

“As usual, there’s 3 places you can go tonight!” you hear Jack say, broadcast into your room. “Make your choice, and we’ll guide you on the trail there! Find money, find items to help you, and have a good ol’ time!” You make your choice, and a pair of staff members guide you where you ask.

You open the door to the **Sheriff’s Office** as a wall of dust assails you. Coughing, you wave it off and overlook the room. There’s a desk at the wall opposite you. On it are several old-timey objects of Western memorabilia, like a gas lantern, locked safekeeping box, journals, and Wanted posters, not to mention its many shelves. On the wall itself are kitchy decorations like horseshoes, handcuffs, and crosses to fit the Western theme.

On the other side are several jail cells, as destitute as the prison you came from. Thin metal bars cage around a bed and nothing much else, but the unlocked doors softly creak in place.

But notably, there’s a huge hole dug out in one of the cells. If you take a look, there’s a sprawling network of dusty tunnels twisting out as a jailbreak escape. It’s pitch dark, and cramped, and disorienting, but there might be some loot down here too.

But it’s still the middle of the night, and the only illumination in the office are a couple lit candles on the desk.

You focus on a part of the room and get searching. You’re able to discover a **Cardboard Box** and **Toro’s Devotion**. There’s also the Magician ingredients **Mother of Pearl** and **Sundew**. Lastly, you find **\$7**, alongside a rare item, **Harrogath’s Frenzy**.

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You wander through the Sheriff’s Office, and while you can’t locate any of the people you thought were serious threats, you did find Mei, who greets you warmly.

“Looks like we ain’t fightin’ tonight,” you say, running a hand through your hair.

Mei nods. “Those others sure are lucky they didn’t have to see us!” She smiles kindly.

Mei glances over at the desk once or twice at a man sitting at a chair. Fennec? Hard to tell in the darkness. You’re still talking with Mei when three gunshots ring out.

Mei cries out as one bullet strikes her left shoulder. Another goes through her bun, while the third misses entirely.

“Are you alright?” you say, panicked for the old lady.

“He’ll have to do more than that,” Mei responds calmly.

Mei charges towards the desk, reaching into her purse. Fennec fires another round, hitting her again in the shoulder, but that isn't enough to stop Mei. She withdraws a knife from her purse, plunging it into his upper leg.

Fennec barely winces, and steadily points his gun directly at Mei's forehead. You have to stop him! You dash forward, and before he can fire, you jerk Mei back to safety.

"Shame on you! There ahrn't no reason to shoot an old lady! Even given the circumstances!" you shout at him.

As a reply, Fennec fluidly circles around the desk and fires his revolver at you.

Pain explodes in your own shoulder as you try to dodge, and you cry out, but you can't let him get away with this. You reach behind yourself and grab papers off the desk, throwing them as a makeshift blizzard in front of Fennec before he can aim his next shot.

Now's your chance! Before he can react you punch through the cloud of papers, hammering the man repeatedly. You feel as though he's pretty solid, and your punches may not be doing too much, but the barrage is enough to stagger him off-balance. He stumbles backwards into an open jail cell.

Mei thinks fast, moving forward and closing the cell door. Keys stick out of it, so Mei's able to lock the man inside before scampering off with you out of the office.

Fennec isn't done yet, as he fires two final parting shots, one of them hitting you in the lower leg, causing you to stumble out of the office.

"Oh, deary," Mei sighs, looking at your injuries. "Let's go and get you patched up," she says, letting you use her as a crutch.

"Thanks a bundle," you say sincerely. Together, the two of you head back to your rooms.

 Eleanor Auragale Character sheet

Engagements witnessed:

Fennec v Mei (Mei assisted by Eleanor)

Fennec v Eleanor (Eleanor assisted by Mei)