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Regulary

As they entered the hall, the air grew thick with the stench of decay and the weight of unseen eyes. Each step unweiled a new horror: bodies impaled upon hooks, limbs torn asunder, and faces frozen in paralyzed screams. The silence was broken only by the distant echo of something monstrous stirring above. This was not an abandoned building—it was a monument to carnage, a lair of something sinister. With every heartbeat pounding in their ears, they knew they were not just entering a building, but stepping into the very heart of darkness itself.

The Carthographer's Codex is a resource for Astro Inferno and presents a set of locations for GMs to use as they see fit. They can be used as inspiration, as expanded lore, or as adventure locations when the party suffers a hardship during their travels.

IMAGES AND "MAPS"

All images and maps of this resource have alternate versions in the appendix of this document for GMs to use as handouts for their groups. Use these with fog of war in a virtual table top or just present them as handouts directly if needed be.

PLACES, AREAS, & ROOMS

Roll whenever players walk into an unknown area or you need inspiration for what awaits around the corner. Use as something noticed in the distance, a reminder or an aspect, or just an image of the result if an implementation seems impossible.

"We continue down the ice tunnel."

"As you walk the black ice, you see a square piece of paper frozen into its surface. Looks like an old earth relic. A photograph of a laboratory and a bunch of humans in white coats posing with smiling faces."

INSPIRATIONS

Roll whenever the players explore a room or things start to move slow in the scene. Use it to reveal new areas or cast of the scene when players investigate it further.

"Is there anything unusual in the room?"

"Not really, but you can hear a faint "fizzing noise" coming from a door out in the hall-way."

LOOT

Roll whenever players want to search a room or an area. Roll tier as normal unless you have other ideas about the item. When vestiges are inspected and you want them to be more special, feel free to roll an origin and an origin feature to interpret their added functionality.

"You want to inspect the dirty wig! It's Excellent III tier, so it is a fine craftmanship."

"Is it just a normal wig?"

"Let's see... it is of Genesis origin..."
Rolls ... "Paralyses - Dust - Bubble"
"It seems the wig is made of some kind of other worldly hair that's always charged with static electricity making it work like a dust magnet. All dust in a sphere around it is drawn to and sticks to it. Since this is a lesser effect, it is active all the time."



Liber; From Latin *liber* ("the inner bark of a tree; *book*"), A book written for publication, volume, roll. (b) a single volume of a long work. (pl.) Sacred books containing prophecies which were consulted in the event of prodigies.

Solus; From Latin sōlus. 1. alone, unaccompanied (as a stage direction) derived from earlier swolos, from Proto-Italic swelos, from Proto-Indo-European swé (reflexive pronoun) (whence se ["oneself"]) + -los, hence meaning "by oneself";

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Built during the Great Dark, the Basilica of Pain had a great reputation among the harrowed guests who still today talk about the joy and pain that they enjoyed during their stay here. Today, the void has left the establishment without guests, and the dead god Corux and his now withering staff of unlight souls brighten up and spring to life whenever a soul randomly knocks upon the great gate. Souls who stay are treated like fragile valuables, or even royalty, by the staff who want to give their guests the experience of their life almost as much as they want to slit their throats.

The building has been left largely deserted. Should a staff member welcome a soul into the Basilica, they will often keep it a secret in order to have the sacred guest all to themselves.

The exhilarated staff offer nice rooms, warm baths for weary flesh, saunas, or hot rock spa treatments to their guests before ending them in gruesome fashion. Checking out is not an option.

INSPIRATION

- 1. Faint blood spot on the wall
- 2. Locked door with sounds
- 3. Footsteps from the floor above
- 4. Nice jacket on the floor
- 5. A surprised barber
- 6. The smell of nice food

LOOT

- 1. Piece of scissors
- 2. Grimoire IV
- 3. Dirty wig
- 4. 20 Copper tokens
- 5. Luxury food (1D6 units)
- 6. Luxury booze (1D6 units)

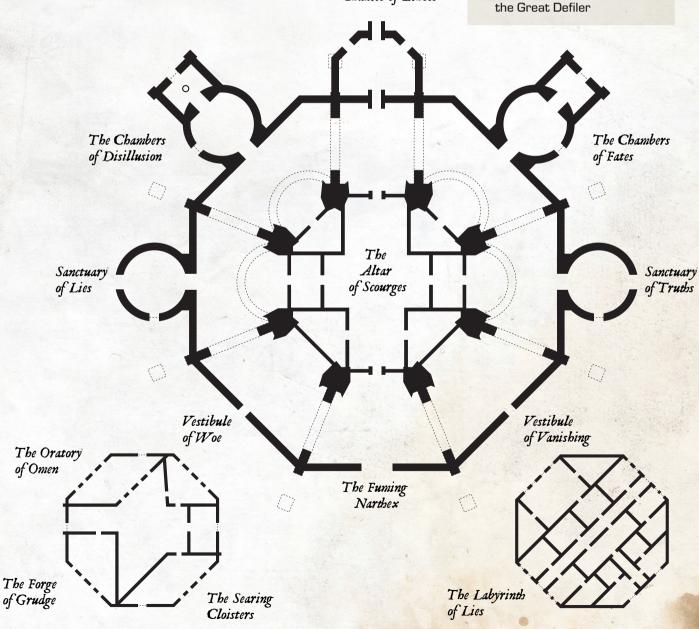
PLACES

- 1. Iron smelling basement
- 2. Small garden
- 3. The great kitchen
- 4. Corridor of guest rooms
- 5. Balcony
- 6. Peaceful cemetery

The Chancel of Echoes

ROOMS

- 1. Spa area
- 2. Ballroom
- 3. Large hall
- 4. Administration office
- 5. Wood workshop
- 6. Carcass of Razilda the Great Defiler



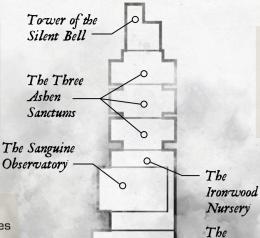
horrific.

ordinary building, but rather the lair of something



INSPIRATION

- 1. Electric maintenance
- 2. River of blood
- 3. Complete darkness
- 4. A creature eating
- 5. Stairs of corpses
- 6. Snowflakes falling



DESERTED ROOMS

- 1. Communications HQ
- 2. Elevator shaft
- 3. Old camp
- 4. Armory
- 5. Improvised chapel of Satan
- 6. Large hall

PLACES

- 1. Ladder leading up
- 2. Forest thriving from corpses
- 3. Great view over Necropolis
- 4. Row of metal doors
- 5. Ramps and stairs
- 6. Curiosity shop

LOOT

Ghost

Hall

- 1. Nice backpack
- 2. Executioner's axe
- 3. Spear of impalement
- 4. Golden armor
- 5. Glasses
- 6. Talking skull



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The

Venomous

Gallery

The Wailing Pit

The Shrouded Library

The Echoing Vault

The Mirror Labyrinth

The Refuge of Concord

The Frost Crypts

The Gloom Gardens

Entrance ball of Blood

Eccrackepards

UNLIGHT CREATURES

MINION V - FIERCE - DENY 6 - CARNAGE Seth's pets prowl the tower in search of prey. These slender, weasel-like animals are camouflaged by their gray, rubbery, skin. Taller than a soul when standing on their hind legs, these creatures boast a thin, agile body and a crocodilian head with hundreds of sharp teeth.

These creatures, perfectly adapted to bunting in narrow corridors, are as sneaky as they are ungodly. They can eat the face off of a soul in seconds with their quick snapping jaws. Disappearing in a second if met with too much resistance, they'll appear out of nowhere to ambush moments later.

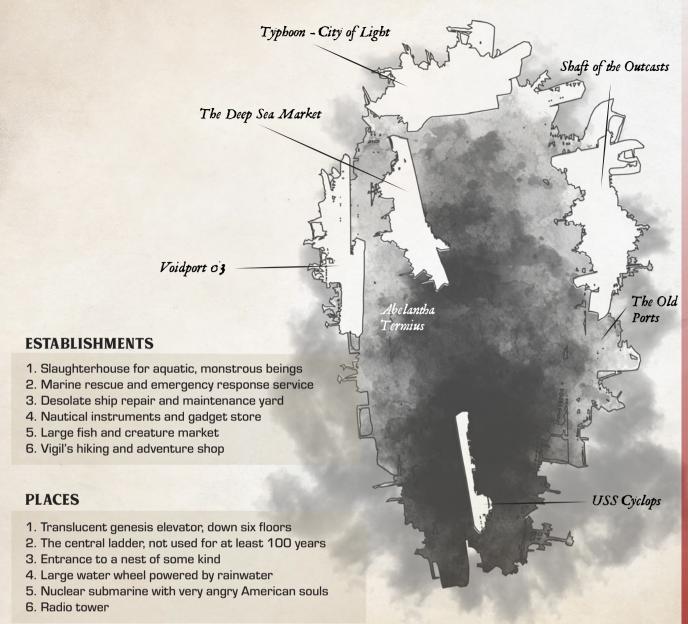


A city of metal floats above the surface of the Midnight Sea, encased in the horrors of yesterday's forgotten memories. This city has been created by ships that were cursed by the sea to never be free again. Messengers, watching over the black waters and reminding sailors of the hazards of traveling the sea.

Providence consists of many types of ships, from mundane seafaring vessels made of wood, steel or Infernal wolfram from many epochs of time to large Relic Ships made from monstrous bones or skulls. The city has grown by connections, streets, and avenues cut straight through the hulls of ships.

A labyrinth of overpasses, stairs, and buildings in a chaotic, but easily traversable, apocalyptic city. A regular void port is functional here, but very few visitors come by ship, afraid of becoming cursed and being stuck here.

Among the citizens living at the top of Providence, where you often end up if you travel here, there is a rumor that deep below, near the waves, the city is actually held together by a giant Kraken. The further you descend, the darker it gets, and by the time you're halfway there, you're enveloped in complete darkness. No souls live, or even explore, so far down this prehistoric, nautical carcass.



INSPIRATION

- 1. Creaking of iron
- 2. Nightmare whale breaching the surface far below
- 3. Slithering tentacles in the shadows
- 4. Lightning strike, sending shocks and sound of singing metal
- 5. Drunken sailors fighting
- 6. Whispering about the "new arrivals"

LOOT

- 1. Bright life jacket
- 2. Unlight flares (1D6 units)
- 3. Watery vestige
- 4. Oily lamp
- 5. Worn hatchet
- 6. Compass that shows the nearest storm

Deep within Providence, there is an old naval vessel called the USS Cyclops. In 1918, off the coast of St. Kitts, she was forced skyward during a mighty storm and, ever since, has been stuck, floating in the sky, watching ship after ship affix themselves to her. Reaching the vessel is very hard due to the myriad of tangled tentacles worming their way through the dark, abandoned ship hulls.

At the helm of the Cyclops sits the totally corrupted soul of Captain George W. Worley. Ruling his domains ruthlessly, he scolds his crew of unlight creatures, in a German accent, to bring him more souls to feed upon.

Captain Worley's arms have evolved during the eons in hell into hundreds of long tentacles, stretching throughout the core of Providence, creating the legends.

Over the years, the captain has accumulated a vast collection of keys and maps. If you make an oath, with a death seal, he'll sell any of them in return for twice the souls he'll lose. If the time runs out, or if he feels he hasn't been adequately compensated, the captain has connections all throughout Providence, and any returning thief will be detected and punished.



Numerous prominent expeditions, infiltration attempts, and even full-scale assaults have met their doom in these mists. For within the manor, the last living son of Cronus resides, and his life would be worth the house's weight in Brimholtz if brought to his father, deep below Hades. However, as if the swamp wasn't bad enough, the tree itself is guarded by the lindworm Maygrith, whose mythic power and strength have proven comparable to dead gods and fallen archangels.

On top of that, the manor itself is said to be cursed by Aegaeon. Accounts from resurrected death singers tell of a labyrinth of horrors and rooms stretching into a vast complex of unimaginable magnitude, making finding the last son of Cronos seemingly impossible. Nevertheless, other treasures have been seen and, on occasion, taken from the manor. The nature of these treasures is such that expeditions and adventurers continue to brave the dangers of Aroma Arboreal.

The Serpentine

The Courtyard

of Carrion

The Black

Alcove

The Grieving

The Gallery
of Thorns

The Hall

of Mists

Garden

Tower

ROOMS IN THE MANOR

- 1. Ancient hut/workshop
- 2. Great entrance hall
- 3. Trap room of music
- 4. Narrow tunnels
- 5. Kitchen or glade with a cauldron
- 6. Lake of maggots

of Puppets

dron

Port of
Nightmares

The
Pendragon's
Perch

Cliffs -

of Doom

The Parlor

LOOT

- 1. Slimy armor (Genesis)
- 2. Broken lute
- 3. Wine of Sodom (1D6 bottles)
- 4. Stray egg of Maygrith
- 5. Umbral vestige
- 6. A lost divine treasure stuck in mud

The Reflecting Pool of Regrets

PLACES

- 1. Unmarked grave
- 2. Balcony
- 3. Maygrith's lair
- 4. Wreckage of a void vessel with Haxan symbols
- 5. Vertical shaft, up and down
- 6. Vault door

The Echoes End

INSPIRATION

- 1. Rotten part of the path, blood drips along roots
- 2. Water starts to rise, the smell is horrific
- 3. Strong vines start to coil and crawl
- 4. Horrific green cloud of smelly gas makes everyone sick
- 5. Maygrith clicking noises, travels the mists
- 6. The sad melody of a lute from a tower above the manor





& THE BLOOD QUEEN

With her literal army of rare and spark-blooded souls, the Blood Queen of the Starless Omen is a formidable exo-baron commanding one of the most potent vessels in the Satanic omniverse. The Fortress essentially serves as the court of the Blood Queen, where all residing souls are her subjects. She is a beautiful, powerful ascendant witch ruling her palace with an iron fist. Though the Starless Omen is a location, it is also a void vessel, capable of traversing space and time.

From her throne, the Blood Queen wields potent and transcendent magic. Her power stems from historic Earth, where elder sisters wish away their younger siblings a small portal forms through which she abducts the infants to raise as Undying souls in her growing court.

While there have been several conflicts between the Fortress and the Satanic Court, no outright confrontations have ever occurred, but aboard the Omen, there is no trace of the Satanic Church, Haxan, or other Satanic organizations.

The Blood Queen is not merely a soul but covertly a powerful Lilith – a Blood Oracle residing within the queen's form. Her schemes appear to be, and perhaps truly are, for the benefit of souls and the Ancient, yet within the depths of the Starless Omen, her real nature as a demonic entity from the White Abyss manifests in heinous and cruel ways.

In the expansive occult laboratories and ritual chambers, the queen and her acolytes dissect the life forces of souls and sparks in ritualistic surgeries, often conducted while the subjects are sedated yet alive, then transform them into experimental beings tethered to machinery and magic in a bid to master resurrection.

Within the hidden halls, rows of illuminated glass tanks, each harboring the Blood Queen's most nightmarish experiments, cast a pallid glow. These suspended life-forms, neither truly alive nor dead, exist in a macabre stasis, shaped into grotesque parodies of life.

LOOT

- 1. Slithering armor (Harrowed)
- 2. Artifact
- 3. Brimholtz (1D6 ingots)
- 4. Book III
- 5. Luxury food (1D6 units)
- 6. Luxury booze (1D6 units)

Artificial Conflux

Royal Spear 02

AREAS

- 1. The slave workshops
- 2. Residential area
- 3. Artisan quarters
- 4. Omen security
- 5. Void port
- 6. The royal areas

INSPIRATION COURT/BELOW

- 1. Genesis boutique † Organic chains
- 2. A parade † Researcher cultists
- 3. Gold and glass † Steel and ceramics
- 4. Fountain † Ritual sacrifice
- 5. Stairwell of light † Elevator of flesh
- 6. Music in the air † Distant alarm

The Lost Royal Spear of

> They mostly come at night ... mostly. The Palace wants me to survive even when my faith fails me. I've seen the horrid souls she keeps evolve in front of me, the creatures created in the meat halls brought to unlife by the Conflux. It won't let me leave, it won't let me die! By the teeth of the five witches, I need a sign! Please Dark Lord, give me a sign!

> > Quantum Gate

ROOMS COURT/BELOW

- 1. Ballroom † Ritual chamber
- 2. Hangar † Blood filled pool
- 3. Large hall † Specimen hall
- 4. Office † Torture Chamber
- 5. Cantina † Dark cells
- 6. Armory † Laboratory

The abhorrent Machina in the dark Arachne Larvae, a four winged Inkanyamba
Black dogs and Gasgadokuro

Residental District

Lower void port

Refinery and labs



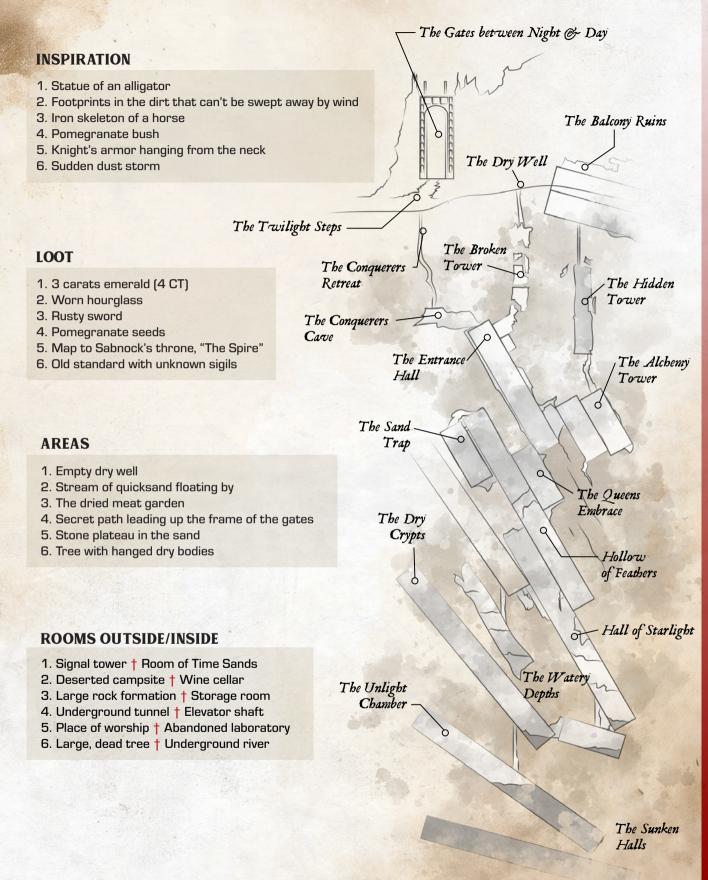
blacksmith, are inscribed with runes that glow faintly under the twin moons above.

Once serving as a bridge between realms, a passageway for unknown beings of immense power and knowledge. Now, they lie dormant, their true purpose obscured by layers of legend and the encroaching desert.

Many void pilgrims know of the gates and their habit of seemingly randomly transporting travelers of the shimmer onto their steps. Many times, when accidentally entering the location, another group of travelers have already set camp at the hauntingly peaceful feet of the gates.

The gates have, many a time, been used in arcane or scientific experiments as a conduit or catalyst when working with passageways or dimensional tears.

Beyond the gateway stands the last few visible walls of the House of Duth, its ancient halls buried beneath dunes of shifting sand. Sometimes used as a camp for visiting groups or expeditions, the echoing, buried depths of Duth are a mythical and feared location, with many rumors of creatures and beings hiding in the dark near the powerful gates.





The ancient house floats high above the Isle of Sul and it is home to a baron of Duke Crocells' - an old scraph called Ymnastril. The door to the house bears the sigil of Hastur making the doors impossible to open to anyone with a Cognition lower than 15. Within the house is a main hall, five stories high, filled with shelves of books. A staff of over 300 withered souls sneak around the large house performing daily tasks. They fear the wrath of their master who wants solitude, peace of mind, and complete silence!

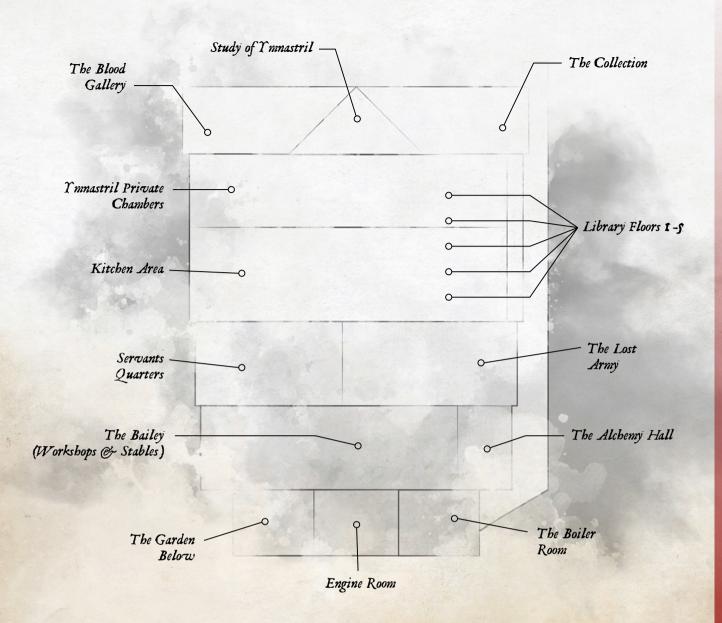
If you could get the servants to utter a word, they would tell you that the baron spends most of his days reading in his study and having tea made upon newly burnt heart ashes. They will object to any intruders but will not sound an alarm and are too frightened to fetch the baron themselves or disturb the peace of the house. They'd rather try to convince visitors to be silent or, better yet, leave altogether. If the visitors refuse to leave, rather than disturb the baron, the servants will house them in grand rooms and serve them food from the kitchen.

Hourly, Ymnastril shouts from his office, echoing a demand through the halls - a new cup of tea, fluffing of a pillow, a certain book, or other mundane tasks to be performed.

Ymnastril himself won't approve of any visitors and will banish anyone who gets past his doorstep with violence, if need be. The immortal seraph will become a dangerous nemesis if defied, and convincing him to let anyone in or become an ally is almost an impossible task, a herculean labor.

The Library of Legends is said to be filled with the Satanic records of legends. A magnificent archive where many of the lost stories of the Great Dark and the Damnation still are hidden.

It is said that the house is built upon six stones of mined ore from the Beyond, and this is what's making the house float. Far beneath the house on the Isle of Sul, lies a dead, unnamed village now home to unlight creatures and mad soiled souls.



AREAS

- 1. Ladder up to the roof
- 2. Open cellar/attic door
- 3. Giant staircase to another floor
- 4. Alcove with old cups of tea
- 5. Fountain with a living mermaid
- 6. Entertainment crew area

LOOT

- 1. Golden rope (22 CT)
- 2. Volume II
- 3. Mead of Poetry (1D4 units)
- 4. Fancy quill-pen
- 5. Bottle of red ink
- 6. Grimoire IV

ROOMS

- 1. The kitchen
- 2. Magnificent wine cellar
- 3. Sleeping quarters
- 4. The study
- 5. The forbidden library
- 6. Balcony

INSPIRATION

- 1. Staring souls with open mouths
- 2. A book falls from a high shelf, everyone freezes
- 3. The baron goes to the bathroom
- 4. Painting of a crying child
- 5. Book bleeding Aether
- 6. Sudden taste of burning flesh and herbs

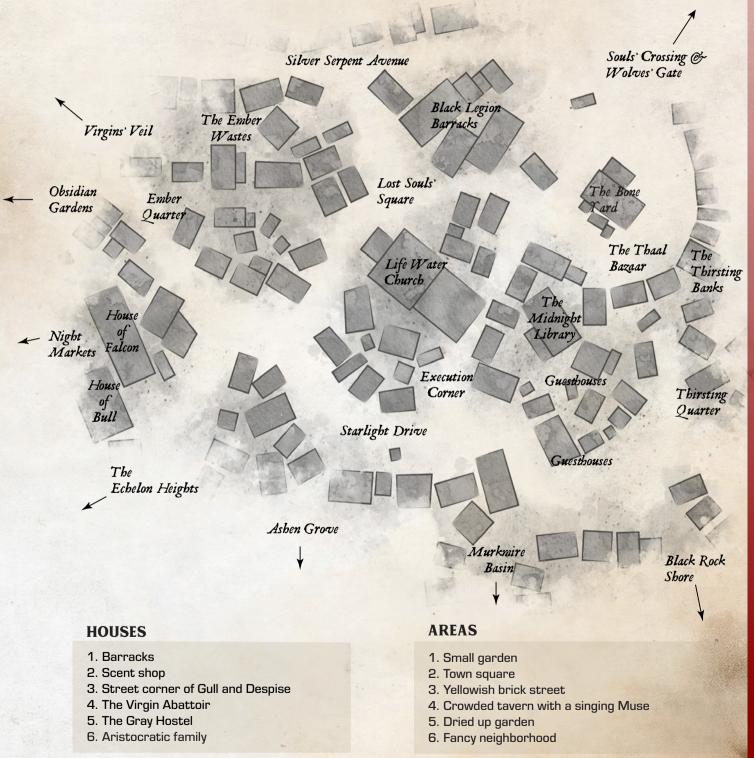


INSPIRATION

- 1. Execution of a virgin
- 2. Soft song of a maiden doing laundry
- 3. Soul begging for water
- 4. A wave in the Thaal and everyone exits the water
- 5. The mayor visits the citizens
- 6. A slave-trader screams at his ashen souls

LOOT

- 1. Muddy sigil (12 Ct)
- 2. Half drunk bottle of acid
- 3. Colorful flashlight
- 4. Useful wood axe
- 5. Very nice perfume
- 6. Machinae rabbit





of paid mourners.

The Power Mills are used to transform stones from all over Fracture into perfectly cut and valuable gems. Baron Von Westux oversees the production of stones in the workshop of the Power Mill, where he often is found inspecting stones. The gems are finally loaded onto relic ships and taken to the Orangery, Marquis Decarabia's Sun Market, where the enigmatic lost gods of the dark domain of Americas and fallen from all of Fracture come to trade and socialize.

beneath the rubble, until the collapsed tunnel is reopened

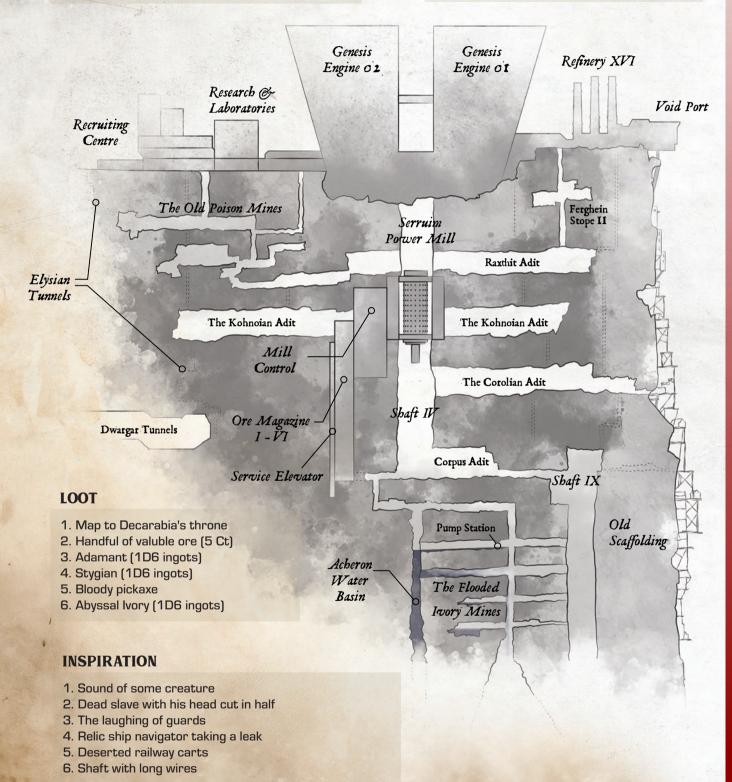
Many of the tunnels exit onto a cliff side, where the River Acheron winds through the thick jungle below. Here, wooden scaffolding, ladders, and stairs hundreds of years old remain leading both down and up the earthy cliffs. Runaway slaves can often be found hiding in the scaffolding. They fend off the wildlife of the Satanic jungle below while trying to avoid the gaze of vigilant guards.

AREAS

- 1. Great elevator
- 2. Tool storage
- 3. Guard hut
- 4. The execution cave
- 5. Large cave navigated with red flares
- 6. Exit with the jungle below

ROOMS

- 1. Workshop
- 2. Stone powder storage
- 3. Loading dock
- 4. Sorting chamber
- 5. The Genesis Grinder
- 6. Surveyor's office





The tower sparks with energy and creates anomalous weather. Along the path leading to the tower, or hidden under massive mountains of snow, stand frozen explorers. At the top of the tower, concentrated arcane energy pulses as it sends a focused ray of light through the heavens above.

the flesh of the undead.

The area around the tower is also guarded by a team of white Abyss Walkers who are specialized in winter warfare. This militarized expedition is keeping an eye out for anomalies to research and any guests trying to gain access. The Abyss Walkers will only leave their bunker to loot the corpses of perished souls who failed to reach the tower or to murder those who actually gain entrance.

INSPIRATION Theoretical sketches of Dr. Montgomery Wylde. 1. Sudden stillness in the storm 2. Movement in or at the tower 3. Great white dragon cat sniffing the air 4. Howling flute sound 5. Large frozen Satanic entity 6. Terminal whirlwind suddenly reaching the ground AREAS 1. Dead Taketa, steaming in the freezing cold terminal cold winds 2. Slippery ice plateau leaning slightly downwards 3. Large snow-cat tank, mysteriously unmanned 4. Igloo shaped out of frozen bodies 5. Frozen flowers, each the size of a school bus 6. Ice tunnels beneath the ice leading to the tower Insulator Shell The "Death tunnels" Natural ice cracks Rectifier Engine of President Valac theoretical melt water level Potential sublevels Conduit Chamber

FROZEN FINDINGS

- 1. Still boiling Empyreal high witch
- 2. Frozen royal procession
- 3. Baron on a frozen Unicorn
- 4. Squad of Black Horrux Command
- 5. Lost god and her three spark blooded followers
- 6. Standard bearer with the sigil of Satan

LOOT ON FROZEN BODIES

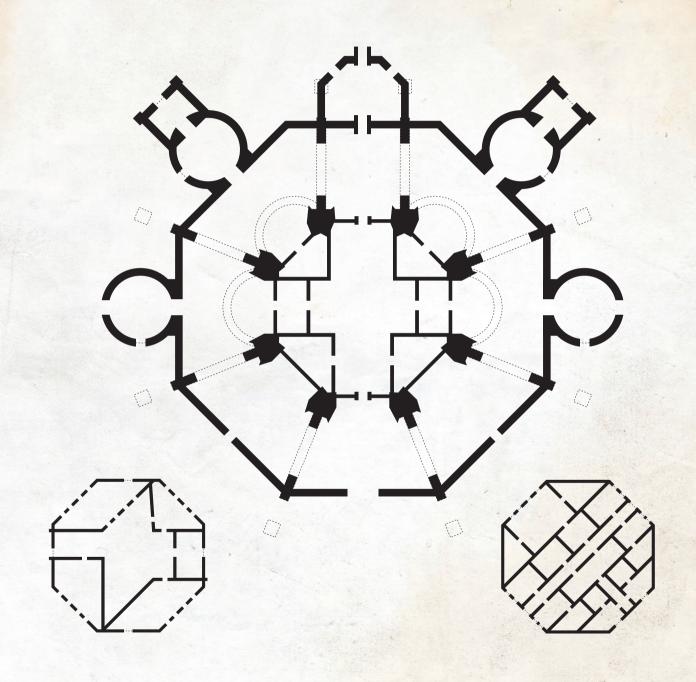
- 1. Large silver cross (3 Earthian Ingots)
- 2. Warm organ pipe
- 3. Elixir (warmth themed)
- 4. Blackened flamethrower
- 5. Lightning-proof suit
- 6. Glowing flute (Genesis)

APPENDIX I

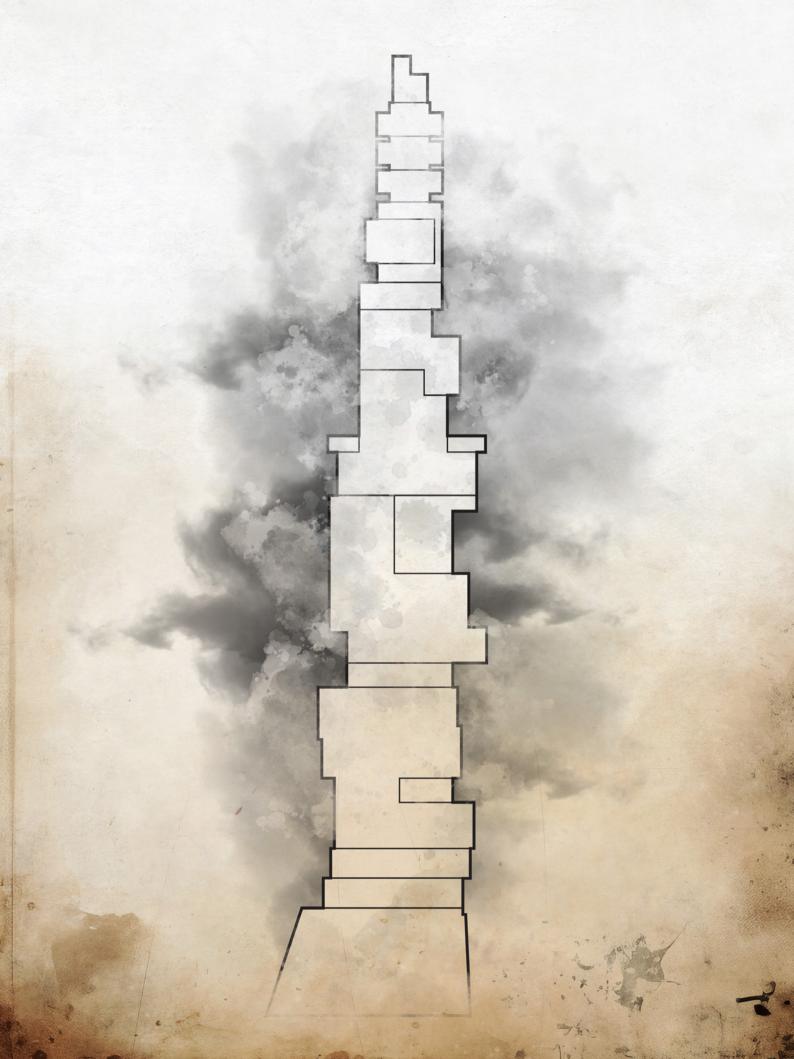
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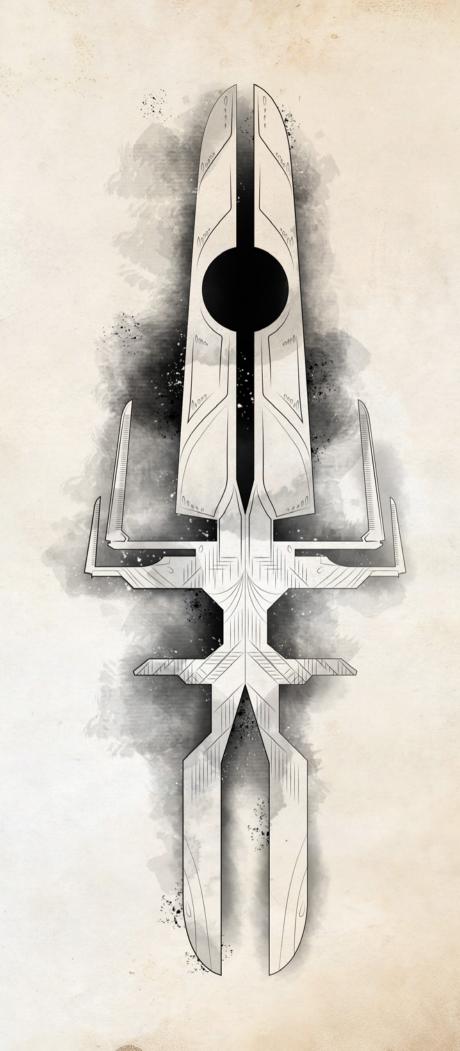








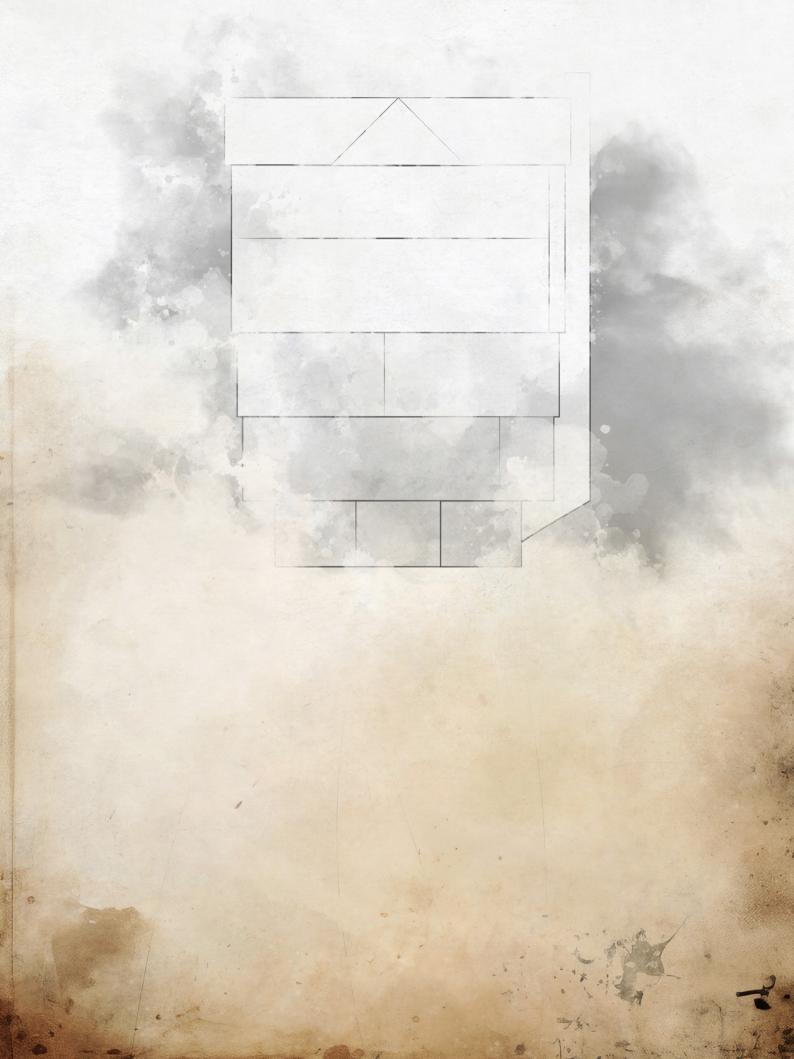












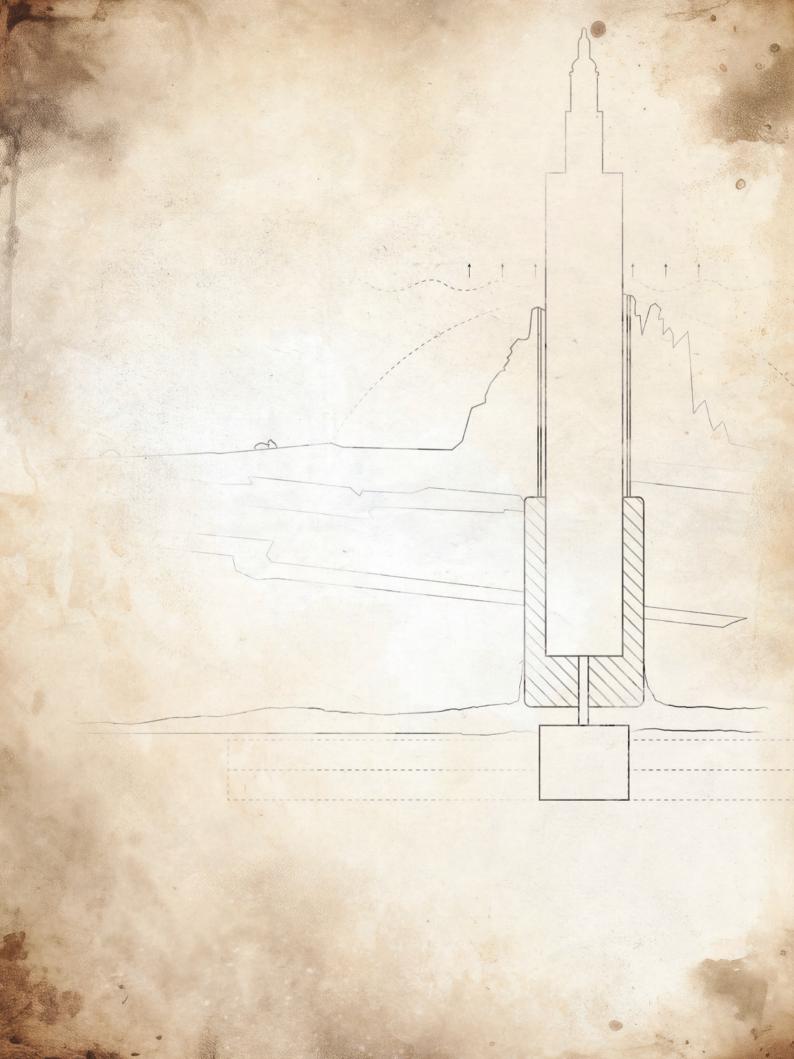














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