





# **DLDJTL F** ® A SOLO RPG ADVENTURE

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## WHAT IS A SOLO RPG?

Colostle is a solo role-playing adventure game, often abbreviated to RPG. For those that haven't played a solo RPG before, the concept is simple; this is an opportunity for you to decide everything that happens in the incredible tale of your own personal adventure.

Think of it like a personal, mindful writing exercise, where the game provides you with prompts to write your own fascinating adventure in this strange world. You will be keeping a journal of your adventures, and the game system is a way to determine what you will encounter along the way, and to dictate the outcome of combat. This book provides the prompts and inspirations, and it is up to you and your character to flesh out the details and to write about what you discover.

First you need to create a character - someone of this world. This book will guide you through this process in the following pages, but it is completely up to you. Then the game provides you with an outline of your first adventure. You can decide how to interpret these prompts and what to write there are no limits to what you can do, this is YOUR adventure.

If you get into a fight there are rules for that too (In the Combat section of this book) but again, all the rules do is give you a framework for how the fight plays out. You get to decide how awesome it looks!

#### **BASIC GAMEPLAY RULES**

The game uses a pack of standard playing cards to dictate what happens to your character on their adventure. The gameplay is split into 2 phases; the EXPLORATION phase, and the COMBAT phase.

In each of these phases you will draw a certain number of cards and check what you have drawn against tables in this book. This will reveal to you what your character has discovered or what is going to happen in battle.

Then it is up to you to follow those prompts and write your character's journal entry, describing how you interpret those prompts into a story for your character's adventures. There are basic rules to provide you with structure and randomness, but it is up to you how you read those results and rules when you write your journal entry.

This book doesn't have all the answers to the mysteries of the Colostle and how every little part of it works. These gaps are deliberate to allow you the opportunity to make your adventure personal, and to give you the freedom for your imagination. If you find an old piece of machinery, its up to you what it does, if you find an ancient ruin; you can decide who lived there, centuries ago.

Let your imagination run wild in the Roomlands of the Colostle!

#### WHAT DO I NEED TO PLAY?

All you need to play Colostle is:

- A pen or pencil
- A notebook or sketchbook to keep your journal
- A standard deck of playing cards
- Character sheet (See page 59)





## THE WORLD OF COLOSTLE

The Colostle is an impossibly massive castle, the interior of which is so large that mountains, valleys, towns, cities and even oceans fill its rooms. The ceilings and roof are so high they are beyond sight, shrouded by the misty expanse of the sky that sits within it's vaulted heights.

There seems to be no finding the exterior of the castle, though many adventurers have tried, crossing continental distances only to reach the wall of another room. For those who have ventured past a wall, they find only more rooms on the other side, with new lands stretching off far into the distance.

That said, many features you would expect from the Colostle's normal-sized counterparts are present, such as staircases, windows, doorways, balconies, towering statues, burning braziers, pillars disappearing into the clouds and long gloomy corridors.

No adventurer has yet found their way to the rooftops - the battlements - which they suspect might grant them a view that sheds some light on the true nature of their world, but maybe you will be the first?

Although all manner of threats exist out in the wilds, such as strange animals and beasts, and other barbaric or dangerous people, the greatest dangers of all are the Rooks. Huge, hulking stone automatons that patrol, somewhat mindlessly, out in the wilds of the Colostle's rooms.

That is, until they are disturbed. Every Rook is different, there are no two the same, and they are the only source of magic in the world. As such, they are something of a target to hunters looking for tech they can scavenge, artefacts they can sell or magic crystals to grant them strange and unpredictable powers.

But only if they can bring one down...

Every Room of the Colostle sees daylight thanks to its Brazier, a huge burning light source hanging impossibly high in the rafters. At night the Brazier dims to a gentler white light. No-one knows how or why this happens, but it is said that some Rooms have their night, when others have their day...

High atop columns and nestled in the ceiling rafters live the Gargoyles; strange winged reptilian creatures that sometimes swoop from on high to pick off lonely unsuspecting travellers, far from civilisation. Little is known about them, but it is said that when a Gargoyle attacks it carries you up to where it lives...

Many believe that when you die, your soul is drawn to the Front Gate of the Colostle, a place immeasurably far from any other known location. The journey of death begins by crossing the Moat and discovering the lands beyond. This is but a story, but perhaps it holds some truth...

Explorers talk of many strange lands far out in the Colostle; wild jungles spreading up massive staircases, icy polar regions encasing huge human skeletons in glaciers, thin corridors between rooms, arid and dry and filled with desert sands, winds blowing sandstorms through huge windows. Explorers have theorised that some areas of the Colostle have multiple floors before one reaches the mythical 'battlements'; forests stacked upon deserts, stacked upon oceans, stacked upon mountains and canyons...

Life, nature - even people - always find a way to live in the most impossible circumstances, and the Colostle is vast beyond imagining. Any combination of lands, peoples and the castle itself are possible. Who knows what you will find when you step out to discover what secrets it holds...



#### **CREATING YOUR CHARACTER**

Creating a character is the first and most important step before setting out on your journey. This character is the point of view you will be writing the journal from.

Your character probably isn't like the other everyday citizens of Colostle, who are happy to stay in their little village farming or working, never setting foot beyond the village boundary.

You are an adventurer, and something calls you to go beyond what is safe and what is known; to step out into the often magical - and sometimes dangerous - lands of the Colostle

Your starting character must have the following:

- A CALLING
- A NATURE
- A CLASS
- A WEAPON

Your character's CALLING could be as simple as a desire to explore and discover what lays beyond the perimeter of your family's farm, or it could be personal; chasing after someone who wronged you, looking for a lost loved one, or perhaps a mysterious prophecy.

Although you will encounter many trials and mysteries on your adventure, every now and then your CALLING will rear its head and it will be up to you how you develop this aspect of your character further.

Next up is your character's NATURE; this aspect is much simpler, and is what governs how your character reacts to what they discover and who they meet. Maybe they're hot-headed and quick to act without thinking, or perhaps they're cunning, sensitive or protective.

Both your CALLING and your NATURE can be generated randomly using the system described on the next few pages. Or, you could choose from the traits listed and create your character how you want. If you have your own ideas for your character's CALLING and NATURE then you could go with that as well - it is entirely up to you.

Be sure to read all of the CALLINGs in the table to get a sense of the kind of stories happening in the world of Colostle, and maybe to inspire your own original CALLING.

If you do want your character's CALLING and NATURE to be decided by fate, simply shuffle your deck of playing cards and draw the first card. Check it against the CALLING table and make a note of it on your character sheet. Then draw a second card and check it against the NATURE table, and make a note of that too.

Keep your character's NATURE in mind whenever you make a decision in the world of Colostle. What would they do? How would they react? This is your chance to roleplay!

After that comes your character's CLASS. Your CLASS governs how your character explores the world and how they fight, and you can read more about that on the CLASS pages coming up.

Finally your WEAPON; this can be anything you imagine and is completely up to you. In the combat system, WEAPONS don't have any sort of stat that governs their power, they are simply one of the ways you can attack. When the game tells you that you do a WEAPON attack, this is your opportunity to describe how your awesome weapon does its damage. You could have a sword, an axe, a catapult, nunchuks, a spiked mace or even a hand cannon - just try to keep the technology level to roughly medieval!

# YOUR CHARACTER'S CALLING...

CARD DRAWN	PROMPT	
ACE/2	There is an army sweeping through the lands around your village. You have heard tales of their unstoppable nature; burning villages in their wake, their men clad in monstrous, spiked black armour. One night they arrive at your village; it is chaos, people screaming, running for their lives, the roofs of your people's huts and tents ablaze, lighting up the night sky. But most terrifying of all Rooks, following their general's commands, their eyes burning with a purple flame. No-one has ever commanded a living Rook before - how is this possible? You survive. Maybe you're left for dead, maybe you hide. Maybe they took someone you love, maybe you just want revenge either way, you will need to get to the bottom of the mystery of the Black Army and the Rooks of Purple Flame.	
3/4	You have a vision as you sleep one night; far across the lands, in a room that looks nothing like the room your village resides in, is a tower. The tower looks like it might have been a Rook once; thin and impossibly tall with its slender arms by its sides. In your vision you see a weapon in a room at the very top of the tower, waiting, calling for you. Your village has been besieged by Rooks lately, your hunters are stretched thin. Maybe, if you could reach this mythical place, you might be able to save your village?	
5/6	It flew overhead, casting a shadow black as night in the middle of the day - the Dragon Rook, the only Rook known to fly. You hear whispers and rumours of a party heading out to hunt it they say if you can defeat it, you will gain the ability to fly you can't let them get to it first.	
7/8	Most villages and peoples living in the Colostle have a passive opinion about the Rooks; they are simple wildlife and rarely seen, nothing to be too worried about. But not your village. Your village has hated all Rooks ever since one ploughed right through the centre of your homes, killing loved ones and disappearing into the night. Which is why your secret friendship with a very unusual Rook would not go down well with the villagers if they ever were to discover it. You meet your friend in a nearby forest as often as you can. It doesn't talk, but it doesn't attack; it's not like other Rooks but you don't know why. One day when you pay it a visit, it is gone from its usual place, and there are signs of a scuffle and a trail leading off into the distance. You have to go find it.	
9/10	As a child, your mother used to tell you stories of warriors with diamond skin, morphing weapons of magma and obsidian blades that never dulled. Their powers came from the Fabled Rookstones; ancient one-of-a-kind stones, hundreds of them, made of a different rock, crystal or gem and each holding a unique magical power. It wasn't true of course; there are only 3 kinds of Rookstones, Ice, Shock and Rumble, and all Rooks have one of these. Everybody knows that. But now, as an adult, you know a little more, you're a little wiser to the world. And you know that stories like that don't exist without a grain of truth. What if the legendary Rookstones actually exist?	
JACK/QUEEN	A map and a key passed down in your family. The map covers a huge area; you can see multiple rooms - and you've never even seen the edges of <i>your</i> Room! 5 locations are marked on it with different coloured glyphs. The locations look like ancient Rook bodies, long since fallen, rotting like ancient temples. The key is ornate and strange, with a Rook symbol carved into its head. It looks like it would fit into a Rook. Maybe those 5 ancient Rook bodies are locked, and only you have the key. But what could possibly be hidden within?	
KING	You are a member of an order of Knights. Knights have one job: They are highly trained and conditioned to take on Rooks and are some of the greatest Rook fighters in all of the Colostle. Your superior in your Order has called you into his office, and he has a mission for you	

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# YOUR CHARACTER'S NATURE...

CARD DRAWN	PROMPT	
ACE/2	Happy-go-lucky, extremely optimistic, fun	
3/4	Impatient, quick-to-anger, grumpy	
5/6	ave, by-the-book, serious, no sense of humour	
7/8	Introspective, quiet, mysterious, person of few words	
9/10	Larger than life, tells exaggerated stories, roars with laughter	
JACK/QUEEN	Sly, strategic and always planning	
KING	Salt-of-the-earth, common folk, finds it easy to talk with anyone	

Your character's CALLING will evolve and develop as you play multiple chapters of Colostle. Some encounters will call back to your CALLING and it's up to you to decide how it is furthered when this happens.

Maybe you will meet someone with a clue, or someone who stands in your way! And maybe you will find a place or an item that you were looking for. When you draw the CALLING event from the EXPLORATION table consider what this means for your character's calling and what could happen.

If you are looking for ancient temples or information, maybe you find a nugget that spurs you on. And if you're trying to find a lost family member or friend, maybe you find clues that they passed through here...

# YOUR CHARACTER'S CLASS

The key two things to take note of are the class' EXPLORATION and COMBAT scores. The EXPLORATION score dictates how much you discover during your exploration phase (see EXPLORATION RULES), and your COMBAT score dictates how many attack options you will get in combat (see COMBAT RULES).

Your character is not limited to only one CLASS. As your character develops and explores more of the world, you could consider taking on aspects from other classes, if and when it feels right to do so. Your stats won't change, but it will allow you to flesh out your character and their story.



## CHARACTER TRAITS

The process of bonding with a Rook Arm is known as 'The Grafting'. Depending on the person's constitution, the size and weight of the Rook arm, and those who are carrying out the ritual, this process can vary from simple and painless to lengthy and painful. Because of this, Arm users tend to be battle-hardened and tough, chosen to wield an Arm because they are strong enough.

Despite the immense toughness of the Armed, wielding an Arm can still take a great toll on them. Sometimes it can hurt because of its weight, or when it lifts something heavy, it tugs against the user's body. Other times there is a mental weight, a stress in the mind when coercing it to follow command.

Arm users can have any number of arms attached to them, limited only by the physical and mental weight they can bear and the size and complexity of the arms they have.

Arms come in all shapes and sizes. Some are like human arms with joints and multi-fingered hands; these tend to be the easiest to wield as they challenge the mind in the same way that a human arm does. But some arms are strange or very different; like coiling segmented plates that flow like a snake, or spidery multi-jointed arrangements that split and separate. Some arms can be big and bulky enough to lift the user off the ground or carry incredibly heavy weights. Others allow users to do fine detailed work that they could never normally do with their human hands.

Some Arm users claim to see messages or hallucinations, believed to be the memories of the Rook the arm came from. A complex meditation ritual involving exotic herbs and roots can allow an Arm user to see these memories more clearly and try to understand the Rooks and their purposes better. The images are always hazy and vague but there is a very real sense of a semblance of sentience even though it is generally thought that they are just machines and only Rooklings have sentience.

## **CREATING YOUR CHARACTER**

To create your Armed character have a look at the prompts below and use some of them to inform your character and why they are heading out in search of adventure.

- Are you a hunter who felled their first Rook and wish to wear the arm as a trophy?
- Does your village or clan fit Rook arms to their children to equip them for the harsh life of living in the Colostle?
- Did you lose a limb of your own in a battle when young and have the Rook limb fitted as a replacement?
- Is the Rook arm a family heirloom passed down your family line when the previous owner falls in battle? Are you the latest to claim it, or is there something you must do first before you are worthy?
- Is your Arm a question of status? Do others in your tribe have larger, more ornate Arms, and is it important to your character to compete, or not?
- Are you the first in your family/clan/village to wield an Arm?





## CHARACTER TRAITS

The Followed are usually very capable explorers, proficient in tracking, survival and navigation, and combined with their Rookling companions (who often have a sense of direction and knowledge about the world) they are more equipped than most to navigate the lands of the Colostle.

Rooklings can vary in size from very small (the size of a kitten) to the size of a person. A Rookling will have the body and magic characteristics of the large Rook it was harvested from. To create your first Rookling, head to the 'Creating your Opponent - Rooks' section in the combat rules to either choose the body and magic characteristics, or draw cards to create them randomly.

No two Rooklings look alike, just like the Rooks they come from, and many of them can be very strange shapes. The only consistent characteristic across them all is that they are made of stone, and seem to feature castle elements but on a much smaller scale; such as doors, windows, crenellations, tiny balconies, drawbridges, and sometimes even tiny gardens in miniature courtyards jutting out of the sides of their bodies.

Fighting with Rooklings involves fighting in a partnership with your companion. Your character will have a weapon in their hands, but when you do an UNARMED or MAGIC attack this might be a moment where you command your Rookling to fight, or use its magic! Maybe it has ice powers, or the ability to roll into a ball and smash into its opponents. Maybe it can climb inside an enemy Rook and do damage from within, or maybe it can throw you high into the air to bring a weapon attack down on an enemy; the only limit is your imagination!

When fighting with your Rookling companion, think about what it is about your partnership that makes you skilled Rook hunters. Maybe you even have some special moves that you can do together due to a convenient combination of specialities!

## **CREATING YOUR CHARACTER**

To create your Followed character have a look at the prompts below and use some of them to inform your character and why they are heading out in search of adventure.

- Does your village or clan hate the Rooks, and did you have to keep your bond with a Rookling secret?
- Is your Rookling the core of a Rook that killed someone close to your character?
- Is your bond with your Rookling a reluctant one; does it follow, but you wish it didn't?
- Does your Rookling have something special about it? A strange crest or a hand that looks like a key?
- Think about your Rooklings shape, abilities and how it would fight in combat. With these things considered it will make it easier to come up with strategies in battle!





## CHARACTER TRAITS

The Helmed are the closest to wizards or alchemists in the world of Colostle. Understanding the magical properties of Rooks and how to harness them is partly a pursuit of arcane knowledge and also one of logic and crystal-engineering, like magical circuitry.

Any human-made devices that use Rookstones, like lanterns or refrigeration chambers, are made by the Helmed, or someone who would be a great candidate for a Helm.

This knack for Rook alchemy is rare and even if it manifests in someone, there is then the added challenge of defeating a Rook to obtain the part or parts usable to create a Helm.

However, once done, unlike the Arm which requires attunement and a great toll on the body, the use of a Helm is purely operative, there is no attunement required. It is, however, complex and a deep understanding is required.

The Helmeds skills are the most sought after in society. Manipulating and understanding the magical 'technology' of the Rooks allows people luxuries beyond the reach of human technology. This can mean one of two things for the Helmed, they are either venerated, or enslaved, depending on the nature of the person who comes across them.

Others still consider the Helmed to be Rook sympathizers or 'witches'. They are thought to be brainwashed with a Rooks thoughts infecting and affecting their own, as such they are often driven out of smaller settlements and distrusted in larger ones. Some religious zealots consider the use of the Rookstone magic to be heresy; consorting with the monsters that threaten everyday life for people. These people consider the Helmed to be the very worst heretics.

## **CREATING YOUR CHARACTER**

To create your Helmed character have a look at the prompts below and use some of them to inform your character and why they are heading out in search of adventure.

- Has your character always had an understanding of Rooks since they were young? And if so, how did they first discover that?
- Does your character respect the Rooks, or simply see them as a source for scrap to tinker with?
- Is your character more comfortable in their workshop, dissecting and assembling, and is therefore reluctant to head out on a grand quest or journey?
- Is your character surrounded by brave warrior Armed or strategic ranger Followed, and feeling a need to prove their worth in their village or clan?
- Is your character driven to understand the mechanisms and technology of the Rooks and the Colostle as a whole?





#### **CHARACTER TRAITS**

Like the Helmed, the Mounted are gifted Rooksmiths, with a basic understanding of their functionality. But unlike the Helmed who have an understanding of the magical circuitry and therefore magical abilities of a Rook, the Mounted have a mechanical one.

The Mounted are nomads and scavengers, constantly on the hunt for felled or ancient decaying Rooks and harvesting parts for their own mount. Partly to upgrade, and partly to just keep it going, as mounts require constant maintenance, like off-road vehicles. A Mounted's mount is their heart and their life. Like looking after a bike or a beloved car, it is everything, it is their freedom.

When you defeat a Rook or come across a husk out in the wilds, your character can take parts to upgrade or add to the functionality of your mount. This functions as a story opportunity for your character. Perhaps you took damage in your last battle and you take pieces from a fallen Rook to repair it. Maybe where once there were wheels, you attach legs in their place.

Individual parts of Rooks seem to function on their own. If you remove a spinning wheel from the core of a Rook it will continue to spin on it's own. If you take a leg mechanism; it will still have power despite being disconnected. This means any part that isn't completely smashed to splinters can be made useful to a Mounted.

Mounted are capable of battling Rooks and do so using the Mount's built in Weapons (for example a cannon or a battering ram). In COMBAT, if you draw a WEAPON attack you can use your Mount's weapon or one that your character carries in their hands.

The Mounted have a low starting COMBAT score but as you explore more you will find ways to increase that score. Don't see this as a limitation. Instead, it is a storytelling opportunity to have your character go on an adventure of growth.

## **CREATING YOUR CHARACTER**

To create your Mounted character have a look at the prompts below and use some of them to inform your character and why they are heading out in search of adventure.

- Do you come from a village of Mounted, with buildings and encampments made of mechanical parts of Rooks? Being Mounted is in your blood?
- Come up with what your mount looks like and what Weapon it has on board to help defend you on your adventures.
- Perhaps your nomadic tribe is running out of Rook parts, your lands no longer as fertile for living and fallen Rooks as before. Maybe you must travel further afield to find new lands, rich in broken mechanical parts to scavenge.
- Maybe your father is famous in the tribe for his mechanical adeptness and warrior's spirit. You live in his shadow, keen to prove you have what it takes to carry on the family name.
- One day when scavenging a Rook husk you come across a part unlike any seen before.
   It could change how your mount functions dramatically. What would the others think if they saw it though, would they try to take it from you?





# MAGIC

Magic is a power unique to the Rooks and comes from stones bonded in ancient circuitry known as Rookstones, found deep within their bodies. Rookstones come in 3 varieties; Electric, Rumble and Ice. Every Rook will either have one of these 3 magical qualities or no magical abilities because its Rookstone is broken or missing.

People are able to use these magical abilities by harvesting a HELM from a defeated Rook. These helmets are usually a central part of the Rook's core that is tweaked and shaped into something a human can wear. Every HELM looks different from one another and confers onto the human the magical power of that specific Rook while they wear it.

Electric magic manifests as arcing lightning and balls of sparking energy. Rumble shakes the earth and everything around, like an earthquake, with ear-splitting cracks and explosions. And Ice cools the air and water to form huge piercing or disabling crystals of ice, formed from nothing.

In Colostle, Magic is there simply for flavour, to enhance your stories with incredible sights and scenes. As you will see in the COMBAT RULES, it is a type of attack you or an opponent can do, but this is purely for descriptive purposes; for you to have fun thinking about how a lightning strike from a Rook might look, or how your character dodges an ice crystal hurled at them in battle.

There are legends that speak of other special Rookstones somewhere out in the world. Unlike the standard Rookstones of which there are many of each type, these special Rookstones are oneof-a-kind and confer unique abilities to the Rooks that bear them. Perhaps if someone was to defeat one of these Rooks, they would get that unique power for themselves... EXCERPT FROM AN UNKNOWN HUNTER'S JOURNAL, FOUND ON HIS BODY:

I have never seen anything like it before in all my years of Rookhunting.

I have fought many Rooks in my time, and am very familiar with how the Rookstones look. The deep amber colour of the Electric stones, the cloudy, swirling grey of the Rumble stones and the sharp, white angular look of the loe stones.

So when this Rook came upon me, its topmost tower shattered from a previous battle, its Rookstone core exposed to me like a vicious head would, and what I saw gleaming there; a bright red, fiery ruby... I was stunned.

My confusion cost me dearly, and catching me off-guard the stone monstrosity raised a mighty stone hand and tendrils of flame shot from its fingertips, the ruby Rookstone shining, almost maniacally.

I managed to run and hide but I am burnt badly and do not think I will survive the night, it is a great pain for me just to lift this pen, but I must leave this account for future hunters and scholars to find.

OTHER ROOKSTONES DO EXIST! I have seen one with my own eyes, let this be my legacy, proof by my hand...

BEWARE THE FIRE ROOK ....







#### **EXPLORATION RULES**

Exploring the lands of Colostle involves using a deck of ordinary playing cards. To realise what your character sees and encounters, you draw a number of cards equal to your character's exploration score and set them down in front of you.

This is the EXPLORATION PHASE and is how every chapter of your adventure starts. The colour, suit and number of the cards you have drawn dictate what you have discovered, but it is up to you how you link these elements together into a story of a mythic adventure. You could see each EXPLORATION phase as a day of your adventure or longer, if it suits your story and your journal.

If you encounter something to fight then the resolution of that combat occurs in a COMBAT phase. Some EXPLORATION phases may not have combat encounters at all, or your character might choose to avoid it. But if you do choose to fight, that COMBAT phase can fall anywhere within your EXPLORATION; right at the start, half way through or at the end - whatever works best for your tale.

With all of the card prompts used and any combat encounters resolved, that is the end of the first chapter of your adventure. To start the next, simply draw your exploration cards again but be warned, your EXPLORATION score might have changed from the outcome of any battles you encountered.

As you continue through EXPLORATION and COMBAT phases, just keep drawing cards from the same pile, moving them to the discard pile once you have used them. Once you reach the end of the pile, shuffle the discard pile and start a new pile to draw from. If you draw 2 of the same card you can decide whether to draw a new card in place of the duplicate, or encounter 2 of the same thing.

Consult the tables on the next page to see the prompts for the various EXPLORATION cards.



It took me a day to climb the strange ladder I found hanging down the wall, and it stretched upward so high that I didn't know for sure where it was taking me... it disappeared into the misty sky. It wasn't fully intact and I had to use my Arm a few times to cling to handholds in the rough stony bricks...

But | made it. It's... a window. And through its massive frame | could see more hills, another town and yet another wall and window in the far, far distance. This is an incredible discovery, | can't wait to explore these new lands, but first | must work out how | will get down the other side...





#### RED CARDS are organic things, people and creatures.

CARD DRAWN	PROMPT		
	💙 Unarmed	♦ Armed	
ACE	-	le symbol on them. Perhaps he has clues ase strangers are often unwilling to even be	
		ult maybe? People don't talk about them . but they definitely know something. If you n your COMBAT phase.	
	💙 Easy Prey	Dangerous	
2		the wilds are strange and unfamiliar; weird v, a boar with scales, or a fowl with 2 sets of hould make time to eat.	
	♥ Friendly	Not friendly	
3	CALLING - You come across someone who is key to your CALLING. Maybe they have a clue about what you're looking for, or they block your way to learning more		
	♥ Trustworthy	Untrustworthy	
4	A person you meet asks you to find something for them. Maybe they have lost something, or they are too afraid to get it. Draw a card and check the ITEM table (page 30) to see how they will reward you if you do this for them. Use the other cards drawn in this EXPLORATION phase to inform where you might need to go. If you fight them, create a human opponent in your COMBAT phase.		
	♥ Seems safe	♦ Something's off	
5	A dead body of another human. Who are they? What are they wearing? Either draw a card from the ITEM table to see if they have something on their person, OR draw from the EVENT table to see if the situation develops.		
	♥ Friendly	Not friendly	
6	Another adventurer like yourself, garbed in Rook Armour and armed as one of the classes. But what do they want? Are they here to help you take down a Rook? If so what do they want in return? Or are their intentions darker? If you fight them, create a human opponent in your COMBAT phase.		
	♥ Taken to a new area	Taken to the rafters	
7	A screech from the sky, the beat of heavy wings gargoyles. You thought they were just stories you were told as a child. Apparently not! It grabs you by the shoulders and starts to carry you upward. <b>Y</b> : It takes you to a whole new area. <b>+</b> : It takes you up to its nest in the rafters of the ceiling. There is no fighting a Gargoyle		
	♥ Safe ♦ Event		
8	You come across a small settlement, maybe a farming village, the buildings are all wooden and skins, like most small settlements. If it is SAFE, draw an ITEM card to see what can be found there. Otherwise, draw an EVENT card.		
0	♥ Safe	🔶 Bandit camp	
9	A massive skeleton. 'It looks humanoid. E	But it can't be, can it?'	
	♥ They don't notice you	• You are captured and taken prisoner	

#### BLACK CARDS are scenic things, structures and objects

CARD DRAWN	PROMPT		
	♠ Untouched	Evidence of attempted raids	
ACE	A large treasure. Maybe a chest or a valuable golden object, perched atop an altar. Whatever it is, it fills you with hope for your adventure. Add 1 point to either your EXPLORATION or COMBAT scores and come up with an item for your inventory.		
	♠ Intact/Locked	🕏 Ruined	
2	A door. No ordinary door - a door between Rooms in the Colostle; it's impossible, huge beyond imagining, disappearing upward into the sky. If you hadn't seen it from a distance, you'd have thought it was just another wall. If it's RUINED maybe you can slip through a gap, but if it's INTACT you might have to find a mechanism to unlock or open it.		
	🚖 Intact	🕭 Ruined	
3	A staircase leading to another floor in the Colostle. Massive - and a quest in itself to climb - it vanishes into mist and clouds. Each step is the height of a small house - who could have possibly built this? If this is not the first staircase you have come across, you can consult the BATTLEMENTS module to take you to the Colostle Rooftops. If it is the first staircase you have found, it takes you to another floor of the Colostle.		
	🚖 Somewhat intact	🕭 Mostly rubble	
4	Ruins of a people you've never heard of. Ruins of a people you've never heard of. The unfamiliar inscriptions and architecture suggest these people lived a very long time ago. Draw an EVENT card for something else to happen here.		
	🛧 Functional	🕭 Damaged	
5	A great, strange mechanism that seems to operate something in the Colostle. Pipes, gearwheels and levers; it seems oversized but you think you can operate it. If DAMAGED maybe you need to find something to repair it?		
6 You avoid it!		🕭 You are caught in it!	
0	A trap! Maybe a hunters trap, or a pit, or some old machinery. What do you do now?		
	Flat and easily navigable	🕏 Deep and hard to climb into	
7	A cave entrance. A darkness beckons beyond. Could it lead to deeper parts of the Colostle itself?		
	🛧 Calm	🕏 Stormy	
8	The sea. A huge expanse of water stretches out before you. You stand on a rocky coast, or a beach, looking out. The water stretches to the horizon but beyond it you can see the tell-tale columns and ceiling supports of the Colostle; it's all still within a room. If you don't want to use the expansion module, consider this a coastal region of cliffs and beaches. Otherwise, consult the OCEANS module to explore the SEA!		
	Something you were looking for	A clue to the next step on your quest	
9		t is key to your CALLING. Maybe a building	
	A Thriving	🕏 Abandoned	
10 You come across a City; a huge settlement unlike anything you have ever seen before. Buildings constructed from Rook parts, seemingly motorised vehicles and mechanisms on every corner, and best of all, shops, culture, and hunters; a place of commerce, trade and meeting. If you don't want to use the expansion module, consider the city ABANDONED. Otherwise, consult the CITY module to discover this astonishing new location.			

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Drawing a Jack, Queen or King - no matter the suit or colour - follows the table below. When it comes to a Rook, you can decide whether to fight it or try to sneak past. If you choose to fight it, check the COMBAT section.

JACK	You find an item! Consult the ITEM table to discover what you find!
QUEEN	Medium Rook
KING	Massive Rook

In some cases, an EXPLORATION prompt might reference the ITEM or EVENT tables (below). These tables allow you to add further detail to an encounter by drawing another card and checking it against these prompts. Whenever you collect an ITEM you can check it against the ITEM table if you want to randomise what it is. You can use the EVENT prompts whenever you like, to add more flavour to any situation.

 

 ITEMS

 CARD DRAWN
 ITEM PROMPT

 ACE
 TREASURE (FOR TRADING)

 2
 SUPPLIES

 3
 KNOWLEDGE

 HERBS/INGREDIENTS to make a begling potion

4	HERBS/INGREDIENTS to make a healing potion to heal one WOUND
5	KEY
6	VEHICLE
7	A TAME ANIMAL
8	POTION
9	MACHINE PART
10	МАР
JACK	WEAPON
QUEEN	ARTEFACT/IDOL
KING	2 TREASURES (FOR TRADING)

Think about ways to sew the moments in the EXPLORATION phase together: perhaps you draw an Ace of Diamonds and a 4 of Clubs - This is the stranger in unusual robes and the ruins of an ancient civilization. Maybe the stranger spies you and flees into the ruins, sparking a chase through ancient labyrinthine corridors....



#### EVENTS

CARD DRAWN	EVENT PROMPT
ACE	YOU MEET A FRIEND
2	A STORM
3	SOMETHING FALLS FROM THE 'CEILING'
4	YOU FALL
5	A LOUD NOISE
6	A STRANGE FEELING
7	SUN SETS OR RISES
8	A FIRE STARTS
9	SOMETHING BREAKS
10	YOUR WAY IS BLOCKED
JACK	YOU ARE SURROUNDED
QUEEN	HUNGER SETS IN
KING	CREATE/REPAIR SOMETHING



# OCEAN ENCOUNTERS

The rooms of the Colostle are so vast that on your adventures you might come across a sea. Maybe you reach a coastline cliff or a rocky beach as you trek from one wall of a room to another, and as you look out at the flat blue horizon, you get a very real sense for how big the rooms of the Colostle can be.

It could take days of sailing on one of these bodies of water to reach the other side, and that side might not be another coastline; The sea might just butt up against the wall of that room, or maybe it flows through another doorway leading into the next room. Or maybe that impossible door - miles high into the air - is closed, and the pressure of an ocean's worth of water means it will never be opened.

Some rooms in the Colostle are smaller than others; some are more like corridors or hallways between rooms. These spaces are still massive it might take a day or two to travel across their width, but to travel their length could take weeks or even months.. Perhaps some of these spaces are oceans too; sailing long walled corridors with burning torches on the walls high above your ship's sails. And don't forget the upper floors oceans aren't limited to being on the ground floor, although maybe in some places the ceiling has broken and huge torrents of water fall from an ocean above...

Worst of all are the Sea Rooks; larger than their land-based cousins due to the relative support and safety of a body of water, these leviathans of stone, covered in algae and seaweed, periodically rise out of the water like humongous rock whales breaching the surface... just pray they don't see you.

Other Sea Rooks have been dormant or even dead for years, and have become small islands. Exploring the island reveals rooms and chambers below the sand, and vegetation that has grown on the topside. The rooms are half-flooded but perhaps there is treasure to find.

It looks like you're going to need a boat...

To explore the oceans of Colostle requires a boat or seagoing vehicle. This involves learning the craft of a Mounted, or befriending one. If Mounted is your starting class then building a ship will be no problem. There might be a story you want to tell about getting the parts you need, but once you have them, all you'll need is time.

However, if you started as another class, this might mean you need to ask for passage from a Mounted, or learn their ways. In your story, if you encounter another Hunter or a village or city with Mounted in it, perhaps you could go and talk to them and trade for knowledge, or even a mount of your own.

Once out on the ocean there is plenty to be weary of. Weather is a huge factor, especially storms. Sometimes the Ocean encounter table (right) will ask you to consult the WEATHER table (right below) for that EXPLORATION phase, and this might affect the whole phase - for good or for bad. If you are asked to draw a WEATHER prompt more than once in your EXPLORATION phase, ignore all but the first one.

Take care at sea, there isn't always somewhere to hide and take shelter.

The rules for combat at sea are largely unchanged from the general rules of combat for Colostle, however, as you are writing your character's story, consider the implications of how that battle might unfold in this new situation.

If you enter into COMBAT, take cues from the prompts drawn in your EXPLORATION phase, especially if you drew a WEATHER prompt, as that could add some serious flavour to how the fight goes down. Perhaps the Rook is an Electric type but you are fighting in the rain - that could short out its attacks!

Finally, remember all Rook combat is optional; you can always steer around and give that hulking sea Rook a wide berth, saving your energy for another day.

# OCEAN ENCOUNTER TABLE

CARD DRAWN	AWN PROMPT			
	BLACK - Uninhabited	RED - You hear voices deep within		
ACE	A single castle tower sticks up out of the water, waves splashing around where it connects with the sea. There is a doorway that is accessible from the height of the sea, and when you look down into the interior you are stunned to see that it goes deep down into an underwater complex, completely airtight from the sea around it. Check WEATHER.			
	BLACK - Friendly	RED - Not friendly		
2	Another seagoing adventurer in their own vessel. If not friendly and you choose to fight instead of flee, consult the COMBAT rules and create a person opponent. Check WEATHER.			
	BLACK - Intact	RED - Wrecked		
3	Shipwreck. You pull up alongside the wrecked vessel. If it is intact then you can explore within and find 2 ITEMS. If it is wrecked then you find a single ITEM floating in the wreckage.			
	BLACK - Dead	RED - The Rooks traps are still active!		
4	An island with the tell-tale crenellations of a castle around its perimeter. Could it be that you are seeing just the very top of a huge Rook below the waves?			
	BLACK - Swims past your vessel	RED - Hits your vessel as it passes!		
5	A huge seagoing creature is swimming just below the surface. Maybe its leading you somewhere, maybe you could hunt it for food? Check WEATHER.			
	BLACK - Uninhabited	RED - Inhabited		
6	Sea cave, large enough for your vessel to enter. It's huge, cavernous within, like an underground river leading from one cavern to the next. If inhabited the creatures you meet are not human. If Uninhabited check the ITEM table for what you find			
	BLACK - TREASURE to find	RED - A WEAPON to find		
7	A pirate ship! The pirates lasso your ship and bring you aboard. This is not a time to fight - you must sneak out and escape the pirate ship! Tell your story of how you navigate the halls and decks of the pirate ship and how you find either the treasure of the weapon that you take back with you.			
	BLACK - TREASURE to find	RED - ROOK PARTS to find		
8	Shallow waters and underwater ruins. If the weather is good, you could drop anchor and swim down to investigate			
9	BLACK - Uninhabited	RED - Inhabited		
	A small island. Consult the base rulebook for what you find here for ONE EXPLORATION phase. That is all there is to find here return to the SEA to continue. Check WEATHER.			
	BLACK - Unguarded	RED - Guarded		
10	A coastline. If you decide to disembark here then return to the base rulebook for ongoing EXPLORATION phases. Check WEATHER.			
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# WEATHER TABLE

WEATHER TABLE		
ARD DRAWN	WEATHER PROMPT	ſ
ACE	SUNSHINE - Add one to your EXPLORATION or COMBAT score.	
2	STRONG WINDS - a good wind takes your boat where you want to go, quickly.	
3	FOG - Visibility is reduced to 2 feet in front of you. It is unnervingly quiet.	
4	HEAVY RAIN - No shelter, it pelts against your skin. You'll just have to sail on.	
5	CALM - no winds, baking heat. You will be stuck in the middle of the sea with no way to move for 24 hours.	
6	CROSSWIND - You are blown off course and are lost at sea for 24 hours.	
7	SNOW - Small flakes settle on your boat, this is going to get cold	111
8	WATERSPOUT - A column of water twirling with wind, it's heading toward you!	
9	STORM - Your boat is tossed by huge waves and heavy winds.	
10	LIGHTNING - Forks of lightning light up the sky, the sea churns with malice.	
JACK	ICE - The ocean freezes instantly around your boat. You are stuck for 24 hours.	
QUEEN	TSUNAMI - A huge wave looms above your boat. Can you ride it out or will it smash your boat to pieces?	All -
KING	MAELSTROM - your boat is damaged and you wake up stranded on a new island. Return to base book Encounter tables for your next EXPLORATION Phase.	41



## THE CITIES OF THE COLOSTLE

The cities of the Colostle; incredible places with a starkly higher level of civilisation and apparent technological advancement than the villages and wild-lands of the rooms beyond their boundaries. These astonishing places are possible with largescale use of defeated Rooks bodies and their internal mechanisms and magical technologies.

The cities of the Colostle are incredible bustling places of trade, culture and security. Every building is a part of, or the whole body of, a now defeated Rook; their husks now outfitted with windows and wooden interior floors, flagpoles and shop-fronts.

Mechanisms from their stone bodies now drive wagons and other strange vehicles in the streets. Rookstones light up the busy thoroughfares at night, and Rooklings scurry to and fro; running errands or delivering packages and mail.

The city is a great place for buying weapons and equipment, selling items and treasures you have found on your adventures, and getting information about quests that will reward your character upon successful completion.

The streets themselves are paved with stones from smashed Rook bodies, the houses filled with hundreds if not thousands of people looking to live a more secure life, safe from the wild lands and the roaming Rooks, thanks to defensive walls and long-range wall-mounted weaponry.

As an adventurer it is a place to find information, money and work. Maybe you are looking for someone, have artefacts to appraise or sell or are looking for quests to elevate your name - the city is the place for all these things and more.

It is also a great opportunity for your story. All sorts of people pass through a place like this and you can find practically anything when this many people come together... Excerpt from 'The Colostle Traveller's buide' by Trimian Blythe:

The brand City of Crenelle is one of the greatest sights to behold for a weary traveller from the Roomlands.

It can be seen from a great distance away, the squat body of what must have been a truly massive Rook once. No single person could have taken that beast down, I imagine generations just waited for it to lay down and give up.

But now its long dead husk houses the entire city, with its tiers of buildings and glittering palace towers at the very top. The former Rook's body forms an excellent perimeter wall with holes cut into it for access to the various caravan trains and traders who frequent the city, back and forth.

Inside, the lower streets are filled with all manner of folk, in shady walkways dappled with beams of sunlight breaking through from above, and swathes of green ivys and leafy plants dangling down from storeys above.

Every building is a different shape from its neighbour, slotted together like strange tessellations, and sometimes you can see their arms are heads from when they were Rooks, frozen in strange and stiff poses.

You can find anything here, but I recommend seeking out one of the many bazaars in the lower streets or eating in a high up baloony cafe that looks out over the perimeter wall.

It is a world away from the hard living for those of us live out in the Roomlands, but once you've sampled city life, I very much doubt you will want to leave...

# **BUILDING THE CITY**

When your character arrives at a city the first task for you as a player is to build it. This process of drawing cards will dictate what the city has to offer and might dictate the kind of activities you choose to do while you stay here - if you stay here.

Building the city involves drawing a number of cards and laying them out in front of you. The cards must all touch one another on at least one side (there can be no areas of the city that float separately). The shape is completely up to you. It could be a perfect square, an L-shape or just a completely random layout.

Each of these cards represents an amenity/district of the city and where they are placed will allow you to draw a map of your city; both to remember the layout and also which amenities it has to offer. This can be as simple or as detailed as you like but you will need to record it as you will be shuffling the cards back into your deck once you have created it.

A city always starts with 4 elements. These are elements that all cities have. Search through your card deck and find a 10, JACK, QUEEN and KING in any suit and colour. These correspond to the amenities below:

- KING Hunter's Guild
- **QUEEN** Tavern
- JACK Merchant
- TEN Housing District

Now you will draw a number of cards to dictate the rest of your city. If you draw another J, Q or K, put it to the bottom of the deck and draw another card.

A city is 8 cards total in size, although you can tweak this number if you want a larger or smaller city for your story. Now draw 4 more cards from the deck and check them against the table on the next page to build your city. If you draw 2 of one type of amenity while building your city, you can choose to ignore it and draw again, or have 2 instances of that amenity in your city, for some healthy competition!

#### HUNTERS GUILD

The Hunter's Guild is the professional base for all Rook Hunters. Your character may not be a Rook Hunter - instead an adventurer with a different reason to explore the lands of the Colostle and fights Rooks purely out of necessity - but some make it their profession to hunt Rooks and the Guild is a place they can get paid for their dangerous work.

Out in the world are plenty of Rooks that are causing problems for the populace of cities and villages of the Colostle. These people come to the Guild and offer a reward to Hunters who can take care of these Rooks and solve the problem.

Any player can enter the Hunters Guild and take a quest to deal with a Rook and earn a reward. It is a great way to make your way in the world and provide new adventures for your character.



The impressive entranceway to a Hunter's Guild hall in a city...
# CITY BUILDING PROMPTS

CARD DRAWN	CITY AMENITY
ACE	<b>Palace Grounds</b> - this city has a palace, and a ruler as well. This is likely a place of sumptuous architecture built out of only the most ornate Rook husks, at a high point in the city looking over everyone else. It is doubtful that a wanderer such as yourself would simply be allowed in but perhaps your story has given your character a reason to speak to the ruler? An offering would certainly help - maybe you have picked up a treasure on your adventure?
2	<ul> <li>Lapidarist - A Rookstone specialist; someone who can work these ancient magical stones and magically upgrade your equipment, for a price of course.</li> <li>FOR 1 TREASURE - they can add an additional magical ability (Ice, Rumble or Electric) to your helm.</li> <li>FOR 2 TREASURES - they can add a magical ability to an Arm, Rookling or Mount.</li> <li>FOR 3 TREASURES - they will share with you a Rookstone from their private collection. One that isn't Ice, Rumble or Electric; but a new one-of-a-kind magical power. You can come up with what this power is and how your character can use it.</li> </ul>
3	<ul> <li>Rooksmith - toiling away in their Mount Garages; Rooksmiths work on the mechanical parts of Rooks and convert them into vehicles or mounts to be ridden upon.</li> <li>FOR 3 TREASURES - they will build a custom mount for your character. It could be seaworthy, or landworthy and will feature some form of WEAPON based attack ability which you can choose (such as cannon, crossbow, battering ram etc.) See MOUNTED class info for fighting with MOUNT weapons.</li> </ul>
4	Cartographer - a wise and bookish individual dedicated to the difficult art of mapping the lands around the city. Cartographers rely on information from Rook Hunters as they cannot go out and collect it themselves. THEY WILL PAY 2 TREASURES for a map of a new area. Take a quest from the Hunter's Guild. Draw a map of your adventure marking anything discovered from your EXPLORATION phases whilst on the quest. Return it to the Cartographer for your reward.
5	<ul> <li>Weapon Smith - A tough person covered in oil and rumble powder working in a hot and smoky forge. They take Rook weapons and adapt and upgrade them for hunters.</li> <li>FOR 1 TREASURE - they can upgrade your current weapon. Add 1 to your COMBAT score.</li> <li>FOR 2 TREASURES - they can give you a whole new weapon. This is yours to come up with; perhaps a great hammer or a long Rookspear? Add 1 to your COMBAT score.</li> </ul>
6	<ul> <li>Arms Dealer - They stand behind their counter; a great number of small arms coming out of their back like a stone spider.</li> <li>The Arms dealer can find a new arm for you and help you with the ritual of attunement.</li> <li>FOR 2 TREASURES - they can provide you with a whole new arm. This can be whatever you imagine - perhaps it is coiled like a snake, or huge and thick like a tree trunk; able to lift a boulder with ease?</li> </ul>
7	Rookling Crèche - see page 40 for details
8	Gourmet District - The centre of food production in the city; a bustling place of restaurants, food markets and spice bazaars. Here, hunters who have caught wild beasts out in the lands surrounding the city can find a great price for their prize - and also get a great meal while they're bargaining. THEY WILL PAY 1 TREASURE for a wild beast caught by a hunter. FOR 1 TREASURE - enjoy a meal from one of the many restaurants and add 1 to your EXPLORATION score.
9	House for sale - see page 40 for details



A city Lapidarist examines a recent Rookstone acquisition from a hunter...

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### HUNTERS GUILD (CONT)

Creating a quest for your character to take from the Hunters Guild follows these steps:

A Hunters Guild consists of 3 elements. To create your quest you draw a card for each element and check them against the tables on this page.

**THE LOCATION** - This is where the Rook is located and will inform your character's adventure of finding it; the sights they'll see on the journey, and the setting of your character's battle with the Rook.

**THE TWIST** - This is an element to the quest that makes it unusual; not like a regular Rook you might meet in the wild. This unusual aspect is what has made it a Hunter's Guild target.

**THE REWARD** - This is what you will receive for bringing proof back that you have dealt with the Rook and the problem it was causing.

TWIST		
CARD DRAWN	TWIST	
A	The Rook is picking on travellers and attacking their mounts and then eating them.	
2	The Rook is flying somehow, circling a tower and dropping boulders on anyone who gets close.	
3	Inside a huge ancient Rook husk, a medium sized Rook is holed up sending hordes of Rooklings out to steal resources and bring them back.	
4	A massive spider-like Rook is terrorising local towns and villages.	
5	A wheeled Rook is churning up farmland of a local village.	
6	A Rook has made its nest in a village and has forced al the residents out.	
7	A Rook has planted itself in a river and blocks the flow of water.	
8	A Rook underground is causing earthquakes with its rumble magic.	
9	At the top of a volcano a massive Rook is awakening and threatens to make the volcano erupt.	
10	A mischievous spectral Rookling haunts a town.	
L	A town built on the back of a huge once-dormant Rook. But the Rook has awoken and is slowly on the move	
Q	People have reported a voice coming from within a massive dormant Rook	
к	A whole village is dreaming of the same Rook, but none of them have seen it yet.	

#### REWARD -

CARD DRAWN	REWARD
SPADE 🔶	2 TREASURES
CLUB 秦	2 TREASURES
HEART 🎔	3 TREASURES
	2 TREASURES



#### LOCATION -

CARD DRAWN	LOCATION
A/2	A deep dark forest
3	An island in the middle of a lake
4/5	High in some rocky mountains
6	A Rook graveyard
7/8	Deep in a strange cave
9	Misty gloomy swamplands
10/J	A doorway to another room
Q	The abandoned ruins of an ancient people
к	A huge staircase leading up into the clouds

CARD DRAWN	DISTANCE FROM THE CITY
SPADE 🛧	2 EXPLORATION Phases
CLUB 뢒	3 EXPLORATION Phases
HEART 🕈	4 EXPLORATION Phases
DIAMOND ♦	5 EXPLORATION Phases

The above table is how many EXPLORATION phases it will take for you to reach the Rook in question. When the quest is complete it will take this long to return to the city too. Unless you own a house.

Once you have created a quest you can decide to accept it and head out to complete the requirements, or you can turn it down and ask for another. This is as simple as going through the process again and seeing what you get a second time.

Consider using the quests you DON'T take on as more aspects to your story. Other things are happening out in the world and maybe they can tie in to your character's overall adventure.

When you reach the EXPLORATION phase that your quest's target is at, don't draw any cards for that phase. Instead use the LOCATION and TWIST information to dictate where you are and the kind of Rook you are facing.

Upon finding your Rook target when you reach its location you must create your Rook opponent as you normally would but this time taking into account the TWIST and LOCATION when you battle it!

Upon completing your quest, and returning to the Guild with the proof, your character will then receive their reward. There is no time limit requirement for a quest. You can have a quest running in the background while your character does other things.

#### HOUSING DISTRICT

The Housing District is where the populace of the city live and is a great place for your story to develop if you need to meet a contact, stay with family or friends, or get some information.

The district mostly consists of Rook husks piled on top of one another to create something akin to an apartment block. Makeshift ladders and crude stairways clamber over lower houses to reach upper ones and here-and-there old Rook arms form bridges and washing lines.

Between the houses; wandering the various walkways and corridors are vendors selling food door-to-door, mysterious cultists going about their shady business trying to recruit new members, and the residents themselves, gossiping or visiting friends.

It is a vibrant place and where your character will need to go if they are looking for someone. All manner of people live in the Housing Districts of cities; entertainers, brewers, retired heroes, seamstresses, tailors, huge families, hermits squirrelled away from the outside world, and soldiers for the army of the city.

The Housing District is a great place for anything to happen in your story that involves meeting new or old characters and advancing your adventure with information and rumour!



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## ROOKLING CRÈCHE

Rookling Crèches appear in most cities in the Colostle as a great place for Hunters to pickup their first Rookling companion for a quest. Or for those who live within the city to secure some cheap labour for their business or family home.

As a player you can trade any Rooklings you have adopted on your journey here for a chance at a different type using the table below. Or you can buy a Rookling for 2 TREASURES. Either way you must let the cards decide which you receive - its always a gamble with Rooklings!

CARD DRAWN	ROOKLING
A	A spidery one with 6 legs
2	A ball-shaped one that rolls
3	A telescopic one that extends and retracts
4	One with a large glowing eye
5	A speedy wheeled one
6	A friendly and loving one
7	One with powerful spring-like legs
8	It walks on 4 legs like a dog
9	One that splits into 3 parts
10	A mean looking one bristling with blades
J	One that magically floats in the air beside you
Q	One with a mysterious door in its front
к	One that emits garbled speech from time to time.

### TAVERN

Every city has a Tavern; a place where tired battle-weary adventurers can eat well and lay their head for a couple of days. Since the world of the Colostle operates on a bartering system of commerce, you can trade any item you have found on your travels for a night's stay at the Tavern. This stay will grant your player +1 to either your COMBAT or EXPLORATION scores. You can only do this ONCE per visit to the city. You will have to spend at least one EXPLORATION phase outside of the city before being able to use the Tavern again.

The Tavern is also a great place to meet people and talk to strangers, and hear rumours and ask about any jobs that are needed. Once per visit to the Tavern you can ask a stranger for a quest and use the Quest Generation system from the Hunter's Guild section to create one. Then when complete you will need to return to the Tavern for your reward.

### HOUSE FOR SALE

Living in a city does not come cheap. For 20 TREASURES you can buy a house in a city that has this option available. This is advisable to do if the city you have discovered has a lot of useful amenities.



Owning a house grants you plenty of story options for your character but it also grants your character 2 major boons:

**HEALING** - once per stay in the city you can heal your character fully back up to their starting EXPLORATION and COMBAT scores. Narratively this involves your character staying in the city for a WEEK.

**FAST TRAVEL** - As a resident you gain access to the city's Caravan service which allows your character the ability to fast travel back from any Hunter's Guild quests. This means your character won't have to spend the EXPLORATION phases to journey back after a quest and instead can travel for a single day in the caravan. You cannot use the Caravan to head out to a quest though - only to return home.







### THE MERCHANT

The Merchant is an interesting character found in their shop in the city streets. For a variety of different prices (see each item) all manner of strange devices, weapons and supplies can be purchased. Some of them are single use - others are pieces of equipment you can equip.

Some of these special items have a specific game-play function which is made clear in their description - but others are simply ways to make your character's story more interesting and allow you more options for description of what happens in your story.

If you have the items required for the special item's cost and you wish to buy the special item; simply cross off the items from your inventory and add the special item to your inventory.

Perhaps you can describe the strange gloomy shop in your story too and the mysterious untrustworthy looking shop-keeper behind the counter...



#### ELECTRIC SWORD

A Rook great sword imbued with Electric magic.

PRICE - 1 Treasure

## SPECIAL ITEMS



PRICE - Any 1 item



#### PRICE - 3 Treasures



A crossbow-like device that launches 2 pins with a chain between them. When aimed correctly this can trip up a Rook.

PRICE - 4 items





A mysterious stone that summons weather. Check once against the WEATHER table in the OCEANS section to see what kind of weather it will always generate. Can be used once per EXPLORATION phase.

PRICE - Any 5 items



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### BATTLEMENTS ENCOUNTERS

#### DON'T READ THIS SECTION UNTIL YOUR CHARACTER HAS REACHED THE BATTLEMENTS IN THEIR ADVENTURE.

Not many adventurers make it this far. This is a place not written about in history books, not charted by Cartographers, not known by storytellers. There are rumours of heroes making it to the rooftops of the Colostle, but not about them coming back. As such, the Battlements have become synonymous with the idea of an afterlife; a warrior's paradise that all Hunters go to when they die.

The truth is quite different, for the Battlements are definitely a place, and maybe you will be the first to come back and tell the tales of what you saw.

On the rooftops of the Colostle it is perpetual twilight; there is no grand light in the sky that brightens and dims like the Braziers in the rooms below. It is permanently gloomy and the sky is always lit up with millions of tiny bright points of light.

Looking out across the rooftops, it is a multi-tiered maze of castellations; huge flat courtyards and towering, crumbling towers as far as the eye can see.

There is some vegetation up here - trees growing from nooks in towers, fields of wild flowers and grasses coating a particularly large flat roof - but it has a feeling of wasteland; bare and wild, and windy like a prairie. The trees have few leaves and stick up like bony hands, clattering in the wind.

Scattered among these huge barren fields are structures; smaller towers and square castellated buildings that lead to ways back down into the rooms below, or house strange treasures and artefacts.

The strangest thing to a hunter, though, is the lack of Rooks - at least, the apparent lack of Rooks. There don't seem to be any lumbering around the landscape, and you are so used to seeing them practically everywhere in the rooms below...

That is, until you spend too long out in the open,

under the lights in the sky. There are plenty of places to take cover, to camp or take refuge, but if you spend too long visible to the sky, that's when they come... the Astrolithic Rooks.

Falling like burning coals from the impossibly huge sky above, the Astrolithic Rooks hurtle towards you with terrifying intent, at the last second, halting before hitting the ground at the last possible moment, unfolding their limbs and hovering there, still white-hot after their acceleration from on high.

You will meet other people like yourself; scattered, nomadic tribes who are trying to make a life on the battlements while searching for a route back down to the rooms that hasn't yet collapsed. They will tell you that no-one fights the Astrolithic Rooks, that they are impossibly strong and so hot to the touch. Instead everyone cowers and hides, and if one comes... you run.

Surviving on the battlements involves exposing yourself to the perils of Astrolithic Rooks as little as possible, which means keeping hidden. To this end, every encounter prompts BLACK or RED option means you either explore covertly, or you explore not carefully enough, potentially endangering yourself.

On your EXPLORATION phase, if you draw 3 or more RED cards you still discover what is written on those prompts, but you open yourself up to the EXPOSURE EVENT table. At this point - **before** drawing your EXPOSURE EVENT - you must decide if your character wants to take the risk and explore those locations, OR remain in cover for that day and stay safe.

Staying safe means writing in your journal about how you occupy yourself while hiding. And if you do hide for a phase, the next EXPLORATION phase you must draw a whole new set of cards, meaning what you could have discovered last phase is lost.

If you decide to take the risk, you must draw another card and check it against the EXPOSURE EVENT TABLE on the next page.

# BATTLEMENTS ENCOUNTER TABLE

CARD DRAWN		PROMPT	
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
ACE	You come across a camp of nomads squatting in a larg been here for years, surviving a meagre frightened exist	e sturdy outbuilding on the edge of a rooftop. They have clearly tence. Resting with them will heal one WOUND	
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
2	A barren prairie plain stretches off as far as the eye ca cover out here.	n see. This must be the flat roof of a ROOM below. There is little	
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
3		hodge-podge labyrinth of other roofs below; some flat, some en. Moving on will mean climbing down to another rooftop.	
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
4		tower, perched atop the roof you were traversing. Draw another ole), if it is RED you find another person, wounded and cowering	
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
5	A crashed ruin of an Astrolithic Rook. This one has huge rectangular wings of panelled blue glass, all cracked and smashed. You might be able to find Helm, Arm or Mounted materials, but there is no Rookling inside.		
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
6		Nany trees, gathered together in a tight-knit group, force their Colostle's rooftop. It is quiet and calm here, no wind, maybe	
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
7	Ice wastes. This rooftop must house a cold Room below and the wind is piercing.	v, as this whole rooftop is tundra. Arctic winds and ice - it is colo	
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
8	You see a lone nomad sprinting in fear, and then you look beyond them and see an Astrolithic Rook speeding along, a few feet above the ground. Do you help?		
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
9		ced first-hand with how dizzyingly high up you are. Through the low you like a patchwork blanket, miles away. Maybe you car Room?	
	BLACK - STEALTHY	RED - EXPOSED!	
10	Another adventurer like yourself. They are friendly and tough and they agree to team up with you. If you are facing an Astrolithic Rook this turn they will assist you and reduce the Rook's COMBAT score by 1. In your battle, describe how the other adventurer assists you. If you don't meet a Rook this phase, the adventurer will heal one of your wounds and then you can decide if you continue to travel together or go your separate ways.		

JACK	A way back down. Maybe a staircase or climbable wall. If you choose to return to a Room below, return to the base rulebook for Encounters therein.
QUEEN	This counts as one RED card, no matter which colour you drew
KING	This counts as two RED cards, no matter which colour you drew

## **EXPOSURE EVENT TABLE**

CARD DRAWN	BATTLEMENTS EVENT PROMPT
ACE/2	TREASURE FALL - A stone capsule falls from the sky, triggered by your movement. Nothing attacks you, but the capsule contains a TREASURE within it. to your inventory - you may be able to trade it later on in your adventure.
3/4	ASTROLITHIC ROOK CHASE - An Astrolithic Rook falls, but something about it seems wrong; it falls onto a distant rooftop, gets up, and turns in your direction. You see its eyes flash - it's hunting you! Describe how you run away and hide from it (using other prompts from this EXPLORATION phase), or turn to fight! (See below to create your opponent)
5/6	EERIE SILENCE - Nothing happens. Maybe you got away with it this time.
7/8	ASTROLITHIC WRECKFALL - draw another card to see if you are hit by debris from the falling wreck of a downed Astrolithic Rook. If it is RED you are hit and take one WOUND. If it is BLACK you are safe.
9/10	METEOR SHOWER - Tonnes of burning debris falls from the sky, perhaps once a Rook, but now just fiery balls of death. You're caught out with nowhere to take cover, take one WOUND.
J/Q/K	ASTROLITHIC ROOK APPEARS - See below to create your opponent and then fight!

### COMBAT ON THE BATTLEMENTS

Fighting Astrolithic Rooks is a little different to fighting standard Rooks within the Rooms of the Colostle. For starters they are incredibly powerful with a COMBAT score of 6 - meaning they will have 6 rounds of attack. This also means you will inevitably take at least one wound when fighting one. This is just how it is; they are much stronger than you.

Astrolithics do not have a creation phase. Although every one is different, just like standard Rooks, they all fight in very similar ways.

Just like before you draw a card for each of the Rook's attacks and look to your own cards for a counter-attack each turn. However, rather than the standard table for dictating what the attack is; consult the table below to see what each attack is. The number is still the governor of the power of the attack, but the type of the attack allows for inspiration for how you write about the battle in your journal, and how you decide to sew your moves together to tell the story of your face-off.

CARD DRAWN	ATTACK TYPE
SPADE 🚖	LASER ATTACK The Rook seems to charge some kind of glass or crystal emitter and then suddenly a blast of white heat flashes from the end and hurtles towards your character in a straight line.
CLUB 🛧	FLYING ATTACK The Rook swoops out of range of your attacks only to swing around in the air and lash out at you as it flies back.
HEART 🎔	GRAB ATTACK A stone hand unfolds from a hidden location and grabs you, at the same time, the Rook hurtles into the sky carrying you upward. A fall from this height could really hurt!
DIAMOND ♦	ROCKET ATTACK The Rook disconnects a part of itself, perhaps one of its arms or a small turret and it blasts towards you with the same propulsion as the Rook has itself for flight. Your character braces as the stone missile streaks toward you

If you win your reward is the husk of the Rook itself; now a pilot-able Rooksuit allowing you to become a 'Within'. (see next page)





#### CHARACTER TRAITS

Easily the most powerful class; 'Within' is a status that is earned and is never the start of your character's journey. Especially considering that the only way to attain a Rooksuit is by making it to the rooftops and slaying an Astrolithic Rook. All 'Within' start life as a different class - and when piloting their Rooksuit it acts as a temporary upgrade until they elect to leave it for some reason.

While 'Within', a player has a few options available to them: Firstly they can fly. They can use this ability to fast travel across the battlements, or reenter the Rooms below and fly across those lands. On top of that the combat stats for a Within are immensely high, making you nearly unstoppable against other Rooks.

Being Within means you are not subject to Astrolithic Rook attacks whilst within the Rooksuit. The instant you leave the suit, the Astrolithics may notice you again.

Check page 47 to see the kind of attacks you

have available to you as a Within piloting an Astrolithic Rook.

When writing your Within character think carefully about what this means for your character's story. It could be considered an end, your warrior/ adventurer reaching the zenith of legend; the highest power of all. Or perhaps this power changes your character somewhat; for good or for bad. Or you could continue your journey; now as a near invincible hero and your story could introduce moments of peril by being separated from your Rooksuit or having it stolen from you.

The Within is intended as the peak of your potential rewards; a gift to a player so that there is something at the end of the adventure to aspire to. But just imagine how the other characters you have met might react to seeing you in a Rooksuit - or what it might mean for advancing the story of your character's Calling.









# COMBAT

COMBAT begins when you draw a card for an opponent (person or Rook) in your EXPLORATION phase and, as a character, decide to engage. When this happens, the COMBAT phase starts and the rules on these pages apply. (NOTE: If you draw multiple 'ROOK' cards they are ignored. You will only ever face one Rook at a time)



### **CREATING YOUR OPPONENT**

#### **CREATING YOUR OPPONENT - Another Person**

You must draw cards to establish how they will fight you. There are 2 aspects that define a human opponent: their intention and their weapon.

First draw a card and consult the tables below to establish their INTENTION and WEAPON:

CARD DRAWN	INTENTION
SPADE 🚖	Kill you
CLUB 뢒	Steal from you
HEART 🕈	Flee from you
DIAMOND ♦	Hide something from you

CARD DRAWN	WEAPON TYPE
1-6	Ranged
7-K	Melee

Use the INTENTION prompt to inform how they act in the fight and what they are trying to do. If you lose the fight then they will be successful in their INTENTION.

Use the WEAPON prompt to inform what they fight you with. Ranged might mean a bow or a spear. Melee could be a sword or fists.

With those aspects defined you are now ready to enter combat with this opponent. See FIGHTING to learn how combat actually works.



#### **CREATING YOUR OPPONENT - A Rook**

Rooks are a little more complicated to create and represent the largest threats you will encounter in the world of Colostle. Check the card of the Rook you drew in the EXPLORATION phase. (if you drew multiple Rook cards, you can choose which one represents your Rook)

- A medium Rook is the size of a car or a small building
- A massive Rook is the size of a large house up to a huge building. Large Rooks have battlements, balconies and rooms within them and are much harder to take down. A fight against a massive Rook might take place within it, with its attacks and type manifesting as traps within its internal structure. (see page 52 for illustration)

First you must draw one card and consult the tables below to establish the Rook's **MAGIC TYPE** and **BODY TYPE**:

CARD DRAWN	MAGIC TYPE
SPADE 🔶	None
CLUB 뢒	Electric
HEART 🕈	Rumble
DIAMOND ♦	lce

CARD DRAWN	BODY TYPE
1-7	Attack
8-K	Defence

**Attack Type** - This Rook is highly offensive, coming in close and fast with damaging melee attacks or long range weapon attacks.

**Defence Type** - This Rook is more defensive; maybe it huddles tight with its thick stone hide or blocks attacks with a huge shield.

The BODY TYPE dictates the shape and look of the rook, the kind of attack it would use, if it does a physical attack (See FIGHTING), and also the kind of ARM you would get as a reward for defeating it. An attack arm might be a blade or chain whip. A defence arm might be a shield or an air blaster that propels you out of danger. (A player character can have multiple rook arms.)

### **CREATING YOUR OPPONENT**

#### **CREATING YOUR OPPONENT - A Rook (continued)**

The MAGIC TYPE determines the kind of attack the Rook would use if it does a magical attack (see FIGHTING), and also the kind of HELM you would get as a reward for defeating it. (Players can have multiple Helms but can only wear one at a time)

As before, there are no different rules for different types of Magic. These are simply flavour for you to write about how the Rook attacks you.

Secondly, draw another card to establish the Rook's **WEAPON** and your **REWARD** for defeating it:

CARD DRAWN	WEAPON TYPE
1-6	Ranged
7-K	Melee

CARD DRAWN	REWARD
SPADE 🛧	Helm
CLUB 秦	Arm
HEART 🕈	Rookling
	Weapon

ranged weapon Rook might А on а crossbows he or even cannon mounted on its parapets. A melee weapon is likely to be a large sword or club. The WEAPON determines what kind of weapon the Rook would use if it does a weapon attack (see FIGHTING) and also the kind of weapon you would get as a reward for defeating it. (Players are limited to using 2 weapons at a time, unless they have ARMS that can hold more)

As for the REWARD, see the Character classes section to learn about Helms, Arms, Rooklings and Weapons. The Rookling sits at the heart a Rook, and is a smaller version of it - sharing the same Body and Magic type as its larger counterpart. The Rookling is yours to command if you win.

With all these elements noted down, and your opponent created, it is time to go to battle!

**REWARDS**: Your character may not be inclined or even able to use the REWARD you gain from a battle - it is up to you and the abilities of your character. However, even if your character cannot make use of a reward, it is a valuable item in your possession that you may be able to sell or trade in the future.

There is, of course, a chance your character might die - it's completely up to you what you do at this point. If you wish to keep adventuring in the Colostle, you could create a new character. Perhaps they find the journal of your previous character and add their own entries to the book.

Or maybe you pass your journal onto a friend, for them to add entries to the journal about the adventures of their character...



### FIGHTING

# Now that your opponent is fully realised, it is time to fight!

First, draw a number of cards equal to your COMBAT SCORE and place them face up in front of you. These are your OPTIONS for this battle.

Second, check the combat score of your opponent in the table below:

OPPONENT	COMBAT SCORE
ANOTHER PERSON	1
MEDIUM ROOK	3
MASSIVE ROOK	5

Fighting involves countering your opponent's attack cards with cards from your face up OPTIONS.

Draw the first of the opponent's cards and place it face up in front of you. This is your opponent's first attack. To counter it, you must allocate one of your OPTIONS. A higher number will beat the attack. If you don't have a higher number card you must allocate one of your lower ones to it anyway and mark a WOUND against yourself. Then prepare for the next enemy attack (if it has any attacks left).

This proceeds, one enemy attack at a time, until the opponent has used all of their attack cards (according to their COMBAT SCORE).

As well as the attack's number, the attack's TYPE is determined by the card's suit. This is true for your player's counters too. See table below:

CARD DRAWN	ATTACK TYPE
SPADE 🛧	Unarmed Attack
CLUB 秦	Weapon Attack
HEART 🖤	Magic Attack
	Creative Attack

★ Unarmed Attack - an attack using the body or fists.

★ Weapon Attack - an attack using a weapon. Your character - or an opponent - will have been assigned weaponry when you created them. If your character or opponent does not possess a weapon, this card is treated like an Unarmed Attack.

♥ Magic Attack - an attack using any of the 3 types of magic (ice, fire or rumble). If your character or opponent does not possess magic, this card is treated like an Unarmed Attack.

• Creative Attack - an opportunity for you to come up with something a little different. Maybe an attack combines weaponry and magic to create an electric sword. Or perhaps you throw an item or kick sand to blind your opponent.

Attack types are there for flavour, to create a choreography in your battles. The only thing that matters from a gameplay perspective is the number on the card, to determine if you win or lose that round.

**CLASHES** - If your card number EQUALS that of the incoming attack, that is a CLASH and your player does not receive a WOUND.

**CRITICAL HITS** - If your counter-attack beats the incoming attack and is of the same suit, that is a CRITICAL HIT! You can come up with how you used your attack to disable your enemy. A CRITICAL HIT decreases the opponent's remaining attacks by 1. (Enemies cannot CRITICAL HIT against you)

**WINNING** - You are victorious in COMBAT if you defeated the majority of your opponent's incoming attacks. For example, if you were fighting a medium Rook, you would need to have defeated 2 out of 3 of it's incoming attacks.

If you win in COMBAT against a Rook, you may take the Rook's reward AND add one point to your EXPLORATION or COMBAT score.

If you win in COMBAT against a human, you gain 1 treasure. Keep track of your treasures, as you may be able to trade with them later on.



# FIGHTING

**WOUNDS** - At the end of COMBAT you must count up the number of wounds your character has taken. For each wound your character has, you must remove one point from either your EXPLORATION or COMBAT scores. Think about what form these wounds take and how they might affect your character's ongoing adventure. Make it a part of your character's legend and story. Maybe they heal over time, and in which case, your scores go back up. Or maybe they don't, and your character carries their scars with them, losing the use of a hand or walking with a limp.

# NOTE: Your EXPLORATION or COMBAT scores can never go higher than a maximum of 5 each.

LOSING - your opponent lives and you receive no reward. Any wounds received in this COMBAT phase still take effect - both on you and your opponent. Maybe you will encounter this opponent again - a 'white whale' for your character. If you do, this you can count any wounds you managed to land against it as still there and reduce its combat score accordingly.

With a battle complete your adventure continues. You begin a new EXPLORATION phase and see where your journey takes you.

If your character receives enough wounds to reduce either their EXPLORATION or COMBAT score to zero, then they are dead. Write your last entry in your character's journal as they lie there, knowing the end is upon them, or have it end abruptlyastheirlightgoesout. This is your character's final moments - make it a fitting end to their legendary journey.







### JOURNAL ENTRY EXAMPLE

Here's an example of just one way you could lay out your journal. This example shows how you can interpret the rules of the game into something that resembles a story told from your character's point of view. This entry was created by following the rules laid out in this book...

EXPLORATION: 6 🕏 Caught in a trap - K Massive Rook - 5 🜢 Strange machine

The day was cold and there was a thin wispy mist across the hills, the kind that almost flows off tree branches and rocky outcrops like water. Because of the mist it took a while to notice the machine - at first it was a silhouette and then it was there, towering in front of me.

It seemed to be relatively intact; an array of levers and gearwheels with a central column that looked as though it could rise and fall. What could it be? I reached for the nearest lever but it was huge and stiff - it made more sense for me to use my Arm.

I willed the hulking stone limb into place and grabbed the lever firmly, and it moved! But then, disaster struck! The lever moved suddenly, taking my Arm deep into the inner workings of the machine and locking it in place between wheels and latches. I was trapped!

It was then I heard the all-too-familiar booming footsteps of a Rook... it was heading straight for me... easy prey, I was going to have to fight...

COMBAT: 3 ♦ Attack type with Ice Magic - 7 ♣ Melee attack and Arm reward

Straight away it swung an arm and launched an ice attack, cold crystals growing up the side of my arm. It hurt terribly but the ice made my Arm brittle and I broke it off, freeing myself from the machine. It swung a huge arm toward me but it collided with a hard rocky outcrop and its arm smashed to pieces - it was like a road bridge collapsing in front of me! It had wounded itself.

It was fast, but I was faster. As it readied a swing with its other arm I sprinted around behind it, causing it to lose its footing as it tried to keep me in its sights. The huge, hulking, building-sized monstrosity tripped on the wreckage of it's own arm and fell, its body smashing against more rocks. It lay still, like a ruined castle tower.

It took me some time, struggling with the frozen wound on my side, but I managed to disconnect one of its smaller arms and attach it to the apparatus on my back. This one was thin and fast, with a sharp blade... it would do nicely...

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What will you discover as you venture deep into the Colostle?

