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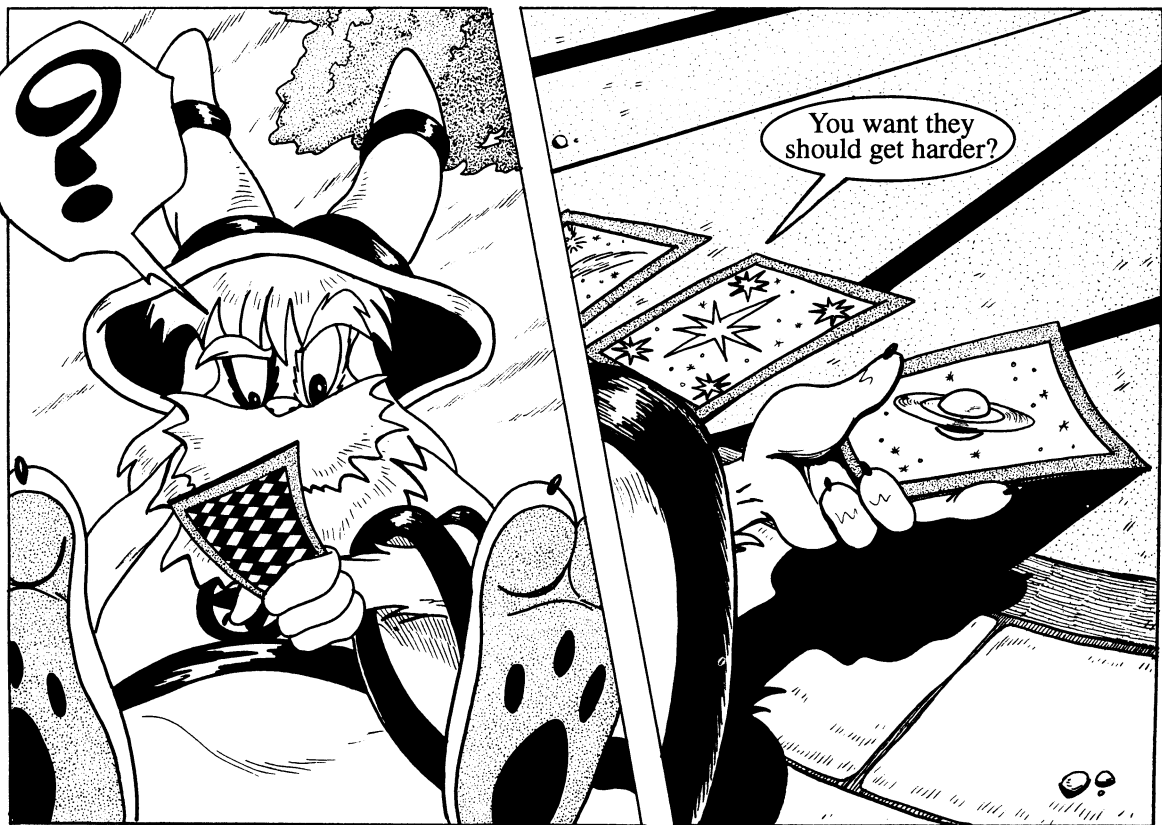
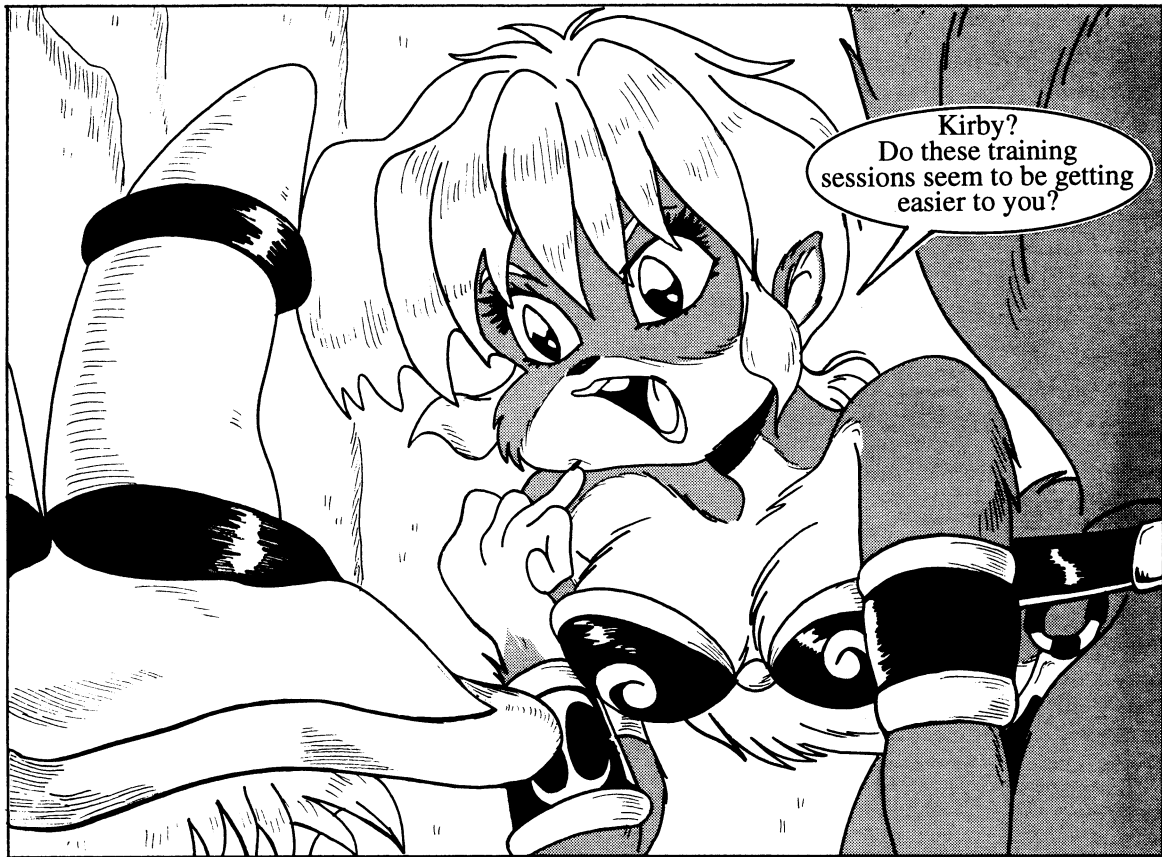
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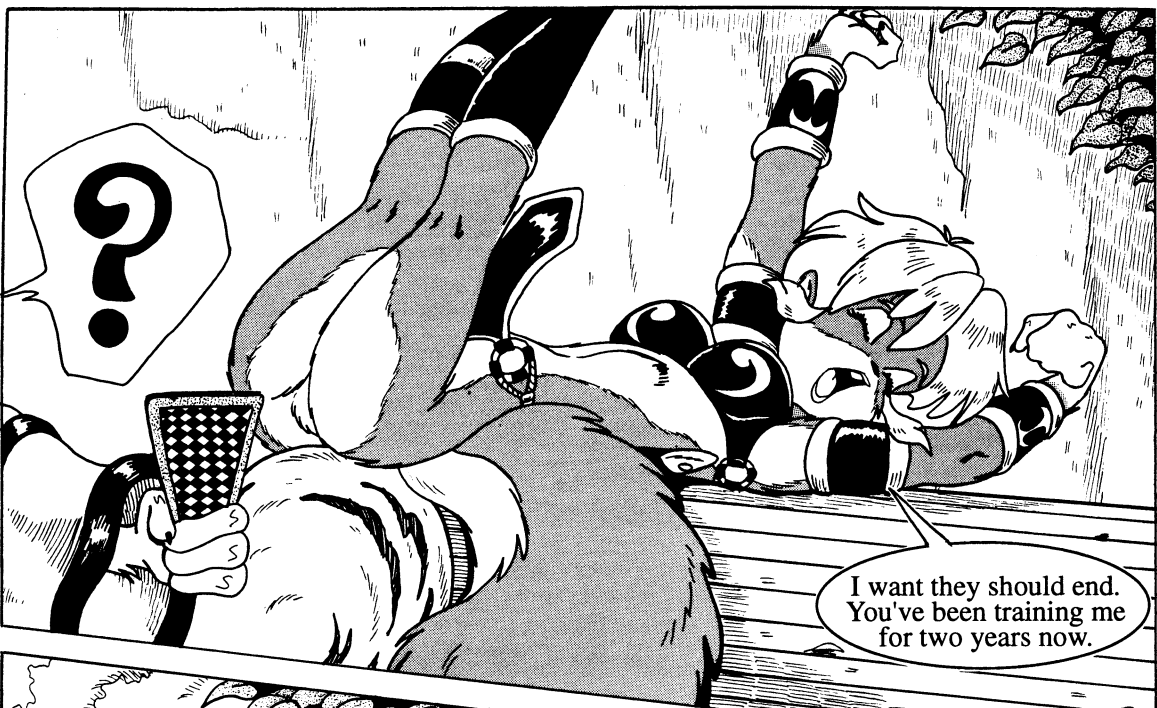
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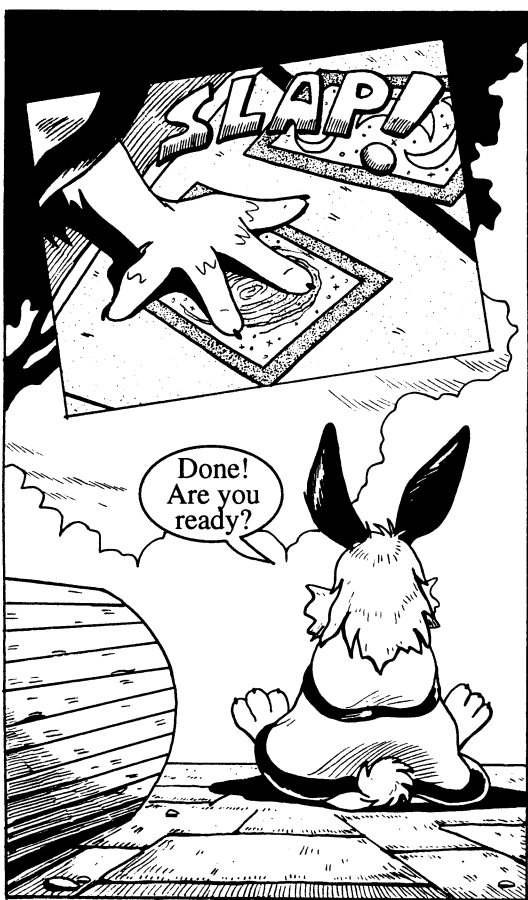




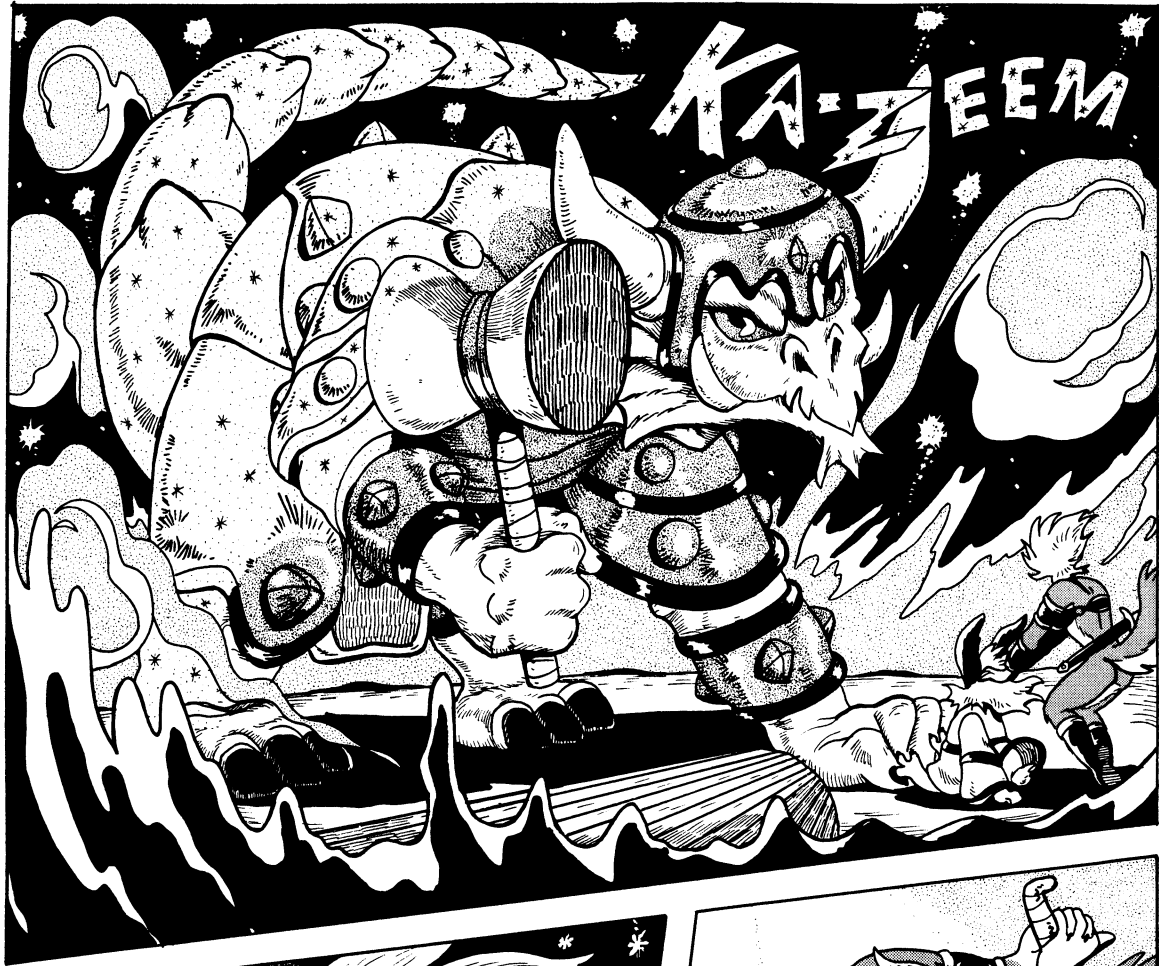
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for two years now.

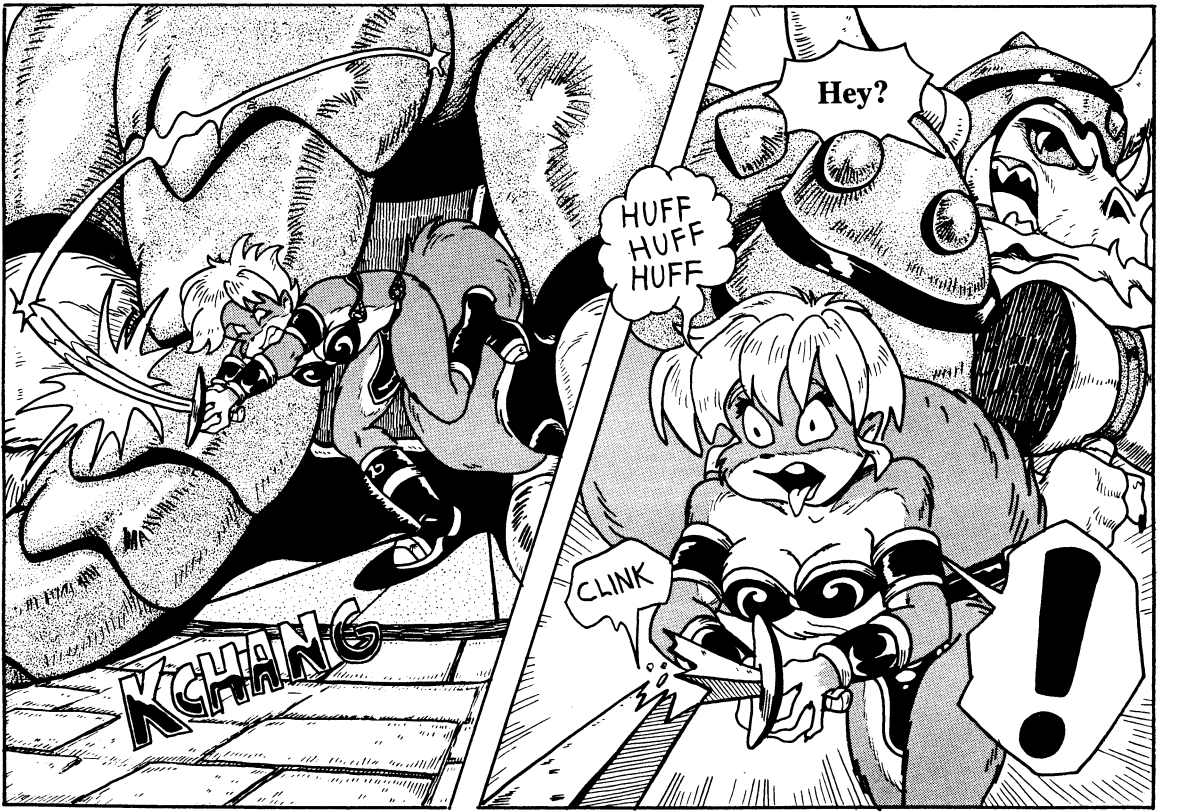
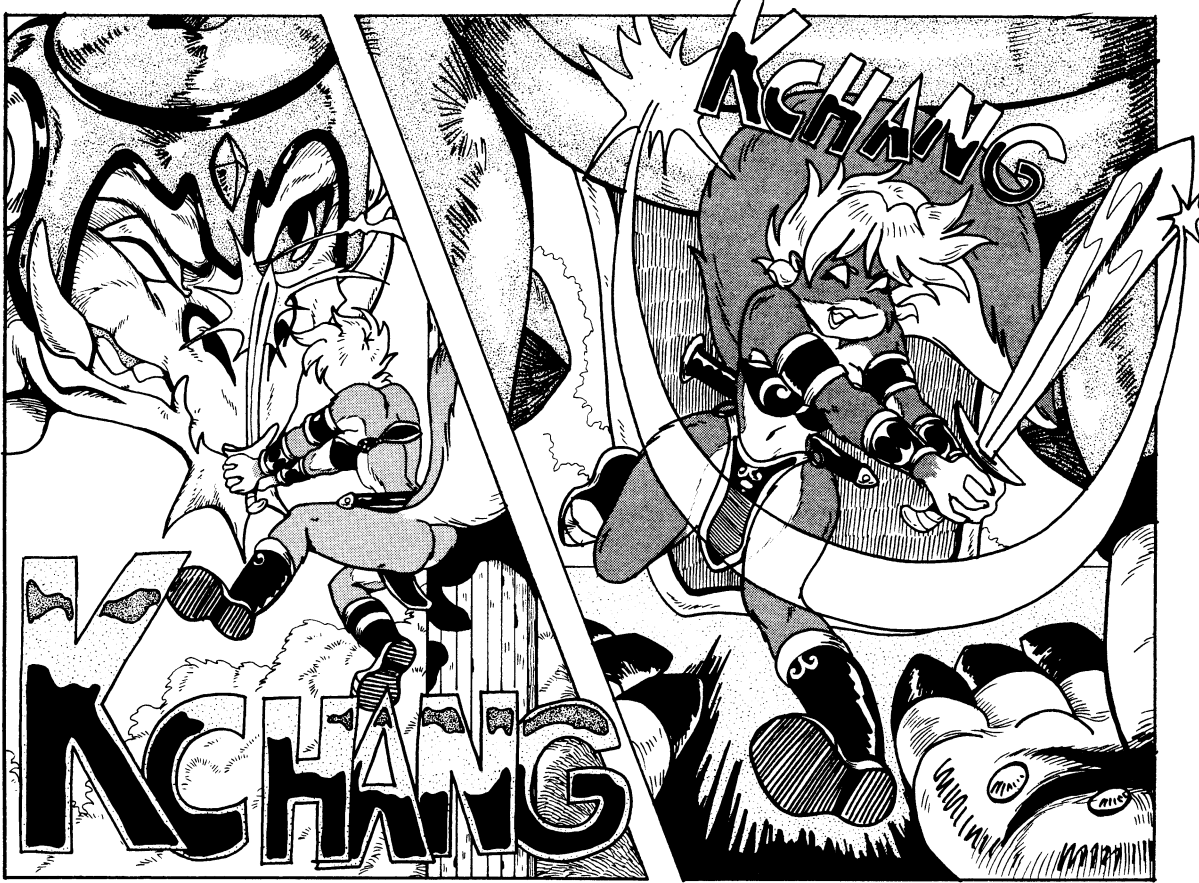


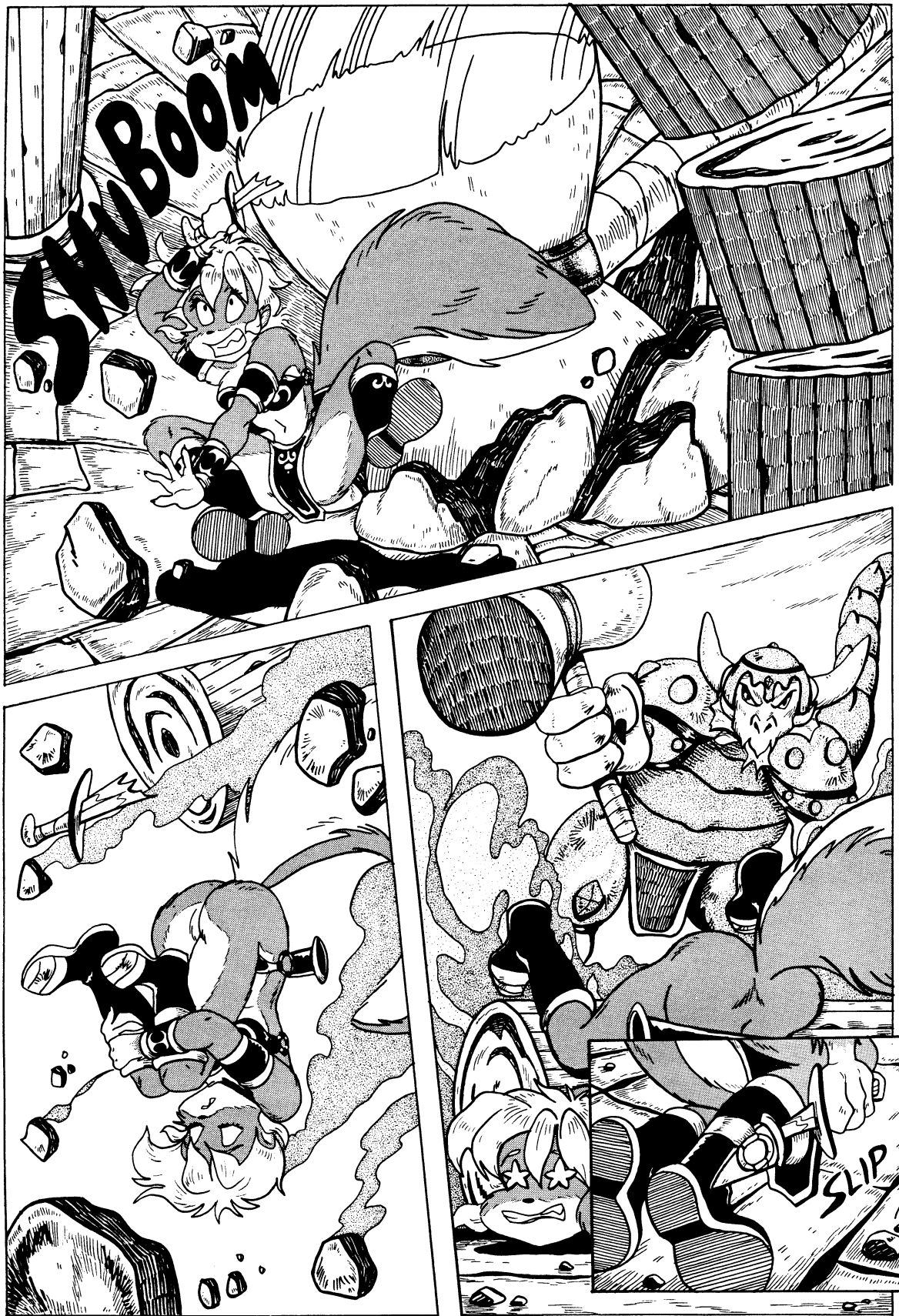


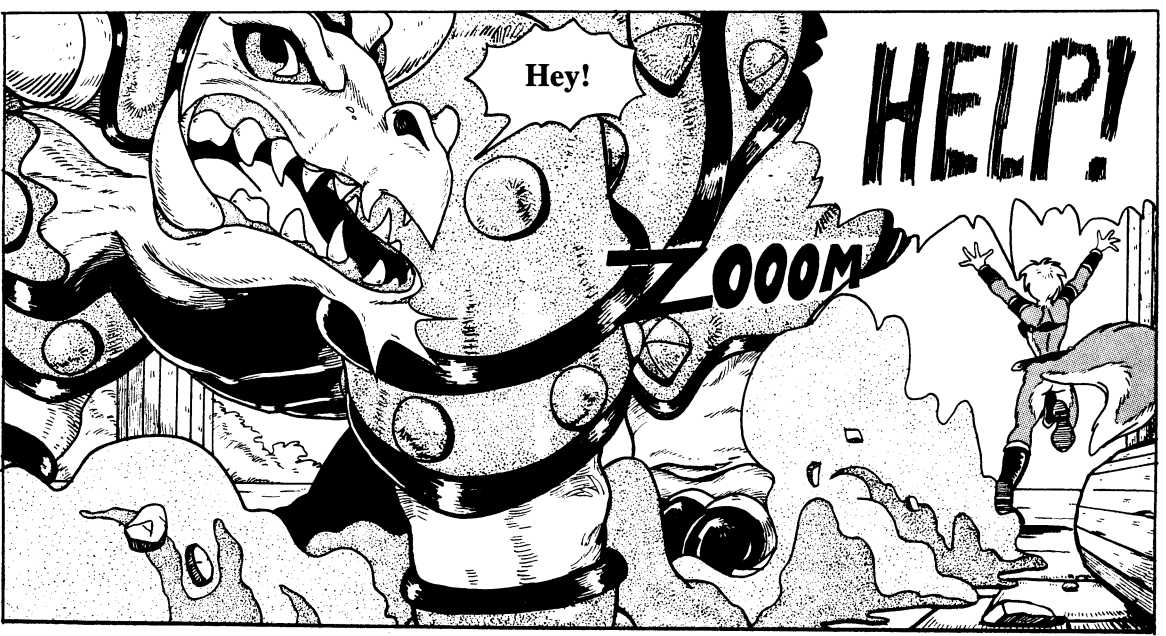
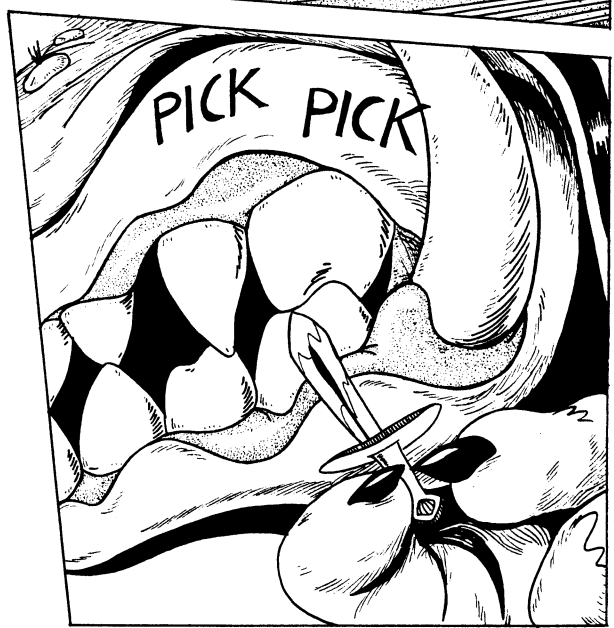


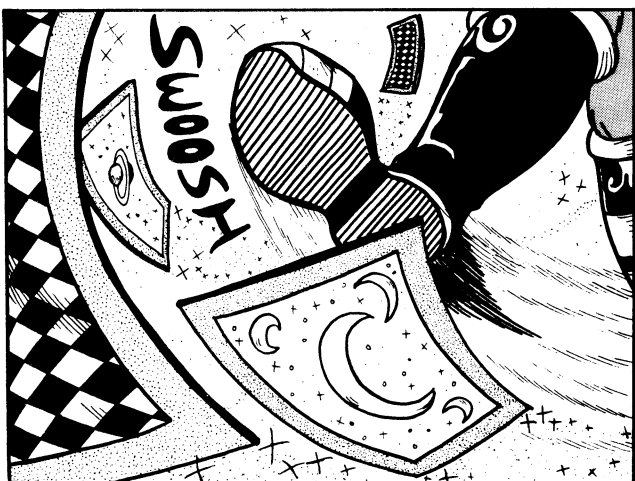
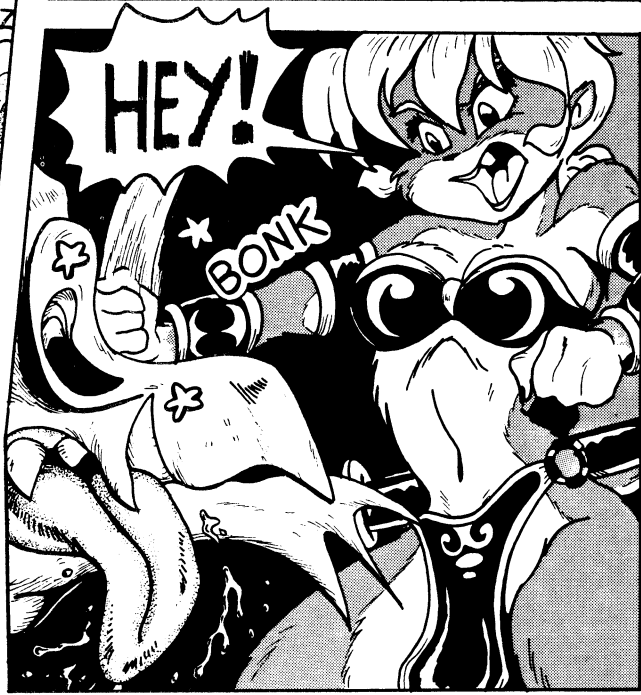
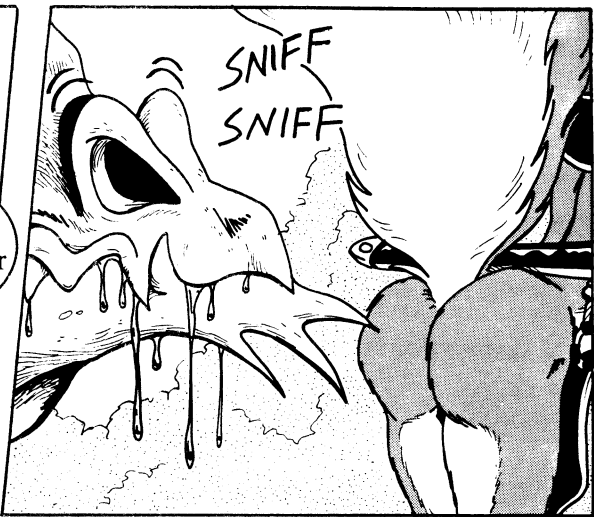


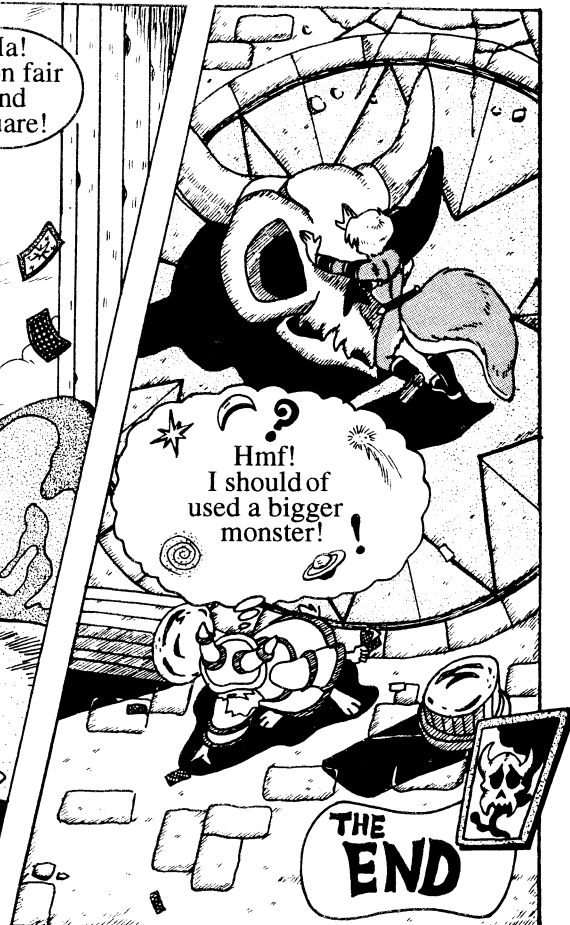
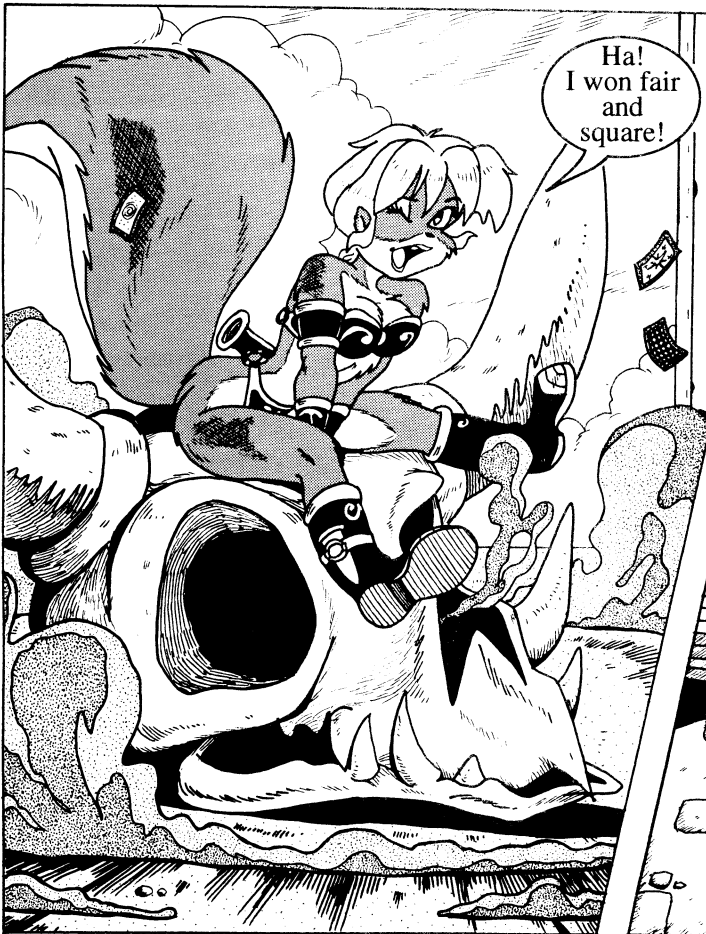
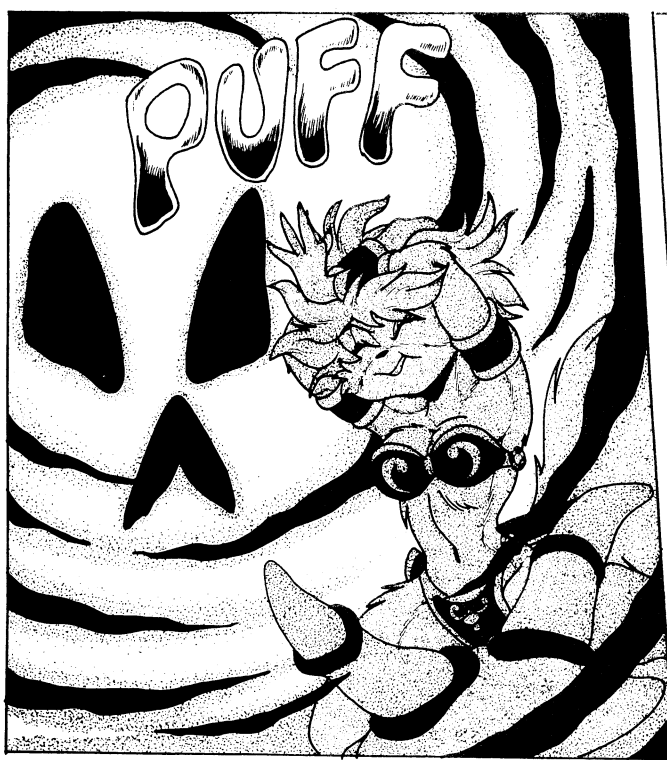
















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formed world existed...

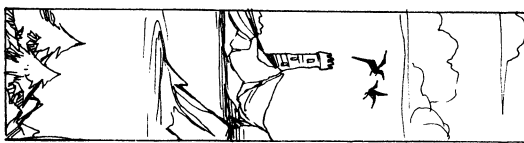
A red skied world of never
ending light supplied by the
world's core...

UNDER REALM

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Here, the indigenous intelligent
life construct cities, build
fearsome empires or live in
harmony with the land...



...some seek to improve life
for all or enslave life for one
with the aid of technology or
the arcane...



...some still depend on the old
ways to fashion a living...

...while others make a living
the old fashioned way...

How many guards,
Serch?...

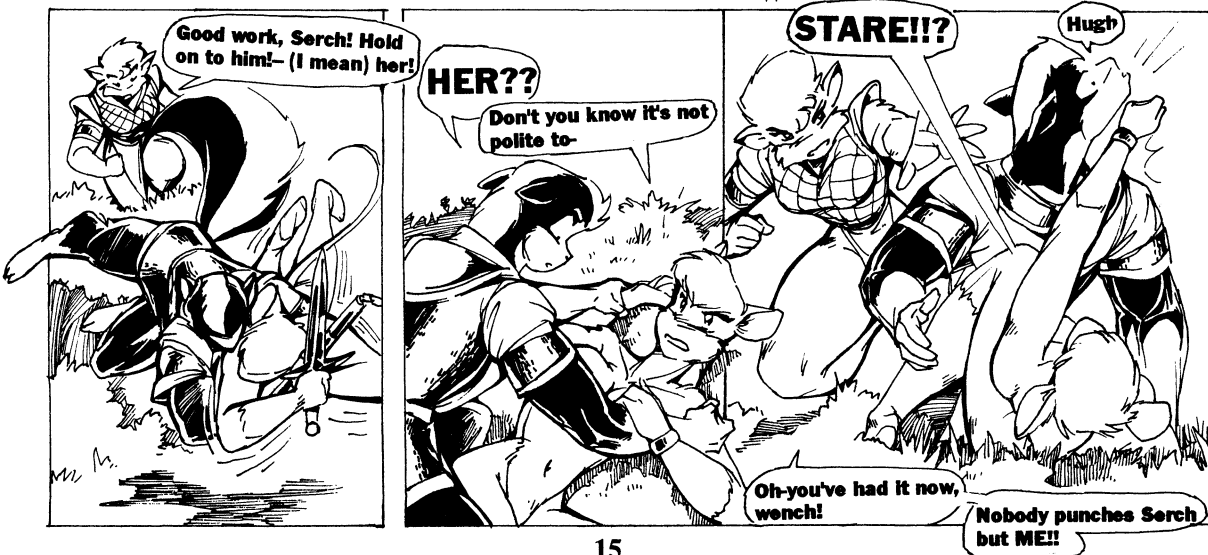
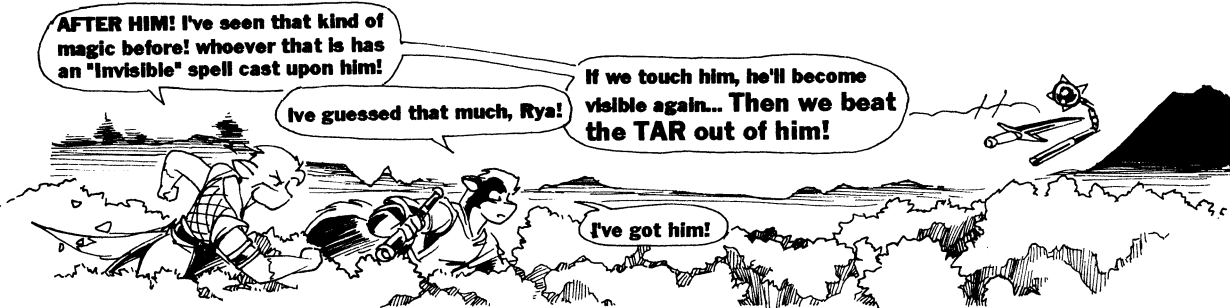
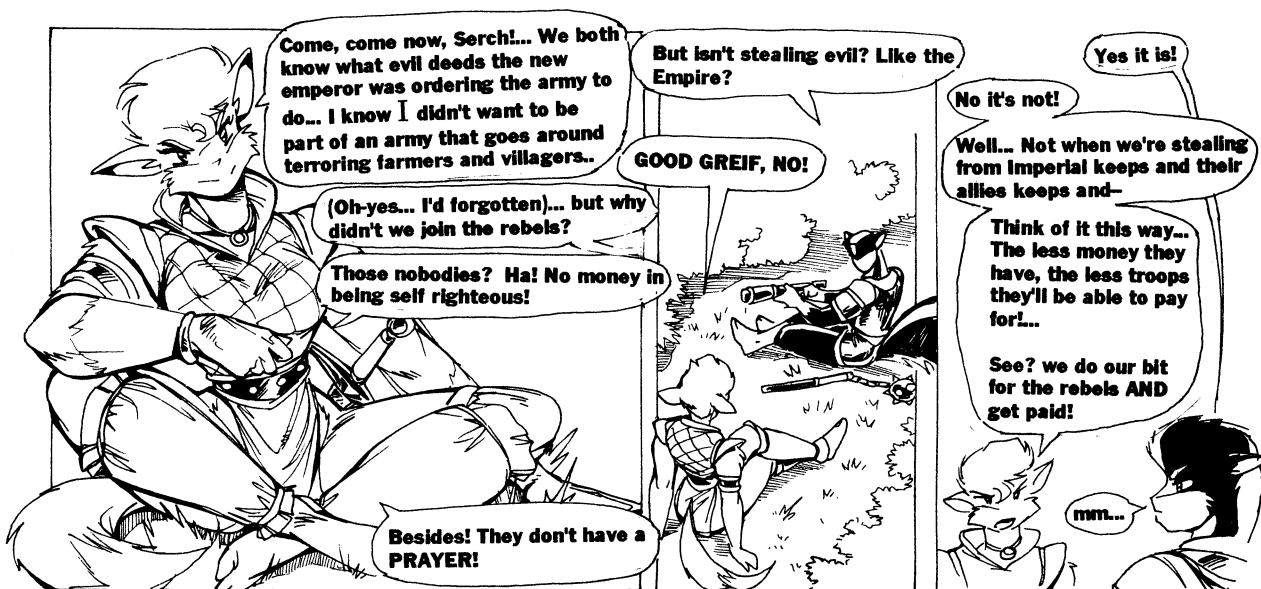
Three at each portal...
two on each wall.

Its too well guarded.
lets find some other
keep.

Nonsense!
Find a way in.

I don't know how you convinced me
into becoming a thief, Rya... The
Imperial army payed well didn't it?

Why did we ever desert?





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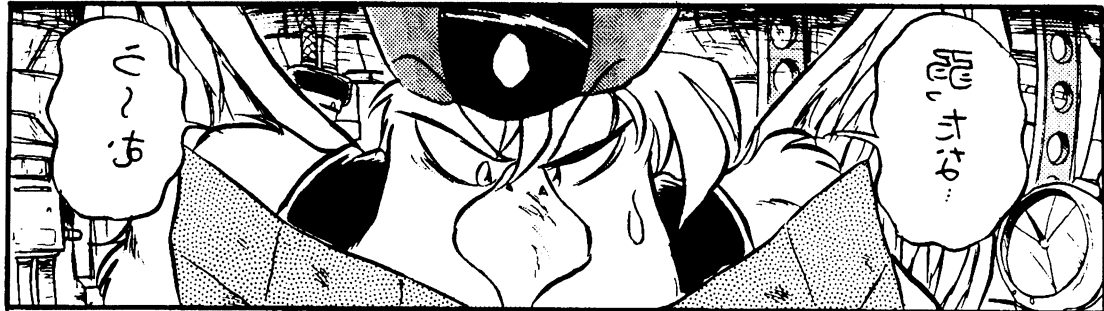
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**A Sneak Preview of the new
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This anthropomorphic sword-and-sorcery series is a delightful adventure from Satoru "Ganbear" Yamasaki, one of the top talents from Japan's tremendous Comic Market. The story begins when the kingdom of Tora decides that it has had enough of the monsters terrorizing the nearby "Demon's Forest". The king declares that they will hold a Heroes' Contest to assemble willing and able-bodied warriors from all around, then turn the contest champions loose upon the forest monsters. A young boy named Née, out to make a name for himself in the world, is intent on entering the contest, but has to cross through the Demon's Forest to get to it. On the way, he meets several new and strange companions, and finds himself caught up in an internal struggle among the Four Lords of the Forest, who are none too happy to begin with about Tora Kingdom's plans!

The story in *Fantastic Panic* takes a little longer to really get moving than most American readers may be used to, but the wait is worth it. The main characters, all based on symbols of the Chinese zodiac, are varied and enjoyable. Not all of them have had a chance to be developed in the few chapters I have seen so far, but even so enough has been revealed to give each one some life.



Fantastic Panic

Character Profiles

Kyau—Née's first companion. She cooks, she eats, she sleeps until the next mealtime, she wakes up, and the cycle starts over. Irrepressibly cheerful for the most part, she has the uncanny ability to turn just about anything into a delicious meal. Of course, it may look thoroughly vile, but her own journey to Tora is to take care of that little problem. The origin of her name is obvious, and yes, the spelling was done on purpose.

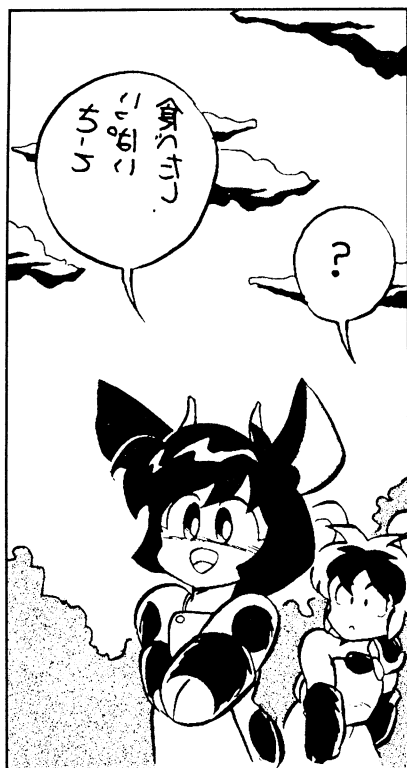
Taigar—Prince of Tora Kingdom. Taigar is quite powerful, but tends to be very timid—unless he's drunk, that is. Then he forgets his fear and fights like a . . . well, you know. Tippling also lets him give freer rein to his romantic instincts, leading to an on-again off-again relationship with Uu. The source of his name is also fairly obvious, and again the misspelling is done just for variety.

Uu—One of the Four Lords of Demon Forest. She joins Née's crew after Taigar reveals his affection for her and swears to protect her (all while soused on saké, of course). She is a very powerful sorceress with formidable ice powers. Her magical abilities made almost everyone around her shun and malign her, making her very bitter. This eventually led to her encountering Indra and becoming one of the Four Lords. Taigar's genuine, if drunken, warmth for her is the first anyone has shown her in years, and it makes her rethink her position. Her name stems from "usagi", meaning "rabbit".

Seiryû—Another of the Four Lords. She had to work long and hard to prove herself worthy of being one of the Four, and was very jealous and upset when Uu was accepted almost on sight. She views Uu's joining up with Née's group as a betrayal of Indra and the Four Lords, as well as the perfect excuse to openly attack her. Her name translates as "green dragon", and is also the name of one of the animal guardians of the four cardinal directions in Oriental mythology.

Mii—Seiryû's companion. She has an annoying obsession with eating eggs, and Seiryû only puts up with her because of her powerful teleportation abilities. Her name comes from "mi" one of the Japanese words for "snake".

Pony—A fighter from the kingdom of Laon, also known as the Red Knight. Gentle and quick to cry by nature, she turns into a fearless fighter as long as she is wearing her helmet with her red armor. Her fighting skill and mindset are due to the spirit of her brother, who was probably the original Red Knight, which inhabits the armor. However, Pony possesses at



*The following 5 pages are a sneak preview of the untranslated **Fantastic Panic** which will be released by the Antarctic Press in August! Of course, the final book will have flopped pages so it can be read right to left and will be in English!*

least one magic ability of her own, the fearsomely destructive “Meteor Swarm”.

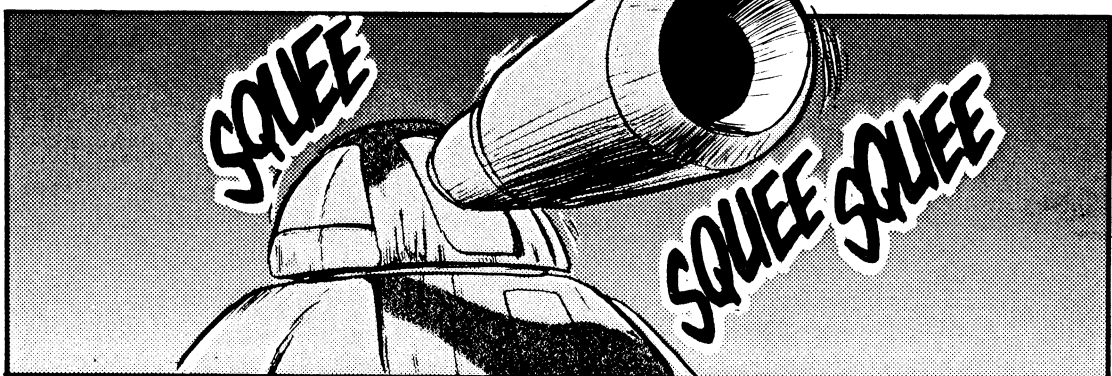
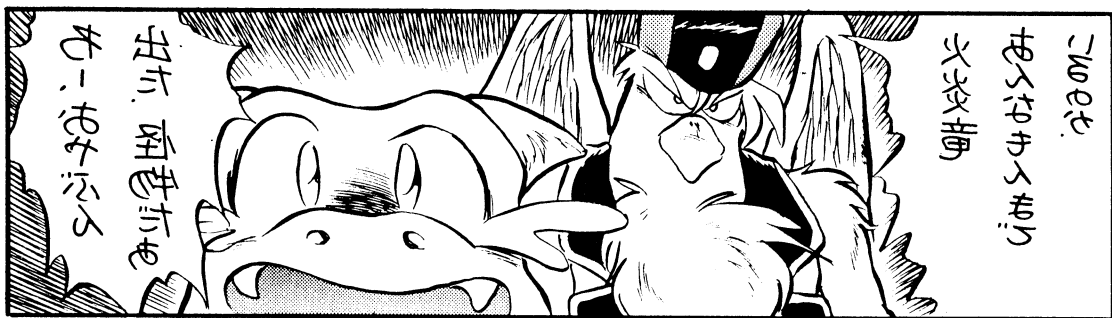
Miyuki—Pony’s best friend & travelling companion, also from Laon. She puts on an act of being very sweet and feminine to most people, but shows her true rougher personality to those she trusts. Her magic is strictly defensive: barriers, healing, and so on. For a change, her name appears to have no special hidden meaning.

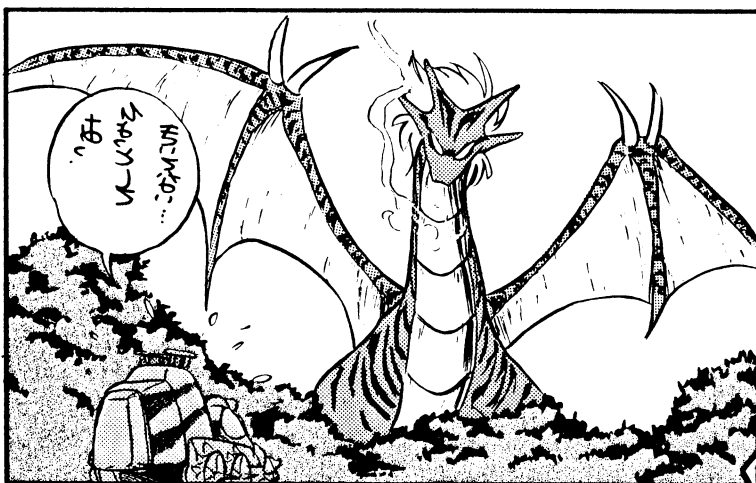
Byakkô—Captain of the Tora Palace Guard. She also has a very close relationship with Taigar, but he won’t exactly say what it is. Her name means “white tiger” and is also a name of one of the guardians of the four directions.

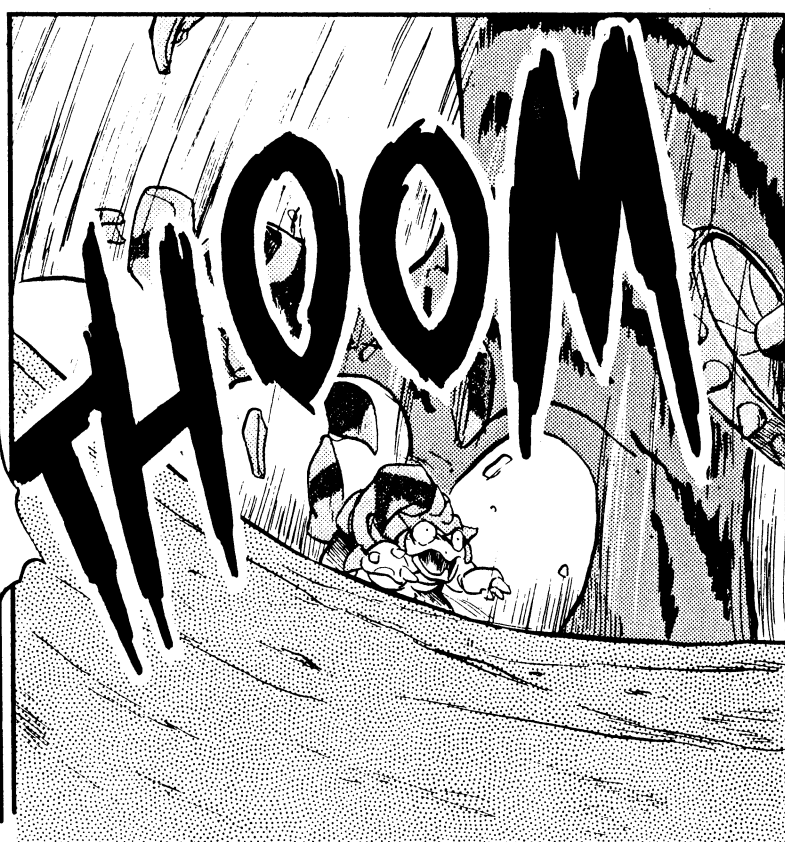
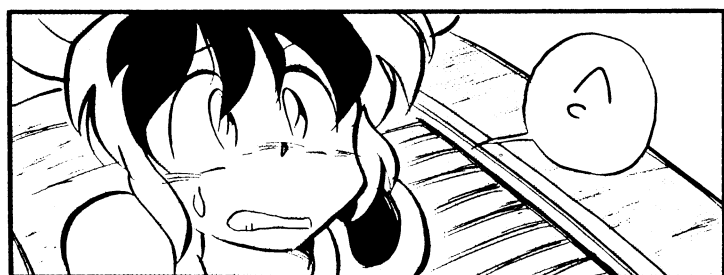
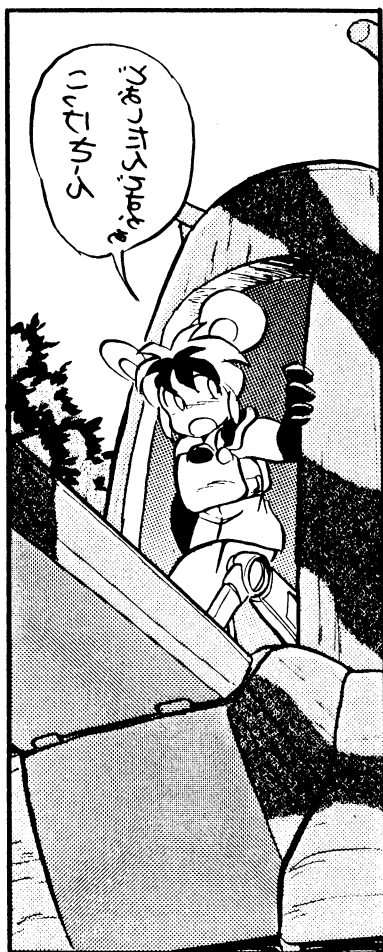
Indra—The elephantine Indra is still much of a mystery. Any time he has appeared so far, it has apparently been in spiritual form only. He is master of the Four Lords of Demon Forest, and has ordered them to keep all intruders away from his keep in the heart of the forest until the seal on his physical body is broken and he is truly revived.

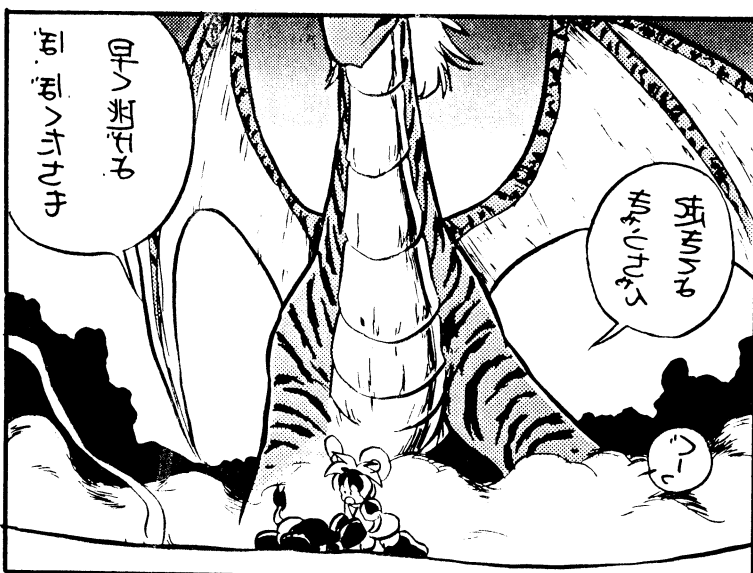
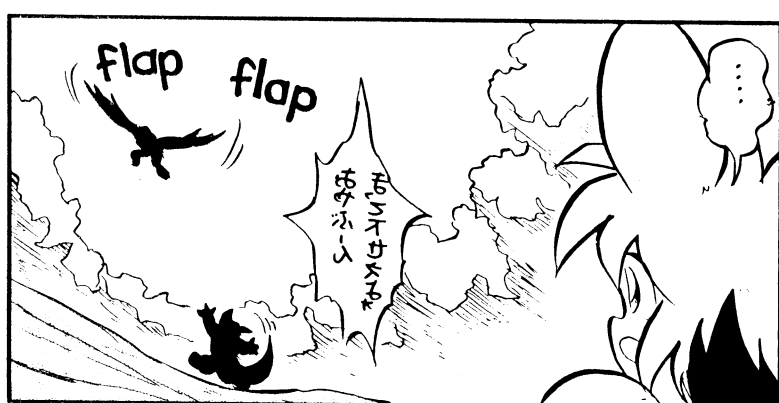
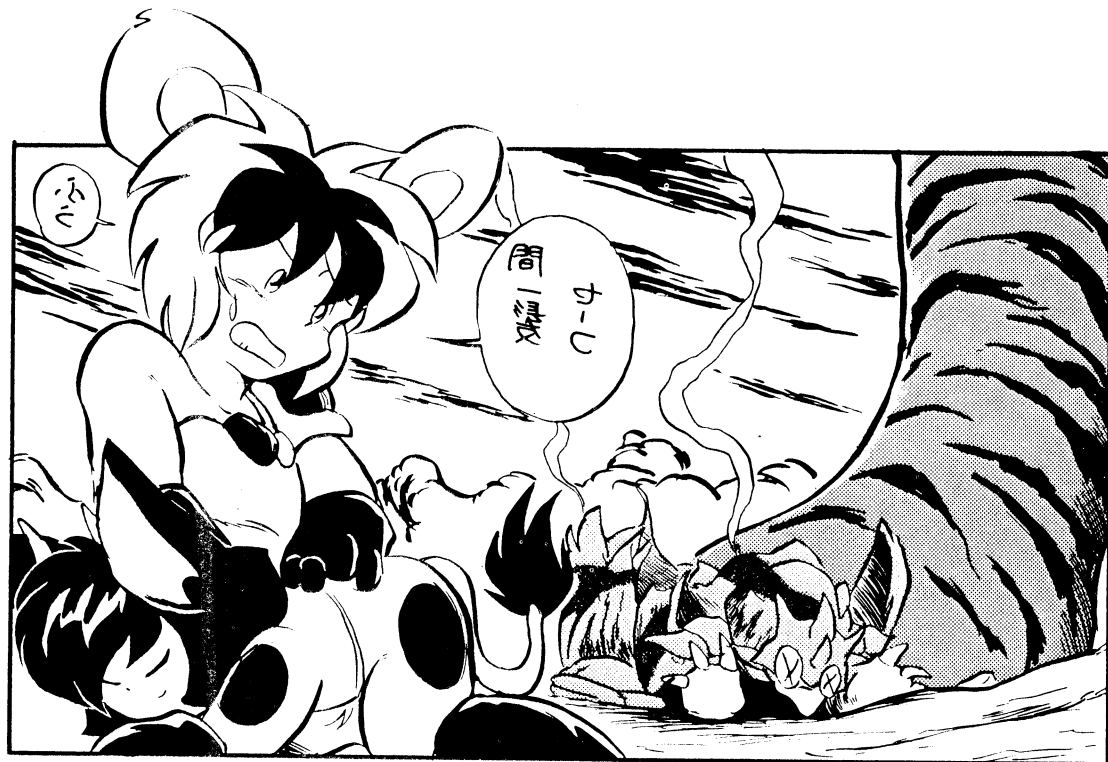


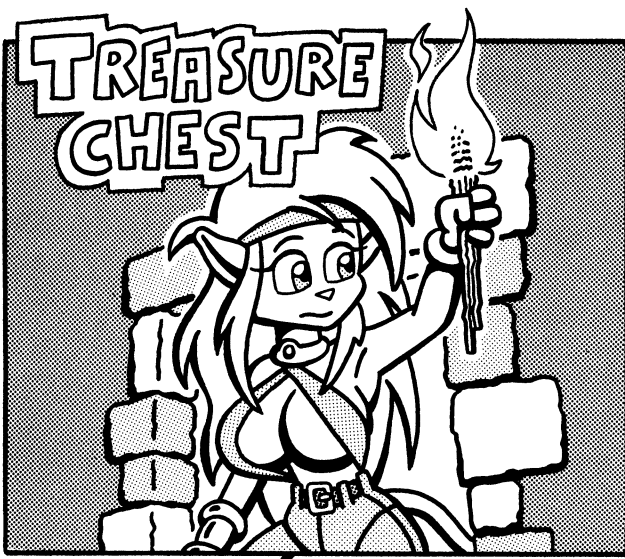
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SNAP
Ouch!



UNDER REALM

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Move along, scumbags!

I want to get to camp before moonrise.

(And I'm sure the two of you wouldn't want to be late for your initiation into my little organization!)

W-Whats THAT suppose to mean, Rya?

It means we've been shang-haied! Drafted into that stupid revolt against the Empire!

Freedom is everyone's fight, idiot! Even lowly scum who deserted from the Imperial ranks to become burglars...

Like you two!

Scum, eh? Look who's talking!

You're the one who tried to steal our weapons while we were minding our own business

Your steel weapons are crucial to our ability to fight against the Empire!

Only the Emperor's weapon-smiths know how to create steel weapons and armor!

Thus only Imperial troops (or deserters) wield them!

But don't worry, recruits. I sent my paladin, Flynn, ahead with your weapons and armor to the initiation area.

If you pass my test, you become my soldiers!

If not, we'll provide a suitable funeral for you both!

You little bucked-tooth pip-squeak! Who do you think you aARRRGH!

I am Drey! The WAR-MAGE, leader of the rebel forces and your commander!

Things will go easier for you if you'll not forget that!

LEAVE HER BE!

Not until my magic has taught her a much needed LESSON, Serch:

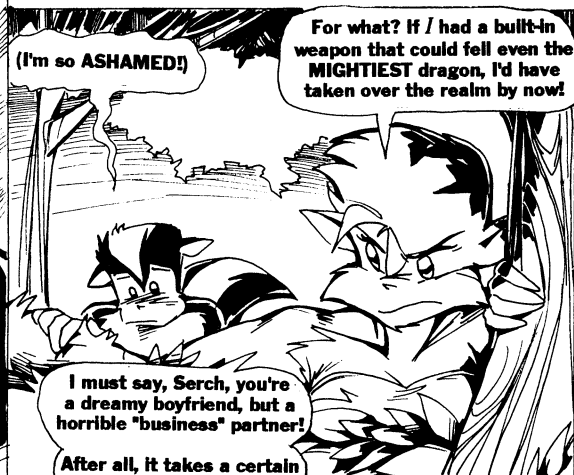
Respect of AUTHORITY!

I said LEAVE HER ALONE!!!

AGH!

UNH! Good work, Serch! That blast broke her hold over us!

HASHA! So much for HER!

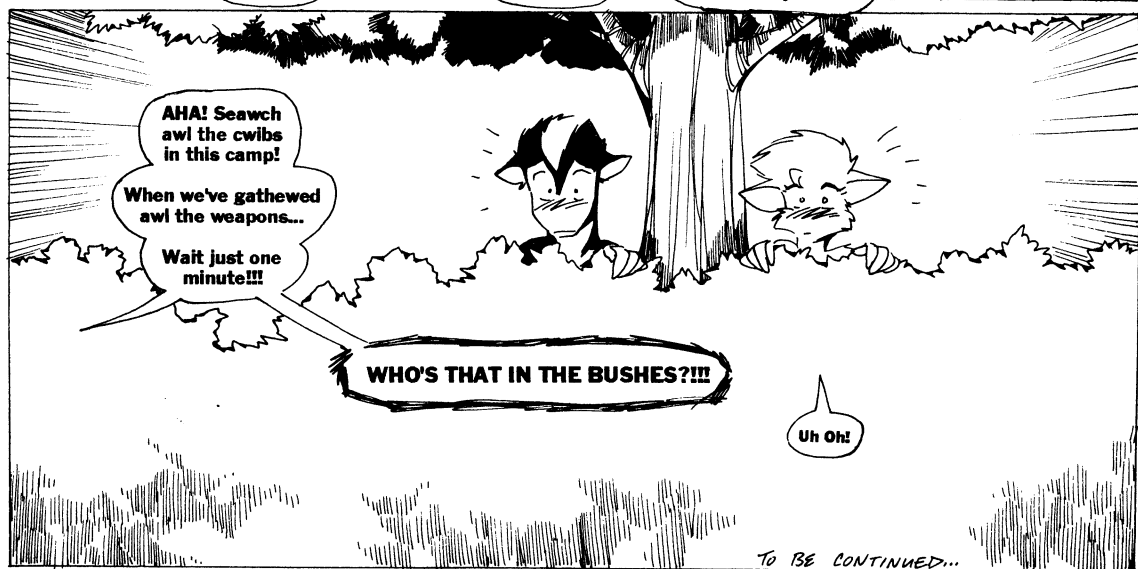
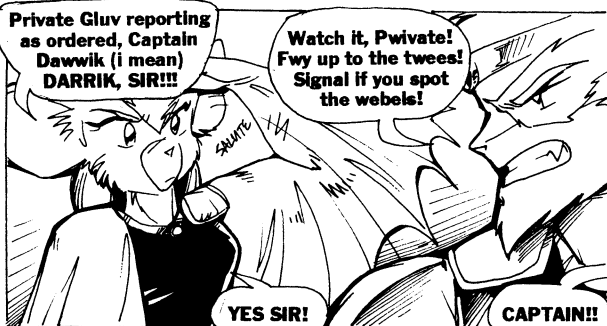


Captian Darriki! I beseech, you!! We are but poor honest folk who want nothing of war or the revolt...

See? There are only children and elderly here! We only-

Don't twy those wies and fawsehoods with ME owd man! I know that youw young and heawthy awe out doing some webel "good" deeds somewhere!

That's why my awmy will be waiting wight in this camp to twap them when they wetuwn tonight!



TO BE CONTINUED...



Yup! They're still here...
and here they'll stay 'till
those guys at Antarctic
get tired of 'em!



*Hey! Put me **DOWN!**
I won fair and square,
you sore loser!*

*Not if you ever
wanna get down
you didn't!*



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6. No stories containing ring-tailed lemurs will be accepted in Furrlough -no exceptions. Even scantily-clad ones.

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9. Payment will be made in accordance with the production -payment schedule. This generally works out to 17-22% of gross sales, divided between the pages. Payment will be sent out 30 days after publication.

10. For series, extra pages, character profiles, situations or historical data and technical data are encouraged.

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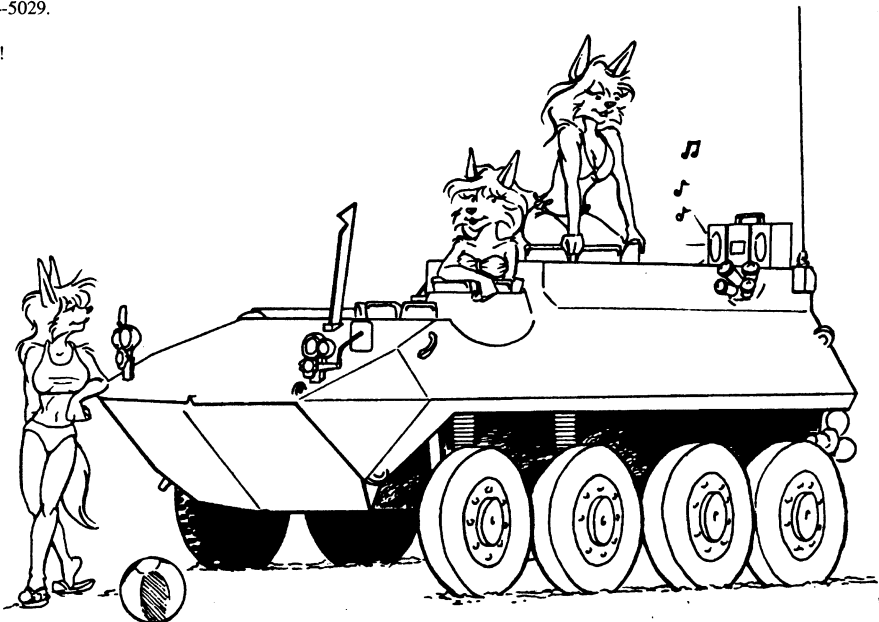
12. We will not censor work, but we will not accept blatant pornography. There are no exceptions to this rule. Some sex and/or nudity or violence will be accepted if we feel it advances the story.

13. All finished artwork must be 10" x 15" in size, or proportional (such as 6" x 9"). Note that this is narrower than a standard notebook page.

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15. Send your submissions to: Shon Howell, c/o Antarctic Press, 7272 Wurzbach Suite #204, San Antonio, TX. 78240. Phone: (210) 614-0396, FAX: (210) 614-5029.

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