

Roll & Shatter

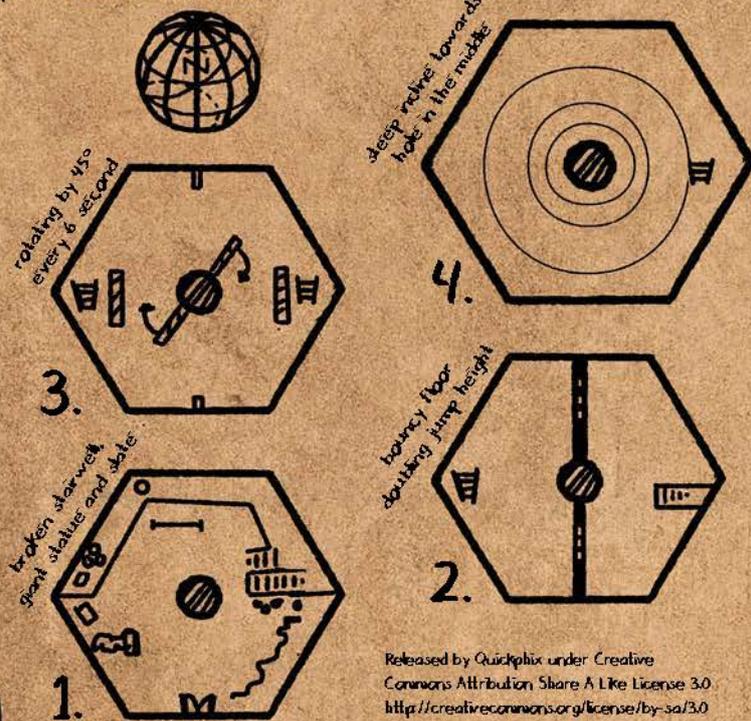
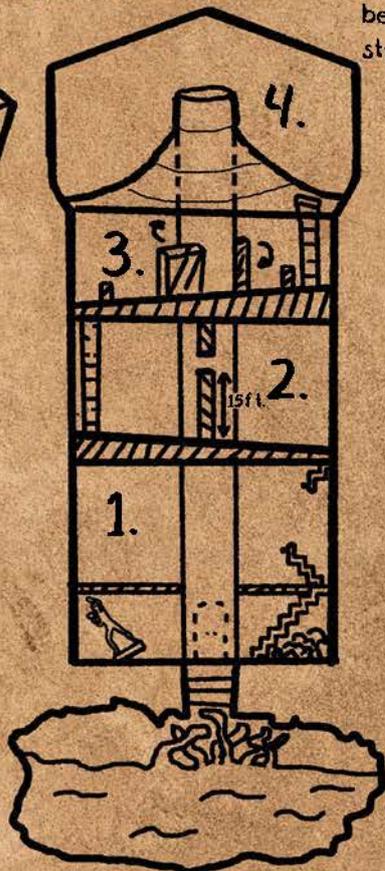
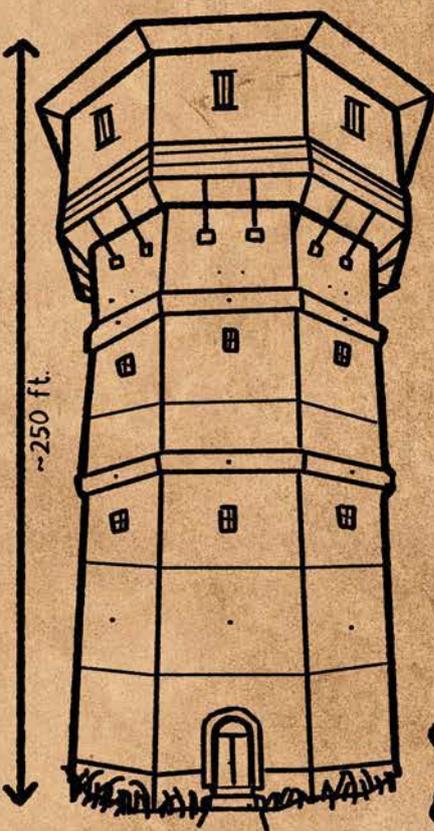
A Quickphix One-Page Adventure

Frist Impressions

I've searched the tower from top to bottom - it was silent. Yet, I felt like someone was watching me throughout. A giant pillar runs through the entire tower, which seems to give off a low hum. The second floor was only accessible through a rope lasso I threw up the broken stairwell. The ground on the second floor was weirdly springy and on a slant. It boosted my jumps, allowing me to pass through the small gaps in the wall and move on. The third floor had the same weird slanted floor and a couple of walls which moved when pushed. The top floor is laid-out like an anthill. It also made me realize, that the tower's central pillar was in fact a giant shaft I dropped a stone down there - it fell for a while before hitting something hard. I realized there was a barrier at ground level. The ceiling showed a drawing of the same figure depicted in the statue below. The only difference: the muscular man was throwing a stylized ball downwards.

The people of Jobak were desperate. Every day, the desert claimed more of their land. They hired me to find the evil sapping the strength from their perviously rich soil. It was surprisingly easy. I found it in almost the exact middle of the spreading blight: a strange tower bursting with arcane energy. Whoever built it was long dead, but they left me a message:

"Once the sand has started to spread
It is time for him to once again scatter.
Bring his symbol up to the head.
Then watch it fall, roll and shatter!"



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The Statue & the Round Symbol

The giant toppled statue on the ground floor depicted a muscular man, holding up a giant ball - as if in admiration. I quickly deduced, that this ball was the symbol the poem on the slate in the back referred to. The ball was about 3ft. tall and weirdly heavy. Then it all made sense to me: perhaps I could drop it down the long shaft running the length of the tower to shatter the barrier at its bottom.

Floor 1 & 2 - Heavy Burdens and Mephit Ballgames

Getting the ball up to the second floor was a challenge in itself. I managed it by using my magic, some of the barrels and the ropes lying around. My troubles were only just beginning though. Suddenly, dust mephits flew in from the second storey window, attacking me and trying to stop me from moving the ball further up the tower. They kept bouncing the ball away from me, which tumbled back to the stairs because of the slanted floor. Their blinding attacks also caused me to jump into the wall more than once. The attacks seized once I reached the third floor with the ball.

Floor 3 - Rotations and Barrages

The mephits might have been annoying - but on floor three, there were suddenly two earth elementals waiting for me. One kept throwing rocks at my ball to make it roll down the stairs, while the other blocked my way. The now slowly turning walls in the middle didn't help things either. I had to fight my way through, without dropping the ball.

Top Floor - push on through

I finally managed to pull the ball up to the floor - but the dust mephits from before managed to fortify it before my arrival. A bunch of them were hiding in the shaft from my attacks, only popping up to use their blinding breath to push me back and making the already slippery climb even worse.

The Drop

At long last, I dropped the heavy ball into the central shaft. It fell silently for what seemed like an eternity, before shaking the tower's very foundation with a deafening crash. Light poured out of the shaft, and to my horror, I saw a slimy green monstrosity claw its way up the shaft. As it started spitting a liquid which painfully pierced my skin on contact, I decided it was time to bail. A race to the bottom!

Tidal Wave Escape

The green slime from below the tower was spreading about as fast as I could run. It was chase - thankfully I had a 10ft. head start. The rotating wall on floor three made the damn stuff even more liquid, soaking my feet and burning them. It quickly filled the two chambers on floor two and burst out from there in all directions. I barely made it out. On contact with the sand it trickled away, leaving behind fertile soil. This reaction quickly spread outwards towards Jobak. I managed to do my job - even though I still don't quite understand how. I guess I as just on a roll back then.