



GOLD DIGGER





THERE IT IS!!!
LIHM DI TURROK!
"THE HALLS OF THE
EXTREMELY DEAD!!!"

JUST THINK OF ALL
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL
DISCOVERIES WAITING
TO BE UNCOVERED
'INSIDE'!

WELL, WELL...
AREN'T WE
GLUNG-HO
ALL OF A
SUDDEN...



BUT THEN AGAIN, I GUESS YOU'RE
REALLY FEELING CONFIDENT AFTER
"WINNING" THAT "EXPLORER OF THE
YEAR" AWARD, HUH...

ACTUALLY, I'M JUST
ITCHING TO GET A LOOK
AT WHAT'S BEEN BURIED
INSIDE THAT CRYPT?

IT PRE-DATES EGYPT
BY TEN THOUSAND YEARS
AND IS EVEN SUPPOSED TO
HAVE DEITIES
BURIED INSIDE!

YEAH, BUT ISN'T
THIS TRIP
REALLY ABOUT
TRYING TO PROVE
YOU REALLY DID
DESERVE THAT
AWARD?

DON'T EVEN
SWEAT PENNY,
GEE...

SHE'S CAUGHT
MAD VAPORS
OVER YOUR
AWARD,
YO...



KEVIN, WILL YOU CUT THAT OUT?! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU??!

I'M NOT JEALOUS!

MAKE THAT MAD, CRAZY VAPORS, GEE...

KEVIN!!
FOR THE LAST TIME--

UH OH... LATER FOR THAT, PENNY... AND CALL ME ACE, YO...

ANYWAY, WE'RE HERE... WHAT--THE---

STRYP?

SEANCE?

..WHAT HAPPENED TO BRITANNY AND BRIANNA, GEE? I THOUGHT THEY WERE THE "EARLY BIRDS" ON THIS ONE!



BRITANNY, BRIANNA AND CHARLOTTE DECIDED TO SIT THIS ONE OUT, ACE... SOMETHING ABOUT GOING FISHING...

SO STRYP AND SEANCE VOLUNTEERED TO SET UP CAMP WHILE PENNY AND I DID SOME LAST MINUTE RESEARCH ON THE SITE LAST NIGHT...

ITS KINDA STRANGE GOING IN WITH UNTESTED "HELPERS", GINA...

SHOULD WE LET THEM ASSIST US INSIDE OR SHOULD WE KEEP THEM AT CAMP...



I MEAN, THIS PLACE ISNT FOR ROOKIES, PARTNER... I DON'T WANT STUPID MISTAKES HURTING OUR CHANCES TO FIND THE ONLY TABLET!

OH, THEY'LL BE OKAY...

HI STRYP!

HELLO GINA.

HOW WAS CALCUTA IN THE EVENING?

SEANCE AND I DIDNT GET TO STAY LONG ENOUGH TO SEE IT.



WE'LL ALL GO SIGHT-SEEING LATER, STRYP... RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO FOCUS!

AGREED...

I FEEL THE PRESENCE OF SOMETHING SINISTER AT THIS CRYPT...

A POWER THAT RADIATES EVIL...

OVER THE EONS IT HAS RESTED HERE... SLEEPING...

I WONDER HOW IT WILL REACT TO US WAKING IT UP...

SEANCE, YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT....







OKAY...
HERE WE
GO...

OH, YEAH... I'M
SUPPOSED TO ...

STRYP!
WAIT!!
YOU'RE GONNA
NEED
ROPE!



ITS
TEN STORIES
STRAIGHT
D--

Huh?
HE'S
FLOATING
DOWN??

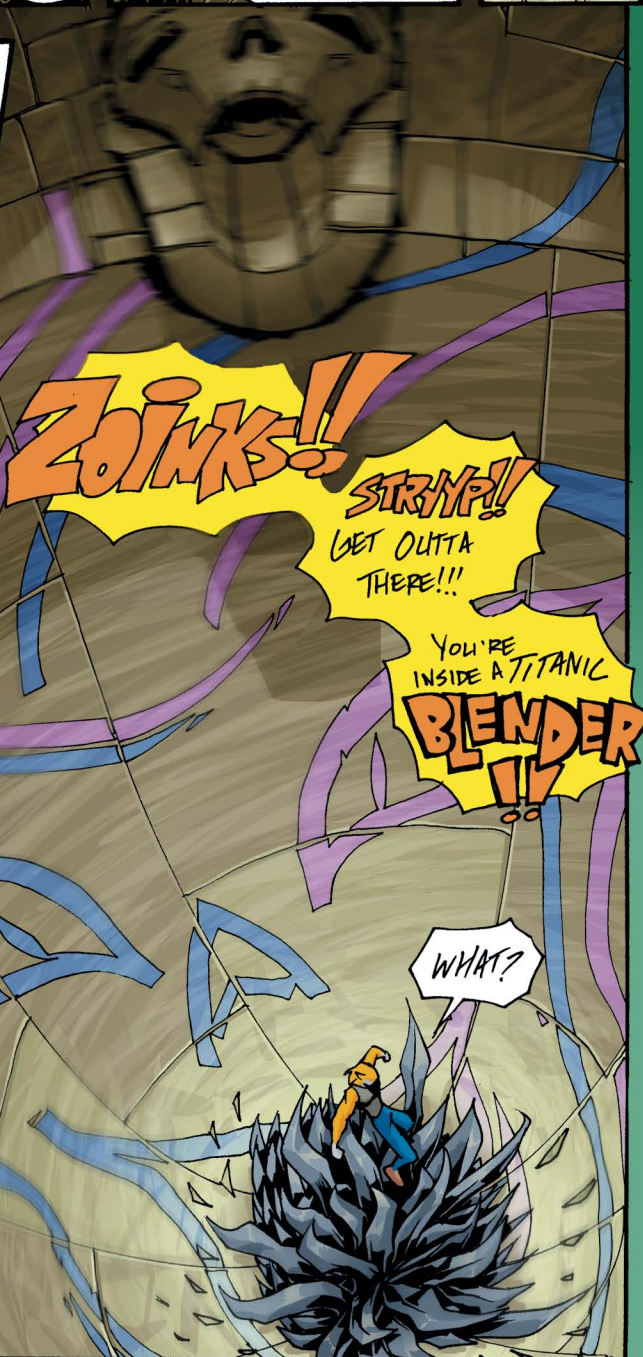
OH, WAIT!
THAT'S RIGHT!
HE CAN
FLY!!!

IN ADDITION
TO THAT...

Huh...
HOW ODD!

THE BOTTOM
OF THIS CHAMBER
IS COVERED WITH
BLADES... THE
FLOOR SEEMS
TO TAPER INTO
A FUNNEL.







SPELL OF
STRENGTH!!!



DAAAMN!

WHAT THE
HECK'S GOIN'
ON OVER
THERE, DOG?



SEANCE!!
YOUR FEET!!!
THIS ROOF IS
WEAKENING!!!



CRUMBLE!!

we're
screwed...







ELSEWHERE...

GOOD...

THE ACID FLOODING THIS PORTION OF THE CRYPT HAS DRAINED

LOOKS SAFE ENOUGH...

SHOULD WE PROCEED, NO. 38?

I'LL CARRY YOU DOWN...



FROM HERE, WE CAN FIND A PLACE TO AMBUSH GINA'S PARTY... ONCE THEY HAVE SECURED THE TABLET...

NO. 38? DO YOU THINK FAULTLINEY WILL BETRAY US?

DO YOU THINK HE WILL KEEP HIS PROMISE?

NO. 38?

I HAVE A REAL NAME YOU KNOW...



ONLY A NAME YOU GAVE TO YOURSELF... "JANE"...

JUST FIXING AN OVERSIGHT OF MY PARENTS, "NO. SIX"...

IT'S NO OVERSIGHT... YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I... EVEN THOUGH DRAGONS, WORMS, AND DRAGONS ARE BORN FROM THE SAME EGGS, ONLY DRAGONS MAY HAVE NAMES...

ONLY DRAGONS MAY HAVE RIGHTS OR PROPERTY...

AND ONLY DRAGONS MAY HAVE CHILDREN!



SO, WHAT'S YOUR POINT, SIX?

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE, THIRTY-uh JANE...

IF WE FIND THE TABLET... IF WE DISCOVER THE SECRET OF THE DJINN!...

IF WE FINALLY UNCOVER THE WAY TO MAKE OUR DREAMS COME TRUE... TO BECOME TRUE DRAGONS...

...DO WE GIVE THE SECRET TO FAULTLINEY AND HOPE HE DOESN'T BETRAY US?



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GOOD QUESTION, SIX...



...GOOD QUESTION.



MEANWHILE...

AND ONE... MORE...





SEE? THAT'S WHY I NEVER SHOW YOU MY NEW STUFF... YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO BE ALL CUTE BY MAKING JOKES!!

THIS JUST HAPPENS TO BE MY NEW INVENTION, A VIRTUAL MAPPER.... I'M USING ITS SCANNERS AND SENSORS TO TRY TO FIND US A NEW, SAFE WAY IN...

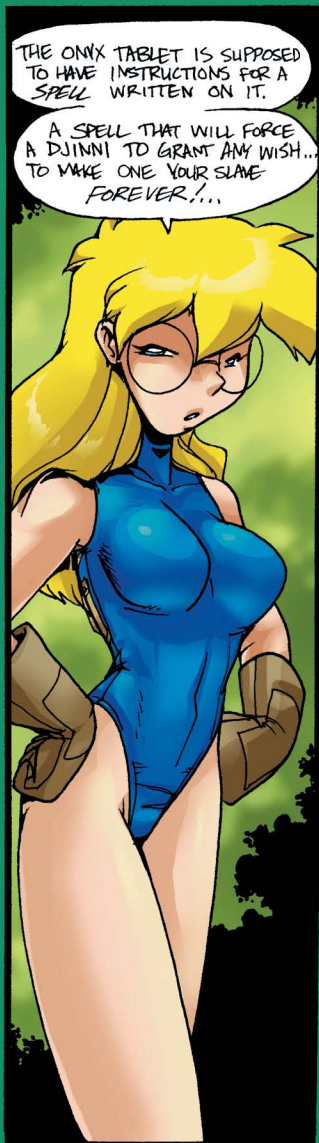


WE CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME PLAYING WITH TRAPS!

I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY YA'LL DOIN' THIS...

GOIN' THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE JUST FOR A STONE TABLET?

WHATS WRITTEN ON IT CAIN'T BE WORTH ALL THIS GRIEF!



THE ONYX TABLET IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR A SPELL WRITTEN ON IT.

A SPELL THAT WILL FORCE A DJINNI TO GRANT ANY WISH... TO MAKE ONE YOUR SLAVE FOREVER!...



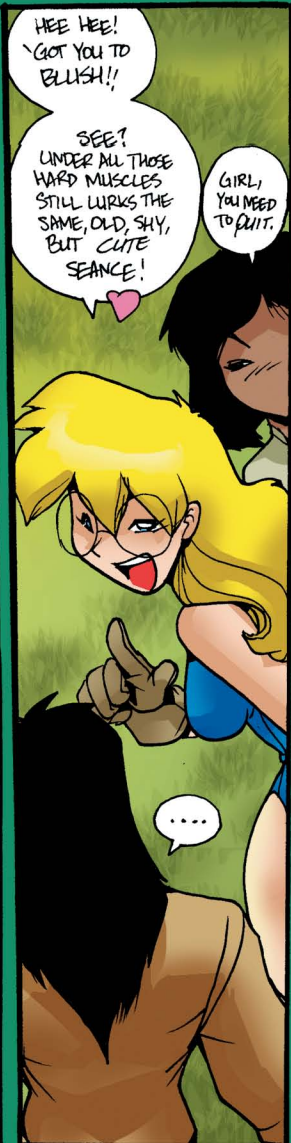
WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DO IS, KEEP A MAN NAMED FAULTEROY FROM GRABBING THE TABLET... BUT WE NEED TO BE QUICK!

FAULTEROY WANTS TO GET HIS HANDS ON IT WORSE THAN SEANCE WANTED TO GET HIS HANDS ON MY GOODIES!!

G-GINA!

I DIDN'T MIND SEANCE... BUT I DO MIND IF FAULTEROY HAS HIS WAY...

D-DIDN'T I SAY IT WAS AN ACCIDENT?

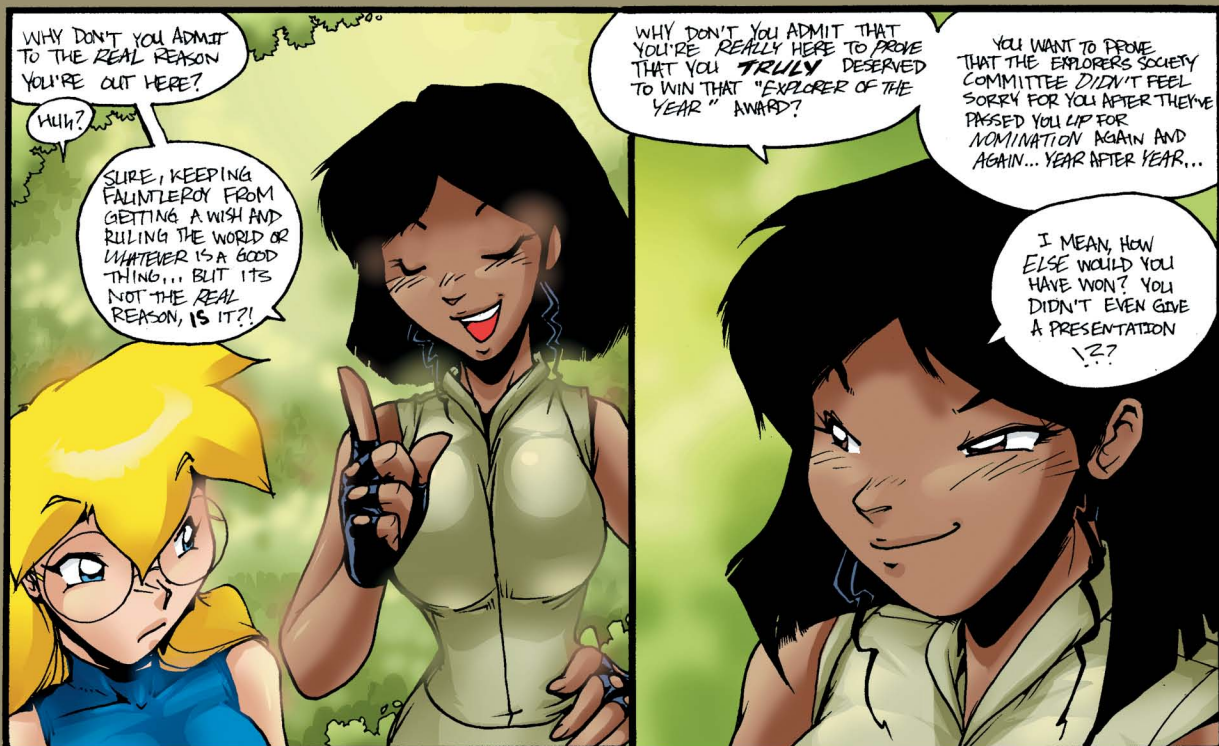


HEE HEE! GOT YOU TO ELLUSH!!

SEE? UNDER ALL THOSE HARD MUSCLES STILL LURKS THE SAME, OLD, SHY, BUT CUTE SEANCE!

GIRL, YOU NEED TO PUT.

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WHY DON'T YOU ADMIT TO THE REAL REASON YOU'RE OUT HERE?

Wuh?

SURE, KEEPING FALINTEROY FROM GETTING A WISH AND RULING THE WORLD OR WHATEVER IS A GOOD THING... BUT ITS NOT THE REAL REASON, IS IT?!

WHY DON'T YOU ADMIT THAT YOU'RE REALLY HERE TO PROVE THAT YOU **TRULY** DESERVED TO WIN THAT "EXPLORER OF THE YEAR" AWARD?

YOU WANT TO PROVE THAT THE EXPLORERS SOCIETY COMMITTEE DIDN'T FEEL SORRY FOR YOU AFTER THEY'VE PASSED YOU UP FOR NOMINATION AGAIN AND AGAIN... YEAR AFTER YEAR...

I MEAN, HOW ELSE WOULD YOU HAVE WON? YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE A PRESENTATION !??



Sighs...

I'D BE LYING IF I SAID THAT NOTION HADN'T CROSSED MY MIND TOO, PENNY... I ASKED THE CHAIRMAN ABOUT IT... "DID I **TRULY** DESERVE THE AWARD?"...

Y-

you DID?

WHAT STARTLED ME WAS MONTY'S CONFESSION ABOUT THE TOTAL LACK OF INFLUENCE ANY PRESENTATION HAS ON THE COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS.

EVERYONE JUST ASSUMED IT WAS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE **MS. CRAFT** GAVE ONE DURING THE FIRST AWARD BANQUET AND WAS AWARDED THE TROPHY... HECK, EVEN I MADE THAT ASSUMPTION!...

BUT NO... I DIDN'T NEED A PRESENTATION. I WON **FAIR** AND **SQUARE**... I'VE **NOTHING** TO PROVE!



HOWEVER, YOU'RE CORRECT IN GUESSING I'VE ANOTHER REASON FOR BEING HERE!

THIS CRYPT IS SEETHING WITH TRAPS, DANGERS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY... **DISCOVERIES**...
...With a good bit of TREASURE!

WHAT I'M AFTER IS WHAT **UHM DI TURROK** HAS HIDDEN FROM THE RAVAGES OF TIME!

THE DISCOVERIES WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDISTURBED FOR COUNTLESS CENTURIES! THE ANSWERS TO UNBELIEVABLE MYSTERIES!!

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!

WELL DAMN! DON'T I LOOK PETCHY NOW...

IT'S OKAY PENNY. IF ROLES WERE REVERSED, I WOULD SAID THE SAME STUFF.

Kerrling

!







NOR DID I COME ONLY TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS...

ILLUSION!



I CAME HERE HOPING TO FIND YOU...

ILLUSION?!



I CAME TO TEACH YOU A LESSON!

KRUNNG



WHUMP



KTASH



ALL RIGHT...



OKAY... FROM NOW ON...



NO MORE MR. NICE DRAGON!



MEANWHILE...

WE'RE THROUGH...

BE CAREFUL IN HERE.



TRUE...

WE HAVE TO WATCH FOR TRAPS...

BUT AT LEAST THERE'S AN UPSIDE TO A TRAP FILLED CRYPT LIKE THIS...



NO MONSTERS!...

NEXT: THE DJINNI OF THE DEAD...