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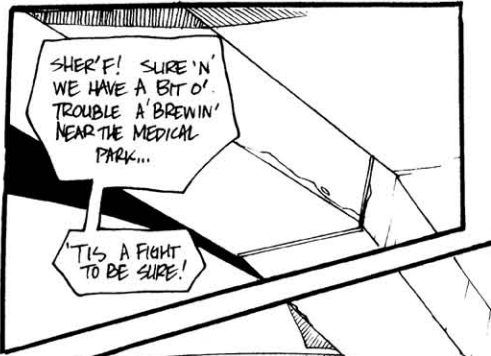
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# GOLD DIGGER



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SHER'F! SURE 'N' WE HAVE A BIT O' TROUBLE A'BREWIN' NEAR THE MEDICAL PARK...

'TIS A FIGHT TO BE SURE!



THAT'S ODD... USUALLY YOU RUEL FIGHTS YOURSELF, O' GREEN...

WHAT'S SO DIFFERENT THIS TIME?



THE MEN 'N' I AIN'T GETTIN' NEAR THIS 'UN, MISS!

TAKE A LOOK FER YERSELF!



OH MY. WHAT'S THAT??

IT BE TECHNOLOGY, MA'AM!! THAT SCI-FI STUFF!! JES' LIKE YER "MOVIE MACHINE."

MOVIE MACHINE? oh... You MEAN MY PORTABLE TV/VCR...

AND THERE BE THE POOR MAGIC USER FIGHT 'N' THE THING!

SHE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!

HMM... I see...



O' GREEN, TAKE SOME MEN AND FORM A CORDON AROUND THE MEDICAL PARK. IF THINGS TRULY GET OUT OF HAND, I SHALL INTERVENE PERSONALLY...

YES, MA'AM... BUT TO BE SURE, THE MEN 'N' I AREN'T GETTIN' NEAR THAT "SCI-FI KILLER" UNLESS WE HAVE TO...



I SEE... DISMISSED.

HMM... INTERESTING. I WONDER IF THE POLICE ON EARTH WOULD REACT SIMILARLY TO A SPELL-CASTING, FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON TEARING AROUND A STRIP MALL...

IN ANY CASE, I'D BETTER CALL G'NOLGA... IN THIS CHAOS, I'D BET SHE COULD COMPLETE HER MISSION. ESPECIALLY WITH THE EDGE GUARD OUT OF ACTION...



MEANWHILE... IN THE MEDICAL PARK...



MY...

MY CLINIC...

MY BEAUTIFUL  
CLINIC...

IT'S RUINED!!

SHEILA...

I KNOW WHAT YOU  
WANT TO ASK, GENN.

"WHAT'S GOING ON,"  
RIGHT?



THE CLINIC  
WAS **BOMBED**  
BY ACCIDENT WHEN  
THE FIGHT  
STARTED...

Where!  
It's hot!

WE ALL  
CAUGHT SOME  
OF THE BUST...

W-WELL, NO,  
I WAS GOING  
TO TELL  
YOU THAT-

-MY CLOTHES  
ARE ALL  
SCORCHED?  
YUP, I KNOW...



BUT THAT'S NOT  
WHAT I'M WORRIED  
ABOUT NOW,  
GENN...

WE WERE TRYING  
TO FREE BRIANNA  
FROM THE CURSE  
THAT'S BEEN HIDING  
OUT IN HER  
SUBCONSCIOUS...

YES, BUT-

-INSTEAD, WE WOUND  
UP SPLITTING THE  
CURSE AND BRIANNA  
INTO TWO SEPARATE  
BODIES...

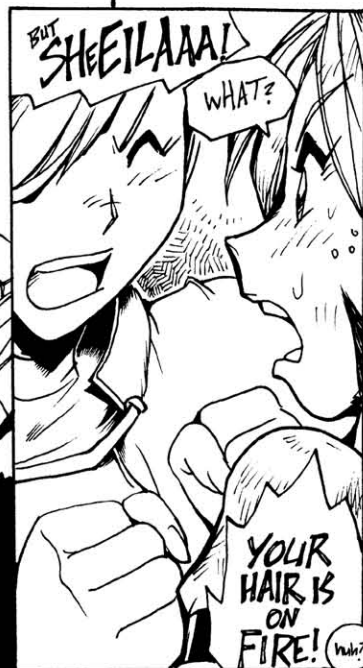


YES, BUT-

-AND NOW THE  
CURSE IS FIGHTING  
BRIANNA!

I KNOW,  
BUT-

-AND THERE'S NOTHING  
WE CAN DO TO HELP  
BRIANNA BECAUSE OF  
THE PROTECTION  
SPELLS CAST DURING  
THE OPERATION!



BUT  
**SHEILAAA!**

WHAT?

**YOUR  
HAIR IS  
ON  
FIRE!**

uh?







I REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE EXPLORING THE IRON HILL CAVES LAST YEAR...

IT TOOK FIVE MINUTES BEFORE SHE NOTICED THAT TIME...

SHEILA BROUGHT HER TORCH A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO HER HEAD.

COULD'VE BEEN LONGER IF SHE HADN'T NOTICED HER TORCH HAD FLICKERED OUT...

...AND THERE WAS STILL LIGHT...

MAN, THAT WAS FUNNY!

oh, SHUSH!



my clinic...

and...I... just... Finished... paying... MORTGAGE!!

THE EMERGENCY AT HAND DEMANDS OUR ATTENTION, MY FRIENDS...

OUR ATTEMPT TO CURE BRIANNA HAS BACKFIRED!

YOU AIN'T KIDDIN', DEE 'EM...

TIRGA, WE NEED YOUR HELP! YOU AND YOUR FELLOW GUARDSMEN MUST HELP BRIANNA!

THE CURSE COULD DESTROY HER! USE YOUR WEAPONS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...

THEN WE HAVE A PROBLEM, SIR...



THE SHERIFF OF THIS HAMLET HAS ORDERED US TO ~~CEASE~~ ALL COMBAT ACTIVITY HERE!

WE CAN'T USE OUR WEAPONS OR WE'LL BE BREAKING THE LAW...

AND YOU KNOW ABOUT THE ENCHANTMENT OUR WEAPONS HAVE... PREVENTING US FROM BREAKING THE LAW...

DRAT!! OF ALL TIMES!

AND WE THREE, WHO ARE AMONG THE MOST POWERFUL OF WIZARDS ON JADE, ARE ALSO POWERLESS!

WHILE ATTEMPTING TO FREE BRIANNA FROM THE CURSE, WE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CAST A "FINAL PROTECTION FROM GOOD" SPELL UPON HER AND THE CURSE...

WE MUST WAIT A FULL DAY BEFORE THE SPELL CAN BE BROKEN!



IT SEEMS WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LET BRIANNA FIGHT THIS BATT--

oh No! Look!!!

...THE CURSE! IT'S ATTEMPTING TO GOAD BRIANNA INTO FIRING AT HER!!

BUT IF BRIANNA MISSES...

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, CLONE GIRL?

CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT YOUR SISTERS HELP, CAN YOU?

WARNING... UNSAFE TARGET ASPECT ANGLE

NOT NOW R-3...

YOU'VE BEEN MISSING ME EVER SINCE WE STARTED!! HERE!!!

TARGET:  
H-HUB  
LOCKED ON  
BABY

SWAP  
SWAP  
SWAP

HOW'S THIS FOR A TARGET!? THINK YOU CAN HIT ME NOW?

oh, you BET I CAN!!

Rub Rub

SEVERE WARNING!

TARGET ASPECT ANGLE ENDANGERS FRIENDS...

BEHIND TARGET

DAMN, BRIANNA! ARE YOU BLIND, GIRL?

CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO DO?

YOU'RE GOING TO KAPONIE US!!

WHY DOESN'T ANYONE TRUST ME???

chk







SMOOTH!

I'VE GOT TO  
HAND IT TO  
YOU, OLD MAN...

YOU'VE STILL  
GOT IT!

I'LL SAY! HOW  
DID YOU USE  
AURA-MAGIC TO  
DEFLECT THOSE  
BULLETS?

I THOUGHT  
AURA-SPILLS  
HAVE A TUGH  
TIME WITH  
METALS...

FIRSTLY...

I WAS USING  
ELEMENTAL  
MAGIC...

SUMMONING A  
WALL OF AIR  
TO HALT THOSE  
MISSILES.

SECONDLY...

"I DIDN'T DEFLECT THEM...  
THEY DEFLECTED THEMSELVES  
AT THE LAST MOMENT..."

TSK... OH WELL...  
I'LL GUESS WE'LL  
HAVE TO TRY, TRY  
AGAIN, EH BRIA-

YUIKE

TSK

AHAH!!

DIDN'T EXPECT  
MY CONTROL STICKS  
TO DOUBLE AS  
QUAD-MAGNUM  
BLASTERS,  
DIDJA? DIDJA??

AND NOW...

CHACK

OOPS...  
THE SAFETY  
WAS ON...

TSK  
THERE WE  
GO...

WOHAW

RUN! RUN LIKE  
THE COWARD THAT  
YOU ARE, MS.  
"CARAMELLEER!"

BLAM  
BLAM BLAM

YAHUH!



GUH!!!

GOOD GRIEF, SHE'S  
INSANE!!!



BRIANNA!  
YOU MISSED  
HER AND SHE  
WAS RIGHT IN  
YOUR FACE!!

AND YOU  
TALK ABOUT  
MY AIM!

heh...  
I DIDN'T  
MISS...

WITH MY  
NEW AMMO...  
EVERY SHOT  
WAS PLACED  
JUJUUST RIGHT!

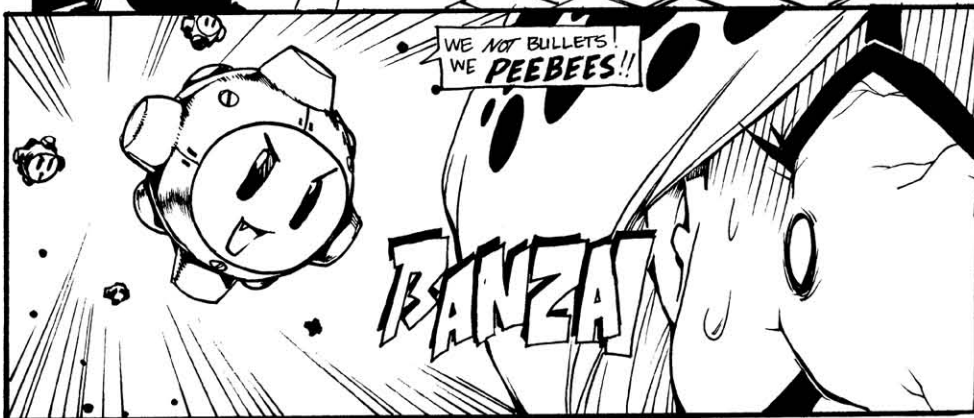




SO YOU WANT  
TO STOP PLAYING  
AROUND, HUH?  
OKAY, THEN---

WHAT THE  
HECK??

HER BULLETS  
CAN MOVE  
ON THEIR OWN??



WE NOT BULLETS!  
WE PEEBES!!

BANZAI



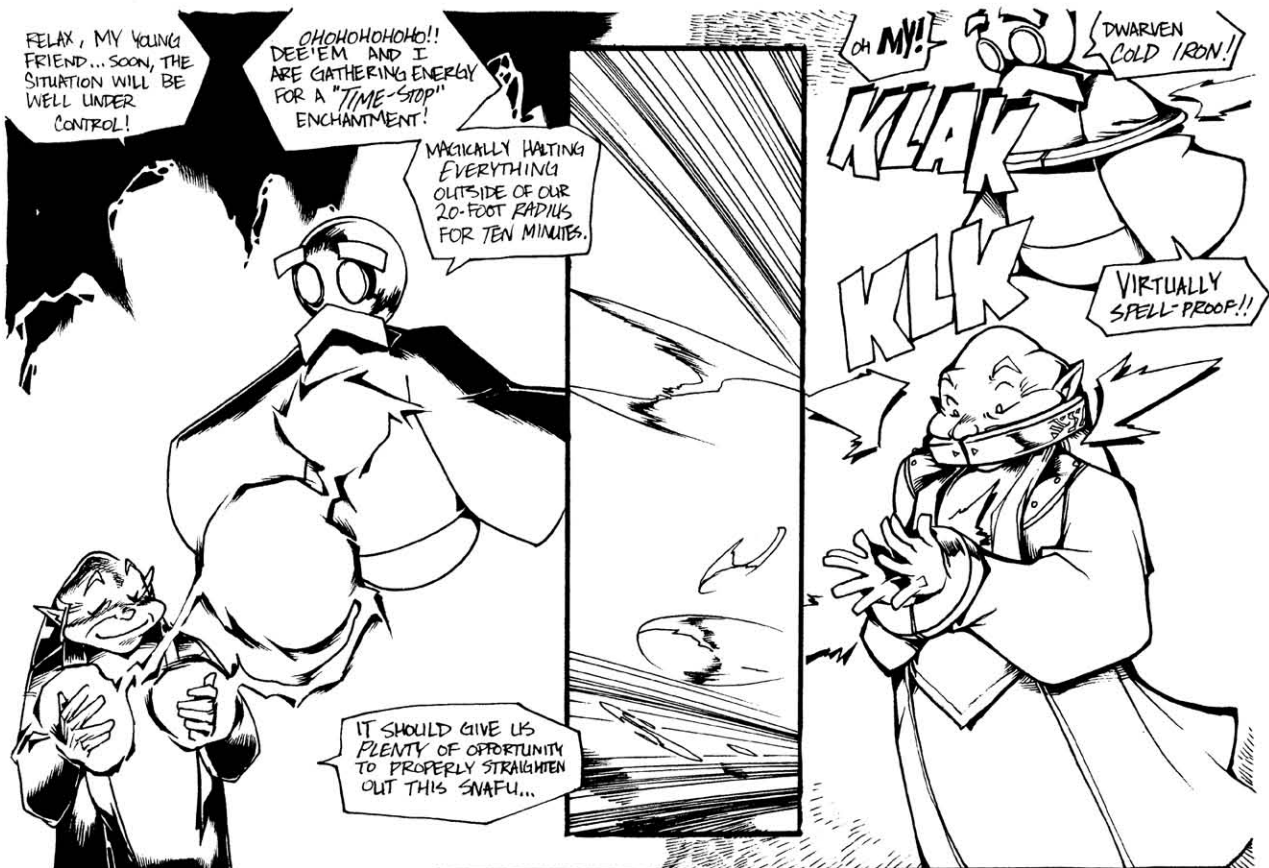
GYAHAAH  
HAHAHAA

SCORE ONE MORE  
FOR THE  
PEEBO  
FORCE!

I'M  
SUCH  
A  
GENIUS!!



















HOWEVER...

I KNEW I WAS RIGHT...  
I'VE FOUND A GOOD MATCH  
IN YOU, HAVEN'T I?...

YOU REMAIN MOTIONLESS...  
GIVING ME NO CLUE TO YOUR  
INTENTIONS...  
YET YOU'RE WATCHING ALL OF  
THE RIGHT THINGS ABOUT  
ME...

A CLASSIC  
DEFENSE POSTURE...

...FOR A MAOE WHO'S  
SURVIVED HIS SHARE  
OF HIGH-LEVEL  
BATTLES...

HMPH!  
YOU SOUND  
NERVOUS,  
GNOLGA...

TP

Heh... I  
AM...

TP

TP

YOU'D BE SURPRISED  
HOW MANY MAOE USERS  
CAN'T REALLY FIGHT WITH  
THEIR MAGIC...

NOW... LET'S  
BEGIN, THEN...

TP

TP

DARKNESS

EARTH

LIGHT

WIND

FIRE

WATER

ELEMENTAL  
CHAOS

VOO

Tsk...  
GOOD  
MOVE!!

...SIX INVISIBLE  
MAGIC MISSILES...



SURRENDER NOW,  
GINOLGA...

THOSE MISSILES ARE  
PERSISTENT!

AND ANY ATTEMPT TO  
COUNTER ONE OF THE  
ELEMENTS WILL LEAVE  
YOU OPEN TO THAT  
ELEMENTS OPPOSING  
FORCE!!

AS I SAID...  
GOOD  
MOVE...

BUT YOU SHOULD  
KNOW BETTER THAN  
TO THINK I DON'T  
HAVE A WAY TO  
ESCAPE...

YOU USED ELEMENTS  
OF ALL KINDS! BUT YOU  
ALSO USED ELEMENTS  
THAT COULD BE USED AGAINST  
OTHERS...



BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY,  
THE ELEMENTS WHICH  
CANNOT BE PHYSICALLY  
REFLECTED CAN BE  
COUNTERED BY THOSE  
WHICH CAN....!

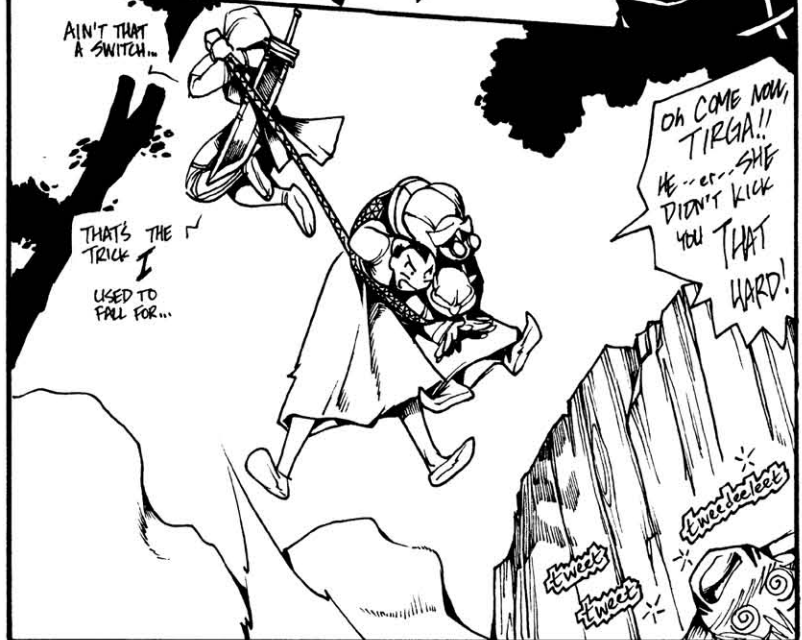
AND I DON'T NEED  
MY EYES TO FIND  
THEM RUSHING  
LOUDLY THROUGH  
THE AIR!



PUT THAT IN  
YOUR SPELL BOOK  
AND CAST IT!















MEANWHILE...







AT FIRST I PERCEIVED  
YOU AS A CURSE GIVEN  
TANGIBLE FORM AND  
LIFE...

SO YOU'VE LEARNED  
MY SECRET...

...THAT YOUR SOLE  
PURPOSE WAS THE  
DESTRUCTION OF  
BRIANNA'S SISTERS...

...THAT YOU  
WERE EVIL...

U-HOW  
DARE YOU  
INVADE MY  
MIND, GENN...

YOU'RE NOT THE  
CURSE AT  
ALL, ARE YOU...

YOU WERE SUPPRESSED  
AND HIDDEN EVER SINCE  
DR. DIGGERS REMOVED  
THE CURSE FROM  
BRIANNA...

YOU'RE ACTUALLY PART OF  
BRIANNA'S PSYCHE SET  
LOOSE...

PART OF BRIANNA'S  
... "ID" ...

THE PART THAT INTENSELY  
FEARS GINA AND BRIT...

HOW **DARE**  
YOU!!

YOU DON'T KNOW  
WHAT IT'S LIKE!

YOU DON'T KNOW  
ANYTHING!!!

BEING IN THEIR  
SHADOW!

BEING SO COLD...

WITH NO HOPE  
OF EVER ESCAPING!!

GINA AND BRITANNY  
WILL NEVER LET US  
LIVE OUR OWN  
LIFE...

B-BECAUSE EVERYTHING  
WE'LL **EVER** BE...

THEY ALREADY  
**ARE**...

WHY DIDN'T  
BRIANNA UNDERSTAND?...

they have to die...  
so that we can  
LIVE...

BRIANNA...

LET ME  
SHOW YOU  
SOMETHING...





IT'S TIME FOR YOU  
TO BE WHOLE AGAIN.



... I... I

THESE EFFIGIES  
OF GINA AND BRIT'  
ARE THE SOURCE  
OF YOUR FEAR  
AND PAIN...

....!

YOU CREATED  
THEM YOURSELF!

YOUR SHADOWS...  
YOUR DOUBTS...  
ALL ARE  
ILLUSIONS...

THERE IS NOTHING  
KEEPING YOU  
FROM YOUR  
OWN LIGHT...

...YOUR  
OWN  
LIFE...

BRIANNA...

TAKE  
MY  
HAND.

TOGETHER, WE  
CAN REMOVE THE  
SPELL THAT  
DIVIDES  
YOU...



It's...

...it's so  
bright...



BRIANNA?...

GENN!

YOU DID IT!!  
BRIANNA'S  
BACK!!

WHA - WHAT DID  
YOU DO?

ALL I DID WAS  
SHOW BRIANNA THE  
TRUE FORM OF THE  
DOUBTS HER  
"SHADOWS"  
WERE CAST FROM...

huh...

BRIANNA?  
I'M SORRY  
FOR HITTING  
YOU...\*

ARE YOU  
OKAY?

H-HOW DO  
YOU FEEL?

\* ISSUE 43, VALL-E

WARM.

THAT'S  
TWO YOU  
OWE ME...

whoah, what  
happened to  
your eye -  
stripe?

**SHEILA!**  
COME QUICK!

GAAR?  
IT'S NEAR  
TIME  
YOU GOT  
HERE...

SHEILA! IT'S  
GAJA!!!

"HE'S NOT  
HEALING FROM  
HIS FIGHT  
WITH GIMBA!"

"H. HE'S NOT GOING  
TO MAKE IT!!"

NEXT: THE PASSING  
OF THE "EDGE  
GUARD JASPER OF  
LEADERSHIP..."  
AND, ON EARTH,  
DARKBOID RETURNS!  
BE THERE!!