

A SILVER DARK

An adventure for characters of 1st to 2nd level

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Manistrad Copperlocks, the leader of the newly established dwarven mining operation in Saltmarsh, hires the adventurers to check on a survey team that has failed to check in with their findings on another potential silver mine. Pressing matters regarding the established mine prevent her from sending a party from the Copperlocks clan.

The new potential mine has been overrun by kobolds searching for a safe place to keep a precious black dragon egg in their care. Except for two prisoners that are being kept to feed the black dragon

once it hatches after being incubated in acid, all of the miners have been slain.

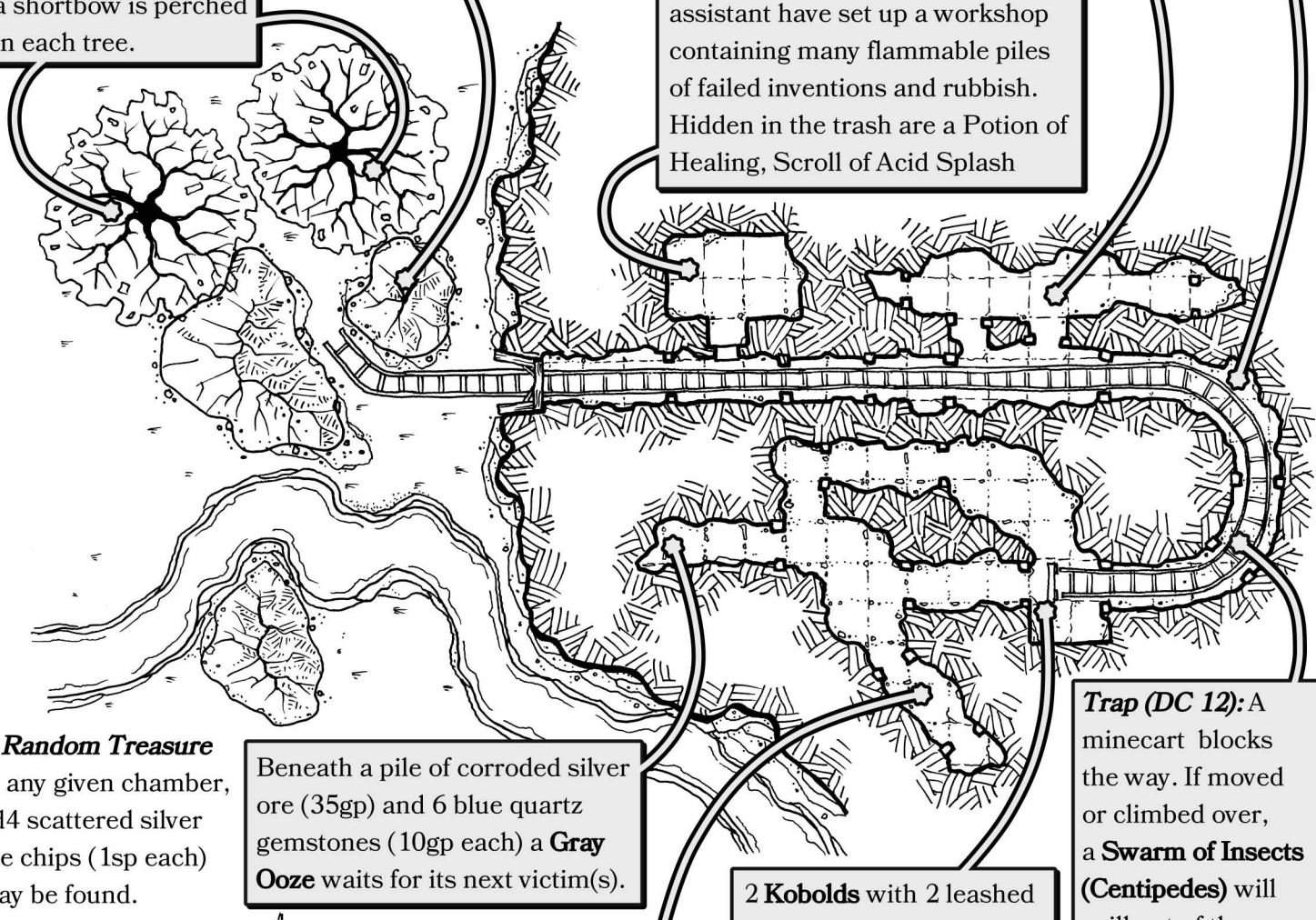
A **Kobold** sniper with a shortbow is perched in each tree.

A **Winged Kobold** hidden in a crevice atop the boulder will sound an alarm (a loud cow bell) before attacking the party.

2 **Kobold** sentries guard 2 **Dwarf** prisoners chained at either end of this long chamber. The captives are weak with hunger (HP 1) and covered with centipede bites.

A **Kobold Inventor** and a **Kobold** assistant have set up a workshop containing many flammable piles of failed inventions and rubbish. Hidden in the trash are a **Potion of Healing**, **Scroll of Acid Splash**

Trap (DC 15): A **Swarm of Rats** emerge from a recess in the wall if anyone other than a kobold passes by.



Random Treasure

In any given chamber, 4d4 scattered silver ore chips (1sp each) may be found.

Beneath a pile of corroded silver ore (35gp) and 6 blue quartz gemstones (10gp each) a **Gray Ooze** waits for its next victim(s).

A **Kobold Dragonshield** and a **Kobold Scale Sorcerer** guard a black dragon egg nestled in a shallow cauldron filled with acid (1d4 damage per round) on a bed of pelts, a **Cloak of Protection +1**, and a small pile of 120gp, as an offering from the kobolds for its first treasure hoard. The egg can be damaged if struck.

Black Dragon Egg: Tiny, AC 12 HP 10

2 **Kobolds** with 2 leashed **Giant Weasles** are waiting here for the intruders.

Trap (DC 12): A minecart blocks the way. If moved or climbed over, a **Swarm of Insects (Centipedes)** will spill out of the minecart.

Upon completing the job and returning to Manistrad Copperlocks with word regarding the potential silver mine, the adventurers will be rewarded accordingly...

- Information about the kobold infestation, 300gp
- Rescuing and returning dwarf miners, extra 400gp
- Clearing mine of all threats, extra 975gp
- Turning over the black dragon egg, extra 450gp

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