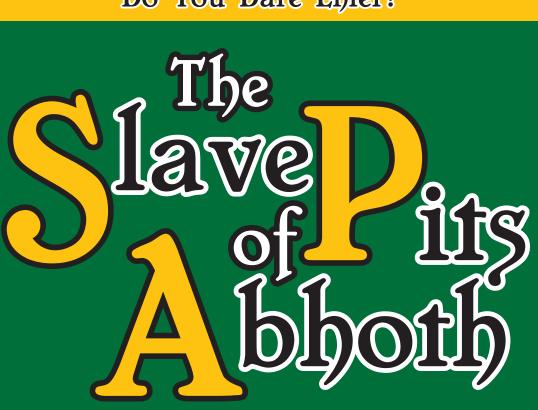
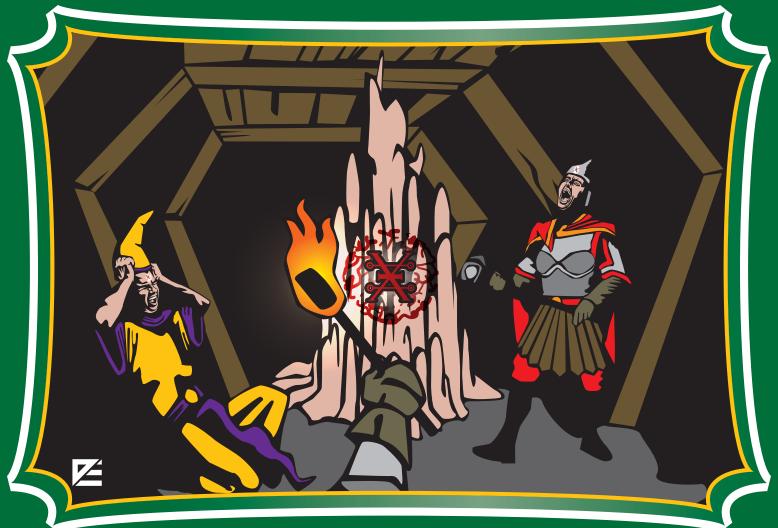
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### The Slave Pits of Abboth

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#### Introduction

This project was inspired by the re-release of the core books of the *Advanced* version of the world's most famous FRPG. At the time of the announcement, I was thrilled that these books were to be re-released; however, I personally would have preferred if the entire library had been made available in various forms. I was subsequently challenged to re-imagine one entry in the library rather than simply wait for that library to see the light of day. This module is my answer to that challenge — a re-imagined version of the first module in the classic A-series.

While this is written for the retro-clone Labyrinth Lord<sup>TM</sup> using the Advanced Edition Companion<sup>TM</sup> expansion and inspiration from The Realms of Crawling Chaos<sup>TM</sup>, it is still easily used with the re-released core books with little to no conversion for those who are interested.

#### How to Use this Adventure

Since this is a re-imagination project, not only is the content of the original module reinterpreted, but the classic module layout is also rethought in order to make this adventure more user-friendly. There are two primary ways that this is done.

Firstly, this adventure assumes that the person running this module is going to fiddle with small details in order to make it fit into their own campaign world. Thus, this adventure is specifically designed to be able to easily drop into any world. In addition, there are places in the adventure key left blank in order to facilitate customization.

Secondly, most of the keys and maps themselves are organized in such a way that the person running the adventure has enough information on a single spread so as to keep page turning and lengthly pauses to read room descriptions to a minimum. Thus, on the right hand page is a section of map with page numbers to indicated which pages the map connects to. On the left hand page are encounter area descriptions organized into three columns:

OVERVIEW: This is a description that is applicable to most if not all rooms described on the page.

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The goal of this layout is to facilitate an improvisational style of play. There is enough information available at a glance to effectively run the encounter as is deemed necessary for the current situation. For example, there might be an encounter that states that Slavers and Pirates are in negotiation. The details of that negotiation are left up to the person running the adventure — to take advantage of how the adventure has unfolded and/or fulfill player expectation.

There is also plenty of empty space for making notes, adding specifics or any other individualized information to customize the adventure for a particular campaign. Please feel free to take advantage.

#### Backéround

The basic premise of this adventure is very simple:

There is a secret slavery ring. Find it and stomp it out.

For those that need more of a hook, rumors suggest that there have been a lot of disappearances of travelers and merchants in the region around Hucwind Island.

For those that need an even more aggressive hook (or those that like the *Rescue the Princess* trope), the daughter of a local noble has been one of those travelers to disappear. The noble has now either personally asked the party to investigate and/or has promised a sizable reward for her safe return.

For those that want to have their players do an investigation, the following rumor table can be used:

#### Rumor Table

- 1. Village A has been known to harbor pirates.
- 2. If you want someone to disappear, talk to the baker in Village B.
- 3. Most of the disappearances have happened on the road between Village A and Village B.
- 4. The people of Hinsmount do not take kindly to strangers.
- 5. There is a monster that stalks Hucwind Island at night.
- 6. The royal family to whom Village B owes fealty is a group of vampires.
- 7. There is a necromancer who lives in Village A.
- 8. There are no real economic ties between Hinsmount and the other surrounding villages.
- 9. Occasionally, folks from Hinsmount have come to Village A looking to buy strange animals.
- 10. The followers of St. Cuthbert once dominated Hucwind and Hinsmount before they were wiped out by pirates.
- 11. Ships have been known to disappear in the waters between Village A, Village B and Hinsmount.
- 12. There is no lighthouse on Hucwind island.

Village A and Village B are intended to be extant communities in the campaign world in which the adventure takes place.

#### History

There are three distinct periods in the history of Hucwind Island. The original building on the island was the castle, which was built in order to deter piracy; however, its impact was minimal and was eventually abandoned. The second wave of inhabitants were followers of St. Cuthbert who built the village of Hinsmount and the Temple. This, in turn, was attacked by pirates and evil humanoids, having heard that Hucwind Island was home to a great treasure. When they found out that the treasure in question was a bunch of bones, they glee-

fully killed everyone and destroyed the settlement and the Temple in order to make the effort of attacking the island worth their while. Finally, a group of Deep Ones who needed a place not only to ply their slave trade, but to pick the cream of their slave stock to interbreed with took over the island, because of the cave networks that weave their way throughout the island. Some of these had already been used by the builders of the castle and the Temple. These Deep Ones expanded on these efforts and now have an entire secret lair within the bowels of the island.

Unlike other Deep Ones, who worship the Old One Dagon (and are thus known as *Dagonites*), the Deep Ones of Hucwind Island worship the Old One Abhoth, and call themselves *Abhothians*. This ancient alien only partially exists in this reality as an amorphous pile of grey mudlike goo. Abhoth is constantly trying to absorb DNA from any creature it comes into contact with in an attempt to use it to create a more mobile and permanent form with which to interact with this reality. Thus far, this has been a quixotic quest because Abhoth is fundamentally incompatible with the world.

Like their master, the Abhothians who worship Abhoth seek to find a means by which to stabilize their own DNA structure so that they might be able more easily and permanently interact with (and conquer) the surface world. Using a portion of the very Old One they worship, the Deep Ones have been partially successful. They have altered their own DNA structure enough that they are a different species of Deep One altogether and the Halfbreeds that they have produced, though still doomed to transform into their Deep One progenitors, hear the call of Abhoth and the quest for a stable genetic form rather than the call of the sea.

Therefore, the slave trade that the Abhothians participate in has as its primary purpose a search for DNA markers that they need for their experiments both for themselves and for their master. Thus, every slave is tested. Those that fail, stay in the slave pits and are destined to be sold into the slave trade network that the Abhothians participate in. Those that pass the test are doomed to a horrific death where they are seeded with various specially prepared eggs that have segments of Abhoth himself. Combined with DNA from various creatures and an ever refined version of Abhothian DNA, the victims of this process are literally torn apart at the cellular level. The results of these experiments are now the denizens of the secret complex in the bowels of the island.

| Overview: Hucwind Island is a hilly is  | sle about 2.25 miles by 1.5 miles covere   | d mostly in tall grasses.   |
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| 1. Cliff Wall   | ·  |   |
| _   | On average it is about 50-60ft. high and is about 100 ft. at its highest point.                | -   |
| 2. Sea Cave   |  |   |
| •   | Upon close inspection, the cliff has been roughly worked to be difficult to climb.             | •   |
|   | There is a sea cave here only visible during low tide. It is otherwise completely under water. |   |
| 3. Sickly Trees   |  |   |
| There is a sickly looking copse of trees here.  |  | The <b>8 Ghouls</b> (AC 6; HD 2; Att 1d3 x 3 + paralysis; MV 90'; 13,12,10,10,9,8,7,7 hp) are either what remains of the raiders who killed all the followers of St. Cuthbert or the result of some of the vile experiments done by the Abhothians. The slavers do, however, keep them in decent supply of food — both to keep them happy and to dispose of bodies. |
| 4. Wetlands.  | 4. Wetlands.   | 4. Wetlands.  |
| This area is a wetlands. Most times during the day, it is at least partially underwater. At low tide is the only time it is dry. At high tide, it is com- |  | The chance of the ghouls' appearamce is 50%. 1d6 will be hunting fish.  |

#### Wandering Monster Table 1

This table can be used for all the surface areas on the island including Hinsmount, Huncwind Castle and the Temple.

- 1. Halfbreeds (1d6): AC 7; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV 120'
- 2. Stinghounds (1d6+1): AC 7; HD 2; Att 1d4 + Paralysis; MV 150'
- 3. Halfbreeds (1d3): AC7; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV 120' + Stinghounds (1d6): AC7; HD 2; Att 1d4 + Paralysis; MV 150'
- 4. Giant Centipedes (2d4): AC 9; HD 1d4; Att 1 + poison; MV 60'
- 5. **Giant Black Widow Spider (1):** AC 6; HD 3; Att 2d6 + Poison; MV 60'//120'
- 6. **Vision of St. Cuthbert:** Lawful & Good characters will see the figured of a hooded man moaning, "The suffering!" If any character is a follower of St. Cuthbert, they will hear the saint say "Find me after turning the tree."



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| Unlabelled (Fishermen)   | <u> </u>  |   |
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| These are the homes of fishermen.  | The fishermen go fishing most nights.   | Inside is nothing of value.   |
| Beach  |   |   |
| I  | When they aren't using them to fish, the boats of the village are tied down to these sticks.  | •   |
| Farmers  |   |   |
| Trails from sad looking fields north of the village lead to these houses.    | They work their fields during the day.  | Inside is nothing of value.   |
| Storehouse   |   |   |
| Two hulls have been combined to make a large building.                       | It houses farm implements, broken fishing equipment, wood and other fuels.  | Though used by the whole village, nothing is of much value.   |
| Shed   |   |   |
| There is a particluarly beaten up shed on the beach.                         | Inside are various items for use in fishing like nets and hooks.  | Though usable, there is nothing here of value.  |
| Net Makers   |   |   |
| These homes have netting outside.  | Inside are items used to make nets.   | The nets are of poor quality.   |
| Kennels  |   |   |
| These buildings have feeding troughs and water bowls outside.                | These serve as somekind of kennel, though they stink slightly of fish.  | There are always 1d8+1 Stinghounds (AC 7; HD 2; Att 1d4 + Paralysis; MV 150'; 7 hp each) here.                                |
| Do¢ Handler  |   |   |
| This house has ropes and collars hanging outside.                            | At night this house is empty (when the dog handler patrols the island).   | The <b>3rd level Halfbreed Fighter</b> (AC6, 18hp) who trains and cares for the stinghounds lives here. He fights to capture. |
| Chief Fishermen  |   |   |
| This is the largest and best kept over-<br>turned boat house in the village. | The chief fisherman lives here. He handles the day-to-day issues of the village.  |   |
| Village Elder  |   |   |
| fish and bones of several different  | This is where the village elder lives. She never comes out because she is advanced in her devolution towards becoming a full-blooded Abhothian. | User. (AC 8, 16hp, Spells: Charm Per-   |



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| ing the day, loud clanging noises can | where various metal tools are made HD | ) 1; Att 1d6; MV 120'; 5 hp each). |
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| be hearn coming from within.          | and repaired. 1d3+1 people are here.  |                                    |

Path Out of Town parant path to the castle.

There is an obvious trail from the vil- Careful examination will reveal an old Villagers will get very testy about noslage to the Temple, but there is no ap-trail to the castle. A ranger can deterey adventurers making for the castle.

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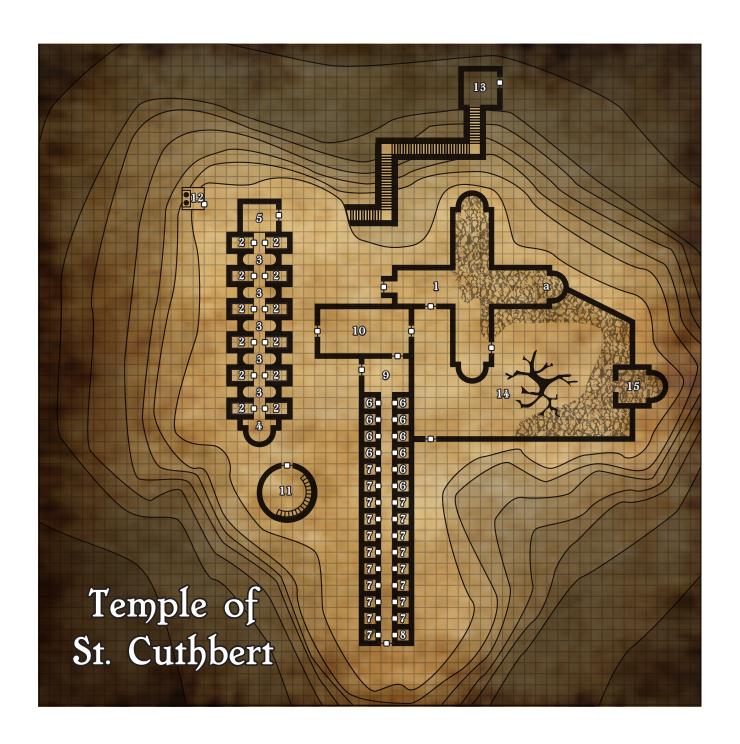
mine that it has been deliberately hid. The will do anything (even violence) to prevent a party from investigating.

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| 1. The Temple  |  |  |
| of St. Cuthburt. The eastern wall and                        | The interior hasn't been cleaned in years. The location marked 'a' is what remains of the altar.             | If the altar is searched <b>2d6 Beads of St. Cuthbert</b> can be found.  |
| 2. Gueșt Room  |  |  |
| This is an adequate bedroom.                                 | There are 1d3-1 people in the room.  | These people are <b>Halfbreeds</b> (AC 7; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV 120'; 5 hp each)   |
| 3. Apse with Mosaic  |  |  |
| These are apses set into the wall and decorated in mosaic.   |  | For those who wish to have St. Cuthbert a visitor to your campaign world from our own earth, this would be one way to give the PCs a clue about his origin.                      |
| 4. Chapel  |  |  |
| This appears to be a thoroughly defiled chapel.              | It was dedicated to a miracle of St. Cuthbert. The altar moves and reveals stairs going down.                | This is one of two entrances into the dungeon beneath the Temple. The stairs lead to Room 1 on page 17.  |
| 5. Gueșt Greetinș Room                                       |  |  |
| This a guard room with 1d6 men armed with nets and tridents. | This a guest registry. Most of the records have been destroyed, but there are a couple of pages left intact. | The guards are <b>2nd level Halfbreed Fighters</b> (AC 5, 9hp). Names can be a hint to another adventure.  |
| 6. Monaștic Cell   |  |  |
| These appear to be used as storage rooms.                    |  | Foodstuff is salted fish; building materials are recycled bricks; weapons are tridents & harpoons; <b>1d4 Stinghounds</b> (AC 7; HD 2; Att 1d4 + Paralysis; MV 150'; 7 hp each). |
| 7. Ruined Monaștic Cell                                      |  |  |
|  | These were also once used as monastic cells and haven't been touched in years.                               | There is nothing of any value here.  |
| 8. Occupied Monaștic Cell                                    |  |  |
| This room is only slightly damaged.                          | The room is covered in webbing.  | This is a lair of a <b>Giant Spider</b> (AC 6; HD 3; Att 2d6 + Poison; MV 60'//120'; 15 hp).   |
| 9. Kitchen   |  |  |
| This is a kitchen.   | This originally was a kitchen.   | The food & cookery is of poor quality.   |

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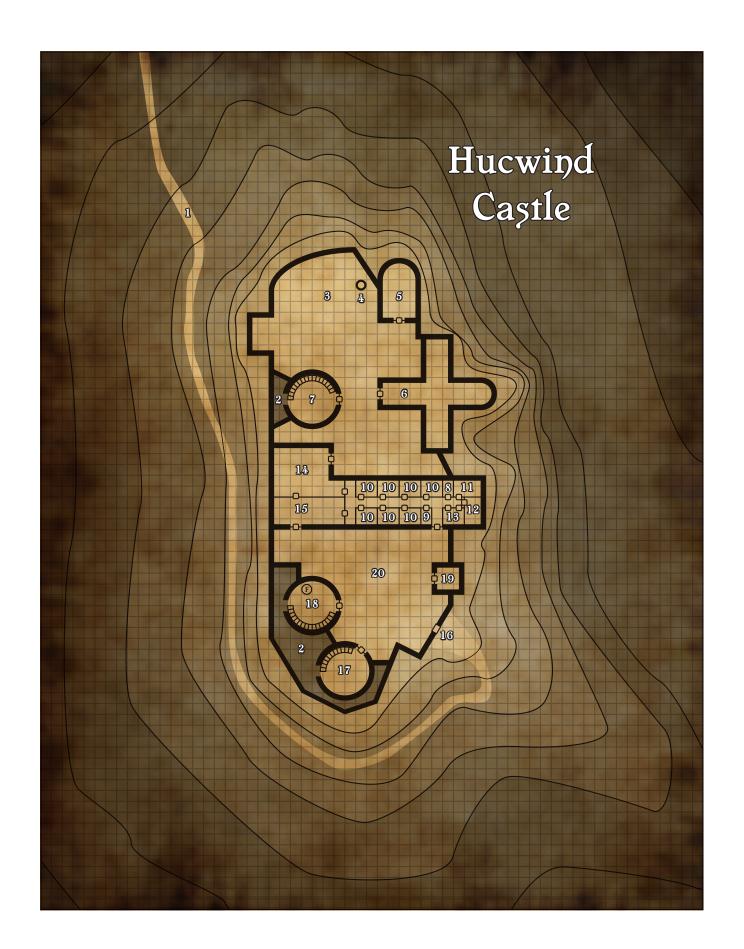
| 10. Refectory  |   |   |
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|  | At one time, the walls were decorated in mosaic icons. These have mostly been destroyed.  |   |
| 11. Guard Tower  |   |   |
| This two-story tower appears to be manned.   | The tower is not well-built and houses 1d6 guards.  | The guards are <b>2nd level Halfbreed Fighters</b> (AC 5, 9hp ea.). Unless the party carefully approaches, these guards will alert everyone at the Temple.  |
|  |   | Dwarves and gnomes can tell this was (badly) built from rubble.   |
| 12. Outhouse   |   |   |
| This is a crudely built building that reeks from several feet away.                                | It is an outhouse with two seats. It hangs over the edge of the ledge.  | There is a 5% chance that sitting on a toilet will cause the thing to collapse.   |
| 13. Guardhoușe/Reģiștry  |   |   |
| This is some kind of guard room that currently has several (1d6) men armed with tridents and nets. | There are records (fake) of visitors to the Temple.  Hidden in a false bottom in a desk droor is an actual record of visitors to the Temple prior to its destruction. | The guards are <b>2nd level Halfbreed Fighters</b> (AC 5, 9hp ea.). They will politely decline entrance (it isn't safe), then get rude and then get violent ( <i>they will fight to capture</i> ).              |
| 14. Courtyard  |   |   |
| At the center of this rubble-strewn courtyard is a very large, dead tree.                          | Despite being dead, there appear to be rotting fruit hanging from some of the tree's branches.  | The tree is actually an <b>Undead Tree</b> (AC 2; HD 8; Att 1d4x6 (branches) or poison (fruit) + fear; MV 0'; Special: only affected by slashing weapons or fire; 45 hp) and will attack anyone who approaches. |
| 15. Reliquary  |   |   |
| There is a collapsed building buried underneath the rubble.  | wherein are relics of the St. Cuthbert  | Should PCs manage to find this place, it will provide a safe haven for them to rest and recover (no wandering monster checks & the Abhothians do not know about it).  |



Overview: Hucwind Castle looks like an abandoned ruin. Everything higher than one story has collapsed; however there is new construction in various places made to look distressed. Dwarves and gnomes can can passively spot the new construction on a roll of 1-2 on a d6.

The top outer wall is trapped. Anyone climbing over or walking on top has a 2 in 6 chance of triggering a shallow pit trap. Spikes will do d3 damage and are coated in a weak paralytic poison. There is a 2 in 6 chance it won't work, otherwise the saving throw is made at +2.

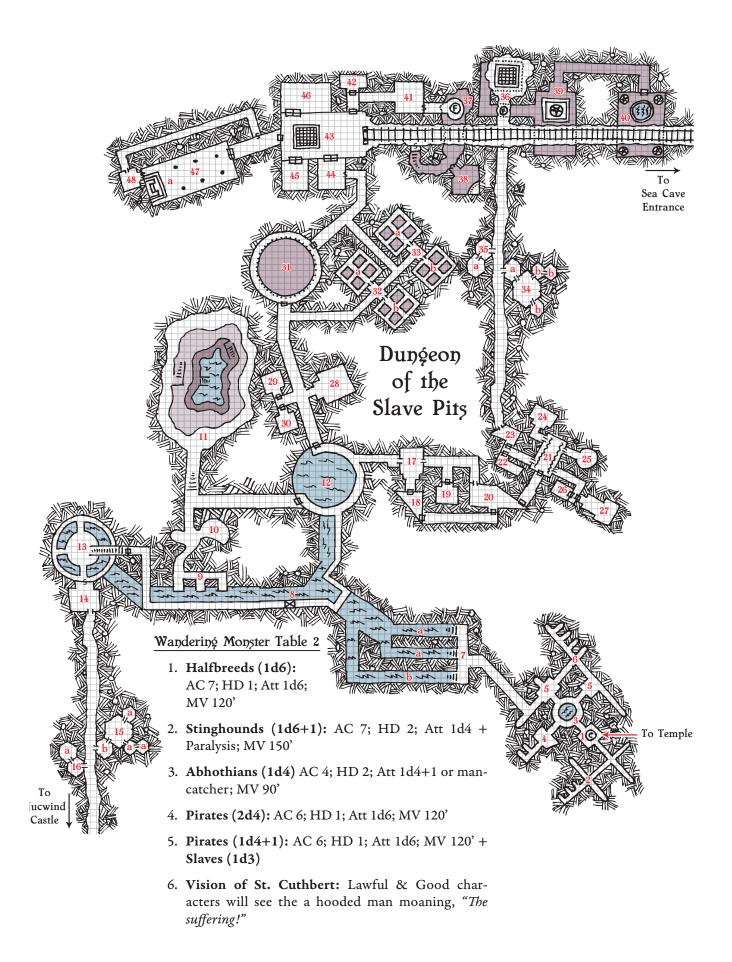
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| 1. Path  |   |  |
| There is no apparent path that leads to the castle.                            | Hidden underneath the scrub there is a well worn path.                            | There is a 2 in 6 chance to notice that the obfusation is deliberate.  |
| 2. Second Floor  |   |  |
| There seems to be stable construction around what remains of the three towers. |   | Dwarves and gnomes can determine<br>that the style of brickwork is signifi-<br>cantly different than elsewhere.  |
| 3. Rubble  |   |  |
| This area is full of rubble.   | The rubble is what remains of the upper stories.                                  | Movement is halved and searches take twice as long. Wandering monster checks are doubled (1-2 on a d6 — a '2' indicates <b>Giant Centipedes</b> ).                       |
| 4. Well  |   |  |
| This is an old well.   |   | This is one of two entrances into the dungeon beneath the castle. The well leads to Room 131 on page 61.   |
| 5. Giant Centipede Nest  |   |  |
| This appears to be a guard house with a collapsed roof.                        | It is now a nest for <b>5 Giant Centipedes</b> .                                  | <b>Giant Centipedes</b> (AC 9; HD 1d4; Att 1 + poison; MV 60'; 4,3,3,2,1 hp).  |
| 6. Chapel  |   |  |
| This was once a chapel. Most of the roof has collapsed.                        | Should a party wish to spend the time, they can find 1d6+1 Beads of St. Cuthbert. | _  |
| 7. Mutant Tower  |   |  |
| The first story of this tower appears to be stable and intact.                 | This is home to a large Mutant Abhothian (with four arms) and his pet Stinghound. | Mutant (AC 4; HD 4; Att 1d4+1x4; MV 90'; 24 hp); Stinghound (AC 7; HD 2; Att 1d4 + Paralysis; MV 150'; 10 hp).   |
| 8. Collapsed Storage Room  |   |  |
| The ceiling of this room has collapsed.  | This was once a storage room.   | There is nothing of value.   |
| 9. Storage Room  |   |  |
| This is being used as a storage room.  | This was once the room of the abbot.  | 50 lbs. of salt worth about 50gp.  |
| 10. Monaștic Cellș   |   |  |
| These rooms appear to be make-shift bedrooms.                                  | Inside are 1d3-1 humanoids.   | These are <b>3rd level Halfbreed Fighters</b> (AC 5, hp 15 ea.) that have devolved to a point that they can no longer pass as human. <i>They will fight to capture</i> . |



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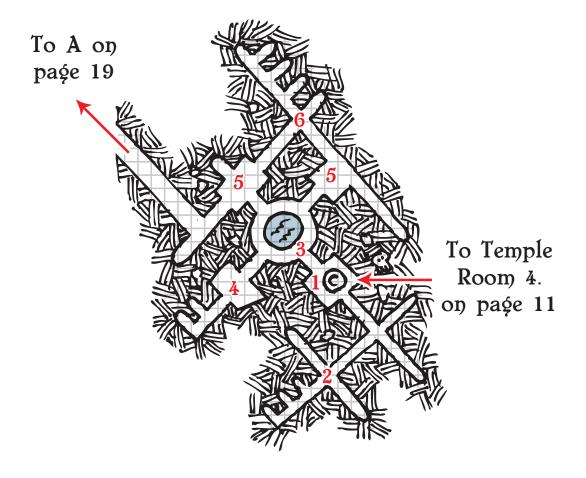
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| 11. Gueșt Room   |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| The ceiling in this room has collapsed.                            | This was once a guestroom.  | There is nothing of value here.   |
| 12. Gueșt Room   |   |   |
| The ceiling in this room has collapsed.                            | This was once a guest room. Hi dden in the rubble is a bishop's pectoral cross.                                   | The cross is worth 100gp.   |
| 13. Library  |   |   |
| The ceiling in this room has collapsed.                            | This was a library. If the party spends the time, they will find 1d3 books in decent shape and a clerical scroll. | The books are worth 2d6x10gp to the right buyer. The cleric scroll has <i>Cure Light Wounds</i> and <i>Neutralize Poison</i> .  |
| 14. Dining Room  |   |   |
| This is a dining room with several chairs and tables.              | There is a podium in one corner. (It was used to read Scripture at meals).  |   |
| 15. Kitchen  |   |   |
| This is a kitchen.   | There is fresh food, but not very palatable to the average person.  | The cookery is of poor quality.   |
| 16. Gate   |   |   |
| The gate appears to be in poor shape.                              | It is actually in much better shape than it at first appears.   | The gate is reinforced and been distressed to diguise this reinforcement.   |
| 17. Tower  |   |   |
| This guard tower smells slightly of fish and seems to be occupied. | This a kennel for stinghounds.  | There will always be 1d6 Stinghounds (AC 7; HD 2; Att 1d4 + Paralysis; MV 150'; 10 hp) here.  |
| 18. Tower  |   |   |
| This guard tower is occupied.                                      | There are several guards. The trap door leads to a stairway down.   | The guards are <b>2nd level Halfbreed Fighters</b> (AC 5, 9hp ea.). This is one of two entrances into the dungeon beneath the castle. The well leads to Room 88 on page 47. |
| 19. Gatehouse  |   |   |
| This most likely was a gatehouse.                                  | Inside is a pool of a viscous liquid.   | The pool is a <b>Gray Ooze</b> (AC 8; HD 3; Att 2d8; MV 10'; 18 hp).  |
| 20. Courtyard  |   |   |
| This open area appears to be empty.                                | Hiding in the shadows are 1d6+1 <b>Halfbreeds</b> with one <b>Stinghound</b> .                                    | They surprise on a 1-3 on a d6. (For stats, see 17 & 18 above).   |



OVERVIEW: Rooms 1-6 are carefully carved from the rock. There are crosses, iconography and other symbols from the religion of St. Cuthbert carved in the walls and the ceiling. There are niches in the walls big enough to hold a human skull.

| 1. Entrance   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| The walls are covered with decayed and defaced iconography.         | The icons depict various aspects of the life of St. Cuthbert   | The door in the ceiling can be found on a roll of 1-2 on d6.  |
| 2. Catacombs  |  |   |
| This area is dominated by niches large enough to hold human skulls. | There are several skull fragments, and one intact skull.   | If placed in a chapel of St. Cuthbert, the skull will recite daily prayers.   |
| 3. Baptistry  |  |   |
| _   | When approached, the water becomes troubled. The closer one gets, the more aggitated the water becomes.                                    |   |
| 4. Sepulcher  |  |   |
| _   | — ·  | . —   |
|   |  | Anyone taking the cross who does not follow St. Cuthbert will be <i>cursed</i> — roll twice for everything and take the worse of the two rolls. |
| 5. Tomb   |  |   |
| large enough to hold an entire body.                                | There are bone shards and scraps of<br>burial clothes. In addition, there is a<br>cross etched in stone where the head<br>would have been. |   |
| 6. Crypt  |  |   |
|   | The burial clothes are covered in inked crosses and other symbols of St. Cuthbert.   | •   |

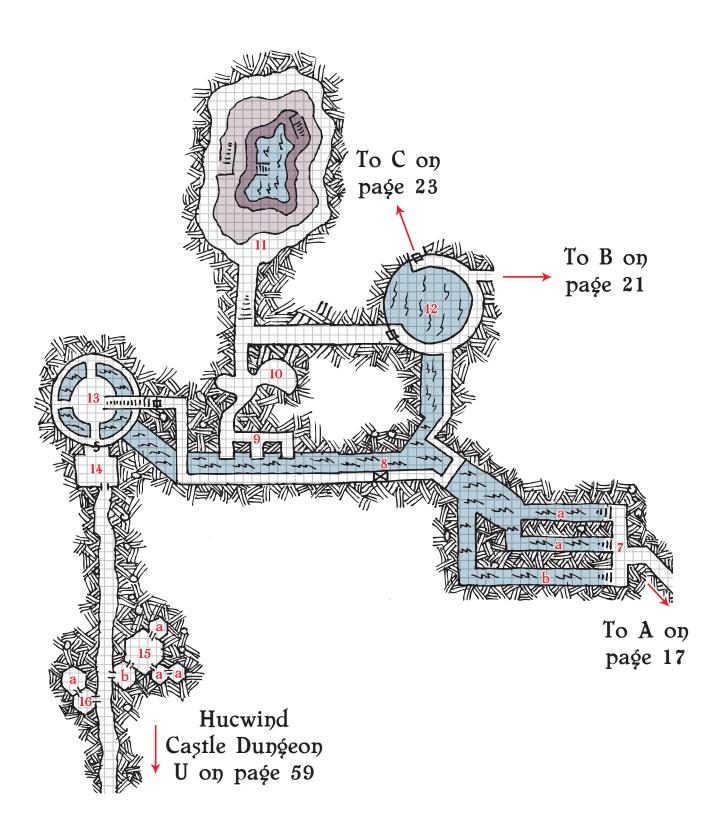


Overview: Rooms 7-16 are crudely, but efficiently cut. There are several areas that are cut beneath the water table. Entire sections of walls are covered in sea salt and the area smells strongly of the sea. 7. Main Entrance Along this hallway are three archways There is an Abhothian symbol above The areas marked 'a' each have 1 through which can be seen stairs go- each archway. The ones leading to 'a' Strangleweed (AC 5; HD 4; Att 1d6+ ing down into water. The ceiling does mean 'short.' The one leading to 'b' constriction; MV 30'; 18 hp; Special: means 'long.' The water is chest deep. Surprise 4 in 6, 50% resistance to fire). not lower. 8. Trap Door Along the wall, there is a wooden At the 'X' is a discoloration in one of This is a disposal unit. Pressing the platform wide enough to walk single the bricks along the wall. brick causes the trap door to open and a file on. flushing in the water below. Those who The trap door is loose and will trigfall in the water while it is flushing must ger on its own on a 1 or 2 every time Save vs. Death for 1d6 rounds. Failure someone walks across it. results in 1d6 drowning damage. 9. Fishing Platforms There are three wooden platforms Fish bones litter the area. There are that go out over the water. several dozen fish in the water below. 10. Storage Cave This cave contains several barrels. The barrels contain salt. Behind the There are 3d100 pounds of salt worth barrels is also some fishing equipment. about 1gp per pound. 11. Testing Pool This cave has three carved tiers acces- At the bottom is a pool of viscous liq- Non-Abhothians coming into contact sible by stairs. The room reeks of dead uid. Each lower tier is covered by in-must Save vs. Poison or suffer a painful creasing amount of this liquid. fish. rash and be at a -1 for 1d6 days for every time that they come in contact with it. 12. Glowing Pool This round room has a pool that glows The cave wall beneath the water is If removed from the wall, the crystals will radiate light in a 10'r. for 1d6 days. a strange, neon green. covered in glowing crystals. 13. Tentacle Room Stairs lead down to a circular room There is something living in the wa- This is a lair of 1 Giant Octopus (AC with a round wet stone floor in the ter. As characters descend to the 7; HD 8; Att 1d4x6 + constriction, middle of a pool. Wooden walkways stone floor, the creature becomes agi- 2d6; MV 30' (120'); 31 hp). It will wait line the wall accessed by three bridges. tated. (See Room 14 for secret door). 2d4 rounds for food before attacking. 14. Antechamber This is an empty room. There is an indentation in the north The secret door is opened by touching it with an Abhothian hand. There is a trip wall in the rough shape of a hand. wire in the door that sets off an alarm & warns the guards in Rooms 15 & 16. 15. Guardroom

There are 2d6 Abhothian guards here. Locations marked 'a' are sleeping areas; AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1 or mancatch-'b' is an alarm mentioned in Room 14. er; MV 90'; 9 hp. Each has 3d6 gp.

#### 16. Guardroom

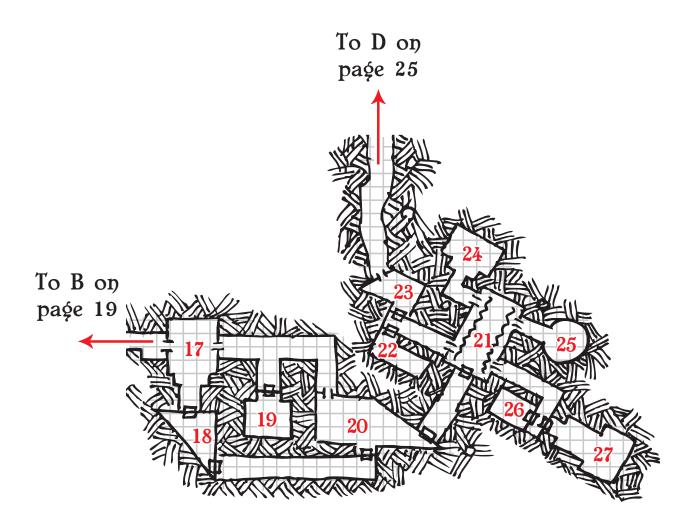
There are **2d6 Abhothian** guards here. Location 'a' is a sleeping area. See room 15.



Overview: Rooms 17-27 are carefully cut out of the rock, intended to mimic human methods and proclivities as much as possible. It looks as is this area is routinely cleaned. 17. Anteroom This room is well furnished with four The furniture is of a type manufactured The right buyers will pay 150gp or so ea. chairs, ottomans, rug and a low table. in an area where slavery is common. for the chairs. The rug is worth 100gp. 18. Guest Room This sleeping quarters is currently oc- His name is Toure Sool. He has a Sool is a Dagonite Halfbreed spy and a cupied by a human dressed as a fop. number of papers in code, a pouch 7th level Assassin (AC 6, 30 hp). The full of a yellow powder and a dagger papers detail the slave operation. Both with a hollow hilt filled with a liquid. the powder and liquid are poisons. 19. Guest Room This sleeping quarters is currently oc- The "human" is a half-orc slaver Nyltis is a 7th level fighter (AC 2, 45 cupied by an ugly human and two hu- named Nyltis. The humanoids are his hp). The **2 Ogrillon** (AC 6; HD 2; Att 1d6+1x2; MV 120'; 14, 10 hp) are famanoids. Ogrillon bodyguards. natically loyal. Each have 10 gp. 20. Smoking Room There are four lounge couches sur- The couches are made in a style from a The couches are worth around 300 gp. rounding a hooka on a rug in the region where slavery is common. Each The rug is worth 100 gp. The herbs are hallucinogenic & worth 500 gp. middle of the room. has a capartment that has herbs. 21. Dining Room This is a dining room for ten. The Behind the curtain is a cupboard with Each utensil is worth 5 gp. Curtains are walls are decorated with curtains. silverware and dishes. heavy, but worth 300-500gp each. 22. Food Storage The walls are lined with shelves filled This room is cooler than other rooms. The stone is magical & cold to the with perishable food. There is a stone cube at the back. touch. It can keep 40 sq ft. at about 38°. 23. Kitchen This is a small kitchen with a wood/ There is a narrow chimney that leads The cooking utensils are of poor to avcoal stove. to the surface. erage make, thus next to worthless. 24. Bedroom This is a rather lavish bedroom. The bedding has been recently cleaned. The bedding is of very high quality. 26. Servants Quarters There are four lizard-like humanoids There are four meager sleeping mats The humanoids are 4 Fyrnewts (AC amusing themselves with a dice game. in this room. 5; HD 2+2; Att 1d6 or breath; MV 90'; 14,13,11,9 hp). Each has 12gp. 27. Special Guest Room This is an opulent bedroom. Sitting The man's name is Francis Thurston. The humanoids are 2 Elite Fyrnewts at a desk is a man pouring over pa- He is busily trying to decode a mes- (AC 5; HD 3+3; Att 1d6 or breath; pers. There are also a pair of lizard- sage addressed to him. There is a small MV 90'; 21,16 hp). Francis is an 8th like humanoids. chest underneath the bed. Though it level Thief (AC 6, 31 hp). He is an has a lock and a poison needle trap, angent of the slavers; however, he is neither are set. It contains several going insane from long term exposure gems of various sizes (total of 1500gp to Abhoth. The codes are his attempts

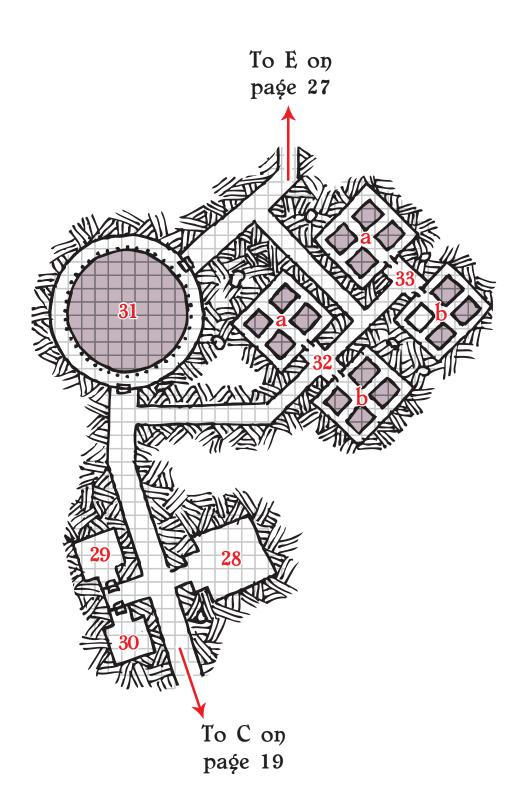
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to keep sane, but they are gibberish.

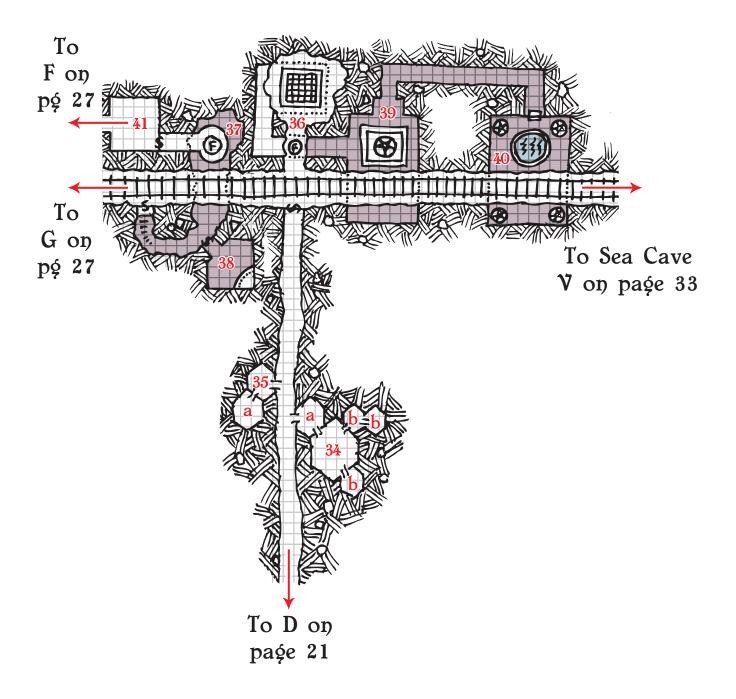


areas seem to see heavy use. There is little in the way of decoration. 28. Gaming Room There are several round tables and Each table has a drawer in which are There is nothing of any particular value chairs in this room. various game pieces (cards, dice, chips). in the room. 29. Guest Quarters There are four humans sitting on beds These men are slavers waiting for the 3 Pirates (AC 6; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV talking with each other. next shipment out. The room has six 120'; 7,6,4 hp) + one 5th level Fighter non-descript beds. They will come to (AC 3, 31 hp). Each has 3d6 gp. The the aid of the slavers in room 30. fighter has a map. 30. Guest Quarters There are five humans sitting on beds These men are slavers waiting for the 4 Pirates (AC 6; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV talking with each other. next shipment out. The room has six 120'; 7,6,4 hp) + one 4th level Fighter non-descript beds. They will come to (AC 4, 25 hp). Each has 3d6 gp. The the aid of the slavers in room 29. fighter has a gold chain worth 100gp. 31. Large Slave Pit There are eight guards standing This is a slave pit. The slaves are all old, The 8 guards are 2nd level Halfbreed around a pit full of pathetic looking injured, ill or otherwise not deemed Fighters (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d6; MV humans and demi-humans. valuable as slaves. 90'; 14,11,10,10,8,7,7,4 hp). 32. Slave Pits There are eight guards standing over These slave pits each hold one indi- The **8 guards** are **2nd level Halfbreed** two sets of four cages dug into the vidual slave. At location 'a': Fighters (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d6; MV 90'; 15,10,10,10,9,7,6,6 hp). They will ground. come to the aid of the guards in Room 33 if there is any combat or other disturbance. At location 'b': 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Slave Pits There are eight guards standing over These slave pits each hold one indi- The 8 guards are 2nd level Halfbreed two sets of four cages dug into the vidual slave. At location 'a': Fighters (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d6; MV 90'; 13,12,12,11,8,7,6,5 hp). They will ground. come to the aid of the guard in Room 32 if there is any combat or other distur-3. bance. At location 'b': 3. \_\_\_\_\_

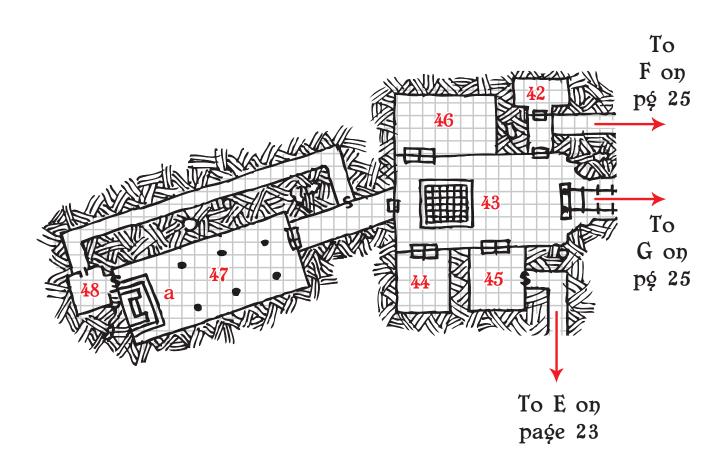
Overview: Rooms 28-33 are crudely cut, but utilitarian. While natural caverns are taken advantage of, these are



| Overview: Rooms 34-41 are either cru   | dely cut and utilitarian or carved with c  | are. There is a faint smell of the sea.   |
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| 34. Guardroom  |  |   |
| There are <b>2d6 Abhothian</b> guards here.  | Locations marked 'a' are sleeping areas; 'b' is an alarm alerting those in 34 & 35.                                |   |
| 35. Guardroom  |  |   |
| There are <b>2d6 Abhothian</b> guards here.  | Location 'a' is a sleeping area.   | See room 34.  |
| 36. Overflow Slave Pit   |  |   |
| The grate covers a cavern below.   | The floor of the cavern is lined with shackles for holding slaves.   | The door in the floor can be spotted on a 3 in 6. This area is used for overflow storage and review of slaves.  |
| 37. Secret Caves of Abhoth   |  |   |
| its, keeping the air cool and dry. There   | ings of the slave trade. Various code names are used for higher ranking individuals in the trade. There is a hand- |   |
| The walls of the lower cave are wet. The room smells of rotting fish.                          |  | A <b>Gibbering Mouther</b> (AC 1; HD 4+3; Att 1x6 + confusion & blindness & smothering; MV 30'; 26 hp) guards this cavern. The secret door is opened by touching it with an Abhothian hand.               |
| 38. Altar to Abhoth  |  |   |
| kind of altar and the walls are covered in grotesque religious images.                         | There also appears to be a compart-  | sion. The compartment is trapped with a gas (5ft. radius). Those that fail to save y poison must roll on the Druid  |
| 39. Slaver's Idol  |  |   |
| In the center of the room is a large statue.   | The statue is of religious significance to pirates and slavers.  | Use whatever religious figure or cult is proper for your campaign.  |
| 40. Slaver's Chapel  |  |   |
| This appears to be a chapel.   | This is a worship space dedicated to a cult popular with pirates and slavers.                                      | Use whatever religious figure or cult is proper for your campaign.  |
| 41. Office   |  |   |
| There is a man sitting at a desk busily working on paper work in what appears to be an office. | The man is only known as Maxhal. He is the slave operation's accountant.   | Maxhal is a <b>5th level Halfbreed F/MU</b> (AC 4; 24 hp; <i>Charm Person x2, Hold Portal, Read Languages, Invisibility, Mirror Image, Hold Person</i> ). He is armed with a poisoned dagger (paralytic). |

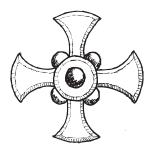


| Overview: Rooms 42-48 are carved with care. There is even some marble work in some of the rooms. |  |   |
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| 42. Storașe  |  |   |
| This is a storage area.  | There are 32 bronze ingots (1 lb. ea.), 2 steel bars (25 lbs. ea.) and 50 lbs. of flax.    | The bronze is worth 200cp; the steel 500 gp; the flax 25gp.   |
| 43. Depot  |  |   |
| This room has a rail end line and a grated pit.  | The rails are used to transport slave stock. The pit is a holding area.                    | There is a 2 in 6 chance that there are 1d6+1 slaves in the pit.  |
| 44. Inspection Room  |  |   |
| This marbled room has a set of shackles in the center of the room.                               |  | This room is used to closely examine slave stock. There is a 1 in 6 chance that there is an inspection going on. There will be <b>1d3 2nd level Halfbreed Fighters</b> (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d6; MV 90'; 10 hp) and <b>1d4 Pirates</b> (AC 6; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV 120'; 7,6,4 hp) plus 1 slave.                     |
| 45. Inspection Room  |  |   |
| See Room 44.   | See Room 44. There is a hand-sized indentation on the wall.                                | <i>See Room 44.</i> The secret door is opened by touching it with an Abhothian hand.  |
| 46. Observation Room   |  |   |
|  | The shackles are of a lighter, more comfortable style that allow far more freedom to move. |   |
| 47. Throne Room  |  |   |
|  | There is a hand-sized indentation on the wall behind the throne and in                     | _   |
| 48. Treașury   |  |   |
| There is a chest on a table in the middle of the room.   |  | The substance is a contact poison. Those who fail their save must roll on the Druid <i>Reincarnation</i> table. Within 1d6 days, they will <i>partially</i> be transformed in that creature. This can be stopped with a <i>Neutralize Poison</i> spell. Once complete, only a <i>Restore</i> spell will cure. |



# TWO PRAYERS TO SAINT CUTHBERT

You approached the Holy Işle mounted on your steed, and laying down your spear and reins you took up the monastic life. Crossing the waters on dry land as did Moses of old, you left the worldly Egypt behind as the waters came together. Pious Boisil greeted you with the words of the Lord to Nathaniel: Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile! And foreseeing your progress on the ladder of the monastic life, he persuaded the abbot to bless you to place your foot on the lowest rung. Thus, you began in all things to ascend to the heights of ascetic ways, that we may now raise our voices to God and cry: Alleluia



# (From the ancient Mass of St. Cuthbert)

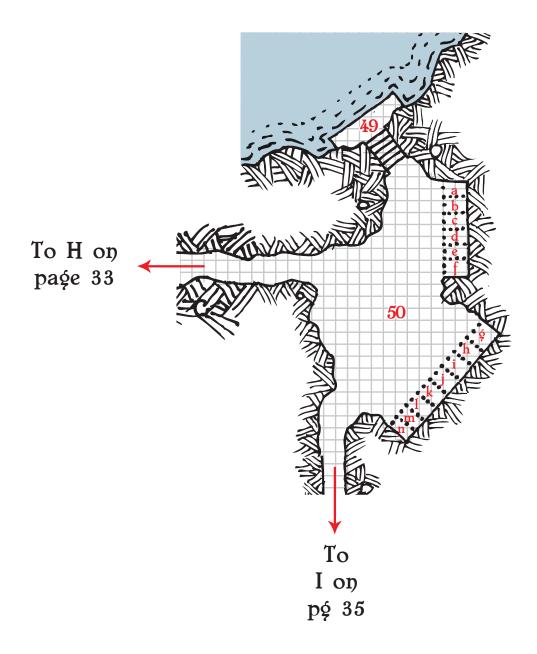
O Lord our God, it is truly meet and just, right and availing to our salvation, that we should always and in all places give thanks unto you, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, upon this day of the departure to Christ of our most holy Father Cuthbert, who first became an example in daily life, in temperate and most chaste conduct, and afterwards took up the monastic yoke, nourished only by the love of God, who did not seek to shepherd your Church, but rather was invited to do so by your providence, and the counsel of the churches. He had ever fought manfully and mightily against flesh and blood, and the rulers of this realm, seizing victory with the helm of hope for salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, and the sword of the Word of God; through him you made manifest many miracles, and granted him before time a vision of his repose: Therefore, O Lord. We entreat you through the intercessions of our holy Father Cuthbert, that we may be counted worthy to reach the haven of joy and the heavenly realms of you, before Whom stand the countless choirs of Angels and Archangels, singing the Thrice Holy hymn. For you are a merciful God, and unto you do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



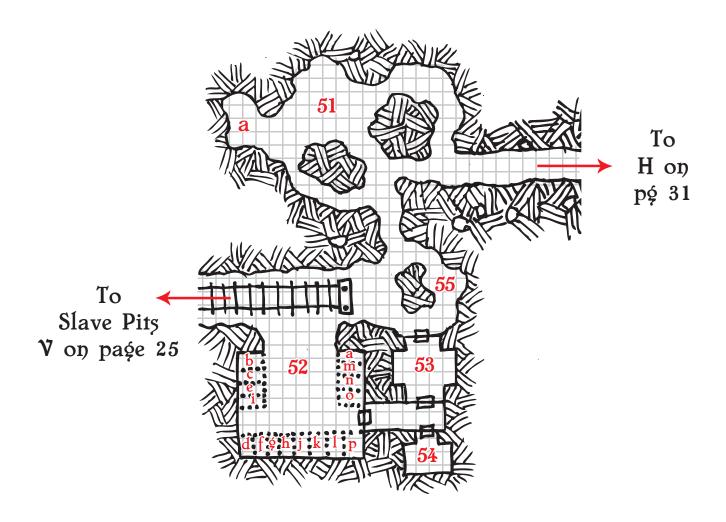
## Wandering Monster Table 3

- 1. Halfbreeds (2d4): AC 7; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV 120'
- 2. Fyrnewts (1d6) (AC 5; HD 2+2; Att 1d6 or breath; MV 90'
- 3. Abhothians (1d4) AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2 or mancatcher; MV 90'
- 4. Pirates (2d4): AC 6; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV 120'
- 5. Pirates (1d4+1): AC 6; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV 120' + Slaves (1d3)
- 6. Ogrillons (1d6) AC 6; HD 2; Att 1d6+1x2; MV 120'

| Overview: Rooms 49-50 are rough cut   | caves that smell of the sea.  |  |
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| 49. Sea Cave  |   |  |
| accessible by boat during low tide.<br>There is a small dock jutting out from     | Most of the time this is unguarded; however during low tide there are 1d6 Halfbreed guards. There is a 2 in 6 chance that a shipment is being made with 2d4 pirates and 4d4 slaves. | HD 2; Att 1d6; MV 90'; 10 hp ea.); Pirates (AC 6; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV 120';  |
| 50. Slave Pens  |   |  |
| This is a large cave partially carved out. The walls are lined with locked cages. | The cages are temporary holding pens for slaves being shipped in/out:  a  | 2nd level Halfbreed Fighters (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d6; MV 90'; 10 hp ea.).  The key that unlocks the cages is held by Jasper (a 7th level Halfbreed fighter [AC 3, 46 hp]) in room 54. He will be present if a shipment is coming in or out. |

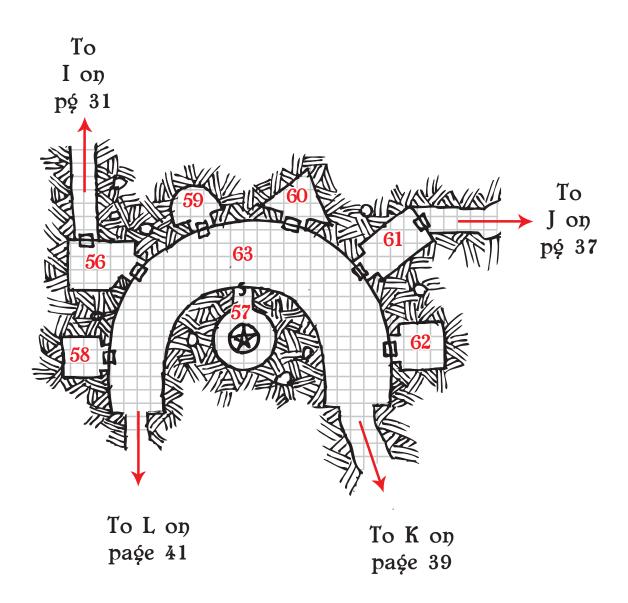


| Overview: Rooms 49-50 are rough cut caves that smell of the sea.         |  |  |  |  |
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| 51. Cave   |  |  |  |  |
| This is a natural cave, uncut.   | The walls are moist with salt water.  'a' is a crystal that glows.   | The crystal detects alignment: red = Chaos; blue = Neutral; white = Law. It will work 1d6 times once removed.  |  |  |
| 52. Slave Pens   |  |  |  |  |
| A number of guards are watching over several people in cages.            | The slaves in these cages are waiting to be transferred to the Slave Pits:  a  | The guards are 1d6+1 2nd level Halfbreed Fighters (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d6; MV 90'; 10 hp ea.).  The key that unlockes the cages is held by Jasper (a 7th level Halfbreed fighter [AC 3, 46 hp]) in room 54. |  |  |
| 53. Meeting Room   |  |  |  |  |
| This room is furnished with several plush chairs, a low table and a rug. | This is a meeting room for more relaxed negotiations between slavers.  | The chairs are worth 100gp each & the rug is worth 500gp.  |  |  |
| 54. Office   |  |  |  |  |
| -  | The man is named Jasper and he is the holder of the keys to all the cages. He is a bully and will run if threatened. | _  |  |  |
|  | There are 1d6 bottles of wine and a pack of pipe weed.   |  |  |  |
| 55. Crystal Formation  |  |  |  |  |
| Growing from the cave wall is a large crystal formation.                 | If closely examined, the crystals give off a hypnotic pulsing light.   | Characters must save vs. spells or be fascinated for 1 turn (make a wandering monster check). If taken from the wall it has 1d6 such uses.   |  |  |

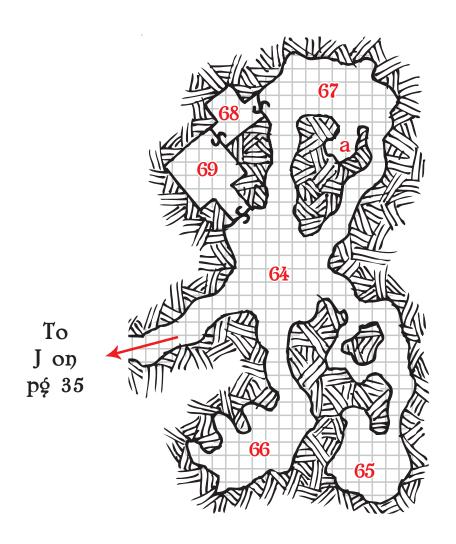


Overview: Rooms 56-63 are carefully carved, decorated will marble, obscene frescoes & symbols of chaos. This area is used to affect the memory of clients who know too much. Everyone who spends time in these rooms must save vs. spells or lose important details about the dungeon. All penalties are cumulative.

| 56. Anteroom   |  |  |
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| Both doors are locked.   | The walls are only partly decorated.   | If this is the only room explored from this area, the save is at +2.   |
| 57. Idol of Abhoth   |  |  |
| There is a stone statue resembling a multi-limbed pile of mud.   | This is an idol of Abhoth. It is always changing.  | Those who gaze upon this statue make their save at -4. If they miss by more than 5, they suffer some kind of insanity. |
| 58. Gueșt Room   |  |  |
|  | The man is Janmar and he is desperately trying to memorize spells from his spell book.  He is a Dagonite Halfbreed spy. He                       | Magic User (AC 7, 21 hp). His spell book contains: Sleep, Read Languages, ESP, Invisibility, Hold Person, Dimen-       |
|  | knows there is something wrong but can't remember.   | The bed, bedding & chair are covered by an illusion. They are worthless.   |
| 59. Mușic Room   |  |  |
| There are several instruments in this room along with several chairs.  | This is a music room, arranged for people to listen to performances.   | Anyone who listens to music in this room saves at a -2. The instruments are covered by an illusion and are worthless.  |
| 60. Sitting Room   |  |  |
| Several large, cushioned chairs circle a brazier.  | This is a sitting room. The brazier is either for a warming fire or for burning incense.   | Anyone who smells incense burned in the brazier saves at -2. The furniture is covered by an illusion & is worthless.   |
| 61. Gallery  |  |  |
| This hall is lined with framed pictures.   | The pictures are like mirrors, but they reflect twisted versions of the viewers deepest desires.   | The pictures are illusary. Anyone who spends time looking at them is at a -2 to save.                                  |
| 62. Gueșt Room   |  |  |
| This is a lavish bedroom with a feather bed and satin sheets. Lying on the bed is a woman wearing a silk robe. | The woman's name is Lasira and she is in deep meditation.  She is a slaver who knows too much. She is trying to remember what she has forgotten. | Lasira is a 7th level monk (AC 3, 26 hp). The bed, bedding & chair are covered by an illusion. They are worthless.     |
| 63. Hall of Chaos  |  |  |
| · ·  | The frescoes are constantly changing<br>but this change is only precived pe-<br>ripherally; however, this peripheral<br>change will be obvious.  | change, all of the saving throw penal-   |

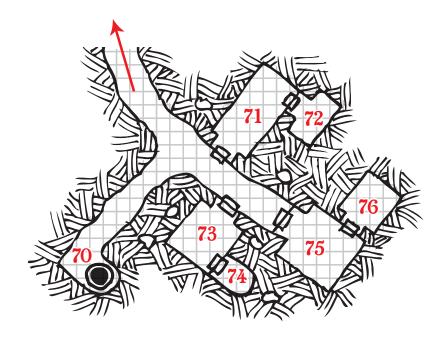


| Overview: Rooms 64-67 are natural caves covered in crystal and phosphorous algae. This gives off light in an ever changing but beautiful pattern. Rooms 68-69 are carved from rock, but some of the algae has grown on the walls. |  |   |  |  |
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| 64. Crystal Cave  |  |   |  |  |
|   | The northern wall lags slightly behind the color change. The crystal are too small to remove without damaging them   |   |  |  |
| 65. Chrystal Formations   |  |   |  |  |
| The chrystals in this room are several inches long and glow yellow to red.  | The chrystals are rather delicate and can be easily taken off the wall.  | Chrystals taken from the wall don't glow. A save of 13+ means they are worth 10gp (2d4 available).  |  |  |
| 66. Chrystal Formations   |  |   |  |  |
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| 67. Chrystal Formations   |  |   |  |  |
| The chrystals in this room are of varing size and glow in a rainbow pattern.  | possible to remove from the wall.  At location 'a' there is a very large chrystal (3'+).   | Anyone who looks at the chrystal at 'a' must save vs. spell or suffer from a <i>Suggestion</i> spell. It can be removed after about an hour, but will only have 1d6 uses after being removed.   |  |  |
|   | On the western wall the chrystals do not have any colors in the red spectrum.  | The section of crystals that is off can be removed, revealing a smooth wall with a hand-sized indent. The secret door can be opened with an Abhothian hand.   |  |  |
| 68. Treașury  |  |   |  |  |
| This rooms has three chests.  | The chests all appear to be locked.  Once opened the chests contain: (a) 1000sp (b) 3500gp (c) 40 Gems worth 1610gp; 16 Jewelry worth 2900gp.  The east wall has two indentations. | The chests are trapped with a <i>Glyph of Warding &amp;</i> a contact poison. Victims roll on the Druid <i>Reincarnation</i> table. In 1d6 days, they will <i>partially</i> transform into that creature. A <i>Neutralize Poison</i> spell will halt the process. Once complete, only a <i>Restore</i> spell will cure. The key is held by Maxhal in Room 41 on pg 25. The second secret door requires two Abhothian hands to open. |  |  |
| 69. Treasury  |  |   |  |  |
| This rooms has three chests.  | The chests all appear to be locked.  Once opened the chests in Room 69 contain: (a) Scroll of Protection from Elementals (b) Ring of Truth (c) A campaign-specific magic item.     | The key to open chests a & b is held by Maxhal in Room 41 on page 25. Chest c is actually a <b>Mimic</b> (AC 7; HD 10; Att 3d4; MV 30'; 62 hp) tasked with guarding the magic item.  The second secret door requires two  |  |  |
|   | The east wall has two indentations.  | Abhothian hand to open.   |  |  |



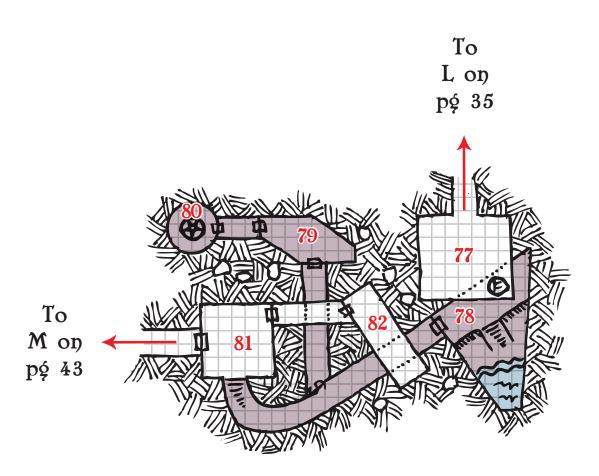
| Overview: Rooms 70-75 are carved with  | th some care. There is even some attem   | pt at frescoes in most rooms.  |
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| 70. Lavatory   |  |  |
| There is a hole in the floor. The room smells strongly of feces and the sea. | This room is used as a lavatory.   | If players insist on investigating, they save vs. poison or contract a disease.                        |
| 71. Gueșt Room   |  |  |
| This room has a table and several chairs.                                    | The furniture is of local make; one chair has a broken leg   | The furniture is of mediocre make, and therefore not worth much.                                       |
| 72. Bedroom  |  |  |
| This is a bedroom with a small chest.  | The chest is unlocked and empty.   | The bedding is of mediocre quality.  |
| 73. Gueșt Room   |  |  |
| This room has a table and several chairs.                                    | The furniture is of local make. There are a couple of dice beneath the table.  | ·  |
| 74. Bedroom  |  |  |
| This is a bedroom with a small chest.  | The chest is unlocked and empty.   | The bedding is of mediocre quality.  |
| 75. Gueșt Room   |  |  |
|  |  | 6 Ogrillons (AC 6; HD 2; Att 1d6+1x2; MV 120'; 14, 13, 11, 10, 10 9 hp). One will warn the ogre in 76. |
| 76. Bedroom  |  |  |
|  | The humanoid is Muth, an ogre slaver. The Ogrillons in Room 76 are his guards. The chest is locked and has 1000gp in it. | Č ,  |

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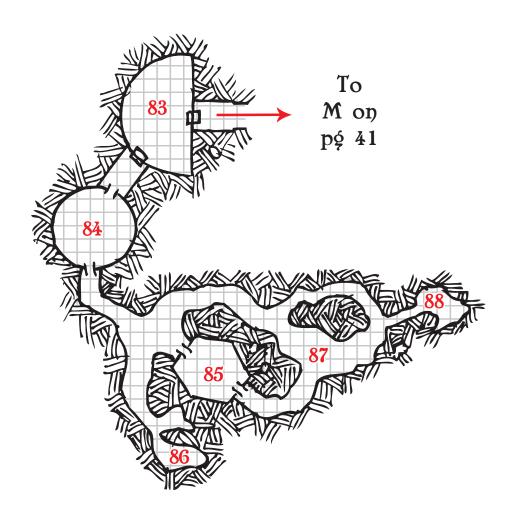


Overview: Rooms 77-82 are crudely cut and have an economy about them that says servant. [In reality this is mostly a fascade for anyone who wanders too far.] 77. Kitchen In the center of this room is a cold fire There are several drawers in the table All of the equipment in this room are pit with a cauldron hanging over it. filled with various types of cookware; of poor to average quality and not There is also a heavy table. though the table doesn't look as if it worth much. has been used much. 78. Storage/Fighery This appears to be a salt rock lined There are several niches carved into The pool is actually see water and the

| dried fish.   | fish are edible, though the connection to the sea is inaccessible to anything   |
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| At the bottom of the stairs is a pool of salt water teeming with fish.                      | larger than a few inches.   |
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| Chaos, Abhoth and violent tranfor-  | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |
| The walls are not covered in water, but some kind of slime.                                 |   |
|   |   |
| This is an idol of Abhoth. It is always changing.   | Those who gaze upon this statue make a save vs. spells at -4. Failure means a loss of memory. If they miss by more than 5, they suffer some kind of insanity.   |
|   |   |
| It is rather ill-kept and dusty.  | There is nothing of value here.   |
|   |   |
| There is enough room to sleep eight; however, the mats don't appear to have been used much. | There is nothing of value here.   |
|   | the salt rock. Inside are bundles of dried fish.  At the bottom of the stairs is a pool of salt water teeming with fish.  The carvings are various symbols of Chaos, Abhoth and violent tranformation. These carvings change over time.  The walls are not covered in water, but some kind of slime.  This is an idol of Abhoth. It is always changing.  It is rather ill-kept and dusty.  There is enough room to sleep eight; however, the mats don't appear to |



| Overview: Rooms 83-88 are new cons                              | truction.  |  |
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| 83. Fake Servants Quarters                                      |  |  |
| This half-circular room is lined with several straw mats.       | There is enough room to sleep twelve; however, the mats don't appear to have been used much. | There is nothing of value here.  |
| 84. Guardroom   |  |  |
| There are four scaled humanoids armed with nets and tridents.   | The four humanoids are full blooded Abhothians. They each have 12 gp.                        | The 4 Abhothians (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2 or net entangle; MV 90'; 14,12,10,9 hp) will fight to capture. |
| 85. Storeroom   |  |  |
| This room is lined with all kinds of equipment.                 | The equipment consists of various things needed for mining.                                  | The equipment is of fair quality and not worth much.   |
| 86. Work Area   |  |  |
| There are three scaled humanoids working.                       | ed Abhothians. They are armed with   | The <b>3 Abhothians</b> (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2; MV 90'; 12,10,8 hp) will fight to capture.             |
|   | They appear to be working on exanding the natural cavern.                                    |  |
| 87. Reșt Area   |  |  |
| There are several mats and crates scattered around this cavern. | The crates are filled with dried fish and the mats look well worn.                           | The fish are not preserved well. Anyone eating them must save vs. poison or contract a disease.          |
| 88. Work Area   |  |  |
| There are five scaled humanoids working.                        |  | The <b>5 Abhothians</b> (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2; MV 90'; 12,12,11,10,9 hp) will fight to capture.       |
|   | They appear to be working on exanding the natural cavern.                                    |  |

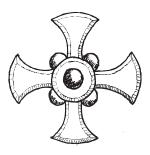


## Wandering Monster Table 4.1

- 1. Halfbreeds (2d4): AC 7; HD 1; Att 1d6; MV 120'
- 2. Abhothians (1d6) AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2 or mancatcher; MV 90'
- 3. Mutant Abhothian (1) AC 4; HD 4; Att 1d4+1; MV 90' (see below for mutations)
- 4. Stinghounds (1d6+1): AC 7; HD 2; Att 1d4 + Paralysis; MV 150'
- 5. Gibbering Mouther (1) AC 1; HD 4+3; Att 1x6 + confusion & blindness & smothering; MV 30'
- 6. Avatar of Abhoth (1) AC 9; HD 8; Att 60' r. mental attck (roll 1d6 each round: 1=Confusion which lasts 1d4 rounds.; 2=Stun which lasts 1d4 rounds; 3=Mind Thrust which does 3d6 damage; 4=Empathy which acts as a kind of Charm Person affecting the emotions of the targets. This effect lasts 1d4 rounds; 5=Psychic Crush which does 3d8 damage; 6=Roll Twice ignoring a roll of 6); MV 30'

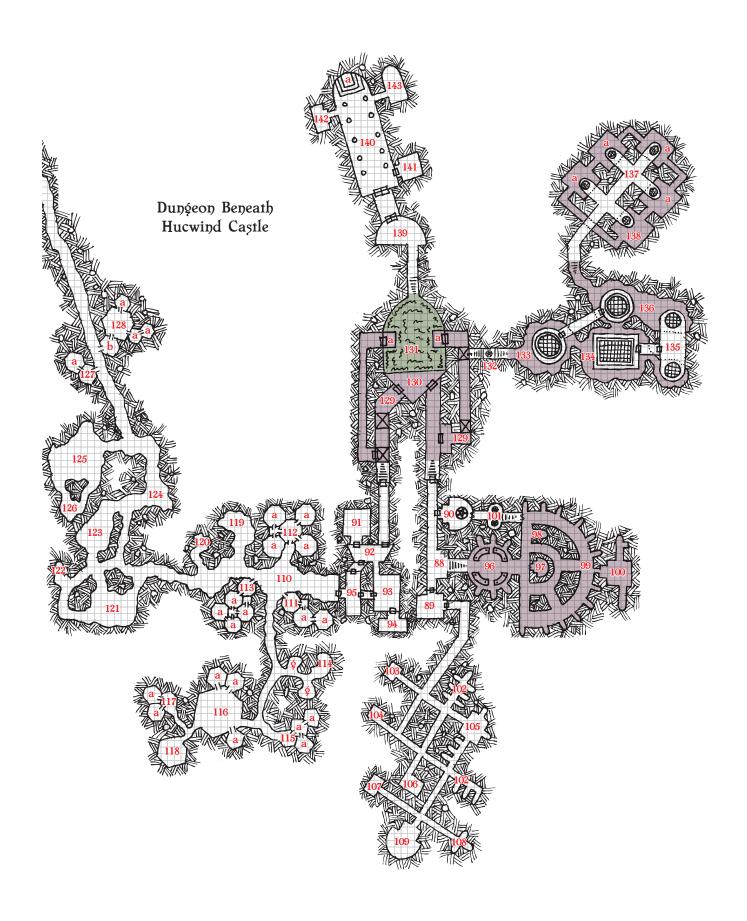
To determine what mutations are exhibited by an individual mutant, roll on the following table:

- 1. Chameleon Skin surprise 3 in 6
- 2. Extra Armor AC 2
- 3. Extra Limbs 1d4 additional attacks per round
- 4. Extra Strength +1d4 damage
- 5. Poison Slime any contact will result in a Save vs. Poison or suffer 1d6 damage
- 6. Shriek everyone in a 10' cone must Save vs. Petrification or be stunned for 1d4 rounds
- 7. Spines base damage is increased to 1d6+1 and 2d6 of these spines can be used as a missile weapons per day
- 8. *Toxic Spray* 3x per day, the mutant can spew a 30' line of goo. Save vs. Paralysis for be paralyzed for 2d4 turns.
- 9. Two Heads cannot be surprised
- 10. Roll Twice



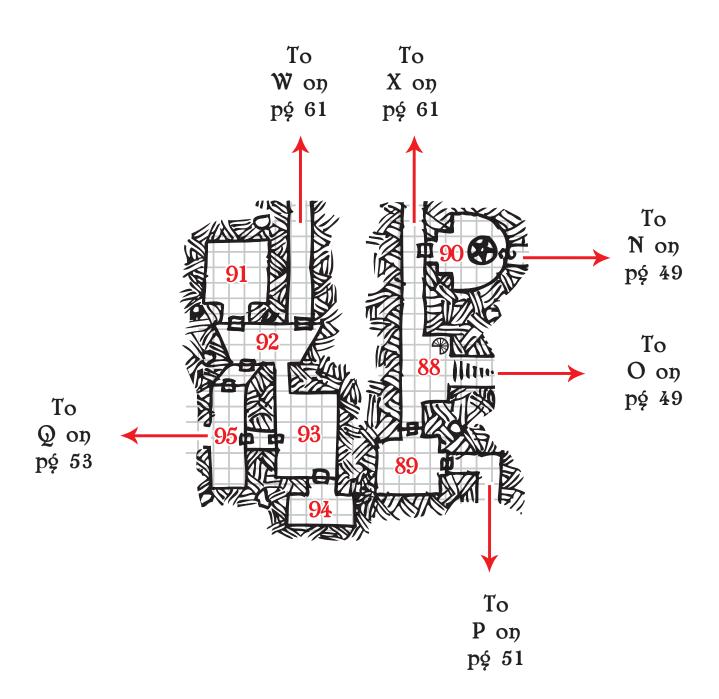
# Wandering Monster Table 4.2

- 1. **Vision of St. Cuthbert:** Lawful & Good characters will see the a hooded man moaning, "The suffering!"
- 2-4. Ossuarian Guards (1d4): AC 3; HD 2; Att 1d6+Curse; MV 120'
  - 5. Ectorat Swarms (1d3) AC 7; HD 7; Att 1d6+Paralysis; MV 120'
  - 6. Gibbering Mouther (1) AC 1; HD 4+3; Att 1x6 + confusion & blindness & smothering; MV 30'



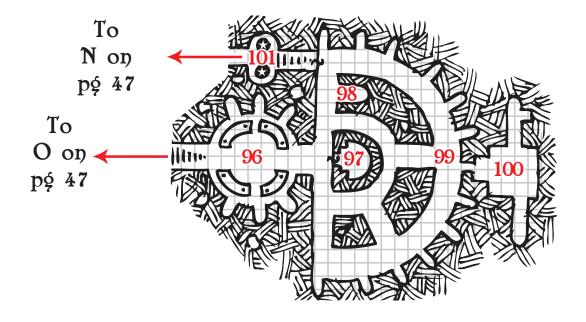
Overview: Rooms 88-90 are carefully carved from the rock. There are crosses, iconography and other symbols from the religion of St. Cuthbert carved in the walls and the ceiling.

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| 88. Entrance   |  |  |
| In the corner of this room is a spiral staircase going up.     | There has been an attempt to deface the iconography on the walls.  | The staris lead to Hucwind Castle Room 18 on Page 18.  |
| 89. Antechamber  |  |  |
| The walls of this chamber are covered in iconography.          | The icons are in good condition and depict the lives of the followers of St. Cuthbert on the island.   | The Abhothians tend to avoid this room and what lays beyond. Use Wandering Monster Table 4.2.  |
| 90. Chapel   |  |  |
| This room is some kind of chapel, with a statue at its center. | sion of St. Cuthbert if it has been en-  | scratched. Any damage done heals itself the next round. Therefore, the Abhothians tend to avoid this room  |
| are in the early stages of construction.                       | a different style than any other part of<br>. A close inspection (especially by a dw<br>t a cellar that was abandoned as unsafe                  | arf or gnome) will reveal cracks in the  |
| 91. Store Room   |  |  |
|  | The wet spot is actually an <b>Ectorat Swarm</b> that has destroyed all of the barrels, chests and boxes and consumed everything they contained. | Swarm [autohit 10' sq.]+Paralysis  |
| 92. Tool Room  |  |  |
| The walls of this room are lined with shelves full of tools.   | The tools are typical mining tools, but are of an older make.  | Most of the tools are rusty and therefore useless; however there is a 1 in 6 chance of finding a tool worth 100gp to the right buyer.                      |
| 93. Wine Cellar  |  |  |
| This room is full of wine racks.                               | The racks are about half full.   | Most of the bottles are cracked and the wine has turned to vinegar; however, there is one bottle that is worth 500gp to the right buyer.                   |
| 94. Cellar   |  |  |
| This room appears empty; however, the walls are damp.          | There is a discoloration in part of the ceiling.   | The original builder bricked over access to this area from above (just west of the castle wall). If tested, there is a 2 in 6 chance of causing a cave-in. |
| 95. Store Room   |  |  |
| This room has about a dozen barrels.                           | The barrels are full of dried fish.  | Each barrel is worth 15gp.   |



Overview: Rooms 96-101 are carefully carved from the rock. There are crosses, iconography and other symbols from the religion of St. Cuthbert carved in the walls and the ceiling. Use Wander Monster Table 4.2. Ossuarian Guards have been activated by the evil that permiates the island and freely roam the area.

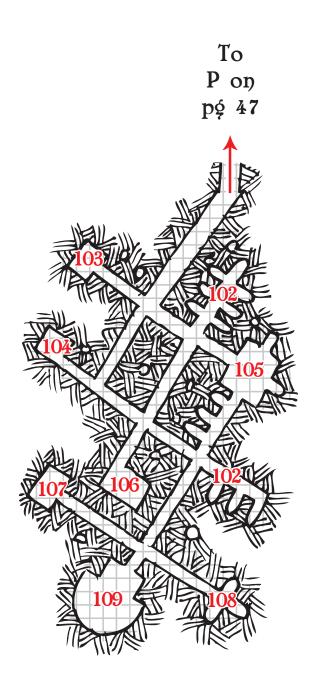
| 96. Maușoleum   |  |  |
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| benches and there are several niches                                  | The body is a desiccated form of an Abhothian. The niches have skeletal remains dressed in vestments. The bench has drawers with skulls in them. | ago by an Ossuarian Guard and is the reason the Abhothians avoid this area   |
| 97. Secret Reliquery  |  |  |
| In the center of this room is a stand with a bowl filled with liquid. | The bowl and stand are carved from rock. Inside the bowl is a human hand encased in silver, holding several beads.                               | beads are 2d6 Beads of St. Cuthbert  |
|   |  | The secret door is opened with a holy symbol of St. Cuthbert's Cross.  |
| 98. Oşşuary   |  |  |
| There is a large niche lined with boxes.                              | The boxes are filled with bones.   | These are normal human bones.  |
| 99. Catacombs   |  |  |
| This wide hallway in covered in niches.                               | Within the niches are skeletal remains of holy warriors.   | The warriors are armed with swords and wear chainmail; however, if anyone but a follower of St. Cuthbert removes these items, they will be cursed until they are returned.   |
| 100. Sepulcher  |  |  |
| In the center of this room is a stone coffin.                         | Inside is the mummified remains of a fully vested bishop. The sepulcher is guarded by 3 Ossurian Guards.   | The <b>3 Ossurian Guards</b> (AC 3; HD 2; Att 1d6+Curse; MV 90'; 14, 12, 9hp) will only attack if the coffin is disturbed.   |
| 101. Secret Reliquery   |  |  |
| 1   | covers a solid mass of wax in which  | The Ossurian Guards (AC 3; HD 2; Att 1d6+Curse; MV 90'; 13, 10 hp) will not leave this room. The skull is that of St. Cuthbert and cannot be removed (he won't allow it). Any faithful who spend a night in prayer here will gain the benefit of an extra 1d6 of healing and a <i>Bless</i> spell for the next 12 hours. |
|   |  | The secret doors are opened with a holy symbol of St. Cuthbert's Cross.  |



Overview: Rooms 102-109 are carefully carved from the rock. There are crosses, iconography and other symbols from the religion of St. Cuthbert carved in the walls and the ceiling. The walls are covered in niches large enough to place a human skull. Use Wander Monster Table 4.2. Ossuarian Guards have been activated by the evil that permiates the island and freely roam the area.

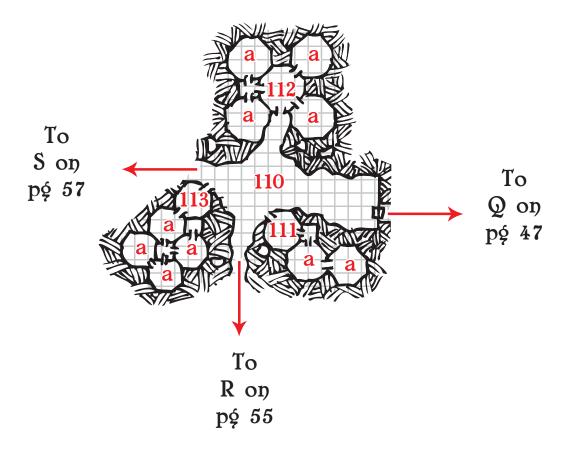
This area is almost exclusively burial places for the Cuthbert dead. Anytime a party starts to investigate or otherwise disturb these bodies, they trigger a Wandering Monster Check. On a '1' roll normally on Table 4.2. On a '2' the body (bodies) in question animate as **Coffer Corpses** (AC 5; HD 2; Att 1d6; MV 90'; Special: Only harmed by magic weapons, will collapse after being successfully hit by any weapon and then rise one round later *Causing Fear*).

|  |   | en rise one round later Causing Fear).  |
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| 102. Catacomb  |   |   |
| This hallway is lined with human sized niches in the walls.                          | Each niche has a body wrapped with white clothes.   | There is nothing of value.  |
| 103. Crypt   |   |   |
| This room has a single sarcophagus.  | Inside is a body wearing vestments.   | The vestments are worth 100gp.  |
| 104. Crypt   |   |   |
| This room has a single sarcophagus.  | Inside is a body wearing vestments.   | The vestments are worth 150gp.  |
| 105. Tomb  |   |   |
| This room has a sarcophagus with a figure carved in relief on the lid.               | The carving is of an armored priest holding a mace. In reality, it is an <b>Ossuarian Guard</b> that will attack if the sarcophagus is disturbed.  Inside is the body of an armored priest. | Att 1d6+Curse; MV 90'; 12 hp) will not leave the room. The armor is normal plate mail & the mace is of excellent quality, but non-magical; howev- |
|  | and to the coup of the minor of prison  | er, it does +1 damage in combat.  |
| 106. Crypt   |   |   |
| This room has a single sarcophagus.  | Inside is a body wearing vestments.   | The vestments are worth 75gp.   |
| 107. Crypt   |   |   |
|  |   |   |
| This room has a single sarcophagus.  | Inside is a body wearing vestments.   | The vestments are worth 200gp.  |
| This room has a single sarcophagus.  108. Catacomb                                   |   |   |
| This room has a single sarcophagus.  108. Catacomb                                   | Inside is a body wearing vestments.  Each niche has a body wrapped with white clothes.  |   |
| This room has a single sarcophagus.  108. Catacomb  This hallway is lined with human | Each niche has a body wrapped with  | One of the bodies wears a golden  |



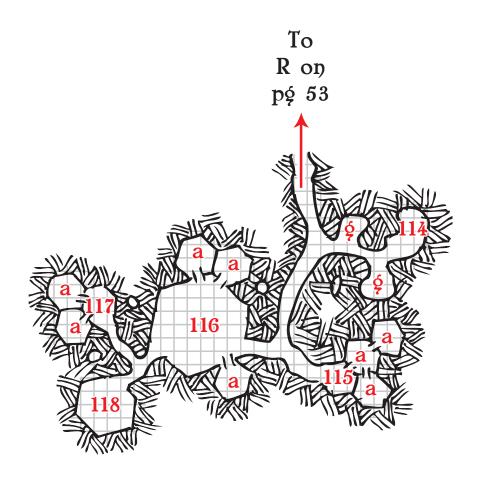
Overview: Rooms 110-113 are crudely cut with little attention to detail — the rock was carved only when the natural cavern didn't already provide the space. The ceiling, walls and floor look moist or wet, but closer inspection will reveal that they are covered in a thin layer of slime which gives off a slight stench of rotting fish. Any combat in this area will attract occupants of nearby rooms in 1d6 rounds.

| 110. Main Hall   |   |  |
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| This large cavern has crude carvings on the walls and ceilings.    | The carvings are symbols of chaos and the worship of Abhoth.  Any exploration of this hallway triggers a Wandering Monster Check. On a '1' use Table 4.1. A '2' indicates an Abhothian Monk with 1d6+1 Stinghounds. | The <b>Abhothian Monk</b> (AC 0; HD 8; Att 3/2 rounds 3d6; MV 210'; 25hp) and <b>Stinghounds</b> (1d6+1): AC 7; HD 2; Att 1d4 + Paralysis; MV 150'; 8 hp ea.) will attack to kill. |
| 111. Liviņģ Quarterş   |   |  |
| This room has a table and benches carved straight out of the rock. | At any time, 1d6+1 Abhothians are here, sitting on the benches.   | The <b>Abohothians</b> (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2; MV 90'; 9hp ea.) will attack to kill. They each have 2d12 gp.   |
| 111a. Sleepiņģ Quarters  |   |  |
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| 112. Liviņģ Quarterș   |   |  |
| This room has a table and benches carved straight out of the rock. | At any time, 1d6+1 Abhothians are here, sitting on the benches.   | The <b>Abohothians</b> (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2; MV 90'; 9hp ea.) will attack to kill. They each have 2d12 gp.   |
| 112a. Sleepiņģ Quarterş  |   |  |
|  | •   | · ·  |
| 113. Liviņģ Quarterş   |   |  |
| This room has a table and benches carved straight out of the rock. | At any time, 1d6+1 Abhothians are here, sitting on the benches.   | The <b>Abohothians</b> (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2; MV 90'; 9hp ea.) will attack to kill. They each have 2d12 gp.   |
| 113a. Sleepiņģ Quarterş  |   |  |
|  | There are 6 of these bubbles, each has a 2 in 6 chance that they will be occupied. One can enter a bubble by pushing through the membrane. They are filled with a saline solution.                                  | 1d4+1x2; MV 90'; 9hp ea.) are asleep. Anyone entering a bubble must save vs.   |



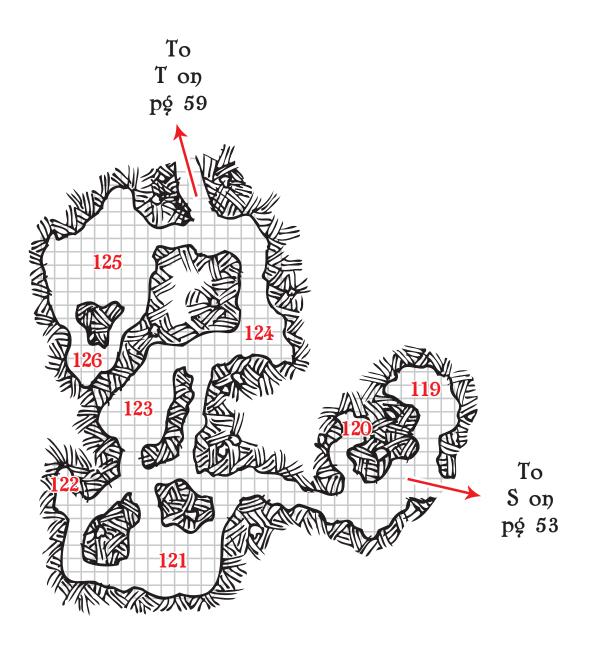
Overview: Rooms 114-118 are crudely cut with little attention to detail — the rock was carved only when the natural cavern didn't already provide the space. The ceiling, walls and floor look moist or wet, but closer inspection will reveal that they are covered in a thin layer of slime which gives off a slight stench of rotting fish. Any combat in this area will attract occupants of nearby rooms in 1d6 rounds.

| 114. Store Room   |  |  |
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| This cave is full of barrels.                                       |  | The fish are not fit to eat. The <b>guards</b> (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1 or mancatcher; MV 90'; 9 hp) will fight to kill. Each has 3d6 gp.  |
| 115. Nursery for Young Children                                     |  |  |
| This room is crawling with fish-like children overseen by an adult. | The adult is an <b>Abhothian Monk</b> and the children are vicious. They will ravenously attack any non-Abhothian. | The Monk (AC 0; HD 8; Att 3/2 rounds 3d6; MV 210'; 22hp) will fight to protect the children which fight as a Swarm (AC 7; HD 4; Att 1d6 swarm; move 60'; hp 18).   |
| 116. Nursery for Older Children                                     |  |  |
| This room is crawling with fish-like children overseen by an adult. | The adult is an <b>Abhothian Monk</b> and the children are vicious. They will ravenously attack any non-Abhothian. | The <b>Monk</b> (AC 0; HD 8; Att 3/2 rounds 3d6; MV 210'; 20hp) will fight to protect the children which fight as a <b>Swarm</b> (AC 7; HD 5; Att 1d6 swarm; move 60'; hp 24).   |
| 117. Nursery for Toddlers   |  |  |
| This room is crawling with fish-like children overseen by an adult. | The adult is an <b>Abhothian Monk</b> and the children are vicious. They will ravenously attack any non-Abhothian. | The Monk (AC 0; HD 8; Att 3/2 rounds 3d6; MV 210'; 23hp) will fight to protect the children which fight as a Swarm (AC 7; HD 3; Att 1d6 swarm; move 60'; hp 14).   |
| 115-117a Sleepiņģ Quarterş  |  |  |
| a film that creates man-sized bubbles.                              | dren. One can enter a bubble by push-  | swarm; MV 60') are asleep. Anyone entering a bubble must save vs. spell or fall asleep. Unless awakened, anyone who falls asleep will die in a number of   |
| 118. Nursery for Babies   |  |  |
|   |  | The <b>Swarms</b> (AC 7; HD 2; Att 1d6 swarm; MV 60') are content to be inside their polyps. If, however, the polyps are cut open, or if someone is foolish enough to push their hand through the membrane, then they will viciously attack. |



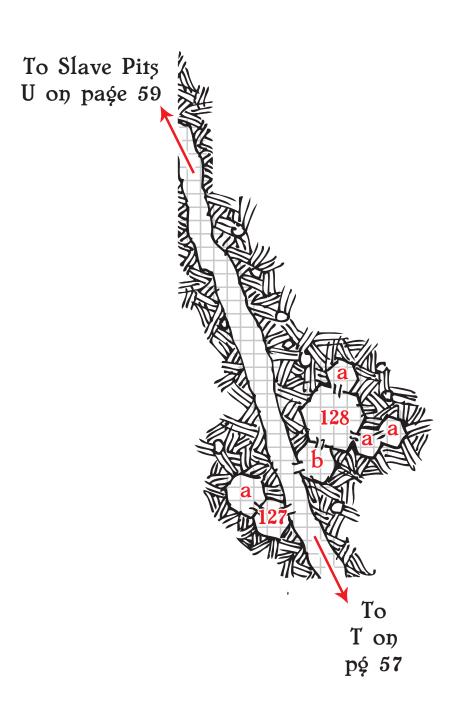
Overview: Rooms 119-126 are crudely cut with little attention to detail — the rock was carved only when the natural cavern didn't already provide the space. The ceiling, walls and floor look moist or wet, but closer inspection will reveal that they are covered in a thin layer of slime which gives off a slight stench of rotting fish.

| 119. Store Room   |   |   |
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| This appears to be a store room.                                      | <u>^</u>  | The nets & tridents are of good quality. The wood is a rare hardwood worth 25gp per board.  |
| 120. Store Room   |   |   |
| This appears to be a store room.                                      | There a three boxes with scroll cases. The scrolls contain hymns to Abhoth. | Anyone who tries to read the scrolls must save vs. spells or go insane.   |
| 121. Funçal Cave  |   |   |
| This cave is covered in fungus.                                       | The fungus is edible and it is possible to harvest 1d3 rations worth.       | If harvested, 1d4+1 of the mushrooms give the partaker an adrenalin rush (+1 to damage for one combat).   |
| 122. Cave   |   |   |
| There is a carving in the wall.                                       | The carving is anti-Dagonite graffiti.                                      |   |
| 123. Funçal Cave  |   |   |
| This cave is covered in fungus.                                       | The fungus is edible and it is possible to harvest 1d3 rations worth.       | If harvested, 1d4+1 of the mushrooms cause a nasty rash (-2 on all rolls for 24 hours) unless a save vs. poison is made.                                  |
| 124. Shrieker Cave  |   |   |
| One corner of this cave is covered in fungus.                         | The fungus contains 3 Shriekers.  | The <b>Shriekers</b> (AC 7; HD 3; Att 50% chance of wandering monster; MV 9'; 14, 10, 7hp) are used as an alarm system (they shriek at light within 60'). |
| 125. Cave   |   |   |
| At the centure of this cave is a big pile                             | The air smells of sweet syrup.  | The Giant Sticky Plant (AC 7; HD  |
| of ropes and rags.  | The pile is actually a <b>Giant Sticky Plant</b> .                          | 8; Att 1d3 x 6 per person within 5' + entangle [cumulative -1 per two tendrils]; MV 10'; 41hp) will attack anyone within 5'.                              |
| 126. Cave   |   |   |
| This cave is dominated by the giant pillar of rock on the north side. | Hidden in a hole in the pillar is a small jewelled chest (worth 1100gp).    |   |
|   | Inside the chest are 82gp, 84pp and a gem worth 250gp.                      |   |

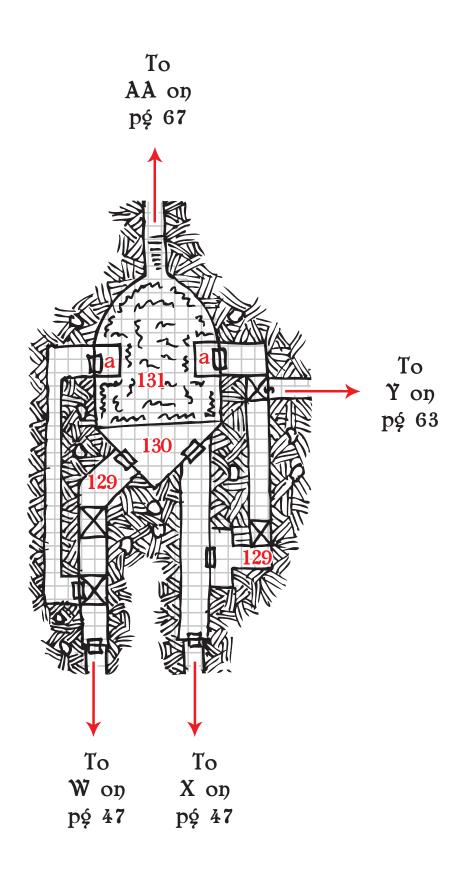


Overview: Rooms 127-128 are crudely cut with little attention to detail — the rock was carved only when the natural cavern didn't already provide the space. The ceiling, walls and floor look moist or wet, but closer inspection will reveal that they are covered in a thin layer of slime which gives off a slight stench of rotting fish. Any combat in this area will attract occupants of nearby rooms in 1d6 rounds.

| 127. Guard Room                   |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| There are <b>2d6</b> guards here. | The guards are <b>Abhothians.</b> If the party is coming from the north they will fight to capture, otherwise they will fight to kill.   | AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1 or mancatcher; MV 90'; 9 hp. Each has 3d6 gp.          |
| 127a. Sleepiņģ Quarterş           |  |  |
|                                   | There are 6 of these bubbles, each has a 2 in 6 chance that they will be occupied. One can enter a bubble by pushing through the membrane. They are filled with a saline solution. | 1d4+1x2; MV 90'; 9hp ea.) are asleep. Anyone entering a bubble must save vs. |
| 128. Guard Room                   |  |  |
| There are <b>2d6</b> guards here. | The guards are <b>Abhothians.</b> If the party is coming from the north they will fight to capture, otherwise they will fight to kill.   | AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1 or mancatcher; MV 90'; 9 hp. Each has 3d6 gp.          |
| 128a. Sleepiņģ Quarterş           |  |  |
|                                   | -  | •  |
| 128b. Watch Poșt                  |  |  |
| There is a guard with 1d6+1 dogs. | dogs are Stinghounds. If the party is  | Stinghounds (AC 7; HD 2; Att 1d4 +   |



| Overview: Rooms 129-131 are crudely                  | cut, but are cut with care and filled wit   | h images of chaos and transformation.   |
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| 129. Pit Trapş                                       |   |   |
|  | There are several hand-sized indentations in the wall of this hallway.  | The indentations appear before and after each pit trap marked with an 'X' and are triggers that arm & diarm the traps. They are activated by an Abhothian hand.   |
|  |   | The pits are 10' deep with poisoned spikes — 1d6 damage and save vs. poison or be paralyzed for 1d4 turns. There is also a <b>Shrieker</b> (AC 7; HD 3; Att 50% chance of wandering monster; MV 9'; 11 hp) in each pit. |
|  |   | The secret door protected by the north-west pit is opened by placing an Abhothian hand on an indentation in the wall.   |
| 130. Open Anteroom                                   |   |   |
| This room is covered in symbols and overlooks a pit. | The symbols tell of the tranforming powers of Chaos. The pit is Room 131.   |   |
| 131. Teșting Pit                                     |   |   |
| surround area and filled with a flesh                | The slime seems to react to those who look at it. It begins to coalesce into a hump that is higher than the rest of the pool in the vacinity of anyone approaching the slime. | slime, a mutated clone of that person emerges from the slime. This clone  |
|  |   | 1. Extra arms (+1d3 attacks per round)  |
|  |   | 2. Bladed Hands (damage = 1d10)   |
|  |   | 3. Claws (rend for +2d6 if both hit)  |
|  |   | 4. Tentacles (constriction)   |
|  |   | 5. Rhino Skin (-2 AC)   |
|  |   | 6. Two Heads (+2 to hit)  |
|  |   | A new clone will be made for every new contact with the pool of slime. The pool can be destroyed either with several gallons of acid or a <i>Purify Food &amp; Water</i> spell.   |



OVERVIEW: Rooms 132-136 though this area is roughly cut, taking advantage of caverns already in place, there is a

| cleanliness about them that is almost clinical. The air is permeated by an intense chemical smell.              |
|---|
| 132. Statue   |
| There is a statue of a woman being The statue is constantly (if slowly) The statue will emit a low chant if any |

changing.

# 133. Decontamination Room

transformed into something...else.

lever on the wall.

Several sets of shackles are riveted to If the lever is pulled, a caustic liquid Anyone under the shower loses all the floor right beneath a grate above. pours through the grate, showering body hair and must save vs. poison or There is a drain in the floor. There is a the the shackle area & then is drained. go blind. Any equipment must make The grate is sealed shut. Above it are a save vs. acid at +4 or be damaged. spouted vats filled the liquid.

slaves are being decontaminated.

non-Abhothian approches within 5ft.

Any slaves being are guardeded by 2 There is a 2 in 6 chance that 1d6 Abhothians each (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2; MV 90'; 9hp ea.).

#### 134. Subject Preparation Room

A series of shackles line the floor right In the room above there are spouts Any slaves are guarded by 2 Abhothibeneath the grate above.

There is a drop-down ladder that allows access to the room above.

corresponding to the shackles below. ans ea. (AC 4; HD 2; Att 1d4+1x2; MV Liquid can be poured into the spouts 90'; 9hp ea.) & there will be a 6th level to create a shower.

There is a 2 in 6 chance that 1d6 slaves Portal, Protection from Good, Mirror are being prepped for impregnation. *Image, Web, Haste, Hold Person.* 

Halfbreed Magic User (AC 7, 18hp) above pouring chemicals. Spells: *Hold* 

#### 135. Lab

above or below.

Access to this room is through lad- This room is lined with all kinds of The robed figure is a 10th level Abders lowered from the grates, which chemicals and vials and biological hothian Magic User (AC 4, 30 hp). can be opened on a hinge either from specimens. There is a robed figure Spells: Charm Person, Hold Portal, mixing chemicals.

Protectionfrom Good, ESP, Invisibility, Web, Dispel Magic, Haste, Hold Person, Arcane Eye, Confusion, Polymorph Self, Cloud Kill, Teleport.

All the chemicals are toxic. Any contact requires a save vs. poison or take 1d4 hp for 1d4 rounds.

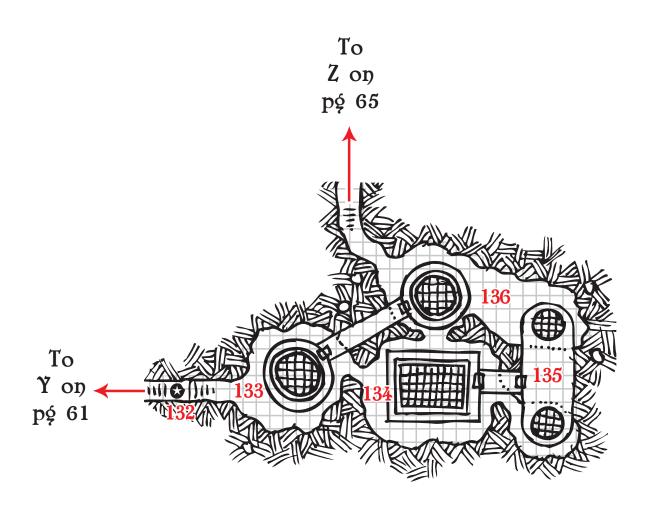
#### 136. Imprespation Room

Both grates are accessible by a drop-large fish eggs. down ladder that allows one to open There is a 2 in 6 chance that 1d6 slaves the grate on a hinge either from above or below.

There are three sets of shackles on the The east grate leads to Room 135. In When the eggs come into contact floor underneath the west grate & a the room above the west grate, there with flesh they stick & hatch in 1d6 single set underneath the east grate. are six glass tanks with what look like rounds. The hatchling will burrow

> are being impregnated. (See Room134 for stats of the Abhtothian guards and Halfbreed Magic User).

into the flesh of the victim. In 1d3 turns the hatchling will reach the brain or the heart, killing their host. Oil will remove an egg from flesh, fire will kill the egg (though it will do damage to the victim). Once the hatchling has burrowed into the victim, however, the only way to stop death is by a Cure Disease spell.



OVERVIEW: Rooms 137-138 though this area is roughly cut, taking advantage of caverns already in place, there is a cleanliness about them that is almost clinical. The air is permeated by an intense chemical smell.

### 137. Nursery Access

is a grate in the floor. There is a robed He has the key that unlocks the grates. rounds 3d6; MV 210'; 23hp) will fight figure monitoring the grates.

Each grate is locked. The smell of to kill. blood, feces and rotting fish strongly emenates through each grate.

At the end of each of these hallways The monitor is an Abhothian Monk. The Monk (AC 0; HD 8; Att 3/2

## 138. Nursery

They are full of bones, blood stains stone. and feces.

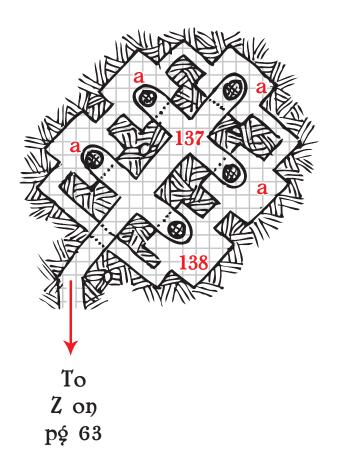
This is a series of identical rooms that The sound of hundreds of small claws The Swarms (AC 7; HD 10; Att 1d6 connect to form a continuous loop, can be heard scraping against the swarm; MV 60'; 50hp) are 20' in diam-

fighting and eating each other.

eter & will attack anything in reach.

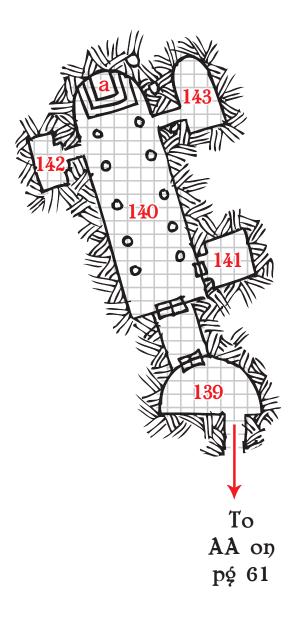
At each section marked 'a' there is a This is where the weak and the ungiant Swarm of Abhothian hatchlings stable mutations are culled. Only the strongest hatchlings are allowed to survive and be moved to Room 118.





Overview: Rooms 139-143 These rooms are carved with more care than any other place in the dungeon. There is an impossibly complex, interweaving design several layers deep carved into the walls. Should one try to investigate or interpret the design, a save vs. spells must be made or suffer the effects of a confusion spell.

| 139. Anteroom  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| This room reverberates with a low hum.                                   | The hum repeats: "Change & be free."  |  |
| 140. Chapel  |   |  |
| This is some kind of chapel dedicated to Chaos.                          | The area mark 'a' is the altar.   | Abhothians (AC 4; HD 2; Att  |
|  | When the party enters roll a d6:  | 1d4+1x2; MV 90'; 9hp ea.)  |
|  | 1-3) A group of <b>2d4 Abhothians</b> are cleaning the altar, the result of which is a <b>Gibbering Mouther</b> .                       | 1-3) <b>Gibbering Mouther</b> (AC 1; HD 4+3; Att 1x6 + confusion & blindness & smothering; MV 30'; 26 hp)  |
|  | 4-5) An offering (a sacrificial slave) is being made to Abhoth on the altar by a group of <b>4d6 Abhothians</b> led by 3 robed figures. | 4-5) One of the Abhothians will be a <b>Lieutenant</b> (HD 6, 31hp). The robed figures are two <b>6th level Halfbreed Magic Users</b> (AC 7, 18, 17hp) Spells: <i>Hold Portal, Protection from Good, Mir-</i>  |
|  |   | ror Image, Web, Haste, Hold Person and a 10th level Abhothian Magic User (AC 4, 30 hp) Spells: Charm Person, Hold Portal, Protectionfrom Good, ESP, Invisibility, Web, Dispel Magic, Haste, Hold Person, Arcane Eye, Confusion, Polymorph Self, Cloud Kill, Teleport.  |
|  |   | 6) The flesh will attack as a <b>16HD</b> Avatar of Abhoth ( <i>see Room 143</i> ) with 1d6-1 additional physical attacks per round (representing the rapid physical changes as Abhoth tries to form into different creatures). The damage done will vary with every attack: 1=1d3; 2=1d4; 3=1d4+1; 4=1d6; 5=1d6+1; 6=2d4. |
| 141. Veștery   |   |  |
| There are several pegs in the wall on which are hung leather clothing    | The clothing are robes, masks and gloves adorned with symbols of Chaos.   | *  |
| 142. Waște Pit   |   |  |
| At the center of this room is a pit that reeks of chemicals and decay.   | The pit is full of biological waste.  | This is where the remains of sacrificial victims are dumped.   |
| 143. Lair of the Avatar of Abboth  |   |  |
| At the center of this room is a font surrounded by a huge pile of coins. | The font is home to an <b>Avatar of Abhoth</b> that will attack any non-Abhothian that approaches.                                      | ·  |
|  |   | The pile of coins includes 53,000 sp, 10,000 gp, 1300 pp and 30 gems worth 25gp each. They are cursed. Anyone who removes them must roll two dice for everything and take the worst outcome.   |



# New Monsters

# Abhothians

These vile fish men are a heretical group of Deep Ones (also known as *Dagonites* — see below) that turned their back on the worship of the Old One Dagon. They now worship the Old One Abhoth. Like the Dagonites, they use human beings to reproduce. These *Half-breeds* can pass as human into adulthood; however, as time passes they slowly change into *Full-blooded* Abhothians. In addition, due to the genetic experimentation that is at the core of their heretical beliefs, the Abhothians also produce mutants. Thus, there are three different types of Abhothians: *Full-Blooded*, *Half-Breed* and *Mutant*. In addition, Full-Blooded and Mutant young act as vicious *Swarms*.

Full-blooded

No. Enc.: 2d12 Alignment: Chaotic

Movement: 90' (180' swimming)

Armor Class: 4
Hit Dice: 2 (or more)
Attacks: 2 claws or 1 weapon
Damage: 1d4+1 x 2 or by weapon

Save: F2 Morale: 8

Hoard Class: III, IV, V Individuals; XXII in lair

XP: 47 or more

Full-Blooded Abhothians, due to their association with Abhoth and the genetic experimentation they have done over the millennia, are immune to spells that affect other humanoids (such as *Charm Person, Hold Person, Sleep,* etc.). They are also immune to *Confusion*, take minimum damage from *Magic Missile*, and half damage from electrical attacks. They are still not yet adapted to the surface world and suffer a -1 on all rolls in sunlight.

Large groups of Abhothians will be lead by either a 10th level assassin or a 10th level magic user. In addition, there will be several Lieutenants that are 6HD and for every 12-30 Abhothians there is one 7th level monk, whose responsibility is to cull any mutations and mutants that are either too weak or too difficult to control.

Abhothians normally attack with man-catchers or nets in order to capture prisoners for their foul experiments.

Half-breed

No. Enc.: 2d12 Alignment: Chaotic

Movement: 90' (180' swimming)

Armor Class: 4

Hit Dice: 1 (see below) Attacks: 1 weapon Damage: by weapon type

Save: F1 Morale: 8

Hoard Class: III, IV, V Individuals; XXII in lair

XP: 10 or more

The average Half-breed Abhothian functions as a 1st level fighter; however, exceptional individuals can pursue careers in one of several classes:

• Assassin up to 9th level

• Fighter up to 9th level

• Illusionist up to 7th level

• Magic-user up to 6th level

• Monk up to 7th level

Though they can pass as humans, as they reach adulthood, Abhothians Half-breeds show signs of their eventual mutation into Full-blooded Abhothians. 1 in 4 Half-breeds roll on the following table:

1. Elongated/Narrow head

2. Eye lid replaced by a clear membrane

3. Grey-green complexion

4. Gill folds on the neck

5. No body hair

6. Scaly back

7. Webbed fingers and toes

8. Roll Twice

### Mutant

No. Enc.: 1

Alignment: Chaotic

Movement: 90' (180' swimming)

Armor Class: 4 Hit Dice: 4

Attacks: 2 claws or 1 weapon Damage: 1d4+1 x 2 or by weapon

Save: F4 Morale: 8

Hoard Class: none

XP: 300 + 55 per extra mutation

Mutants are an inevitable outcome of the genetic experimentation that the Abhothians do. While some are deemed useful, they are very rarely found without other Abhothians to closely supervise their behavior. Any group of Abhothians that include a mutant will have a 50% chance of including a 7th level monk.

To determine what mutations are exhibited by an individual mutant, roll on the following table:

- 1. Chameleon Skin surprise 3 in 6
- 2. Extra Armor AC 2
- 3. Extra Limbs 1d4 additional attacks per round
- 4. Extra Strength +1d4 damage
- 5. Poison Slime any contact will result in a Save vs. Poison or suffer 1d6 damage
- 6. Shriek everyone in a 10' cone must Save vs. Petrification or be stunned for 1d4 rounds
- 7. Spines base damage is increased to 1d6+1 and 2d6 of these spines can be used as a missile weapons per day
- 8. Toxic Spray 3x per day, the mutant can spew a 30' line of goo. Save vs. Paralysis for be paralyzed for 2d4 turns.
- 9. Two Heads cannot be surprised
- 10. Roll Twice (or add more)

Abhothian experimentation does result in degenerative and debilitating mutations as well, but these are normally destroyed once discovered.

#### Swarm

No. Enc.: 1d3

Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 60' Armor Class: 7 Hit Dice: 2-10 Attacks: swarm Damage: 1d6 Save: F2-10

Hoard Class: none

Morale: 8

XP: 29, 45, 135, 350, 570, 790, 1560, or 2400

Swarms are Abhothian young that aggressively attack any non-Abhothian. They attack in a swarm, automatically doing damage to anyone within a 10' square (2-7HD) or 20' square (8-10HD).

# Avatar of Abhoth

No. Enc.: 1

Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 30' Armor Class: 9 Hit Dice: 8 Attacks: 1

Damage: Special (see below)

Save: F9 Morale: 12

Hoard Class: none

XP: 1560

An Avatar of Abhoth is a tiny portion of the ancient primordial alien that can only exist in this reality as a constantly changing, amorphous pile of mud-like flesh. Since it is barely extant in this reality, it is immune to all non-magical weapons and all cold-based attacks. It does, however take half damage from acid, fire and electrical attacks.

An Avatar of Abhoth makes no physical attacks, rather it assaults the minds of its victims. Each round it will do one of the following to every enemy in a 60' radius (role 1d6):

- 1. Confusion which lasts 1d4 rounds.
- 2. Stun which lasts 1d4 rounds.
- 3. Mind Thrust which does 3d6 damage.
- 4. *Empathy* which acts as a kind of Charm Person affecting the emotions of the targets. This effect lasts 1d4 rounds.
- 5. Psychic Crush which does 3d8 damage.
- 6. Roll Twice ignoring a roll of 6.

The effective AC of the targets is 18 minus Intelligence, Wisdom, or Charisma, which ever total is lowest. Thus a character with a 15 Int, a 12 Wis and a 9 Cha would have an effective AC of 3 (18 minus 15). This number cannot be higher than 9.

# Coffer Corpse

No. Enc: 1

Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 60' (20') Armor Class: 7 Hit Dice: 2 Attacks: 1

Damage: 1d6
Save: F2
Morale: 12

Hoard Class: XXI

XP: 48

A Coffer Corpse is an angry spirit that animates a dead body in order to vent its wrath upon its victims. It is undead, is turned as a 7 HD creature on the clerical turn undead table and is in unaffected by mind influencing spells.

A coffer corpse is immune to normal weapons, but will collapse after sustaining 4 hit points of damage or more and appear to be slain. One round later, however, the creature will rise and continue to attack. Any one who sees this must save vs. spells or flee in panic for 2d4 rounds. Fleeing PCs have a 50% chance of dropping whatever they are carrying.

A successful attack by a coffer corpse indicates that it has wrapped its hands around the neck of its victim. It then automatically hits with strangling damage of 1d6 per round. The grasp of a coffer corpse is unbreakable.

# Chrysopelea

No. Enc.: 2d10 Alignment: Neutral

Movement: 90' (500' gliding)

Armor Class: 6 Hit Dice: 1 Attacks: 1 Damage: 1d6 Save: F1 Morale: 8

Hoard Class: none

XP: 13

These large (8-12 feet long) arboreal snakes are well adapted to live anywhere there is somewhere they can crawl up off the ground such as columns inside a dungeon. When attacking, they can launch themselves like a javelin, stretching out their rib cage to glide up to 500'. When doing so, they surprise on a 5 in 6.

#### Dagonite

Also known as Deep Ones, these fish-like humanoids are an ancient race that has been creeping around since before the dawn of human civilization. They are servants of the Old One Dagon. They have an intense hatred of humanity, who they see as unworthy usurpers of their superior and ancient civilization; however, they have found that they need to interbreed with humans in order to successfully reproduce over time. These *Half-breeds* can pass as humans into early adulthood; however, over time they mutate into *Full-blooded* Dagonites.

Full-Blooded

No. Enc.: 2d6 (6d8) Alignment: Chaotic

Movement: 90' (240' swimming)

Armor Class: 4 Hit Dice: 3 Attacks: 2 Damage: 1d4+1

Save: F3 Morale: 8

Hoard Class: IV Individuals; X in lair

XP: 80

Large raiding parties have a leader with 5 HD. Lairs have leaders with 7 HD. There are rumors that Dagonites have cities under the seas ruled by powerful magic-users.

Half-Breed

No. Enc.: 1d12 Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 120' Armor Class: 7

Hit Dice: 1 (see below)
Attacks: 1 weapon
Demography weapon turn

Damage: by weapon type

Save: F1 Morale: 8

Hoard Class: IV Individuals; X in lair

XP: 10 or more

The average Half-breed Dagonite functions as a 1st level fighter; however, exceptional individuals can pursue careers in one of several classes:

- Assassin up to 9th level
- Fighter up to 9th level
- Magic-user up to 6th level
- Thief up to 9th level.

Though they can pass as humans, as they reach early adulthood, Dagonite Half-breeds show signs of their eventual mutation into Full-blooded Dagonites. Fifty percent of half-breeds roll on the following table (1d8):

- 1. Elongated/Narrow head
- 2. Eye lid replaced by a clear membrane
- 3. Grey-green complexion
- 4. Gill folds on the neck
- 5. No body hair
- 6. Scaly back
- 7. Webbed fingers and toes
- 8. Roll Twice

#### Ectorat Swarm

No. Enc.: 1d3 Swarms Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 120' Armor Class: 7 Hit Dice: 3 Attacks: Swarm

Damage: 1d6 + Paralysis

Save: F3 Morale: 12 Hoard Class: XI

XP: 80

Ectorats are the ectoplasmic remains of normal rodents that have spent too much time consuming the waste products of Abhothian experiments. They retain some semblance of their former selves in that they look like rats made of gelatin with a rubbery skeleton visible inside. Ectorats attack as a swarm, automatically hitting everything in a 10' square. Their touch is mildly paralytic. Those who fail their saves are paralyzed for 1d4 rounds; however, this paralytic is countered by adrenalin. Therefore, the save is made with a bonus equal to the amount of damage done in that round.

#### Fyrnewt

No. Enc.: 2d4 (6d6) Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 90' Armor Class: 5 Hit Dice: 2+2

Attacks: 1 weapon or Breath Weapon (5' cone)

Damage: By weapon type or 1d6

Save: F3 Morale: 12

Hoard Class: IV, V Individuals; XVII in lair

XP: 47, 100 (Elite), 215 (Overlord)

The name *Fyrnewt* is a bit of a misnomer, as these are reptilian humanoids whose scales range from red to black. Most scholars assume they are cousins of lizard folk; however, a few suggest that they may be dragon kin. This is due to their limited ability to breath fire. Once per turn, Fyrnewts can produce a 5'cone of fire that does 1d6 damage. In addition, all Fyrnewts have *Resist Fire* as a natural ability; however, they take an extra hit point of damage per die versus cold attacks.

In combat, they prefer to use swords and pikes. Larger groups of Fyrnewts will have 3+3 HD *Elites* and will be led by a 4+4 HD *Overlord*. Fyrnewts are vicious and cruel creatures with a predilection towards slavery.

## Giant Sticky Plant

No. Enc.: 1

Alignment: Neutral Movement: 10' Armor Class: 7 Hit Dice: 8

Attacks: 6 per person within 5'

Damage: 1d3+entangle

Save: F8 Morale: 12

Hoard Class: none

XP: 1560

The Giant Sticky Plant appears as a large pile of rags and ropes. When anything moves within five feet, it will lash out with is tendrils (up to 6 per person). These tendrils are tipped with a sticky glob that initially does 1d3 damage, and entangle their victim. In subsequent rounds, they automatically do 1 point of acid damage. For every two tendrils that successful attack, the victim has a cumulative -1 to hit (up to -3).

# Gibbering Mouther

No. Enc.: 1

Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 30' Armor Class: 1 Hit Dice: 4+3

Attacks: 6 bites + Confusion

Damage: 1 Save: F5 Morale: 12 Hoard Class: VI

XP: 290

These horrific creatures are the occasional by product of Abhothian genetic experimentation. When Abhothians extract the base genetic material from their victims, all that is left is an almost unrecognizable biological mass. Sometimes, this mass has a remnant of genetic material which then mutates and forms a Gibbering Mouther.

They appear as an amoebic glob of formless flesh with dozens of misshapen moths and eyes. When it lays eyes upon a non-Abhothian, it begins to mummer strange sounds from its multiple mouths. Anyone within 60' must save vs. spells or be affected as if by the *Confusion* spell. It may attack with up to six of its mouths. Each successful attack will only do one point of damage; however, the mouth will latch on and automatically do 1 point per round thereafter.

Once a victim has three mouths attached, they must save vs. petrification or fall down. The Gibbering Mouther will flow over any victim that falls down. It will then be able to attack the victim with a dozen more mouths.

# Ogrillon

No. Enc.: 1d4 (5d6) Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 120' Armor Class: 6 Hit Dice: 2 Attacks: 2

Damage: 1d6+1 x 2

Save: F2 Morale: 9

Hoard Class: IV Individuals; XXI in lair

XP: 29

These nasty humanoids are a mixture of an ogre and some other kind of humanoid (most commonly an orc). They are brutish and strong, preferring to attack merely with their fists to demonstrate their prowess in combat.

### Mindria

No. Enc.: 1 Alignment: Any Movement: 120' Armor Class: 0 Hit Dice: 8+ Attacks: 1 Damage: 2d6 Save: M8+ or C8+

Morale: 12 Hoard Class: XXI

XP: 3060

These lich-like creatures are a peculiar type of undead. While living, they were Magic Users or Clerics of 8th level or higher. Unlike liches, however, they are not transformed by means of arcane magic. Rather, by sheer force of will and desperation, they refuse to die because they have one last urgent task that needs to be done.

Most Mindrias encountered will have as their task to guard a particular object or place. This force of will is so great that not only do they Turn as Infernals, but they will rise 24 hours after being "killed" to return to their task. Should that be focused on an object, they will pursue that object until they can reclaim it.

The only way to truly destroy a Mindria is to remove the need to complete the task that they set for themselves. Once completed, they turn to dust never to return again.

In combat, Mindrias can do 2d6 HTH damage, but prefer to cast spells. They do not prepare spells, but rather have a number of spells up to their HD that they can cast each day as special abilities. These spells reflect what they had prepared at the time they turned into a Mindria.

#### Ossuarian Guard

No. Enc.: 1d10 Alignment: Lawful Movement: 90' Armor Class: 3 Hit Dice: 2 Attacks: 1

Damage: 1d6+Curse

Save: F3 Morale: 12 Hoard Class: XX

XP: 47

These creatures at first appear as a statue, icon or other religious item. When they detect a non-Lawful being or a person who is not a follower of their creator's religion, they will transform and attack. When attacking, they generally appear as something frightening, designated by their creator (normally, a skeletal warrior or other undead). When an Ossuarian Guard lands a successful hit, the target must make a save vs. spell or be afflicted with a curse. This curse takes the form of rolling an extra die every time rolling is required. The player must then take the worst outcome. This curse is cumulative — if a target fails the save twice, that target must roll two extra dice. Only a *Remove Curse* spell can eliminate this affect.

Though an Ossuarian Guard normally appears as an undead creature, they are not undead. Rather, they are a type of construct made with divine magic for the express purpose of guarding religious relics, reliquaries or other sacred sites. Thus, they are immune to all but magical weapons, are unaffected by hold, charm or sleep spells and immune to poison and gases. They will not move beyond the immediate area that they are tasked with guarding.

### Stinghound

No. Enc.: 1d6+1 Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 150' Armor Class: 7 Hit Dice: 2 Attacks: 1

Damage: 1d4+Paralysis

Save: F2 Morale: 9

Hoard Class: none

XP: 29

Stinghounds are one of the successful genetic experiments of the Abhothians. From a distance, they appear to be bloodhounds. Up close, however, it is obvious that they are a cross between a dog and a stingray, with the head and tail of the latter. They attack with the stinger in the tail, which has a paralytic poison which lasts for 2d4 turns.

# Strangleweed

No. Enc.: 1

Alignment: Neutral Movement: 30' Armor Class: 5 Hit Dice: 4 Attacks: 1

Damage: 1d6+Paralysis

Save: F4 Morale: 9

Hoard Class: VII

XP: 135

Strangleweed is a type of carnivorous plant that resembles a 12' wide patch of seaweed. It attacks with its fronds which then wrap around its victim, entangling them. Once entangled, a victim automatically takes 1d6 damage per round from constriction and/or drowning. They may break out with a successful open doors check.

### Undead Tree

No. Enc.: 1 (1d10) Alignment: Chaotic Movement: 0' Armor Class: 2 Hit Dice: 8

Attacks: 6 (branches) + fear or Poison (fruit) Damage: 1d4 (branches) or Poison (fruit)

Save: F8 Morale: 12 Hoard Class: none

XP: 1560

Undead trees are created when dead wood is exposed to evil, blood and suffering. They appear as a normal, if grey leafless tree with 2d6 apple-looking fruit hanging from its branches. Anyone within a 20'radius from the trunk will be attacked by up to six branches; however, this will at first appear as if the branches are "getting in the way." Therefore, the undead tree will surprise on a 5 in 6.

Once a victim realizes that the tree is actively attacking, the victim must save vs. spells or be affected by the equivalent of a *Cause Fear* spell. The undead tree can also attack by throwing its fruit. These do not cause any direct damage; however, a save vs. poison must be made for 1d10 rounds. Each failure means the victim takes 1d4 damage.

Undead trees can be turned. They do not, however, run away. Rather, they revert to being an inanimate tree for 2d4 turns. They are only affected by slashing weapons or fire.

## New Magic Items

# St. Cuthbert's Gospel Book

This relic appears as a hand-sized leather-bound book with the illuminated text of the Gospel of St. John. When used to pray for spells, St. Cuthbert's Gospel Book produces pages that function as cleric scrolls. The number of spell-pages is equal to the number of spell levels the praying cleric can cast. These spells are determined randomly and will remain until cast *appropriately*. Only one page per spell level will appear within the book.

### Beads of St. Cuthbert

These magic beads appear as crinoid fossils. They radiate of magic, and the larger ones will have either crosses or a short prayer carved into them:

On a rock by Hucwind, St. Cuthbert sits, and toils to frame the sea-born beads that bear his name.

If one or more is in the possession of one who recites this prayer, they will be the recipient of a *Sanctuary* spell. This may be done three times per day and the spell lasts one round for every bead strung together on a prayer rope or necklace.

# The Word of God

This sword functions exactly as a normal *Holy Avenger*; however, it does have a history. It appears as an exquisitely crafted weapon with a jewelled cross in the hilt and the words "I AM" etched into the blade in Celestial (or whatever passes for a high liturgical language in the campaign world). It was forged by the followers of St. Cuthbert in order to make concrete the metaphor in the prayer to St. Cuthbert found on the bottom of page 28. There are rumors that they also forged The *Helm of Hope, The Breast-plate of Righteousness*, and *The Shield of Faith*.

#### Final Thoughts

There are plenty of further adventures that suggest themselves: the map in Room 29 can lead to other slaver operations; the Mindria Barsauma will unendingly pursue the party who takes *The Word of God* without properly taking care of the slavers; Dagonites and Fyrnewts still pose a threat to humanity.

One might also be curious about the over-all theme of *Change*. One of the characteristics of God is that he does not change — he has no beginning and no end. Positive change moves in this direction (towards God and His eternity); however, change for the sake of change (like that of the Abhothians) merely embraces death — our ultimate end sans God.

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