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IT IS 1939, FIVE YEARS INTO WORLD WAR II. VIVIAN NOW LIVES IN A SMALL APARTMENT IN THE HEART OF NEW SYLVANIA, LONDON. SHE LEADS A DOUBLE LIFE AS A ROLLER DERBY QUEEN FOR THE "NINTH INFANTRY NAPALM" TEAM AND A SECRET AGENT AGAINST THE FUHRER AND THE NAZI PARTY. TONIGHT, SHE RESTS WITH THE CORPSE OF HER DEAD FIANCE PEACEFULLY SLEEPING IN HER COFFEE TABLE.

I'M SO TIRED,
I CAN BARELY
KEEP MY EYES
OPEN.

MY FIANCE IS DEAD,
WELL FOR NOW AT LEAST...

I HAVE HEARD RUMORS
OF CROSS INFECTION
AMONGST WEREWOLVES
AND VAMPIRES.

KNOCK, THUD!

SOMETHING ABOUT AN
UNSTOPPABLE LUST
FOR MEAT. BEST TO
LET HIM MATURE FOR
A WHILE.

THUD! KNOCK, THUD!

I SHOULD
GET THIS THING
BACK TO THE
CEMETERY!

IN EARLY 1939, THE FUHRER HAD A LOT OF PLANS. ONE OF HIS MOST SECRETIVE PLANS WAS TO FIND AND WIELD A DARK AND DEADLY WEAPON, THE CHENGYANG SWORD OF CHINA. MANY HAD HEARD OF THE ALMOST 3,000 YEAR OLD SWORD AND THE UNYIELDING STRENGTH IT BESTOWED ON ITS HANDLER. BUT MOST THOUGHT ITS POWERS WERE ONLY A MYTH.

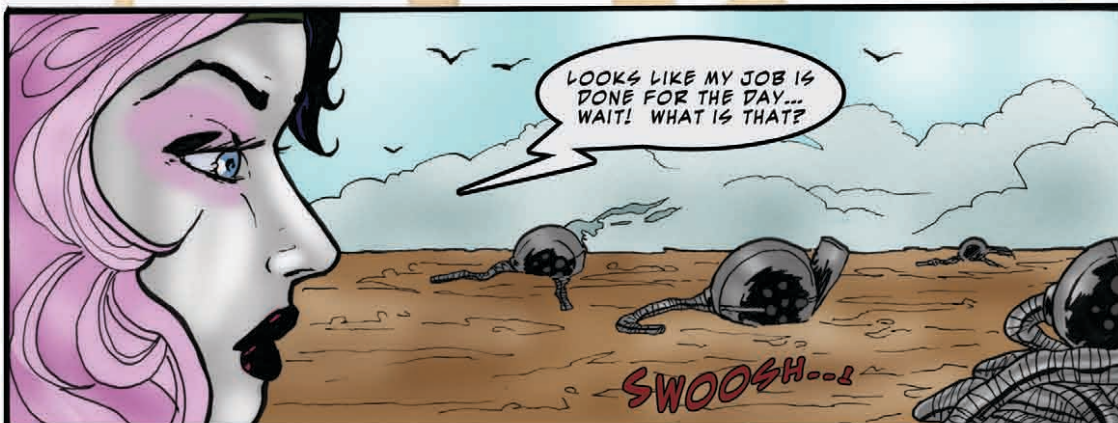
IN THE EARLY 1900s, IT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN LOST ALONG WITH ITS KEEPER, A JEWISH MAN NAMED ASHER ADELSTEIN. THE OLD MAN HAD LIVED IN RELATIVE OBSCURITY, AND NO ONE HAD SEEN OR HEARD FROM EITHER AFTER THEIR DISAPPEARANCE.

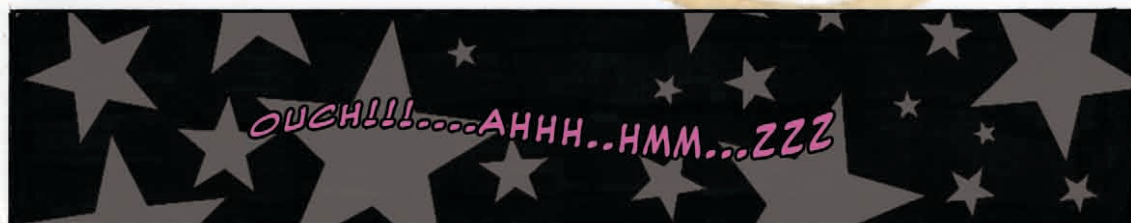
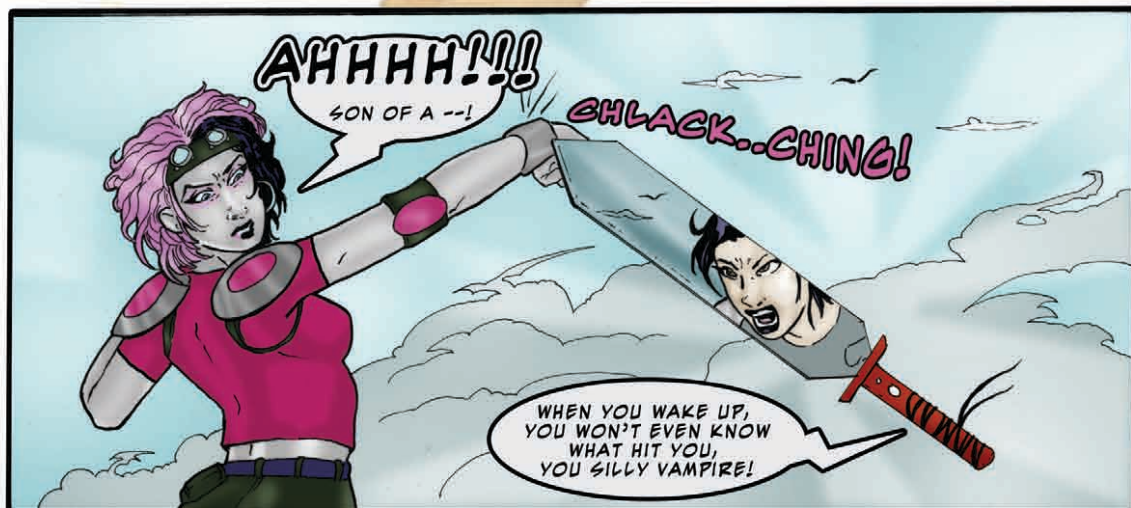
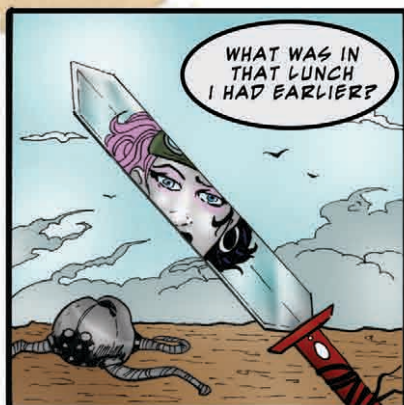


THE GREAT WAR RAGED ON, AND SO DID THE HUNT FOR THE SWORD AND THE OLD MAN. ROBOTS WERE MADE BY NAZI SCIENTISTS TO SEARCH AND DESTROY.



THE FUHRER DIDN'T EXPECT A TOP BRITISH AGENT AND AMATEUR ROLLER DERBY QUEEN TO GET IN HIS WAY, BUT WHEN YOU'RE A VAMPIRE AND YOUR BOYFRIEND IS KILLED BY A WEREWOLF, YOU END UP WITH A LOT OF FREE TIME ON YOUR HANDS.





HALLOWED HEATHER, AN INVISIBLE SECRET AGENT WHO POSSESSES THE LOST SWORD AND POWERS OF INVISIBILITY, POSSIBLY DUE TO THE VAMPIRE GENE MUTATION, THE RESULT OF A FAILED EXPERIMENT BY THE FUHRER...

OWIE, WHO WAS THAT? LOOKS LIKE WE COULD HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON...

OR MAYBE JUST ANOTHER HORRIBLE CREATION OF THE FUHRER?

...OR MAYBE THE POWER OF THE SWORD? COULD THIS BE A RELATIVE OF ASHER?

NO ONE KNOWS, BUT WE DO KNOW THAT THE FUHRER HAS STOPPED SEARCHING FOR THE SWORD.

POP...CHUM

DAMN THESE THINGS! WON'T THEY EVER DIE?

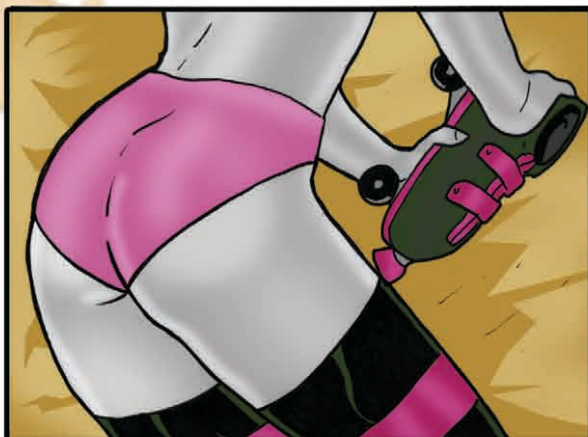
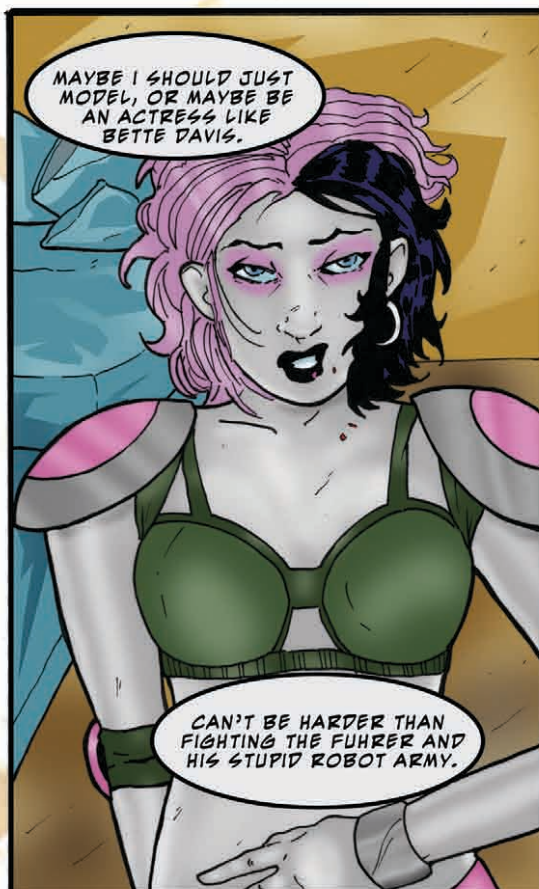
DU HASS...

DIE!

TOP..

OK, WELL LET'S REVISIT ALL THIS SOON...

I HAVE A DERBY MEET TONIGHT AND I'M READY TO RELEASE SOME STRESS!



ROLLER DERBY AT SKATEPORT
IN NEW SYLVANIA.

LET'S GO GIRLS.
WE GOT THIS!



HEY!!!
WHAT THE FU...?

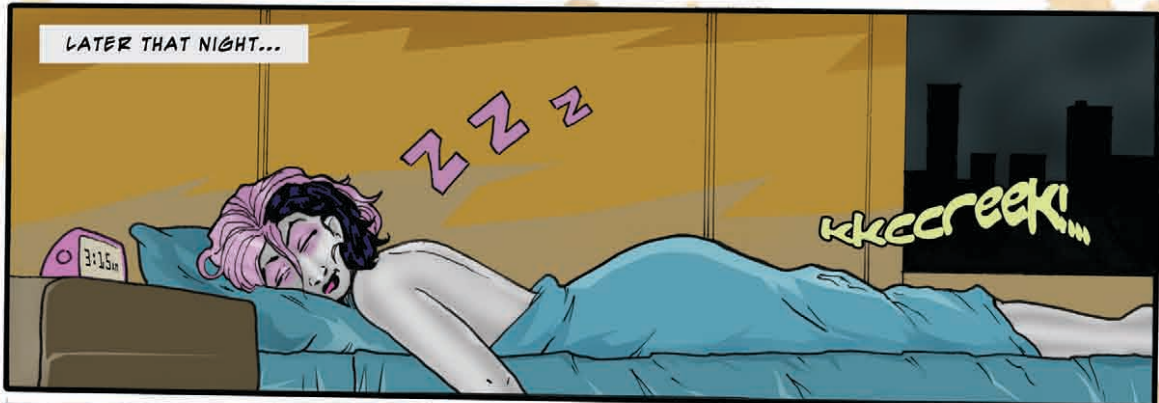
ARE YOU....

...READY TO
BLEED?

TAKE THAT!!!

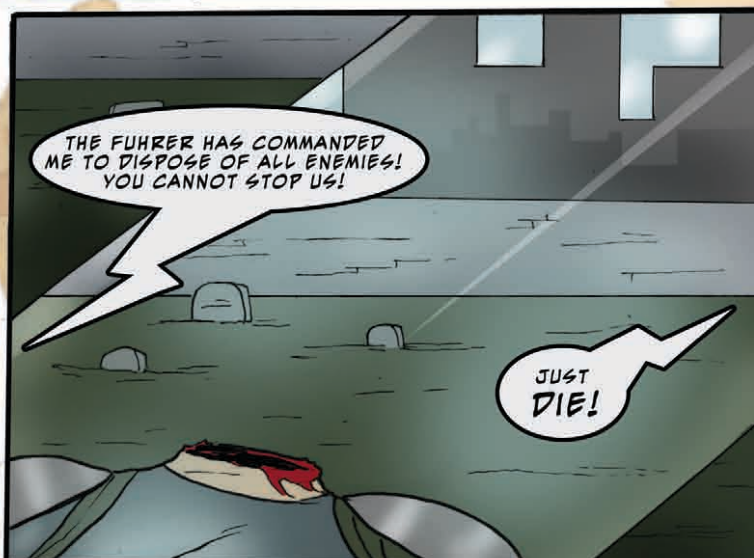
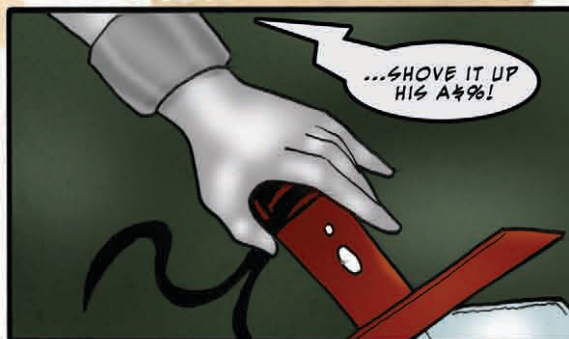
AAAHHHOUCH!

LATER THAT NIGHT...









NO LONGER AN INVISIBLE AGENT, HUH?
MAN, THIS SWORD IS GREAT!

NOT SURPRISED THE FUHRER WAS
LOOKING FOR IT FOR SO LONG...
I NEED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT!





ACCORDING TO HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS,
THE SWORD HAS MYSTICAL POWERS AND
WILL NEVER DECAY, RUST, OR TARNISH.

HE WHO WIELDS IT WILL HAVE GREAT STRENGTH,
BUT THIS STRENGTH WILL PASS FROM OWNER
TO OWNER.



THE SWORD WAS REDISCOVERED
BY ASHER ADELSTEIN IN A
SHALLOW GRAVE AFTER AN
EARTHQUAKE IN CHINA.

ADELSTEIN WAS A RESEARCHER
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.
HE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED
AND NEITHER HE NOR THE SWORD
WERE SEEN AGAIN.



SOUNDS LIKE
THIS THING
NEEDS TO
GET LOST
AGAIN.

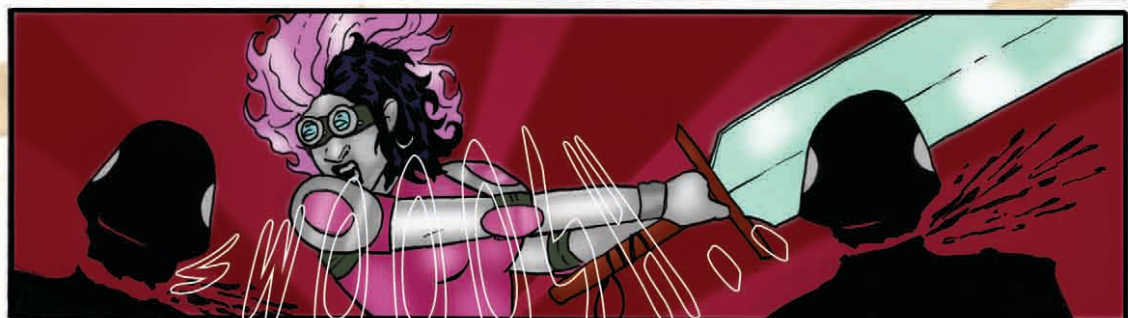


AND
NEVER
FOUND.



A FEW DAYS LATER AT THE FUHRER'S MANSION...





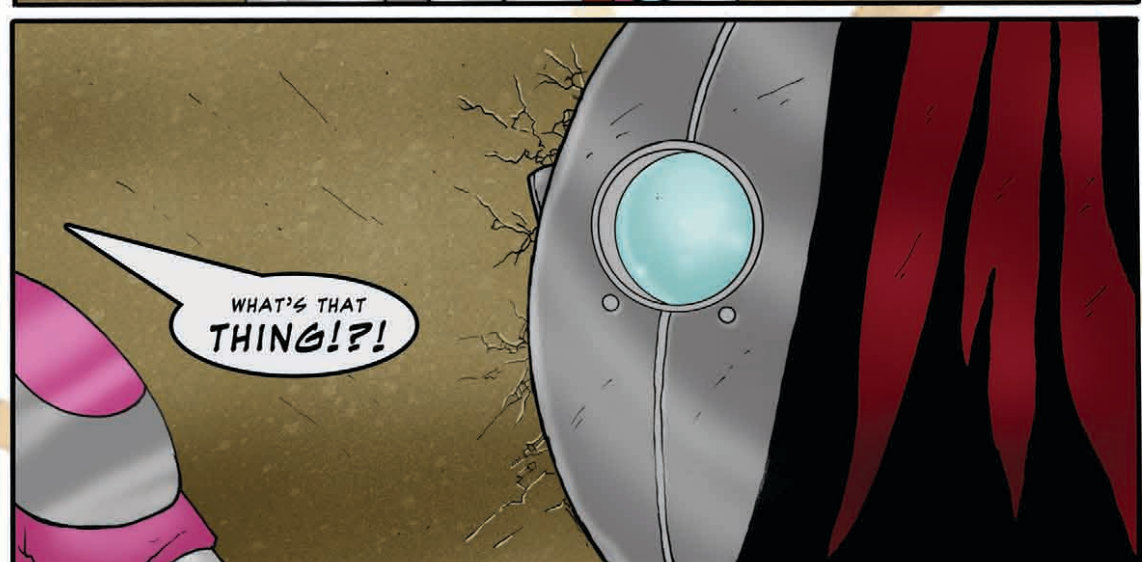
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?

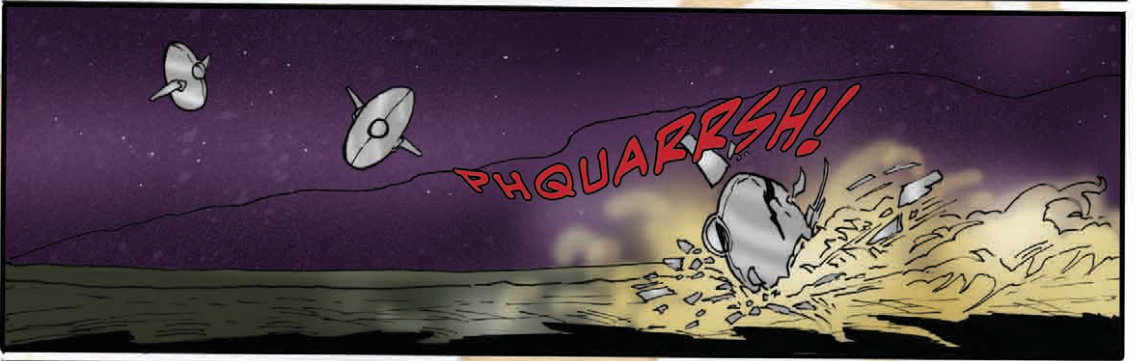
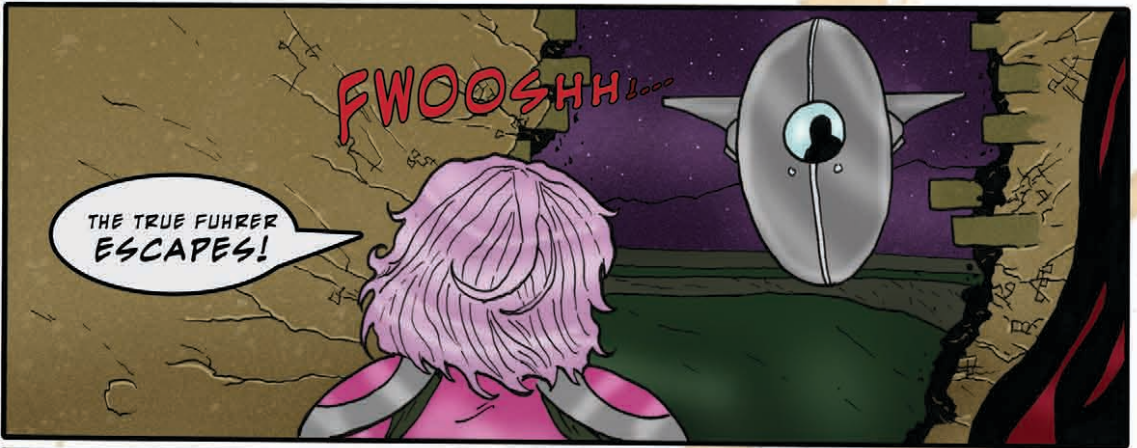
HEATHER HAS FAILED ME, BUT YOU CAN BE MY GREATEST WEAPON!



THEN YOU WILL PERISH!

NEVER!





A COUPLE DAYS LATER,
BACK IN NEW SYLVANIA

THAT SHOULD HOLD HIM
FOR A WHILE, ESPECIALLY
WITH A FULL STOMACH.



GOODNIGHT,
FRANCIS...



REST WELL.





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