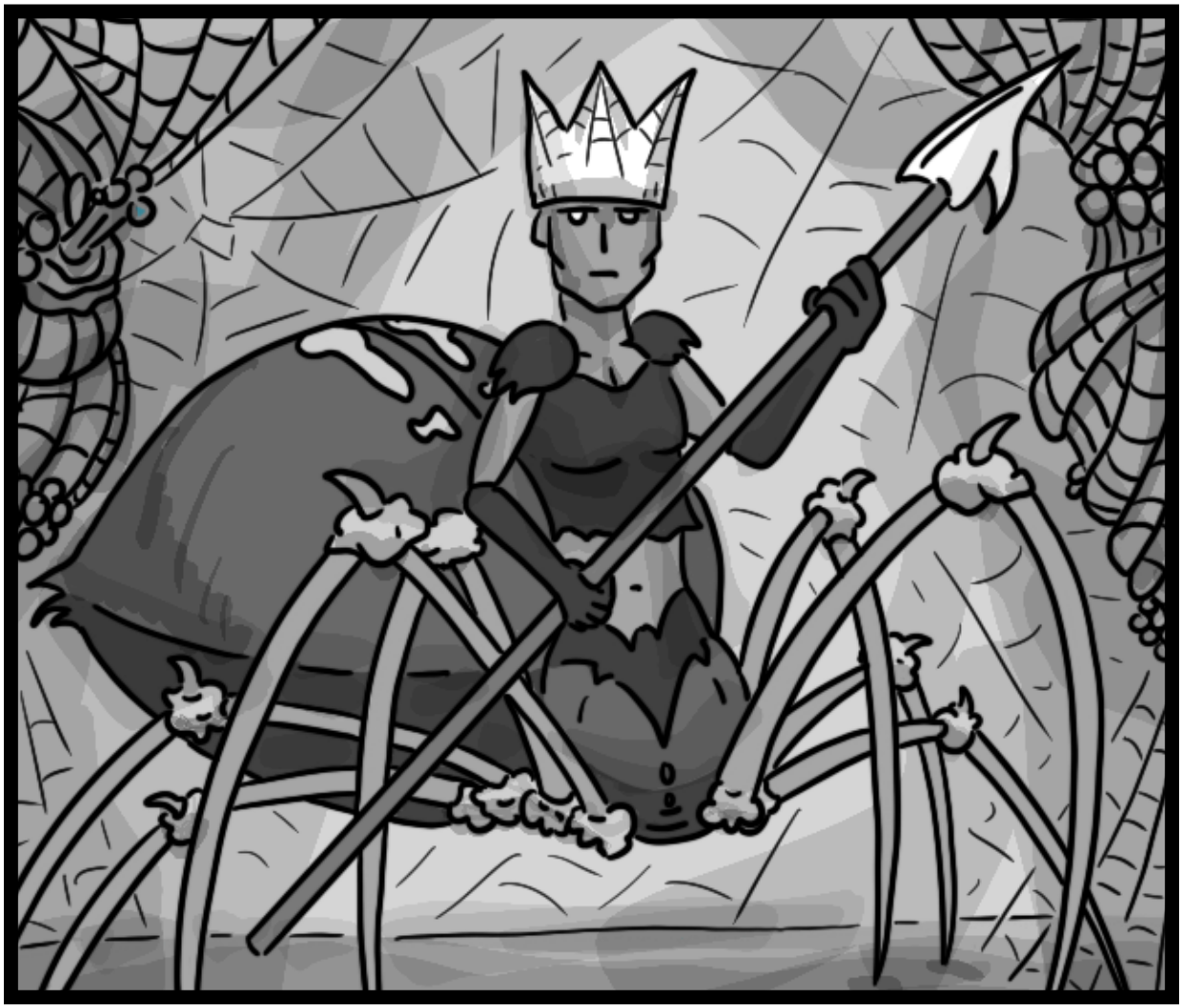
Web of the Spider Queen

A *Dungeon Hero* Zine Adventure



The Queen of Spiders seeks to conquer the sunlit world above. Can you stop her before she rises?

Start with a 1d6 *Dark Passage* trait.



The Bandi Seer begs you. "Spiders! Teeming out of the depths, some tiny, some large, then… huge! And commanding them was…a Queen. You must stop her before she reaches the light of the surface world!"

You're not sure you believe that she can actually foretell the future, but you've seen enough curses and hordes of terrible creatures to know not to dismiss her. The Seers of Bandi are seldom in error.

So, feeling a bit foolish, you agree to head into the cobweb-draped hole she points to. "Bless you, favored of Bandi, bless you," she mutters, tears running down her cheeks as she places her hand on your shoulder.

You feel a warmth. ***Select one trait*** *and gain a +1 bonus to die rolls on that trait for the duration of this adventure.*

1. d6 Sinister whispers.
2. d4 Unstable footings.
3. d6 Twilight gives way to darkness.
4. d6 Cave rats. 6.
5. d4 Miner's barracks.
6. d6 Piles of bones.

7. d8 Crystals growing from walls.
8. d8 Steep downward slopes.
9. d6 Cave worms, 6.
10. d8 A light source dims.



The rough-hewn passages lead further down than you expected. The original purpose of this place is lost to time, but red scribblings on the wall suggest a goblyn hive.

11. d6 Confusing switchbacks.
12. d8 Warning symbols.
13. d4 Goblyn spoor.
14. d8 Goblyn patrol, 6.
15. d8 Steep, moldy staircase.
16. d10 Goblyn war banners.
17. d8 Shrieking fungus.
18. d6 Goblyn archers, 6.
19. d8 Goblyn shaman and minions, 6.
20. d10 Hobgoblyn, 12.
21. d8 Ominous tunnel.
22. d10 Lurking shadows.
23. d8 Goblyn war party, 8.
24. d10 Collapsed passage.
25. d8 A lion-headed wall fountain.
26. d8 Pit trap!

The chill menace of the shadows in this deep place begins to eat at your courage. The goblyns are behind you, but something unseen and evil dwells ahead – you can almost taste it in the air.

27. d6 Choking spores.
28. d8 Massive fungi forest.
29. d8 Fungus-infected zombies, 8.
30. d8 Fungus warriors, 8
31. d10 A dubious choice of exit.
32. d8 Glowing arcane runes.
33. d8 A hidden library.
34. d10 Dark elves patrol, 8.
35. d8 Pools of unusual liquids.
36. d6 A secret passage.
37. d10 Ominous statues.
38. d10 Iron guardian, 12.
39. d6 Spiral staircase into darkness.
40. d8 Abandoned mine shafts.
41. d6 Abandoned storerooms.
42. d10 Wide, echoing, empty hallway.
43. d10 Dark elf mage and minions, 8.
44. d6 Passage high overhead.
45. d8 Eye-watering stench from below.
46. d6 Cobwebbed passage.

Turning a corner, you walk right into a mass of webs! It sticks to you, making it difficult to move. And then you hear it: chittering of spiders! "At least I must be getting close," you think grimly.

d6 Hungry giant spiders, 8 8.

47. d8 Newly hatched spiderlings, 6.
48. d6 Cocoons.
49. d8 Web-choked passages.
50. d6 Hungry giant spiders, 8 8.
51. d10 Retreating in darkness.
52. d8 Confusing twists and turns.
53. d6 A sudden drop.
54. d8 A passage with ominous murals.
55. d6 Abandoned dwarven outpost.
56. d8 Dusty bones of adventurers.
57. d6 Echoes in a quiet stillness.
58. d8 Clutch of spider eggs.
59. d6 Hungry giant spiders, 8 8.
60. d10 Crawlspace to escape.
61. d6 Abandoned dwarven forge.
62. d8 Unstable ceiling.
63. d8 Skulking through passages.
64. d8 Collapsed staircase.
65. d8 Shadowy niches.



Before long, spiders are omnipresent. Everywhere you look, you see the scuttling motion of spiders. They travel in teeming, twisted lines heading deeper into the darkness ahead. You follow them.

*The passage opens onto a balcony overlooking a cavern **brimming** with spiders and huge, sail-like webs. Wispy strands blow in a foul-smelling breeze from a chasm below.*

Then you see her – the Spider Queen! From the waist up, she appears human, a regal woman wearing a spiked crown. From the waist down, she is a spider, her massive black abdomen supported by eight long, spindly legs. She sits on a large stone throne, watching as spiders of every size stream up and down the massive webbings.

66. d10 Bones clattering from the webs.
67. d6 Hungry giant spiders, 8, 8.
68. d6 Collapsed floor over cavern.
69. d10 Massive spider guard. 10.
70. d10 Inching along a ledge.
71. d8 A fall broken by webs.
72. d6 An unused passage free of webs.
73. d8 Spiderling nursery.
74. d8 Newly hatched spiderlings, 6.

75. d8 Cocooned adventurers.
76. d8 Newly hatched spiderlings, 6.
77. d12 Spider matron, 12.



You make your way to the rocky ledge where the Spider Queen's throne sits. She senses you, spinning around and hissing, her fangs glistening with poison.

d12+1 Spider queen, 9.

"Fool!" she hisses."We are legion! We shall overwhelm you! Your flesh shall feed our young!"

d12+1 Spider queen, 9.

The spider queen slumps, wounded, eyes wide in surprise that you have vanquished her. The webs give way beneath her, and she plummets down into the chasm. As she falls, she screams, "Avenge me, my children! Avenge me…"

An ice-cold wind gusts up through the cavern, and you see thousands of furious, red eyes glaring at you from the webs. You turn and make a run for the surface.

78. d10 Huge spider consorts, 12.
79. d12 Queen's entourage, 12.
80. d8 Agitated spider realm.
81. d10 Spiders on walls and ceiling.

82. d8 Unsure of the way out.
83. d12 Cornered!
84. d8 Worker spiders block the way, 6.
85. d10 Huge spider consorts, 12.
86. d10 Huge spiders, 12.
87. d10 Dozens of giant spiders, 8 8.
88. d10 Huge spider, 8.
89. d10 Giant spider sentries, 8.



You stagger back into the sunlight of the surface. The Bandi Seer rushes to your side and asks what happened in the darkness.

You describe your ordeal, and she places a hand on your shoulder. "Thank you for your service, friend," she says. "Few will know what you have done for us this day, but I, for one, am quite glad to see you emerge from that dark pit alive."

But then she grimaces. She looks pained for a moment, but quickly composes herself and smiles. "Nothing. Nothing. There will always be darknesses in the depths seeking our light. For now, come with me, and let us speak of happier times." You agree and help her to her feet, but you can't shake the feeling that, even now, you are being watched by millions of tiny eyes…