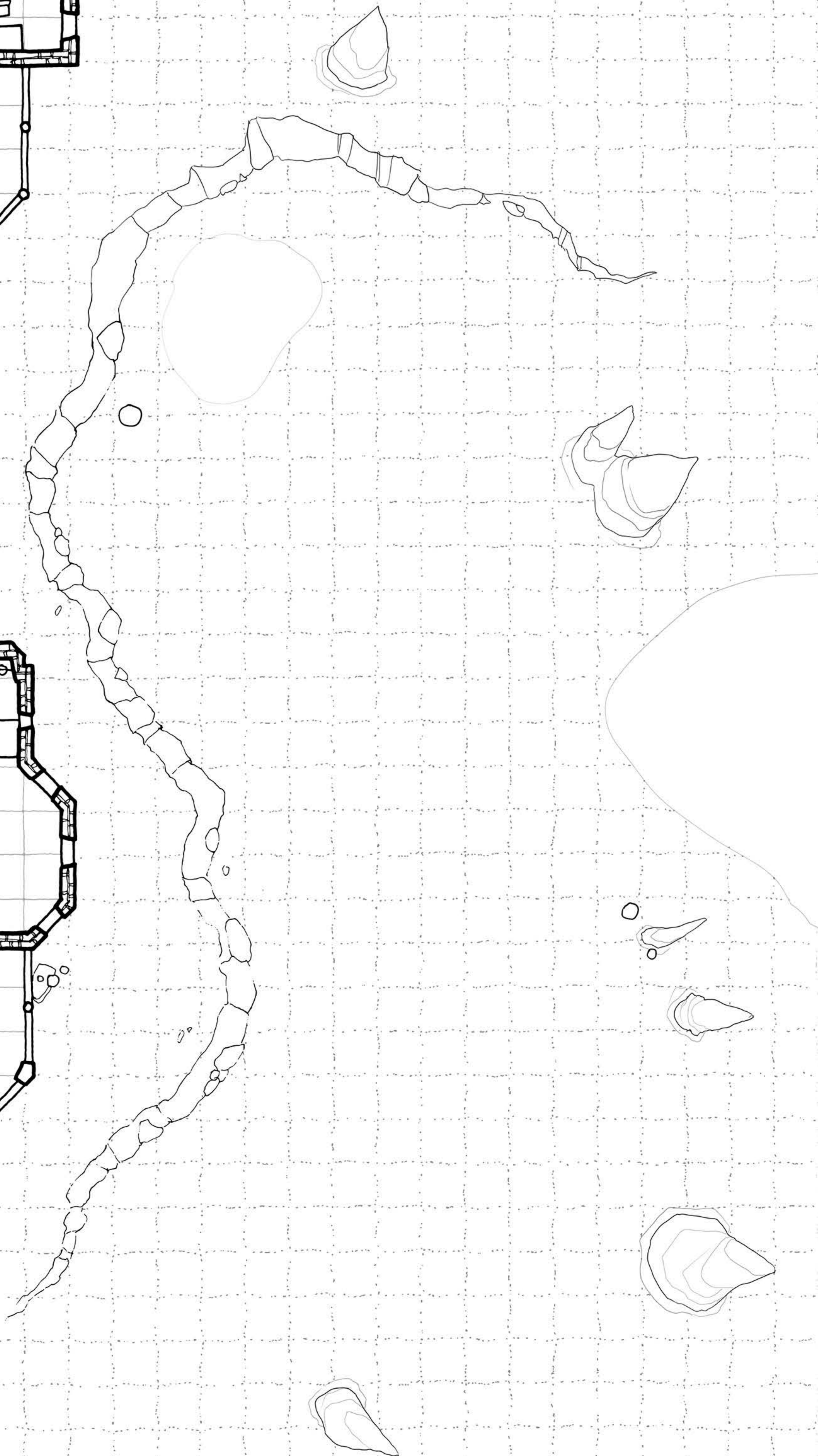
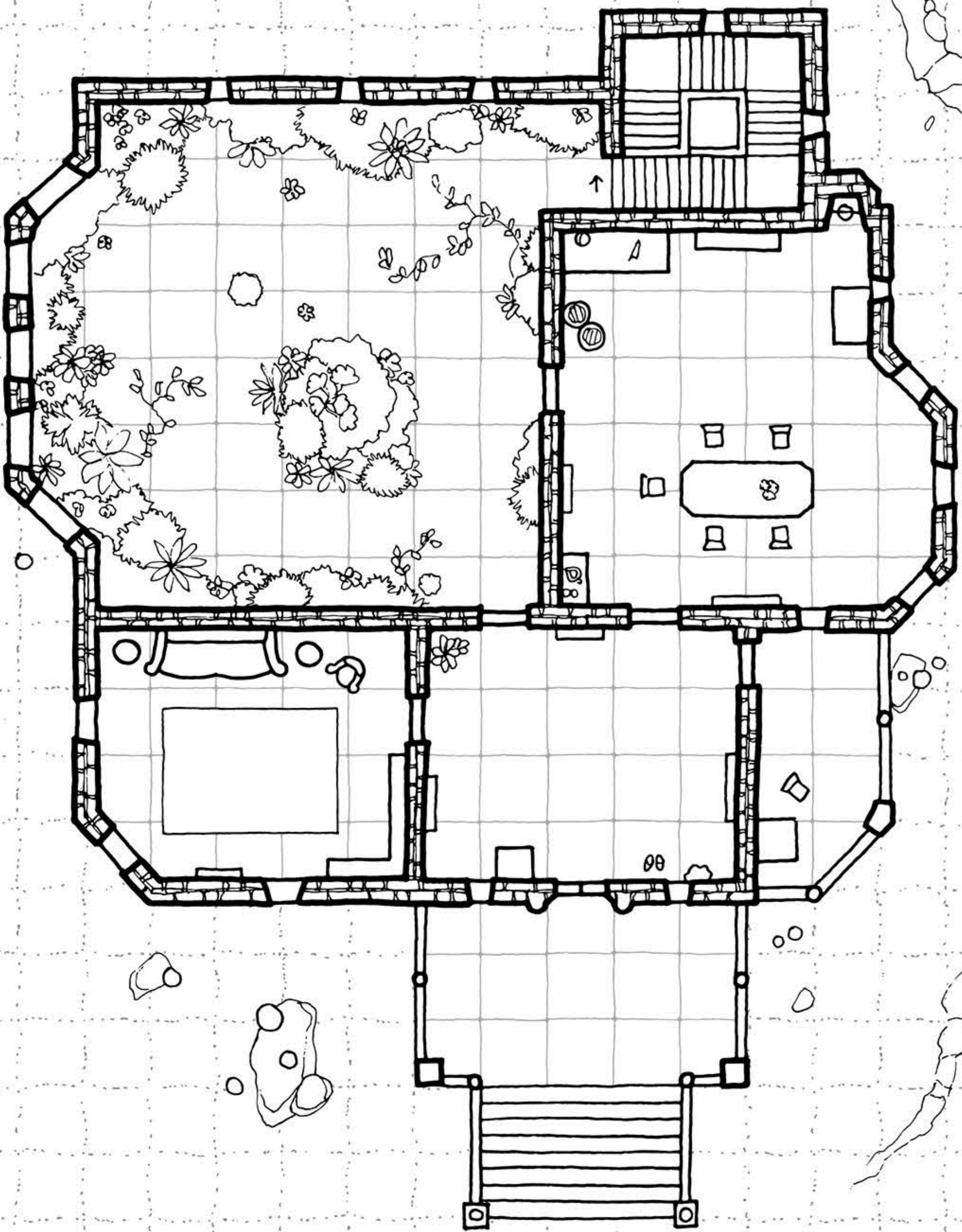
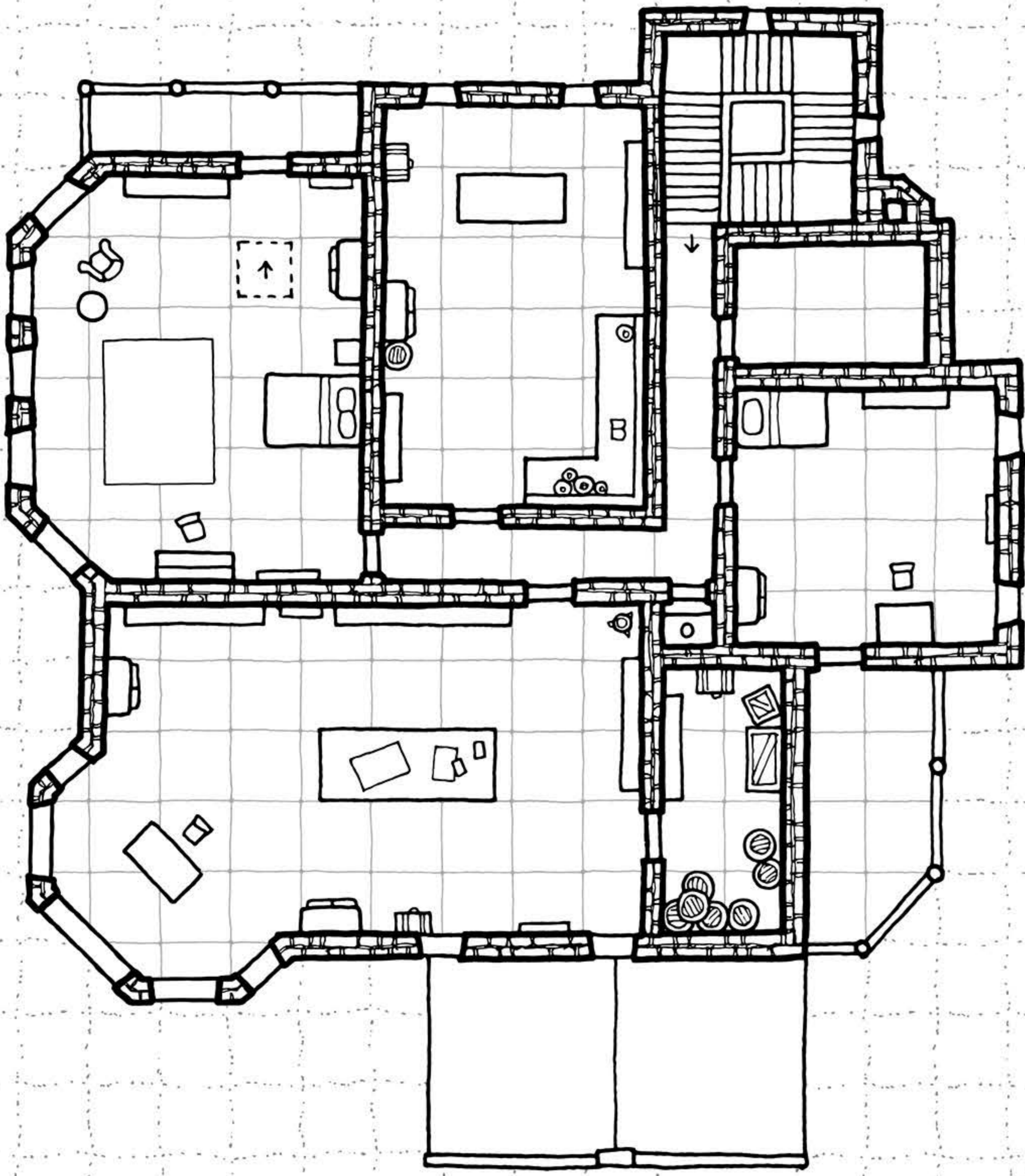
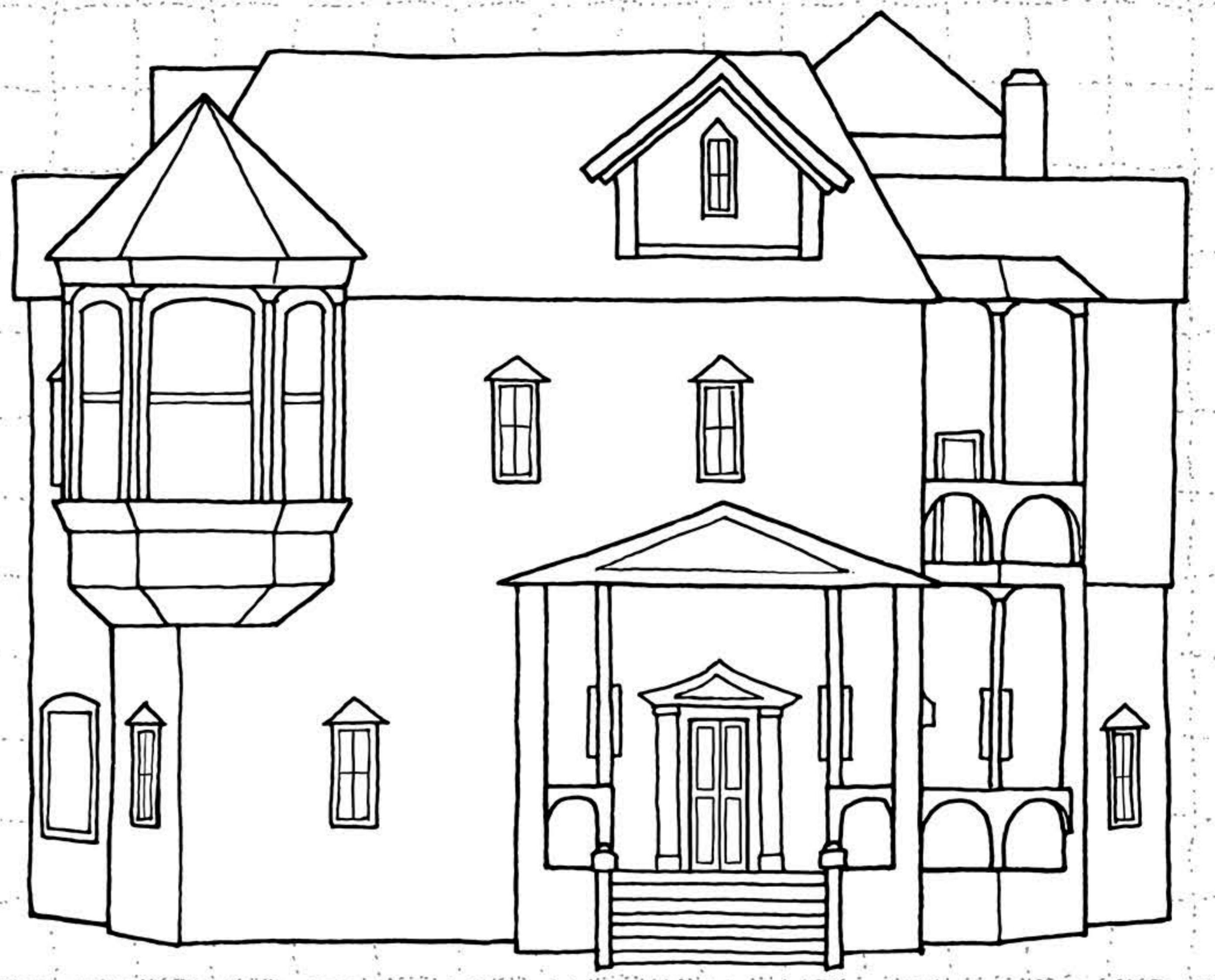
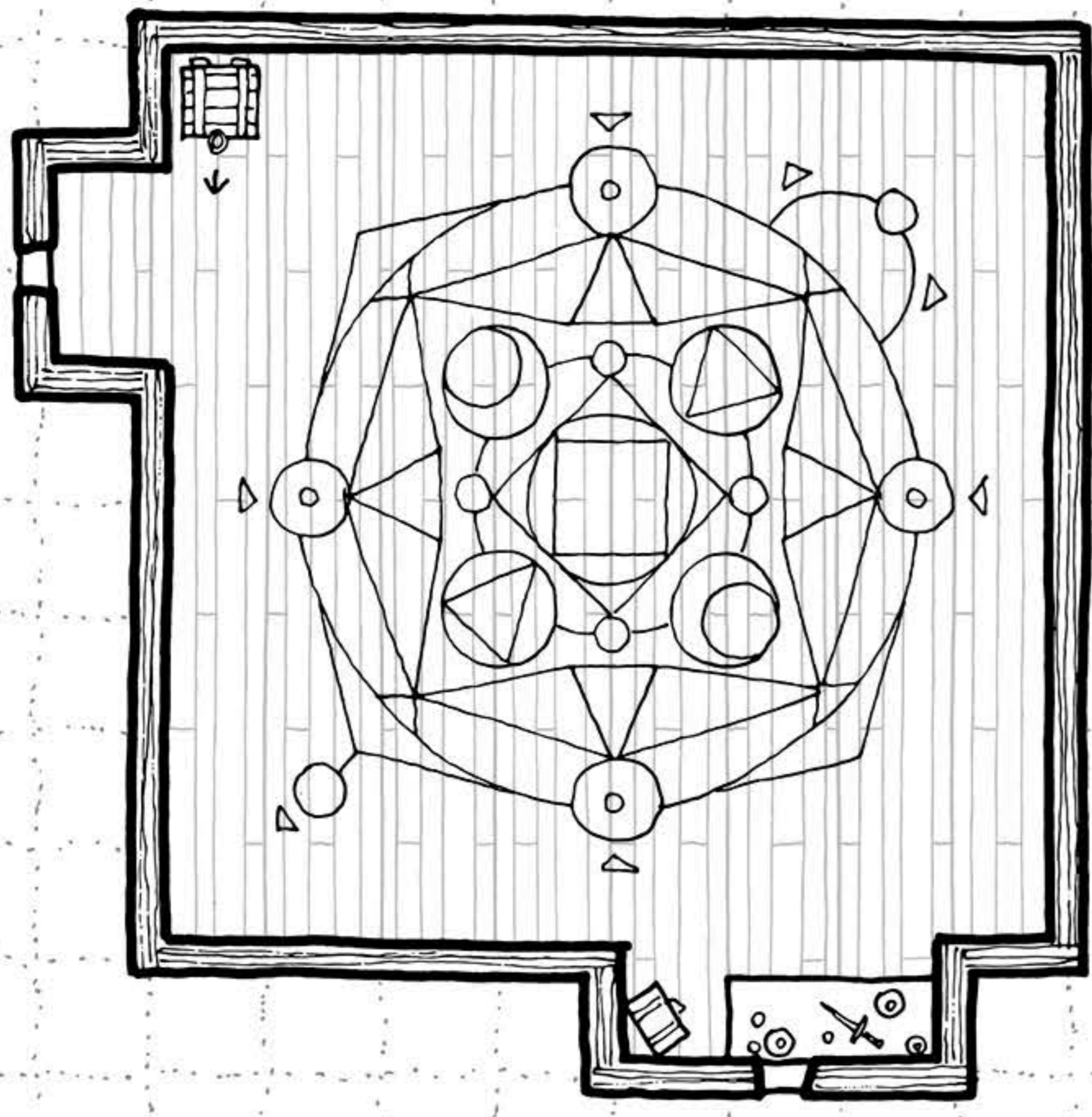


- 1 - Attic
- 2 - Bedroom
- 3 - Laboratory
- 4 - Guest Bedroom
- 5 - Library
- 6 - Storeroom
(Reagents)
- 7 - Garden
- 8 - Kitchen and
Dining Room
- 9 - Parlor
- 10 - Foyer



DELARO'S MANSE

ABOUT

•Delaro's Manse is a wizard's residence, located on Drider's Rock in the Black Loch. Delaro Montalos is a human who has come to the loch to conduct his research into extradimensional travel in peace.

•An unfurnished version of this map is available, as is a version depicting the building in an above-ground setting.

DELARO

Delaro is an impressively talented wizard who was, for many years, the leading arcane researcher at the Ancient Asdaran College of Magic. He was widely regarded as an authority in his field and was greatly respected by his peers until he found a method of traveling outside of the planes, a discovery that would spark controversy and lead to his exile.

To be clear, his discovery was not planar travel. He did not travel to the inner planes, the outer planes, the astral sea, or any place in any cosmological model of existence. He traveled *outside* of that, to a place in another multiverse altogether.

This was considered an impressive achievement, but only briefly. When Delaro explained his method of creating the gateway-- which involved tearing enormous holes through the ethereal and astral planes-- his colleagues were stunned. The damage Delaro had done was enough to potentially allow creatures from the Astral Sea, or perhaps even from this other dimension-- to wander into their world. They demanded that he stop his research and immediately begin working to repair the damage he had caused.

Delaro pleaded with them, pointing out that his discovery could open the door for entire new areas of research and that his method of travel could be refined to be much less destructive in time.

The other wizards at the college would not hear of it and insisted that he cease immediately. At this, Delaro stormed off, never to be seen at the college again.

Though he was determined to explore this new reality, Delaro knew that the other mages at the college would expect as much and would try to stop him, so he would have to find a place far from their reach to conduct his work. He went home, packed his house into a pocket plane, and headed into the underdark to find a nice, quiet spot.

After about a month of wandering, Delaro finally came across the Black Loch. Hearing that there was a small island with no inhabitants, he hired a ship to take him there. It turned out that "no inhabitants" meant no *civilized* inhabitants, as there were quite a few driders living on the island. Fortunately, this wasn't a problem for Delaro, who took a walk around the shore, killing any driders he came across, before unpacking his house and settling in.

Delaro has been living in the Loch for about eight years now and has been delving into the other dimension fairly regularly. The effects of this have been noticeable on the island, as strange creatures appear and disappear, magic functions erratically at times and, on occasion, time pauses very briefly. So far, only Delaro and the handful of remaining driders have noticed any of this.

The extradimensional travel has had pronounced effects on Delaro as well. The human mind was built for a certain reality and this other realm bears little resemblance to it. In this bizarre place, the colors are completely different, time has three directions instead of two, and there is no land or sky, only a single, neverending sea of liquid. Delaro's time here has worn away his mind over time, making him erratic, obsessive and delusional. He is not aware of these effects and continues to travel there, writing down what he discovers in a series of journals that begin as formal, academic writing, but descend into barely-comprehensible gibberish over time.

NOTES

- Delaro is not fond of the underdark and has conjured himself a garden as a reminder of home. Being among the plants calms him and he tends to behave a bit more like his old self when he is there.
- All of Delaro's food and water is conjured, with the exception of a few nuts and berries from the garden.
- Delaro opens the extradimensional gate in his attic. Even when the gate is not open, the ethereal plane, the feywild and the shadowfell can be plainly seen from within the room, overlaid atop each other.
- Having not spoken to another person in years, Delaro is quite lonely. How he might respond to visitors, however, is anyone's guess.





