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Part 3

SO, GINA... BRITANNY...  
HOW DID YOU LIKE YOUR  
FIRST NIGHT ON JADE?

IT WASN'T TOO MUCH  
DIFFERENT FROM THE  
NIGHTS ON EARTH, MOM.  
I SLEPT LIKE A LOG,  
BUT GINA COULDN'T  
GET COMFORTABLE.

HOW COULD I? WE HAD  
A CRICKET IN OUR ROOM  
THAT WAS DRIVING ME  
INSANE!

WHEN I FIND THAT  
LITTLE CREEP, I'M---  
OOO! BREAKFAST!!  
THANKS, MOM!!

DON'T THANK  
ME, THANK THE  
INN KEEPER.

WHEN I TOLD HIM OF HOW YOU TWO  
WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY **ROOK** AND  
HOW I WAS ABLE TO RESCUE YOU AND FINISH  
ROOK FOR GOOD\*, HE MADE IT AS  
A SMALL REWARD!

ROOK ISN'T VERY  
POPULAR IN THIS TOWN.

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munch

mm!

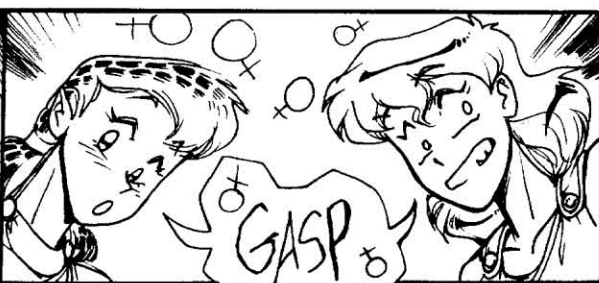
MOM? I KNOW WE'VE  
SAID IT A MILLION TIMES  
ALREADY, BUT THANKS  
FOR RESCUING US.

ARE YOU GONNA  
EAT THAT CHICKEN  
POT PIE, GINA?

MM  
HMM  
Gobbles

(AND COULD YOU  
PLEASE TAKE YOUR  
FEET FROM THE TABLE?)













HOWEVER...







WHO IS THIS  
BRENDAN?

HE'S A  
WEREWOLF  
MOM.



WHEN SHE AND I WERE TAKEN  
PRISONER IN ROOK'S CASTLE, I CAUGHT  
HIS SCENT! I KNOW HE'S ON VADE  
AND I KNOW WHERE HE WENT.

BRENDAN'S A **MURDERER**,  
MOM! HE MURDERED MY  
CLAN AND HE *WOULD* HAVE  
MURDERED **ME** IF DAD  
DIDN'T STOP HIM...

AND YOU'RE GOING  
TO GET YOUR **REVENGE**.

YOU KNOW YOUR **FATHER'S**  
ATTITUDE ON **VENGEANCE**,  
BRITTANY. IF HE WERE HERE...

BUT YOU'RE  
HERE, MOM,  
NOT DAD.

I KNOW... Uhm,.....

... CAN I ... HELP?  
I'M **GREAT** WITH VENGEANCE!



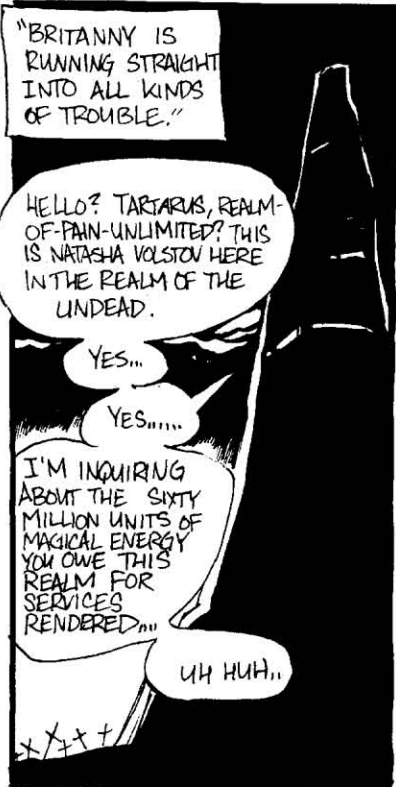
SORRY, MOM...

I'VE GOT TO  
DO THIS ON  
MY OWN.

BUT...

**DAMNIT DAMNIT DAMNIT!**  
I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HER!  
**DAMNIT JULIA!** AND THAT "CAN  
I HELP" JUNK DIDN'T  
HELP EITHER!!

**WHOOSH!**



"BRITTANY IS  
RUNNING STRAIGHT  
INTO ALL KINDS  
OF TROUBLE."

HELLO? TARTARUS, REALM-  
OF-PAIN-UNLIMITED? THIS  
IS NATASHA VOLSTOV HERE  
IN THE REALM OF THE  
UNDEAD.

YES...

YES.....

I'M INQUIRING  
ABOUT THE SIXTY  
MILLION UNITS OF  
MAGICAL ENERGY  
YOU OWE THIS  
REALM FOR  
SERVICES  
RENDERED...

UH HUH...



... UH HUH!

WELL, IF YOU DON'T  
MAKE THE PAYMENT  
BY TOMORROW, WE'LL  
BE **FORCED** TO TAKE  
POSSESSION OF YOUR  
REALM....

AND DON'T  
THINK WE  
WON'T...

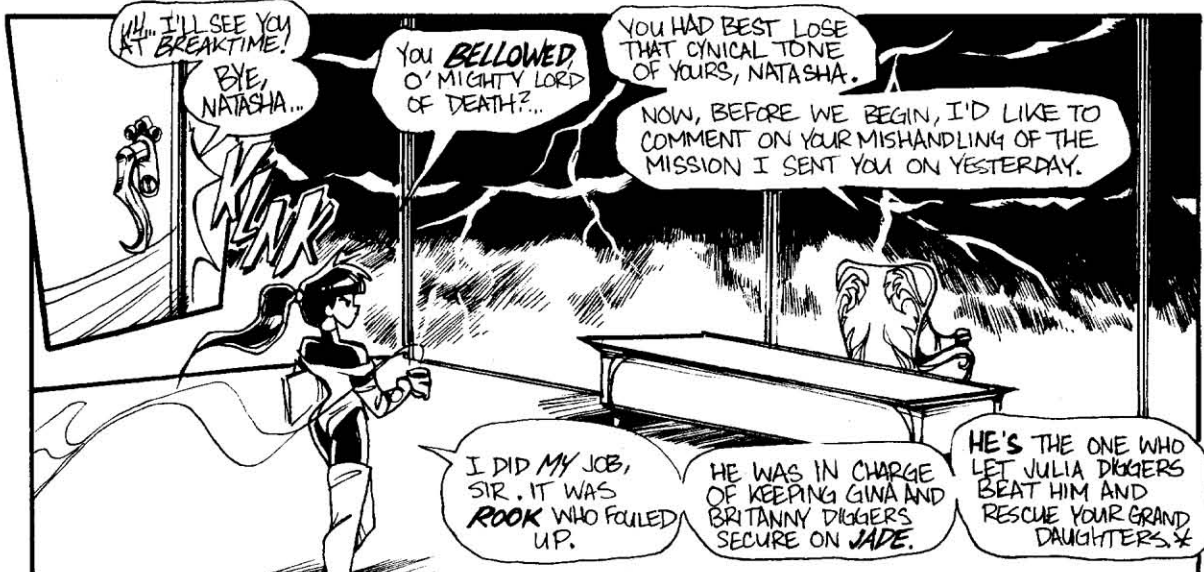
COULD YOU  
"HOLD"  
PLEASE-

NATASHA!  
DO YOU HAVE  
THE **LIMBO**  
PROJECT  
FILES??

**BRING  
BRING**



NO, VLAD, I DON'T HAVE THE PROJECT FILES. NOW GO AWAY!



Ugh... I'll see you at breaktime!

BYE, NATASHA...

YOU **BELLOWED** O' MIGHTY LORD OF DEATH?...

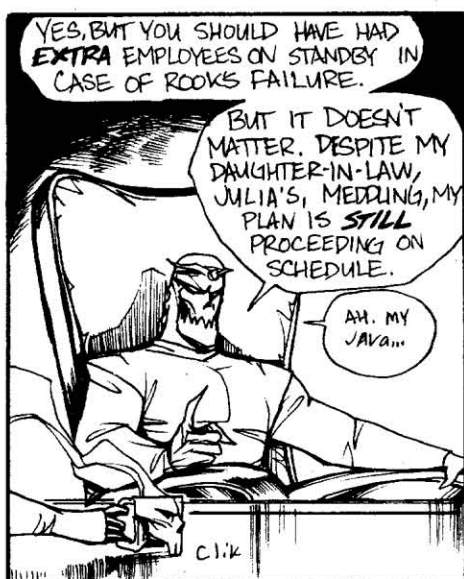
YOU HAD BEST LOSE THAT CYNICAL TONE OF YOURS, NATASHA.

NOW, BEFORE WE BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO COMMENT ON YOUR MISHANDLING OF THE MISSION I SENT YOU ON YESTERDAY.

I DID MY JOB, SIR. IT WAS **ROOK** WHO FOULED UP.

HE WAS IN CHARGE OF KEEPING GINA AND BRITANNY DIGGERS SECURE ON **JADE**.

HE'S THE ONE WHO LET JULIA DIGGERS BEAT HIM AND RESCUE YOUR GRAND DAUGHTERS. \*



YES, BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD **EXTRA** EMPLOYEES ON STANDBY IN CASE OF **ROOKS** FAILURE.

BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. DESPITE MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, JULIA'S, MIDDING, MY PLAN IS **STILL** PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE.

AH. MY JAVAA...



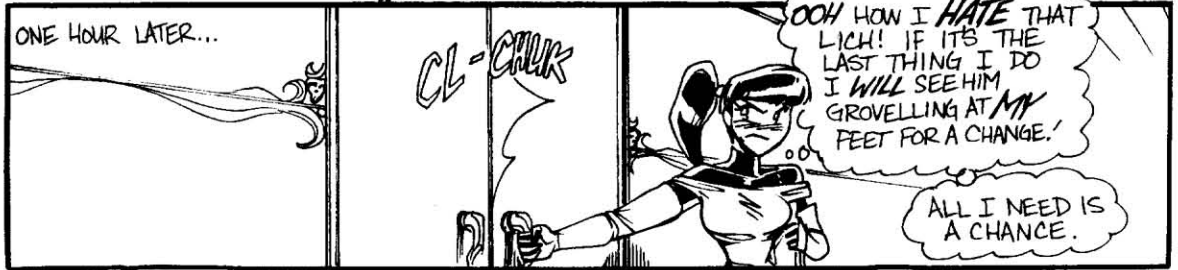
AND NOW THE REPORT. OUR REALMS MAGICAL ENERGY RESERVE IS CURRENTLY --

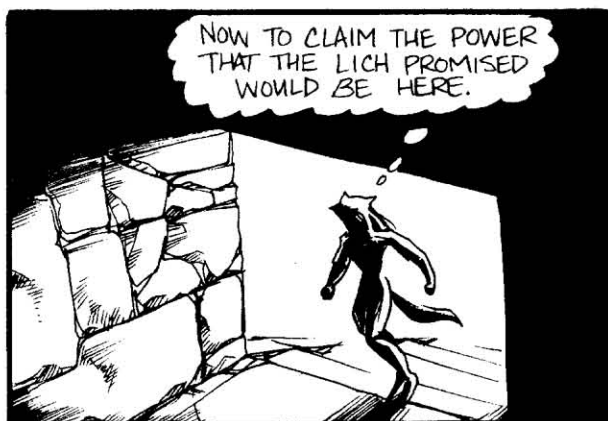


NATASHA, YOU **KNOW** THAT'S NOT THE PROPER WAY TO GIVE A REPORT.

COME HERE AND DO IT **RIGHT**.





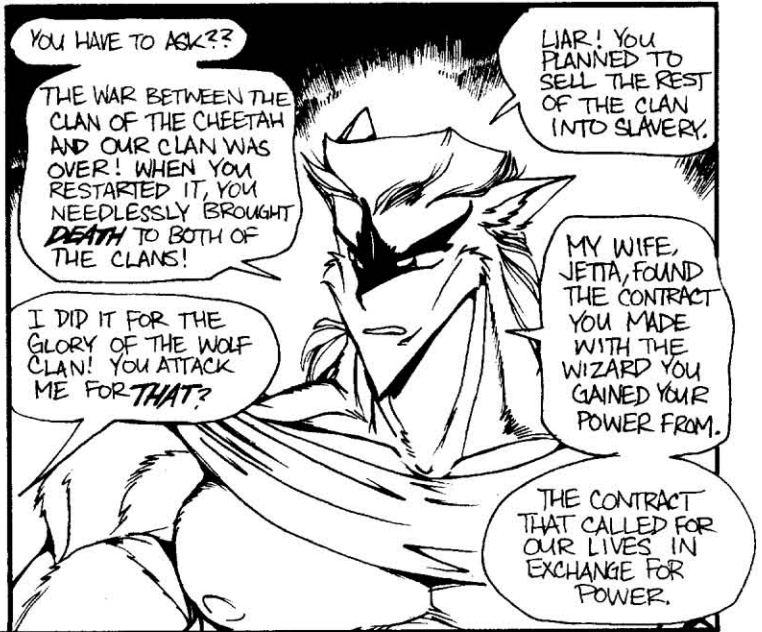






THABIAN! AND MY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING SON, SANDER!!

HOW **DARE** YOU ATTACK ME!!



YOU HAVE TO ASK??

THE WAR BETWEEN THE CLAN OF THE CHEETAH AND OUR CLAN WAS OVER! WHEN YOU RESTARTED IT, YOU NEEDLESSLY BROUGHT **DEATH** TO BOTH OF THE CLANS!

I DID IT FOR THE GLORY OF THE WOLF CLAN! YOU ATTACK ME FOR **THAT**?

LIAR! YOU PLANNED TO SELL THE REST OF THE CLAN INTO SLAVERY.

MY WIFE, JETTA, FOUND THE CONTRACT YOU MADE WITH THE WIZARD YOU GAINED YOUR POWER FROM.

THE CONTRACT THAT CALLED FOR OUR LIVES IN EXCHANGE FOR POWER.



IT APPEARS YOU KNOW MORE OF THE TRUTH THAN I THOUGHT... AND SANDER... IS THAT MY BOOK OF POWER YOU HAVE?

THE VERY SAME ONE THAT JETTA HID FROM YOU SOME TWENTY YEARS AGO....

I USED IT TO FIND YOU, FATHER. AND I'LL USE IT TO BRING JUSTICE BACK TO OUR CLAN'S NAME.



WHEN JETTA HID MY BOOK FROM ME, SHE USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEAT ME IN COMBAT AND BANISH ME FROM THE CLAN...

IF ONLY MY DARLING DAUGHTER WERE HERE NOW!....



Huh - WHAT THE



...SO I COULD SHOW **HER** THE POWER SHE STRIPPED FROM ME...

BUT THE TWO OF YOU WILL DO!







BUT I DON'T INTEND  
TO LET THE TWO OF  
YOU STAY UNCONSCIOUS  
FOR LONG!!!

**DRAGON'S  
DEATH-CLAW!**

OH NO YOU  
DON'T...

WHAT?

I'VE BEEN WAITING  
TO MEET YOU FOR A  
**LONG TIME,**  
BRENDAN...

WELL, WELL.

I MUST ADMIT, WERE-  
CHEETAH. YOUR ARRIVAL  
IS SOMEWHAT OF A  
**SURPRISE!**

THE LAST TIME WE MET,  
YOU WERE A HELPLESS KITTEN  
WATCHING ME KILL YOUR  
**MOTHER!!**

**YOU  
BASTARD!**

YES, AND I'M DAMN GOOD AT  
BEING ONE TOO! BUT YOU DIDN'T COME  
HERE JUST TO TAKE REVENGE  
ON ME...

OTHER WISE WE'D  
BE FIGHTING BY NOW.

WHAT DO YOU  
WANT FROM  
ME?...

I WANT TO  
KNOW WHY YOU  
DID IT!

WHY DID YOU  
KILL MY  
CLAN, MY  
FAMILY AND  
MY MOTHER!

NOW HOW DID I KNOW  
YOU WERE GOING TO SAY  
THAT?

I'LL ANSWER  
YOUR QUESTION,  
WERE-CAT.

I'LL TELL  
YOU EVERYTHING!

JUST TO WATCH  
YOU SQUIRM AS  
YOU TAKE IN  
EVERY DETAIL!

AND AFTER  
YOU'RE FINISHED,  
I'LL KNOCK THAT  
STUPID SMIRK  
RIGHT OFF  
YOUR FACE,  
BUSTER!



THEY ARE ALSO THE MOST SUPERSTITIOUS AND VICIOUS. THAT MAKES THEM THE **DEADLIEST**.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT YOUR CLAN'S DEATH WAS INSTIGATED BY A **THIRD PARTY**, WERE-CAT...

ON EARTH THERE ARE **THREE** CLANS OF WERE-FOLK, MY DEAR.

THE THIRD IS THE WERE-RAT CLAN.

THEY ARE THE LARGEST AND MOST SECRETIVE CLAN.

THEY HAD A PROPHET, A SEER WHO FORTOLD THE END OF THEIR DISGUSTING CLAN THROUGH THE DEEDS OF A **LONE WERE-CAT**.



THAT'S WHERE I CAME IN.

THE SEER CAME TO ME AND PROMISED TO REVEAL THE LOCATION OF ONE WHO COULD GRANT ME **GREAT POWER** IF I PROMISED TO KILL EVERY LAST WERE-CHEETAH.

I HAD ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE EARTH WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE WITHOUT YOUR KIND, SO I ACCEPTED.



INCIDENTALLY, THEY'D ALREADY DEVELOPED AN IMMENSE **FEAR** OF YOUR KIND, AND THEY KEPT TABS ON YOUR CLAN AT EVERY SECOND... (NO DOUBT THAT THEY STILL KEEP TABS ON **YOU**.)

THE REST OF THE STORY YOU PROBABLY LEARNED ON YOUR **OWN**....

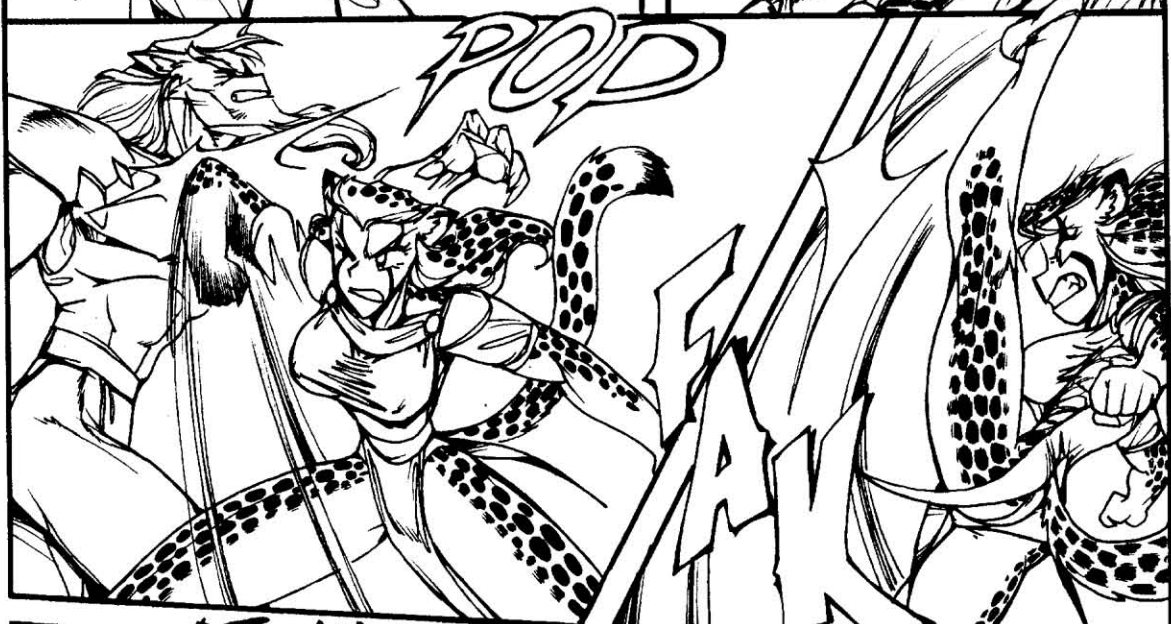
MY CLAN WAS TIRED OF FIGHTING YOUR CLAN AND WANTED **PEACE**, SO I TRICKED BOTH CLANS INTO FIGHTING EACH OTHER WHILE I USED THE POWER I OBTAINED FROM THE BARGAIN TO TIP THE ODDS OVERWHELMINGLY AGAINST YOUR CLAN ETCETERA ETCETERA...

HAPPY NOW?













THATS WHAT  
YOU GET, YOU  
EVIL SON OF  
A 4#17\$

BOOM

WHOO



OKAY, BRENDAN!....  
I FELT YOUR VERTEBRA  
SNAP WHEN I  
STRUCK YOUR  
SPINE...

YOU'RE  
PARALYZED  
FOR GOOD.

NO LYCANTHROPE  
CAN HEAL THAT  
KIND OF DAMAGE  
TAKEN FROM  
ANOTHER  
LYCANTHROPE,  
SILVER OR  
MAGIC...

WHY DON'T  
YOU CRAWL  
OUT OF  
THIS RUBBLE-



-AND GIVE  
YOURSELF UHHH



NNHH

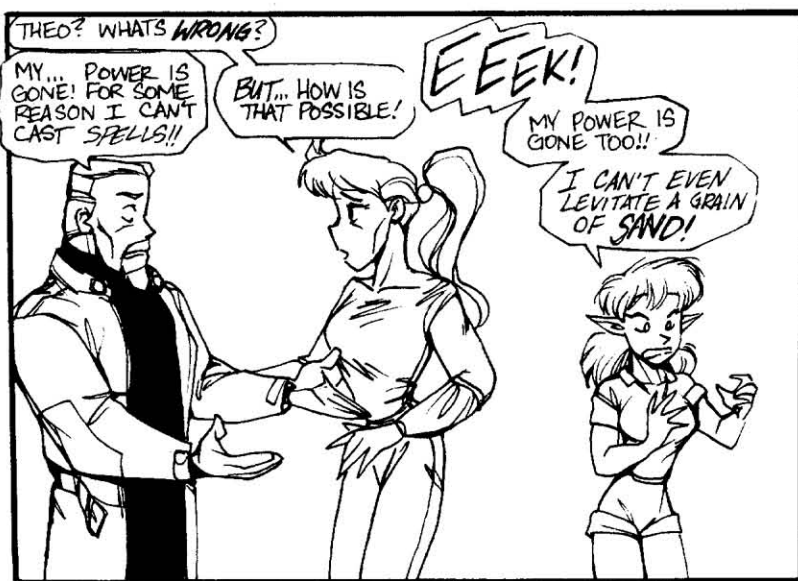
WHATEVER'S  
GOING ON HERE...

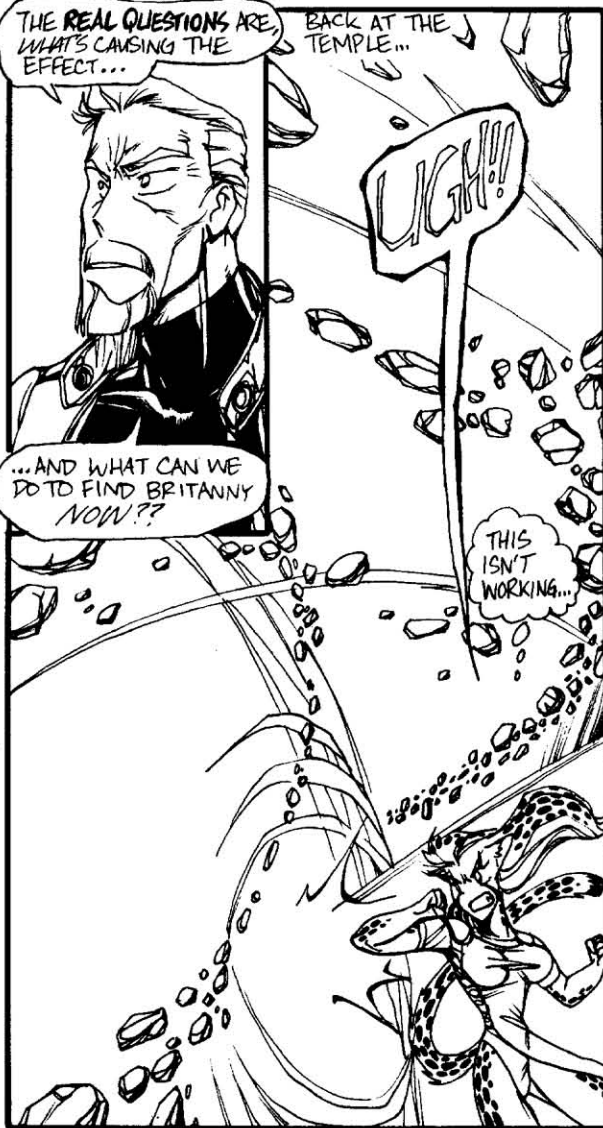
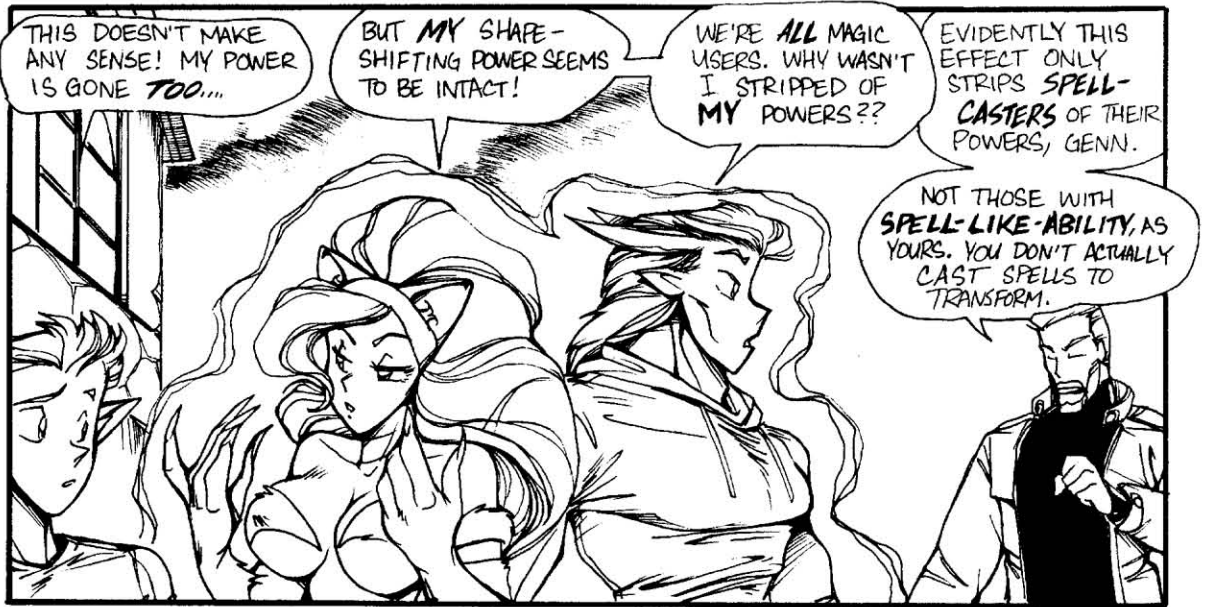


I JUST KNOW IT'S  
GONNA RUIN MY  
WHOLE DAMN DAY!



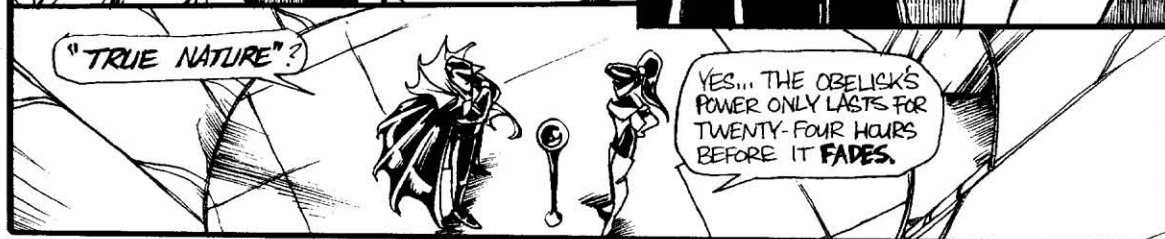












\* ROOK TOLD NATASHA THIS LAST ISSUE - F.

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I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK I KNOW WHERE TO FIND OUT.

COME, VLAD. LET'S GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.

VEILWIN ROOM



???

VEILWIN ROOM

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

TASHA, VLAD, YER UNDER

**ARREST, DUDES!**

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE **COLD-BUSTED!**

SOMEBODY READ 'EM THE CHARGES!



Ehem... CONSPIRACY TO CONSPIRE AGAINST THE LICH-KING AND THIS COMPANY... UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE COPIER... THEFT OF COMPANY STATIONERY...

**HOLD IT!**

VLAD AND I ARE ON THE VERGE OF TOPPLING THAT **LICH** FOR GOOD!

HE SENT YOU HERE TO **STOP** US!!

CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT HE'S DOING?



SORRY, NATASHA-BABE...

CAN'T TALK YER WAY OUTTA **THIS** ONE!

BUT DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE **FIRED**...

YOU'RE OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE ELITE CUSTODIAL STAFF!

GET TO WORK, SCRUB-DUDES!



TO BE CONTINUED (of course)