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GOLD

DIGGER®



AEBRA: HOMELAND OF THE
SPACE-FARING COLONIST RACE
KNOWN AS THE KRYN...

SMALL BUT COMFORTABLE,
PEACEFUL BUT WELL
DEFENDED.

HOWEVER, THE CLEAR,
CHEERFUL SKIES ARE
SLOWLY CORRUPTED BY
AN APPROACHING EVIL...

THE DARKEST
POWER FROM
THE OLDEST
LEGENDS HAS
RETURNED...

THE WAR WINDS
BLOW...
THE DARKNESS
FALLS...

THE PEOPLE OF
AEBRA CAN ONLY
WATCH IN FEAR.

AFTER EONS OF
IMPRISONMENT
THE
DYNASTY HAS
COME TO RECLAIM
THEIR WORLD

THE END IS
NEAR...

AH... HOME AT LAST...

THE WAR WIND HAS DESTROYED
ALMOST ALL OF THE DEFENSES
OF THOSE WHO NOW INFEST OUR
PLANET.

GOOD...
BUT WE MUST
STAY PREPARED..
FATHER.

TRUE. THE WAR
WIND GENERATED
BY THE CASTLE
CAN ONLY DESTROY
DEFENSES AS
THEY APPEAR.

WE STILL HAVE
TO PREPARE
FOR HIDDEN
SURPRISES,
VRIEL.

AUNT
KIRIEL?

BUT WE'RE ALSO
IMPATIENT TO SEE
IF THE POWERFUL
NATURAL ENERGIES
WE NEED STILL
EXIST ON THIS
WORLD...

FEAR NOT, SISTER.
THE RACE THAT NOW
INFEST OUR PLANET
HAVEN'T DISCOVERED
THE SECRET OF
UNIVERSAL FOCI...

WITH THIS PLANET'S
ABUNDANT SUPPLY,
WE'LL --

No!!! DESPITE OUR
CASTLE'S INTERFERENCE BARRIER
THE NATIVES OF THIS PLANET
HAVE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO
TRANSMIT A **DISTRESS**
MESSAGE INTO **HYPERSPACE**...

I
AM
READY,
FATHER...

SO
ARE
WE.

--WAIT.

IT COULD
REACH ANYONE
WITH THE
EQUIPMENT
TO RECEIVE
IT **INSTANTLY!!**

IT APPEARS OUR
HEAD START AGAINST
THE
REST OF THE
UNIVERSE...

...IS
IT OVER!

EARTH...

EL DORADO... THE CITY
OF GOLD IN SOUTH AMERICA...

THE KRYN'S EARTH
COLONY FOUNDED
THOUSANDS OF
YEARS AGO.

ARE YOU
CERTAIN ABOUT
THIS DISTRESS
SIGNAL, ROL?

HYPER-PULSE SIGNALS
COME IN AMAZINGLY
CLEAR, STRIPE...

AEBRA IS BEING
CONQUERED! RIPPED
TO SHREDS BY AN
OLD LEGEND COME
TO LIFE! THE
FAMILY OF EVIL!

THE **DYNASTY!**

EL DORADO WAS ONCE A SPACEFARING
CITY SHIP CAPABLE OF HYPERSPACE TRAVEL.
HOW SOON CAN YOU GET EL DORADO
ABLE TO FLY AGAIN?... **WITH** HYPERSPACE
CAPABILITY?...

ROL AND I HAVE
ONLY TO REPLACE A
FEW PARTS FOR
THE **INNER CITY**.

BUT...

BUT THE **OUTER CITY**
WITH ALL OF THE WEAPON
AND DEFENSE SYSTEMS
IS TOO OLD AND
BATTERED. *

S-STRIFE?

WHAT ABOUT
BRITANNY!

W-WEREN'T YOU
GOING TO BE
MARRIED
NEXT WEEK?

MY PEOPLE
COME BEFORE ANY
OF MY NEEDS,
JAN.

LORD STRIFE!?
ARE WE GOING
TO THE AID OF
OUR HOME
PLANET?

WHAT CHOICE DO WE
HAVE, PRIMUS? THEY
ARE OUR **PEOPLE!!**
WE LEAVE
IMMEDIATELY!!!

BEFORE
EVEN MY
NEED FOR
BRITANNY...

*THE OLD KRYN AND ATLANTIAN WAR
CONTRIBUTED TO THAT. (SEE ISSUES
1-4 OF THE MINI SERIES. - FRED.)



MEANWHILE... IN GINA AND BRIT'S HOME IN THE SUBURBS OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA...

I APPRECIATE YOU AGREEING TO THIS, BRITANNY. THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME.

IT'S GOING MEAN A LOT OF HARD WORK FOR YOU.



BUT WORTH IT, MOM...

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO SHOW ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT DEFENDING YOURSELF?

I THINK YOU'RE READY, BRITANNY.

I INTEND TO PASS ON TO YOU ALL I KNOW ABOUT HOW TO FIGHT--

AND WHEN TO FIGHT.

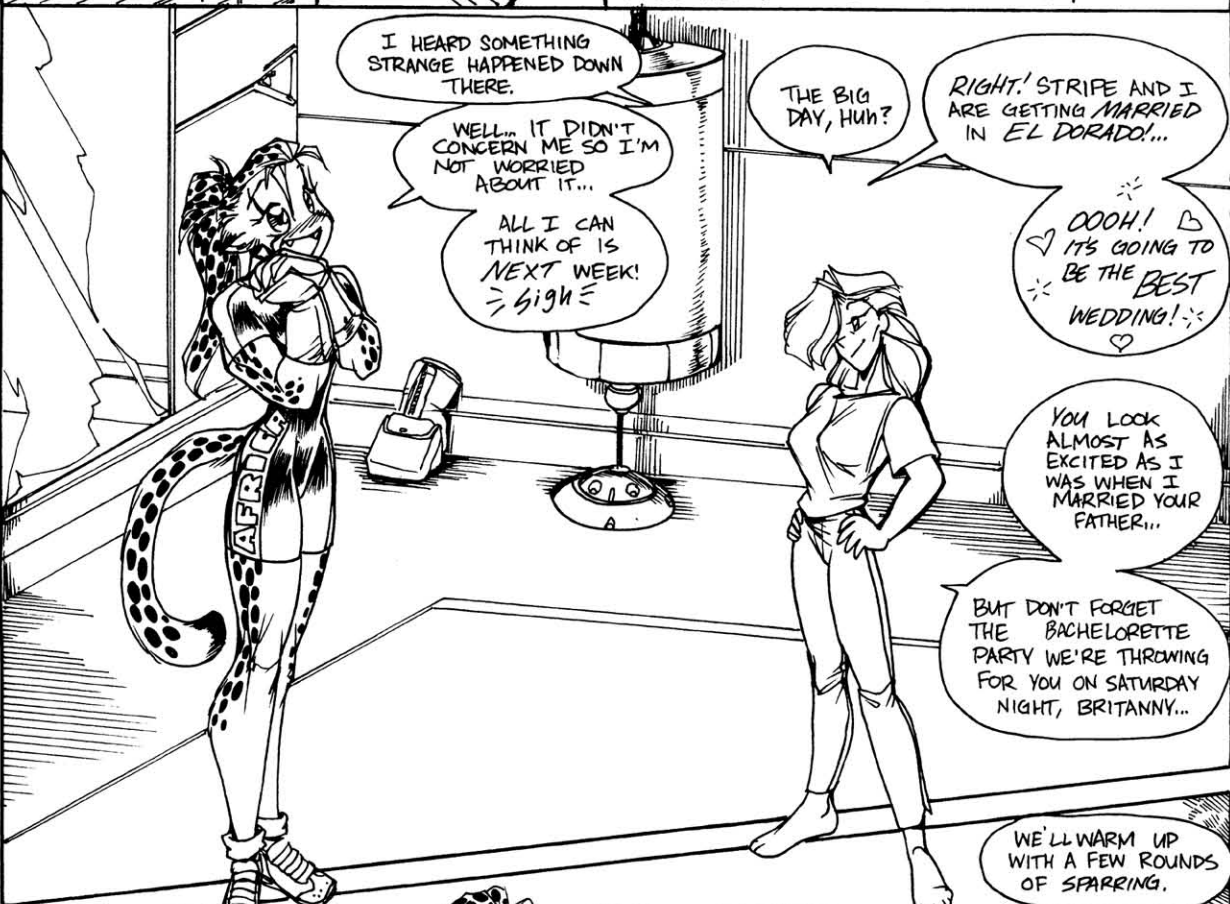
BUT WHERE'S GINA? I THOUGHT SHE WANTED TO WATCH.

WELL, SHE WENT BACK TO THAT "FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH" I FOUND IN SOUTH AMERICA. *

PENNY WENT WITH HER TO HELP..

CAN YOU BELIEVE THEY'RE BUDDY-BUDDY NOW?

* SEE ASRIAL VS CHEETAH 1-2 - FRED



I HEARD SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENED DOWN THERE.

WELL... IT DIDN'T CONCERN ME SO I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT IT...

ALL I CAN THINK OF IS NEXT WEEK!
 = Sigh =

THE BIG DAY, HUH?

RIGHT! STRIPE AND I ARE GETTING MARRIED IN EL DORADO!...

OOOH! ♡
♡ IT'S GOING TO BE THE BEST WEDDING! ♡

YOU LOOK ALMOST AS EXCITED AS I WAS WHEN I MARRIED YOUR FATHER!...

BUT DON'T FORGET THE BACHELORETTE PARTY WE'RE THROWING FOR YOU ON SATURDAY NIGHT, BRITANNY...

WE'LL WARM UP WITH A FEW ROUNDS OF SPARRING.



OH... THAT'S RIGHT... AND GINA SAID SHE HAS SOME SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT LINED UP FOR ME...

WELL... MOM...

...WHATEVER THAT MEANS.

WELL... LET'S GET STARTED.

DOES SHE MEAN... YAW, SHE WOULDN'T DARE!

I-

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD...

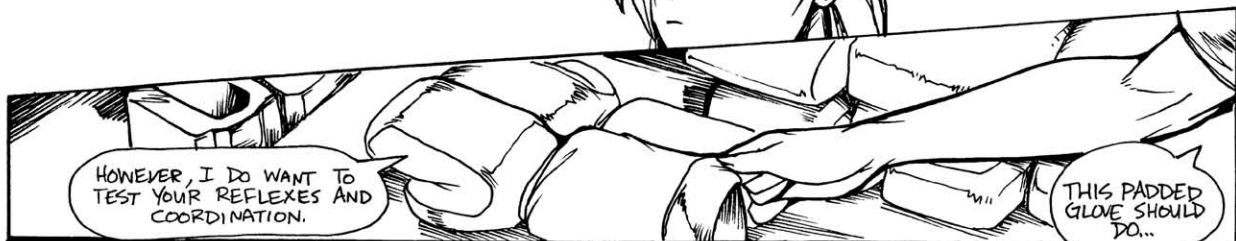
...SPAR...



HMM...

VERY WELL.

NO SPARRING!



NOW THEN... THINK OF IT AS A LITTLE GAME...

YOUR TASK IS TO HIT THE GLOVE... **HARD!!** STRIKE AT LEAST 3 TIMES EVERY SECOND!

I WANT TO SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN HIT A SMALL MOVING TARGET.







MOM! I GOTTA TELL YOU! YOU'RE **CRAZY!!**

Heh...

I'VE BEEN WHACKED UPSIDE THE HEAD BY FAR STRONGER BLOWS THAN YOURS, BRITANNY...

YOUR PUNCH DOESN'T HURT ANYTHING LIKE THE TIME I WAS ON THE RECEIVING END OF TROLL'S CLUB!!

MEANWHILE IN LAB G-13...

SORRY, SEANCE, GINA'S NOT BACK YET. SHE JUST CALLED SAYING SHE'S ON HER WAY...

WHATS UP? MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU OUT.

OOH! HOW CUTE! YOU SOUND LIKE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU ASKED A GIRL OUT ON A DATE, SEANCE...

um...

WELL, IF GINA DOESN'T SHOW... I'M AVAILABLE! ♡

HECK! IF I'D HAVE KNOWN YOU WERE GOING TO DO THAT...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, CHILD. THINK OF IT AS LESSON **ONE** AND **TWO** FOR TODAY...

ONE: "MOM'S NOT OVER THE HILL JUST YET."

TWO: "YOU CAN BE DEAD ON TARGET AND STILL NOT HIT WHAT YOU'RE AIMING AT!"

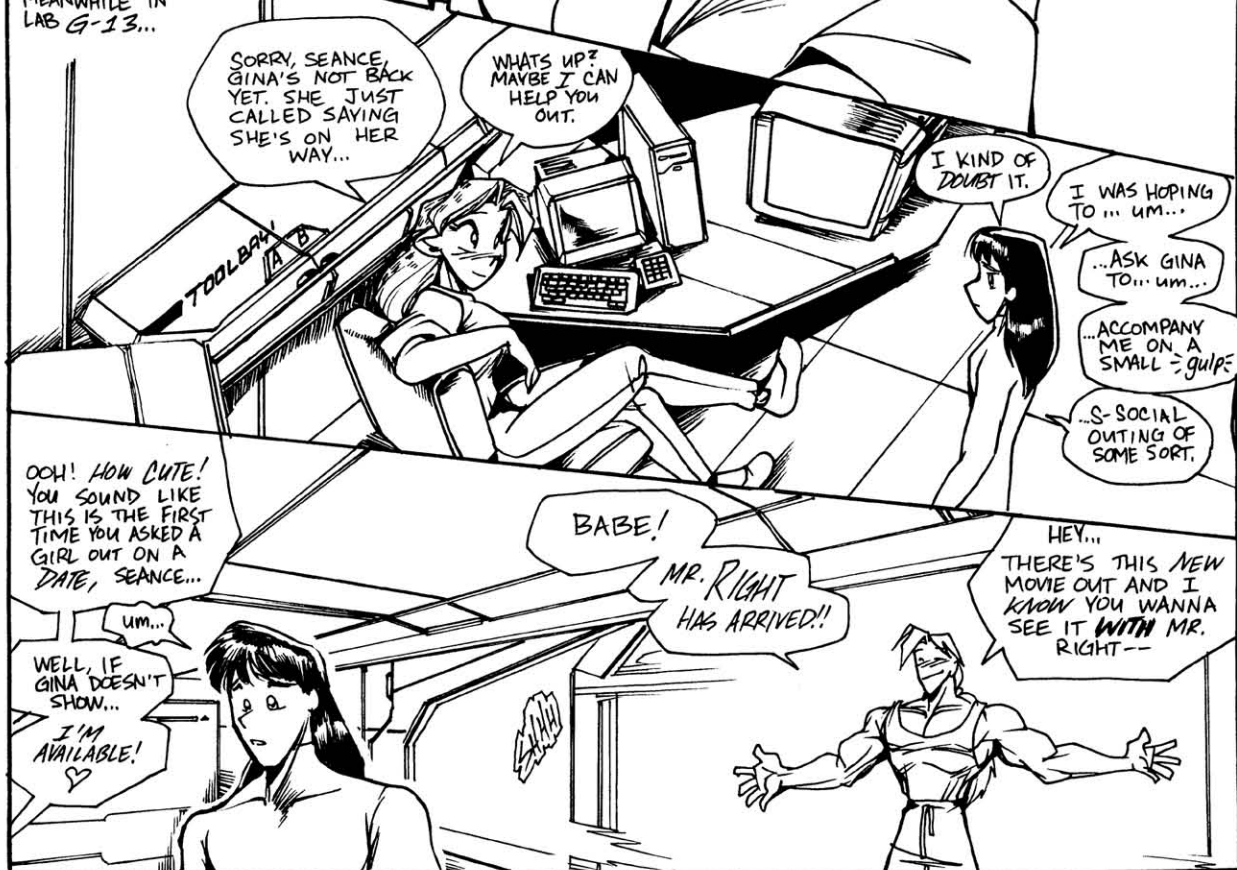
STARRING'S VERY IMPORTANT TO MY STYLE OF TEACHING.

I'VE NEVER FAILED TO IMPROVE A STUDENT WITH EACH SESSION...

AND BY THE TIME I'M FINISHED, YOU'LL HAVE FAR SURPASSED MY ABILITIES...

NOW THEN...

...CARE TO BEGIN YOUR FIRST SESSION WITH YOUR "CRAZY" OLD MOM?



I KIND OF DOUBT IT.

I WAS HOPING TO ... UM...

...ASK GINA TO... UM...

...ACCOMPANY ME ON A SMALL -GULP-

...S- SOCIAL OUTING OF SOME SORT.

BABE!

MR. RIGHT HAS ARRIVED!!

HEY...

THERE'S THIS NEW MOVIE OUT AND I KNOW YOU WANNA SEE IT **WITH** MR. RIGHT--



GINA?? THAT'S FUNNY, SHE SAID SHE WAS WORKING HERE TODAY...

HMM...
SAY, BRIANNA?
IS GINA IN
COMMUNICATION
RANGE OR
SOMETHING?

I WANNA
TALK TO
HER.

WELL... I'LL SEE
WHAT I CAN DO
RYAN... SATELLITE
LINK-UPS ARE
EXPENSIVE, THOUGH...

WE'RE STILL
WATCHING OUR
BUDGET THESE
DAYS...

WELL, EVIDENTLY
SHE'S NOT, SO I
SUPPOSE YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BE GOING
NOW...

IT'S
OKAY...
I'LL
WAIT.



I CAN
PAY FOR IT.
HOOK ME
UP!

HOLD ON, YOU TWO...
NOBODY GETS TO
TALK TO GINA...

W-WAIT... I
WANTED TO TALK
TO GINA TOO--

AFTER ME,
TOOTHPICK!

TIK TIK

TICKA

TICKA TIK TIK
TICKA
TICKA
CLICK

EL DORADO - 017.6
SERVER DOWN...
CONTINUE

THE EL-
DORADO SERVER
FOR OUR COM-
NET IS DOWN.



THAT'S THE ONE GINA'S
CURRENTLY IN RANGE
OF... STRIPE AND ROL
MAY BE HAVING TROUBLE
BRINGING IT BACK UP.

THAT'S COOL, I
CAN GET OVER
THERE AND SET
UP A NEW ONE.

I'LL JUST NEED TO
BORROW THAT LIGHT-GATE
TELEPORTER OF YOURS.

THAT WAY, I
CAN USE THE
NET TO TALK
TO GINA
IMMEDIATELY!



UM... OKAY...

...BUT IT'S A
COMPLICATED SERVER
SYSTEM DOWN THERE.

FORTUNATELY,
I HAVE A SPARE
SYSTEM YOU CAN
REPLACE IT WITH.

THEN... I CAN'T BE OF
ANY HELP THERE, CAN I?

ON THE
CONTRARY,
SEANCE...

WHAT THE HECK
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT, BRIANNA?

IT ONLY TAKES
ONE TO SCREW
IN A LIGHT BULB!

THE...ER... LIGHT-GATE GENERATOR PUTS OUT A TINY ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE. IF RYAN HOLDS THE SERVER WHILE ACTIVATING THE LIGHT-GATE, HE MIGHT ERASE THE SERVER'S RAM.

YOU HAVE TO CARRY IT, SEANCE.

OH.

HMPH!

HE OWES YOU ONE, BRIANNA!

YUP! ♡

HERE WE GO...



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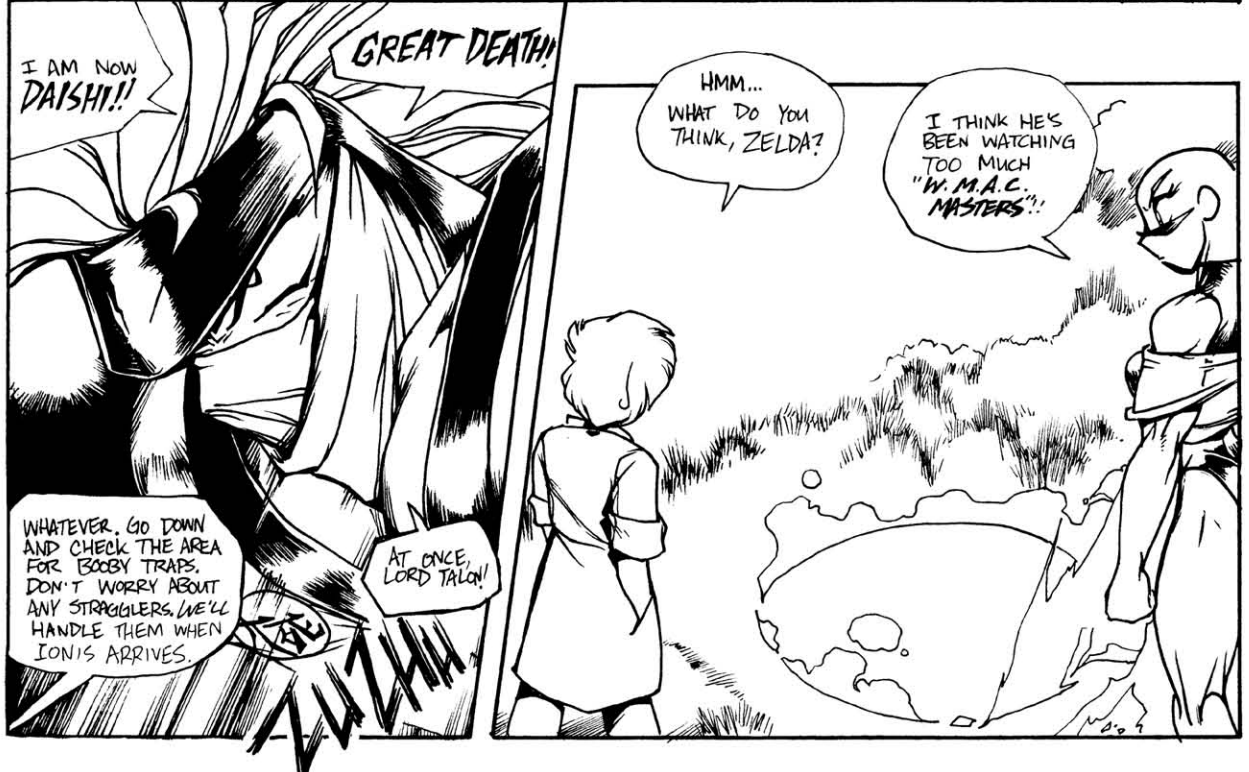
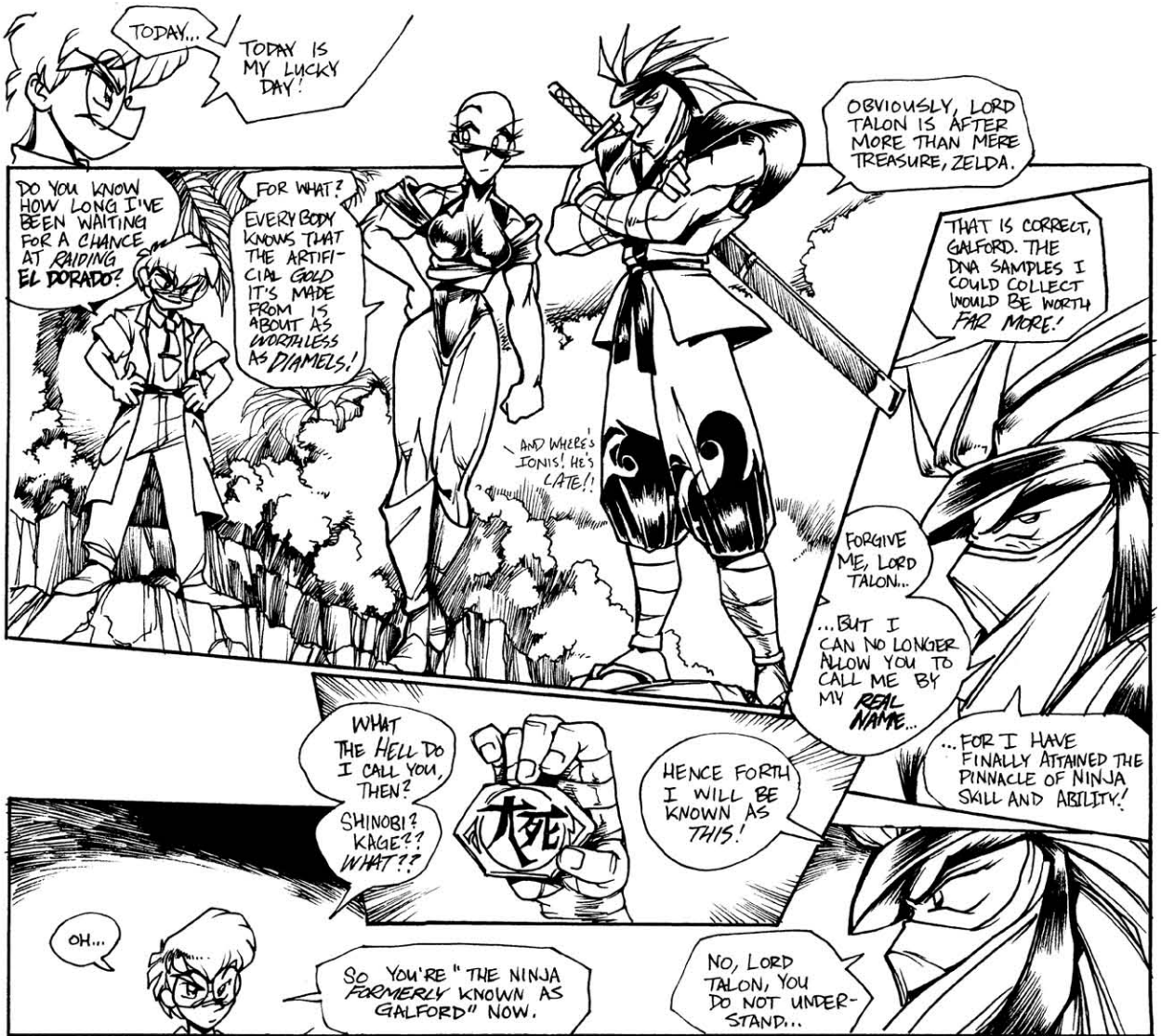
RYAN...

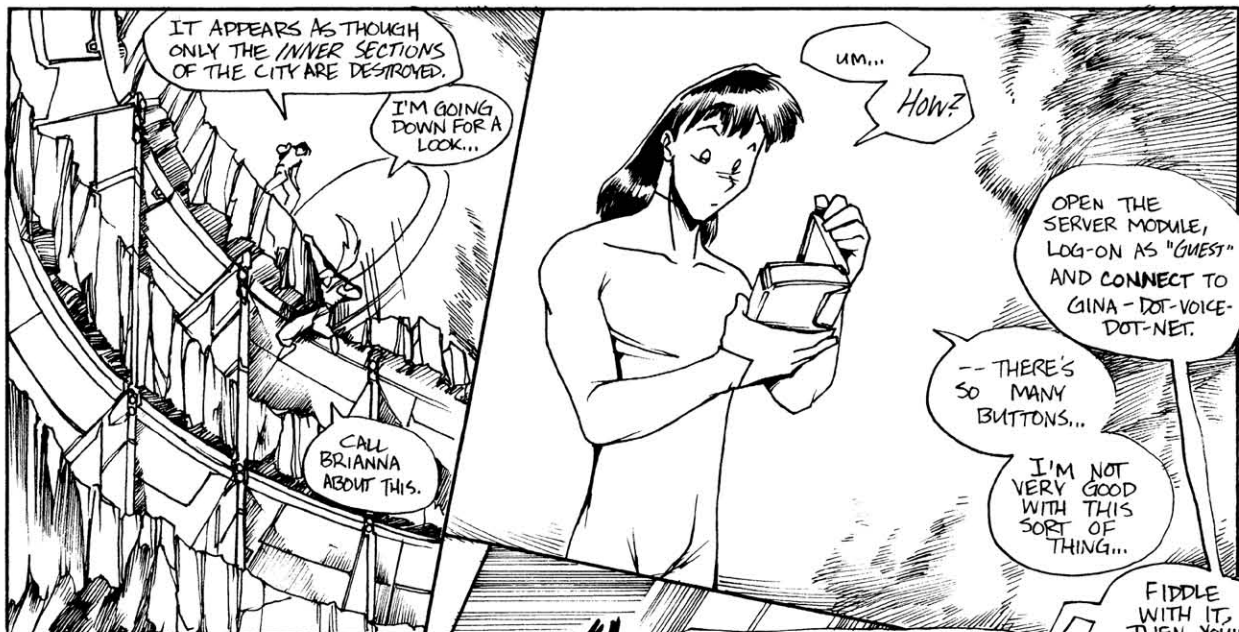
DID YOU PUSH THE CORRECT BUTTON?...

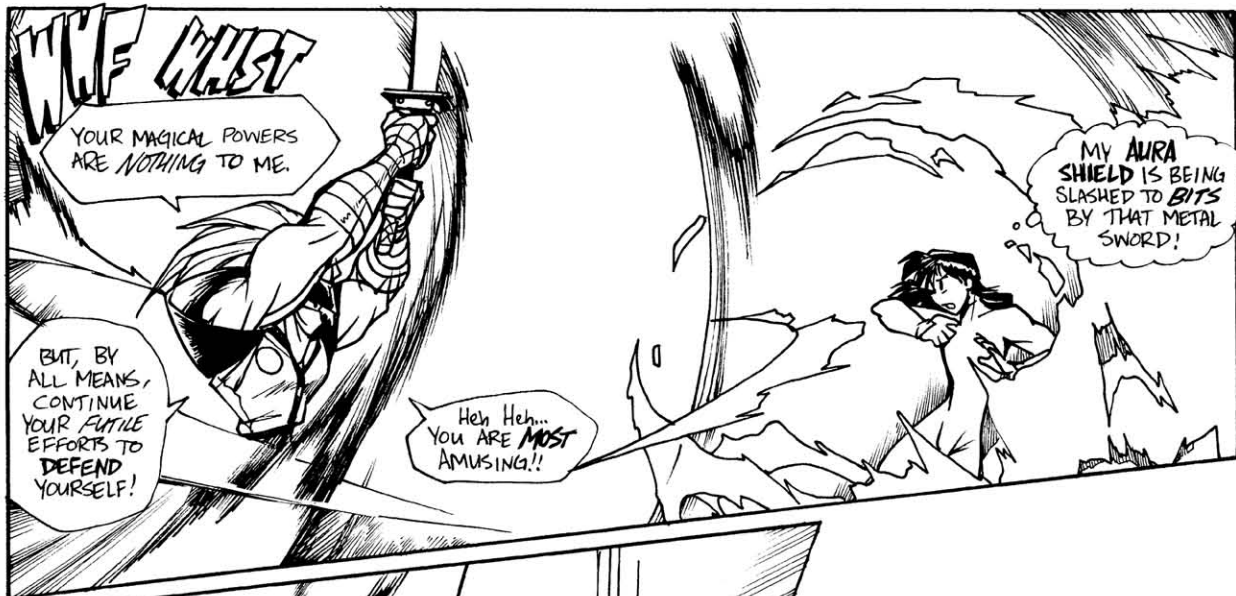
I SURE DID...

WE'RE HERE...

BUT EL DORADO ISN'T!









SO, GALFORD... D'YOU
FEEL LIKE LOSING
TODAY?

STEP UP,
PUNK!

KEEP ON YOUR GUARD,
RYAN! THAT SWORD IS
DANGEROUS!!

HMPH!
THE BOTH OF
YOU AREN'T EVEN
WORTH THE EFFORT
NOW.

--NOT WHILE I
HAVE MORE
IMPORTANT
WORK TO DO!

HOWEVER,
WHEN WE MEET
AGAIN YOU'RE
BOTH FINISHED!

VICTIMS
OF DAISHI!

ZWZHH

YEAH!
YOU'D
BETTER
RUN.

RYAN... IT
COULD BE
THAT GALFORD
HAS SOME-
THING TO DO
WITH WHAT
HAPPENED
TO EL-
DORADO...

"...COULD BE, SEANCE... BUT
BEATING HIM AND MAKING
HIM TELL US WHAT HE
KNOWS IS THE ONLY
WAY TO FIND OUT FOR
SURE..."

I TOLD YOU PERU
WOULD WANT THE
FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH
FOR DEVELOPMENT AS
A NATIONAL PARK,
GINA.

AND TO THINK PONCE DELEON
WASTED ALL OF HIS TIME
SEARCHING IN FLORIDA
INSTEAD OF PERU....

ISN'T IT AMAZING, THOUGH? THE PHE-
NOMENON THAT STOPS THE AGING
PROCESS ISN'T JUST THE WATER.
IF YOU WANT ETERNAL YOUTH, YOU
HAVE TO REMAIN IN THE VICINITY
OF THE FOUNTAIN AT ALL TIMES!

IT'S ABSOLUTELY
INCREDIBLE!

"AND THE
CONTRIBUTION"
FOR US DISCOVERING
IT WASN'T
BAD EITHER!

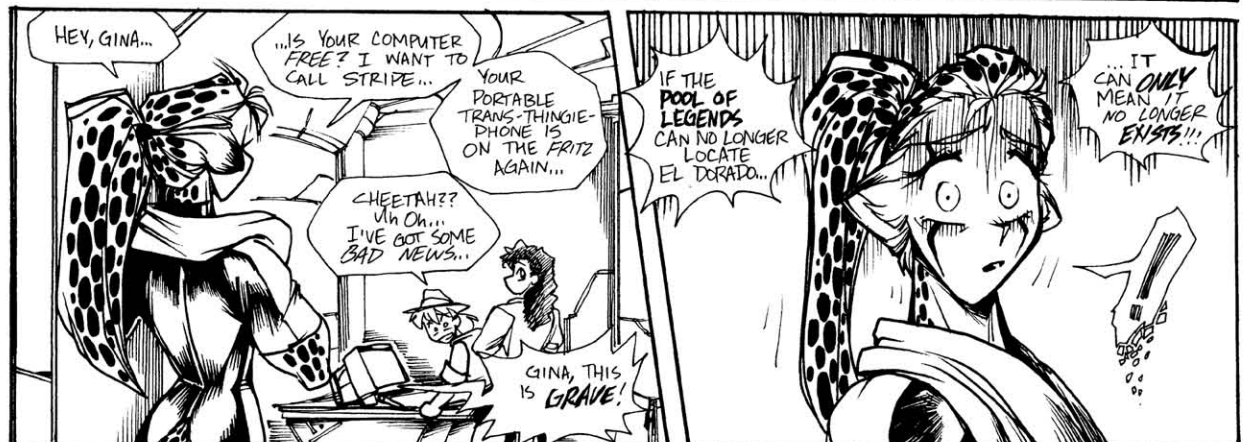
BRIANNA?
WE'RE HOME!

I'M IN THE
BATHROOM!
I'LL BE OUT
IN A FEW
MINUTES!

oh.

HMM...WE HAVE
A CALL COMING
IN...

INCOMING
TRANS...







WELL, TIME
EARN MY
PAYCHECK...

HEADS UP,
RYAN!

YES...

YES, HOW DID
SEANCE DETECT IONIS?

HE WAS INVISIBLE TO ALL
DETECTION METHODS...
INCLUDING MAGIC!

COULD IT BE?

SEANCE
HAS A SIXTH
SENSE?!

...AND IT'S
PATTERN SHOULD
BE IN HIS DNA!

IONIS!

DON'T BLOW
SEANCE TO
PIECES! I
NEED A CLEAN
BLOOD SAMPLE

DAMN!!
HOW DID
YOU KNOW
I WAS
HERE!!?

MY
PRESENCE
WAS MASKED
COMPLETELY!!

IONIS!
ONLY YOU
WOULD ATTEMPT
SUCH A COWARDLY,
DASTARDLY
ATTACK!

FLESH
TO STONE!

LAURA
SHIELD

SWAK

SKYFF

WHUD

OOF!

AND IN CASE
YOU'RE TOO
STUPID TO
REALIZE, I WAS
BEING SAR-
CASTIC!!

Heh!
GOOD
KICK!!

HEY!
OWW!!

NOW I'M GONNA
SHOW YOU SOME-
THING YOUR GOOD
BUDDY CALFORD
TAUGHT ME IN
THE ARCTIC

Voo



HOWEVER...

I'LL GIVE YOU
ONE SECOND
TO SURRENDER!

**TIMES
UP!**

MY POWER IS BEYOND
YOUR PARLOR TRICKS,
IONIS.

NOW TELL ME WHAT
YOU AND ERWIN HAVE
DONE TO EL DORADO
BEFORE YOU MAKE
ME ANGRY!!

**PARLOR
TRICKS???**

WILL YOU GUYS HURRY
UP? WE HAVE **KRYN**
DNA SAMPLES TO COLLECT!

AND IONIS,
NO DISINTEGRATIONS
ON SCENES, YOU
HEAR?

HECK! I'VE
BEEN GOING ABOUT
THIS WHOLE THING
ALL WRONG!

**AAHH! STAY
B-BACK!
HELP!**

YOU'RE THE
KEY, AIN'TCHA
PUNK!

I'LL JUST
ROUGH YOU UP
SOME UNTIL YOU
ORDER YOUR GOONS
TO BACK OFF!

COWARD!!

REDUCED TO
ATTACKING
CHILDREN,
EH?

oops!

SUCKE~

NOT
REALLY--

Heh

I'M WISE TO
YOUR TRICKS, RYAN!

PRETENDING
TO ASSAULT
LORD TALON
SO THAT
I WOULD
RUSH TO
SAVE HIM!

DO YOU
THINK I'D
BE FOOLED
INTO DROPPING
MY GUARD
AGAIN???

GOSH!

I
WAS FOOLED!

* GD #27- FRED...





THAT EFFECT!

WHA...

WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S ANOTHER LIGHT-GATE FORMING!!

...SO...

YOU'RE BEHIND THIS, AREN'T YOU, ERWIN...

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT - YOU'D BETTER TELL ME WHAT YOU DID TO EL DORADO RIGHT NOW!!!

AND WHAT YOU DID TO STRIPE!!

IF YOU DON'T WANT A DIRT NAP!

AND I AIN'T PLAYIN'!!!

BRIT?

RISH - POSH! DAISHI? EJECT HER.

I'M AFRAID IT IS TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE, CHEETAH!

BYE!!

WKK

