

The Stone of Agom

A Location for Eldritch Ass Kicking
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Like a single gnarled finger pointing to the immense heavens, the Stone of Agom rises up at the edge of a rocky cliff, floating out amidst the ruin of Anhelm. The Stone has an ancient history, believed to date back to the earliest settlers and natives of Anhelm. For whatever reason, the rock formation was seen as something holy and mysterious. Beginning then, some wise men climbed to the cliff and painstakingly began to carve etchings of magickal power into it.

Later, Agom, a sorceress who had turned away from the civilized ways of her people, made the Stone her personal charge. She protected, cleaned, and added to it. She made her home in a dismal cave below the structure, spending days staring at the graffiti like surface of the rock. Her life grew long, far longer than many wizards of that time. Often, she would sit at the base of the Stone and remain in silence for days. Though she appeared weak and frail, her magickal power was overwhelming to most of her peers.

During the Breaking of Anhelm, Agom disappeared, although she may have been a legend all along. Her Stone remains, still carved with strange etchings which offer riddles and arcane thoughts to those who study it. From time to time, wizards do seek out the stone, looking for clues to hidden power. No one has added to the Stone since Agom went missing.

If a wizard dedicates himself to the study of the Stone, the spellflinger can become attuned to it and gain a bonus to all magickal actions while in a short radius of it. For every year spent serving the Stone, the spellcaster gains a bonus of +2. Also, the Stone is believed to grant long life to those who study it, although such a life may be torturous and meaningless. Of course, the Stone is merely... a stone. It can easily be destroyed, rendering it useless.

A GM could use the site as the stage for a battle or as a source of power to draw upon for epic magickal effects. And then, there is still the mystery of Agom... who may lurk about, ready to protect her Stone from evil.