

LOGLINE:

Guests are recruited to explore the newly-discovered Everhart Caverns, where they stumble upon malicious Cave Dwellers and must escape back to the surface.

HISTORY OF THE AREA (SECRET):

In the late 1800s, a lumber mill foreman discovered gold in the Lumis river, leading to gold rushers flocking to the area to strike it rich. Soon after, experienced prospectors realized that the veins of gold extended deep into the mountains, leading to the formation of the Everhart Mining Co., funded by Joseph Everhart. The town of Spruce Heights grew out of this influx of gold rushers, miners, and the following crowd catering to their needs.

Two years after the mining operation began, an expansion to the mine broke into an undiscovered natural cavern. Everhart hired spelunkers to search for gold, but instead of finding more gold veins they came back with reports of new arthropods and an American species of glow-worm. Various universities, entomologists, and conservationists wanted to enter the cavern and research these new species, but never got the chance.

A few days after the discovery of the new cavern system, a notice was posted inside of the mine reprimanding workers for stealing equipment and asking for people to report any suspicious activity. However, no matter how much managers tried to investigate they could not find any leads on who is taking the mine's property. Moreso, the thefts did not specifically target the expensive items; anything and everything was going missing. As well as typical equipment like pickaxes and helmets, workers would arrive to find missing mincart rails, directional signs, paperwork folders, and a faucet spigot. The police got involved and investigated the town, but after a month not a single missing item was found.

Meanwhile, the trouble within the mine kept escalating. One morning, the tunnel leading to the caverns collapsed, injuring one worker and trapping a dozen more. While they were able to be rescued by the end of the day, further investigation revealed that the collapse was caused by

missing steel bolts, taken from the wooden brace that supported the mine tunnel. Soon after, the elevator lift in the central shaft was sabotaged, with wires ripped out of the engine and gashes marring the cable system. However, the mystery reached its tipping point once the spelunkers, during their third expedition into the caverns, failed to return. Four days later, a worker went unaccounted for at the end of the day. Attempts to find these two parties were inconclusive. A few days later, three more workers disappeared. Pretty soon after this, the mine was shut down and closed off to the world.

Decades later, Spruce Heights has done all they could to forget the mysteries behind the mine located right in their backyard. What once were national headlines devolved into ghost stories children would whisper to each other at sleepovers. However, the reports of new arthropods within Everhart Caverns have resurfaced, on the desk of one Omega Nelson...

CHARACTERS :

OMEGA NELSON - Impulsive and eager, Omega is a young black scholar who's lust for discovery blinds him to the consequences to his actions. He keeps guests up-to-date by speaking to them through the PA on the vehicle

CAVERN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - Computerized piloting system that navigates the vehicle through the caverns. She does not make any comments outside of stating information, acting purely robotic.

CAVE DWELLERS (AKA DENIZENS) - What were once humans are now evolved creatures built to thrive in the Everhart cave system. They feed on subterranean fish and arthropods, but have tasted human flesh and consider it a delicacy.