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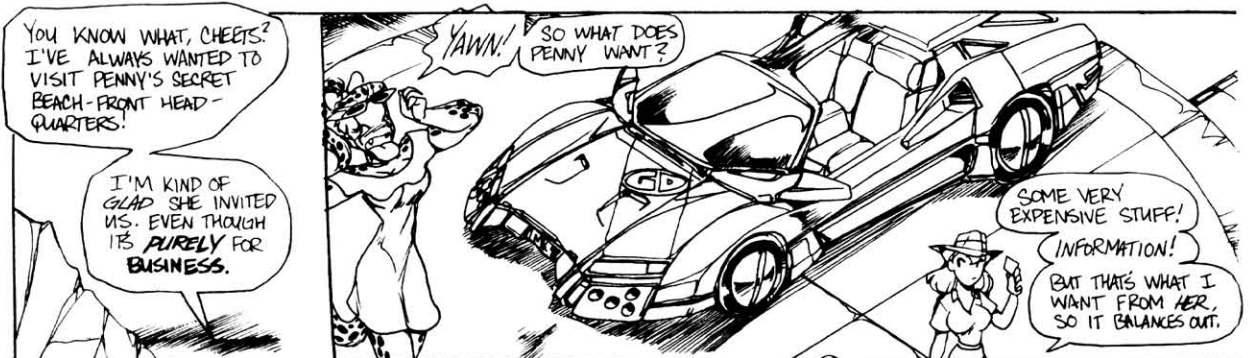
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GOLD DIGGER



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YOU KNOW WHAT, CHEETS? I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO VISIT PENNY'S SECRET BEACH-FRONT HEAD-QUARTERS.

I'M KIND OF GLAD SHE INVITED US. EVEN THOUGH IT'S PURELY FOR BUSINESS.

YAWN! SO WHAT DOES PENNY WANT?

SOME VERY EXPENSIVE STUFF! INFORMATION! BUT THAT'S WHAT I WANT FROM HER, SO IT BALANCES OUT.



DOES THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE NEW DISCOVERY YOU MADE LAST NIGHT?

GOOD GUESS, CHEETAH, BUT I HAVE TO EXPLAIN ABOUT THAT AFTER WE LEAVE. PENNY MIGHT HAVE US UNDER SURVEILLANCE AS WE SPEAK, AND IT'S SOMETHING I DON'T WANT MY ARCH-RIVAL TO KNOW ABOUT.

JUST REMEMBER WE'RE GOING TO EL DORADO TO PICK UP STRIPE AFTERWARDS, GINA...

THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I'M ALONG ON THIS TRIP.

YOU KNOW ME TOO WELL, GINA, I'M IN LAB 7-A, THE SECOND DOOR DOWN THE LEFT CORRIDOR.

LET'S GET THIS EXCHANGE OVER WITH....

TOLD YA.



LATER....

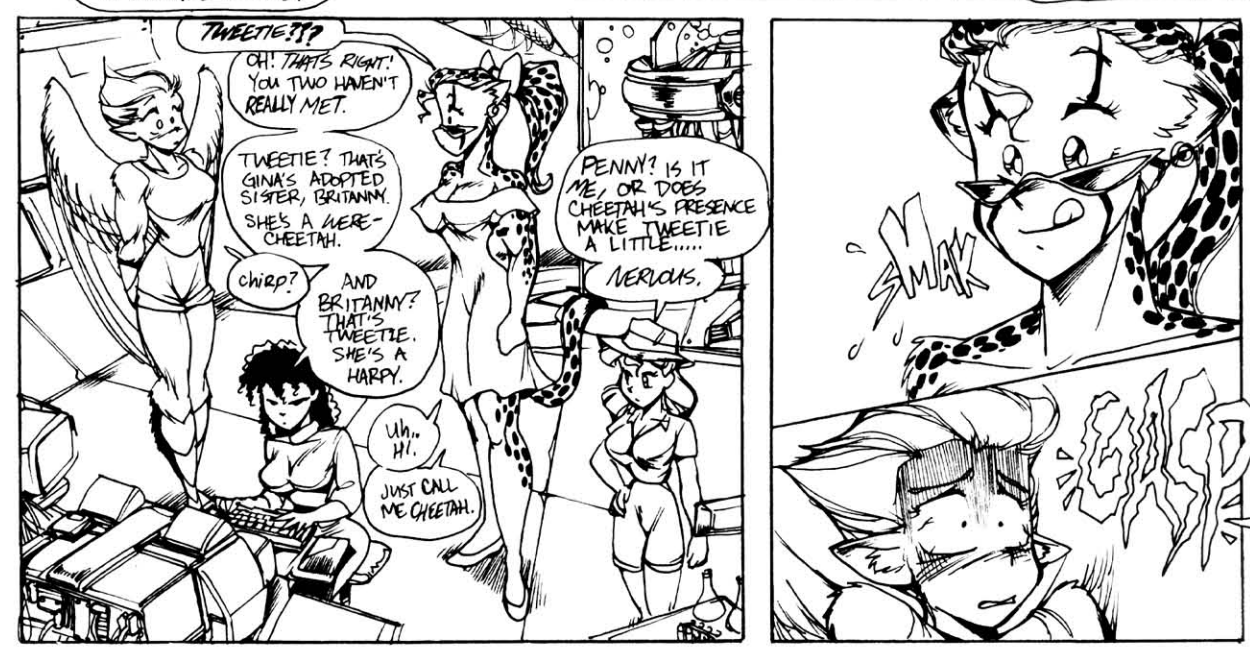
THERE YOU GO, PENNY. ALL OF MY OPTICAL INTERFEROMETRY SCANS FOR A YEAR SPANNING IN EVERY DIRECTION DOWN TO THE ARC-SECOND!

THANKS, GINA. EVERY LITTLE BIT OF DATA HELPS.

GIVE ME A SECOND TO MAKE A COPY.

HEY, IT SMELLS PRETTY GOOD IN HERE, PENNY! WHAT ARE YOU COOKING? IT SMELLS SCRUMPTIOUS!!

OH... YOU MUST BE SMELLING TWEETIE, CHEETAH. (SHE SMELLS LIKE CHICKEN CORDON ROUGE SOMETIMES.)



TWEETIE???

OH! THAT'S RIGHT! YOU TWO HAVEN'T REALLY MET.

TWEETIE? THAT'S GINA'S ADOPTED SISTER, BRITANNY. SHE'S A WERE-CHEETAH.

CHRP?

AND BRITANNY? THAT'S TWEETIE. SHE'S A HARRY.

Uh... HI. JUST CALL ME CHEETAH.

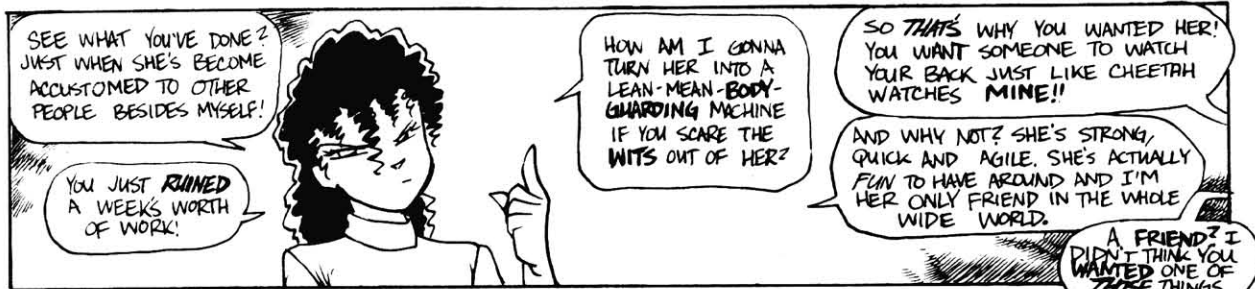
PENNY? IS IT ME, OR DOES CHEETAH'S PRESENCE MAKE TWEETIE A LITTLE.....

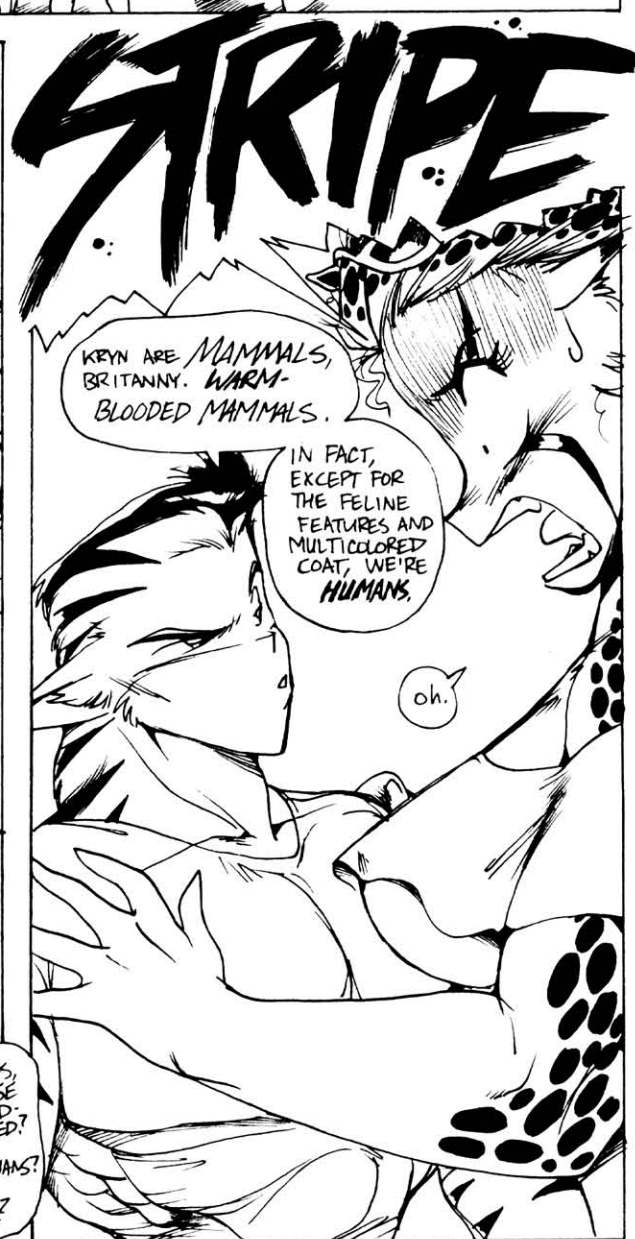
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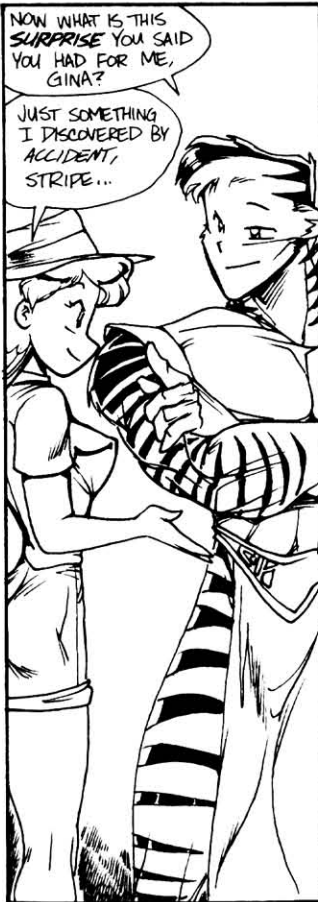


SMACK

CRASH







NOW WHAT IS THIS **SURPRISE** YOU SAID YOU HAD FOR ME, GINA?

JUST SOMETHING I DISCOVERED BY ACCIDENT, STRIPE...

I WAS EXPERIMENTING WITH THE LIGHT-BENDING EFFECTS OF ANTI-GRAVITY WHEN MY SENSORS PICKED UP A NATURAL A-GRAV FIELD SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA!



IT LEADS TO ANOTHER DIMENSION WITH THE MOST **BEAUTIFUL UNspoiled** TROPICAL TERRAIN I'VE EVER SEEN! I PICKED UP THE INFO I NEEDED TO OPEN A GATE TO THE DIMENSION ON THE WAY HERE. WE'RE GOING TO THAT DIMENSION FOR A **PICNIC!** WANNA COME?



Hey!
OF COURSE HE DOES!

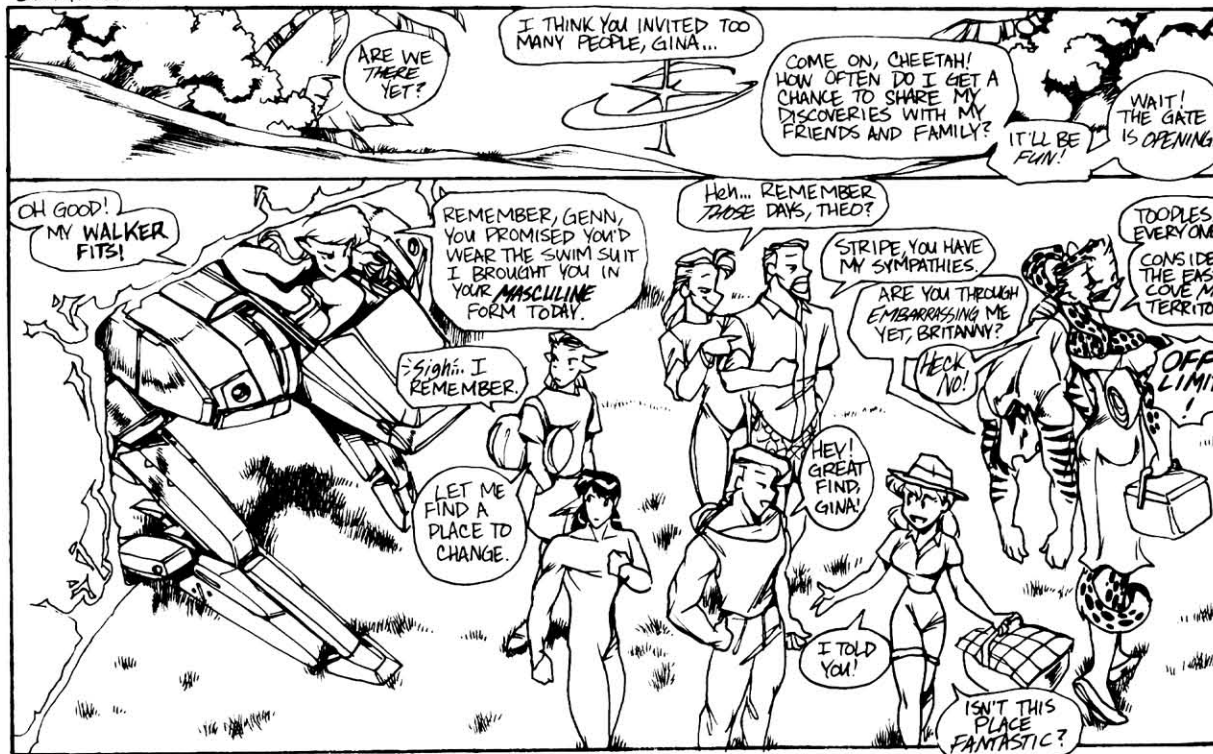
SEE YOU LATER, RO. TELL EVERYONE THAT I'LL HAVE HIM BACK BY TOMORROW.

BYE.

BEEN TAKING SOME LESSONS FROM MOM, HAVEN'T WE?

YEAH. SHE SAID DAD LOVED IT WHEN SHE DID THIS...

EVENTUALLY...



ARE WE THERE YET?

I THINK YOU INVITED TOO MANY PEOPLE, GINA...

COME ON, CHEETAH! HOW OFTEN DO I GET A CHANCE TO SHARE MY DISCOVERIES WITH MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY?

WAIT! THE GATE IS OPENING! IT'LL BE FUN!

OH GOOD! MY WALKER FITS!

REMEMBER, GENN, YOU PROMISED YOU'D WEAR THE SWIM SUIT I BROUGHT YOU IN YOUR **MASCULINE** FORM TODAY.

Sigh... I REMEMBER.

LET ME FIND A PLACE TO CHANGE.

HEM... REMEMBER THOSE DAYS, THEO?

STRIPE, YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHIES.

ARE YOU THROUGH EMBARRASSING ME YET, BRITANNY?

CHECK NO!

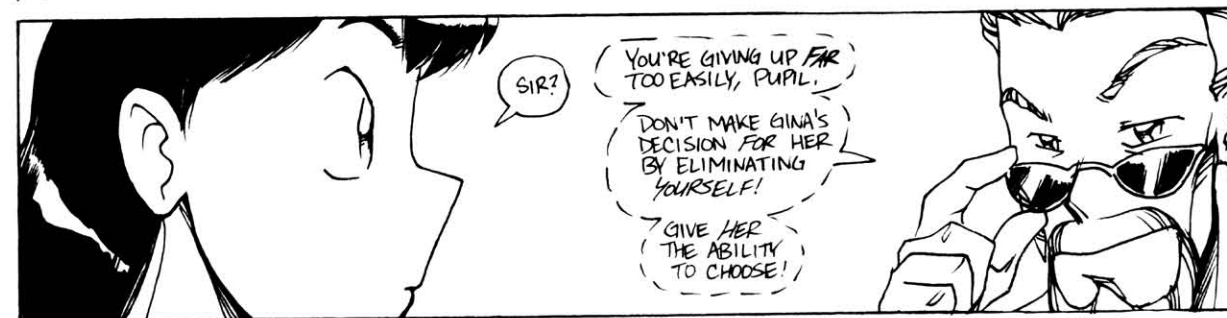
HEY! GREAT FIND GINA!

I TOLD YOU!

ISN'T THIS PLACE FANTASTIC?

TOODLES EVERYONE! CONSIDER THE EAST COVE MY TERRITORY!

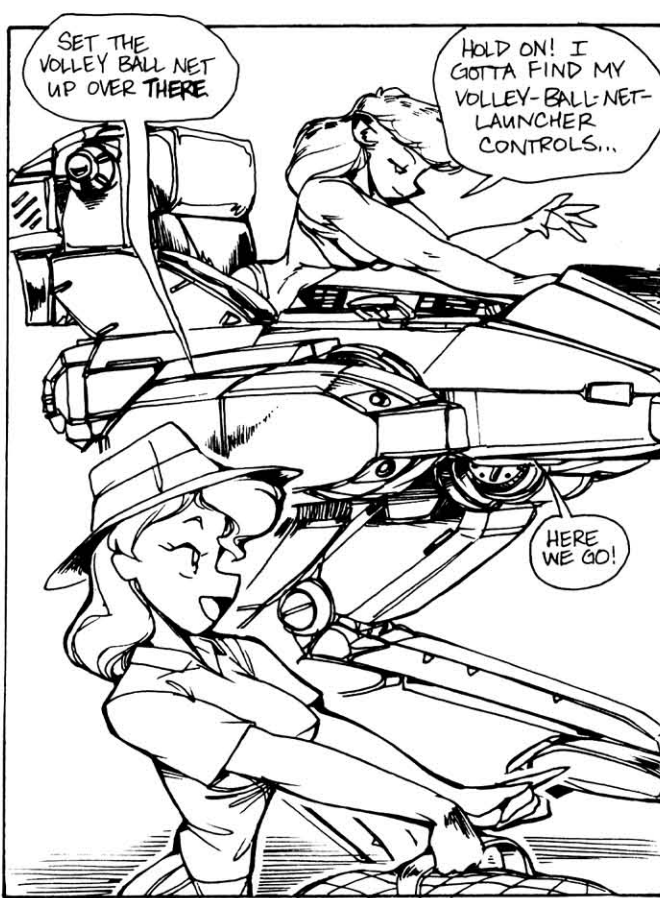
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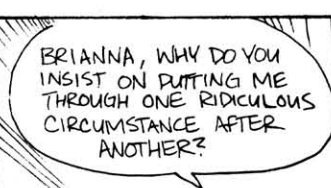












TURN AROUND!
LET'S SEE THE
BACK!!





GOOD IDEA, GENN!
LET'S GO SOMEPLACE
WHERE WE CAN BE
ALONE.

JUST YOU,
ME AND
THE
HANDKERCHIEF!!

ON SECOND
THOUGHT,
I'M
STAYING!!

THAT'S WHAT
I THOUGHT.

HEADS
UP...



ELSEWHERE
THANKS FOR GETTING ME
OUT OF THERE, SHEILA. I
WAS KIND OF **OVERWHELMED**
FOR A SECOND.

THANKS FOR
THE FOOD!
THIS CHICKEN
SALAD SAND-
WICH IS
EXCELLENT!

I'VE NEVER SEEN GUY
WERE CATS BEFORE...
(EXCEPT FOR GEAR,
THAT IS...)

I HAVE TO ADMIT... THOSE
GUYS ARE **FINE**!

TOO BAD YOU ALREADY
FOUND SOMEONE,
HUH?

NOT REALLY.
I WOULDN'T
TRADE STRIFE
FOR
ANYBODY!

WE'LL
SAID.

UMM...
WHO ARE YOU
GUYS? DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
THIS PLACE IS
ABOUT?



YOU MEAN YOU DON'T
KNOW WHERE YOU ARE??

BRITANNY, YOU'RE IN
THE **RETREAT**!! A WHOLE
DIMENSION CREATED AGES
AGO BY THE TOP MAGIC
CRAFTERS ON EARTH.

THEY BUILT IT SO
THAT ALL MAGICAL
BEINGS WOULD HAVE
A PLACE TO GO
DURING THE AGE
OF MAN.

DRAGONS, GRIFFINS,
GIANTS, WERE-
FOLK, ELVES AND
OTHER MAGIC
BEINGS OF EVERY
TYPE LIVE
HERE.

MY FRIENDS
AND I ARE
ADVENTURERS!
MOSTLY TO
FIGHT **BOREDOM**.

SOMETIMES WE EVEN
TRAVEL TO **JADE** TO
LOOK FOR ADVENTURE.

YOU SOUND PRETTY
MATURE FOR YOUR AGE.
HOW OLD ARE YOU?



heh heh...
HERE... MAYBE MY
HUMAN FORM CAN
HELP ANSWER THAT
QUESTION.

WAIT A MIN-- I THOUGHT
YOU WERE JUST A **TEENAGER**!

I WAS BORN
WITH A SLIGHT
DEFECT.

MY HUMAN
FORM HAS ALL
THE POWER
INSTEAD OF
MY HYBRID
FORM.

I ONLY LOOK
YOUNG BECAUSE MY
HYBRID FORM IS
SO SMALL.

CRIPES! YOU'RE
BIGGER THAN ME!



BUT JULIA'S DESCRIPTIONS DIDN'T PREPARE ME FOR WHAT I FELT WHEN I FIRST LAID EYES UPON YOU. AT FIRST I ATTEMPTED TO IGNORE THOSE FEELINGS, BUT I CAN'T FIGHT THEM BACK ANYMORE...

WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT... I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU, BRITANNY!

AND... AND I SENSE YOU FEEL THE SAME ABOUT ME! WHENEVER I'M NEAR, I HEAR YOUR HEART BEAT QUICKEN, AND YOUR BREATH SHORTEN... I SEE IT MOST OF ALL WHEN I LOOK INTO YOUR EYES!

DON'T HOLD BACK THOSE FEELINGS ANY LONGER.

SAY WHAT?

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!

BRITANNY IS ALREADY SPOKEN FOR, SO I'D ADVISE YOU TO LEAVE HER IN PEACE.

DON'T FORCE ME TO EJECT YOU PHYSICALLY!

WHS THAT...

A CHALLENGE?

MEANWHILE ON THE BEACH...

GOOD SHOT, BRI', BUT WATCH THIS ACTION!

WITH MY EYES SHUT EVEN!!

POMB

OH YEAH!

OOF

SEANCE!

SEANCE, ARE YOU OKAY?

UHH

OOPS.

NEXT TIME KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN, RYAN!

SORRY.





ELSEWHERE...





HE'S GOOD.

AN EXPERT AT
READING MOVES
AND COUNTERING
THEM.

EVEN THOUGH I'M
FASTER AND MUCH
STRONGER, HE
EASILY HAS THE
BEST REFLEXES!

BUT I WAS
TRAINED BY JULIA,
THE BEST ARMS-
MASTER ON JADE,
ONE OF THE MOST
DANGEROUS REALMS.

SHE TAUGHT ME
HOW TO HANDLE JADE'S
MOST FEARSOME
AND VERSATILE
HORRORS...

FROM DRAGONS TO
QUICKLINGS.

PREPARE
YOURSELF,
GAR!...

HER FIRST
AND HARDEST
LESSON WAS
HOW TO BE
PATIENT WITHOUT
BEING
HESITANT!



PATIENCE...

PATIENCE...

OPPORTUNITY!!



OOOP

END OF
FIGHT...

NO!

MAK







CALM DOWN, HONEY,
I'LL HANDLE IT.

