

TASHAL PEONI CRYPT 1



PEONI CRYPT [9A]

The crypt, built in TR624, and all but hidden in the Medrik neighborhood of Tashal, serves as a resting place for the urban adherents of Peoni. Many give away their wealth to the poor, but donate enough to ensure their afterlife in Valon. Occasionally, the temple will see fit to pay for the burial of generous benefactors who can no longer pay for themselves. Iame of Sediel [G9] handles the secular side of the burial, which for most, consists of the embalming, a winding sheet, and being laid to rest in one of the many wall niches of the crypt. Both male and female adherents are buried here.

Peonian funeral rites are simple, consisting mainly of a eulogy by an *ebasethe*, and then followed by testimonials from the deceased's family and friends. Bearing candles, the bereaved then follow behind the body as it is carried to its final resting place. Niches

will be reused once a corpse has moldered to dust.

The crypt also has a connection to the Lia-Kavair tunnels beneath Tashal, and more than one denizen of the city has been terrified by the sight of someone emerging from the crypt into 'Deadman's Alley.'



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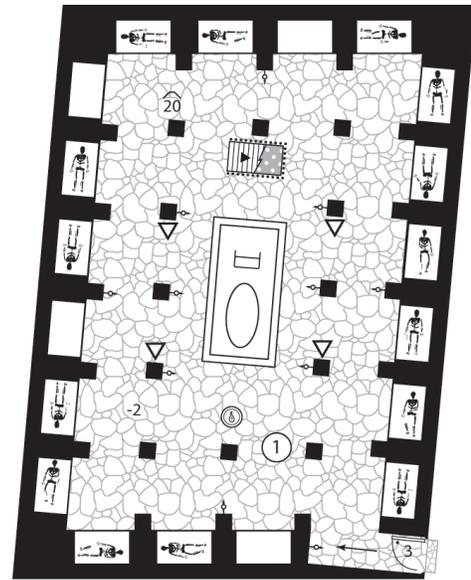
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TASHAL PEONI CRYPT 2

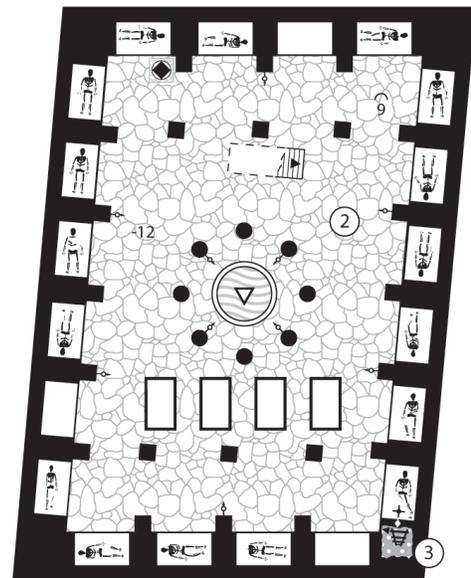
- (1) The upper level of the crypt can house 38 bodies in niches inset into the walls, one on top of another. The bronze door that opens into the chamber has a lock on it, but the key was lost many years ago, and was never replaced. The arched and vaulted chamber soars twenty feet towards the roof, and at one time there were plans to add a balcony and more wall niches along it. Lack of funds temporarily suspended such plans, and later, lack of demand caused them to be abandoned.

The bier on the dais in the center of the crypt serves both as an embalming table and place of honor for the deceased during the funeral rites. Eulogies and testimonials are given from the nearby podium. Surrounding the dias are four statues of the servants of Peoni: Belsirasin, Maermal, Tirrala, and Yselde. A set of stairs leads to the lower crypt.



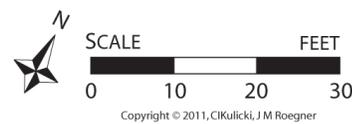
Ground Floor/Upper Crypt

- (2) The lower crypt has room for 40 bodies in wall niches, and four in sarcophagi in the southern end of the chamber. In the center of the lower crypt is a statue of Peoni herself, situated in a reflecting pool (usually empty). During the daylight hours, it is not uncommon for loved ones to visit the dearly departed, and few will do so without paying respects to the goddess. Sometimes, offerings are tossed into the reflecting pool, coins which are duly collected by the Lia-Kavair. (If using the Deryni rules, there is a portal in the northwest corner of the chamber. See <http://www.melderyn.com/uploadfiles/HM%20Deryni%20v3.pdf>.)

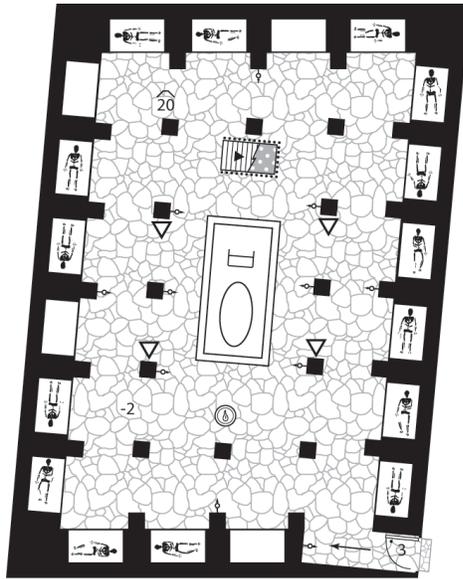


Lower Crypt

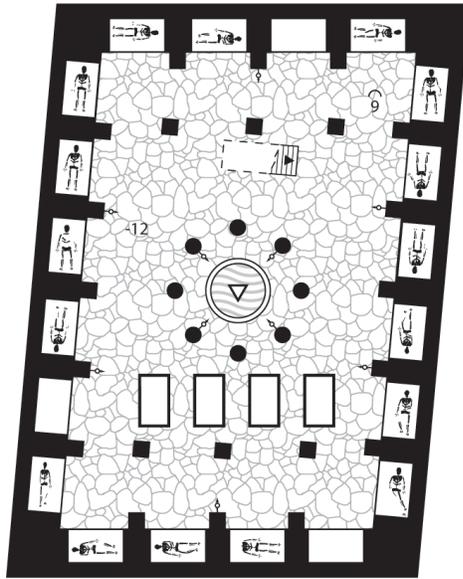
- (3) In the southeast corner of the lower crypt is a crudely hollowed out shaft leading down to the Lia-Kavair tunnels. A peephole allows someone to check the chamber before exiting the tunnel. The door swings into the niche, and a strap on either side allows it to be pulled shut or opened. Observant visitors will notice that the body in the niche has been carelessly shoved towards the back.



PLAYER MAP TASHAL PEONI CRYPT 3



Ground Floor/Upper Crypt



Lower Crypt

