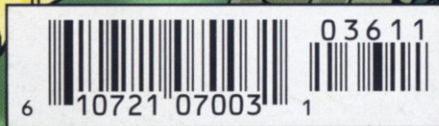
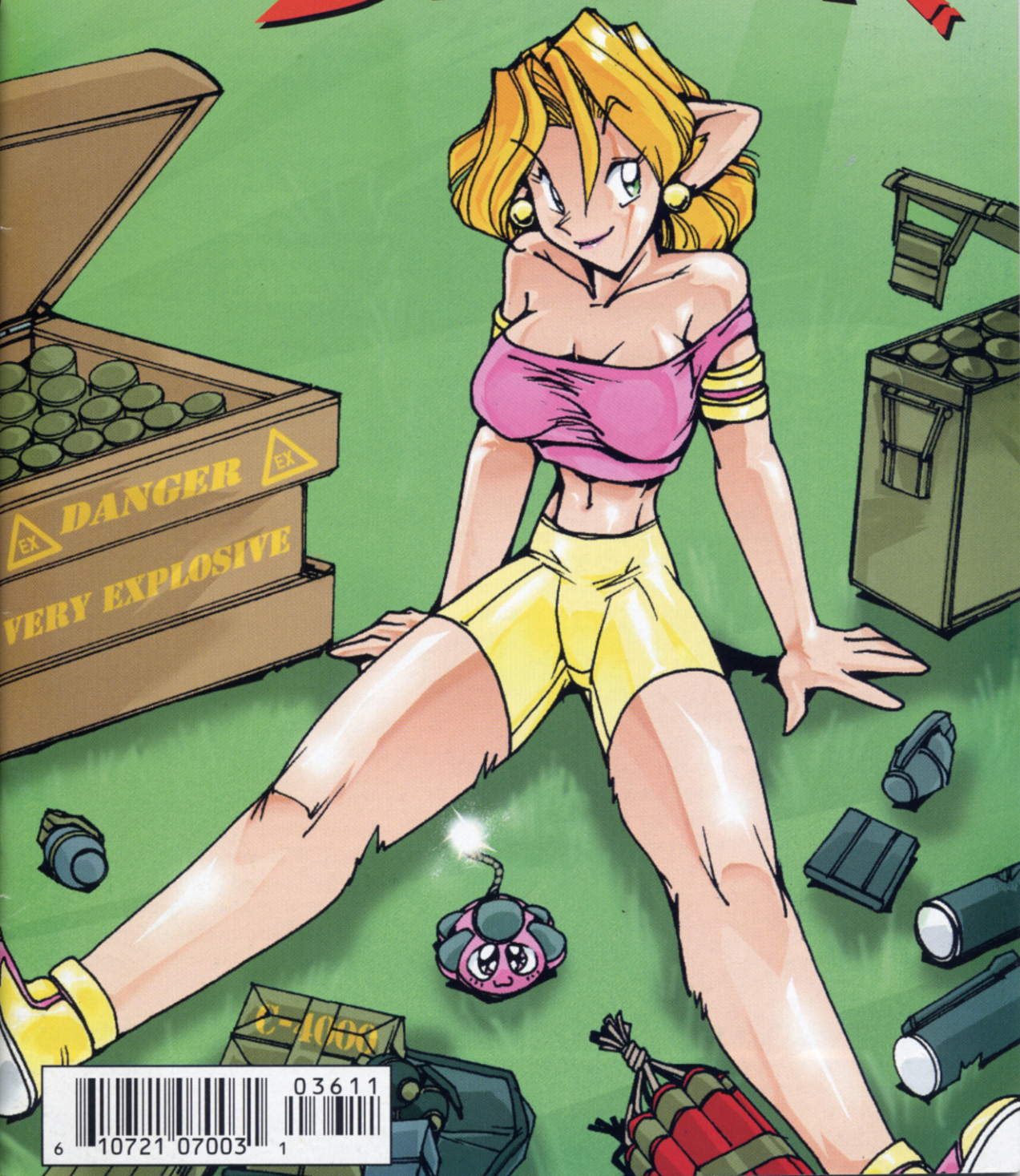


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IT APPEARS TO BE SOME KIND OF OUTPOST, STRAYP... ITS A GOOD BET THAT THEY'VE SPOTTED US.

WELL, JAN...

...I WASN'T EXPECTING THE JOURNEY TO AEBRA TO BE A QUIET ONE.

AT LEAST THE DREAD, BONE-CHILLING SILHOUETTE OF THE DYNASTY'S INVIDIOUS, SHADOWY FORTRESS OF EVIL IS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN.

I'M STUDYING THE CURIOUS, OMINOUS CRAFT THEY ARE SENDING TO INTERCEPT US NOW...

THEY DON'T APPEAR TOO LIFE-THREATENINGLY DANGEROUS OR TOO MANY IN NUMBER...

PERHAPS LUCK IS WITH US.

BEAM ARRAY

IT COULD BE THAT THEY HAVE YET TO REGAIN THEIR FORMER TERRIFYING / INVINCIBLE MIGHT.

JAN, SWITCH TO MAGNETIC-GRAVITATIONAL SCAN.



CLEVER...

I TAKE THAT LAST STATEMENT BACK.

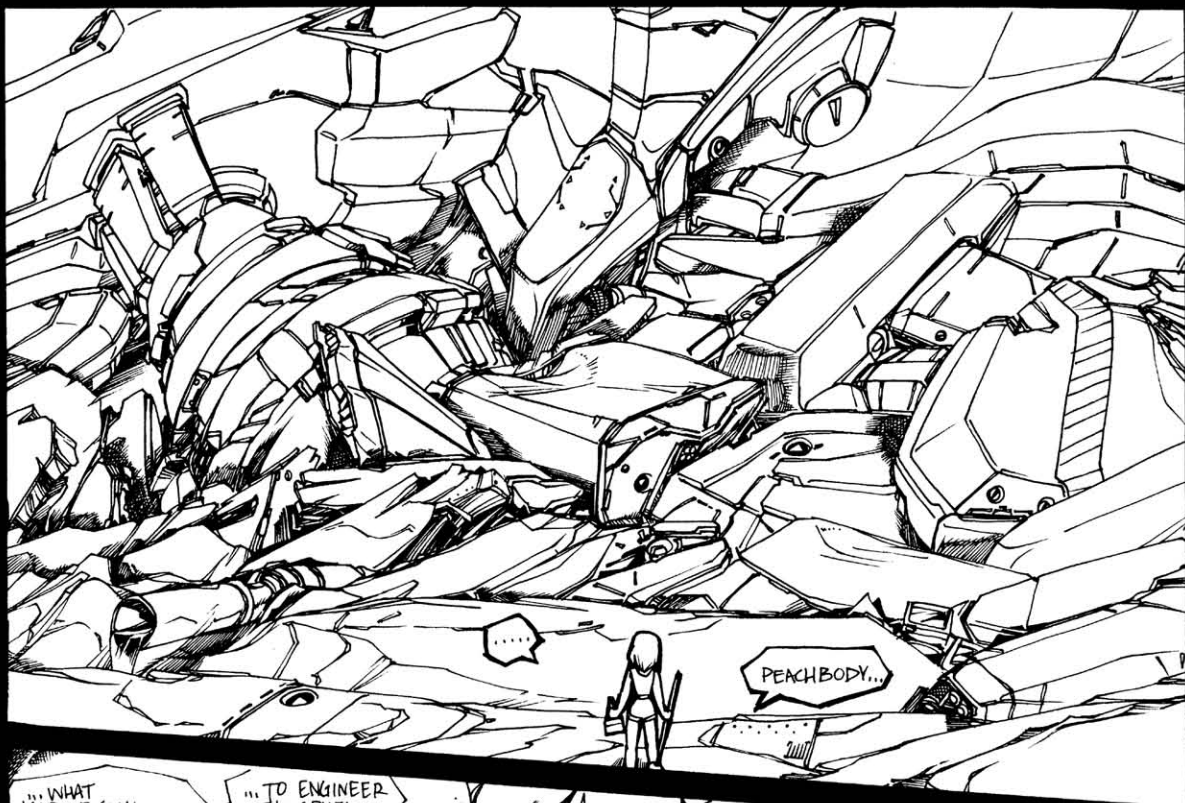
...AND WITH MAG-GRV, ITS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE HOW MANY IMAGES ARE CLOAKED CRAFT AND HOW MANY ARE PHANTOM IMAGES.

THIS IS GOING TO BE... INTERESTING.

SOUND BATTLE STATIONS.

MEANWHILE...











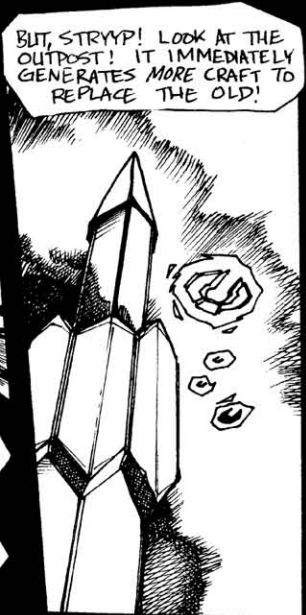
STRYP! I HAVE SPINE-CHILLING, DREADFUL NEWS!

I WAS SCANNING THAT STRANGE, DISTURBINGLY QUIESCENT OUTPOST...



LOOK... THE SECOND ONE OF THE FIGHTERS IS DESTROYED... THE PIECES VANISH!

IT'S RARE TO FIND SUCH A TIDY FOE, JAN.



BUT, STRYP! LOOK AT THE OUTPOST! IT IMMEDIATELY GENERATES MORE CRAFT TO REPLACE THE OLD!



I SUSPECT THAT IT COULD BE USING THE MATERIALS AND ENERGIES CREATED FROM THE CRAFTS' DESTRUCTION TO--

BREE BREE

STRYP? SOMETHING'S BREACHED OUR HULL!

SECTOR 2-A!



WE'VE BEEN BOARDED!!

JAN! TRY TO FIND OUT HOW THEY DID IT!

HELMSMAN, HAVE OUR KNIGHTS GET TO SECTOR 2-A...

TELL PRIESTESS JAZELLE TO HAVE A GROUP OF HER ACOLYTES ASSEMBLE THERE TOO.

I'M GOING TO MEET THEM ALL IN A MOMENT.

BE CAREFUL, STRYP.

I WILL...

...AND TELL JAZELLE TO HAVE THOSE SPECIAL SPELLS READY...

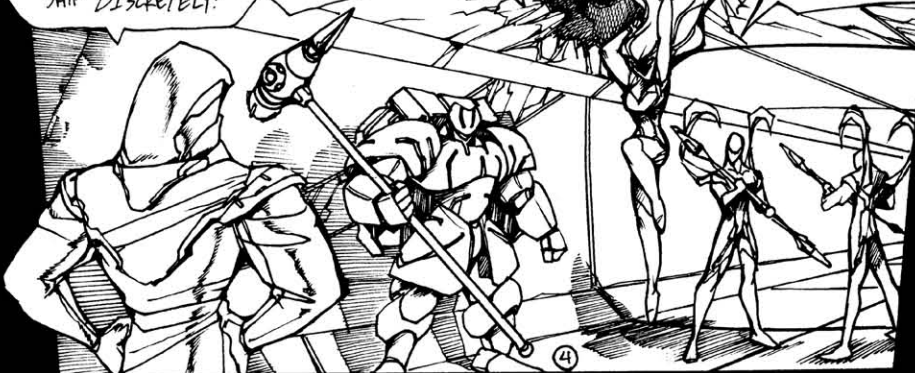
MOTHER!! I WAS ABOUT TO LET YOU INSIDE THIS SHIP DISCRETELY!

THE HOLE YOU MADE WILL SURELY ALERT THE KRYN.

I CARE NOT...

THEY CANNOT STOP ME.

NOW, TAKE US TO THE KRYN YOU WARNED US OF, RIOLDO.



I CANNOT WAIT TO DANCE IN HIS BLOOD.

HELLOOO?

ANYBODY IN HERE?

WERE OVER HERE, BRIANNA...

ICK! I FORGOT HOW MUCH OF A MESS THIS PLACE IS, GIINA.

NEED ANY HELP?

WE'VE GOT IT BRI', THANKS.

MAYBE LATER.

SAY, GIINA? IS THIS THING SUPPOSE TO MAKE MY HAIR STAND UP?

MAYBE...

SO WHAT'S GOING ON, BRIANNA?

WELL, PENNY DROPPED BY TO SEE YOU, GIINA...

Hullo.

AND I WANTED TO INVITE YOU AND BRIT' TO MY ARMORY!!

I'VE GOT SOME GREAT NEW INVENTIONS TO SHOW YOU!

What? MORE GUNS??

well.... yeah.











YOU SHOULD FEEL  
HONORED, PRINCE.

ONLY THOSE WHO ARE  
CONSIDERED EXTREMELY  
DANGEROUS TO THE DYNASTY  
ARE WORTHY OF MY  
DEADLY TOUCH!

Y-YOU MUST  
BE RIELDA!

THE FELL  
ASSASSIN  
OF THE  
DYNASTY!

SO,  
YOU KNOW  
OF MY  
LEGEND--

NO  
SHADOW?



AN ILLUSION!!

AND QUITE A  
CONVINCING  
ONE AT THAT,  
EH?



GRAAH

NOT EVEN  
CLOSE,  
RIELDA.

SHOW YOURSELF,  
KRYN!

ARE YOU AFRAID  
TO FACE ME?

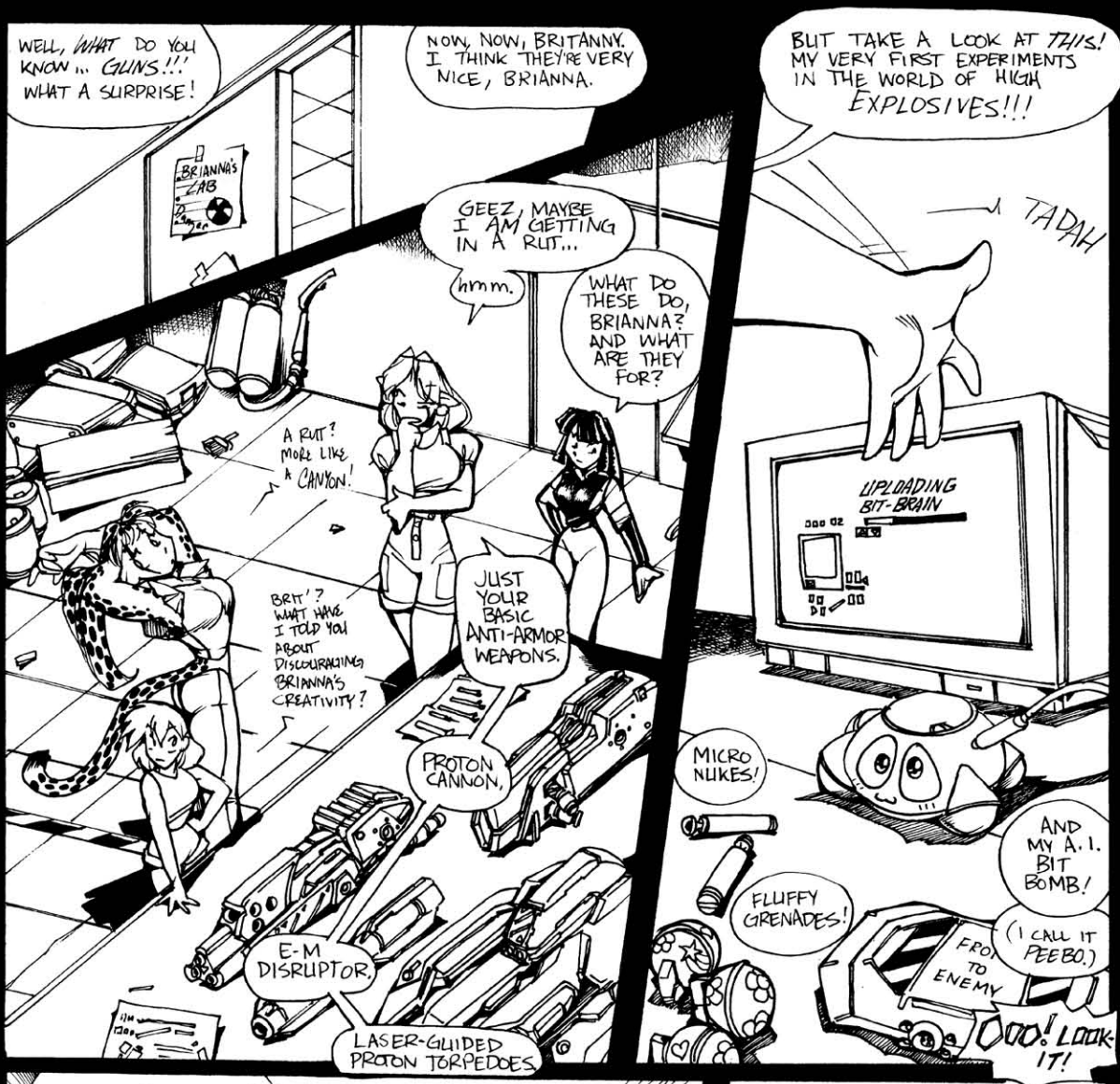
YOU'RE A FINE ONE  
TO TALK! USING  
THAT DISGUISE!

IT'S CLEAR THAT  
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S  
AFRAID TO FACE  
STRYP!

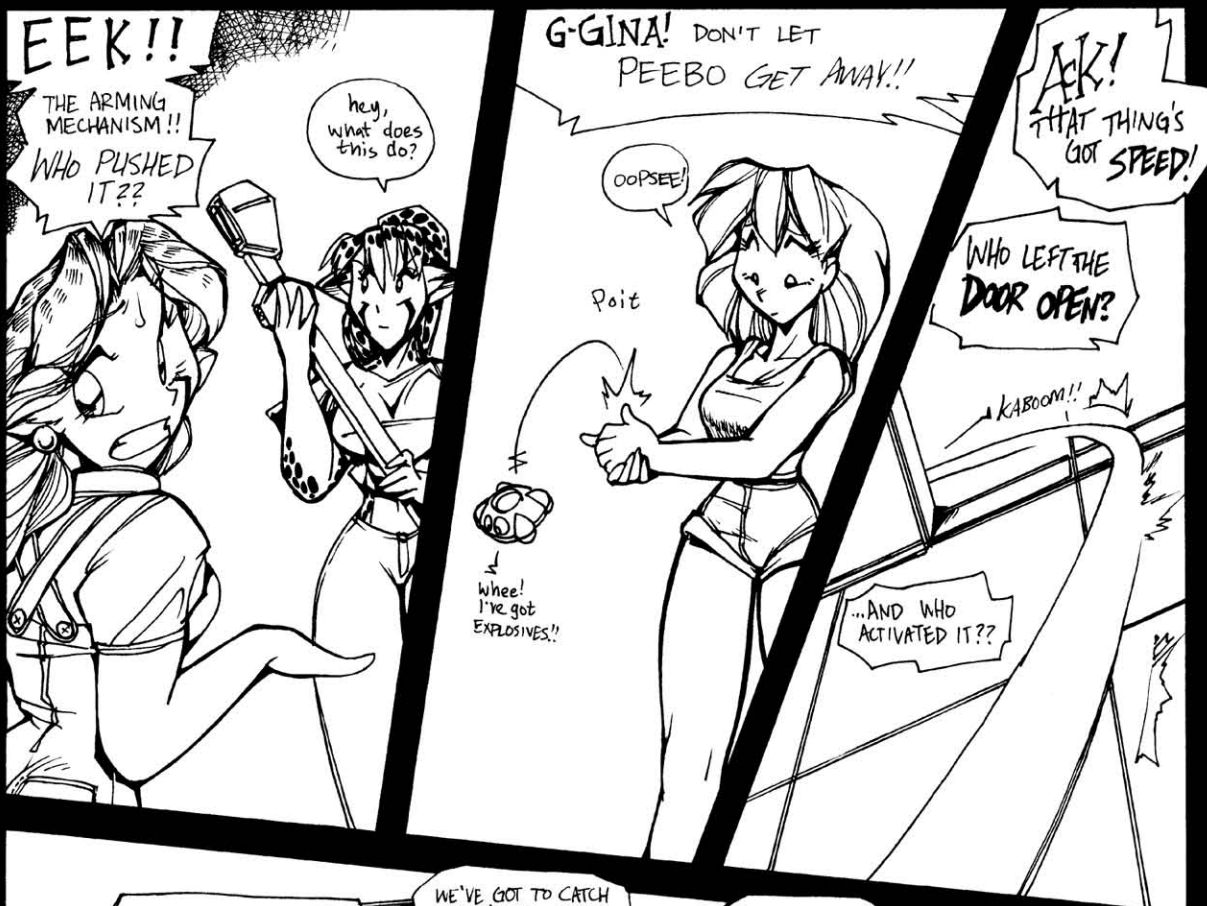
WHY,  
IF IT  
WEREN'T  
FOR MY  
ILLUSION  
MAGIC...

I WAS HOPING TO  
MEET WITH A MEMBER  
OF THE DYNASTY TO  
PEACEFULLY COME  
TO AN UNDERSTANDING  
...

...BUT IF YOU  
WANT TO FIGHT,  
I'M QUITE  
PREPARED FOR  
THAT, TOO!







THERE! THAT SHOULD  
BE JUST ENOUGH TIME.

NOW  
THIS'LL  
BE A  
LITTLE  
MORE  
INTERESTING!

HOWEVER...

EVERYONE! STAND  
CLEAR, BUT GUARD  
MY BACK!

WYHSH

HER  
CONSTANT  
MOVEMENT  
...  
IS SHE...

...DANCING?

AND  
HOW COULD  
SHE HAVE  
CHOPPED  
THROUGH THE  
FLOOR SO  
EASILY?!

IT WAS MADE  
FROM THE  
TOUGHEST  
OF KRYN  
METALS!

LIKE  
THE WALL...

SFTT

YOU WILL NOT  
STRIKE ??

SHRASH



I MUST ADMIT, RIELDA, YOU ARE THE ULTIMATE ASSASSIN!

YOUR DISGUISE POWER WILL LET YOU GET WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF **ANYONE!**

BUT IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO YOUR KINETIC DISRUPTION FIELD...

YOUR CONSTANT MOVEMENT SUSTAINS AND STRENGTHENS ITS POWER!

....

WITH IT, YOU CAN DESTROY **ANYTHING** YOU TOUCH! OR ANYTHING THAT TOUCHES YOU!

A SWORD, A BULLET, MY FIST... ALL WOULD BE SHREDDED INTO ATOMS BEFORE TOUCHING YOUR BODY...

PRIESTESS! HOW CAN LORD GIA DEFEAT SUCH A DEADLY WEAPON?

STRYP IS RESOLICE FUL!

HE HAS ALREADY DISCOVERED THE TRUE NATURE OF RIELDA'S POWERS...

...YET SHE KNOWS NOTHING OF STRYP'S ARTIFACTS.

IF HE MAINTAINS THAT EDGE...

...HE STILL HAS A CHANCE!

CLEVER.

BUT EVEN IF YOU DO KNOW OF MY TALENTS...

...IT WILL DO YOU LITTLE GOOD AGAINST THEM.

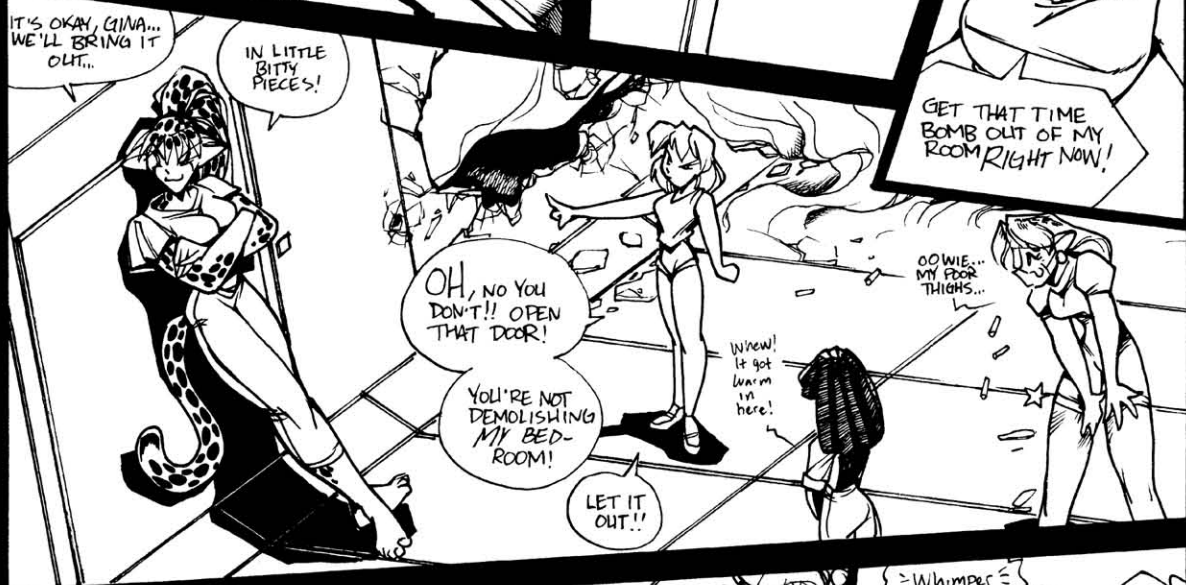
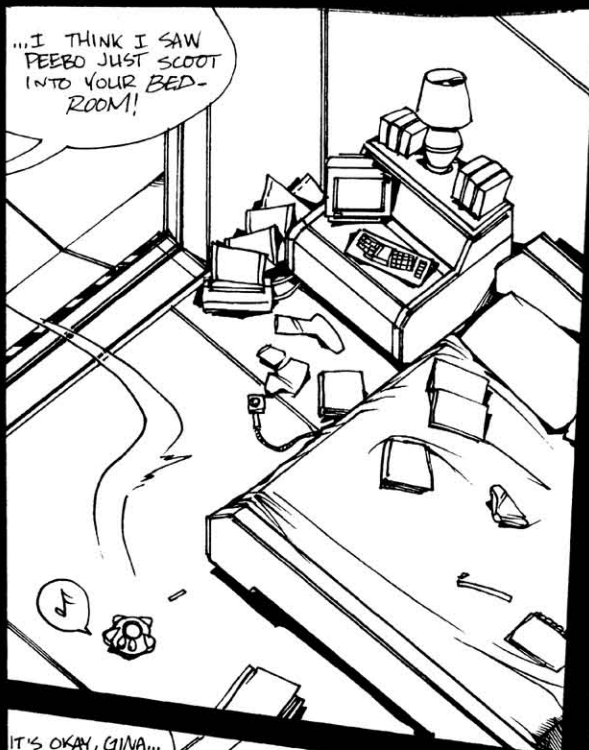
WRONG, RIELDA!

KNOWING'S HALF THE BATTLE.









INSIDE THE  
HALLS OF  
EL DORADO...

I DON'T KNOW  
HOW YOU MANAGED  
TO FORCE ME  
BACK BEFORE...

...BUT I  
WON'T LET YOU  
DO IT AGAIN!

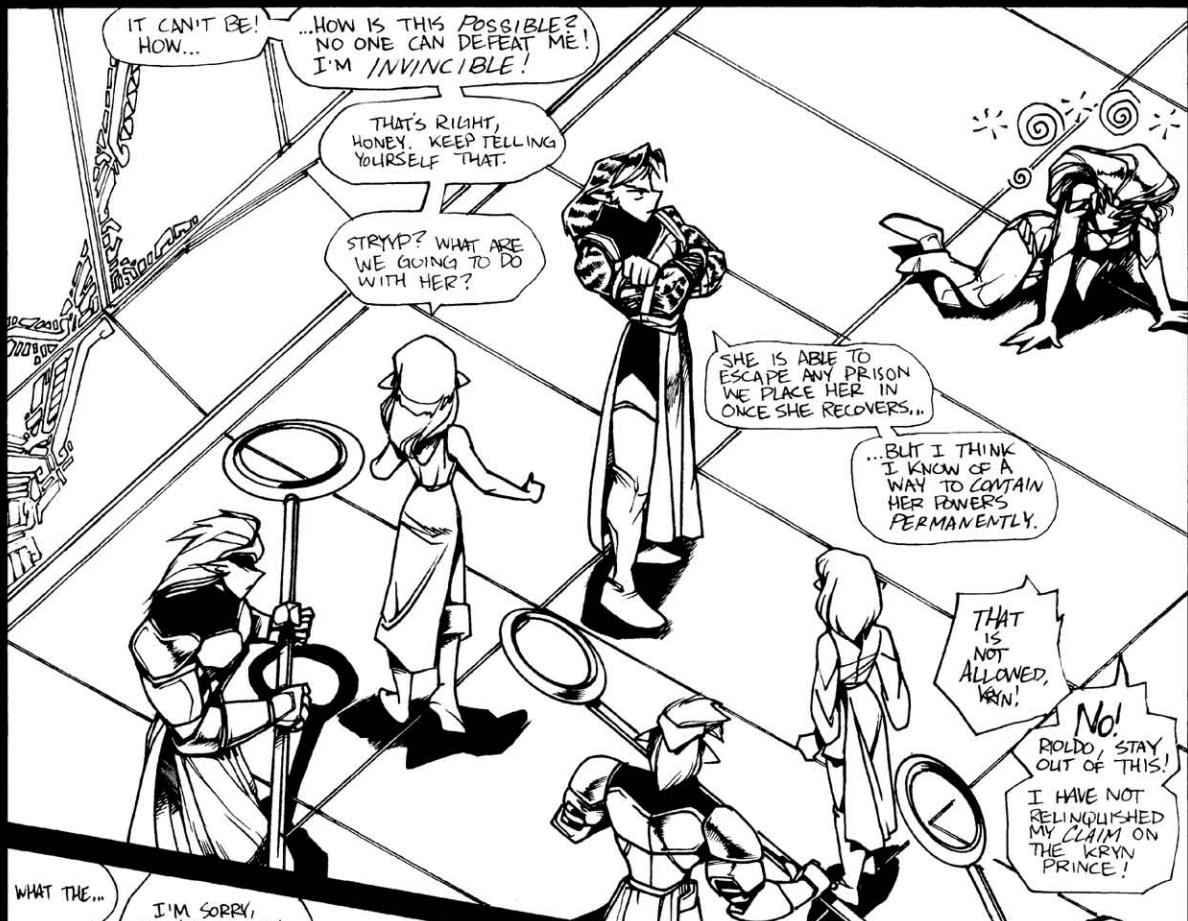
I'M NOT GIVING  
YOU A CHOICE,  
RIELDA...

TELEKINETIC  
SPHERES.

ONE OF MY  
ARTIFACTS HAS  
THE POWER TO  
CREATE  
THEM.

ANY KINETIC  
ENERGY THAT  
COMES IN CONTACT  
IS INSTANTLY  
REVERSED.

THEY SEEM TO WORK  
EXCEPTIONALLY WELL  
AGAINST KINETIC  
DISRUPTION FIELDS...  
DON'T YOU AGREE?





STRYP'GIA... YOU ARE  
VERY POWERFUL. BUT  
I MUST WARN YOU--

YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE  
ARE DOOMED IF YOU  
CONTINUE TOWARDS  
AEBRA.

THE KRYN THERE  
ARE NOW OUR  
PROPERTY.

TURN BACK  
OR YOU WILL  
BE ANNIHILATED.

I CAN'T  
DO THAT,  
RIOLDO!  
I WON'T!

NOT AS  
LONG AS  
YOUR FAMILY  
IS ON  
AEBRA.

YOU AND THE DYNASTY  
HAVE NO RIGHT  
TO  
ATTACK AND ENSLAVE  
MY PEOPLE!

SET THEM  
FREE AND  
GIVE US BACK  
OUR WORLD.

I WILL LEAVE  
YOU IN PEACE  
SO LONG AS  
YOU CEASE TO  
BE A THREAT.

THEN WE  
MUST FIGHT.

THE KRYN  
ON AEBRA  
ARE OURS...

THE DESTINY  
OF THE DY-  
NASTY WILL  
NOT BE  
DENIED!

STRYP! BELOW YOU!

What?

TOO LATE,  
STRYP'GIA!  
YOU'RE  
MINE!



HERE IT COMES!

BOOM

WHAT THE...

CRINKLE

OH, WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW GINA HAD A JADE FIGURINE COLLECTION!

"had'z"

OVER THERE! SMACK IT!



KAM-  
RAH!

oopsie...

NNN NH...



B-BRIANNA! WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?

I'M COMING IN TOO!



BRIANNA!

OOOPS, GOTTA GO.  
JUST WAIT FOR  
US OUT HERE  
UNTIL WE'RE  
FINISHED, OK?

BUT... BUT...  
BUT...

ACTUALLY, GINA...

I FEEL A LITTLE GUILTY  
FOR THIS, BUT... I'M REALLY  
GLAD THIS KIND OF STUFF  
NEVER HAPPENS AT MY  
PLACE...



SSSS-ty



MEANWHILE...

MMM

tee hee!



HURRAY!  
I FINALLY  
MADE  
BREAD!!

PENNY'S GOING TO  
BE SOO PROUD OF  
ME WHEN SHE GETS  
HOME!



MMM... ON SECOND  
THOUGHT...

MAYBE I  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE SAID  
THAT...

Yeah ~



CRASSH!

NOW SEE WHAT YOU  
DID ???



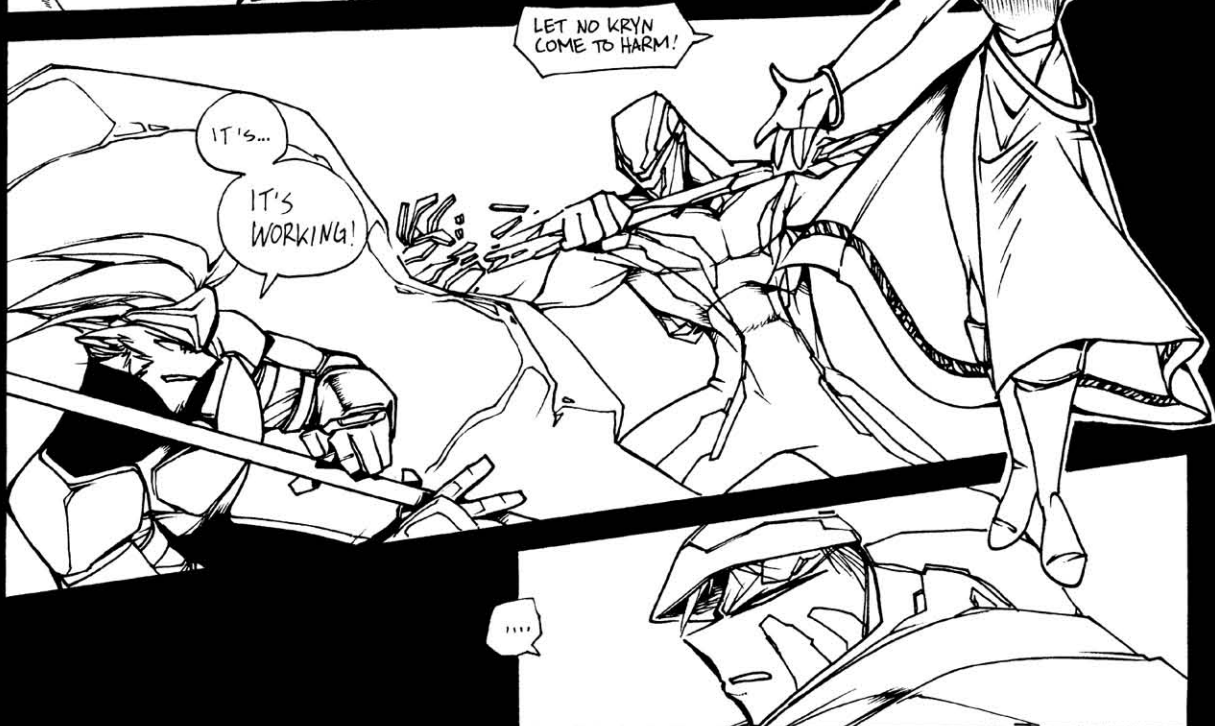
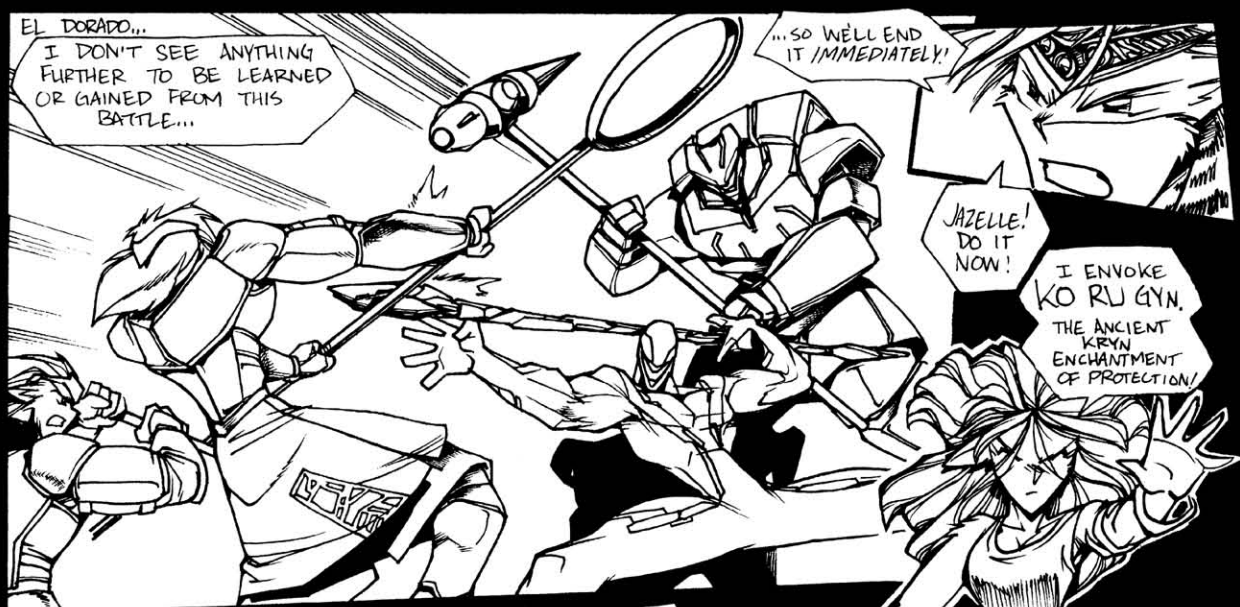
Um...

LET'S HEAD UPSTAIRS  
AND GRAB SOME  
HERBAL TEA...

'KAY?







GYPHON TWISTED THE PROTECTIVE POWERS OF THIS CROWN TO TURN THE KRYN OF EL DORADO INTO LIVING STATUES OF STONE...\*

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...LET'S SEE IF IT WORKS AS WELL ON THE LIKES OF THE DYNASTY!!

HMM...

I'D SAY IT WORKED VERY WELL!

THAT WAS EASY!

EASY, YOU SAY?

TERS!, MY STUDENT, YOU STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN!

WE WERE PREPARED FOR THEM THIS TIME, TERS!. VERY PREPARED!

AND THEY WEREN'T PREPARED TO HANDLE US.

IT WOULD SUIT ME JUST FINE IF THAT'S THE WAY THINGS REMAINED...

...BUT NO.

THE NEXT TIME WE FACE THE DYNASTY, THEY WON'T BE AS COCKY, NOR AS SLOPPY.

KNIGHTS! SEARCH THE SHIP! REPORT IF YOU DETECT MORE VISITORS! DON'T TRY TO ATTACK THEM BY YOURSELVES!

AT ONCE, M' LORD!

AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND JAZELLE'S OTHER ACOYTE, ROLEYA. I PREY RIELDA DIDN'T HARM HER...

JAZELLE? THANK YOU! YOUR SPELLS WERE INVALUABLE!

I'M GLAD I COULD HELP.

I ONLY WISH I WAS EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO MEMORIZE MORE THAN TWO SPELLS AT A TI--

LORD STRYPP?

"RIOLDO'S STATUE!  
IT'S MISSING!"

