

Shrieking Hollow: Learn One Pressure Layer at a Time

An unofficial module ladder, Hollow pressure check, table-role plan, and readable loss postmortem for groups ready to descend below The Night Cage.

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Your first three descents

The base game is required. Learn one new pressure layer at a time.

- 1. **Descent one: The Other**
Learn pits, the Hollow board, the advance trigger, and how candlelight delays the threat.
- 2. **Descent two: add Shrieks**
Learn why a prisoner cannot camp below and suppress the threat indefinitely.
- 3. **Descent three: events and Night Terrors**
Add irregular pressure only after the persistent systems are readable.

The Hollow pressure check

- ☐ **What advances next?** — State the known trigger before the active prisoner commits.
- ☐ **Who can delay it?** — Name the prisoner who can descend without abandoning the only useful gate route.
- ☐ **What vanishes above?** — A safe Hollow move can still erase the route that wins the game.
- ☐ **Is this rescue actually necessary?** — Delay the threat enough; do not turn the entire game into solving the lower board.

Table roles that prevent bookkeeping drag

ROLE	SAY THIS	NEVER DO THIS
Active player	Name the move and the route it risks	Hand the decision to the loudest player
Hollow caller	State current pressure and next trigger	Command the surface maze
Route skeptic	Name the passage that loses its final light	Re-plan every pawn's turn
Host	Keep both references visible and the board readable	Hide components for atmosphere

Thirty-second loss postmortem

- ☐ **Gate route** — Did the group find the gate but fail to preserve access?
- ☐ **Key carrier** — Did one prisoner become a mobility bottleneck?
- ☐ **Hollow attention** — Did the lower threat consume more actions than the escape could afford?
- ☐ **Rules debt** — Did a missed timing step decide the outcome? Repeat the same module level if yes.

Sources. Smirk & Dagger's current Shrieking Hollow product record and catalog; current Dized expansion references; recurring owner learning and tracking patterns.
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