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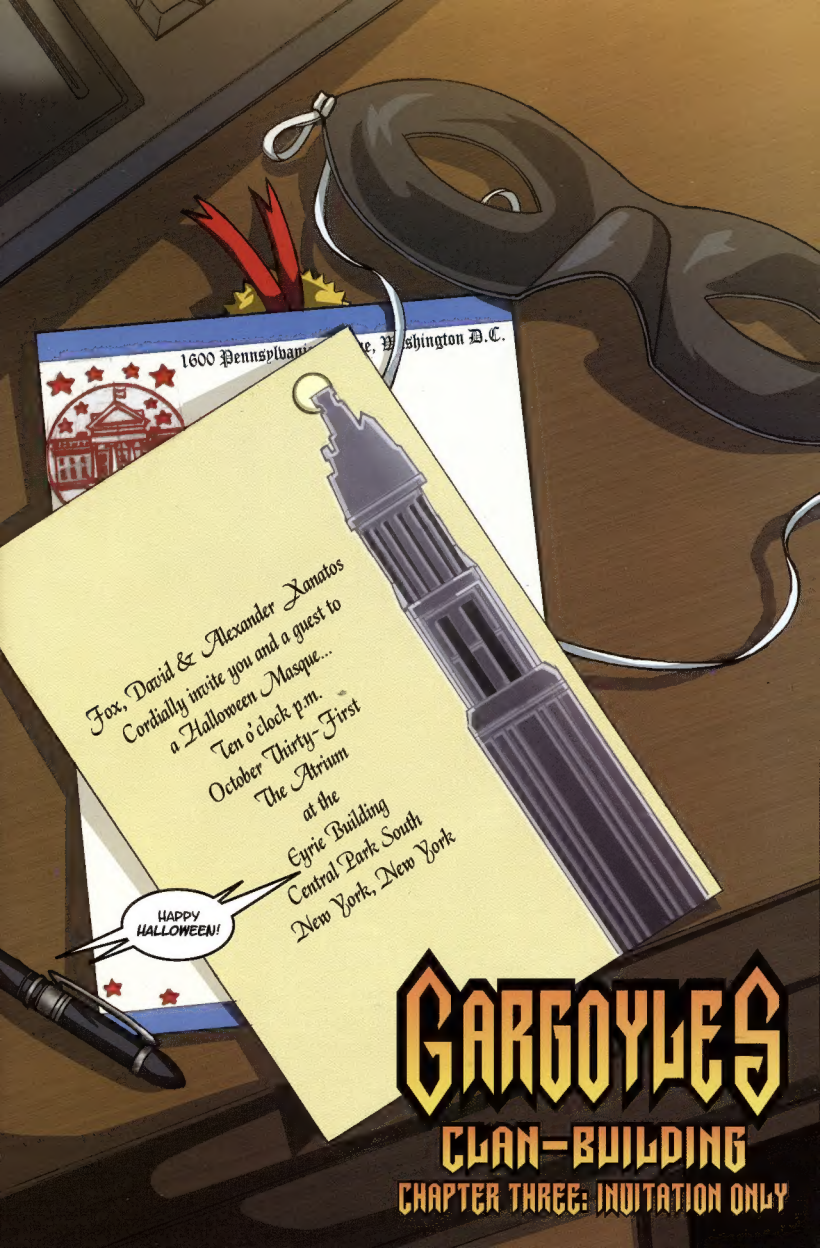
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Fox, David & Alexander Xanatos
Cordially invite you and a guest to
a Halloween Masque...
Ten o'clock p.m.
October Thirty-First
The Atrium
at the
Eyre Building
Central Park South
New York, New York

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

GARGOYLES

CLAN-BUILDING

CHAPTER THREE: INVITATION ONLY



TODAY'S
POINTLESS POLL
TELLS US NEW YORK'S MOST
POPULAR COSTUME
IS...



A GARGOYLE!



SO DON'T
PANIC!!
SURE,
MANHATTAN MAY BE
INFESTED WITH REAL
MONSTERS--



--BUT IT'S NOT
LIKE THE BEASTIES
CAN TALK, RIGHT?

DOGGIE!



SO IF
THE CREATURE
KNOCKING AT
YOUR
DOOR TONIGHT
ROARS "TRICK
OR TREAT"...

REPORT TO CJI FOR RDC

"... ODDS ARE YOU'RE SAFE!"

TRAVANTI

... THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE GARGOYLE TASKFORCE IS PUBLIC SAFETY.

IN MY BOOK, THAT MEANS PREVENTING PANIC--

--NOT CAUSING IT BY GOING ALL MEDIEVAL IN THE CITY.

NOW THE CHIEF AND THE MAYOR ARE STILL DUKING IT OUT OVER OUR BUDGET.

SO THIS GIG IS PART-TIME, EVEN FOR ME. NO UNAUTHORIZED OVERTIME.

WE'VE GOT SOME NEW FACES HERE, SO INTRODUCTIONS ARE IN ORDER...

I'M DETECTIVE SERGEANT MATT BLUESTONE. MY TASKFORCE. MY RULES.

AND MY PARTNER, DETECTIVE ELISA MAZA.

"DETECTIVE CEDRIC HARRIS..."

"DETECTIVE TRI CHUNG..."

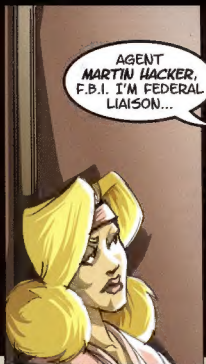
"OFFICER MORGAN MORGAN..."

"OFFICER PHIL TRAVANTI..."

"AND A.D.A MARGOT YALE--"

WELL, THIS IS... UNIMPRESSIONG. WHERE'S THE FEDERAL RESPONSE?

SOUNDS LIKE MY CUE...



AGENT
MARTIN HACKER,
F.B.I. I'M FEDERAL
LIAISON...



... SO BE
GENTLE.



... THAT'S
ALL FOR
NOW.

I'LL BRING
AGENT HACKER UP
TO SPEED.



UH, DETECTIVE...
I MEAN...
ELISA...

SAW
ON THE
DUTY LOG WE
BOTH HAVE
THE NIGHT
OFF...



AND I
WONDERED IF
YOU'D LIKE TO DO
SOMETHING...

YOU
KNOW... A
DATE...



MORGAN...
I'M... FLATTERED,
BUT...

... I'M KINDA
INVOLVED WITH
SOMEONE. HAVE BEEN
FOR A COUPLE
YEARS.



"KINDA
INVOLVED"? FOR
TWO YEARS? I... I
DIDN'T KNOW.

I MEAN
YOU NEVER
BROUGHT HIM
TO THE PRECINCT
PICNIC OR, WELL,
ANYTHING...



... GUESS
YOU'VE GOT YOUR
REASONS...



LISTEN, HACKER--

AH, AH, AH, MATT. WE'RE ALONE NOW.

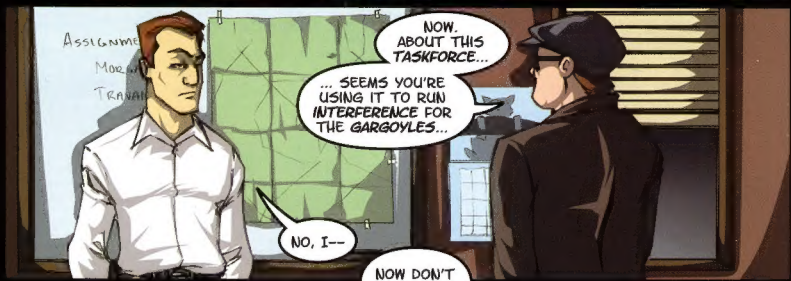
FORMALITIES MUST BE OBSERVED.



THIRTY-SIX.



THIRTY-TWO.



NOW. ABOUT THIS TASKFORCE...

... SEEMS YOU'RE USING IT TO RUN INTERFERENCE FOR THE GARGOYLES...

NO, I--

NOW DON'T BE COY. WE APPROVE.



THE WORLD'S NOT READY FOR AN INTER-SPECIES CONFRONTATION.

"WE" APPROVE? YOU MEAN THE BUREAU?



PLEASE, MATT...

I JUST SAID DON'T BE COY.

MANHATTAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

I KEEP TELLING YOU NOT TO COME BACK HERE.

... FRATERNIZING WITH AN ACCUSED FELON CAN'T BE DOING YOUR CAREER ANY GOOD...

... AND YOUR MYSTERIOUS BOYFRIEND CAN'T BE TOO HAPPY EITHER.

HOW CAN HE FEEL THREATENED BY A CRIPPLE?

HE UNDERSTANDS.

COURSE HE DOES.

JASON, DON'T TALK THAT WAY!

YOUR... SITUATION... THE PARALYSIS. IT'S NEW.

YOU NEED TO GIVE YOURSELF TIME.

YOU CAN'T SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS, ELISA...

AND YOU NEED TO BE WITH A MAN WHO CAN GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER WANTED!

"... PROMISE ME THAT!"

AARRRAHHHHHH



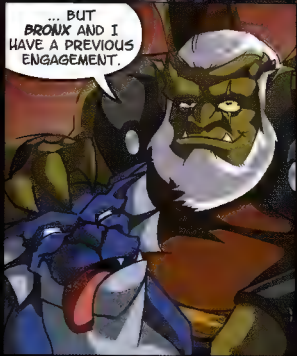




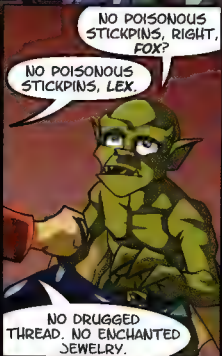
CUSTOM-MADE TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS...

AND IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLACE AN ORDER, HUDSON...

THANK YE, LASS...



... BUT BRONX AND I HAVE A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT.



NO POISONOUS STICKPINS, RIGHT, FOX?

NO POISONOUS STICKPINS, LEX.

NO DRUGGED THREAD. NO ENCHANTED JEWELRY.



YOU'RE SAFE. YOU HAVE MY WORD.

YES, BUT WHY ARE WE SAFE?

WHY ALLOW STRANGERS INTO OUR HOME WHEN THE CITY IS UP IN ARMS AGAINST US?

BECAUSE IT'S HALLOWEEN...



EVERYONE'LL THINK WE'RE IN GARGOYLE COSTUMES.

AND THAT'S A GOOD THING?



MR. XANIATOS... YOU HAVE A VISITOR.



ELISA...



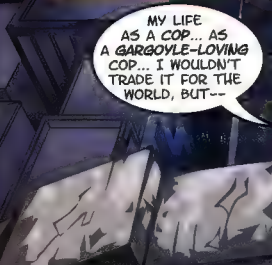
... I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION--

BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU.



BUT OUR FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER--

ARE NOT ENOUGH.



MY LIFE AS A COP... AS A GARGOYLE-LOVING COP... I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR THE WORLD, BUT--



--I WANT... I NEED... BALANCE... NORMALCY.

NOT NOW. MAYBE NOT EVEN SOON. BUT SOMEDAY--



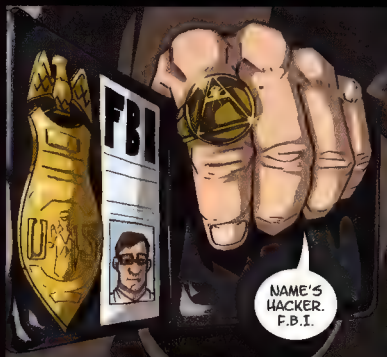
--I WANT A HOUSE. A YARD. PICNICS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS...

GOLIATH, I WANT CHILDREN...

I WANT THINGS I CAN'T HAVE WITH YOU.



"SO WHAT HAVE WE HERE?"



NAME'S
HACKER.
F.B.I.



THIRTY-
SIX.



THIRTY-
TWO.



HOW CAN
I BE OF HELP,
AGENT HACKER?
I'M A BUSY
MAN.

AH,
YES, THE
PARTY...



... INTRODUCING
POLITE SOCIETY TO
YOUR NEW "HOUSE-
GUESTS" ---



IT'S
MERELY PHASE
ONE.

AND IT'S
BRILLIANT...

... BUT IT'S A
SHAME YOU WON'T BE
ABLE TO ATTEND.





TRY TO UNDERSTAND...



I DO UNDERSTAND.

YOU DO NOT WANT A MATE. YOU WANT A HUSBAND.



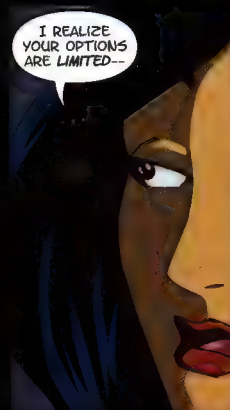
WE HAVE TO BREAK UP.

MOVE ON. SEE OTHER PEOPLE.



BREAK... UP...?

OTHER... PEOPLE?



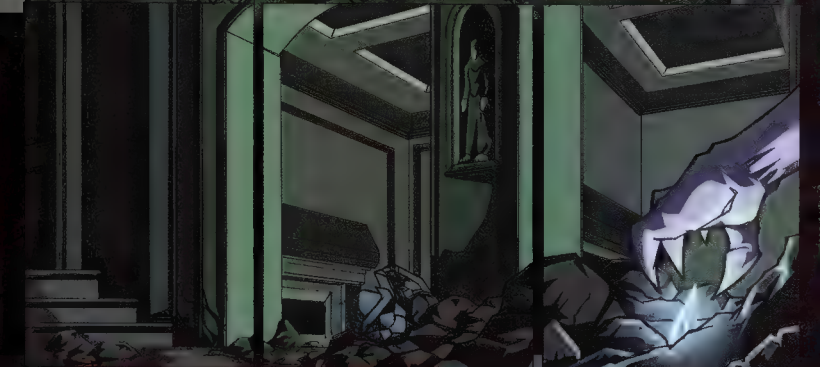
I REALIZE YOUR OPTIONS ARE LIMITED--

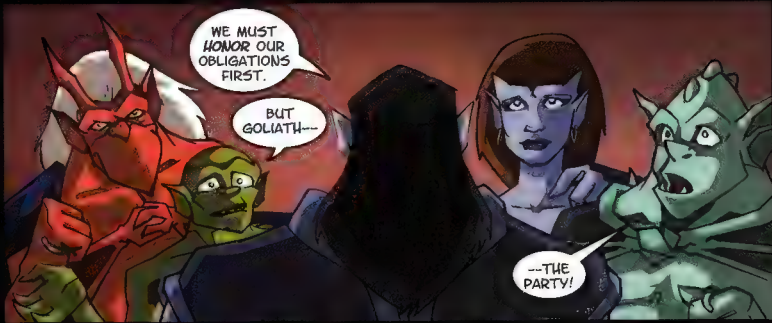


LIMITED?!



--BUT YOU KNOW WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT.





WE MUST HONOR OUR OBLIGATIONS FIRST.

BUT GOLIATH---

--THE PARTY!



YOU GUYS PRIMP.

ME AND GOLIATH'LL CHECK IN---

--AT THE LABRYNTH!

IT'S A SAFE HAVEN, KID...

... FOR ALL OF SOCIETY'S REJECTS.



AND WHEN I SAY ALL...





A NEW
FACE...

YEAH,
TALON, THIS
IS--



EEEE0000
EEEE0000
EEEE0000

AL...

I'M
ON IT BOSS-
CAT.



THOSE
CREATURES...
ARE THEY...
GARGOYLES?

EEEE0000
EEEE0000
EEEE0000



NOPE.



BUT
THESE GUYS
ARE.



WELCOME.

MAGGIE,
TALON, CLAW, I
TRUST ALL IS
WELL.



WELL ENOUGH...
BUT YOU'RE NOT HERE TO
CHECK ON US...

INDEED, I
SEEK THE LATEST
ADDITIONS TO YOUR
CLAN...

FIGURED.
OKAY--



--SEND
IN THE
CLONES!!



ALL RIGHT, AL...
SPILL!

IT'S A
LONGWINDY STORY,
KID.

I'M
PARTIAL TO LONG
STORIES.



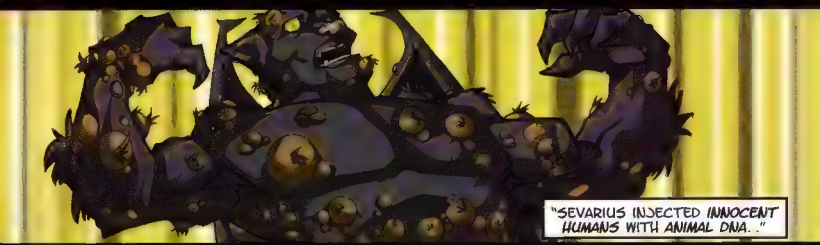
"WELL THIS ONE STARTS WITH SOME RICH DUDE,
WHO WANTED HIS OWN PERSONAL GARGOYLES..."

"BUT GOLIATH - THE BIG GUY OVER
THERE - WOULDN'T COOPERATE..."



"SO RICH DUDE HIRES HIS
OWN MAD SCIENTIST..."

"DR. ANTON SEVARIUS..."



"SEVARIUS INJECTED INNOCENT
HUMANS WITH ANIMAL DNA..."



"... AND CREATED THE MUTATES!"

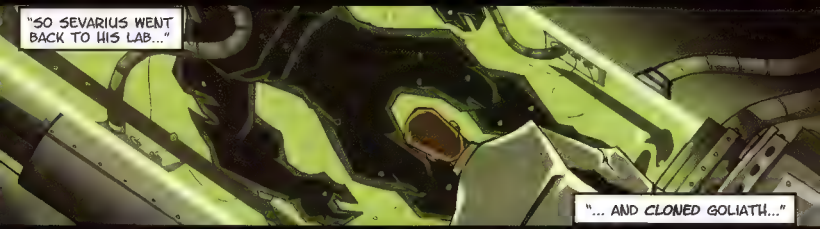
"CLAW, TALON, MAGGIE THE CAT,
AND... WELL, YOU GET THE IDEA..."

"BUT THE MUTATES DIDN'T GET WITH THE PROGRAM..."



"... THEY REBELLED AGAINST RICH DUDE AND OPENED THE LABYRINTH FOR THE REST OF US..."

"SO SEVARIUS WENT BACK TO HIS LAB..."



"... AND CLONED GOLIATH..."

"BUT THAT CLONE - THAILOG - WAS A TOTAL NIGHTMARE!"



"SO RICH DUDE FINALLY GAVE UP."

"ONLY IT WAS KINDA TOO LATE!"



"THAILOG AND SEVARIUS TEAMED UP WITH A BIG BAD NAMED DEMONA..."

AND THEY CREATED THEIR OWN CLONES...



MALIBU...

HOLLYWOOD...

BRENTWOOD...

... AND BURBANK.



I GUESS THAT BACKFIRED TOO?

WELL, THE BAD GUYS FOUGHT AMONG THEMSELVES...

... AND SORTA ABANDONED THE CLONES.



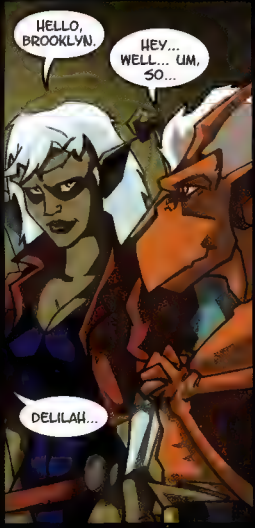
BUT TALON AND MAGGIE GOTTA THINK FOR STRAYS...

WHAT ABOUT THAT STRAY?



"DELILAH? SHE'S A REAL MUTT. HUMAN AND GARGOYLE DNA MIXED."

UH... HI...



HELLO, BROOKLYN.

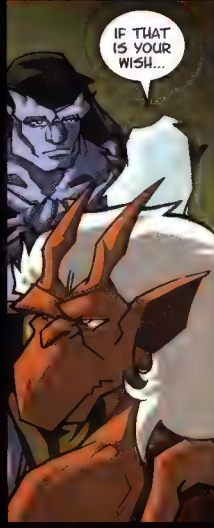
HEY... WELL... UM, SO...

DELILAH...




THERE IS AN... ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CASTLE TONIGHT...

I WOULD BE HONORED IF YOU WOULD ACCOMPANY ME.



IF THAT IS YOUR WISH...




I COULDN'T
CARE LESS WHAT
HE WISHES--




--TELL
CHAZ NO
HAMMERS! NOT
TONIGHT!

YES, WE DO
WANT A STRONG
PRESENCE ON THE
STREETS...



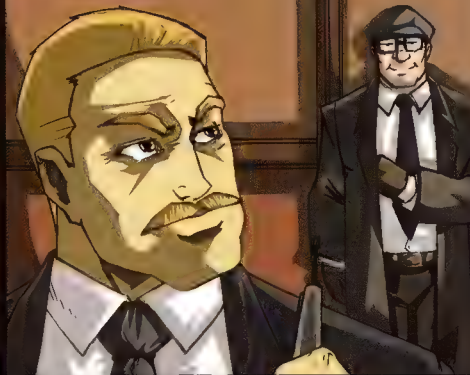
... BUT
THE LAST
THING WE NEED
IS A QUARRYMAN
BROUGHT UP ON
ASSAULT
CHARGES--

--FOR
CLOUTING A
TEENAGER IN A
GARGOYLE
MASK!

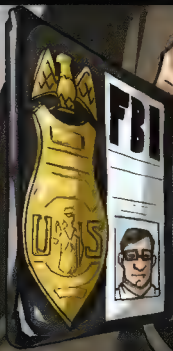


HOODS,
YES! HAMMERS,
NO!

EXCUSE
ME.



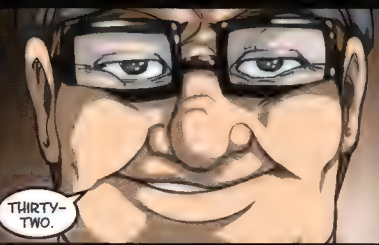
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?



THESE HELPED.



THIRTY-SIX.



THIRTY-TWO.

HERE TO CHECK ON YOUR INVESTMENT?



PERISH THE THOUGHT, MR. CASTAWAY...

THE ILLUMINATI HAS EVERY CONFIDENCE IN YOU.

IT'S WISE TO BE CAUTIOUS ON HALLOWEEN...

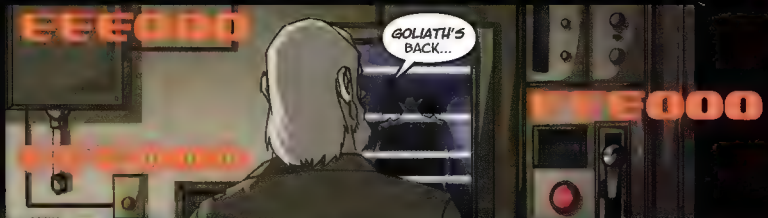


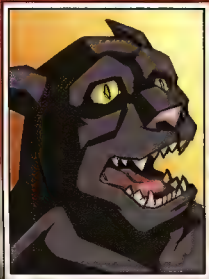
... NO ONE WANTS A TRAGIC ERROR TO TARNISH YOUR ORGANIZATION.

BUT IN THE END, WE ALL DESIRE THE SAME THING--

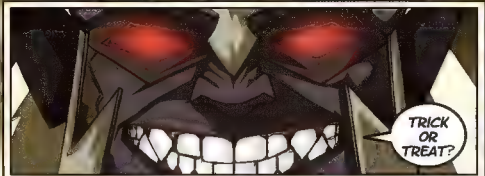


"--THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF THE GARGOYLES!"





THAILOG!!!



TRICK OR TREAT?

TO BE CONTINUED...

Etched In Stone...

You now hold the third issue of GARGOYLES — the start of the first completely original canon arc for the series since "Hunter's Moon" aired in 1996. [Hey, eleven years isn't that long to wait is it? Okay, okay, stop throwing things at my head! I use my brain for writing!] After a couple of introductory issues, "Clan-Building" really takes off here and now with all-new material. I think — I hope — it's been worth the wait! Business out of the way first...

- The Gathering of the Gargoyles, our annual convention, will be June 22-25, 2007 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Check out www.gatheringofthegargoyles.com and start planning for it now.

- Stop by Ask Greg (www.s8.org/gargoyles/askgreg), where I answer questions about Gargoyles and about the industry. You can post comments and questions about the comic book there as well.

- Gargoyles, Season One and Gargoyles, Season Two, Volume One are both currently available on DVD. 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!

- In an attempt to get back on a bi-monthly schedule, we've invited a few talented fill-in artists to take on the next few issues of the comic. Clan-Building #4: "Masque" is being penciled by guest artist Nir Paniry. Clan-Building #5: "Bash" is being penciled by fan favorite Karine Charlebois and colored by fan favorite Stephanie Lostimolo. Clan-Building #6: "Reunion" is being penciled by Gordon Purcell. Then Clan-Building #7: "The Rock" is being pencilled by regular penciler David Hedgecock and colored by our new regular colorist Dustin Evans. ALL COVERS are by Greg Guler with colors by Steph.

As I mentioned last issue, we were hoping to turn "Etched in Stone" into a letter's page. But garg-fans... we received NO LETTERS. (See the tears in my eyes?) So please, PLEASE, send your comments, questions and feedback to:

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Meanwhile, I'm going to grab some comments posted on Ask Greg about issue #1: "Nightwatch." [Note, I'm doing some minor proof-reading and editing for space. Hopefully, nothing that effects content.]

Slash Thrasher/ Dan W. writes...

...I only have one question. The story "Nightwatch" is supposed to pick up where the show left off. At the risk of revealing how out of the loop I am, where exactly is that point?

"Nightwatch" picks up where SEASON TWO left off, i.e. at the end

of "Hunter's Moon". We're not counting The Goliath Chronicles. Not even my episode, "The Journey," as the first two issues of the comic adapt that story.

E J writes...

In a word, the comic is phenomenal. I should point out that I was in the show's target demographic during its first run. I was skeptical about how it would work as a comic book, but that all melted away when I bought Gargoyles #1. It was pure joy.

First off, I think that translating "The Journey" as the first two issues works extremely well. ...I feel like we're finally seeing what's going on in your head, without the watchful eye of S&P censoring what we see. We all knew that something like the "monster-loving wh-" comment was missing in "The Journey." You can't really show racism unless you can show the bigotry that goes with it. And Elisa's response is very Elisa-esque.

...What looks good in comic form: the gargoyles escaping from the clock tower; Castaway blowing up his statue; sunsets. The recap spread on page 12-13 is gorgeous...

I might (and I stress MIGHT) go so far as to suggest after just one issue that the comic format serves Gargoyles better than animation. Of course, there are drawbacks. We lose the magnificent voice work of some of these actors... We lose the ability to show some of the character's aerial moves in action. But the advantages are huge. Storylines aren't constricted to 22 minutes, and S&P isn't compromising the story you're trying to tell. In fact, because it's completely common for a comic franchise to have more than one title in print at once, I feel series like TimeDancer and Gargoyles 2198 were made for this kind of thing...

I personally LOVE doing Gargoyles as a comic. I miss our talented voice cast too, but I hope that our series' voice work was so strong and distinctive, that if I do my job right, you can still HEAR the voices (and the music) in your head. That's my goal anyway. That and doing radio plays at the Gathering, (hopefully with some of the cast present). All of which will have to do until we can figure out a budget to affordably make audio comics. (Something I have looked into.)

Next issue: Now that you have your invitation, you must attend the hottest party of the season. Goliath, Elisa, Brooklyn, Lexington, Broadway, Angela, Brendan, Margot and THAILOG will all be there! Don't miss the "Masque"!

And coming soon, look for more exciting Gargoyles-related announcements at either CreatureComics.com or [SLG Publishing \(www.slgcomic.com\)](http://SLG Publishing (www.slgcomic.com)).

Sleep well,

Greg Weisman
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-Hebrew proverb

In Memory Of Our Dear Friend

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