

Using the Shipping Entrance

Far from the front entrance is an immense set of sliding doors and a portcullis that bar the way into the Aspis Building's warehouse. The shipping entrance is at the far end of the compound and relatively distant from most other rooms in the Aspis Building.

Heavy doors and a portcullis block this entrance, so those capable of muscling open the entrance are best suited to this assignment. Once inside, there are likely guards and other workers who would quickly sound the alarm if visitors didn't have an exotic shipment of goods in tow or at least the accents of foreign merchants. At the least, such a diversion would give the team a chance to launch a surprise attack and minimize its own casualties.

(Knowledge [engineering or geography])

Using the Sewer Entrance

The Aspís Building sits on prime real estate—both on the surface as well as in the sewers below. One of the NPC teams can readily secure several 15-foot-long boats in order for any team (including the PCs) to punt their way from the harbor up one of the sewer tunnels.

The sewers present the route best able to channel a team deep into the Aspís Building, where they might inflict the most damage and provide the most support. However, such a ploy could expose the team to more danger. Certainly knowledge of the sewers and common threats that dwell beneath cities would benefit.

(Knowledge [dungeoneering or nature])

Using the Reporting Entrance

When visiting Aspis Agents hope to enter quietly, they use this small door far from the front entrance.

Relatively few visitors use this entrance, so there might be traps, locks or passwords that ward off routine thieves. Quickly canvassing the neighbors to learn who enters this way and how might give the team an edge in surviving the mission.

(Knowledge [arcana or local])

Using the Front Entrance

A broad, impressive flight of stone steps leads up to the Aspís Building's front entrance—a pair of thick darkwood doors carved with serpent insignia.

The front entrance of the Aspís Building befits the Consortium's wealth and pomp, and under most circumstances, visitors are welcome to enter through here, conduct business, and petition the Consortium. The building is currently closed for business.

(Knowledge [history or nobility])