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WELCOME TO JADE, BRENDAN.
THE LICH-KING ALERTED ME
THAT YOU WOULD BE ARRIVING
FROM THE REALM OF THE UNDEAD.

HE ALSO INSTRUCTED
ME TO GIVE YOU AN
ARTIFACT THAT'S CRUCIAL
TO YOUR MISSION.



THAT ANCIENT SWORD-HILT BELONGED TO
THE ONLY WARRIOR WE KNOW OF TO VISIT
THE SITE OF YOUR OBJECTIVE, WERE-WOLF.

FIND THE SITE BY
TRACKING DOWN
THE WARRIOR.

HM

THE SCENT IS
VERY FAINT. BUT
READABLE. THIS
WON'T BE **TOO**
DIFFICULT...



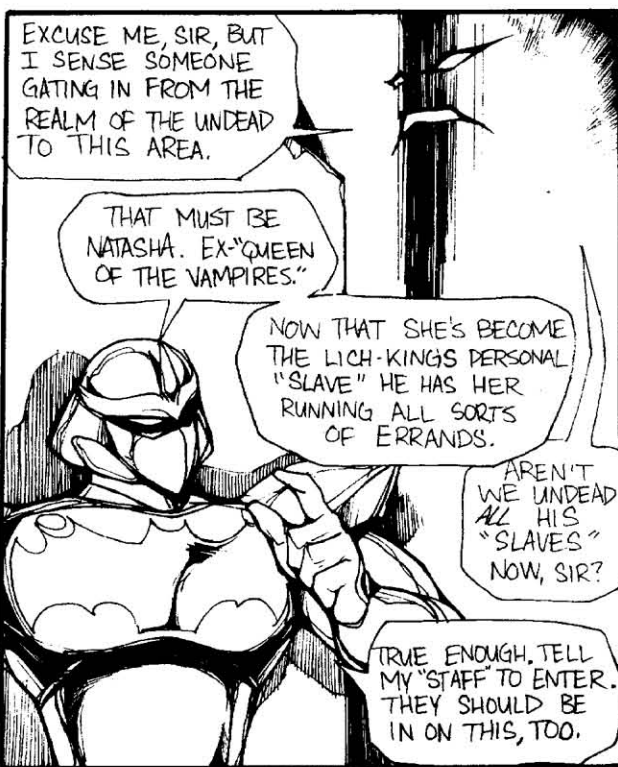
DON'T BE SO SURE. THAT TRAIL
IS EIGHT THOUSAND YEARS OLD!

AS I SAID,
KNIGHT-SPECTRE,
IT WON'T BE
TOO DIFFICULT.

REMEMBER, I AM
THE BEST TRACKER
IN ALL OF REALITY.

NOW KN'T
THAT **SOO**
SPECIAL..

SIR?



EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT
I SENSE SOMEONE
GATING IN FROM THE
REALM OF THE UNDEAD
TO THIS AREA.

THAT MUST BE
NATASHA. EX-"QUEEN
OF THE VAMPIRES."

NOW THAT SHE'S BECOME
THE LICH-KING'S PERSONAL
"SLAVE" HE HAS HER
RUNNING ALL SORTS
OF ERRANDS.

AREN'T
WE UNDEAD
ALL HIS
"SLAVES"
NOW, SIR?

TRUE ENOUGH. TELL
MY "STAFF" TO ENTER.
THEY SHOULD BE
IN ON THIS, TOO.

SOON...

ALL GREETINGS,
NATASHA. I-

- WHY ISN'T
JADE CONQUERED
YET, ROOK?

THE MEMOS I'VE
BEEN GETTING
LATELY TELL ME
YOU'RE *WAY*
BEHIND
QUOTA!

NOW, NOW, NATASHA. YOU KNOW
CONQUERING AN ENTIRE DIMENSION
IS QUITE A TASK. A TASK THAT
CAN'T BE RUSHED!!!

I CAPTURE A
CITY HERE,
CONQUER A
KINDOM THERE.
IT ALL ADDS
UP.

REMEMBER,
BEING UNDEAD
MEANS WE CAN
AFFORD TO BE
PATIENT.

NEVER THE
LESS, YOU SHOULD
CONCENTRATE ON
MAKING MORE
PROGRESS.

YOUR ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
HAVE BEEN SLIPPING
LATELY.

AND YOU KNOW THERE
ARE A LOT OF "OFFICE
MANAGERS" BACK IN
THE REALM OF THE
UNDEAD WHO WOULD
LOVE TO HAVE *YOUR*
CUSHY POSITION!

NATASHA YOU DIDN'T
COME HERE JUST TO
REPRIMAND ME IN
FRONT OF MY STAFF
NOW DID YOU?

DOESN'T THE
"PERSONAL
SECRETARY OF
THE LICH-KING"
HAVE ANYTHING
BETTER TO DO?

(WATCH IT, ROOK....) I
JUST CAME TO CHECK
UP ON A FEW THINGS...

THE WERE-WOLF
BRENDAN. DID YOU
SEND HIM ON
HIS MISSION?

OF COURSE.
BUT WHY
THE LICH-KING
WOULD WANT
HIM TO CAPTURE
THE **MAGIC-
SAPPER** IS
BEYOND ME.

MAGIC-SAPPER??
WHAT'S THAT?

A STRANGE
OBELISK
IMBUED WITH
AWESOME
BUT TEMPORARY
POWER.

WHEN IT'S FOUND,
IT WILL ROB EVERY
MAGIC-USER ON
JADE OF POWER
FOR ONE DAY.

DURING THAT
TIME, THE WERE-
WOLF WILL HAVE
THE ABILITIES
OF THE REALM'S
MOST POWERFUL
MAGIC-USER.



GUARDS, STAY BACK! I'LL RECAPTURE THEM MYSELF!!

CHEETAH! IT'S THE LEADER OF THE GUARDS!!

JUST STAND BACK'N' WATCH ME GO TO TOWN ON THIS JOKE, GINA...

SWOOSH

HLIH?

TWOOM

HEY! WHERE'D YOU GO??

I HAVEN'T PROPERLY INTRODUCED YOU TO MY KNUCKLES YET!

AHA! HIDING IN THIS SMOKE, EH? WELL, THAT CHEAP LITTLE TRICK WON'T SAVE YOU!!!

SILENT

BRITANNY LOOK--

-out...

I SAW WHAT YOU DID! STRIKING MY LITTLE SISTER IN THE BACK LIKE THAT!

PUT 'EM UP, YOU COWARD!

WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING??

I ADVISE YOU TO CONTROL YOUR ANGER, GINA DIGGERS.

AS THE WERE-CHEETAH DISCOVERED, MY ENCHANTED ARMOR HAS POWERS THAT CAN'T BE MATCHED.

ENCHANTED ARMOR?? SO THAT'S HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO KNOCK OUT CHEETAH SO EASILY!

LYCANTHROPES CAN ONLY BE HURT BY MAGIC, SILVER OR EACH OTHER.

CORRECT. AND NOW YOU MUST BOTH ACCEPT THE FACT THAT YOU ARE PRISONERS HERE...

AND YOU'RE HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.



* SEE LAST ISSUE - FRED...



WE... WE THINK SOMEONE HAS KIDNAPPED GINA AND BRITANNY, BRIANNA. SOMEONE WHO COMMANDS GREAT MAGICAL POWERS.

OH NO! WHO DID IT?

I'M NOT SURE. AT FIRST I SUSPECTED MY FATHER, BUT HE WOULD HAVE TAKEN THEM TO HIS REALM, THE REALM OF THE UNDEAD..

MY MAGIC TELLS ME THEY WERE TAKEN TO JADE INSTEAD.

THEO, HOW MUCH ENERGY DO YOU HAVE LEFT? CAN YOU MAKE A DIMENSION DOOR TO JADE?

AFTER USING SO MUCH POWER TO DEAL WITH THE EMERGENCY, I JUST BARELY HAVE ENOUGH TO MAKE THE JOURNEY.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M GOING INSTEAD OF YOU, THEO.

IF YOU WENT TO JADE, YOU'D BE TOO WEAK TO DO ANYTHING BUT REST.

JULIA, WHOEVER KIDNAPPED THE GIRLS IS SURE TO BE AS POWERFUL AS I AM...

YOU ACT AS IF I'M NOT! YOU KNOW I'M JUST AS GOOD A WARRIOR AS YOU ARE A MAGIC-USER...

TRUE ENOUGH. DO YOU NEED TO PICK UP YOUR SWORD FROM THE MANSION?

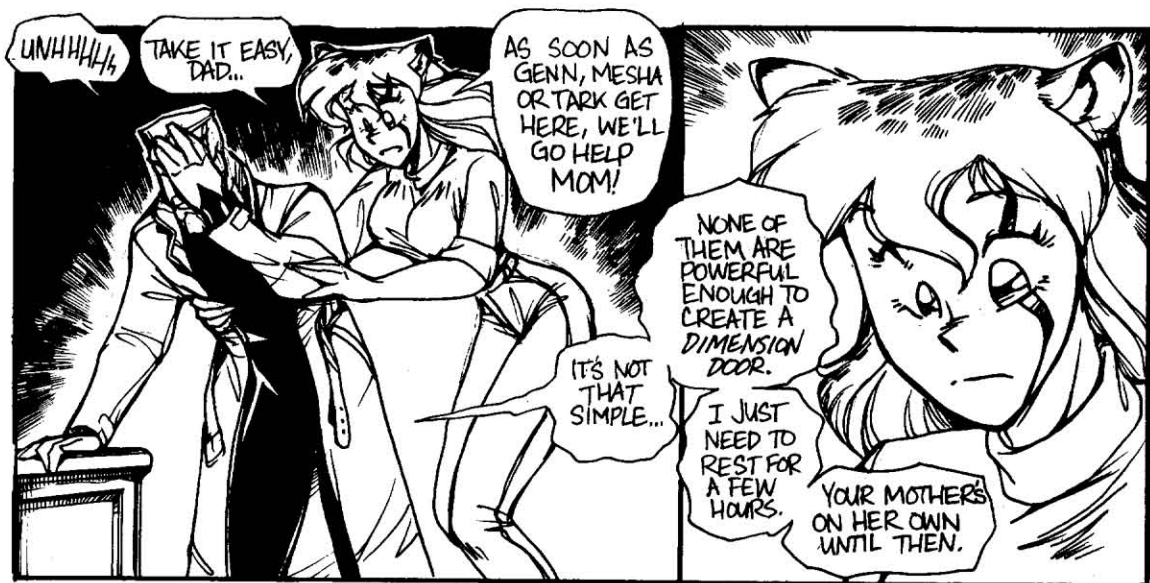
NO, I'LL PICK ONE UP WHEN I GET THERE.

BE CAREFUL, JULIA.

MM....

YOU SHOULD ARRIVE IN THE VICINITY OF WHEREVER THE GIRLS ARE, JULIA...

GOOD LUCK



UNHHHHH

TAKE IT EASY, DAD...

AS SOON AS GENN, MESHA OR TARK GET HERE, WE'LL GO HELP MOM!

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE...

NONE OF THEM ARE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CREATE A DIMENSION DOOR.

I JUST NEED TO REST FOR A FEW HOURS.

YOUR MOTHER'S ON HER OWN UNTIL THEN.



AT THAT MOMENT ON JADE....

UGHH... MADE IT...

UHRRH

THAT DIMENSION DOOR WAS VERY SLOPPY.



POOR THEO MUST HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED WHEN HE CREATED IT.

I'D BETTER CHECK MY SURROUNDINGS.

SEE WHERE I AM.

OW!

OW! OW! OW! OW!

I MUST HAVE STRAINED A MUSCLE DURING THAT FLIP. I'M NOT AS FLEXIBLE AS I USED TO BE.

BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE IT EASY NOW...



HMM....

THAT'S **ROOK'S** CASTLE... I BET THAT'S WHERE **CHINA** AND **BRITANNY** ARE BEING HELD.

ROOK'S BEEN CAUSING TROUBLE FOR THE **TEMPLARS** FOR **YEARS** NOW...

...AND IF HE GIVES **THOSE** PERFECTIONISTS TROUBLE, HE'S SURE TO CAUSE **ME** A FEW PROBLEMS...

REGARDLESS OF THE DANGER, I'VE GOT TO GET IN THERE!!...

AND I'M NOT COMING OUT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTERS!

ANY LUCK, YET, CHEETS?

NOTHING! THIS CELL MAY BE LARGER THAN THE ONE WE WERE IN BEFORE, BUT ITS **SIX-ZILLION** TIMES **THICKER**!

NO WEAK SPOTS ANYWHERE.

THAT KNIGHT-GHOST SAID THIS CELL WAS USED TO HOLD **DRAGONS** AT ONE TIME. IT EVEN HAS AN **ENCHANTED** DOOR TO LOCK IT.

THAT FIGURES.

BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF ORE AND METAL SCRAPS LYING AROUND.

MAYBE I CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING.

WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS DUNGEON, GINA.

EARLIER, WHEN WE TRIED TO MAKE A BREAK FOR IT, I THOUGHT I SMELLED SOMETHING... OR RATHER SOMEONE!

BRENDAN! THE PSYCHO-WERE-WOLF THAT WIPED OUT MY WHOLE CLAN! **HE'S BEEN HERE!**

I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM AND MAKE HIM ANSWER FOR WHAT HE DID! (AND HOW!)

OUTSIDE THE CASTLE...

NNF

NNHH... ALL I CAN SAY IS...

...I'D BETTER GET ONE HECK OF A CARD NEXT MOTHER'S DAY!

EW? DAMMIT!

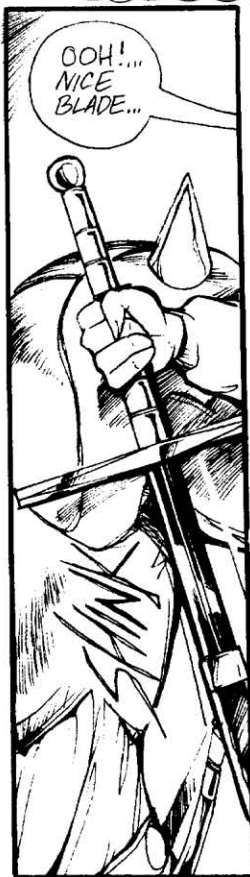
ROCK'S GUARDS HAVE DETECTED ME **ALREADY!**

I WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF COMING THROUGH THE **FRONT DOOR!**

OH BROTHER! ANOTHER THRILL-SEEKING HUMAN ADVENTURER!

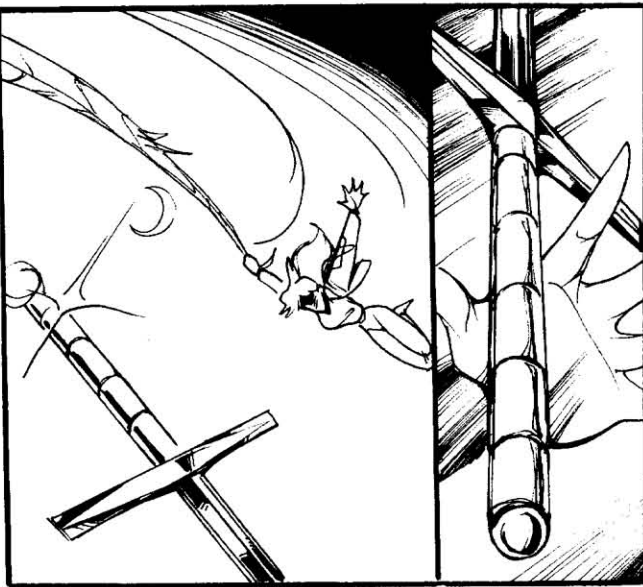
I THOUGHT WE SPRAYED FOR THOSE THINGS LAST WEEK!

ATTACK!



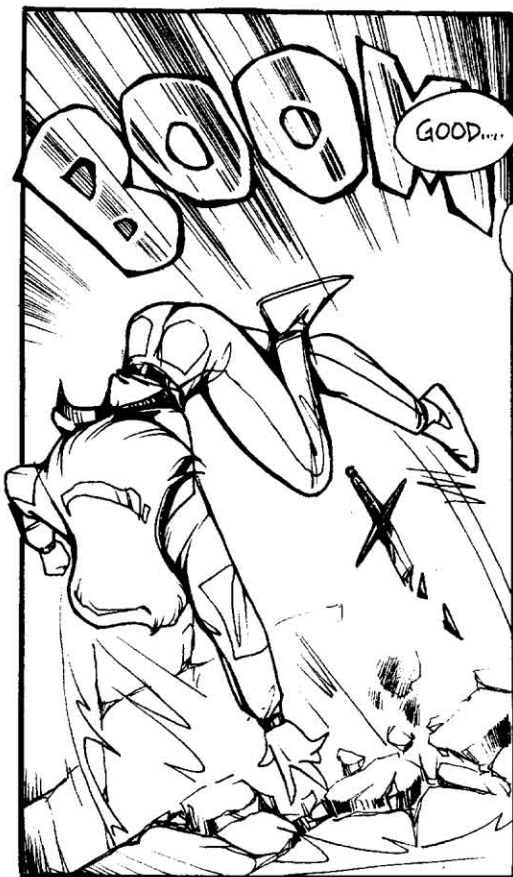
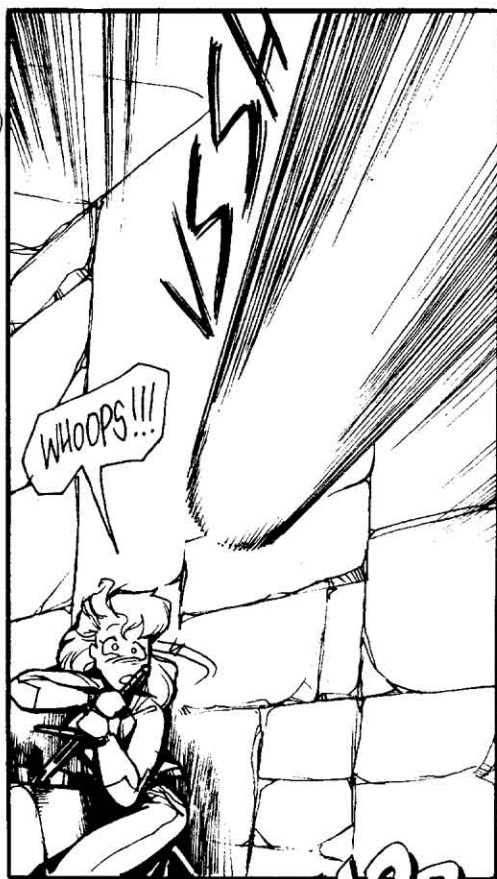














HAVE IT *YOUR* WAY, THEN... JUST REMEMBER THAT YOU BROUGHT THIS ON *YOURSELVES*...

YOU UNDERESTIMATE US, WOMAN...

AND *THAT* WILL BE YOUR *LUNDOING*!

WAS-WH WHOOOH

LOOK... I'M USED TO WRESTLING *DRAGONS* AND *TROLLS*...

SO PARDON ME IF I APPEAR UNIMRESSED.

THIS OUGHT TO WIPE THAT SMUG LOOK OFF HER GRILL...

SARAK

ARE YOU TRYING TO GET MY ATTENTION OR SOMETHING?

YES, HE WAS! AND NOW THAT HIS DIVERSION IS COMPLETE...

I MOVE IN FOR THE KILL

LOOK, JUNIOR... YOUR GRIP IS ALL WRONG!

GGUGG

SOMEONE CAN EASILY DISARM YOU WITH A WELL PLACED *FARRY*...

PING!

SEE? AND A REALLY GOOD WARRIOR CAN AIM YOUR SWORD AT YOUR FRIEND AT THE SAME TIME!!

!!

HOW-- HOW IN THE--

IT'S ALL IN THE FOLLOW-THROUGH...

GGUGG



ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO...
I'M GIVING YOU ONE
LAST CHANCE TO
GET OUT OF MY
WAY....

I DON'T
LIKE
HURTING
LIVING
BEINGS...

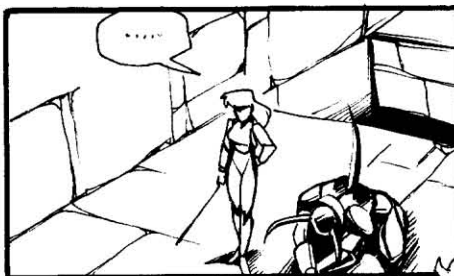


IF YOU WERE *LINDEAD*, YOU WOULD HAVE
WOUND UP LIKE YOUR *HORNED FRIEND*...

WE GET THE
MESSAGE,
LADY...

C'MON,
HANZO...

THE PAY WAS
TOO LOW ON THIS
JOB ANYWAY...



DAMN! I THOUGHT
THEY'D NEVER LEAVE!!...

MY BACK DIDN'T
QUITE AGREE WITH
THOSE LAST FEW
FLIPS...

MY STRENGTH, SPEED AND STAMINA
MAY BE AMONG THE GREATEST IN
ALL OF JADE, BUT THEY ARE
STILL FORTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD...



OW

...I'M GLAD I
DIDN'T HAVE
TO TACKLE THAT
LAST PAIR...



I'M REALLY
GOING TO BE
SORE WHEN
THIS IS
OVER...

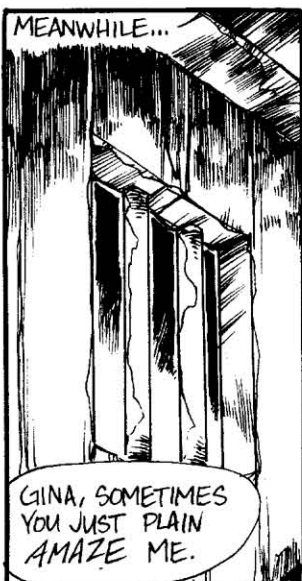


NOW TO FIND
THE GIRLS..

OH, OUR LITTLE
INVADER HAS A LARGER
WEAKNESS THAN I
THOUGHT SHE HAD.

A VERY EXPLOITABLE
ONE TOO...

LET'S GO
WELCOME
HER...



MEANWHILE...

GINA, SOMETIMES YOU JUST PLAIN AMAZE ME.



I MEAN, I'VE BEEN STANDING HERE WATCHING YOU DO EVERYTHING...

AND I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CONSTRUCTED AN ENTIRE WORKSHOP OUT OF METAL ORE AND SCRAP.

I SAW HOW TO DO IT ON A MCGUIVER EPISODE ONCE.

PASS ME THE OSCILLOSCOPE, WILL YA?



BUT WHY DID YOU BUILD THAT POWERED ARMOR FOR ME?

USUALLY YOU GO FOR A SUPER-CAR OR SOMETHING IF YOU WANT TO BUILD A HIGH-TECH WEAPON...



THAT GHOST-KNIGHT SAID HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT US WITH HIS MAGIC ARMOR...

WELL, I THINK IT WOULD ONLY BE FAIR TO CONFRONT HIM AGAIN WITH AN ARMOR OF OUR OWN!

— UNGH —
HERE, PUT THIS HEAVY NULL-PACK ON THE ENGINE BLOCK FOR ME...



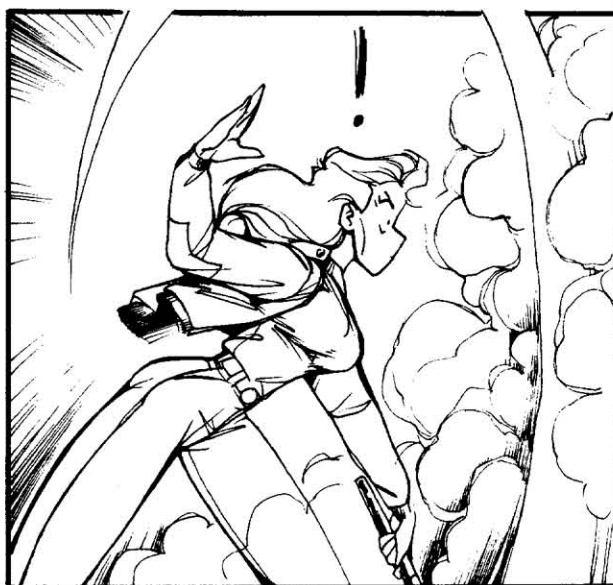
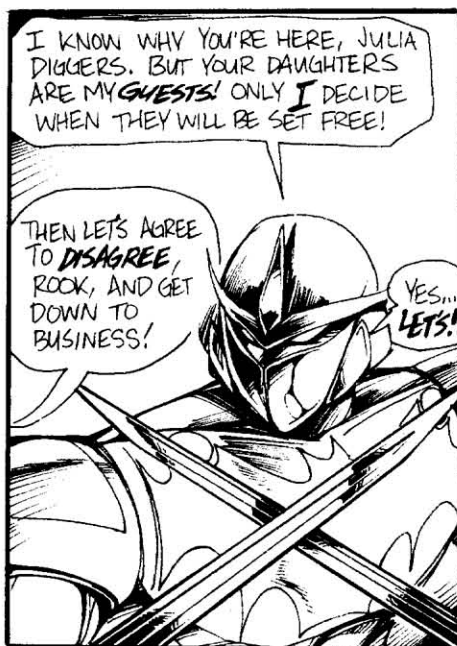
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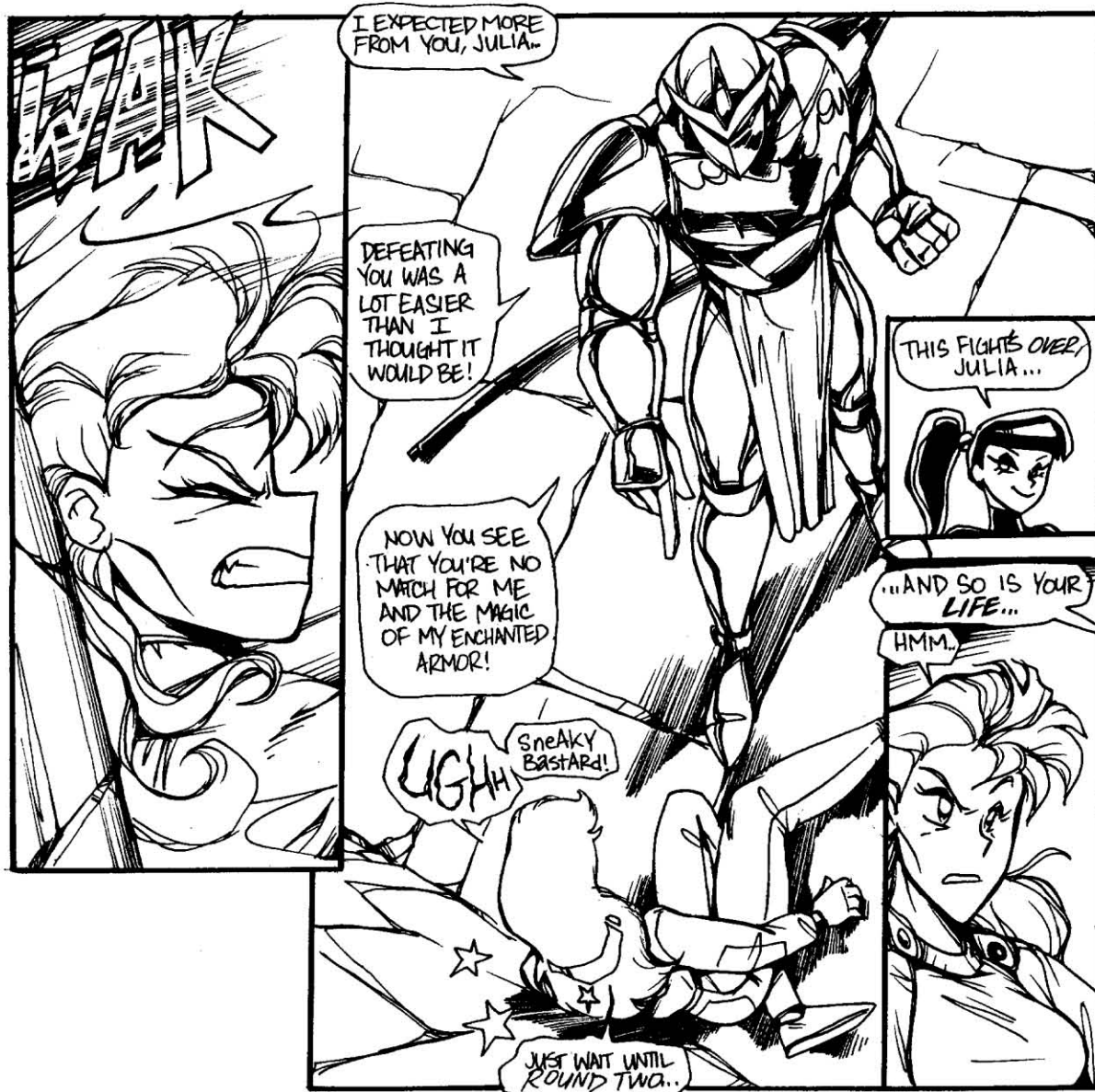
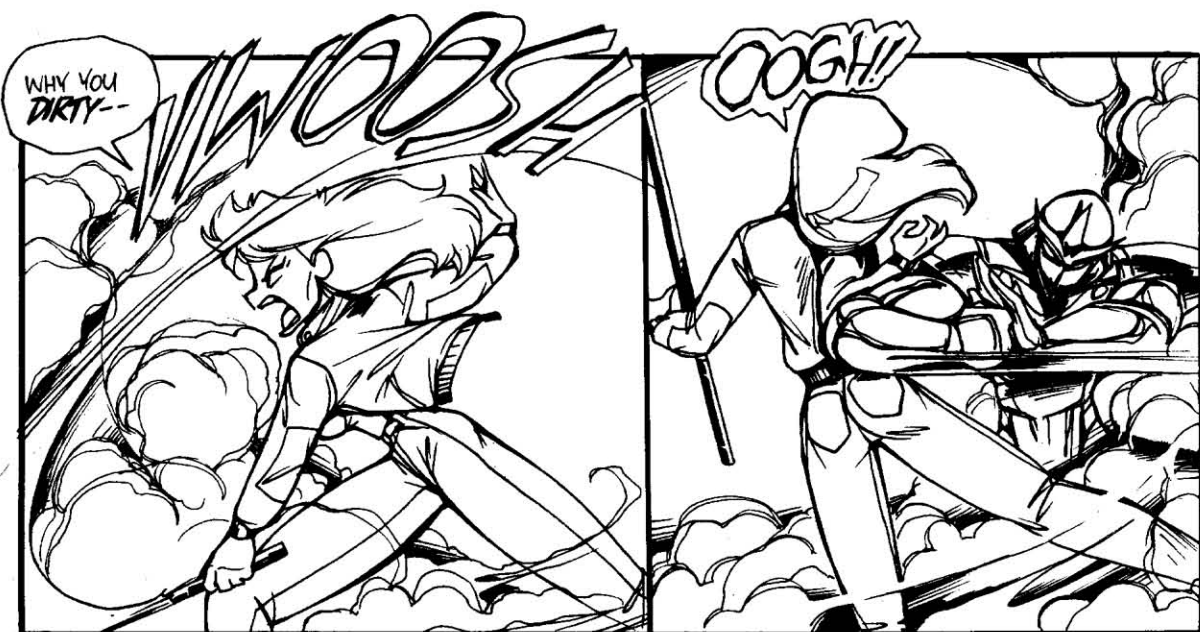
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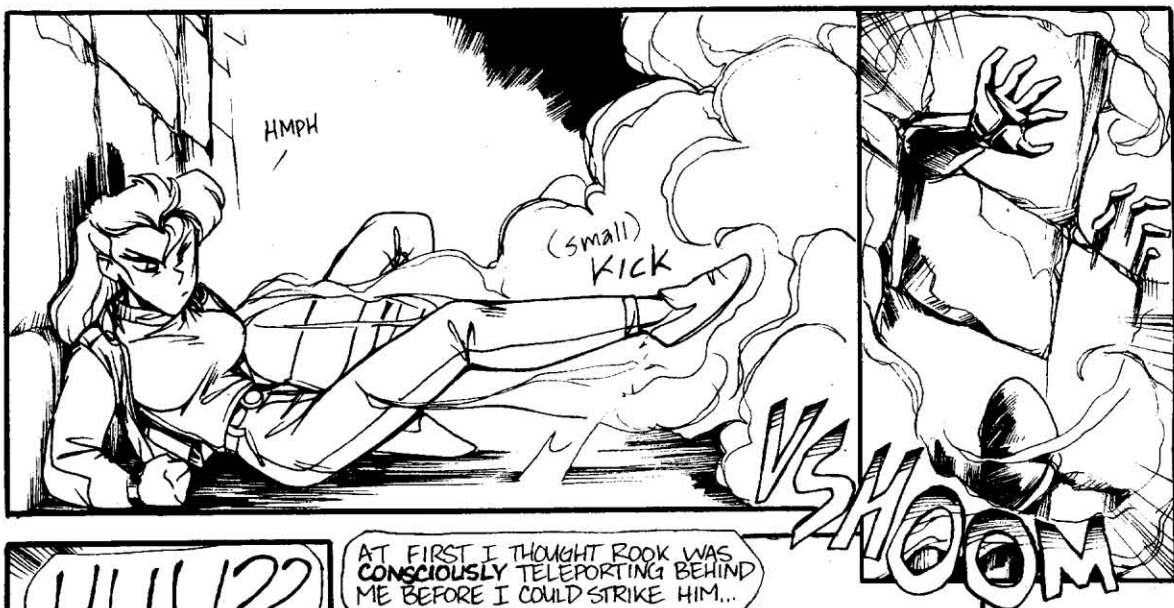
BRITANNY?

NO ANSWER

BUT THEY MUST BE AROUND HERE SOMEPLACE...







NNFF☆

UH HUH... YOU'RE **REALLY** GOING TO BE HURTIN' WHEN YOUR ADRENALIN RUNS OUT, **AINCHA**, OLD GIRL...

I'D BETTER FIND GINA AND BRITANNY BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE HAPPENS.

BOOM

MAGIC DOORS DO NOT A PRISON MAKE, CHEETS!

ALL RIGHT! IT'S **PAYBACK TIME!** LET'S ROLL!!

HUH?

MOM??

WHAT THE HECK ARE **YOU** DOING HERE??

I THINK SHE'S HERE TO **RESCUE** US, GINA...

LOOKS LIKE WE DIDN'T NEED THIS **POWERED ARMOR** AFTER ALL.

(WHERE'S THE **ZIPPER** ON THIS THING?)

AAHAHAHA...♡

THAT'S MY GIRLS. NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE AND INTO A NICE COMFORTABLE /N/N/...

(Giggle A **POWERED ARMOR**... HOW CUTE!)

I TOLD YOU WE WERE OVER-DOING IT.

AT LEAST WE DON'T HAVE TO RUN AROUND IN OUR **SKIVVIES** ANYMORE.

NEXT... THE LICH-KING pt3: CHEETAH vs. BRENDAN!