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We rejoin the party in the Desert of Rust.

We climb through the tunnels, first passing a corroded statue of a giant three-eyed horse, then on to a large creature breathing loudly in the darkness. It's a giant that looks like a human mixed with a toad. He's staring up at a ceiling and surrounded by tiny figurines staring up at him. He's a god but he's forgotten which one. He's looking for worshippers. Six offers some worship but it doesn't seem to be enough. We continue forward through the tunnel.

Next we encounter a 200 foot chasm with a narrow wire bridge crossing over it. The bridge proves dangerous to **Ascetelis** (our guide), who falls off (Harvey turns her into a canary), and Harvey himself, who falls off (but teleports back up) and is then hit by a falling stalactite (a piercer named **Kirgaz the Unerring Avalanche**) (a crit!) who taunts him before disappearing.

In the next chamber we are summoned into a crack in the wall from which a foul stench emanates. A voice promises to tell us how to unmark Harvey from the piercer who has targeted him. Six climbs up. The creature, which calls itself **The Scholar**, tells Six that all portals are part of a great god, Aosakar, thought long-dead, punished by some unspeakable force, and existing in unending agony.

This knowledge helps Six to understand that killing others actually helps to free Aosakar and is therefore a good thing. He vows to kill when given the opportunity. Six can also cast Eyebite once per long rest, and he has advantage on Persuasion checks against evil outsiders. Finally, his eyes are now terrifying and evil.

The Scholar reveals that the modron we seek is in a cavern above. The party climbs up and soon finds itself in a very dark web-filled cavern. Two giant spiders attack from the darkness. The party prevails with minimal fuss (other than the downing of Harvey).

We cut RO4M free from a cocoon and tell him we're heading back to Fortune's Wheel. He freaks out and claims the Fox-Fiend (Temuscah) is holding modrons hostage and in messing with things and causing the glitching, which is clearly happening to us too. RO4M also found a **platinum chip** during his escape.

What will our heroes do next??

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