

(E) An X-ray light box holds the grotesque exoskeleton of a small **MANTES**. Inside the locked procedure room are two mangled scientists. The body of Dr Mary Lin holds one of the keycards to enter (G). There is a fingerprint scanner used to open a cabinet filled with medical drugs, mutagen pills, and codes for (C).

Warning. If the keycard is retrieved **MANTES** will control three **OPERATION BOTS** to attack.

(F) Animals reside in glass cages. They seem to have magical mutations - the birds use mimicry, the turtles meld into stone, and lizards turn invisible. Within the largest cage is a bludgeoned scientist with a stun gun and a **TWO-HEADED GIANT BOAR**. A panel in the wall holds the automatic feeder as well as a ring of keys to open the cages.

Illusion. Around the neck of the scientist body is a keycard that appears to enter (G).

(G) As the PCs enter they will see the *Illusion*. This locker room lists the names of the nine scientists; with three dead and five imprisoned by **MANTES** one appears to have escaped...

Illusion. Spray painted on the walls is a mural of the path the PCs took through the facility while shadowy figures watch them from the outskirts. The final drawing is of these figures pouncing on them as they enter (H).

(H) A tipped over incubation pod, and three **SPIDER BOTS** crushed beneath it, keep the elevator doors from closing. The computer station shows distorted video recordings of the scientists last moments, as well as paper documentation of **MANTES** experiments and data. A hole leads down into (I) and glowing feelers travel from the opening to the generators. Attacking the feelers severs **MANTES** connection to the Test Center.

(I) In one last effort to confuse the PCs, **MANTES** creates an illusion of an underground grove complete with waterfall, grass, and trees. While the waterfall is real, the floor is covered in water and the trees are the living scientists strapped into the missing incubation pods. **MANTES** feasts upon their mind, slowly erasing them from existence. When the illusion is disturbed **SPIDER BOT** minions (disguised as rocks) will join **MANTES** in the final fight.

MECHANICS

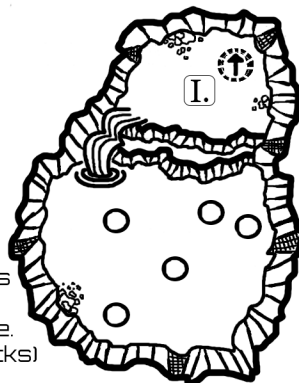
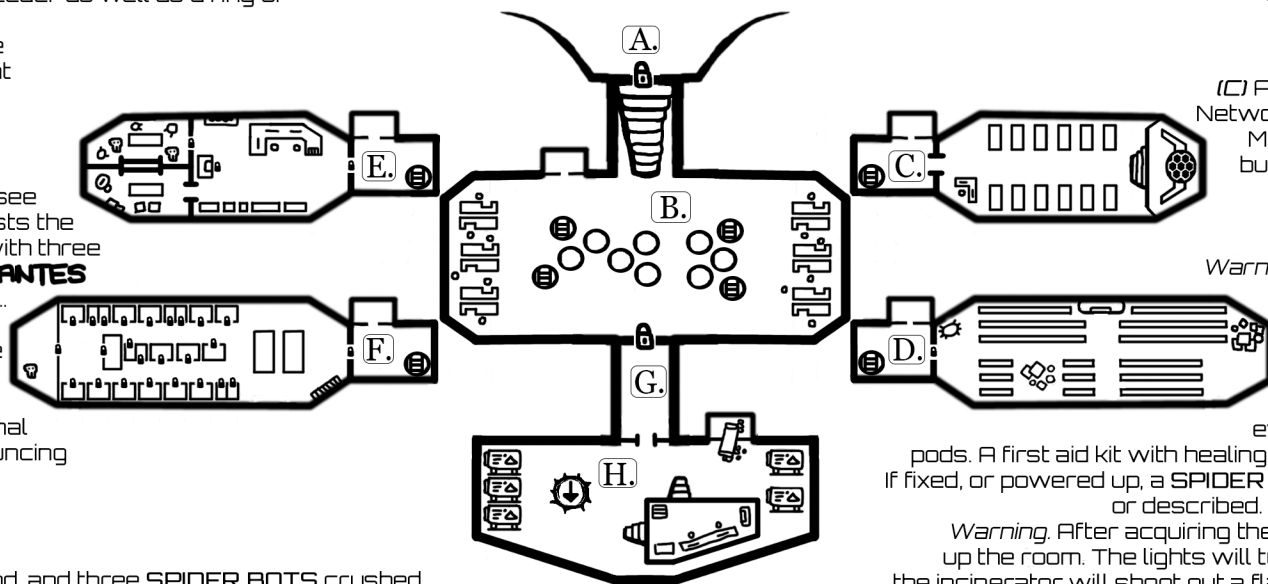
The egg (and beast within) classified as **MANTES** (Mind Altering Nexus Trans-dimensional Eldritch Sentient) will assault the PCs with both *Illusions* and *Warnings* to either fatally injure or scare them away. *Illusions* cannot be identified using active detects, there should always be an air of suspicion as they tempt PCs to endanger themselves. **MANTES** maintains control of the electrical infrastructure; *Warnings* are **MANTES** way of physically interacting with PCs as they traverse closer to its lair. **MANTES** uses the cameras in each room to track the PCs movements. It watches and learns.

(A) Lights over the door flicker on and off. Using the wrong passcode to enter will cause **WAYWARD SPARKS** to zap the user. *Illusion.* Once past the door, a **HUGE BOULDER** will give the PCs chase down the stairs.

(B) The laboratory is a mess. Most of the mechanical incubation pods are broken, one appears to have bubbling blue liquid inside, and two appear to be missing. The door to (G) requires two keycards, one located in (E) and the other is lost. *Illusion.* If a PC approaches the blue pod a humanoid figure will appear, banging against the glass for help. If released a **GELATINOUS OOZE** swallows the closest target. When defeated a heat sensor modification remains.

(C) **ADMN** (Archival Data Management Network) sleeps in its trivia game mode. Most of its information is corrupted, but with the override codes from (E) and the proper tools at (D), **ADMN** can operate the door that leads to (G). **ADMN** has basic sentience. *Warning.* **MANTES** will briefly hack into **ADMN** and demand the PCs leave.

(D) The storage room shows evidence of four missing incubation pods. A first aid kit with healing balms and tools for (C) are hidden. If fixed, or powered up, a **SPIDER BOT** will retrieve anything named or described. The camera in this room is broken. *Warning.* After acquiring the tools for (C), **MANTES** will power up the room. The lights will turn on, the door will seal shut, and the incinerator will shoot out a flame catching fire to close objects.



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Weeks prior, the scientists at the Test Center of Zoology were sent a foreign egg for study. The results showed an undiscovered species with the ability to manipulate dimensional perception. The eggs rate of growth alarmed the scientists, and soon they found themselves at the mercy of its illusions. When it finally hatched... the facility went dark.