

Master Accessories BATTLEMAPS LATES

Welcome to Battlemaps Lairs

These products are part of the acclaimed **Master Accessories line**. Each product features a small monster's lair, usually three or four rooms, that can be easily added to your ongoing campaign.

For each product, you get a wonderful overview map and three or four battlemaps for miniature games, detailing each room of the lair. The battlemaps are superb 3d renderings at the stunning resolution of 150 dpi, which allows you to obtain an amazing print quality. For each map, you get also a grayscale-optimized version. In addition, Battlemaps Lairs offer you a degree of customization. At the bottom of each color map you will find a checkbox (that will not be printed) that allows you to make the room "empty". Thus, if you do not need that pyre on the rooftop (perhaps because it doesn't fit in your story) you can easily remove it.

Battlemaps Lairs feature also a complete, ready-to-use D20 villain. You will find a complete statblock plus a background story that will help you create adventures and scenarios, and finally a combat tactics section.

The Villain of the orc sighting tower has been written by veteran **Tim Hitchcock**.

Orc Sighting Tower

Wedged strategically in along the edge of the foothills, the roofless ruins of the lone signal tower stretch upwards. Even while the remains of its rickety woodwork clatter in the breeze, it stone sections continue to stand with a stoic resolve. Yet, even as they creak, you hear faint rustling noises from within as a dark shadow darts away from the window.

Some adventure seeds follow:

- A smalltime gnome clockmaker seeks to hire a group of adventurers to recover some small but complex devices he calls spring-traps that he claims were stolen from him by a no good half-orc thief who used to be his apprentice. He claims the half-orc has fallen in with a gang of bandits that live in the ruins in the foothills to the north and is using the devices to ensnare travelers coming down the trade-road. He is afraid authorities will eventually recognize his craftsmanship and tying him to the crimes. The truth is that the traps bear the secret mark of the local thieves' guild, and should the authorities find them in his ex-ward's possession, they could be used to incriminate him as a high-ranking guild member.
- The once disorganized and barbaric orcs of Last Hope have recently banded together under the leadership and organization of a half-orc named Pugt. The orcs believe he is a messiah, and he himself does little to assuage such statements. He has brought them great success with his clever tactics and use of guerilla warfare and traps. His forces are slowly but surely sweeping across the wilds and drawing ever nearer the borders of the civilized lands. Adventurers are summoned to stop the advance by making a covert strike against Pugt, circling the troops and coming up from behind to catch him in his tower.
- The tower rests at the edge of some wind-stripped hills near an older trade route. The 50-feet square massive towers stand three stories-tall and were once used as military guard posts and way stations during the last war. A cracked stone stair climbs to a wooden door opening to the ground floor. Here is the remains of a forgotten armory. From there, a rickety wooden stair twists around the perimeter of the tower to the first floor, a former common room that still holds several large barrels, storage containers for food, and a large dining table. It has recently been converted to serve as bedchamber with kitchen. The rooftop level is badly damaged, the majority of it open to the elements, while a leaky roof covers a smaller room filled with more barrels. The open section has a large unlit signal-fire and nearby casks of oil that can be used to ignite it in a moment's notice.

Summary

Rooftop 10 - Color 11 - Grayscale

First Floor 8 - Color 9 - Grayscale

Ground Floor 6 - Color 7 - Grayscale



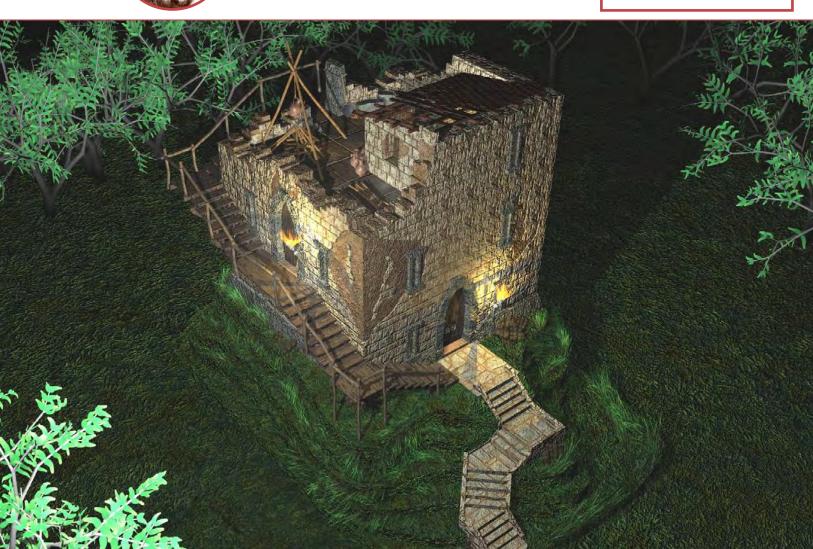






Featured Villain Pugt, Half-Orc Trapmaker

OVERVIEW





Rooftop





First Floor

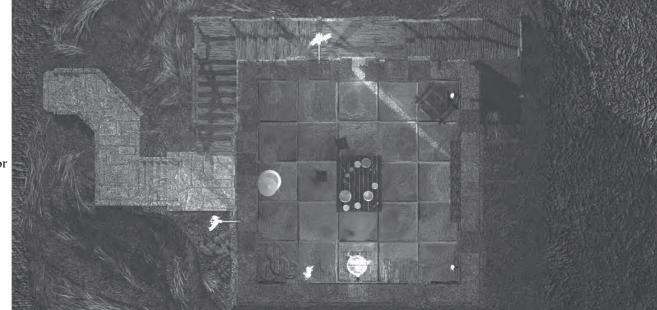


Ground Floor

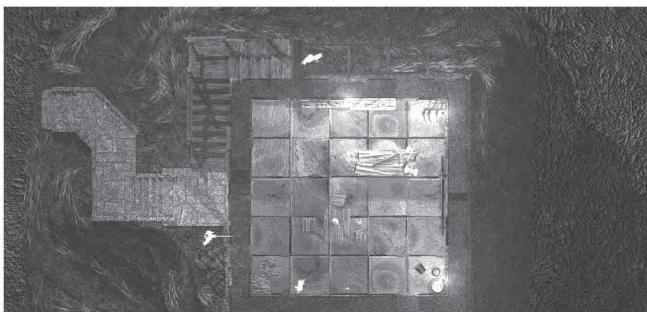


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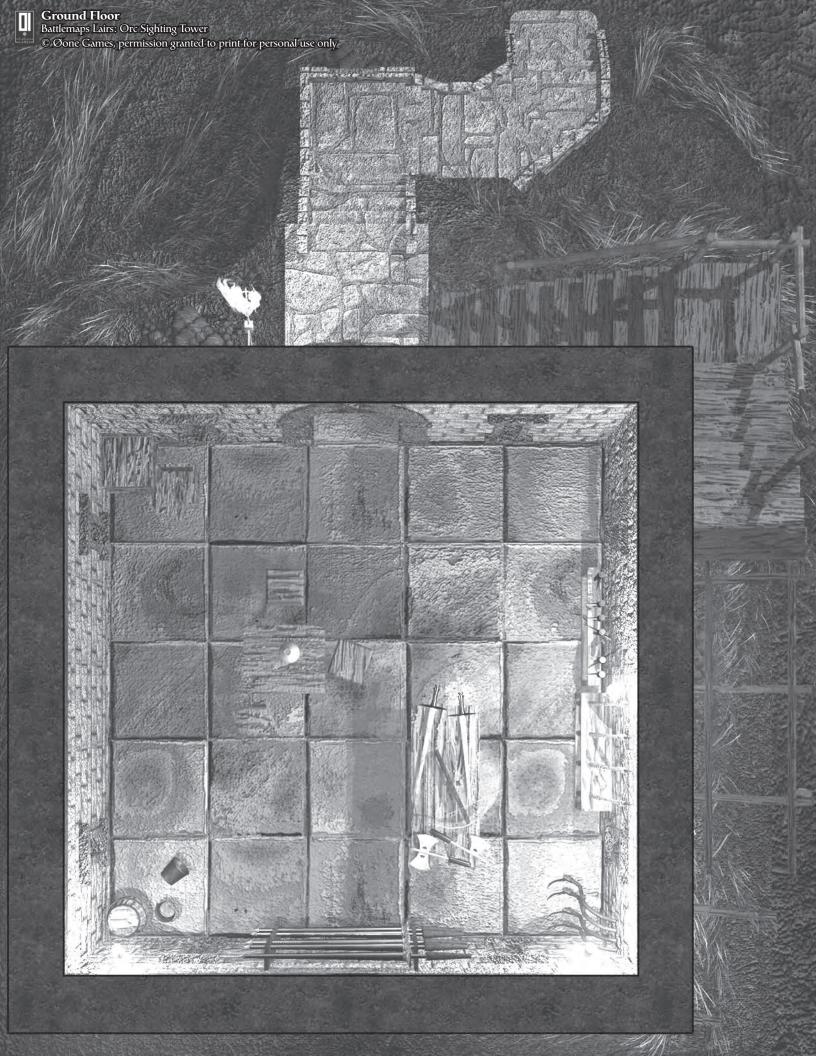


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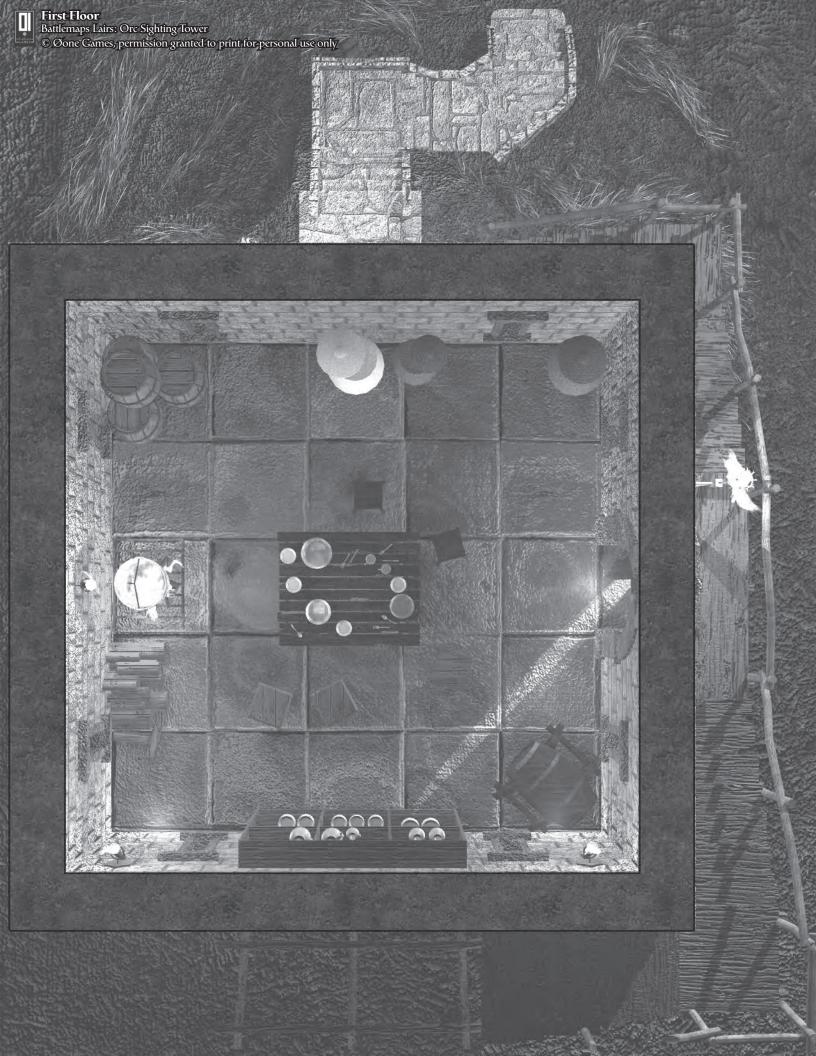


Ground Floor













BATTITIMES LAIRS - Featured Villator Pugt

Before you stands a scrawny, but well muscled half-orc. His face is frighteningly disfigured with thick jagged keloids that look as if he suffered several tremendous bites from a large animal. He wears studded-leather armor and is armed with a shortsword and a bow. Draped over his shoulder are two strange devices, similar in appearance to beartraps.

Pugt

CR 4

Male half-orc Rogue 4
NE medium humanoid (orc)
Init +1; Senses darkvision 6oft., BlindFight; Listen +7, Spot +10
Languages Common, Orc

AC 14, touch 14, flat-footed 14; uncanny dodge
hp 19 (4 HD)
Resist evasion

Fort +1 Ref +5 Will +0

Spd 30 ft

Melee shortsword +5 (1d6+2/19-20x2)
Ranged masterwork shortbow +5 (1d6/x3)

Base Atk +3; Grp +5 Atk Options sneak attack +2d6 Combat Gear ring of feather falling, 3 vials of alchemist's fire, 2 spring-traps (see below)

Abilities Str 14 Dex 12 Con 11 Int 14 Wis 8 Cha 10

SQ trapsense, trap finding +1 **Feats** Blind-Fight, Evasion, Weapon Focus (shortbow)

Skills Balance +8, Disable Device +10, Hide +9, Jump +5, Knowledge (Local) +6, Listen +7, Move Silently +7, Open Lock +7, Sense Motive +4, Spot +10, Rope +5

Possessions shortsword, masterwork shortbow, studded leather armor, *ring of featherfall*, 3 vials of alchemist's fire, a gold earring (30gp), 2 spring traps.

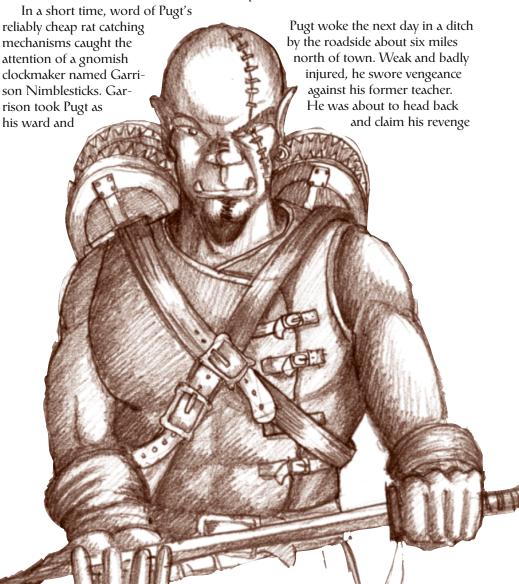
Spring-traps are small portable traps of Pugt's own design. A spring-trap can be placed anywhere, but require 1 full round to set.

Spring-Trap: CR 1; mechanical; touch trigger; manual reset; hidden switch bypass; Atk +10 melee (1d6+4 clamping jaws); Search DC 15; Disable Device DC 25. *Market Price:* 700 gp.

Background

Illegitimate son of a noble heiress and an orc gladiator, Pugt was abandoned at birth because his mother couldn't bear the stigma of raising a bastard child with mixed blood. His care was given to washwomen employed by his grandfather, keeping him near the family house where his mother could view him while maintaining her distance. Eventually, she was married off following which the child was forgotten and turned loose upon the street. By this time, Pugt was old enough to internalize his mother's abandonment and it hardened his personality. He began hustling for money by catching and selling rats, as well as using more illegitimate means to get by. Though his few associates were other urchins whose circumstances were similar to his own, in that short period he became renown for building rat traps, as well as for his short fuse, brutal temper, and general lack if conscience.

apprentice. Pugt worked diligently for the gnome, quickly increasing his skill for assembling small gears and detailed mechanisms. As Pugt's talent flourished under the gnome's able tutelage, so did his ambition. He'd remained in contact with the friends he'd made living on the streets so after a few years of hard work, he tried to supplement his apprentice's stipend by doing some peripheral lockpicking. Unfortunately, Garrison was also a member of the local thieves guild, and when word of his ward's activities got back to him, he was furious. Unfortunately, Pugt never learned to curb his temper and responded ignobly to the gnome, who in turn reciprocated by dismissing him, throwing him to the curb. Enraged by the perceived betrayal, Pugt lunged back at Garrison. But the gnome was quick, and dodged the attack sending Pugt sprawling into the tool-strewn workbench. His face badly lacerated, he attempted to continue the fight but soon passed out from blood loss.



BATTEMARS LAIRS - Featured Villator Pugt

when he stumbled upon something in his pocket. Folded around a single gold coin was a note with the following message written in Garrison's handwriting:

If you value your life, take this coin and make something of it elsewhere,

If you don't, return the coin to me- as it is worth more than your head.

Grandpatron of the Den of Shadows

To this day, he hates gnomes, but has yet to return to the city of his birth.

Tactics

Pugt has a keen eye and keeps careful watch atop the tower. When he notices anyone approaching, he moves to one of the nearby windows where he has cover but can still make ranged attacks at interlopers attempting to climb the stairs. Here he readies an action, but holds his attack until he discerns his opponents' course of action.

If opponents first enter the bottom

floor, Pugt attempts to lock them in. Next, he sets one of his mobile spring-traps in front of the door, then moves to the back of the tower firing through the windows as a ranged sneak attack at targets attempting to escape through the front door. He makes as many attacks as he can safely take from this position and then rushes back up the stairs to the second level. The first landing has a pit trap set into it, with a bypass switch that he activates when he gets to the top of the stairs.

Once he reaches the second floor, Pugt barricades the stairs outside the door with the table, then waits by the window and opens fire as soon as any opponents start to climb them. Next, he sets another spring-trap on the inside of the barricade and races to the roof. Once there, he lights the signal pyre then climbs up onto the broken outer wall and scrambles to the rooftop above the small room where he attempts to hide before his pursuers arrive. He has rigged the rooftop to collapse and he waits until

opponents enter the room beneath it before he smashes a vial of alchemist's fire upon it, triggering his trap causing the roof to crash down upon them in flames (3d6 plus 1d6 alchemist's fire; Reflex DC 20 for half). Finally, using his ring of feather falling, he jumps of the roof and flees to alert his allies.



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