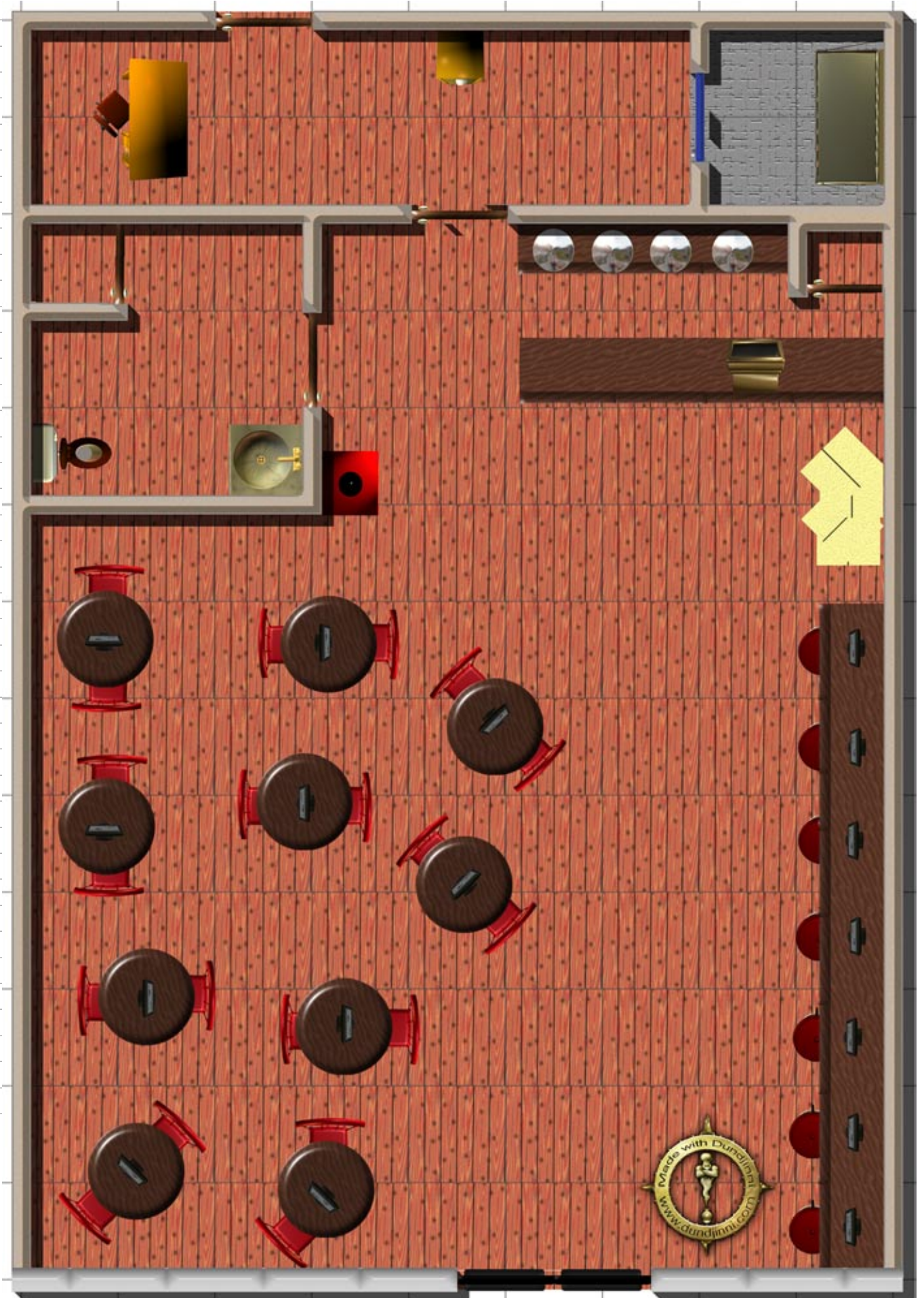


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Hours of operation:

Open 24 hours

Proprietor:

Majid Hassain

Cash on hand:

\$350 in cash register in various bills and change. \$50,000 all in twenties, wrapped with bill wrappers in \$1,000 stacks, in a safe in the back.

Security:

Wireless cameras throughout the café. Steel-reinforced doors from the café and from the street protect the back room. An electronic keypad on both doors allows entrance. The back room is soundproofed and divided into a small office and a retention cell. The retention cell has a steel door with a small mesh window. The cell door locks via a normal deadbolt and a latch on the outside. The safe in the office is hidden in the locked bottom drawer of the desk. The desk lock is normal difficulty, but the safe has a hard difficulty combination lock. A buzzer underneath the counter by the cash register can be used to summon Majid from the office.

Pawn-able goods:

20 flat 15" LCD monitors, 20 Pentium IV PCs, large quantity of gourmet coffee, routers and servers.

Impromptu weapons:

Computers, chairs, hot coffee, coffee pots, network cables, plates, kitchen knives, and packaged goods display stands.

Description:

The Cyber Café is a small glass-fronted coffee shop. The floor is wood tile; the walls are painted tan. Around the front of the shop are ten small tables and along the east wall is a bar with stools. Each seat has a personal computer with a flat LCD monitor. All have

internet connections. A small closet in the corner of the café by the cash register contains the server and routers. The coffee shop supports wired and wireless internet connections.

The counter area has a cash register and a display rack for the gourmet coffees bagged for purchase. Behind the counter are three coffee machines, an espresso machine, and a soup warmer. There is also a small oven for pastries and a refrigerator to hold perishables. Stacked in the corner of the café are boxes of coffee. Underneath the counter is storage space for cups, napkins, stirrers, and other consumables. Left of the counter is a trashcan and self-service stand with sweeteners, stirrers, napkins, and plastic silverware.

A wooden door with electronic keypad leads to the back office area of the store; only Majid knows the code. Behind the door is a small office with desk, computer, telephone, and filing cabinet. Directly across from the office is a forbidding steel door with a wire mesh window. Behind the door is a small cell with a cot and a bucket in it. A small drain sits in the center of the bare concrete floor. The cell's only light is from the window in the door.

Majid employs 15 people, most of them college-aged. Normally two or three employees work the café at any given time. Majid spends most of his time in the back office, although he does help during morning and noon rushes.

Regulars:

"Archie." Archie is from South Korea and speaks little English. None of the employees know his actual name, but one of them took to calling him Archie and he did not seem to mind, so the moniker stuck. Archie visits Cyber Café almost every night from midnight until around 6 AM. He continually



orders coffee while typing furiously on the computer. Since most of what he types is in Korean, nobody knows exactly what it is he does every night. However, since Archie is quiet, tips well, and does not leave a mess, the workers at the café do not pay much attention to him.

Chris Whisenant. Chris is a local university student, currently majoring in World History. He prefers to use the Cyber Café's computers for research rather than the university's because he has a crush on one of the workers at the café, Patrice Lanterman. Unfortunately, every time he tries to approach her, he gets tongue-tied and ends up having very strange stream-of-consciousness conversations with her. Although Patrice found him harmless at first, she is growing increasingly afraid he will start stalking her. She continues to be polite with Chris, but whenever he is there she finds other tasks to do to stay out of his way, which is difficult considering the café's small size.

Various business people. During normal business hours, Cyber Café hosts six or seven business people having quick meetings over coffee. Many also come to the Cyber Café every morning to grab breakfast since the prices are reasonable and the service is

prompt. Most are on a first name basis with the morning crew.

Scenario hooks:

1. The entire reason Majid opened Cyber Café is to use it as a central point of communication for the various terrorist cells that Majid controls. If the terrorists happen to be in town, Cyber Café is the ideal cover; nothing about a group of foreigners meeting at a coffee shop would alert the authorities. Majid does most of his communication via the internet, and this is where the Cyber Café shines. If someone from the FBI were to inquire about transmissions sent from the café, Majid can simply claim he has no control over what his customers do on the internet while in his store. As long as the authorities do not go into the back room, his cover story can stand.

2. Majid has spent years making his own special blend of coffee. Various trips to the Amazon rain forest have yielded some unique flavor combinations. One flavor, Cyber Café's bestseller FrappaWrappa, exhibits an unusual side effect. If a drinker consumes at least half a cup of the brew, he becomes highly susceptible to suggestion, even doing things he would normally balk at. The effect lasts for about an hour per half cup. Majid is trying to determine what to do with his new-found power.

3. The Cyber Café is a legitimate business. The previous owner installed the cell; he was convicted of kidnapping and killing four runaway girls. Majid has no idea what to do with the cell so he just ignores it. The one to watch at Cyber Café is "Archie." Archie is a spy from North Korea who is methodically attempting to break into the Department of Defense, FBI, and Department of Homeland Defense systems. By adding and removing information about his home country, Archie can better hide North Korea's plans to invade South Korea.

