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A PARAMILITARY BASE HIDDEN  
DEEP IN THE JUNGLES OF  
SOUTH AMERICA.



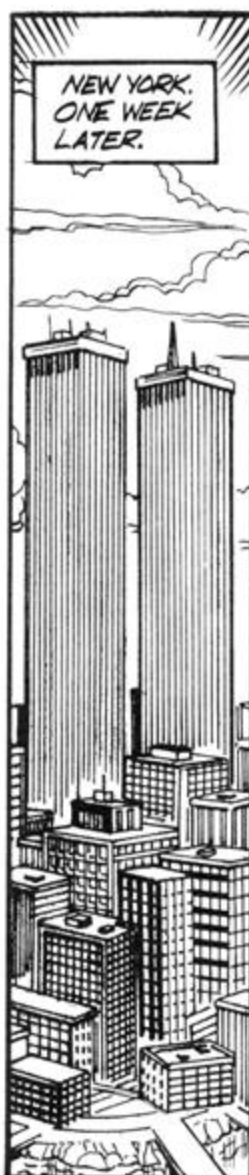












NEW YORK.  
ONE WEEK  
LATER.



PANI, THERE'S  
A MAN HERE  
TO SEE YOU.



















TWO WEEKS LATER  
AT THE CASINO.

WELL,  
WHAT DO  
YOU  
THINK?

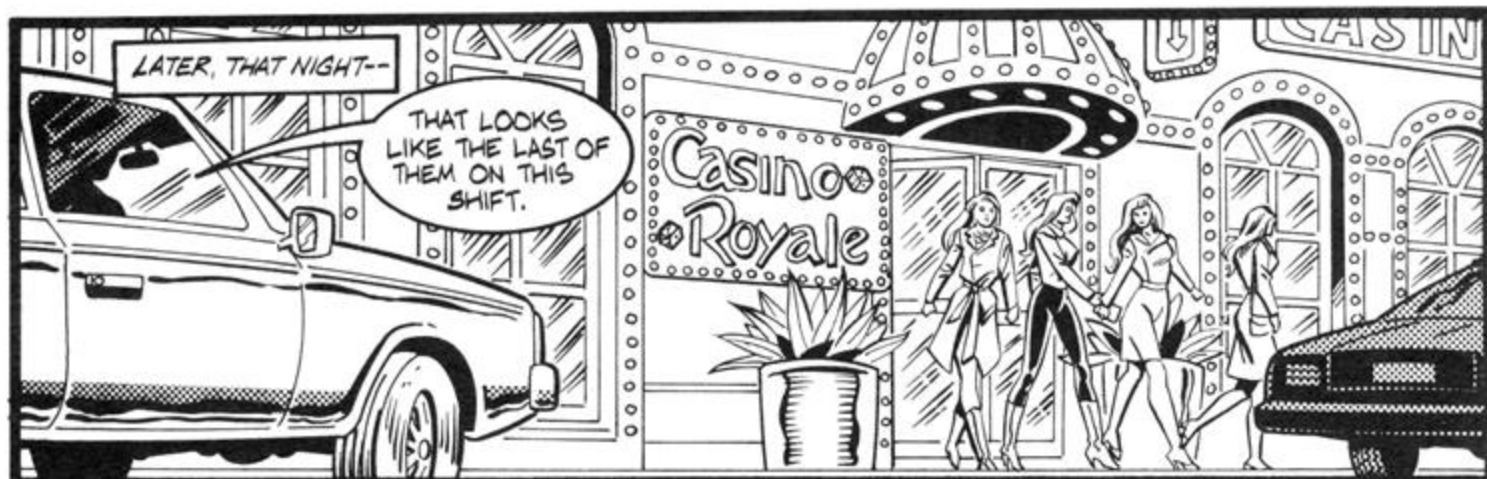
IT LOOKS LIKE  
YOU RAN OUT OF  
MATERIAL BEFORE  
YOU WERE DONE  
MAKING IT.

VERY  
FUNNY. OKAY  
GIRLS, YOUR  
TURN.

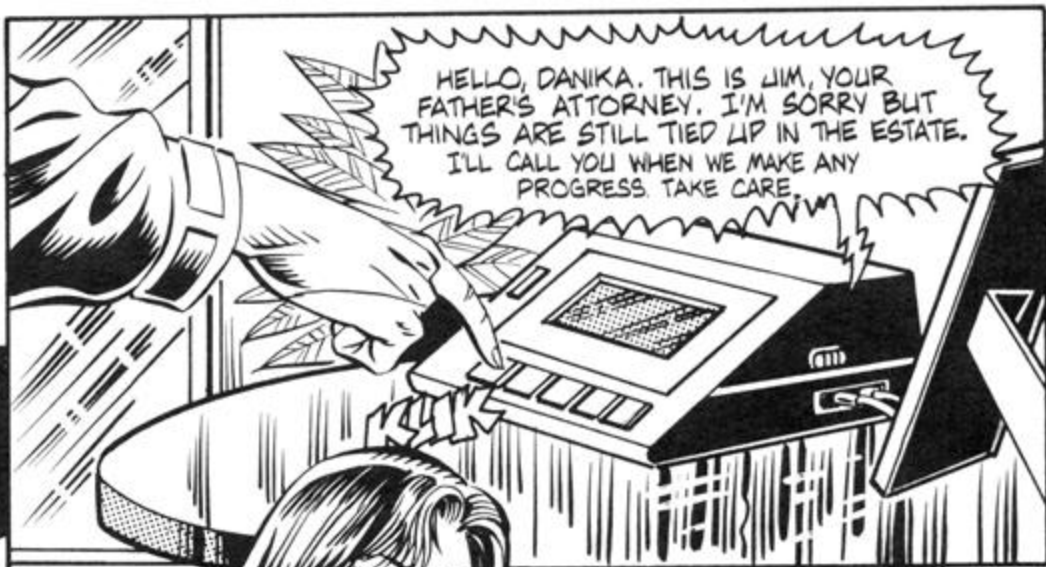
IT'S A  
TIGHT  
FIT.

WELL, GINA, I  
GUESS IT'S TIME  
TO LAY OFF THE  
ICE CREAM.







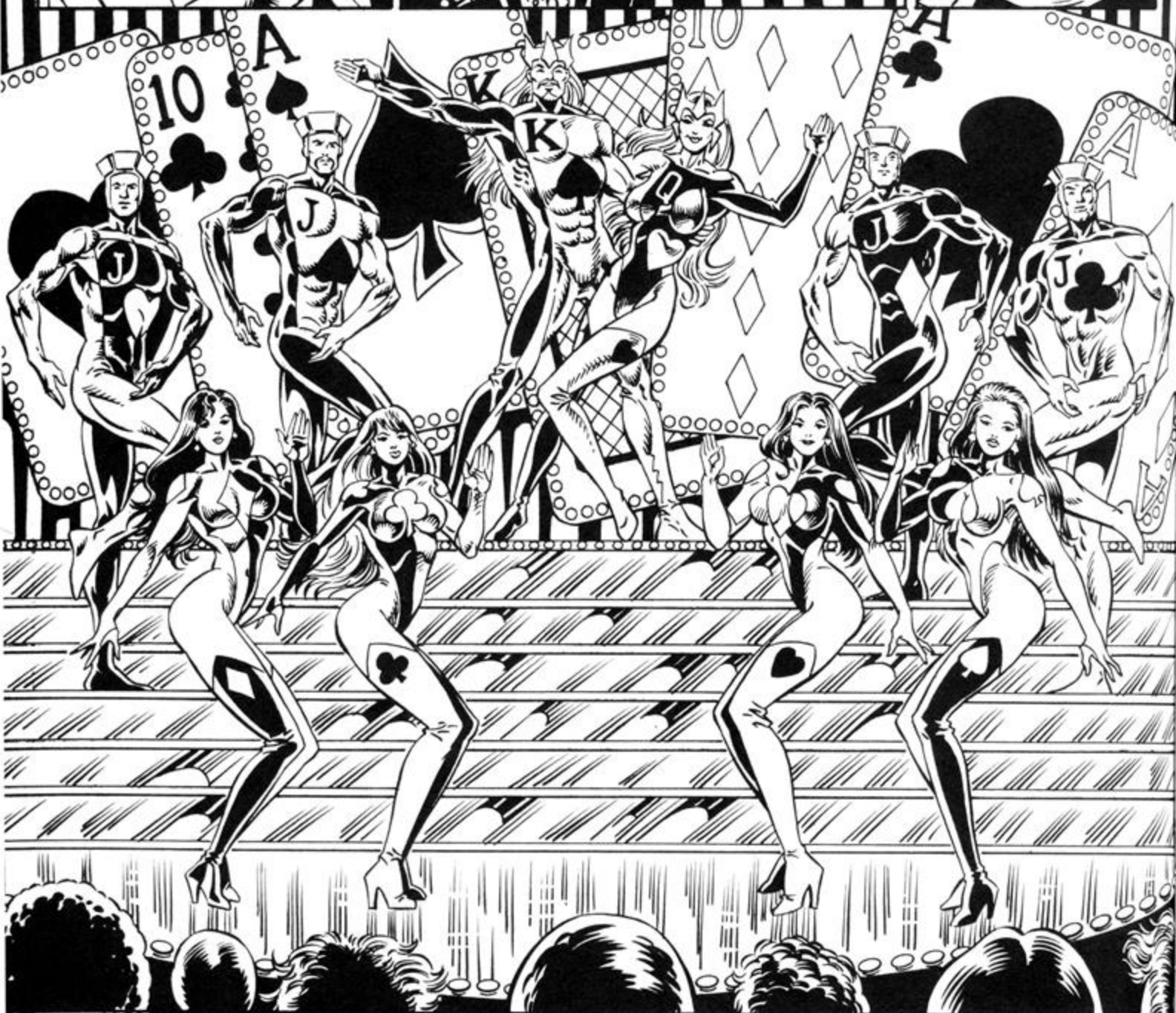


OPENING NIGHT  
21 NOVEMBER 1998.

WELL, THIS  
IS IT. ARE YOU  
READY,  
DANI?

LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN, THE CASINO  
ROYALE IS PROUD TO  
DEBUT IT'S NEW ALL-  
ORIGINAL STAGE  
SHOW, "A WINNING  
HAND."

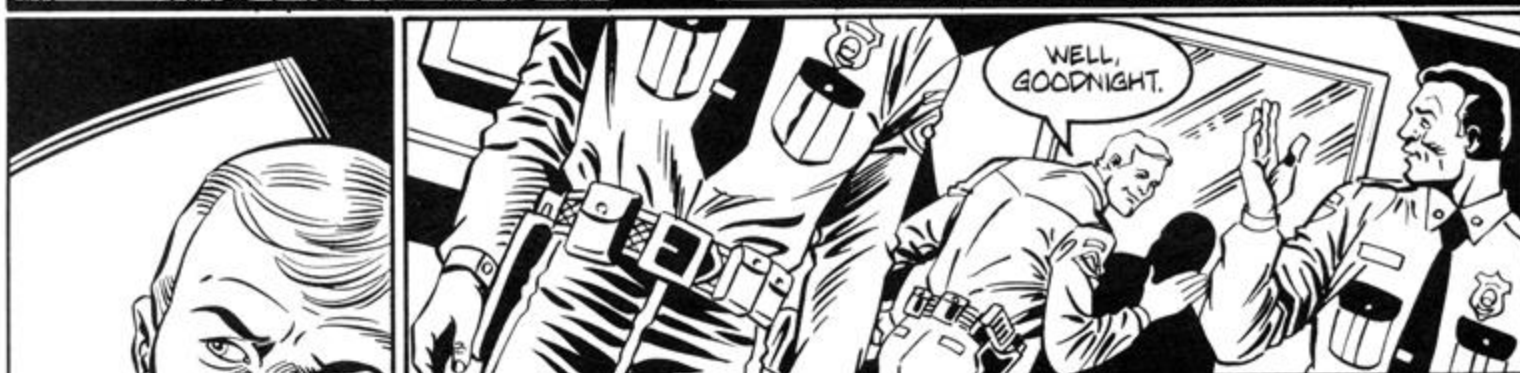
I GUESS  
I'D BETTER  
BE.



MEANWHILE  
IN THE ALLEY.



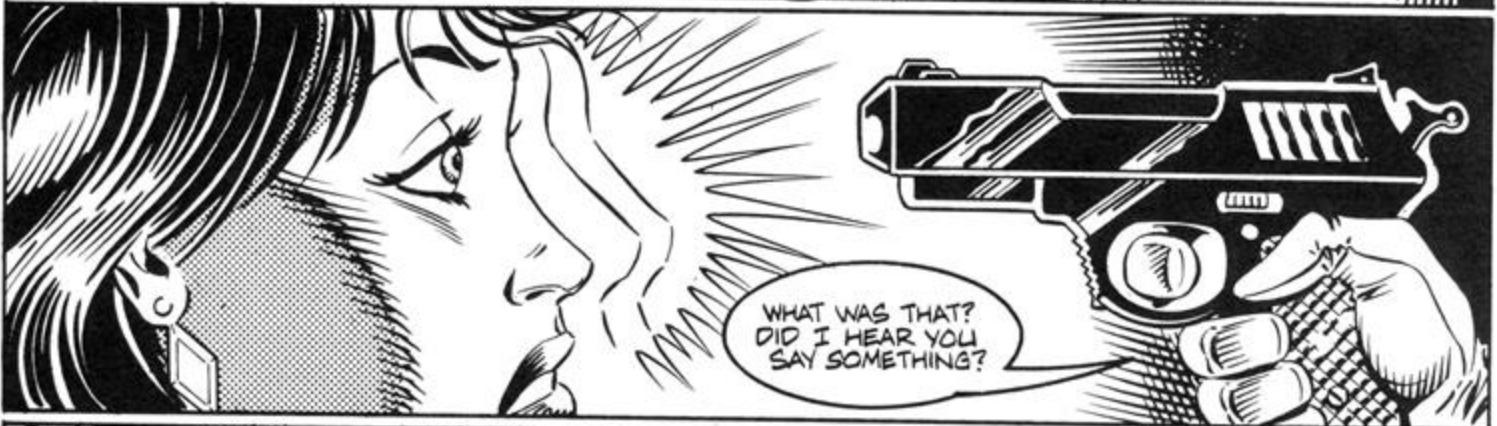












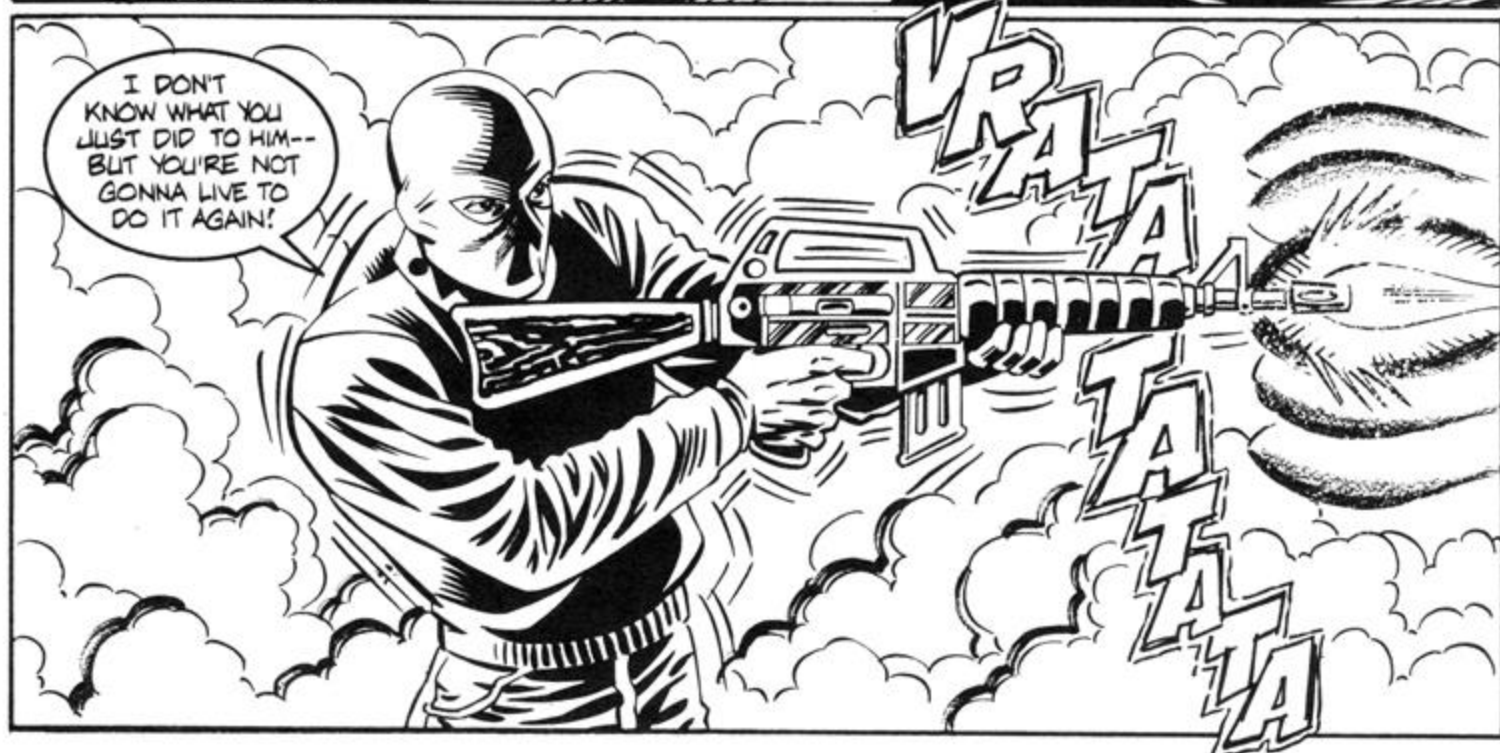




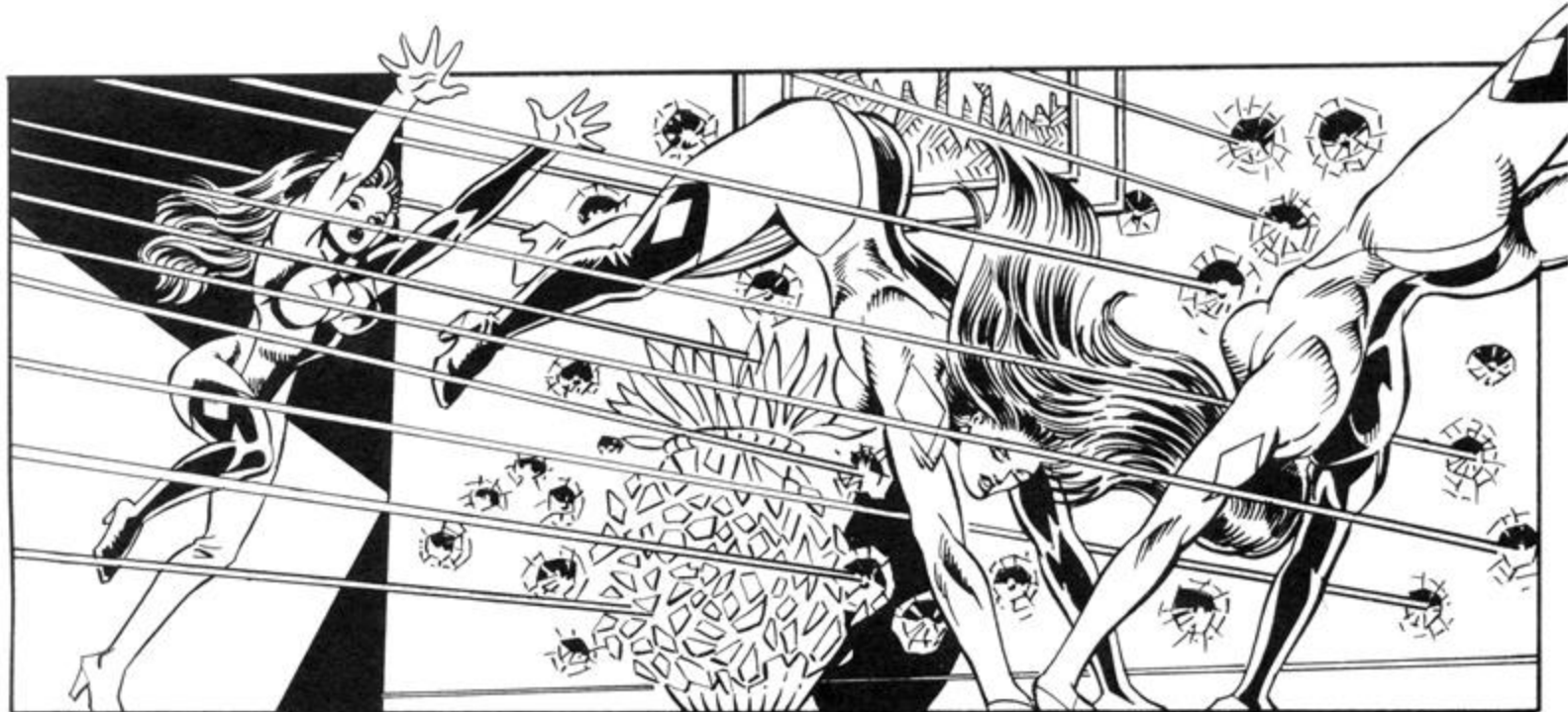


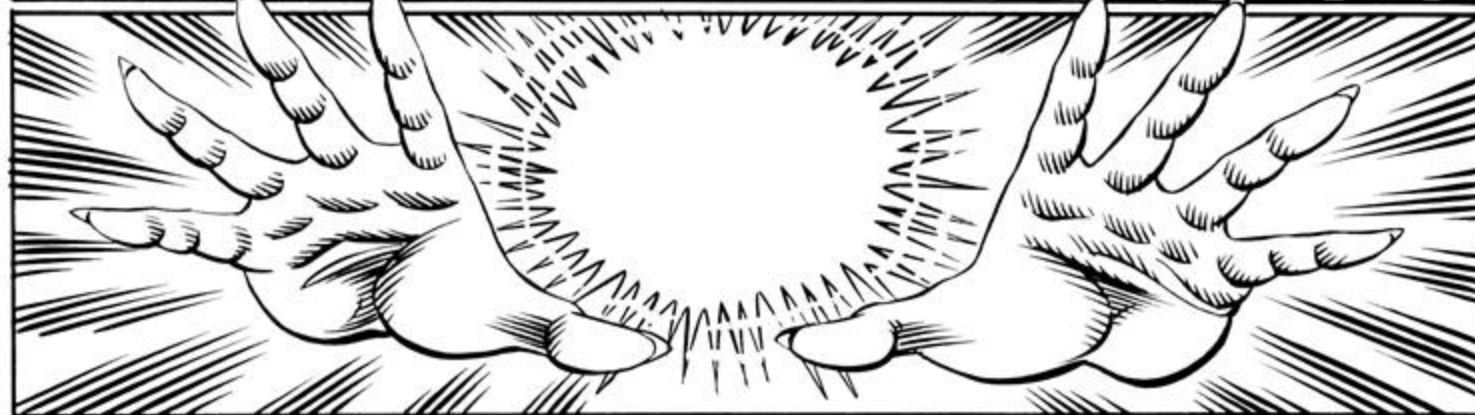


















I HAVE ONE SHOT AT THIS.



I SAID DON'T TRY ANYTHING!

THE DIAMOND SUDDENLY MAKES A SHARP TURN.

WESS

THUNK!



NOW SHE'S GONNA HAVE TOO--UGH!





AS DANIKA'S  
FEAR AND  
ANGER FADE--



SO, TOO, DO  
HER POWERS  
AND MEMORIES  
OF THE  
STARTLING  
EVENTS.



DANI?





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WHAT  
HAVE I  
DONE?

CHECK OUT  
NEXT ISSUE  
TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT DANIKA'S  
NEW FOUND POWERS  
AND THE MYSTERY  
SURROUNDING THEM.

**THE HAND  
YOU ARE  
DEALT**

NEXT ISSUE:

ALONG COMES A  
**SPIDER!**

ROBB  
HAPPS  
2000  
SAM  
D/



21:30

KZZKT-THIS  
IS SECTOR CONTROL  
TO AGENT BRAVO-1 ON  
ULTRA-SECURE CHANNEL  
DELTA. DO YOU COPY.

HH-SHARK  
KZZKT-  
SAY AGAIN--  
DO YOU  
COPY?

ZZRIP

BLOODLUST HERE  
CONTROL. Mmmm  
FEELS GOOD TO  
BE OUT IN THE  
NIGHT AIR  
AGAIN.

MAINTAIN MISSION  
DESIGNATED CODE NAMES BRAVO  
AND LET'S KEEP THE CHATTER TO  
A MINIMUM-- IS THE TARGET  
ACQUIRED?

APPARENTLY ARRIVING THE  
NIGHT BEFORE PAID OFF. I  
WAS ABLE TO SNEAK UP HERE  
UNDETECTED BEFORE THEY  
BEEFED UP SECURITY, AND  
I GOT A GOOD DAY'S REST.

THIS IS CONTROL.  
USE THE LASER-MICROPHONE  
TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY  
OF THE TARGET.







21:38

CONTROL,  
BOTH TARGETS  
HAVE BEEN  
RETIRED. SEND  
IN THE  
CLEANERS.

WELL, TIME  
TO HIT THE  
ROAD.

THIS IS  
CONTROL. NO  
UNNECESSARY CHANCES.  
WE DON'T NEED ANY  
MORE PROBLEMS.

WHO'S TAKING  
CHANCES? THE  
MISSION IS ALREADY  
A SUCCESS AND IT  
WAS EASY.





ALMOST  
TOO  
EASY.

WELL, IF IT  
ISN'T MR. DEVRY, LOOKS  
LIKE YOU'RE MOVING  
UP IN THE WORLD,  
LEON.



**YOU AGAIN!?! YOU ARE  
A TRAITOR TO OUR BLOODLINE,  
WE WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE  
YOUR INTERFERENCE!**



TONIGHT  
YOU  
DIE!!



TOO LATE.  
I'M ALREADY  
DEAD.



AND SO  
ARE YOU!

UGH!

**THUNK**







THE NEXT NIGHT AT  
SHADOW SECTOR HQ.

WOULD YOU  
CARE TO EXPLAIN  
YOURSELF, AGENT?

I THOUGHT YOU UNDER-  
STOOD THIS WAS A COVERT  
MISSION--AND YOU CALL IN  
A CHOPPER FOR EVAC? THIS  
WAS A SENSITIVE WET  
WORKS OPERATION, NOT  
SOME SORT OF GAME!

WHAT  
THE???

BEGGING YOUR PARDON  
SIR, THE SENATOR IN  
THE VAMPIRE'S THRALL  
WAS TERMINATED AND  
THE PROSTITUTE WAS  
IDENTIFIED AS A  
MAFIA MOLL, LINKING  
IT TO A MOB DEAL  
GONE WRONG.

ALL TRACES OF SUPERNATURAL  
INVOLVEMENT WERE WIPED OUT.  
OUR CLEANERS DID AN  
EXCELLENT JOB AS USUAL.

WELL, THEN,  
I'LL HAVE TO MAKE  
SURE THE CLEAN  
UP CREW GETS ALL  
OF YOUR OVERTIME.

Senator killed  
in mob sex  
scandal

HELENDU  
PORZIG

YOU'RE  
DISMISSED.

THANK YOU  
SIR. THE NIGHT'S  
STILL YOUNG AND I  
PLAN ON GETTING  
A BITE TO EAT.















# ITS A GRRRLS NIGHT OUT!



on the horizon \* on the horizon \* on the horizon \* on the horizon \* on the horizon \* on the horizon \* on the horizon

# **Q: WHERE IS PANTHEON #7**

## **A: FURTHER ALONG THAN YOU MIGHT THINK**



**SO HANG ON JUST A LITTLE LONGER**

# **'THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED'**

## **IN PANTHEON #7- ON SALE SOON**

**WRITTEN BY-** Bill Willingham  
**PENCILED BY-** Mike Leeke  
**INKED BY-** Bill Williams



# **STEVE LIEBER WORKS ON PANTHEON #8**



## **'MYSTERIES & MAYHEM'**

**IN PANTHEON #8- ON SALE SOON**

**WRITTEN BY-** Bill Willingham

**PENCILED BY-** Mike Leeke, Steve Lieber,  
John Lucas & Kelsey Shannon

**INKED BY-** Steve Lieber & Bill Williams

# STRANGE HEROES

**#2**  
**SHIPS IN  
AUGUST!**



## IN 'TANAKURA'

**MARY FINDS OUT MORE ABOUT RICHARD THAN SHE WANTS TO KNOW!**

<b>WRITTEN BY-</b>	Bill Willingham
<b>PENCILED BY-</b>	Bobby Diaz
<b>INKED BY-</b>	Sam de la Rosa



# STRANGE HEROES

**#2**  
**SHIPS IN  
AUGUST!**



## 'GOBLIN NIGHT'

**FOLLOWS TOMMY AND CORNELIUS ON THEIR FIRST NIGHT OUT.**

**WRITTEN BY-** Bill Willingham  
**PENCILED BY-** Kelsey Shannon  
**INKED BY-** Sam de la Rosa

# JEFF MOY (LEGIONNAIRES) PENCILS...



## FORCE SEVEN #6!

**FORCE SEVEN IS WHISKED TO AN EARTH DOMINATED BY EVIL  
AMAZONS AS FAITH'S RACE INVADES THE WORLD.**

**ON SALE IN NOVEMBER!**

**WRITTEN BY-** Michael Wright

**PENCILED BY-** Jeff Moy

**INKED BY-** Sam de la Rosa



# HEY MAN, BACK ISSUES SAVE LIVES.



Art by Bobby Diaz and Sam de la Rosa from STRANGE HEROES #3 where Mary makes tasty Dragon food. eventually.

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