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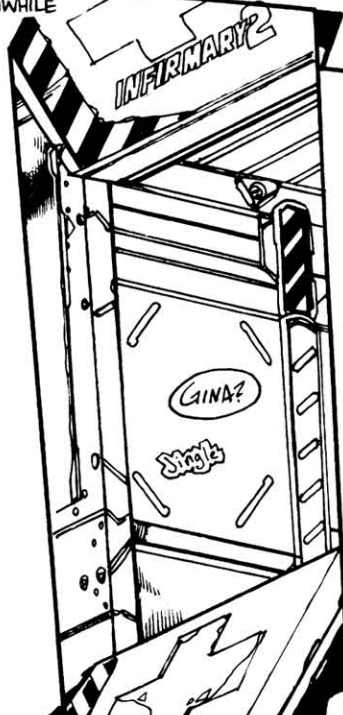
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MEANWHILE









Jinkies!

WAS THAT SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A JOKE? SEEMS PRETTY SUSPICIOUS TO ME...

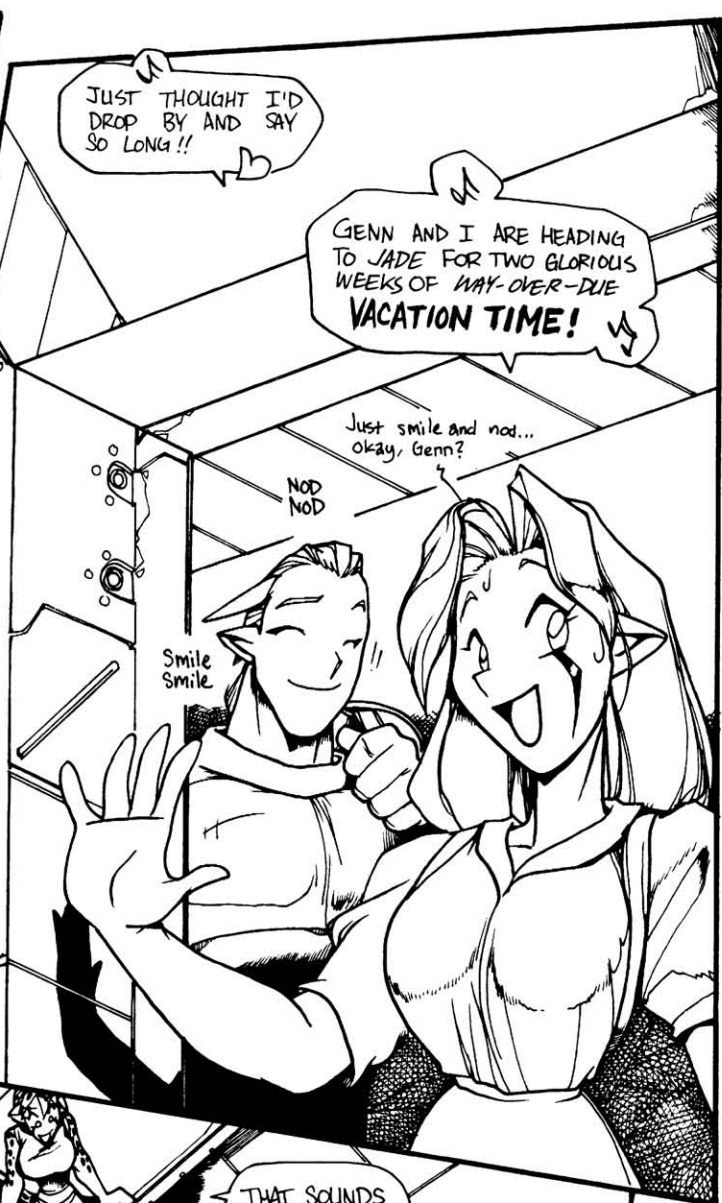
AND NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THIS OFF WITHOUT USING THAT DEATHRAY...

RIGHT?!

WRONG. I WAS JUST CURIOUS!

YOOHOOOO!

BRIANNA?



JUST THOUGHT I'D DROP BY AND SAY SO LONG!!

GENN AND I ARE HEADING TO JADE FOR TWO GLORIOUS WEEKS OF WAY-OVER-DUE VACATION TIME!

Just smile and nod... okay, Genn?

NOD NOD

Smile Smile



OOOOOO!

THAT SOUNDS YUMMY!

CAN STRIPE AND I COME TOO??

b-B-BUT... I-I THOUGHT YOU ALREADY HAD A VACATION WITH STRIPE!

musn't... arouse... SUSPICION...

OKAY, SEE YA IN TWO...



WELL, WE COULD SURE USE ANOTHER ONE!!

WELL, BRIANNA AND I WANTED TO BE AL-

Uh-oh.



SORRY... I WAS COMING TO SEE GINA WHEN I HEARD SOMEONE MENTION "JADE"...

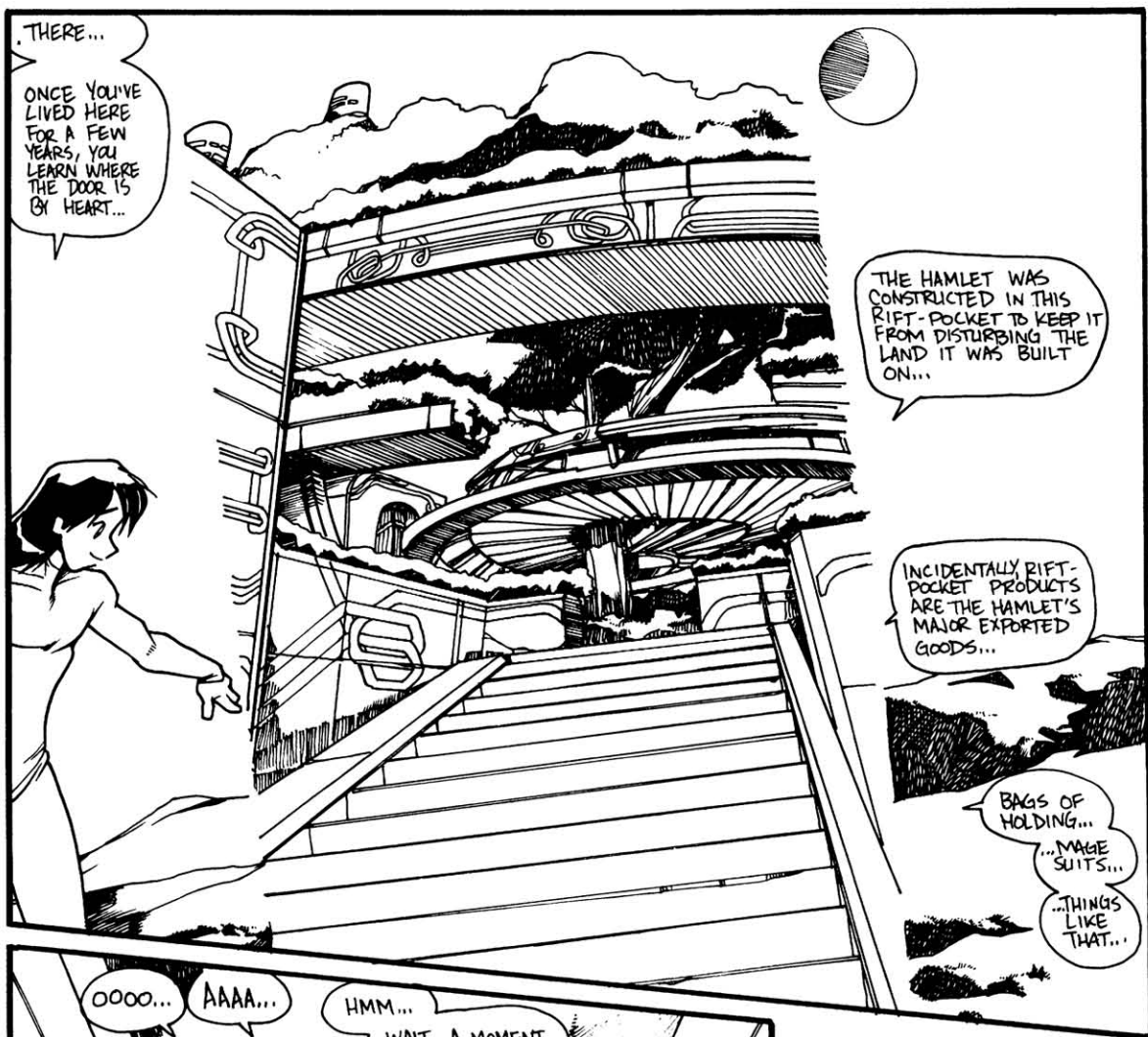










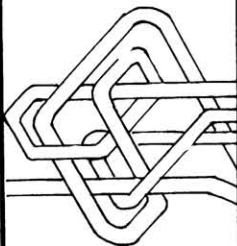




OH... YOU PROBABLY DON'T READ "RIBBON", DO YOU...

"RIBBON"?

INSTEAD OF SYMBOLS OR LETTERS, IDEAS ARE REPRESENTED IN INTERWOVEN RIBBON IMAGES...



YOU'LL FIND IT EVERYWHERE ON JADE... ESPECIALLY THE OLD PLACES.



IN THE MEANTIME, I SHOULD GIVE YOU SOME LOCAL CURRENCY TO START YOU OFF WITH...

SEANCE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO-

DON'T WORRY... GINA GIVES ME SPENDING CASH ALL THE TIME ON EARTH.

IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO.

AND YOU'LL NEED A DIALECT BOOK... FLUENT IN OVER SIX MILLION FORMS OF COMMUNICATION...

AND A COMPASS MATERIA... JUST TELL IT WHERE YOU WANT TO GO...



Jinkies! You've GOT THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE FOR POCKETS!

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO CARRY ALL THIS STUFF?

don't look at me!!

COME... I'LL TAKE YOU ON A TOUR...

GENN? DO YOU NEED HELP WITH THAT?



IT'S ITS OKAY, SEANCE... I'M 4ghé F.FINE..

If you'd change back to your masculine form, you wouldn't be struggling with that thing...

Ahh...

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, SEANCE... WE REALLY OWE YOU ONE...

ACTUALLY, I DO HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE. BUT IT CAN WAIT UNTIL WE'RE ALL SETTLED IN...





WEAPONSMASTER GNOLGA...  
YOU SAW SOMETHING?

THAT I DID,  
HANZO...

CRUK? USE THE  
SPYGLASS ON THE  
THREE NEWCOMERS  
AT THE NORTH  
GATE, PLEASE.

gUh...

ONE'S IN A  
MAGE-SUIT AND  
ANOTHER LOOKS  
DUINN-SPAWN...  
PROBABLY A  
RAKSHASA.

Ghuh...  
Uhr?

PLEASE DON'T BE  
SO TECHNICAL,  
CRUK... YOU  
KNOW I DON'T  
HAVE AS WIDE  
A VOCABULARY  
AS YOU DO...

BOTH SHOULD  
BRING A PRETTY  
PENNY WHEN WE  
SELL THEM TO  
THE OLD DIRTY  
BASTARD...

uUhhnmurgh GuhHn

A POLISHED GREEN-CYAN  
GLOW WITH SHIMMERS  
OF BRIGHT WISPS...?  
THAT SIGNIFIES  
GREAT UNTAPPED  
MAGICAL ABILITY.  
GOOD!

kuGhtHuhh DurrrH

RED GLOW?  
DISTANT AND  
SOMEWHAT  
FADED...

THAT SHOWS  
SHE'S DECENTLY  
POWERFUL,  
BUT VERY  
LOW ON ENERGY  
GOOD!

Plop

GENN! LOOK! I GOT ME  
A BAG OF HOLDING!

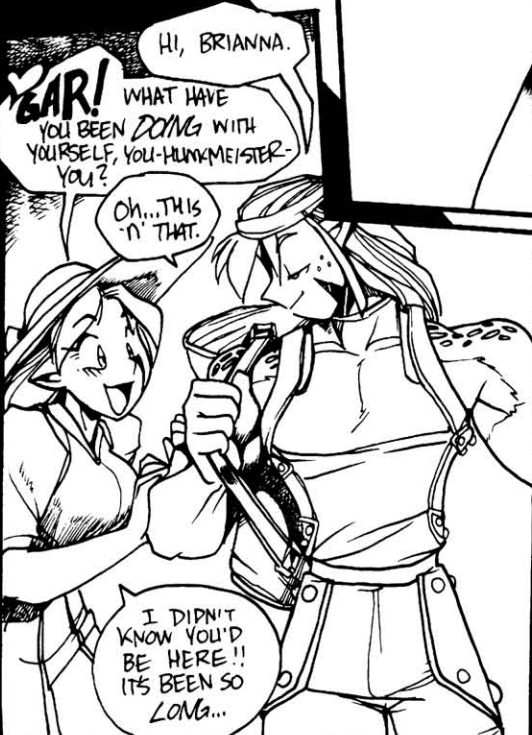
DOES IT  
GO WITH THE  
HAT?

uBlech

BROWN?  
WITH WHITE  
GLOWY STUFF?

LINK NOWIN...  
BUT NEVER  
MIND HER...

TONIGHT, WE  
TAKE THE  
OTHER TWO!





LATE AGAIN!

MY BROTHER'S GETTING TO BE MORE AND MORE OF A FLAKE EVERY DAY!...

ACTUALLY, SHEILA, I DON'T BLAME GAR FOR BEING OUT OF IT THESE DAYS...

YOU KNOW HOW LOVE-SICK HE'S BEEN OVER BRITANNY... EVER SINCE HE FIRST SAW HER...

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN "BRITANNY'S EYES ARE SO THIS" AND "BRITANNY'S BUST IS SO THAT"...



YEAH.. KAPON! REJECTED! YOU'RE RIGHT, THROPAN...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, TIRGA?

mmm

AND WHEN HE FINALLY WORKS UP THE COURAGE TO LET HER KNOW HOW HE FEELS --



DON'T EVEN BOTHER, SHEILA. TIRGA'S MIND IS ON THE MOON, SO TO SPEAK...

HE'S PLAYING WITH FIRE IF HE THINKS THAT GIRL IS GOING TO BE HIS NEXT "CONQUEST"!!

THOSE TWO ARE AMAZON BREEDERS! THE STRONGEST AND MOST ORNERY OF ALL AMAZONS... NOT JUST THE CUTEST... AND DO THEY HAVE TEMPERS!

Point Point Point

mmm

JUT

foink





ONOLI!!

DID GAJA GIVE YOU THE PAY FROM THE SERPENT KING JOB?

AFFIRMATIVE.

IT SEEMS WE'VE DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB THAT WE'VE EARNED A BIT OF A BONUS AS WELL.

AAH... FRIENDSHIP, FORTUNE AND FREEDOM.

LIFE IS SWEET.

YEEHAW!

I NEED MY SHARE RIGHT AWAY!!

AFTER OUR TAB HERE IS PAID, I'M GOING OUT TO THE BAZAAR!

AND DON'T FORGET THAT THE ECLIPSE FESTIVAL STARTS THIS AFTERNOON! I HEAR THERE'LL BE WOOD-NYMPHS IN THE CROWDS THIS TIME!

CAN'T WAIT TO SAMPLE SOME OF THAT ACTION!

Know-WhaddI mean?

AHEM... I NEED TO TALK WITH YOU ALL ABOUT THAT. GAJA... HAS GIVEN US ANOTHER QUEST...

WHAT?

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS EVER SINCE I WAS SIX!! I'M NOT WAITING ANOTHER SIXTEEN YEARS, ONOLI!!

THERE'S NO WAY I'M MISSING THE PARTY OF A LIFETIME!!

uh-oh... look out!! she's gonna RAGE again...

no I'm NOT...

HEY, TEAM!!

SORRY I'M LATE!

HI!!

RIGHT HERE IN SEER'S HAMLET... RIGHT NOW...

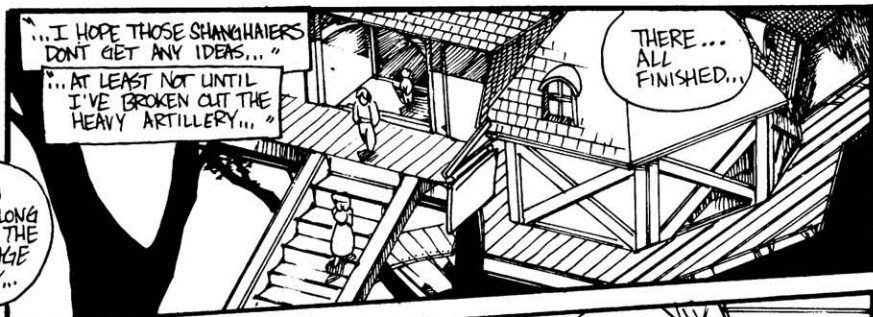
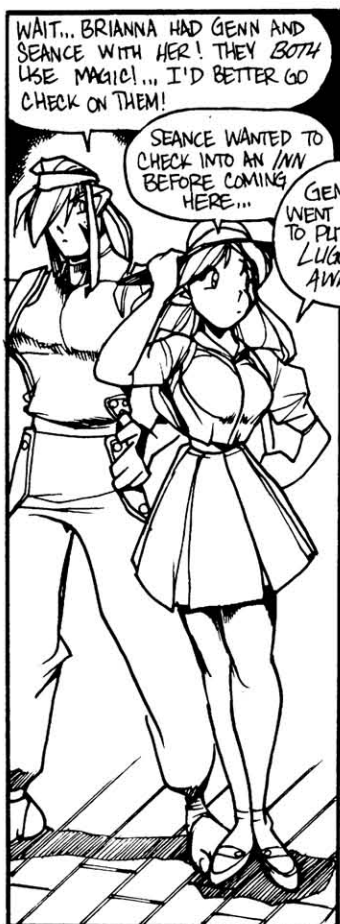
WE'LL HAVE TO MISS THE FESTIVAL.

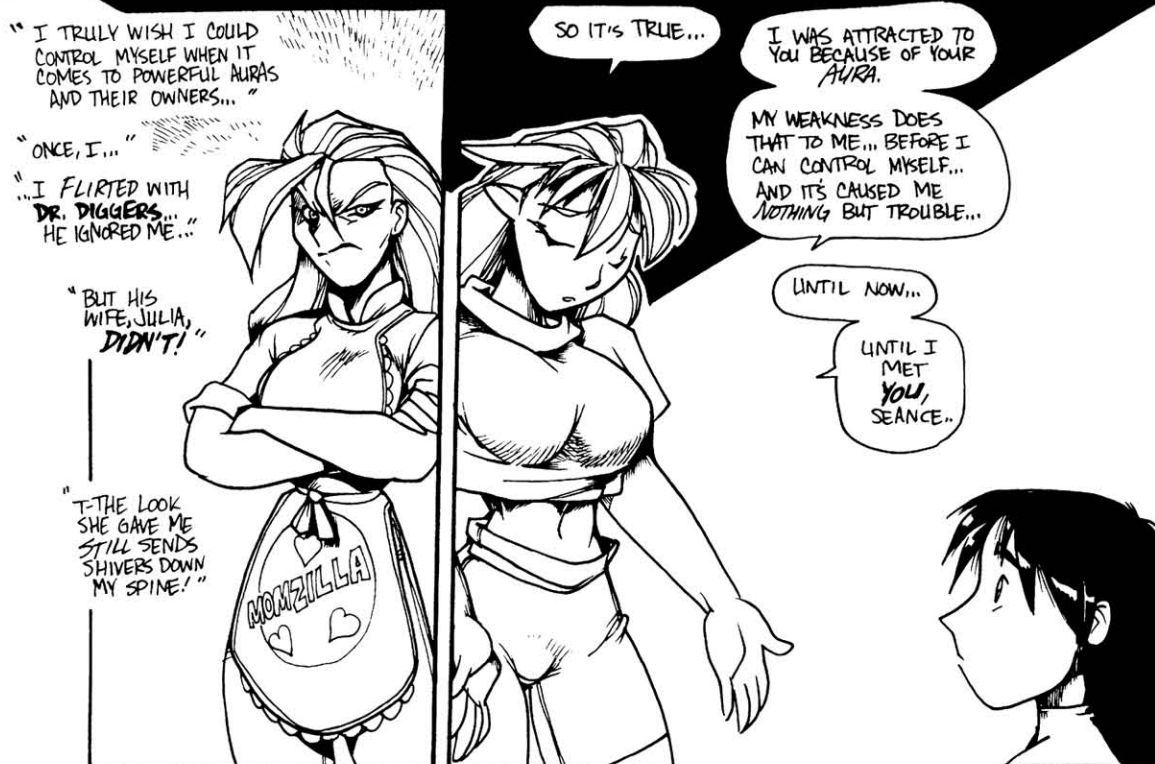
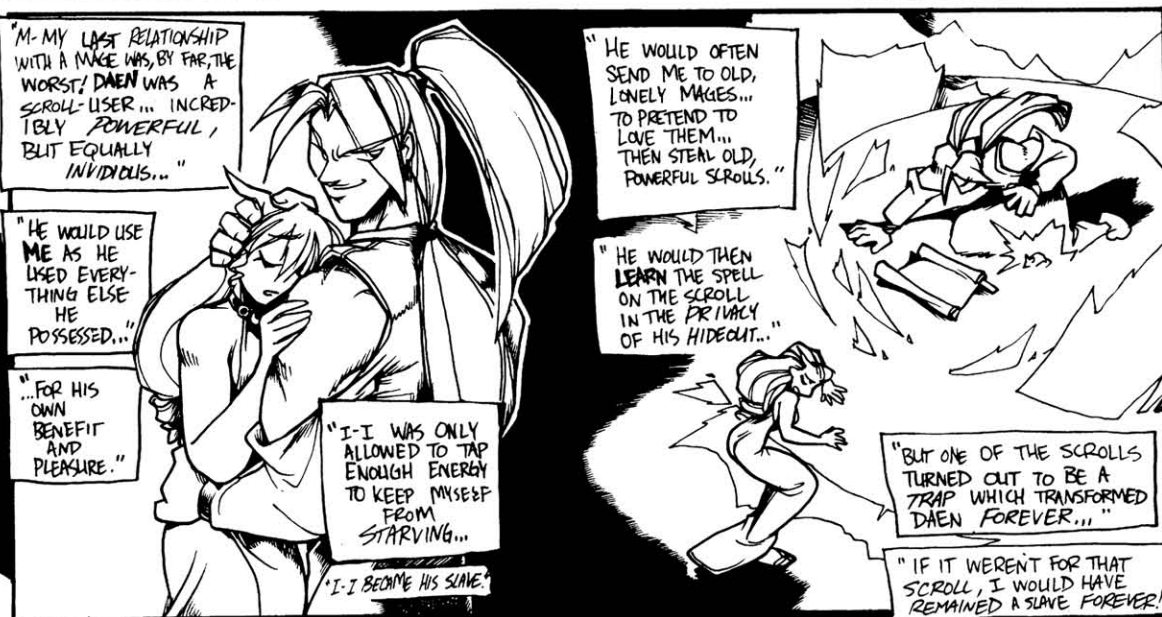
GAJA'S

OUT OF HIS GERIATRIC GOURD IF HE THINKS I'M GONNA TAKE THIS LYING DOWN!!









EVEN WHEN I  
DON'T NEED ENERGY...  
WHEN I'M FULL...

I'VE CAUGHT  
MYSELF THINKING  
OF YOU...

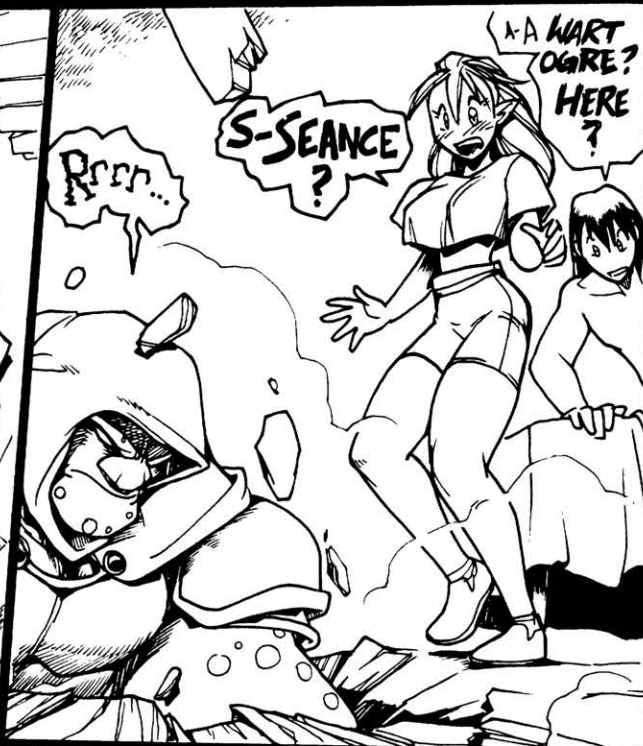
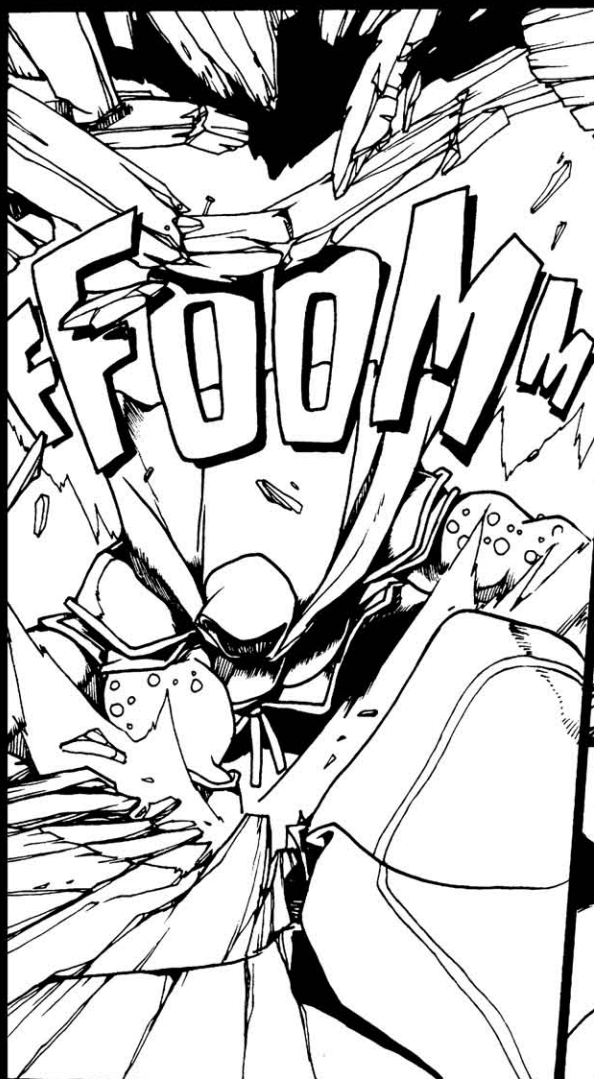
AT FIRST, I WANTED YOU FOR  
YOUR ENERGY, BUT NOT ANYMORE...

EVEN IF I COULDN'T  
TAP A DROP OF ETHER  
FROM YOUR AURA... IT  
WOULDN'T MATTER. I  
WOULD STILL WANT YOU.

I- I DON'T KNOW ANY  
OTHER WAY TO TELL  
YOU THIS...

SEANCE?

...I THINK I  
LOVE YOU...



PARDON ME, BUT HE  
PREFERS "BLISTER TITAN".  
"WART OGRE" IS SOO  
UNFLATTERING...

HUH?

UNLESS  
YOU WANT  
TO GET HIM  
ANGRY...





WHO ARE YOU?

WHAT IS THE  
MEANING OF  
THIS INTRUSION?



THERE IS NO NEED  
FOR YOU TO LEARN MY NAME,  
PUNK...

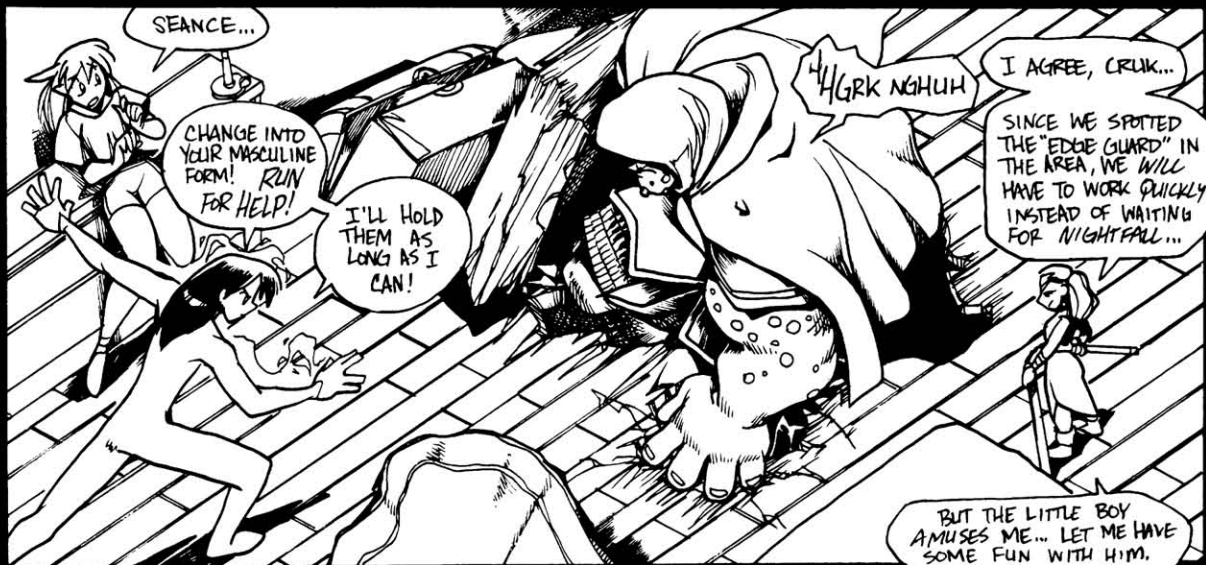
WHEN I'M  
FINISHED WITH  
YOUR HEAD,  
YOU WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE TO  
REMEMBER  
IT ANYWAY...

COME ON...

BUT IT'S ONLY  
FAIR TO WARN  
YOU... I'M  
FAIRLY RESISTANT  
TO SPELLS...  
BEING A DWARF  
AND EVERYTHING.

AND ON TOP OF  
THAT, I ALSO HAPPEN  
TO BE ONE OF THE  
TEN WEAPONS MASTERS  
OF JADE...

SO, PUNK... TELL  
ME... DO YOU  
FEEL LUCKY?



SEANCE...

CHANGE INTO  
YOUR MASCULINE  
FORM! RUN  
FOR HELP!

I'LL HOLD  
THEM AS LONG  
AS I  
CAN!

HGRK NGHUU

I AGREE, CRUK...

SINCE WE SPOTTED  
THE "EDGE GUARD" IN  
THE AREA, WE WILL  
HAVE TO WORK QUICKLY  
INSTEAD OF WAITING  
FOR NIGHTFALL...

BUT THE LITTLE BOY  
AMUSES ME... LET ME HAVE  
SOME FUN WITH HIM.



SEANCE! I'M TOO WEAK TO SHIFT FORMS... OR EVEN UTILIZE THE SPECIAL ABILITIES GRANTED TO MY FEMININE FORM! I-I CAN'T FIGHT ANYONE OFF!

THEN JUST RUN!! RUN!!

Hey!  
THANKS FOR GETTING THE DOOR FOR ME!

BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T LET YOU THROUGH...

NOT WITHOUT BEING KNOCKED OUT AND TIED UP...

I KNOW IT'S MEAN, BUT HEY... I'M ONE OF THE BAD GUYS...



BAD GUYS?



ELECTRIC-SHI-AALUGH POK

Ooo! GOOD MOVE!

SINCE METAL IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN EASILY DISRUPT AN AURA SHIELD...

YOU CHARGED YOURS WITH ELECTRICITY...

A PITY MY WEAPON IS WOODEN WITH IRON TIPS...



NOW I'LL...

?

PPT



THAT'S AFFIRMATIVE, MA'AM! THEY'RE EVIL AND UGLY TOO!

GOOD WORK, P-37! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

NOW, YOU AND THE REST OF YOUR SERIES... MAKE ME PROUD!!

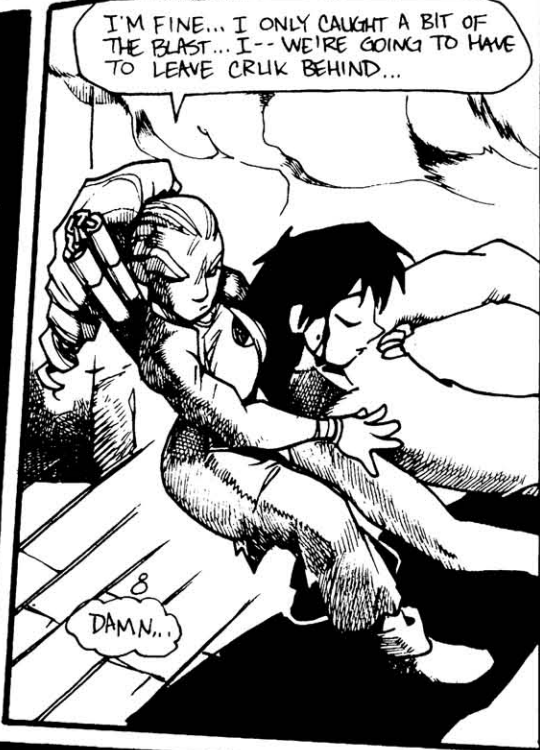
oh, CRUK? Uh?

COULD YOU SPIN AROUND? METHINKS SOMETHING'S OCCUPYING YER BACKSIDE...



hHuh?

READY? SET? GO BOOM NOW!!





DON'T WORRY ABOUT  
"AFFORDING ANY MORE  
SURPRISES."

THIS ONE'S ON  
THE HOUSE...

THE  
EDGE  
GUARD??

HOW DID  
THEY FIND  
US SO  
FAST?

HOW DID  
THEY FIND  
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RELAX, HANZO. IT'S JUST  
ONE... THEY'RE NO GOOD ON  
THEIR OWN... THEY MUST  
HAVE FANNED OUT TO  
SEARCH FOR US...

HE SHOULD  
FEEL LUCKY... HE'S  
ABOUT TO DIE AT  
THE HANDS OF  
A TRUE EXPERT...

I RECOGNIZE  
YOU, G'NOLGA...

ORDINARILY,  
I WOULD HAVE  
TO AGREE...  
I WOULDN'T  
STAND A CHANCE  
AGAINST ONE OF  
THE TEN...

BUT LOOK...  
THE MOON IS  
FULL

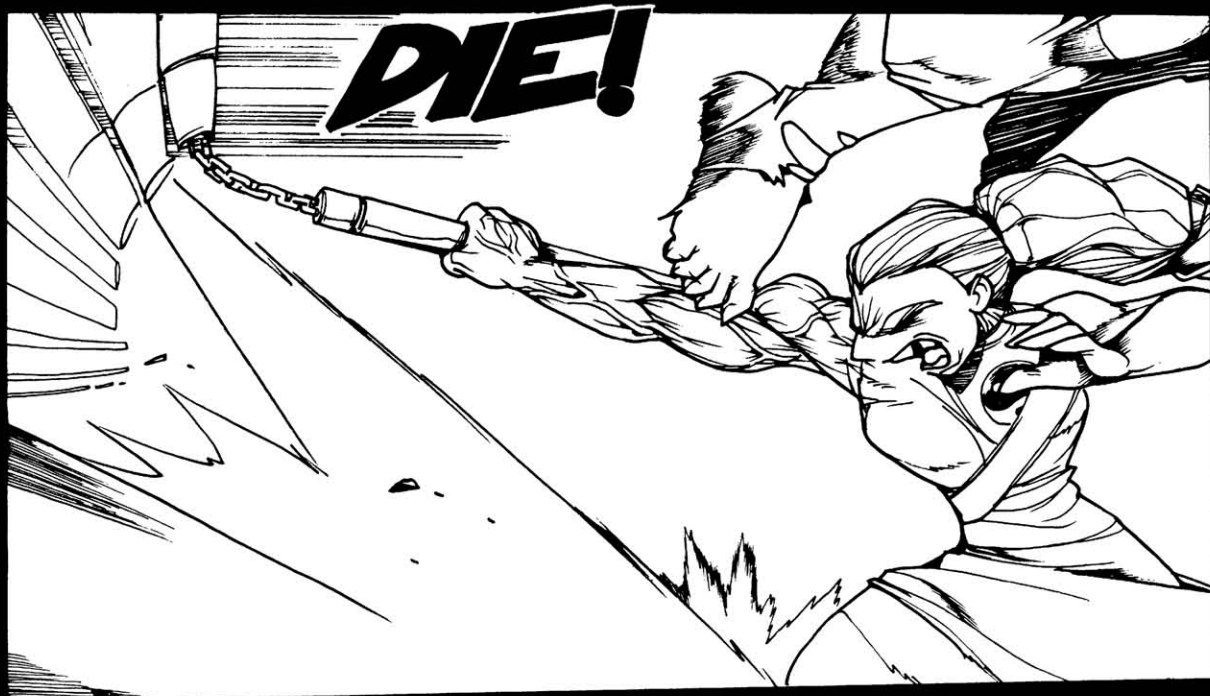
AND  
THE SUN IS  
OUT...

WHICH MEANS I  
CAN DO THIS!

THE LUNAR  
RAGE...

INCREASING  
HIS ABILITIES  
THIRTY-FOLD!

I THOUGHT...  
ONLY ONE IN A  
MILLION WERE FOLK  
COULD DO THAT...



HE DODGED IT???

BUT--  
NO ONE'S EVER  
ESCAPED G'NOLGA'S  
MASTER BLOW!



THIS...

THIS MOVE!

I KNOW THIS  
MOVE!

"IT'S THE SAME MOVE  
SHE USED ON ME!!"

"DURING THE  
FINAL BATTLE OF  
THE TOURNAMENT...  
BETWEEN MYSELF  
AND THE TEN  
OTHER WEAPONS-  
MASTERS OF JADE!"

"IT'S EXACTLY  
THE SAME  
CHEAP MOVE..."

"...THAT JULIA DIGGERS USED..."

"...TO STEAL THE  
TITLE OF 'ARMSMASTER  
OF JADE' FROM ME!"





NEXT: MAGIC BRIANNA

HAHAHAHAHA