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PREVIOUSLY...

ONE NIGHT, WHILE WORKING FOR HOFFCORP INDUSTRIES AS AN UNDERPAID SECURITY GUARD, CLAUDE ANDLEMAN STUMBLED ON THE THEFT OF A NEW AND CRAZY WEAPON! THE TRANSMOGRIFYER, ABLE TO CHANGE THINGS FROM SUMMIN INTO SUMMIN ELSE, VIA THE USE OF SCIENCE.

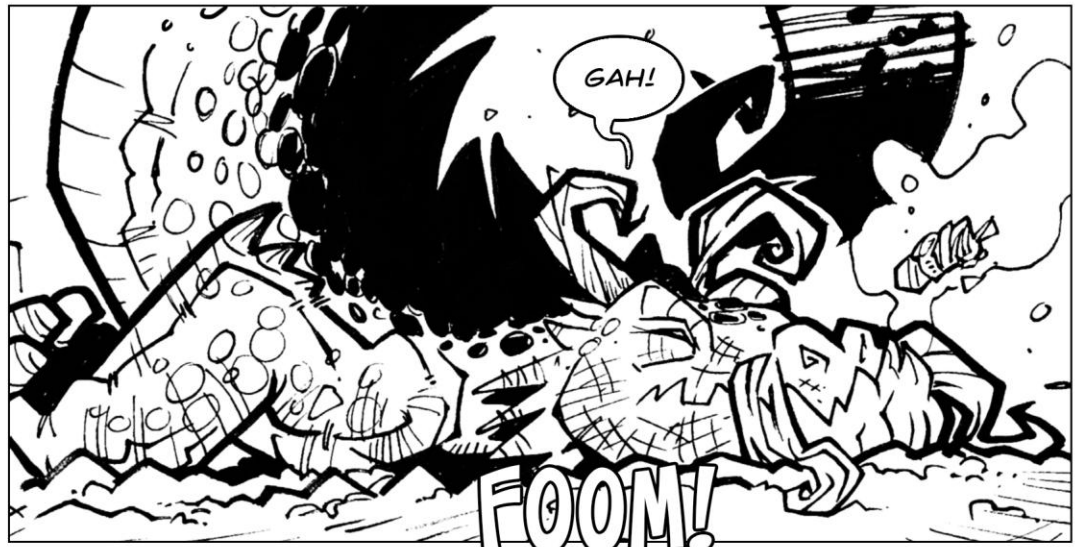
CLAUDE WAS TASKED WITH GETTING THIS SUPER SECRET SPACE AGE WEAPON THING BACK, BY HIS BOSS HOFFMAN!

CLAUDE ROPED IN HIS GIRL FRIEND WILHELMINA PRIZE AND TOGETHER THEY TRACKED IT TO THE CRUMBLING RUINS OF HOPE CITY ZOO, WHERE IT WAS BEING SOLD.

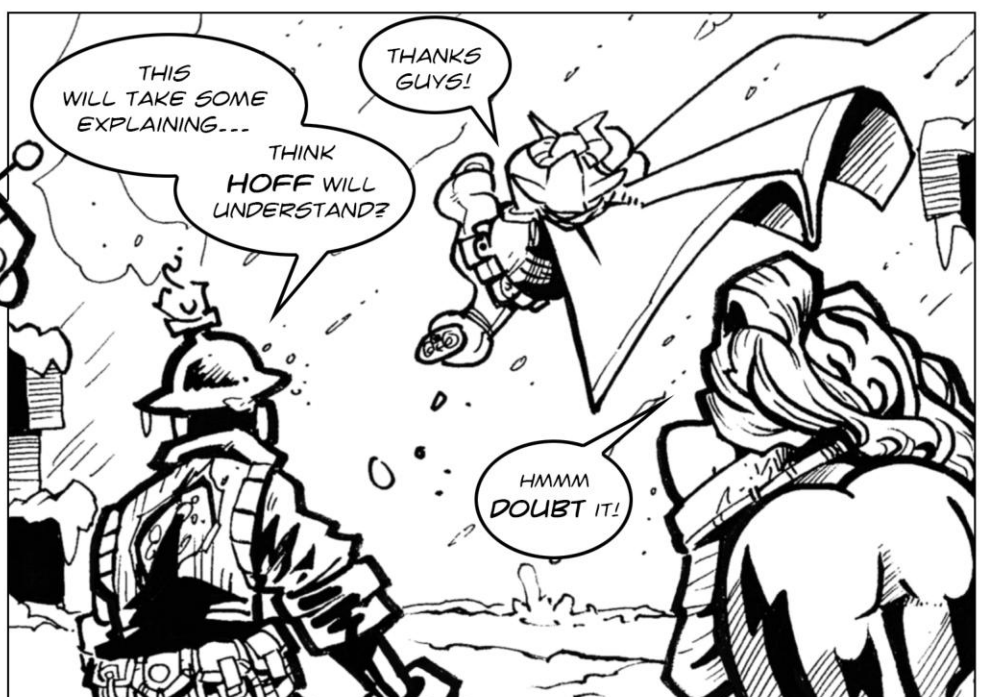
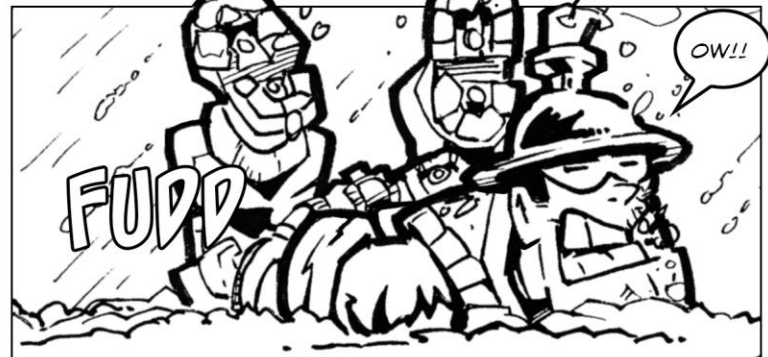
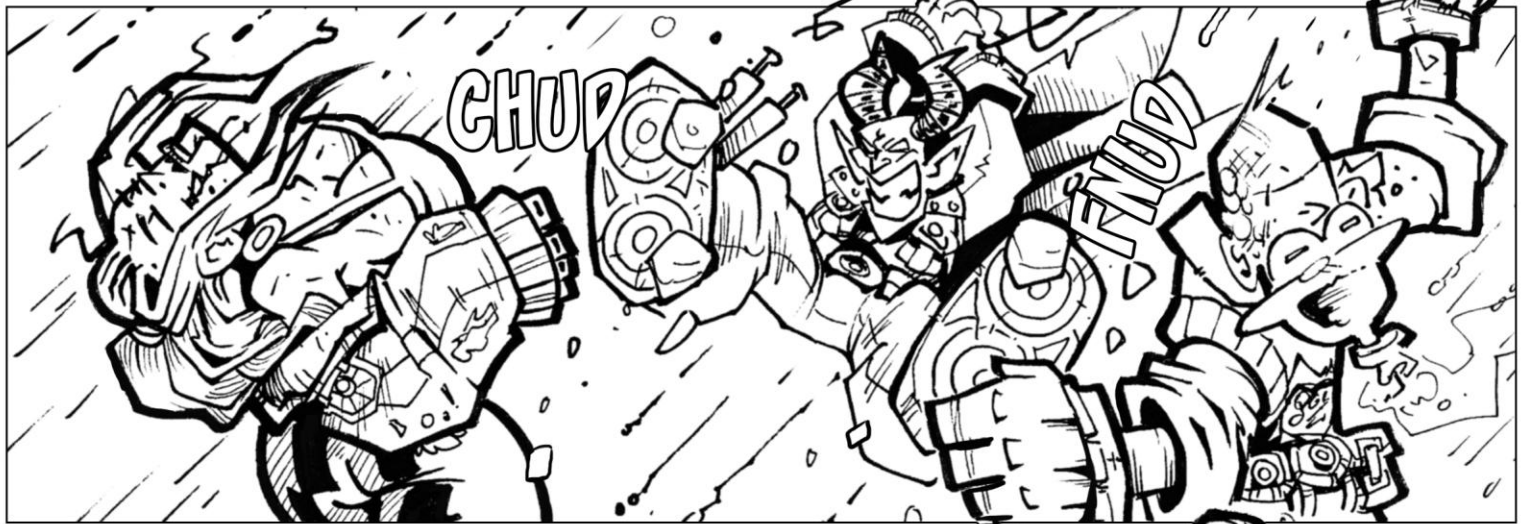
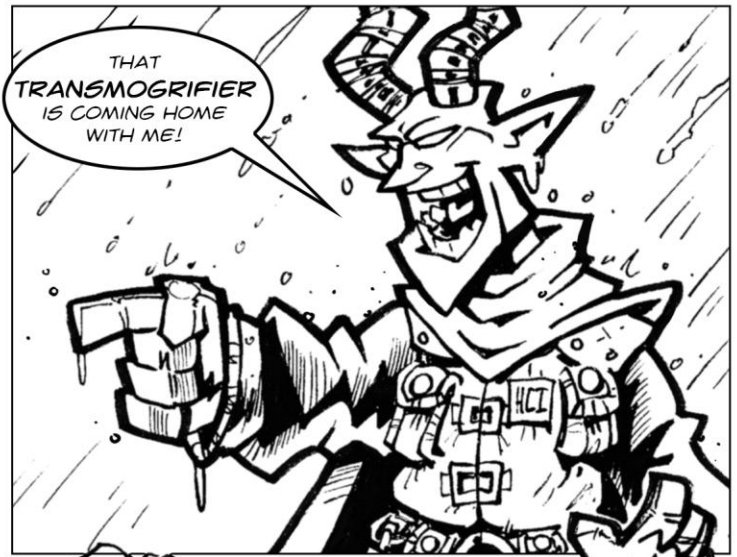
A FIGHT ENSUED AND CLAUDE WAS BADLY HURT! SO BADLY IN FACT THAT HE WENT TO VALHALLA, WHERE A BUNCH OF DEAD SUPER HEROES CONVINCED HIM HE WAS DESTINED TO BE A HERO TOO, CALLED CANDLEMAN!

AND THIS IS WHERE WE JOIN THE STORY, AS WILLI HUDDLES OVER THE COOLING BODY OF OUR HERO...











SO?

I GOT FIRED!

CRAP!

YUP!



HOFF'S USING ME AS A SCAPE GOAT FOR THE WHOLE THING

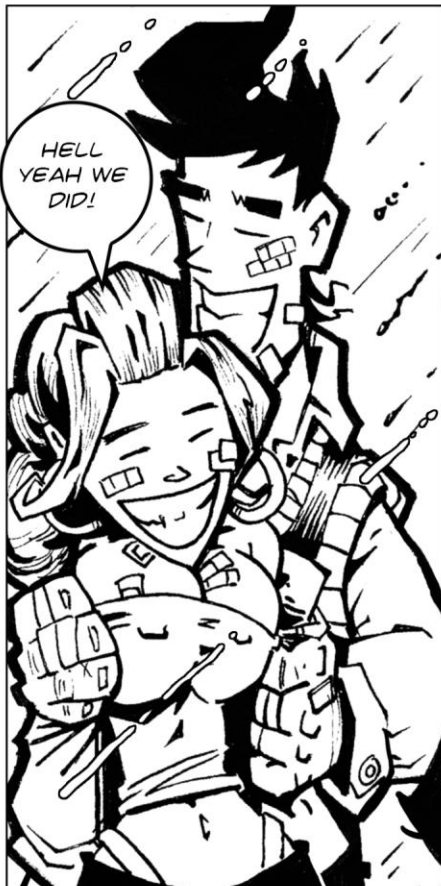


THAT'S STUPID! YOU WENT WAY BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY!

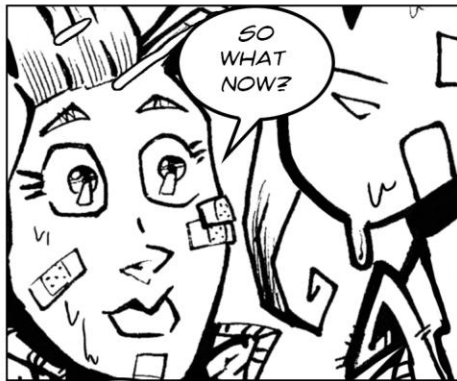
HELL! WE BOTH DID! WE FOUGHT SUPER VILLAINS!



AND A DRAGON THING!



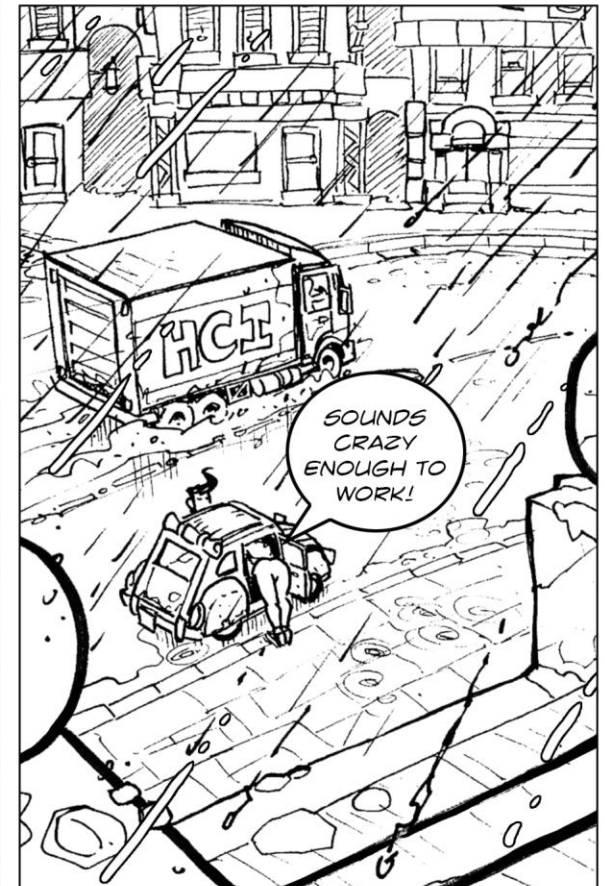
HELL YEAH WE DID!



SO WHAT NOW?



HOW ABOUT PIZZA AND A HORROR MOVIE?

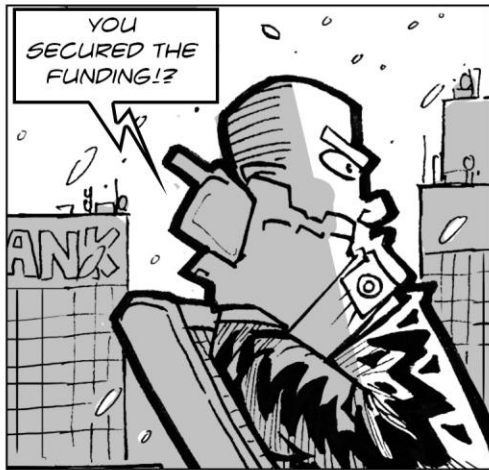


SOUNDS CRAZY ENOUGH TO WORK!



HAY PHILIPPA!

YES!
IT'S HOFF!
WE GOT THE
GO AHEAD FOR THE
ROCKET BELT
PROJECT!



YOU
SECURED THE
FUNDING!?

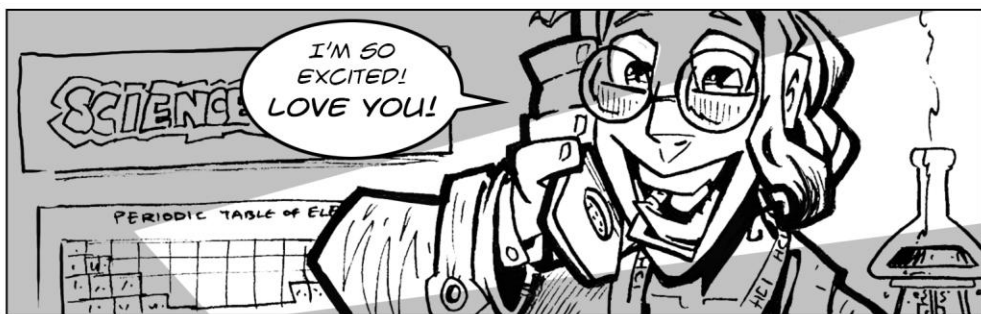
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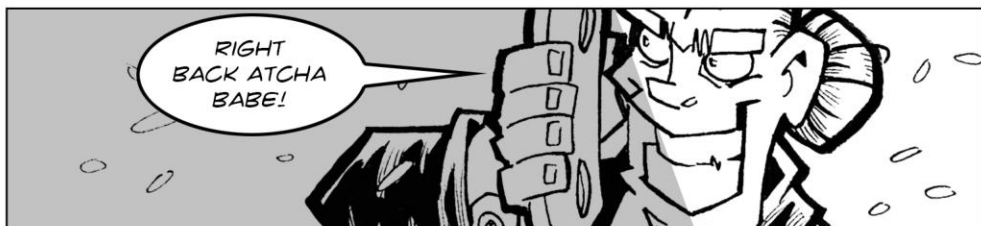
YOU
COULD
SAY THAT



IT TOOK
SOME SERIOUS
DOUBLE DEALING
ON MY PART!
SO HAVE
SOME FUN
WITH IT!



I'M SO
EXCITED!
LOVE YOU!



RIGHT
BACK ATCHA
BABE!



WELL
WORTH
IT



IT'S
ALL COMING
TOGETHER



ALL
OF IT



AND
NO ONE
WILL STAND
IN MY
WAY!

WHAT
FILM DO
YOU FANCY
RENTING?

MASQUE
OF THE RED
DEATH?!

NINJA
PIZZA

NINJA
PIZZA

HOPE IN TRANSIT
FOXY

WE MAKE
PIZZA

DAVE
WAS
FREE
FOXY

THE END

EARLY DAYS.



Chris P
2002



CANDLE
MAN.

Candleman was dreamed up in 2002 after a late night of Hammer Horror films and beer.

Here are a few of the earliest sketches of him and Wilhelmina.

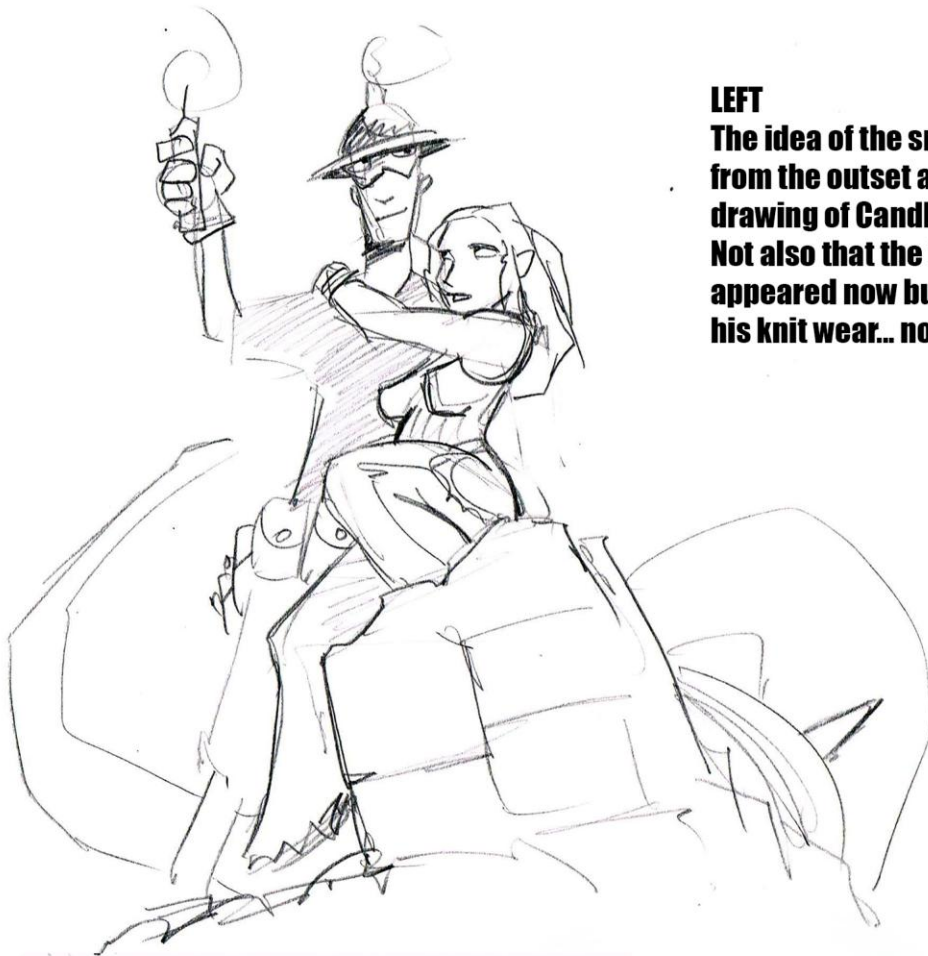
Above.

Willi was always an artist even from the start, shown here thinking about some comic pages sat at her drawing board.

Left

Candleman's iconic helmet was not present here in the early drawings, where he wore a more medieval style helmet without a rim, meaning the wax would drip in his eyes, so a rim was added giving him the WW1 Tommy style helmet.

EARLY DAYS.



LEFT

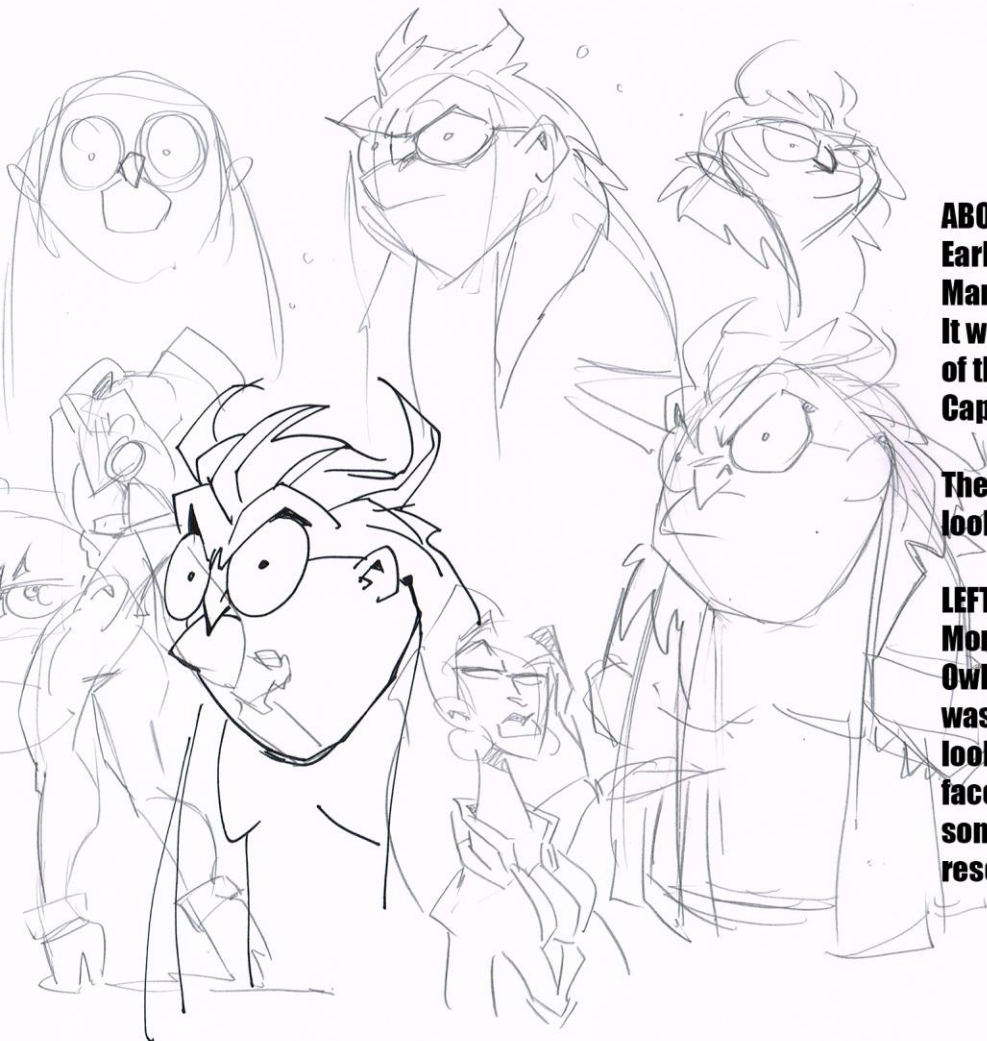
The idea of the snake was also there from the outset and features solely in this early drawing of Candleman and Willi. Not also that the iconic Candleman helm has appeared now but he still does not have his knit wear... not yet.



LEFT

Early pen sketch of Owl Lady.

EARLY DAYS.



ABOVE

Early scribbles of Captain Spicy the Dragon Man and his creator Owl Lady. It wasn't until quite late in the development of the comic series that I nailed the look of Captain Spicy.

The final look was to be a more Chinese Dragon looking thing

LEFT

owl lady

More early doodles of Owl Lady.

Owl Lady was designed really quickly as she was pretty simple. large glasses gave her the look of the big eyes that dominate an owls face, the coat gave her body the look of something winged and I designed her hair to resemble feathers.

EARLY DAYS.

The Girl at the Door.
Part of something much bigger, she appears only as a minor character in *Let There be Light*, but her role will be quite important.

Valerie has a few early sketches on this page.



LEFT
An old colour picture of Valerie.



COMING SOON!

CANDLEMAN

INFERNO

WELL, THAT WAS THAT FROM CANDLEMAN LET THERE BE LIGHT! BUT DO NOT DESPAIR, STARTING IN 2 MONTHS TIME IS A WHOLE NEW SERIES CALLED

INFERNO

THAT PROMISES TO BE EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER! WITH NEW VILLAINS, NEW HEROES AND ALL KINDS OF EPIC ADVENTURES



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