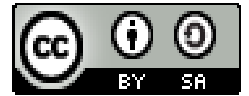


# SHRINE OF THE SLITHERING SAGE

## ONE-PAGE DUNGEON, BY YEVOR



SEEK OUT THE PROPHECIES RAVED BY THE ANCIENT WORM-SAGE IN HIS DILAPIDATED MONASTERY, AND CONTEND WITH ITS MONSTROUS CONQUERORS!



### RANDOM ENCOUNTERS (1D6)

- 1: BIRD-MAN PATROL, ON GUARD!
- 2: DRUNK SATYR MARAUDERS!
- 3: SATYRS VS. BIRD-MEN: TURF WAR!
- 4: ANGRY GHOSTS OF DEAD DISCIPLES!
- 5: RUBBLE COLLAPSE!
- 6: MONSTROUS, FLESH-EATING OOZE!

**PORTCULLIS:** OLD SPEARS AND ROUGH-HEWN STONE. THREE SATYR SENTINELS CHANT TOWARDS THE OUTSIDE. RUSTED LEVER DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK.

**AVIARY:** CLUMSY EXCAVATION EXPOSES HOLES TO THE SKY. MASSIVE, MISSHAPEN NEST. 3D6 BIRD-MEN ROOST: SOME WARRIORS, SOME COWARDLY CIVILIANS. THEY PLOT AN ATTACK ON THE PORTCULLIS – TERRITORY FOR THEIR DEMON LORD!

**SACRIFICE CELL:** AN ALTAR RECONSECRATED TO PAGAN SATYR GOD. SATYR KING TORTURES COSIGAN, LAST IMMORTAL DISCIPLE OF THE WORM-SAGE, WITH A WHIP OF THORNS. IT'S A RITUAL SACRIFICE FOR VICTORY AGAINST THE BIRD-MEN.

**SATYRS' LOFTS:** HOOTING AND SINGING. BEDSHEETS SHREDDED INTO A BESTIAL DEN. 2D10 SATYRS REST/REVEL AROUND A BONFIRE. VALUABLE FURS AND FABRICS STREWN ABOUT THE MESS.

**GARDEN:** PEBBLE PATHS BETWEEN FRESH CROPS AND HERBS. SCENT OF BLOOMING FLOWERS. THE TREE'S GOLDEN FRUIT GRANTS ITS EATER YOUTH, BUT INFLECTS SLOW, INEXORABLE MADNESS.

**SPIKED PIT:** POISONED BONE NAILS LURK BELOW A MAROON RUG. TRAP SET BY THE BIRD-MEN, WHO CAN JUST FLY OVER IT.

**FEATHERED THRONE:** SATYR QUEEN'S CORPSE NAILED TO THE DOOR. HELLISH MAGIC EMANATES FROM WITHIN. DEMON LORD OF THE BIRD-MEN BEARS HIS ROYAL FINERY AND SCEPTER, WEARING SANCTUM KEY AROUND HIS NECK. HE RECITES VILE DECREES TO BIRD-MEN ROYAL GUARDS.

**SCROLL REPOSITORY:** RACKS OF PARCHMENT AND HOLY RELICS. SACRED AND SILENT. THE GUARDIAN SPECTER QUESTIONS ALL WHO DARE TRESPASS.

**BALCONY:** HOWLING WINDS BELOW. GATH SNAKE-EYE, ADVENTURING THIEF, BARRICADED TO ESCAPE THE BIRD-MEN. HE'S NOT WORTH KILLING TO THEM. STARVING, LONELY, AND DESPERATE.

**SAGE'S SANCTUM:** STACKS OF MUSTY TOMES, SCRIBED WITH THE SAGE'S MAD PROPHECIES. CRACKED OBSERVATORY OPENS TO THE HEAVENS. WORM-SAGE WRITHING IN THE GRASP OF A VISION; POWERFUL WIZARD, BUT UTTERLY INSANE. DOORS ARE LOCKED, AND THE DEMON LORD HAS THE ONLY KEY.

**NOTE:** MOST MONSTERS ARE WILLING TO MAKE DEALS, BEFRIEND THE HEROES, AND GENERALLY GET WHAT THEY WANT WITHOUT FIGHTING.