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fter the locusts and pits and boiling seas. After the war in heaven and feasting on earth. After the seven years of blood and forty years of night.

There is magic. Magic and bone.

Where streets grow weeds and skyscrapers stand hollow. Where old gods wake and new gods form in the hearts of the wayward. Where cult and banner flourish. Where the dead, they walk. Where the stars disregard their course and Jupiter's children are born under powerful new signs.

Mages. Mages like you.

Who've touched God's face and shaken hands with the devil. Held the moon in their palm and squeezed stars in their aching fists. Who blister. Who bleed. Who search rubble for water and hell for revenge. Who wrestle angels and smash idols. Heal minds and tame demons. Who'd die for their families but fight for themselves. Who are cursed with power and blessed to suffer it until the end. Until black turn the sun's beams and the archons mourn. Until the last child cries and the falcon cannot find the falconer.

Until we find homes on this new howling earth and can once again blow on hope's dim coals.

Then, Until then,

# RULES

Explore each dungeon, clearing rooms to find as much treasure (pg 6) and complete as many tasks as you can before you die or choose to leave.

You can leave a dungeon anytime between turns, but once you do, you can't return. So be wise, be brave, and above all be lucky.

#### **BATTLES**

To clear a room you will battle. Battles are tracked in turns and each turn has four phases:

- I. **Draw Forth.** Roll all five dice (d4, d6, d8, d10, d12) to fill your hands with arcane power.
- II. Shape. Gather any dice whose results you are unhappy with and reroll them all at once.
- III. **Unleash.** Sort the final results into spells (next page), using each result only once. Assign these spells to targets.
- IV. Steel Thyself. Any surviving foes attack! Reduce your hit points accordingly, reduce time by 1, then start a new turn.

The room is clear once you've cast every spell listed under each target, or one *Alternative* target. *Optional* targets don't need to be cleared, but may benefit you.

#### **HP & TIME**

You enter each dungeon with 16 hit points (HP) and 16 time, tracked with tick boxes on each dungeon page. If reduced to either 0 HP or 0 time, you surge.

Sometimes you'll *gain* HP or time. Don't erase used tick boxes. Instead, draw new ones. Use these bonus points before continuing to use your original ones.

#### **LEGEND**

- Black boxes show the amount of HP damage a foe does per turn.
- Entrance. If there's more than one, choose.
- A Passage. Move between rooms with matching passage symbols.
- ? Mystery Room. Roll on table (pg 11) to clear.
- Lock. Requires key.

- Key. Opens all locks in this dungeon.
- Once room is clear, roll a Lesser Treasure (pg 10).
- G Once room is clear, roll a Greater Treasure (pg 10).
- Once room is clear, gain +5 HP.
- ₩ Gain a scar (pg 6).
- Must surge immediately.

#### **SURGES**

Magic is hard to control. Eventually you lose hold of it, power overtakes thee, and for a brief and terrifying time you are as a god. This is called a "surge".

While surging, you roll a d20 along with your other five dice. You are *immune to all damage*, but vulnerable to your own arcane power.

If you roll a 5 during a Draw Forth phase, that die is immediately banished—unusable for the rest of this surge. (If you rolled multiple 5s, just pick one.) If you then roll *another* 5 on a subsequent Draw Forth phase, you die, torn apart by supernatural forces.

A surge only ends when you leave the dungeon.

#### THE END

Once you've seen every dungeon (or died), tally your final score—1 point per completed task. Write it on your character sheet and take a picture.

# SPELLS



#### **TOTAL**

A Total is one or more results that add up to a target number *exactly*. These are precise attacks, like searing rays, diving ravens, or loosing Apollo's Arrow.



#### **TOTAL+**

A Total+ is one or more results that add up to a target number *or higher*. These are unbridled torrents of power, like storms, fireballs, or the Trumpet of Mars.



#### SET

A Set is a group of matching results. These spells are simple and effective, like a force blast, a smite, or drawing the Sword of Eden.



#### **ROW**

A Row is a group of sequential results. Rows represent complex spells like illusions, teleportation, twilight cleansing, or psalms to the Uranian moons.



#### BRAID

A Braid is a group of results in which the die with the *fewest sides* has a result *higher* than the others. Braids represent exorcisms, counter-spells, and other deep arcana.



An example of a **Total 15** (or just a **15**, for short).



An example of a **Total 17+** (or just a **17+**, for short).



An example of a 3-Set.



An example of a 4-Row.



An example of a **3-Braid**.

# BLESSINGS

#### THOU ART BLESSED

You'll gain treasure, scars, and other blessings as you play. When you do, draw them on your mage's hands (pg 12–13). This is your character sheet.

#### **BRACELETS**

Of plastic or pearl, of wood or mammoth bone—bracelets stabilize and ground you.

Each full bracelet grants 1 additional reroll during the Shape step of your turn.

Bracelets are made by collecting beads. Eight beads complete a bracelet.

#### RINGS

Rings are arcane conduits, each attuned to specific ley lines, domains, and entities.

Each ring has a number associated with it. Before you Unleash, you can substitute a die for that number. For example, a Ring of Locusts (5) could turn the 3 you rolled on your d4 into the 5 you need for your 3-Set.

You can't use rings in place of the smallest die of a Braid, but you could use them for the other results.

#### **AURAS**

But rings and bracelets were not the only arcana left from the war. Amulets, talismans, canvas jackets scrawled with scripture—all have power, and that power displays as auras.

Auras grant unique effects, detailed on page 10. Some let you spend results to do things. Spent results can't be used to cast spells that turn.

#### **SCARS**

These same hands that perform great wonders shall also blister as the carpenter's and bleed as the Nazarene's.

You gain a scar when you mark the scar box on your HP track. When you enter a dungeon, you start with +2 HP for each scar you have.

#### **TATTOOS**

As you explore dungeons you'll gain tattoos. Tattoos have no mechanical effect—they tell your story.

Tattoos come in all sizes and styles. These next pages offer examples you can copy, trace, and be inspired by. (Or roll 1d100 to let fate decide.)



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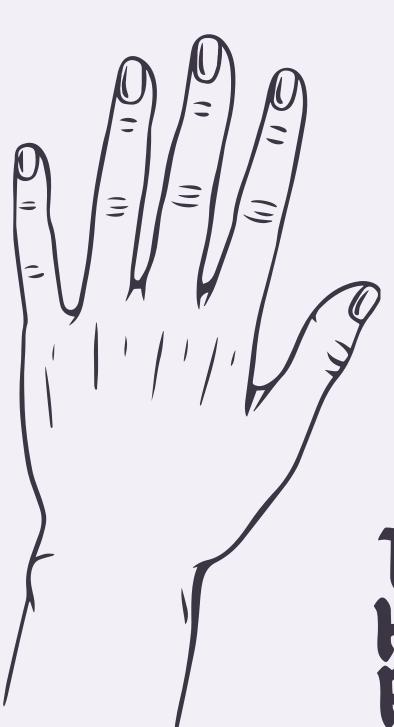
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#### **LESSER TREASURE** Roll 1d6. 1 One bead. One bead and a map. +4 time. 2 Two beads. 3 Two beads and a key. 4 Three beads. 5 Three beads and clean water. +2 HP.

GREATER TREASURE Roll 2d12 and choose one.	
1	Broken bracelet (5 beads). An inscription you'll obsess over.
2	Europa's Aura (smooth). Spend 1s to gain 1 HP each.
3	Io's Aura (spiky). −1 HP to shift one die result up/down by 1.
4	Callisto's Aura (dashed). Spend a die result to reroll another.
5	Ganymede's Aura (wavy). Surges banish 7s instead of 5s.
6	Ring of Matthias (12) or Ring of Companions (11).
7	Ring of Perfection (10) or Ring of the Hermit (9).
8	Ring of Unmoving Stars (8) or Ring of Seals (7).
9	Ring of the Seraph (6) or Ring of Locusts (5).
10	Ring of Horsemen (4) or Ring of Fates (3).
11	Ring of Mirrors (2) or Ring of Self (1).
12	Cursed Ring. Burns your flesh, leaving 1 scar.
13?	Ring of God (any result needed, from 1–12).

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MYST	TERY ROOMS Roll any one die. Choose wisely!
1	Clutter or barricade. –1 time.
2	Shortcut. +2 time.
3	Falling wires, collapsing ceiling, or other hazard. –1 HP.
4	Painkillers and peroxide. +3 HP.
5	Trip wire, landmine, hex rune, or other trap. –3 HP.
6	Sacred graffiti containing healing prayers. +5 HP.
7	Something starving and hollow. 2-Set Total 10 1
8	Secret room. Roll again twice (with any die) and pick one.
9	Things feeding on a demon's carcass. 2-Set 2-Set 2
10	Untouched salvage. –1 time if you wish to search it.
11	A hulking foe, born of the thirteenth harvest. Total 25+ 2
12	Hidden supply cache.
13	A fast foe, pact-bound to the earth serpent. Total 25 2
14	Hell Gate. A Passage to one room you choose. –2 HP per trip.
15	Horrors waiting in dark corners. 2-Set 3-Braid 2
16	Locked safe. –2 time if you wish to crack it.
17	A dead angel and the thing that killed it. 4-Set 3
18	Cursed graffiti from a broken mind. –4 time.
19	Witch hunters. Immune to your d8. 2-Set 3-Row 3
20	A dead mage, hands inked and scarred like yours. What killed them? Add a tattoo that represents who they were to you. Now loot the corpse.



TUHAPA



## THE SUPERMARKET

In the ruins of a district not far from yours is a store scavengers don't enter. A place where the dead hunger for flesh and the living drink from Pluto's well.

- Find crucial medications in the Pharmacy.
- Stop a friend from mutating.
- Pay respects in the Office.
- Clear the entire dungeon.

#### **HIT POINTS**



I = Radiation Leak. -1 HP at the end of each turn.II = Mutants can no longer be healed.

TIME



#### **LOADING DOCK**

Where trucks turn to rust, cardboard turns to mulch, and glowing spirits screech and flock, foaming out from the overflowing Styx.

#### **PHANTOMS**

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#### **STOCKROOM**

Pallets warp, paint bubbles on the walls, and nausea finds you. Prayers to The Pale Horse poison this temple.

#### NECROMANCER

**ALTAR (OPTIONAL)** 

2-Set | 3

3-Row

Radiation Leak is fixed if you destroy Altar before killing Necromancer.

#### **BREAKROOM**



A paper sign that reads "Wash Your Mug" hangs above a sink filled with dirty mugs.

#### FLUORESCENT CORPSE

2-Set | 1

#### BACK

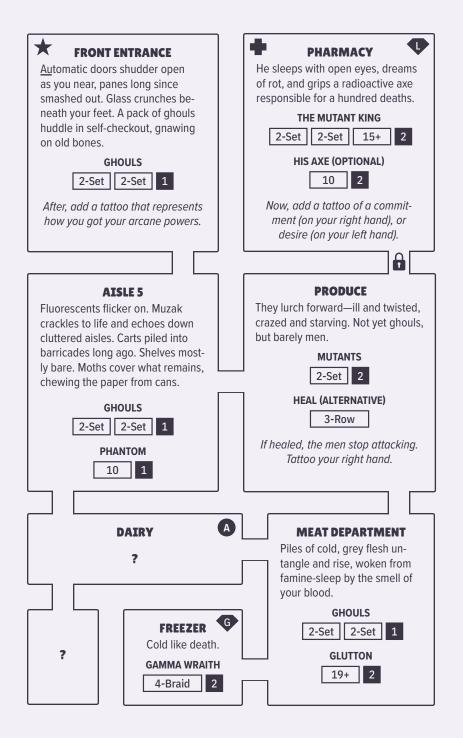
#### OFFICE



Where a family bunkered until the food ran out or the ghouls ran in.

#### PHANTOM

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## THE SUBWAY

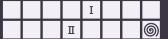
Smoke and vaporized mercury run up from the grates of these old train tunnels—the epicenter of a recent rash of abductions by a cult of marauders.

- Search the Cage Car for your missing friend.
- Survive a locust attack.
- Rid the earth of Apollyon.
- Clear the entire dungeon.

#### **HIT POINTS**



#### TIME



I = Train passes. II = Locusts mature in the Hatchery (if uncleared) and join Apollyon in the Bottomless Pit.

#### COLD STAIRS



A masked man wiping off his tools of worship.

SADIST

13 1

#### **CONCOURSE**

Zip-ties and cattle prods. Surface-raiders herd fresh victims down broken escalators.

#### SADIST MARAUDERS

2-Set 13

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After freeing the captives, tattoo a source of anger (left hand), or a source of hope (right hand). You'll need it.

#### **TRACKS**

Rushing towards you from the dark, a monster of scorpion and man. A perfect organism with oily black armor and wings beating like four chainsaws.

#### LOCUST

20+

3-Set

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#### **PLATFORM**

More captives, guarded by novice disciples in clown makeup who vibrate with excitement as they wait for the meat train to roll in.

#### SADIST NOVICES

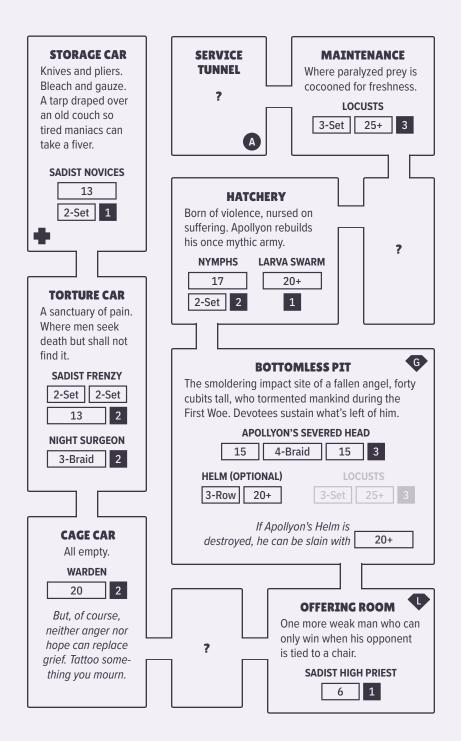
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LEAP (OPTIONAL)

4-Row

If you can leap onto the train before it passes (event I), move immediately to Storage Car.



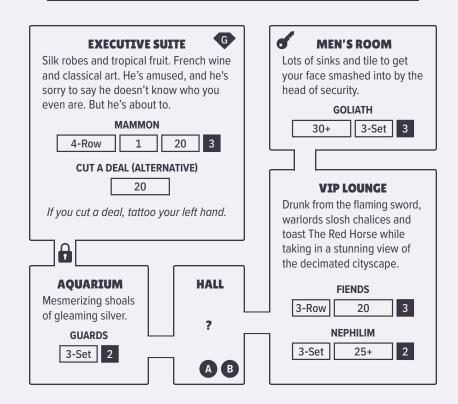
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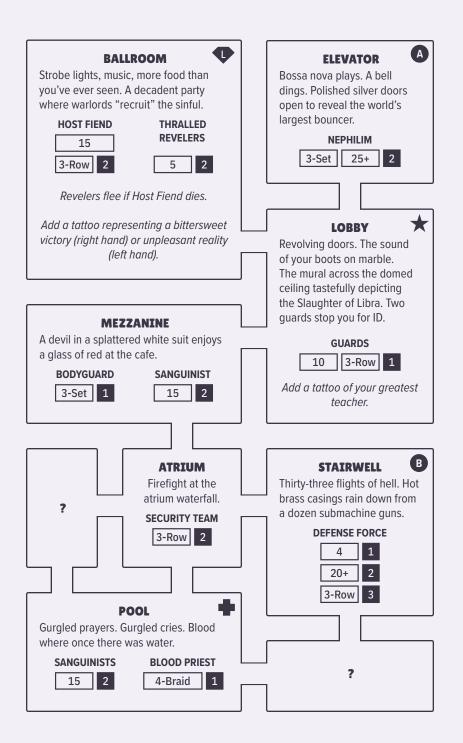
The war that broke us made them rich. The more they took, the worse they got. Now they steep in luxury, hedonistic ronin souring into things inhuman.

- Save a wayward friend in the Ballroom.
- Interrupt a ritual in the Pool.
- Confront Mammon.
- Clear the entire dungeon.



I = Lockdown. Can't use Passage A
II = Endless backup. –1 HP at the end of each turn.





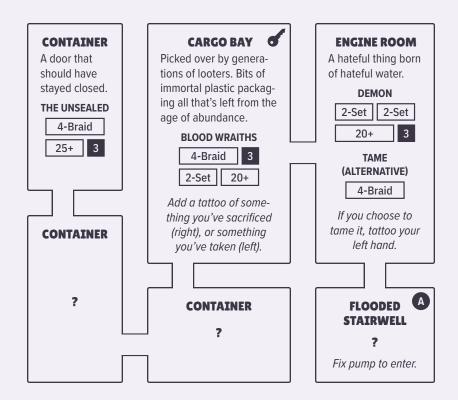
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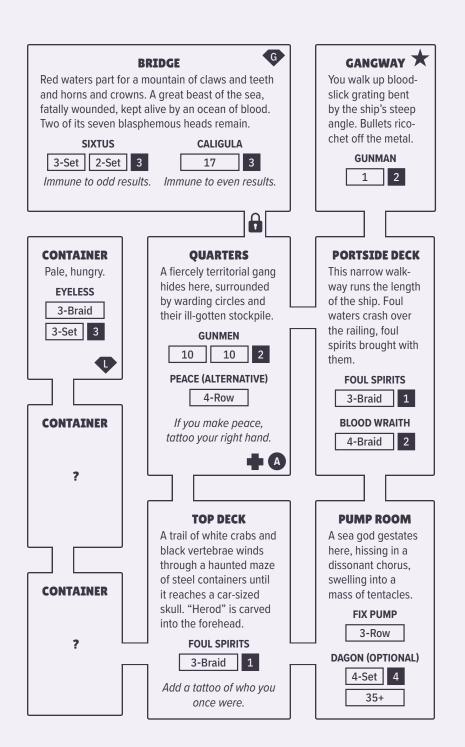
This container ship survived the second trumpet and the piercing of Neptune. It's now a den of thieves, a habitation for devils, and the hold of every foul spirit.

- End an old feud in Quarters.
- Kill a god in the Pump Room.
- Secure food and supplies guarded by The Unsealed.
- Clear the entire dungeon.



I = Cursed Fog. You can't use your d4. II = Sour Winds. Regain the d4, but lose your d12.





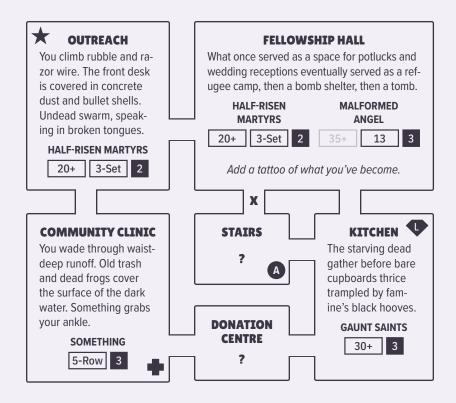
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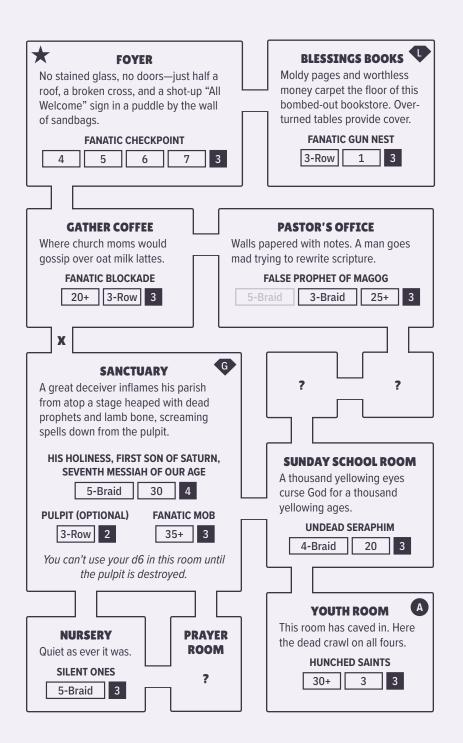
An old mega church in the center of an active conflict zone, where White Horseman cultists bunker to twist what was holy. Angels into monsters. Worship into war.

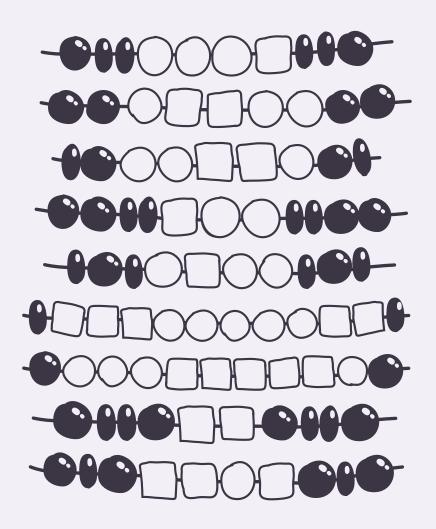
- Put an old friend to rest in the Fellowship Hall.
- Face the Seventh Messiah.
- Sanctify the Nursery.
- Clear the entire dungeon.

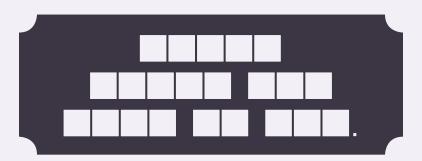


I = Artillery. "X" halls collapse. II = False Prophet finishes his work, gains a 5-Braid. III = Angel dons the Black Halo, gains a Total 35+.









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# A ROLL-AND-WRITE DUNGEON CRAWLER FOR ONE PLAYER.

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#### YAHTZEE COMBAT.

You'll fight hard to survive, using a heart-racing "polyhedral-yahtzee" combat system to slay foes with precise spell combinations. Make tough decisions, push thy luck, and leave a trail of arcane destruction.

#### DRAWING.

Level up by drawing rings, bracelets, tattoos, and scars right on your character's hands. This is your entire character sheet, and everyone's sheet ends up unique.

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