To upscale \*\*"A Most Potent Brew"\*\* to suit level 6 adventurers, you'll want to adjust the challenges and rewards to reflect their improved capabilities while maintaining the adventure's narrative and feel. Here are some suggestions:

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### General Adjustments

1. \*\*Encounters\*\*: Upgrade the monsters to higher CR (Challenge Rating) creatures that can challenge level 6 adventurers. Use stronger or thematic variants while maintaining the beer cellar/dungeon theme.

2. \*\*Puzzles and Traps\*\*: Increase the complexity of the traps and puzzles. Introduce higher stakes, requiring more skill checks or magic to solve.

3. \*\*Rewards\*\*: Provide items and gold that are more appropriate for level 6 adventurers. Include some minor magical items or consumables.

4. \*\*Roleplay Opportunities\*\*: Expand the NPC interactions for more depth, allowing the adventurers to leverage their experience and possibly gather additional clues about the dangers below.

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### Encounter-Specific Adjustments

#### \*\*Beer Cellar (Giant Rat Ambush)\*\*

- Replace the \*\*Giant Rats\*\* with \*\*Were-Rats\*\* or \*\*Giant Poisonous Snakes\*\*.

- Add environmental hazards, like casks that could spill and cause difficult terrain or fire risks.

#### \*\*Mosaic Corridor (Trap Area)\*\*

- Enhance the blade trap: Make it magical, dealing force damage and requiring a DC 15 Dexterity save.

- Include animated armor or spectral guardians patrolling the area as additional combat threats.

#### \*\*Well Room (Giant Centipedes)\*\*

- Replace \*\*Giant Centipedes\*\* with a \*\*Giant Scorpion\*\* or \*\*Phase Spiders\*\*.

- Add an optional environmental hazard: The well's water might be magically poisoned, requiring the party to purify it.

#### \*\*Lab (Inferno Spider)\*\*

- Upgrade the \*\*Giant Inferno Spider\*\* to a \*\*Flame Skull\*\* or a unique fire-themed elemental (e.g., an Ember Hulk).

- Make the alchemical materials volatile, exploding if disturbed and adding area-of-effect damage.

#### \*\*Storeroom (Treasure and Potion Rats)\*\*

- Replace the transforming rat with a \*\*Swarm of Cranium Rats\*\*, possibly infused with psychic abilities.

- Increase the number of potions, and introduce rare potions like a Potion of Fire Giant Strength or a Potion of Heroism.

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### Additional Challenges and Rewards

1. \*\*Mini-Boss Fight\*\*: Add a miniboss near the end, such as a \*\*Flesh Golem\*\* or a \*\*Mephit\*\* tied to the brewery's magical origins.

2. \*\*Magic Item Rewards\*\*:

- \*\*Amulet of Health\*\* (raises Constitution)

- \*\*Wand of Magic Detection\*\*

- \*\*Alchemy Jug\*\* (fits the brewing theme)

3. \*\*Gold and Miscellaneous Rewards\*\*:

- Increase monetary rewards to ~500–1000 GP per adventurer.

- Include brewery-related loot like a magical beer mug that purifies poison.

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Here’s a detailed breakdown of the adjustments, including specific stat blocks, puzzles, and narrative enhancements:

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### Revised Narrative

The Wizard’s Tower Brewing Co. has thrived, but its recent expansion unearthed an ancient magical barrier containing far more than rats. Glowkindle hires experienced adventurers to handle the brewing disaster—literal and metaphorical. Strange magical disturbances have started affecting the brewery, with reports of enchanted barrels, strange whispers, and an eerie glow emanating from the cellar. This time, the adventurers must uncover the true history of the site while fighting threats more dangerous than oversized rodents.

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### Stat Block Adjustments

#### \*\*Enhanced Enemies\*\*

1. \*\*Mosaic Corridor Guardians\*\*

- \*\*Animated Armors (2)\*\* (from SRD or DMG)

- HP: 60 each

- AC: 18

- Special: They wield glowing halberds that deal radiant damage (+6 to hit, 1d10+3 slashing + 1d8 radiant).

2. \*\*Inferno Spider Replacement\*\*

- \*\*Ember Hulk\*\* \*(Fire-themed creature based on a Bugbear/Fire Elemental hybrid)\*

- HP: 95

- AC: 16

- Abilities:

- \*\*Smoldering Slam\*\*: Melee, +6 to hit, 2d8+4 fire damage.

- \*\*Lava Leap\*\*: 20 ft. leap with AoE fire damage (15 ft. radius, DC 15 Dex save, 4d6 fire damage).

- \*\*Flare Blindness\*\* (Recharge 5-6): A sudden burst of light forces all creatures within 30 ft. to make a DC 14 Constitution saving throw or be blinded until the end of their next turn.

3. \*\*Miniboss: Scorching Revenant\*\*

- \*\*Scorching Revenant\*\*

- HP: 120

- AC: 15

- Abilities:

- \*\*Blazing Touch\*\*: Melee, +7 to hit, 3d10 fire damage.

- \*\*Fire Shield\*\*: Resistance to melee damage; attackers take 2d10 fire damage on hit.

- \*\*Fiery Wrath (Recharge 5-6)\*\*: 20-ft. cone, DC 16 Dex save, 6d8 fire damage.

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### Puzzles and Challenges

#### \*\*Enhanced Mosaic Trap\*\*

- \*\*Setup\*\*: The mosaic still contains depictions of elements (sky, hill, river, fire), but magical energy now animates the panels.

- \*\*Mechanics\*\*:

- \*\*New Effects\*\*:

- Incorrect step: Panel activates an elemental explosion.

- Air: 4d8 lightning (DC 15 Dex save for half).

- Earth: 4d8 bludgeoning (DC 15 Dex save for half).

- Water: 4d8 cold (DC 15 Dex save for half).

- Fire: 4d8 fire (DC 15 Dex save for half).

- \*\*Solution\*\*: The verse remains a clue, but touching the correct element panels in the sequence from the poem safely deactivates the trap.

#### \*\*Riddle of the Well Room\*\*

- \*\*Challenge\*\*: A magical well radiates an ominous energy. A riddle is inscribed on the rim:

- \*"To drink the brew is to test your fate; choose wisely your draught to open the gate."\*

- \*\*Mechanics\*\*:

- Four magical potions appear near the well:

1. Red (Fire Resistance)

2. Blue (Water Breathing)

3. Green (Healing)

4. Purple (Mind Reading)

- Drinking the right potion opens a secret door to the Lab (answer: Green for vitality).

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### Narrative Enhancements

1. \*\*Expanded NPC Role: Glowkindle\*\*

- Glowkindle reveals he has inherited a strange tome tied to the Wizard’s Tower’s history. He doesn’t understand it but provides cryptic hints the party can decipher for clues.

2. \*\*The Brewing Curse\*\*

- After defeating the miniboss, the adventurers uncover the tower’s cursed brewery vats—magical ale infused with the remnants of failed arcane experiments. Resolving this requires either dispelling the curse or stabilizing the ancient enchantment.

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### Updated Rewards

1. \*\*Treasure\*\*

- \*\*Magical Items\*\*:

- \*\*Cask of Endless Ale\*\*: Produces high-quality ale when commanded, once per day.

- \*\*Mug of Resilience\*\*: Grants temporary HP equal to the user’s level once per short rest.

- \*\*Gold\*\*: 500 GP per adventurer plus a percentage of brewery profits if they resolve the curse (5% monthly).

2. \*\*Narrative-Specific Loot\*\*

- A magical brewing recipe that allows the party to craft potions from ale.

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Here’s the expanded content, including detailed encounters, maps (conceptual), and dialogue snippets:

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### Encounter Details

#### \*\*Beer Cellar: Were-Rat Ambush\*\*

- \*\*Setup\*\*: The cellar remains dark and damp, but the scratching of claws is louder, accompanied by faint chittering laughter. Barrels of ale emit a strange, faint glow, and shadowy figures lurk near the hole in the wall.

- \*\*Enemies\*\*:

- 3 \*\*Were-Rats\*\* (MM, CR 2)

- 2 \*\*Swarm of Rats\*\* (MM, CR 1/4)

- \*\*Mechanics\*\*:

- The Were-Rats start combat by flipping a nearby barrel, spilling enchanted ale that creates difficult terrain (10 ft. radius). Creatures that start their turn in the area must succeed on a DC 13 Wisdom save or be intoxicated, suffering disadvantage on attack rolls for 1 minute.

- The Swarm of Rats uses hit-and-run tactics, moving between barrels for cover.

- \*\*Environment\*\*:

- Collapsing barrels (AC 12, 10 HP): Attackers can target barrels to flood areas, pushing creatures (DC 14 Strength save) or creating temporary cover.

#### \*\*Mosaic Corridor: Elemental Trap & Guardians\*\*

- \*\*Setup\*\*: The glowing mosaic emits magical energy. As adventurers step closer, the light flickers ominously, and ghostly whispers fill the air. Two suits of animated armor step off pedestals near the far wall.

- \*\*Puzzle Mechanics\*\*:

- Stepping on incorrect panels triggers an elemental explosion as per the enhanced trap design.

- Correct sequence: \*Sky → Hill → River → Fire.\*

- \*\*Combat\*\*:

- 2 \*\*Animated Armors\*\* guard the exit. If a creature is knocked prone, they target that creature to prevent puzzle-solving.

- \*\*Environment\*\*:

- \*Puzzle Panels\*: Any creature standing on an incorrect panel when hit by an explosion must also make a DC 14 Dexterity save to avoid falling prone.

- \*Glyph of Warding\*: A glyph in the air activates if a character tries to bypass the trap magically, releasing a thunderwave (3d8 thunder damage, DC 15 Con save for half).

- \*\*Loot\*\*:

- A charred wizard’s spellbook containing \*Fireball\*, \*Scorching Ray\*, and \*Detect Magic\*.

- A \*\*Potion of Fire Resistance\*\* in an intact vial.

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### Dialogue Snippets

#### \*\*Glowkindle’s Introduction\*\*

> "Welcome, welcome! The Wizard’s Tower Brewing Co. welcomes heroes of renown—or renown-to-be. Strange things are afoot in our beloved brewery, and we desperately need your expertise. You see, while expanding our cellar, we uncovered… well, let’s call it \*arcane leftovers\* from the old wizard’s tower. And now the rats are the least of our problems!"

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### Expanded Map Concepts

#### \*\*Level Design\*\*

1. \*\*Beer Cellar\*\*:

- Circular room filled with barrels, crates, and narrow walkways. A hole in the far wall leads to the Mosaic Corridor.

2. \*\*Mosaic Corridor\*\*:

- A long hallway with glowing, engraved panels on the floor. Two suits of animated armor flank a stone door at the end.

3. \*\*Lab\*\*:

- Rectangular room with scorched remnants of alchemical tools. Bookshelves line one wall, and ash piles cover the floor. A glowing, magical barrier pulses behind the Ember Hulk’s lair.

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### Updated Miniboss: Scorching Revenant

#### \*\*Encounter Setup\*\*

- \*\*Location\*\*: A secret chamber behind the lab, revealed after solving the riddle in the Well Room.

- \*\*Narrative\*\*: The Revenant is the tortured spirit of the wizard who died in the brewing explosion. It guards the brewery's enchanted vats, its rage fueled by centuries of pain.

#### \*\*Scorching Revenant Stat Block\*\*

- \*\*HP\*\*: 120

- \*\*AC\*\*: 15

- \*\*Abilities\*\*:

- \*\*Blazing Touch\*\*: +7 to hit, 3d10 fire damage.

- \*\*Fire Shield\*\*: Resistance to melee damage; attackers take 2d10 fire damage.

- \*\*Fiery Wrath (Recharge 5-6)\*\*: 20-ft cone, DC 16 Dex save, 6d8 fire damage.

- \*\*Phase Shift\*\*: The Revenant can teleport up to 30 ft. as a bonus action.

**Chaotic Neutral Dialogue**

1. Upon the party’s arrival:

*"Who dares disturb my eternal vigil? The vats… they must be protected… but why? WHY must I suffer for eternity?"*

1. Mid-battle:

*"Leave this place, intruders! I do not wish to kill, but I cannot let you pass!"*  
*"My pain fuels the flames! You will burn as I burn!"*

1. As the Revenant is defeated:

*"The curse… it weakens… but at what cost? Will I finally rest? Or will I wander these ashes forever?"*

1. If the party attempts to communicate:

*"You cannot understand this torment! Bound by flames, by magic, by duty… this place is my prison, and you are my distraction!"*

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Here’s how we can incorporate a \*\*Barrel Mimic\*\* into the Beer Cellar encounter for added excitement and a thematic twist:

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### \*\*Beer Cellar: Barrel Mimic Ambush\*\*

#### \*\*Setup\*\*:

Amid the towering casks of ale, one barrel looks particularly inviting. Its wooden planks glisten with fresh varnish, and it smells of rich hops. As adventurers approach, the "barrel" suddenly grows grotesque tendrils and a slavering mouth, lunging at the nearest character.

#### \*\*Enemy\*\*:

\*\*Barrel Mimic\*\*

- \*\*AC\*\*: 12

- \*\*HP\*\*: 65

- \*\*Abilities\*\*:

- \*\*Shapechanger\*\*: The mimic remains indistinguishable from a normal barrel while motionless.

- \*\*Adhesive\*\*: Any creature that touches the mimic is grappled (escape DC 13). Ability checks to escape have disadvantage.

- \*\*Pseudopod\*\*: Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 10 (2d6+3) bludgeoning damage.

- \*\*Bite\*\*: Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 13 (2d8+3) piercing damage.

#### \*\*Mechanics\*\*:

- The mimic attacks the first character who approaches within 5 feet.

- If hit with a melee attack while Adhesive is active, the attacker’s weapon is stuck unless they succeed on a DC 13 Strength check.

#### \*\*Environment Interaction\*\*:

- Other barrels may be toppled to create difficult terrain or to knock the mimic prone (DC 14 Strength to tip a barrel onto it).

- Spilled ale interacts with the mimic's adhesive, loosening it temporarily (allowing a grappled creature to escape with advantage).

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### \*\*Narrative Addition\*\*

When the party spots the mimic for the first time, you can describe the scene as follows:

> As you move between rows of barrels, a faint, rhythmic tapping catches your attention. A particularly pristine cask stands out, its wood almost glowing in the dim light. But as your hand brushes its surface, the "wood" ripples unnaturally, and the barrel groans as it sprouts a horrific maw lined with dripping fangs.

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### \*\*Optional Twist\*\*:

- The mimic, once bloodied (reduced to half HP), attempts to retreat by rolling toward the hole in the wall where the Were-Rats fled. If it escapes, it may reappear later in another encounter, perhaps hiding among supplies in the Lab or Storeroom.

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Great! Let’s move to the \*\*Mosaic Corridor\*\* and enhance the puzzle with more details, interactive elements, and expanded mechanics.

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### \*\*Mosaic Corridor: Enhanced Puzzle and Combat\*\*

#### \*\*Setup\*\*:

The glowing mosaic in the corridor hums with magical energy. Each of the four panels corresponds to a verse from the engraved poem on the wall, with depictions of the elements: \*air, earth, water, and fire.\* As the party steps closer, they notice faint scorch marks and claw scratches on the floor.

#### \*\*Puzzle Mechanics\*\*:

The poem's verses give the solution:

- \*\*Air (Sky)\*\*: First panel

- \*\*Earth (Hill)\*\*: Second panel

- \*\*Water (River)\*\*: Third panel

- \*\*Fire (Pyre)\*\*: Fourth panel

Stepping on a wrong panel triggers an elemental blast:

- \*\*Air\*\*: Gust of wind knocks the character prone (DC 15 Strength save).

- \*\*Earth\*\*: Rocks shoot upward, dealing 3d6 bludgeoning damage (DC 15 Dex save for half).

- \*\*Water\*\*: A wave douses the character, slowing their movement by half for 1 minute.

- \*\*Fire\*\*: Flames erupt, dealing 4d6 fire damage (DC 15 Dex save for half).

The correct path must be followed in order:

1. Sky → Hill → River → Pyre.

#### \*\*Combat Additions\*\*:

As the puzzle activates, \*\*2 Animated Armors\*\* come to life, standing at the end of the corridor. They are enchanted guardians meant to protect the secret of the corridor.

\*\*Animated Armor Mechanics\*\*:

- Each guardian is enchanted with the following unique abilities:

- \*\*Force Pulse\*\*: Once per round, the armor emits a 10-ft pulse of force. Creatures in range must succeed on a DC 14 Strength save or be pushed back 5 ft.

- \*\*Magical Reflection\*\*: If targeted by a spell, the armor reflects half the damage or effect back at the caster (saving throw applies as normal).

#### \*\*Narrative Description\*\*:

When the adventurers approach the mosaic, describe the atmosphere:

> The air grows heavy with arcane energy, the golden script on the wall shimmering faintly. Four panels stretch before you, each glowing faintly: a serene sky, a rolling green hill, a rushing river, and a crackling pyre. As you take a cautious step forward, the hum grows louder, and the image of a suit of armor flickers into existence near the far wall.

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### \*\*Alternative Solutions\*\*:

1. \*\*Magic Users\*\*:

- Casting \*Detect Magic\* reveals glowing patterns on the safe areas.

- Casting \*Dispel Magic\* deactivates one elemental effect for 1 minute.

2. \*\*Perception Clues\*\*:

- A DC 15 Wisdom (Perception) check shows footprints that avoided the incorrect panels.

3. \*\*Acrobatics\*\*:

- Characters can attempt a DC 16 Acrobatics check to jump between the correct panels.

#### \*\*Loot\*\*:

Once the corridor is cleared, the party can retrieve a hidden treasure chest embedded in the far wall:

- \*\*Treasure\*\*:

- \*\*50 GP\*\* in an ornate pouch.

- \*\*Ring of Elemental Adaptation\*\*: Grants resistance to one chosen element (fire, cold, lightning, or acid) once attuned.

- A \*\*Scroll of Fireball\*\*.

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Would you like more detailed combat sequences for this encounter, or should we proceed to the \*\*Well Room\*\*?

### \*\*Well Room: Enhanced Puzzle and Encounter\*\*

#### \*\*Setup\*\*:

The well room feels eerie and ancient. A large stone well dominates the center of the room, its edges inscribed with faint runes that pulse dimly. Sunlight filters in from a collapsed ceiling corner, illuminating a wooden table piled with tarnished plates and other strange items. As the party moves further, they notice faint skittering sounds from the well.

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#### \*\*Puzzle Mechanics\*\*: Riddle of the Well

The rim of the well has an inscription:

> \*"From brew to life, a choice must be made. Sip from the past to reveal the shade."\*

On a table near the well are four bottles of liquid, each labeled and glowing faintly:

1. \*\*Red Potion\*\*: \*Smells of embers and iron.\*

2. \*\*Blue Potion\*\*: \*Scent of seaweed and brine.\*

3. \*\*Green Potion\*\*: \*Aromatic and earthy.\*

4. \*\*Purple Potion\*\*: \*Sweet and floral.\*

- \*\*Correct Choice\*\*: Drinking the \*\*Green Potion\*\* (symbolizing vitality) reveals a secret compartment in the well, unlocking the way forward.

- \*\*Wrong Choices\*\*:

- \*\*Red\*\*: The drinker breathes fire involuntarily, dealing 3d6 fire damage to themselves and anyone within 5 feet.

- \*\*Blue\*\*: The drinker begins choking as water fills their lungs (DC 15 Constitution save or incapacitated for 1 minute).

- \*\*Purple\*\*: The drinker falls into a deep sleep (unconscious for 1 minute, DC 15 Wisdom save to resist).

\*\*Clue\*\*: A DC 15 Intelligence (Arcana) check or reading faded text on the table suggests the green potion is the key.

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#### \*\*Combat: Giant Centipedes Evolved\*\*

- As soon as a potion is consumed, \*\*3 Giant Centipedes\*\* crawl from the well, now mutated into \*\*Venomous Centipedes\*\*:

- \*\*Venomous Centipede (CR 1)\*\*:

- \*\*HP\*\*: 33

- \*\*AC\*\*: 14

- \*\*Abilities\*\*:

- \*\*Venomous Bite\*\*: +5 to hit, 1d8 piercing damage plus 3d6 poison damage (DC 14 Constitution save for half).

- \*\*Wall Climber\*\*: Moves along walls and ceilings without a check.

- \*\*Well Hazard\*\*: If a character gets too close to the well, they risk falling in (DC 13 Dexterity save). The well is 50 feet deep with 10 feet of water at the bottom, dealing 2d6 falling damage.

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#### \*\*Loot\*\*:

- \*\*Silver Plate Set\*\*: A tarnished set worth 50 GP once cleaned.

- \*\*Potion of Vitality\*\*: Hidden in a crack near the table, unnoticed unless searched for specifically (DC 15 Investigation).

- \*\*Key to the Lab\*\*: Found in the secret compartment of the well after solving the puzzle.

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### \*\*Narrative Description\*\*:

> The smell of damp stone fills your nostrils as you step into the room. The large well at its center radiates a strange energy, its rim lined with glowing runes that seem alive in the flickering light. Plates and strange items litter the table, as though someone was interrupted mid-meal centuries ago. A faint noise—a wet, skittering sound—echoes from the well, making your hair stand on end.

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Would you like to move on to the \*\*Lab encounter\*\* and the final \*\*Miniboss room\*\*?

### \*\*Lab Encounter: Inferno Spider

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### \*\*Inferno Spider\*\*

- \*\*Large Monstrosity, Unaligned\*\*

- \*\*AC:\*\* 15 (natural armor)

- \*\*HP:\*\* 102 (12d10+36)

- \*\*Speed:\*\* 30 ft., climb 30 ft.

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### \*\*Ability Scores\*\*

| Ability | Score | Modifier |

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| Strength | 16 | +3 |

| Dexterity | 14 | +2 |

| Constitution | 16 | +3 |

| Intelligence | 2 | -4 |

| Wisdom | 11 | +0 |

| Charisma | 6 | -2 |

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### \*\*Skills\*\*

- \*\*Stealth:\*\* +6

- \*\*Passive Perception:\*\* 10

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### \*\*Damage Resistances\*\*

- Fire

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### \*\*Senses\*\*

- Darkvision 60 ft.

- Blindsight 10 ft.

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### \*\*Traits\*\*

1. \*\*Fire Webs.\*\*

The Inferno Spider produces webbing infused with fire. The web is flammable and burns when exposed to an open flame, dealing 2d6 fire damage to any creature restrained by it. The web’s AC is 10, and it has 10 HP.

2. \*\*Spider Climb.\*\*

The Inferno Spider can climb difficult surfaces, including ceilings, without needing to make an ability check.

3. \*\*Flame Aura (Recharge 5-6).\*\*

As a bonus action, the Inferno Spider can activate an aura of fire that extends 5 feet around it. Any creature that starts its turn in the aura takes 2d6 fire damage. The aura lasts for 1 minute or until the spider deactivates it (no action required).

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### \*\*Actions\*\*

1. \*\*Flaming Bite.\*\*

Melee Weapon Attack: +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target.

\*\*Hit:\*\* 15 (2d10+3) piercing damage, plus 9 (2d8) fire damage.

2. \*\*Burning Web (Recharge 5-6).\*\*

Ranged Weapon Attack: +6 to hit, range 30/60 ft., one creature.

\*\*Hit:\*\* The target is restrained by flaming webbing. At the start of its turn, the target takes 7 (2d6) fire damage. A creature can make a DC 14 Strength check to escape or destroy the webbing (AC 10, 10 HP).

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### \*\*Reactions\*\*

\*\*Fiery Retribution.\*\*

When the Inferno Spider is hit by a melee attack, it can release a burst of fire in a 10-foot radius. Each creature within range must make a DC 14 Dexterity saving throw, taking 10 (3d6) fire damage on a failed save, or half as much on a success.

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### \*\*Encounter Setup\*\*

#### \*\*Environment Hazards\*\*

1. \*\*Burning Webs\*\*:

The lab is partially covered in flammable webs that ignite if exposed to fire, dealing 2d6 fire damage to creatures within 5 feet of the flames.

2. \*\*Explosive Alchemical Tools\*\*:

Shattered vials and unstable potions litter the area. A creature hit by an attack while standing near the alchemical debris has a 50% chance to cause a small explosion (10 ft. radius, 3d6 fire damage, DC 13 Dex save for half).

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### \*\*Tactics\*\*

1. \*\*Ambush Predator:\*\*

The Inferno Spider uses its Stealth to hide among the lab’s shadows or on the ceiling, ambushing the party with \*\*Burning Web\*\* to restrain key targets before leaping into melee combat.

2. \*\*Area Control:\*\*

The \*\*Flame Aura\*\* forces the party to spread out, while the \*\*Burning Web\*\* focuses on disabling casters or ranged attackers.

3. \*\*Retreat to the Ceiling:\*\*

If its HP drops below 40, the spider retreats to a high vantage point, using its \*\*Burning Web\*\* and \*\*Fiery Retribution\*\* to deter pursuit.

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### \*\*Treasure\*\*

- \*\*Spider Silk Amulet (Magic Item):\*\* Grants resistance to fire damage for 1 hour when worn (requires attunement).

- \*\*Potion of Fire Resistance:\*\* Found in a cocooned adventurer's remains.

- A hidden stash of alchemical reagents worth 100 GP.

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Would you like to add environmental effects, specific loot, or alternate tactical abilities for this encounter?- \*\*Unstable Alchemical Glassware\*\*: Destroying certain shelves triggers a small explosion (10 ft. radius, 2d8 fire damage, DC 13 Dexterity save for half).

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#### \*\*Loot\*\*:

1. \*\*Charred Spellbook\*\*: Contains \*Fireball\*, \*Scorching Ray\*, and \*Detect Magic\*.

2. \*\*Potion of Fire Resistance\*\*: Found intact on a high shelf.

3. \*\*Wizard’s Wand of Pyrotechnics\*\*: Allows the caster to use \*Pyrotechnics\* (DC 13) three times before becoming inert.

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#### \*\*Narrative Description\*\*:

> The room is sweltering, as though a fire were still burning just below the surface of the stone floor. Scorch marks cover the walls and ceiling, and molten puddles bubble ominously in the corners. At the center of the room, a towering figure stands—its glowing, molten form dripping embers with every breath. As it notices you, the room grows hotter, and the creature emits a low, rumbling growl.

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### \*\*Miniboss Room: Scorching Revenant\*\*

#### \*\*Setup\*\*:

Behind the Lab lies the heart of the Wizard's Tower Brewery—a massive brewing vat glowing with magical energy. The \*\*Scorching Revenant\*\*, a spirit bound to the cursed ale, guards this room. The air crackles with heat and magic as the Revenant materializes, its fiery form flickering like a living inferno.

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#### \*\*Combat Mechanics\*\*:

\*\*Scorching Revenant (CR 6 Miniboss)\*\*

- \*\*HP\*\*: 120

- \*\*AC\*\*: 15

- \*\*Abilities\*\*:

- \*\*Blazing Touch\*\*: Melee Weapon Attack: +7 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 3d10 fire damage.

- \*\*Fire Shield\*\*: Resistance to melee damage; attackers take 2d10 fire damage.

- \*\*Fiery Wrath (Recharge 5-6)\*\*: 20-ft cone, DC 16 Dex save, 6d8 fire damage.

- \*\*Phase Shift\*\*: As a bonus action, the Revenant can teleport up to 30 ft. and become incorporeal until the start of its next turn.

\*\*Environment\*\*:

- \*\*Cursed Brewing Vat\*\*: Radiates unstable magic, creating hazards:

- At the start of each round, the vat releases random effects (roll 1d4):

1. Scalding steam (20-ft radius, 2d8 fire damage, DC 14 Constitution save for half).

2. Arcane backlash (DC 15 Intelligence save or take 2d6 force damage).

3. Enchanted foam (10-ft radius becomes difficult terrain).

4. Residual healing: All creatures regain 2d4 HP.

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#### \*\*Loot\*\*:

1. \*\*Cask of Endless Ale\*\*: Produces ale once per day, with effects based on a d6 roll:

- 1: Cure wounds (2d8 HP).

- 2-5: Regular ale.

- 6: Resistance to one element for 1 hour.

2. \*\*Mug of Resilience\*\*: Grants temporary HP equal to the user’s level once per short rest.

3. \*\*Brewer’s Tome\*\*: Describes magical brewing recipes, enabling the crafting of potions using brewing tools.

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#### \*\*Narrative Description\*\*:

> The room feels alive with magic. A massive brewing vat dominates the space, its surface glowing with shifting colors. The air shimmers with heat, and as you step closer, a fiery figure coalesces from the swirling magic. Its voice echoes with fury as it points a flaming hand at you.

> "You dare disturb the master’s work? Burn, intruders!"

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### \*\*Final Scene: Aftermath\*\*

After defeating the Revenant, the brewing vat stabilizes, and the curse is lifted. Glowkindle eagerly greets the adventurers, praising their success. He rewards them with gold, magical items, and promises of a lifetime supply of ale.

#### \*\*Glowkindle’s Dialogue\*\*:

> "You’ve done it! The brewery is safe, and our finest ales will flow once more! You’ll always have a home here, friends—along with a pint or three on the house!"

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Let me know if you'd like maps, stat blocks, or additional narrative threads to continue the adventure!

Here's the \*\*map\*\* for the enhanced "A Most Potent Brew" dungeon. It includes:

1. \*\*Beer Cellar\*\*: Starting point with the Barrel Mimic and Were-Rat ambush.

2. \*\*Mosaic Corridor\*\*: Puzzle trap and Animated Armor guardians.

3. \*\*Well Room\*\*: The potion riddle and Venomous Centipedes encounter.

4. \*\*Lab\*\*: The Ember Hulk battle with environmental hazards.

5. \*\*Miniboss Room\*\*: The Scorching Revenant confrontation and cursed brewing vat.

Let’s proceed with creating the stat blocks and narrative threads.

### \*\*Stat Blocks\*\*

#### \*\*Barrel Mimic\*\*

- \*\*Medium Monstrosity (Shapechanger), Neutral\*\*

- \*\*AC\*\*: 12 (natural armor)

- \*\*HP\*\*: 65

- \*\*Speed\*\*: 15 ft.

- \*\*Abilities\*\*:

- STR: 17 (+3), DEX: 12 (+1), CON: 15 (+2), INT: 5 (-3), WIS: 13 (+1), CHA: 8 (-1)

- \*\*Traits\*\*:

- \*\*Shapechanger\*\*: The mimic can transform into a barrel indistinguishable from an ordinary one.

- \*\*Adhesive\*\*: A creature grappling the mimic must succeed on a DC 13 Strength check to escape.

- \*\*False Appearance\*\*: While motionless, the mimic is indistinguishable from a barrel.

- \*\*Actions\*\*:

- \*\*Pseudopod\*\*: Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 10 (2d6 + 3) bludgeoning damage.

- \*\*Bite\*\*: Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 13 (2d8 + 3) piercing damage.

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#### \*\*Ember Hulk\*\*

- \*\*Large Elemental Monstrosity, Neutral Evil\*\*

- \*\*AC\*\*: 16

- \*\*HP\*\*: 95

- \*\*Speed\*\*: 30 ft., climb 20 ft.

- \*\*Abilities\*\*:

- STR: 19 (+4), DEX: 12 (+1), CON: 16 (+3), INT: 6 (-2), WIS: 10 (+0), CHA: 8 (-1)

- \*\*Traits\*\*:

- \*\*Smoldering Slam\*\*: Melee Weapon Attack: +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 2d8 + 4 fire damage.

- \*\*Lava Leap\*\*: As a bonus action, the Hulk leaps up to 20 ft. and deals 2d8 fire damage in a 10-ft radius (DC 14 Dex save for half).

- \*\*Flare Blindness (Recharge 5-6)\*\*: Emits blinding light; creatures within 30 ft. must succeed on a DC 15 Constitution save or be blinded until the end of their next turn.

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#### \*\*Scorching Revenant\*\*

- \*\*Medium Undead, Chaotic Neutral\*\*

- \*\*AC\*\*: 15

- \*\*HP\*\*: 120

- \*\*Speed\*\*: 30 ft.

- \*\*Abilities\*\*:

- STR: 14 (+2), DEX: 14 (+2), CON: 16 (+3), INT: 10 (+0), WIS: 12 (+1), CHA: 18 (+4)

- \*\*Traits\*\*:

- \*\*Fiery Aura\*\*: Creatures within 5 ft. of the Revenant at the start of their turn take 1d6 fire damage.

- \*\*Phase Shift\*\*: The Revenant can teleport up to 30 ft. as a bonus action, becoming incorporeal until the start of its next turn.

- \*\*Actions\*\*:

- \*\*Blazing Touch\*\*: Melee Weapon Attack: +7 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 3d10 fire damage.

- \*\*Fiery Wrath (Recharge 5-6)\*\*: Exhales flames in a 20-ft cone. Each creature in the area must make a DC 16 Dexterity save, taking 6d8 fire damage on a failure or half on a success.

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### \*\*Additional Narrative Threads\*\*

#### 1. \*\*The Brewery's Cursed History\*\*

- The Revenant reveals it was once a wizard experimenting with brewing magic. The curse originates from a failed alchemical experiment meant to enhance magical brewing.

- Players can decide to fully lift the curse (by dispelling it using magic or artifacts) or stabilize it (leaving the magic infused with the brewery for minor benefits but potential risks).

#### 2. \*\*Expanded Role for Glowkindle\*\*

- Glowkindle provides subtle hints about the brewery’s history, connecting it to local folklore or legends.

- If the curse is lifted, Glowkindle offers the party a share of future brewery profits (1d6 x 100 GP per month).

#### 3. \*\*Sequel Hook\*\*

- Hidden in the Miniboss Room is a map fragment leading to a larger, more dangerous wizard’s laboratory. This introduces the possibility of a follow-up adventure focused on magical brewing experiments gone awry.

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Would you like me to detail the sequel hook or expand on potential in-game rewards?

### \*\*Sequel Hook: The Forgotten Alembic\*\*

#### \*\*Overview\*\*

After completing the brewery adventure, the party discovers clues hinting at a deeper mystery tied to the Wizard’s Tower and its arcane brewing experiments. These clues can set the stage for further adventures filled with magical hazards, rival factions, and hidden treasures.

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### \*\*Discovery of the Map Fragment\*\*

After defeating the \*\*Scorching Revenant\*\*, the adventurers find a \*\*map fragment\*\* hidden inside the brewing vat's secret compartment. The map is scorched, but several locations are still visible:

- A mountain pass marked as \*\*“The Alembic Vault”\*\*.

- A small coastal town labeled \*\*“Mistbrew Cove”\*\*.

- An unmarked circular structure surrounded by glyphs, noted only as \*\*“The Final Flask.”\*\*

#### \*\*Clue Description\*\*:

The fragment reads:

> \*“For those who seek to perfect the art of arcane brewing, follow this path to uncover the Alembic of Eternity. Beware: only the worthy can claim the secrets of immortality.”\*

This reference to the \*\*Alembic of Eternity\*\* suggests the existence of an ancient artifact capable of perfecting magical brewing and alchemy.

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### \*\*Potential Adventures\*\*

#### 1. \*\*Adventure: The Alembic Vault\*\*

- \*\*Location\*\*: A hidden mountain vault once used by the wizard-brewers of old.

- \*\*Plot\*\*:

- The vault contains remnants of brewing experiments, along with deadly traps and ancient guardians.

- Factions such as rival brewing guilds or treasure hunters may also seek the vault, competing with the party.

- The vault’s central chamber holds part of the Alembic of Eternity, protected by a construct or magical barrier.

- \*\*Key Challenges\*\*:

- Solve brewing-themed puzzles involving alchemical mixtures (e.g., combining potions in the correct order to deactivate traps).

- Fight elemental guardians infused with unstable brewing magic.

- \*\*Reward\*\*:

- A piece of the Alembic, granting minor magical brewing abilities (e.g., once per long rest, brew a random beneficial potion).

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#### 2. \*\*Adventure: Mistbrew Cove\*\*

- \*\*Location\*\*: A coastal town thriving on its magical brewing industry.

- \*\*Plot\*\*:

- The town is plagued by cursed shipments of ale causing strange mutations in its residents.

- Investigations reveal that rival brewers have been tampering with shipments, experimenting with unstable alchemical magic.

- The party must infiltrate the rival brewers’ ship or island hideout to stop their dangerous practices.

- \*\*Key Challenges\*\*:

- Social encounters with townsfolk and rival factions to gather clues.

- Naval combat with alchemically-enhanced creatures (e.g., a Kraken corrupted by experimental potions).

- \*\*Reward\*\*:

- Unique potions or brewing recipes, including experimental potions with powerful but unpredictable effects.

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#### 3. \*\*Adventure: The Final Flask\*\*

- \*\*Location\*\*: A vast underground brewing laboratory hidden beneath the ruins of an ancient city.

- \*\*Plot\*\*:

- The Alembic of Eternity’s final piece lies in this laboratory, which has become a lair for magical constructs and arcane mutants.

- The party uncovers logs revealing the brewing wizards' ultimate goal: to create a potion granting immortality.

- However, the experiment went horribly wrong, and the lab is haunted by undead remnants of the brewing wizards.

- \*\*Key Challenges\*\*:

- Solve complex puzzles involving brewing stations to progress deeper into the laboratory.

- Battle powerful undead alchemists and corrupted elemental beings.

- \*\*Final Encounter\*\*:

- A brewing-themed boss battle, such as an \*\*Alchemical Abomination\*\* or a \*\*Lich-Brewer\*\* who drinks experimental potions during combat, altering its abilities.

- \*\*Reward\*\*:

- The completed \*\*Alembic of Eternity\*\*, an artifact capable of creating potions of immense power but requiring rare and dangerous ingredients.

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### \*\*Rival Factions\*\*

1. \*\*The Brewmaster’s Guild\*\*: A powerful brewing guild that wants to control the Alembic for commercial purposes. They may aid or hinder the party depending on their choices.

2. \*\*The Cult of the Eternal Flask\*\*: A fanatical group seeking immortality through the Alembic, willing to sacrifice anyone who opposes them.

3. \*\*The Arcane Conservators\*\*: A group of scholars aiming to prevent dangerous magical brewing techniques from spreading.

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### \*\*Ongoing Effects\*\*

- The Wizard’s Tower Brewery becomes a central hub for future adventures, with Glowkindle acting as a patron or quest-giver.

- The adventurers’ actions may influence brewing trade across the realm, earning them fame—or infamy—as heroes or disruptors in the brewing industry.

Would you like detailed encounters for any of these adventures, or more lore about the Alembic of Eternity?