



THE EMPEROR'S PLAYGROUND

Antoku the boy-emperor of Kaidan was given a demented playground beneath the Imperial palace as a birthday gift by his grandfather the Shogun. Guests are invited as 'playmates'. If they survive their ordeal, they are granted Imperial gifts by the boy emperor. [Note: 1 square = 10 ft.]



1. The Guest House
Once the guests have fallen asleep, they are instantly teleported to an identical house, but in the playground.



6. The Inari Shrine
A shrine dedicated to the Fox kami, but under the protection of a Kitsune (fox demon) Miko (shrine maiden).



2. The Dying Shore
Illusory surf above a salt water channel and underwater caves hold a pair of Giant Crabs as if on the shore.



7. The Banraku Theater
A Banraku Puppet Theater seems a joy until 12 of the puppets become animated with miniature masterwork weapons.



3. Hall of the Shi-Shi
Four stone Shi-Shi Lion guardians ever watchful for intruders, will try to stop anyone from escape beyond.



8. The Dead Garden
A garden that died long ago, yet under the watchful eye of a Ko-Dama tree guardian (Quickwood) that hungers...



4. Hall of the Hatamoto Guard
45 Hatamoto (Samurai) clay statues on clay horses stare with intimidation all who enter - 6 are Clay Golems.



9. The Kappa Pond
An artificial and enchanted pond and island, holds four angry Kappa goblins under a Geas to stay on the island.



5. The Floating World District
Likened to the Yakuza ghetto, six Tattooed Jikininki Ghouls keep order on these Hinin caste streets.



10. The Oni Gate Hall
As is the Gates of Jigoku (Hell), the exit from the Emperor's Playground is guarded by two Oni Brutes (ogre mage)

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