

HERO KIDS

The background illustration depicts a fantasy adventure scene. At the top, the title 'HERO KIDS' is rendered in large, 3D wooden block letters. Below the title, three characters are shown: a boy with brown hair and a green tunic holding a sword aloft, a girl with long blonde hair in a green dress holding a long whip, and a boy with a shaved head in a red tunic holding two flaming torches. A large green dragon is partially visible behind them. The setting includes a rocky cliff, a wooden windmill, and a small wooden building in the background under a blue sky with clouds.

ADVENTURE: TOMB OF THE LOST KING

ENCOUNTERS: SIX

DIFFICULTY: HARD

DURATION: 60 MINUTES

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Hero Kids Adventure

This adventure requires a copy of the *Hero Kids* RPG to play. The core game and this adventure include:

- Hero Cards for each player
- Monster Cards for the unique monsters (ghost, skeleton warriors and shamblers) and the standard *Hero Kids* monsters (skeleton swordsmen)
- Print-outs of all of the encounter maps
- Stand-up minis for the heroes and monsters

Additionally, these extra materials are required:

- Six-sided dice (d6s)
- Pencil and eraser

Background

You all live in the same village, Rivenshore, which is nestled in a tight valley beneath a towering mountain. A river runs past the village and flows into a small bay. Rivenshore would be a beautiful place to live, if it weren't beset by an endless series of calamities.

Adventure Overview

In this six-encounter adventure, the kids are woken in the middle of the night by the ghost of their clan's lost king. He leads them to the Rivenshore cemetery, when they find the entrance to his tomb. The kids fight their way into and through the tomb, and finally come up against a powerful ghost.

Adventure Intro

Today's trouble starts at the entrance to the Rivenshore cemetery.

In the dead of night, as you are tucked up in your bed and covered in woven blankets and fur throws, you are woken by the banging of wooden window shutters. You crawl from under your blankets to close the shutters. You look outside and see that the village is shrouded in a thick mist which twists and curls. As you watch, a ghostly figure emerges from the mist and beckons you to follow him.

Grabbing your weapons, you climb through the window and follow the figure through the town and up the hill. The figure disappears for a moment and then reappears further away in another bank of mist, again gesturing to you to follow him.

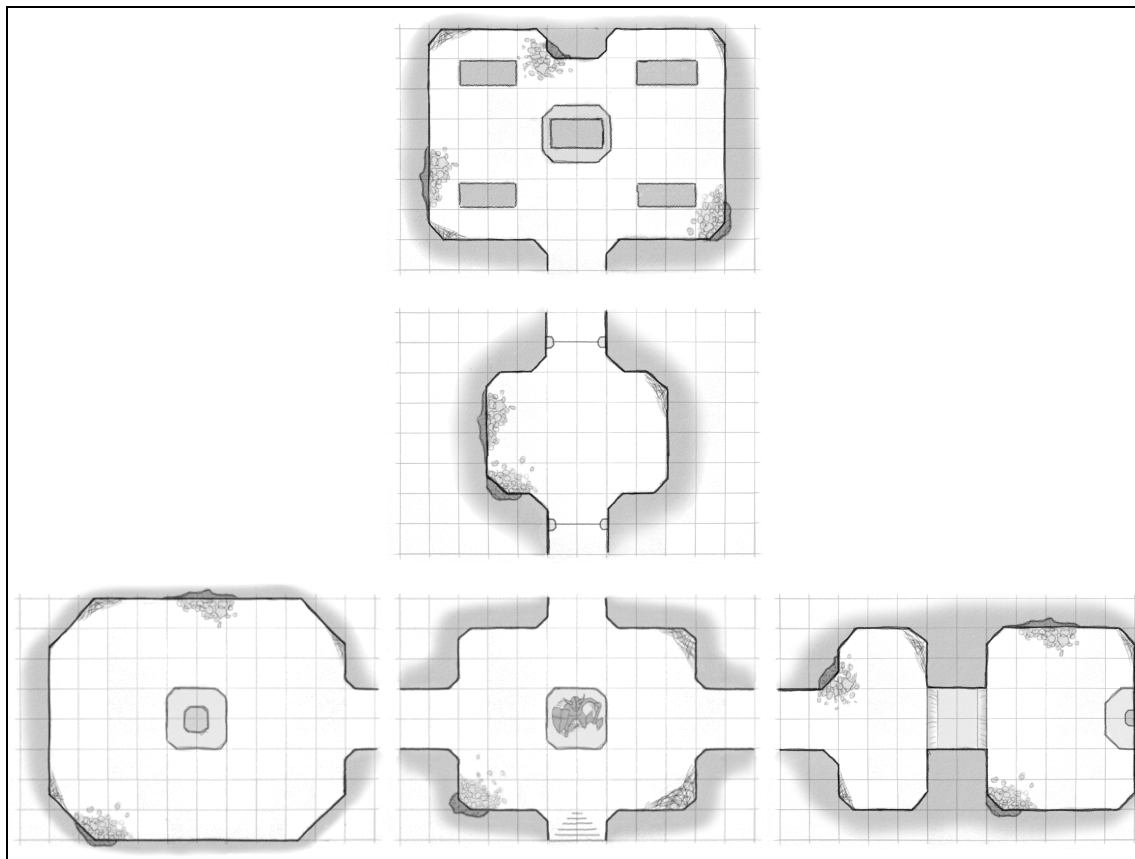
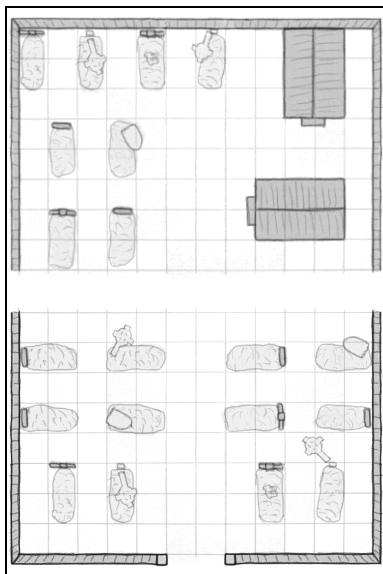
Soon you reach the Rivenshore cemetery, where the figure waits for you next to the rusty gates. As you approach, the figure raises a bony finger and points towards a crumbling mausoleum which is shrouded in mist.

Without speaking out loud, you hear his voice in your head, "I am Rothgar, the thirteenth warrior king of the people of the Brecken Vale. My greatest treasure awaits any hero brave and skilled enough to overcome the challenges of the lost tomb!"

Map of the Tomb of the Lost King

This adventure takes the heroes through six encounters, the first is the double-map of the Rivenshore cemetery, the adventure then moves into the tomb itself (starting in the entrance chamber, which is the bottom middle of the tomb maps).

Inside the tomb, the heroes must overcome three challenges before they reach the final burial chamber that holds the lost king's sarcophagus (and his ghost).

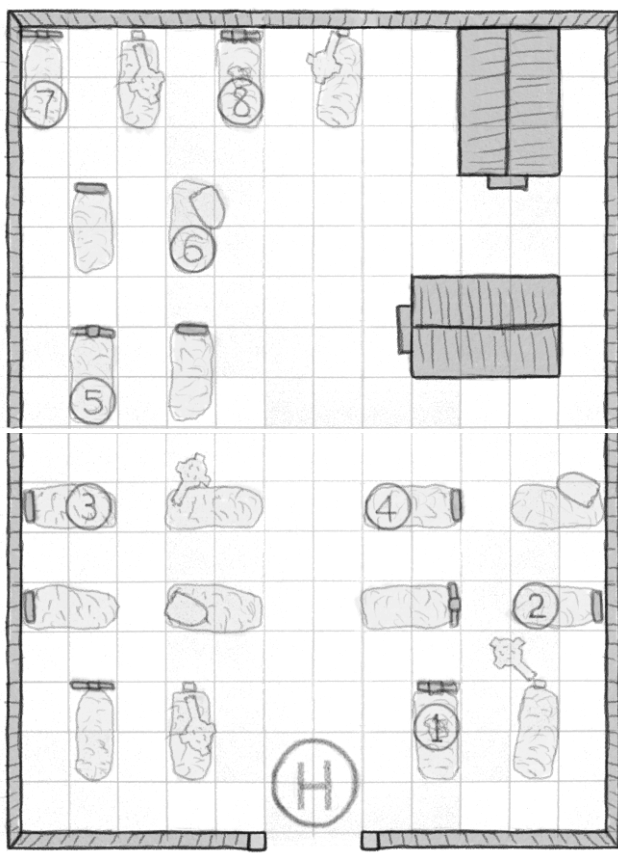


Encounter 1: Rivenshore Cemetery

The first encounter is the double-map of the Rivenshore cemetery. Trim the two cemetery maps and stick them together to make one big map.

The heroes can't defeat the undead inhabitants of the cemetery, so they must find the entrance to the lost king's mausoleum (in the top right of the map).

Map



Encounter Intro

Following the adventure intro, the heroes stand at the entrance of the cemetery, ready to discover the lost king's tomb:

As you step into the cemetery, the dirt covering the graves is pushed aside and bony figures pull themselves up out of the ground.

"Tonight, the underworld comes close to the world above, and the spirits of the dead easily cross over to your world. So do not dawdle here, for these creatures cannot be beaten in the light of tonight's dead moon."

The skeletal spirits slowly lurch towards you.

Encounter Features

The Rivenshore cemetery has two large mausoleums, and a number of dirt graves. The graves' standing headstones are obstacles that slow movement and offer cover.

Ability Tests

The heroes can perform two ability tests:

- Intelligence test (Perception) at difficulty 4, which allows them to see a shaft of moonlight that spotlights the lost king's mausoleum (top right).
- Intelligence test (Lore/Knowledge) at difficulty 5, which tells them that tonight's full moon is a 'dead moon' which wakes the dead.

Monsters

This encounter features skeleton shamblers that use melee attacks against the heroes.

1 Hero: 8 x Skeleton Shamblers ①②③④⑤

2 Heroes: 8 x Skeleton Shamblers ①②③④⑤⑥

3 Heroes: 8 x Skeleton Shamblers ①②③④⑤⑥⑦

4 Heroes: 8 x Skeleton Shamblers ①②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧

Use these health boxes to mark off damage:

① Skeleton Shambler

KO

② Skeleton Shambler

KO

③ Skeleton Shambler

KO

④ Skeleton Shambler

KO

⑤ Skeleton Shambler

KO

⑥ Skeleton Shambler

KO

⑦ Skeleton Shambler

KO

⑧ Skeleton Shambler

KO

Tactics

Skeleton Shamblers are slightly different from normal monsters because they move very slowly (only two squares) and if they are KO'd they heal the damage and get up on their next turn!

Conclusion

This encounter ends when the heroes discover the entrance to the lost king's tomb, which is the mausoleum building at the top-right of the map.

If you feel like it, you can make them force open the door of the mausoleum with a Strength test (Tools) at difficulty 4.

Once they've discovered the tomb and all entered it, read this:

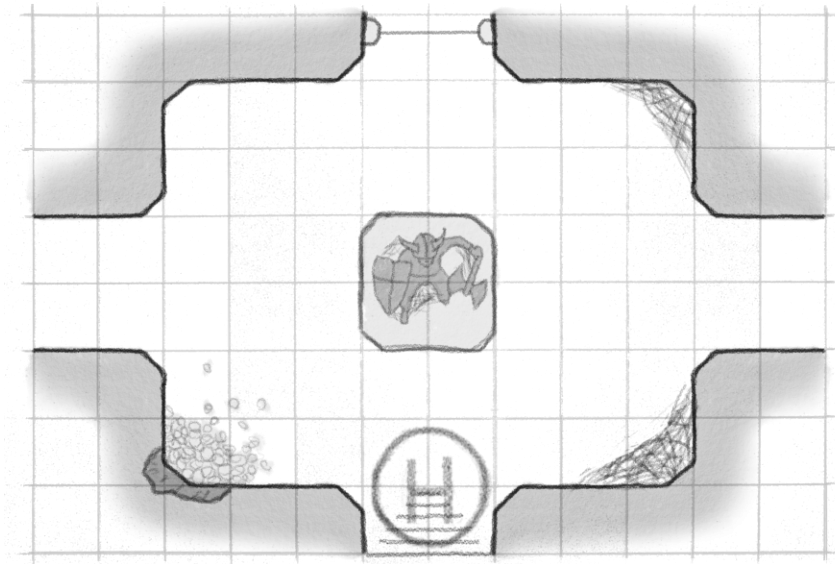
*You leap through the door into the mausoleum and push it closed behind you before the shambling skeletons can push their way in.
A stone staircase descends into the tomb ahead of you.*

Encounter 2: Entrance Chamber

The second encounter brings our heroes into the tomb of the lost king. The corridors to the west and east are open, while the north exit is blocked by a locked gate.

The heroes from the stairs at the bottom of the chamber (the stairs are represented by the narrowing horizontal lines). There are no monsters here, just an old and web-covered statue.

Map



Encounter Intro

When the heroes enter this area, read this:

The stairs open into an old and decrepit chamber. In the center of the chamber is a life-sized statue that you assume is Rothgar, the lost king.

Corridors join this chamber to the west, east, and north, but that corridor is barred by a locked gate.

“This is the tomb of Rothgar, the lost king. Three challenges you must pass before you can try to claim your prize...”

Encounter Features

This room is empty apart from the statue (and the corridor exits).

Once the players have recovered one of the keys from the challenges (west or east), they can unlock the gate to the north. However, both keys are required before the third challenge can be tackled (because there's another gate at the entrance of encounter 5).

Ability Tests

There are no ability tests here.

Conclusion

Once they have a key and try to unlock the gate:

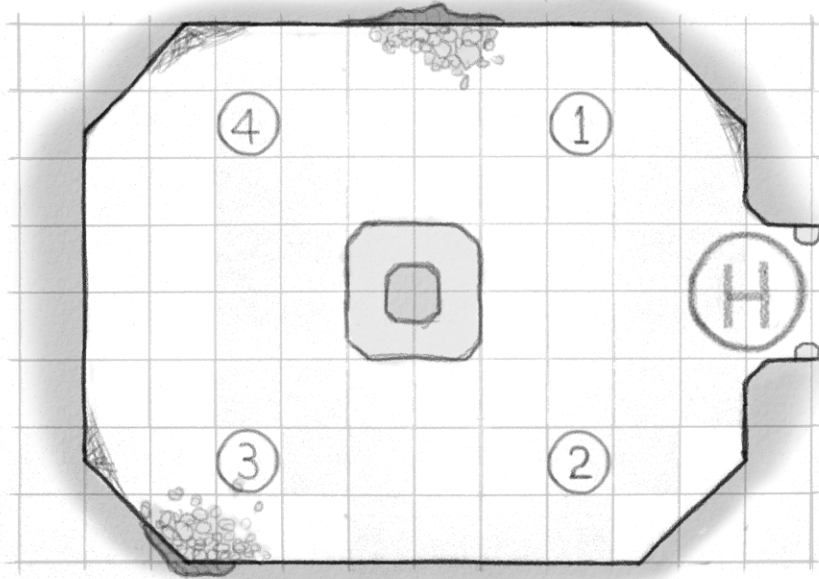
*The key fits into the lock and turns with a rusty ‘click.’
The gate opens to reveal a short corridor to the north.*

Encounter 3: Challenge of the Strong

The third encounter is the challenge of the strong, a fight against one or more skeletal warriors.

Defeating the warriors rewards the heroes with the one of the three keys.

Map



Encounter Intro

When the heroes enter this area, read this:

The corridor opens into a large chamber. A pedestal stands in the middle of the room, and you can see a rusty key sitting on top of it.

Four armored skeletons stand in positions around the central pedestal.

Rothgar's voice echoes in your head, "Only the strong shall earn this key."

If the heroes touch the key or any of the skeletons, then read:

A gate slams shut across the corridor behind you, locking you in the room.

Then depending on the number of heroes/skeletons:

With creaking bones, the skeleton draws its sword and lurches towards you and attacks.

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Seriously, what is wrong with the English language?

Encounter Features

This large chamber has one main feature, the pedestal in the middle, which acts as an obstacle. The four squares of the low dais around the pedestal can be occupied, but diagonal movement 'across' the pedestal costs an extra square.

Monsters

This encounter features skeleton warriors that use melee attacks against the heroes.

- 1 Hero: 1 x Skeleton Warrior ①
2 Heroes: 2 x Skeleton Warriors ① ②
3 Heroes: 3 x Skeleton Warriors ① ② ③
4 Heroes: 4 x Skeleton Warriors ① ② ③ ④

Use these health boxes to mark off damage:

① Skeleton Warrior	<div>KO</div>	<div>Hurt</div>
② Skeleton Warrior	<div>KO</div>	<div>Hurt</div>
③ Skeleton Warrior	<div>KO</div>	<div>Hurt</div>
④ Skeleton Warrior	<div>KO</div>	<div>Hurt</div>

Tactics

All of these monsters engage the heroes with melee attacks.

With two dice for attacks and two dice for defense, these skeleton warriors are about as powerful as a hero, but they only have two damage stages. This is a fight where the heroes could take one or two damage, and could possibly get KO'd, depending on how the dice fall.

Conclusion

Once all of the monsters are KO'd, read this:

Your final attack sends a skeleton warrior crashing to the ground, its lifeless bones scatter from its armor and its sword clatters on the stone tiles.

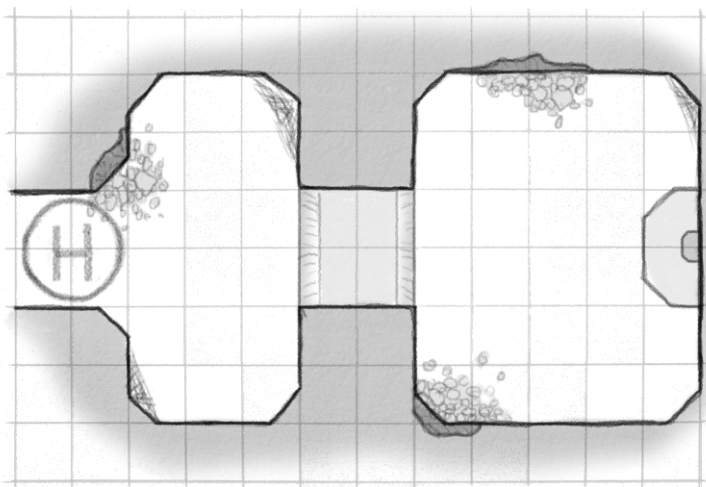
Some strange power lifts the gate back into the ceiling, reopening the corridor back out.

With the key in hand, you head back to the entrance chamber.

Encounter 4: Challenge of the Deft

The fourth encounter has two chambers, separated by a deep pit. The heroes need to make the dangerous jump across the pit to reach the key on the other side.

Map



Encounter Intro

When the heroes enter this area, read this:

The corridor opens into a small vestibule, which is connected by a short corridor to another chamber. Unfortunately, the corridor floor is a deep pit. You look across the pit and see a key on the pedestal at the far side of the second chamber. Rothgar's voice echoes in your head, "Only the deft shall earn this key..."

Encounter Features

The main feature of this encounter is the deep pit between the two chambers.

Ability Tests

To jump across the pit, the heroes must make a Dexterity test (Traps) at difficulty 4.

If a hero succeeds the test, then that hero has successfully jumped to the other side.

With great dexterity you manage to jump across the deep pit and land safely on the other side.

If a hero fails the ability test, then they fall into the pit. Roll a d6 to work out the damage from the fall.

- If they roll a 1 or 2, they take 1 damage.
- If they roll a 3 or 4, they take 2 damage.
- If they roll a 5 or 6, they take 3 damage.

You miss-time your leap and tumble through the air for a moment before crashing to the floor of the pit.

Assuming the hero is still alive:

You drag yourself up out of the pit to the other side.

Conclusion

Once on the other side:

Having made it across the pit, you carefully take the key from the pedestal.

It's up to you, but you can also make them pass another ability test to get back across the pit!

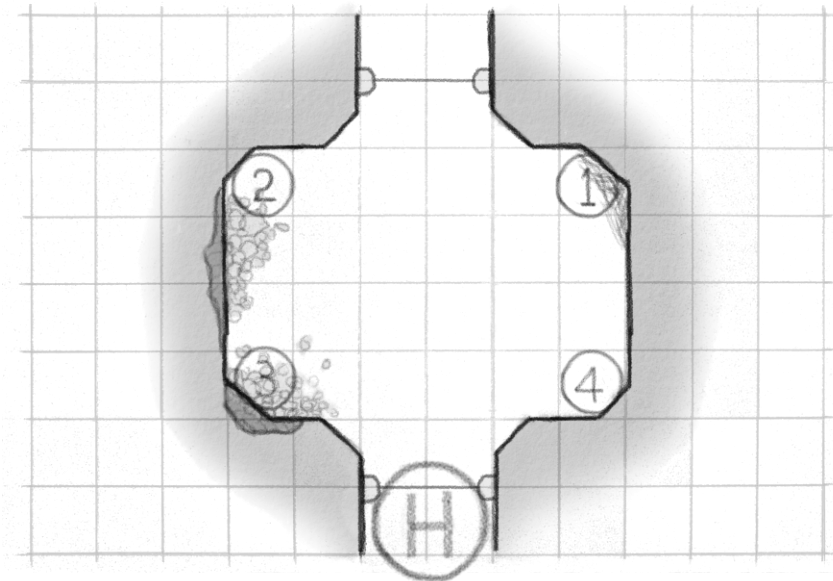
Encounter 5: Challenge of the Cunning

The fifth encounter is the final of Rothgar's three challenges to weed out the unworthy.

First, the heroes unlock the gate with the second key. Then they enter the chamber and see the chains in the corners and the final locked gate (without a keyhole). The number of chains depends on the number of heroes, two chains for one or two heroes, three chains for three heroes, and four chains for four heroes.

The challenge itself involves the players working out that the final gate is opened only by pulling the chains simultaneously. This is simple with multiple heroes, but the solution for a solo hero is slightly different.

Map



Encounter Intro

When the heroes first enter this area, read this:

Another locked gate bars you from the next chamber.

If the heroes have the second key, they can proceed.

You unlock the gate and step into the chamber. In the opposite wall the corridor seems to continue, but it is blocked by another gate, this one without a keyhole.

The chamber is empty except for [two/three/four] long chains that hang in the corners. Each ends with a rusty metal handle.

Encounter Features

The chains must be pulled simultaneously to open the gate. If there is only one hero, then they need to weigh down one of the chains with a rock and then pull the other.

Ability Tests

The players can perform an Intelligence test (Traps) at difficulty 5 to realize that the chains must be pulled together to open the gate and that a rock can be used.

Conclusion

Once they've pulled the chains:

You pull the chains and with a crunch, the gate opens to reveal another short corridor.

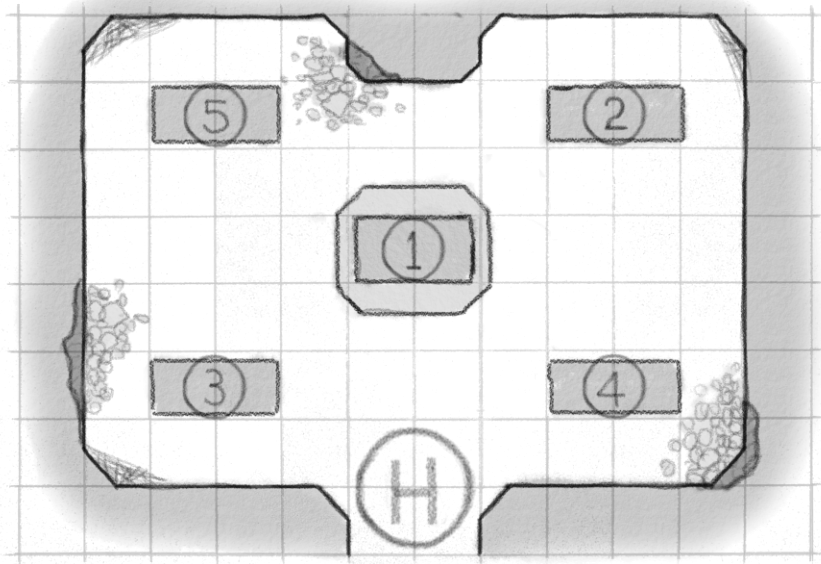
Allow the heroes to find potions here in the rubble if they have used any in the previous encounters. The heroes can now proceed to the final encounter.

Encounter 6: Rothgar's Tomb

The final encounter is Rothgar's tomb.

This climactic battle sees the heroes defeat Rothgar's ghost and several skeletal helpers.

Map



Encounter Intro

When the heroes enter this area, read this:

You tentatively step into the final chamber.

Dust particles hang in the air in this large room. In the center of the room is an ornate stone coffin that stands on a raised dais. Around it are four smaller stone coffins.

As you watch a ghostly figure emerges from the central coffin and stands before you.

“Welcome, heroes. I am Rothgar, and you have reached my final challenge. Defeat me to gain your prize.”

Then depending on the number of heroes/skeletons:

With a crash, the lid of another coffin crashes to the ground and a skeletal archer crawls out.

With a series of crashes, the lids of several other coffins crash to the ground and more skeletal warriors emerge.

Encounter Features

The five coffins are obstacles which cost extra movement squares to climb over but offer cover from ranged attacks.

Ability Tests

The players can perform an Intelligence test (Perception) at difficulty 4 to know that the ghost can only be damaged on a really good hit!

Monsters

This encounter features Rothgar's ghost and his skeleton cohorts, which used a combination of melee attacks and ranged attacks against the heroes.

If the heroes are really messed up after the first fight, you can switch the skeleton warriors for skeleton swordsmen (from the *Hero Kids* core rules), which are a bit less powerful than the warriors.

1 Hero:	1 x Ghost	①
	1 x Skeleton Archer	②
2 Heroes:	1 x Ghost	①
	1 x Skeleton Archer	②
	1 x Skeleton Warrior	③
3 Heroes:	1 x Ghost	①
	2 x Skeleton Archer	② ④
	1 x Skeleton Warrior	③
4 Heroes:	1 x Ghost	①
	2 x Skeleton Archer	② ④
	2 x Skeleton Warrior	③ ⑤

Use these health boxes to mark off damage:

① Ghost	<div>KO</div>	<div>Hurt</div>
② Skeleton Archer	<div>KO</div>	<div>Hurt</div>
③ Skeleton Warrior	<div>KO</div>	<div>Hurt</div>
④ Skeleton Archer	<div>KO</div>	<div>Hurt</div>
⑤ Skeleton Warrior	<div>KO</div>	<div>Hurt</div>

Tactics

While, the skeletons use standard ranged and melee attacks against the heroes, the ghost has a unique teleport attack that should help him to avoid the coffins.

Conclusion

Once all of the monsters are KO'd, read this:

Your final attack leaves the skeleton bones scattered on the floor as the ghost pulls back into the central coffin.

After a few moments Rothgar's voice echoes in your ears again.

"Worthy heroes. You have overcome my challenges and you have tested yourselves against the last vestiges of my spirit.

Your bodies are strong, your reflexes fast, and your minds capable. You have proven yourselves true scions of the lost king Rothgar, whose blood runs in your veins and whose bravery, skill, and courage you embody.

In honor of your achievement I offer you the choice of one of these legendary artifacts. Choose wisely, and forever keep your prize close at hand."

Rothgar's ghost fades away, and lying on top of his coffin you see four items, a sword, a bow, a shield, and a talisman, each glowing with ancient magic.

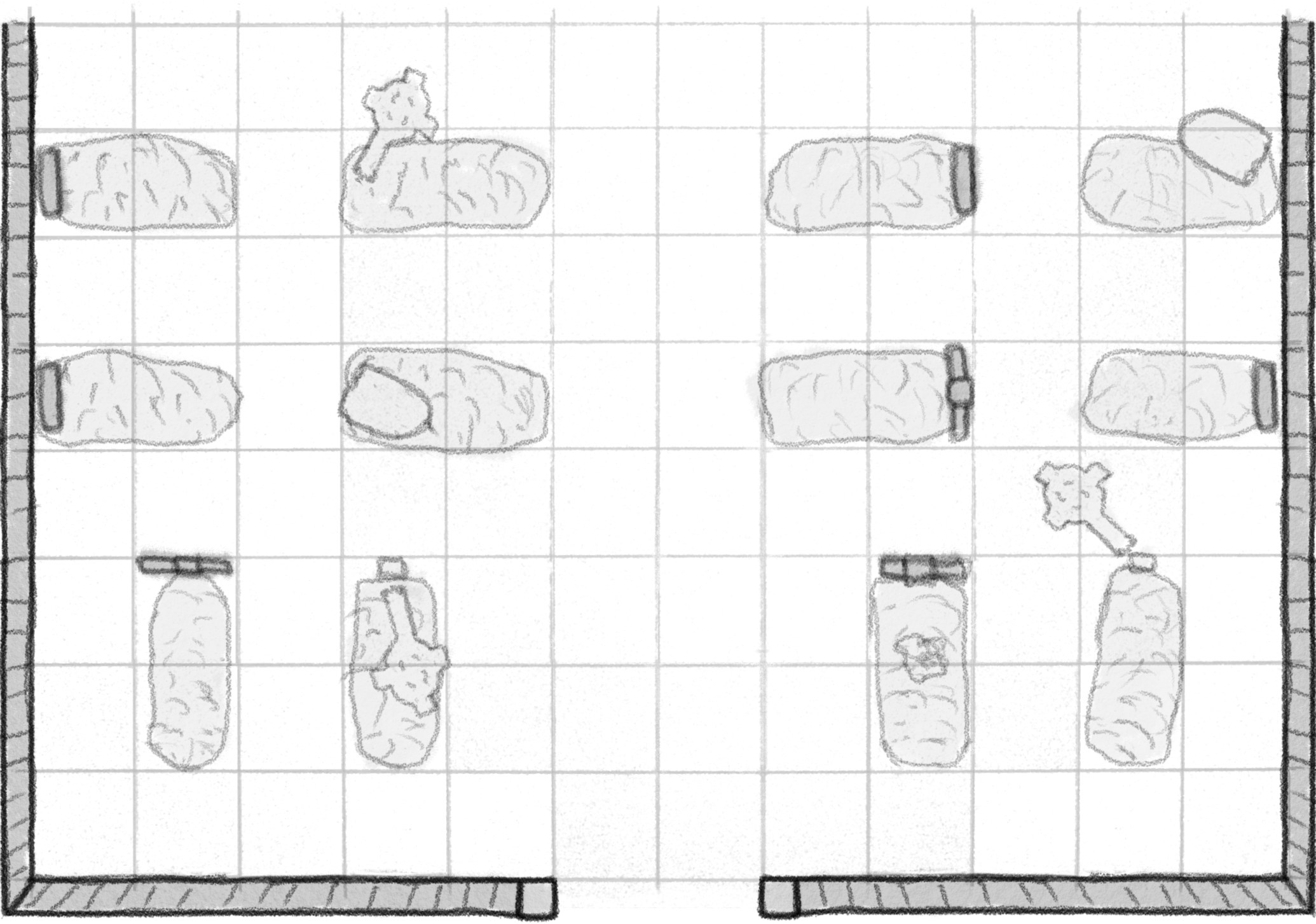
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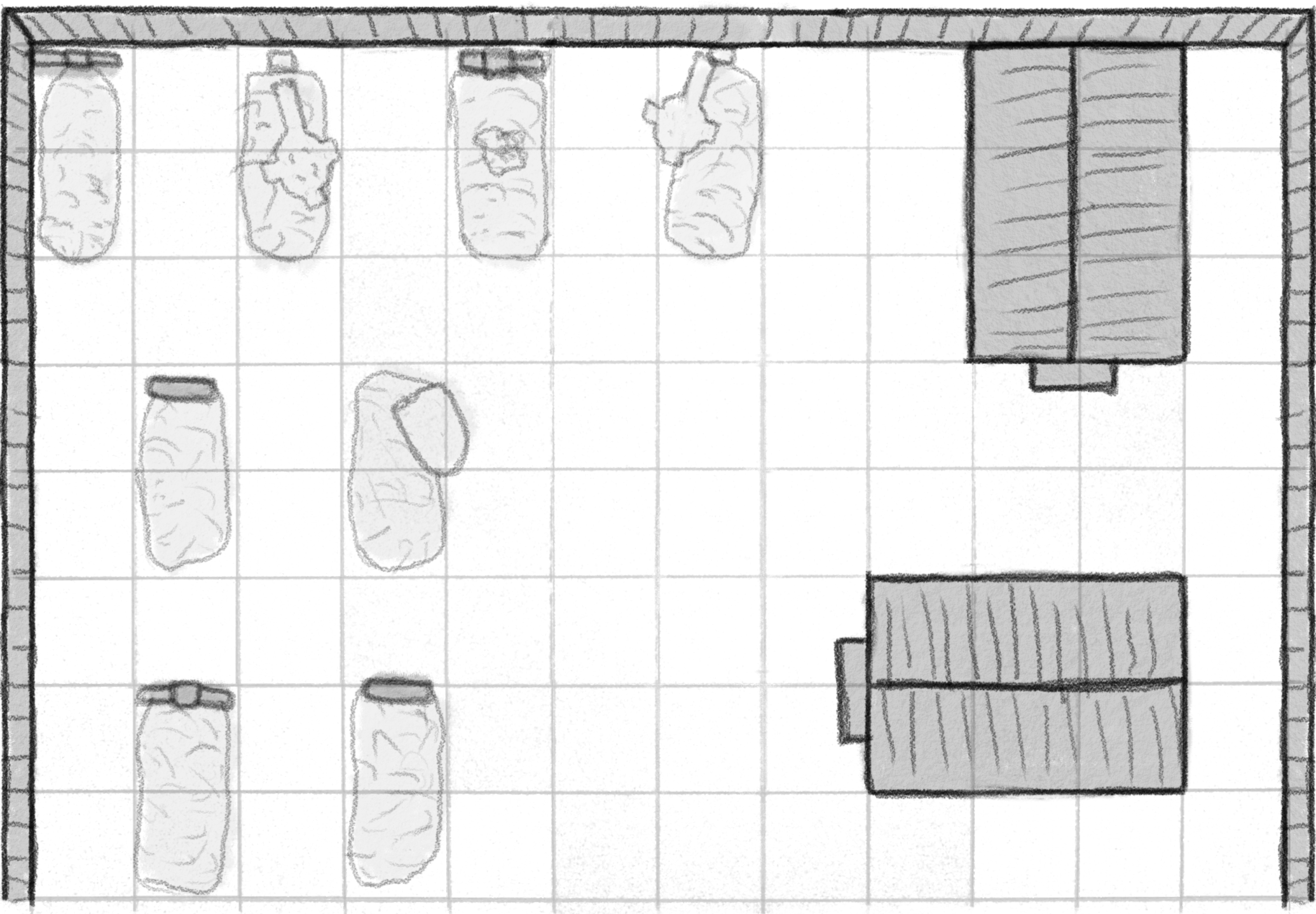
After the monster cards and stand-ups you'll find the four pieces of treasure for your heroes to choose from (only one item for each hero). Print them out and cut them like you would a Hero Card.

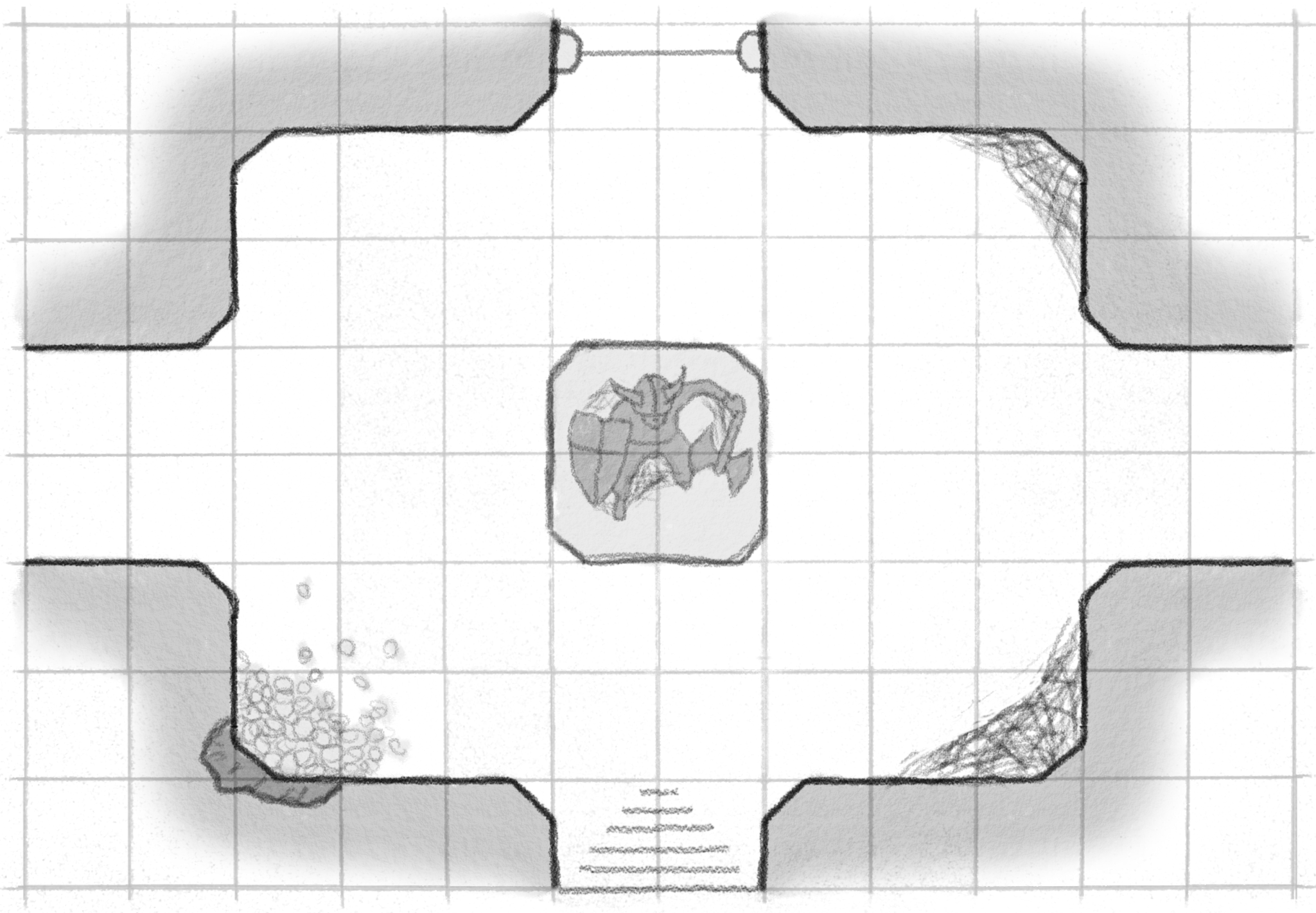
These items are Equipment, which grant the heroes special actions or extra dice in their pools. Heroes can only use one piece of equipment at a time.

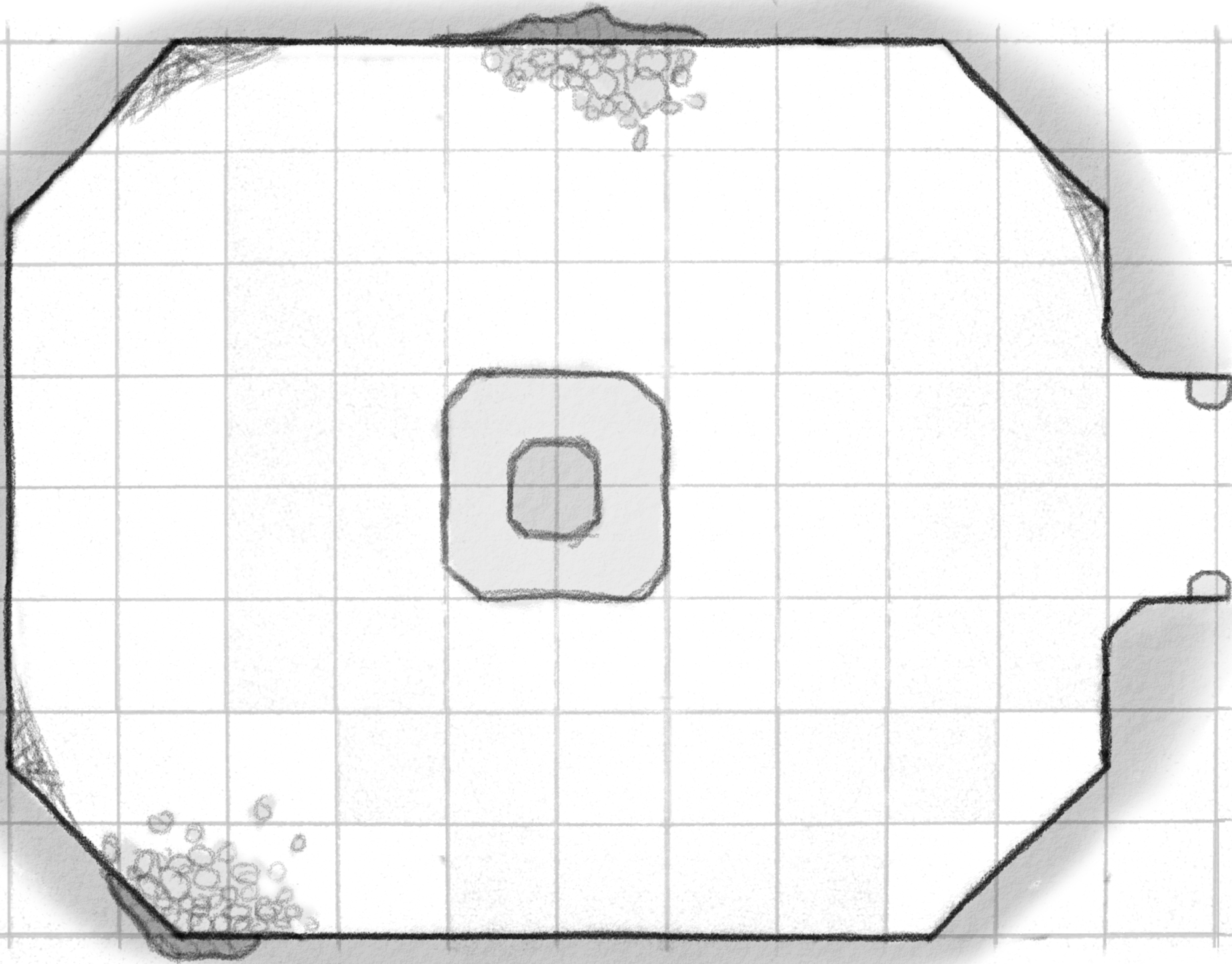
The players can choose one item for each hero:

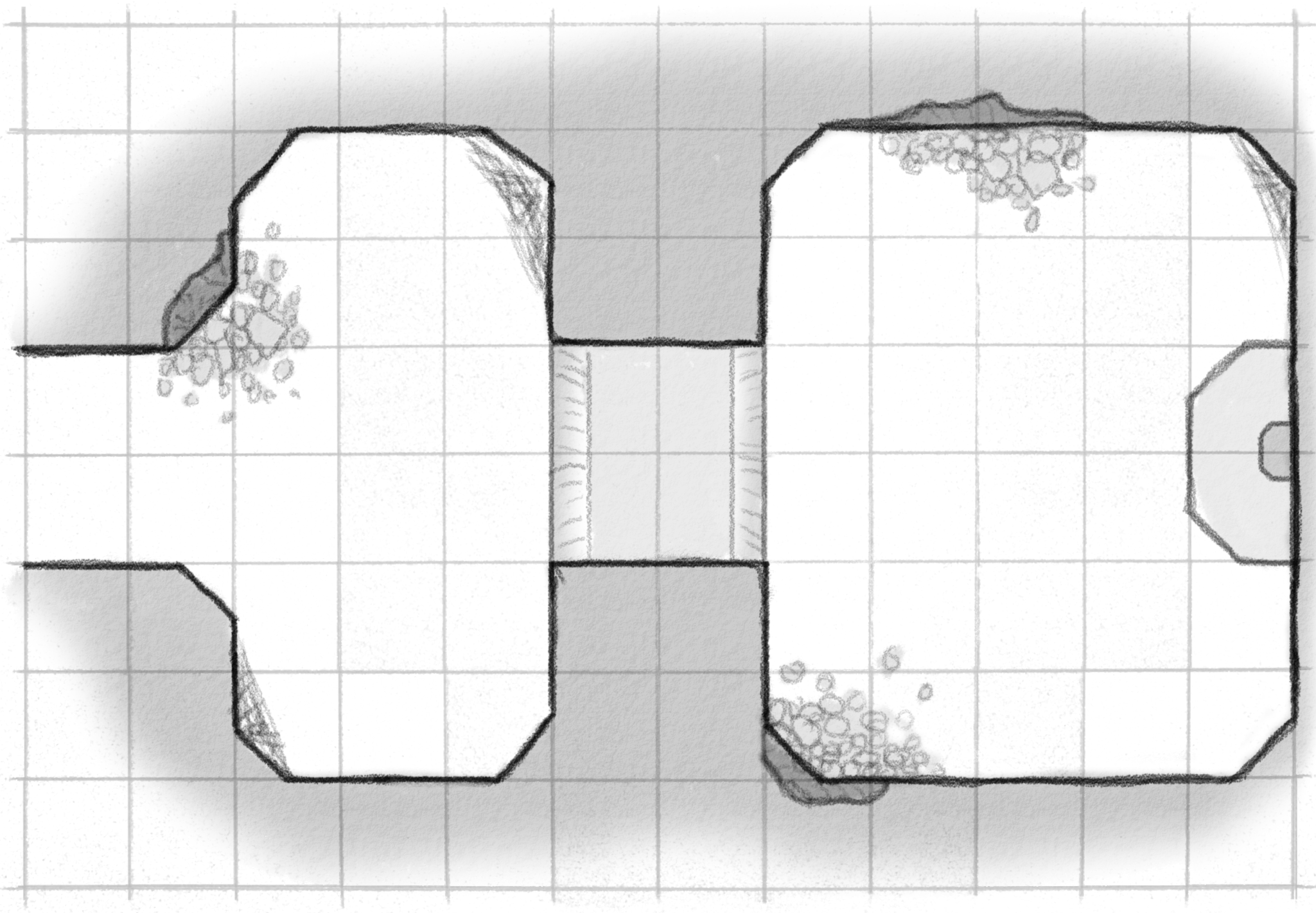


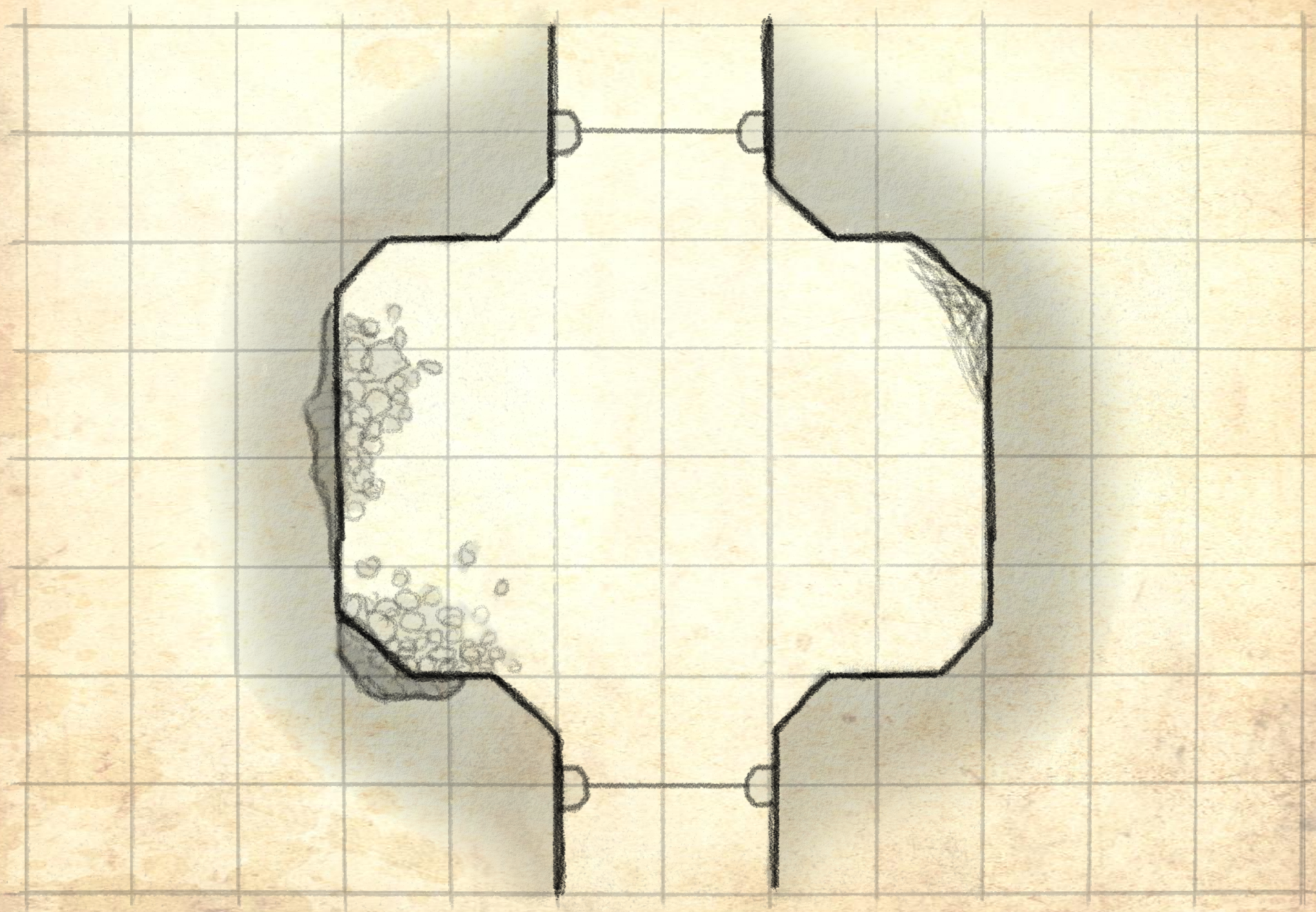


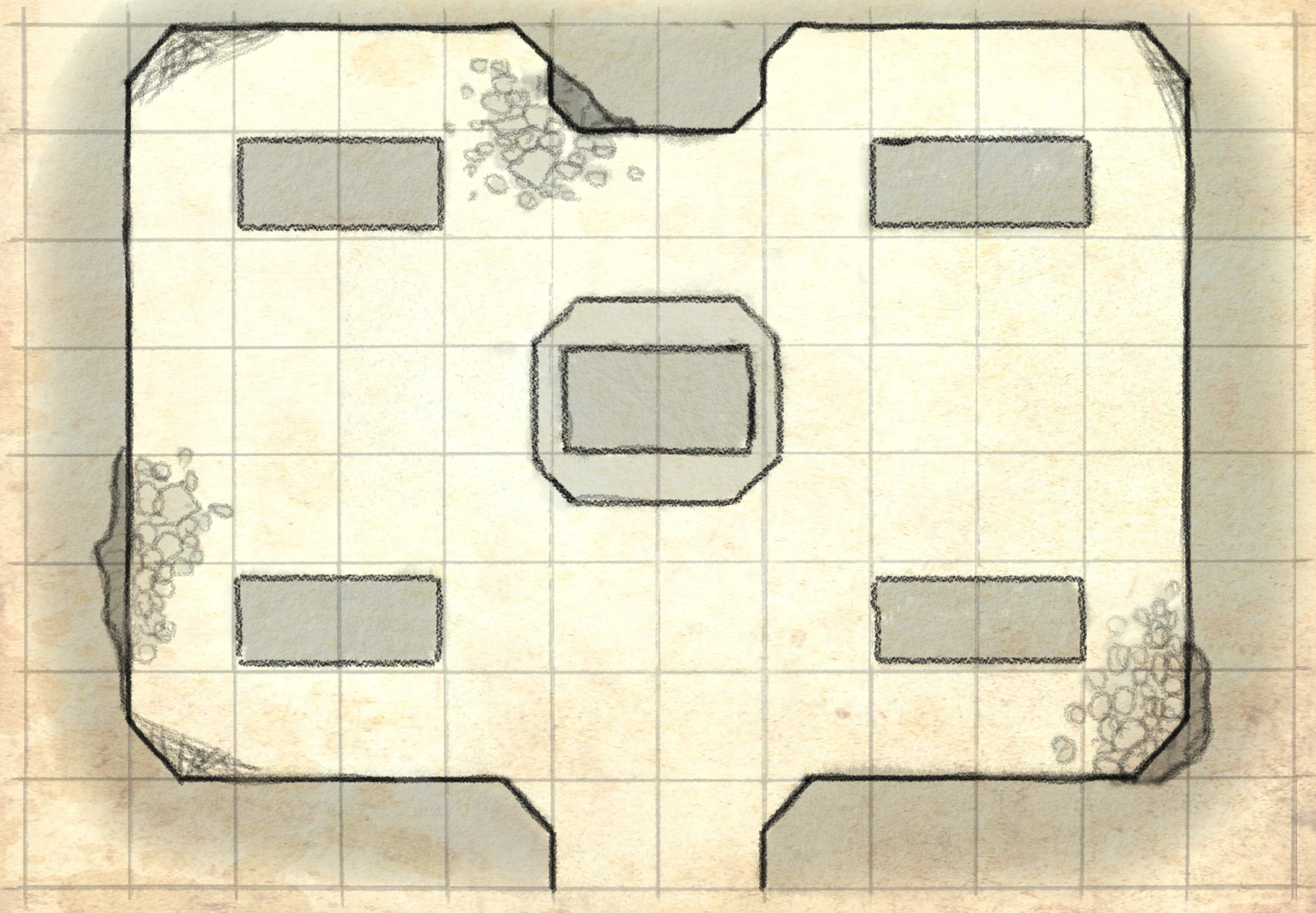










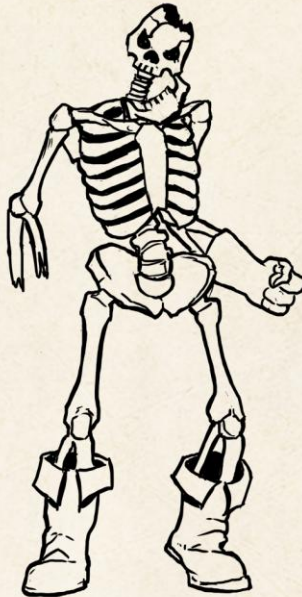
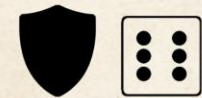




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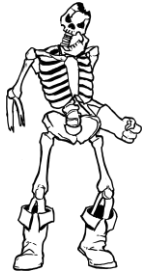
Skeleton Shambler



Melee Attack: Wild Swing
Melee attack at an adjacent target.

Bonus Ability: Slow and Unstoppable
You can only move 2 squares with each move action.
If you are KO'd, on your next turn you can remove that damage then use a move action to get up.

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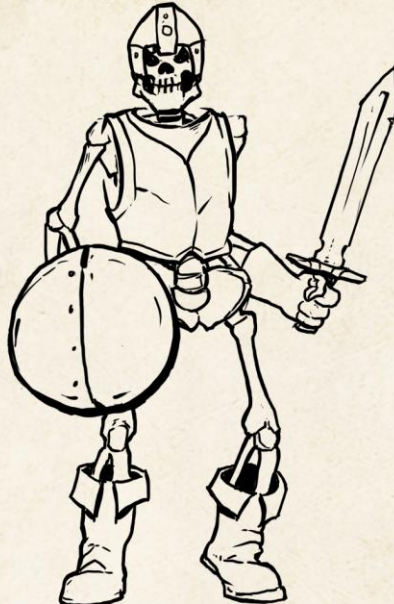
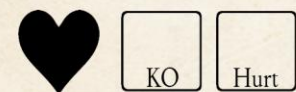
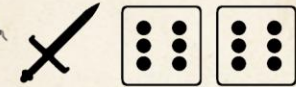
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Skeleton Warrior

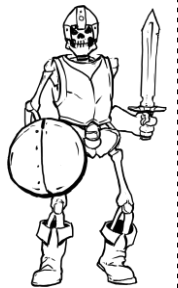
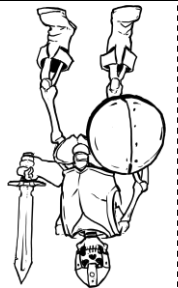


Melee Attack: Slashing Strike
Melee attack at an adjacent target.

Special Action: Bullying Attack
If an adjacent target is engaged by an ally, you can make a melee attack at it with 1 extra dice.

Bonus Ability: Rattled
Your attacks use 1 fewer dice when you're not on full health.

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Ghost



Melee Attack: Spectral Swipe
Melee attack at an adjacent target.

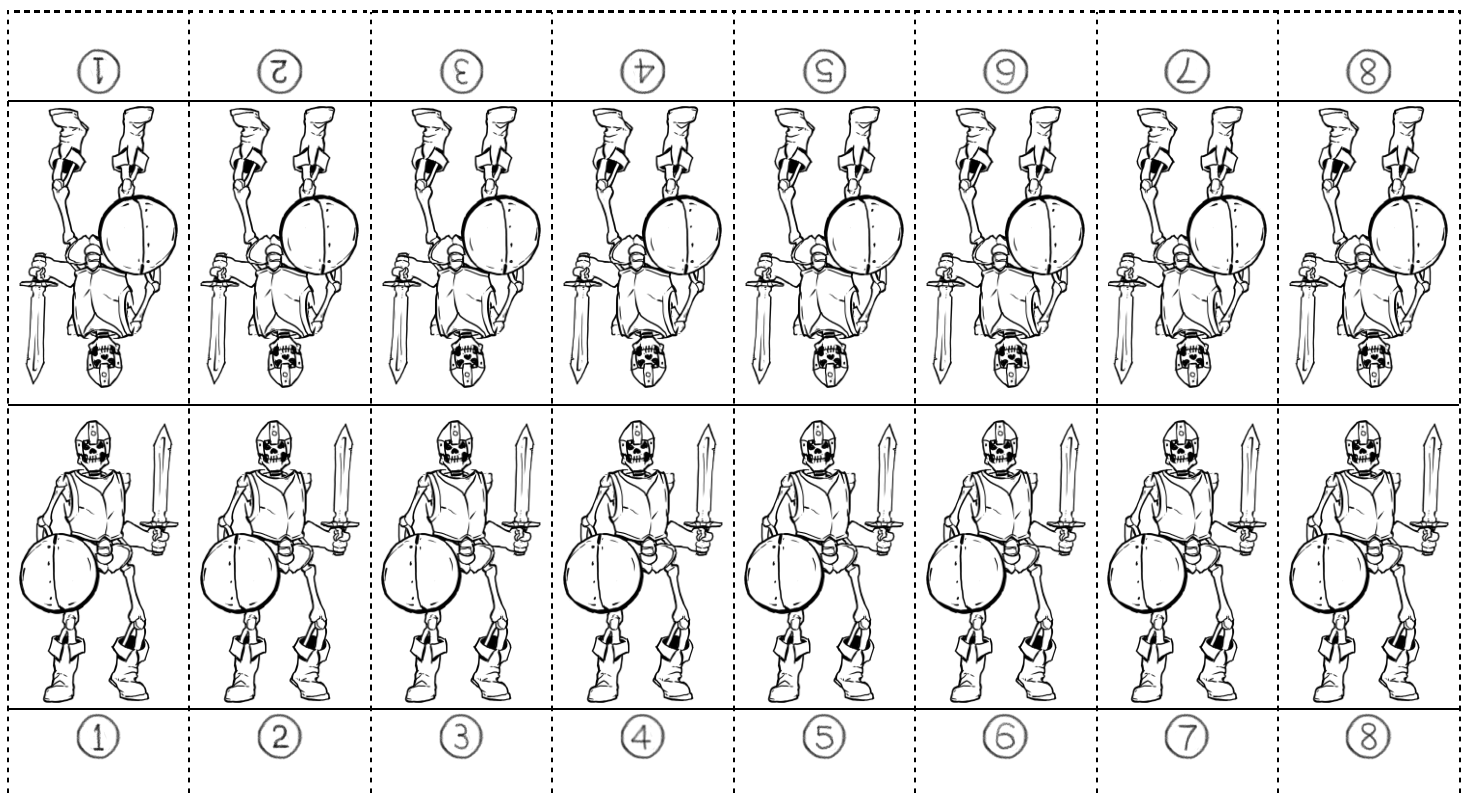
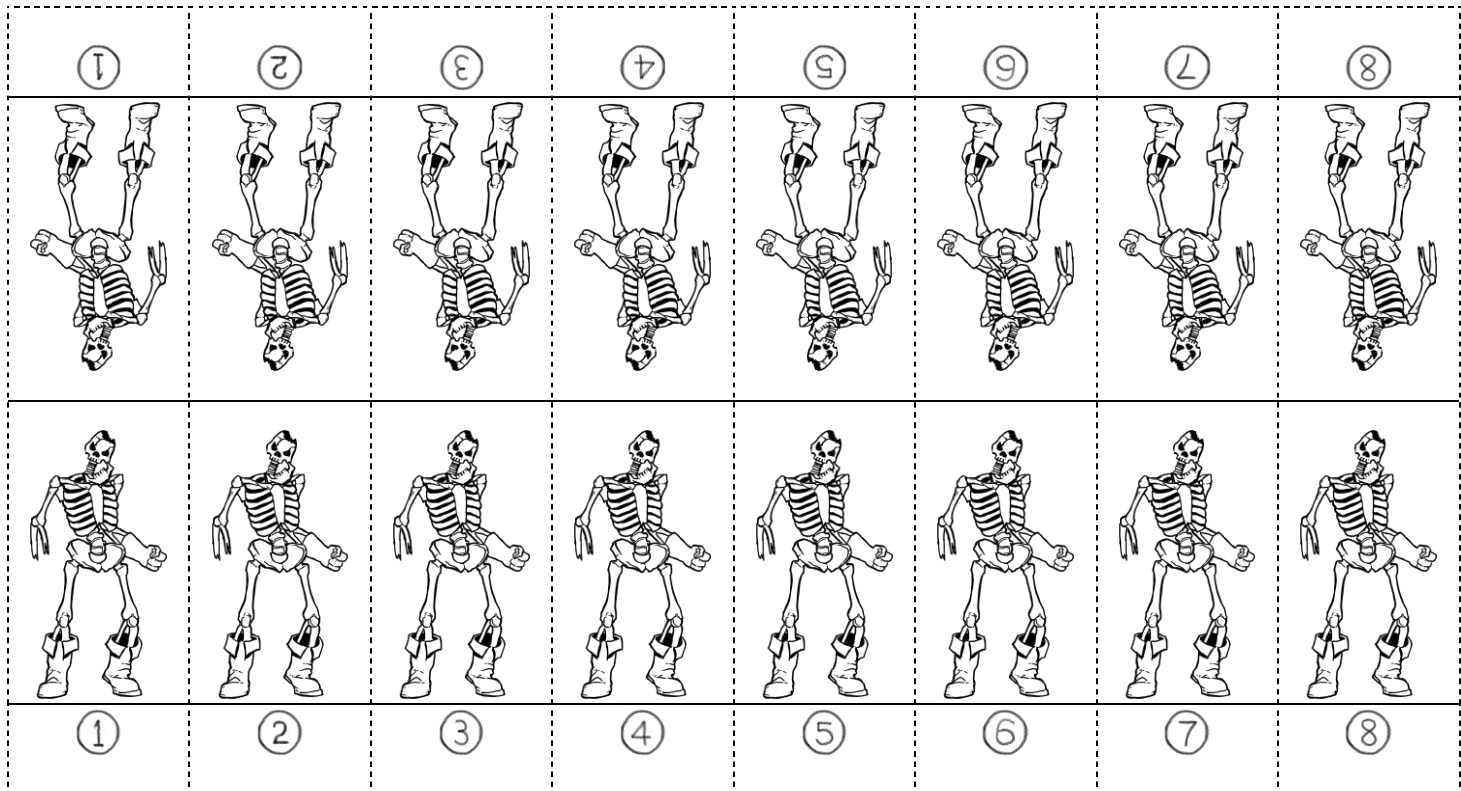
Special Action: Phase Attack
You can teleport up to 3 squares away and make a melee attack at an adjacent target.

Bonus Ability: Incorporeal
You can move through any solid object, including walls and obstacles, but you cannot end your move on a square occupied by a character. Additionally, you are only damaged by attacks that roll a 6.

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Deepwood Longbow

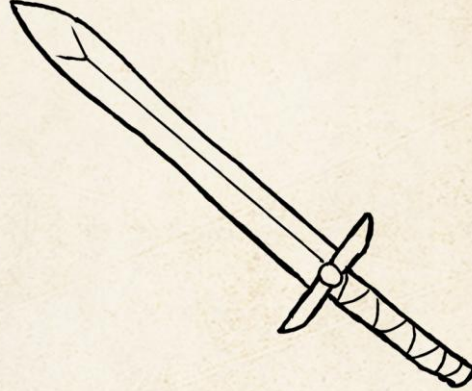


Precision Shot

Once per encounter, you can add 1 dice when you make a ranged attack.

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Lucky Longsword

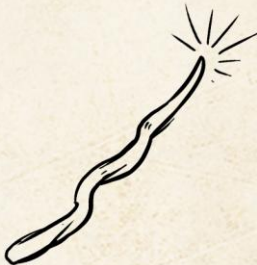


Warrior's Luck

Once per encounter, you can re-roll 1 dice when you make a melee attack.

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Magic Wand



Arcane Flux

Once per encounter, you can add 1 dice when you make a magic attack.

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Lucky Charm



Lucky Break

Once per adventure, you can re-roll an attack, defense, or ability test.