

THE PESTILENT CELLAR

Scroll of Delving #009

Everyone knows the tavern has a reputation for giant rats, but nobody this is because the previous owner was a plague cultist who built a temple of pestilence beneath the cellar.



* temple hallway
** collapsable floor
*** giant rat tunnel



1. TAVERN CELLAR

Staff stopped coming down here due to the giant rat's whose bites made them sick.

- + **[Giant Rats]** A few are always crawling through the crates looking for food.
- + **[Poisonous Air]** Noxious fumes from area 3 leak up through cracks in the floor.
- + **[Loose Floor]** The brick floor covering the temple stairs are close to collapsing.

2. CHAMBER OF SICKLY OATHS

Here, atop a floor of rat bones and skulls, cultists took their first oaths of pestilence.

- + **[Mother Rat]** Massive and immobile. Protected by swarms of sickly children.
- + **[Statues]** Line the walls depicting humans and ratlike demons wearing rotten robes.

3. PESTILENT LABORATORY

Filled with large plague demon skulls which were used like cauldrons to brew poisons.

- + **[Cauldrons]** Demonic flames keep several bubbling and hissing with noxious fumes.

- + **[Plague Imps]** Live in the cauldrons and explode with plague juices when killed.

4. SACRIFICE CAGES

Doctors, clerics, and other healers the cult would sacrifice were kept here in cages.

- + **[Cages]** Full of skeletons riddled with thousands of gnaw marks from rat teeth.
- + **[Potions of Healing]** d4 potions visible in the tattered robes of a priest's skeleton.
- + **[Skeletons]** Animate when their cages open and attack with plague-covered claws.

5. ALTAR OF ENDLESS PLAGUES

Here the cult performed their rancid rituals and conjured demons of rot and decay.

- + **[Demon Rat Corpse]** Lying dead on its back, its ruptured stomach used like a cauldron. Save against its deadly fumes at the start of each turn or take poison damage.
- + **[Plague Fiend]** Hunched under the weight of throbbing sores. Bound to this chamber. Can brew any plague or antidote for a cost.
- + **[Conjure]** New plague demons form from any pure flesh sacrificed within the cauldron.