

GOLD DIGGER NO.19

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SIRE... THIS IS  
HIGHLY IRREGULAR...

YOU HEARD ME,  
CAPTAIN! AS THE  
REPRESENTATIVES  
OF ARMSMASTER  
G'NOLGA, MY  
COMPANIONS AND  
I WISH YOU TO  
ESCORT US TO  
THE LOWER  
CHAMBERS OF  
THIS ZIGURAT...



BUT... THAT  
CHAMBER...

NO ONE HAS ASKED FOR  
ACCESS TO IT FOR  
CENTURIES...

AND ANYWAY--

THERE IS  
NOTHING  
TO SEE--

THEN THERE SHOULD BE  
NO PROBLEM EH CAPTAIN?

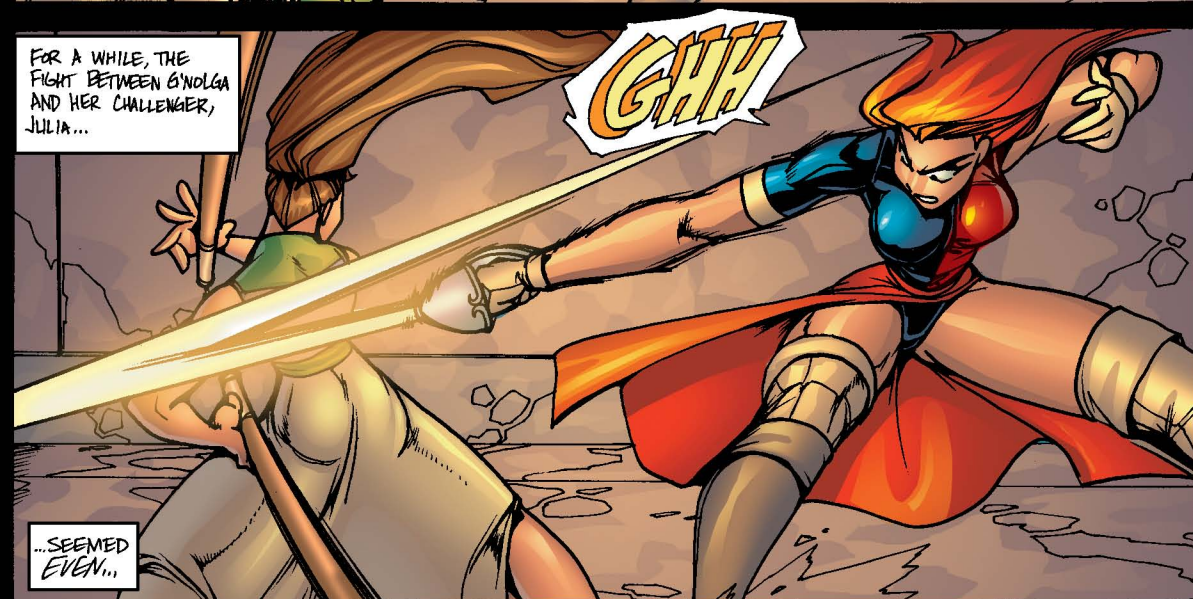
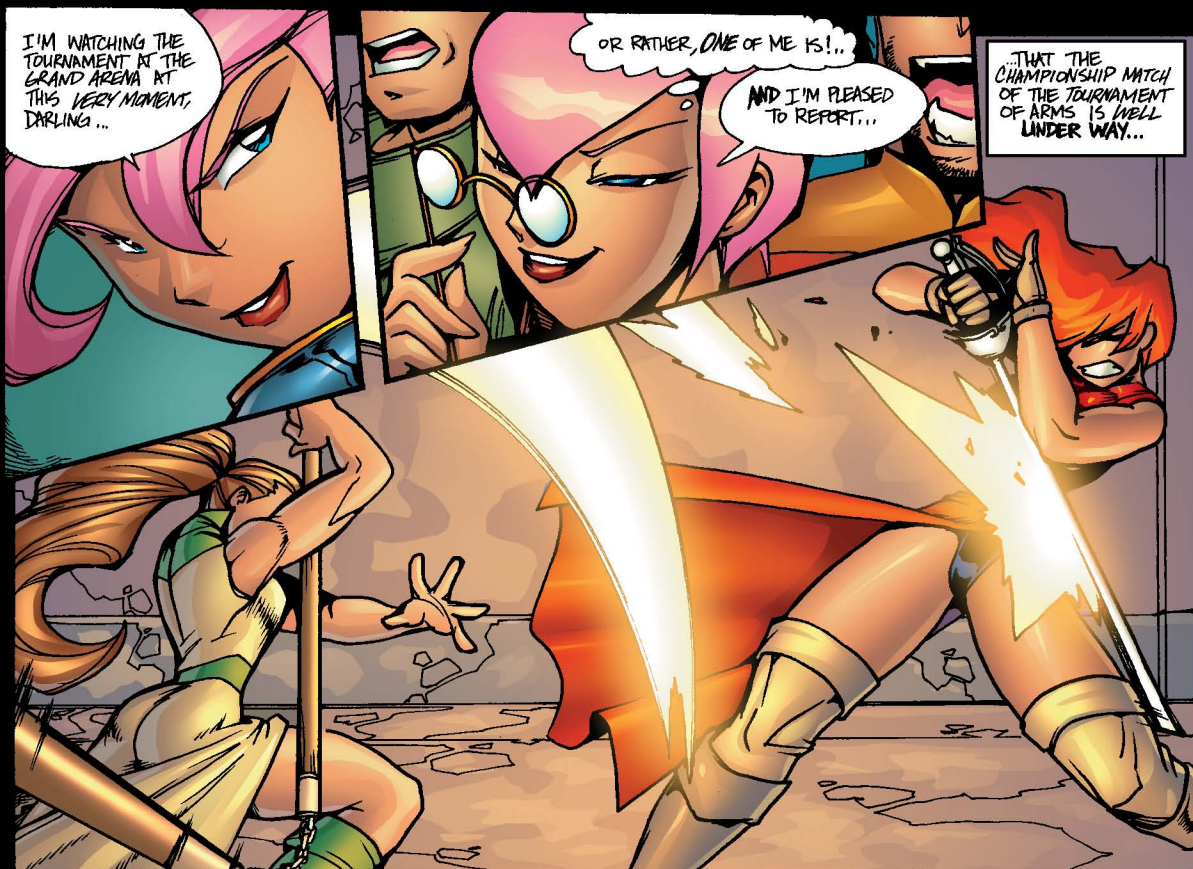
I KNEW WE  
COULD COME  
TO AN AGREE-  
MENT...





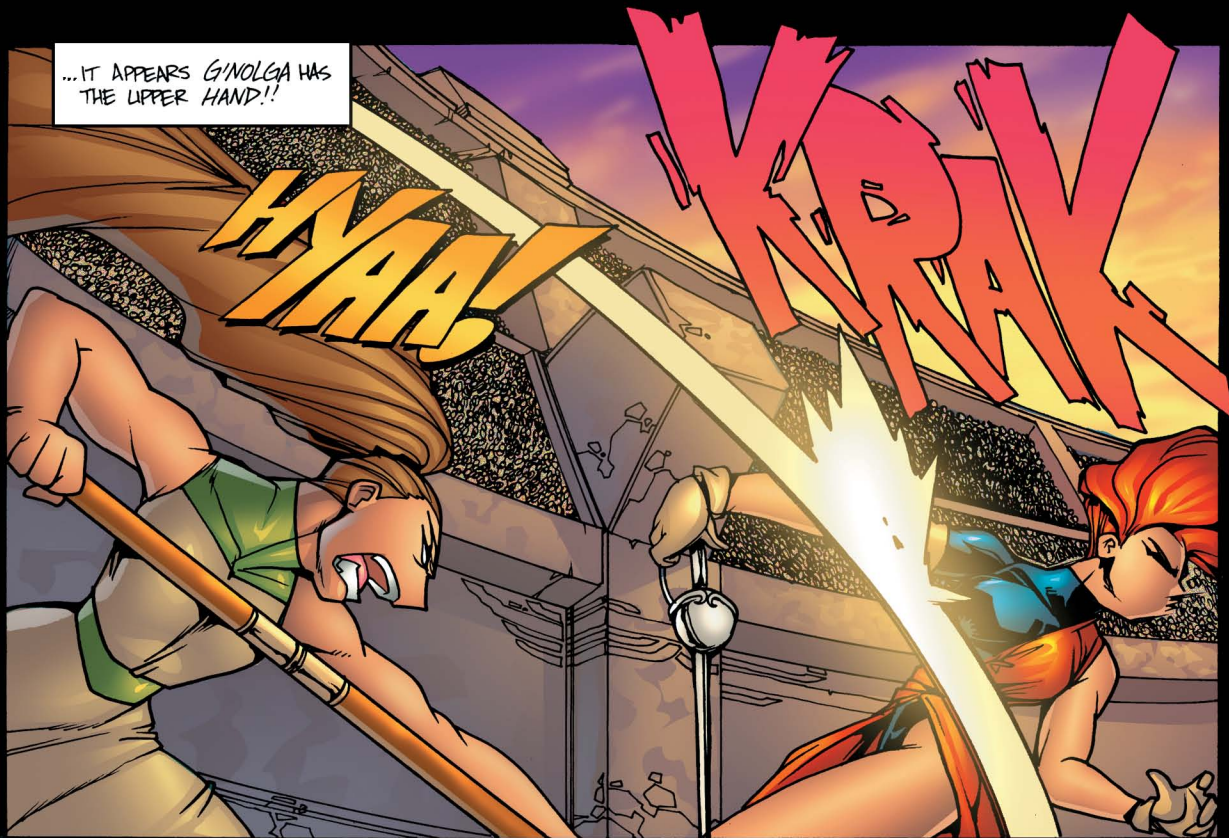




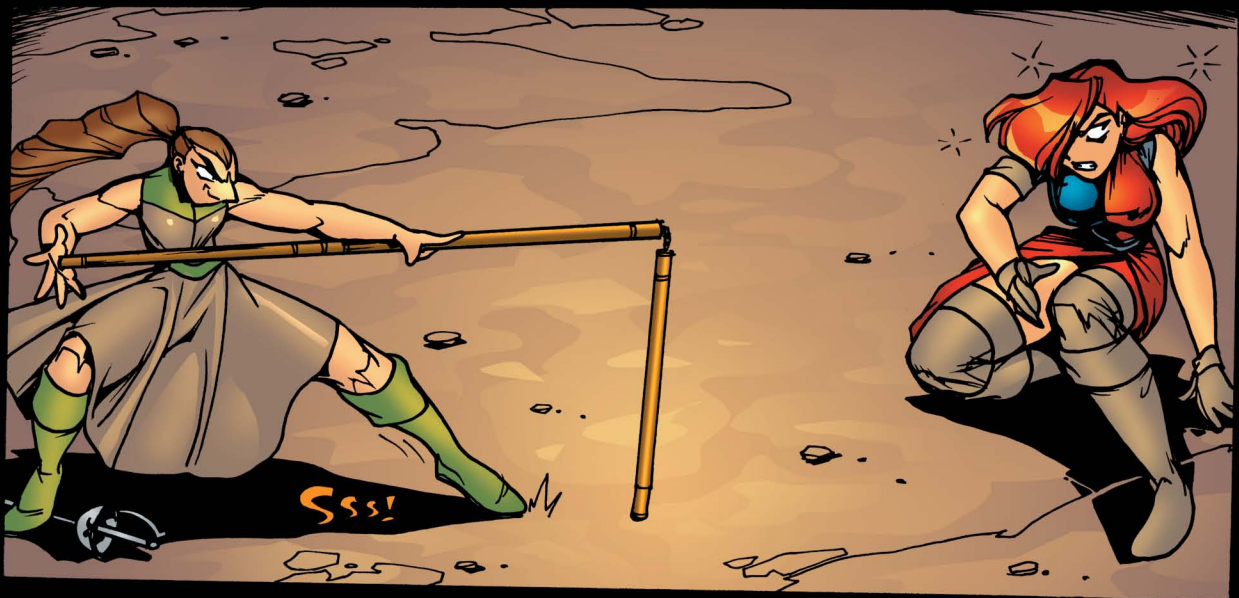
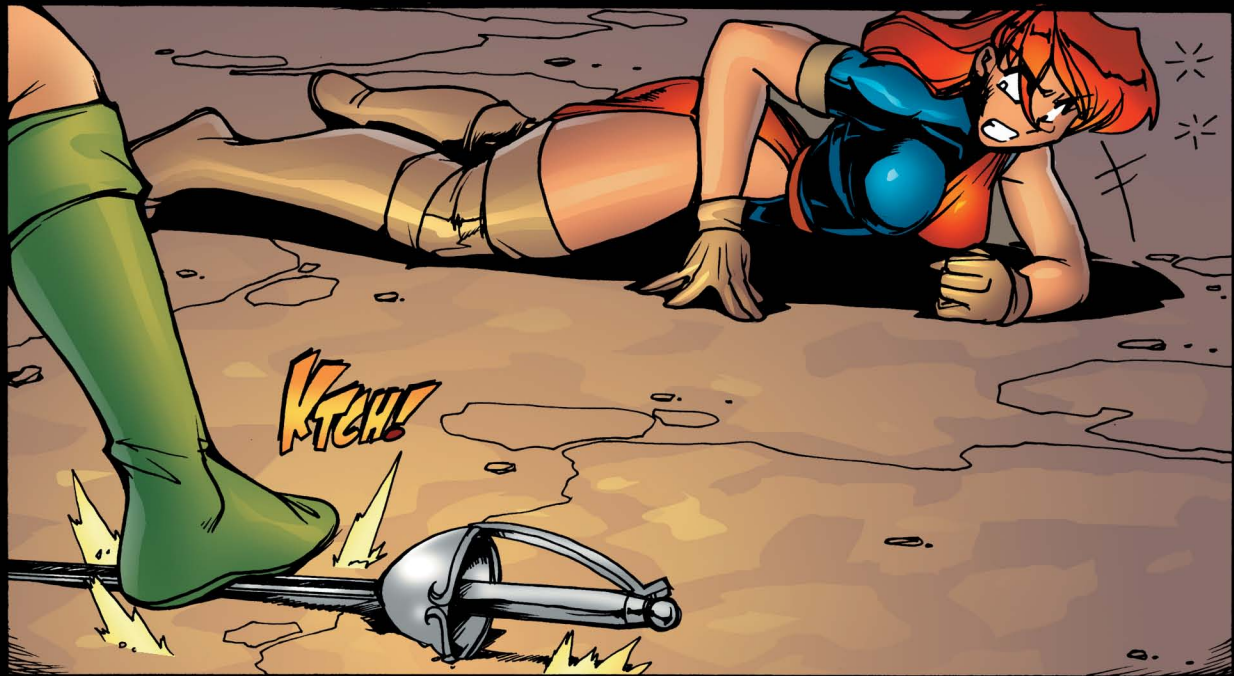




...IT APPEARS G'VOLGA HAS  
THE UPPER HAND!!









HAHAHAH



UNBELIEVABLE!!  
G'NDOLGA HAS  
DISARMED  
JULIA!



THE CONTEST  
IS AS GOOD AS  
**WON!!**

THANK YOU, ARRAY...  
THIS IS GOOD NEWS  
INDEED...



NOW THEN,  
CAPTAIN...



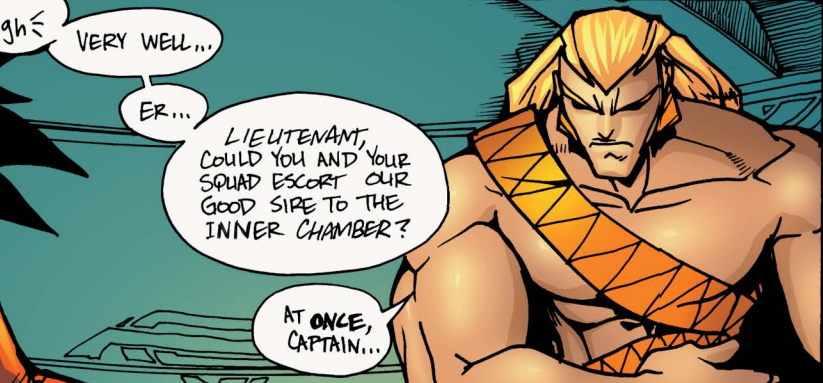
≥Sigh≤

VERY WELL...

ER...

LIEUTENANT,  
COULD YOU AND YOUR  
SQUAD ESCORT OUR  
GOOD SIRE TO THE  
INNER CHAMBER?

AT ONCE,  
CAPTAIN...



IF YOU WOULD  
ALL FOLLOW ME,  
PLEASE...

WAIT A MINUTE!

**WAIT A MINUTE!**

SOME 'N'  
**SCREWY'S GOIN'**  
ON HERE!











THEN--

Duh!

**THIS IS A TRAP!**

**EDGE GUARD!**

**THE EDGE GUARD?**

ARRAY! ARE THESE THE AUTHORITIES HERE ON JADE? WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY WERE CLUELESS BUMBLERS!!

THEY MUST BE THE SAME FOLKS THAT INVADED US THE OTHER NIGHT!!

THEY MUST HAVE LEARNED OUR PLAN!!

**TRANSFORM!**

WELL, THESE "CLUELESS BUMBLERS" ARE PLACING YOU ALL UNDER ARREST IF YOU FAIL TO HEED THIS ONE WARNING---



IN THE INTEREST OF THE SECURITY OF THE REALM, IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT COUNCIL...

YOU ARE ORDERED TO CEASE AND DESIST YOUR PURSUIT OF THE ZIGGURAT'S SECRETS---

IF YOU CONTINUE THIS DANGEROUS QUEST, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BRING YOU ALL IN FOR TRIAL...



I'VE DEALT WITH AUTHORITIES FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU COUNTRY BUMPKINS...

COME! SHOW ME HOW YOU INTEND TO "BRING US IN"...





SORRY WE'RE LATE, BOSS...

ACTUALLY... YOU'RE JUST IN TIME--



HOW DID SHE GET BACK-UP SO FAST?

WHO ARE THESE JOKERS, ANYWAY?!



DON'T TELL ME SHE'S GOT HER OWN ADVENTURING PARTY ON CALL?!

DONESN'T EVERYBODY?



SO, EDGE GUARD... HOW WILL YOU STAND IN OUR WAY NOW?

THE INITIATIVE IS OURS!

ATTACK!





I CAN SEE NO PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THIS, CAPTAIN.

I THINK YOU AND YOUR GUARDS SHOULD EVACUATE...

THIS COULD GET DANGEROUS...

≥SIGH I'VE ALREADY GIVEN THE ORDER, ONOL!

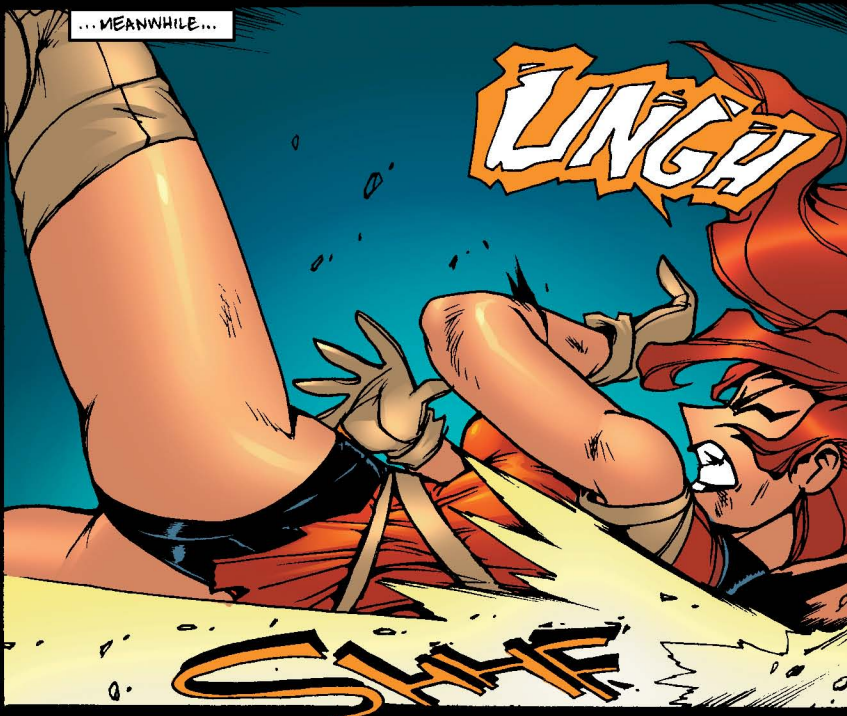


BUT I MUST REMAIN HERE... NO MATTER THE THREAT...

FOR I AM CHARGED WITH THIS TEMPLE'S SAFETY... ABOVE ALL ELSE!



Ahem! I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CUSTOMARY TWO MINUTES TO SAY YOUR PRAYERS ARE UP!!



... MEANWHILE...

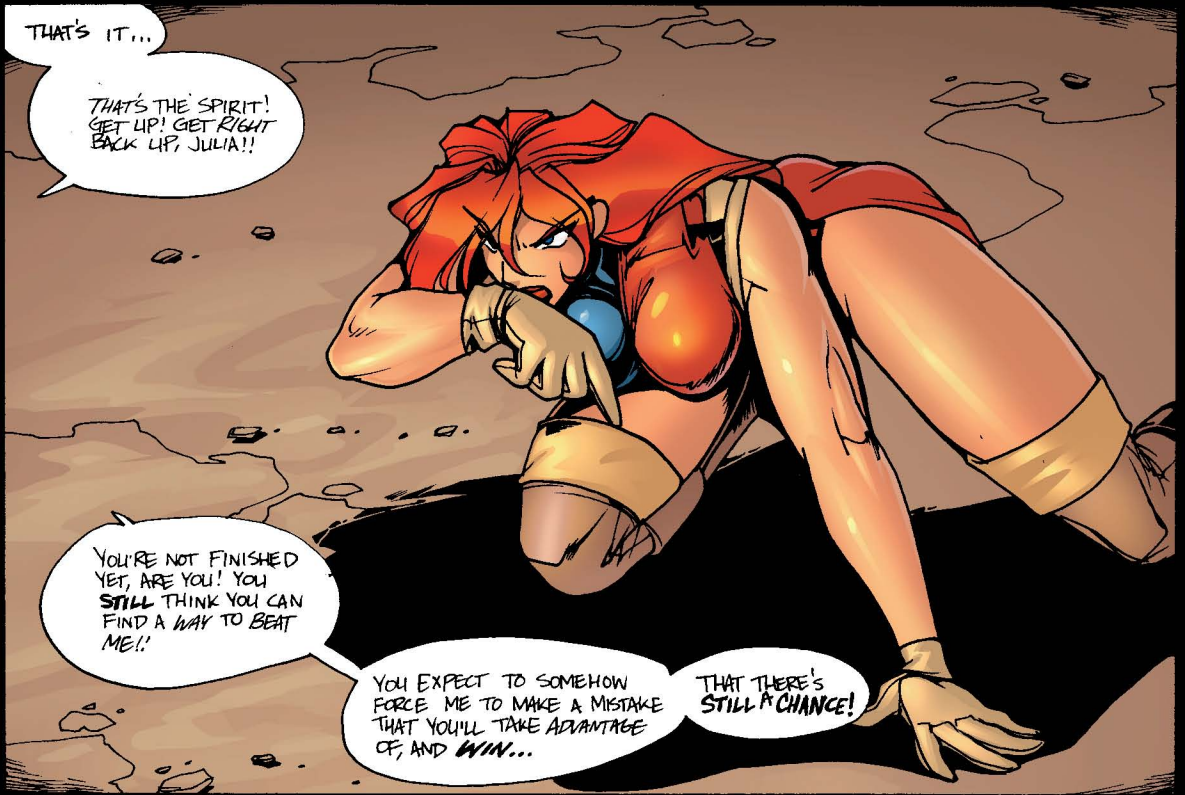


WHAT'S WRONG, JULIA?

WHERE IS THAT SPIRIT... THAT HEART YOU MENTIONED EARLIER, HMM?!

≥GASP!! YOU'RE NOT GIVING UP ARE YOU???











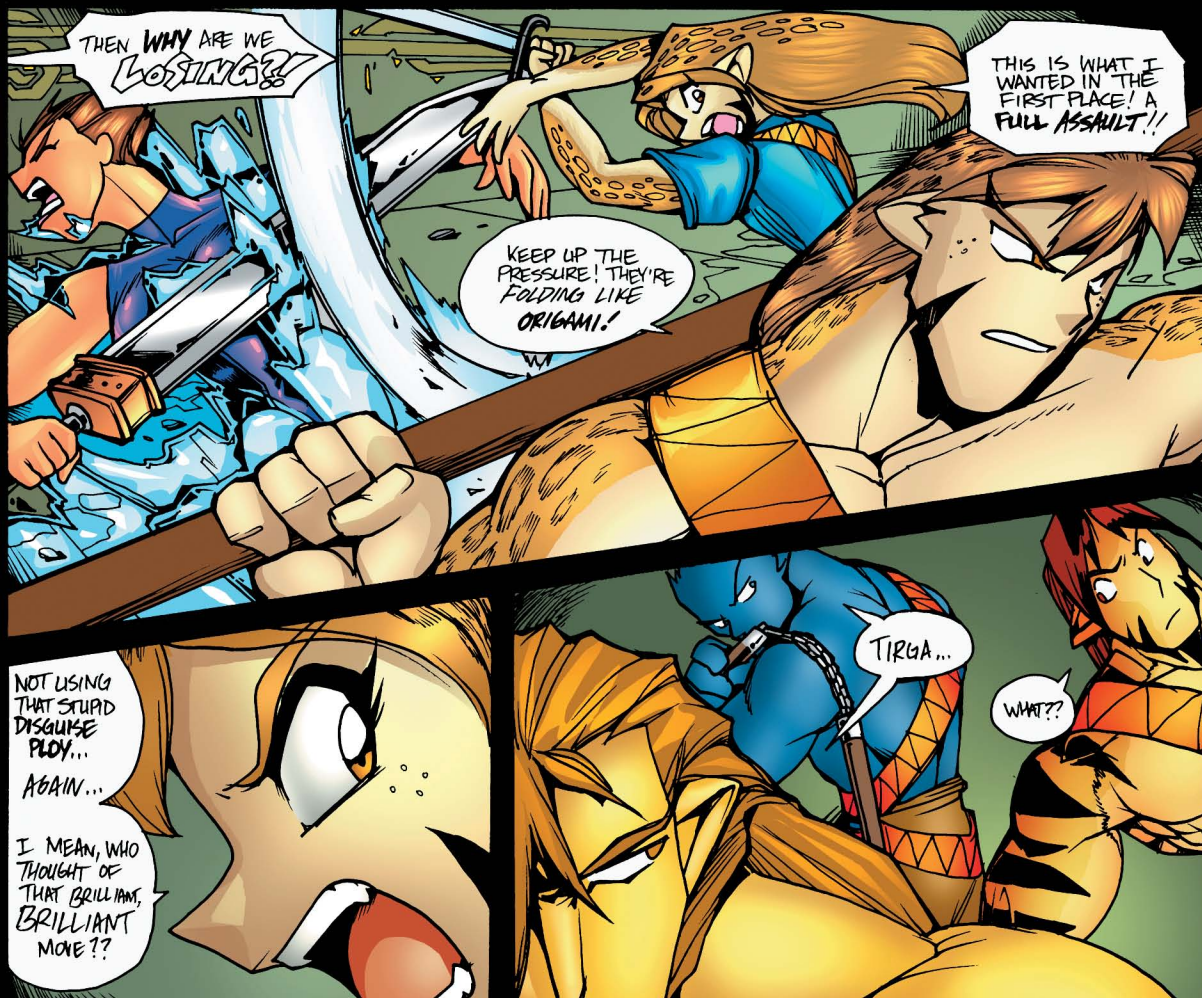
MEANWHILE... AT ZIGGURAT KURU...



WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE  
INCREDIBLY POWERFUL  
"SUPER-VILLAINS" FROM  
EARTH...

HARDENED AND  
TESTED AGAINST  
THE **BEST**...

RIGHT?



THEN **WHY** ARE WE  
**LOSING??**

THIS IS WHAT I  
WANTED IN THE  
FIRST PLACE! A  
FULL ASSAULT!!

KEEP UP THE  
PRESSURE! THEY'RE  
FOLDING LIKE  
ORIGAMI!!

NOT USING  
THAT STUPID  
DISGUISE  
PLOY...  
AGAIN...

I MEAN, WHO  
THOUGHT OF  
THAT BRILLIANT,  
BRILLIANT  
MOVE??

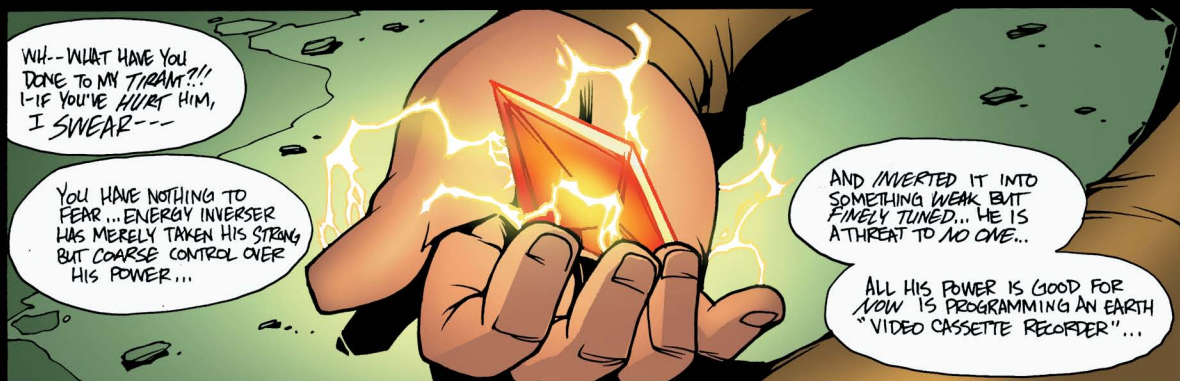
TIRGA...

WHAT??













BAIN!!

BY GAJA, HE'S  
CONTROLLING  
IT!!?



**WHAT?!** BUT  
NO ONE CAN CONTROL IT,  
EVEN THE GREAT **MAGI**  
OF THE COUNCIL!!

NO MAGIC  
CAN!

HAHAHAHA

YOU FOOLS!!  
DON'T YOU  
REALIZE??

MY TIRANT DOESN'T  
USE **MAGIC!!**

ARRAY...THE  
KEY... **BAIN!**

N... NOW  
I SEE...

Now...

**I KNOW!**



**EDGE GUARD! EVERYONE!  
COMBINED ATTACK ON  
TIRANT!!  
FULL POWER!**

TIRGA:  
"WHAT'S GOING  
ON"

SHEILA:  
"UH-OH"...

ONOLI:  
"IF WE DON'T  
TAKE HIM DOWN  
NOW, WE'RE  
FINISHED"...



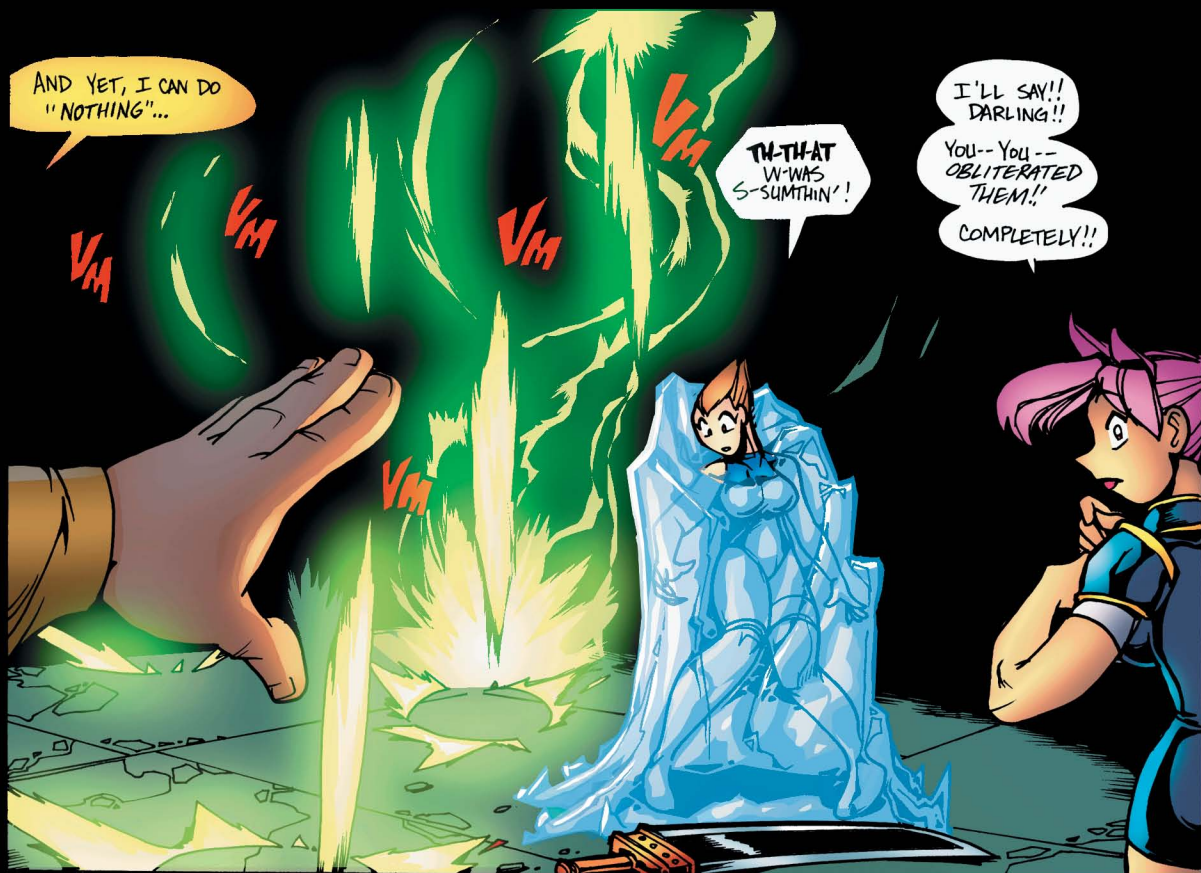
I--

I CAN  
READ THOUGHTS!

I--

**I CAN DO  
ANYTHING!!**





AND YET, I CAN DO  
"NOTHING"...

TH-THAT  
W-WAS  
S-SUMTHIN'!

I'LL SAY!!  
DARLING!!

YOU-- YOU --  
OBLITERATED  
THEM!!

COMPLETELY!!



NO. FAR FROM IT. THEY WERE  
MERELY TRANSPORTED TO A  
PLACE *INSIDE THIS*....

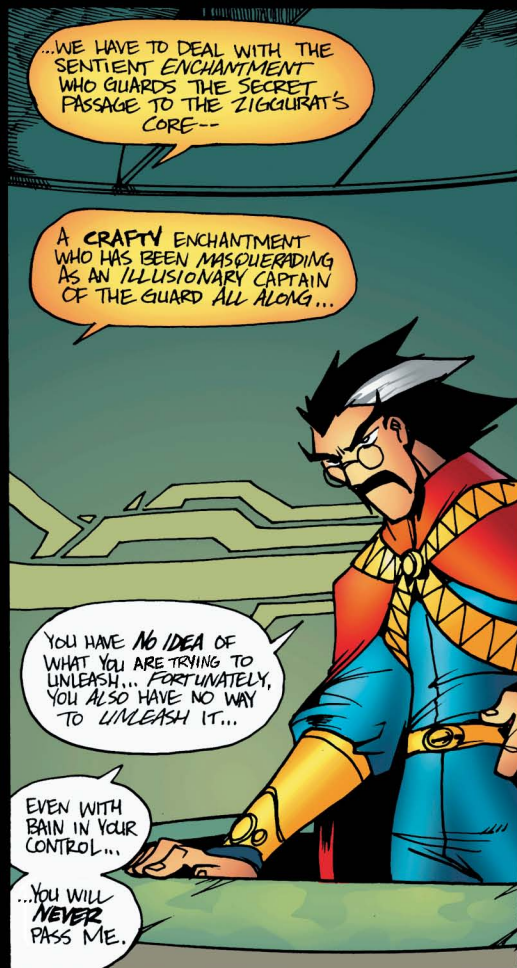
THE SAME FATE THAT THE  
MAGIC USERS WE THOUGHT  
WERE DESTROYED SUFFERED.

THEY ARE ALL IMPRISONED  
**FOREVER!!!**



TIRANT? WE DON'T  
UNDERSTAND! HOW  
COULD --

I WILL EXPLAIN IT  
ALL IN DUE TIME, ARRAY...  
BUT FOR **NOW**...



...WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE  
SENTIENT ENCHANTMENT  
WHO GUARDS THE SECRET  
PASSAGE TO THE ZIGGURAT'S  
CORE--

A **CRAFTY** ENCHANTMENT  
WHO HAS BEEN MASQUERADING  
AS AN ILLUSIONARY CAPTAIN  
OF THE GUARD ALL ALONG...

YOU HAVE **NO IDEA** OF  
WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO  
UNLEASH... FORTUNATELY,  
YOU ALSO HAVE NO WAY  
TO UNLEASH IT...

EVEN WITH  
BAIN IN YOUR  
CONTROL...

...YOU WILL  
**NEVER**  
PASS ME.









WH--WHAT??

AH, AH, AH...  
SAVE YOUR BREATH.

I CAN "HEAR" YOU THROUGH  
YOUR THOUGHTS QUITE CLEARLY...  
AND FROM THE LOOKS OF  
THINGS, YOU'LL NEED AS MUCH  
BREATH AS YOU HAVE LEFT...

TIRANT? HOW--  
WHY--

I CAME TO HELP  
YOU, G'NOLGA...

I CAME TO OFFER  
YOU BAIN'S STRENGTH!

WITH IT,  
YOU CAN  
WIN!

I--  
I--  
WILL

**NOT**

**CHEAT!**



BUT THERE IS NO RISK!  
ONLY YOU CAN SENSE ME...  
NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY  
SUSPECT YOU OF RECEIVING  
EXTRA POWER WHILE  
FIGHTING IN AN "ANTI-  
MAGIC ARENA"...

NO ONE WILL  
EVER KNOW...  
NOT EVEN  
JULIA...!

I WILL  
KNOW, TIRANT.



LOOK AT YOU,  
G'NOLGA...

YOU'RE GOING  
TO **LOSE!!**

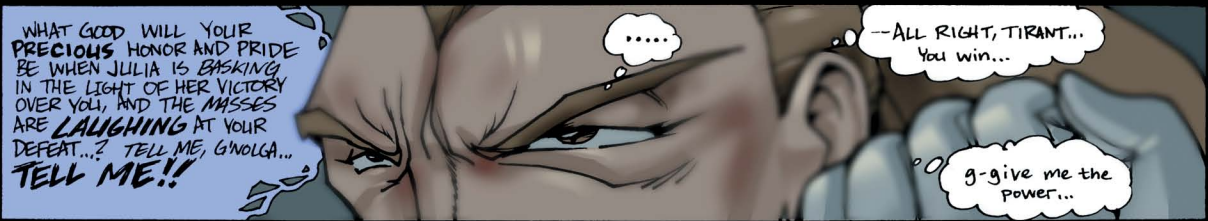
YOUR STRENGTH  
IS SLIPPING  
AWAY WITH  
EACH SECOND!

THIS IS THE  
ONLY WAY,  
G'NOLGA...

IT'S THIS  
OR LITTER  
AND COMPLETE  
DEFEAT AT  
JULIA'S  
HANDS...

**AGAIN...**

my honor...  
my pr-  
pride...



WHAT GOOD WILL YOUR  
PRECIOUS HONOR AND PRIDE  
BE WHEN JULIA IS BASKING  
IN THE LIGHT OF HER VICTORY  
OVER YOU, AND THE MASSES  
ARE LAUGHING AT YOUR  
DEFEAT...? TELL ME, G'NOLGA...  
**TELL ME!!**

....

--ALL RIGHT, TIRANT...  
You win...

g-give me the  
power...



?

**RRRRRRRR**

**!!!**

HOW ON  
JADE?

**NGHHH**





THIS--  
THIS--  
CAN'T  
BE HAPPENING!!

OKAY, JULIA... YOUR  
OPPONENT JUST BROKE  
A SPECIAL HOLD THAT NO  
**ONE** IN THE HISTORY OF  
JADE HAS EVER HAD THE  
STRENGTH, SKILL AND  
LEVERAGE TO BREAK!!  
**EVER!**

**Now  
WHAT?**

NEXT -- ROUND THREE --