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NOVEMBER 14, 5:40AM GMT.

WELCOME  
TO KNIGHT'S  
SPUR...

A green gargoyle with a blue suit and a white shirt is flying through the air, pointing towards a large, illuminated building in the distance. The building is surrounded by a dense forest of evergreen trees. The sky is dark blue with stars and a few birds flying. The gargoyle has a determined expression.

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## CLAN-BUILDING

NOVEMBER 15, 12:05AM GMT.



BRAVE  
WORDS FOR  
A METAL  
GHOST!

BRING  
IT ON, YOU  
OLD HORNED  
GOAT!

## CHAPTER EIGHT: ROCK & ROLL

NOVEMBER 4, 5:35AM EST.

FLIGHT 994,  
NOW BOARDING  
ALL ROWS...


CAN  
YOU BELIEVE  
IT? I'M GOIN'  
TO JAPAN!

NOVEMBER 15, 10:02AM GMT.


GET THE  
BOMB UNIT!  
NOW!!




NOVEMBER 8, 5:34AM EST.



THE STORY  
IS TOLD-- THOUGH  
WHO CAN SAY IF IT  
BE TRUE--



"-- OF MOSES, WHO LED THE  
HEBREWS OUT OF EGYPT AND  
INTO THE DESERT..."



".. BRINGING FORTH WATER  
FROM JACOB'S PILLOW TO  
QUENCH THEIR--"

YOU SAID  
MOSES GAVE THE  
STONE TO GATHELUS  
AND SCOTA--

--BEFORE  
LEADING THE  
HEBREWS OUT  
OF EGYPT!



THE  
STORY IS  
TOLD...

THOUGH WHO  
CAN SAY IF IT  
BE TRUE?

RIGHT.  
CONTINUE.

"THE HEBREWS PASSED THE  
STONE DOWN THE CENTURIES..."

".. UNTIL THE PROPHET JEREMIAH  
OFFERED IT IN DOWRY..."

".. TO KING EOCHAD OF IRELAND WHEN HE  
WED TAMAR TEA TEPHI, PRINCESS OF JUDAH..."

".. EOCHAD ENSCONCED THE STONE  
AT TARA AND DUBBED IT LIA FÁIL."

NOVEMBER 13, 11:51PM GMT.

BY  
THE BLADE OF  
EXCALIBUR--

--WHAT ARE  
YOU UP TO NOW,  
MACBETH?

WESTMINSTER  
UNDERGROUND

KING  
ARTHUR?!

I'M HERE  
TO PROTECT  
THE STONE OF  
DESTINY!

SEPTEMBER 29, 1040.

AND AS  
HIGH KING, I,  
MACBETH MAC  
FINDLAECH, SWEAR  
BY THE STONE  
OF DESTINY--

--TO  
PROTECT  
SCOTLAND AND  
TO SERVE HER  
PEOPLE ALL  
MY DAYS...

SEPTEMBER 29, 500.

AND AS HIGH  
KING, I, ARTHUR  
PENDRAGON, SWEAR  
BY THE STONE  
OF DESTINY--

--TO  
PROTECT  
BRITAIN AND  
TO SERVE HER  
PEOPLE ALL  
MY DAYS...

NOVEMBER 13, 11:53PM GMT.

THEN OUR  
TWO QUESTS  
ARE ONE AND  
THE SAME!

AVE...

THE  
GARGOYLES!!

THEY'LL BE  
AT EACH OTHERS'  
THROATS!!

NOVEMBER 13, 11:52PM GMT.

HUDSON!  
LEXINGTON!  
BLOODY LOVELY  
TO SEE YOU  
AGAIN!

YOU TOO,  
GRIFF!

AYE, LAD.  
THE BADDUNS'LL  
HAVE NO CHANCE  
AT THAT STONE  
NOW!

NOVEMBER 12, 10:00PM GMT.



NOVEMBER 14, 5:28AM GMT.

IT'LL SOON BE DAWN...

.. YOU AND HUDSON GO WITH GRIFF

ARTHUR AND I WILL STAND VIGIL THROUGH THE DAY.

NOVEMBER 14, 7:48AM GMT.

--MORTALLY WOUNDED IN 542. SO THEY SHIPPED ME OFF TO SOME MAGIC HILL..

.. AND PUT ME TO SLEEP FOR A THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE YEARS.

SOUNDS LOVELY.

AND YOU?

DEAL WITH A DEMON IN 1040. OFFICIALLY DIED IN 1057...

.. BEEN SLEEP-WALKING FOR NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE YEARS.

ACH, I TRY NOT TO DWELL THESE DAYS...

...  
GUESS I GOT THE BETTER BARGAIN.

.. SO HERE'S TO THE IMMORTALS--

"--THERE AREN'T  
MANY LIKE US..."

NOVEMBER 9, 5:36AM EST.

THE STORY  
IS TOLD-- THOUGH  
WHO CAN SAY IF IT  
BE TRUE--

"--OF CU CHULLAIN, THE  
HERO OF ULSTER..."

".. WHO CHAMPIONED LUGAID  
RED-STRIPE FOR KING..."


".. BUT WHEN THE LIA FAIL WOULD  
NOT CRY TO CONFIRM LUGAID..."

".. CU CHULLAIN WAS ENRAGED, STRIKING  
WITH GAE BOLGA, THE SPEAR OF LIGHT..."

".. AND SPLITTING THE STONE  
OF DESTINY FOREVER!"



NOVEMBER 14, 9 33AM GMT



ARE WE HEADED TO SOHO? GOLIATH SAID YOU HAVE A STORE THERE...

WE DO. BUT I THOUGHT I'D TAKE YOU HOME INSTEAD... TO OUR CLAN--




TO KNIGHT'S SPUR!

YOU KNOW, GRIFF, I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE BEEN PROPERLY INTRODUCED TO YOUR YANK FRIENDS...



<HMPH> WATCH WHO YOU'RE CALLIN' A YANK, LASS...



WHERE ARE MY MANNERS? HUDSON, LEXINGTON...



... THIS IS CONSTANCE.

MY FRIENDS CALL ME COCO.



NOVEMBER 15, 12:06AM GMT





THAT'S  
A XAMATOS  
'BOT!



IF  
YOU SAY  
SO.

HE MUST  
BE AFTER THE  
STONE!

WANTS  
IT FOR HIS  
COLLECTION,  
I IMAGINE...



.. BUT I  
DON'T SEE  
HIM UP  
THERE.

THE  
AUTOMATONS  
MAY BE A MERE  
DIVERSION.

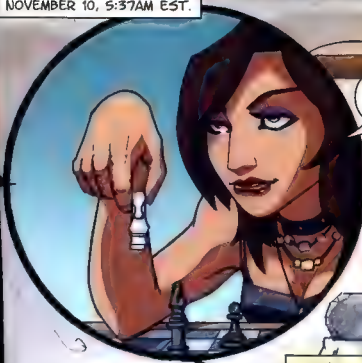


BEST  
STAY ON THE  
ALERT...

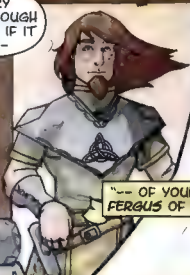


.. PENDRAGON...?

NOVEMBER 10, 5:37AM EST.



THE STORY  
IS TOLD-- THOUGH  
WHO CAN SAY IF IT  
BE TRUE--



"... OF YOUNG PRINCE  
FERGUS OF IRELAND..."

"... WHO CARRIED HALF CU CHULLAIN'S HANDIWORK TO  
ARGYLL IN WHAT MEN NOW CALL SCOTLAND..."

".. TO FOUND A KINGDOM  
CALLED DALRIADA..."



".. THOUGH A CASTLE CALLED  
CARBONEK FOUND HIM INSTEAD..."

".. BRINGING THE PRIEST-KING PELLE  
AND THE ARCHMAGE MERLIN..."



".. AND THEIR REQUEST--"

"... TO BORROW THE STONE OF DESTINY  
FOR A PURPOSE OF THEIR OWN..."

"... A PURPOSE FULFILLED IN LONDONTOWN..."

"... BY A SWORD CLEP'D EXCALIBUR..."

"... IN A STONE CLEP'D LA FAIL..."

"... DRAWN FORTH BY A BOY CLEP'D ARTHUR..."



LEX, GRIFF, CONSTANCE AND STAGHART SENT YOU HOME TO REST THEN...

AYE, HUDSON. WE'LL CATCH A FEW HOURS SLEEP THEN HEAD BACK OUT. BUT YOU...?

I HAD SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE PENDRAGON...

WEREN'T YOU ON A QUEST... TO FIND YOUR WIZARD?

INDEED AND SIR GRIFF AND I SEARCHED FOR MERLIN... IN ALL THE OBVIOUS PLACES...

.. BUT TO NO GAIN. SO I'VE BEEN "DOING RESEARCH"...

.. ON MERLIN... AND ON MYSELF

SO MANY BOOKS... ARE ANY OF THEM TRUE?

ALL THINGS ARE TRUE...

.. FEW THINGS ARE ACCURATE.

AYE. NO BLOODY KIDDING.



NOVEMBER 14, 6 32PM GMT

SO  
HOW BIG  
IS YOUR  
CLAN?

ONE  
HUNDRED NINETY-  
SIX GARGOYLES,  
RANGING IN AGE  
FROM OLD  
POG--

NOVEMBER 14, 7:20AM GMT

NOVEMBER 14, 6 34PM GMT

--TO LITTLE  
LUNETTE AND  
HER ROOKERY  
SIBS.

AND  
ARE THERE  
EGGS?

TWENTY-  
FIVE.

SO  
FEW..



WE DON'T DARE OUTGROW KNIGHT'S SPUR, SO TO KEEP OUR NUMBERS MANAGEABLE...

.. MATED COUPLES ARE ALLOWED ONLY TWO EGGS ACROSS THEIR LIFESPANS INSTEAD OF THREE.



HOW EXACTLY---

ENFORCED ISOLATION DURING THE FEMALE'S FINAL HEAT.

YIKES.

TELL ME ABOUT IT.



AND ARE YOU TWO MATES?

HA HA HA HA!

US?!!  
GOD, NO!!



DON'T GET ME WRONG, COCO'S MY BEST MATE.

BUT "MATES"? PLEASE.



OKAY, NEW TOPIC... I DIDN'T SEE ANY BEASTS...



BECAUSE WE HAVE NONE.

THE STORY  
IS TOLD-- THOUGH  
WHO CAN SAY IF IT  
BE TRUE--

"--OF  
SAINT COLUMBA,  
HE WHO TAMED  
THE MONSTER OF  
LOCH NESS..."

".. BEFORE RETURNING TO  
THE ISLAND OF IONA..."

".. WHERE MERLIN AND PELLAS HAD BROUGHT THE  
STONE ONCE IT HAD SERVED THEIR PURPOSES..."

".. AND WHERE COLUMBA LAID DOWN  
HIS HEAD UPON JACOB'S PILLOW..."

".. AND BREATHED HIS LAST."

NOVEMBER 15, 12:00AM GMT

ANY  
SIGNS OF  
LIFE?

NAH. QUIET,  
BORDERING ON  
DULL.

I  
BELIEVE WE  
CAN RECTIFY  
THAT...

AND STILL  
DISPLAY NO  
SIGNS OF  
LIFE.

TAKE TO  
THE SKY, LADS  
AND LASSIE!

COLDSTEEL  
IS MINE!!

WELL, WELL, LOOK  
WHO'S BITING OFF  
MORE THAN OLD  
GUMS CAN CHEW?

NOVEMBER 15, 12:08AM GMT

I AM PROGRAMMED TO TERMINATE ONLY IF NECESSARY...

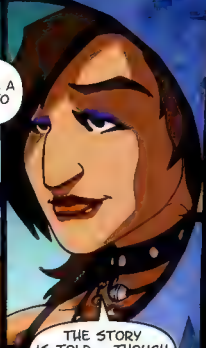
... ABANDON THIS AIRSPACE, AND YOU WILL NOT BE HARMED

DREAM ON, YOU ELECTRIC SHEEP!

WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE 'TIL WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT XANATOS AND FOX ARE UP TO!

NOVEMBER 7, 2:41PM GMT

LOVELY. WRAP THEM UP, PLEASE.



"--OF KENNETH MACALPIN,  
SCION OF FERGUS..."

".. WHO UNITED THE  
KINDOMS OF SCOTLAND..."

".. AND WAS CROWNED HIGH KING  
UPON THE STONE AT SCONE..."

".. AS WOULD ALL THE HEIRS OF SCOTA--  
FOR THE NEXT FOUR HUNDRED YEARS."





PITY...



ZAK  
ZAK

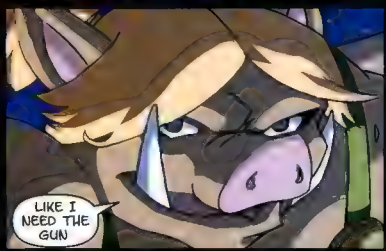


DELIMBIFICATION!!  
I LIKE IT!




RIGHT-O!

WE'LL GET MACBETH  
TO ISSUE THESE BEAUTIES  
TO THE ENTIRE CLAN!

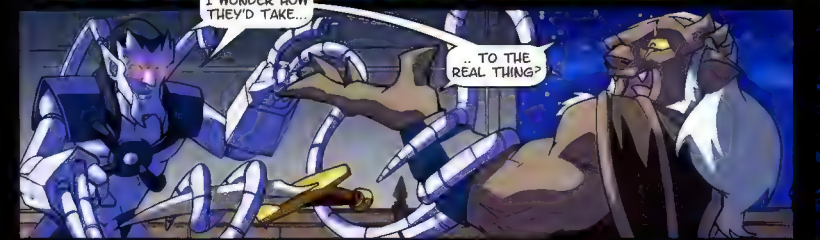


LIKE I NEED THE  
GUN






YOUR HATCHLINGS  
SEEM TO THINK THEY  
INVENTED THE JOYS OF  
DISMEMBERMENT--



--BUT  
I WONDER HOW  
THEY'D TAKE...



... TO THE  
REAL THING?



YOU NEVER DID  
LEARN TO RESPECT  
YOUR ELDERS...



... DID YOU,  
BROTHER?

ANYONE  
ORDER UP THE  
KITCHEN SINK?

TO BE CONTINUED...

# Etched In Stone...

Business first as always:

- Preparations are underway for our Twelfth Annual Convention: The Gathering of the Gargoyles, June 27-30, 2008 in Chicago, Illinois. Guests include myself, Thom Adcox (voice of Lexington) and Keith David (voice of Goliath), who will also be performing his nightclub act. And let me tell you something: Keith can sing! Tickets are available now. Check out [www.gatheringofthegargoyles.com](http://www.gatheringofthegargoyles.com).

- Stop by Ask Greg ([www.s8.org/gargoyles/askgreg](http://www.s8.org/gargoyles/askgreg)), where I answer questions about *Gargoyles* and about the industry, including my current gig as Supervising Producer of the new animated series *The Spectacular Spider-Man*, premiering in 2008. You can post comments and questions about the *Gargoyles* comic book there as well — and maybe see them reprinted right here at Etched in Stone!

- *Gargoyles, Season One* and *Gargoyles, Season Two, Volume One* are both currently available on DVD. Due to so-so sales, Buena Vista Home Entertainment (i.e. Disney) has not yet scheduled *Season Two, Volume Two*. (There are links to purchase both DVD sets from Amazon at ASK GREG, and note: I don't make a cent off 'em.) Whether you've bought them yet or not, please help us SPREAD THE WORD!

- By now, we hope you've picked up our first trade paperback — *Clan-Building, Volume One* — collecting issues #1-6 of our saga, with a new foreword by *ElfQuest* creator Wendy Pini. For further updates, alerts and alarms, check out Ask Greg or [www.slgcomic.com](http://www.slgcomic.com).

Now, a few comments on issue #7 ("Clan-Building, Chapter Seven: The Rock"). [Note: I've edited for space and done some minor proofing.]

Phil writes...

...When I first read the story, I didn't get the point of not telling it chronologically. I enjoyed the issue and thought it might be the best one yet, but the structure was distracting and kept me from fully getting into it. However, having faith in your skills, I analyzed the issue and have come to the conclusion that you're a creative genius. Basically, the story is told in order, not chronologically, but logically, revealing to the readers what they need to know as they need to know it, and not before...

The first few pages serve two purposes: 1) to warn us right up front about the structure of the story, and 2) to hook us like a barbed fishing hook. By the end of page two we can't put the book down even if we wanted to. But by the end of page three, I was starting to wonder how this all fits together. What does Jacob's stone have to do with anything? Macbeth answers on the next page. "It's called the Stone of Destiny."

Page four begins the meat of the story. Macbeth asks the gargoyles to help protect the Stone. There's a one-panel flashback to illustrate his connection to the Stone. There's a break in the story for travel time, so page seven introduces the villain of the story, Xanatos is aware of what's going on, but he's unconcerned. We see that he's in London with his family. And speaking of family...

Gathelus and Scotia are introduced and the back-story of the Stone progresses. By the end of the page, Scotia is obviously pregnant. And speaking of pregnant...

Page nine advances some (not just one, but several) subplots from previous stories. Dr. Sato's presence emphasizes that the mutants are creatures of biology, and not magic. And speaking of biology...

The main story continues. We're reminded that gargoyles are biological creatures; they suffer from jetlag. Macbeth says there are ten

days until the Stone is moved, which prompts a flashback to Gathelus and Scotia moving the Stone. Then ten days later, Hudson and Lex are on the job. By this time we're wondering, where are the others? Page thirteen gives us an answer while advancing another subplot and setting up future Clan-Building.

Back to the main story again on page fourteen. Although everything looks secure, Macbeth's not so confident, and we see another one-panel flashback to illustrate why and to reinforce his connection to the Stone. There's another break in the action of the main story, so it's a good time for Shari to take up another page and provide more back-story. But after that we're back to London. Hudson asks, "Who exactly are we expecting?" And the answer is given. The villain part of the story is filled in with Xanatos, Coyote, and Coldsteel. At this point, some newbies might ask, who is this "Coldsteel"? Shari is right there to answer on the next page and at the same time set up some more future Clan-Building. "It's really a timeless love story..."

Which leads right into Goliath and Elisa. They've got a beautiful scene, and since Elisa doesn't vocalize everything that's in her heart we're treated to a flashback of a happily expectant couple to say what she left unsaid. He and Elisa give in to true love, but... Sometimes true love ends in tragedy. Gathelus dies, and Scotia's life crumbles. Her sons carry on.

That almost wraps up the story. The only thing left is to return to Macbeth and the main plot to set up the cliffhanger that will bring us all back in two months. Make that "cliffhangers, plural," since Macbeth and Arthur would have been cliffhanger enough. But you double the suspense by bringing in the London Clan, too. Plus there are the teases back on page two that leave us anticipating more.

The non-linear structure is fascinating to me. Although everything seems to jump around randomly, each panel and page logically connects to the ones around it in thought or theme, if not chronology. That's not to say I'd want every issue to be like this; it takes a lot of thought and study to understand it all. But as an experimental or occasional format, there's a lot to like...

Greg responds...

That's not to say I'd want every issue to be like this; it takes a lot of thought and study to WRITE it all. Anyway, I love your analysis, because among other things... YOU GOT IT! All that thought, study, time, hair pulling and packages of index cards feel worth it now.

Next issue: Xanatos makes his final play for the Rock — in broad daylight when the gargoyles sleep as stone! But will the Illuminati be pleased with the end result? And what's this obsession over Fox's new shoes? Get the final pieces of our temporal puzzle in "CLAN-BUILDING, Chapter 9: Rock Of Ages."

AND... In GARGOYLES: BAD GUYS #2, the Japanese gargoyle Yama is banished from Clan Ishimura until such time as his lost honor can be restored. Truly alone for the first time in his long life, he becomes a target of the Hunter, a human who has spent her life training to destroy the gargoyle race. So when Hunter and her new teammates, Dingo & Matrix, catch up to him, Yama is offered no mercy — and a job! It's "Redemption, Chapter 2: The Lost."

Sleep well,

Greg Weisman  
February 2008

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