

Chaotic Neutral

QA Roles & Alignment

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QA STRATEGY



Cucumber!



Role Playing Games



Fantasy Role Playing

- ◆ Maps and diagrams
- ◆ Miniature figures
- ◆ Rule Books
- ◆ Paper & Pencils
- ◆ Dice
- ◆ Imagination!



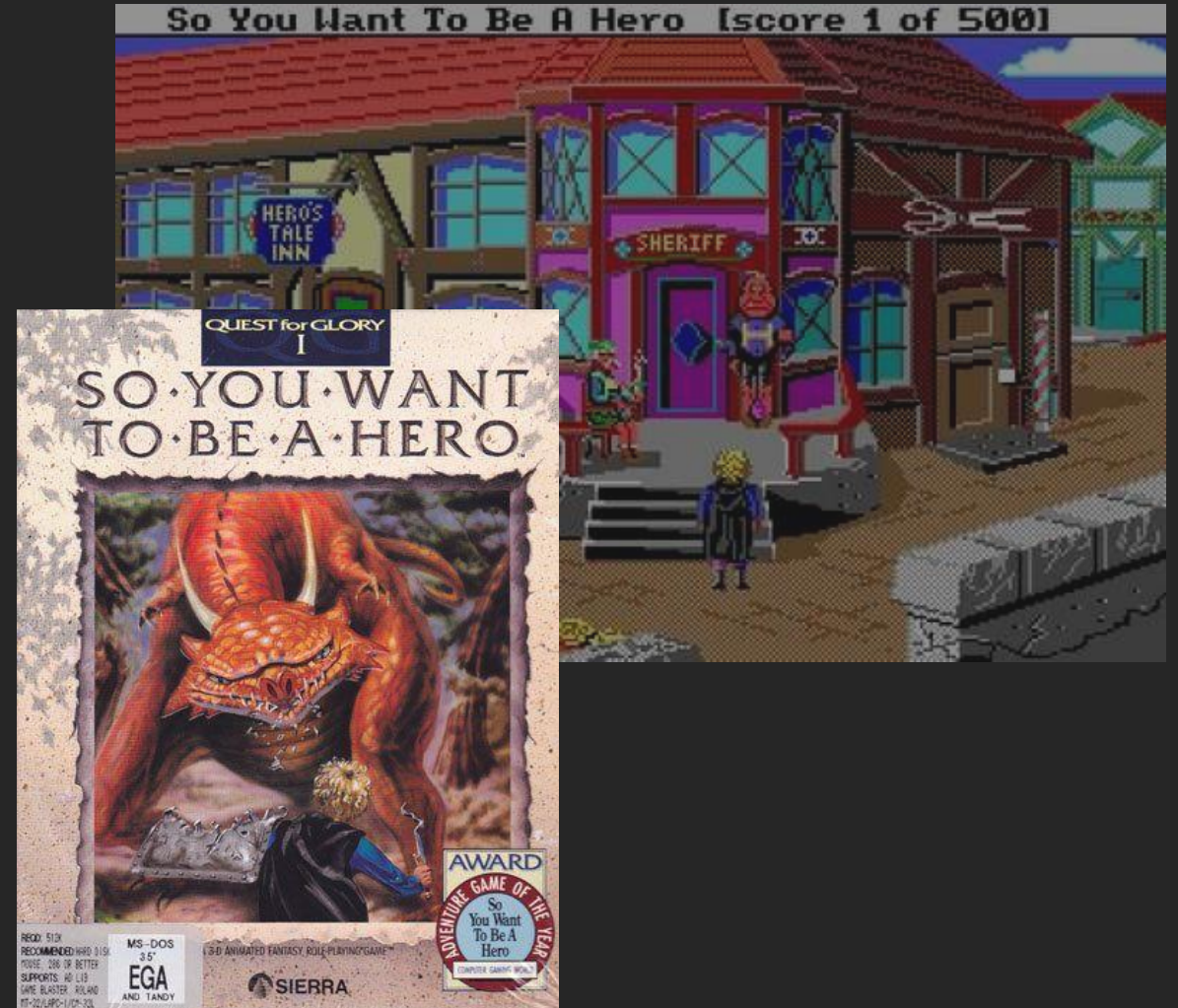
Software Development Teams

- ◆ Developers
- ◆ Testers
- ◆ Infrastructure Engineers
- ◆ Designers
- ◆ Product Owners
- ◆ Management
- ◆ Customers



So, You want to be a Tester...

- ❖ How did you end up here?
- ❖ What did you really want to do?
- ❖ What are you going to do now?
- ❖ What didn't you expect?



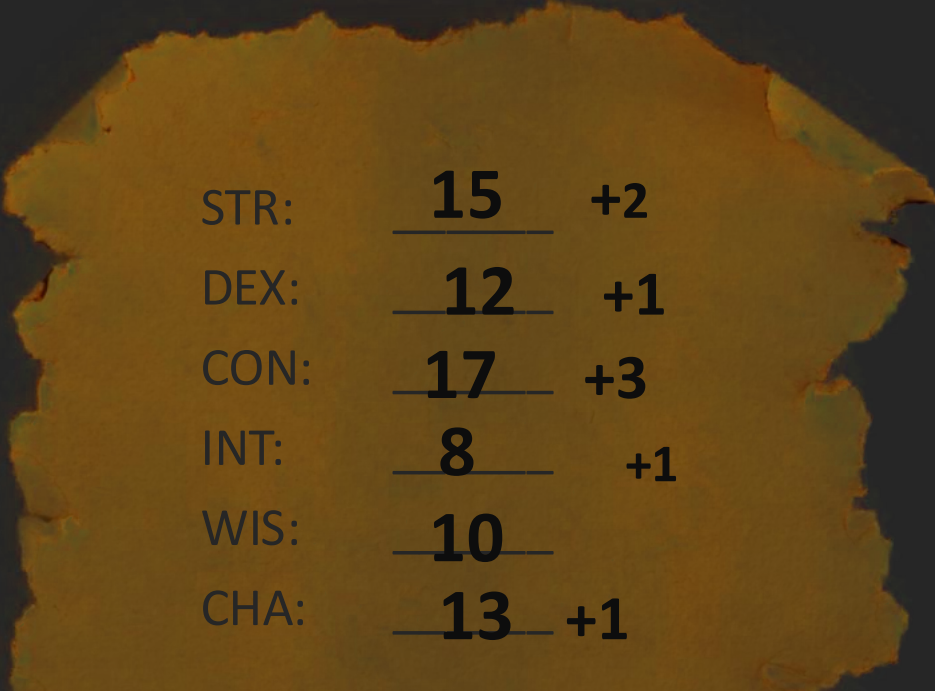
A Roll of the Dice

- ❖ Chance or Fate
- ❖ Circumstances beyond our control
- ❖ The Unknown
- ❖ The Unexpected
- ❖ Random vs Weighted distribution
- ❖ Beating the odds
- ❖ Making your own luck



Attributes & Skills

- ◆ What are your Strengths and Weaknesses?
- ◆ Any Preferences or Special Abilities?
- ◆ Aptitudes?
- ◆ Developing Talents
- ◆ Acquiring Skills



STR:	<u>15</u>	+2
DEX:	<u>12</u>	+1
CON:	<u>17</u>	+3
INT:	<u>8</u>	+1
WIS:	<u>10</u>	
CHA:	<u>13</u>	+1

Character Classes

- ◆ Training
- ◆ Skills
- ◆ Aptitude
- ◆ Interests
- ◆ Guild



Fighter



Thief



Wizard



Healer

Complex Character Classes



Warrior-Mage



Bard



Scout



Warrior-Monk



Barbarian



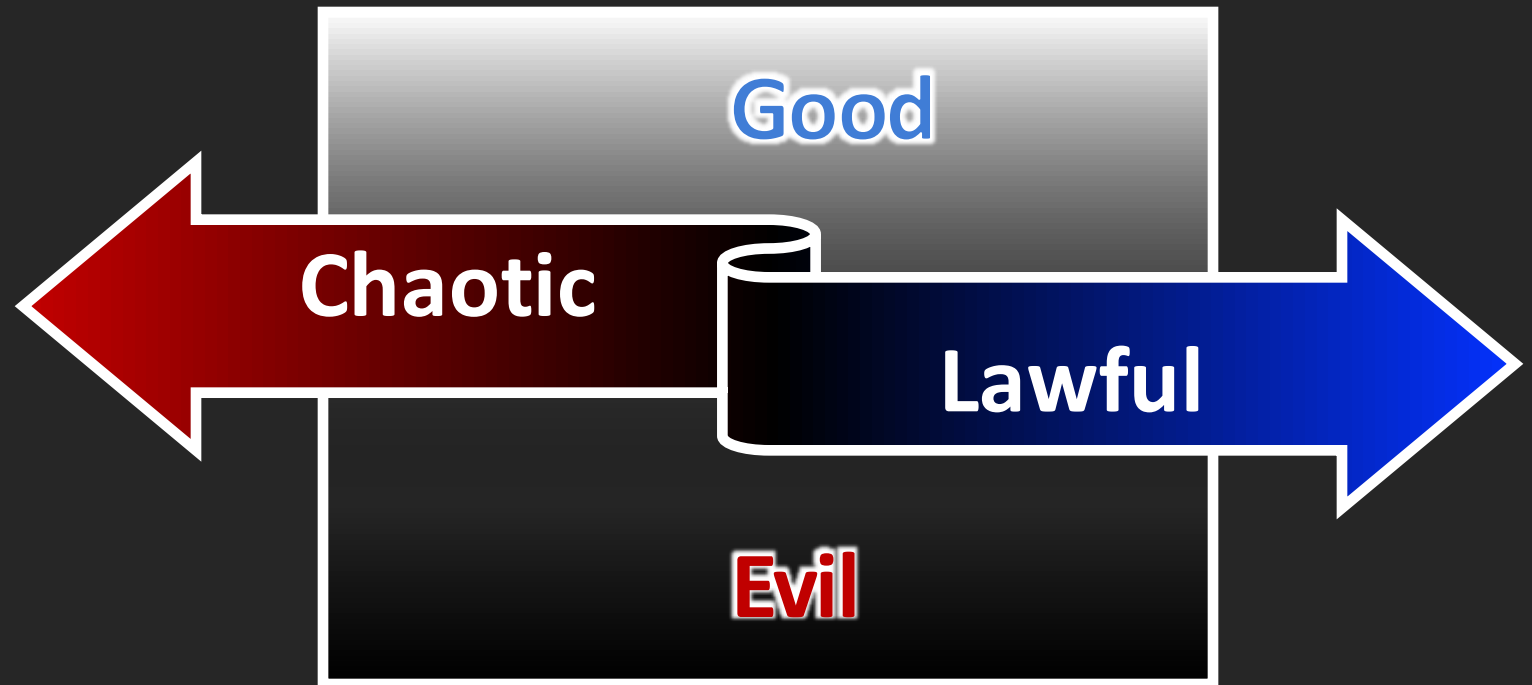
Ranger



Paladin

Alignment

- ◆ Good vs. Evil
- ◆ Lawful vs. Chaotic
- ◆ Neutral



Background

- ◆ Character Description
- ◆ History & Culture
- ◆ Origin Story
- ◆ Special Abilities
- ◆ What makes you unique?

Combat

- ◆ Weapons
- ◆ Armor Class & THACO
- ◆ Hit Points & Damage
- ◆ Critical Hits & Blunders
- ◆ Parrying & Dodging
- ◆ Melee & Missile Attacks
- ◆ Initiative



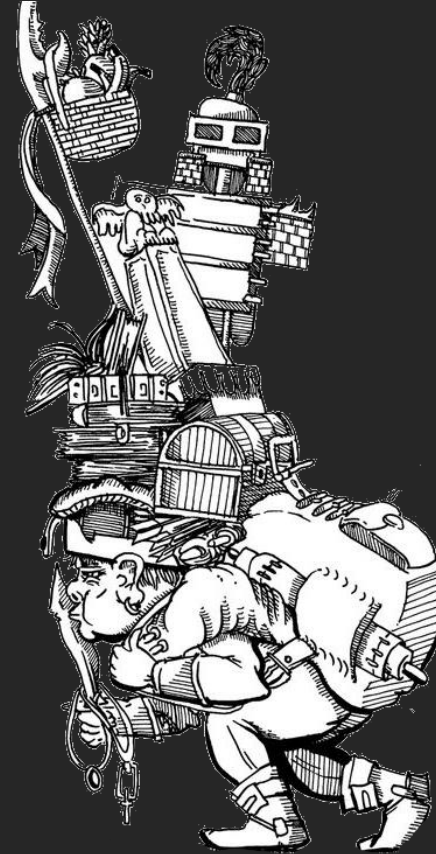
Magic

- ◆ Spells
- ◆ Potions & Scrolls
- ◆ Wands & Staffs
- ◆ Rings, Amulets, and Talismans
- ◆ Blessed & Cursed Weapons
- ◆ Elemental Forces
- ◆ Impossible Items



Movement & Encumbrance

- ◆ Equipment
- ◆ Useless Baggage
- ◆ Complexity
- ◆ Rigid Processes
- ◆ Hangups



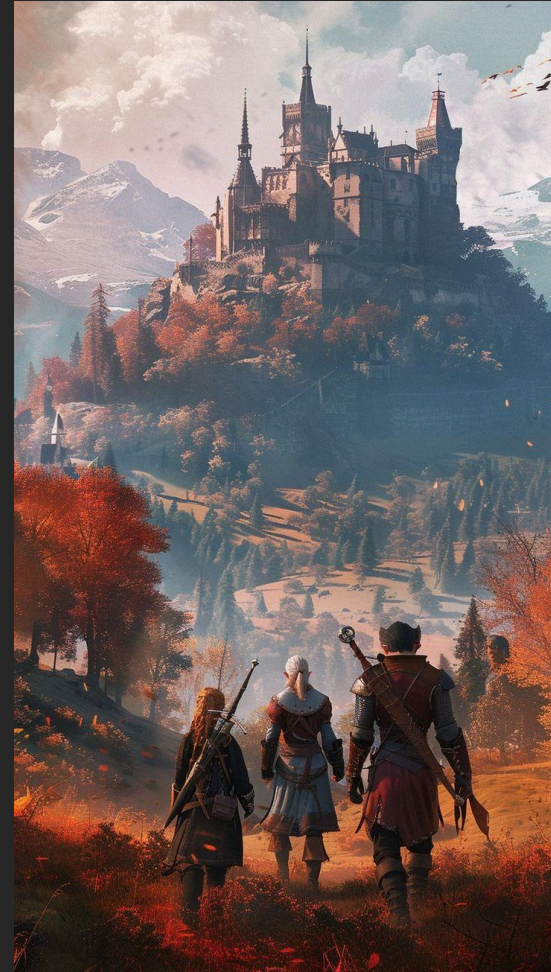
Perception & Saving Throws

- ◆ Don't be a "hero"
- ◆ Known unknowns & unknown unknowns



Adventures, Campaigns, & Quests

- ◆ Team
- ◆ Common Goal
- ◆ Vision



World Building

- ◆ Team Building
- ◆ Culture
- ◆ Mission Statement
- ◆ Attitude



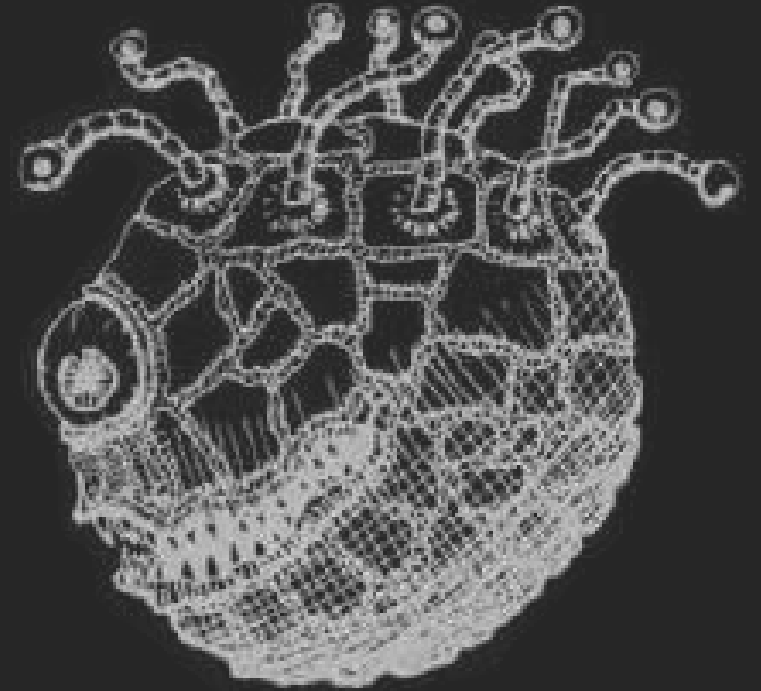
Encounters

- ❖ Exploratory Testing
- ❖ Keep your eyes open
- ❖ Expect the unexpected
- ❖ Be prepared
- ❖ React appropriately



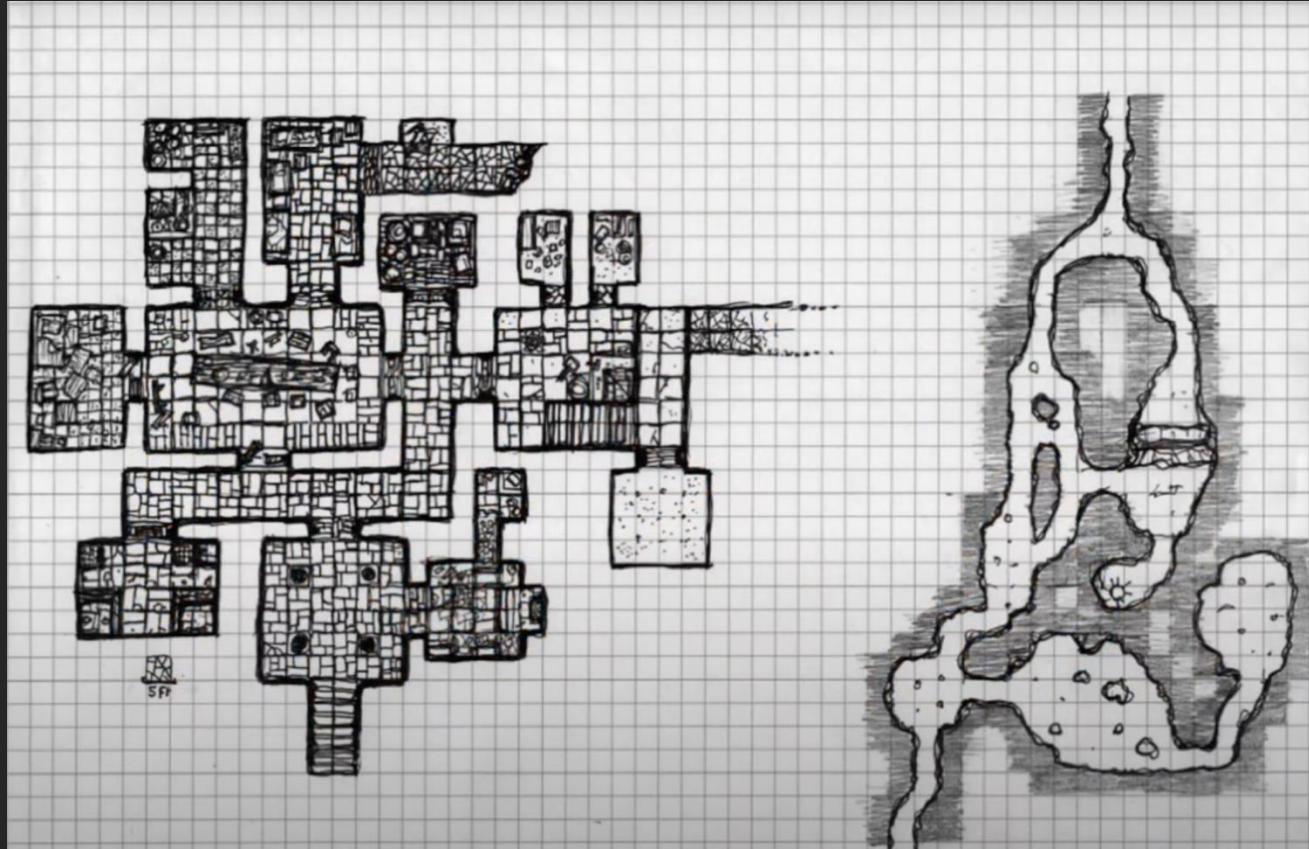
Bugbears & Beholders

- ❖ Intermittent issues
- ❖ Works for me
- ❖ Data Problems
- ❖ Parallelization & Timing
- ❖ Unclear requirements
- ❖ Performance



Dungeons

- ◆ Dark
- ◆ Unescapable
- ◆ Traps, Tunnels, & Pitfalls
- ◆ Locked Doors & Secret Passages



Dragons

- ❖ "Here there be dragons"
- ❖ Dragons represent the unknown
- ❖ Mythical, Enormous, Powerful, Intelligent
- ❖ Undefeatable by ordinary people
- ❖ Remember, dragons are imaginary creatures
- ❖ What dragons do you face in testing?
- ❖ How can you prepare to slay them?



Treasures & Renown

- ◆ Fortune & Glory
- ◆ A paycheck
- ◆ Satisfaction in a job well done
- ◆ Happy customers



XP & Leveling Up

- ◆ Gaining experience
- ◆ Improving talents & learning new skills
- ◆ Training & Mentoring
- ◆ Promotions & Career Progression
- ◆ Leadership



Character Record Sheet

- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Goals
- ◆ Portfolio
- ◆ GitHub
- ◆ Blog
- ◆ Presentations!

This is a comprehensive character record sheet for Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition. It includes sections for:

- Character Information:** Name, Race, Background, Subrace, Alignment, Age, Height, Weight, Lifestyle, Price/Day.
- Ability Scores:** Strength, Dexterity, Constitution, Intelligence, Wisdom, Charisma, with associated bonuses and dice rolls.
- Skills:** A list of skills with checkboxes for proficiency.
- Combat Statistics:** Hit Points, Initiative, Spell Attack Bonus, Armor Class, and Weapons and Attacks.
- Other Features:** Inspiration, Honor, Hero Points, Eyes, Hair, Deity/Religion, Domain, Size, Speed, Personality Traits, Ideals, Bonds, Flaws, and Race.

The Adventurer's Guild

- ◆ Networking
- ◆ Online forums
- ◆ Conferences



NPCs

- ◆ Friends & Family
- ◆ Other people outside of work



Thank You