

THE SUNKEN BAZAAR

The Sunken Bazaar lies cradled in a perpetual twilight, a labyrinth of coral-encrusted ruins and salvaged structures clinging to the ocean floor. Twisted metal frameworks intertwine with vibrant, bioluminescent flora, a testament to a forgotten age now battling the relentless advance of the sea and the horrors lurking within its depths.

ADVENTURE HOOKS & RUMORS

- A Tidekeeper patrol has gone silent near the Whirlpool Gate, a notorious area of unpredictable currents. Whispers speak of a massive creature drawn to the turbulent waters, threatening to disrupt vital supply lines and expose the Bazaar's vulnerable sectors.
- Rumor has it that a cache of pre-deluge technology, capable of manipulating the currents, has been discovered within the ruins of the Old City. The Tidekeepers are fiercely guarding this knowledge, but desperate scavengers are willing to risk everything to seize it.
- A strange, rhythmic pulse has been detected emanating from the deepest trenches, coinciding with unusually violent shifts in the underwater currents. Some believe it's a signal, a warning, or perhaps the awakening of something ancient and terrible that controls the tides themselves.

LOCATIONS

1. The Sunken Gate

The entrance to the Bazaar is a colossal archway formed from fused coral and corroded metal, half buried in the seabed. Perpetual twilight filters through the water, casting long, distorted shadows. Powerful currents buffet the gate relentlessly, creating unpredictable surges of water that can knock intruders off their feet and slam the heavy coral doors shut. Visibility is severely limited due to silt and swirling water, making navigation treacherous.

2. The Coral Gardens

Bioluminescent coral forests offer a path, but hidden predators lurk within the glowing structures.

3. The Salvage Yards

A chaotic collection of wreckage, requiring careful navigation to avoid collapsing debris and territorial scavengers.

4. The Pressure Valve Chamber

A flooded chamber with malfunctioning pressure valves, presenting a timed puzzle to proceed.

5. The Citadel of the Tidekeepers

This vast, partially collapsed structure dominates the heart of the Bazaar. The Tidekeepers, clad in reinforced diving suits, maintain a rigid defense here, their salvaged technology humming with power. The central conflict is palpable as dwindling oxygen supplies and habitable zones are

ENCOUNTERS

Name	Details
Tidekeeper Patrol	Three heavily armored Tidekeepers enforce the Bazaar's laws, demanding passage and scrutinizing outsiders.
Deep Sea Lurker	A monstrous aquatic creature attacks from the darkness, drawn by the commotion of the currents.
Scavenger Ambush	A group of desperate scavengers attempts to steal supplies, leading to a tense confrontation.
Collapsing Structure	A section of the ruins gives way, requiring a quick skill check to avoid being crushed.

TREASURE

- Pressure Regulator:** A device that can temporarily stabilize water pressure, but overuse risks a catastrophic failure.
- Salvaged Data Core:** Contains schematics for advanced technology, but is heavily encrypted and prone to corruption.
- Bioluminescent Lantern:** Provides light in dark areas, but emits a signal that attracts unwanted attention from deep sea creatures.

NPCs

- Commander Ryla:** A stern Tidekeeper, fiercely loyal to her people and wary of outsiders.
- Old Man Tiber:** A grizzled hermit who knows the Bazaar's secrets and offers cryptic advice.
- Zara Volkov:** A ruthless scavenger leader, always looking for an opportunity to exploit others.

PLOT RESOLUTIONS

- The adventurers could choose to aid Commander Ryla in securing a new, potentially more stable, section of the Citadel, requiring them to navigate treacherous currents and defend against Scavenger ambushes. This success would grant them access to better living conditions and resources within the Citadel, but it would solidify their alliance with the Tidekeepers, potentially making them targets of suspicion from other factions.
- The PCs might decide to pursue the rumors of pre-deluge technology within the Old City ruins, risking the wrath of the Tidekeepers who fiercely guard this knowledge. Successfully recovering the technology could provide a significant advantage in combating the rising sea levels, but it would irrevocably place them in opposition to the Tidekeepers, potentially leading to a full-scale conflict.
- The adventurers could attempt to decipher the rhythmic pulse emanating from the deepest trenches, seeking to understand its origin and potential implications. Unraveling the mystery might reveal a way to control the currents or appease a powerful underwater entity, but it could also unleash a terrible force upon the Bazaar, threatening the survival of all who dwell within.

