

Lord Shen Anagens Palace

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Lord Shen Anagens is a mage of great power. He grew up on the mean streets of Old Town, a homeless orphan enslaved by the Thieves Guild. It was only the discovery of his mage talents that allowed him to escape. A traveling hedge wizard, Jerry Blackdog, accidentally discovered his talents and purchased him from the guild. Shen traveled the land with his new master for many years, eventually surpassing him in knowledge and power.

Shen never forgot where he came from though and many years later he returned to the city and built himself a palace deep under the

streets of Old Town. There he started a school of magecraft seeking out those with magic talent and teaching them his art no matter what their social position.

For many years Shen and his school prospered. He found instructors for all the various specialty schools of magic and hired them. The number of students grew and grew, most of them children of the poor folk of Old Town.

Then one day this all changed, vendors, parents of students and others with business at the school found themselves locked out. All the guards and wards that protect the school were active, no one could get in and no one had come out for days. A former student has a single use item



that would allow a small party to enter the complex. Only there have strangely been no volunteers despite a reward of 500 gp being offered by the city to discover what had gone wrong at the school.

If the PCs ask around they discover that another small group

of adventurers had been previously hired to explore the school, but they have not been heard of for several days now. There is only one magic item left now to get into the school. Who will be brave or foolish enough to use it so they can explore the school?

Bad things have been happening inside the school. One of the students had discovered an artifact, a black skull with glowing runes, a powerful necromantic focus. He was experimenting with it

when he accidentally activated it releasing a wave of necromantic energy that killed everyone in the school. Only they didn't stay dead, they rose the next night as undead.

Upon awakening Shen was horrified to discover that he, his teachers and all his students had been transformed into undead. The beginning students level 1-5 were all ghouls, the intermediate students level 6-9

were all ghosts. The instructors had all become vampires and Shen himself had become one of the most powerful of undead, a lich. Shen for now has managed to keep control of the schools inhabitants but isn't sure how long that will last.

All of the doors in the palace are masterwork quality, locked and Arcane Locked. The door to the outside is blocked by a wall of force. All the corridors and rooms are brightly lit. There is a red flashing light in the center of each corridor from which a loud disembodied voice is issuing. The voice is sonorously saying, over and over, "All students and faculty report to their duty stations. This is not a drill. The palace is in emergency lock down."

1. Guard Room (4 ghouls), 2. Temple to the Goddess of Magic (the undead can't enter this room), 3. Central Atrium (Has a large fountain, many plants, trees and a crystal ceiling that mimics natural light), 4. Combat Training Room, 5. Library (filled with books on magical research), 6. Archmage Shens Rooms (the door has a Symbol of Paralysis on it, inside there is a masterwork lab and a Lich sitting mournfully in a large chair before a fire. The lich is friendly unless attacked), 7. Kitchen (2 ghouls, 1 ghast), 8. Dining Room (the torn, partially devoured bodies of four adventurers are laid out on the tables), 9. Class Room (3 ghouls, 2 ghosts, 1 vampire), 10. Conference Room (3 vampires), a. Barracks for beginning students (7 ghouls are in these rooms), b. Single Rooms (6 ghosts are scattered through these rooms, one of the rooms has an onyx skull covered with glowing green runes laying in a small circle of protection in the middle of the room), c. The Masters rooms (there are 4 vampires scattered around these large well appointed chambers), d. Bathrooms, Shen is a lich archmage of vast power and knowledge. Each Master is a 11- 14th lvl vampire mage specializing in one of the schools of magic. The students are 1-5th lvl ghoul mages, or 6- 9th lvl ghast mages.

