

The Library of Ezz

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The ancient Library of Ezz is considered lost to this day. During the Breaking of Anhelm, many wizards gave up hope of discovering the treasured resource. The wanton destruction would have wiped out any remaining worth from the library, as the texts, scrolls, and tomes within were already thousands of years old.

The great wizard, Ezz, carved the library deep beneath a nameless mountain. There, he painstakingly stored tomes of knowledge, wisdom, lore, and power, foreseeing a time when such resources might be rare. A handful of wizards even had the opportunity to study at the library, although Ezz guarded his trove quite jealously. The location remained a mystery, for Ezz was bound by his maniacal devotion to preserve, not share, the knowledge he amassed.

In reality, the library survived, due to Ezz's magickal prowess. Unfortunately, it is now scattered in four wings, so a wizard who discovers one must still search for the others.

The Wing of Knowledge

This wing contains many books of general scientific, diplomatic, and historical nature. The worth of the trove is inestimable. An astute wizard might also glean from these books clues to the downfall of Anhelm, as a careful reading of history might offer up an occasional morsel.

This wing is guarded by giant stone constructs, who keep the library ordered to this day. They will doggedly pursue any wizard who steals a book.

The Wing of Wisdom

This wing contains books of wisdom, poetry, prose, and beauty. Most of these literary masterpieces will never be reclaimed from the ruins of Anhelm. A compassionate wizard will find stories of hope, love, and joy, giving him an edge when attempting to sway his fellow spellcasters to the cause of good.

This wing is guarded by amorphous constructs of air, who protect the trove and destroy intruders with their overwhelming gusts of wind.

The Wing of Lore

This wing contains legends, folk stories, and prophecy. Do some of these tomes contain references to the fall of Anhelm? Might these stories contain a clue to breaking the terrible curse of the wizards? A careful wizard will find a priceless resource to peruse if such questions need to be answered.

This wing is guarded by simple fiery constructs, ebbing flames that swarm intruders and light the dank halls.

The Wing of Magick

This wing contains the most priceless trove of all – legendary tomes, scrolls, and treatises on the nature and reality of magick. Any tome of any worth is here, including preserved texts related to demon summoning and time travel. A wizard who studies the library will discover secrets related to beasts, artifacts, and more. In fact, if a wizard can study in this wing for an uninterrupted month, he will gain a bonus of 10 skill points to any magickal skill of choice.

This wing is guarded by water slimes, which appear to be invincible to any sort of attack. The slimes grow bigger as the battle goes on.

The Mark of Ezz

The only safe way to study in any of these wings is to gain a pendant known as the Mark of Ezz. No one knows where such a pendant might be discovered, but rumors suggest that Aquaerion the Aquatic might know the location of one. While wearing the pendant, a wizard may pass to and fro through the wings of the Library of Ezz without problem.