Hiya, Kahn. Your favorite archaeologist-slash-superscientist-slash-FlyGirl's here!

Welcome back to Shingri, La, Gina.

(I wish you'd visit more often...)

I came back as soon as I could, Kahn. You know I missed you.

Oh yeah... I've got some books to return too.

They're a little overdue...

I hope that's not too much of a problem.

I hope...

Sigh...

Just set them here, Gina. The codex will take them.

But I must warn you not to be late in returning books again! The codex will lower your access priority if you are...

By the way, would you like to come with me to the main area, Gina?

I have the new atlases you asked for.
SURE! LEAD THE WAY!

EMPRESS? I HAVE NO FURTHER TASKS FOR YOU, LIBRARIAN. YOU MAY BE EXCUSED.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME ALONG WITH US THEN? ANOTHER TIME PERHAPS.

SURE, I'LL LEAD THE WAY.

EMPRESS LYNNE.

COME ON, MY TOTALLY AWESOME BEAU!

SUIT YOURSELF.

ARE THEY GONE, SUBTRACTO?

YES, THEY JUST ENTERED THE ELEVATOR.

LYNN? WHY DON'T YOU JUST COME OUT AND TELL KAHN THAT YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH HIM? WHY THE BIG FACADE?

HE THINKS YOU WANT HIM BECAUSE THE TRADITIONAL CONSORT OF THE EMPRESS IS THE LIBRARIAN, HERE IN SHANGHAI.

THAT'S WHAT I WANT HIM TO THINK, SUBTRACTO!

IF HE KNEW HOW MUCH I WANT AND NEED HIM, I'D LOSE MY AUTHORITY OVER HIM! I AM THE EMPRESS AFTER ALL.

BUT HE ISN'T REALLY THE PROBLEM.

THE PROBLEM'S IN DEALING WITH GINA DIGGERS!

I ONLY WISH I COULD DEAL WITH HER AS I DID WITH THE MONSTERS OF THE ASTRAL Rifts!

ANY LAST WORDS, BEAST?

GASP?

I-I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!

SNAP!
When the Library was attacked, I was transported to that abominable realm where I spent the last four years.

I returned here to my home only to find my beloved Kahn with that foreign cow!!

Kahn and everyone else here thought you were killed when you were sent to the rifts, Lynn. And before that, you and Kahn were only acquaintances.

I wish I cared!

My only care now is tearing Kahn and Gina asunder! Look at this page!

"Spandex! The gams that works like a voodoo charm..."

"No. Not that one. This one!"

"The wand of divorce. Breaks up a happy couple so you can move in and take back your fella with ease."

Lynn! You're not thinking of that are you?

I'll have to make one... and to do that I'll need a book to show me how... and to get that book, I need to enter the Inner Library!

A little later...

This is it. Subtract...

The entrance to the center of the Library of Time!

Are you ready?

Then I'll just record this moment in my memory banks...

And file it under "Lynn's stupid mistakes?"
MEANWHILE...

DID YOU WANT TO BORROW THESE ATLASES, GINA?

NAY, I'LL JUST MAKE PHOTOCOPIES.

YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS WONDRED HOW YOU GOT SO BUFFED!

WHAT IN THE WORLD...

UHG!

AHH!

EKK! IT WASN'T ME!

WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?

THE INNER LIBRARY!

WHATEVER'S HAPPENING, I'VE GOT TO STOP IT BEFORE IT DESTROYS THE LIBRARY!

ZOINKS! LOOK AT THAT FREAK OF NATURE!

HOW DO WE KILL IT, KAHN?

NO, GINA! THAT'S A FRIEND OF MINE!

YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH A HURRICANE??

*TRANSLATED FROM DUNN - FRED.*

< DJUR! TURN IT DOWN! YOU'RE WRECKING MY HOME! >
Lynn: Kahn? Is that you?

Djur: What happened why is the inner library door open?

An Invader!

Lynn: Blinded me with sulfur and escaped into the inner library.

I'm sorry about my guests! I suppose I went berserk after the intruder defeated me.

Who was the intruder?

Lynn: I don't know... But I can show you what she looked like.

Kahn: What's going on?

This element's name is Djur, Gina. It helps me by guarding the entrance to the inner library.

It appears Djur was angered when Empress Lynn forced her way past it!

Jinkies!

Lynn: So Lynn's in the inner library now? Isn't that the place where you get those books from all over time and space?

Kahn: Yes, and it's a very dangerous place for anyone who does not know their way around and about it!

Lynn: I have to find her.

Jinkies!

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Lynn: I think you should take a good look at what you want to leap into, Gina...
Meanwhile:

I think I need a little more information on this area in order to help you find your book, Lynn.

We first met when you arrived in the astral rifts, so I'm new to all of this!

What is this place?

No one really knows. Subtracto. The library and this time-warp in its center was here just after this planet's birth, according to Kahn.

My ancestors found it and built Shangri-La around it!

This time-warp has a copy of every book or scroll in history within it...

Why history? Past or future?

Both!

Anyway, Kahn finds books here and brings them to the library and interprets them for everyone to read.

Even though, some are already written in the language of the codex... ewah!

Now all I have to do is find the book I want in here...

Juh oh! Lynn!

Shh! I'm concentrating!

Lynn: Monsters!

Blitz: Oh!

Subtracto!

Scan shows they have breath, weapons, iron-tough skin, and class 10 speed and strength!

Oh, I see what you mean now.

Your computer neglected to mention our ultra-sonic hearing and our genius-level intelligence!

Uh oh.

So what brings a tasty morsel such as yourself to the time-warp, Hmm?
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR A SERIOUS BATTLE, SUBTRACTO.

LET'S ASK THE RAVEN FROM HERE.

LYNN! I'M TIRED OF NURSING SCARS AND BROKEN LIMBS!

A RETREAT LYNNI?

YOU SURPRISE ME! BACK AT THE RAVEN'S YOU NEVER RETREATED!

LET'S JUST SAY, TIME ME! SHE'S MINE! I SAW HER FIRST!

ONE -- SIGH -- VERY WELL.

TWO --

WHAT THE --

HAAAAAAAAAAAAAN! WHAT A STUPID "GENIUS"!

ZIP

SILLY BOY!

THREE, FOUR --

FIVE --

SIX!!

HELP ME!

OH WELL. I GUESS I'LL HAVE THAT "MEAL" ALL TO MYSELF NOW!

LUUUN? COULD YOU SIT ON ME ANOTHER WAY? PLEASE?

LA LA LA.

THAT'S ELLIOTTH AAAAAAAANAAAAAAAAAAH!

TOO BAAND!

I WONDER HOW LONG BEFORE HE HITS BOTTOM?
Elsewhere...

I hope you know where we are, Kain. Because I can't make heads or tails of this place.

This is where Duwr, the elemental said the Empress disappeared. It's a passageway to another section.

I think I should carry you across. It's a dangerous leap (unless you object...)

I'm not complaining, in fact...

I could get to like it!

We're off!

Well, stop there for a look.

Okay, Kain.

By the way, you have no idea how hard it is to resist the temptation to pinch those sinuous buns of yours!

What's that up ahead, Kain?

It's one of the bookshelf platforms here in the inner library, Gina....

My guess is that the inner library was once as normal as the rest of the library of time.

I'm sure some kind of disaster caused an explosion in time that shattered the inner library.

This time-warp is the result of the explosion, and in the wars times from all over time appear on or near the shelves.

Jinkies!

These shelves are what's left of the old inner library.
This place doesn't seem all that dangerous to me.

That is, except for the zillion mile drop off one of these platforms.

That's because you're with me.

I and everyone around me are protected by a shield projected by the Codex in the main library.

Without it, we would be prey for the monsters that roam here.

Empress Lyn is no protection here! She's in grave danger.

I don't think I've ever seen a reference book like this one before, Kahn...

Meanwhile...

I take a right at which portal?

The blue portal. You turn right at blue, left at the oval platform, straight up to the electric portal, hang a right on the flashing portal.

Then up and straight, then left at the sleeping dragon, and straight on until you hit the red vortex. The bookshelf platform you want is just behind it.

Um, Lynn? We've got company.

Sleeping dragon?
Well well, the other 'genius' finally caught up too! Subtracto!

Why you computerized tattle-tail!

I would have had some fresh meat on the table if you hadn't larded her!

I'll fry you! I'll go golden now!

Hm, I must be careful not to hit my dinner...

I like my meals very rare!

Subtracto!

Don't worry about me, Lynn. I was forged in Star-Fire! Compared to that, this is a summer breeze!

Good. Just stay put while I stomp on this four-legged chicken!

Hmph. I suppose it would be fair to warn you that I don't need to breathe air, and therefore I'm immune to your chemical attack!

Yes, but my choke-cloud doubles as a smoke screen...

...so you don't see my feet crushing on your skull!

I'll be a good choice and breathe deep!

Nice try through... chuckle.

Here you go, genius! I mixed this powder back in the nefal rifts just for such a situation!!
HA! just as I suspected! A body like steel and a head like cotton!

Let's go, Subracto.

Umm... I don't think you should straddle me this time, Lynn.

It's the easiest way for me to balance on you... why not?

Because I'm still not from that monster's flame! That's why not!

Yowchhh!

Hop

Now did I lie?

Ouchy ouchy! Oww ow ow!

I think I'll turn my image recorder on again, Lynn. Moments like this are the reason I came on these wild adventures with you.

Fan fan fan

Haha, very amusing! Now take us to the nearest platform before I try balancing on you with the pointy end!

Sm cheese!
Meanwhile...

Gilly: This is like being inside a bug zapper!

Are you sure those creatures won't eventually break through? Positive.

Umm... No sign of Empress Lynn yet. We'll move on when these creatures get discouraged.

Okay, while we're waiting, we can share my pudding cup if you want.

No thanks. Pudding gives me the wind something awful.

Ouch.

I've been thinking about our relationship.

This isn't going to work for us if we can't see each other more often.

The way things are now, I can only come here every other weekend or so. Because of my expeditions.

And when I do arrive in Shang-ela, you're usually too busy with your responsibilities to be with me.

Maybe we should...

In a friendlier, more comfortable climate.
BITE BITE BITE

Okay I'll change the subject.

You know, I've got my laser and my riot projector...

I could get rid of these things if you want.

CLAW CLAW

Hmm... I don't think the weapons you have are needed for this, Gina. They'll time eventually, these demon-flies are just stubborn.

It was during my last archaeological expedition...

The demon I encountered was small, but that sucker was as tenacious as a whole pack of hungry rottweilers!!

I managed to send it to the big sleep though...

...and if that demon you defeated lived, it would go to the end of the earth to find you and kill you.

Meanwhile...

You're wasting your healing ointment, Lynn.

Your skin is irritated but you're not burned. Your body will heal the damage on its own.

Gina...

DAEMONS shoot...

I've run into one of those before.

Huh?
OH YEAH, I FORGOT ABOUT YOUR LOW PAIN TOLERANCE.

I'M SO BEAUTIFUL, I CAN HARDLY STAND IT!

WHHHH! NICE AND SMOOTH! JUST LIKE NEW.

YOU MAYBE AN ADULT, LYNNE, BUT YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A VAIN LITTLE BRAT AT HEART...

CAN'T YOU SEE, I'M BUSY ADMAIRING MYSELF! I'M NOW STOP INTERRUPTING ME AND KEEP SCANNING FOR THAT BOOK.

WAIT, LYNNE. I THINK I FOUND SOMETHING!

IS IT THE BOOK?

NO, BUT I THINK ITS AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT. TWO HUMANS ARE BEING ATTACKED FOUR KILOMETERS FROM HERE.

I'LL PROJECT THE RADAR IMAGE INTO THE AIR FOR YOU TO SEE.

ITS KANN! HE AND WHATS-HER-NAME CAME LOOKING FOR ME!

SUBTRACTO! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THEM FROM THOSE MONSTERS NOW!!!

WELL, MAYBE NOT HER...

HURRY, SUBTRACTO!

IF THOSE PSYCHOPATHIC GECKOS HARM ONE HAIR ON KANN'S HEAD--

Uh, well, you know what I mean.

Uh... I think I liked it better when you straddled me, Lynn.
AT THAT MOMENT...

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS! EVIDENTLY THE DAEMONS WON'T LEAVE US ALONE WITHOUT BEING FORCED!

I'M DROPPING THE SHIELD TO GIVE THEM A HURRIED!

LET ME TRY, KAHN! I'VE BEEN ITCHING TO USE MY NEW PEN-LASER GIZMO!

NOW LET'S SEE, SHOULD I SPLIT THIS SUCKER HORIZONTALLY OR VERTICALLY.....

I KNOW, I'LL JUST SET IT ON 'WIDE-BEAM' AND GET RID OF THE WHOLE THING IN ONE BLAST!

DROP THE SHIELD KAHN! IT'S DOWN!

clie clie clie

I DONT UNDERSTAND! I RECHARGED AND OVERHAULED THIS THING YESTERDAY!

FOOD!*

*TRANSLATED FROM DAEMON-F.
SFX

SWOOSH

<Hey...>

I'm gonna leave. It's best that we leave to the next platform, Gina. They understand now.

<Are you okay? That didn't hurt?>

WAM
You never told me you could punch like that.
Where did you learn to do that?

I learned from a very mysterious visitor to Shangri-La years ago.

Well, I hope you can do what you just did again.

Look!
They're a little more stubborn than I suspected.

They're supposed to eat the wards around here—not us!

Stay behind me, Gina. I don't want them to get at you.

Hey! Where's the goofy-looking one?

Graag!

Zomys!

Get back, Gina!

Translation from Daemon: "Who are you calling goofy?" — F.
(Yes, they understand English. They just can't speak it.)
TA DA!
NEVER FEAR!
LYNN IS HERE!

Can you believe that corny line was the best she could think of while we were on our way here?

GROSS!
I'm gonna be sick!

LYNN! AND SUBRAK! THANK GOODNESS, YOU'RE ALRIGHT!

QUICKLY NOW! WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE THIS AREA BEFORE ALL OF THIS COMMOTION ATTRACTIONS MORE MONSTERS!

THE ONE WITH THE SWORD KILLED TOR!

SIGH GREAT!!!
I GUESS EVERYONE IN THIS AREA IS SICK OF "WARP-RAT-ALA-KING?"

(YUP!)

LOOK AT THIS CROWD! WE'LL BE LUCKY IF THERE'S A FINGER NAIL LEFT!

ANYBODY BRING THE HOT SAUCE?

I'VE GOT DIPS ON THE DIP-STICKS!

I'VE GOT DIPS ON THE BREADS!

DON'T BE SO SURE! LOOK!
Jinkies!
I think it would be a good idea if you turned that shield back on, Karin!

I'm afraid I can't, guys. The shield can only be reactivated from the main library.

We can't outrun them either! We have to fight!

This is all your fault, Lynn! How many times do I have to tell you to shut up?

Tap tap
Ehem

What the .. You!

Correct, it is I! And seeing as how we're such chumps now, how about me .. (huh) .. introducing your friends to some of my friends?

I'm sure they're dying to meet them!

Okay, fellows! You can have the bald one and the blue-eyed one. But the one with the sword and the tasy looking thighs is all mine!

Ugh!

Ugh... good idea!
WAIT A MINUTE!
I ALMOST FORGOT! YEAH!
IT'S SO CRAZY IT JUST MIGHT WORK.

WHO WANTS PUDDING?
OOOH NA A NAH!

THEN GO AND—

-GET IT!

KWAGH! GIMME!
KEE!
POW
NO MINE!

MINE
BAF
NO MINE

FIGHT
GRRRR

YEY I KNEW IT WAS CHEESY, BUT WHAT THE HECK! IT WORKED, DIDN'T IT?
Later, back at the library of time...

"Thanks for keeping watch on the entrance, Durar. And Empress Lynn apologizes for attacking you earlier."

I understand, Kahn.

(Good grief.)

When I don't know about you guys...

Hym wants this!

It's the book Lynn was looking for!

"But I could sure slam down some ice-tea about now...

An excellent suggestion, Gina. Come with me. I believe I have some available in my dining area.

I'd rather not do this, but you gave me a direct order to alert you to the book's location once I've detected it, Lynn...

Lead the way, Kahn.

Wha?

Gina!

FAP

I-I couldn't help but notice your attractive little book there... AUGH!

May I borrow it for a while? PLEEEEZ!

CUTE

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CUTE

You won't regret this, Gina! I promise!
LATER...

THERE THEY ARE!

...MAKING GOO-GOO EYES AT EACH OTHER IN KAHN'S DINING AREA.

I'LL SOON PUT A STOP TO THAT!

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS, LYNN?

IT'S WRONG, LYNN. I DON'T CARE.

SO YOU'RE WILLING TO ADMIT THAT THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD POSSIBLY GET KAHN TO ALTER HIS MIND WITH A MAGIC WAND?

IF HE'S HAPPY WITH ZINA, MUST YOU SELFISHLY DESTROY HIS HAPPINESS?

WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT YOU AND HOW MUCH YOU CARE ABOUT HIM?

AND WHAT IF HE DISCOVERS WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

LYNN, I'M PROUD OF YOU.

SHUT UP! I'M WALLOWING IN SELF-PITY!

I'M... SORRY KAHN. IT'S JUST THAT...

I'VE NEVER BROKEN UP WITH ANY-ONE BEFORE.

DAMN YOU, SUBTRACTO.

WITH IM'S N.

19!...
FOR A WHILE, I THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO SEE YOU AS OFTEN AS MY SISTER, CHEETAH, SEES HER BOYFRIEND. SHE SOMETIMES MANAGES TO STAY AN ENTIRE MONTH WITH STRIPE IN EL-DORADO, AND STRIPE IS ABLE TO LEAVE EL-DORADO FOR AS LONG AS HE WANTS TO STAY WITH CHEETAH.

BUT WE CAN'T DO THAT. I'VE GOT SCIENTIFIC GRANTS TO EARN AND YOU HAVE A LIBRARY TO RUN...

3SHE MIGHT NOT EVEN LIKE ME WHEN I RETIRE...

WELL, I HAVE TO GET GOING, KAHN. I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE.

YES, YES, YES!

...COULD I HAVE A GOODBYE KISS?

NO, NO, NO!

(OF COURSE, GINA.)

CH WELL, I'M CERTAIN ONE PERSON IS SURE TO BE HAPPY THAT YOU AND I ARE JUST FRIENDS NOW.

I THINK SO...

Empress Lynx has been dying to be with you.

I'M NOT SO SURE, GINA.
LYNN TENDS TO TREAT ME MORE LIKE A SERVANT THAN A POSSIBLE CONSORT.

SHE'S ATTRACTIVE, BUT I DON'T THINK SHE REALLY LIKES ME...

GOOD LUCK, KAHN.

AND THANKS FOR RECHARGING THE LIGHT-GATE TELEPORTING DEVICE FOR ME! X

FSSSLLLL UNTIL NEXT TIME, GINA.

* GIVEN TO GINA IN G#369 - FRED

WELL?

FIRST, WE FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DESTROY THIS WAND...

THEN?

I'LL NEED SOMETHING A LITTLE LESS FORMAL THAN WHAT I'VE GOT ON RIGHT NOW IF I'M GOING TO GAIN KAHN'S UNDIVIDED ATTENTION!

MEANWHILE...

YOU KNOW...

...munch?

...munch?

BILL COSBY WOULD BE KING AROUND HERE...

FINTO!