



COMIC JOHN ON



Semi-Hero



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Cosmic Johnson, through blackest space
Speeds along at lightning pace
His ship is strong and built to last
Through alien torpedo blast.



As He zips from star to star
With proton drives to launch him far
He has the look of great ambition
When he begins a brand new mission.

Now look, his boss has called from base
On HERO-COM you see his face
There it is upon the screen
He has a beard, the color green.



Johnson! Since you are so darn brave
We have a princess you must save
She's in the clutches of a guy
Who says his name is Aljersty.

He flew the ship past evil guys
They were the Clods with yellowed eyes
"I'll put my ship way over there
So they won't find me anywhere."



Now once his ship had touched the ground
He had the chance to look around
And saw a castle in the distance
Proof of his bad foe's existence



Then off he went with ship locked shut
To find some sort of shorter cut
To lead him to that awful guy
Whose name, we learned, is Aljersty.

But who is Aljersty you ask?
A guy with face that is a mask
Of teeth and eyes that blaze with reds
A scary thought for all our heads.



"Perhaps my planet ain't the best
For princess looking for some rest
It's not my fault she stumbled in
Now I'll get money from her kin"

Because the money is the thing
That makes a guy like this one sing
It makes him smile, jump with glee
To be made rich through misery.

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And that is why he caught the girl
While watching plan at last unfurl.
He was not scared of our brave hero
In fact his fear was less than zero.

Meanwhile, at a shortcut found
Our hero sits upon the ground
Thrown there by an evil guard
Who threw him to the ground quite hard.



Πλεασε δον τ ηυρτ με
Ι χομε ιν πεαχε!



Johnson held up both his hands
And spoke some words from foreign lands
Hoping that the guard would stop
The beating up that made him drop.

Yet the guard still came at him
But Cosmic Johnson is not dim
So he ducked down and settled in
And punched the creature in his chin.



This caused the guy to just pass out
So Cosmic Johnson won the bout
And moved along into a cave
A path to Aljersty, the knave.



And now, just as we did before
We leave this view for just one more
Straight to princess chained to stone
Where she struggles with a groan.



But what is this? She found a key
Which on its own could set her free
She freed her arms and then her gown
Then took a ladder, direction: down.

The Key!

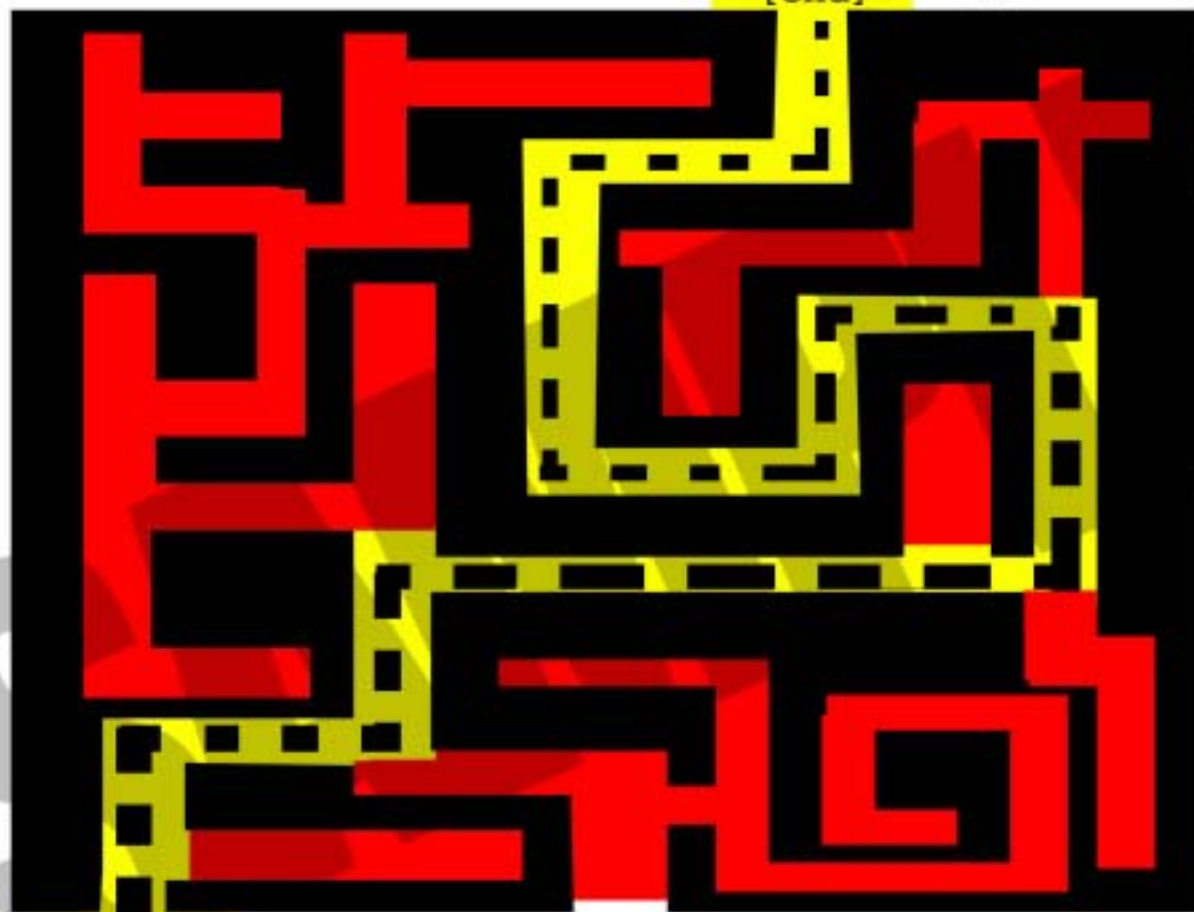


At the bottom she fixed her perm
Then turned to see a smiling worm
He grinned at her like nothing's wrong
And seemed to be just nine feet long



"Its funny how some people are,"
It said, "I'll bring you very far
That's smething I would like to do
Since kindess is a good thing too.

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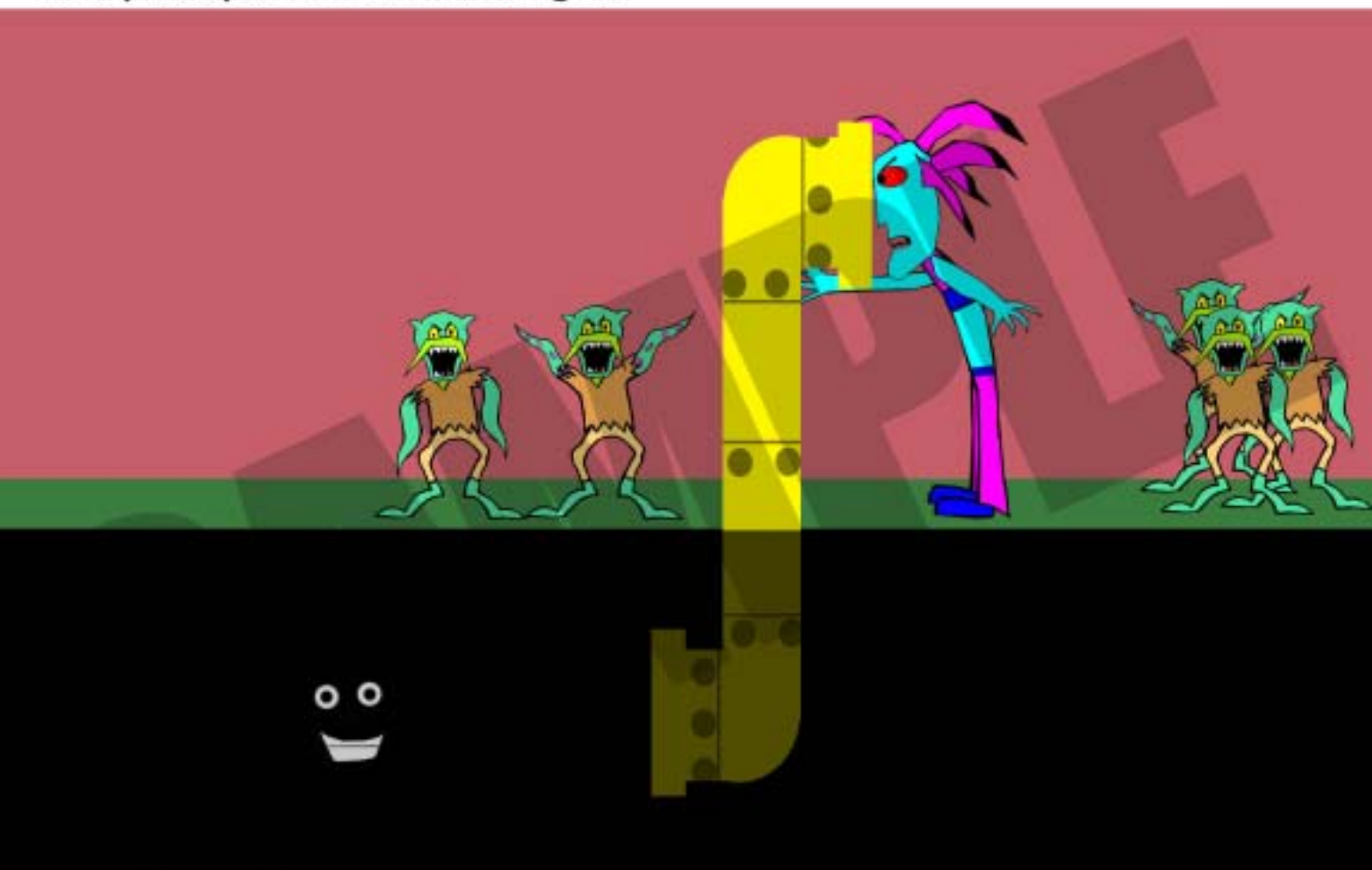


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She decided that to follow
Would get her out of darkened hollow
Through all the tunnels he would lead
And get her outside fast indeed.

Now in the cave our hero stalks,
And through the darkness slowly walks
There seems to be no end in sight
And pretty soon it will be night.



Johnson would feel like a dope
Cause guess who saw through periscope
That he was walking through a trap
It's Aljersty, that evil sap.

And so he sent his evil clods
Into the dungeon with good odds
That if the lot of them would meet
For Johnson, it would spell defeat



They brought him up, it took awhile
But he still wore a winning smile
He had been caught by evil guys
Who tied his hands and covered eyes.

But don't forget the Princess and
The worm that helped without a hand.
Since they both thought that they had won
They now relaxed beneath the sun.

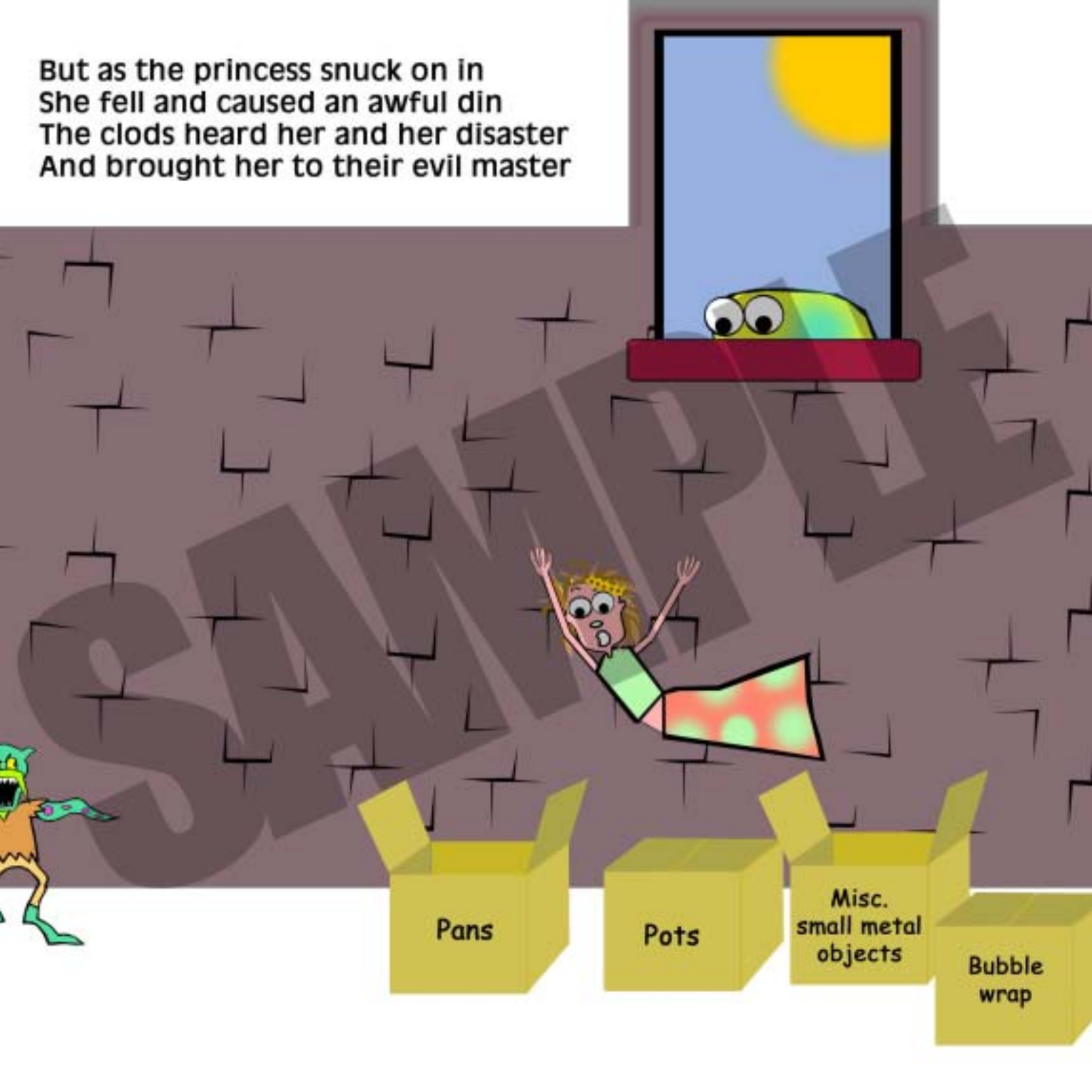


But Princess wanted to return
To save the guy who'd come to learn
If he could save her from the guy
Poor Johnson, caught by Aljersty.



The worm admired her persona
Until he thought that she was gonna
End up back where she had been
Chained right back to wall within.

But as the princess snuck on in
She fell and caused an awful din
The clods heard her and her disaster
And brought her to their evil master



Now both she and Johnson man
Are trapped like sardines in a can
And Aljersty is smiling mean
With knowledge of a plan done clean.



So Cosmic Johnson and princess
Are both in peril and distress
Each trying to create a plan
To free them both from evil man.

Worm Fella (just to save the day)
Has found himself another way
With Algersty all nice and calm
behind the face of bad-guy's mom.



And so he leapt from ten feet high
Flattening old Aljersty!
And with the bad guy thus knocked out
The other Clods gave up the bout.



All the prisoners are now free
Which comes as a relief to me
So now lets finish up this story
And give our heros one last glory.

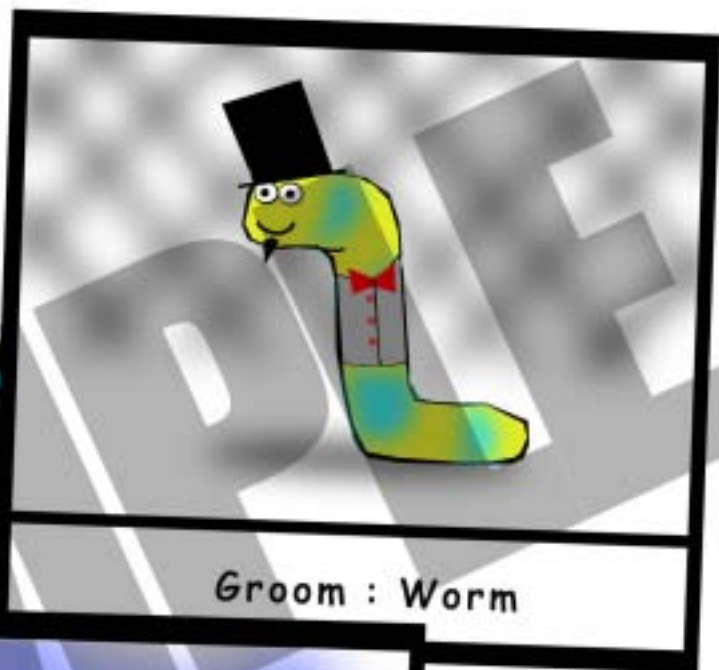


Aljersty was put in jail
Where he likes to sit and wail
Hoping he will soon be free
Because he'd like to cop a plea.

The Princess married wormy sir
Because the worm proposed to her
Her parents built them both a castle
Which saved them from home-buying hassle.



Bride : Princess



Groom : Worm



Their first dance

But as for Johnson, he's okay
And once again is on his way
So thus we fondly bid goodbye
To Cosmic Johnson, Space age guy.

