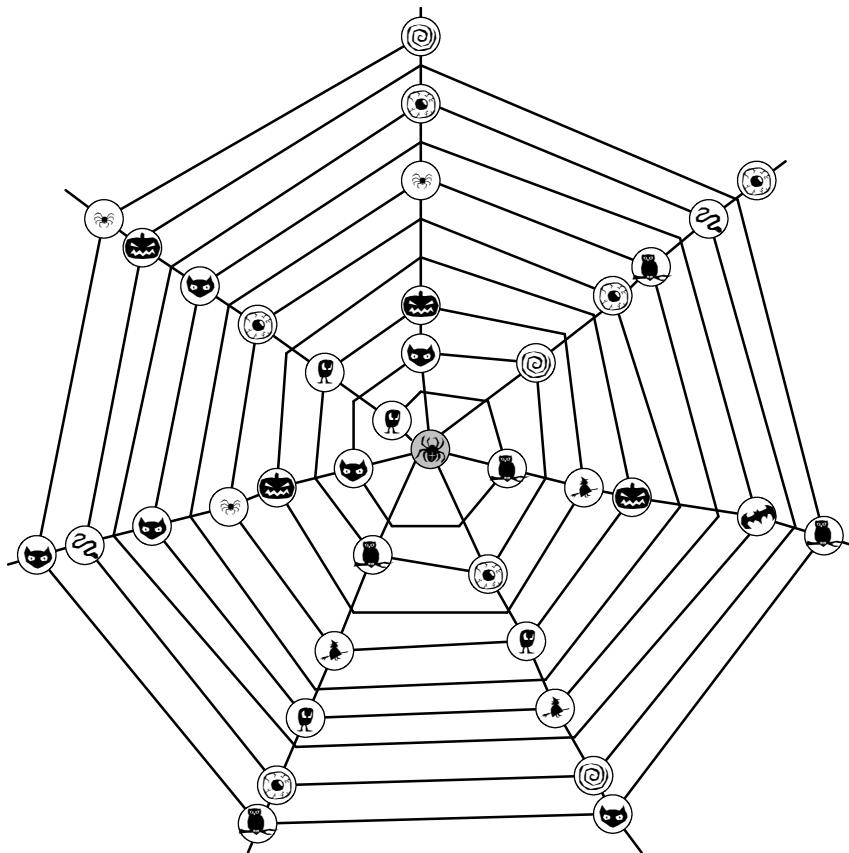


The Spider's Web



The lair of the spider is hidden well.
The spider's web holds a secret path
that will show you the way.
Follow the path, as indicated by the clues,
deciphering the symbols in sequence,
and find the way to the spider's lair.

In all her travels, the spider
always ventured north of 44°N and south of 45°N;
she never strayed east of 77°W nor west of 78°W.

There is a secret path through the maze,
a hidden route to follow, carefully and swiftly,
to reach the center of the spider's web
and claim the prize, or merely to escape death.

Using the clues that Xixa the spider
has left behind in the places she has visited,
begin at one of the outermost spots and follow the path
as prescribed by the clues, and you will succeed.
Remember that the witch's finger may be crooked,
but it always points which way to go.



What Hexxen Saw

One witch stood upon a lonely hill
Looking about her with her two wizened eyes.
Three hungry bats she saw, hunting in the darkening sky,
While four fat cats slinked through the twilight,
And five owls hooted knowingly at the moon.
Each eye spied three pumpkins glowing in the moonlight,
Each owl caught a snake, but two slithered away,
Each cat devoured two gremlins and spat out their bones,
And each bat ate three thin spiders, strange as it seems.
Then the moon spiralled down into the gathering dawn,
Leaving nothing behind but the whisper of the wind.



What Xixa Saw

Lonely juniper and Silent sweetwater,
Servile waterway and Ironshod horseway,
Troll-guarded bridgepost and Weary-footed waypost,
Glimmering jewellery and Three-legged brewery,
Graves of floating goods and Venerable old woods.

Xixa's 44° N 77° W
Lair 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Hexxen