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# GOLD DIGGER™



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WHAT IS GOLD DIGGER?

THAT'S AN EASY ONE.

"GOLD DIGGER" IS A NICK-NAME CERTAIN JEALOUS ARCHAEOLOGISTS AND TREASURE HUNTERS GAVE ME A WHILE BACK. SORT OF A PLAY ON MY REAL NAME, GINA DIGGERS.

JUST BECAUSE I TEND TO GET TO THE GOOD SITES AND TREASURE A LITTLE EARLIER THAN EVERYONE ELSE...

THEN AGAIN, YOU HAVE TO BE PRETTY GOOD TO BEAT OUT A SUPER SCIENTIST-SLASH-INVENTOR-SLASH-ADVENTURER LIKE MYSELF...

SO FAR, MY ONLY REAL COMPETITION HAS COME FROM PENNY PINCHER... (AKA "PENNY PINCHER") SHE'S A FELLOW SCIENTIST AND ADVENTURER WITH ABOUT THE SAME SAVVY AND SMARTS AS YOURS TRULY.

GINA AND I USED TO BE ARCH-RIVALS, ACTUALLY. EVER SINCE WE FIRST MET, WHICH IS A STORY ALL ITS OWN, WE'VE BEEN IN COMPETITION, ALWAYS TRYING TO OUT-DO EACH OTHER.

BUT RECENTLY, WE'VE BECOME MORE LIKE FRIENDLY RIVALS... WHICH BRINGS US TO --



## The Story So Far

OF ALL OF OUR ADVENTURES IN THE PAST, THE ONE WE'RE BUSY WITH NOW IS THE MOST EERIE.

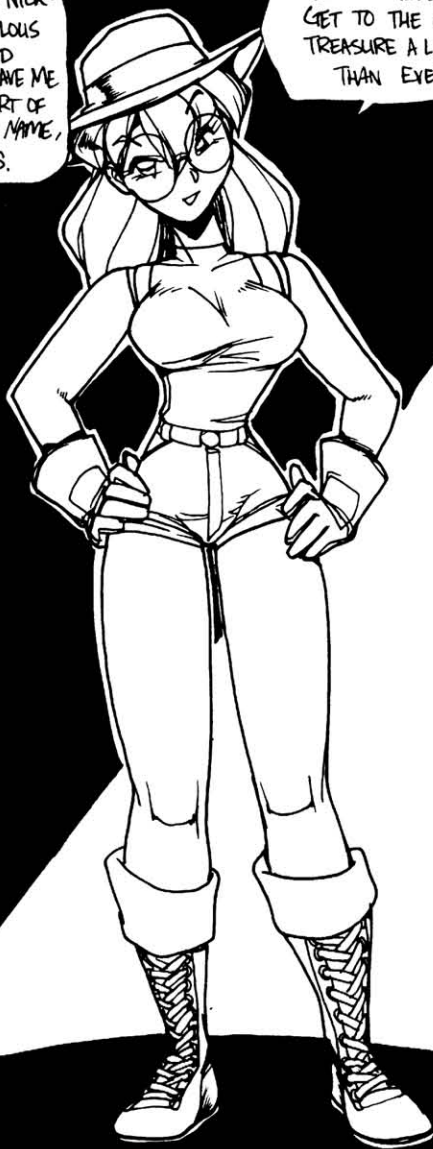
I RECENTLY UNCOVERED SIGNS OF A NON-HUMAN CIVILIZATION BURIED FOUR MILES UNDER THE NEVADA DESERT, ONE MADE BY SENTIENT, EVOLVED DINOSAURS CALLED SAURIANS MORE THAN 40 MILLION YEARS AGO...

BUT THEN, I DISCOVERED WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM...

THEY DISCOVERED A FANTASTIC NEW TECHNOLOGY WHICH LET THEM CREATE TOOLS WHICH EXISTED BOTH IN OUR DIMENSION AND A STRANGE REALITY WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN DIMENSIONS CALLED THE BETA PHASE...

THE BETA PHASE HAD INHABITANTS WHICH INVADDED THE WORLD AND SOMEHOW ERADICATED THE SAURIANS.

NOW, 40 MILLION YEARS LATER, GINA AND I ARE WORKING TO KEEP MANKIND FROM GOING THE WAY OF THE DINOSAURS...







GINA, TELL YOUR SISTER WE NEED MORE DETAILS! WE'VE STILL GOT ROCKS FALLING AND TREMORS SHAKING! CAN WE EXPECT ANOTHER EXPLOSION OR WHAT? DON'T FORGET, WE'RE FOUR MILES UNDER THE SURFACE! I DON'T WANT A CAVE-IN!

BRITANNY? YOU HEARD PENNY?

Beep  
SURE DID...  
Beep

BUT DON'T WORRY. I'M DONE UP HERE.

THANKS TO A WELL PLACED CHEETAH-PUNCH USING THE PHANTOM RING...

AND YOU KNOW WHAT?

THOSE BETA-GUYS ARE JUST CLASS-A WIMPS WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT.

YUP.

I DON'T KNOW WHY I WAS SO SCARED OF THEM BEFORE.

Ho Hum

IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE IN THE CAR, TAKING A LITTLE NAP.

CALL ME IF ANYTHING EXCITING HAPPENS.

Bye Bye.

click

WHOOON! WHOOON!

no...

NO... IT COULDN'T BE!!

WHOOON!

WHERE'S THE PHANTOM RING??

WHERE'S THE...

Scrunch

CRINK

YIKES!

Eek!

It is!!







SHE'S NOT PLAYING! SHE DOES HAVE AMNESIA!

WHAT AM I GOING TO TELL THE REST OF THE TEAM?

SHEILA, YOU'RE IN DEEP TROUBLE NOW...

WAIT... MAYBE IF I JOG HER MEMORY, IT'LL ALL COME BACK...

WELL, FOR STARTERS, MY NAME IS SHEILA.

YOUR NAME IS BRIANNA.

I'M PART OF A PEACE KEEPING GROUP CALLED "THE EDGE GUARD".

WE WORK WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO SOLVE EMERGENCY PROBLEMS.

THIS PLACE IS A POND IN SEER'S HAMLET.

WE WERE TAKING A MORNING BATH WHEN... YOU LOST YOUR MEMORY.

SEER'S HAMLET? WHERE ON EARTH IS THAT?

YOU'RE NOT ON EARTH. THIS WORLD IS CALLED "JADE". IT'S THE REALM ALMOST ALL OF THE MAGIC AND MAGICAL CREATURES ON EARTH MOVED TO THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO.



IS ANYTHING COMING BACK TO YOU, BRIANNA?

NO... WAIT!

- I REMEMBER MY SISTERS!! GINA AND BRIANNA! MAYBE IF I GO TO THEM, MY MEMORY WILL COME BACK!

AND WHEN I DO SEE THOSE TWO KIDN, THEIR LIVES WILL BE MINE!

CAN YOU TAKE ME TO THEM?

TH- THEY'RE ON EARTH. HOW DID YOU DO THAT?



GOOD.

THEN I WILL GO TO EARTH AS WELL.

... WAIT!

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSE TO BE ABLE TO-

HOW ARE YOU...



OH, TERRIFIC!

MY BROTHER'S GONNA KAPOWIE ME!!



MEANWHILE... IN ANOTHER  
PART OF SEER'S HAMLET...

WELCOME,  
MIGHTY  
G'NOLEA...  
HANZO...

TO MY  
HUMBLE  
ABODE.

YOU HONOR  
ME,  
MASTER.

YEAH...  
WHAT SHE  
SAID.



WE UNDERSTAND,  
MASTER.

VERY WELL.  
NOW, TO BUSINESS.  
ABOUT YOUR  
RECENT  
FAILURE...

WHAT EXCUSES  
DO YOU OFFER  
UP?

NONE,  
MASTER!

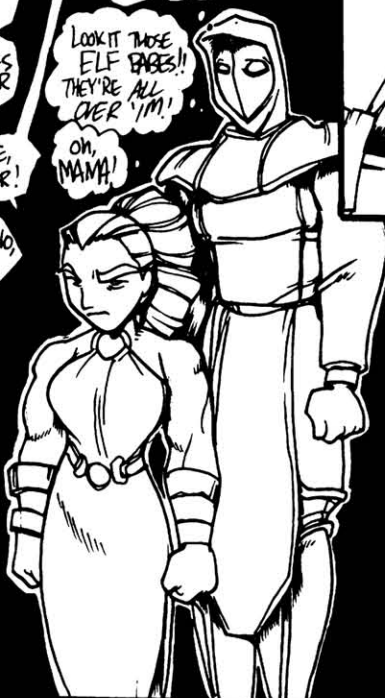
OH OH OH OH OH,  
I SEE.

HOW ON JADE DOES THAT  
OLD PART DO IT? NEW  
BABES EVERY TIME I  
COME HERE!!

DAMN!

LOOKIT THOSE  
ELF BABES!!  
THEY'RE ALL  
OVER 'IM!

OH,  
MAMA!



OOH OH OH OH OH OH OH!

PLEASE EXCUSE THE  
BEHAVIOR OF MY  
LITTLE LOVELIES.

IT'S BEEN A WHOLE  
HOUR SINCE THEY'VE  
LAST ENJOYED MY...  
"ZEN" ...

H'lo

OH

THEY ARE  
ANXIOUS FOR  
THEIR NEXT  
INDULGENCE!



oh, MASTER!! WE  
CAN'T WAIT ANY  
LONGER!

WE NEED  
YOU.

HO OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH!  
YOU GIRLS JUST CAN'T GET  
ENOUGH "ZEN" CAN YOU?

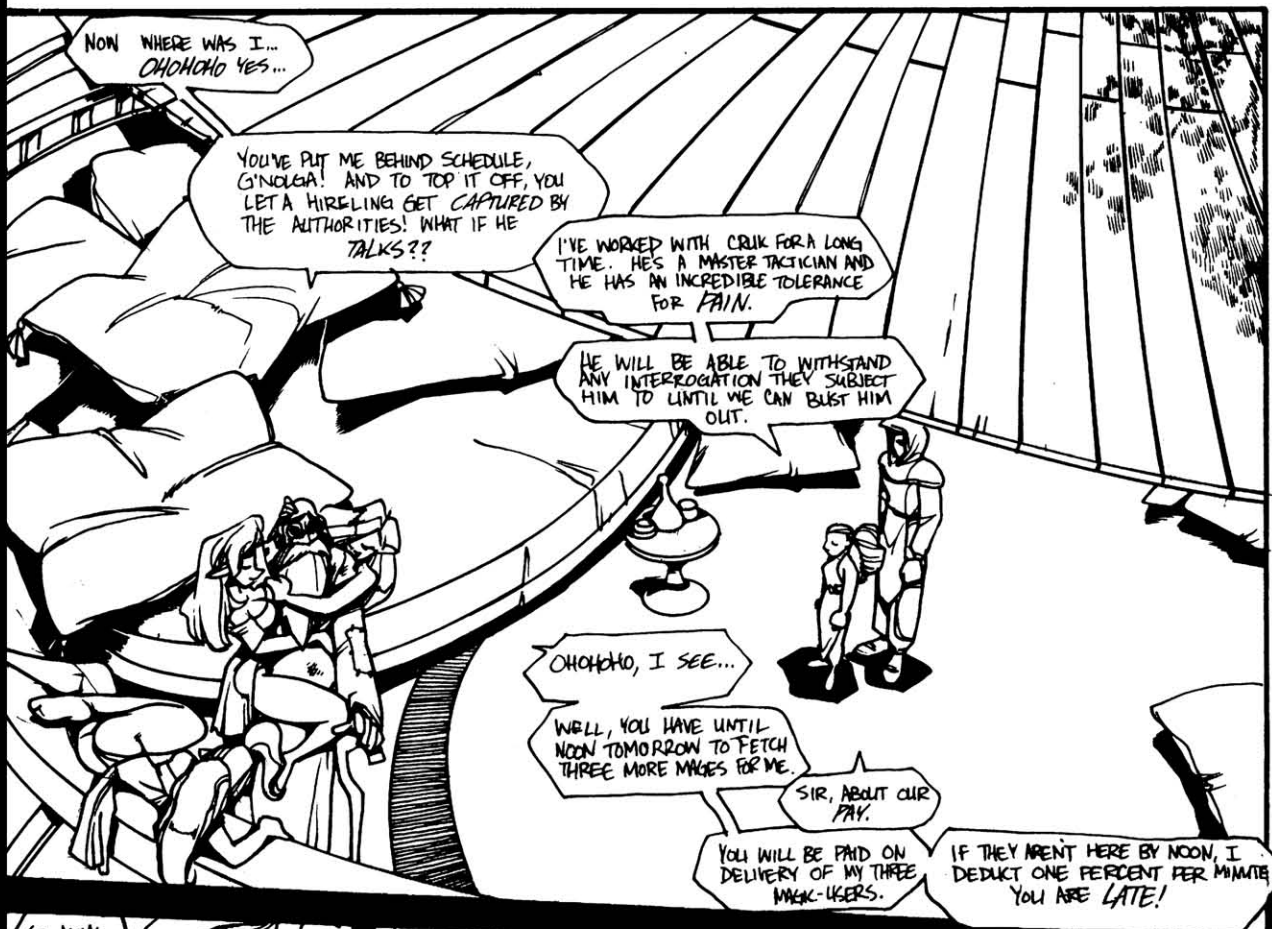
PLEASE, MASTER?  
PLEASE???

WE'VE GOT  
TO HAVE YOU  
NOW!

OH OH OH OH OH!  
MASTER IS DOING  
BUSINESS NOW, MY  
LOVELIES!

BUT-oh the hands-  
WE'LL ALL PLAY  
WHEN I'M DONE!







HAVING ME AND YOU MASQUERADING AS AN OLD WIZARD AND HIS HAREM OF GIRLS TO AVOID SUSPICION OF OUR TRUE NATURE WAS ODD ENOUGH...

WHAT'S WRONG, LUY? I THINK IT'S A GRAND IDEA!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO OVERTO IT THIS TIME, ARRAY...

WHATSA MATTAH DARLIN'? I THOUGHT WE WAS HAVIN' FUN!

OH, DON'T WORRY! WE WERE!

INDUBITABLY. BUT HE'S BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS THOUGHTS EVER SINCE WE EXTRICATED HIM FROM THE META PENITENTIARY.

HEY, I WAS CONTROLLING "EIF-BIMBO-NUMBER-THREE"! Believe-you-me! He was LOVING IT!

LIMHM! I HEARD THAT. WHAT RED-BLOODED GUY WOULDN'T APPRECIATE A GIRLFRIEND WHO COULD MAKE HERSELF INTO A HAREM!

I'M STILL A BIT WORKED UP, YE'LL! LETS JUMP 'IM AND GET BEZZAY!

Maybe he's still nervous about all of our different personalities.

WELL D'UH!! YOU ALWAYS GOTTA STATE THE OBVIOUS! WIMP!

HEY, NOW! NO FIGHTING IN THERE!

ARRAY? PLEASE. WOULD YOU KEEP YOURSELVES UNDER CONTROL?

I DO APPRECIATE YOU RESCUING ME FROM PRISON, BUT WE HAVE WORK TO DO!

Can we cuddle later?

SIGH

THIS NEW PLAN OF YOURS... MIND TELLING YOUR GIRLFRIEND AND ALL OF HER PERSONALITIES ABOUT IT?

IN TIME, ARRAY...

SUFFICE TO SAY, WHEN WE RETURN TO EARTH...

...I'LL BE BRINGING MORE THAN ENOUGH POWER TO FUEL MY VENGEANCE!









HELLO, GAR...  
I CAME  
AS FAST AS  
I COULD!

HE'LL BE OUT BY  
THIS AFTERNOON.

WHAT SEEMS TO  
BE THE TROUBLE?

IT'S BRIANNA,  
GENN. CAN YOU  
HELP HER?

YOU'LL HAVE  
YOUR MEMORIES  
BACK IN TWO  
SHAKES!

OH? IS  
THAT  
SO...

DON'T WORRY, GENN IS A  
RAKSHASA.  
THEY'RE EXPERTS  
IN THE MEMORY  
DEPARTMENT!

SORRY I'M LATE, BUT I  
HAD TO CHECK IN ON SEANCE  
AT THE HEALER'S CLINIC.



MEANWHILE...

THAT'S WHAT'S  
LEFT OF IT.

clank

THAT BETA PHANTOM  
SQUISHED IT UP PRETTY  
GOOD...



DON'T WORRY.  
IT CAN BE  
FIXED.

BUT I'M REALLY  
CURIOUS AS TO EXACTLY  
WHAT HAPPENED WHILE  
YOU WERE  
USING IT.

TK TK TK TK

CAN YOU GIVE ME  
THE DETAILS,  
BRIT'?

LET'S SEE... EVERYTHING  
WENT BY *REALLY* FAST.

I REMEMBER FACING  
THAT WEIRDO BETA-  
GUY!

MAN! WHATTA  
JERK...

AFTER I STEPPED  
UP TO IT,

HE TRIED TO  
FRY ME WITH  
SOME  
GIGANTIC  
HEAT RAY!

NO WARNING! NO  
SUPERVILLAIN SPEECH!  
NO NOTHIN'!  
JUST *BLAM!!*



WHAT DID YOU  
DO FIRST?

I RAN LIKE  
CRAZY!!

I WOULD HAVE  
BEEN SCORCHED  
IF IT WEREN'T  
FOR THIS  
WEIRD  
SHIELD AROUND  
ME. TH-

AAAH!  
THAT MUST HAVE  
BEEN THE ARRESTER  
FIELD, BRIT.

YEAH... Uhm. OKAY.

THE RING WAS  
SPINNING FASTER  
AND FASTER  
AROUND MY  
WRIST!

AFTER  
THAT...

I STARTED FLOATING!  
I SEE!

IT APPEARS THE  
ARRESTER FIELD PROPERLY  
DISPERSED THE ENERGY OF  
THE HEAT ATTACK...

YEAH,  
AND  
THEN-

THE PHANTOM RING'S ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE MUST HAVE INITIATED  
THE "ATTACK-GLIDE" AFTER  
THE DAMAGE WAS ABSORBED.  
THE FIRST STEP IN / ARE YOU  
GONNA LET ME FINISH OR WHAT?



SORRY, BRITTANNY.  
CONTINUE.

OKAY I WAS  
FLOATING, BUT  
THEN I TOOK  
OFF LIKE A  
SHOT!!

HEADED  
STRAIGHT  
FOR THAT  
SUCKER AT  
ABOUT THE  
SPEED OF  
SOUND!

IF I MAY INTERRUPT  
AGAIN, THAT WAS THE  
PHANTOM RING A.I.  
IT WAS ATTEMPTING  
TO HELP YOU HIT THE  
BETA PHANTOM.

WELL IT MISSED  
IM AND SENT  
ME BARRELLING  
THROUGH A  
HUNDRED FEET  
OF ROCK.

I CAN'T TELL  
YOU HOW SURPRISED  
I WAS TO SEE  
DAYLIGHT.

... I MEAN,  
I WAS IN A  
CAVE A SECOND  
AGO

BUT THAT'S  
ABOUT THE  
TIME I  
LEARNED...

... I COULD  
STEER  
IT!

SO, I DECIDED TO  
GO BACK FOR  
ANOTHER PASS.

AND ANOTHER,

AND ANOTHER...

AND SO ON.

JUST ABOUT TURNED  
THE MOUNTAIN INTO  
SWISS CHEESE!

BRITTANNY?  
WHY ALL OF  
THOSE PASSES?







MEANWHILE...

GEEZ,  
GINA...

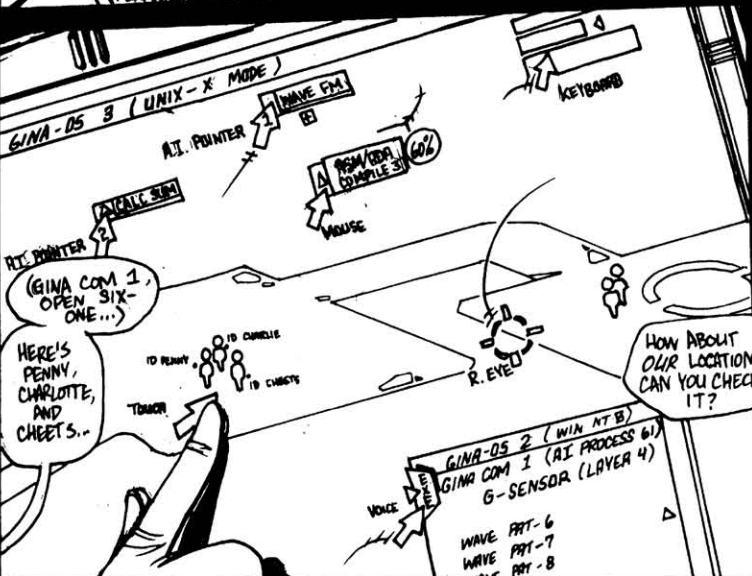
ARE YOU  
STILL IN  
HERE  
WORKING?

JUST TAKING  
SOME READINGS OF  
THAT HUGE, EXTRA-  
ORDINARY SHOCK-  
WAVE FROM THE  
BIG EXPLOSION.

I'VE GATHERED  
SOME REALLY VALUABLE  
MAP DATA.

M.M.  
NICE  
PEOPLE

THANK  
YOU



HERE'S WHAT I'VE GOT  
SO FAR, RYAN...

THIS IS THE PASSAGE  
PENNY USED  
ON HER FIRST TRIP  
HERE...

SOME KIND OF OLD  
DEFENSE BARRIER  
SYSTEM HERE...

(IT SURROUNDS THE WHOLE AREA...  
PROBABLY THE MAIN REASON FOR  
OUR SCANNERS MALFUNCTIONS)

THIS AREA HERE IS  
WHERE CHEETAH FOUGHT  
THE BETA PHANTOM...  
LEFT A PRETTY BIG  
CRATER.

THEN WE'VE GOT  
ALL SORTS OF  
PASSAGES  
LEADING TO  
CIV-ALPHA...

MOST OF  
THEM ARE  
BLOCKED  
OFF...

AND HERE  
WE ARE, FOUR  
MILES DOWN IN  
A CAVE JUST  
OUTSIDE CIV-  
ALPHA.

NOW HERE'S WHAT  
SURPRISED ME...  
TWO MORE CITIES  
UNDERNEATH THIS ONE.

OH! I'VE GOT  
DIBS ON THE  
SECOND LEVEL,  
GINA!

AND, THIS AREA...  
GOODNESS KNOWS  
WHAT'S DOWN  
THERE...

AND THIS IS ALL THANKS TO  
THAT BETA-SHOCKWAVE...

ANYWAY. THERE'S  
DEFINITELY MORE  
TO THIS PLACE THAN  
WE FIRST THOUGHT.

RIGHT NOW, I'M ENHANCING  
THE READINGS I'VE GATHERED...

I JUST WISH WE  
COULD'VE GATHERED THIS  
DATA EARLIER WITH MY  
REGULAR SCANNERS.







SO WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

PENNY AND I HAVE STARTED TAKING TURNS "BABYSITTING".

Huh? BABYSITTING WHO?



BABYSITTING THAT!...

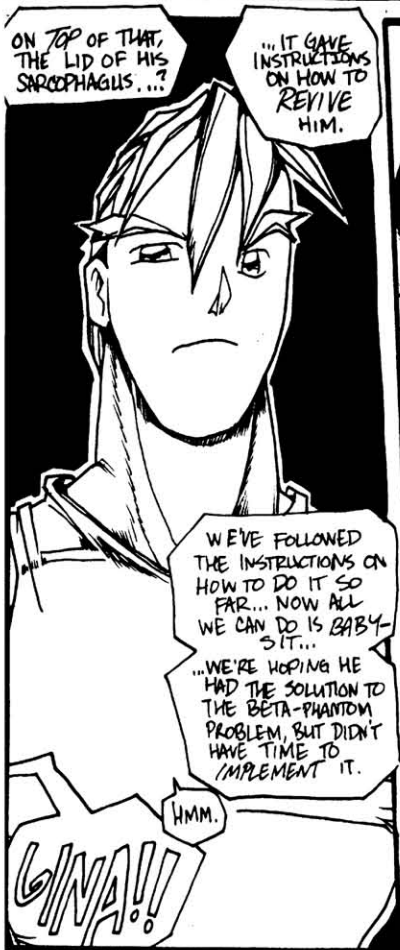
WE'RE SURE NOW THAT THIS SQUIRIAN IS THE ONE WHO WROTE DOWN ALL OF THE MESSAGES AND TEXT WE'VE READ SO FAR.

WARNINGS FROM THE PAST.

Right.

AND MORE...

ALL OF THE MESSAGES GAVE CLUES TO HIS LOCATION. THIS SPOT.



ON TOP OF THAT, THE LID OF HIS SARCOPHAGUS...?

...IT GAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REVIVE HIM.

WE'VE FOLLOWED THE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DO IT SO FAR... NOW ALL WE CAN DO IS BABY-SIT...  
...WE'RE HOPEING HE HAD THE SOLUTION TO THE BETA-PHANTOM PROBLEM, BUT DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO IMPLEMENT IT.

HMM.

GINA!!!



CHEET S?

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME??

YOU COULD'VE WARNED ME THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT THIS THING WOULD BLOW UP ON ME...

OR DID YOU BOTHER TO EVEN THINK ABOUT YOUR LITTLE SISTER'S SAFETY?

uh-oh...

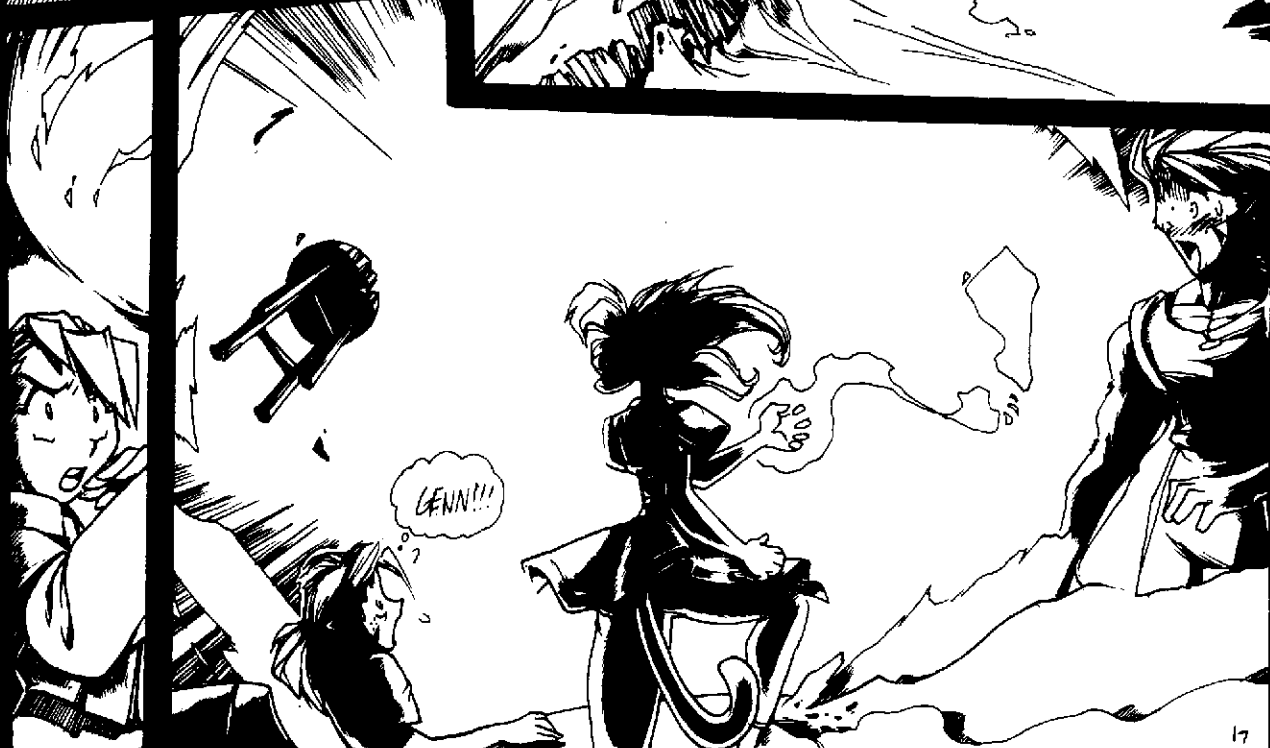


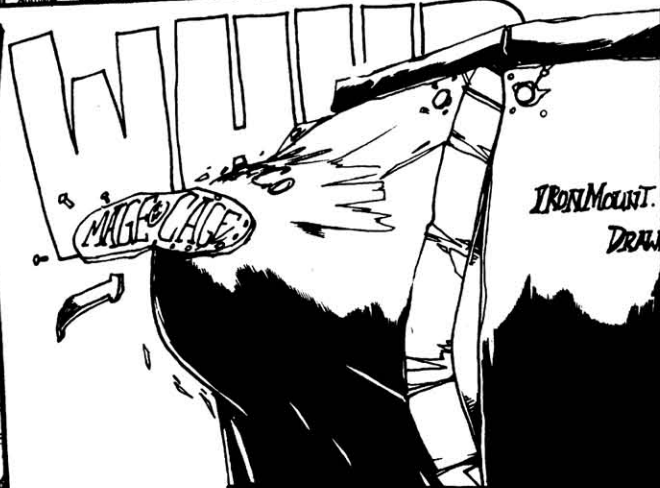
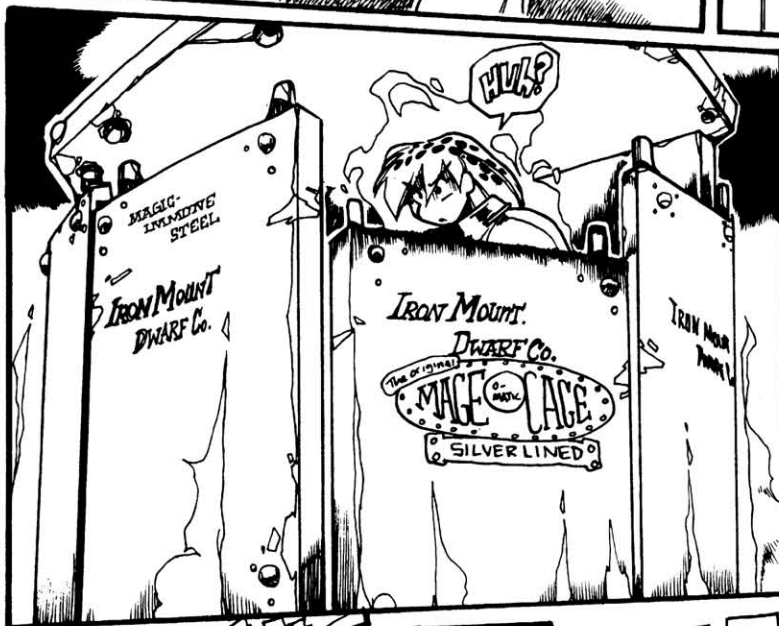
BUT, BRIT! I--

NO BUTS, GINA... FROM NOW ON...

CLANG

I'M OUT!







...DAMN!  
**THUNDER**  
**EDGE**

...  
**ICE-FANG**  
**WAAAA**

SHEILA! CALL  
YOUR WEAPON!

BUT GAR... THE  
WEAPONS...  
THEY'RE  
LETHAL!

I KNOW,  
AND SHE'S  
USING  
AURAMAGI  
TO DEMOLISH  
THAT STEEL  
PRISON \*

...SORRY  
BRIANNA...

\* EVEN ARCH-AURAMAGI  
HAVE A TOUGH TIME WITH  
METAL PRISONS...

**SHHHH!**

THIS IS  
ALL MY  
FAULT...

PLEASE DON'T  
MAKE US USE  
THESE THINGS  
ON YOU...

**THUNDER**  
**RUMBLE**  
RUMBLE



EVERY-  
ONE...

EVACUATE THE INN!

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL  
EDGE-GUARD **EMERGENCY!**

THERE GOES MY  
INSURANCE PREMIUM...

**MOVE IT!**







HMPH...

ICE-FANG  
GRANTS PROTECTION  
AGAINST ALL MISSILES  
THREATENING ME...

IT'S A PRETTY  
COOL DEFENSIVE  
ABILITY...

BUT NOT AS  
COOL AS ITS  
OFFENSIVE  
ABILITY...

SUPER...



ICE-KAPOWIE

AND BE GLAD I DIDN'T TOUCH  
YOU WITH THE POINTY END!!

KER-

WU!!!

GAAH!  
I CAN'T  
MOVE...

BUT...  
WHE... STILL... GOT A...  
PINKY... CAN...  
WIGGLE...

WELL IT'S COLD...  
WHICH MEANS...

WIGGLE  
WIGGLE

I CAN  
CAST  
SHATTER?!

CH-RRACKKX



NOW... I'M GONNA SHOVE  
THAT ICE PICK OF  
YOURS WHERE THE  
SUN DON'T S-

THAT'S ENOUGH,  
GRAVE DIGGER...

GENN!  
HOW DID YOU-

YOU REALIZE,  
OF COURSE, THAT  
YOUR FUN HAS  
ENDED.

FROM THIS  
DISTANCE, I  
CAN RESTORE  
BRIANNA'S  
CONSCIOUSNESS,  
RELIEVING  
YOU OF CONTROL...

IT'S UP TO YOU  
WHETHER THE  
PROCEDURE IS  
QUICK AND HARMLESS...

...OR LONG  
AND PAINFUL.

GENN? WHAT HAPPENED TO BRIANNA?

IT'S A LONG STORY, GAR. BUT THE PERSON WE'RE TALKING TO NOW...

IS BRIANNA DICKERS ALTER EGO... SOMEONE WE ALL THOUGHT WAS VANQUISHED LONG AGO...

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, GENN? GAR TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE REALLY LOW ON POWER LAST NIGHT...

WHO DID YOU...um...  
**FEED** ON TO GET SO STRONG?

oh ho...  
hmmmmmm...  
YOU KNOW?

I THINK I WILL SURRENDER PEACEFULLY...

oh, yes...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...  
LURKING IN BRIANNA'S SUBCONSCIOUS... WATCHING...  
...WAITING...

...WILL BE MUCH MORE FUN THAT THE DIRECT APPROACH...

hen  
THIS KEEPS GETTING BETTER!

NOW IT SEEMS...

I HAVE EVEN MORE WEAPONS TO USE AGAINST YOU...

...JULIA DICKERS...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU THIS TIME, GINA! I MEAN, USUALLY, IF YOU GIVE ME AN INVENTION TO TEST THAT'LL BLOW ME UP INTO A JILLION BITS, YOU HAVE THE DECENCY TO TELL ME AB-

what?

Something's goin' on behind my back?

Point  
Point  
Point

