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TABLE A: CHARACTERISTICS & APPEARANCE

Ceilings can influence the mood of rooms. Their style can vary considerably from very simple plain stone to expansive and elaborate examples with ornate painted frescos depicting grand scenes. The following section outlines common characteristics associated with ceilings

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

The dark recesses of a ceiling are an ideal place for a lurking rogue or insidious creature to hide. Ceilings have the following characteristics:

Cover: Sheer or near sheer ceilings offer no cover but ceilings supported by rafters or beams offer partial cover (+2 AC, +1 Reflex).

Climbable: The nature of ceilings varies as does the ability to traverse it.

CEILING TYPE	CLIMB DC
Ceiling with rafters and beams	15
Ceiling with handholds	30
Smooth, flat ceiling	Cannot be climbed

CEILING STYLE

Vault An arched shape used to provide a space within a ceiling

- **Barrel Vault** This is the simplest form of a vault and resembles a barrel or tunnel cut lengthwise in half.
- **Groin Vault** When two semi-circular barrel vaults of the same diameter cross one another their intersection (a true ellipse) is known as a groin.
- **Rib Vault** The intersection of two or three barrel vaults produces a rib vault or ribbed vault.
- Fan Vault Curving ribs radiate upward like the ribs of a fan to form concave half cones that meet or nearly meet at the apex.
- **Hipped** All sides slope downwards to the walls, usually with a fairly gentle slope.
- **Domed** This ceiling resembles the hollow upper half of a sphere.
- **Coffers** These are sunken panels in the shape of a square, rectangle or octagon in a ceiling, soffit or vault.

CEILING TERMS

Buttress Vertical member used to stabilize an arch, ceiling or vault.

Gable Triangular section between edges of roof and walls. **Pillars** A vertical structure used as a support for a ceiling.

Truss/Rafters A series of sloped structural beams used to

support the ceiling and its associated loads

CONSTRUCTION

Ceilings are most often constructed from the same material as the rest of the room such as stone or wood but it is possible they may be constructed from more exotic materials such as metal, bone and glass.

MATERIAL	HARDNESS		BREAK DC
Wood	5	60	30
Bone	3	50	25
Stone (Hewn)	8	120	35
Stone (Natural)	8	120	50
Glass	2	50	25
Iron	10	200	30
1	1		

¹ Per 1 ft. of thickness

CONDITION	HARDNESS	HIT POINTS	BREAK DC
Derelict	-4	-20%	-10
Poor	-2	-10%	-5
Average	0	0%	0
Good	+2	+10%	+5
Pristine	+4	+20%	+10

APPEARANCE

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D%	
01-05	The ceiling is domed and multi-faceted. A DC 15 Knowledge (nature) check identifies it as the shell of a giant sea turtle.
06-10	An expansive and vivid fresco is expertly painted onto the plaster ceiling. A DC 25 Knowledge (religion) check reveals the figures to be long forgotten deities.
11-12	The bones of a large creature support the curved stone ceiling. A DC 15 Knowledge (arcana) check reveals them to be leg bones from a blue dragon.
13-14	The wooden ceiling is made from tarred boards and tightly ribbed timber truss and rafters. A DC 15 Knowledge (engineering) check reveals it to be an upturned ship's hull.
15-16	The ceiling is conical with a tiny aperture allowing a beam of light to be focused on a dais below.
17-18	The flat, unadorned ceiling has a domed aperture in the centre from which hangs a large, ornate iron pentagram-shaped candelabrum.
19-20	A black background punctuated with shimmering crystals, the ceiling has been decorated to mirror a constellation of stars (DC 15 Knowledge [geography] reveals its location).

21-22	Painted knot work motifs frame an intricate design of concentric fleur-de-lis stone medallions on the ceiling.
23-24	The ceiling has been quartered with intricate plastered mouldings; each section bears a lavish fresco in tribute to one of the four seasons.
25-26	A guilt and enamelled relief of a lion rampant with two heads dominates the white plastered ceiling.
27-28	Intricate and highly detailed, the ceiling and walls are painted with a fresco portraying angels locked in mortal combat with denizens of Hell.
29-30	The thick canopy of a large living tree comprises the ceiling and its thick trunk serves as the sturdy pillar to support it.
31-32	Made from thousands of tiny ivory panels carved with runes and sigils, the ceiling is embellished with a large mosaic depicting a bird rising from flames.
33-34	The panels in the coffered ceiling are shield- shaped and brightly painted. A DC 14 Knowledge (nobility) check identifies the heraldry of several prominent knightly orders and families.
35-36	In the ceiling are four large pools filled with what appears to be a thick black undulating fluid. The pools emanate an overwhelming evil aura throughout the chamber. A DC 14 Knowledge (planes) check reveals them as infernal portals.
37-38	The ceiling portrays a blue sky and wisps of clouds as if a summer's day. A DC 19 Knowledge (arcana) check reveal it to be an illusion.
39-40	A mixture of exquisite sculpture and bas relief cover the ceiling in a beautiful and artistic map of the surrounding kingdoms.
41-42	The ceiling is in the shape of an inverted dome and has been abstractly painted to resemble the world with its continents, seas and kingdoms.
43-44	A helix of tightly wound staircases mirrors one another as they spiral towards a coned shaped ceiling.
45-46	The ceiling has been constructed to look like a scrolled parchment with text chiselled into the stone page. A DC 13 Knowledge (religion) check reveals it to be the psalm of a deity of law.
47-48	Water cascades from a diamond-shaped aperture in the ceiling, creating a waterfall.
49-50	A large stone medallion of an eight-pointed star embellishes the groin-vaulted ceiling.
51-52	Installed onto the ceiling are several complex clockwork mobiles depicting an unknown solar system. The planets are made from spheres of semi-precious stone. The set is worth 400 gp.
53-54	The marble pillars depict warriors with their swords raised towards each other. These crossed swords create the ribs of the vaulted ceiling.
55-56	Numerous large demonic statues embellish the ceiling. Hanging from the tails of each is a large iron gibbeting cage.

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1	A section of the ceiling appears to have melted;
1	molten rock has dripped onto the floor below.
2	A fresco of a ruling noble has been vandalised
Σ	with the words "Power to the rebellion."
3	Dark green moss and lichen has grown across the
5	moist stone ceiling.
4	The prints of wet bare feet are visible across the
· · ·	ceiling.
	A haze of green flame wreaths the ceiling. A DC
5	15 Knowledge (dungeoneering) check reveals it
-	as highly combustible natural gas.
6	Long, thick viscous globules of a dark brown
	slime hang down from the rough stone ceiling.
7	Stuck upon the ceiling is a long white funeral
	gown which flutters in an unseen draught.
8	A long, thin ladder leans against the wall. A pot
	of whitewash balances on the top rung.
9	The mouldering corpse of a dungeon denizen lies partially buried by the rubble of the collapsed
9	ceiling.
	The vaulted ceiling is decorated with numerous
10	pennants and banners.
	A profusion of javelins, crossbow bolts, arrows
11	and axes are imbedded in the ceiling.
	A tatty canvas has been strung up as a hammock
12	between two rafters.
40	Silk streamers in a multitude of colours hang
13	from the ceiling.
14	Of shattered plaster and charred stone, the
14	ceiling is crackling with arcs of red lightning.
	The buttresses supporting the vaulted ceiling
15	have been sabotaged. A DC 15 Knowledge
10	(engineering) check reveals a loud noise could
	trigger collapse.
	A crimson pool collects as blood drips from the
16	rafters. A DC 12 Perception spots a corpse
	slumped among the trusses.
17	Soft glowing runes mark the eves of this high,
	vaulted ceiling.
18	The ceiling is cold. This causes condensation to form and water to drip down into the room.
	The vivid illusion of a beautiful sunrise on the
19	ceiling is flickering and failing.
	Several blocks of stone have been removed from
20	the ceiling to reveal a small storage niche.
	A small black cat is meowing softly as it perches
21	among the rafters and trusses.
	Glowering eyes peer at you from the shadowed
22	ceiling. Light reveals no lurking creatures.
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23	A bucking and swaying sack hangs from the ceiling. Inside is an irritated and angry cat.
24	A rope hangs from the ceiling above a huge chasm which has swallowed a large section of
25	the floor. The skeletons of unlucky individuals are impaled
	on spikes protruding from the ceiling. The boards which make up the ceiling have
26	become swollen leaving several unsightly bulges. The impaled body of a humanoid lies on the floor
27	grasping a stalactite which has broken off from the ceiling above.
28	Thick roots of several trees have grown through the ceiling forcing several blocks of stone to fall.
29	A russet-coloured mould is growing in thick clumps across the ceiling and walls.
30	Bloodied and lifeless, a body lies next to scrawled words written in blood "Look abovefor we are all lost."
31	A lit lantern sits on the floor. A trail of gore and ichor splatters the floor, one wall and ceiling.
32	A beautiful dream catcher hangs from the ceiling.
33	An inexpertly hidden net hangs from the ceiling.
34	Dark green algae covers the trusses of the ceiling as if the chamber had been submerged in water.
35	A dark black tar-like substance is dripping from the ceiling. It sizzles when it hits the floor.
36	Deep gouging claw marks are visible in the stone ceiling.
37	An owl hoots and tilts his head to watch the party from its perch among the rafters.
38	A huge humanoid-shaped dent has been made in the metal ceiling.
39	Two chains attached to iron rings in the ceiling swing gently. Broken manacles lie on the floor.
40	Several large hewn logs are being used to brace the ceiling.
41	A thick caustic smell fills the chamber as white vapours emerges from the chamber's ceiling, rafters and pillars.
42	Nailed across the ceiling is a banner with the word "Welcome" in large bright green letters.
43	The ceiling appears in a state of mid-collapse; fractured stone hangs impossibly in midair.
44	Thick curling tendrils of steam sprays into the room through small holes in the stone ceiling.
45	The faint sound of grinding from above is accompanied by falling sawdust. A DC 12 Knowledge (nature) check identifies termites as the source.
46	A rough and teetering scaffold tower has been built to repaint a section of the ceiling.
47	A red tinted light glimmers on the ceiling.
48	Soot covers the ceiling.

49	A section of plaster has cracked and fallen to
	smash on the floor; thick dust covers everything.
50	The coffered ceiling has had several panels vandalised; one once protected a secret niche.
	The ceiling has a subtle mauve glow. A DC 13
51	Knowledge (arcana) check identifies it as similar
01	to faerie fire.
5.2	Hundreds of dark but luscious green vines have
52	crept up the pillars and now blanket the ceiling.
F.2	A multitude of furniture is stacked precariously
53	in one corner. The tower reaches the ceiling.
54	The wooden buttresses supporting the ceiling
54	have begun to bow; signs of cracking are evident.
55	Many cracks run through the ceiling.
EC	Many of the glass panes comprising the ceiling
56	have been smashed; glass litters the floor.
	The unadorned rafters and ceiling has been hung
57	with macabre trophies of skulls and bones of
	humanoids.
EO	A once elaborate fresco, the ceiling has been
58	vandalised and several portraits removed.
59	The lifeless body of an unfortunate rogue hangs
23	from his malfunctioned climbing harness.
	The lifeless body of a knight in full plate is stuck
60	to the metal ceiling with his sword skewered
00	through his chest. Beneath him is a pressure pad
	slick with blood.
61	Several small holes pierce the ceiling. They are
01	spy holes.
	The ceiling is suspiciously low. A DC 15
62	Knowledge (dungeoneering) check reveals it as a
	suspended ceiling.
63	An 'X' has been marked on the ground beneath a
	large stone medallion on the ceiling.
64	The ceiling is thick with a frost which glows with
-	a bright crystal-like shimmer.
c .	The plain plaster walls are covered in pencil work
65	in preparation for being painted. It depicts the
	outlines of a flight of dragons.
	A section of one of the pillars has broken and a
66	metal strong box is wedged in the gap to support
	the ceiling.
67	The ceiling is a forest of stalactites; among it lives
	a bat colony that swarms if disturbed.
68	The imprint of a large gauntleted fist in the stone
	ceiling is easily visible.
69	A perfectly round hole pierces the glass ceiling;
	shattered glass lies beneath the hole.
	The paint and plaster on the ceiling has thinned enough to make out the sigil of a deity beneath.
70	A DC 14 Knowledge (religion) check reveals it as
	the symbol of the goddess of ill fortune.
	The metal ceiling is stretching and rivets are
71	breaking; water is spurting through the gaps.
	The stalactites have been removed from the
72	ceiling. They have been stacked nearby.
73	A sign says, "Ceiling unsafe."

74	A bloodied notepad of sketches and notes about hundreds of frescos and vaulted ceilings lies on
	the floor.
	The chamber is thick with viscous spider web. A
	DC 13 Perception check reveals five cocooned
75	corpses secreted into a dark corner of the
	ceiling.
	The ceiling has small magical lights; several have
76	gone out while others blink intermittently.
	Screaming emanates through the iron grill
77	ceiling. Blood rains down and the screams cease.
	Several climbing pitons have been driven into
78	the stone ceiling. A long rope connects each pin
	allowing easier climbing (+5 bonus to Climb).
	Ornamental gargoyles decorate each corner of
79	the ceiling
	A shoeless body lies broken on the floor. A DC 13
80	Perception check spots shoes stuck to the ceiling.
	Several pillars lie smashed over the segmented
81	body of a gargantuan centipede.
	Sections of the ceiling have been repaired with
82	permanent walls of force.
	The ceiling has been covered with a layer of
83	slippery orange ooze (+5 to Climb DC).
	Several horse bridles are tied to a thick chain
84	wrapped around the ceiling's thickest rafter.
	Several sheets of parchment are stuck against
85	the ceiling from a strong draught.
	A set of platemail-covered legs protrude through
86	
	several broken boards in the ceiling. A huge boulder has shattered the ceiling and
87	now rests precariously on three pillars.
	Hundreds of candles flicker on the ceiling's
88	rafters. Wax covers the rafters.
	A large block of stone hangs in a primitive crane
89	
	ready to be hoisted into a gap in the ceiling. Dust and dirt falls from the ceiling as a small
90	
	tremor shakes the ground.
91	Refuse and sewage drains through a large
	opening in the ceiling.
92	The ceiling is teeming with thousands of shiny
	scarab beetles.
93	A noose looped over the rafters hangs around
	the neck of a mouldering corpse.
94	A stone block has fallen from the ceiling. Blood
	splatter surrounds it.
95	The painted depicts a summer sky.
96	A grinning skull painting decorates the ceiling.
97	A mass of rusted chains hang from the ceiling.
98	A damp patch mars the ceiling. Cold water drips
	from it onto the floor.
	Thick, wet cobwebs cover the ceiling. They are so
99	damp they resist natural fire; only magic can
	burn them away.
100	Roll again to determine the ceiling's dressing.
	The ceiling is also trapped. Refer to pages 6 – 7.

TABLE C: TRICKS & TRAPS

Of course, ceilings are not always safe. Occasionally, a dungeon's designer hides clever traps and tricks in key locations throughout the complex. The traps and tricks here are examples of such features that can be installed in ceilings.

FALLING BLOCK

The falling block trap is a staple of dungeon design. Such traps feature blocks falling from the ceiling onto the hapless intruder. These blocks can be of any size; larger blocks can block passageways, provide cover in combat and so on.

FALLING BLOCK

CR 2 (600 XP)

CR 8 (XP 4,800)

Without warning, a stone block falls from the ceiling.

Search DC 20 Perception; Type Mechanical

- **Disarm** DC 20 Disable Device (2d4 rounds); activates on DC 15 or less; **Bypass** DC 25 Perception (a small switch next to the pressure plate).
- **Destroy** Destroying the stone block (hardness 8, hp 900, DC 50 Break) or the chain (hardness 10, hp 5, DC 26 Break) defeats the trap.
- Trigger Location (pressure plate) Reset Manual (a chain attached to the block pulls it back into position)

Effect When triggered, this trap has the following effects:

- **Effect** A Medium sized stone block falls from the ceiling (+10 ranged touch, 5d6 damage).
- Variant (CR 6) A Huge-sized stone block (DC 25 Perception, DC 25 Disable Device) falls from the ceiling (+15 ranged touch against all in the area, 8d6 damage)

C A V E - I N S

Cave-ins are incredibly dangerous. Whether caused by happenstance or design, a cave-in can bury an entire adventuring party. Unless deliberately set as a trap, a cave-in does not normally occur without warning. Warning signs of imminent collapse could include:

- A fine network of cracks running throughout the ceiling.
- Dust and small stones falling from the ceiling.
- Warning sigils carved or daubed on the walls of passageways leading to the area.

CAVE-IN

Dust and grit covers the floor of this chamber.

- DC 20 Craft (stonemasonry), DC 23 Knowledge (dungeoneering) or DC 20 Knowledge (engineering) The character realises the affected area is dangerously unstable. This check can be made trained or untrained.
- **DC 20 Perception** The character identifies the affected area as dangerously unstable; **Stonecunning** A dwarf using stonecunning can make a check just by passing within 10 ft. of a weakened area.

Trigger Location (removing half the pillars in an area or a major impact or explosion triggers a cave-in); **Reset** No

- **Bury Zone (15 ft. radius)** A cave-in buries anyone in the middle of the collapsing area. Characters in the bury zone take 8d6 damage (DC 15 Reflex save halves) and are buried.
- Slide Zone (10 ft. radius) A cave-in's slide zone is roughly equal to the bury zone but extends outwards in all directions. Characters in the slide zone take 3d6 damage (DC 15 Reflex save negates). Characters failing their saving throw are buried.
- **Buried Characters** A buried character takes 1d6 nonlethal damage per minute. A character falling unconscious must make a DC 15 Fortitude saving throw each minute or take 1d6 lethal damage. Characters who are not buried can dig out those buried.
- Freeing Buried Characters In one minute, a character using only his hands can clear debris equal to five times his heavy load limit (or twice that amount if armed with appropriate tools). Loose stone filling a 5-foot by 5-foot cube weighs 1 ton (2,000 pounds). A buried character can free itself with a DC 25 Strength check.
- Variant Cave-Ins Not all cave-ins are created equally. When using these variant cave-ins consider increasing or decreasing the size of the bury and slide zones to take into account the party's capabilities.
- Minor Cave-In (CR 5; XP 1,600) This cave-in deals 5d6 damage to characters in the bury zone and 2d6 damage to those in the slide zone.
- Major Cave In (CR 12, XP 19,200) This cave-in deals 12d6 damage to characters in the bury zone and 5d6 damage to those in the slide zone. A DC 20 Reflex save halves or negates the effects as appropriate.

CRUSHING CEILING

This classic trap utilises a chamber's ceiling to crush intruders to a bloody pulp.

CRUSHING CEILING

CR 8 (4,800 XP)

A grinding sound emanating from the ceiling 25 ft. above your head heralds your doom. Slowly and surely, it begins to descend toward you.

Search DC 25 Perception; Type Mechanical

- **Disarm** DC 25 Disable Device (2d4 rounds); activates on DC 20 or less; **Bypass** DC 30 Perception (a small switch at floor level by the door).
- **Destroy** Destroying the ceiling (hardness 8, hp 180, DC 45 Break per 1 ft. of thickness) creates a niche (see below).
- Trigger Proximity (a pressure pad in the centre of the chamber); Reset Automatic (1 hour)

Effect When triggered, this trap has the following effects:

- Effect (Round 1) The chamber's stone door (hardness 8, hp 60, DC 28 Break, DC 30 Disable Device unlocks) slams shut and the crushing ceiling activates.
- **Effect (Round 2-5)** The crushing ceiling descends 5 ft. each round. When it reaches the floor it inflicts 12d6 damage on

all individuals in the chamber. Damaged characters are pinned until round 6.

- Create a Niche A PC can smash a niche in the floor or ceiling (hardness 8, hp 180, DC 45 Break per 1 ft. of thickness). One Small or larger creature can hide in such a niche.
- Brace the Ceiling A character reaching the ceiling and making a DC 25 Strength check arrests the ceiling's progress for one round.
- **Effect (Round 6)** The ceiling retreats to its original starting position at a speed of 5 ft. per round.
- Variant (CR 4) This version of the trap has the following modified statistics: DC 20 Perception; DC 20 Disable Device; 6d6 damage. The chamber's door is of wood (hardness 5, hp 15, DC 18 Break, DC 25 Disable Device unlocks).



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