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THE WEIRDLING WORLD OF
JORDOBA

INTRODUCTION

TOMB OF THE IRON GOD IS A 5TH EDITION ADVENTURE, SET IN THE WEIRDLING WORLD OF JORDOBA, ALTHOUGH IT CAN BE PLACED IN ANY FANTASY SETTING. THE TOMB LIES IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ATROPOS MOUNTAINS, A THREE-DAY RIDE FROM THE CITY OF JORDOBA. MORE INFORMATION ON THE WORLD OF JORDOBA, INCLUDING THE PLAYERS GUIDE, MAY BE FOUND AT UNCLE MATT'S RPG STUDIO ON ONEBOOKSHELF HERE:

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THERE ARE TWO GROUPS OF ADVENTURERS - THE 5TH EDITION GROUP IS THE "HEROES" OF JORDOBA, AND THE ORIGINAL RULES GROUP (SWORDS & WIZARDRY) IS CALLED THE "SWORDS" OF JORDOBA.

TOMB OF THE IRON GOD IS DESIGNED FOR FOUR OR FIVE CHARACTERS OF 1ST OR 2ND LEVEL.

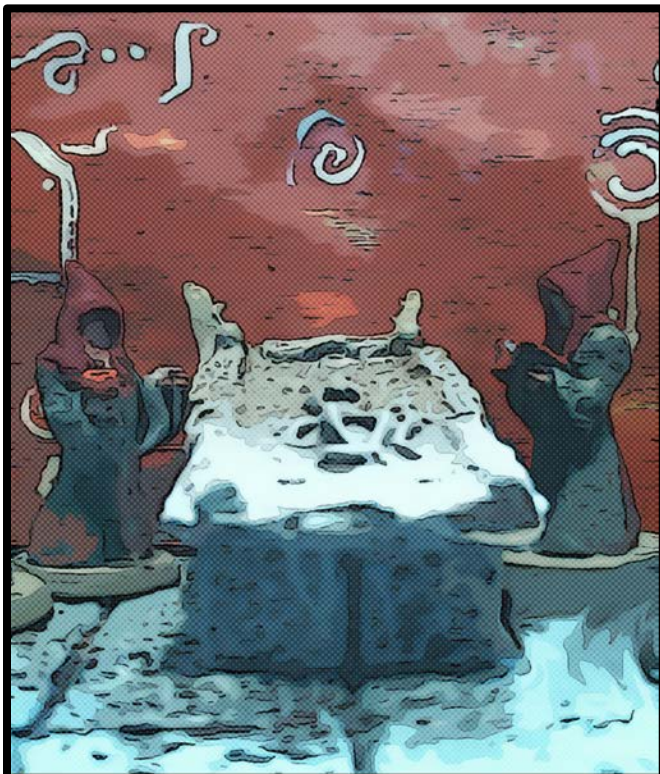
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OVERVIEW

FOR CENTURIES, NEARBY HILLFOLK HAVE BROUGHT THEIR DEAD TO THE TOMB OF THE IRON GOD, A LARGELY-FORGOTTEN MINOR DEITY OF THE UNDERWORLD WHO GUARDS THE SPIRITS AND BODIES OF THE DEAD. A COMMUNITY OF MONKS HAS MAINTAINED AN ANCIENT TEMPLE ABOVE THE GOD'S SACRED UNDERGROUND CATACOMBS SINCE BEFORE RECORDED HISTORY, PERFORMING FUNERAL RITES AND BRINGING BODIES BELOW TO REST IN THE IRON GOD'S PROTECTION.



THE PRIESTS OF THE IRON GOD PREPARED AND PROTECTED THE DEAD

HOWEVER, THE MONKS OF THE TEMPLE BECAME CORRUPT AND VENAL, AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP

OF ONE MONK, ARDARUS, THEY BEGAN ACCUMULATING TREASURE AND SECRETLY RAISING AN ARMY OF UNDEAD TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE VILLAGES SURROUNDING THE MONASTERY. ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE THE ADVENTURE BEGINS, THE HIGH PRIEST, WHO REMAINED LOYAL TO THE IRON GOD'S TRUE COMMANDS, DENOUNCED THE RENEGADE MONKS AND ORDERED THEM TO BRING ARDARUS BEFORE THE STATUE OF THE IRON GOD FOR JUDGMENT. FURIOUS, ARDARUS TOOK AND IMPRISONED HIM, SEIZING CONTROL OF THE TEMPLE TO DECLARE HIMSELF HIGH PRIEST. BUT ON THE VERY NIGHT THE HIGH PRIEST DIED OF STARVATION, THE IRON GOD VISITED A TERRIBLE VENGEANCE UPON THESE DISLOYAL SERVITORS. LIGHTNING STRUCK FROM THE HEAVENS, LIGHTING THE DARK SKIES FOR HOURS AS EVERY BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE COMPLEX WAS BLASTED FROM EXISTENCE. THE RENEGADE MONKS WERE TRANSFORMED INTO STATUES OF LIVING IRON, STILL CONSCIOUS BUT TRAPPED IN THEIR ALMOST-IMMOBILE BODIES FOR ALL ETERNITY. THE SUBTERRANEAN CATACOMBS UNDER THE TEMPLE STILL REMAIN, FILLED WITH THE TREASURES ACCUMULATED BY THE AVARICIOUS MONKS. THE GOD, ALSO, REMAINS LIVING WITHIN HIS GREAT IDOL IN THE SACRED CATACOMBS WHERE HE GUARDS THE DEAD ENTRUSTED TO HIM. ONE OTHER BEING REMAINS AS WELL, AN IMMORTAL EVIL IMPRISONED A THOUSAND YEARS AGO BY THE GOD HIMSELF - THE EATER OF THE DEAD.

STARTING THE ADVENTURE

THE ADVENTURE CAN BEGIN IN ANY LARGE SETTLEMENT NEAR A RANGE OF HILLS, BUT IN THE WEIRDLING WORLD OF JORDOBA IT IS LOCATED NEAR THE CITY OF JORDOBA ITSELF. UNLESS YOU CHOOSE OTHERWISE, THE SITUATION IS BROUGHT TO THE CHARACTERS' ATTENTION BY THE PRIESTS OF ANUBICTOS, A JACKAL-HEADED GOD WHO PROTECTS THE SOULS OF THE DEAD. WHATEVER THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CHARACTERS AND THE TEMPLE, THEY ARE SUMMONED TO THE TEMPLE FOR A MEETING. VERY FEW PEOPLE WOULD IGNORE SUCH A SUMMONS FROM THE PRIESTS OF THE DEATH GOD, EVEN IF THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF OBLIGING THE TEMPLE IN WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE REQUESTING.

READ OR PARAPHRASE THE FOLLOWING -

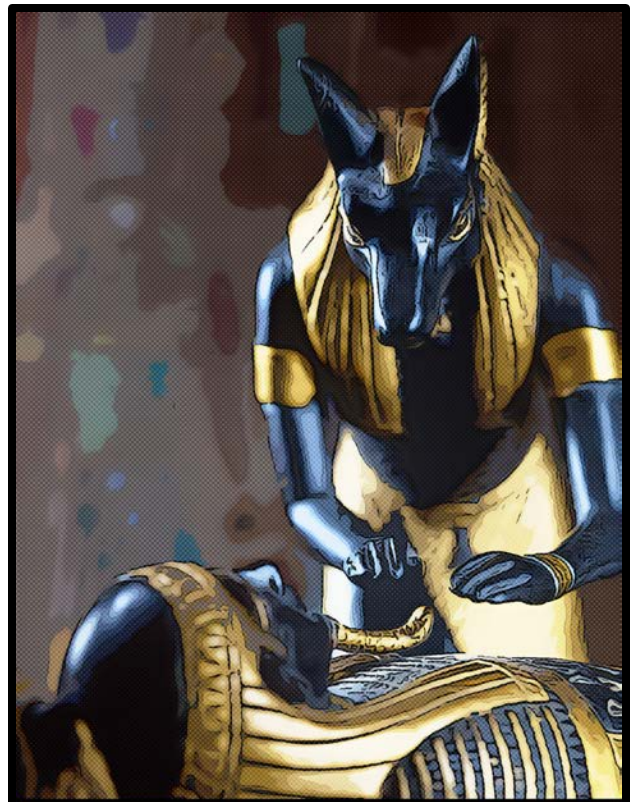
THE TEMPLE OF ANUBICTOS IS HUSHED AND CURTAINED WITH SHADOW -A PLACE DEDICATED TO THE REPOSE OF THE DEAD. THE STONE WALLS OF THE ENTRANCE CHAMBER ARE PAINTED WITH IMAGES OF THE JACKAL-HEADED GOD, VARIOUS PATTERNS OF FUNERAL PROCESSIONS, AND A PICTORIAL SCRIPT THAT IS PRESUMABLY THE SECRET LANGUAGE OF THE PRIESTHOOD. A LARGE, REALISTICALLY-PAINTED STATUE OF THE GOD STANDS IN THE PLACE OF HONOR, WITH A SACRIFICIAL ALTAR BEFORE IT. THE ALTAR IS COVERED IN FLOWERS, BOWLS OF GRAIN, AND AN EARTHENWARE BOWL HOLDING COINS OF VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS - ALL SACRIFICES MADE TO THE DEITY BY WORSHIPPERS WHO WANDER IN AND OUT OF THE TEMPLE'S PUBLIC AREA. ONE OF THE PRIESTS, DARK-ROBED AND WEARING A FACE-MASK OF SILVER AND LAPIS LAZULI IS OBVIOUSLY WAITING FOR SOMEONE, AND WHEN YOU ENTER HE - OR PERHAPS SHE, SINCE THE MASK OBSCURES THE FACE - GESTURES YOU OVER.

THE PRIESTHOOD OF ANUBICTOS IN JORDOBA MAINTAINS A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE IRON GOD, A LESSER DIVINE ENTITY THAT, LIKE ANUBICTOS, PROTECTS THE DEAD. THEY HAVE RECEIVED DIRE OMENS ABOUT THIS ALLIED TEMPLE AND BELIEVE THAT ANUBICTOS WANTS THEM TO FIND OUT, AND POSSIBLY FIX, WHATEVER MAY HAVE HAPPENED THERE.

THE PRIEST DOES NOT DISCLOSE A NAME, BECAUSE THEY ARE ACTING IN A PARTICULAR OFFICIAL CAPACITY HERE AS THE TEMPLE'S PUBLIC VOICE - WHILE SERVING IN THIS ROLE, THE PRIEST HAS NO PERSONAL NAME UNTIL THE WEEKLY ROTATION OF ASSIGNMENTS

"WE, THE PRIESTHOOD OF ANUBICTOS, HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU. WE HAVE HEARD FROM TRAVELERS AND OMENS THAT THE TEMPLE OF A LESSER DEATH GOD, LOCATED IN THE MOUNTAIN FOOTHILLS NEAR THE CITY, HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY SOME UNKNOWN FORCE. THIS IS AN ALLIED TEMPLE, TO A BEING CALLED THE IRON GOD, AND OUR HIGH PRIESTS WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED THERE. IT IS ONLY THREE DAYS' TRAVEL TO THE TEMPLE, AND YOU WILL, OF COURSE, BE WELL PAID FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

THE BASIC MISSION TO READ OR PARAPHRASE



THE TEMPLE OF ANUBICTOS

CHANGES. THE PRIEST TELLS THE CHARACTERS TO CALL THEM "FINAL BREATH," OR JUST "BREATH" IF THE CHARACTERS PREFER. IF THE CHARACTERS RETURN LATER, "FINAL BREATH" MIGHT BE A DIFFERENT PERSON ENTIRELY, DEPENDING ON WHO IS FULFILLING THE FUNCTION OF GIVING THE TEMPLE'S INSTRUCTIONS THAT DAY.

TRAVELING TO THE TEMPLE

THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF TRAVEL TAKE THE CHARACTERS DOWN AN EXISTING ROAD THAT LEADS SOUTH TOWARD THE SALTMOSS ISLANDS AND THE RAYAWOON PLAIN BEYOND, SKIRTING THE EDGE OF THE FOOTHILLS. THEY WILL BE COVERING GROUND QUICKLY IN THIS PHASE OF THE JOURNEY, MANAGING A PACE OF 8 MILES EACH DAY. THEY CAN STAY IN AN INN ON THE SECOND NIGHT; THERE IS ONE LOCATED VERY NEAR TO THE PLACE WHERE A SIDE TRAIL BREAKS FROM THE MAIN ROAD INTO THE FOOTHILLS. THE THIRD DAY OF TRAVEL WILL BE SPENT CLIMBING A RUGGED TRAIL UP INTO THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ATROPOS MOUNTAINS. THIS IS AN EXHAUSTING CLIMB, AND THE ENTIRE DAY IS SPENT TRAVELING ONLY 4 MILES.

AT TWILIGHT YOU REACH THE ROCKWORM INN, WHICH IS LOCATED ONLY A HALF MILE FROM THE POINT WHERE YOUR PATH BREAKS FROM THE MAIN ROAD AND CLIMBS INTO THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ATROPOS MOUNTAINS. IT IS A CONVENIENT PLACE TO REST FOR THE NIGHT AND ALSO, PROBABLY, TO GATHER SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEMPLE OF THE IRON GOD SINCE IT IS ONLY A DAY'S DISTANCE TO THE TEMPLE FROM HERE. NO DOUBT WHATEVER STORY IS BEING TOLD BY THE HILLFOLK WILL HAVE REACHED THIS FAR.

THE ROCKWORM INN

THE ROCKWORM INN IS A STURDY-LOOKING COURTYARD OF BUILDINGS, MADE OF BRICK COVERED WITH A HEAVY COATING OF WHITEWASHED PLASTER, LIKE MOST OF THE BUILDINGS NEAR JORDOBA. IT LOOKS WELL-KEPT, WITH A FEW WALL-PAINTINGS DECORATING THE OUTER PERIMETER AND A SMALL BLUE DOME ON THE ROOF OF THE MAIN BUILDING. THERE IS A WOODEN FIGHTING-RAMPART AROUND THE WALLS, INDICATING THAT THE AREA ISN'T ENTIRELY FREE OF DANGER, BUT THE HEAVY GATE INTO THE COURTYARD STANDS OPEN FOR TRAVELERS TO ENTER.

ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2 GP PER ROOM PER NIGHT, HORSES ARE ACCOMMODATED IN THE STABLE AS PART OF THE PRICE, AND A BASIC MEAL IS PROVIDED IN THE INN'S COMMON ROOM AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE. MOST OF THE INN'S PATRONS ARE IN THE COMMON ROOM, WHICH IS WELL-LIT BY CANDLES AND SHINES A WELCOMING YELLOW LIGHT FROM ITS WINDOWS INTO THE COURTYARD.

IF THE CHARACTERS ASK AROUND, READ THEM THE FOLLOWING RESULT OF GENERAL GOSSIP.

YOU HEAR SEVERAL RUMORS AND SOME DEFINITE INFORMATION ABOUT THE IRON GOD'S TEMPLE IN THE HILLS. ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, LIGHTNING FILLED THE SKIES OVER THE REMOTE MONASTERY. ACCORDING TO THE RURAL HILL-PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THE AREA, ALL THE BUILDINGS OF THE TEMPLE WERE DESTROYED IN ONE NIGHT BY HUNDREDS OF BOLTS OF LIGHTNING. THEY BELIEVE THE IRON GOD DESTROYED HIS OWN MONKS AS A PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR GREED. ALL OF THEM AGREE THAT HERETICAL MONKS HAD BEEN ACCUMULATING GREAT TREASURES IN THE UNDERGROUND CATACOMBS INSTEAD OF MAINTAINING THE SPARTAN LIFE THEY USED TO FOLLOW. SO FAR, NO ONE HAS DARED TO EXPLORE THE CATACOMBS, SO THE MONKS' ILL-GOTTEN TREASURES MUST STILL BE THERE, RIPE FOR THE TAKING.

ASSUMING THE PLAYERS MAKE SOME EFFORT TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLACE THEY'RE GOING TO EXPLORE AND POSSIBLY LOOT, THEY SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY LEARN ALL THE FIRST THREE RUMORS (AND THE FOURTH, IF YOU'RE USING THE TOMBS AS THE SEED OF A LARGER DUNGEON COMPLEX). RUMORS 5-11 ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO LEARN. EACH CHARACTER MAY MAKE A

SINGLE DC 15 CHARISMA CHECK TO LEARN ONE THESE LESS-ACCESSIBLE FACTS/RUMORS (DETERMINE RANDOMLY FOR EACH SUCCESSFUL CHECK).

SPECIFIC RUMORS

- 1) THE TOMBS CONTAIN SACRED CATACOMBS, WHICH ARE DEADLY TO THIS WHO ENTER WITHOUT THE PROPER REVERENCE AND RITUALS. (TRUE)
- 2) THE UNDERGROUND HALLS OF THE PRIESTS WERE USED TO EMBALM AND PURIFY CORPSES BEFORE CONSIGNING THEM TO THE CATACOMBS BELOW. (TRUE)
- 3) DO NOT ATTACK THE GUARDIAN IN DARKNESS. (TRUE)
- 4) THE TOMBS WERE BUILT IN THE UPPERMOST LEVEL OF A MORE ANCIENT UNDERGROUND TUNNEL SYSTEM. (FALSE, UNLESS YOU CHOOSE TO BUILD MORE LEVELS ONTO THE DUNGEON.)
- 5) THE HILL-FOLK HAVE RECENTLY SEEN BABOON-LIKE CREATURES NEAR THE RUINS, EVIL THINGS CALLED BARGHOONS. (TRUE)
- 6) IT IS DEATH TO BATHE IN THE FOUNTAIN OF THE PRIESTS. (TRUE, IF YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG ALIGNMENT.)
- 7) BATHING IN THE FOUNTAIN OF THE PRIESTS GRANTS PROTECTION AGAINST THE UNDEAD. (TRUE, IF YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT ALIGNMENT.)
- 8) IRON ALLIES AWAIT THOSE WHO CARRY THE THREE SIGNS. (TRUE)
- 9) THE IRON GOD STILL LIVES WITHIN THE TOMBS. (TRUE)
- 10) THOSE WHO STAND BEFORE THE GOD AS NATURE MADE THEM SHALL RECEIVE A BOON. (FALSE)

ARRIVAL AT THE TOMBS

AFTER AN EXHAUSTING DAY OF TRAVEL, YOU REACH THE LOCATION OF THE IRON GOD'S TEMPLE. IT IS MARKED ONLY BY THE IRON STATUE OF A WARRIOR, 8 FEET TALL, STANDING AT THE EDGE OF A SHATTERED FIELD OF RUINED BUILDINGS, BLACKENED AND STREWN WITH RUBBLE. APPARENTLY THIS IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE ABOVEGROUND TEMPLE BUILDINGS. ALL THE ABOVEGROUND TEMPLE BUILDINGS ARE REDUCED TO RUINS BY DIVINE LIGHTNING, UNLESS YOU CHOOSE TO MAP A FEW SURVIVING STRUCTURES. THE STATUE IS NOT MAGICAL AND DOES NOTHING - IT IS NOT ONE OF THE "CHANGED" PRIESTS THAT THE CHARACTERS WILL ENCOUNTER IN THE TEMPLE'S SUBTERRANEAN COMPLEX. IF THE CHARACTERS APPROACH THE STATUE, THEY WILL SEE THAT IT GUARDS THE STAIRS LEADING DOWN TO THE TOMBS, A BROAD STAIRCASE 10 FT WIDE, DESCENDING INTO THE DARKNESS BELOW.



THE TOMBS

THERE ARE THREE SECTIONS OF THE TOMBS. FIRST IS THE OUTER HALLS OF THE FIRST LEVEL, WHERE THE MONKS LIVED, STUDIED, CONDUCTED LAST RITES FOR DECEASED VILLAGERS, AND CEREMONIALLY EMBALMED THE BODIES OF THE DEAD. THE SECOND AREA IS THE INNER TEMPLE - THE SACRED CATACOMBS ON THE FIRST LEVEL. THESE CATACOMBS ARE HIGHLY SACRED TO THE IRON GOD, FOR THEY CONTAIN THE IDOL IN WHICH THE GOD DWELLS, AND THE CHAMBER WHERE HE IMPRISONED HIS ENEMY, THE EATER OF THE DEAD, IN STONE. THE THIRD AREA OF THE TOMB IS THE SACRED CATACOMBS OF THE SECOND LEVEL. THESE ARE THE SERPENTINE PASSAGEWAYS OF THE ACTUAL TOMBS, WHERE DEAD BODIES HAVE BEEN INTERRED FOR CENTURIES. IN ANY OF THE SACRED CATACOMBS, ON BOTH THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVELS, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE ADVENTURERS TO WEAR A SACRED GARMENT, THE "HOODS OF REVERENCE," OR THE CHARACTERS SUFFER HALLUCINATIONS - AND EVEN EVENTUALLY DIE - IF THEY REMAIN TOO LONG WITHOUT THIS PROTECTION.

THE IRON PRIESTS: ALL THE RENEGADE PRIESTS IN THE TOMBS WERE TURNED INTO IRON STATUES BY THE GOD, BUT THEY RETAIN THEIR SOULS, TRAPPED IN AN IRON BODY. THE FACES OF THESE STATUES MOVE ALMOST TOO SLOWLY TO SEE THE MOVEMENT (LIKE THE MINUTE HAND OF A WATCH - YOU DON'T NOTICE THE MOVEMENT UNLESS YOU LOOK AGAIN LATER ON). ALL THE STATUES WEAR EXPRESSIONS OF PAIN AND HORROR. THEY APPEAR IN THE TEXT IN VARIOUS PLACES THROUGH THE DUNGEON - WHEREVER THEY HAPPENED TO BE WHEN THE GOD'S VENGEANCE STRUCK.

ARDARUS THE RENEGADE MONK CORRUPTED HIS BRETHERN INTO DARK AND SELFISH HERESIES -



FIRST LEVEL

MONASTERY (AREAS 1-26)

AREAS 1-26 WERE THE MONASTIC PART OF THE COMPLEX, USED FOR ROUTINE PRAYERS, SLEEPING, AND STUDYING. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AREA 1, WHICH WAS OPEN TO ANY VISITING WORSHIPPERS AND USED FOR FUNERAL SERVICES, THIS AREA WAS FORBIDDEN TO ALL BUT THE MONKS, WHO SPENT MUCH OF THEIR DAY IN THE ABOVEGROUND TEMPLE AREA (NOW DESTROYED). THE AREA IS NOW OCCUPIED BY AN ENTERPRISING BAND OF BARGHOONS, WHO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF LOOTING THE CATACOMBS. PIT TRAPS SHOWN ON THE MAP ARE 10FT DEEP.

WANDERING MONSTERS

EVERY HOUR THE CHARACTERS ARE IN THE DUNGEON, CHECK FOR WANDERING MONSTERS (1 IN 6 CHANCE). IF AN ENCOUNTER IS INDICATED, ROLL 1D3 ON THE TABLE BELOW. THE TABLE ALSO INCLUDES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CREATURES OF THIS TYPE THAT CAN BE ENCOUNTERED. IF THE PARTY HAS KILLED ALL OF A CERTAIN TYPE, TREAT THAT RESULT AS NO ENCOUNTER. WANDERING MONSTERS KILLED BY THE ADVENTURERS ARE NOT SUBTRACTED FROM THE KEYED ENCOUNTERS; ONLY FROM THE TOTALS SHOWN HERE.

NOTE: ANY SOUND OF COMBAT IN THE DUNGEON (INCLUDING COMBAT AGAINST WANDERING MONSTERS) HAS A 1 IN 10 CHANCE TO CALL WANDERING MONSTERS. IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE ONE ENCOUNTER

CAUSE A SECOND ONE OR EVEN A THIRD ONE IF THE DICE REALLY FALL THE WRONG WAY.

- 1) 1D2 **BARGHOONS** (15)
- 2) 1D3 **GIANT RATS** (40)
- 3) 1D2 **GIANT CENTIPEDES** (10)

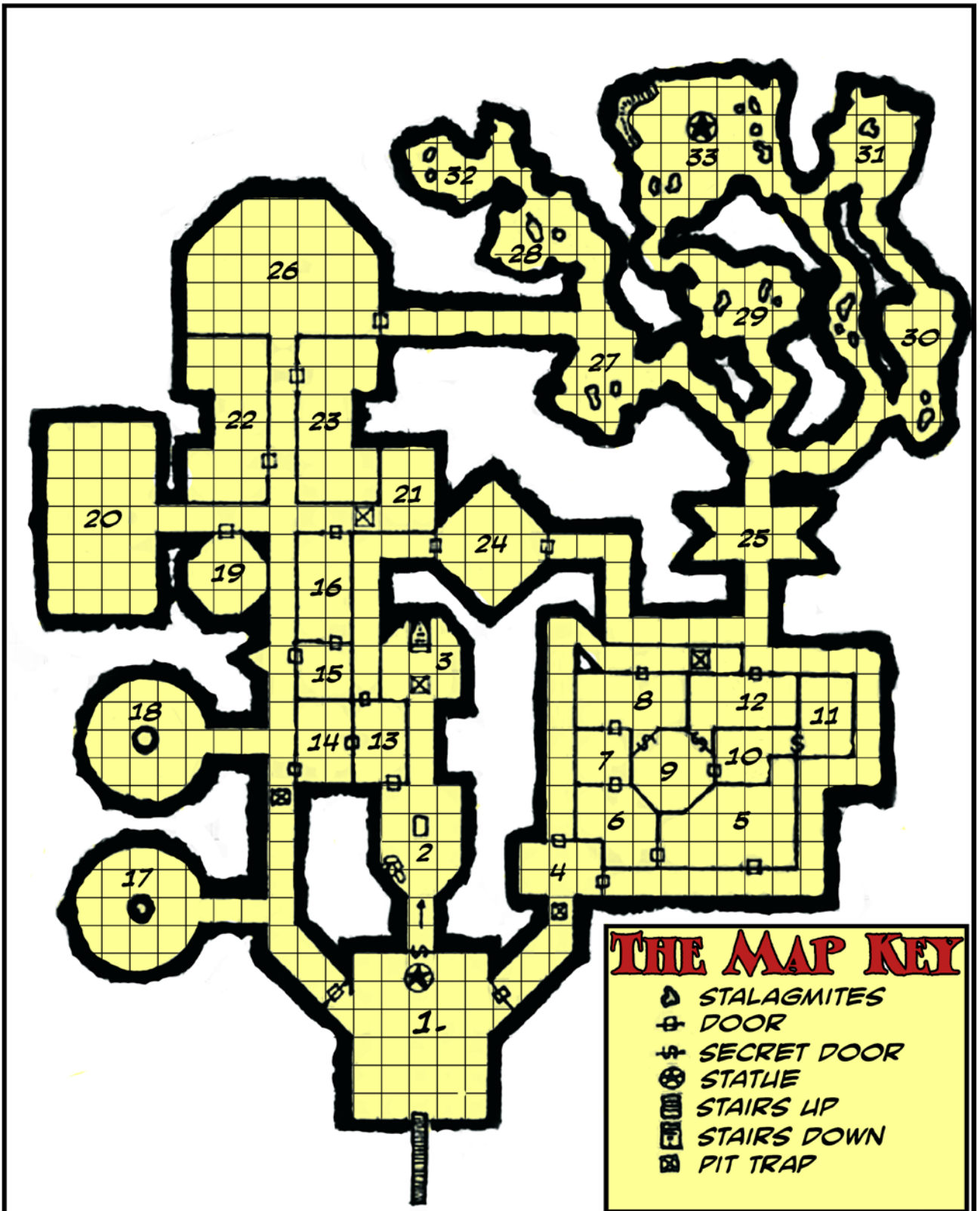
GENERAL FEATURES

THE MONASTERY HAS BEEN RECENTLY OCCUPIED, SO MOST OF THE FURNITURE IS IN GOOD CONDITION (UNLESS DAMAGED BY THE BARGHOONS THAT HAVE TAKEN OVER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRIESTS). THE PRIESTS AT LEAST THEORETICALLY LIVED A SPARTAN LIFESTYLE, SO THE WALLS ARE MOSTLY BARE STONE. THE BLOCKS OF STONE WERE ORIGINALLY MORTARED IN PLACE, BUT THE TOMBS AND PRIEST-COMPLEX ARE SO ANCIENT THAT MOST OF THE MORTAR HAS ERODED AWAY, LEAVING DEEP CRACKS BETWEEN THE WORN STONES.

1. ENTRANCE HALL

THIS IS A GREAT, DARK CHAMBER DOMINATED BY A HUGE, IRON STATUE OF THE IRON GOD. THE STATUE HOLDS A MASSIVE JAR, TIPPED DOWNWARD SO THAT THE OPENING IS ALMOST (BUT NOT QUITE) LEVEL WITH THE FLOOR. THE MUMMIFIED HEAD OF A BABOON SITS ON THE FLOOR IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM.

THIS HALL WAS THE ONLY ROOM WHERE NON-MONKS WERE ALLOWED ACCESS. IT WAS USED FOR FUNERAL SERVICES IN WHICH A BODY



FIRST LEVEL

WAS SLID DOWN INTO THE PROTECTIVE JAR OF THE IRON GOD (A CHUTE THAT SLIDES THE BODY TO THE EMBALMING CHAMBER, AREA 2). THIS IS THE SECRET DOOR MARKED ON THE MAP. THE PRIESTS WOULD ENTER IN A PROCESSION FROM THE SIDE DOORS TO CONDUCT THE SERVICES AND THEN CONSIGN THE BODY TO THE IRON GOD'S PROTECTION.

WHEN THE CHARACTERS ENTER THE ROOM, THE MUMMIFIED HEAD SUDDENLY HISSES: "BEGONE, TOMB ROBBERS, OR YOU WILL ALL FIND YOUR FATE. DEATH AWAITS YOU." THIS PIECE OF VODOO MAGIC IS THE WORK OF THE BARGHOON MANDRILL-SHAMAN (AREA 23), AN ATTEMPT TO FRIGHTEN AWAY OTHER WOULD-BE TOMB ROBBERS.

INSPECTION OF THE HEAD REVEALS TWO INTERESTING FACTS. THE SKIN IS MARKED WITH PINPRICKS IN A SHAMANIC PATTERN, AND THE BONE NEEDLE USED TO SEW THE SKIN HAS BEEN LEFT IN THE LAST STITCH. THESE CLUES MIGHT INDICATE TO AN INTELLIGENT GROUP OF PLAYERS THAT THE HEAD IS NOT A WARNING FROM THE IRON GOD, BUT FROM OTHER INTERLOPERS WHO USE SHAMANIC MAGIC AND TOOLS NOT MADE OF IRON. ALLOW ANY CLERIC OR DRUID THE CHANCE TO MAKE THIS DEDUCTION WITH A DC 15 INTELLIGENCE CHECK.

INSPECTION OF THE ROOM MAY DISCLOSE A FEW THINGS, WHICH IS AUTOMATIC IF THE PLAYERS STATE THAT THEY CHECK WALLS AND/OR FLOORS; IF NOT, NOTICING EACH REQUIRES A DC 10 WISDOM CHECK. (1) EPITAPHS FOR THOUSANDS OF

PEOPLE ARE INSCRIBED ON THE WALLS IN SPIDERY SCRATCHES UNDER THE DUST. SOME OF THE INCISIONS ARE CLEARLY THE WORK OF A PROFESSIONAL CARVER, OTHERS ARE IN A BARELY LEGIBLE SCRAWL, AND SOME ARE IN LANGUAGES SO OLD THAT THEY'VE BEEN FORGOTTEN. (2) THE FLOOR OF THE CHAMBER IS WORN AND UNEVEN (COUNTLESS KNEES AND FEET). (3) THE MOVEMENT OF SOME STRANGE, NON-HUMAN CREATURES HAS DISTURBED THE DUST OF THE FLOOR.

2. EMBALMING CHAMBER

A LARGE STONE SLAB OCCUPIES THE MIDDLE OF THIS ROOM, CARVEN WITH MANY RUNES, SYMBOLS, AND LANGUAGES. STONE SHELVES ARE BUILT INTO THE WALLS, AND THREE LARGE IRON CAULDRONS SIT BESIDE THE SLAB, DUSTED WITH A LIGHT COVERING OF RUST. IN THE CORNER OF THE ROOM STANDS A PILE OF WHAT LOOK LIKE BIG WICKER TRAYS SIX FEET LONG AND THREE FEET OR SO WIDE.

THE TUNNEL THROUGH THE IRON GOD'S JAR IN AREA 1 LEADS TO THIS ROOM, WHERE BODIES WERE EMBALMED AFTER FUNERAL SERVICES. A BODY (OR A CHARACTER) SLIDING THROUGH THE TUNNEL LANDS ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE SLAB. WHEN USED FOR FUNERALS, ONE OF THE LARGE BASKET-TRAYS WAS PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CHUTE TO CATCH THE BODY.

THE SYMBOLS AND WRITING ON THE SLAB ARE ALL RELIGIOUS PHRASES

AND PRAYERS TO THE IRON GOD. SOME OF THESE HAVE BEEN CHISELED AWAY AND REPLACED WITH NEW WRITING ABOUT ALLOWING THE PRIESTHOOD TO KEEP CERTAIN OFFERINGS.

3. STAIRS TO CATACOMBS

THIS ROOM CONTAINS STAIRS LEADING DOWN INTO THE DARK. WORDS ARE CARVED IN STONE OVER THE ARCHWAY.

TWO **GRAY OOZES** LURK ON THE CEILING NEAR THE STAIRS, ALMOST INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE STONES.

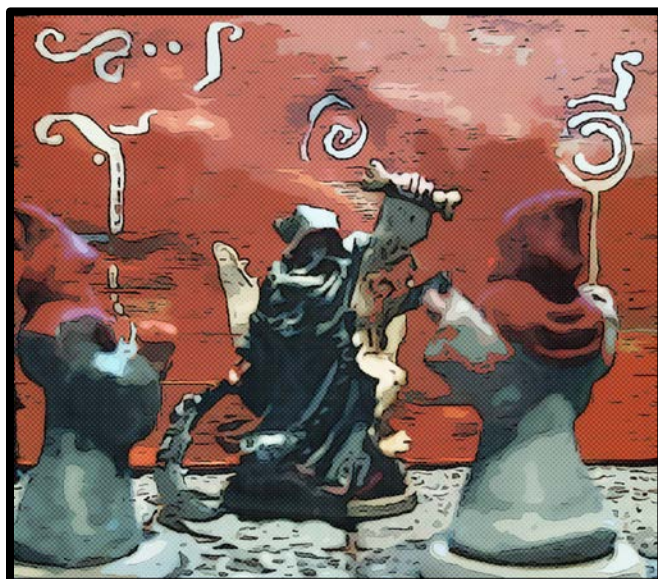
THE STAIRS LEAD DOWN TO AREA 34 ON LEVEL 2. OVER THE STAIRS, A SOLEMN WARNING IS CARVED: "IN THE NAME OF THE IRON GOD, BEWARE, YOU WHO ENTER THE SACRED CATACOMBS OF THE DEAD, WHICH THE IRON GOD WATCHES OVER. BE YOU NOT DRAPED IN RESPECT, AND DO YOU NOT SPEAK YOUR NAME FOR THE SCRIBE OF THE DEAD, YOU SHALL SUFFER THE WRATH OF THE CATACOMBS."

NOTE: ANYONE ENTERING THE CATACOMBS WITHOUT WEARING A SPECIAL DEVOTIONAL HOOD AND SPEAKING THEIR NAME MUST MAKE A SAVING THROW OR BEGIN HALLUCINATING LATER ON WITHIN THE CATACOMBS. THE ROOM DOESN'T CONTAIN ANY OF THESE HOODS: THEY ARE KEPT IN AREAS 25 AND 26. IF THE CHARACTERS DON'T HEED (OR DON'T FIGURE OUT) THE WARNING ABOUT BEING "DRAPED IN RESPECT," THEY MAY END UP IN TROUBLE WHEN THE HALLUCINATIONS START.

HALLUCINATIONS IN THE SACRED CATACOMBS ARE ALL ABOUT BLOOD, DEATH, RUST, AND IRON, AND YOU WILL GENERALLY HAVE TO INVENT THEM AS YOU SEE FIT. HOWEVER, THEIR GENERAL EFFECT IS THIS: FOR ANY SAVING THROW, CHECK, OR COMBAT, A CHARACTER HAS A 25% CHANCE TO SUFFER FROM HALLUCINATIONS AT THE CRITICAL MOMENT, AND THE DIE ROLLS WILL BE MADE WITH DISADVANTAGE (THIS WILL APPLY TO THE CHARACTER IN AN ENTIRE COMBAT, IF THE 25% CHANCE INDICATES HALLUCINATIONS).

TREASURE

ONE OF THE STAIRS HAS A LIFTING FLAGSTONE, REVEALING A SECRET HIDING PLACE BENEATH. THE CACHE CONTAINS A BAG WITH 82 GP, A BROOCH SET WITH SMALL JEWELS (300 GP), AN AXE (1 GP), AND A SPOOL OF 20 FEET OF GOLD WIRE (50 GP).



THE HIGH PRIEST CONFRONTED AND DENOUNCED THE HERETICS

4. ROBINING CHAMBER

THIS ROOM CONTAINS SEVERAL MOLDY ROBES HANGING FROM IRON HOOKS ON THE WALLS.

A ROBE HIDDEN UNDER THE REST HAS 10 SEED PEARLS IN AN INSIDE POCKET, NOT YET FOUND BY THE BARGHOONS, WORTH 1 GP EACH. THE PEARLS ARE CONTAINED IN A SMALL IRON BOX, 3 INCHES SQUARE, WHICH HAS A LATCH AND IS INSCRIBED WITH A RUNE. THE RUNE IS SIMPLY THE MARK OF THE OWNER, AND CANNOT BE DECIPHERED SINCE IT HAS NO INTRINSIC MEANING.

5. EMPTY ROOM

THIS IS APPARENTLY AN EMPTY ROOM.

SEARCHING THE ROOM RESULTS IN A DISAPPOINTING HALL OF 6 FORKS, 5 SPOONS, AND A RUSTING DAGGER ALL PILED IN ONE CORNER, ALL WORTHLESS.

6. BARGHOON LAIR

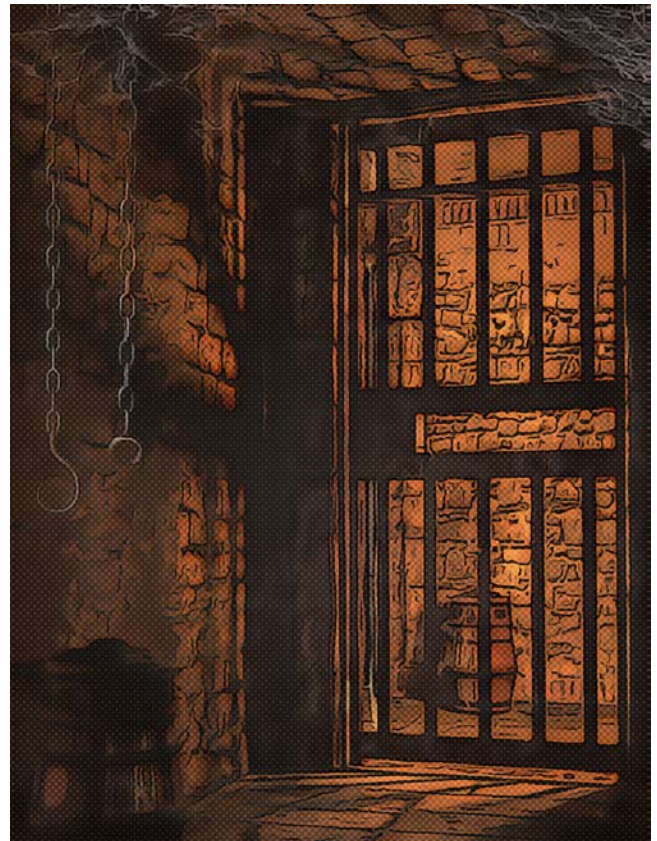
TWO BABOON-LIKE CREATURES IN THIS ROOM ARE PLAYING A GAME, POKING A FRANTIC TABBY CAT WITH WHITE STICKS (BONES), AS THE CAT DASHES AROUND THE ROOM TRYING TO ESCAPE. THE TORMENTORS HAVE SPIKED CLUBS HANGING FROM THEIR BELTS, AND POORLY-MADE WOODEN SHIELDS STRAPPED TO THEIR BACKS.

THESE 2 **BARGHOONS**, TOGETHER WITH THE ONES IN AREA 7, ARE AN OUTPOST OF THE LARGER BARGHOON BAND LAIRING IN AREA

23. NOISE IN THIS ROOM WILL ALERT THE BARGHOONS IN AREA 7, WHO WILL CIRCLE AROUND THE CORRIDORS TO ATTACK FROM BEHIND.

TREASURE

THESE BARGHOONS HAVE MANAGED TO LOOT A SILVER GOBLET (20 GP), AN INTRICATE GOLD NECKLACE (200 GP), 62 GP IN COINS, AND A *POTION OF FLYING*. THE GLASS BOTTLE CONTAINING THE FLYING POTION HAS A SMALL CRACK IN THE SIDE, WHICH IS ENCRUSTED WITH A NASTY-LOOKING BLUE MINERAL DEPOSIT, BUT THIS CHEMICAL REACTION HAS NOT AFFECTED THE POTION'S EFFECTS.



BOLDENED BY HIS MAD HERESY, ARDARUS IMPRISONED THE HIGH PRIEST IN THE CATACOMBS

7. BARGHOON LAIR

THERE ARE 2 BABOON-PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM, ARMED WITH ANCIENT-LOOKING SWORDS AND ARMOR AND FESTOONED WITH TRINKETS OBVIOUSLY LOOTED FROM GRAVES. ONE OF THE BARGHOONS IS HUGE, ALMOST AS LARGE AS A HUMAN.

THESE 2 **BARGHOONS** ARE PART OF AN OUTPOST ALONG WITH THE ONES IN AREA 6.

TREASURE

TEN POUNDS OF GRAVE-TRINKETS (87 GP), A FAKE POTION IN A BOTTLE, 2 GARNETS (25 GP EACH), A JADE PENDANT (50GP), 16 GP, 710 SP.

8. EMPTY ROOM

THERE ARE SEVERAL SMALL CARPETS ON THE FLOOR OF THIS ROOM, BUT THEY ARE FRAYED AND FOLLED.

THE 5 CARPETS WEIGH 10 POUNDS EACH AND ARE UTTERLY WORTHLESS.

9. SECRET ROOM

THIS ROOM IS HUNG WITH UNDISTURBED TAPESTRIES, DUSTY AND FRAYED, BUT FINELY CRAFTED.

TREASURE

THE 3 TAPESTRIES WEIGH 60 POUNDS EACH. THEY ARE WORTH 25 GP, 100 GP, AND 50 GP.

10. SECRET ROOM

THERE ARE SOME VALUABLE-LOOKING CARPETS ON THE FLOOR OF THIS ROOM, BUT YOUR ATTENTION IS IMMEDIATELY DISTRACTED BY THE GIANT RATS.

THERE ARE 3 **GIANT RATS** IN THE ROOM. ANYONE LOOKING AROUND WILL NOTICE A LARGE CRACK IN THE FLOOR THAT LEADS TO NARROW RAT-TUNNELS AND EVENTUALLY AN EXIT FROM THE TOMB AREA. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYTHING LARGER THAN A TINY CREATURE TO FOLLOW THEM (GIANT RATS CAN SQUEEZE INTO VERY SMALL AREAS). INSPECTION OF THE CARPETS REVEALS, ON A DC 10 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK THAT THE CARPET NEAR THE SECRET DOOR IS LESS DUSTY AND A BIT MORE WORN THAN THE OTHERS.

TREASURE

THE 5 CARPETS ARE WORTH 20 GP EACH, AND EACH WEIGHS 10 POUNDS.

11. SECRET ROOM

THREE TREASURE CHESTS ARE STACKED ONE ON TOP OF THE OTHER AGAINST THE WALL OF THIS OTHERWISE EMPTY ROOM.

IF ANYONE MOVES THE TREASURE CHESTS, THEY WILL FIND THAT THE CHESTS CONCEAL A SMEARED HANDPRINT OF OLD, DRIED BLOOD ON THE WALL BEHIND THEM. THIS IS A REMNANT FROM A THIEF MANY YEARS AGO, AND AN EXAMPLE OF HOW EVEN THE BEST HOUSEKEEPERS WILL SOMETIMES

JUST CONCEAL A MESS RATHER THAN CLEAN IT UP. THERE IS NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE PRINT, OTHER THAN THE FACT IT IS PARTICULARLY AND UNUSUALLY REVEALING. ANYONE MAKING A DC 15 INTELLIGENCE (INVESTIGATION) CHECK WILL SUDDENLY DISCERN A WEALTH OF DETAIL, A TRULY SHERLOCK HOLMESIAN PERFORMANCE OF OBSERVATION AND REASONING. THE PERSON WHO CREATED THE BLOODY PRINT WAS MALE, LEFT-HANDED, SERVED IN A WAR BUT NOT AS A SOLDIER, BECAME A DRUNKARD IN LATER LIFE AND DESCENDED INTO A LIFE OF THIEVERY. HE HAD AN ON-AND-OFF RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMEONE, AND PROBABLY HAD RED HAIR (THE CHARACTER MAKING THE CHECK ISN'T CERTAIN ABOUT THE RED HAIR, ASSIGNING ABOUT A 75% CHANCE TO THAT PART). THE CHARACTER WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN ALL THE SUBTLE CLUES LEADING TO THESE CONCLUSIONS, AND THE REST OF THE PARTY WILL NO DOUBT BE ASTONISHED.

TREASURE

- CHEST #1: THE CHEST IS LOCKED, REQUIRING A DC 10 DEXTERITY CHECK (THIEVES TOOLS AND PROFICIENCY REQUIRED) TO OPEN IT. IT CONTAINS 2,259SP AND A ROUGHLY-CARVED PIECE OF OBSIDIAN (10GP).
- CHEST #2: UNLOCKED, THIS CHEST CONTAINS A BEAUTIFULLY FASHIONED IRON BRACELET (30GP), 41GP AND 1,181SP.
- CHEST #3: THIS CHEST IS LOCKED, NEEDING A DC 10 DEXTERITY CHECK (THIEVES

TOOLS AND PROFICIENCY REQUIRED) TO OPEN IT. THE CHEST CONTAINS 3,920SP AND 56GP.

THE CHESTS CAN BE SMASHED OPEN WITH ANY BLUNT WEAPON, ALTHOUGH EACH OF THEM IS WORTH 5GP UNDAMAGED (THEY WEIGH 5 POUNDS EACH BUT ARE QUITE BULKY). SMASHING ANY OF THEM OPEN IS NOISY ENOUGH TO CAUSE AN IMMEDIATE CHECK FOR WANDERING MONSTERS.

12. VISION ROOM

THIS IS AN EMPTY ROOM, THE FLOOR COVERED IN A DEEP LAYER OF DUST.

UNDER THE DUST ON THE FLOOR THERE IS A PATTERN OF CONCENTRIC CIRCLES, INLAID WITH IRON INTO THE STONE FLOOR. THE CENTER CIRCLE IS ONLY ABOUT 2FT IN DIAMETER, SET IN THE EXACT MIDDLE OF THE ROOM. THE FIRST PERSON TO STAND IN THE CENTRAL CIRCLE IS SUDDENLY THROWN INTO A TRANCE, FLOATING UPWARD AND CROSSING THEIR LEGS INTO A LOTUS POSITION AS THEY COME INTO DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE IRON GOD. IN THEIR MIND'S EYE, THE CHARACTER "SEES" A GREAT CAVERN WHERE THERE IS A STATUE OF THE IRON GOD AND ROUGHLY HEWN STAIRS LEADING DOWNWARD (THIS IS THE CAVERN IN AREA 33). THE STATUE'S HEAD TURNS AND SPEAKS TO THE CHARACTER, COMMUNICATING THAT HE (THE IRON GOD) HAS CHOSEN TO PUNISH HIS OWN MONKS FOR THEIR AVARICE AND FOR VIOLATING HIS LAWS AGAINST EXPERIMENTING WITH THE

POWERS OF UNDEATH. HE OFFERS A QUEST TO THE CHARACTER, THE TASK OF CLEARING OUT THE TWO LEVELS OF THE UNDERGROUND COMPLEX; AND HE IS WILLING TO GRANT A GIFT TO ASSIST THE CHARACTER WITH THE TASK. THE GOD WILL NOT DEIGN TO DESCRIBE THE GIFT - HE IS, AFTER, A GOD, AND NOT TO BE HAGGLED WITH LIKE A MERCHANT. IF THE CHARACTER ACCEPTS, THEY ARE PLACED UNDER A *GEAS* - AS PER AN 8TH LEVEL SPELL WITH 1 YEAR DURATION - TO CLEAR OUT THE SACRED CATACOMBS. AS A BENEFIT GRANTED BY THE GOD TO THIS CHARACTER, AN IRON +1 WEAPON (OF WHATEVER SORT THE CHARACTER NORMALLY USES) FORMS IN THEIR HAND, AND THEN THE VISION ENDS. ONLY ONE CHARACTER CAN RECEIVE THE VISION, GIFT, AND *GEAS*.

WHETHER OR NOT THE CHARACTER ACCEPTS THE *GEAS*, THEY GAIN A CERTAIN INSIGHT INTO THE IRON GOD'S MIND, AND KNOW INSTINCTIVELY THAT ONLY ONE TREASURE (A PARTICULAR CACHE OF SILVER COINS) IS FORBIDDEN TO TAKE - THE OTHER RICHES IN THE TOMB DO NOT BELONG HERE, AND ARE VESTIGES OF A CORRUPT PRIESTHOOD - THE CHARACTERS ARE WELCOME TO REMOVE THEM.

13. EMBALMING STOREHOUSE

THIS ROOM HAS A CLUTTER OF SUPPLIES PILED AGAINST THE WEST WALL: FIVE BARRELS, TWO BOXES, AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A LARGE SPOOL OF THREAD.

THESE ARE ALL EMBALMING

SUPPLIES, INCLUDING:

- 3 LARGE BARRELS OF NORMAL EMBALMING FLUIDS
- 2 BARRELS OF STAGNANT WATER
- 1 BOX OF ALUM POWDER (5 GP)
- 1 BOX OF SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS (10 GP)
- A LONG SPOOL OF CATGUT THREAD

14. EMPTY ROOM

THIS ROOM CONTAINS SEVERAL SMASHED BARRELS AND WOODEN BOXES.

THE ROOM IS OTHERWISE EMPTY.

15. RAT NEST

THIS ROOM CONTAINS 5 LARGE INTACT BARRELS, AND 3 EMPTY, SMASHED BARRELS. RATS SWARM TOWARD THE DOOR WHEN IT OPENS.

THE 8 *RATS* IN THIS ROOM ARE VERY AGGRESSIVE, AND WILL NOT RETREAT FROM COMBAT. ALL OF THEM WILL ATTACK WHICHEVER CHARACTER FIRST BECAME VISIBLE TO THEM, IGNORING THE OTHER CHARACTERS UNTIL THE FIRST ONE IS DEAD (NOT VERY LIKELY).

TREASURE

THERE IS NOTHING OF VALUE IN THE ROOM - THE INTACT BARRELS CONTAIN MOLDERING WHEAT FLOUR THE RATS HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO YET.

16. EMPTY ROOM

THE FLOOR OF THIS ROOM IS STREWN WITH DRIED AND FRESH DUNG.

THE PELLETS ARE ABOUT THE SIZE ONE WOULD EXPECT FROM RATS (THE ONES IN AREA 15).

17. FOUNTAIN OF PURIFICATION

A LARGE AND ORNATE FOUNTAIN IN THIS ROOM REEKS WITH THE SMELL OF STAGNANT WATER.

BATHING IN THE FOUNTAIN AT THE CENTER OF THIS ROOM PROTECTS GOOD OR NEUTRAL CHARACTERS AGAINST UNDEAD, GIVING UNDEAD CREATURES A DISADVANTAGE AGAINST HITTING THE CHARACTER, FOR THE DURATION OF 1 DAY. EVIL CHARACTERS BATHING IN THE FOUNTAIN, HOWEVER, MUST MAKE A DC 13 WISDOM SAVING THROW OR FALL IMMEDIATELY TO 0 HIT POINTS. THE FOUNTAIN WORKS ONCE PER DAY PER PERSON.

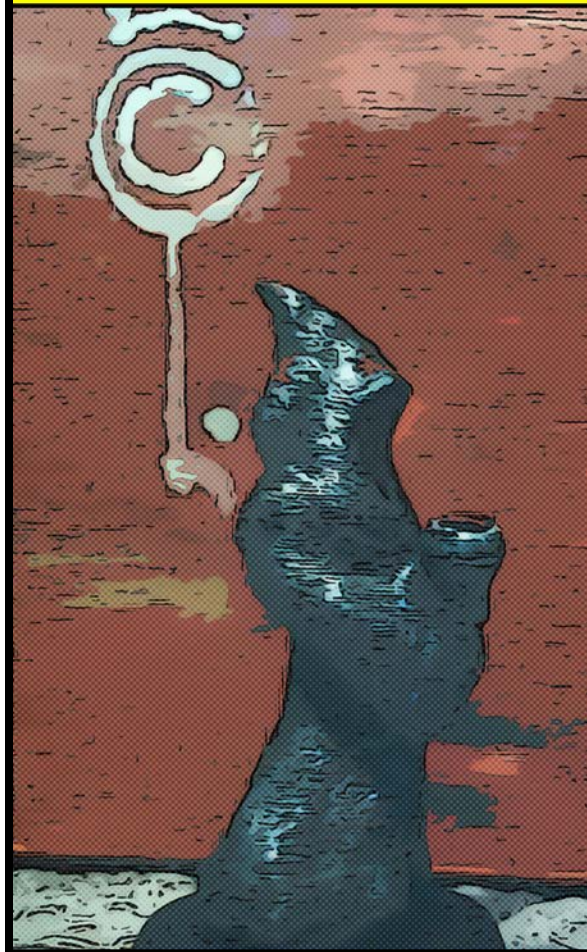
18. MEDITATION CHAMBER

THERE IS A LARGE, DRY FOUNTAIN HERE, AND THE WALLS ARE DECORATED WITH PATTERNS INLAID WITH IRON. TWO HUMAN-SIZE IRON STATUES OF PRIESTS WEARING CEREMONIAL ROBES STAND IN THE ROOM.

THE "STATUES" OF TWO PRIESTS ARE IN HERE, CAUGHT BY THE IRON GOD'S VENGEFUL CURSE. THE WALLS ARE PATTERNED WITH IRON INLAID

INTO THE STONE. ANYONE CONCENTRATING ON PATTERNS FOR 1 MINUTE OR MORE FALLS INTO A TRANCE FOR 3D6 MINUTES. AFTER THE TRANCE, THE CHARACTER GAINS A +1 BONUS TO HIT, WHICH LASTS FOR 1 HOUR. THERE IS A LARGE STONE BASIN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM WITH A THREE-INCH DIAMETER HOLE IN THE CENTER, DISAPPEARING DOWN BELOW THE FLOOR LEVEL. THIS IS SIMPLY A DRY FOUNTAIN, WHICH CAN BE DETERMINED BY A DC 15 INTELLIGENCE (INVESTIGATION) CHECK.

BUT THE VERY NIGHT THE HIGH PRIEST DIED, THE GOD VISITED A TERRIBLE CURSE ON THE HERETICS, TURNING THEM ALL TO LIVING IRON!



19. CHAMBER OF ARDARUS, RENEGADE HIGH PRIEST

THE IRON STATUE OF A MAN STANDS IN THIS ROOM, WEARING ELABORATE PRIEST'S ROBES AND LOOKING UPWARD WITH AN EXPRESSION OF FEAR. THE ROOM WAS OBVIOUSLY ONCE LUXURIOUS, BUT THE FURNITURE IS NOW SMASHED TO PIECES. THE ONLY SURVIVING APPOINTMENTS OF THE ROOM ARE TWO INTRICATE METAL CANDLE-STANDS, EACH 5 FEET TALL.

IF ANYONE ENTERS THE ROOM, THE STATUE BEGINS TO MOVE, SWINGING ITS HEAVY FISTS TO ATTACK. THIS WAS THE LEADER OF THE HERETICAL MONKS, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TEMPLE'S FALL FROM FAVOR AND THE IRON GOD'S RETRIBUTION. UNLIKE THE OTHER MONKS WHO WERE TRANSFORMED INTO LIVING IRON, ARDARUS IS CAPABLE OF MOVEMENT, AND IS TREATED AS **ANIMATED ARMOR** WITH MAXIMUM HIT POINTS FOR PURPOSES OF COMBAT.

TREASURE

THE 2 CANDLE-STANDS ARE WORKS OF ART, AND WORTH 200GP EACH (THEY ALSO WEIGH 10 POUNDS EACH AND ARE QUITE CUMBERSOME).

20. STOREROOM

THIS ROOM CONTAINS TEN WOODEN CRATES NEATLY ARRANGED IN 2 STACKS OF 5 CRATES EACH.

- CRATE #1: 20 FLASKS OF SPECIAL EMBALMING FLUID, WITH THE SAME PROPERTIES AS

ALCHEMIST'S FIRE BUT CAUSING COLD DAMAGE.

- CRATE #2: SOILED AND TATTERED CEREMONIAL GARMENTS COVER ORMSTAZ'S DARK BOOK (SEE *MAGIC ITEMS*). THE GARMENTS (3 ROBES, 2 PAIRS OF GLOVES, 4 WOVEN BELTS, AND 2 HOLY SYMBOLS OF THE IRON GOD) DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE CEREMONIAL HOODS NEEDED TO ENTER THE SACRED CATACOMBS.
- CRATE #3: BENT AND RUSTED SCRAP METAL, ALL IRON. MOST OF THE IMPLEMENTS ARE FARMING TOOLS INCLUDING A COMPLETE PLOW BLADE.
- CRATE #4: TANNED HIDES (WEIGHT 200 POUNDS, VALUE 20GP).
- CRATE #5: 3 FLASKS OF SPECIAL EMBALMING FLUID (PER ALCHEMIST'S FIRE BUT INFLECTING COLD DAMAGE), 1 POTION OF PLANT-SPEAKING (SEE *MAGIC ITEMS*), 1 FLASK OF POISON (DC 15 CONSTITUTION SAVING THROW OR FALL TO 0 HP), 10 FLASKS OF WATER, 1 FLASK OF HONEY, A CENSER, A BROKEN IRON HOLY SYMBOL.
- CRATE #6: 1 BOX CONTAINING CLAY, STONE, AND WOOD IDOLS OF VARIOUS OTHER GODS WORSHIPPED IN THE VICINITY.
- CRATE #7: DRIED FISH (EDIBLE FOR 40 DAYS).
- CRATE #8: DRIED FRUIT (EDIBLE FOR 40 DAYS).

- CRATE #9: 400 WOODEN STICKS, ALL ABOUT THE SIZE OF A MAGIC WAND, WITH A FEW CHUNKS OF COAL.
- CRATE #10: SACKS OF WHEAT.

21. PRISON

THE ROOM CONTAINS A LARGE IRON CAGE, WITH A SKELETON INSIDE WEARING ELABORATE PRIEST'S ROBES. NEAR THE CAGE IS AN IRON STATUE OF A MAN IN PRIEST'S ROBES.

THE STATUE'S FACE IS CONTORTED IN TERROR. AS WITH THE OTHER PRIEST STATUES IN THE DUNGEON, IF THE CHARACTERS WATCH IT CLOSELY THE FACIAL FEATURES CAN BE SEEN TO MOVE VERY SLIGHTLY AS TIME PASSES. THE SKELETON IN THE CAGE IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE HIGH PRIEST WHO DENOUNCED ARDARUS FOR HERESY.

22. SLEEPING CHAMBERS

THIS ROOM CONTAINS SEVERAL DILAPIDATED BEDS, SOME BROKEN APART.

ONE BED HAS A SCRAP OF PARCHMENT UNDER THE MATTRESS, WHICH CAN BE SPOTTED WITH A DC 15 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK OR BE FOUND AUTOMATICALLY IF THE CHARACTERS SPECIFICALLY CHECK UNDER THE BEDS. THE PARCHMENT READS AS FOLLOWS - "ARDARUS PLACED THE HIGH PRIEST INTO THE CAGE THIS MORNING FOR OPPOSING HIS NEW DOCTRINES. IF I WERE

YOU, I WOULD GO TO ARDARUS AFTER DEVOTIONS, TELL HIM YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR MIND AND NOW YOU BELIEVE THE PRIESTHOOD IS ALLOWED TO ACCUMULATE WEALTH FROM TRIBUTE. OTHERWISE YOU MIGHT END UP ONE OF THE NEW UNDEAD IN THE CATACOMBS."



WITH THE PRIESTS GONE, A CLAN OF EVIL BARGHOONS SEIZED THE RUINS TO PLUNDER THEM AT WILL

23. MAIN BARGHOON LAIR

THIS FOUL-SMELLING ROOM CONTAINS SEVERAL STRAW PALLETS AND A COOK POT SITTING ON A PILE OF COLD ASHES. BABOON-LIKE CREATURES RISE TO THEIR FEET, BRANDISHING WEAPONS.

THIS IS THE LAIR OF THE BARGHOONS WHO MOVED IN TO USE THE TEMPLE CELLARS AS A LAIR. THERE ARE 4 **BARGHOONS** HERE, ALONG WITH THE **BARGHOON MANDRILL-SHAMAN** AND THE **BARGHOON CLAN-CHIEF**, GEZRA BAAS. THIS IS ALSO THE BASE FOR THE BARGHOONS IN AREAS 6 AND 7, IN ADDITION TO A FEW OTHERS WHO ARE NOT IN THE LAIR OR SPECIFICALLY KEYED IN THE MAP. AN HOUR AFTER ANY BATTLE, ANOTHER 2 **BARGHOONS** WILL RETURN HERE FROM THEIR PATROL AND ENCOUNTER THE CHARACTERS IF THEY ARE STILL IN THE ROOM.

TREASURE: THE BARGHOON TREASURE IS STUFFED INTO THREE LARGE BAGS IN A CORNER OF THE ROOM. BETWEEN THEM, THE BAGS CONTAIN: 50 POUNDS OF GRAVE TRINKETS (TOTAL VALUE OF 500 GP), 117 GP WORTH OF ASSORTED COINS, 2 PIECES OF CUT BLUE QUARTZ (50GP, 25GP), A COPPER NECKLACE (1GP), AN ORNATE HAND MIRROR (20 GP) AND AN IRON COOK POT (WEIGHS 10 POUNDS, AND IS WORTHLESS). THE SHAMAN'S BELT POLCH CONTAINS A CAT SKULL, FIVE POLISHED STONES, A FEATHER DOLL, AND 15 GP.

24. ARCHIVE

THIS ROOM CONTAINS SHELVES FULL OF BOOKS, BUT THE SHELVES HAVE APPARENTLY COLLAPSED UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THEIR CONTENTS. ODDLY, THE BOOKS SEEM TO HAVE REMAINED IN LINE WITH EACH OTHER, AND ALL OF THEM HAVE A UNIFORM BLACK COLOR. FOUR BOOKS ARE OPEN ON A STURDY WOODEN TABLE.

ALL THE BOOKS IN THE ROOM HAVE BEEN TURNED TO SOLID IRON. ONLY THE FOUR OPEN BOOKS CAN BE READ, AND ONLY THE PAGES TO WHICH THEY WERE LEFT OPEN - BASICALLY, THE WRITING IS NOW NO MORE THAN A FAINT TEXTURE ON A BOOK-SHAPED BLOCK OF IRON. EACH IRON BOOK WEIGHS 50 POUNDS.

- **BOOK #1:** THIS BOOK IS OPEN TO A PAGE CONTAINING THE SPELL **MIRROR IMAGE**.
- **BOOK #2:** THIS BOOK IS OPEN TO A PAGE CONTAINING NOTES ABOUT HOW TO PREPARE UNDEAD FOR CASTING THE SPELL **ANIMATE DEAD**, BUT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE TEXT OF THE SPELL - PROBABLY IT WAS ON THE NEXT PAGE.
- **BOOK #3:** THIS BOOK IS OPEN TO A PAGE WITH A LIST OF TRIBUTE GIVEN TO THE MONASTERY FIVE YEARS AGO. THE LIST INCLUDES WINE, WHEAT, FLOUR, FINE CARPETS, A DOG (LISTED AS "SOLD, 2SP"), AND OTHER NON-MONETARY DONATIONS.

- **BOOK #4:** THIS BOOK IS OPEN TO A PAGE THAT CONTAINS PART OF A STORY, IN WHICH THE IRON GOD IMPRISONS HIS ENEMY THE EATER OF THE DEAD IN STONE FOR ALL ETERNITY.

25. ENTRY CHAMBER TO SACRED CAVERNS

THIS CHAMBER ECHOES STRANGELY, AND THERE IS A STRONG SENSE OF SOME BROODING SUPERNATURAL PRESENCE LURKING DEEP BEYOND THE NORTHERN ARCHWAY. THREE RUST-COLORED HOODS HANG ON PEGS BESIDE THIS ARCHWAY, WHICH ALSO HAS WORDS ENGRAVED OVER THE TOP.

THE CARVINGS OVER THE ARCHWAY READ: "IN THE NAME OF THE IRON GOD, BEWARE, YOU WHO ENTER THE SACRED CATACOMBS OF THE DEAD, WHICH THE IRON GOD WATCHES OVER. BE YOU NOT DRAPED IN RESPECT, AND DO YOU NOT SPEAK YOUR NAME FOR THE SCRIBE OF THE DEAD, YOU SHALL SUFFER THE WRATH OF THE CATACOMBS."

AS DESCRIBED IN AREA 26, ANYONE ENTERING THE CATACOMBS WITHOUT WEARING ONE OF THE HOODS, AND ANYONE WHO DOES NOT SPEAK THEIR OWN NAME MUST MAKE A DC 13 WISDOM SAVING THROW OR BEGIN HALLUCINATING (LATER ON, NOT IMMEDIATELY) ONCE THEY ARE WITHIN THE SACRED TUNNELS OF THE CATACOMBS. SPEAKING THEIR NAME AT ANY POINT WILL SUFFICE TO MEET THAT PART OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE CHARACTER.

AS NOTED EARLIER, HALLUCINATIONS

IN THE SACRED CATACOMBS ARE ALL ABOUT BLOOD, DEATH, RUST, AND IRON, AND YOU WILL GENERALLY HAVE TO INVENT THEM AS YOU SEE FIT. HOWEVER, THEIR GENERAL EFFECT IS THIS: FOR ANY SAVING THROW, CHECK, OR COMBAT, A CHARACTER HAS A 25% CHANCE TO SUFFER FROM HALLUCINATIONS AT THE CRITICAL MOMENT, AND THE DIE ROLLS WILL BE MADE WITH DISADVANTAGE (THIS WILL APPLY TO THE CHARACTER FOR AN ENTIRE COMBAT IF THE ROLL INDICATED HALLUCINATIONS).

26. PREPARATION CHAMBERS OF THE HIGHER PRIESTHOOD

WORDS ARE CARVED INTO THE STONE ARCHWAY ABOVE THE EASTERN DOOR OF THE ROOM, AND A LARGE BOWL OF SILVER PIECES STANDS ON AN IRON TRIPOD IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM. SOME CEREMONIAL ITEMS ARE JUMBLED IN ONE CORNER, WITH REDDISH-BROWN CLOTHS PILED AROUND THEM.

THE FOLLOWING WARNING IS CARVEN INTO THE STONE ABOVE THE EASTERN DOOR: "IN THE NAME OF THE IRON GOD, BEWARE, YOU WHO ENTER THE SACRED CATACOMBS OF THE DEAD, WHICH THE IRON GOD WATCHES OVER. BE YOU NOT DRAPED IN RESPECT, AND DO YOU NOT SPEAK YOUR NAME FOR THE SCRIBE OF THE DEAD, YOU SHALL SUFFER THE WRATH OF THE CATACOMBS." THE ITEMS IN

THE CORNER ARE A CEREMONIAL IRON LONG-AXE, A CEREMONIAL LANTERN ON A POLE, A CEREMONIAL IRON INCENSE BURNER ON A POLE, AND SIX RUST-BROWN DEVOTIONAL HOODS.

ANYONE ENTERING THE CATACOMBS WITHOUT WEARING ONE OF THE HOODS, AND ANYONE WHO DOES NOT SPEAK THEIR OWN NAME MUST MAKE A DC 13 WISDOM SAVING THROW OR BEGIN HALLUCINATING (LATER ON) WITHIN THE SACRED TUNNELS OF THE CATACOMBS. THE NATURE AND EFFECT OF THE HALLUCINATIONS ARE UP TO THE GAME MASTER, BUT THEY WILL

CONCERN DEATH AND RUSTING IRON. SPEAKING THEIR NAME AT ANY POINT SUFFICES TO "FIX" THAT PART OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE CHARACTER, EVEN IF IT'S DONE AFTER ENTERING THE CATACOMBS.

A LARGE IRON BOWL IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM CONTAINS 1,217 SP, BUT THESE SHOULD **NOT** BE REMOVED - AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THEIR WEIGHT INCREASES TO 1 POUND EACH. EACH COIN WAS THE SACRIFICE FOR A BODY INTERRED IN THE CATACOMBS, AND THEY ARE SACRED TO THE GOD.

FEAR THE EATER OF THE DEAD;

***STALKER, TOMB-WALKER,
CLOTHED IN STONE.***

THEY WHO FIND HIM CANNOT BIND HIM,

THEY WHO LEAD HIM SOON FEED HIM,

THEY WHO SEE HIM FREE HIM.

SACRED CATACOMBS (FIRST LEVEL)

GENERAL FEATURES

ANYONE IN THESE CAVERNS (AREAS 27-33) GETS THE SENSE OF BEING IN THE PRESENCES OF VERY POWERFUL SUPERNATURAL FORCES. THIS FEELING GOES AWAY IF THEY ENTER THE CATACOMBS OF THE SECOND LEVEL - IT'S THE CAVERNS ON THE FIRST LEVEL, AROUND THE IRON GOD AND THE EATER OF THE DEAD, WHERE MORTALS REALLY SENSE THE DANGEROUS AURA OF IMMORTAL POWERS AND SACRED GROUND. **WANDERING MONSTERS DON'T ENTER THIS AREA**, BUT IT'S NOT A GOOD PLACE TO REST - DREAMS KEEP PEOPLE FROM SLEEPING WELL, AND THE ON-EDGE FEELING MORTALS GET IN THIS AREA MEANS THAT LONG RESTS HERE HAVE NO EFFECT. SHORT RESTS OPERATE AS NORMAL.

27. THE GUARDIAN IN THE DARKNESS

ALL LIGHTS ARE SUDDENLY BLACKED OUT. THE DARKNESS IS ABSOLUTE.

THE DARKNESS IN THIS ROOM IS IMPENETRABLE EVEN BY MAGICAL SOURCES OF ILLUMINATION, AND CANNOT BE OVERCOME BY ANYTHING SHORT OF DIRECT DIVINE INTERVENTION. THE CHARACTERS WILL HAVE TO FEEL THEIR WAY ALONG.

THERE IS AN IRON THREE-HEADED DOG THAT PROWLs THE ROOM; ITS

METALLIC FOOTSTEPS ARE QUIET BUT AUDIBLE. IT DOES NOT ATTACK INTRUDERS, BUT RATHER, IT SPEAKS TO THEM: "ENTER ONLY WITH REVERENCE TO THE QUIET DEAD," IT CAUTIONS IN A RASPING, QUIET VOICE LIKE IRON MOVING ON STONE. "BUT THE DEAD WALK UNQUIETLY WITHIN THE SACRED CATACOMBS, AND THE WALKING DEAD ARE AN ABOMINATION TO THE IRON GOD." THE DOG DOES NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS, AND IF IT IS ATTACKED IT SIMPLY BECOMES AN INANIMATE IRON STATUE (AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTACK THE EATER OF THE DEAD IF THE EATER COMES THROUGH LATER ON).

IF THE EATER OF THE DEAD (FROM AREA 23) PASSES THROUGH THIS ROOM, THE IRON DOG WILL ATTACK IT IN THE DARKNESS. THE DOG WILL BE DESTROYED, BUT THE BATTLE WILL REDUCE THE EATER OF THE DEAD TO THE WEAKENED VERSION SHOWN IN THE NEW MONSTER SECTION.

28. CAVERN OF PAIN

THREE IRON STATUES STAND IN THIS ROOM NEAR AN OPEN, WOODEN TREASURE CHEST. THE WARM GLOW OF GOLD CAN BE SEEN IN THE CHEST. **WORDS ARE CARVED INTO THE ARCHWAY ABOVE THE NORTHERN EXIT.**

THE THREE IRON STATUES IN THIS ROOM ARE RENEGADE PRIESTS: HUMANS IN SACRED VESTMENTS AND

HOODS, WEARING LOTS OF GEMS AND JEWELRY (ALL IRON, UNFORTUNATELY). EACH STATUE BEARS AN EXPRESSION OF GREAT PAIN, AND IF THEY ARE WATCHED FOR VERY LONG, THE OBSERVER MIGHT NOTICE THAT THE FACIAL EXPRESSIONS ARE ACTUALLY CHANGING; BUT VERY, VERY SLOWLY, LIKE THE MOVEMENT OF A CLOCK'S HOUR HAND. ONE OF THE IRON STATUES SEEMS TO HAVE JUST TAKEN A NECKLACE FROM THE CHEST, AND THE NECKLACE IS IRON IN THE STATUE'S HAND. THE TREASURE CHEST IS OPEN AND THE GOLD WITHIN IS VISIBLE.

A **GIANT TICK** (SEE **NEW MONSTERS**) LURKS ABOVE THE TREASURE CHEST IN THE SHADOWS OF THE CEILING AND WILL DROP ON ANYONE WHO APPROACHES THE CHEST TOO CLOSELY.

TREASURE: THE CHEST CONTAINS 322 GP, 117 SP, A NECKLACE OF SMALL PEARLS WORTH 300 GP, AN IRON GOBLET (WORTHLESS), AND A WOODEN STICK (WORTHLESS).

OVER THE NORTHERN EXIT FROM THE CHAMBER, WORDS ARE CARVED DEEP INTO THE STONE. THEY READ: "YOU WHO LIVE DARE NOT ENTER HERE, FOR HERE RESIDES THE EATER OF THE DEAD, IMPRISONED ETERNALLY AND ETERNALLY TO REMAIN."

29. EMPTY CHAMBER

THIS ROOM CONTAINS A SET OF PRIEST-VESTMENTS, AND A BURNED-OUT TORCH. THE STALACTITES AND STALAGMITES ARE THICK IN THIS ROOM.

THE PRIESTLY VESTMENTS INCLUDE A HOOD.

TREASURE: ONE OF THE STALAGMITES IN THE CAVE CHAMBER HAS A HINGED TOP CONCEALING A HOLE IN WHICH THERE IS A CLERICAL SCROLL WITH 3 *CURE WOUNDS* SPELLS (AT FIRST LEVEL) AND AN *ANIMATE DEAD* SPELL. THIS CAN ONLY BE FOUND BY CHECKING THE STALAGMITES SPECIFICALLY; IT IS A WELL-CRAFTED HIDING PLACE, AND FINDING THE HOLE REQUIRES A DC 15 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK EVEN FOR THOSE SEARCHING IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

NOTE: CASTING *ANIMATE DEAD* ANYWHERE IN THE CATACOMBS IMMEDIATELY INCITES THE VENGEANCE OF THE GOD, AND IF THE CHARACTER FAILS A DC 15 WISDOM SAVING THROW IT RESULTS IN BEING TURNED TO IRON LIKE THE IRON STATUES IN AREA 28. FOR PURPOSES OF REMOVING THIS EFFECT, IT IS CONSIDERED A *CURSE* AT LEVEL 10.

30. CHAMBER OF SECRET INSCRIPTIONS

THE BADLY CRACKED WALLS OF THE CAVERN ARE INSCRIBED WITH ANCIENT LANGUAGES. THERE ARE ALSO SOME PICTURES CUT INTO THE WALLS.

THE PICTURES ARE OF A THREE-HEADED BEAST RESEMBLING A DOG, A LARGE AMPHORA-LIKE JAR, AND A PRIEST WEARING VESTMENTS AND CARRYING A LONG IRON AXE. THE WRITING IS ALMOST ALL JUST NAMES (FORMER PRIESTS AND RECORDS OF NOBLE DEAD).

THE CRACKS IN THE WALLS CONTAIN 6 **POISONOUS SNAKES** THAT WILL SLITHER OUT AND ATTACK, ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT ALL EMERGE AT ONE TIME. THREE SNAKES WILL COME OUT INITIALLY, WITH AN ADDITIONAL ONE JOINING THE COMBAT EACH TURN.

31. CHAMBER OF THE ETERNAL GUARDIANS

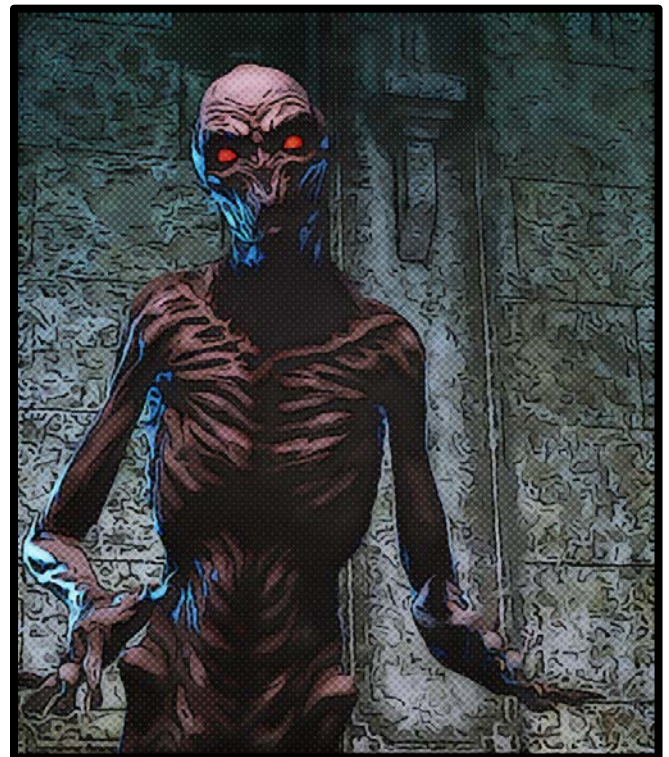
THIS ROOM CONTAINS A ROW OF THREE IRON MEN-AT-ARMS, ALL CARRYING LONG AXES. THE STATUES ARE BADLY RUSTED.

THESE STATUES ALL HAVE CALM FACES (THESE ARE NORMAL IRON STATUES, NOT PEOPLE TRANSFORMED BY THE GOD'S WRATH). THEY RAISE THEIR WEAPONS IN SALUTE TO ANYONE WEARING THE VESTMENTS OF THE GOD, AND WILL ACTUALLY FOLLOW AND ASSIST ANY GROUP CARRYING THE CEREMONIAL LONG-AXE, INCENSE BURNER, AND

LANTERN (FROM AREA 26). OTHERWISE, THEY REMAIN AS STATUES.

32. PRISON OF THE EATER OF THE DEAD

A THICK FOREST OF STALACTITES AND STALAGMITES EXTEND FROM CEILING AND FLOOR OF THIS CHAMBER - YOU CAN'T SEE MUCH OF THE INTERIOR WITHOUT VENTURING INSIDE.



THE EATER OF THE DEAD

THIS ROOM CONTAINS A STONE STATUE OF A HIDEOUS CREATURE. IT IS MANLIKE, BUT STANDS 7 FEET TALL WITH A MISSHAPED HEAD SHOWING FANGS AT THE MOUTH. ITS FINGERNAILS ARE GROWN INTO LONG CLAWS, AND IT IS DEPICTED IN THE ACT OF EATING A HUMAN ARM. WHEN ANY LIVING PERSON ENTERS

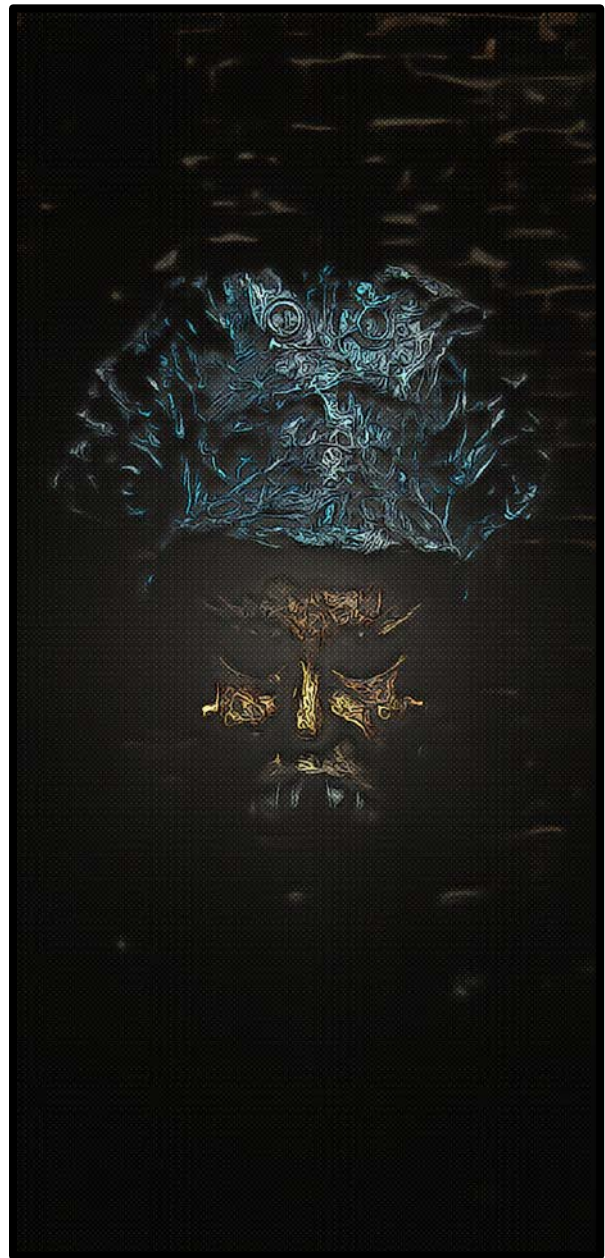
THE ROOM, THE EATER OF THE DEAD, IMPRISONED IN THIS STATUE FORM, IS AWAKENED AND COMES TO LIFE. THE STATUE BECOMES ANIMATED WITH THE EATER'S SPIRIT, AND WILL FOLLOW THE ADVENTURERS. UNLESS THE PARTY IMMOBILIZED THE IRON DOG IN AREA 27 BY ATTACKING IT, THE DOG WILL ATTACK AND WEAKEN THE EATER AS IT FOLLOWS THE PARTY THROUGH THAT AREA - IN THIS CASE, THE EATER WILL HAVE THE WEAKENED STATISTICS SHOWN IN *NEW MONSTERS*. THE EATER OF THE DEAD WAITS UNTIL THE PARTY ENTERS COMBAT WITH UNDEAD, AND THEN ATTACKS. UNTIL IT ENTERS COMBAT, THE EATER OF THE DEAD CANNOT BE HARMED BY WEAPONS OF ANY KIND, AND IT WILL NOT ATTACK THE PARTY UNTIL THEY ARE IN COMBAT WITH UNDEAD. IT SIMPLY FOLLOWS THEM, INVULNERABLE, UNSTOPPABLE, AND IGNORING ATTEMPTS TO HARM IT.

33. SACRED CHAMBER OF THE IRON GOD

A MASSIVE STATUE OF THE IRON GOD DOMINATES THIS ROOM, GIVING FORTH A SENSE OF TREMENDOUS SUPERNATURAL POWER. AN UNEVEN STAIRCASE LEADS DOWN TO THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE TOMBS.

THIS SACRED CHAMBER IS THE HEART OF THE IRON GOD'S SANCTUARY, WHERE THE GOD HAS DECIDED TO REMAIN ENTOMBED IN HIS STATUE, GUARDING THE CORPSES OF HIS CATACOMBS BUT NO LONGER EXTENDING HIS INFLUENCE TO ACCEPT MORE. THE STATUE OF THE GOD IS, IN

ESSENCE, THE GOD'S PHYSICAL LOCATION. A LONG, NARROW, UNEVEN STAIRCASE HEWN FROM THE ROCK EXTENDS DOWNWARD INTO THE CATACOMBS BELOW. THE ROOM IS CHARGED WITH A SENSE OF TREMENDOUS SUPERNATURAL POWER. IF THE EATER OF THE DEAD PASSES THROUGH THIS ROOM FOLLOWING THE PARTY, IT LAUGHS TRIUMPHANTLY AS IT PASSES THE IRON GOD'S STATUE.



THE IRON GOD

SECOND LEVEL

GENERAL FEATURES

ALMOST ALL THE CHAMBERS IN THE CATACOMBS CONTAIN ALCOVES WHERE THE DEAD WERE BURIED. ONE OF THE GREATER RISKS IN THIS AREA IS WANDERING MONSTERS.

FOR EACH ROOM SEARCHED, MAKE A CHECK FOR WANDERING MONSTERS. ON A ROLL OF 1 ON A D4, THERE IS AN ENCOUNTER. HOWEVER, **THERE WILL ONLY BE A TOTAL OF 3 SUCH ENCOUNTERS** - AFTER THAT, THE CATACOMBS ARE CONSIDERED EMPTIED OF THE WANDERING MONSTERS. WHEN THE DICE INDICATE AN ENCOUNTER WITH WANDERING MONSTERS, ROLL ON THE TABLE BELOW:

- 1) 1D6 **SKELETONS**
- 2) 1D4+3 **GIANT RATS**
- 3) 1D3 **GIANT CENTIPEDES**
- 4) 1D4+1 **ZOMBIES**

34. INTERMENT CHAMBER

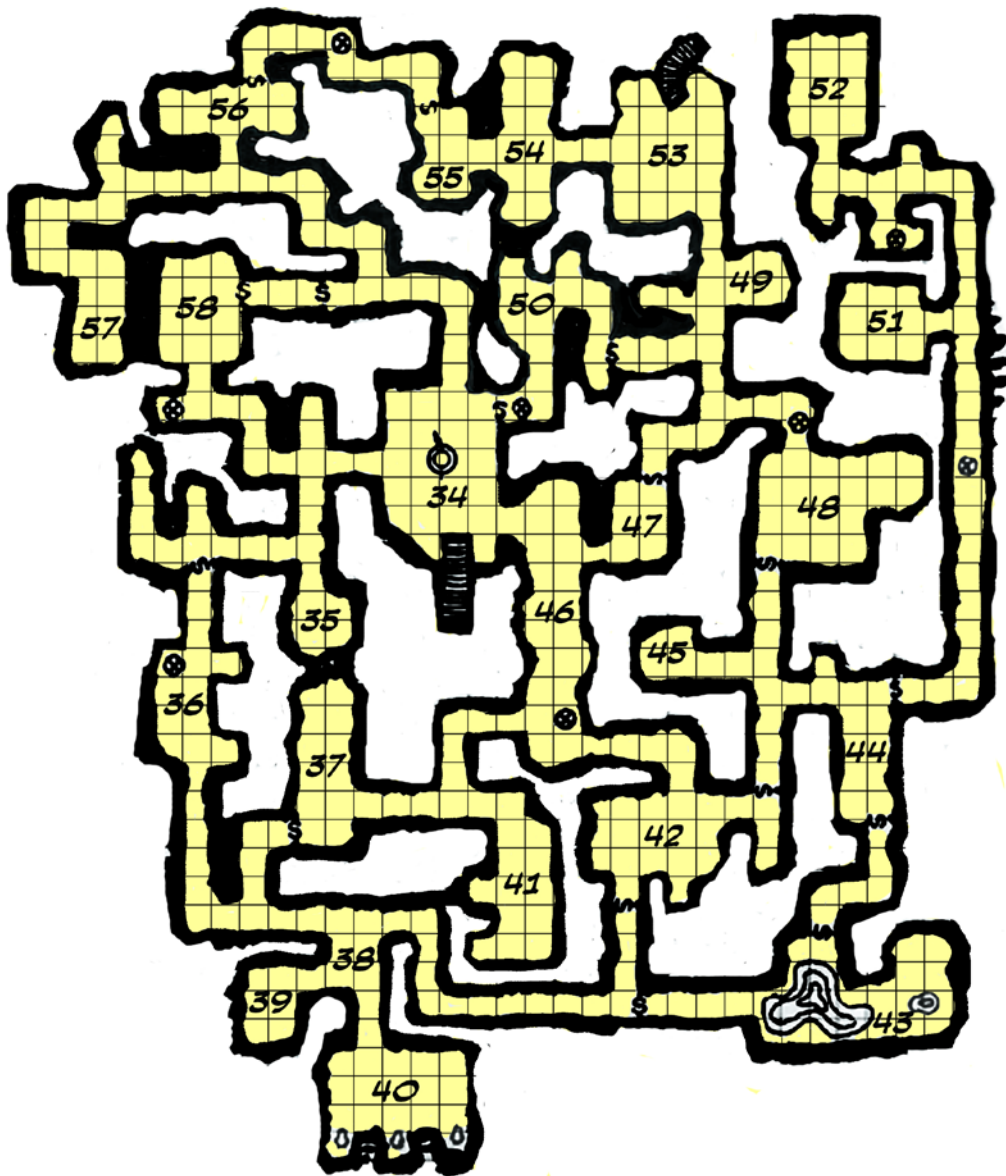
A CIRCULAR IRON TABLE ALMOST TEN FEET IN DIAMETER DOMINATES THIS ROOM. AN ELABORATE SPIKE EXTENDS FROM THE SIDE OF THE TABLETOP PARALLEL WITH THE FLOOR, POINTING AT THE ROOM'S NORTHERN WALL.

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE SECRET DOOR IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER CANNOT BE DETECTED UNLESS THAT

AREA IS SPECIFICALLY SEARCHED. FINDING THE DOOR WITH ORDINARY SEARCHING REQUIRES A DC 15 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK EVEN IF THE CHARACTERS ARE LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACE. HOWEVER, IF THE PLAYERS THEMSELVES HAVE REALIZED THAT THE POINTER (SEE BELOW) MIGHT BE POINTING TO A DOOR HERE, DETECTION OF THE DOOR IS AUTOMATIC IF THE AREA INDICATED BY THE POINTER IS SEARCHED FOR SECRET DOORS.

THE TABLE IS MOUNTED ON A CIRCULAR TRACK SO THAT IT CAN BE TURNED, AND IT IS GRAVEN WITH MANY RUNES. WHEN THE TOMBS WERE OPERATING NORMALLY, AN EMBALMED BODY WOULD BE PLACED UPON THE TABLE TO SEE WHICH CATACOMB THE IRON GOD WOULD ASSIGN TO THE BODY. IF A DEAD BODY IS PLACED ON THE TABLE IT STILL FUNCTIONS - THE TABLE CIRCLES AROUND SEVERAL TIMES OF ITS OWN ACCORD, THEN EVENTUALLY POINTS TO THE NORTH, SOUTHEAST, OR WESTERN ARCHWAY INTO THE CATACOMBS. THERE IS NO DISCERNIBLE RHYME OR REASON TO THE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE CORPSES - IT IS SIMPLY THE WHIM OF THE IRON GOD. IF CHARACTERS TURN THE WHEEL, THEY WILL FIND THAT IT HAS FOUR POINTS WHERE IT CAN STOP AND SETTLE INTO A NOTCH - THREE OF THESE POINT TO THE ARCHWAYS, AND THE FOURTH POINTS TO THE SECRET DOOR IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER. THE SECRET

SECOND LEVEL



DOOR CAN ONLY BE OPENED FROM WITHIN IF THE TABLE HAS BEEN MOVED TO POINT TOWARD IT.

35. OLDEST CHAMBER

THE WALLS OF THIS CHAMBER ARE CARVED WITH DEEP, SQUARE ALCOVES HACKED ROUGHLY FROM THE STONE.

ALCOVES: 30 SMALL, CUBICAL NICHES (ABOUT 1FOOT BY 1FOOT)

CONTENTS: MANY OF THE ALCOVES ARE SO FILLED WITH DUST THAT THEY APPEAR TO BE PART OF THE WALL. THEY CONTAIN SKULLS OF SOME PRE-HUMAN RACE WITH SLIGHTLY ELONGATED FOREHEADS AND A LARGE CRANIUM (ONE SKULL PER NICHE). THE SKULLS ARE SO OLD THAT THEY DISINTEGRATE WHEN TOUCHED. THESE ARE THE SKULLS OF TRUE VYCENAEANS THAT WERE INTERRED APPROXIMATELY 1000 YEARS AGO.

UNUSUAL ALCOVES: 20 ALCOVES HAVE 2 CP EACH, 4 HAVE 2 GP EACH, AND 6 HAVE 2 SP (TOTAL FOR THE ROOM IS 40 CP, 12 SP, 8 GP). THE COINS ARE VERY ANCIENT, AND ON A DC15 INTELLIGENCE (HISTORY) CHECK, A CHARACTER MAY REALIZE THAT IF THE COINS ARE SOLD TO A COLLECTOR IN A CITY OR LARGE TOWN, THEY ARE ACTUALLY WORTH 5 TIMES NORMAL, FOR A BULK VALUE OF 46 GP). ONE ALCOVE CONTAINS AN ORNATE GOLD BRACELET SET WITH HEMATITE (100 GP), AND ONE CONTAINS A BAG CONTAINING 3 POTIONS OF HEALING AND A SCROLL OF CURE WOUNDS. FINALLY, THERE IS ONE ALCOVE THAT CONTAINS A

WIDE CRACK BEHIND THE SKULLL INTERRED WITHIN, AND A **SWARM OF INSECTS (BEETLES)** POURS OUT FROM BEHIND THE ALCOVE IF ANYONE DISTURBS THE SKULL.

36. SKELETON LAIR

THE WALLS OF THIS AREA ARE POCKMARKED WITH IRREGULARLY SPACED, HORIZONTAL ALCOVES. MANY OF THESE CONTAIN BONES, AND OTHER HUMAN BONES ARE SCATTERED ON THE FLOOR, MOSTLY CLOSE TO THE WALLS.

ALCOVES: THE ROOM CONTAINS A TOTAL OF 30 ALCOVES.

CONTENTS: 10 ALCOVES ARE EMPTY, 10 CONTAIN FULL, DISASSEMBLED SKELETONS (NORMAL), ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTURBED AND ARE JUMBLED UP A BIT, AND THE REMAINING 10 ALCOVES ARE EMPTY.

MONSTERS: EACH OF THE TWO SIDE ROOMS OF THE CHAMBER CONTAINS 3 **SKELETONS** (6 TOTAL), AND THESE WILL EMERGE TO ATTACK, ONE PER ROUND.

TREASURE: ONE SKELETON HAS A GREEN GEM IN ITS EYE SOCKET WORTH 300GP.

37. CATACOMB CHAMBER

HORIZONTAL, MAN-SIZED ALCOVES ARE CUT DEEPLY INTO THE WALLS OF THIS AREA. THE CONTENTS OF THE ALCOVES ARE GHOSTLY WHITE, AND YOU CAN SEE THOUSANDS OF YELLOWED HUMAN BONES IN THEM.

THIS ROOM CONTAINS 97 ALCOVES, EACH OF WHICH CONTAINS A NORMAL, UN-ANIMATED, INTACT SKELETON, WRAPPED IN WINDING-SHEETS OF VARYING AGES (THESE WINDING-SHEETS CREATE THE GHOSTLY-WHITE EFFECT).

TREASURE: ONE OF THE ALCOVES CONTAINS A JAR OF A SWEET-SMELLING, WAXY, SUBSTANCE WHICH TURNS OUT TO BE WORTH 25 GP.

38. CATACOMB CHAMBER

TEN ALCOVES ARE CUT DEEPLY INTO THE WALLS OF THIS AREA. THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO HOLD HUMAN REMAINS, BUT ALL OF THEM APPEAR EMPTY AT FIRST GLANCE.

ALCOVE CONTENTS: 1 ALCOVE CONTAINS A JAR OF DUST, 1 CONTAINS A BAG WITH 20 ANCIENT GOLD COINS, AND 1 CONTAINS A TRAP THAT CLICKS BUT FAILS TO FUNCTION. THIS ROOM HAS NOT BEEN FAVORED BY THE IRON GOD AS A REPOSITORY FOR MANY YEARS. A DC15 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK LETS A CHARACTER NOTICE THAT SOME HUMAN REMAINS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN REMOVED (OR MOVED THEMSELVES) FROM TWO OF THE ALCOVES.

39. CATACOMB CHAMBER - THE DEADPILE

THIS ROOM CONTAINS A PILE OF BODIES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM. AS WITH THE OTHER ROOMS OF THESE CATACOMBS, THE WALLS ARE CUT WITH HORIZONTAL ALCOVES FOR HUMAN REMAINS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A HUGE PILE OF ROTTING BODIES IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM - THE BODIES ARE A STRANGE HYBRID OF HUMAN AND BABOON.

THIS IS WHERE THE UNDEAD OF THE CATACOMBS DEPOSIT THE DEAD BODIES OF INTRUDERS THEY HAVE KILLED: SO FAR, ONLY BARGHOONS. ANY CHARACTERS KILLED AND LEFT BEHIND IN THE CATACOMBS WILL BE BROUGHT HERE AND ADDED TO THE PILE.

THERE ARE 15 ALCOVES (6FT LONG, 1FT HIGH, 3FT DEEP) IN THE ROOM, EACH OF WHICH CONTAINS AN ORDINARY SKELETON WRAPPED IN A DECAYING WINDING SHEET OF LINEN CLOTH. ONE ALCOVE CONTAINS A NECKLACE WORTH 40 GP.

ONE OF THE BARGHOON BODIES HAS A POUCH CONTAINING 5 GP, 14 SP, AND A GILDED RAT'S HEAD (2 GP).

40. TREASURE CHAMBER

HORIZONTAL, MAN-SIZED ALCOVES ARE CUT DEEPLY INTO THE WALLS OF THIS AREA, WHICH CONTAINS THREE ORNATE SARCOPHAGI AND A TERRIBLE STENCH. LOTS OF ZOMBIES ARE SHUFFLING FORWARD, CARRYING HUMAN BONES TO USE AS CLUBS.

OF THE VARIOUS ROOMS IN THE CATACOMBS, THIS ONE HAS SEEN THE MOST RECENT USAGE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MUCH-OLDER SARCOPHAGI. THIS WILL MOST LIKELY BE OBVIOUS TO THE PLAYERS FROM THE ROOM'S LESS-DECOMPOSED CONTENTS.

MONSTERS: THIS ROOM CONTAINS 10 **ZOMBIES**, WHICH IS A BATTLE MOST LIKELY BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF THE ADVENTURING PARTIES THAT WILL ENCOUNTER IT. THE TRICK IS TO FIGHT AND RETURN, NOT TO LAUNCH IN AND FIGHT TO THE DEATH. ZOMBIES ARE SLOW, SO THIS IS A FEASIBLE APPROACH.

TREASURE

ALCOVES: THERE ARE 104 ALCOVES CUT INTO THE WALLS OF THE ROOM. 20 OF THESE CONTAIN EMBALMED CORPSES, NOT YET ROTTED INTO SKELETONS. 14 CONTAIN ASSEMBLED (NORMAL) SKELETONS, AND THE REMAINING ALCOVES ARE STILL EMPTY. ONE OF THE SKELETON-ALCOVES CONTAINS A RUBY GEM WORTH 100GP, BUT THE BULK OF THE ROOM'S TREASURE IS TO BE FOUND IN THE SARCOPHAGI.

SARCOPHAGI: THE ROOM CONTAINS THREE ORNATELY-CARVED STONE SARCOPHAGI, WITH CONTENTS AS FOLLOWS:

SARCOPHAGUS #1: SKELETON (NORMAL) BEDECKED IN SILVER AND GOLD JEWELRY WEIGHING 50 POUNDS (1,500GP VALUE).

SARCOPHAGUS #2: SKELETON (NORMAL), WITH A NECKLACE OF COPPER WORTH 1 GP. THE SARCOPHAGUS LID RELEASES POISON GAS WHEN OPENED. THE TRAP MAY BE DETECTED (IF THE LID IS CLOSELY INSPECTED FOR TRAPS) ON A DC15 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK, AND IF IT IS DISCOVERED A DC 15 INT (INVESTIGATION) CHECK WILL REVEAL THAT SOME SORT OF AIR WILL BE RELEASED FROM WITHIN THE LID IF THE LID OPENS OR IS BROKEN. THE TRAP CAN BE DISARMED WITH A DC 15 DEXTERITY CHECK USING TOOLS. THE ONLY OTHER WAY TO GET INTO THE SARCOPHAGUS WOULD BE THROUGH THE SIDES, WHICH ARE THICK STONE.

THE DISAPPOINTING CONTENTS OF THE SARCOPHAGUS ARE NOT ITS ONLY SECRET. IT HAS A SLIDING FALSE BOTTOM THAT LEADS TO A 10X10 FOOT CHAMBER UNDERNEATH. IF A CHARACTER EXAMINES THE BOTTOM OF THE SARCOPHAGUS, WHICH REQUIRES REMOVING THE SKELETON, THE CHARACTER MAY MAKE A DC 10 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK TO DISCOVER THAT THE BOTTOM IS A SLIDING PLATE OF STONE THAT CAN BE SHIFTED. SLIDING IT TO THE SIDE RELEASES THE 4 **UNDEAD TOMB-CATS** (SEE **NEW MONSTERS**)

THAT WERE INTERRED HERE AS GUARDIANS FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE DECEASED.

THE SUB-CHAMBER UNDER SARCOPHAGUS #2 CONTAINS AN EARTHENWARE JAR CONTAINING 50 GP AND A CRUMPLED SCROLL OF *DETECT MAGIC*.

SARCOPHAGUS #3: SKELETON (NORMAL), WEARING LAPIS LAZULI NECKLACE WORTH 700GP. IF THE NECKLACE IS REMOVED, THE **SKELETON** ANIMATES AND BEGINS TO GLOW (THE GLOW HAS NO COMBAT EFFECT).

41. CATACOMB CHAMBER

AS WITH THE OTHER ROOMS OF THESE CATACOMBS, THE CEILING HERE IS LOW, AND THE WALLS ARE DEEPLY CUT WITH NUMEROUS, HORIZONTAL, BURIAL ALCOVES. THE ONES IN THIS ROOM ARE FILLED WITH BONES.

THERE ARE 33 ALCOVES IN THIS ROOM, EACH CONTAINING AN ASSEMBLED SKELETON (NORMAL) WRAPPED IN ROTTING LINEN GRAVE-CLOTHS.

UNUSUAL ALCOVES:

- **ALCOVE 6:** THIS ALCOVE CONTAINS A POISONED NEEDLE TRAP THAT SHOOTS UP FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE ALCOVE IF THE SKELETON WITHIN IS MOVED AROUND. IF ANYONE'S HAND IS IN THE ALCOVE, THE CHARACTER TAKES 1 POINT OF PIERCING DAMAGE AND

2D10 POISON DAMAGE, AND MUST ALSO MAKE A DC 10 CONSTITUTION SAVING THROW OR BE POISONED FOR 1 HOUR. A DC 15 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK ALLOWS A CHARACTER TO NOTICE THE HOLE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE ALCOVE, WITHOUT EVEN NEEDING TO LOOK CAREFULLY. A DC 15 DEXTERITY CHECK USING TOOLS WILL DISARM THE TRAP, OR IT CAN SIMPLY BE TRIPPED BY BANGING AROUND IN THE ALCOVE WITH A SWORD OR OTHER OBJECT.

- **ALCOVE 15:** THIS ALCOVE CONTAINS A BAG MADE OF THE SAME LINEN AS THE GRAVE-WINDINGS, CONTAINING 5GP.
- **ALCOVE 28:** THIS ALCOVE CONTAINS BONES THAT SUDDENLY CATCH FIRE AND BURN AWAY WHEN TOUCHED, ALTHOUGH THE FLAMES DO NOT GENERATE HEAT OR CAUSE DAMAGE. ONCE THEY ARE ENTIRELY BURNED, THE LINEN GRAVE-CLOTH IS STILL IN PLACE, FILLED WITH FINE ASH.

42. SKELETON BARRACKS

A SMALL NUMBER OF HORIZONTAL, MAN-SIZED ALCOVES ARE CUT DEEPLY INTO THE WALLS OF THIS AREA. A HUGE NUMBER OF SKELETONS ARE ASSEMBLED HERE, STANDING IN RANKS LIKE SOLDIERS AND CARRYING RUSTED SHORT SWORDS. ONE CARRIES A SHIELD, AS RUST-COVERED AS THE SWORDS OF ITS FELLOWS.

THERE ARE 20 SKELETONS STANDING IN THESE RANKS, ALTHOUGH ONLY FIVE OF THEM ARE ANIMATED. ALL OF THE SKELETONS

CARRY RUSTED SHORT SWORDS, BUT ONE ALSO CARRIES A SHIELD. THESE 5 **SKELETONS** WILL ATTACK ANYONE ENTERING THE ROOM.

ONLY TEN ALCOVES ARE CUT INTO THE WALLS OF THIS CHAMBER, AND NONE OF THEM CONTAIN SKELETONS. SOME, HOWEVER, STILL HAVE INTERESTING CONTENTS, SINCE THE BARGHOONS HAVE NEVER CHOSEN TO RISK ENTERING A ROOM WITH SO MANY SCARY-LOOKING INHABITANTS.

ALCOVES:

- ALCOVE #1: EMPTY, OTHER THAN A DISCARDED WINDING-CLOTH
- ALCOVE #2: NEST OF MICE
- ALCOVE #3: SMALL WOODEN COFFER CONTAINING 5 GEMS WORTH 25 GP EACH
- ALCOVE #4: BOTTLE OF SPOILED WINE
- ALCOVE #5: EMPTY
- ALCOVE #6: *POTION OF HEALING*
- ALCOVE #7: EMPTY
- ALCOVE #8: *WAND OF MAGIC MISSILES* CONTAINING 3 CHARGES. UPON EXPENDING THE FINAL CHARGE, THE WAND EXPLODES, CAUSING 2D4 HIT POINTS OF PIERCING DAMAGE
- ALCOVE #9: EMPTY
- ALCOVE #10: WIZARDLY ROBES THAT BUTTON DOWN THE FRONT. THE BUTTONS ARE WOOD, AND CARVED TO RESEMBLE OWLS.

TREASURE: THE RUST-COVERED SHIELD IS A TRUE +1 SHIELD WITH AN UNUSUAL QUALITY - THE RUST. THE RUST CANNOT BE REMOVED BY ANY METHOD SHORT OF DIVINE

INTERVENTION, BUT THE SHIELD WORKS JUST FINE.

43. TOAD POOL

A LARGE POOL OF MURKY, BLACK WATER BLOCKS PASSAGE THROUGH THIS AREA. THE WALLS ARE POCKMARKED WITH MANY OF THE HORIZONTAL ALCOVES USED TO ENTER THE DEAD IN THESE DARK CATACOMBS. THEY APPEAR TO BE MOSTLY OCCUPIED BY SKELETONS WOUND IN LINEN CLOTHS.

ALCOVES: THE AREA CONTAINS 48 ALCOVES, 39 OF WHICH CONTAIN NORMAL, HUMAN SKELETONS. ONE OF THE SKELETONS WEARS A NECKLACE OF LAPIS LAZULI WORTH 100 GP; ANOTHER ALCOVE CONTAINS A LONGSWORD AND A SUIT OF CHAIN MAIL, BOTH RUSTED AND WORTHLESS.

AN ENORMOUS **GIANT TOAD** LIVES IN THIS CHAMBER, ITS BULBOUS EYES JUST ABOVE THE WATER LEVEL, WATCHING FOR PREY. THE EYES MAY BE NOTICED WITH A DC 15 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK IF THE CHARACTERS STOP TO SURVEY THE ROOM BEFORE ENTERING.

IF THE TOAD MANAGES TO SWALLOW A CHARACTER WHOLE, IT WILL IMMEDIATELY DIVE DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL TO DROWN ITS PREY. THE POOL IS 10 FEET DEEP.

TREASURE: MOST OF THE TOAD'S TREASURE IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL - THE WATER IS TOO MURKY TO SEE UNDERWATER, AND

DIVING IN TO FIND TREASURE MAY BRING UP ITEMS IN RANDOM ORDER.

- EARTHENWARE POT (5 POUNDS, WORTHLESS BUT A 50 GP MALACHITE GEM IS BAKED INTO THE CLAY)
- ROTTING LEATHER BAG WITH 12 SP
- LARGE (4FT TALL) IRON IDOL OF THE IRON GOD WITH JEWELLED EYES (2 EMERALDS WORTH 10 GP EACH) - THE STATUE WILL NEED TO BE HAILED OUT WITH ROPE AND MECHANICAL LEVERAGE, ALTHOUGH THE EYES COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS GEMS AND REMOVED UNDERWATER IF A CHARACTER ATTEMPTS THIS.
- LEATHER BOOTS (WORTHLESS)
- A PAIR OF RUSTED SWORDS (WORTHLESS)
- SKELETON CLUTCHING A *POTION OF HEALING*
- SILVER CANDELABRUM (25 GP)
- MAGICAL BRASS COCKROACH, ANIMATES ONE PER DAY AT NOON, SCUTTLES AROUND IN A CIRCLE, THEN DE-ANIMATES.
- TALL, DELICATE GLASS TUBE (10 GP) CONTAINING 15SP AND A +1 ARROW. THERE IS NO OPENING IN THE TUBE, SO IT MUST BE BROKEN TO GET TO THE ARROW AND THE SILVER.
- TREASURE CHEST CONTAINING RUINED SCROLL, RUINED POTION, 142 SP, AND 3 GP.
- SUIT OF RUSTED +1 CHAIN MAIL CONTAINING A **SKELETON** THAT ANIMATES IF TOUCHED.

44. CATACOMB CHAMBER

THE WALLS OF THIS CHAMBER, LIKE THE OTHERS, ARE INCISED WITH BURIAL ALCOVES, ALL OF THEM CONTAINING SKELETONS WRAPPED IN DECAYING LINEN WINDING-SHEETS.

ALCOVES: THERE ARE 41 ALCOVES IN THE CHAMBER, ALMOST ALL OF THEM CONTAINING SKELETONS (NORMAL).

UNUSUAL ALCOVES: ONE ALCOVE CONTAINS 6 PEBBLES ARRANGED IN A CIRCLE, 1 CONTAINS A CLAY BOWL, AND ONE CONTAINS A 1GP COIN WITH TOOTH-MARKS ON IT. THE COIN IS TWO-HEADED, IDENTICAL ON BOTH SIDES EXCEPT FOR THE ALMOST UNNOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE IN TOOTH-MARKS. A DC 20 (PERCEPTION) CHECK IS REQUIRED TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, ALTHOUGH IT IS IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS A TWO-HEADED COIN IF ANYONE PICKS IT UP AND LOOKS AT IT.

45. CATACOMB SKULL-CHAMBER WITH PRIEST STATUE

THE WALLS OF THIS CHAMBER ARE INCISED WITH SMALL, SQUARE ALCOVES ABOUT A FOOT HIGH. AN IRON STATUE OF A HOODED MAN IN PRIESTLY VESTMENTS STANDS IN THE ROOM.

ALCOVES: THE ALCOVES IN THIS ROOM CONTAIN SKULLS, NOT COMPLETE SKELETONS. ALL 38 ALCOVES ARE OCCUPIED BY A SKULL., AND NONE CONTAIN TREASURE OR OTHER ITEMS.

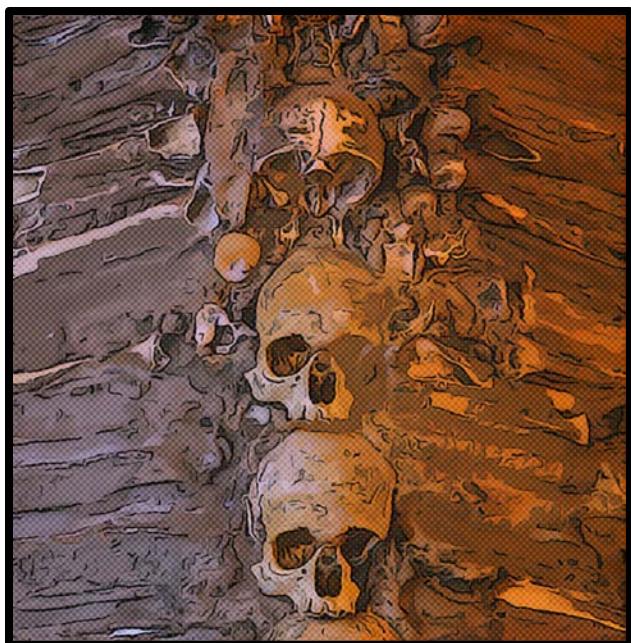
AS WITH THE OTHER RENEGADE PRIESTS TURNED INTO LIVING IRON, THE MONK'S FACIAL EXPRESSION IS HORRIFIED AND CHANGES VERY SLOWLY. THE STATUE IS NOT DANGEROUS.

46. CATACOMB CHAMBER

THE NUMEROUS GRAVE-ALCOVES IN THIS ROOM APPEAR TO CONTAIN JUMBLES OF BONES RATHER THAN INTACT SKELETONS.

ALCOVES: THERE ARE 197 ALCOVES IN THE ROOM, WHICH CONTAIN FULL SKELETONS, BUT THE BONES HAVE BEEN MOVED AROUND AT SOME TIME AFTER THE BODIES THEMSELVES ROTTED AWAY.

UNUSUAL ALCOVES: ONE ALCOVE CONTAINS A FLINT AND STEEL SET; ONE CONTAINS A BAG WITH 5 GP; ONE CONTAINS THE STONE FIGURINE OF A BLUEJAY; ONE CONTAINS A PLAIN ELECTRUM RING (5 GP); ONE CONTAINS A GOLDEN EYEBALL IN THE SKULL'S EYE SOCKET (50 GP).



47. GHOLL AND SKELETON LAIR

THIS ROOM RESEMBLES THE OTHER CHAMBERS OF THE CATACOMBS UNDER THE TEMPLE, WITH DEEP HORIZONTAL GRAVE-ALCOVES CUT INTO THE WALLS, ALL OF WHICH CONTAIN SKELETONS LYING IN THEIR FINAL RESTING-PLACES. HOWEVER, A GREY-SKINNED, HUMANLIKE CREATURE WITH A FERAL EXPRESSION CROUCHES NEAR ONE OF THE WALLS.

ALCOVES: THERE ARE ONLY 10 ALCOVES IN THE CHAMBER, 9 OF WHICH CONTAIN INTACT SKELETONS (NORMAL), AND ONE OF WHICH CONTAINS A **SKELETON** THAT ANIMATES TO ASSIST THE **GHOLL** IN COMBAT.

UNUSUAL ALCOVES: THE SKELETON IN ONE OF THE ALCOVES IS GILDED WITH GOLD. IT IS WORTH 200GP.

48. ANOTHER CATACOMB CHAMBER

THE WALLS OF THIS LOW-CEILINGED CHAMBER ARE FILLED FLOOR TO CEILING WITH ALCOVES CONTAINING HUMAN SKELETONS.

ALCOVES: THERE ARE 53 ALCOVES IN THE ROOM, 41 OF WHICH CONTAIN INTACT (NORMAL) SKELETONS.

UNUSUAL ALCOVES:

- ALCOVE #3 CONTAINS A METAL DISK IN THE WINDING-SHEET OF THE SKELETON LYING IN THE

ALCOVE. IF THE METAL DISK TOUCHES FLESH, IT WILL IMMEDIATELY DISSOLVE INTO ACID, GIVING OFF POISON GAS AS IT DISSOLVES. THE ACID INFLECTS 2D6 POINTS OF DAMAGE. THE POISON GAS FILLS AN AREA 20FT X 20FT X20FT, INFLECTING 20 POINTS OF POISON DAMAGE, OR 10 IF THE CHARACTER MAKES A DC15 CON SAVE.

- ALCOVE #22 IS ONE OF THE EMPTY ONES. IT CONTAINS AN EMPTY LEATHER WINESKIN, A FORK OF WROUGHT IRON, AND A FLASK OF OIL.
- ALCOVE #49: THIS ALCOVE CONTAINS A SKELETON WEARING A SILVER PENDANT WITH A SMALL SAPPHIRE, WORTH 100GP.

49. GHOLL LAIR

HORIZONTAL, MAN-SIZED ALCOVES ARE CUT DEEPLY INTO THE WALLS OF THIS AREA, BUT INSTEAD OF CONTAINING SKELETONS, THESE CONTAIN MUCH MORE RECENT CADAVERS. MANY OF WHICH APPEAR TO BE INCOMPLETE OR DISMEMBERED. THE ROOM SMELLS HORRIBLE, A REEK OF DECOMPOSITION AND ROTTING FLESH.

THIS CHAMBER IS THE MOST RECENTLY USED OF THE ENTIRE CATACOMB AREA, ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE BODIES ARE PARTICULARLY FRESH. IT IS THE LAIR OF 2 **GHOLLS** THAT HAVE BEEN FEEDING UPON THE BOUNTY PROVIDED TO THEM.

ALCOVES: THERE ARE 39 ALCOVES IN THIS ROOM, 14 OF WHICH CONTAIN DECOMPOSING CADAVERS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY EATEN BY THE GHOLLS.

UNUSUAL ALCOVES:

- ALCOVE #7 CONTAINS 12 HUMAN HANDS BUT NO COMPLETE CADAVER
- ALCOVE #14 CONTAINS 80 SP IN A NEAT PILE
- ALCOVE #31 CONTAINS A WOODEN BOX INLAID WITH IVORY (5 GP).

50. IRON TREASURE CHESTS

THERE ARE NO BURIAL ALCOVES IN THIS ROOM, BUT THERE ARE TWO VERY DEEP SIDE-ROOMS CUT INTO THE WALL. THE CEILING OF THE CHAMBER IS LOW (JUST HIGHER THAN 6FT), AND THE CEILING IS COVERED WITH DROPLETS OF CONDENSATION.

EACH OF THE NORTHERN SIDE-ROOMS CONTAINS A MASSIVE, IRON TREASURE CHEST, WEIGHING 1000 POUNDS. IF THE IRON MEN-AT-ARMS (THE **ETERNAL GUARDIANS**) FROM AREA 31 ARE WITH THE ADVENTURERS, TWO OF THEM CAN LIFT AND CARRY A SINGLE CHEST. THE CHESTS THEMSELVES ARE A SOLID (BUT HOLLOW) IRON SHELL AROUND THE TREASURE THEY CONTAIN; THE "LID" IS MARKED WITH A GROOVE, BUT THE GROOVE DOES NOT CUT ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE IRON, SO THE CHESTS ARE SINGLE, UNBROKEN PIECES OF IRON. NO PARTICULAR SKILL IS REQUIRED TO

CUT THROUGH THE IRON, BUT A BLACKSMITH'S TOOLS ARE NEEDED: IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE CHARACTERS WILL BE ABLE TO OPEN THESE WITHOUT REMOVING THEM FROM THE CATACOMBS.

- **CHEST #1:** THIS CHEST CONTAINS 207 GP, A CHARRED WAND (DEPLETED AND WORTHLESS), 5 HOLY SYMBOLS OF THE IRON GOD (1GP EACH), A BAG OF CANDIES (WORTHLESS BUT TASTY), A BAG OF 3 CURSED CANDIES (GLUE THE MOUTH SHUT FOR 48 HOURS, NO SAVING THROW, BUT STILL QUITE TASTY), AND 1 RUBY (50GP).
- **CHEST #2:** THIS CHEST CONTAINS 20 GLASS GLOBES, WITH EFFECTS AS FOLLOWS:

8 EXPLODE WHEN BROKEN, IN A 10FT DIAMETER, CAUSING 3D6 POINTS OF DAMAGE;

8 EXPLODE WHEN BROKEN, IN A 50 FOOT DIAMETER, CAUSING 1D6 PIERCING DAMAGE;

1 CURES 2D6 HIT POINTS IN A 20 FOOT DIAMETER WHEN BROKEN;

1 RELEASES POISON GAS IN A 20 FOOT DIAMETER WHEN BROKEN, WHICH INFLECTS 2D10 POISON DAMAGE (DC 15 CONSTITUTION SAVING THROW TO AVOID), AND ALSO REQUIRES A DC 10 CONSTITUTION SAVING THROW TO AVOID BEING POISONED FOR 1 HOUR;

2 RELEASE **STEAM MEPHITS** THAT ATTACK WHATEVER PERSON IS NEAREST WHEN THEY EMERGE.

51. CATACOMB CHAMBER

THERE ARE 15 ALCOVES IN THE WALLS OF THIS CHAMBER, SMALLER THAN THE MORE-COMMON ALCOVES CUT TO CONTAIN AN ENTIRE SKELETON. THE EMPTY EYES OF SKULLS SEEM TO BE PEERING OUT AT YOU FROM THE DARKNESS OF THE NICHES.

EACH OF THE 15 ALCOVES CONTAINS A SKULL, ONE OF WHICH APPEARS TO BE COVERED WITH UNMOVING GOLDEN BEETLES (OF NORMAL SIZE). THERE ARE 10 OF THESE GOLD BEETLES, EACH OF WHICH IS WORTH 5 GP.

52. TRICK FLOOR AND GIANT TUNNEL-ANTS

NOTE: THIS IS A COMPLICATED ROOM WITH A TRICK FLOOR AND MONSTERS UNDERNEATH - IT REQUIRES CAREFUL READING AHEAD OF TIME.

THIS IS AN EMPTY CHAMBER, WITH 3 HUMAN-SIZED ALCOVES IN THE NORTHERN WALL.

CHARACTERS WHO STOP AT THE ENTRANCE OF THIS CHAMBER AND EXAMINE THE FLOOR BEFORE ENTERING WILL NOTICE THAT THERE IS A WIDE CRACK RUNNING BETWEEN THE HALLWAY AND THE CHAMBER'S FLOOR - IT IS ABOUT AN INCH WIDE. THE CRACK EXTENDS ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE SOUTHERN WALL, SEPARATING IT FROM THE FLOOR (THERE IS A SIMILAR GAP BETWEEN THE NORTHERN WALL AND FLOOR, BUT THIS PROBABLY CAN'T

BE SEEN FROM THE ROOM'S ENTRANCE).

ALCOVE #1: THE SKELETON IN THIS ALCOVE WEARS A *CLOAK OF ELVENKIND*, BUT THE CLOAK ONLY OPERATES IF WORN WITH THE CLASP FOUND IN THE NEXT ALCOVE;

ALCOVE #2: THE SKELETON IN THIS ALCOVE WEARS A NORMAL CLOAK WITH AN ORNATE IRON CLASP (NEEDED TO MAKE THE *CLOAK OF ELVENKIND* WORK PROPERLY);

ALCOVE #3: THE SKELETON IN THIS ALCOVE IS TANGLED IN GOLDEN WIRE (5 GP) WHICH IS THE TRIPWIRE OF A TRAP, EXTENDING AT ONE END INTO A HOLE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE ALCOVE. SPOTTING THE TINY HOLE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE ALCOVE REQUIRES A DC 20 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK UNLESS A PLAYER STATES THAT THE CHARACTER IS SPENDING TIME CAREFULLY TRACING THE WIRE TO SEE IF IT IS ATTACHED TO ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE SKELETON. IF THE WIRE IS PULLED OUT, THE FRONT STONES OF THE ENTIRE NORTHERN WALL FALL FORWARD FROM THE TOP DOWN, DOING 4D10 HIT POINTS OF DAMAGE TO ANYONE NEARBY. THIS REVEALS A SECOND WALL BEHIND THE FIRST, AND DEPENDING ON THE FLOOR'S POSITION MIGHT HOLD THE FLOOR IN PLACE (UNTIL A MAJOR STONE-MOVING OPERATION COMMENCES) OR PROVIDE A WAY FOR ANYONE BELOW TO CLIMB OUT.

TRICK FLOOR TRAP: THE FLOOR OF THE ROOM IS MOUNTED ON AN AXLE RUNNING ACROSS THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM FROM EAST TO WEST. IF ANYONE STEPS ONTO THE FLOOR

ANYWHERE SOUTH OF THE MIDPOINT, THE FLOOR WILL "FLIP OVER" AROUND THIS AXIS, DROPPING THE CHARACTER FIFTY FEET INTO SOME VERY SOFT DIRT BELOW (ONLY 1D6 BLUDGEONING DAMAGE DUE TO THE SOFTNESS OF THE ANT-CHURNED DIRT). THE FLOOR SWINGS VERY QUICKLY TO A VERTICAL POSITION, BUT IT TAKES A FULL MINUTE TO COMPLETE THE DOWNWARD SWING INTO A CLOSED POSITION. ONCE THE FLOOR HAS TURNED OVER COMPLETELY, IT CAN ONLY BE TURNED BACK BY PUTTING WEIGHT ONTO THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE FLOOR (AND IF IT IS TURNED OVER AGAIN, WEIGHT MUST THEN BE PUT ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE TO TURN IT, ETC.). THE CHAMBER UNDERNEATH THE FALSE FLOOR IS 50 FEET BELOW, AND HAS VERY SOFT DIRT CHURNED UP BY THE GIANT ANTS WHO NEST BENEATH IT. THERE ARE 3 **GIANT TUNNEL-ANTS** ON THE SURFACE, AND ANOTHER WILL CLIMB FROM THE DIRTY APPROXIMATELY EVERY THIRTY MINUTES.

TREASURE: THIS CHAMBER WAS CONSTRUCTED TO HOUSE CERTAIN VALUABLES OF THE MONASTERY, BUT THE AVARICIOUS MONKS HAVE REMOVED MOST OF THESE. DIGGING AROUND IN THE LOOSE DIRT OF THE UNDER-FLOOR ALLOWS THE ADVENTURERS TO FIND A GOLDEN JAR (100 GP), A JADE-AND-SILVER NECKLACE (50 GP), AND A VERY FRAGILE PORCELAIN STATUE OF A TREE (100 GP). ADDITIONALLY, THE CACHE CONTAINS 2 *POTIONS OF HEALING*, A FLASK OF *ALCHEMIST'S FIRE*, A VIAL OF *ANTITOXIN*, AND A +1 *MACE* INSCRIBED WITH THE WORD "HALANOR."

53. STAIR CHAMBER

THE CEILING OF THIS CHAMBER IS LOW AND LOOMING, SUPPORTED IN PLACES BY IRREGULARLY-PLACED STONE PILLARS. THE WALLS CONTAIN NUMEROUS ALCOVES, LONG BUT NOT TALL, CONTAINING HUMAN SKELETONS WRAPPED IN DECAYING, LINEN WINDING-SHEETS. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 30 ALCOVES IN THE WALLS.

ALCOVES: ALL OF THE ALCOVES CONTAIN SKELETONS (NORMAL, NOT ANIMATED). THREE OF THE ALCOVES ALSO HAVE UNUSUAL CONTENTS, AS FOLLOWS. ONE OF THE SKELETONS IN AN ALCOVE IS MADE OF SOLID IRON RATHER THAN BONE. IN ANOTHER ALCOVE THERE IS A NEST OF COCKROACHES THAT WILL SWARM OVER ANYONE DISTURBING THE SKELETON, ALTHOUGH THEY REPRESENT NO THREAT. A THIRD ALCOVE CONTAINS A SKELETON THAT HAS BEEN GNAWED UPON BY SOMETHING CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN A RAT. A DC 15 INTELLIGENCE (INVESTIGATION) CHECK REVEALS THAT THE TOOTH-MARKS ARE HUMAN, AND A DC 20 WISDOM (PERCEPTION) CHECK ALLOWS THE OBSERVER TO REALIZE THAT THESE "HUMAN" TOOTH-MARKS ARE ACTUALLY THOSE OF A GHOUL, NOT A LIVING HUMAN.

THE STAIRS IN THIS CHAMBER LEAD UP TO AREA 33 ABOVE.

54. CATACOMB CHAMBER

THE CEILING OF THIS ROOM IS LOW AND CLAUSTROPHOBIC. THE WALLS CONTAIN APPROXIMATELY A HUNDRED BURIAL ALCOVES, WITH SKELETONS IN WINDING-SHEETS LYING IN THEM.

ALCOVES: THERE ARE EXACTLY 100 ALCOVES IN THE ROOM, 80 OF WHICH CONTAIN SKELETONS (NORMAL). ONE OF THE ALCOVES CONTAINS A COPPER BRACELET WORTH 1 GP, BUT THE ROOM IS OTHERWISE EMPTY OF TREASURE.

55. SPIDER LAIR

HORIZONTAL, MAN-SIZED ALCOVES ARE CUT DEEPLY INTO THE WALLS OF THIS AREA, FILLED WITH HUMAN-SIZED COCOONS OF WHITE, AND ARE BARELY VISIBLE BEHIND A CLOUDY FILM OF COBWEBS THAT COVER THE WALLS FROM FLOOR TO CEILING. WEBS DRAPE DOWN FROM THE CEILING LIKE RAGGED CURTAINS.

THIS ROOM IS THE LAIR OF 2 **GIANT SPIDERS**, BOTH OF THEM LURKING ON THE CEILING, WAITING FOR PREY.

ALCOVES: THE ROOM CONTAINS 20 ALCOVES, ALL OF WHICH CONTAIN A SKELETON (NORMAL) COCOONED BY THE SPIDERS. ONE OF THE SKELETONS INTERRED HERE WEARS A GOLDEN CORONET, A MAGIC ITEM THAT IMPROVES ARMOR CLASS BY +1 IF WORN. TO FIND THE CORONET, OF COURSE, THE CHARACTERS WOULD NEED TO CUT OPEN THE COCOON OF SPIDERWEBS.

56. CATACOMB CHAMBER

NUMEROUS BURIAL-ALCOVES ARE CARVED INTO THE WALLS OF THIS ROOM, ALMOST ALL OF THEM CONTAINING INTACT SKELETONS WEARING GRAVE-WRAPPINGS.

ALCOVES: THERE ARE 50 ALCOVES IN THE ROOM, CONTAINING 43 SKELETONS IN TOTAL. EACH OF THEM HAS BEEN INTERRED WITH A PAIR OF SILVER COINS OVER THE EYES (86 SP). ONE OF THE EMPTY ALCOVES CONTAINS A NECKLACE OF RAT SKULLS; ANOTHER CONTAINS A VIAL THAT RELEASES PARALYZING GAS INTO A RADIUS OF 20FT WHEN OPENED, REQUIRING A DC 15 CONSTITUTION SAVING THROW TO AVOID PARALYZATION FOR 1 FULL DAY.

57. THE CROCODILE GUARDIAN

HORIZONTAL, MAN-SIZED ALCOVES ARE CUT DEEPLY INTO THE WALLS OF THIS AREA, WHICH SMELLS FAINTLY OF ROT AND LINGERING INCENSE. THE BODIES INTERRED HERE ARE NOT FULLY REDUCED TO SKELETONS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT RECENT, EITHER.

THIS IS THE LAIR OF AN UNDEAD **CROCODILE ZOMBIE** (SEE *NEW MONSTERS*), MUMMIFIED AND PLACED INTO THE CATACOMBS AS A GUARDIAN. THREE OF THE BODIES IN THE ALCOVES ARE ACTUALLY **ZOMBIES**. IF ANYONE ATTACKS THE CROCODILE ZOMBIE, THE ZOMBIES WILL BEGIN CRAWLING FROM THEIR ALCOVES TO DEFEND IT.

ALCOVES: THERE ARE 30 ALCOVES IN THIS ROOM, EACH OF WHICH CONTAINS A STILL-DECOMPOSING BODY INTERRED WITH SILVER PIECES OVER THE EYES (60 SP). SOME OF THE BODIES HAVE BEEN LAID TO REST WITH GRAVE-GOODS OF SOME KIND. IN TOTAL THERE ARE A STACK OF 4 SILVER PLATES (5 GP EACH); A +1 AXE (RUSTY UNTIL CLEANED), 3 RUSTED LONGSWORDS (WORTHLESS), A NECKLACE OF JADE BEADS (100 GP), 3 FLASKS OF OIL, AND A SET OF THIEF'S TOOLS.

58. CATACOMB ROOM (PSALTER OF THE IRON GOD)

APPROXIMATELY 60 HORIZONTAL GRAVE-ALCOVES ARE CUT DEEPLY INTO THE WALLS OF THIS AREA, CONTAINING PILES OF BONES.

ALCOVES: THERE ARE 58 ALCOVES IN THE ROOM, ALL OF WHICH CONTAIN A FULL SET OF HUMAN BONES, JUMBLED INTO PILES RATHER THAN ASSEMBLED INTO SKELETONS. ONE OF THE ALCOVES CONTAINS A SMALL BOOK OF RELIGIOUS POETRY ENTITLED **PSALTER OF THE IRON GOD** (SEE BELOW); ONE CONTAINS A SCROLL CASE WITH A PIECE OF PARCHMENT INSIDE, BUT THE PARCHMENT IS BLANK.

THE PSALTER OF THE IRON GOD
CONTAINS POEMS, SOME OF WHICH
ARE ILLEGIBLE AND MOST OF WHICH
ARE UNINTERESTING BUT
WELL-RHYMED PRAISES TO THE
GOD. ONE IS QUITE DIFFERENT IN
TONE FROM THE REST, READING AS
FOLLOWS:

**"FEAR THE EATER OF THE
DEAD;**

**STALKER, TOMB-WALKER,
CLOTHED IN STONE.**

**THEY WHO FIND HIM
CANNOT BIND HIM,**

**THEY WHO LEAD HIM SOON
FEED HIM,**

**THEY WHO SEE HIM FREE
HIM."**

THE CHARACTERS MIGHT GAIN A
USEFUL CLUE FROM THIS
MANUSCRIPT, OR PERHAPS MIGHT
DISCOVER ITS MEANING ONLY WHEN
IT IS TOO LATE.

NEW MONSTERS

BARGHOON

BARGHOONS ARE THE PRODUCT OF THE FORCES OF RUINATION, CHAOS AND EVIL, THAT HAS TAINTED NORMAL BABOONS. THEY ARE FAR MORE INTELLIGENT THAN NATURAL BABOONS, STAND STRAIGHTER MOST OF THE TIME, AND ARE SUFFUSED WITH A TERRIBLE URGE TO DO HARM TO NATURE AND TO CIVILIZATION.

ADAPTABLE PREDATORS. BARGHOON CLANS ARE FOUND IN SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTS - OPEN PLAIN, LIGHT WOODLAND, AND HILLS. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE PRIMARILY SURFACE-DWELLERS, BARGHOONS ARE NOT AVERSE TO USING CAVES OR UNDERGROUND PASSAGES FOR LAIRS OR HIDEOUTS.

AGENTS OF RUINATION. BARGHOONS WERE PREDOMINANTLY HILL-DWELLERS UNTIL 500 YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME THEY RESPONDED TO THE INITIAL CATAclysms BY INVADING THE LOWLANDS IN LARGE NUMBERS. ALTHOUGH BARGHOONS ARE NOT INDIVIDUALLY VERY STRONG, THEY CAN BE DEADLY IN LARGER PACKS. ALONGSIDE THE BEASTMEN AND OGRES, BARGHOONS ARE ONE OF THE FORCES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SLOW RETREAT OF CIVILIZATION TOWARD THE COASTS.



BARGHOON

SMALL HUMANOID, CHAOTIC EVIL

ARMOR CLASS 15 (NATURAL ARMOR AND SHIELD)

HIT POINTS 7 (2D6)

SPEED 30 FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
14 (+2)	8 (-1)	10 (+0)	10 (+0)	8 (-1)	8 (-1)

SKILLS STEALTH +6

SENSES DARKVISION 60FT., PASSIVE PERCEPTION 9

LANGUAGES COMMON, SIMIAN

CHALLENGE 1/4 (50 XP)

PACK TACTICS. THE BARGHOON HAS ADVANTAGE ON AN ATTACK ROLL AGAINST A CREATURE IF AT LEAST ONE OF THE BARGHOON'S ALLIES IS WITHIN 5FT. AND THE ALLY ISN'T INCAPACITATED.

ACTIONS

SPIKED CLUB (MORNINGSTAR). **MELEE WEAPON ATTACK:** +4 TO HIT, REACH 5FT., ONE TARGET. HIT: 5 (1D8+2) PIERCING DAMAGE.

JAVELIN. **MELEE OR RANGED WEAPON ATTACK:** +4 TO HIT, REACH 5FT. OR RANGE 30/120 FT., ONE TARGET. HIT: 5 (1D6+2) PIERCING DAMAGE.

BARGHOON CLAN-LEADER

MEDIUM HUMANOID, CHAOTIC EVIL

ARMOR CLASS 15 (NATURAL ARMOR AND SHIELD)

HIT POINTS 23 (5D8)

SPEED 30FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
14 (+2)	8 (-1)	10 (+0)	10 (+0)	9 (-1)	10 (+0)

SKILLS STEALTH +6

SENSES DARKVISION 60FT., PASSIVE PERCEPTION 9

LANGUAGES COMMON, SIMIAN

CHALLENGE 1/2 (100 XP)

PACK TACTICS. THE BARGHOON CLAN-LEADER HAS ADVANTAGE ON AN ATTACK ROLL AGAINST A CREATURE IF AT LEAST ONE OF ITS ALLIES IS WITHIN 5FT. AND THE ALLY ISN'T INCAPACITATED.

ACTIONS

SPIKED CLUB (MORNINGSTAR). **MELEE WEAPON ATTACK:** +4 TO HIT, REACH 5FT., ONE TARGET. HIT: 5 (1D8+2) PIERCING DAMAGE.

JAVELIN. **MELEE OR RANGED WEAPON ATTACK:** +4 TO HIT, REACH 5FT. OR RANGE 30/120 FT., ONE TARGET. HIT: 5 (1D6+2) PIERCING DAMAGE.

BARGHOON MANDRILL-SHAMAN

(FIRST-SKULL RANK)

MEDIUM HUMANOID, CHAOTIC EVIL

ARMOR CLASS 15 (NATURAL ARMOR AND SHIELD)

HIT POINTS 17 (4D8)

SPEED 30FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
14 (+2)	8 (-1)	10 (+0)	10 (+0)	14 (+2)	10 (+0)

SKILLS STEALTH +6

SENSES DARKVISION 60FT., PASSIVE PERCEPTION 11

LANGUAGES COMMON, SIMIAN

CHALLENGE 1/2 (100 XP)

PACK TACTICS. THE BARGHOON MANDRILL-SHAMAN HAS ADVANTAGE ON AN ATTACK ROLL AGAINST A CREATURE IF AT LEAST ONE OF ITS ALLIES IS WITHIN 5FT. AND THE ALLY ISN'T INCAPACITATED.

SPELLCASTING. THE MANDRILL-SHAMAN IS A 1ST-LEVEL SPELLCASTER. ITS SPELLCASTING ABILITY IS WISDOM (SPELL SAVE DC 12, +4 TO HIT WITH SPELL ATTACKS). THE MANDRILL-SHAMAN HAS THE FOLLOWING CLERIC SPELLS PREPARED: CANTRIPS (AT WILL): RESISTANCE, SACRED FLAME, SPARE THE DYING
1ST LEVEL (3 SLOTS): BLESS, CURE WOUNDS, SANCTUARY

ACTIONS

SPIKED CLUB (MORNINGSTAR). MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +4 TO HIT, REACH 5FT., ONE TARGET. HIT: 5 (1D8+2) PIERCING DAMAGE.

JAVELIN. MELEE OR RANGED WEAPON ATTACK: +4 TO HIT, REACH 5FT. OR RANGE 30/120 FT., ONE TARGET. HIT: 5 (1D6+2) PIERCING DAMAGE.

EATER OF THE DEAD

EATER OF THE DEAD (FULL STRENGTH)

MEDIUM MONSTROSITY, CHAOTIC EVIL
ARMOR CLASS 15 (NATURAL ARMOR)
HIT POINTS 40 (8D8)

SPEED 30 FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
16 (+3)	16 (+3)	10 (+0)	11 (+0)	10 (+0)	8 (-1)

SENSES DARKVISION 60 FT., PASSIVE PERCEPTION 10

DAMAGE IMMUNITIES POISON, NECROTIC

CONDITION IMMUNITIES POISONED, CHARMED, EXHAUSTION

LANGUAGES COMMON

CHALLENGE 2 (450 XP)

GHOLL INFECTION. ANYONE KILLED BY THE EATER OF THE DEAD RISES AS A GHOLL ON THE EATER'S NEXT TURN.

ACTIONS

MULTIATTACK THE EATER OF THE DEAD MAKES ONE BITE ATTACK AND ONE CLAW ATTACK.

BITE. MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +5 TO HIT (REACH 5 FT.; ONE CREATURE). HIT: 2D8 + 3 PIERCING DAMAGE

CLAW. MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +5 TO HIT (REACH 5 FT.; ONE CREATURE). HIT: 2D6 + 3 SLASHING DAMAGE AND THE TARGET MUST MAKE A DC 10 CONSTITUTION SAVING THROW OR BE PARALYZED FOR 1 MINUTE

EATER OF THE DEAD (WEAKENED CONDITION)

MEDIUM MONSTROSITY, CHAOTIC EVIL
ARMOR CLASS 13 (NATURAL ARMOR WEAKENED)
HIT POINTS 30 (8D8 BUT WOUNDED)

SPEED 30 FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
16 (+3)	16 (+3)	10 (+0)	11 (+0)	10 (+0)	8 (-1)

SENSES DARKVISION 60 FT., PASSIVE PERCEPTION 10

DAMAGE IMMUNITIES POISON, NECROTIC

CONDITION IMMUNITIES POISONED, CHARMED, EXHAUSTION

LANGUAGES COMMON

CHALLENGE 2 (450 XP)

GHOLL INFECTION. ANYONE KILLED BY THE EATER OF THE DEAD RISES AS A GHOLL ON THE EATER'S NEXT TURN.

ACTIONS

MULTIATTACK THE EATER OF THE DEAD MAKES 1 BITE ATTACK AND 1 CLAW ATTACK.

BITE. MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +5 TO HIT (REACH 5 FT.; ONE CREATURE). HIT: 2D8 + 3 PIERCING DAMAGE

CLAW. MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +5 TO HIT (REACH 5 FT.; ONE CREATURE). HIT: 2D6 + 3 SLASHING DAMAGE AND THE TARGET MUST MAKE A DC 10 CONSTITUTION SAVING THROW OR BE PARALYZED FOR 1 MINUTE

ETERNAL GUARDIAN

THE ETERNAL GUARDIANS IN THE TOMBS WERE BADLY DAMAGED DURING THE GOD'S VENGEANCE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY ARE STILL THE LOYAL SERVANTS OF THE GOD. THE DAMAGE IS IN THE FORM OF RUST - THE STATISTICS BELOW ALREADY TAKE THE EFFECTS INTO ACCOUNT.

ETERNAL GUARDIAN (RUSTED)

MEDIUM CONSTRUCT, UNALIGNED

ARMOR CLASS 14

HIT POINTS 11 (2D8 + 2)

SPEED 30 FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
10 (+0)	10 (+0)	13 (+1)	1 (-5)	10 (+0)	10 (+0)

SKILLS PERCEPTION +3

SENSES BLINDSIGHT 60 FT. PASSIVE PERCEPTION 13

DAMAGE IMMUNITIES POISON, PSYCHIC

CONDITION IMMUNITIES BLINDED, CHARMED, DEAFENED, EXHAUSTION, FRIGHTENED, PARALYZED, PETRIFIED, POISONED

LANGUAGES -

CHALLENGE 1/8 (25 XP)

ACTIONS

LONG-AXE. MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +3 TO HIT (REACH 10 FT.; ONE CREATURE). HIT: 1D6 + 1 SLASHING DAMAGE.

GIANT TUNNEL-ANT

GIANT TUNNEL-ANTS ARE ESSENTIALLY JUST LARGER VERSIONS OF THEIR TINY COUSINS, BUT THEY CAN BE FORMIDABLE ADVERSARIES IN LARGE NUMBERS.

GIANT TUNNEL-ANT (WORKER)

SMALL BEAST, UNALIGNED

ARMOR CLASS 13 (NATURAL ARMOR)

HIT POINTS 39 (6D6 + 18)

SPEED 40 FT., CLIMB 20 FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
14 (+2)	10 (+0)	16 (+3)	1 (-5)	13 (+1)	8 (-1)

SENSES DARKVISION 60 FT.

DAMAGE IMMUNITIES POISON

CONDITION IMMUNITIES POISONED

LANGUAGES -

CHALLENGE 100 (CR ½)

ACTIONS

BITE. MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +4 TO HIT (REACH 5 FT.; ONE CREATURE). HIT: 2D6 + 2 PIERCING DAMAGE AND THE TARGET IS GRAPPLED. THE WORKER ANT CAN'T BITE WHILE IT MAINTAINS A GRAPPLE.

GIANT TICK

GIANT TICKS ARE HORRIBLE, INSECT PREDATORS, ALMOST THE SIZE OF A HUMAN BEING. THEY ATTACK BY DROPPING FROM TREES, IN THE CASE OF SURFACE-DWELLING TICKS; OR CEILINGS, IN THE CASE OF SUBTERRANEAN ONES. GIANT TICKS KILL THEIR PREY BY SUCKING BLOOD, SWELLING TO AS MUCH AS 150% OF THEIR NORMAL SIZE BEFORE BEING SATIATED, USUALLY LONG AFTER THE VICTIM IS DEAD.

GIANT TICK

MEDIUM BEAST, UNALIGNED

ARMOR CLASS 14

HIT POINTS 27 (5D8+5)

SPEED 30 FT., CLIMB 30 FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
14 (+2)	16 (+3)	12 (+1)	2 (-4)	11 (+0)	4 (-3)

SKILLS STEALTH +7

SENSES BLINDSIGHT 10FT, DARKVISION 60FT, PASSIVE PERCEPTION 10

LANGUAGES -

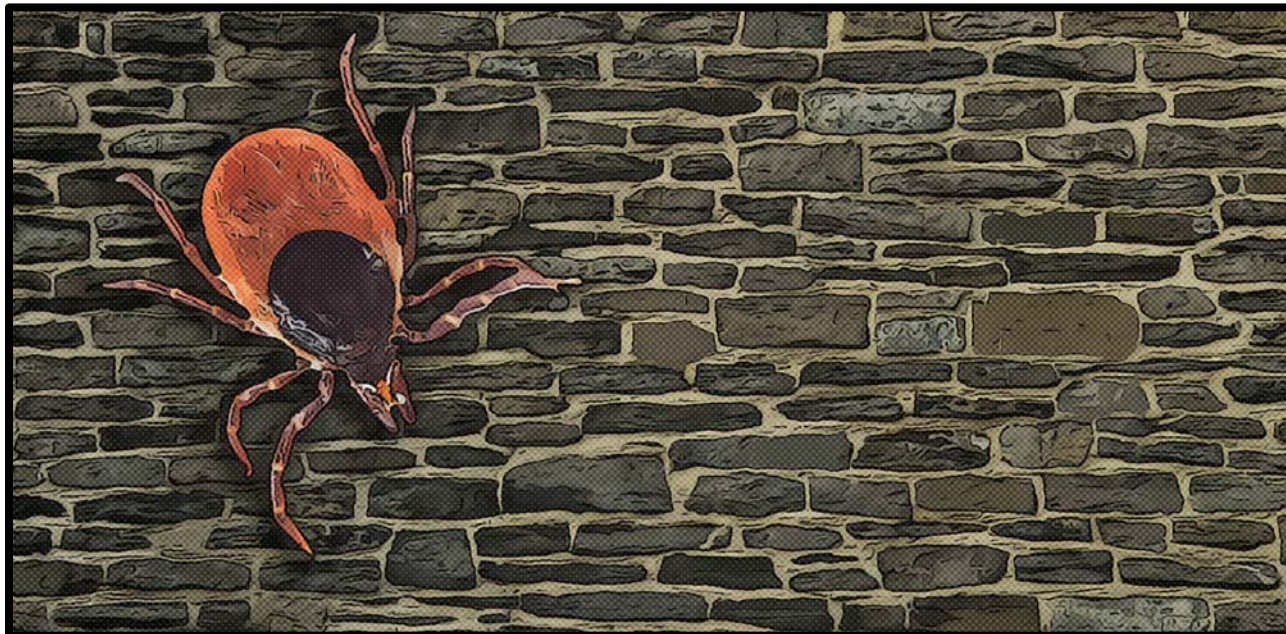
CHALLENGE 1 (200XP)

BLOODSUCKING. AFTER A GIANT TICK MAKES A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK, IT NO LONGER NEEDS TO ROLL TO HIT THAT TARGET. IT AUTOMATICALLY INFLECTS 1D8+3 POINTS OF DAMAGE BY SUCKING BLOOD FROM THE VICTIM.

CLIMB. A GIANT TICK CAN CLIMB ANY SURFACE, INCLUDING UPSIDE DOWN, WITHOUT NEEDING TO MAKE AN ABILITY CHECK.

ACTIONS

BITE. MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +5 TO HIT, REACH 5 FT., ONE TARGET. HIT: 1D8+3 PIERCING DAMAGE. TARGET IS AUTOMATICALLY GRAPPLED, AND TAKES AUTOMATIC DAMAGE OF 1D8 PIERCING DAMAGE FROM BLOOD DRAIN UNLESS MAKING A DC 14 STRENGTH CHECK.



UNDEAD TOMB-CAT

RECENTLY CREATED UNDEAD TOMB-CATS LOOK ALMOST IDENTICAL TO ORDINARY HOUSE CATS, ALTHOUGH THEY MOVE MORE SLOWLY AND THEIR EYES GLOW WITH EERIE, YELLOW LIGHT. AS THE TOMB-CAT AGES, IT DECOMPOSES SLOWLY, AT A RATE FAR SLOWER THAN ORDINARY DECOMPOSITION. AN OLDER UNDEAD TOMB-CAT APPEARS VERY MUCH LIKE A ZOMBIE, WITH ROTTING FLESH, PALLID SKIN, AND PATCHES OF REMAINING FUR, ALTHOUGH THE GLOWING EYES AND RELATIVE GRACE WILL IMMEDIATELY DISTINGUISH THEM FROM ANIMATED ZOMBIES TO THOSE WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE UNDEAD.

UNDEAD TOMB-CATS ARE CREATED AS THE GUARDIANS OF TOMBS, OFTEN BEING INTERRED WITH THE BODY OF A PERSON OF NOTE. IN MOST ANCIENT CULTURES, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT OR IMPORTANT THE DECEASED, THE MORE TOMB-CATS MIGHT BE BURIED WITH THEM.



UNDEAD TOMB-CAT

TINY UNDEAD, UNALIGNED

ARMOR CLASS 13

HIT POINTS 12 (6D4)

SPEED 30 FT., CLIMB 30 FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
10 (+0)	10 (+0)	10 (+0)	5 (-3)	3 (-4)	3 (-4)

SKILLS PERCEPTION +6, STEALTH +3

SENSES TRUESIGHT 60 FT., PASSIVE PERCEPTION 12

DAMAGE IMMUNITIES POISON

CONDITION IMMUNITIES POISONED

LANGUAGES -

CHALLENGE 1/8 (25XP)

ATTACK YOWL. ON THE FIRST ATTACK BY ANY UNDEAD TOMB-CAT IN AN ENCOUNTER, THE CREATURE LITTERS A HIDEOUS, HIGH-PITCHED YOWL. ANYONE IN HEARING MUST MAKE A DC 10 CHARISMA SAVING THROW OR BE INCAPACITATED WITH SHOCK FOR 1 TURN.

ACTIONS

CLAWS. MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +2 TO HIT, REACH 5 FT., ONE TARGET, HIT: 2 SLASHING DAMAGE.

ZOMBIE (CROCODILE)

CROCODILE ZOMBIE

LARGE UNDEAD, UNALIGNED

ARMOR CLASS 12 (NATURAL ARMOR)

HIT POINTS 25 (4D10 + 3)

SPEED 20 FT., SWIM 20 FT.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
15 (+3)	6 (-2)	16 (+3)	3 (-4)	6 (-2)	5 (-3)

SKILLS STEALTH +3

SENSES DARKVISION 60 FT., PASSIVE PERCEPTION 12

DAMAGE IMMUNITIES POISON

CONDITION IMMUNITIES POISONED

LANGUAGES -

CHALLENGE 1 (200 XP)

UNDEAD FORTITUDE. IF DAMAGE REDUCES THE ZOMBIE TO 0 HIT POINTS, IT MUST MAKE A CONSTITUTION SAVING THROW WITH A DC OF 5 + THE DAMAGE TAKEN, UNLESS THE DAMAGE IS RADIANT OR FROM A CRITICAL HIT. ON A SUCCESS, THE ZOMBIE DROPS TO 1 HIT POINT INSTEAD.

ACTIONS

BITE. MELEE WEAPON ATTACK: +5 TO HIT (REACH 5 FT.; ONE CREATURE). HIT: 1D10 + 3 PIERCING DAMAGE AND THE TARGET MUST MAKE A DC 12 WISDOM SAVING THROW OR BECOME FRIGHTENED.

MAGIC ITEMS

ORMSTAZ'S DARK BOOK

WONDROUS ITEM, COMMON

THERE IS A CHANCE THAT ONE OF THE CHARACTERS HAS HEARD OF THE NECROMANCER ORMSTAZ - THIS CAN BE DETERMINED BY A DC 15 INTELLIGENCE CHECK. IF SO, THEY KNOW AT LEAST SOME OF THE HISTORY BEHIND THIS MAGIC ITEM. ORMSTAZ WAS A NECROMANCER OF THE LATE VYCENAEAN AGE, LIVING ROUGHLY 700 YEARS AGO. HE WAS A FORTUNE-SEEKER WHO CAME TO JORDOBA FROM ONE OF THE TRUE-VYCENAEAN FORTRESSES IN THE GRAVEN HILLS. ORMSTAZ APPARENTLY MANAGED TO INSULT A NUMBER OF THE OTHER VYCENAEAN TECHNOMANCERS IN THE CITY, AND WAS FORCED TO FLEE FOR HIS WORTHLESS LIFE INTO THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ATROPOS MOUNTAINS. BUILDING SOME SORT OF DWELLING - ONLY DESCRIBED AS "STRANGE" IN TCHILLA'S "BOOK OF NECROMANCERS" - ORMSTAZ RECONCILED HIMSELF TO EXILE AND ENGAGED IN AN ENERGETIC PROGRAM OF NECROMANTIC RESEARCH AND COMPOSING SHORT POEMS MOCKING THE SORCERERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS BANISHMENT. HE WAS EVENTUALLY HUNTED DOWN AND KILLED BY IRON GOLEMS IN THE SERVICE OF A NUMBER OF THESE TECHNOMANCERS, BUT BEFORE HIS DEATH HE PENNED A NUMBER OF VOLUMES DETAILING HIS NECROMANTIC RESEARCH. THE DARK BOOK IS THE FIRST OF THESE, 40 PAGES OF THIN VELLUM BOUND IN

OWL-SKIN. THE SUBSEQUENT BOOKS ARE NUMBERED AS THE "SECOND DARK BOOK," THE "THIRD DARK BOOK" AND SO ON. NO ONE KNOWS HOW MANY DARK BOOKS ORMSTAZ WROTE BEFORE HIS DEMISE, SINCE HIS HOUSE VANISHED INTO THIN AIR AFTER HIS DEATH, BEFORE THE OFFENDED TECHNOMANCERS COULD LOOT THE WRECKAGE LEFT BY THEIR IRON GOLEMS. THE SECOND AND FOURTH DARK BOOKS ARE NOT LOST; THERE ARE COPIES OF THEM IN THE CITY OF JORDOBA: IN THE LIBRARY OF THE COUNCIL OF LICHES, AND ALSO IN THE HANDS OF SPELL CASTERS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO ADMIT IT. NEITHER OF THE KNOWN BOOKS IS CONSIDERED TO BE PARTICULARLY INSIGHTFUL, BUT THEY ARE USEFUL WORKS FOR A BEGINNING PRACTITIONER.

THE BOOK CONTAINS THE SPELL *ANIMATE DEAD*. IT ALSO DESCRIBES HOW TO TURN A CORPSE INTO A GHOUL, ALTHOUGH THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH THE TASK.

POTION OF PLANT-SPEAKING

POTION, COMMON

THIS POTION IS USUALLY AN EXTREMELY BRIGHT GREEN, AND IT HAS THE CONSISTENCY OF ORDINARY WATER. AFTER DRINKING IT, FOR 30 MINUTES YOU ARE AFFECTED WITH THE SAME PROPERTIES GRANTED BY THE SPELL *SPEAK WITH PLANTS*.

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