



# GOLD DIGGER





WELCOME TO  
ATLANTA GEORGIA  
USA...

NESTLED IN THIS  
QUIANT LITTLE  
SUBURBS ON  
THE OUTSKIRTS  
OF TOWN, WE  
FIND THE HOME  
OF GINA, BRIANNA  
AND BRITANNY  
DIGGERS...

AND SPEAKING  
OF BRITANNY...

OKAY,  
CHARLOTTE!  
TODAY'S  
THE DAY.

OH BOY! OH BOY!

YOU'VE BEEN  
TRAININ' HARD  
FOR MONTHS...

OH BOY!  
OH BOY!

AND NOW ITS  
TEST DAY!

OH BOY!  
OH BOY!

PASS THE TEST AND YOU GET  
YOUR **OFFICIAL** CHEETAH'S SCHOOL  
OF THE MARTIAL ARTS, GENUINE  
**GUCCI**, G##-KICKIN' GLOVES!!

♥ JUST LIKE THE ONES  
I WEAR!!! ♥

♥ **HURRAAY!!** ♥

ISN'T THIS GREAT  
PENNY!!!!?

I'LL RESERVE MY JUDGEMENT,  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHARLOTTE.  
I'M HERE TO SEE IF YOU ARE  
FINALLY GETTING SOME RESULTS  
FROM ALL THIS... "TRAINING"...

AFTER ALL, I INVESTED MORE THAN TWELVE  
MILLION INTO THESE "MARTIAL ARTS LESSONS"... \*

JUST FOR THAT, PENNY, I'M  
GOING TO GO **EXTRA HARD** ON OLE  
CHARLIE-GIRL HERE... TO SHOW YOU  
HOW MUCH SHE'S IMPROVED!!

READY  
GRASSHOPPER?

\* WHEN GINA'S LAB WAS  
TOTALLED, PENNY PITCHED IN...  
IN EXCHANGE FOR MARTIAL ARTS  
LESSONS FOR CHARLOTTE...









OKAY, MISS LUCKY PUNCH!!

TIME FOR ME  
TO **TURN UP**  
THE **HEAT** ON  
YA!!

PLEASE  
EXCUSE MY  
**SPEED!**



**BIFF**

**BAF**  
**BAF**



**WHY YOU**

**OOO**  
**YOU'RE**  
**GETTIN' IT!**

TIME  
OUT

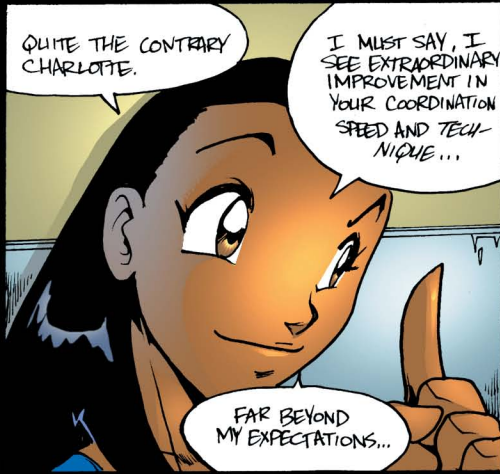


**WHAT?**

I SAID I THINK  
WE NEED A TIME OUT  
ESPECIALLY YOU  
CHEETAH...

SNORT?

D-DID I DO  
SOMETHING  
WRONG?



QUITE THE CONTRARY  
CHARLOTTE.

I MUST SAY, I  
SEE EXTRAORDINARY  
IMPROVEMENT IN  
YOUR COORDINATION  
SPEED AND TECH-  
NIQUE...

FAR BEYOND  
MY EXPECTATIONS...



KUDOS TO YOU, BRITANNY!  
YOU'VE ACTUALLY TAUGHT  
CHARLIE HOW TO DEFEND  
HERSELF...

AND VERY WELL  
I MIGHT ADD...

DID I  
EARN MY  
BUTT-KICKIN'  
GLOVES??

OH YEAH...

THAT MEANS  
I'M A GOOD  
"SENSE!"  
DOESN'T IT.

Heals  
quik.





HERE YOU GO, CHARLIE-GIRL...

YOU'RE VERY OWN TAILOR  
MADE "BUTTKICKIN'"  
GLOVES...

THE EQUIVALENT  
OF TWO DOZEN BLACK  
BELTS IN KUNG-FU!!

EEEEEE

WEAR 'EM  
PROUD!



W-WITH THESE, I'LL  
BE JUST AS STRONG  
AND TOUGH AS  
BRITANNY!!!

WHO  
WANTS  
SUM?



MEANIES LIKE YOU... STAND NO CHANCE!!!

**Nooooo!**

I, DAISHI, WORLD'S  
GREATEST EVIL KARATE-GUY,  
AM NO MATCH FOR  
CHARLOTTE'S GLOVED  
FIST OF **DOOOOM!!**



OH NO!! HER WITTY  
TAUNTS AND TOUGH  
LOOKS MAKE ME TOO  
AFRAID TO HOLD PENNY  
HOSTAGE ANY  
LONGER!!

I-I MUST FLEE  
BEFORE SHE HURTS  
ME LIKE SHE HURT  
DAISHI!

Eek!

**HURRAY  
YAAAY!**

I'M RESCUED!!  
CHARLOTTE!!!  
YOU'RE THE BESTEST  
BODY GUARD  
**EVER!**



OH, BRITANNY!!!  
THANK YOU FOR  
MAKING ME  
TOUGH AND  
STRONG!!

HEY, TAKE IT  
EASY, KIDDO...

AND BESIDES,  
YOU EARNED  
IT...





WELL, COME ALONG *BODYGUARD*...  
WE'VE GOT APPOINTMENTS TO KEEP  
TODAY...

BRITANNY!  
BRITANNY!!

S-SHE CALLED ME  
A "BODYGUARD"!...

AND SHE  
♥ MEANT  
IT!! ♥

THE CITY MUSEUM  
IS PUTTING UP ONE OF  
ITS LESS POPULAR EXHIBITS  
FOR AUCTION...

AN EXHIBIT THAT  
JUST HAPPENS TO  
COMPLETE A VERY  
OLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
PUZZLE I'VE BEEN  
WORKING ON...



RIGHT WITH YOU--  
"BOSS"!/  
≡ Teeheeheehee ≡

OH, AND  
BRIT'?

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM  
OR SEEN GINA ALL  
WEEK!! HAS SHE  
CONTRACTED AN ILLNESS  
OF SOME SORT?



WELL... BRIANNA  
N' GINA ARE OFF  
HELPIN' MOM...

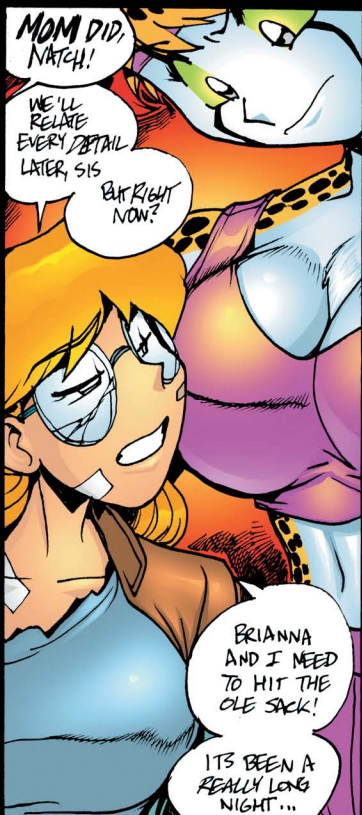
SHH  
EEEK!

(I WOULD-A  
GONE INSTEAD  
OF BRIT' BUT  
I CHOOSE  
"ROCK".)

P-PENNY!  
G-GET BEHIND  
ME!!

WHAT THE-









OOPS  
SORRY  
MOM...

I WAS HOPING THE  
PICTURE GAR HAD  
OF HER WAS... OFF...  
UNFORTUNATELY, MY  
HOPES CAME TRUE...

THAT PICTURE  
WAS OFF ALL  
RIGHT... WAY  
OFF!

SHE'S TWICE  
AS PRETTY IN  
PERSON...



HOW ON JADE DO I  
MAKE GAR FORGET  
ABOUT SOMEONE LIKE  
HER...

AND THINK  
ABOUT SOME  
ONE LIKE  
ME?...



WELL, ITS TIME I TOOK JULIA  
AND HER STUDENTS TO THE MANSION,  
BRITANNY... SHE NEEDS LOTS OF REST  
AND PAMPERING IF SHE IS TO  
RECOVER.

DROP BY ANYTIME,  
DAUGHTER...

MM  
HM.  
MM  
HM

MM  
HM.  
MM  
HM  
GIDDLE  
LIKES THE  
PAMPERING  
PART...

BYE MOM!  
BYE DAD!  
BYE --er--  
STUDENTS...

WAS THAT  
GAR??



IT'S TIME  
WE WERE LEAVING  
TOO... SEE YOU  
TOMORROW FOR  
CHARLIE'S  
LESSONS.

BYE -  
BYE  
TEACHER.

OH...  
SEE YOU  
TOMORROW.

AND DON'T  
FORGET WE'RE  
GOIN' FISHIN'  
AFTERWARDS!

PLUS, NEXT TIME,  
I'M KEEPING MY  
EYE OUT FOR THAT JAB...



OKAY...  
I'VE JUST HAD MY  
WORKOUT -- I'M ALL  
HOT 'N SWEATY --  
TIME F' SOME FUN!

OH, MUFFIN!

♪ COME OUT ♪  
AND PLAAAY!



MEANWHILE...

WE WERE GONNA  
BE RICH!!...

WE WERE GONNA  
BE POWERFUL!!

WE WERE GONNA  
RULE EVERY NATION  
IN JADE-REALM!

THE WHOLE  
SHIMERE!!

... SO MUCH FOR  
GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

I WOULD  
KEEP YOUR  
WORDS TO YOUR-  
SELVES IF I  
WERE YOU.

ANY "CONFESSIONS"  
YOU MAKE NOW ARE  
ADMISSABLE AS  
EVIDENCE.

AND RELAX... THIS  
CELL IS ONLY  
TEMPORARY...

NO KIDDING?  
THAT'S A  
RELIEF!!

WELL..  
NO IT  
ISN'T,  
HANZA.

WE ARE  
TRANSFERING YOU  
TO RETREAT'S  
MAXIMUM SECURITY  
THIS AFTERNOON.

**WHAT?**

THE COUNCIL ISN'T PLEASED WITH YOUR ATTEMPTING TO CONQUER THE REALM...

NOT TO MENTION YOUR  
KIDNAPPING THOSE MAGES  
TO DRAIN THEIR POWERS...

HMPH... THAT'S  
WHAT YOU THINK.

I'M  
AFRAID I'M  
GOING TO HAVE  
TO CONTEST THAT,  
THROPAN ...

SEER'S HAMLET AND  
THE ARENA OF APEX  
ROCK ARE UNDER MY  
JURISDICTION.

I AM SHERIFF  
RANIS

THIS IS  
MAGISTRATE  
CORSICA.

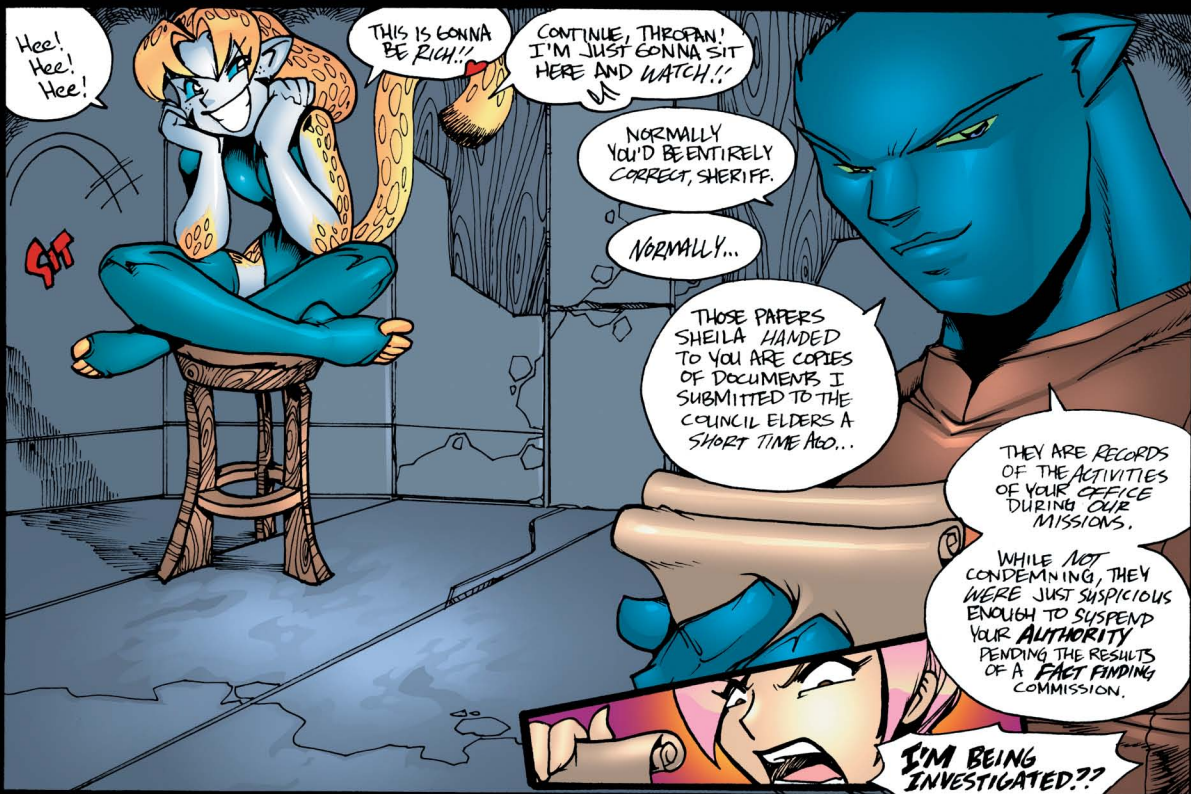
AND YOUR PRISONERS  
BELONG TO US!

AS OUTLINED IN  
THE EDGEWATER  
CHARTER AND  
PROTOCOL BY-LAWS

ATTEMPTING  
TO REMOVE  
THEM WITHOUT  
**OUR SAY SO**  
IS AN  
UNLAWFUL  
ACT!

YOU EDGE GUARD  
ARE JUST THAT  
CLOSE TO LYING  
YOU IN FOR OBSTACU-  
LING JUSTICE...









EHEEHEEHEE!

WINK  
WINK  
WINK  
WINK

AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE FULL ACCOUNTS OF YOUR OFFICE'S ACTIVITIES!

INCLUDING OF HOW YOUR OFFICERS AND DEPUTIES WE'RE CONVENIENTLY DIVERTED AWAY WHEN G'NOLGA AND HER GOONS WERE KIDNAPPING VICTIMS...

ALMOST AS THOUGH YOU WERE CO-ORDINATING...

CO-OPERATING TO CAPTURE AS MANY MAGIC-USEERS AS POSSIBLE...

FOR SOME PLAN INVOLVING THE ARTIFACT "EAIN"...

H-HOW DID YOU GET THESE FIGURES?

\*SHE'S BEEN WAIT'N FOR THIS SINCE ISH#50



NOT SO FAST, THROPAN... WE STILL HAVE A TRUMP CARD...

SEVERAL EYE WITNESSES HAVE SEEN YOU COLLABORATE WITH A KNOWN ESCAPED FELON...

NAMELY BRIANNA DIGGERS... SUBMITTING OUR EVIDENCE TO THE COUNCIL WOULD PROVOKE AN INVESTIGATION INTO YOUR AFFAIRS...

AND SEEING HOW OUR INTERESTS CONFLICT...



YOUR AUTHORITY WOULD BE SUSPENDED AS WELL!

I SUSPECTED YOU WOULD USE BRIANNA AS A FULCRUM TO LEVER YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS...

TRUE... WE HAVE HARBORED A FELON...

AND THAT NULLIFIES OUR AUTHORITY IN THIS

OUR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RESTRICT US FROM ACTING AGAINST EACH OTHER LEGALLY...

WHICH MEANS THE NEXT NEAREST AUTHORITY STEPS IN....



AND THAT WOULD BE ME...

"GASP!"

WHY IF IT ISN'T THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE CONVENIENTLY NEARBY BARBARIAN CLAN! BRUNHILDA GADE BRIGAND!!

NICE OF YOU TO VISIT!



**HOLD ON A MINUTE!**

SHE'S BRIANNA'S GRANDMOTHER!!  
IF ANYONE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
IN THIS CASE ITS **HER!!!**

FAMILY IN THE  
BARBARIAN CLAN  
DOES NOT CURRY  
SPECIN FAVOR  
FROM OUR  
LAWS,  
DEAR. \*

SHE'S GOT A POINT.  
THE BARBARIAN  
CLAN'S TRACK  
RECORD OF STRICT  
ADHERANCE TO THE  
LAW STANDS UP  
FOR ITSELF...

YOUR  
STATEMENT  
IS GROUNDESS  
FOR ME.

\* JULIA FOUND  
THAT OUT IN  
ISH # 13..

I'M AFRAID  
YOU'RE STUCK  
LADIES.

**WINK  
WINK**

**WINK  
WINKITY  
WINK**

YOU NEED NOT CONCERN YOURSELF  
WITH BRIANNA... SHE'S ALREADY  
PAID HER DEBT FOR HELPING TO  
DAMAGE A TOWN BY HELPING TO  
SAVE THE ENTIRE REALM.

AS FOR THE CRIMINALS, I  
HAVE NO ROOM FOR THEM  
IN MY TERRITORIES. THROPAN  
WILL SEE THEM TO THE RETREAT'S  
MAXIMUM SECURITY...

BUT

THAT IS  
ALL...

I THINK WE'RE  
DONE HERE...  
DON'T YOU  
SHERIFF?

OH, NO...

YOU **HAVEN'T**  
HEARD THE  
LAST OF  
THIS,  
THROPAN.

WE  
PROMISE!  
THIS IS **NOT**  
OVER!!

YOU'RE CORRECT...

UH ... THROPAN?

AND IT WILL  
NOT BE "OVER"  
UNTIL I PROVE THE  
EXISTANCE OF A GROUP  
OF WOMEN WHO NOT  
ONLY SHARE THE SAME  
GOAL ... BUT THE  
SAME MIND AND -  
SOUL AS WELL...

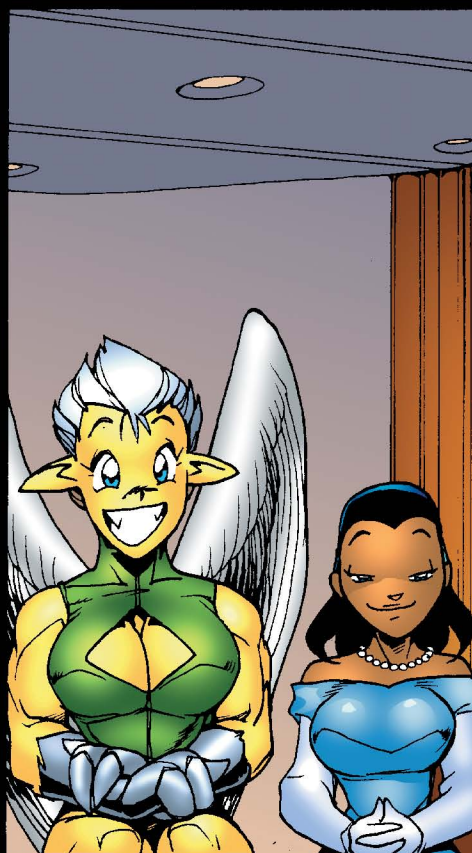
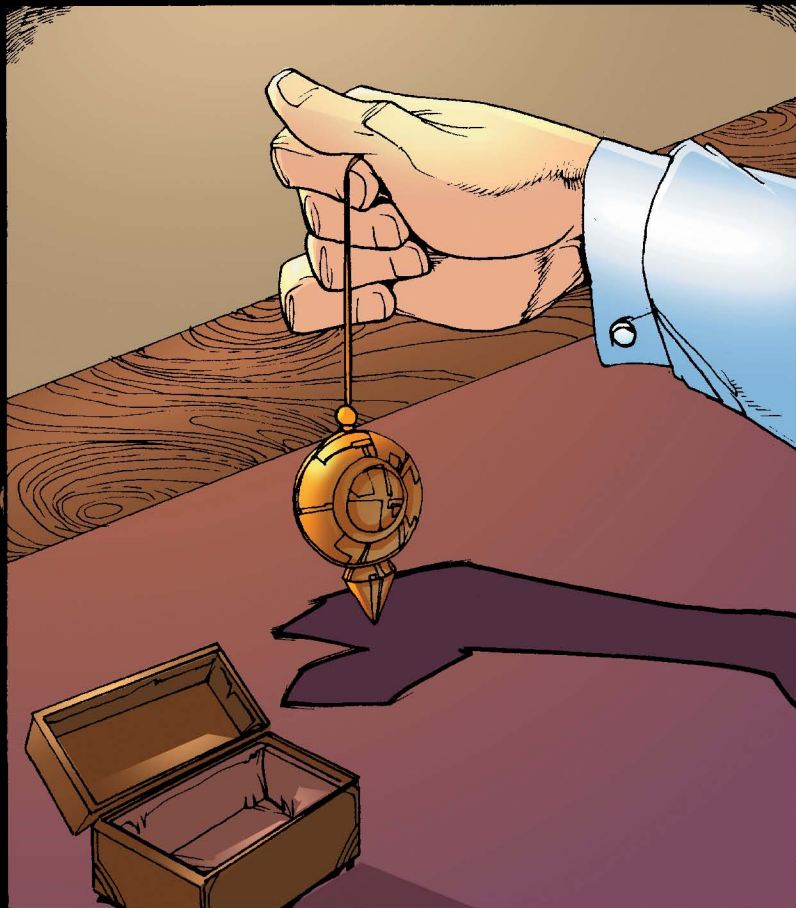
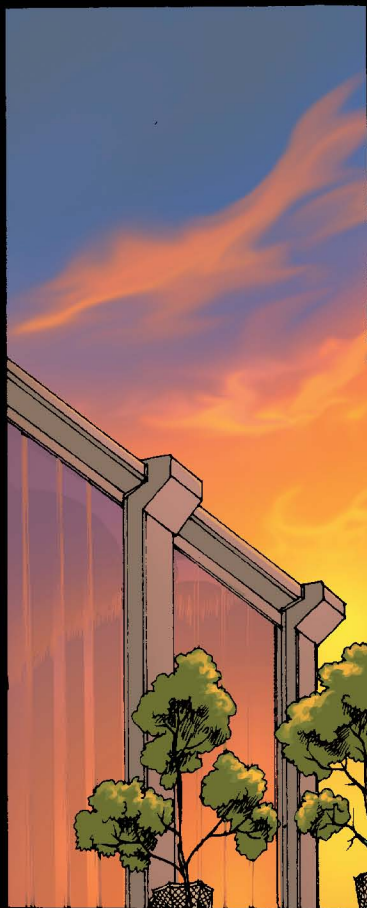
AN  
"ARRAY"  
OF WOMEN.

I--

I CAN'T  
STOP--

ONLY THEN WILL  
IT BE OVER...





WELL... EHEM...  
AS YOU KNOW, IT  
IS A MOST UNUSUAL  
AND RARE OCCURANCE  
THAT THIS BRANCH  
MUST... AUCTION...  
S E OF ITS ASSETS...

HOWEVER...

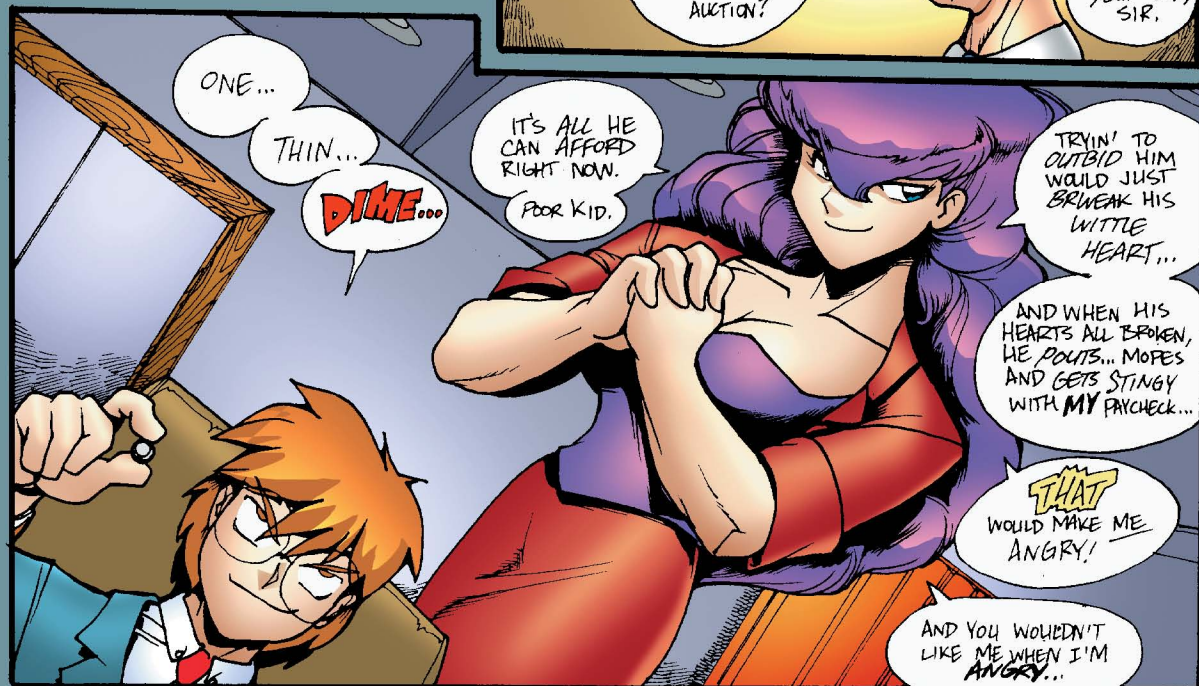
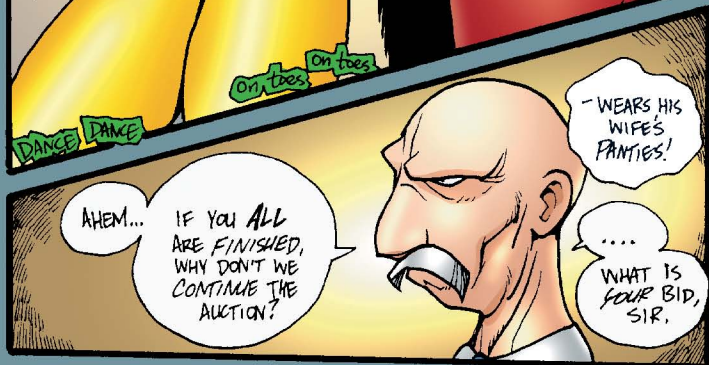




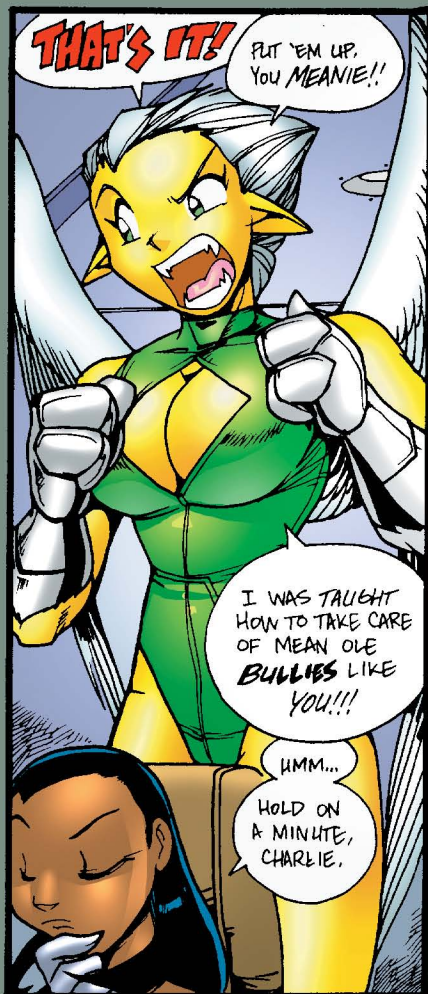












**THAT'S IT!**

PUT 'EM UP,  
YOU MEANIE!!

I WAS TAUGHT  
HOW TO TAKE CARE  
OF MEAN OLE  
**BULLIES** LIKE  
YOU!!!

HMM...  
HOLD ON A  
MINUTE,  
CHARLIE.



SAY, PEE W--  
-I MEAN-  
MR. TALON...

YOU MAY  
CALL ME  
"STUD" IF YOU'D  
LIKE, "SWEET-  
THANG"!

ER-- EHEM...

EXACTLY  
WHAT WOULD THE  
WORLD'S GREATEST  
11 1/2 YEAR OLD  
GENETIC ENGINEER  
WANT WITH AN  
OLD, DUSTY  
NICK-NACK?

WHY NOT  
LET ME  
HAVE IT,  
HM?



NICE TRY,  
SUGAR BUNS!!

BUT I'M NOT ABOUT  
TO GIVE UP THE FABLED  
AMULET OF TRUTH!

BESIDES...  
I HAVE BIG  
PLANS FOR THAT  
MYSTERIOUS, RARE,  
LITTLE ITEM.



GOING ONCE...

TWICE...

...SOLD!

AND WHAT'S THAT?  
KEEP IT?  
YOU WOULDN'T DREAM  
OF TAKING A LITTLE  
BOY'S LAST TEN  
CENTS? **AWWW!**  
WHATTA GUY!

BB-BUT--  
THE MUSEUM'S  
INVESTMENT!!  
WE'LL LOSE A  
FORTUNE!



LOOK ON THE  
BRIGHT SIDE!  
YOU SAVED A  
FORTUNE IN  
DENTAL  
WORK!

**GLMP**



**OOOO!** YOU'RE SO **MEAN!**

PUT 'EM UP!  
C'MON!!  
**PUT 'EM UP!**

= Sigh =



