## THE TRUE ADVENTURE

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EXTERIOR, WIDE SHOT. A FOREST with a visible entrance into a CAVE. Outside the cave we see a group of FOUR CHARACTERS, though they are too far away to distinguish them in any more detail. Three of the four characters (SPACE COWBOY, CYBER NINJA, and IRON KNIGHT) face the fourth (WIZARD).

CYBER NINJA	So this is the job?
SPACE COWBOY	Yeah, hope so. Time is money, so let's get a move on.
IRON KNIGHT	

#### PANEL 2

BIGGER PANEL. Now we see the characters closer. SPACE COWBOY is a WOMAN dressed in a COWBOY OUTFIT, but at the same time equipped with a FUTURISTIC BLASTER (so your standard Han Solo/Malcolm Reynolds type). CYBER NINJA is a MAN in a classic stealth NINJA OUTFIT with some sort of a weird MECHANICAL SWORD that looks like it can compact into itself. Even though he's wearing a ninja mask, we can see one of his eyes is glowing in red light. Probably a CYBER EYE then.

IRON KNIGHT is a LARGE PERSON in an ancient looking, yet at the same time metallic SUIT OF ARMOR. As if that wasn't intimidating enough, they also have a huge STONE FIST that looks like it's good for smashing pretty much anything. The fist is also covered in weird, slightly glowing RUNES and SYMBOLS, so it's probably magic.

Opposite to these three is the WIZARD, an OLD MAN in a long MEDIEVAL ROBE with a MAGICAL STAFF. I leave the ethnicity of each character to you, though I think it would be fun if it was a more diverse multi-racial ensemble.

WIZARD	The original deal stands. You will escort me down into the cave, I retrieve the <b>artifact</b> , and you will be fairly compensated.
SPACE COWBOY	How fairly?
CYBER NINJA	Hey, you wouldn't want to spoil the surprise now, would you?
WIZARD	This quest is not to be taken lightly. We have no idea what we will be up against in the bowls of the deep cave.
IRON KNIGHT	?
CYBER NINJA	Uh
SPACE COWBOY	I guess there's only one way to found out then.

## PANEL 3

The four HEROES are now INSIDE the deep CAVE. There are SPIDERWEBS everywhere, also some SKELETONS here and there. The WIZARD is leading the way, using his now GLOWING MAGICAL STAFF as a torchlight.

WIZARD Wait...

## PANEL 4

All the CHARACTERS are on high alert, looking in all directions. SPACE COWBOY has her BLASTER drawn, CYBER NINJA is tightly holding his SWORD, IRON KNIGHT is... prepared to SMASH.

WIZARD Get ready!

BIG PANEL. The HEROES are now surrounded by LARGE SPIDERS. Each character gets their own small panel (maybe even within this one large one?) - a SNIPPET of the ongoing action.

## PANEL 2

SNIPPET 1: SPACE COWBOY is SHOOTING the SPIDERS with her BLASTER.

## PANEL 3

SNIPPET 2: CYBER NINJA is jumping around and SLASHING them with his MECHANICAL SWORD.

#### PANEL 4

SNIPPET 3: IRON KNIGHT is just BASHING them with the brute force of their STONE FIST.

## PANEL 5

SNIPPET 4: The WIZARD is increasing the light of his STAFF to make the SPIDERS retreat back into the shadows.

#### PANEL 6

Now again a LARGER PANEL. The SPIDERS are indeed RETREATING from the HEROES, but there is SOMETHING ELSE coming to replace them from the shadows.

<u>SFX:</u> Grrr...

From the darkness we can see a big pair of GREEN GLOWING EYES and several pairs of SMALLER RED ONES. The HEROES are somewhere outside the PANEL (or maybe we can just see the backs of their heads), commenting on what they - and we - are witnessing.

<u>SFX:</u>	GRRR!
SPACE COWBOY (OP?)	Hey, old man? We should hurry up!
CYBER NINJA (OP?)	Yeah, do you have <b>the thing</b> already?
IRON KNIGHT (OP?)	111

### PANEL 2

Finally, at the end of the CAVE TUNNEL, we see an OLD BOOK sitting on a large STONE PEDESTAL. The WIZARD (with the rest of the HEROES for that matter) may be off panel altogether or maybe we just see his hand, pointing at the book.

## WIZARD (OP?) There!

#### PANEL 3

From the darkness emerges a GIANT FELINE BEAST with large teeth and claws. It's not a lion, nor a tiger. Is something much scarier. Behind the beast there is a dozen of LITTLE GREEN CREATURES armed with strange weapons, all marching to fight our HEROES.

#### PANEL 4

SPACE COWBOY is reloading her GUN, while CYBER NINJA adjusts IRON KNIGHT'S ARMOR, whose HELMET is now visibly cracked from the interaction with the spiders. All of them look TIRED and HURT, but still prepared to fight.

CYBER NINJA Whatever you have to do with that book, mister...

SPACE COWBOY ...could you hurry up?!

IRON KNIGHT 🔒 😫 😫!

## PANEL 5

The WIZARD is now holding the BOOK in his hands and climbing on top of the STONE PEDESTAL. There is also some sort of a ROPE or a LIANA hanging from the darkened cave ceiling.

WIZARD The book is not what's going to save us, my friends.

#### PANEL 6

The WIZARD jumped from the STONE PEDESTAL and is now hanging in the air, holding on to the LIANA.

WIZARD This is!

LOW(/SHORT) but very WIDE PANEL of PURE WHITE with one simple CAPTION.

SFX: CLICK!

## PANEL 2

LARGE PANEL. The LARGEST in the whole comic actually. Suddenly, we are in... a BASEMENT of a SUBURBAN HOUSE? And all we see are a bunch of 12 year old CHILDREN in strange clothing? The WIZARD is a BOY in a BATHROBE. In one hand, he's holding a LARGE BOOK, in the other an OLD BROOM with a FLASHLIGHT duck-taped onto it. He is standing on a desk and holding a PULL SWITCH coming from a turned-on LIGHT BULB hanging from the ceiling.

The SPACE COWBOY is a LITTLE GIRL in a COWBOY HAT and with a TOY SPACE GUN. The CYBER NINJA is a BOY in his after-school KARATE OUTFIT with a TOY ROBOTIC SWORD and a toy LASER POINTER behind his ear. The IRON KNIGHT is... actually a GIRL! A bigger girl for her age (taller and/or heavier? that's up to you), but the AMERICAN FOOTBALL GEAR she has on is still too big for her. Her football HELMET has fallen from her head and is now rolling on the floor. Her right hand is in an ORTHOPEDIC CAST that has lots of WORDS and PICTURES written and drawn onto it.

There is also a CAT licking her paw without a care in the world and a bunch of LITTLE GREEN TOY SOLDIERS that probably fell down from a box they were in on some higher shelf. And because this is a basement, there are SPIDERWEBS all over the place and we can also see some tiny HOUSE SPIDERS here and there.

## PANEL 3

All the KIDS are now standing around the WIZARD that is admiring the BOOK they came all this way here to get. We don't see the book, I would imagine that in this panel, we have a POV shot from the book, looking at the children. All of whom are visibly excited.

SPACE COWBOY	So?
CYBER NINJA	Did you get it?
IRON KNIGHT	?
WIZARD	Yes

## PANEL 4

LAST PANEL, a DETAILED LOOK at the BOOK that the WIZARD is holding. On the cover it reads: DUNGEONS & DRAGONS. And bellow it in a smaller text: PLAYER'S HANDBOOK.

WIZARD ...now the true adventure may begin.