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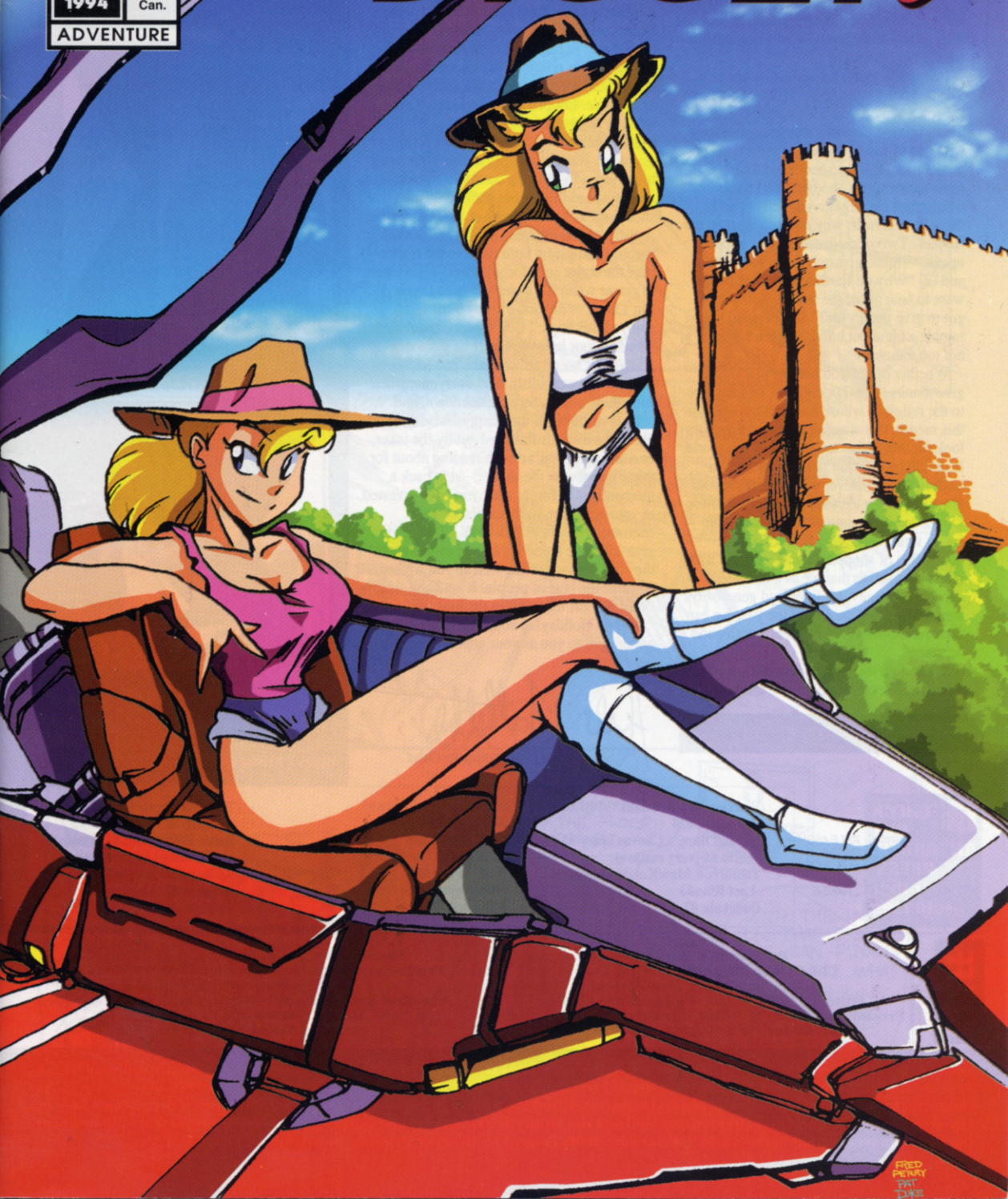
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ADVENTURE



FRED
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THE MONOLITH TOWER.
CENTER OF THE REALM
OF THE UNDEAD AND
HOME OF THIS REALM'S
ABSOLUTE RULER,
JONATHAN DIGGERS,
KING OF ALL LICHES...

REACHING TWO HUNDRED STORIES
INTO THE
CHARRED AIR
IT TOWERS
ABOVE THE
LAND....

KEEPING
IT CLEAN
IS **HELL**
ON THE
JANITORS...

VLAD?
I'M
SORRY...

...THIS WHOLE MESS
IS MY FAULT!!

I WAS SO CONCERNED WITH THE LICH KING'S
PLAN TO CAPTURE HIS GRAND DAUGHTER, GINA,
AND RENDER HELPLESS GINA'S FATHER, FRIENDS
AND FAMILY, I DIDN'T BOTHER TO COVER
MY TRACKS...

I WAS SURE
THAT IF I
FOUND THE
TRUE PURPOSE
BEHIND THAT
LICH'S PLANS,
I COULD
USE IT TO
TOPPLE HIM.

I WAS **DETERMINED** TO
REGAIN MY STATUS AS
QUEEN OF THE VAMPIRES
AND RULER OF THE REALM.
(WITH YOU AT MY SIDE,
OF COURSE.)

NOW LOOK
AT US!
DEMOTED
TO JANITORS
AND STRIPPED
OF OUR VAMPIRIC
POWERS!

I **FAILED**.

THE LICH
HAS WON.

DON'T BE SO SURE,
MY DEAR NATASHA...

A... A BOOK OF **MAGIC** ON CD-ROM!
AND A MAGIC "POWER-BOOK"
PORTABLE COMPUTER!! HOW DID YOU--

NOW, NOW, NATASHA. YOU MAY HAVE
BEEN THE LICH KING'S PERSONAL
SECRETARY BEFORE WE WERE ...
DEMOTED...

BUT I
WAS IN CHARGE
OF THE SUPPLY
STAFF!!

C'MON. WE NEED A
LITTLE **PRIVACY** TO
CHECK OUT THAT
CD-ROM DISK
AND I KNOW
JUST THE PLACE
TO GET IT!

YOU KNOW WHAT?
I'VE BEEN AROUND
FOR FIVE HUNDRED
YEARS AND I'VE
NEVER BEEN INSIDE
A LADIES ROOM
BEFORE.

I WOULD HOPE NOT!

NOW STOP JOKING AROUND
AND COME ON VLAD! WE
HAVE TO WAX THE FLOOR
IN THERE ANYWAY...



WITH THE INFO
ON THAT DISK,
WE CAN FINALLY
DETERMINE WHAT
THE LICH KING
IS **REALLY** UP
TO AND STOP
HIM FOR **ALL**
TIME!!

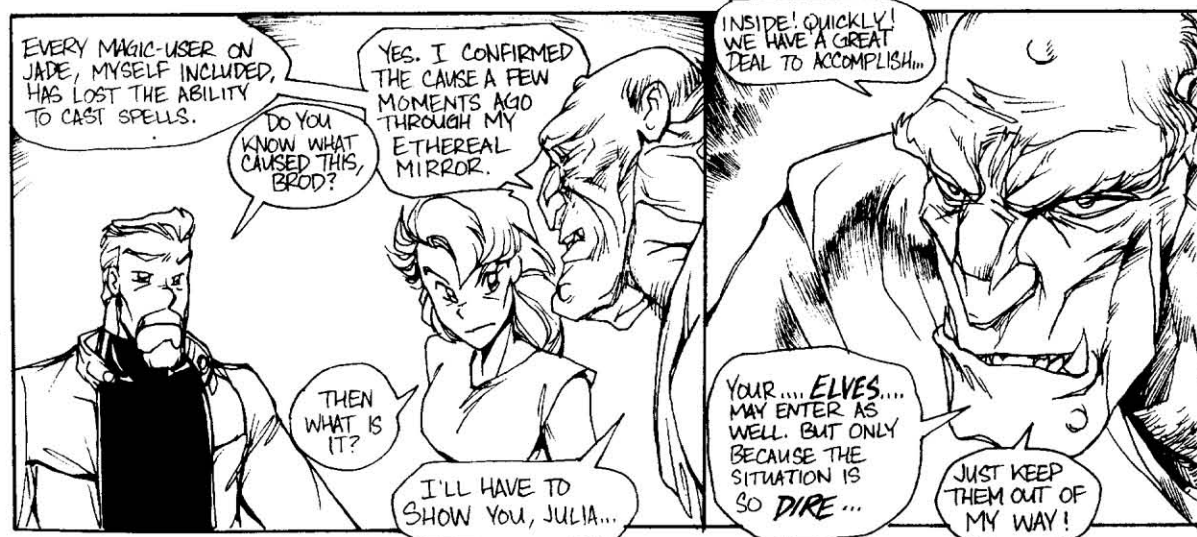
BUT WHAT IF THE LICH KING USES HIS SCRYING GLASS TO SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING LIKE THE LAST TIME, NATASHA?...
 WHAT IF WE'RE BEING WATCHED **RIGHT NOW?**
 WE'LL BE SAFE IN THE LADIES' ROOM, VLAD. IT'S LINED WITH **ETHER-ROCK**. IT'S PROOF AGAINST ALL SCRYING GLASSES!
 SHE'S RIGHT. I HAD IT LINED MYSELF TO KEEP THOSE **PERVERT-SKELETONS** FROM PEEPIING IN THERE.

NATASHA IS DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO FINDING THE **TRUE** REASON FOR MY PLAN.
 MY POWERS WEAKEN EVERY SECOND I REMAIN IN THIS UNDEAD HUSK OF A BODY.
 I MUST POSSESS GINA'S BODY TO REGAIN MY MIGHT.
 WITH MY PLAN, I WAS ASSURED THAT I WOULD HAVE AMPLE TIME TO COMPLETE THE SOUL TRANSFER SPELL WITHOUT **INTERRUPTION**.

NATASHA MUST BE **STOPPED...** BUT IN A WAY THAT WILL NOT DRAW ATTENTION TO HER **EFFORTS...**
SHADOW. YOU MAY ENTER.
 WHAT IS YOUR COMMAND, MASTER?
 NATASHA VOSTOV AND VLAD KARNOV ARE OF NO USE TO ME ANY LONGER. DRAW THEM INTO YOUR DARK VOID AND **KEEP** THEM THERE **FOREVER...**

NOW TO SEE TO SOME **OTHER** BUSINESS...
 AT YOUR SERVICE SIR...
 AH DECISIONS DECISIONS...
 SEND IN THE APPLICANTS FOR MY NEW PERSONAL SECRETARY...

MEANWHILE, AT THE MAGICAL OBSERVATORY OF THE REALM OF JADE....
 THAT'S THE PLACE, GENN! LAND AT THE **ENTRANCE!**
 THANK GOODNESS! I COULDN'T HOLD THIS **DRAGON'S** FORM FOR MUCH LONGER, MRS. DIGGERS...



BROD!!

I'M SURPRISED AT YOU! I WOULD THINK YOU OF ALL TROLLS WOULD BE ABOVE PETTY PREJUDICE!

I KNOW TRADITIONALLY ELVES AND TROLLS HAVE NEVER GOTTEN ALONG, BUT-

I MAY BE AN ARCH MAGICIAN AND AMONG THE REALMS MOST LEARNED SCHOLARS, BUT I AM FAR FROM PERFECT.

BUT LET'S DISCUSS MY PREJUDICES AND IGNORANCE **LATER...**

...OBSERVE THE ETHEREAL MIRROR.

I BELIEVE I HAVE LOCATED THE SOURCE OF THIS MYSTERIOUS PROBLEM.

JULIA, LOOK!!

"HE'S ACTIVATED ITS POWER SOMEHOW! THE OBELISK HAS STRIPPED EVERY SPELL CASTER ON JADE OF POWER AND ENABLED THE WERE-WOLF TO USE THE POWERS OF THE REALMS MIGHTIEST MAGIC USERS!"

"BRITANNY'S IN TREMENDOUS DANGER!"

WHAT IS HE WAITING FOR!!

WHY DOESN'T HE SIMPLY **KILL** ME?

HE JUST SITS IN THAT CHAIR CHUCKLING TO HIMSELF!

JERK!

* LAST ISSUE - FRED.

THEO!! ITS BRITANNY! THAT WERE-WOLF HAS HER CAPTIVE SOMEHOW.

THAT'S NOT ALL, JULIA. THAT OBELISK THE WERE-WOLF IS HOLDING! ITS THE **MAGIC-SAPPER!!**

I WOULD HAVE **BEATEN** HIM IF IT WEREN'T FOR THOSE POWERS HE SNATCHED FROM THAT THINGAMABOB! *

I'M SURE YOU WOULD HAVE, MY DEAR.

HE-- HE CAN READ MY THOUGHTS?

YES, I CAN. AND THOSE THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN **MOST AMUSING.**



NOW LOOK AT YOU! TOTALLY AT MY MERCY!

You FAILED!

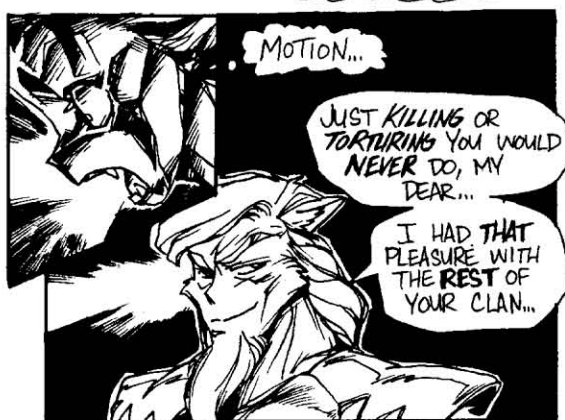
KISS MY FUZZY BE-HIND!



DESTROY ME?
UWAAH!

THAT IDIOT JUST SET ME FREE!!

HE MUST HAVE CAST THE WRONG SPELL OR SOMETHING!





MEANWHILE...
MILES AWAY IN A
SMALL VILLAGE...

HERE YOU ARE,
GINA. THE FINAL
PIECE CRAFTED
BY THE BEST
SMITHS IN JADE!

THANKS, GAR, BUT
WE DON'T NEED THAT
FRAME AFTER ALL.

BRIANNA BROUGHT
A SOLAR-GENERATOR,
SO I DIDN'T HAVE TO
CONSTRUCT A METHANE
ENGINE...



OKAY, GINA...
BUT IT'S A GOOD
THING THE SMITHS
IN THIS TOWN
AGREED TO CREATE
THIS FRAME AS
WELL AS ALL OF
THE OTHER PARTS
YOU DESIGNED
FOR FREE.

I WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO
HELP GET
THEM IF
WE HAD TO
PAY...

I THINK
IT'S THEIR
WAY OF
THANKING
JULIA FOR
GETTING RID
OF ROOK.

EVERYONE IN
THIS TOWN IS
GRATEFUL TO
YOUR MOTHER FOR
DESTROYING THE
KNIGHT-SPECTOR.
*

THAT ROOK
CHARACTER
MUST'VE
CAUSED THIS
VILLAGE A
LOT OF GRIEF!

I'M SWITCHING
ON THE POWER,
BRIANNA.



BY THE WAY, WHERE
IS JULIA?

MY DAD AND
SOME FRIENDS
ARRIVED, GAR.

THEY'VE GONE
WITH JULIA TO FIND
BRITANNY AND SEE ABOUT
A MYSTERIOUS
FORCE THAT'S
CRIPPLED
ALL MAGIC
USERS...

WEIRD,
HUH?

MOM THOUGHT IT
MIGHT BE A GOOD
IDEA FOR BRIANNA
AND ME TO STAY
BEHIND AND FINISH
THIS RESCUE
MACHINE...
JUST IN CASE.

GINA! I
GOT THE
GUNS TO
WORK.

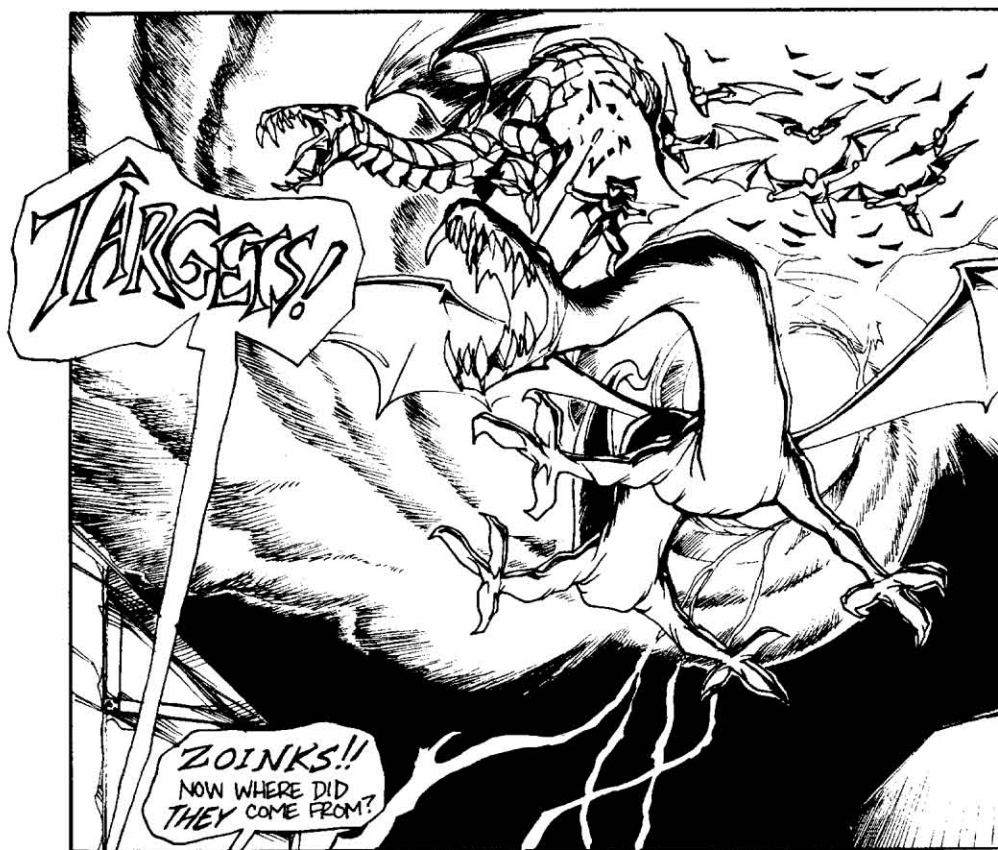
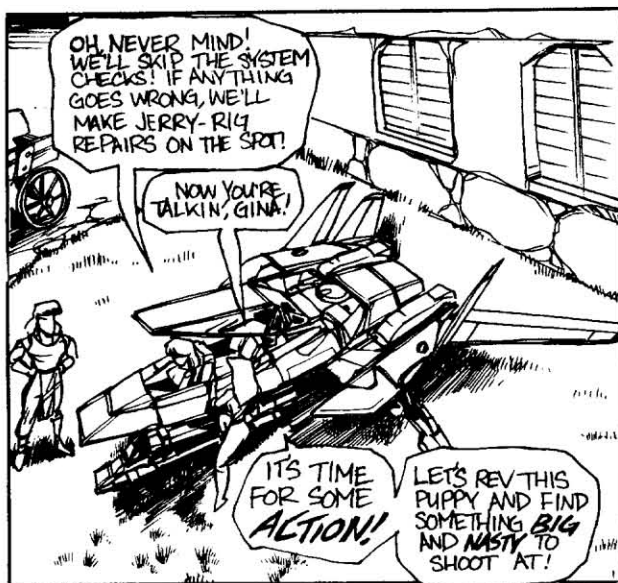
WILL YOU
CUT THAT
OUT?!

CRASH
VOOM

I'M TRYING TO
FINISH THE SURFACE
CONTROL SYSTEM
CHECK! YOUR
CANNONS MIGHT HAVE
THROWN OFF MY
READINGS!

WE GOTTA
CHECK THE GUNS
TOO YOU
KNOW...

HMM,
STRONG
MAGIC!





MY LORD, I'VE CROSSED FROM THE REALM OF THE UNDEAD TO JADE!

THE OBJECTIVE, GINA DIGGERS, IS IN SIGHT!

YOU MUST CAPTURE THE OBJECTIVE AT ALL COSTS!

SEE TO IT THAT SHE IS BROUGHT TO THE REALM OF THE UNDEAD UNHARMED.

AND A WORD OF CAUTION... IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CAST SPELLS ON JADE AT THE PRESENT! YOU MUST RELY ON YOUR VAMPIRIC POWERS OR YOUR MAGIC ITEMS! (THAT IS ALL FOR NOW.)

TSK. I MISS HAVING NATASHA AROUND ALREADY!

COULDN'T MAKE UP HIS MIND SO HE HIRED THEM ALL.



"IT WAS MUCH MORE FUN BOSSING AROUND SOMEONE WHO RESENTED IT..."

WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING??

OH I SEE... YOUR FORESIGHT IS COMMENTABLE, GINA...

I HOPE IT GUARDS YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY...

WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING??

THE FIGHT'S THE OTHER WAY!!



FIRST THINGS FIRST, BRIANNA...



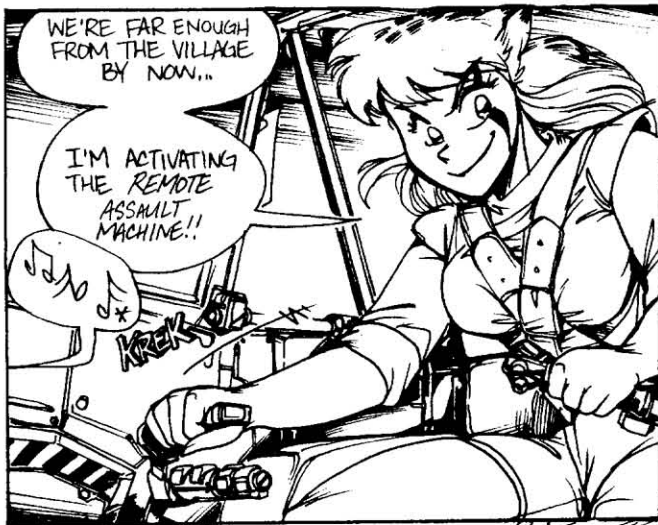
I'VE GOT TO LURE THOSE GOONS AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE!!

OOH! GOOD IDEA, GINA!

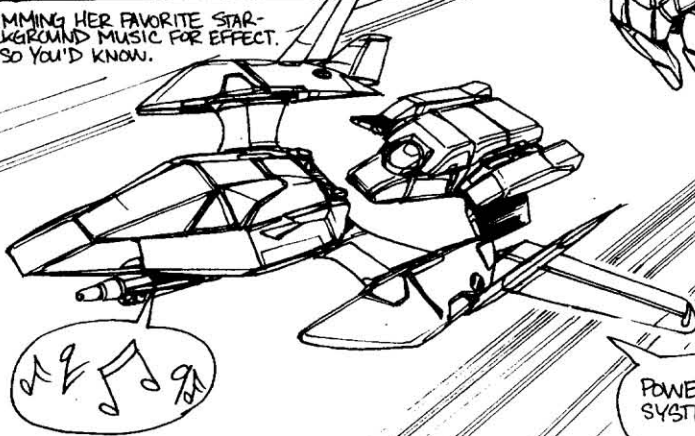
NOW WE CAN BLAST WHATEVER WE WANT!!

ACTUALLY I HAD THE VILLAGERS' SAFETY IN MIND, BRI.

OH YEAH... THAT'S GOOD TOO!



*GINA'S HUMMING HER FAVORITE STAR-WARS BACKGROUND MUSIC FOR EFFECT.
-- JUST SO YOU'D KNOW.

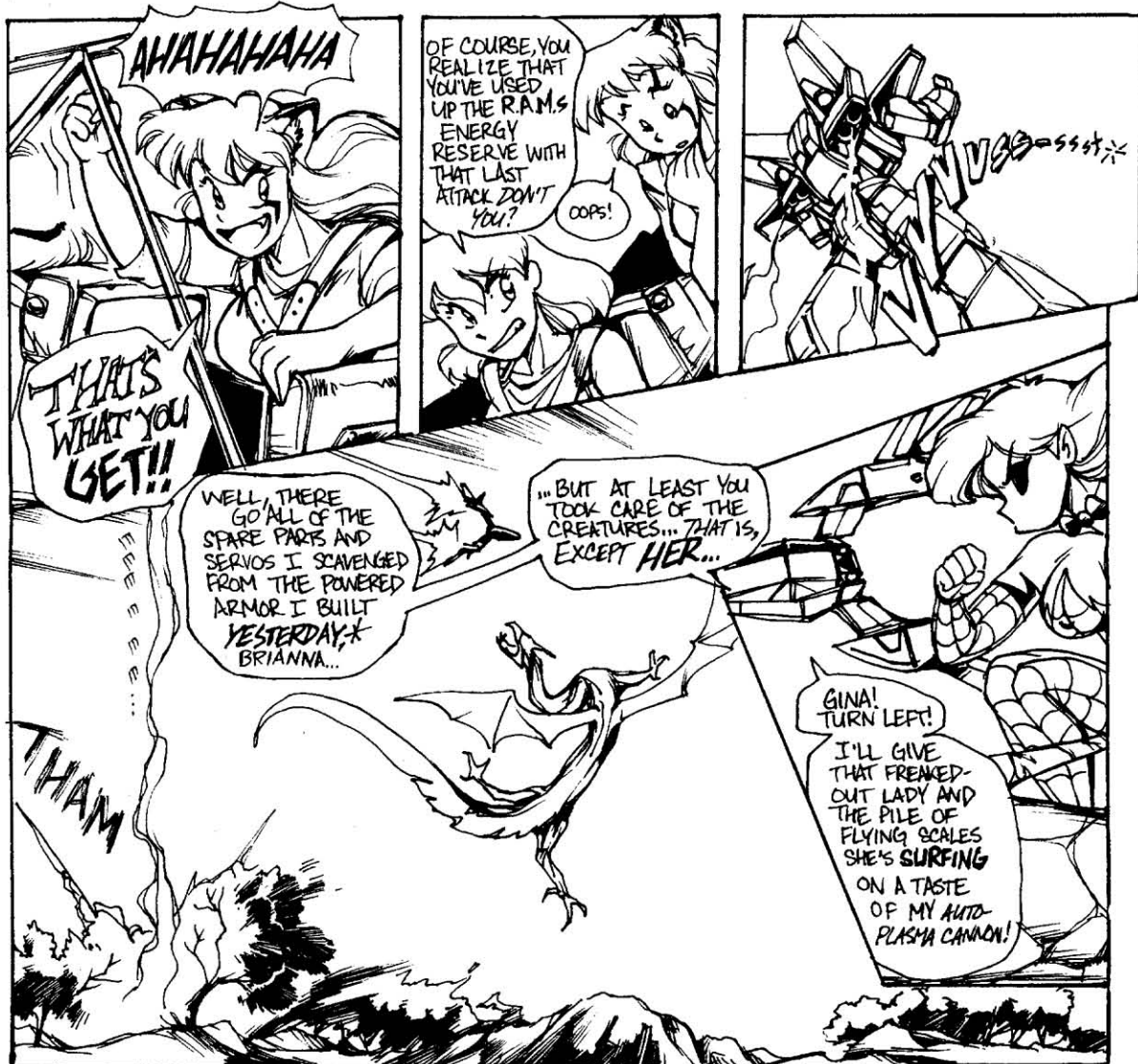


POWER UP! ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!!
IT'S ALL GOOD!!

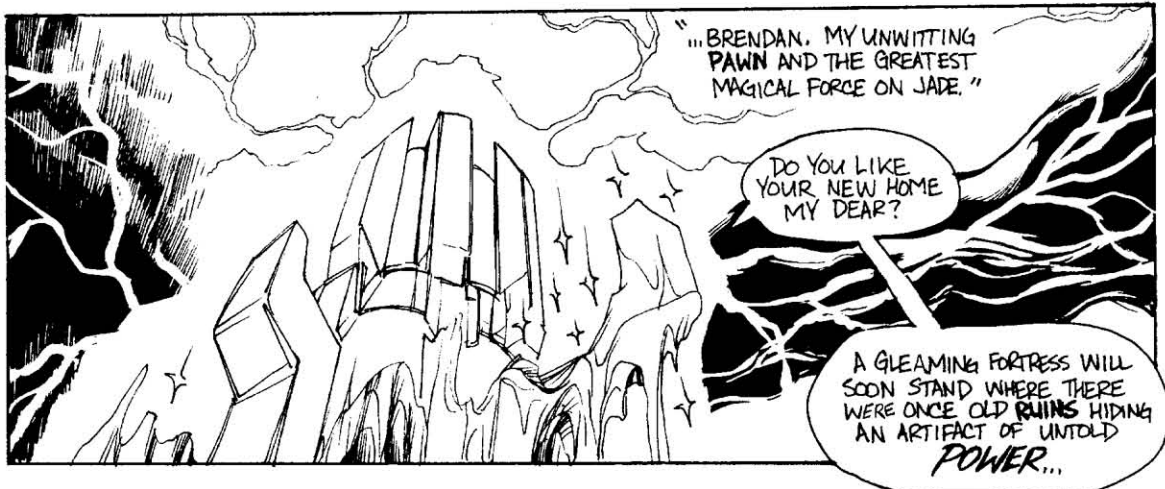


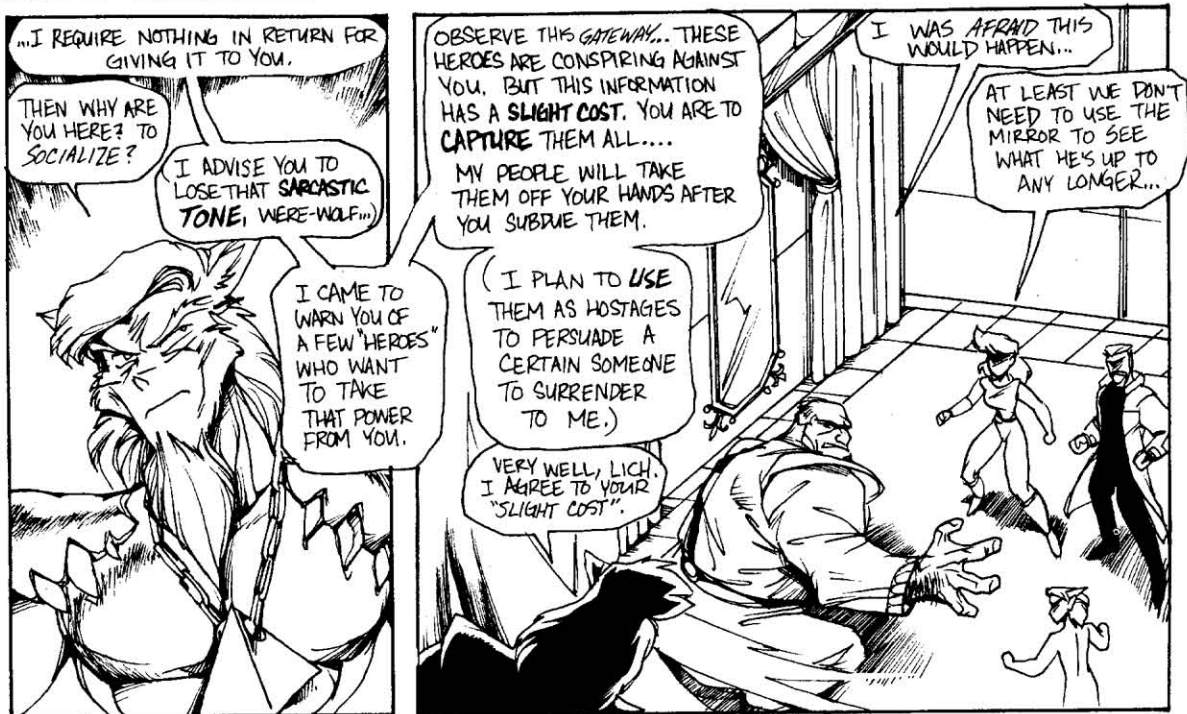
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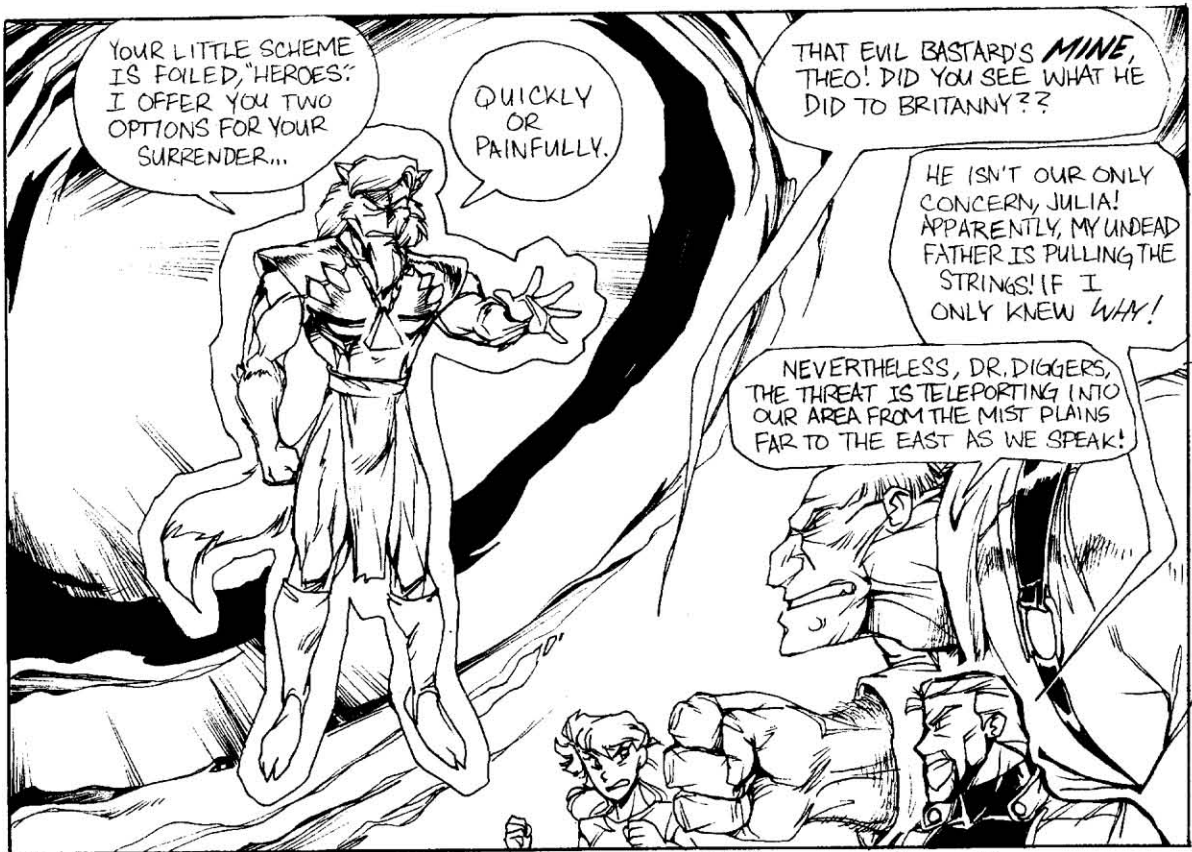






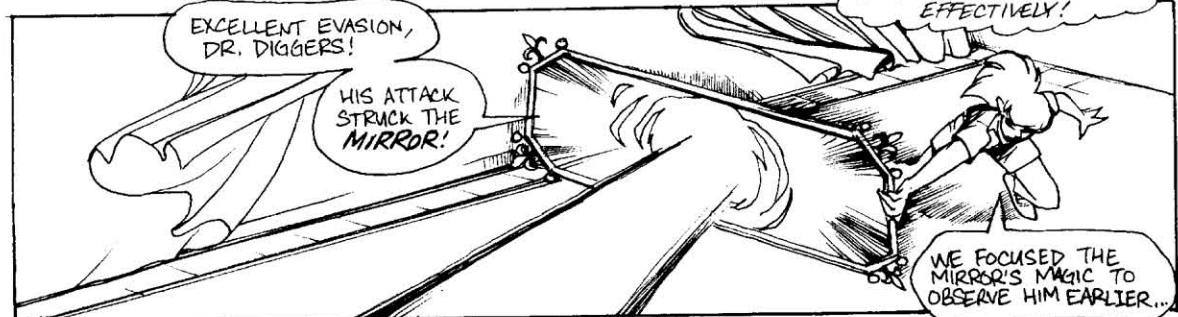






* ONLY THE ELVES COULD HEAR AT THE LEVEL HE'S WHISPERING.





BUT AT LEAST I'M NOT AS BAD
OFF AS OLD BRENDAN THERE.
HE REALLY TOOK HIMSELF OUT
WITH THAT LAST BLAST...

AS I WAS
SAYING, JULIA...

HE DOESN'T TRULY
REALIZE THE STRENGTHS
AND WEAKNESSES OF
THE AURA-POWERED
MAGIC HE WAS USING...

HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT AURA-USERS ARE
ALL BUT POWERLESS AGAINST METAL SUCH
AS JULIA'S KNIFE... OR THAT HE COULD
CONTROL THE EFFECT HIS WOUND WOULD
HAVE ON HIS BODY BY SPENDING ENERGY
TO RETAIN HIS STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

HIS IGNORANCE LED TO
HIS DOWNFALL!

NOW QUICKLY!
RELIEVE HIM
OF THE OBELISK
BEFORE HE
REVIVES!

THAT IS NOT
ALLOWED.

BRENDAN IS
UNDER THE PROTECTION
OF THE LICH-KING!!

LOOK OUT! TWO NEW
THREATS ARE GATING IN!
I SEE 'EM, GENN...
THEY'RE COMIN' OUT
OF THE FLIPPIN'
WOODWORK!

SINCE WHEN
DID WE GET SO
MANY ENEMIES,
THEO?

MORE OF MY FATHER'S
UNDERLINGS! WHATEVER
HE'S AFTER, JULIA, HE
WANTS IT BAD!!

STAY WHERE
YOU ARE,
MORTALS!
YOU ARE NOW
OUR CAPTIVES!

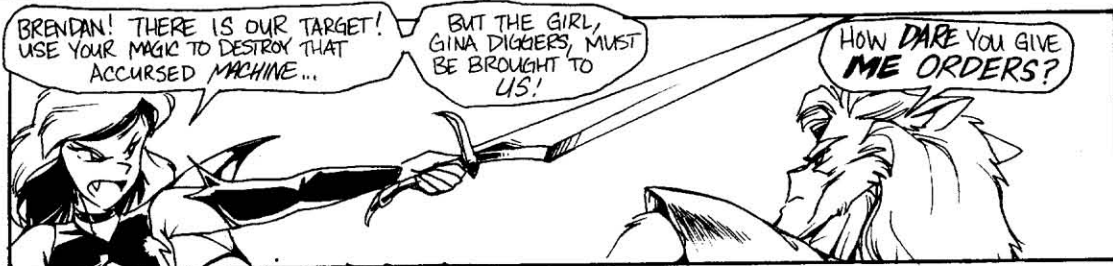
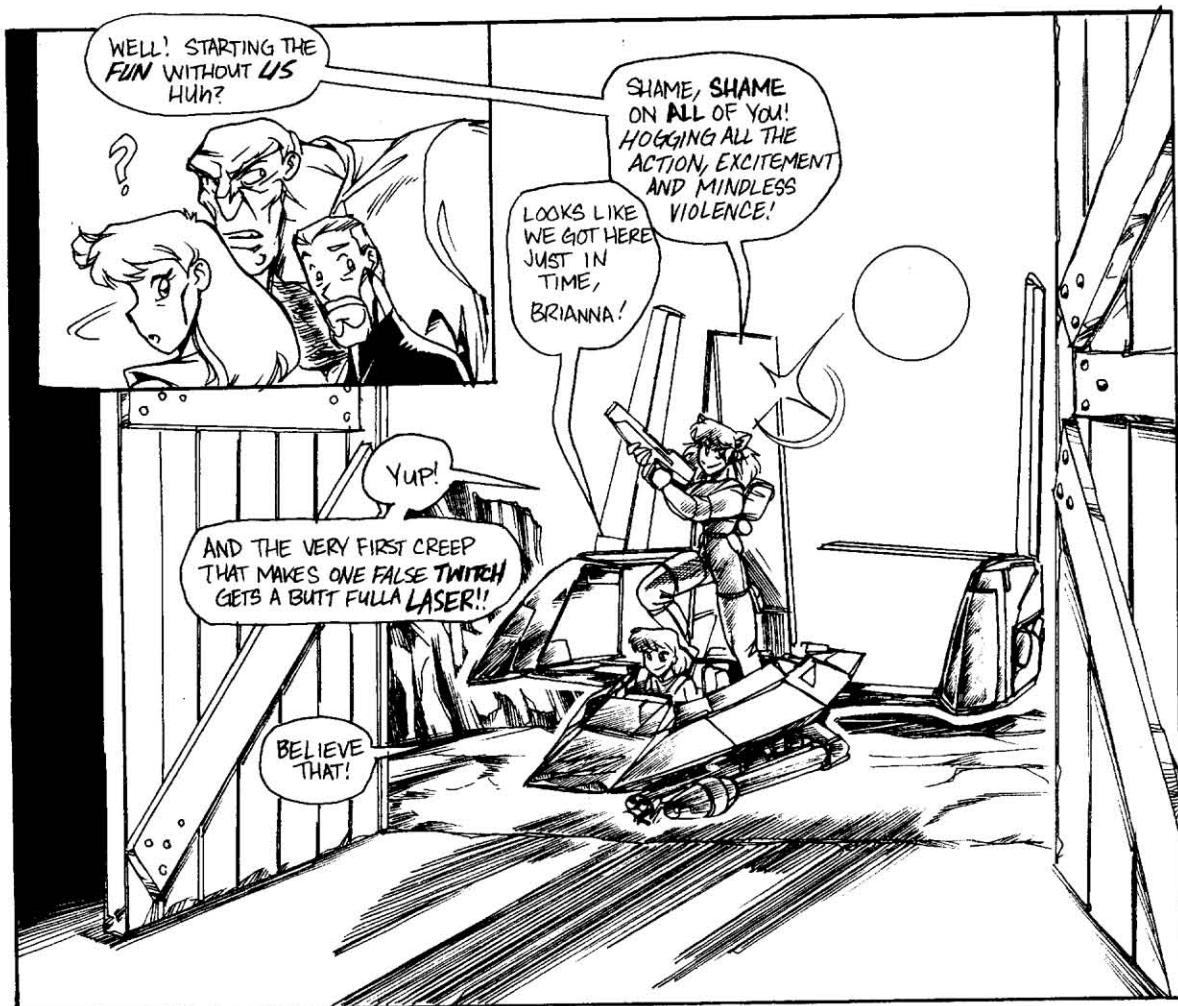
YOU MAY HAVE FARED WELL
AGAINST BRENDAN'S INCOMPETENCE,
BUT YOU HAVE NO HOPE AGAINST
OUR POWERS!...

UGHh

BRENDAN.

WE WERE SENT
FROM THE REALM
OF THE UNDEAD
TO HELP YOU.

JUST GIVE ME A
MOMENT...
TO HEAL AND
RECOVER...





MEANWHILE, IN THE REALM OF THE UNDEAD...

DAMN!
I CAN'T
FIND ANY-
THING,
VLAD!
WE'RE
STUCK.

HMM... LETS TRY
ACCESSING THE
AURA-USER'S
SPELL DATA
BASE.

HUH? WOULDN'T
WHAT WE NEED
BE IN THE
LICH-SPELL
DATA BASE?

IT'S JUST A HUNCH. WHEN THIS
WHOLE DEBACLE STARTED, I HAD
A SENSOR-GHOST ANALYZE THE
LICH-KING'S SON, THEODORE DIGGERS.

I FOUND OUT
THAT THEODORE
WAS AN AURA-
USER...

HMM... SO
IT'S HIGHLY
LIKELY THAT
THE LICH-
KING IS AN
AURA-USER
TOO...

WAIT THERE'S
A SPECIAL SECTION
HERE ON
UNDEAD
AURA-USERS!



NATASHA

* IT HAPPENED IN GD#15-F.

WELL, I'LL BE! LOOK AT THIS!!

UNDEAD AURA-USERS ARE TWICE
AS STRONG AS LIVING ONES, BUT THEY
CAN'T REPLENISH THE ENERGY THEY
USE IN SPELLS!

THAT MEANS THE
LICH KING WILL
SOON BE POWERLESS!

RIGHT! AND THE
ONLY WAY TO RESTORE
THAT POWER IS TO TAKE
POSSESSION OF THE
BODY OF A DESCENDANT!

THATS WHY HE
WANTS GINA
SO BADLY!!

THIS WHOLE SCHEME
OF HIS WAS MADE TO
CAPTURE GINA AND
FINISH THE POSSESSION
PROCESS WITHOUT ANY
INTERFERENCE FROM
HER FATHER AND FAMILY!



NATASHA



WE'VE GOT THAT LICH
BY THE UNMENTIONABLES
NOW...

WHOOPS--

OH NO!
A SHADOW!



VLAD!

TRASH

IT'S GOT ME! WITHOUT
MY POWERS, I CAN'T
BREAK FREE!!

BUT LOOK,
NATASHA! THE
LIGHTS ARE ON,
YET ITS STILL
POWERFUL!!











HUGH/HN!

GET UP!

GET UP, YOU MURDERING BASTARD!



HHN... GO AHEAD! DO IT!!

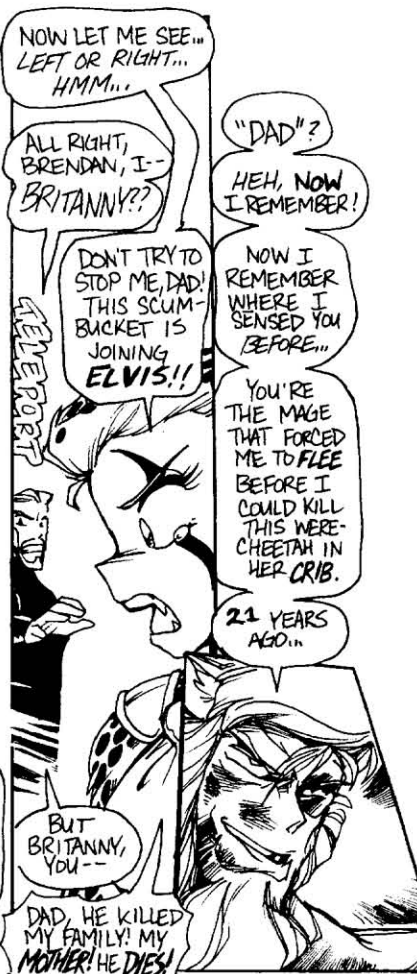
FINISH ME IN COLD BLOOD!

YOU CAN'T DO IT, CAN YOU!?

YOU'RE AFRAID OF BECOMING JUST LIKE ME, AREN'T YOU!?

YOU WANNA BET?

I'M JUST TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH WAY TO TWIST YOUR HEAD OFF!



NOW LET ME SEE... LEFT OR RIGHT... HMM...

ALL RIGHT, BRENDAN, I-- BRITANNY??

DON'T TRY TO STOP ME, DAD! THIS SCUMBUCKET IS JOINING ELVIS!!

BUT BRITANNY, YOU --

DAD, HE KILLED MY FAMILY! MY MOTHER! HE DIES!

"DAD"?

HEH, NOW I REMEMBER!

NOW I REMEMBER WHERE I SENSED YOU BEFORE...

YOU'RE THE MAGE THAT FORCED ME TO FLEE BEFORE I COULD KILL THIS WERE-CHEETAH IN HER CRIB.

21 YEARS AGO...



NOW I CAN DO WHAT I SHOULD HAVE DONE 21 YEARS AGO!

KILL YOU BOTH!



I CLAIM THE POWER OF THE OBELISK ONCE MORE!

BRENDAN! DON'T! NOTHING CAN USE THE POWER OF THE OBELISK MORE THAN ONCE!

IT WILL DESTROY YOU!

DO YOU TAKE ME FOR A FO--



HAVE A NICE TRIP TO HELL, BRENDAN!

DO YOU TAKE ME FOR A FO--



NEXT: THE CONCLUSION...