THE ONE-PAGE DUNGEON VERSION OF

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**INTRODUCTION** Duke's most trusted archmage has perished

Magic mouth set into his corpse intoned: "Five are the tests Athganazar told To weath and power for ones so bold When the wizard was dying, his time at an end The key he shattered for those to mend Find one, find two, find three, find four

'Twil be all for naught until restored To gain the key will mean one more test Then after it's over a much deserved rest

For you'll have found the prize of the great archmage...

...His wealth of treasure, gold, and page.

PRISMATIC WALL (dispel in order) Starts red, then orange, yellow, green, blue, violet

Ebony plaque: "To gain your prize you must first pass the wall" 6 rustic wands in alcoves, commands: Blow, Chill, Destroy, Missle, Pass, Sun Dispel order: C, B, D, P, M, S

Each correct, wall morphs to next challenge Each incorrect, blast of 20 dmg of the energy type Passwall will not work, except on 4th wall step -> Prismatic key in alcove, hexagonal handle set with

stones in all colors of wall

GOLEM GUARDIAN (appease, puzzle) Room of saltwater fountains, heads of jackals

Still iron golem animates; iron portcullis seals Existential questions about rusty condition Opens squeaky chest, dropping lettered boxes "Give me a name" (using letter boxes)

PRISMATIC

WALL

5'

"Who are my brethren?" (other golem types) "Tell me how I am the mightiest!"

Appeased -> simple rusty key drops to floor

**SUMMON** (5 rounds of monster trivia)

Message runs along 20' summoning circle in floor: "Know thy enemy" Once someone steps into the circle or otherwise activates by reading it aloud, message changes to describe a monster, for instance:

"Slimy, ambulatory, intelligent heaps of rotting vegetation." If answered in 60 seconds, move to next trivia (skip combat) If not, creature (i.e. shambling mound) appears and attacks -> Fang-toothed key appears in center of circle

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PEACE

SUMMON

GOLEM

**GUARDIAN** 

START

PEACE (rest, regen spot) Domed ceiling; painted clouds moving Cockatrice feathers float 6" from wall Serene as a spring day means warded 4 braziers in center; smokeless campfire Inscribed in brazier in gilded script:

"To be at peace. To be at rest. To be mended. To pass the test." Once key pieces are collected, they can

REFLECTION

be cast into the braziers and reform as Reforged Key; menacing door reveals itself

ALCHEMY LAB (final encounter proto-lich Athganazar) Swirling, prismatic portal recedes revealing: Ancient laboratory; dusty, archaic; recently used Tables and bookshelves set into alcoves and corners filled with alchemical apparatus, mixtures, scrolls Circular stone bier at end of room On bier, a body draped in black silken robes Cracked flask with dark, viscous liquid on floor by body Large throne on opposite end of room on stepped dais

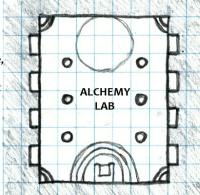
Ornate rug 15'x5' rests at base of dais steps 6 cracked columns line chamber

Storage doors and scroll cubbies run along columns

REFORGED KEY



Lone, reflective eye, iron fangs, crown inset with prismatic gems: ruby, topaz, sunstone, emerald, sapphire, amethyst This key fits nicely into the maw of the menacing door revealing a portal in place of braziers



REFLECTION (placement puzzle) Large tarnished mirror along back wall Above, an ebony plaque:

"Leave all but your reflection. Leave the rest in order." Table littered with 9 charred tiles:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

8 indentations line 4 angled walls (2 each) Stone drops, blocks archway (click, click) Delayed blast fireball every 60 seconds until puzzle is solved

-> Reflective mirror key left on table

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**PROGRESSION** (encounter in alchemy lab) Athganazar now proto-lich seeking full lichdom His dessicated, eyeless, dead body is on bier His invisible proto-lich form sits on the throne Ornate rug covers a 5'x5'spiked pit (center) Phylactery hidden in bones at bottom of pit Athganazar attempts to possess one by one Plans to add more bodies to the stone bier

**VICTORY** (must kill the proto-lich) Successful destruction of phylactery

-> Duke rewards with access to Athganazar's notes and a warded sigil; safe passage in lands