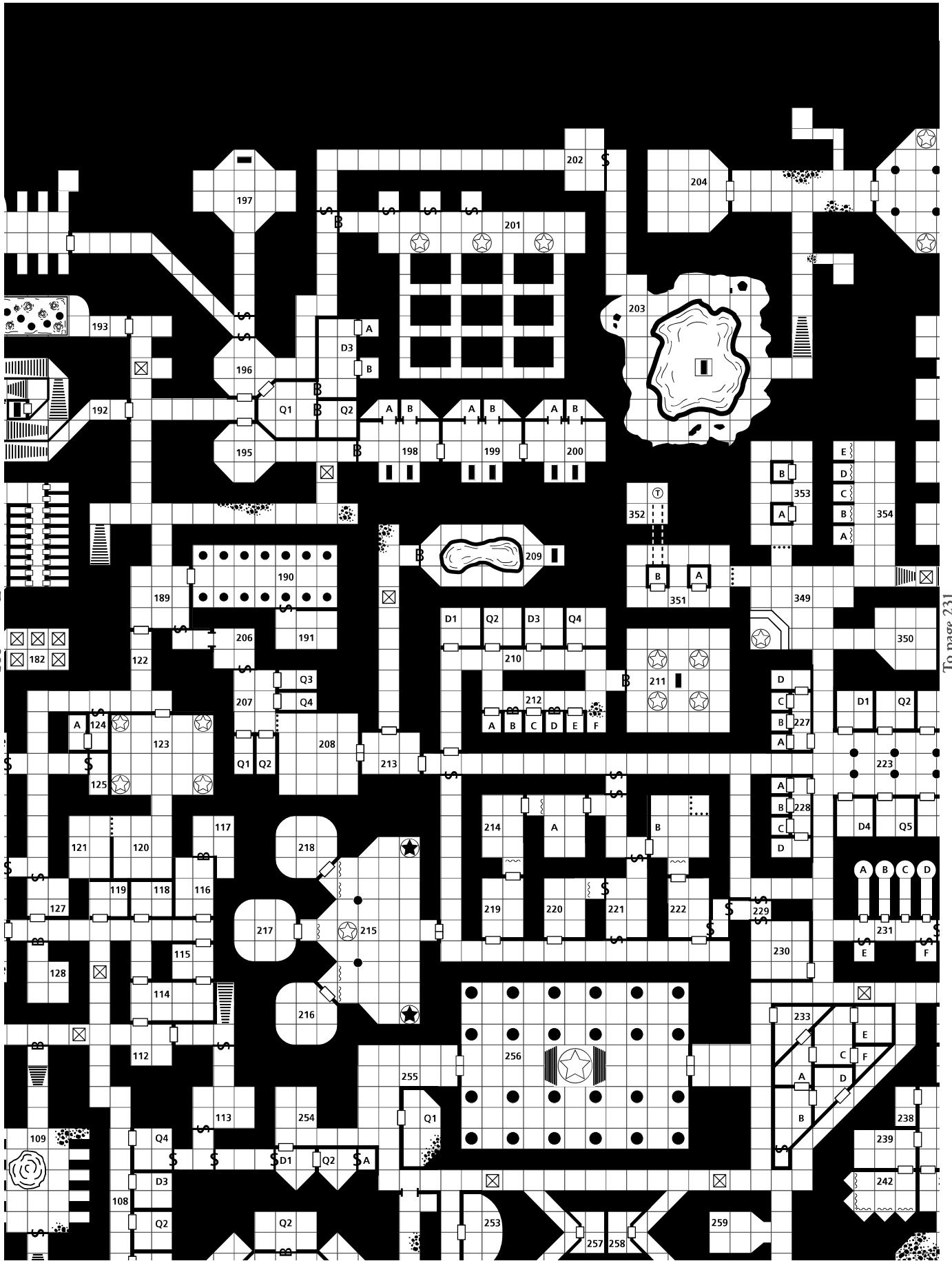



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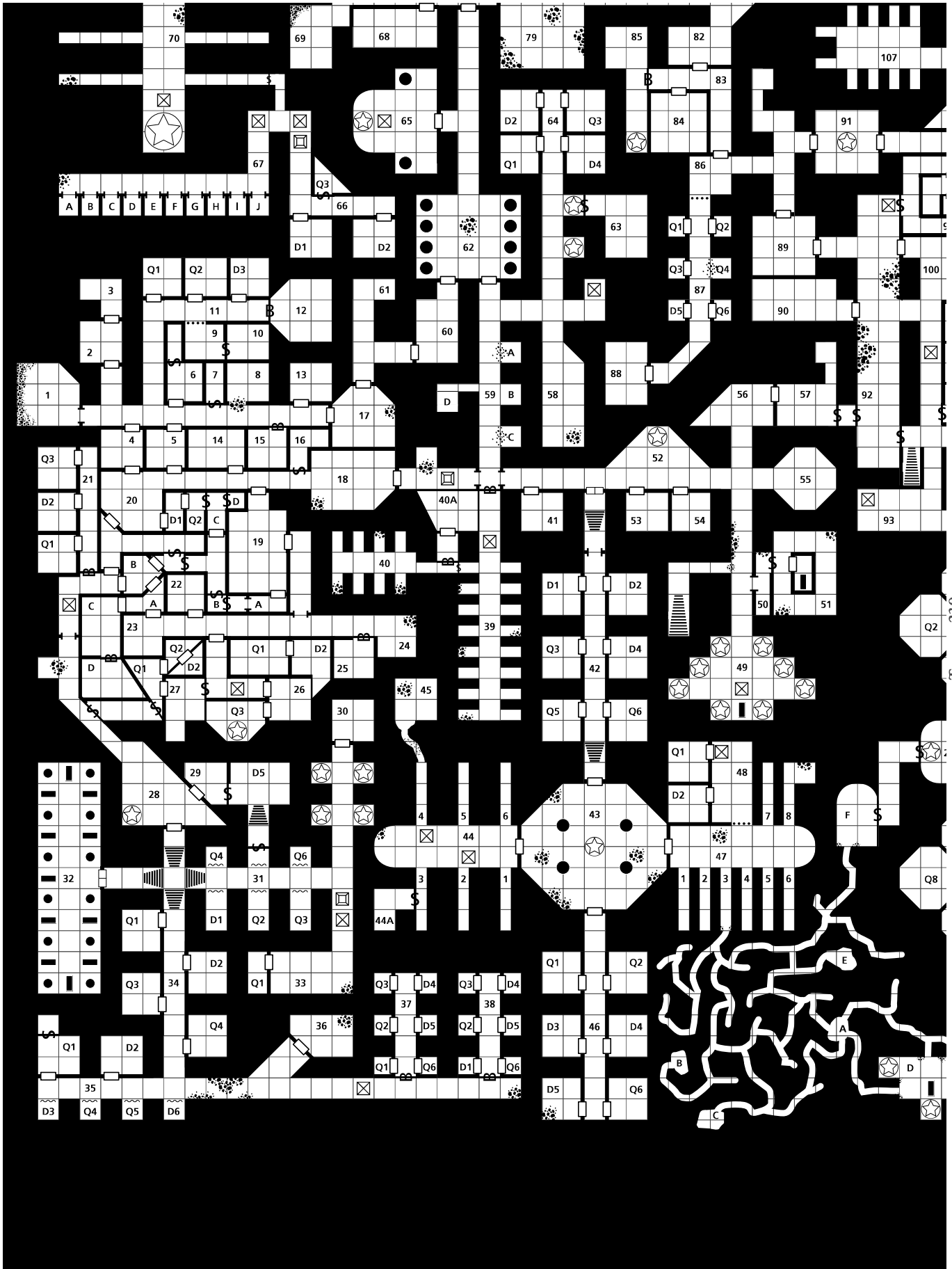
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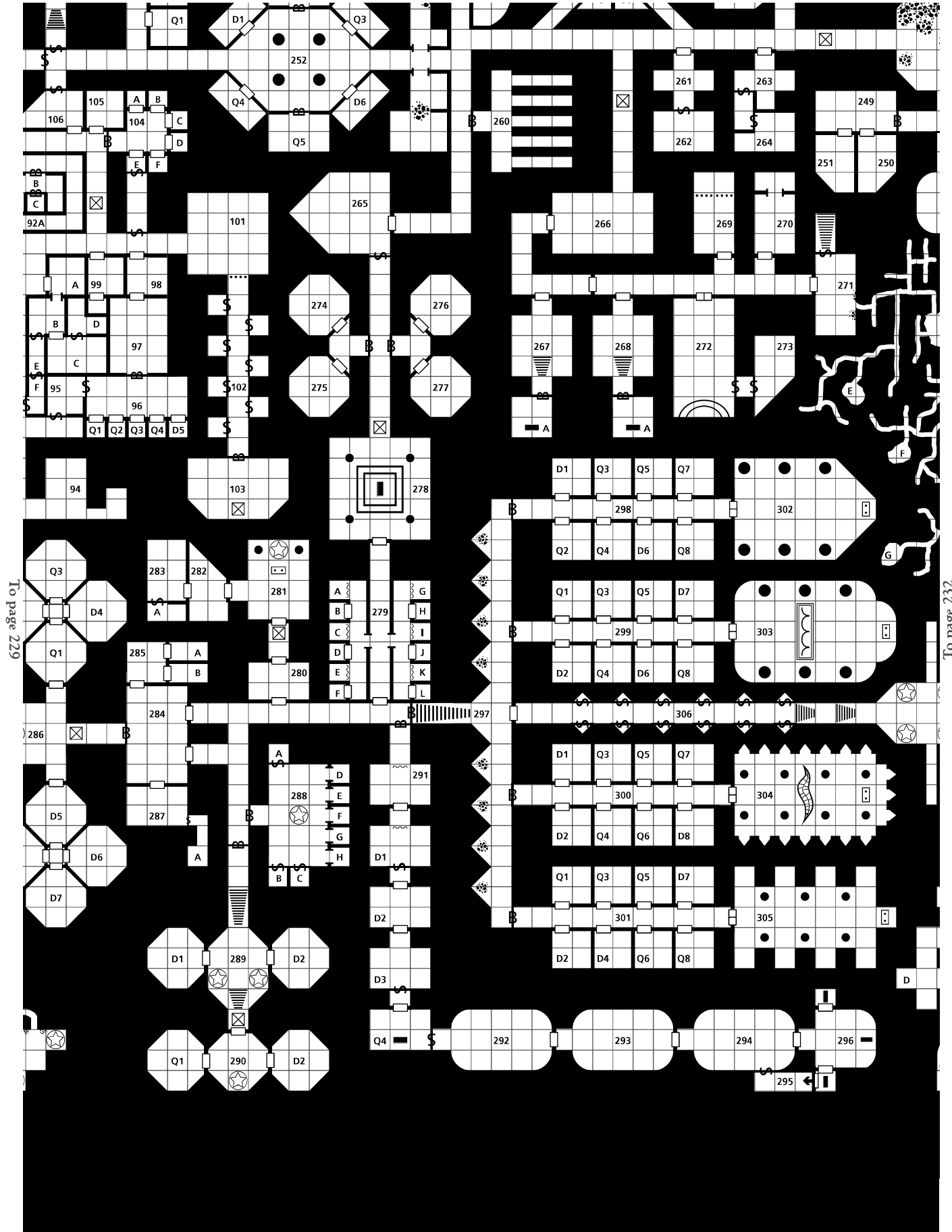
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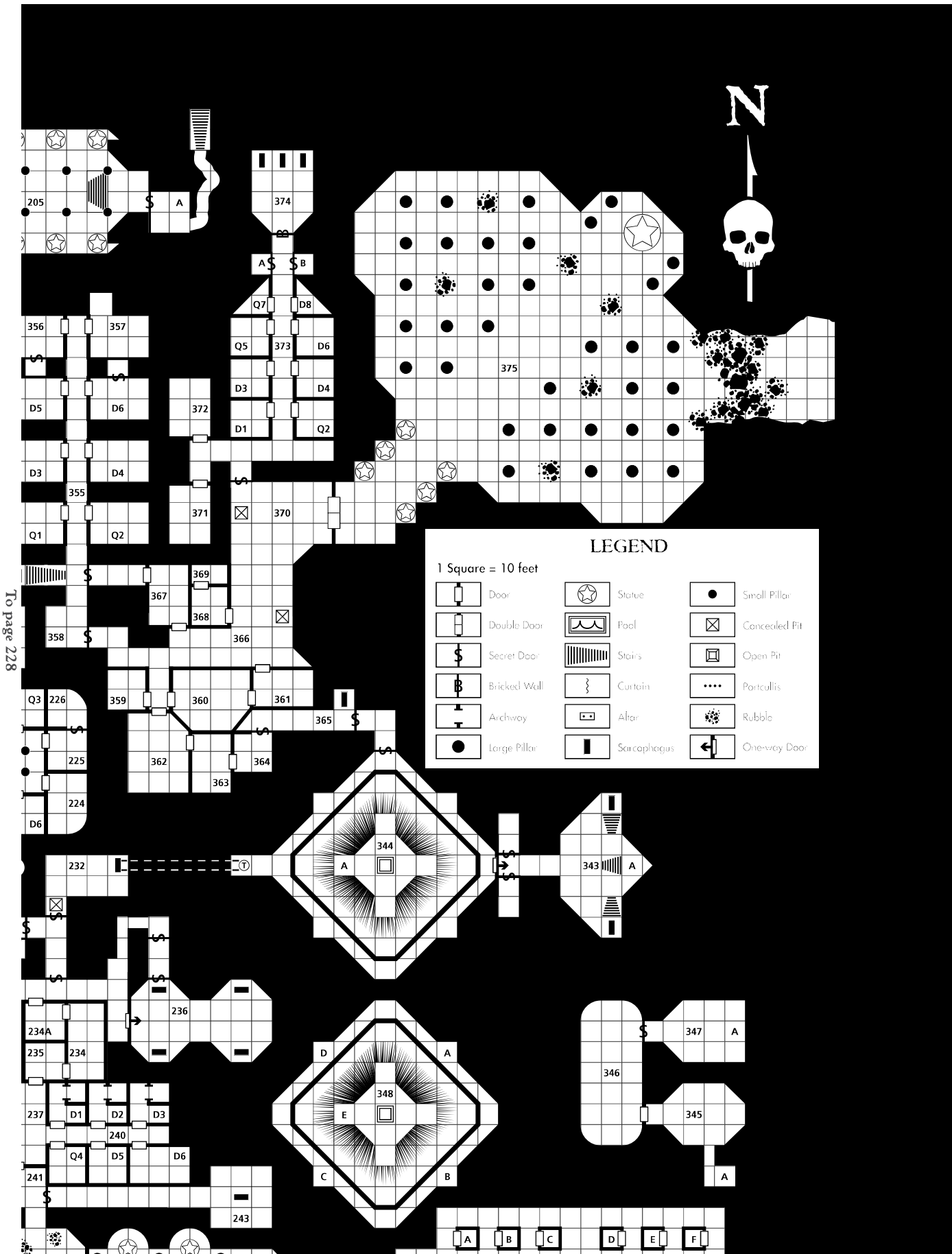
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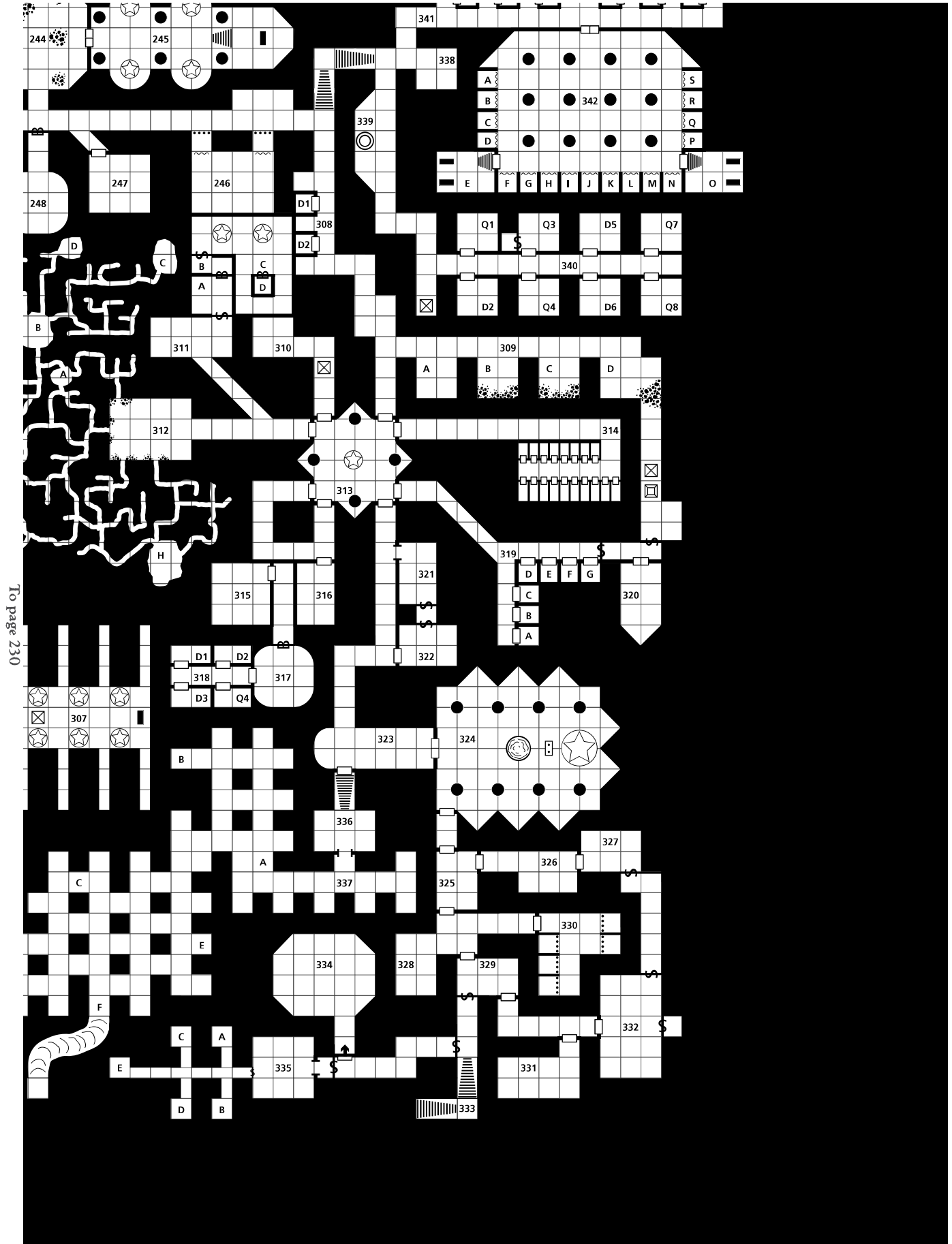
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1 Square = 10 feet

	Door		Statue		Small Pillar
	Double Door		Pool		Concealed Pit
	Secret Door		Stairs		Open Pit
	Bricked Wall		Curtain		Portcullis
	Archway		Altar		Rubble
	Large Pillar		Sarcophagus		One-way Door

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# Random Tables

**Table 1: Barrowmoor Random Encounters  
Levels 1–2**

1. Frogling (2d4)
2. Rival Adventuring Party\*
3. Crocodile (1d4)
4. Pteranodon (1d4+1)
5. Wolf (2d6)
6. Skeleton (1d8)
7. Zombie (1d6)
8. Giant Frog (2d4)
9. Swarm of Insects (1d4)
10. Roll on levels 3–4

\*Roll 1d8: 1) Boon Companions, 2) Renata the Robber, 3) The Norse Whisperers, 4) The Fearsome Fivesome, 5) The Bastards of Bogtown, 6) Bertrand's Brigands, 7) The Outriders of Uleck, 8) Reroll. Note there is a 25% chance these groups may have 1d4 Guards in their employ.

**Barrowmoor Random Encounters  
Levels 3–4**

1. Axe Beak (1d6)
2. Lizardman (2d4)
3. Tribal Warrior (2d4) led by a Berserker (1)
4. Giant Toad (1d4)
5. Giant Leech (1d4)
6. Ghoul (1d6)
7. Pteranodon (1d6+2)
8. Giant Constrictor Snake (1d4)
9. Giant Vulture (2d6)
10. Roll on levels 5–6

**Barrowmoor Random Encounters  
Levels 5–6**

1. Owlbear (1d4)
2. Ape (1d6) led by a Giant Ape (1)
3. Ghast (1d4)
4. Killer Scorpion (1d6)
5. Giant Ant (2d6)
6. Coffin Corpse (1d6)
7. Harpy (1d8)
8. Dire Wolf (1d4)
9. Shambling Mound (1d4-1)
10. Troll (1d8)

**Barrowmoor Random Encounters  
Levels 7+**

1. Giant Crocodile (1d4)
2. Manticore (1d6)
3. Giant Boar (2d4)
4. Mummy (1d4)
5. Wyvern (1d4-1)
6. Ape (2d6) led by a Giant Ape (1)
7. Wight (1d6)
8. Giant Horned Beetle (2d4; treat as Rhinoceros)
9. Triceratops (1d4-1)
10. Vampire (1)



**Table 2: Brazen Strumpet Random Patron Generator**

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Present?						
Mazzahs the Magnificent	1%	1%	1%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bollo the Barkeeper	95%	95%	99%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taycee the Barmaid	95%	95%	99%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ugritte the Barmaid	95%	95%	99%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Merda the Barmaid	75%	85%	99%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karg Barrelgut the Smith	10%	10%	65%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Othar of St. Ygg	1%	1%	5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cella of St. Ygg	1%	1%	5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gamdard of St. Ygg	10%	10%	10%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lord Kell Ironguard	1%	1%	1%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Krothos Ironguard	10%	12%	15%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ollis Blackfell	10%	12%	15%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valeron	5%	10%	35%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guildmaster Osen	10%	10%	65%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Billworth Turgen	5%	10%	50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alaster the Idiot (outside)	80%	80%	80%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perni Ticklebottom	10%	30%	10%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H.H.R. Huffnpuff	10%	10%	35%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hendon the Miller	5%	5%	20%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tamson, son of Hendon	5%	10%	35%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yusef, second son of Hendon	5%	5%	5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alzo Danuth (50% in disguise)	1%	1%	5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urnst Gunter (50% in disguise)	1%	1%	5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Villagers (farmers, etc) (2d4+1)	30%	60%	90%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renata the Robber (in disguise)	5%	5%	5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Norse Whisperers	15%	25%	50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Fearsome Fivesome	15%	25%	50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Bastards of Bogtown	15%	25%	50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bertrand's Brigands	15%	25%	50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Outriders of Ulekk	15%	25%	50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boon Companions	15%	25%	50%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level 0 Men-at-Arms (1d4)	15%	25%	60%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level 1 Classed Henchmen (1)	5%	15%	35%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Porters/Torchbearers	25%	45%	75%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**Table 3: Random Dungeon Dressing**

1.	A statue of a terrible gargoyle.	51.	Footprints, barefoot.
2.	The smell of burning garbage.	52.	Wall broken, with rune inscribed beneath.
3.	Rubble piled into a pyramid in one corner.	53.	Table with dried up tongues left on it.
4.	A strong gust of wind extinguishes torches.	54.	Row of spiked adventurer heads.
5.	A helm with head and expression of horror.	55.	Death screams, then silence.
6.	A large pile of bone and decaying flesh.	56.	Rusted cauldron with rotten teeth inside.
7.	A sack of weevil-infested biscuits.	57.	Row of spiked adventurer heads.
8.	Footprints, clawed.	58.	Receding torchlight ahead of the party.
9.	A statue of a paladin, defaced.	59.	A pool of rank water and the smell of mold.
10.	Several adventurer corpses piled near wall.	60.	The sound of rapidly beating insect wings.
11.	Body of a cleric adventurer, 50% equipped.	61.	Stone grinding on stone in the distance.
12.	Polished skulls setting on a table.	62.	Handprint made in dried blood.
13.	A pile of dead, half-eaten rats.	63.	A strong gust of wind extinguishes torches.
14.	A chalk drawing of several constellations.	64.	A pool of rank water and the smell of mold.
15.	Indiscernible shouting, very distant.	65.	Stone grinding on stone in the distance.
16.	The slamming of a door in the distance.	66.	Footprints, booted.
17.	Rusted cauldron with rotten teeth inside.	67.	The slamming of a door in the distance.
18.	An altar with fresh blood.	68.	A strong gust of wind extinguishes torches.
19.	A strong gust of wind extinguishes torches.	69.	Footprints, clawed.
20.	Puddles of scummy water.	70.	Air suddenly becomes cool for 1d4 x 10 minutes.
21.	Rubble piled into a pyramid.	71.	An altar with fresh blood.
22.	Human teeth, yellowed (1d20).	72.	A chalk drawing of several constellations.
23.	The smell of burning oil.	73.	A hammer in the distance "Tap-tom, tom-tap."
24.	Statue head, chipped beyond recognition.	74.	An altar with a pile of bones, gnawed.
25.	A pool of rank water and the smell of mold.	75.	An obelisk, broken.
26.	Statue of St. Ygg, defaced and knocked over.	76.	A pile of dead, half-eaten rats.
27.	Clanging swords, then silence.	77.	3 adventurers impaled against wall.
28.	Body of an elf adventurer, 50% equipped.	78.	A path of dried-up bread crumbs stops at wall.
29.	A large pile of bone and decaying flesh.	79.	A rat carcass, completely flattened.
30.	Body of a dwarf adventurer, 50% equipped.	80.	Footprints, barefoot.
31.	A sinister human cackle.	81.	The sound of a door opening slowly.
32.	A sudden thud, then silence.	82.	A rat carcass, completely flattened.
33.	Several adventurer corpses piled near wall.	83.	A sack of weevil-infested biscuits.
34.	Stone grinding on stone in the distance.	84.	Partial collapse.
35.	A very loud hissing sound, very far off.	85.	Stones piled over human body with sword.
36.	A low snarling noise from behind.	86.	Bucket helmet with head.
37.	A path of dried-up bread crumbs at a wall.	87.	Necklace of dried humanoid ears.
38.	A strong gust of wind extinguishes torches.	88.	Tattered black burial robes in a pile.
39.	Painting of a red arrow: "Go this way."	89.	A pouch with spell components.
40.	A phantom appears with cryptic message.	90.	25 feet of rope.
41.	Floor coated with flour. No prints (yet).	91.	A pouch with 5 darts.
42.	A helm with head and expression of horror.	92.	Wooden holy symbol.
43.	Body of a halfling adventurer, 50% equipped.	93.	A vial of holy water.
44.	A strong gust of wind extinguishes torches.	94.	A Dagger +1.
45.	A sudden thud, then silence.	95.	A scroll: 1 wizard spell.
46.	A very loud hissing sound, very far off.	96.	Chalk marks on the walls.
47.	Stone grinding on stone in the distance.	97.	Air suddenly becomes warm for 1d4 x 10 minutes.
48.	Body of a wizard adventurer, 50% equipped.	98.	A broken compass.
49.	Map shows area (& secret doors) in 40' radius.	99.	GM's Choice.
50.	A scratching noise, just beyond a random wall.	100.	GM's Choice.

**Table 4: Random Pit Contents**

- 1-3. Empty
- 4-5. Spiked
6. Sloped (with closing doors)
7. Monster
8. Bottomless

All pits are 10' deep except for Bottomless Pits. Consult the Barrowmaze map for open and concealed pits.

**Empty Pit:** 1d6 bludgeoning damage from falling.

**Spiked Pits:** 1d6 bludgeoning damage from falling, 1d6 piercing damage from spikes. Additionally, spikes are poisoned (DC 13 Con save or die).

**Sloped Pit:** Sloped pit. Ten feet at an angle and 10 feet down, pit doors close.

**Monster Pit:** Pit contains a monster(s). Consult the Random Encounter Table for that area of the dungeon and adjust accordingly.

**Bottomless Pit:** PC lost to oblivion.



**Table 5: Random Graffiti**

1. The entrance sealed behind us. Cannot get out.
2. They are coming.
3. Beware the dark water.
4. Don't go on!
5. Cannot get out!
6. Something is following us. Beware the eyes in the dark!
7. Make no sound. They will seek you out.
8. I screwed the barmaid at The Brazen Strumpet.
9. Pullo was here.
10. Rhymes with numbers.
11. Gyx-yag sent us!
12. Beware the great minotaur.

**Table 6: Runic Tablet Result**

1. DC 13 Con save or die.
2. DC 13 Int save or suffer curse (amnesia).
3. DC 13 Cha save or suffer curse (blindness).
4. DC 13 Wis save or suffer curse (insanity).
5. DC 13 Con save or suffer curse (mummy rot).
6. DC 13 Con save or suffer the effects of *Ray of Enfeeblement* until cured by *Greater Restoration*, *Heal*, or *Wish*.
7. DC 13 Int save or suffer the effects of *Feeblemind* until cured by *Greater Restoration*, *Heal*, or *Wish*.
8. DC 13 Wis save or suffer the effects of *Confusion* until cured by *Greater Restoration*, *Heal*, or *Wish*.
9. Reader will automatically fail their next saving throw.
10. DC 13 Dex save or take 3d6 fire damage (half on save).
11. Tablet provides history of The Tablet of Chaos.
12. Tablet provides history of Nergal.
13. Tablet provides history of Set and Orcus.
14. Tablet is a partial map (GM's choice).
15. Tablet serves as a random 3rd level wizard *Spell Scroll*.
16. Tablet serves as a random 3rd level cleric *Spell Scroll*.
17. Reader receives the effects of the *Bless* spell for 1 hour.
18. Reader receives the effects of the *Protection From Evil and Good* spell for 1 hour.
19. Reader will automatically succeed on their next saving throw..
20. Reader receives +1 to one randomly determined ability score.



**Table 7: Random Sarcophagus Contents**  
(Each entry can be found once)

1.	<i>Potion of Animal Friendship</i>	51.	Gem: Garnet (100gp)
2.	Canopic Jars (Broken)	52.	3 <i>Spell Scrolls</i> with random wizard spells
3.	Runic Tablet	53.	Gold Scarab
4.	<i>Magical Scarab</i> (Decorative Amulet)	54.	<b>Barrow Ghast</b>
5.	<i>Rope of Climbing</i>	55.	<i>Potion of Clairvoyance</i>
6.	Grateful Adventurer in stasis	56.	Gold Canopic Jars (1d4)
7.	<i>Scroll of Protection (Lycanthropes)</i>	57.	<i>Wand of Paralysis</i>
8.	Adventurer in Stasis (Doppelganger)	58.	Pair of Small Gold Couchant Jackals
9.	Gold Bracelets (50gp)	59.	Head of a Gold Scepter (250gp)
10.	Gem: Amber (100gp)	60.	Platinum Ankh (2,500gp)
11.	Runic Tablet	61.	<b>Barrow Mummy</b>
12.	Terra Cotta Canopic Jars (1d4)	62.	<i>Potion of Greater Healing</i>
13.	<i>Potion of Climbing</i>	63.	Empty Burial Shroud
14.	<b>Ochre Jelly</b>	64.	Runic Tablet
15.	<i>Scroll of Protection (Monstrosities)</i>	65.	<i>Tome of Stealth</i> (grants the reader proficiency in Stealth)
16.	<b>Black Pudding</b>	66.	3 <i>Spell Scrolls</i> with random cleric spells
17.	<i>Magical Scarab</i> (Gemstone)	67.	Platinum Canopic Jars (1d4)
18.	<i>Wand of Fireballs</i>	68.	Basket of Petrified Fruit
19.	Silver Figurine (25gp)	69.	Gold Scarab
20.	Gem: Jade (100gp)	70.	Gem: Chrysoberyl (100gp)
21.	<b>Rot Pudding</b>	71.	<b>Mummy</b>
22.	<i>Potion of Stone Giant Strength</i>	72.	Silver Scarab
23.	Silver Earrings (25gp)	73.	Two Electrum Urns (100gp)
24.	Glass Canopic Jars (1d4)	74.	4 <i>Spell Scrolls</i> with random wizard spells
25.	Runic Tablet	75.	Gold and Ivory Canopic Jars (1d4)
26.	<i>Bag of Devouring</i>	76.	Runic Tablet
27.	<i>Magical Scarab</i> (Cursed)	77.	<i>Weapon +2</i> (GM's Discretion)
28.	<i>Scroll of Protection (Elementals)</i>	78.	Gem: Smoky Quartz (50gp)
29.	<b>Staked Vampire</b>	79.	<i>Potion of Diminution</i>
30.	Gold Signet Ring (100gp)	80.	<b>Clockwork Cobra</b>
31.	Gem: White Pearl (100gp)	81.	Broken Black Urn
32.	Thief in Stasis ( <b>Wererat</b> )	82.	Runic Tablet
33.	2 <i>Spell Scrolls</i> with random wizard spells	83.	Silver Canopic Jars (1d4)
34.	Silver Canopic Jars (1d4)	84.	<b>Clockwork Scorpion</b>
35.	<i>Potion of Gaseous Form</i>	85.	<i>Potion of Superior Healing</i>
36.	<i>Magical Scarab</i> (Decorative Amulet)	86.	<b>Wight</b>
37.	<i>Dust of Sneezing and Choking</i>	87.	Silver Scarab
38.	Runic Tablet	88.	<b>Barrow Wight</b>
39.	<b>Iron Statue</b> (see new <i>Animate Statue</i> spell for stats)	89.	Bottle of Ancient Wine (250gp)
40.	Strangely Preserved Lizardman	90.	Gem: Jasper (Blue)
41.	<i>Magical Scarab</i> (Gemstone)	91.	Mummified Jackal (50gp)
42.	Emerald Headdress (2,500gp)	92.	<b>Wraith</b>
43.	<i>Potion of Healing</i>	93.	4 <i>Spell Scrolls</i> with random cleric spells
44.	Runic Tablet	94.	Runic Tablet
45.	<i>Restorative Ointment</i>	95.	Electrum Canopic Jars (1d4)
46.	Gem: Black Pearl (500gp)	96.	<i>Potion of Supreme Healing</i>
47.	2 <i>Spell Scrolls</i> with random cleric spells	97.	Platinum Scarab
48.	Electrum Canopic Jars (1d4)	98.	<b>Vampire</b>
49.	Perfumed Oil	99.	<i>Mithril Fleece</i> (the bearer can cast <i>Heal</i> once per week)
50.	Runic Tablet	100.	<i>Dwarven Thrower</i>

Excluding select monsters identified above, sarcophagi contain an inanimate skeleton (60%), inanimate mummy (30%), or disintegrated remains (10%). Consult the Introduction for the monetary value of Scarabs, Canopic Jars, etc.

# Barrow Mound Random Crypt Generator

My vision for Barrowmaze always included a vast, sprawling field of barrow mounds. These mounds provide fun dungeon delving on their own, offer some low-hanging fruit for PCs, and also provide secret points of entry into the dungeon. I encourage GMs to use the Random Barrow Mound Crypt generator provided here and adapt it to suit the needs of their campaign. The generator includes a Barrow Mound Crypt Worksheet to make the process easier to follow and record.

There are numerous steps to the generator and a number of sub-tables to consult, subject to the randomness. Although the generator can provide some evocative results, it is up to the GMs to interpret, expand, and thematically connect the ideas. Be sure to have a pencil and a full set of RPG dice when you begin.

## Step 1: Generate Crypt Geomorphs

**1:** Roll 1d8 on Table 1: Crypt Entrance to determine the random crypt entrance.

**2:** Roll 1d4 to determine the number of additional chambers.

**3:** Roll 1d8 on Table 2: Crypt Chambers to determine the geomorph for each additional chamber. Number your results starting with the entrance chamber. Add secret doors or connect when necessary.

Note that all Barrow Mound crypt entrances are sealed with large coverstones. A sledge hammer and iron spike are required to break open coverstones (melee weapons cannot be used for this type of work). Opening a crypt door with sledge and spike takes 20 minutes and, due to the noise, requires at least one random monster check.

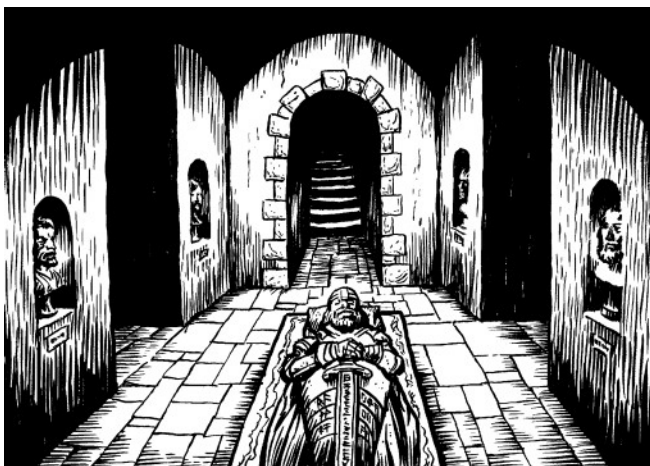
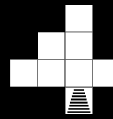
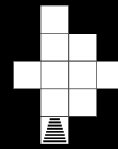


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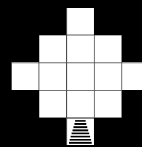
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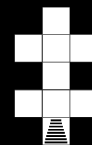
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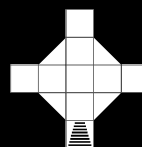
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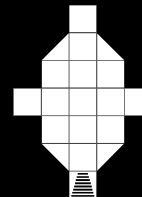
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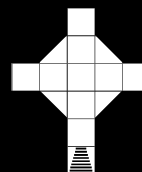
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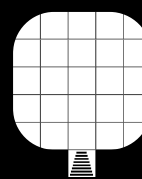
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**Table 2: Crypt Chambers**  
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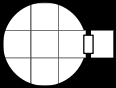
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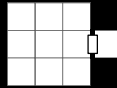
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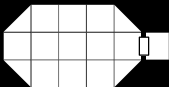
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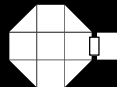
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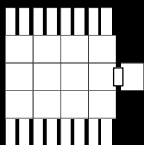
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**Step 2: Determine Crypt Condition (1d6)**

**Crypt Condition**

1-4 Dry

5 Flooded with water (ankle deep)

6 Flooded with water (knee deep)

**Step 3: Determine Door Type (1d6)**

**Table X: Crypt Door Type**

1-2 Stone\*

3 Wood\*

4 Wood reinforced with iron\*

5 Bronze\*

6 Archway with portcullis (Do not roll on table 3B).\*\*

\*There is a 30% chance that a 10' descending staircase extends immediately beyond a door.

\*\*Requires 6 PCs to raise and hold without appropriate equipment (i.e. 6 foot prybar, etc).

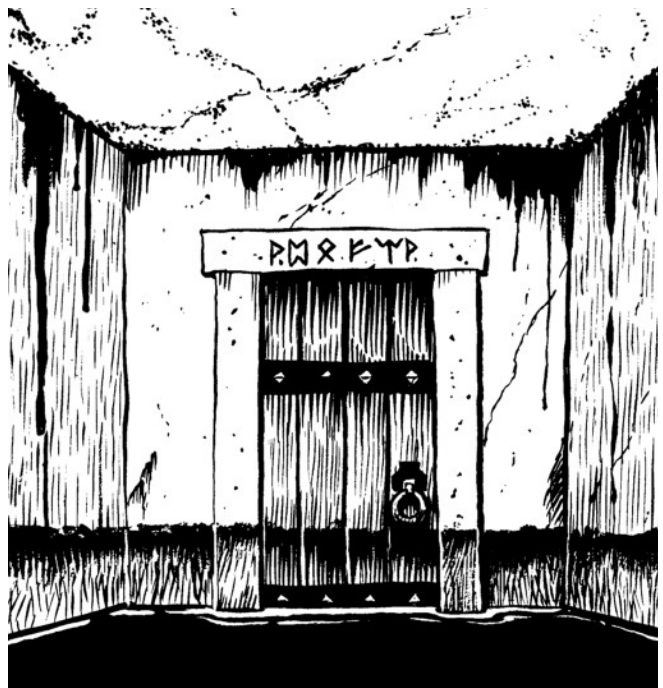
**Crypt Door is...**

1-2 Locked

3-4 Sealed (Wax if stone. Rope with seal if Wood/Bronze)

5 Closed

6 Ajar



## Step 4: Determine Entrance Features (1d12)

### Crypt Entrance Feature

1	<b>Statue:</b>	Nergal (1–2), Animated (3–4), Hero with Magical Weapon (5–6)*
2	<b>Sarcophagus:</b>	Skeletal Remains (1–2), Zombie (3–4), Mummy (5–6)**
3	<b>Altar:</b>	Nergal (1–2), Orcus (3–4), Set (5–6)
4	<b>Burial Alcoves (2d20):</b>	Alcoves possess Grave Goods (see Step 7)
5	<b>Frescos or Bas Relief:</b>	GM's choice.
6	<b>Curtains or Tapestries:</b>	Only 20% are valuable (see Step 7)
7	<b>Throne:</b>	Aligned to Lawful (1–2), Neutral (3–4), Chaotic (5–6). Make next Save attempt.
8	<b>Strange Dark Pool(s) (1d2):</b>	Effect of pool(s) GM's discretion.
9	<b>Woven Funerary Baskets:</b>	Skulls (1–2), Rotted Grain (3–4), Coin (5–6) (see Step 7A*)
10	<b>Pillars with Gemstones:</b>	1d4+2 stones worth 100–400gp each
11	<b>Secret Door:</b>	Stash of Grave Goods (see Step 7)
12	<b>Partially Collapsed:</b>	1–2 chance on d6 per 10 minutes that further collapse may occur (2d6 damage, half on save)

\*Roll 1d6: Sword (1–2), Mace (3–4), Bow (5–6). Adjust accordingly to PC level: 1–3 (+1), 4–6 (+2), 7+ (+3).

\*\*Substitute the monsters noted here as necessary for campaign theme/PC level.

## Step 5: Determine Contents (1d12)

### Crypt Contents

1	Empty
2	Empty with Grave Goods
3	Empty with Trap
4	Empty with Trap
5	Empty with Trap and Grave Goods
6	Empty with Trap and Grave Goods
7	Monster with Trap and Grave Goods
8	Monster
9	Monster with Grave Goods
10	Monster with Grave Goods
11	Unique Feature: Roll on Step 4
12	Plundered Crypt (roll again unless this is the crypt entrance)*

\*Tomb-robbers have broken into the entrance of this crypt. Roll 1d6 for all the remaining chambers. A roll of 1–4 indicates the chamber has been entered, searched, and plundered.

To determine if a plundered crypt is still occupied, roll 1d8 on the chart below.

Regardless of how many crypt chambers have been plundered, roll on this table only once:

### Plundered Crypt: Occupants

1–4	Empty
5	Tomb-Robbers (2d4+4)
6	Acolytes of Orcus (1d6+4)
7	Necromancers of Set (1d6+4)
8	Random Monster: Roll 1d6 and consult Step 6 to determine the monster type that wandered into the plundered crypt—1–2: (Level 1–3), 3–4 (Level 4–6), 5–6 (Level 7+) or as needed for your campaign.



## Step 6: Determine Monsters (if applicable)

The monsters below are grouped roughly according to character level. The GM can either select the appropriate column for his/her campaign or randomly determine the monsters present. In the case of the latter, roll 1d6: 1–2 (Levels 1–3), 3–4 (Levels 4–6), or 5–6 (Levels 7+). This can be easily modified by the GM to accommodate low-level or high-level adventuring, as required.

This chamber is inhabited by:

Monsters		
Levels 1–3	Levels 4–6	Levels 7–10
1 Skeleton (1d8)	Caryatid Column (1d4)	Black Pudding (1)
2 Giant Centipede (1d6)	Water Weird (1)	Amber Golem (1d2; treat as Clay Golem)
3 Giant Rat (1d10)	Lesser Flagstone Golem (1d4)	Ogre Zombie (2d6)
4 Blood-Thirsty Spider (1d4)	Sandling (1d4)	Ochre Jelly (1d4)
5 Crypt Shade (1d2)	Son of Gaxx (1d6)	Vampire (1)
6 Rot Grubs	Ravenous Dead (1d6)	Ghost (1d4)
7 Amber Mold	Mummy (1d4)	Iron Golem (1)
8 Giant Spider (1d4)	Wight (1d4)	Stone Golem (1)
9 Zombie (1d6)	Giant Ant (1d6+4)	Banshee (1)
10 Shadow (1d4)	Giant Centipede (2d6)	Guardian Naga (1)
11 Ghoul (1d4)	Gargoyle (1d4)	Barrow Mummy (1d4)
12 Giant Fire Beetle (1d6)	Specter (1)	Gemstone Golem (1)
13 Fossil Skeleton (1d6)	Statue: Iron or Stone (1d4)	Runic Golem (1d2)
14 Gray Ooze (1)	Wraith (1d2)	Rot Pudding (1)
15 Coffin Corpse (1)	Swarm of Insects—Beetles (2d6)	Barrow Ghast (1d2)
16 Barrow Guardian (1d2)	Ghast (1d4)	Brown Pudding (1)
17 Killer Scorpion (1d4)	Spectral Dead (1d6)	Steel Skeleton (1d4)
18 Statue: Iron or Stone (1)	Greater Barrow Guardian (1d2)	Greater Crypt Shade (1)
19 Ochre Jelly (1)	Barrow Wight (1d2)	Crypt Knight (1d6+2)
20 Roll on Levels 4–6	Roll on Levels 7+	Juju Zombie (1d8+6)

## Step 7: Determine Grave Goods

The Grave Goods presented here are intended to add variety. They can be used in place of (or in conjunction with) traditional items found in treasure hoards, as the GM deems appropriate.

There are three steps to this process:

1. Determine the Type of Grave Goods
2. Determine the Value of the Grave Goods in gold pieces (gp)
3. Determine if the grave goods are of Exceptional Value. If so, add the amount indicated on the appropriate subtable below and include the Description, if applicable.

If Grave Goods are present, roll 1d20 to determine the Grave Goods Type.

Grave Goods Type	
1–3	Amphora
4–6	Goblet
7–10	Jewelry
11–13	Coin*
14–16	Gems
17–18	Ancient Scrolls and Manuscripts
19–20	Random Magic Item

\*If coin, roll 1d20: Copper (1–5), Electrum (6–10), Silver (11–14), Gold (15–18), Platinum (19–20). When determining the value, use the coin type rolled instead of gp on the Grave Goods Value table below.



After *Grave Goods Type*, determine the value by rolling 1d12 or select the appropriate column to correspond to the monster level.

Grave Goods Value			
	Levels 1-3	Levels 4-6	Levels 7-10
1	50gp	550gp	1050gp
2-3	100gp	600gp	1400gp
4-6	200gp	700gp	1800gp
7-9	300gp	800gp	2200gp
10-11	400gp	900gp	2600gp
12	500gp	1000gp	3000gp

For each set of Grave Goods present roll 1d8. A roll of 1 indicates a treasure of exceptional value. Consult the appropriate sub-table to determine the final value.

Grave Goods of Exceptional Value	
<b>Amphora (1d6)</b>	<b>Description (Exceptional Value)</b>
1-2	Decorative (+300gp)
3-4	Ornate (+400gp)
5-6	Commemorative (+500gp)
<b>Goblet (1d8)</b>	<b>Description (Exceptional Value)</b>
1-3	Wrought Silver (+300gp)
4-6	Wrought Gold (+400gp)
7	Wrought Silver with Gems (+800gp)
8	Wrought Gold with Gems (+1000gp)

Jewelry Type*	
1	Bracelet
2	Broach
3	Circlet
4	Earring
5	Necklace
6	Ring
7	Bracers
8	Cloak Clasp
9	Belt Buckle
10	Scabbard (inlaid with)

Jewelry (Exceptional Value)	
1	Ivory (+100gp)
2	Jade (+200gp)
3	Coral (+300gp)
4	Silver (+400gp)
5	Electrum (+450gp)
6	Gold (+500gp)
7	Platinum (+600gp)
8	Silver with Gems (+800gp)
9	Gold with Gems (+1000gp)
10	Platinum with Gems (+1200gp)

Coin	
1-5	Copper (+1000cp)
6-10	Silver (+800sp)
11-14	Electrum (+600ep)
15-18	Gold (+400gp)
19-20	Platinum (+50pp)

Gems	
1	Azurite (+50gp)
2	Lapis Lazuli (+75gp)
3	Tiger Eye (+100gp)
4	Bloodstone (+100gp)
5	Moonstone (+200gp)
6	Sardonyx (+300gp)
7	Amethyst (+300gp)
8	Aquamarine (+400gp)
9	Pearl (+500gp)
10	Black Sapphire (+500gp)
11	Emerald (+800gp)
12	Diamond (+1000gp)



\*For Jewelry roll Type. If Exceptional, roll both tables.



## Scrolls

- 1 Ancient star charts (+50gp)
- 2 Personal papers (+100gp)
- 3 Holy writs (+150gp)
- 4 Sheet music (+200gp)
- 5 Folktales of lost tribe (+250gp)
- 6 Bestiary (+300gp)
- 7 Love letter from ancient hero (+350gp)
- 8 Map with secret Barrowmaze entrance (+400gp)
- 9 Potion formula (+500gp)
- 10 *Scroll of Protection* (GM's choice)
- 11 4 *Spell Scrolls* with cleric spells (GM's choice)
- 12 4 *Spell Scrolls* with wizard spells (GM's choice)

## Step 8: Determine Traps

Roll 1d6 to determine the Trap Type. Then roll on the appropriate sub-table.

### Trap Type

- 1 Pit
- 2 Melee
- 3 Ranged
- 4 Gas
- 5 Magical
- 6 Curse



## Pit Trap

- 1 10' Deep (1d6 points of damage)
- 2 20' Deep with Spikes (2d6 falling damage + 1d6 for spikes)
- 3 30' Deep with Spikes and Locks Shut (3d6 falling damage + 1d6 for spikes)
- 4 20' Deep with Spikes and **Amber Mold** (2d6 falling damage + 1d6 for spikes)

## Melee

- 1 Pendulum Blade (2d6 damage. DC 14 Dex save for half)
- 2 Floor Spears (1d6 points of damage, no save)
- 3 Swinging Ball (2d6 damage. DC 14 Dex save for half)
- 4 **Clockwork Cobra** (50%) or **Clockwork Scorpion** (50%)

## Ranged\*

- 1 Poison Darts (1d6 damage. DC 14 Con save or die)
- 2 Crossbow Bolt (1d6 damage)
- 3 Poisoned Arrows (1d6 damage. DC 14 Con save or take an additional 1d6)
- 4 Poison Needles (1d4 damage. DC 14 Con save or die)

\*The trap makes an attack roll at +6; no effect on a miss.

## Gas

- 1 Poison (1d6 points of damage per round. Gas lasts for 1d6 rounds. DC 14 Con save for half)
- 2 Paralytic (DC 14 Con save or paralyzed. Effect lasts for 10 minutes. Roll for random monsters)
- 3 Sleeping (DC 14 Con save or unconscious—ends if damage is taken. Effect lasts for 10 minutes. Roll for random monsters)
- 4 Laughing (DC 14 Con save or laughing hysterically. Effect lasts for 10 minutes. Roll for random monsters)

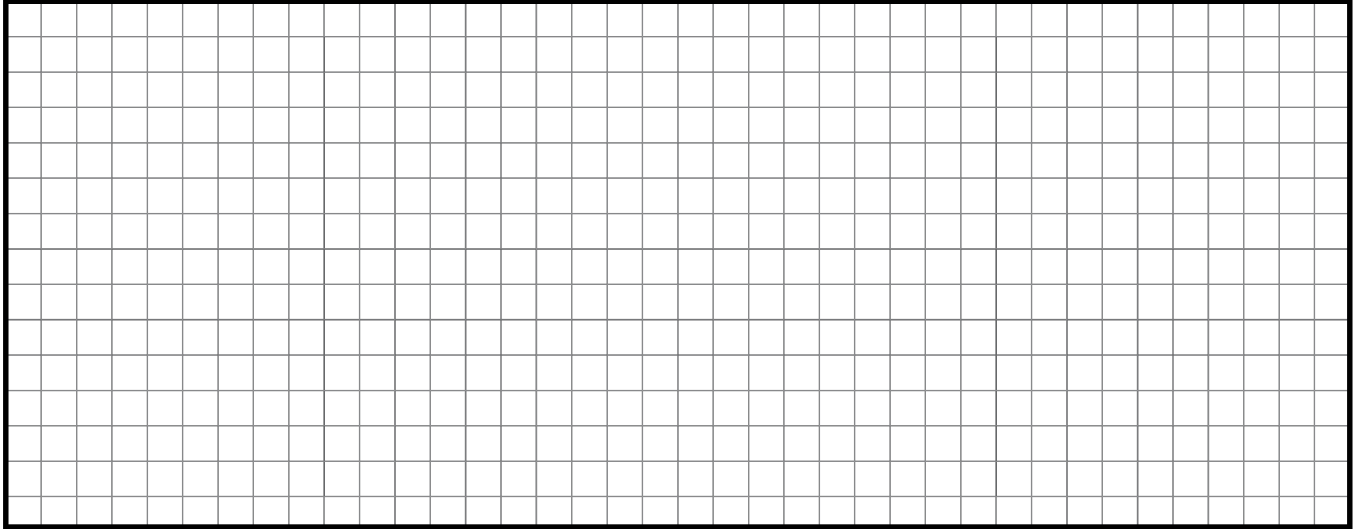
## Magical

- 1 Warded with magical lightning. DC 14 Dex save or take 3d10 points of damage (half on save).
- 2 Warded with magical fire. DC 14 Dex save or take 5d6 points of damage (half on save).
- 3 *Polymorph* (DC 14 Wis save or polymorphed into 1: Goat, 2: Frog, 3: Snake, 4: Donkey)
- 4 *Wall of Stone* covers crypt entrance/exit

## Curse

- 1 *Blindness* (PC is blinded until a *Remove Curse* spell is cast)
- 2 *Feeblemind* (PC is feeble-minded until *Dispel Magic* and *Remove Curse* spells are cast)
- 3 *Insanity* (PC becomes insane until a *Remove Curse* spell is cast)
- 4 *Mummy Rot* (PC infected with Mummy Rot until a *Remove Curse* spell is cast)

# Random Barrow Mound Crypt Generator Worksheet



**Crypt Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Crypt Condition:  Dry     Flooded (Ankle Deep)     Flooded (Knee Deep)  
 Door Type:     Stone     Wood     Wood/Iron     Bronze     Archway/Portcullis

**Crypt  
Entrance 1**

Entrance Features: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monster: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grave Goods: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trap: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chamber 2**

Unique Features: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monster: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grave Goods: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trap: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chamber 3**

Unique Features: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monster: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grave Goods: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trap: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chamber 4**

Unique Features: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monster: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grave Goods: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trap: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chamber 5**

Unique Features: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monster: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grave Goods: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trap: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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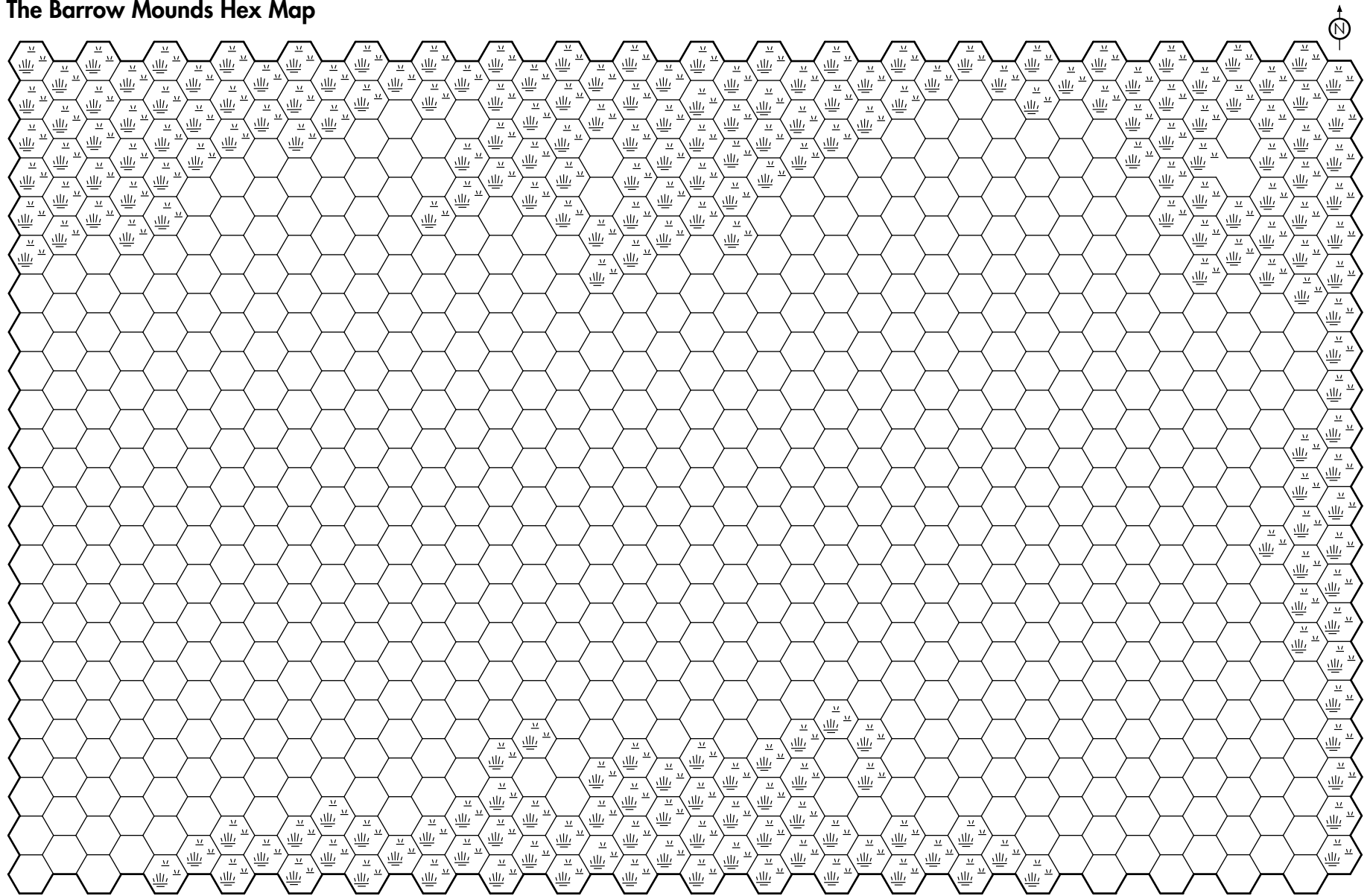
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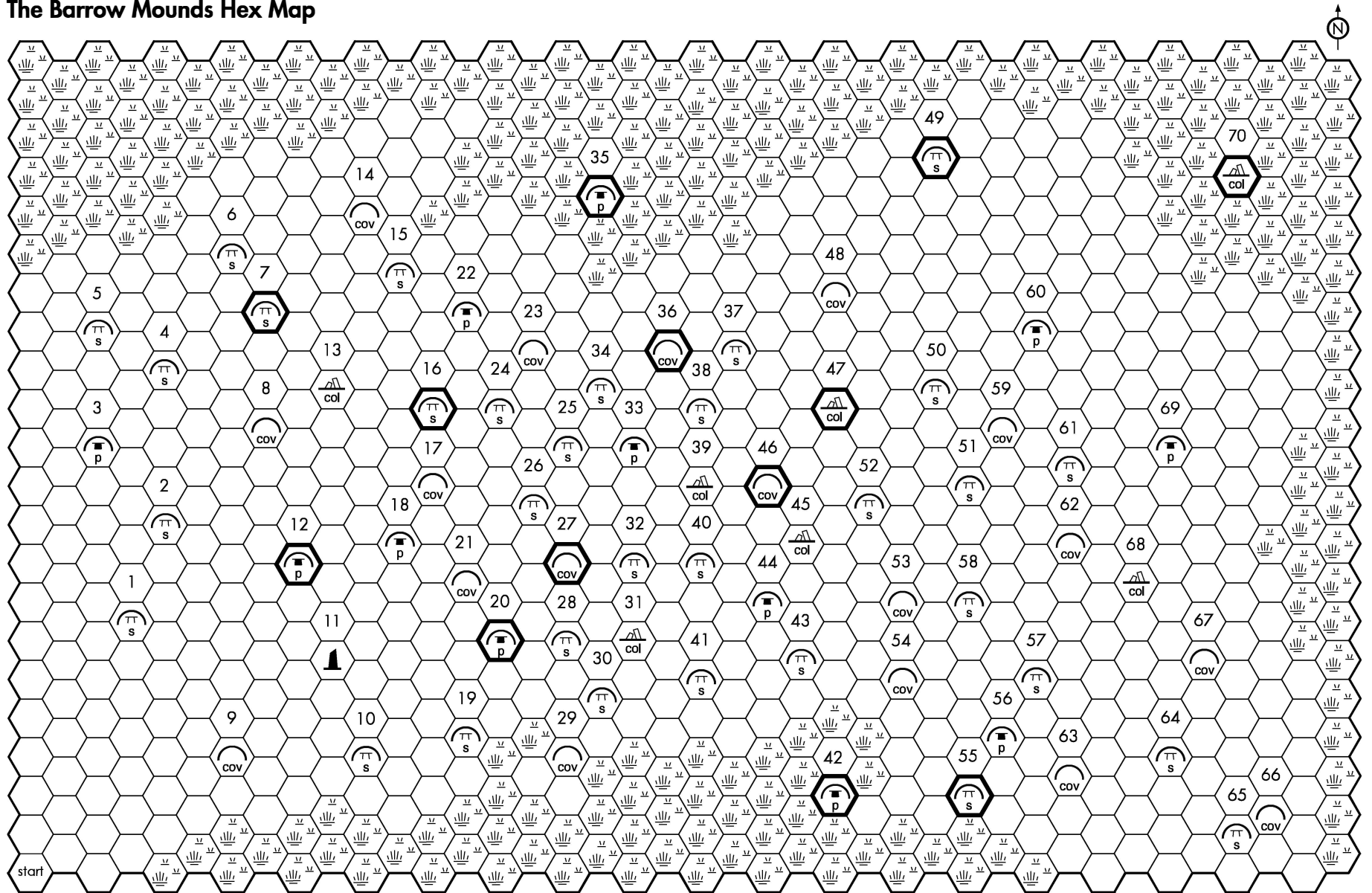
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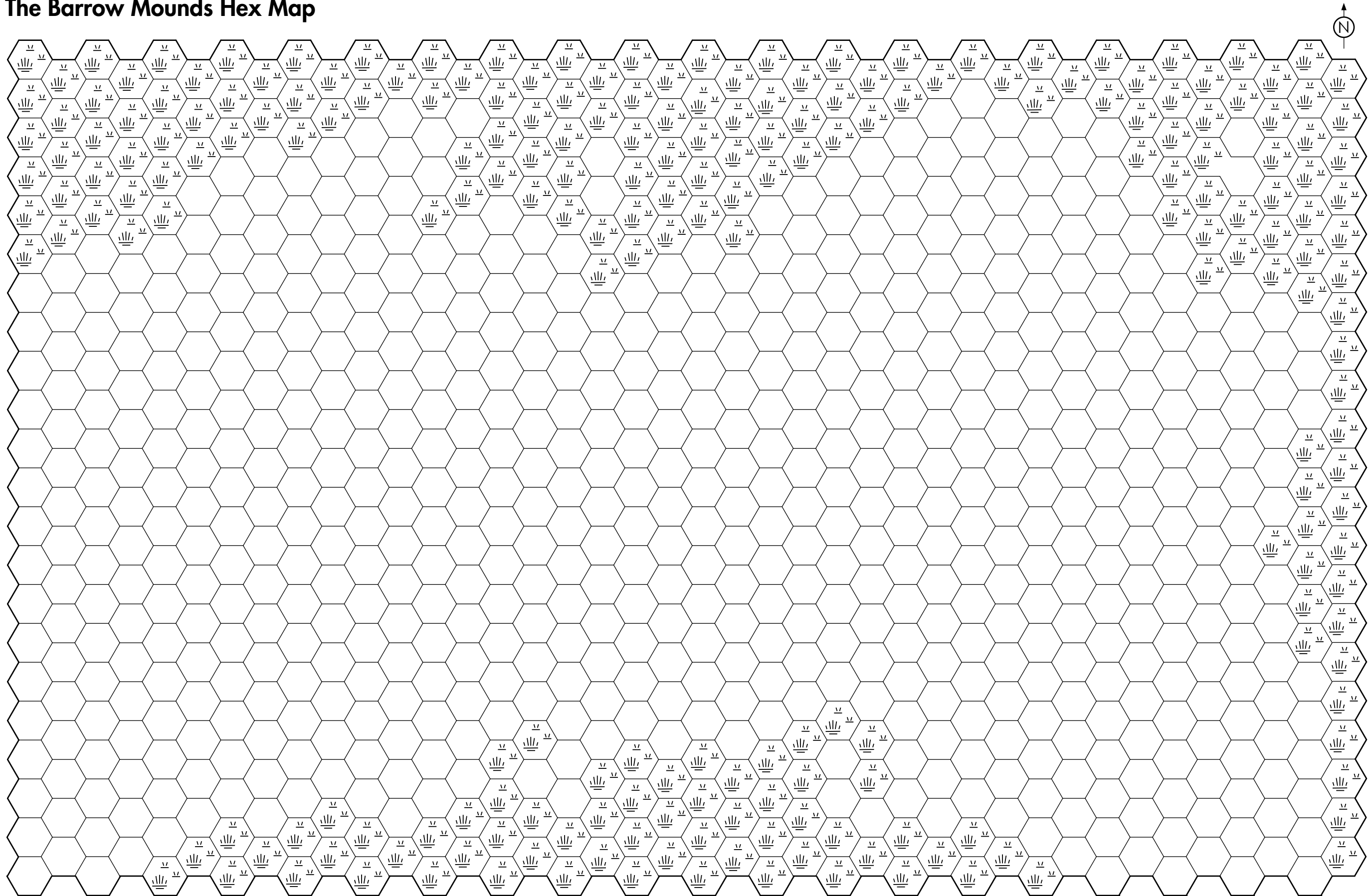
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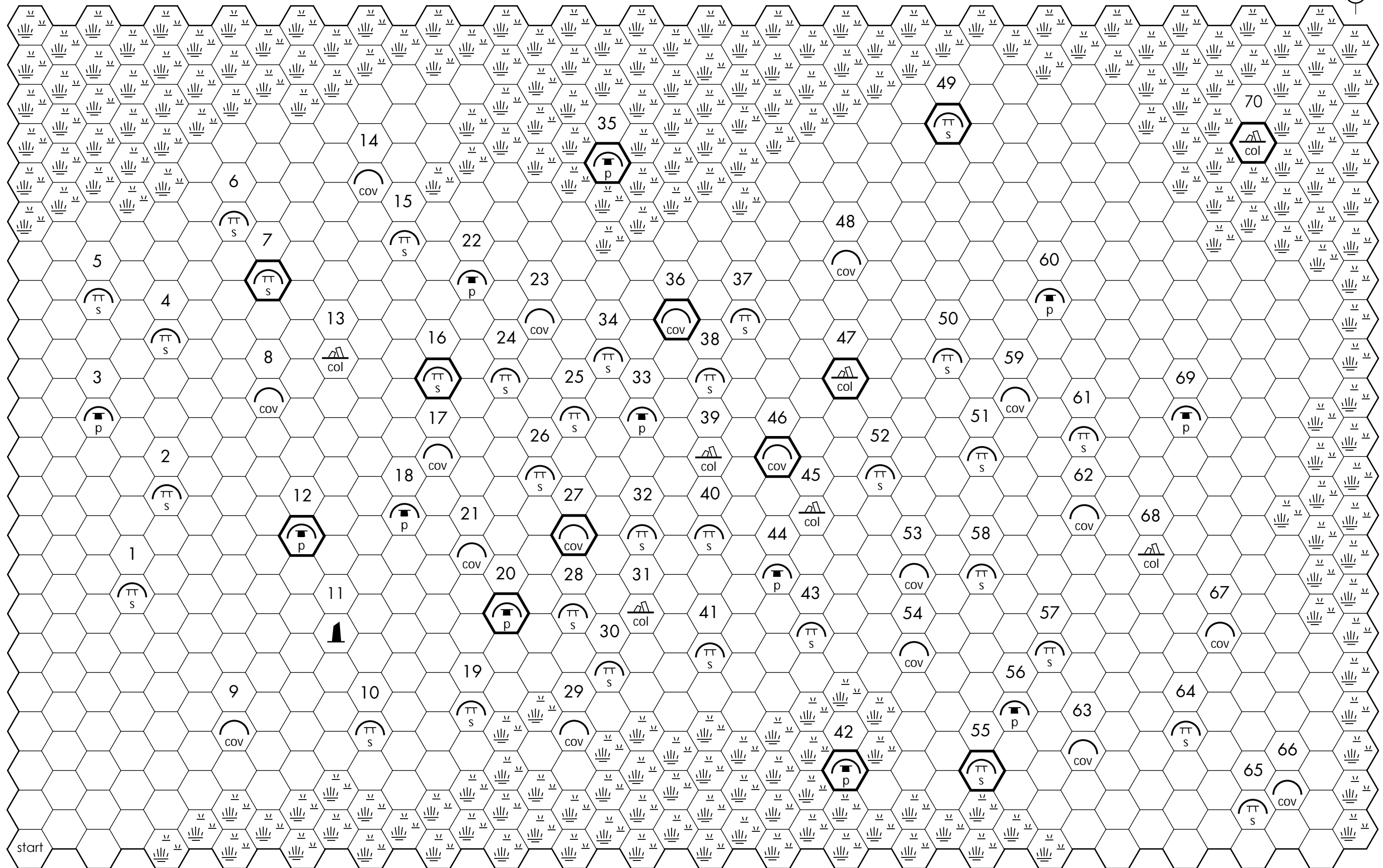
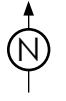
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
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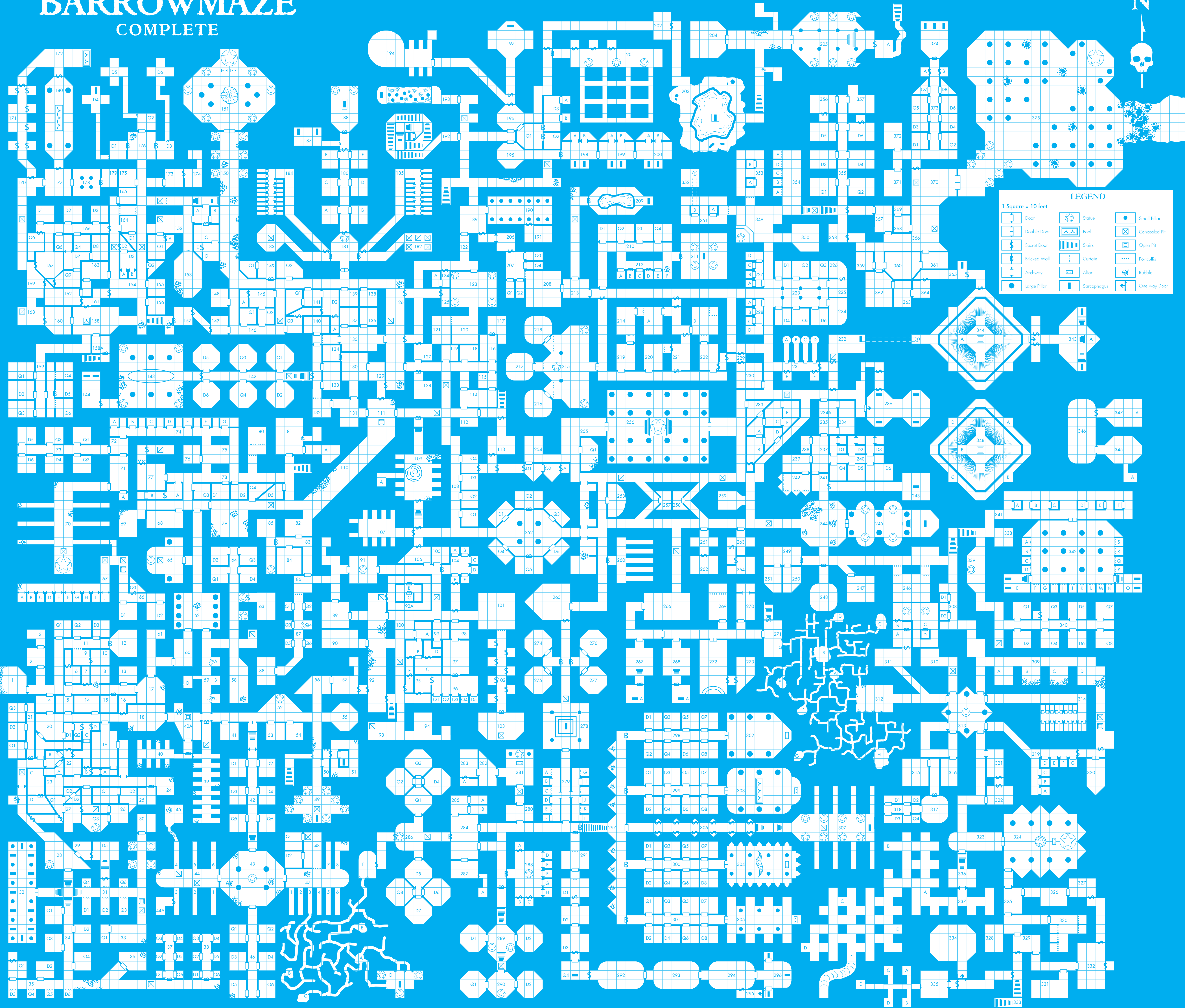
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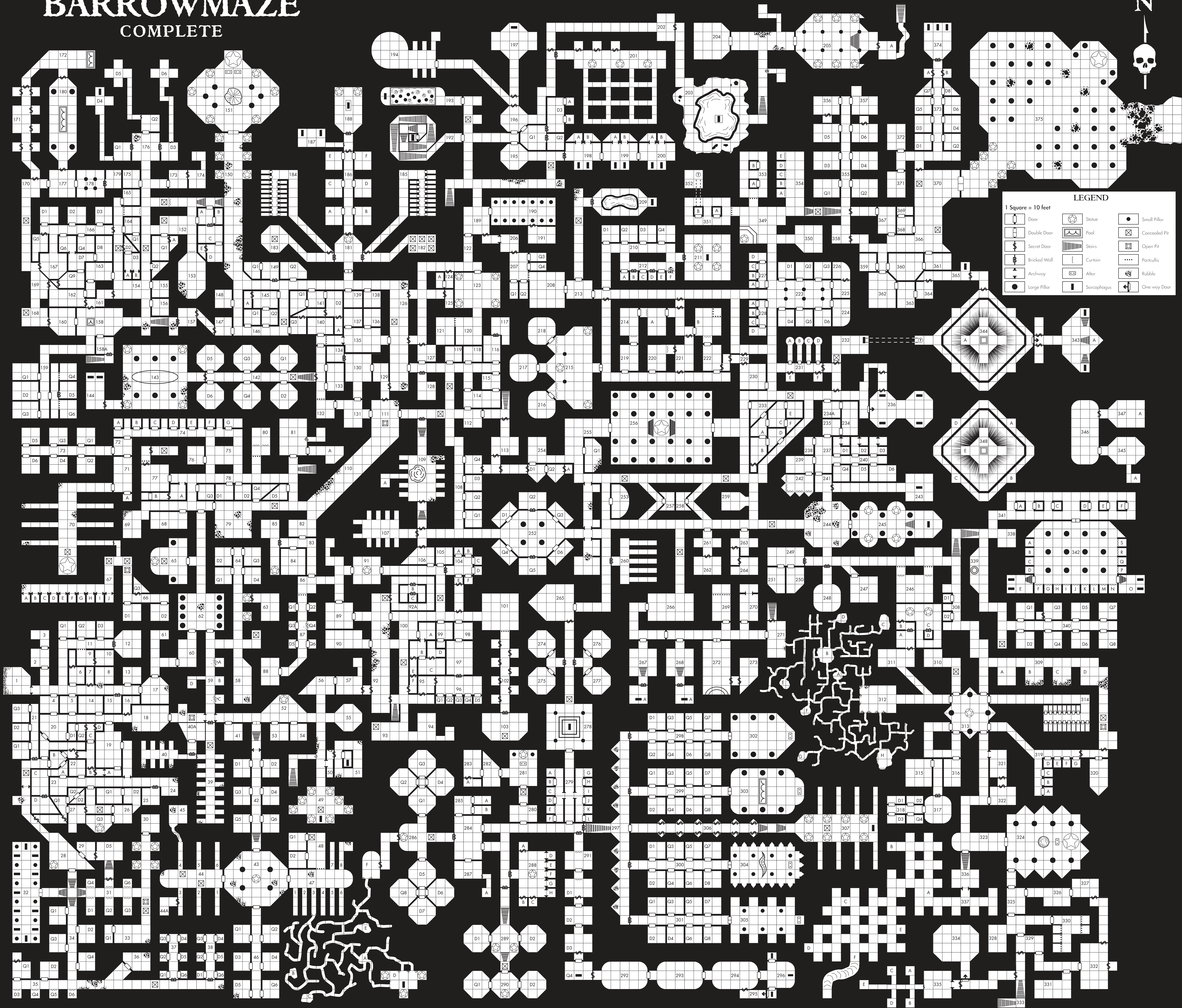
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# BARROWMAZE

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**LEGEND**

1 Square = 10 feet

	Door		Statue		Small Pillar
	Double Door		Pool		Concealed Pit
	Secret Door		Stairs		Open Pit
	Bricked Wall		Curtain		Portcullis
	Archway		Altar		Rubble
	Large Pillar		Sarcophagus		One-way Door