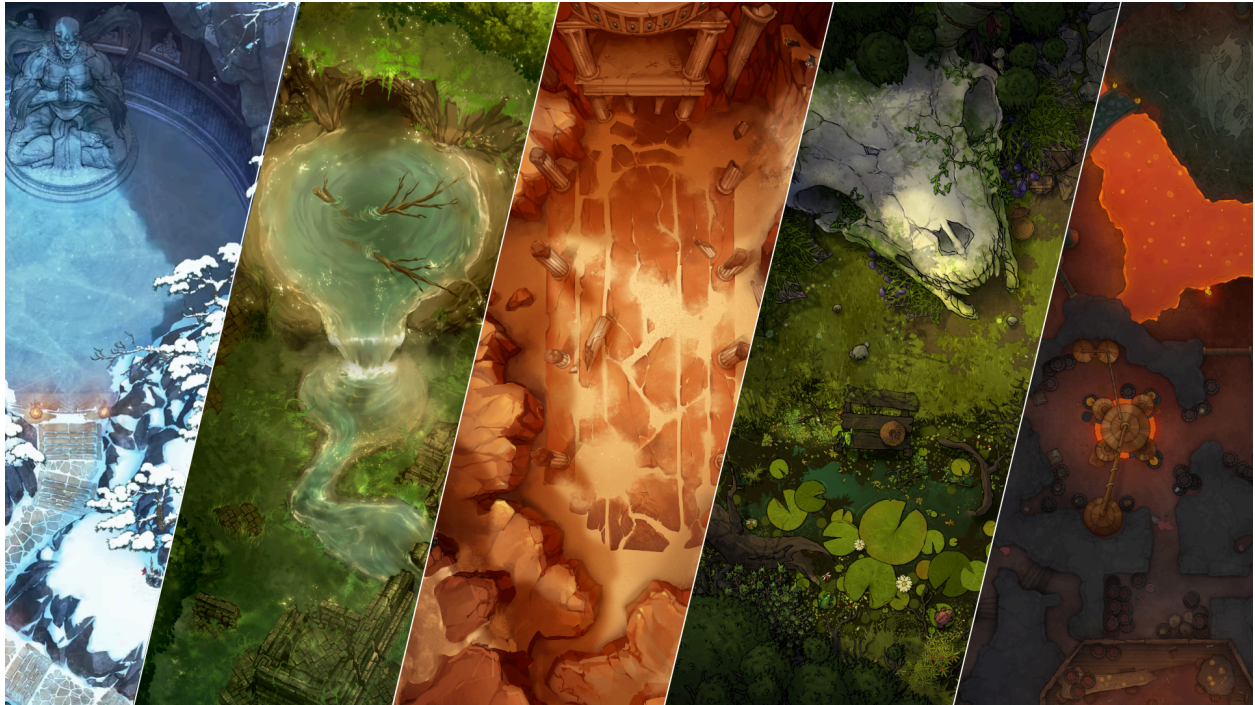


When it comes to iconic D&D creatures, few can rival the sheer awe and terror of its namesake: the dragon. From their destructive breath weapons to their apex intelligence, a dragon can be the ultimate test of skill, strategy, and survival for any adventuring party.

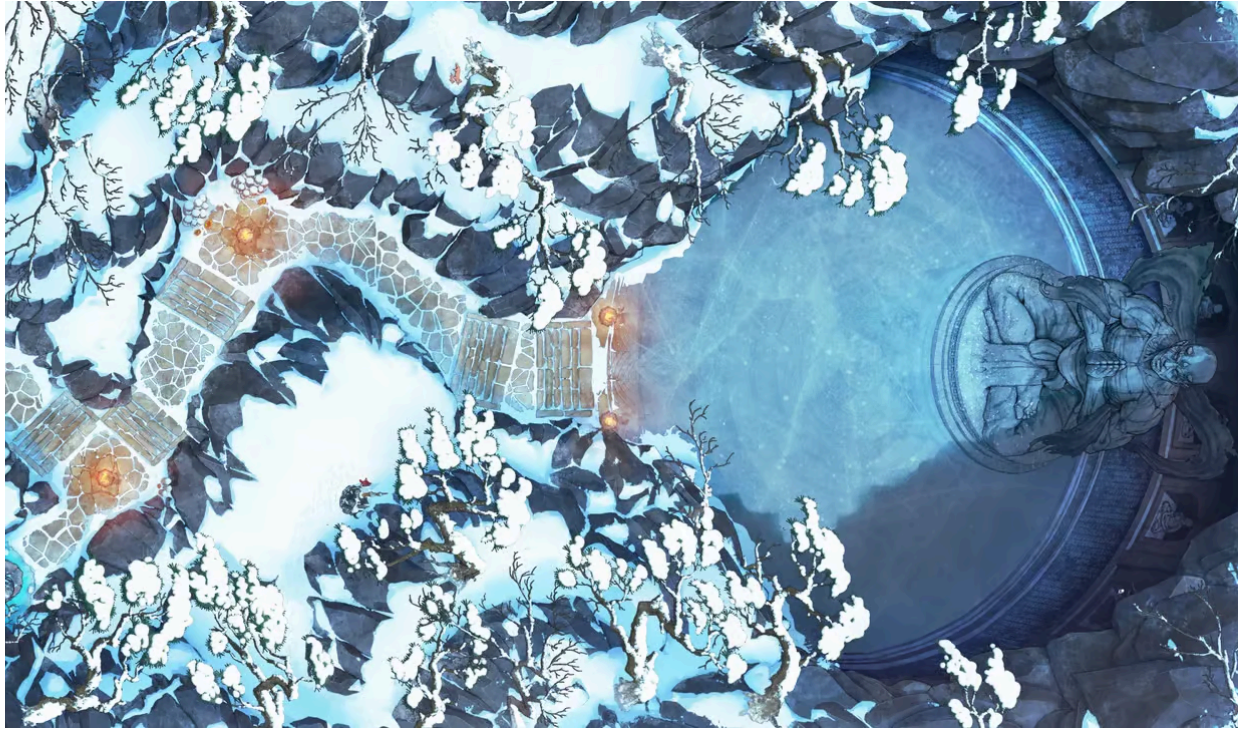
But what truly makes a dragon encounter unforgettable? Not just the monster itself—a dragon's home can be as dangerous as the creature that dwells within, filled with natural hazards, traps, and terrain that can make or break a fight.



In part one of this two-part series, we'll be diving into dragon lairs for each one of the vicious chromatic dragons. In addition to map recommendations, we'll be giving overviews of the dragons themselves, and possible lair mechanics to enhance your encounters.

Whether they're trudging through a fetid swamp towards a green dragon's poisoned sanctuary or scaling the icy peaks where a white dragon lurks in the frozen wasteland, these maps are sure to drop your players right into the thick of danger and give them a fight they'll never forget.

1. [White Dragon Lair](#)



A long-abandoned place of worship buried deep within the mountains, this [Cave Temple - Frozen](#) map has now been claimed by a ferocious white dragon as its icy throne.

This frozen temple is hidden at the end of a treacherous, rocky path, where blizzards rage and cold winds bite. Inside lies a once-sacred hall and towering statue of a forgotten deity—all of it now encased in a thick layer of frost and heavy, chilling mist.

Running a White Dragon

White dragons are primal and brutal, working with the natural hazards and poor visibility of their habitats to hunt and slaughter prey with ferocious precision. What cunning they lack compared to other dragons, they make up for with raw power and survival instinct. In battle, the harsh environment is certainly to the white dragon's advantage, but the dragon itself might not even need to manipulate its lair for the deadly cold to work against intruders.

The sheer intensity of the environment's freezing temperatures can numb and impede the players' physical abilities, while freezing winds batter them and frosty mist obscures their vision. Ceilings of ice might collapse, while the mirrored surfaces of the icy walls make it difficult for the players to navigate or hide.

2. [Green Dragon Lair](#)



Nestled deep in a foreboding glade, this [Green Dragon Lair](#) map beckons adventurers into its tangled ruins and shadowy mist, where the winding water lead to the lair of a deadly green dragon.

This verdant lair was made for the green dragon specifically, and no wonder—surrounded by overgrown flora and filled with crumbling ruins that peek through the marshy waters, this lair is the perfect blend of beauty and decay to lure in unsuspecting adventurers.

Running a Green Dragon

Known for its deception and trickery, the green dragon is unlikely to take on its adversaries in a head-on fight, preferring to bait its victims into deadly traps and turn the very swamp against them. When running a green dragon—the most conniving of the chromatics—be sure to use its environment to full advantage.

The dragon should blend in with the verdant overgrowth, using the thick foliage and vines to stay hidden. Its poisonous breath can be used to cloud areas of the battlefield, and it may even engage with the players directly to lure them into areas of hidden dangers—for a green dragon will always be several steps ahead of its prey.



This map comes with a “Scene”—a stunning hand-drawn visual from the player’s point of view, letting you fully immerse your party in the treacherous environment of the green dragon’s toxic lair. [Take a look at it \(and its 20 variants\) here!](#)

3. [Blue Dragon Lair](#)



In the heart of a scorching desert, this Blue Dragon Lair map lies within the bones of a lost civilization, where the unforgiving head and crumbling stone form the perfect hunting ground for a blue dragon's deadly ambush.

Sitting at the bottom of a ravine, this cavern is sweltering and dry, as sand trickles down from the desert above to slowly bury the ancient structures within. The ruins of a Petra-inspired temple stand scattered—a forgotten civilization whose majesty is slowly eroding under the relentless sun.

Running a Blue Dragon

Blue dragons are calculating, territorial predators that use the barren desert and their lair's unique defenses to full advantage. A blue dragon's unique ability to burrow beneath the sand lets it set up ambushes, rising from the deserts to strike with deadly lightning. These dragons also excel at collapsing parts of their sandy lairs to trap or suffocate intruders, turning their very lair into a deathtrap against adversaries.

A blue dragon's lair should feel oppressive and dangerous, with the dragon manipulating the terrain itself. Use natural hazards—collapsing ceilings, deadly sinkholes, and sandstorms to isolate and disorient the party, keeping your players on edge.

4. [Black Dragon Lair](#)



A festering mire of darkness, this [Swamp Graveyard](#) map is the perfect place for a black dragon to brood amongst curling vines and fetid waters.

Amidst an eerie swamp steeped in death and decay, rotting wood and thick curling vines twist through the murky water. Gnarled roots clutch at the colossal skull of some long-dead, massive bovine creature—a grim reminder of who truly rules this swamp.

Running a Black Dragon

Black dragons are the cruelest of all chromatic dragons, reveling in tormenting and manipulating their prey before delivering a slow, agonizing death. In battle, the black dragon will exploit the nature of its lair environment to deadly effect, using the toxic water and boggy terrain to overwhelm enemies.

A black dragon's lair should feel alive, with the dragon using the swamp to slowly suffocate its prey. As a DM, make the swamp an active threat. Acidic waters might weaken armor and deal lasting damage, while the dragon may be able to summon clouds of vermin from its putrid bog to harass and inflict diseases.

5. [Red Dragon Lair](#)



In this [Drakescale Peak](#) map, the fiery heart of a volcano pulses with molten heat, where a red dragon claims dominion over its blistering realm.

This map depicts a sprawling cavernous dungeon filled with molten lakes of lava and jagged basalt rock. The environment is alive with heat, and glowing red mechanisms span through the caves, connected with copper tubes.

For a full adventure making use of every part of this map—complete with custom items, stat blocks, and a story involving kobolds and dragons, visit [its Patreon page](#) here! However, of course, this map can also easily stand alone as an epic battleground for a red dragon and its minions.



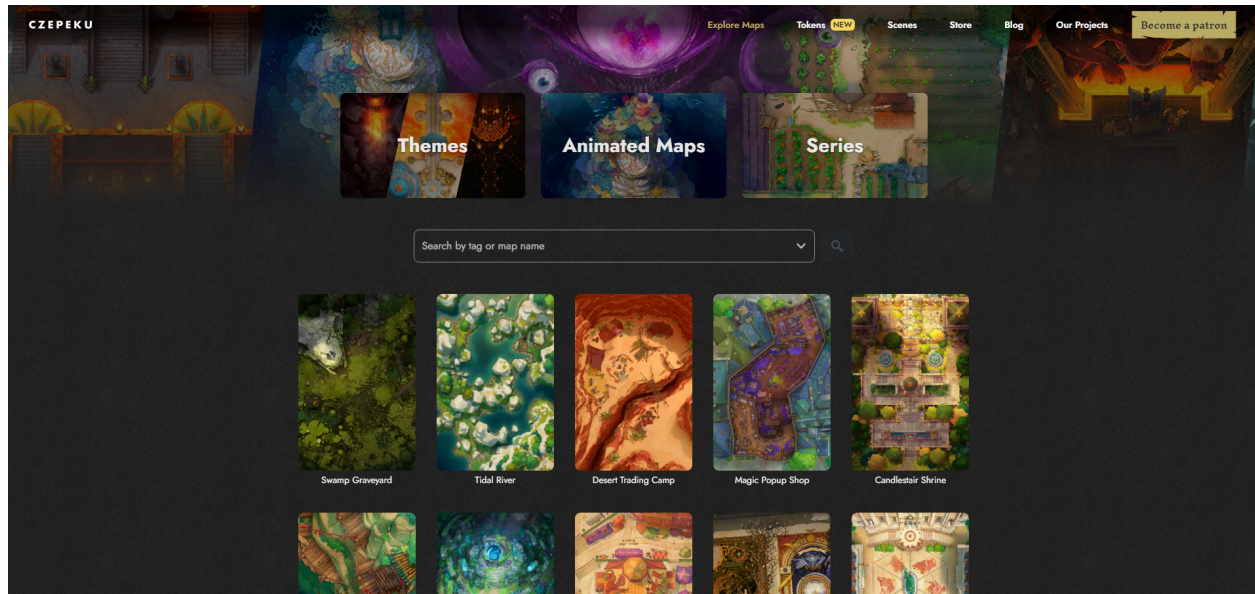
Running a Red Dragon

Red dragons are the embodiment of greed, arrogance, and fury. These dragons love nothing more than to flaunt its power and hoard, incinerating anyone who dares stand up to them. In combat, a red dragon will revel in its destructive might, manipulating the harsh environment and using its iconic fire breath weapon to full effect.

The red dragon is uniquely suited to withstand the conditions of its lair, and will not hesitate to take advantage of this to turn even its lair against a weapon against those foolish enough to challenge it. Have the dragon manipulate the volcanic terrain with the sheer temperature of its magic—it might cause lava pools to surge, send molten rock across the battlefield, or melt the very stone beneath your players' feet.

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