

Isolated Temple by Tom Cartos

Background

This nameless temple can be found deep in the Forest of Shadows. It is rarely visited, even by the local druidic tribe, but whoever maintains it keeps it in immaculate condition. They seem to be startled by visitors however as the building currently stands empty.

Five shrines surround the temple. Four of them are clearly dedicated to the primary elements: air, earth, fire and water, but the fifth simply contains a single goblet on a pedestal. Within the temple's small library are books discussing 'ascension' and hints of a ritual that can be performed here. Whatever the ritual is meant to achieve does not seem to be specified.

Grid Information

GRID SIZE – 34x22 (300DPI)

VTT SIZE – 4760x3080 (140DPI)

RECOMMENDED PRINT SIZE – A1/ANSI D

Design Notes

Isolated Temple - Catacombs

- **01 – Antechamber** - The catacombs below the temple are full of unmarked coffins. This small antechamber connects to the main floor via a ladder on the north wall.
- **02 – Storage Rooms** – A very odd collection of items and trinkets of little obvious value are stored in the crates.
- **03 – Nameless Tombs** – There are no apparent markings anywhere to say who or what is buried here. Perhaps some aspect of the ritual would reveal more?
- **04 – Large Crypt** – Detailed likenesses of 3 individuals are carved onto these raised tombs, but no mention of who they are.
- **05 – Prayer Room** – A sense of calm washes over anyone who steps in.

Isolated Temple – Main Floor

- **06 – Earth Shrine** – A crystal of compressed, polished earth sits on a pedestal. If any part of it is removed, it grows back immediately.
- **07 – Air Shrine** – Glowing butterflies flicker in and out of existence, caught in a never-ending gust of wind.
- **08 – Fire Shrine** – A bowl of unquenchable fire is watched over by a statue with no eyes.

- **09 – Water Shrine** – A small bowl of water with no bottom is carved into a small stone tablet.
- **10 – Unnamed Shrine** – A single silver goblet lies on its side on a pedestal. A carved plaque reads simply 'Give of yourself'
- **11 – Unknown Statue** – This is clearly a figure of importance, but they bear no semblance to any god or person of legend you have ever heard of.
- **12 – Temple Entrance** – Empty, but immaculately kept, like the rest of the building
- **13 – Ritual Room** – This is clearly the ritual room described in the texts, but it is not obvious what the ritual is or what it does.
- **14 – Reflection Chamber** – Two seats face one another. If two individual sit in them, they are compelled to discuss whatever is most deep set in their minds.
- **15 – Stairs** – Trapdoor leads down to **01**. Stairs lead up to **17**
- **16 – Library** – The single bookcase contains all manner of books on the elemental planes, one text mentioning the 'ascension ritual' and oddly one or two self- help books on how to declutter your life.

Isolated Temple – First Floor

- **17 – Mezzanine** – Looks down onto the ritual area below. Stairs lead down to **15**
- **18 – Meditation Room** – Three mats are laid out in front of small stone tables. They are incredibly cold to the touch.
- **19 – Balcony** – Provides beautiful views over the surrounding woodland.