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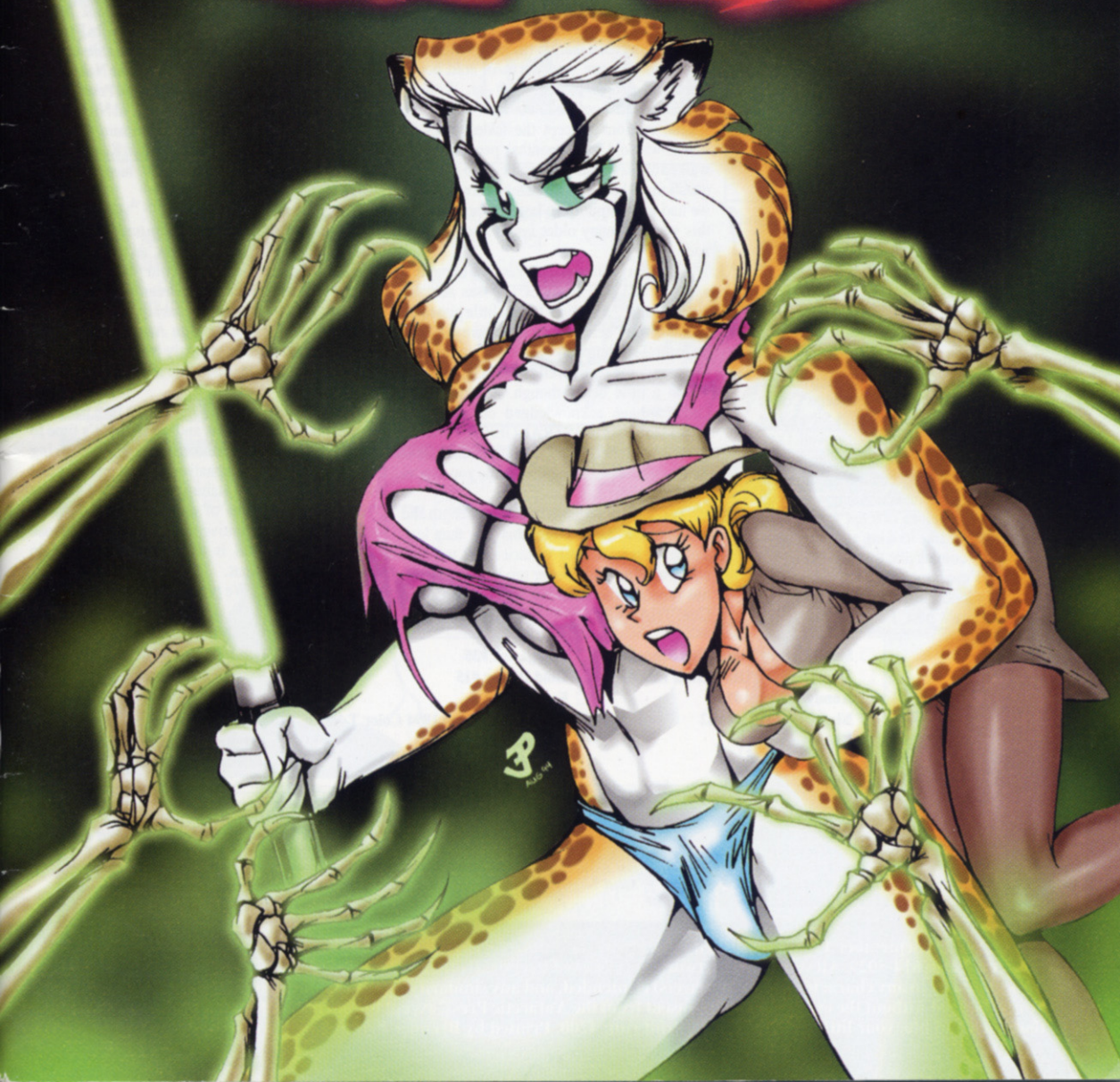
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ADVENTURE



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(All right, take a memo...) (ehem...)

"EARTH": OF THE PRIME MATERIAL PLANE. AMONG THE OLDEST REALMS IN REALITY AND THE BIRTHPLACE OF ALL HUMANS.



LONG AGO, WHEN HUMANS RELIED ON MAGIC AS MUCH AS THEY RELY ON TECHNOLOGY TODAY, THEY DISCOVERED AND COLONIZED A REALM SIMILAR TO EARTH: "JADE".

UNLIKE EARTH, JADE HASN'T ABANDONED ITS MAGIC FOR TECHNOLOGY.



"THE RETREAT": ANOTHER MAGICAL COLONY OF EARTH. THIS REALM WASN'T REALLY DISCOVERED AS JADE WAS. THIS DIMENSION WAS CREATED!



IT WAS CREATED BY THE ANCIENT SORCERORS AND DRAGONS OF OLD EARTH TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE AGE OF MAN AND TECHNOLOGY ON EARTH.

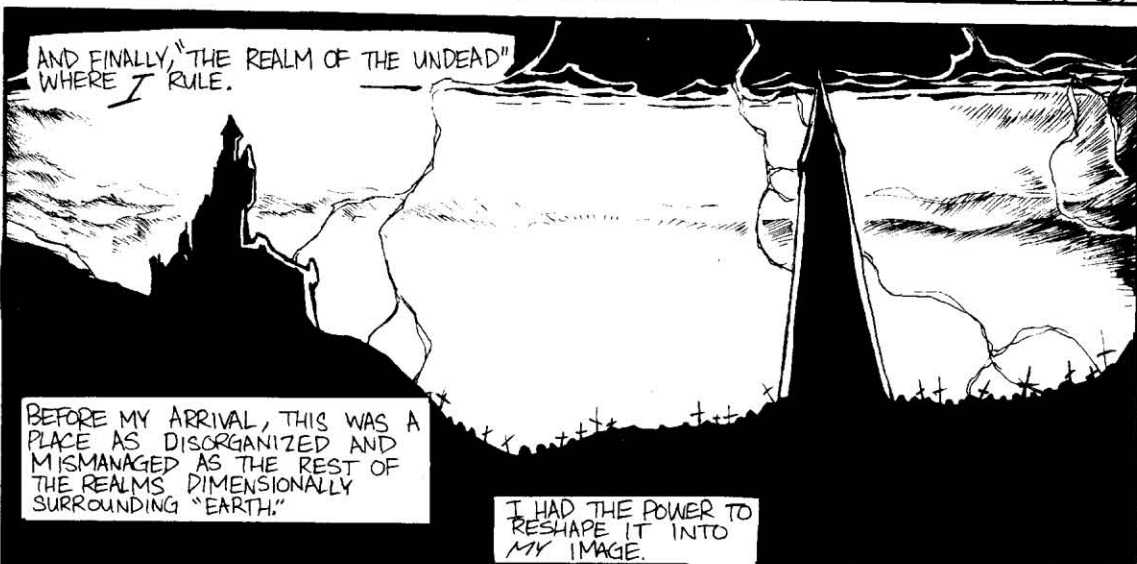
HERE, EARTH'S MAGIC AND MAGICAL CREATURES CONTINUE THEIR EXISTENCE.



"EDEN": A SMALL DIMENSION SEPARATED FROM EARTH JUST AFTER THE BIRTH OF MAN. A PARADISE LOST BUT REDISCOVERED BY ONE OF THE MAGICAL RACES OF EARTH WHO DIDN'T GO TO "THE RETREAT" WITH THE OTHERS.



AND FINALLY, "THE REALM OF THE UNDEAD" WHERE I RULE.



BEFORE MY ARRIVAL, THIS WAS A PLACE AS DISORGANIZED AND MISMANAGED AS THE REST OF THE REALMS DIMENSIONALLY SURROUNDING "EARTH."

I HAD THE POWER TO RESHAPE IT INTO MY IMAGE.

BUT THE POWER I USED TO DO IT IS GONE AND MY BODY CAN'T GET IT BACK...

IF THE OTHERS KNEW HOW WEAK I'VE BECOME UNLIVING IN THIS BODY....

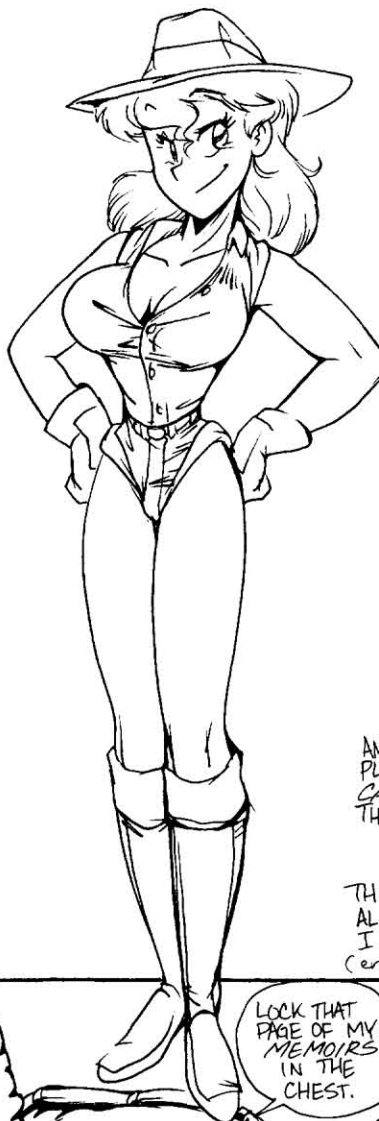


MY GRANDDAUGHTER, GINA, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS FRESH AND YOUNG AND HAS NO CHANCE OF STOPPING ME FROM POSSESSING HER BODY.

SHE'S PERFECT FOR MY NEEDS!

HER INTELLIGENCE HAS EARNED HER PHD's IN MATHEMATICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY AND PHYSICS... (to name a few)

HER SPIRIT AND THIRST FOR ADVENTURE AND EXCITEMENT HAS EARNED HER A NICKNAME: GOLD DIGGER.



BUT TO GET TO HER, I MUST GET THROUGH HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

THE MOST DIFFICULT OF THESE OBSTACLES WILL BE HER FATHER AND HER ADOPTED SISTER, BRITANNY.

AND SO I HAVE LAID PLANS FOR AN ELABORATE CAMPAIGN TO OVERCOME THESE OBSTACLES.

THIS CAMPAIGN HAS ALREADY BEGUN, AND I CANNOT FAIL.
(end of memo.)

HM... STRIKE OUT THAT SECTION ABOUT ME BEING "WEAK" AND "LOW ON POWER"...

...ON SECOND THOUGHT, KEEP IT!

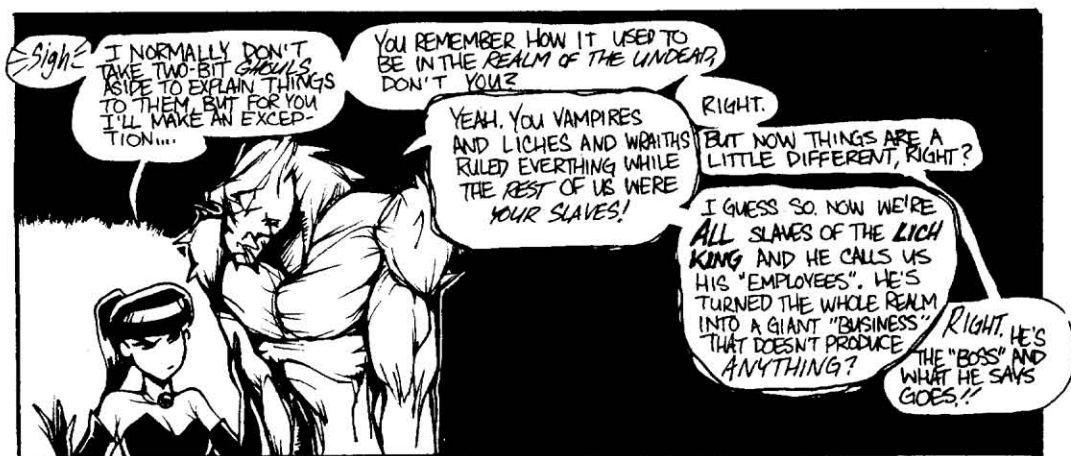
LOOK THAT PAGE OF MY MEMOIRS IN THE CHEST.

I'LL POST IT LATER, AFTER I HAVE GINA'S BODY.

I'M SURE MY UNDERLINGS WILL BE AMUSED TO KNOW THAT THEY COULD HAVE DESTROYED ME AT ANY TIME.
(chuckle...)





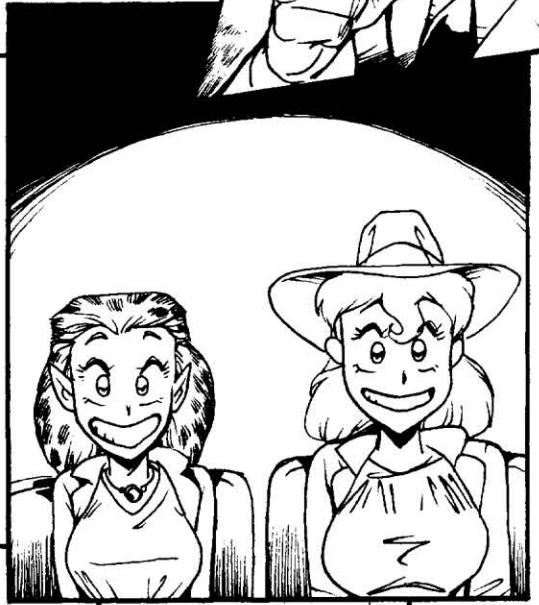
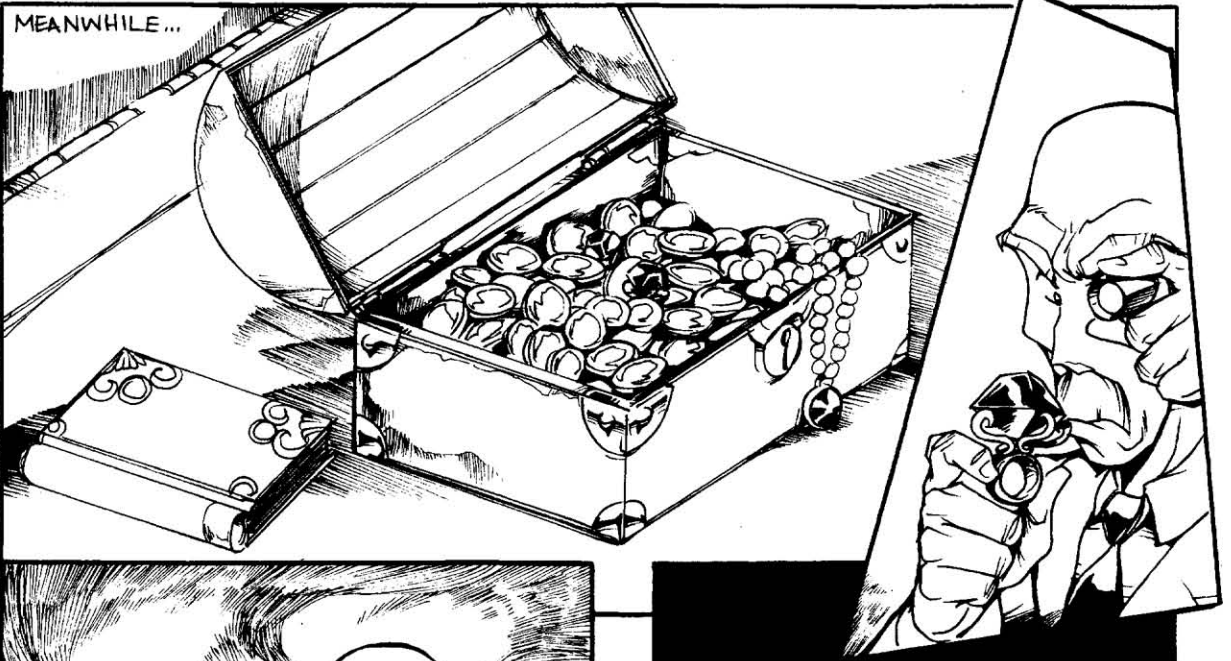






* DR DIGGERS AND JULIA DIGGERS WERE ADVENTURING PARTNERS BEFORE THEY WERE MARRIED. (SEE LAST ISSUE -F.)

MEANWHILE ...



WELL? HOW MUCH
MONEY DO WE GET?





AT THAT MOMENT,
NEAR THE SITE OF THE
TERRORIZED TOWN...

LOOK! I'M A MACK-TRUCK
HOOD-ORNAMENT!



ALOYSIUS! HOW DARE
YOU MAKE LIGHT OF
THIS SITUATION!!

ESPECIALLY WHEN
SO MANY PEOPLE ARE
IN DANGER FROM SUCH
AN EVIL MAGICAL
FORCE!

ESPECIALLY WHEN
WE COULD FEEL IT
HAPPENING FROM SO
FAR AWAY!

I'M SORRY, MIMI, I GUESS I'M
JUST A LITTLE NERVOUS....
I JUST---DID YOU
KNOW WE'RE BEING
CHASED BY A GREEN
MIST??



GREEN?

Pick



GGHH
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Koff

Nice...

NICE "SUNBURST."

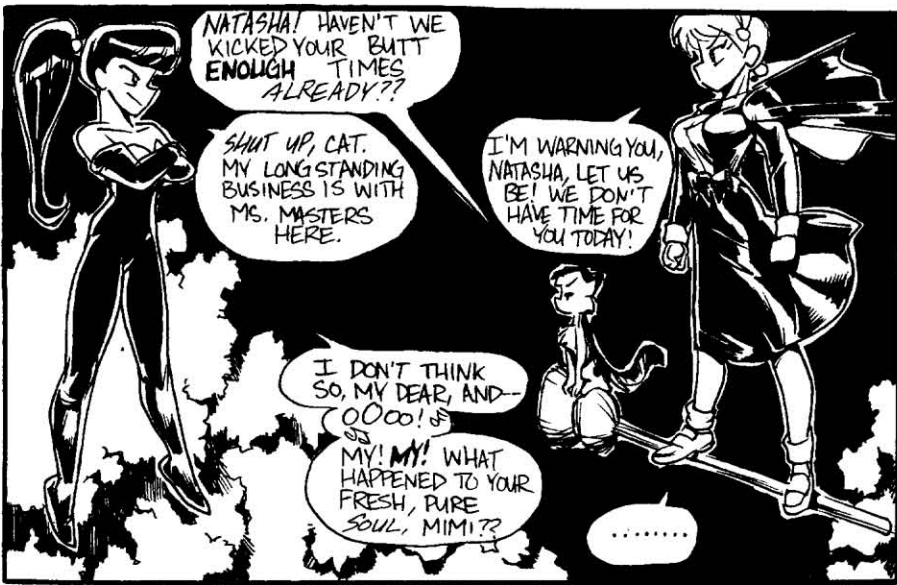
NATASHA! HAVEN'T WE
KICKED YOUR BUTT
ENOUGH TIMES
ALREADY??

SHUT UP, CAT.
MY LONGSTANDING
BUSINESS IS WITH
MS. MASTERS
HERE.

I'M WARNING YOU,
NATASHA, LET US
BE! WE DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
YOU TODAY!

I DON'T THINK
SO, MY DEAR, AND--
OOOO!!

MY! MY! WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOUR
FRESH, PURE
SOUL, MIMI??





* SEE NHS #37-39





YOW!

AH, AH, AH!

KEEP YOU AND THIS BROOM STICK OUT OF THIS, ALOYSIUS!

THIS IS BETWEEN ME AND MIMI!!

CATCH

AND IF SHE CAN'T SAVE HERSELF FROM A HUNDRED-FOOT-FALL...

TOUGH!

UHN!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE TOOK TWO "SUNBURSTS" AT POINT-BLANK RANGE...

THOSE BLASTS USUALLY SEND HER RUNNING FOR COVER!

FUF

NOW SHE SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO SHRUG THEM OFF WITH LITTLE EFFORT!

SHE'S DEFINITELY STRONGER THAN SHE WAS BEFORE!

BUT FIGHTING HER ISN'T WHY I'M HERE...

I'VE GOT INNOCENT LIVES TO SAVE!

UNFORTUNATELY, THE ONLY WAY TO GET TO THEM...

KNOT TIE

...IS THROUGH HER!!

HAHAHAHAHA!



SECONDARY OBJECTIVES COMPLETED, DUDE!

THIS TOWN IS TOTALLY UNGLUED!

GOOD JOB, DIRK.
YOUR WORK HERE IS DONE!...



...NOW TAKE THE OTHER SUPERVISING VAMPIRES BACK TO THE REALM OF THE UNDEAD. NO USE TYING UP UNNECESSARY PERSONNEL

COOLNESS!

BREAK-TIME, GUYS.

GOOD I SURE COULD USE A COLD ONE.

BLUH BLUH

AND MAKE SURE THE BANSHEES ARE STILL ON STAND BY FOR ME.

Hmph! NOT MY JOB, VLAD! DO IT YOURSELF, DUDE!



SENSOR-GHOST! REPORT ON NATASHA'S STATUS!

NATASHA IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED WITH TARGET: "MIMI-MASTERS".

CONDITIONS FOR VICTORY ARE FAVORABLE.

GOOD! MIMI'S HEAD WILL MAKE A GOOD BONUS!



ALERT! ARCH-LEVEL MAGIC-USER APPROACHING! ETHER-CLASS....
TRANSPORT MODE: DIMENSION-DOOR!

AHAH! THAT WOULD BE OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE!

ALERT ALL GHOULS TO THE SITUATION...



"DOCTOR THEODORE DIGGERS HAS ARRIVED!!!"

RETURN FROM WHEREVER YOU CAME BEFORE MY PATIENCE AND MERCY ARE GONE!

DITTO WITH A CHERRY ON TOP!

I'M A PATIENT AND MERCIFUL SOUL, VAMPIRE. EVEN TO THE LIVING. BUT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TONIGHT IS INTOLERABLE.



I'M SORRY, BUT LEAVING WITHOUT PUMPELLING THE "GOOD GUYS" JUST ISN'T COMPANY POLICY

RAAH

THEO, WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THOSE MINIONS FIRST!

I AGREE. THEY SEEM TO BE ABLE TO DO MORE DAMAGE TO THE TOWN THAN JUST THE LAMPRE ALONE.

MINDLESS MINIONS! GET THEM!!

GRAH!

MINDLESS?

ARE YOU READY?

YES, BUT LETS MAKE IT INTERESTING. CAST A "CREATE ICE" SPELL ON THE GROUND. ZERO - FRICTION!

OOOF!

WIP

LEE

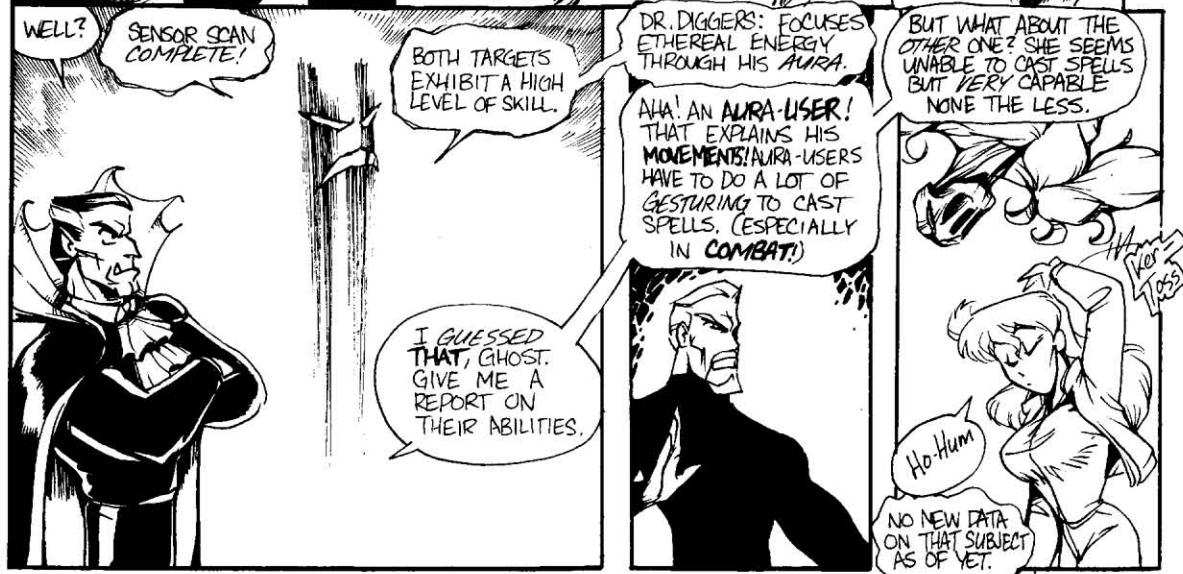
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THANKS HONEY. ♡
UNLIKE THESE GOONS, I'M GOOD ENOUGH TO FIGHT EFFORTLESSLY ON FRICTIONLESS ICE...

JUST BE CAREFUL. I'LL DEAL WITH THE ONES OVER HERE.

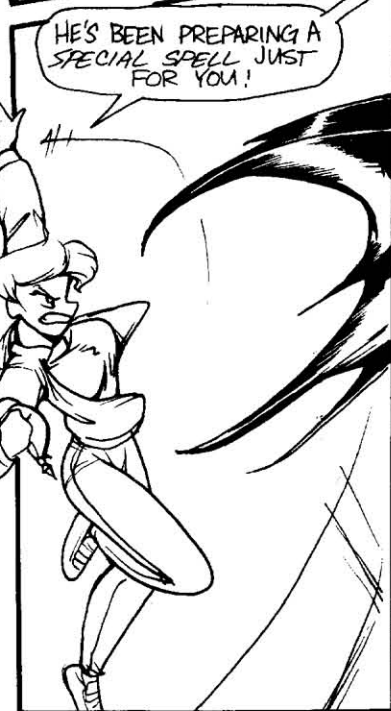
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I COULDN'T LET YOU EXPUNGE THE TIME AND TRAINING PUT INTO CREATING A MANAGER LIKE VLAD, NOW *COULD* I?...



BESIDES, SAVING HIM MEANS I STILL HAVE ENOUGH IN MY OPERATION BUDGET TO ENLIST A LITTLE *HELP!!*

GROARRRR



(OKAY, I'LL ADMIT GATING-IN A *BONE-DRAGON* IS GOING A BIT OVER BUDGET...)

...BUT THIS WAS THE BEST WAY I COULD THINK OF TO LAUNCH YOU INTO ETERNITY!

SEHEME



HUH?

I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOU, NATASHA

BUT WE DO HAVE A LITTLE ARGUMENT TO RESOLVE.

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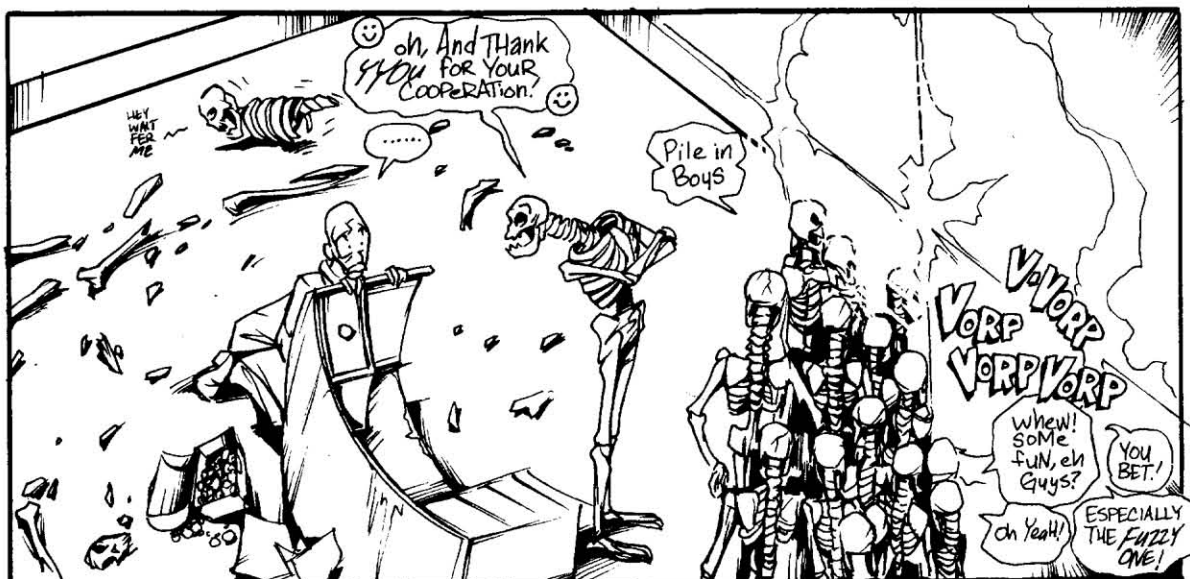
Jinkies! WE'RE TRAPPED!! IF ONLY I BROUGHT MY AUTO-LASER!

BUT AT LEAST YOU GOT ME OUT OF THOSE PERVERT-SKELETONS' CLUTCHES WITH THE BEAM-SABER.

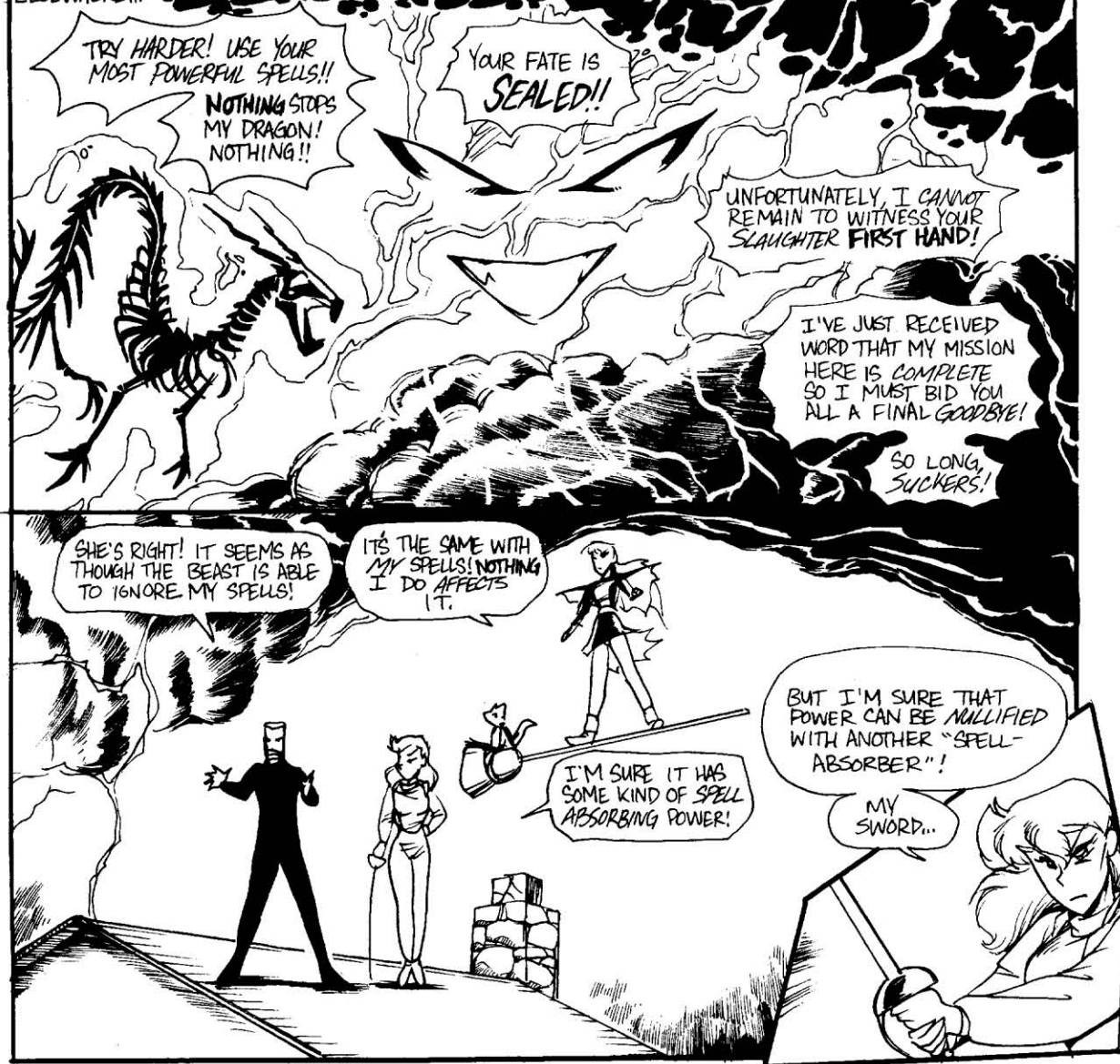
JUST STAY BEHIND ME, GINA. I CAN HOLD THESE CREEPS OFF UNTIL HELP ARRIVES...

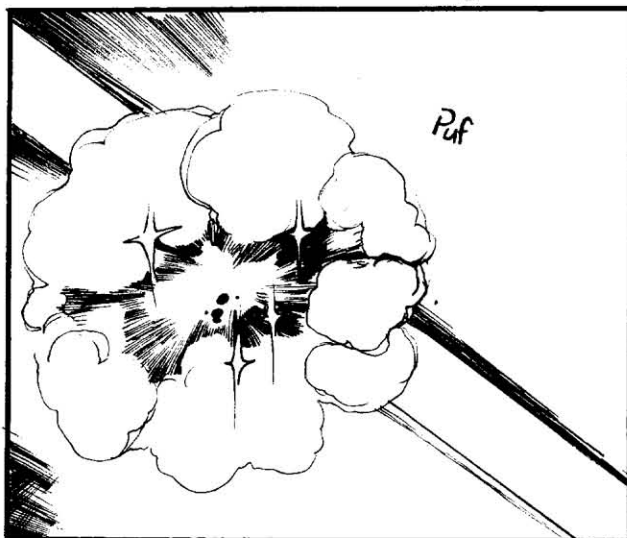
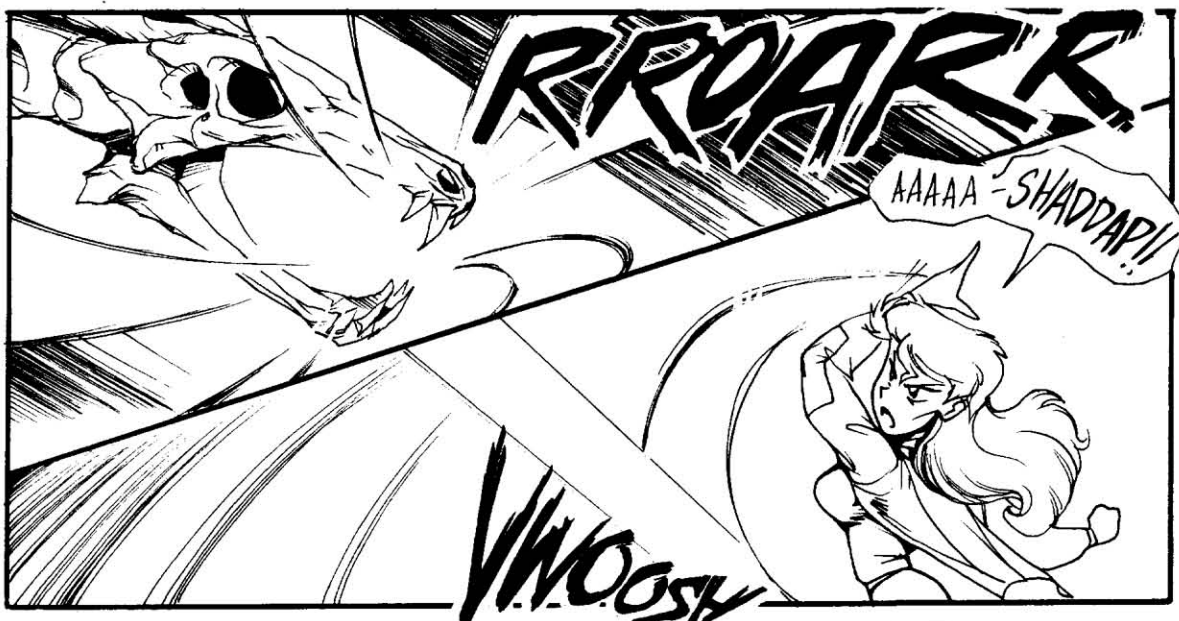






ELSEWHERE...





VERY CLEVER! I DIDN'T EVEN SUSPECT IT TO BE ONE.

YOU'RE GETTING **RUSTY** IN YOUR OLD AGE, HON'. OF ALL OF US, YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.

NOBODY IS **PERFECT**, JULIA.

MAGICAL ILLUSIONS ARE AS GOOD AS **REAL** SO LONG AS YOU **BELIEVE** THEY ARE **REAL**.

AT LEAST WE STOPPED THEM FROM ATTACKING THIS TOWN. WE WON.

BUT **WERE** THEY **REALLY** ATTACKING THIS TOWN?

DID WE WIN?

EPILOGUE...

NATASHA VOSTOV IS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO **GATE** IN THIS REALM.

LET HER IN...

SHE HAS A DEBRIEFING PRESENTATION TO PREPARE, SO SHE GETS PRIORITY OVER THE OTHERS WHO ARE STILL ARRIVING FROM EARTH.

YES, SIR...

WELCOME BACK, NATASHA. GOOD WORK!

THANKS, VLAD. SORRY I HAD TO EXPRESS-TELEPORT YOU HERE. I KNOW HOW **PAINFUL** IT IS.

IF I'D HAVE KNOWN HOW POWERFUL DR. DIGGERS WAS, I'D NEVER HAVE LEFT TO GET MIMI.

DID YOU KILL HER?

NO. THAT LITTLE WENCH IS A LOT **NASTIER** THAN BEFORE...

NATASHA, EXACTLY WHAT DID WE ACCOMPLISH?

ALL OF OUR MISSION OBJECTIVES ARE COMPLETE.

THE SKELETONS MANAGED TO ABDUCT THE DIGGERS' BRATS WHILE WE KEPT DR. DIGGERS SO BUSY AND SO FAR AWAY FROM HIS CHILDREN. HE COULDN'T SENSE THE DANGER HIS KIDS WERE IN.

I THINK THIS IS ONLY THE **FIRST** PART OF THE LICH KING'S CAMPAIGN TO CAPTURE GINA DIGGERS.

WHATEVER HE WANTS **HER** FOR.

WHERE ARE GINA AND BRITANNY NOW, NATASHA? THEY WEREN'T TRANSPORTED HERE WITH THE REST OF US.

THEY'RE NOW ON **JADE**.

WHERE OUR NEXT MISSION STARTS.

TO BE CONTINUED.