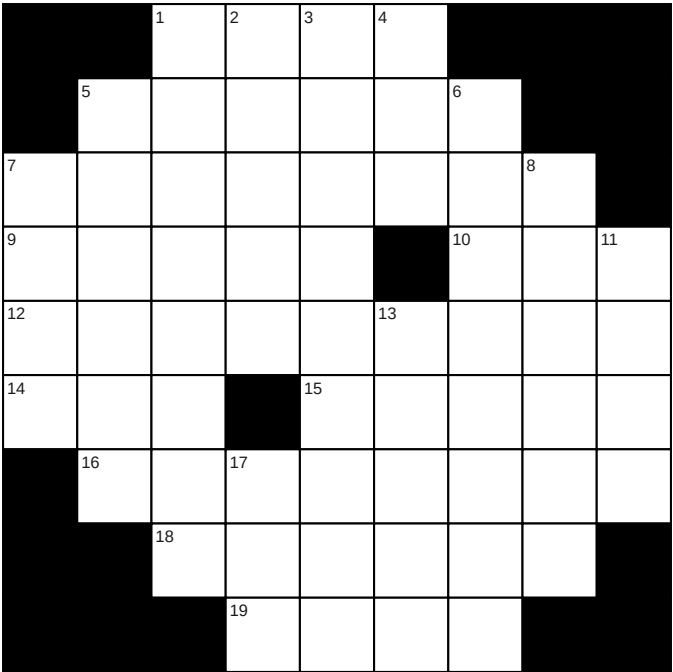


The Stone Riddler's First Grid

The sphinx upon the crossroads stirs, and its first riddles settle into the carved squares like dust into old grooves.



ACROSS

- 1. Foundation a watchtower is raised upon
- 5. Old family name carried by a line of hedge-wizards
- 7. Round covers over the drains of the under-city
- 9.⁺ Burning zeal that fills a paladin's heart
- 10. "___ a cursed night," muttered the gate-watch
- 12. ___ scenario, the doom the war-council dreads
- 14. Leaping pouch-beast of the wastes, for short
- 15. Broad-leaved shade plant in the herbalist's garden
- 16. "It's ___," shrugged the easygoing innkeeper
- 18.⁺ Stone vessel an alchemist grinds reagents within
- 19. What dungeon rats do to the prisoner's ropes

DOWN

- 1. Hall where the keep's minstrels rehearse
- 2. Sworn name of a blade-brother in the royal guard
- 3. Stubby-horned cattle of the lowland farmsteads
- 4. Serpentine fish lurking in the castle moat
- 5. Strand a mutineer upon a barren isle
- 6. Far trade-town inked at the edge of a merchant's map
- 7. Surname on the spine of a dusty grimoire
- 8. Kinswoman sharing one's mother in the royal line
- 11. What a dragon's breath does to flesh
- 13. Light tunic worn beneath a knight's mail
- 17. Mire where will-o'-the-wisps flicker

Chaos in the Creature Codex

A warlock's bestiary has cursed itself — every name of every beast within its pages has tumbled into nonsense, and no ranger dares venture out until the tome is restored.

1. MOGEL	
2. LLORT	
3. YADRD	
4. PHSYL	
5. YARPH	
6. MONEG	
7. PMI	
8. FUNA	
9. MYNPH	
10. XIPEI	
11. MYRW	
12. THWIG	

The Crowned Shadow at the Tribunal

By low lantern-light the secret council convenes to root out the one who broke faith. Four councillors give their testimony, every word sworn true, and a single mark of treason waits to be unmasked.

1. The herald read the finding aloud: the one who holds the title of king is the very soul who bears the traitor's mark.
2. It was established before the panel that the councillor hailing from Xan-Thore served as a mercenary.
3. Mirella Kett swore under oath that she was not of Gallow-Ruin.
4. The record showed that the paladin came from the land of Valerion.
5. The panel was told that whoever hailed from Gallow-Ruin had kept faith and remained loyal.
6. Brigid declared before the council: 'I am a daughter of Valerion — this I swear.'
7. Brigid further testified that she was in no way of Eldergrove.

	ALLEGIANCE	ROLE	KINGDOM
Mirella Kett			
Nesta			
Brigid			
Jorund			

TRAITOR:



Written in Enduring Stone

Pressed into the face of the Cipher Stone long before the kingdoms had names, these six words have outlasted three empires and every hand that ruled them.

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SUBSTITUTION KEY

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The Spellwright's Binding

A line etched into the iron mantle above the archive door of Wyrmspire's fallen tower, attributed to the founding runemaster of the High Conclave of Arcanum.

THE HIDDEN QUOTE

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