

# SVARSTOJA

Scroll of Locality #003



1. **{Roaring Slums}** Brightly lit by the fires and forges of the failed or exiled blacksmiths who live here.
2. **{The Dying Light}** This inn is one of the few places outsiders are permitted to carry open flames. Its main dining area is illuminated by a single candle.
3. **{Market Tunnels}** Svarstoja's markets line the winding tunnels and chasms carved beneath the city. An ideal location for illegal business dealings to occur.
4. **{Miner's Temple}** Dedicated to the dwarven god of mining, its soot-covered priests oversee the miner's exchange as well as a vast majority of the city's trade.
5. **{King's Spire}** The ruling Blackanvil family dwells within this rocky tower whose top-most chambers are hidden amidst the shadows of the cavern's ceiling.
6. **{Gloom Vaults}** It is said that deep within a dungeon that permits no light are the Gloom Vaults which hold the shadow forging techniques first discovered by the Blackanvil dwarves.
7. **{Lightless Temple}** Appearing as the black silhouette of a colossal stalagmite, this temple and its priests peer into the black abyss of the Underdark in search of lost forging secrets.
8. **{Shadow Smithies}** Under the careful eye of the Lightless Temple, dwarven blacksmiths forge shadows into lethal weapons in this maze of forges, furnaces, and chimneys.

The dwarvish city of Svarstoja, meaning "The Black Anvil" in common, lurks in the depths of the Underdark and is known for the macabre technique of forging with shadow.

- + **{Key Visual}** Fires that seem to consume light rather than create it.
- + **{Local Custom}** Deals are always struck and negotiated in pitch blackness.
- + **{Catchphrase}** "Step out, my friend." Said in reference to one "stepping out of the shadows" when they're invited into the home or business of a trusted friend.

- + **{King Dolkrin Blackanvil}** A hunched dwarf whose sunken eyes can barely be seen within their deep, recessed sockets. He grows increasingly pale and paranoid that someone plots to "steal his light."
- + **{Brutelya Bonehood}** The most legendary smithy in all of Svarstoja, yet she refuses to join the ranks of the Lightless Temple. It's said that one nick from her blades can sap a creature of its very will to live.
- + **{Torgrenal Bleakspine}** High priest of the Lightless Temple who is conspiring with shadow devils to take the throne from King Blackanvil. Nobody remembers what his face looks like, for his priestly blessings keep him invisible while in darkness.