

# Spiral Orbit of the Stars

For the stars are the progenitors of magic. Spells are embodiments of celestial bodies upon the world. Ancient astrologers found an undercurrent of the night sky, carving an orrery dedicated to the Zodiac, which became manifest.

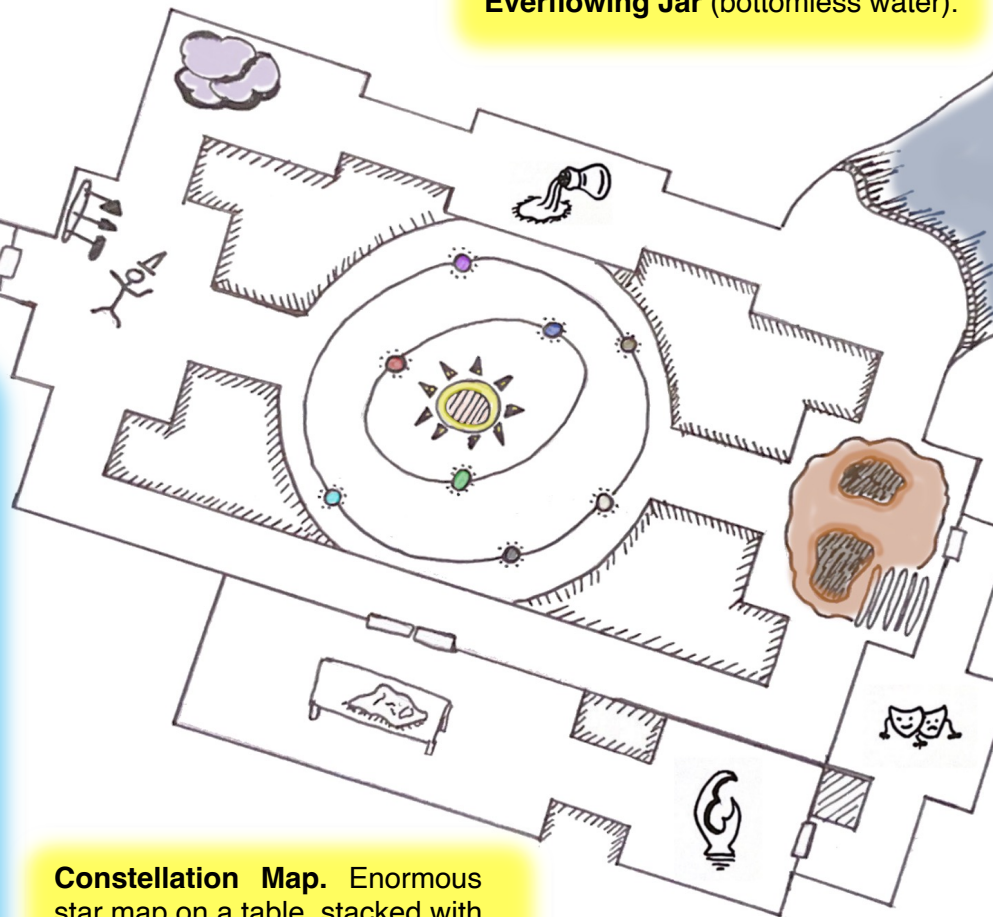
**Surface Entry.** An iron disk, engraved with constellations. The disk rolls away during the solstice, once a solar cycle, for an hour before returning. Spiral stairs lead down to the Orrey. It takes 30 minutes to descend or ascend the stairs.

**Supplies.** Scented sacks filled with seeds, coal, wood, etc. More valuable than gold here.

**Water Bearer.** Aquarius, a strapping youth & immortal. Wants to escape. Despises the Sun Lion. Carries an **Everflowing Jar** (bottomless water).

**Infinite Ocean.** Sunfish, pufferfish, and cod swim in cold saltwater. The ocean stretches beyond the horizon.

**Island.** Rocky outcrop. Inky night sky above. The **Starlit Sword** shines upon the isle (gleams, fires starburst under moonlight).



**Study.** Bedroll, table, cabinet. *Occult Telescope* on the table (gaze upon the stars to learn a new spell each night).

**Dead Wizard.** Emaciated corpse, next to tools: shovel, hammer, axe, etc. A scorpion twitches on his face.

**Center.** Large orrery with 8 crystalline planets and a luminous sun. A large gear crank below the sun. Missing a gear. Each turn of the wheel advances time by a day. Each planet is a different gem and contains a *Magic Essence* (consume to regain spells).

**Constellation Map.** Enormous star map on a table, stacked with books. The **Sun Lion** slumbers here, guardian of knowledge. The *Gear* is lying on the table.

**Mudroom.** d6+2 **subterranean hogs** root around stalks of corn and thick earth.

**Twin Statues.** Twins embraced in stone and inscribed "Make us laugh, make us cry." If told such stories, animate as hirelings for the party.

**Crab.** Grand crab paintings, lifelike. Golden orb on a pedestal. If taken, a crab claw will animate and smash the thief.

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