

Atypical Taverns

d20 This Tavern's Signature Drink...

- 1 Is a shot of high-proof liquor with a wriggling zombie toe in it. If you swallow the toe you have to find the tavern a new one.
- 2 Is fermented werewolf milk.
- 3 Is mixed with strong stimulants. Will keep you up for days.
- 4 Is the owner's own homebrew. Any criticism makes them sullen and irritable. The brew itself is competent, but generic.
- 5 Is water. The tavern's been taken over by teetotalers.
- 6 Is a fine imported wine.
- 7 Is made with local fruits.
- 8 Is a disgusting goop which might not even be alcoholic.
- 9 Is a knock-off of the divine mead of poetry. Drinkers find themselves compelled to rhyme.
- 10 Is a sickeningly sweet candy-flavoured liqueur garnished with spun sugar.
- 11 Is chewy.
- 12 Is lit with heatless fire when served.
- 13 Is shared between all present in a big bowl.
- 14 Was copied from a more popular tavern's menu.
- 15 Is overhyped.
- 16 Was bottled with a family of drowned songbirds. You'll see them in your dreams the next time you sleep after you drink it.
- 17 Will test the limits of your stomach and liver.
- 18 Is wept from a preserved eye kept behind the bar.
- 19 Is whatever they've got lying around, poured into an unwashed mug.
- 20 Will give you a temporary out-of-body experience. May contain traces of wraith.

d20 This Tavern's Patrons...

- 1 Would all die to protect it.

d20 This Tavern's Patrons...

- 2 Are rough working types fond of crudely humorous songs.
- 3 Dress like high society women, with varying degrees of accuracy. It's an inside joke for the regulars.
- 4 Demand free drinks from newcomers.
- 5 Fight frequently, if lethargically.
- 6 Are mostly sailors with outlandish stories about their travels.
- 7 Are all upper-class layabouts slumming it, without realizing that every one else in the tavern is doing the same.
- 8 Will report suspicious behaviour to the proper authorities.
- 9 Belong to the same mystery cult. Strange, but harmless.
- 10 Critique the decor viciously.
- 11 Can't handle their alcohol.
- 12 All look to be related to each other.
- 13 Share ownership in the bar.
- 14 Will do just about anything for a free drink.
- 15 Gamble constantly, over everything.
- 16 Are missing the last joint of their left pinky.
- 17 Bring their pets in with them.
- 18 Speak their own incomprehensible dialect.
- 19 Will cover your tab if you can't.
- 20 Never actually seem to drink anything.

d20 This Tavern's Decor...

- 1 Has a tacky nautical theme.
- 2 Looks like it's all been broken, but that's by design.
- 3 Clashes with itself in an eye-searing fashion.
- 4 Is based on military encampments.
- 5 Looks way too expensive for the place to afford.
- 6 Incorporates an obnoxious amount of dragon motifs.

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- 7 Was based on an adventuring patron's description of another plane of existence.
- 8 Is rustic, and mostly wood. Definitely a fire hazard.
- 9 Incorporates many taxidermied animals in ridiculous poses.
- 10 Uses avante-garde art pieces to questionable effect.
- 11 Makes unsettling use of images of eyes.
- 12 Has soaked up far too much alcohol and other fluids over the years, and stinks horribly.
- 13 Was built too small for adult-sized humans.
- 14 Was hand-built by the tavern's proprietor.
- 15 Is delicate, and if you break it you have to buy it.
- 16 Is unusually dark, lit by only a few dull lanterns.
- 17 Uses elegant wrought iron.
- 18 Sparkles with fool's gold.
- 19 Includes the mounted head of a minotaur. Might just be a cow's head.
- 20 Can hardly be seen through the haze of incense.

d20 This Tavern's Name...

- 1 Is painfully boring, like "The Full Mug"
- 2 Is from a foreign language, and left untranslated.
- 3 Seems normal in every way, except that your mouth dries out instantly every time you say it.
- 4 Spells out another name when read backwards.
- 5 Is printed on every cup in the place.
- 6 Is alliterative.
- 7 Won't make sense until you hear the story behind it.
- 8 Is racially insensitive.
- 9 Is sexually vulgar.
- 10 Includes an onomatopoeia.
- 11 Is long and flowery.

d20 This Tavern's Name...

- 12 Changes every week.
- 13 Includes the owner's name.
- 14 Isn't on any signs.
- 15 References an obscure philosophical theory.
- 16 Uses part of a magical incantation.
- 17 Sounds really aggressive.
- 18 Is complete gibberish.
- 19 Is unexpectedly poetic.
- 20 Is the same as a tavern in another place. Possibly a franchise, possibly plagiarism.

d20 This Tavern's Dirty Secret Is...

- 1 It's a meeting place for criminal groups.
- 2 The bartender is a doppelgänger. The real bartender is buried under the floorboards.
- 3 They water down their drinks.
- 4 They steal from the pockets of passed-out patrons.
- 5 It's haunted.
- 6 It launders money for a cult.
- 7 It operates a fighting ring in its basement.
- 8 It was bought with ill-gained funds.
- 9 They deliver friendless sots to a fleshworker as experimental subjects.
- 10 It's the personal project of a dipsomancer.
- 11 It employs a supernatural enforcer to collect on tabs.
- 12 An alchemist mixes their test potions into some of the drinks.
- 13 It's built on top of ancient ruins.
- 14 It's the lure of an extradimensional predator extruded into this reality.
- 15 Half the establishment exists on the other side of a magic mirror.
- 16 There's something living inside the walls. The patrons think of it as a sort of mascot, but won't speak of it to outsiders. Whatever it is, it likes fresh meat.

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- 17 A heretical scholar carved their magnum opus into the bottom of one of the tables. Only a few patrons know of it, and it's converted them to the scholar's manner of thinking.
- 18 You've been there before, but don't remember. All the patrons remember you though.
- 19 There's no real alcohol in the place. All the bottles are filled with the blood of a beast kept chained up in the back. The difference is nigh-imperceptible.
- 20 It repeats the same night over and over again in a loop. Staying too long might entrap you in the loop as well.

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