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## Universes of Change

Ten years ago, those of us who were reading superhero comics, principally Marvel and DC books, were always greeted with the same characters in the same situations. Nothing really changed; the old groups might slowly change members, the new groups come and go, but the characters were constant.

Of course, this annoyed a lot of us, who were demanding more out of comics. "We want REAL stories! We want CONSEQUENCES! We want to know what would happen if...!" we would tell our friends, our favorite editors in letters, and (if we were lucky) our local comics retailer. For the most part, however, little changed; editors didn't want to alter a formula which had worked for twenty years.

Those who wanted more from comics had few options open to them. Those, like myself, who had limited access to comics of any kind gave up altogether and went on to other media. Those in major cities were sometimes able to sample alternative titles (ELFQUEST, CEREBUS, ALBEDO and the undergrounds). Some fans even managed to stay loyal to their favorites despite their limitations.

Then, not too long ago, things began to move. CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS. SECRET WARS. Slowly, doubtfully at first, the writers, artists, and editors began shaking down their universes. The X-Men "died". Robin REALLY died. Slowly but surely, new ideas and character development became the norm rather than the exception. With the superhero boom sparked by the birth of Image, pressure rose on the older, established companies to keep providing more new and innovative ideas to keep sales up.

Now, in the current deflating comics market, we have a surfeit of change. Ideas and innovations have been replaced by gimmicks and promos. Every month, the characters which have held our loyalty for thirty years may be redefined, recast, or even totally eliminated... and put back in place the month after that. The Spider-Man who has quite literally been around ALL MY LIFE turns out to be a clone- what's more, a clone supposedly destroyed in a furnace. Superman dies, comes back, thinks he's dead, fakes his death. The X-Men changed history for four months, then changed it right back. Stability is a rare commodity in many comics; in some it is lost altogether.

On the other hand, there are books outside of superherodom which provide a good balance of story, character, and art, which provide growth and change at a more realistic rate; neither too slow for the revisionist, nor too fast for the traditionalist. AP happens to have a few choice examples: NINJA HIGH SCHOOL, GOLD DIGGER, TIGERS OF TERRA, and ALBEDO. Other good books, new and old, include THIEVES AND KINGS, SCUD the DISPOSABLE ASSASSIN, NEXUS, REPLACEMENT GOD, and most of the manga translations available from AP, Viz, and Studio Proteus.

In this period of constant shock-tactics in the mainstream comics media, it can be comforting to find a read which doesn't include a Life-Changing Decision in every issue. From thick to thin, from static to chaotic, the books which prosper will be the ones which provide character growth, story continuity, and reader interest in measured an appropriate amounts. Those books which rely on either an excess or a total lack of change will suffer; those which value substance and excellence over style and glamour will come out on top.

I intend to stick with the winners.

Kris Overstreet

### Season's Greetings!



On behalf of the Antarcticats
Cog and Sprocket, the
Antarctic Press Staff wish all
our readers a Merry Christmas
and a safe New Year! We also
thank you for making our
Tenth Anniversary a memorable
one, and we hope to bring you
more cool books and surprises
in the upcoming year!

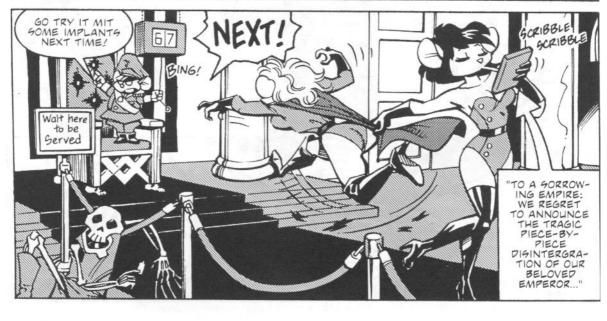
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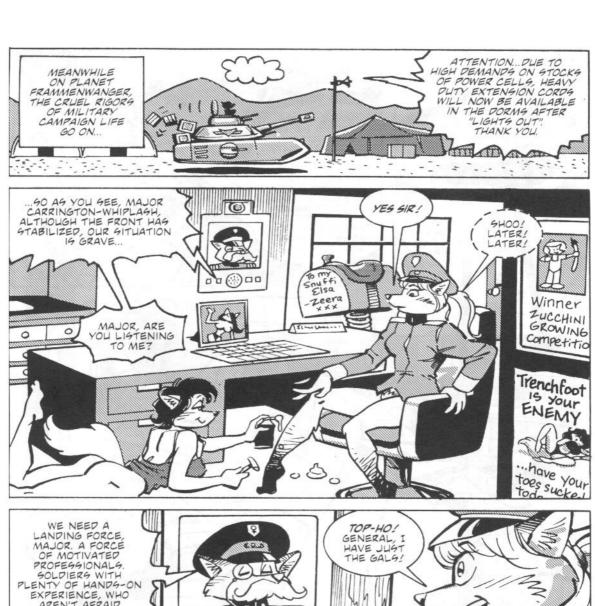


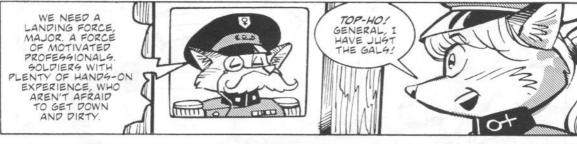




















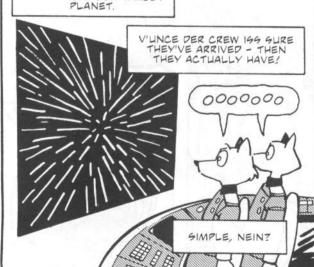


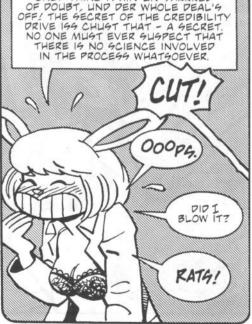
















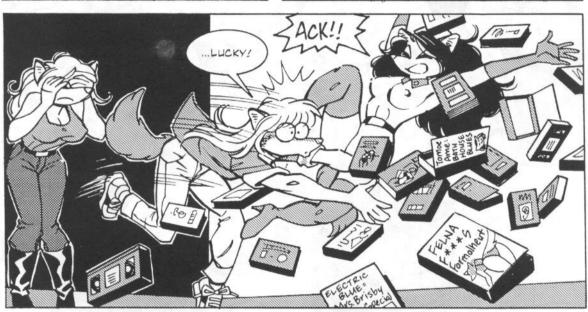






























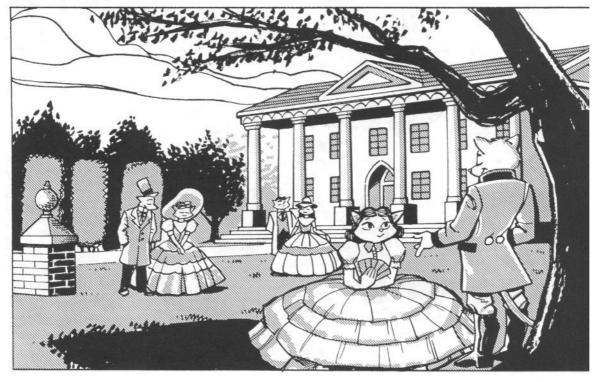














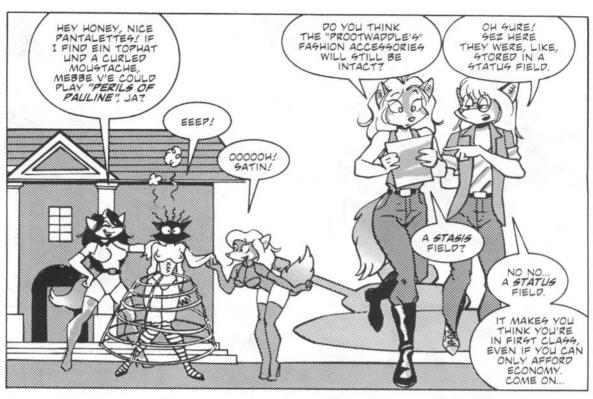




























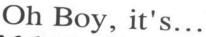


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1. Cut out finger puppets and assemble by gluing tabs together.

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3. Shove the finger puppets on your greasy digits and just live life to its fullest!

There - finally you get your finger in a girl's bottom!

Now tell all your friends!

<sup>\*</sup> Try using Tank Vixens Finger puppets as an amusing addition to family Nativity displays!

# sex vixen of the Karin O'HOO'Ha Karin O'HOO'Ha

Sergeant, "C" company, 101st Heavy Tank Crushing Battalion

fill lit's not everyone's thing, being a Sergeant, nor is it! There's your long hours, your constant danger - and looking after the little darlin's in the squad ain't all its cracked up to be, neither!"

"If it weren't for the communal showers, the shared sleeping bags and the nude "twister", so help me I'd chuck it all in!"



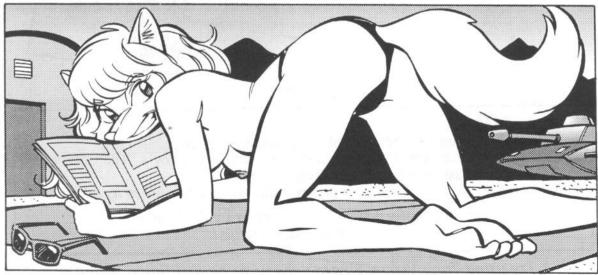
"As for your military discipline - it's all a matter of give and take. Just lip service, sure an' you'll see!"



Sure and you end up mothering them! Still, I can't say it's all bad ... '



"Well, they say ye can't teach an old dog new tricks! But if you know enough of the old tricks, then who needs 'em!"



"What's it like posing for a magazine? Well I'm not sure I can show this one to me Ma'am! Pa'll like it, though! You can airbrush out this bit, and the Rector should just pass it on with the rest of his mail..."



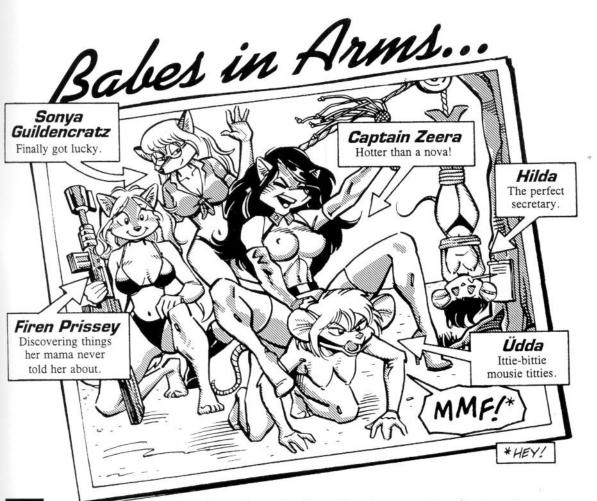
#### SEX VIXEN VITAL STATISTICS

NAME: Karin O'HOO-Ha DIVISION: 101st Hvy Tank Crushing Bttn. HEIGHT: 170 CM WEIGHT: Well sure and it's enough to Keep you warm at night BUST: Double D's can't hide a heart o' gold WAIST: ... is a terrible thing to mind you want to go measurin' that for? HIPS: Well they keep me legs on, sure and they do. FAVORITE PASTIMES: Hagh - a quiet evening with airls- the crackle of firearms- the warm of cherry yogurt running through my fur... burning road-weed to punish you for your sin have you any idea how often ye can hear that line about "do you smoke Sex" 7 MY FAVORITE FANTASY: Agah- a little cottage all of me warm rug, a gentle fire-Capt. Zeeva dressed in the dog collar and maid out fit. The usual satu

bastard who invented

thrice-bedanised little

individual cheese-stick things



t is a time fit for heroines; an age where a girl can stand proud and free! A place where the peace and liberty of the galaxy can depend upon the silkysmooth fit of a spandex body stocking...

### Last issue...

Marooned in the desert after Von Steppenslammer's lightning pantie raid, Firen and Sonya discover a deep and abiding passion for one another's political vocabulary, poetic souls and redhot nubile young bodies. Busting this publication's "mature readers" rating wide open, Firen and Sonya finally conduct an interpersonal socio-sexual liaison; the desert blooms, fireworks bursts and this title finds itself shunted onto the

Venus list so fast it could make your eyes spin!

Firen and Sonya save the day for the Tank Vixens gang. Unable to face the superior mammaries of the Vixens, Udda takes the fall!

Released on bail for \$1.95, Udda Von Steppenslammer now drags her oh-so taut and Sizzling butt back home to face the music.

Now read on\*...

(\*If you can't read, then just look at the hellacious pictures, OK? Actually, there's some pretty good titty pics in this issue. And I swear there's this one panel where you can see absolutely everything...!)

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(Oh, so now I can see you getting ideas already! Sure you could photocopy the photocopy - and end up on a neverending treadmill of despair, constantly re-copying pages and knowing that someday inevitably, this hellish carousel will end with the destruction of all your hopes and dreams. Why - oh why didn't you just fork out \$2.95 for an extra copy when you had the chance!)

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Always wash hands after use!