

PULP CTHULHU

TWO-FISTED ACTION AND ADVENTURE AGAINST THE MYTHOS HANDOUTS

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COLLECTED HANDOUTS

Handout: Disintegrator 1

United States



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Arkham, Massachusetts

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NIGHT LETTER	WEEKEND LETTER

HANDWRITERS SHOULD CHECK CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

CVTY 35 ARKHAM, MAS. TVG 11

= PROFESSOR LIONEL FINCH =

= ARKHAM =

= DEAR FRIEND STOP I WISH TO PREVAIL UPON YOU TO REPRESENT ME IN A MOST URGENT AND DELICATE MATTER STOP I AM STUCK CHAIR-BOUND AGAIN AND NEED HELP TO BE MY EYES AND EARS STOP IT MAY PROVE NOTHING MORE THAN A HOAX BUT IF NOT I FEAR FOR THE FUTURE STOP SORRY FOR LIMITED INFO STOP MATTER CONFIDENTIAL I WILL SPEAK MORE OF THIS IN PERSON STOP PLEASE COME AND SEE ME ASAP I WILL PAY ALL EXPENSES AND GENEROUS FEE STOP PLEASE REPLY BY RETURN MESSAGE PAID STOP =

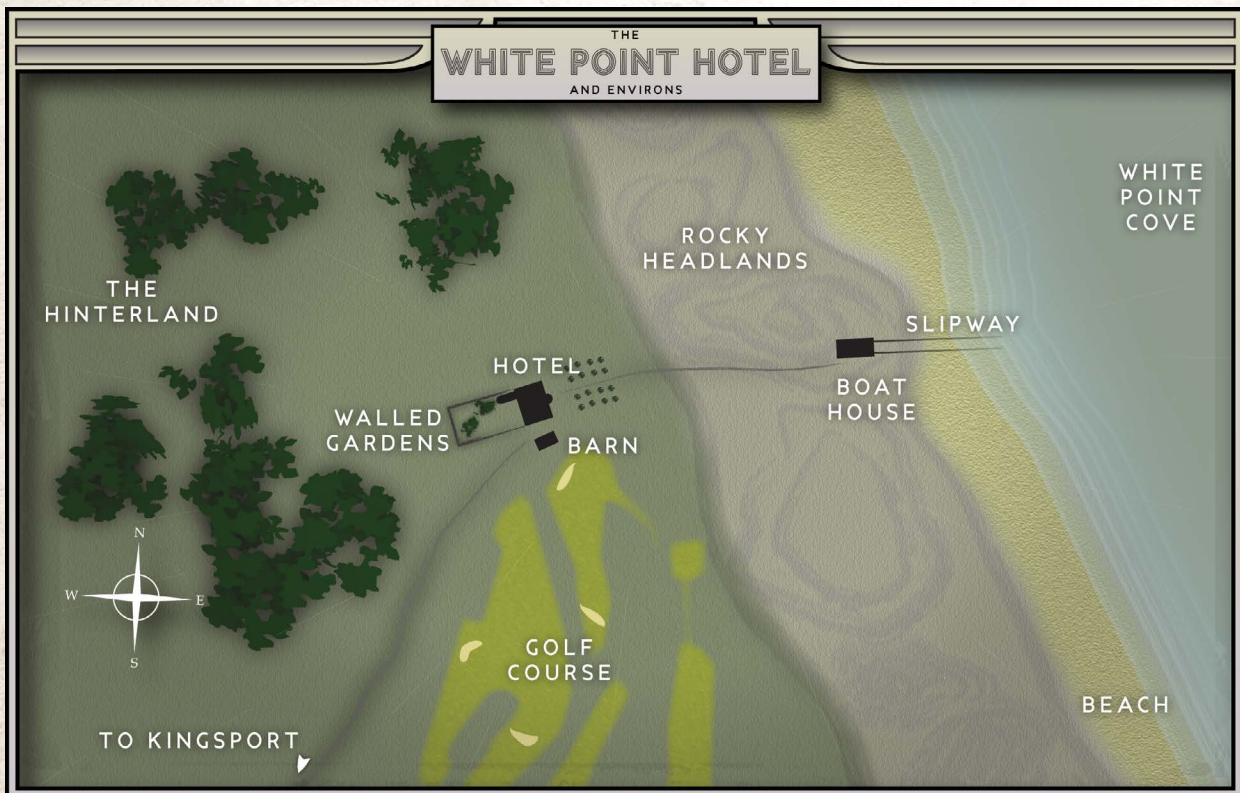
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Handout: *Disintegrator 2*

AUCTION SCHEDULE

6:00 P.M.	DEMONSTRATION OF THE DISINTEGRATOR IN THE HOTEL'S REAR GARDENS.
8:00 P.M.	DINNER IS SERVED, WITH COMPLIMENTS OF THE AUCTION.
9:00 P.M.	FIRST ROUND OF BIDDING IN THE DINING ROOM. SEALED BIDS TO BE HANDED IN BY INTERESTED PARTIES.
9:30 P.M.	THE HIGHEST CURRENT BID WILL BE DECLARED. IF THERE IS AN AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE FURTHER BIDDING, A SECOND AND FINAL ROUND OF SEALED BIDS WILL BE HANDED IN BY INTERESTED PARTIES.

THE HIGHEST BIDDER WILL TAKE POSSESSION OF THE DISINTEGRATOR DEVICE FOLLOWING THE SATISFACTORY EXCHANGE OF CAPITAL AS SOON AS THIS IS MADE. PAYMENT TO BE MADE IN FULL WITHIN ONE DAY.



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THE WHITE POINT HOTEL INTERNAL FLOORPLAN



FIRST FLOOR

SECOND FLOOR



2nd, 3rd, & Basement areas not to scale

THIRD FLOOR



OF THE HOTEL

AREA

ABOVE

BASEMENT



- STAIRCASE
(Arrows point up)
- STORE/PRIVATE ROOM
- BATHROOM
- FUNCTION AREAS
- SUITES
- DOUBLE ROOMS
- SINGLE ROOMS

- 1 KITCHEN
- 2 CONSERVATORY
- 3 STORE
- 4 MUD ROOM
- 5 STAIRS TO BASEMENT
- 6 LOBBY
- 7 LOUNGE
- 8 CHECK-IN
- 9 OFFICE
- 10 RECEPTION ROOM
- 11 DINING/BALL ROOM

TO THE BARN

STONE ANGEL

WISTERIA ISLAND

WHERE DARK RITES ARE PERFORMED



WOODLAND

TEMPLE
DOME

PATH
THROUGH
WOODS

BEACHED
YACHT

WOODLAND

100 YARDS

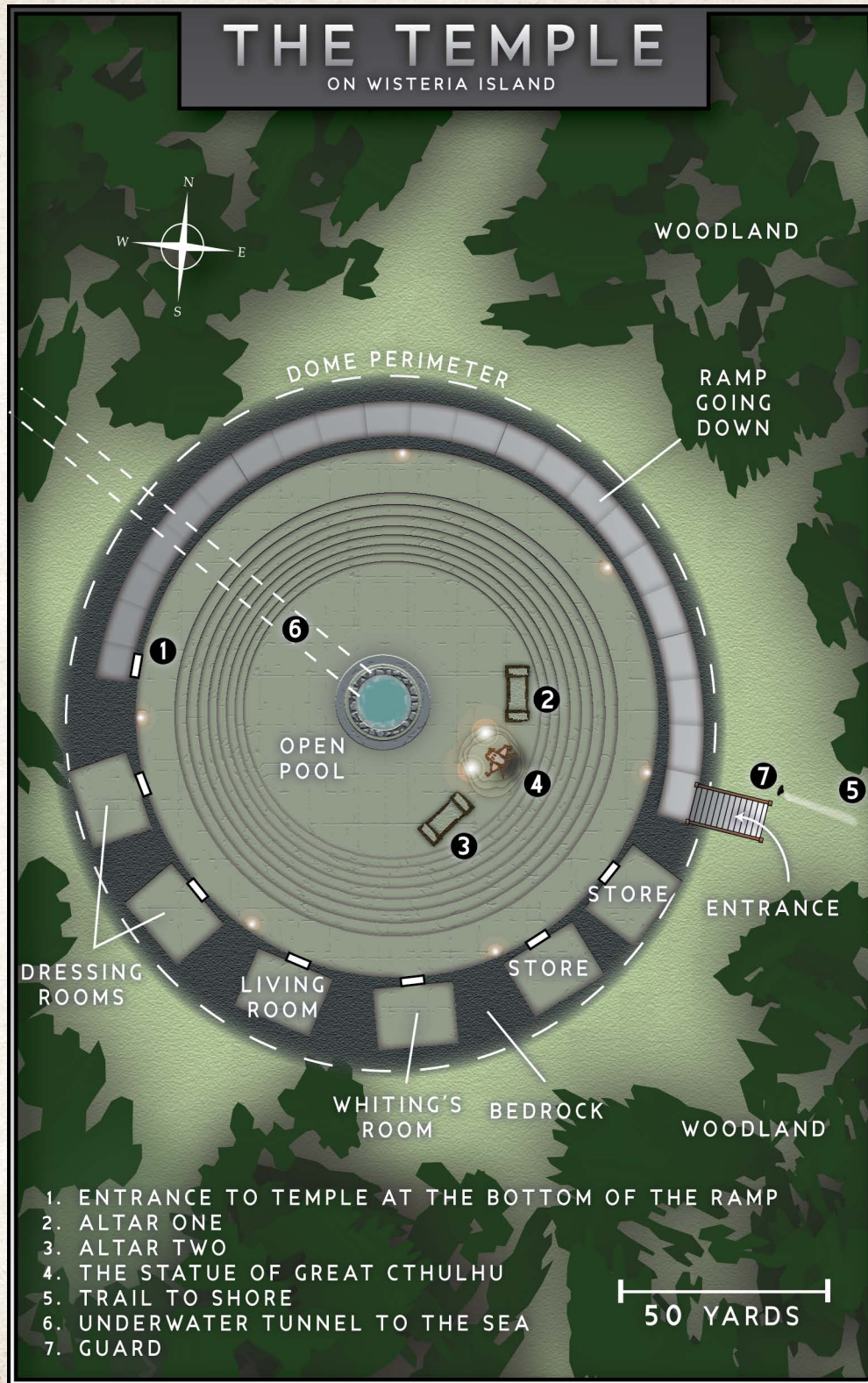
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THE TEMPLE

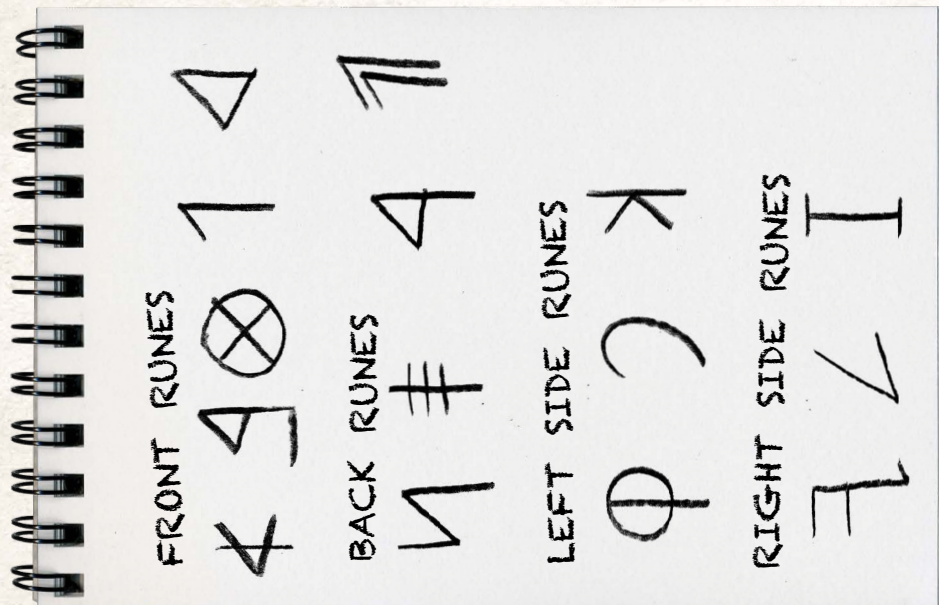
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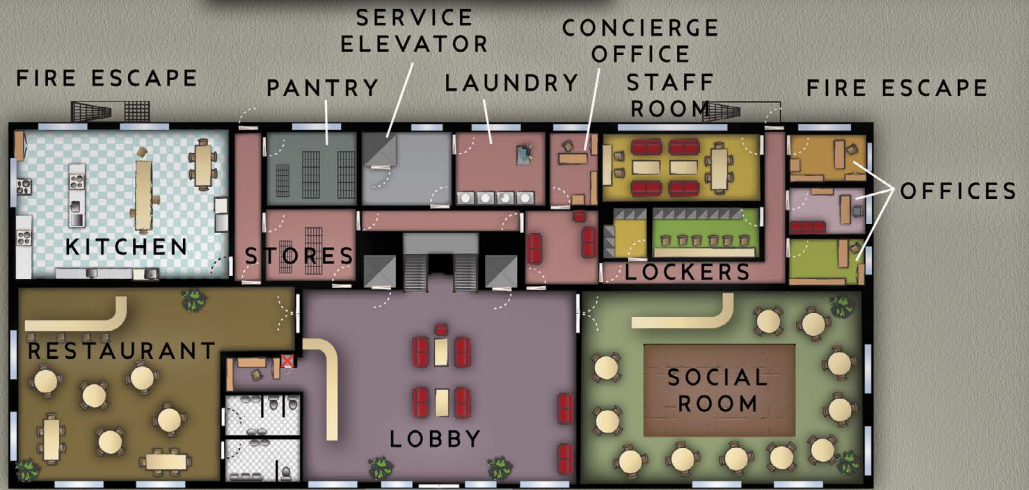
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THE
GRAND HOTEL

INTERNAL FLOORPLAN



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

DUMB WAITER

STAIRCASE

ELEVATOR

PRIVATE AREAS IN ORANGE

PUBLIC AREAS IN GREEN



PANDORA HANDOUT 7 SUMMARY OF STANDARD OCCULT SOURCES

Occult books, from Fraser's *Golden Bough* to rarer examples, can be mined for information about Pandora's Box. All sources agree that such a box would be a dangerous thing to have around as no known remedy or defense is available to deal with all eventualities of what may be brought forth from inside the receptacle. Most scholars agree that a wise man should shun the box. One source suggests that attempts to destroy the box may be disastrous and potentially apocalyptic.

PANDORA HANDOUT 8 MEMOIRS OF SIR WILLIAM CRAKE

In Service of the Empire (1925), the memoirs of Sir William Crake, mentions the artifact specifically. Crake was British Ambassador to Turkey in the early twentieth century. He illustrates his policy of receiving gifts skeptically with the anecdote on page 244:

GREEK MYTHOLOGY

In Greek mythology, Pandora was the first woman, created by Zeus using water and earth. The gods endowed her with gifts: Athena clothed her, Aphrodite gave her beauty, Apollo gave her musical ability, and Hermes gave her speech. When Prometheus stole fire from heaven to give to humanity, Zeus punished him by presenting Pandora to his brother, but the revenge went further. Pandora was given a large and beautiful jar as a wedding gift, with instructions never to open it. Impelled by her curiosity (also given to her by the gods), Pandora opened it, allowing all the evils contained inside to spread over the earth. Only one thing remained inside—the Spirit of Hope. Pandora feared Zeus' wrath for her disobedience but there was no further punishment other than living in a world where all these evils were free. The etymology of the "box" is problematic since the original Greek word was "pithos," a large jar.

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✂ TOOL I WEAPON / GOAD ○ HEAD

⌒ HOUSE □ WALL ∩ SERPENT 4 PERSON

1 BEAST ⊗ WHEEL ≠ FISH W TOOTH

△ DOOR 7 HAND ○ EYE X MARK

≡ WINDOW K HOLD) MOUTH Y HOOK

W WATER M HUNT

PANDORA HANDOUT 9 FROM AN ANNOTATED EDITION OF THE LIBER IVONIS

Liber Ivonis, printed 1662, Latin, reputed to be a 10th century translation of an even earlier work. The book speaks of a land called Hyperborea somewhere in the north (possibly Greenland) and the activities of a sorcerer named Eibon. Apparently a rival wizard, Ssaneth, created "a casket of evil for the production of monsters to send against his enemies. This receptacle of evil caused great trouble for Ssaneth and his race of snake folk. The device was entombed by the Queen of Pangaea before the coming of the Cold Times. By repute, the casket has entered into the legends of men through seafarers."

PANDORA HANDOUT 10 FROM CULTES DES GOULES

Cultes des Goules, c.1702, by the Comte D'Erlette, comments on the scandalous murders in the Danish Castle of Count Magnus De la Gardie (around 1660) and wonders, "What it was that the creature that came from the Count's cursed box harvested from its victims? Did such harvesting assist its escape? Or is it another evil this Pandora's Box has loosed upon the world?"

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IN SERVICE OF THE EMPIRE


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My junior colleague Sir Martin Fotheringham at the Montenegrin court in their tiny mountain capital of Cetinje, was more trusting. In 1910, a certain local noble thanked him profusely for his sympathy on hearing of the unfortunate deaths of a whole branch of his family in one of the sudden outbreaks of violence they often experience there, and gifted the ambassador with a box made of precious metals. It was performed with great respect and with the proviso that local custom dictated the box never be opened, "In respect of the dead." I let Fotheringham know by return that I thought he had been handed the very cause of the trouble, a veritable Pandora's Box, but he had already shipped back and chose to ignore my warning. Within five years not only he but also his young grandson had vanished without trace. With the death of his promising son in the war, the whole Fotheringham line was extinguished. I always say that it's not just Trojans bearing gifts one has to beware of.



PANDORA HANDOUT II FROM UNAUSPRECHLICHEN KULTEN

Unausprechlichen Kulten, c. 1839, by Von Junzt, has an aside in Chapter 6 during Junzt's visit to Russia regarding an incident where an Orthodox Bishop, who collected reliquaries, mysteriously disappeared from his study one evening:



91 ~ Unausprechlichen Kulten

The hermit spoke of hearing a rumor that the man had been sold the original Pandora's Box and that it had accounted for him as it had so many others since its creation in ancient times. He had wished the device for himself to summon his foul god rather than use the Aklo scripts, despite his acknowledgment that the box seldom delivered what the opener desired. When I inquired as to the fate of the bishop and the box, the hermit said the bishop had been consumed by the box and that the box had been sold to a Turk.

CLUB OPENING PANDORA'S BOX

SPECIAL REPORT BY MARION ALDEN

In a unique event and for a limited time only Pandora's Palace, the north side nightclub run by Pandora Moulin, will exhibit the famed historical artifact known as Pandora's Box. Made by the Greek gods and said to contain all the ills of the world, poor beautiful Pandora opened it and let them out and only hope was left inside! The artifact will be displayed in the center of the 1,000 person capacity nightclub, restaurant, and casino complex.

This is the first time Pandora's Box has been publicly exhibited and the owner, Mr. John Drummond of Providence, Rhode Island, has previously fended off inquiries about the relic from museums around the world. Mr. Drummond is quoted as saying that Pandora Moulin persuaded him her new nightclub was the perfect venue to showcase the artifact—even if some visiting gamblers might be spooked by the legendary bad luck surrounding the box!

Pandora's Box has allegedly been associated with a string of mysterious deaths and disappearances in England at the beginning of the century. The box in question is described as being made of antique brass and other precious metals. Mr. Drummond recounted how one of the box's previous owners, Theophilus Carney, was found gruesomely murdered in an as-yet-unsolved locked-room-mystery. While in 1927, the box's former owner was found crushed in the ruins of a collapsed building. Mr. Drummond inherited the box from a distant relative in England. Unfortunately, Mr. Drummond seems to have found no better luck with the box than its previous owners, as his wife, heiress of the Rhode Island Murcheson family, died suddenly of a heart ailment the following year.

Mr. Drummond says he hopes the exhibition of Pandora's Box will be a success as he is considering offering the artifact for sale. Given the box's history and apparent curse, Mr. Drummond has stipulated the box remain closed throughout its display at Pandora's Palace.

DEFINITELY NOT THE REAL THING

Professor Theodore Culler of Brown University has claimed the box presented as Pandora's Box cannot possibly be the Pandora's Box of legend. Says the Professor, "Simply because an item has an unfortunate history, like the Hope Diamond, it does not make it a container for all the ills of the world. The original texts of the legend speak of a jar, not a box, I'm afraid. This is not an item for serious archaeological study."

This reporter put the Professor's comments to Pandora Moulin herself, who replied: "What does he know? He can't even rumba!"

Nightclub-goers will have to make up their own minds as to whether the ancient box is cursed.

PANDORA'S BOX STOLEN: VERN BAILEY MISSING

SPECIAL REPORT BY MARION ALDEN

The artifact known as "Pandora's Box" has been stolen from Pandora's Palace nightclub after making just one appearance for the paying public. Suspicion has fallen on Mr. Vern Bailey, an associate of Pandora Moulin, the nightclub's hostess, who has an office at the Club. Bailey has not been seen since the fabled box was placed in his safe at 4:00 a.m. after its successful debut showing.

Club staff first began to notice Bailey's absence around noon yesterday after several calls from his wife, Mrs. Connie Bailey, asking for him. Later that same afternoon, when Pandora's Box was due to return to its heavily guarded podium, Mr. Bob Quinn, the club's manager discovered the box was missing from Mr. Bailey's security safe.

The police were called by Mr. John Drummond, the owner of Pandora's Box, insisting something be done to effect the return of his property. Initial police comments indicate the thief may have used the roof to gain entry to the premises. The investigation is ongoing.

It is not yet clear if the absence of Mr. Bailey and the disappearance of Pandora's Box are linked. Rumors and accusations about Mr. Bailey have long circulated without refutation. The current incident can only lend strength to such accusations. One source, who refused to be named out of fear of retaliation, claims Vern Bailey is none other than Eddie "The Killer" Bartlett, the notorious bank robber and suspected gangland assassin, although no proof has yet been presented to this effect. Mr. Bailey's numerous friends no doubt will say that, whatever his shady past, he should be judged on what he does next. Others may say Mr. Bailey's biggest mistake was getting too close to Pandora's Box, the notoriously cursed artifact that brings trouble to anyone who opens it!

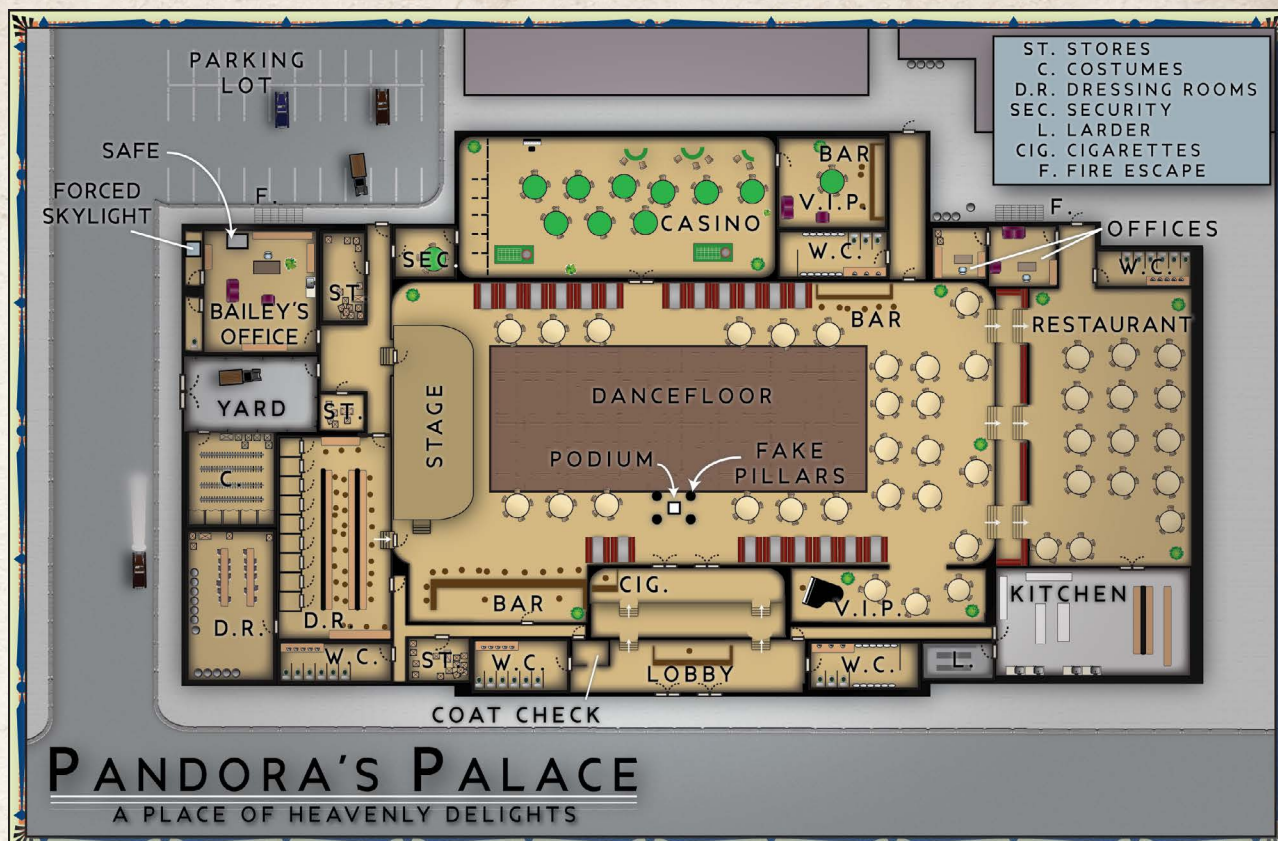
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EXPLOSION AT PAWNBROKER'S

Late yesterday afternoon a violent explosion ripped through Conklin's Pawnbrokers. The front window and bars of the shop were blown out and the owner, Lester Conklin, aged 53, was found dead on a rooftop opposite. Mr. Conklin appears to have taken the full force of the blast, which carried him through the air to the nearby rooftop. Thankfully, property damage in the area was minimal.

Police and Fire Department teams are investigating the cause of the explosion. Speculation is rife about a gangland connection due to the late Mr. Conklin's indictments for receiving stolen goods, which were dismissed by the courts last year. Police would like to talk to a man with blond hair seen by witnesses in the area prior to the explosion.

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CONTACTED BY A MAN OF ITALIAN BACKGROUND, GIVING A PATENTLY FALSE NAME, OFFERING AN OCCULT ITEM HE BELIEVES I WILL BE INTERESTED IN. IMMEDIATELY SUSPECT THE ITEM IS STOLEN BUT INTRIGUED ENOUGH TO TAKE A LOOK. SUSPECT THE ITALIAN IS LEO CARPOZI, HIMES' MAN FROM '23 WHO HAS SOMEHOW TRACKED ME DOWN. POSSIBLY MADE AN ERROR IN LEAVING A FORWARDING ADDRESS AT HIMES' FORMER PLACE OF BUSINESS. SAYS HE WILL DEMONSTRATE THE ITEM TONIGHT. WONDER IF THE SEEKERS ARE AWARE?

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APRIL 30TH 1923: FROSCH AUCTION. MY AGENT, HIMES, FAILED TO ACQUIRE DE VERMIS MYSTERIIS. HIMES WAS ABLE TO SURREPTITIOUSLY ACQUIRE THE ADDRESS OF THE BUYER FROM THE AUCTIONEER. SO ALL MAY NOT BE LOST! APPARENTLY THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE SEEKERS OF ETERNAL WISDOM. WHATEVER NEXT? THE SEEKERS HAVE A LODGE IS AT 1575 N. 7TH AVENUE. HIMES IS GOING TO INQUIRE IF THEY'D BE WILLING TO SELL THE BOOK, AT A PROFIT.

MAY 10TH 1923: THE LODGE REFUSED TO SELL THE BOOK. ALTHOUGH HIMES MANAGED TO ARRANGE ANOTHER WAY TO ACQUIRE IT (HE'S A VERY HANDY MAN!) ALL WENT WITHOUT A HITCH. BOOK NOW IN MY POSSESSION AND SAFELY LOCKED AWAY IN MY SAFE. GOOD FORTUNE SMILES UPON THE BRAVE!

JUNE 18TH 1923: HIMES INFORMED ME HIS MAN, LEO CARPOZI HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER ROBBERIES AND THINKS HE MAY BE NAMED IF CARPOZI WANTS TO PLEA BARGAIN. HIMES ASSURED ME MY NAME WOULD NEVER BE MENTIONED.

JULY 2ND 1923: WELL, THINGS TURNED OUT PEACHY FOR HIMES AFTER ALL. CARPOZI DIDN'T SQUEAL AND RAT HIM OUT. SO I THINK I'M SAFE ENOUGH NOW. CARPOZI EARNED HIMSELF A TEN-YEAR STRETCH.

JULY 25TH 1923: SHOCKING NEWS! HIMES KILLED IN A STREET ACCIDENT. APPARENTLY HE WAS RUN OVER BY A TRAM. THE BODY WAS IN AWFUL STATE-DISMEMBERED! ACCORDING TO THE CORONER, HIMES MAY HAVE BEEN HIT BY SEVERAL VEHICLES BEFORE FALLING UNDER THE STREET CAR. THEY ARE SAYING HE FELL AWKWARDLY WHILE STEPPING OFF A MOVING TRAM. BUT HE COULD EQUALLY HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF A HIT AND RUN. PERHAPS IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. PERHAPS NOT?

AUGUST 8TH 1923: WITH HIMES HAVING NO FAMILY I HAVE ARRANGED FOR HIS FUNERAL AND HAD RICHARDS CLEAR HIS PERSONAL ITEMS FROM HIS OFFICE AND APARTMENT. FELT IT WAS PRUDENT TO MAKE CERTAIN NOTHING COULD LEAD INQUISITIVE TYPES TO ME. AS WELL AS IT BEING THE DECENT THING TO DO.

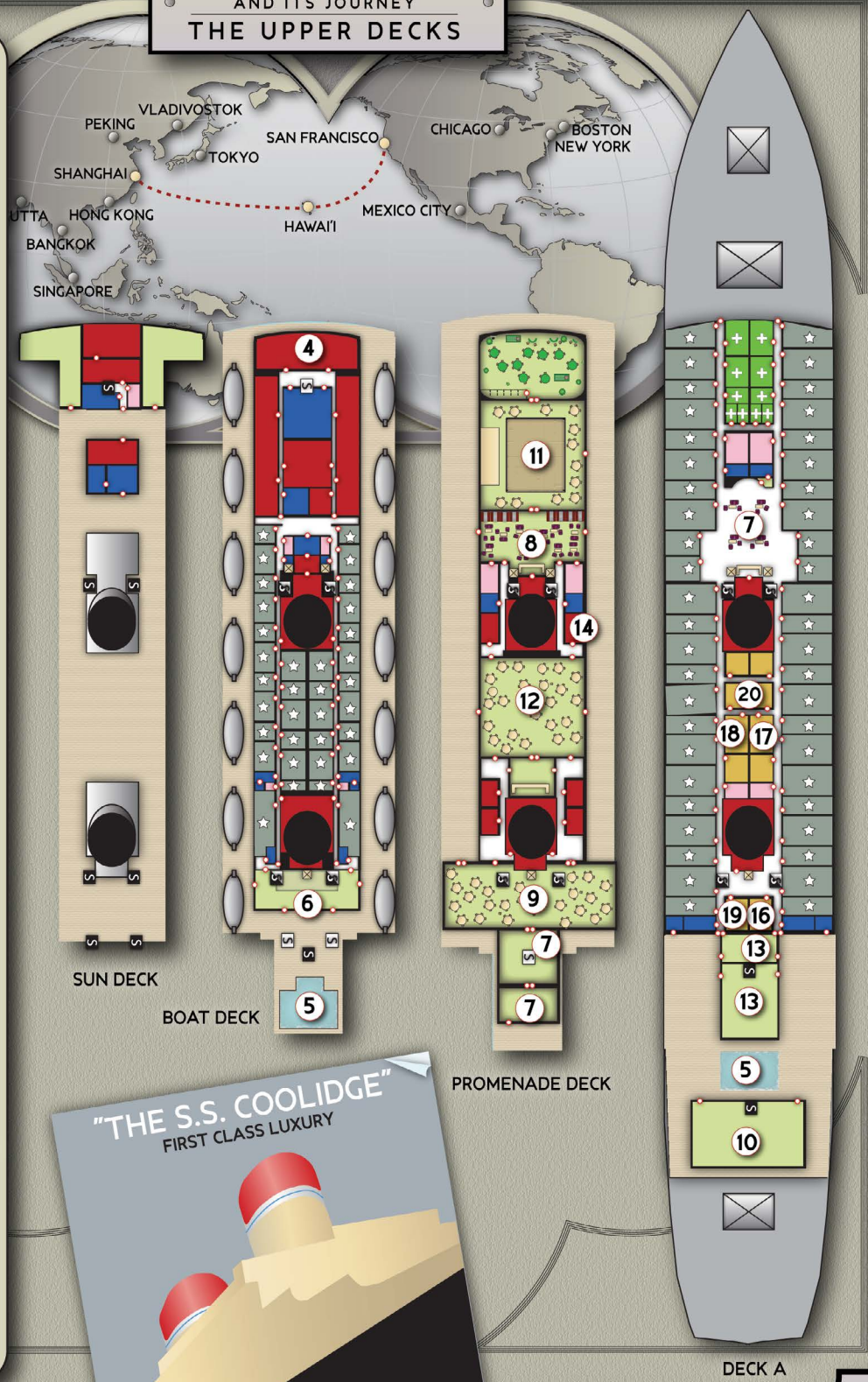


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S.S. COOLIDGE AND ITS JOURNEY THE UPPER DECKS

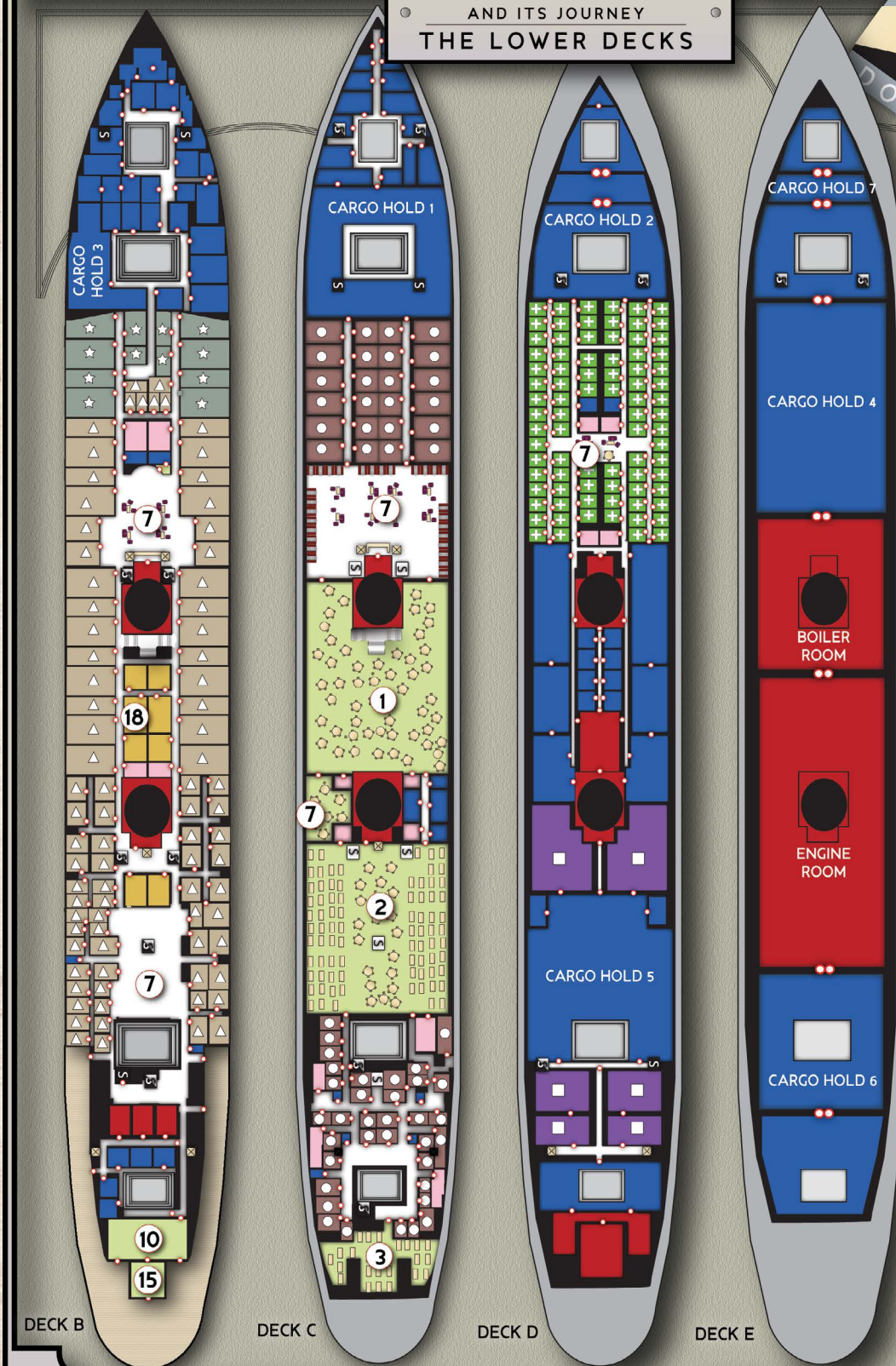
KEY

- 1 FIRST CLASS DINING
- 2 SPECIAL CLASS DINING
- 3 OTHER DINING
- 4 BRIDGE
- 5 POOL
- 6 SODA SHOP
- 7 LOUNGE
- 8 FIRST CLASS SALOON
- 9 MUSIC ROOM
- 10 SMOKING ROOM
- 11 GRAND SALON
- 12 CONTINENTAL LOUNGE
- 13 LIBRARY
- 14 PRINT ROOM
- 15 GYMNASIUM
- 16 BARBER SHOP
- 17 DARK ROOM
- 18 BEAUTY SALON
- 19 TAILOR
- 20 SHIP'S DOCTOR
- ELEVATORS
- BAR
- STAIRS UP/DOWN
- STAIRS UP
- STAIRS DOWN
- LIFEBOAT
- CORRIDORS & LOBBIES
- SHIP FUNCTIONS
- STORAGE
- W.C.
- SHOPS
- ENTERTAINMENTS
- CARGO ACCESS
- DOORS
- FIRST CLASS
- SPECIAL CLASS
- THIRD CLASS
- STAFF CABINS
- STEERAGE



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THE S.S. COOLIDGE AND ITS JOURNEY THE LOWER DECKS



TWO NEWSREELS
&
FOUR PICTURE SHOWS!

"THE PERSIAN PASHA"
"CITY LIGHTS"
"AT THE
KENTUCKY DERBY"
&
"IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

IN OUR EXTRAVAGANT
CONTINENTAL LOUNGE!

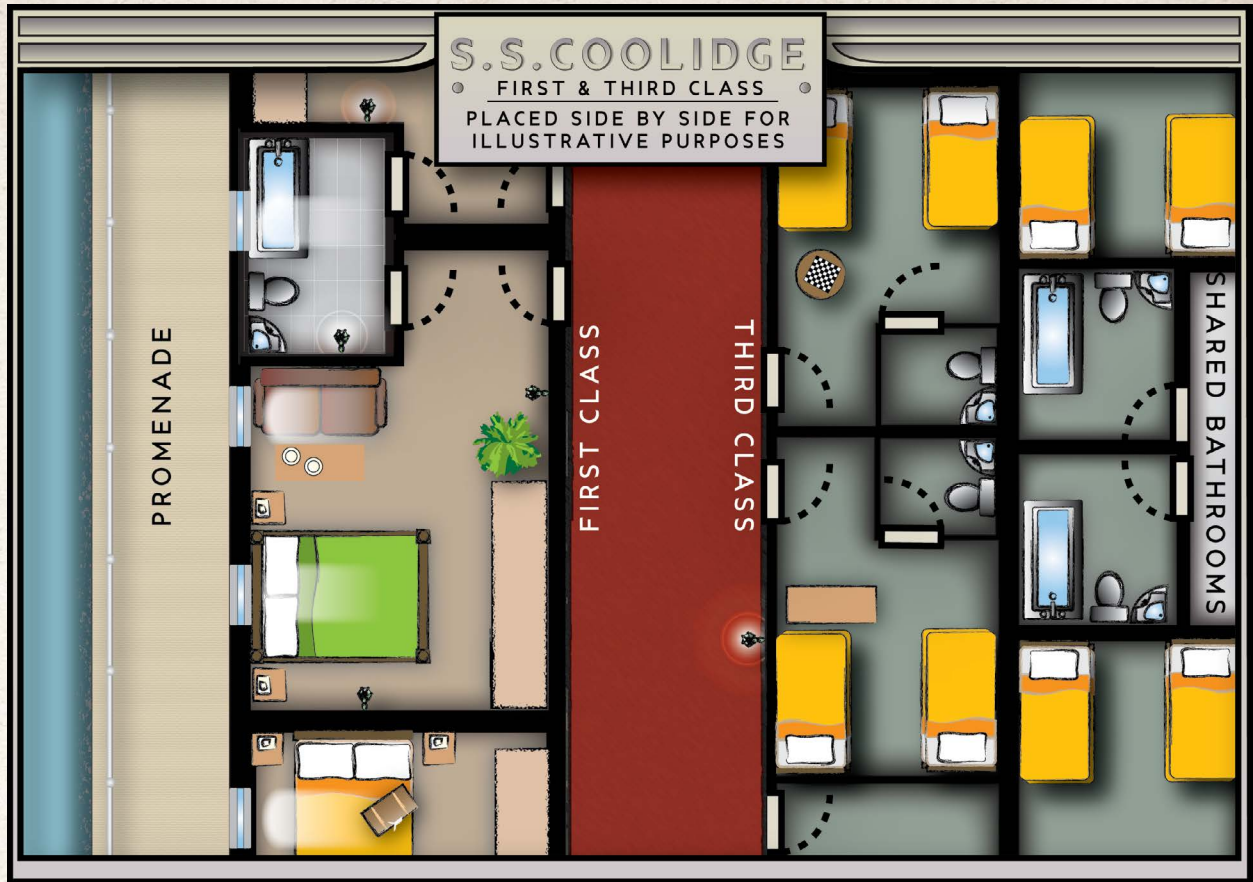
DANCE ALONG TO

RAYMOND HICKLER
& HIS PACIFIC JAZZ
ORCHESTRA
IN THE GRAND SALON
OR
THE PRESIDENTIAL
DANCE ORCHESTRA
FEATURING
REBECCA M'CORMICK
&
ANTONIO PORTALUPPI

WITH SUPERIOR ROOMS,
AMENITIES, AND SERVICE,
WE ARE CONFIDENT
YOU WILL ENJOY YOUR
VACATION IN STYLE
WHEN YOU TRAVEL
WITH DOLLAR LINES!

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MY LIFE HAS BEEN A LIE
 BUILT ON MY FATHER'S
 MONEY. DESPITE MY
 OUTWARD SEEMING, I AM
 A HOLLOW MILLIONAIRE.
 WITHOUT MONEY, I KNOW
 MYSELF INADEQUATE TO
 MAKE WHAT I WANTED
 OF MY LIFE. FAREWELL,
 WORLD, I GO TO A
 BETTER PLACE.

CHAD