



A Note Before We Begin...

If you saw the sketch above posted at my DeviantArt, and wondered what was on the other ends of those chains... you're about to find out!

What you're about to see and read are some rough pages of a scene that will appear in a proposed team up/crossover story involving my characters Tetsuko and Sonya with "Pumpponger's" Red the Paladin. Roughly: Tetsuko and Sonya are ripped out of our time, and thrust into Red's era... a world of barbaric splendor and constant danger! There, they meet the flame-haired warrior Red and her companion, the *ronin* Keiko. Epic adventures ensue!

The story surrounding this scene - how Tetsuko, Sonya, Red and Keiko got into this situation, who the evil tyrants are that put them here, and why - haven't been written yet. This is basically "wouldn't it be cool if Tetsuko was put into the kind of perils you find in those old Italian *Hercules* movies". So the identities of the evil tyrants are not anywhere near nailed down, nor is much of the dialogue.

All that has been finalized is that this scene will appear (in mostly this form) in the final story. I can't say yet when the final story will appear; but rest assured you'll get updates on my Patreon and DeviantArt sites.

I'll be posting an inked version of these pages, and a couple more, on my various sites. But YOU, my faithful Patreon supporters, get "First Look" at what's in store!

So let me set the scene: Our Heroines, Tetsuko, Sonya, Red and Keiko, have been captured by evil tyrants! Tetsuko has been singled out for public execution... in a particularly gruesome fashion! So our golden hero is being led to the arena while her friends watch helplessly from behind bars...



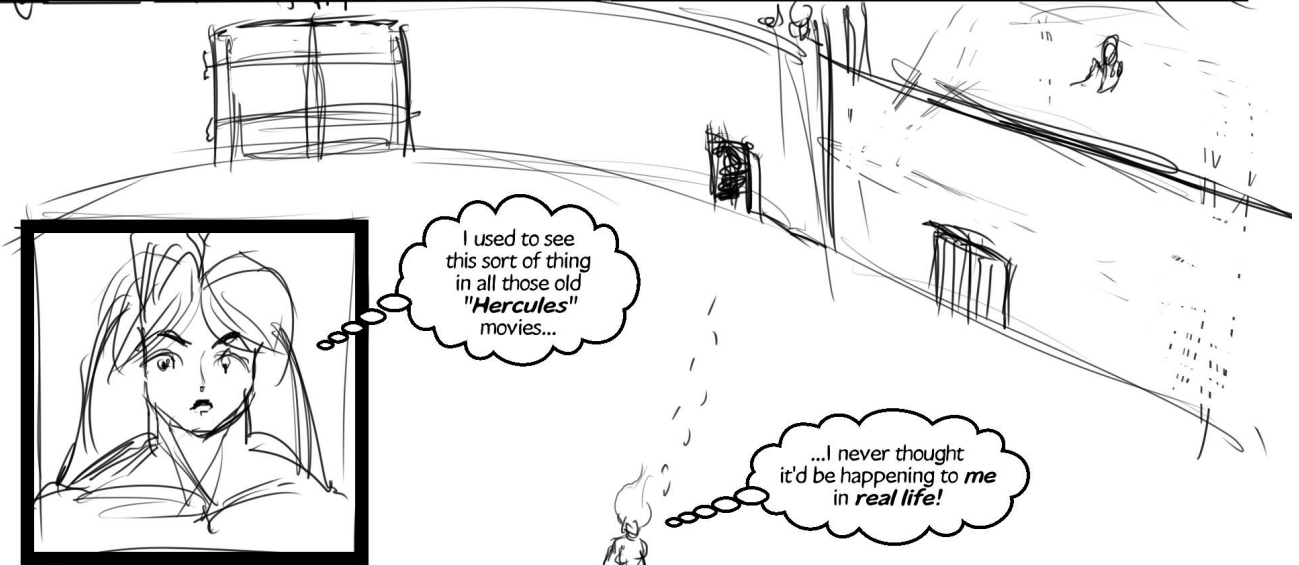
GO TO THE MAN IN THE CENTER.



YOU WILL DO AS HE INSTRUCTS YOU, OR -

I KNOW, I KNOW! OR ELSE MY FRIENDS WILL DIE!

You've told me enough times!



I used to see this sort of thing in all those old "Hercules" movies...

...I never thought it'd be happening to me in real life!

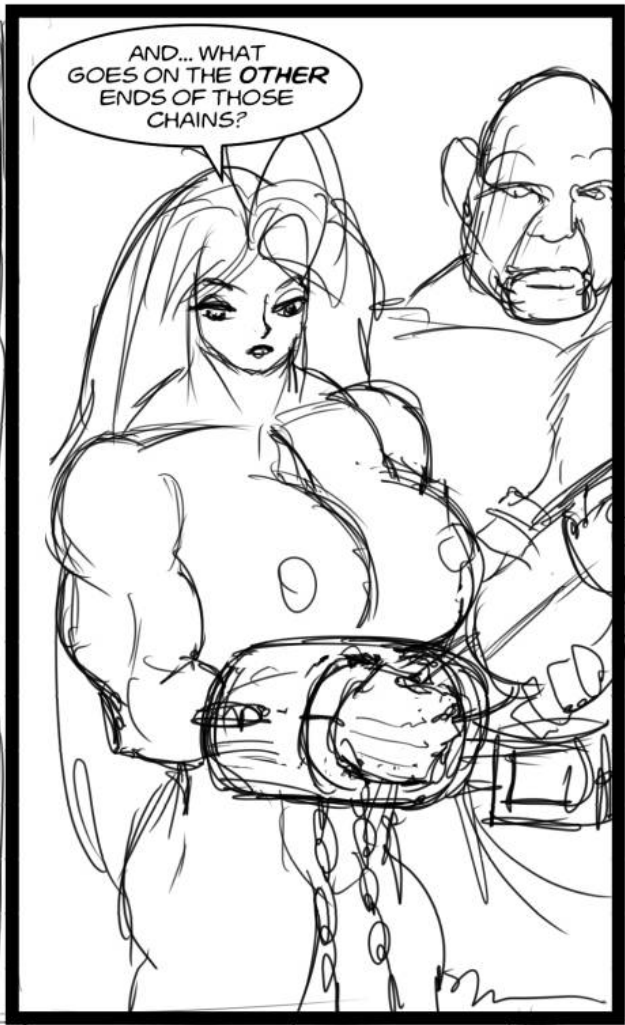
And I don't remember *Hercules* having to walk around with everything hanging out!





SO WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NOW, BALDY?

HOLD OUT YOUR WRISTS.



AND... WHAT GOES ON THE OTHER ENDS OF THOSE CHAINS?



YOU'LL SEE!!

gasp!
WHAT THE HELL'RE THEY KEEPING BEHIND THOSE DOORS... ELEPHANTS?!





RED?... IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO CHAIN ONE OF THOSE... CREATURES... TO EACH OF TETSUKO'S WRISTS, AND THEN DRIVE THEM OFF IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS TO TRY TO TEAR HER ARMS OFF!

NO, SONYA...

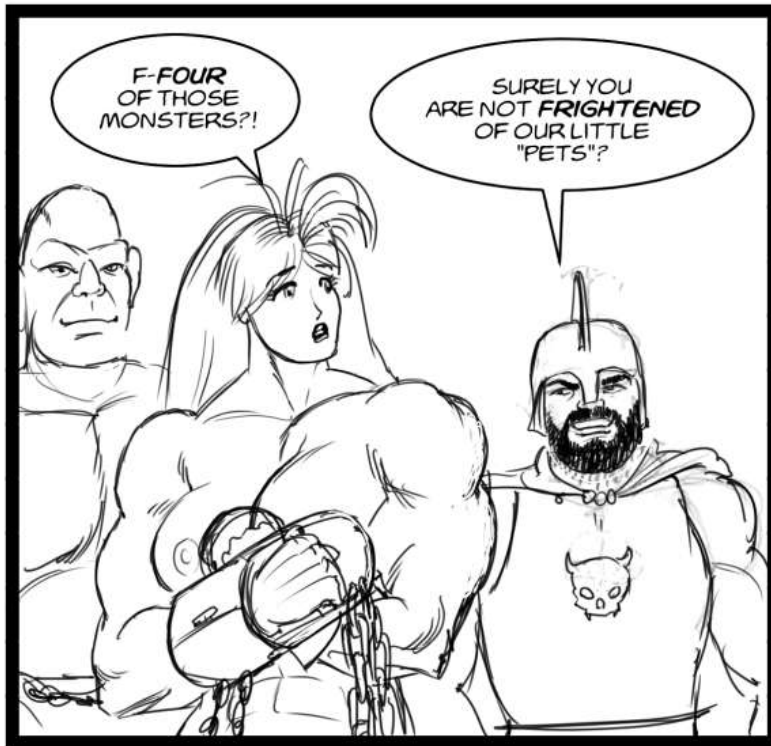


...THESE TWO TROLLS WILL BOTH BE CHAINED TO ONE OF HER ARMS...

"...THOSE TWO TROLLS... COMING OUT THAT DOOR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ARENA... WILL BE FOR HER OTHER ARM!"

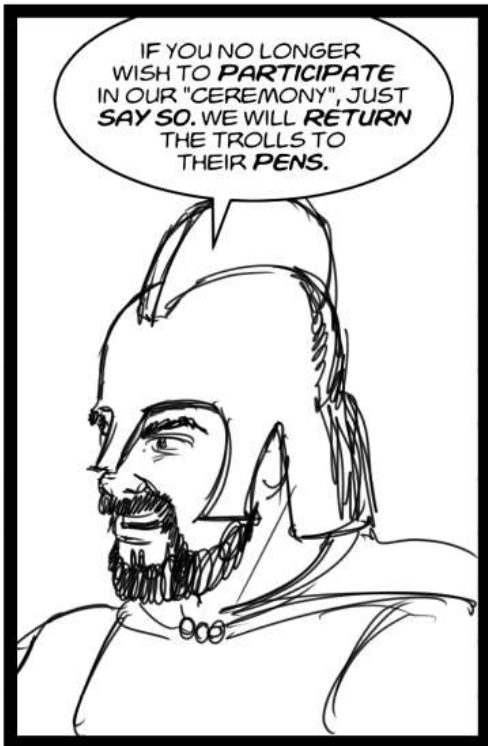


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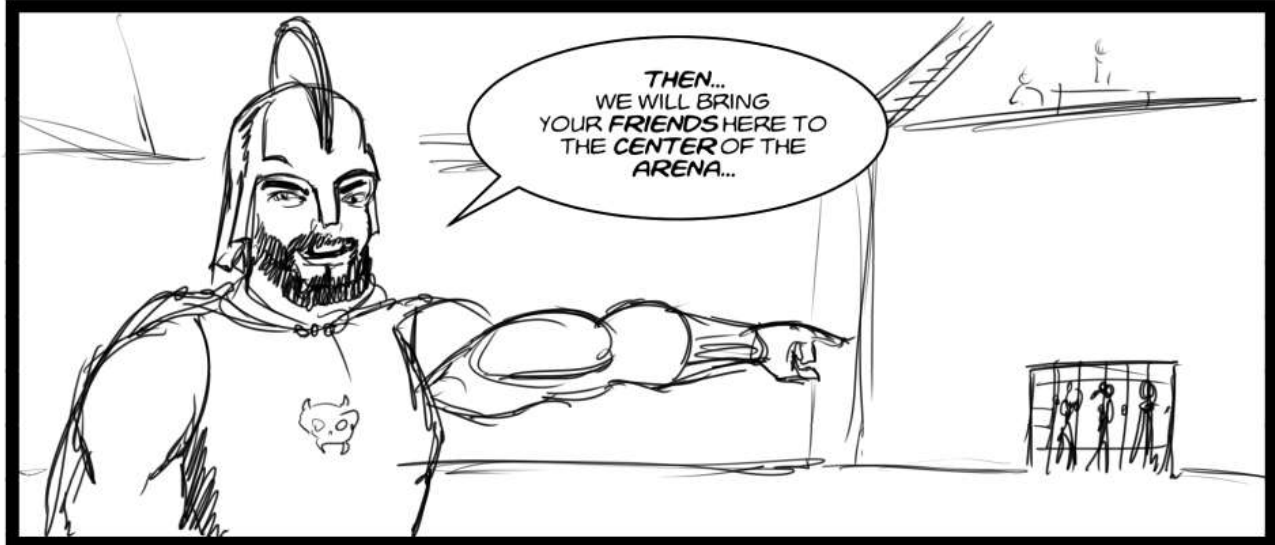


F-FOUR OF THOSE MONSTERS?!

SURELY YOU ARE NOT FRIGHTENED OF OUR LITTLE "PETS"?



IF YOU NO LONGER WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR "CEREMONY", JUST SAY SO. WE WILL RETURN THE TROLLS TO THEIR PENS.



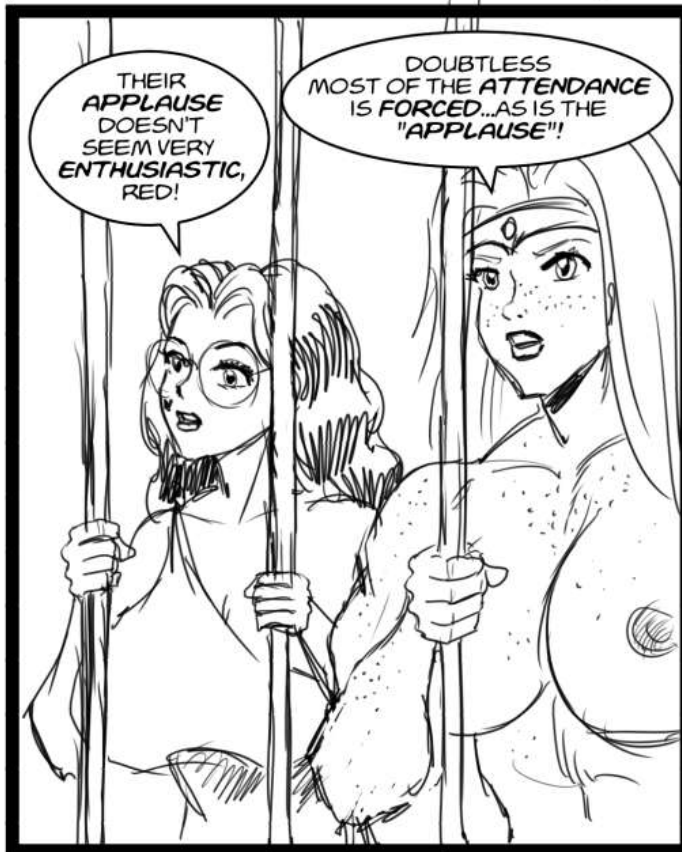
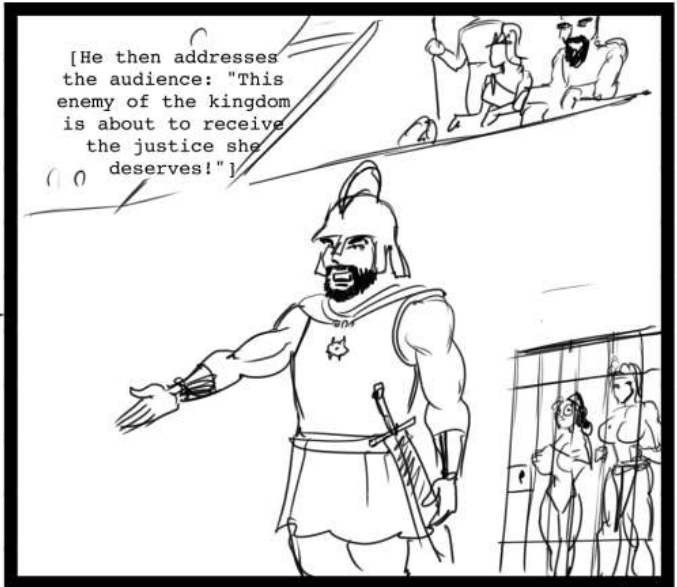
THEN... WE WILL BRING YOUR FRIENDS HERE TO THE CENTER OF THE ARENA...

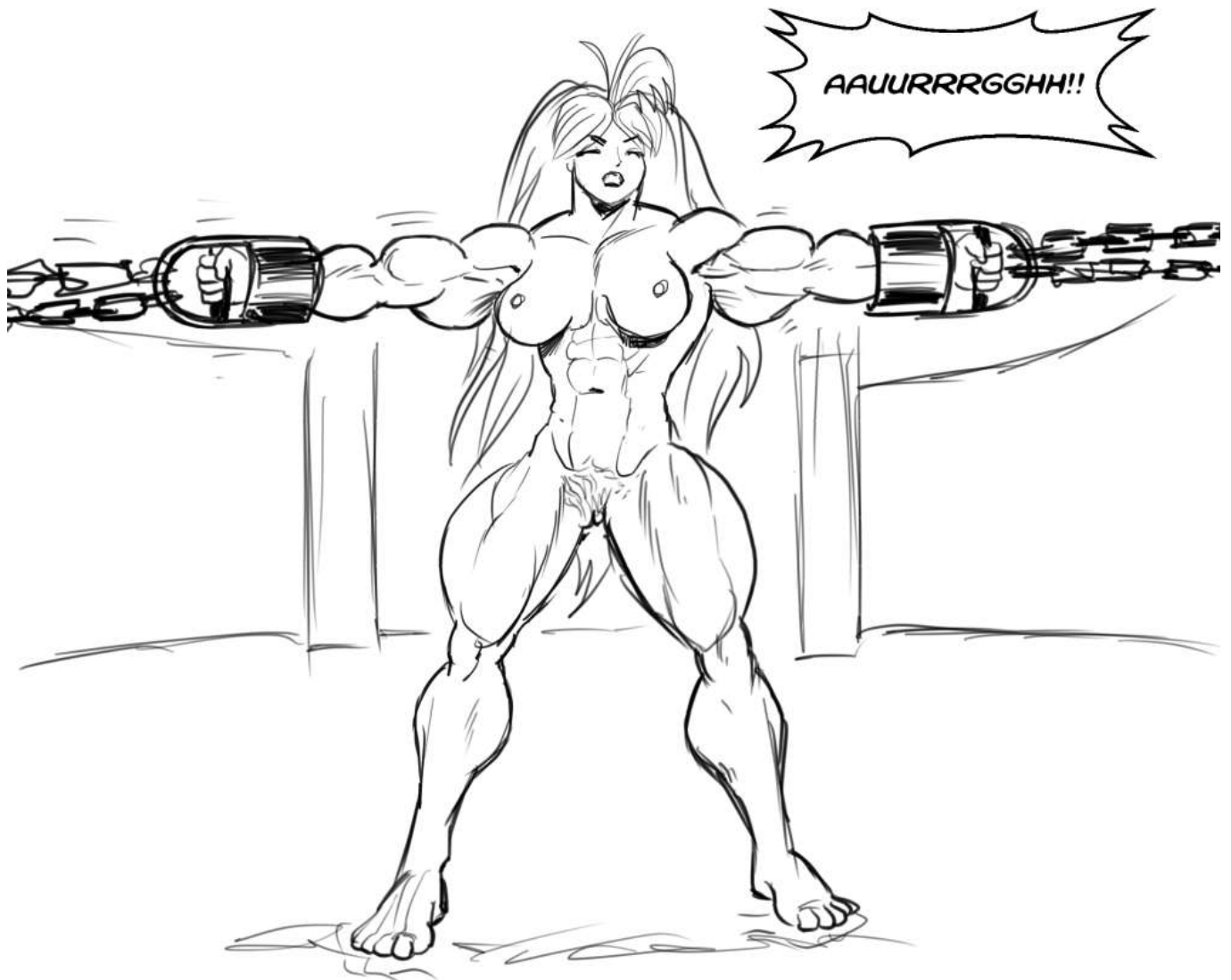


...AND HAVE THEM EXECUTED BEFORE YOUR EYES AS THE PENALTY FOR YOUR COWARDICE!



I'M NO COWARD!! BRING ON YOUR DAMNABLE TROLLS!!





...and here ends the preview.

I'd love to know what you think of this; please leave your comments in the post!