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IT'S...

IT'S WORKING, ARRY!

IT'S WORKING!!

... I CAN'T BELIEVE ALL THIS WAS RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE!! RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO SEER'S HAMLET!!... ON "WORTHLESS" OL' APEX ROCK, NO LESS!!



SLOWLY BUT SURELY, IT'S WORKING!

A LONG-LOST ANCIENT MAGICAL TEMPLE... NO... GIANT MAGICAL DEVICE!!

... MADE TO HARNESS MYSTICAL ENERGY TO BRING THIS GIANT TO LIFE...

AND ONCE THIS DEMI-GOLEM HAS AWAKENED...

I WILL BE ITS MASTER!!

AND THEN... LOOK OUT!! THIS REALM HAS A NEW RULER!

JADE WILL BELONG TO ME!



DAMN DAMN

DAMN

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO??

HE'S RUINING EVERYTHING!!

I'M THINKIN' I'M THINKIN'!

I'M HUNGRY!!

WOULD YOU GUYS KEEP IT DOWN IN HERE?

PANIC TIME!

UP!

NOW ... EVERYONE REMAIN CALM AND LET'S LOOK AT THE FACTS...



IT ALL STARTED ON EARTH...

OUR BOYFRIEND, MR. BIG-TIME SUPER-VILLAIN, ~~TRONT~~ WAS SERVING TIME IN THE ~~NULL~~ PRISON IN TEXAS.

THOSE CONJUGAL VISITS WERE A BLAST, THOUGH!

SHH!

HE'S BEEN WORKIN' OUT

HIS CELL MATE WAS THIS OBNOXIOUS, SMALL-TIME MAGIC-USING ELVIS IMPERSONATOR WHO KEPT BRAGGING ABOUT THIS HIDDEN SUPER POWERFUL ARTIFACT HE KEPT IN A SHOE BOX UNDER HIS BED.

AND HOW HE'D USE IT TO CONQUER THE UNIVERSE ONCE HE WAS SPRUNG...



THEN, ONE DAY OUR BOYFRIEND SWITCHED HIS CELLMATE'S "ARTIFACT"

WITH ONE FABRICATED FROM A BAR OF SOAP, SHOE POLISH AND SOME BED-SPRING WIRE.

HE DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE THE TRINKET HAD ANY VALUE... HE JUST WANTED TO TALK HIS CELL MATE OFF...

SOON AFTER THAT, WE BROKE HIM OUT BY IMPERSONATING PRISON GUARDS.



WE BROUGHT HIM TO JADE TO SHOW HIM HOW THIS REALM WOULD SOON BECOME **MINE**.

THEN -- WE AGREED TO HELP HIM KIDNAP ALL OF THOSE **MAGIC-USERS** AND HELPED HIM GET HIS PLAN WORKING SO THAT HE COULD CONQUER EARTH... YOU KNOW... **KEEP HIM HAPPY??**

BUT NOW, HE WANTS JADE! **MY REALM!**



HE'S GONNA SIC THAT **GODZILLA-THING** ON MY **REALM!!!**

HE'S GONNA DESTROY EVERYTHING WE'VE WORKED FOR!!

BUT WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? **KILL HIM?**

THAT'S WORK!

OH MY GOD!!

YOU WEREN'T SERIOUS WERE YOU?

WHEN WE GONNA EAT?

B-B-BUT HE'S OUR BOYFRIEND!! WE **LOVE** HIM!! WE **ALL** LOVE HIM!!!

BUT HE'S GONNA TAKE OUR REALM!! AFTER WE'VE WORKED SO **HARD** AND GOTTEN SO **FAR!!**

HE'S BEING SO **INSENSITIVE!** **SELFISH!**

WE'VE GOTTA DO **SUM'N'!!!**



ARRAY... I MUST REST... BUT TOMORROW NIGHT, I'LL BE FINISHED...

MY GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT...

NO... **OUR** GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT! I COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT YOU...

WHEN I AM EMPEROR, I SHALL BE PROUD TO RULE WITH YOU AT MY SIDE AS MY BEAUTIFUL EMPRESS!!

TI...

I'LL BE RESTING IN MY SUITE AT THE INN...

IF YOU'D CARE TO JOIN ME LATER...





DAMN!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU GUYS, BUT WHEN HE DOES THAT, I GET ALL HOT N' RESILESS! WOOO!!!

SOMEBODY SHUT MISS LIBIDO UP!

HEY!! LETS TAKE A VOTE!!! ALL THOSE WHO WANNA GET BITTEN SAY "AYE"!!!

AYIIII!!!

YUM!

AYE!!

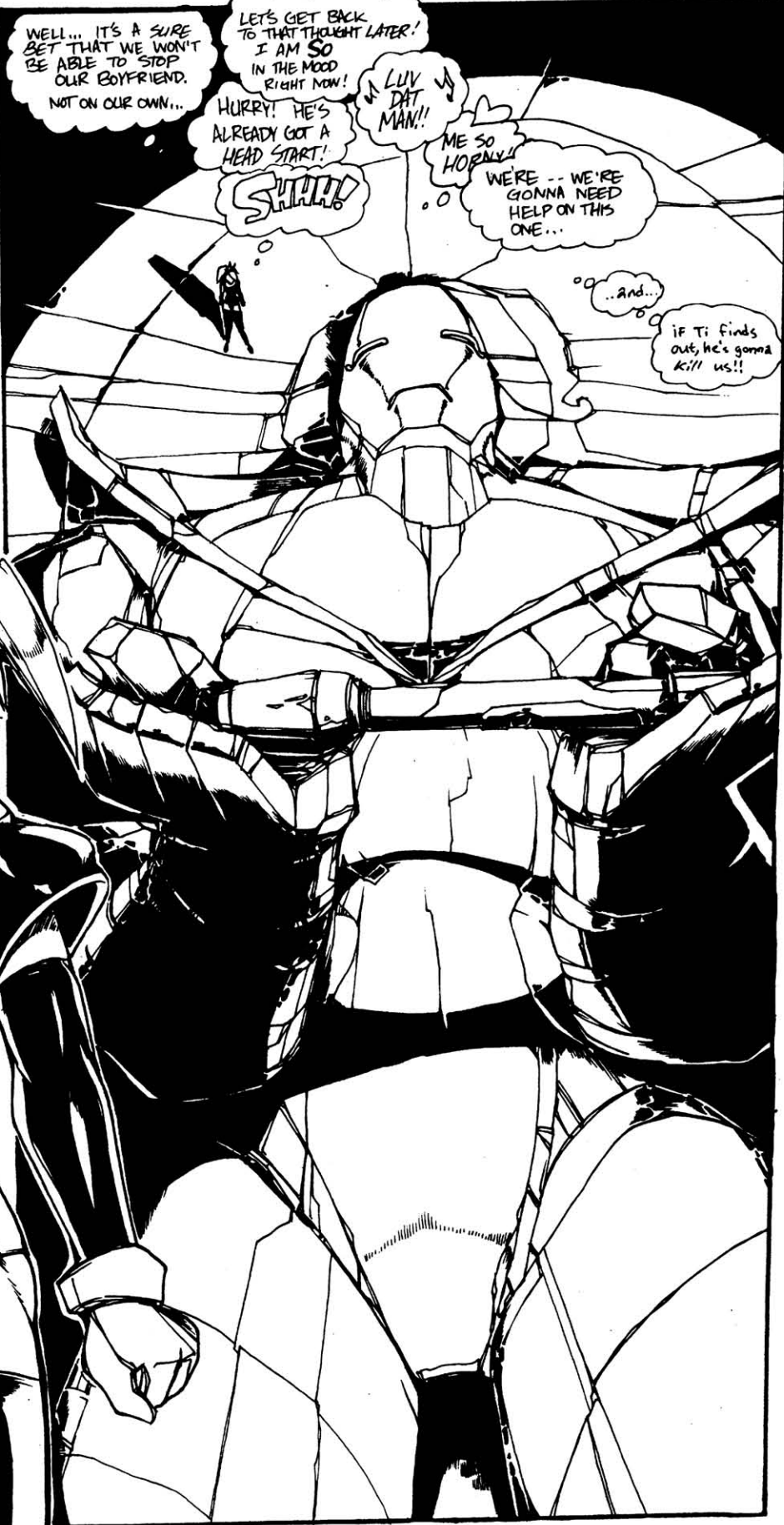
AYE!!

AYE!!

AYE!!

LET'S GET 'IM!

SHUT UP YOU GUYS!!



WELL... IT'S A SURE BET THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP OUR BOYFRIEND. NOT ON OUR OWN...

LET'S GET BACK TO THAT THOUGHT LATER! I AM SO IN THE MOOD RIGHT NOW!

HURRY! HE'S ALREADY GOT A HEAD START!

SHUT!!

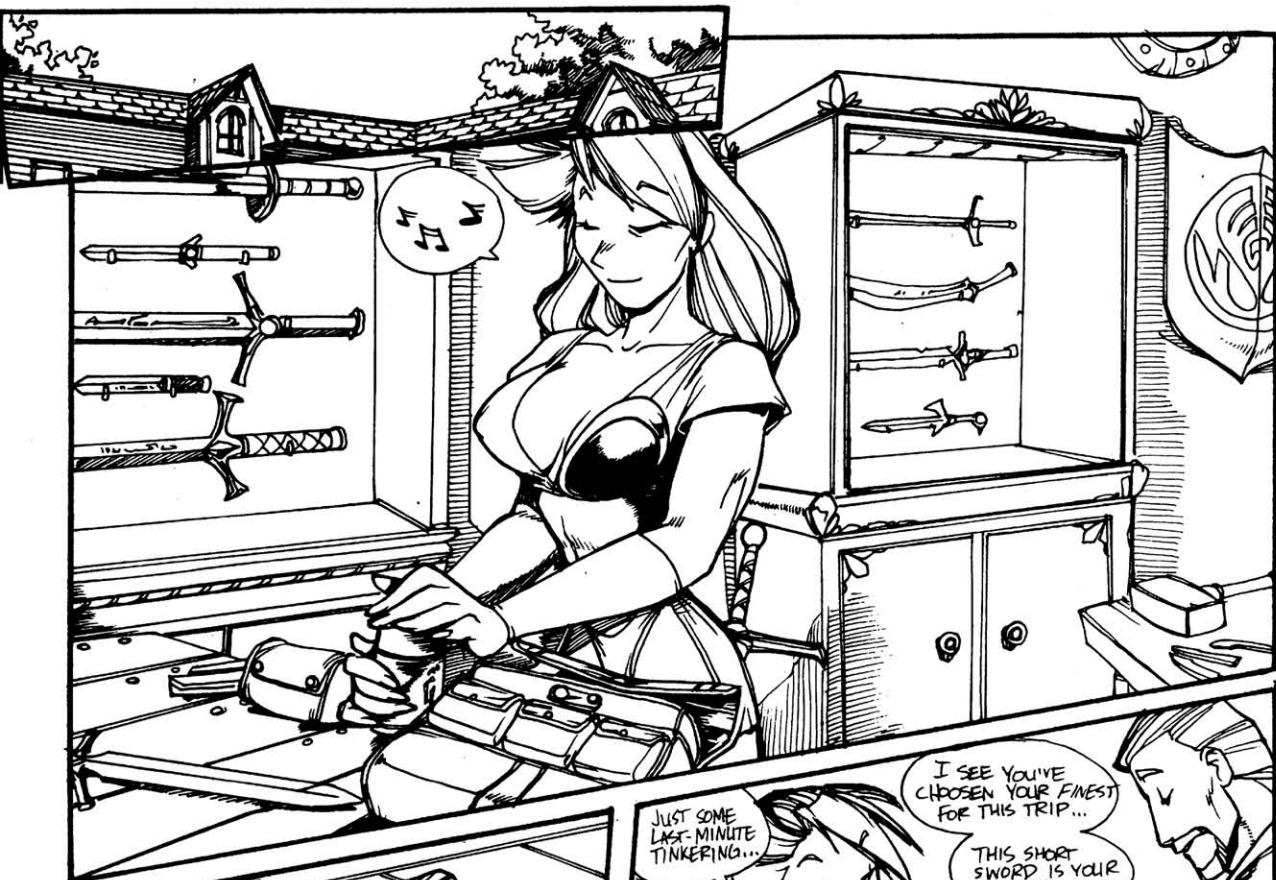
W LUV DAT MAN!!

ME SO HORNY!

WE'RE -- WE'RE GONNA NEED HELP ON THIS ONE...

...And...

if Ti finds out, he's gonna kill us!!





BUT I'VE BEEN PICKED TO JUDGE THE TOURNAMENT OF THE NEXT TEN FOR THIS GENERATION...

AND MAGIC-USERS LIKE YOU AREN'T REALLY WELCOME THERE...

I JUST WISH THERE WEREN'T SO MANY CANDIDATES.

THE CONTEST PROMISES TO LAST A MONTH THIS TIME...

SO ---
♡
SINCE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER FOR 30 DAYS...

AGAIN?
BUT DIDN'T WE JUST... THIS MORNING?...
AND THIRCE LAST NIGHT?..

HONEY? THINK...

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK WOULD TIDE OVER A NATIVE-JADE, BARBARIAN-BORN MASTER WARRIOR FOR 30 DAYS?..

Ho Boy...

EXACTLY!



DAAAD

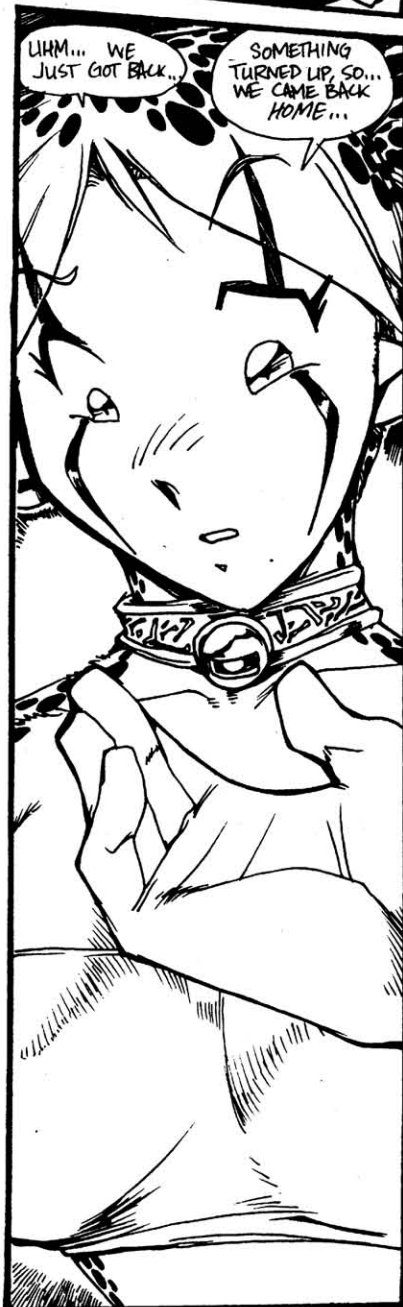
HELP!

THIS COLLAR'S MAGIC AND IT WON'T COME OFF AND EVERYONE SAYS MY NEW NICKNAME IS "JINGLES!"



oops

.....



THEODORE!!!

LET ME SEE YOUR
HAND RIGHT **NOW!!**

HMMM...

CALM YOURSELF, JULIA... THE
COLLAR WAS ONLY SOMEONE'S
PRACTICAL JOKE... THAT
EXPLOSION WAS... ETHEREAL
FEEDBACK. YES... ETHEREAL
FEEDBACK.

I-IT'S FINE,
SEE? NO
DAMAGE...

A CLOSE CALL... YOUR
AURA PROTECTED YOU....

SCARING ME HALF TO DEATH...

THEO... FORGET THE
TOURNAMENT... WE'RE
GOING TO FIND WHO
DID THIS AND
MAKE... THEM... **PAY***

SEE... IT'S
NOTHING TO
DISPEL.

GASP!

PING

A BIT PROTECTIVE,
ISN'T SHE?

DADDY!
You DID
IT!

OH, THANKYEW
THANKYEW
THANK-UUU

HA HA HA!
GLAD I
COULD HELP,
BRITANNY...

NOW IF
YOU'LL...
Ehem...
EXCUSE
YOUR
MOTHER
AND ME...

JUMP

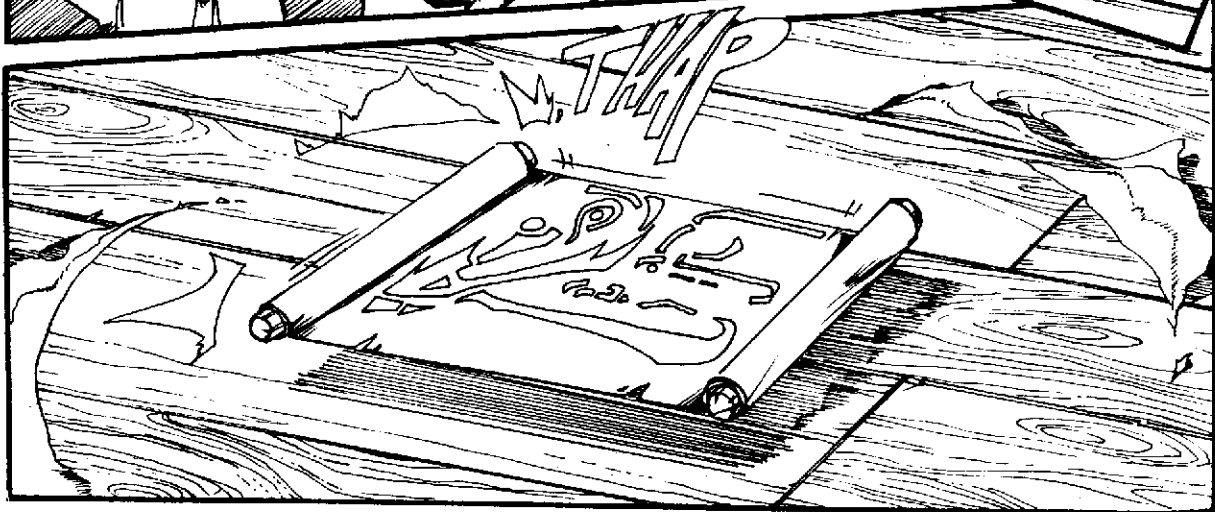
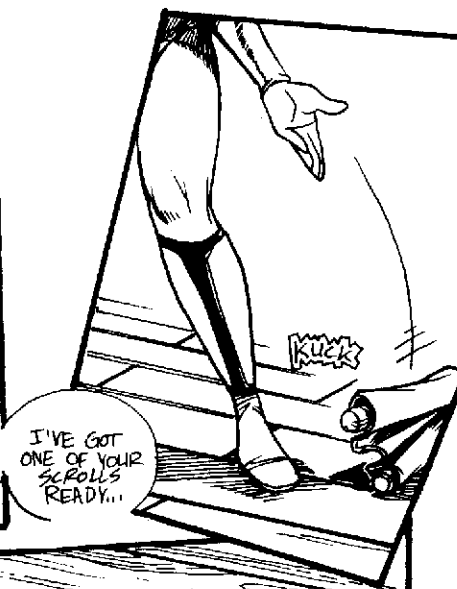
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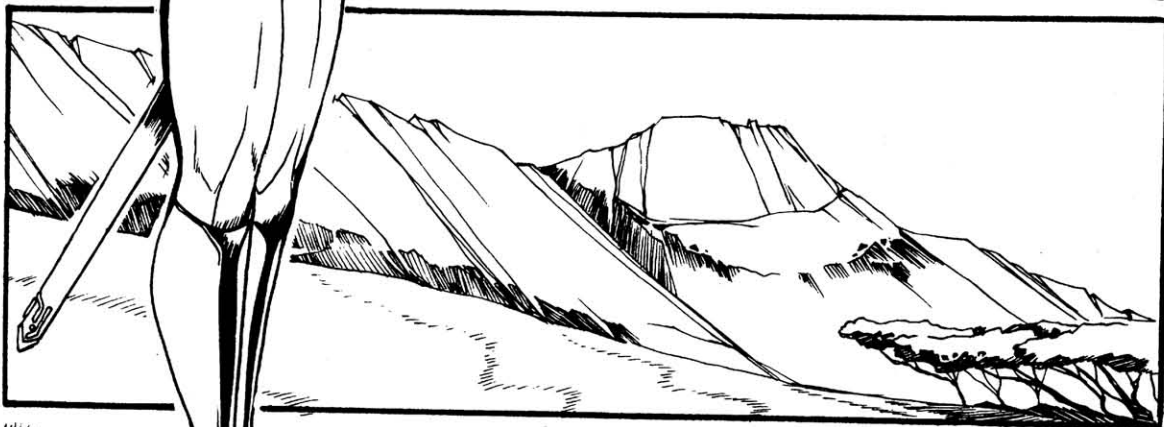
HEE HEED
SAY
NO MORE,
DADDY!
BYE-BYE

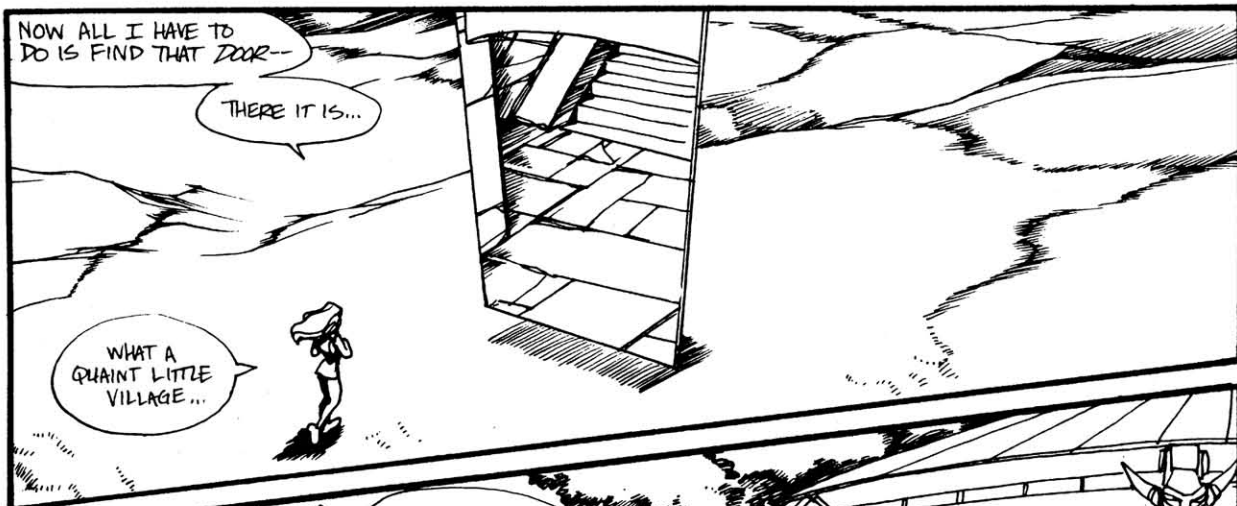
I'M
FREE!
I'M
FREE!

I'M
FREE!
I'M
FREE!
I'M
FREE!!

....
"PRACTICAL
JOKE"?







NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND THAT DOOR--

THERE IT IS...

WHAT A QUAINT LITTLE VILLAGE...



"I'LL HAVE TO BRING THE GIRLS HERE THIS SUMMER... THEY'LL LOVE IT HERE!!"

YOUR ACTIONS... YOUR CARELESSNESS NEARLY DESTROYED SEER'S HAMLET... *

...BRIANNA DIGGERS...

"...THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THAT. THIS HEARING IS TO DETERMINE YOUR PUNISHMENT..."

SHERIFF NADALI? PRESENT THE FACTS, PLEASE.

BRIANNA DIGGERS, WHILE BATTLING AN AS-OF-YET-UNIDENTIFIED MAGIC-USER, UTILIZED SEVERAL UNCONTROLLABLE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!

WEAPONS THAT COULD ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS "TECHNOLOGY..."

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AS A RESULT, CHAOS AND CATASTROPHE ERUPTED... OUR HAMLET SUFFERED TREMENDOUS AMOUNTS OF DAMAGE...

IT IS A MIRACLE NO ONE WAS INJURED...

... SERIOUSLY...



NEVERTHELESS, I BELIEVE BRIANNA SHOULD BE MADE AN EXAMPLE OF FOR ALL... THIS SORT OF **DESTRUCTIVE**, **NEGLECTFUL**, **CARELESSNESS** SHOULD HAVE A **HEAVY... HEAVY** PRICE TO IT...

I'M INCLINED TO AGREE, SHERIFF...

=GULP=

I CAN'T STAND IT!

I JUST CAN'T STAND IT, THROPAN!

THAT CROOKED SHERIFF IS GOING TO THROW THE BOOK AT BRIANNA...

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE BRIANNA'S FRIENDS! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE **EDGE-GUARD!!** WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE **PROTECTORS** OF **JADE** WE'RE SUPPOSED TO **HELP!!**

W-WHY ARE WE LETTING THEM GET AWAY WITH THIS?

THIS SHERIFF ISN'T STUPID, SHE'LA...

SHE USES THE LAW LIKE A WEAPON.

AND WE CAN'T STOP HER... LEGALLY...

ONOLI SENT ME DOWN TO RECORD EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS HERE...

OUR ONLY HOPE FOR SAVING BRIANNA IS TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE **EDGE-GUARD ELDERS...**

BUT THAT COULD TAKE FOREVER!!! WHILE BRIANNA'S AT THAT **SHIT**'S MERCY--

pink pink

oh no she DIDN'T

she did NOT WINK AT ME!!!



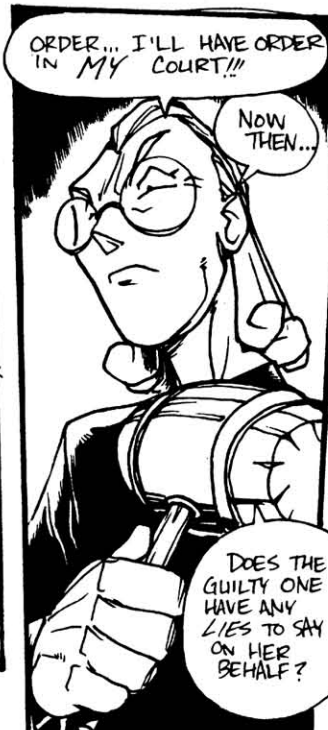
ER- 'SCUSE ME, MISS?!!
... YOU SEEM TO HAVE AN
EVER-SO-SLIGHT EYE-
TWITCH!! DON'T WORRY!
I KNOW HOWTA
FIX IT!!

RISE

SHEILA!!!
SIT YOUR BUTT
DOWN RIGHT
NOW!!

YOU'RE NO
GOOD TO THE
TEAM IN JAIL!

BUT,
THROPPAN---



ORDER... I'LL HAVE ORDER
IN MY COURT!!

NOW
THEN...

DOES THE
GUILTY ONE
HAVE ANY
LIES TO SAY
ON HER
BEHALF?



I -- I DIDN'T MEAN
TO HURT ANYBODY OR
ANYTHING!!!

I DIDN'T COME ALL
THE WAY FROM EARTH
TO CAUSE ANY HARM!!!

I CAME TO JADE TO
RESCUE SOMEONE
WHO'S DIFFERENT...
JUST LIKE I AM!!
A BOY NAMED RAPHAEL!

I- I WASN'T
BORN AS A BABY...
I WAS CREATED...
A COMBINATION OF
MY SISTERS AND
A STRANGE, DARK
POWER BROUGHT
ME TO LIFE...

THE PART OF
ME THAT STILL
REMEMBERED THAT
POWER WAS WHY
I CAUSED ALL
OF THAT
DESTRUCTION...



BUT AT LEAST
I'M ALIVE...

THE BOY I
CAME TO RESCUE
WAS CREATED
AND GIVEN
LIFE...
JUST LIKE
ME...

...BUT...

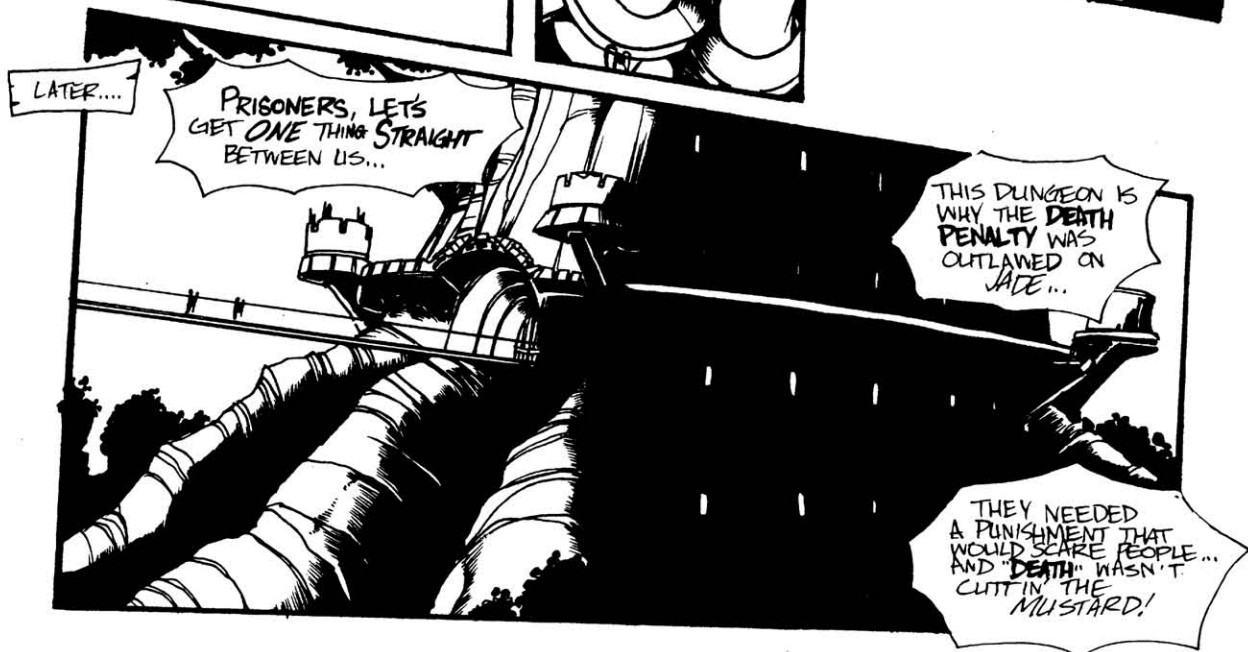
...HE
DIDN'T HAVE
THE CHANCE TO
LIVE...

...THAT'S
WHY I HAVE
TO--

--Sigh--
NEVER MIND...
THERE'S NO WAY
YOU COULD
UNDERSTAND...

HOW COULD YOU
KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE
TO SUDDENLY... **BE**
THERE...

TO BE "BORN
YESTERDAY"... WITH
SOMEONE ELSE'S PAST!





NOW...

YOU NEW INMATES
WILL BE ORIENTED AND
MADE FAMILIAR WITH THE
MENTAL-REHABILITATOR-BEAM
AND **SPANK-RAY** IN THE
ATTITUDE-ADJUSTMENT
ROOM IN THE
MORNING...

ACT UP IN MY
PRISON, AND YOU
SEE MORE AND
MORE OF THAT
ROOM...

TRUST ME...
YOU **DON'T** WANT
TO MAKE ME
USE MY **SPANK-
RAY** ON YOU!

LIGHTS OUT
IN ONE HOUR. YOU
NEW INMATES CAN
GET ACQUAINTED WITH
YOUR NEW ROOMIES!!

SEE YOU...

"ROOMIES"?



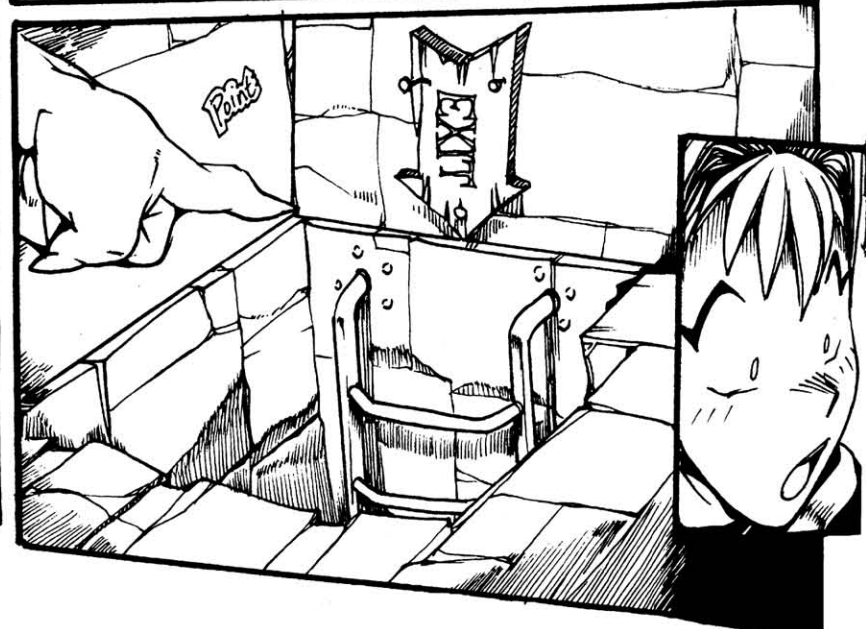
I DIDN'T
SEE ANY--

H--HOW DID
SHE--

I DIDN'T
SEE HER WHEN
I CAME IN!!!

MY..MY...

AIN'T YOU
PURTY!!



MEANWHILE...



AHHH... THIS LOOKS GOOD...

"DRAGON'S JAW INN..."

I HOPE THEY STILL GIVE THE ARMS-MASTER'S DISCOUNT!



GAIA...?



SHEILA...?

THIS MISSION HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY STRESSFUL FOR BOTH OF YOU... AND IT SHOWS!



WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS?

ONOLI... WE'RE GETTING OUR BUTTS KICKED!!

THIS SHERIFF'S USED LAW LOOPHOLES TO STRIP US OF OUR AUTHORITY IN THIS HAMLET...

WE COULDN'T EVEN SAVE BRIANNA...



JUST LIKE WE COULDN'T SAVE GAIA... JUST LIKE WE COULDN'T SAVE THOSE KIDNAP VICTIMS!!

FACE IT, ONOLI... WE'RE LOSING!

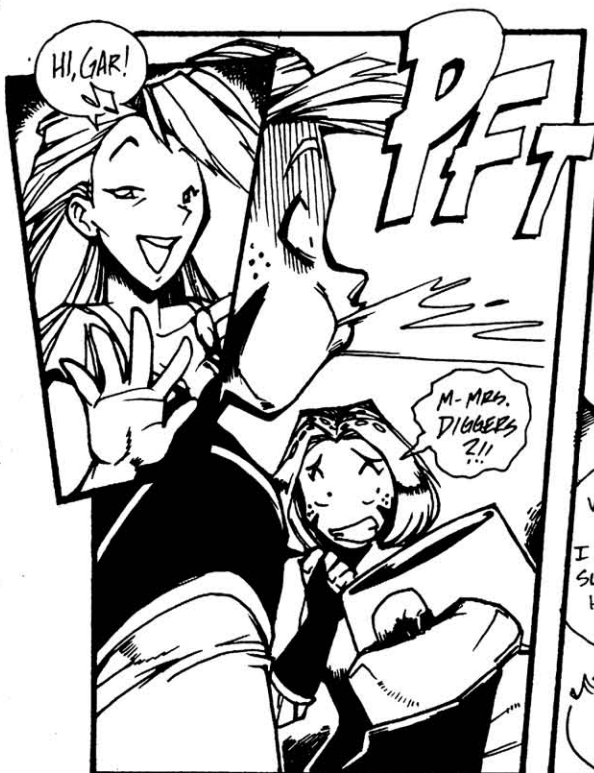
WE CAN'T GIVE UP NOW, SHEILA...

EVERYONE'S COUNTING ON US!!

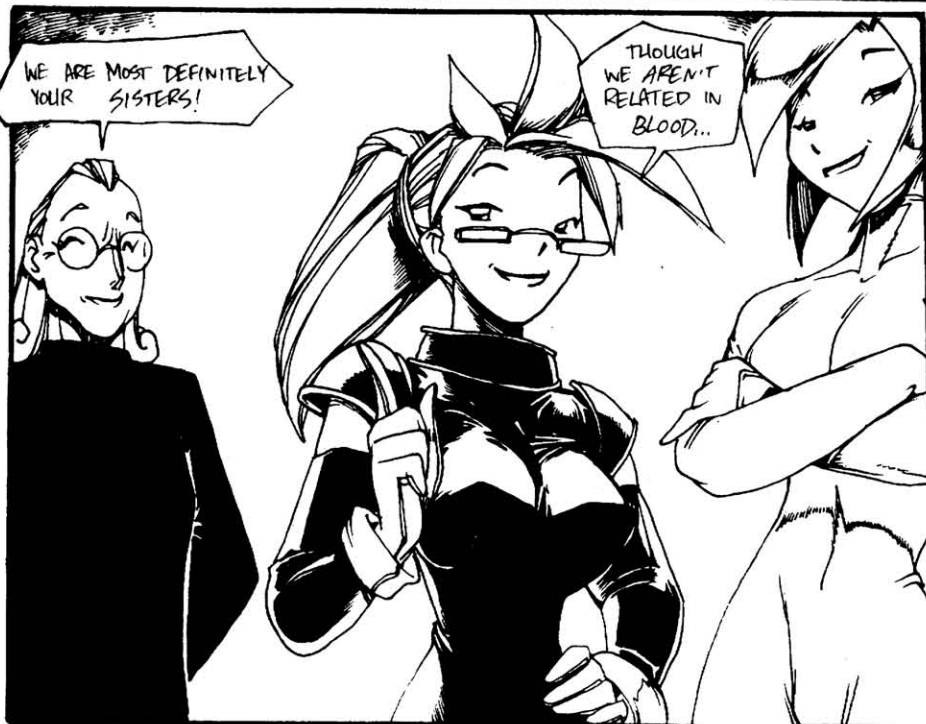
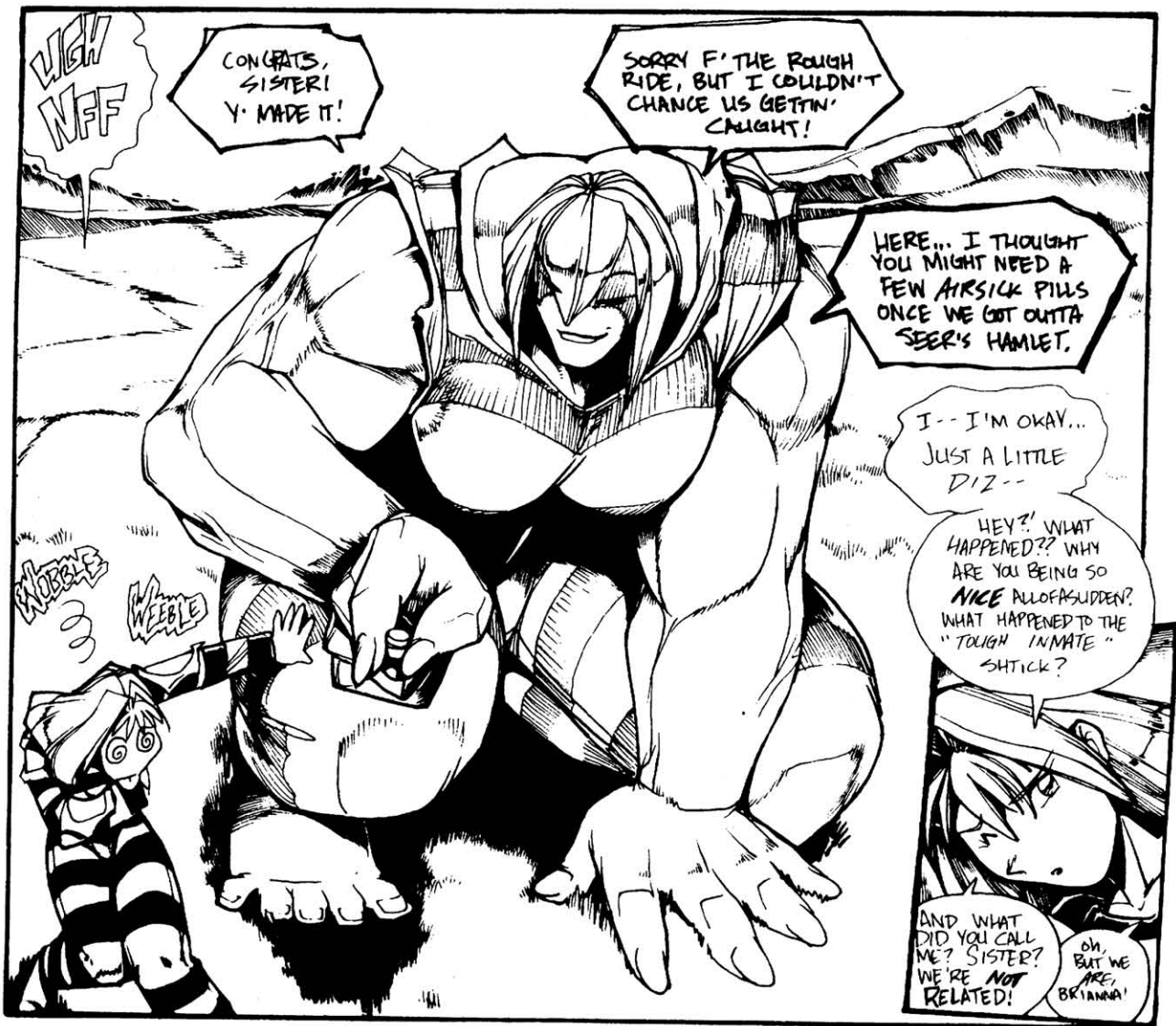
ONOLI... YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO HAS TO BREAK THE NEWS OF BRIANNA'S IMPRISONMENT TO HER PARENTS!!

JULIA'S MY SENSEI... WHAT AM I GOING TO SAY TO HER?

?







"HE PROTECTED ME."
"HE HELPED ME GAIN
CONTROL OF MY REGENERATION
POWER..."

"I FOUND I COULD
REPLICATE MYSELF AND
MORE!! I COULD MAKE
ALL KINDS OF CHANGES TO
THAT REPLICATION...
EXCEPT FOR ONE
THING..."

"ONCE I REPLICATED A NEW
'SELF', I WOULD ALSO
GROW A NEW PERSONALITY
TO USE IT..."

"BUT WHEN I REMOVED
THE NEW 'SELF' THE
PERSONALITY WOULD
REMAIN IN MY MIND..."

"AT FIRST,
THIS SCARED
ME... I
SCARED ME..."

"BUT THEN
I... WE REALIZED
WE WERE ALL
ON THE SAME
SIDE..."

"OUR
SIDE!!!"

"YOU SEE? EACH AND EVERY ONE
OF US KNOW WHAT ITS LIKE TO
SUDDENLY 'BE THERE'
SUDDENLY EXIST..."

"JUST LIKE
YOU DO..."

"HE WAS SEARCHING FOR
CORPORATE SECRETS TO
STEAL FOR HIS BLACK-
MAILING SCAM..."

INSTEAD... HE
FOUND ME...

"WE FELL IN LOVE THE
MOMENT WE SAW
EACH OTHER..."

"HE TOOK ME AWAY...
FORGETTING ABOUT
THE SECRETS..."

MORE THAN
ANYONE ELSE
IN EXISTENCE,
BRIANNA...
WE KNOW
HOW YOU
FEEL...

THAT'S WHY
WE'RE RELATED,
SISTER...
MORE THAN ANYONE
ELSE, WE
UNDERSTAND
YOU...

BUT WHY
ALL THIS?

"WHEN YOU SPOKE IN COURT,
YOU SPOKE OF HOW YOU
WERE BORN... TO BE BROUGHT
INTO THIS EXISTENCE WITHOUT
A PART OF YOUR OWN..."

"WELL... I UNDERSTAND
HOW THAT FEELS... THE
CONFUSION. THE FEAR.
YOU WONDERED IF YOU
HAD THE RIGHT TO LIVE,
DIDN'T YOU?"

"H...HOW DID
YOU KNOW?"

"BECAUSE THATS
WHAT
I
WONDERED..."

"MY REAL NAME IS
'PROJECT ALPHA FOUR'..."

"I WAS
CREATED BY A
SECRET MEDICAL
RESEARCH
ORGANIZATION..."

"DESIGNED TO
REGENERATE ON
COMMAND AFTER
EACH 'EXPERIMENT'.
SO THEY COULD
TORTURE ME
FOREVER..."

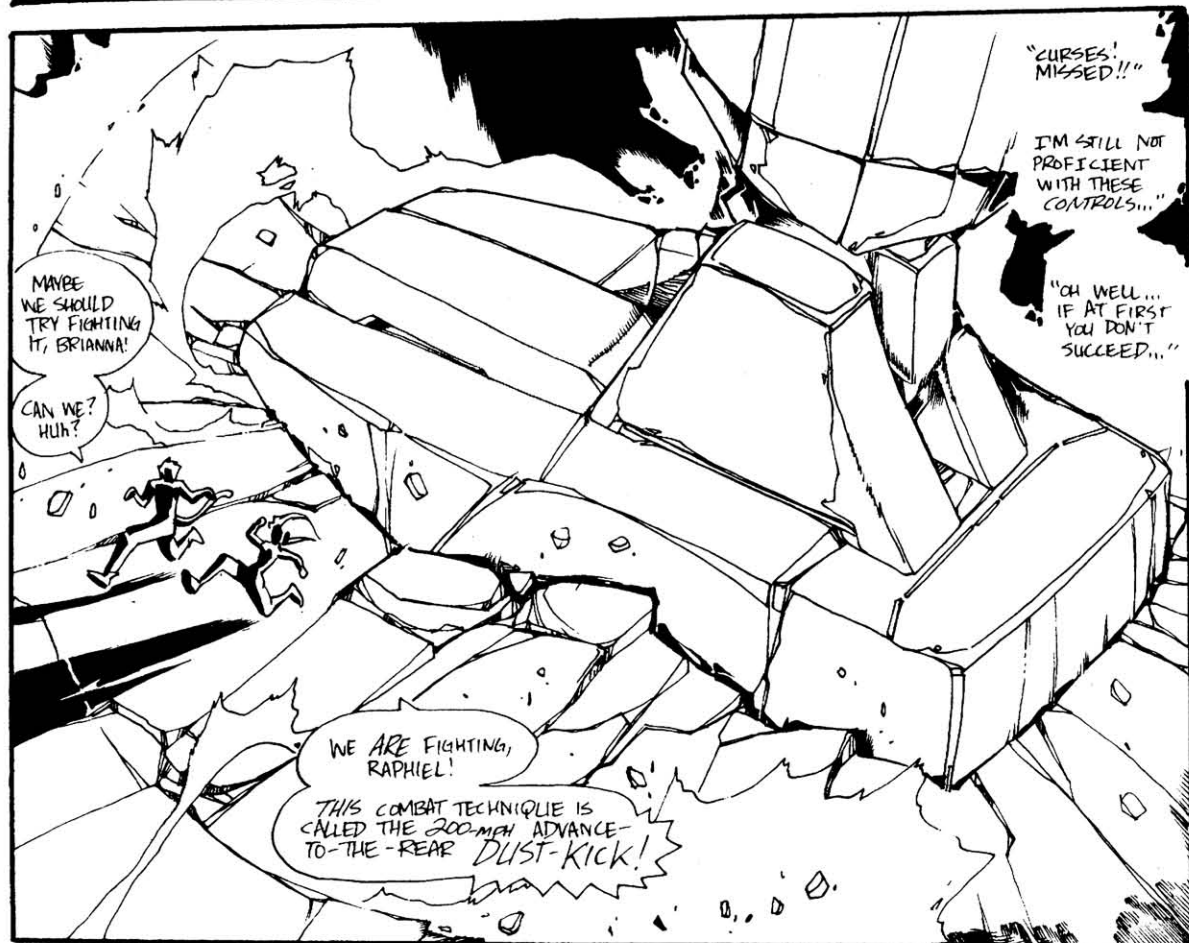
"I WAS FREED
BY, OF ALL PEOPLE,
A SUPER
CRIMINAL!"

UM...
I DON'T
GET IT...
EXACTLY
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

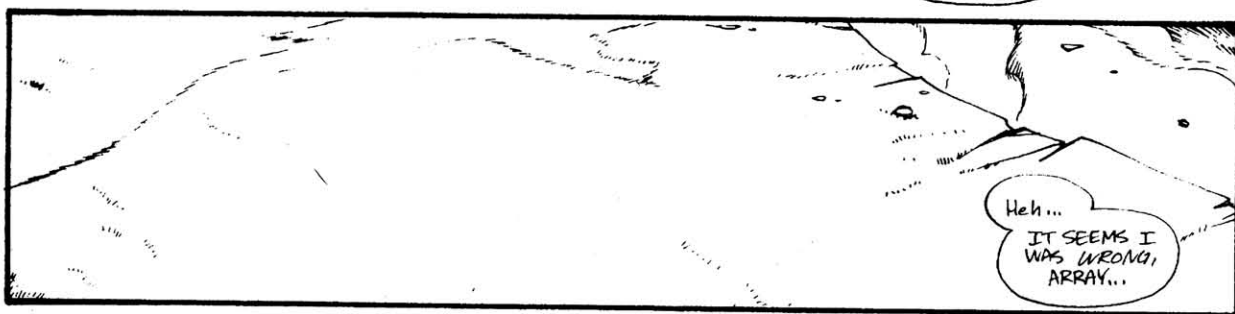












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