

LEGACY COLLECTION

ADULTS ONLY



RITE OF PASSAGE

A tale from the Universe of ELZA

ENTIA
COMICS



#TMA III, CA 600 AE.

THE STORY 'M GOING TO
TELL IS FROM THAT TIME.



JUST LIKE COUNTLESS OTHER WORLDS, ERM III WAS SEEDED WITH PEOPLE LIKE US DURING THE EXODUS. AS UNWELLING AS THEY WERE, THEY WERE UNABLE TO SECURE ANY WRITTEN ACCOUNTS OF HUMANITY'S KNOWLEDGE.

ALL THEY HAD WERE BITS AND PIECES OF RELIGION, AND TRADITIONS THAT COULD BE PASSED ON FROM PARENTS TO CHILDREN, UNTIL, AGAIN, FOR EFFECTIVE WRITING WERE RE-DISCOVERED. BY THAT TIME THOUGH THE MEMORIES OF DEATH HAD FADING TO ONE SPACE FOR NEW WORLDS AND CUSTOMS WITNE TO HUMAN POPULATION OF ERM III.

OH, WHAT IF THEY WILL COME AND ASK FOR A PIECE OF ALMA?

DONT BE SHY! IT IS JUST A FRUIT! I KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO FEED HIMSELF WITH IT!

BELIEVE ME, THEY ARE TOO BUSY WITH EACH OTHER TO EVEN REMEMBER ABOUT US!

SISTER, YOUR TEMPTATIONS ARE SWEETER THAN ALMA.

THIS ALMA IS TOO RIPP AND WILL NOT BY THE SUNSET.

GIVE IT TO ME THEM!



THIS STORY I'M GOING TO TELL YOU TAKES PLACE IN A PERIOD THAT IS SIMILAR TO THE DARK AGES FROM OUR OWN ANCIENT HISTORY, A TIME WHEN RELIGION AND RITUALS WERE SEEN AS ONLY ANTI-DOTES AGAINST UNCERTAINTY AND DESPAIR.



THANK YOU, BUT I'LL TRY TO AVOID THEM!

JUST DON'T LET GUARDS SMELL THE ALMS!

THESE MONGOLS WILL BE ALL OVER US WITH THEIR PATHETIC PLEAS!



KIM-KIM-KIM-KIM!
I HAVE SOMETHING TASTY FOR YOU!

YES...
FRRRR?

SLURP

SLURP



WRAWWW!



CRUNCH!

SNACK!



DRIP
DRIP
DRIP



BURRRP!

GOOD KIMCHA!
STRONG KIMCHA!
FLUFFY KIMCHA!

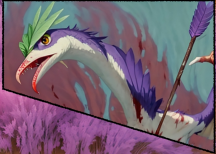


AAAGH!

SPLASH!!!



BY THE MERCY
OF SPIRITS, DEAD
AND ALIVE!



THIS
THIS IS JUST
UNRESOLVABLE!

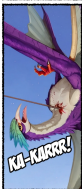
HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS THAT THIS
STORY IS BASED ON. TELL US ABOUT
LIFE OF THE YOUNGER PRINCESS.
OR SHOULD I CORRECTLY NAME HER
"SARAFAN", WIFE OF KAZ. AND I
PROMISE TO DISCLOSE ALL SOURCES
OF THIS NON-FICTION INSIGHTS LATER.



WOMAN! I SAW
IT FALL TO THE
GROUND!

YOU
MISSED!
AGRAH

YOU
SHOT THE BODY.
I WANT YOU TO
PIECE ITS
EYE!



ALWAYS ACTING OUT OF HEART IS NOT ENOUGH THOUGH! YOU HAVE TO CONTROL FOUR ACTIONS.



SO, MORTY WISDOM KIDNAPED ME FROM THE PALACE JUST TO TEACH MOVIES OUT IN THE DESERT.

MOTHER WOULD NOT ALLOW ME OUTSIDE KHAZIM WALLS WITHOUT AN ARMY OF GUARDS.

I AM HAPPY THAT YOU LEAD HER AWAY.

WILL YOU GUIDE ME WITH THE LAST ARROW?

I WISH THAT INSTEAD WE COULD ESCAPE THESE SANDS, SEE ARRY AND SEE ALL RUMORED MONDERS OF ISLAND KINGDOMS.

I PRASE ALUMI EVERY PRAYER FOR BLESSING ME WITH HER TRUST, BUT I WOULD SEE IT ALL UP, JUST TO BE FREE WITH YOU.

ONLY IF YOU PROMISE TO FOOLS AND PERCE THE EYE NOW



YOUR STANCE IS PERFECT... BARE YOUR GIP, THE BOW WILL NOT RUN AWAY... BREATHE.



WOOOSH!!!
KAR-KA?

BREATHE... LEAD IT... FEEL HOW ITS WINGS ARE FLAPPED WITH FOUR HEARTBEAT...



AAASH!

SMACK!



A WISE MAN PREACHES ABOUT CONTROL, BUT RAISING HIS BLADE WITH NO INTENT TO FIGHT...

TARDS DO TORTURE ME AS WELL, MY HUSBAND TO BE!

WE HAVE TO CARRY THIS BURDEN AS EXAMPLES FOR OUR PEOPLE.

I... KHE... I'M S... SORRY FOR MY BLADE.



JUST THINK ABOUT IT! THE RITE OF PASSAGE IS TOMORROW!

MY SISTER WILL ASCEND THE MOUNTAIN, BECOME THE NEXT ALIUM OF KHAZ, FIND A HUSBAND, AND THEN IT IS OUR TURN!



YOU FORGOT THAT SHE WILL BE BOUND IN SOLITUDE FOR ONE HARVEST AFTER THE RITUAL...

ALSO, NO ONE WILL BE WILLING TO RIDE A KHAKHAS IN HEAT! THEY SPEND AN HOUR IN HER COMPANY...



SHE HATES YOU TOO FOR BEING OUR MOTHER'S FAVORITE CHILD.

...HALLID, ARE YOU SURE THAT NOBODY KNOWS WHERE WE ARE?



BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T KEEP OUR MEETINGS SECRET, YOU MAY BE IN A BAD TROUBLE!



TIDUM!

TIDUM!

TIDUM!

*KHAKHAS ARE USUALLY DOBLE, BUT THEY BECOME EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE AND UNPREDICTABLE DURING THE RITING SEASON

TROOPS!
ASSEMBLE!

ASHRAF!
YOU'RE
ON ME!

PLEASE, LOVE
DON'T WASTE TIME -
SANDY'S MOVE ONLY
IF GROUPS.

SOME GUARD
FROM THE PALACE
MAY JUST WANT TO
CHECK UPON US...

NO GUARD IS
CHECKING UPON ANYONE
UNLESS I ORDER
HIM TO!

THIS MAY BE
A BOTHERN SPY
IF DISGUISE.

READY
YOUR WEAPON
AND TAKE COVER
BEHIND ME!

I HAVE
NO ARROWS
LEFT...



I SHOULD EMBRACE
THAT YOU AND GUARDS ARE
MY WEAPONS NOW...



PERSE!
EASY, GIRL!

LOOK AT THE
WIDEN! HE SEEMS
TO BE VERY SHORT
FOR A GUARD!





HALT!
CEASE YOUR ADVANCE,
INTRUDER!

WISDOM
HALED!



MY ENDLESS,
ENDLESS APOLOGIES,
FOR DISTURBING
YOUR PEACE!



BOY, I DO
NOT RECOGNISE
YOU!

WHY DO YOU
WEAR MY GUARD'S ATTIRE?
HOW DID YOU FIND US
HERE?

ANSWER NOW,
OR I WILL SEND YOU TO
THE ANCESTORS!



GREAT WISDOM HALED!
MY NAME IS ALY. I WORK NIGHTS
AT THE STABLES, FAR REMOVED
YOUR GRACE.

DARKNESS FELL ON
OUR ISLAM AND NIGAMT ALAM
SENT ME HERE.

BECAUSE I WAS
LIGHTEST AND KINGHA
WOULD NOT TAKE
UNDER ME!

"NIGAMT - THE PURE ONE, HEAD OF ROYAL AFFAIRS AND THE PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE RULER OF KHAZI



ALRIGHT THAT WITCH WILL SEND DARKNESS UPON MY REALM! MY SCOUTS WOULD SEE A HOSTILE ARMY HALF OF A HARVEST BEFORE THEY REACH KRIZ!

WHAT IS THIS BORSENSEY?



GREAT WISDOM WOULD DONT HAVE TO RESOLVE A MERE STABLE BOY..

I POSSESS AN GREAT SCRIPTURE FOR AL'AMU LYNDEN



BOY, DID YOU CATCH TOO MUCH SUN ON YOUR SKIN HERE?

AL'AMU IS IN THE PALACE! BY COMING HERE YOU HAVE DISTURBED THE PEACE OF SHEARITA LYNDEN

HAUSD..



LYNDEN OF KRIZ IS MY AL'AMU NOW! I SWORE MY ETERNAL ALLEGIANCE TO HER AND WILL GIVE MY LIFE FOR HER!



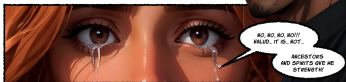
BOY, YOU SEEM TO GET ON MY NERVES..

LET HE PASS, WISDOM I HAVE TO READ THIS SCRIPTURE!



PRIDE AND LONG HEALTH UPON YOU, MY AL'IM!

WHAT IS IT, MY SWEETHEART IS ALREADY BRINGING YOU TO JOIN A DIMER WITH SOME AMBASSADOR?



NO, NO, NO, HOW BLOOD... IT IS... NOT...

ANCESTORS AND SPIRITS GIVE ME STRENGTH!



LYNDINE! WAIT! WE HAVE TO BREAK THE CAMP AND GATHER GUARDS!

TAKE MY KHASHA, AL'IM! MAY IT MAKE YOU FAST LIKE MINT!



NO THE HALL! I WILL RIDE ALONE! I HAVE TO GET TO KHAZ!



YES, MY AM'AD!

YOURSELF! PROTECT SERVANTS AND HELP THEM PACKAGE!

I'LL RIDE AFTER HER AND WILL SEND FEW KHASHAS FROM KHAZ!

LYNDRA FELT LIKE SHE WAS IN A DREAM AS HER WORLD SHATTERED PIECE BY PIECE. SHE WAS NO LONGER THE YOUNG SHAFARI, BUT THE LAST OF HER FAMILY, NEXT ALONG OF KRAZ.

KRRRA!!!
FASTER! MOVE FASTER,
YOU LAZY CHUNK OF
PURPLE FU!

TUDUM!

TUDUM!

TUDUM!

LYNDRA KNEW THAT BLACK AND OTHER LOYALISTS CAN MAINTAIN THE ORDER FOR SOME TIME. SHE ALSO KNEW THAT WITHOUT AN ALUMI, A LIVING SYMBOL OF THE MOUNTAIN'S BLESSING, KRAZ WILL INEVITABLY FALL INTO CHAOS IN MATTER OF DAYS. THEN EVERY ARMED WILL COME TO FEAST ON REMAINS OF THE FREE CITY.

...THEREFORE LYNDRA HAD TO MOVE FAST AND CLAM THE THROAT! BEFORE ANY RUMORS-SPEEDED AROUND KRAZIAN CITIZENS AND ALERT THE ENEMIES OF HER IDEAL.



KERRI! KERRI!
GOOD KHASHA! SHOW
YOUR FIRE, MY GIRL!



LEADERS!
WAIT!

MY MOTHER AND
SISTER ARE DEAD, HAAID!
I HAVE TO GET
TO KERR!

LEADERS!
YOU CAN NOT ABANDON
YOUR PROTECTION! AND
LEAVE YOUR LIFE
TO A GAMBLE!

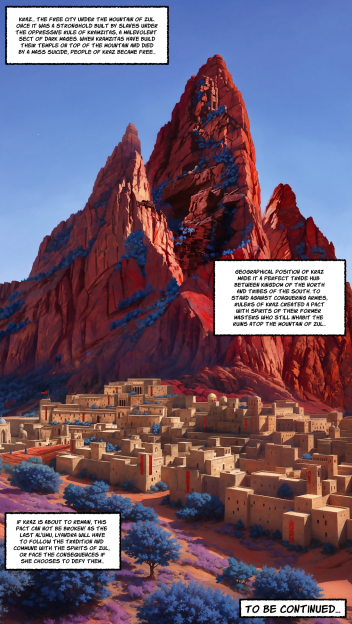
TUDUM!

TUDUM!

TUDUM!



SO, RIDE WITH ME,
MY LOVE! I CAN SEE OUR CITY
ON THE HORIZON!



KKAZZ, THE FREE CITY UNDER THE MOUNTAIN OF ZUL, ONCE IT WAS A STRONGHOLD BUILT BY SLAVES UNDER THE OPPRESSIVE RULE OF KKKAZITAS, A MILLENNIUM AGO. WHEN KKKAZITAS HAD BUILT THEIR TEMPLE ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AND DIED BY A MASS SUICIDE, PEOPLE OF KKAZZ BECAME FREE.

GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION OF KKAZZ MADE IT A PERFECT TRADE HUB BETWEEN KINGDOM OF THE NORTH AND TRIBES OF THE SOUTH. TO STAY ALIVE AMONG COMING ARMIES, RULERS OF KKAZZ CREATED A PACT WITH SPIRITS OF THEIR FORMER MASTERS WHO STILL ABAND THE ROINS ATOP THE MOUNTAIN OF ZUL.

IF KKAZZ IS ABOUT TO FALL, THIS PACT CAN NOT BE BROKEN AS THE LAST ALUM, LYNDON WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW THE TRADITION AND COMBINE WITH THE SPIRITS OF ZUL, OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES IF SHE CHOOSES TO DEFY THEM.

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT CHAPTER:
FRIEND OR FOE?

