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A TRYST IN TIME

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BEGINNING THIS ISSUE! TAKE TIME FOR A TRID OF TEMPESTUOUS TEMPTRESSES!

**SPARKPLUG! ICICLE!
AND THE SAVAGE TIGRESS!**

As previously announced, beginning now, and continuing at least through issue #60, our focus here in the pages of CHAMPIONS will be on three of the most beautiful women in comics!

The adventures of Flare's electric little sister SPARKPLUG resume with the all-new conclusion to the "Tale of Two Jimmys" that began in Champions #45. Pity poor Sparks. Because just when, in her "secret" identity as Olga Gottmann, she's about to make a serious move on her long-time boyfriend, ace reporter Jimmy Dooley, she finds herself in the uncomfortable position of having to babysit the Nemesis Girl's younger son, Jimmy Jensen. And to make things worse, when little Jimmy takes it into his head to "help Olga out," by using a magic costume-switching ring to fill in for her at dinner while she's out catching bad guys, of course confusion abounds!

Meanwhile, for the savage TIGRESS, it's "A Tryst in Time," with the classic adventure, presented here for the first time in color, that originally appeared in Tigress #4. This Tigress tale, along with stories that will appear in issues #52 and #54 set the stage for new Tigress adventures beginning in Champions #56!

As for ICICLE, be here next issue, when her conflict with SPARKPLUG over which of them really ought to be Jimmy Dooley's girlfriend finally breaks out into open warfare!

And if you haven't done it yet, pick up a copy of the first issue of our brand-new companion title, CHAMPIONS ADVENTURES! That's where you'll finally learn what happened to our heroes during that "missing" decade between the mid-1990s and the mid-2000s.

Between CHAMPIONS and CHAMPIONS ADVENTURES you'll now be able to get adventures of your favorite heroes each and every month!

--Dennis Mallonee

HI. I'M JIMMY JENSEN. AND HERE'S THE SCOOP. IT ALL STARTED WHEN MY MOM DECIDED SHE'D ACTUALLY GO TO A STUPID ARCHEOLOGY CONFERENCE IN EGYPT, AND DUMP ME OFF FOR A FEW DAYS WITH OLGA.

WHO'S GOT THIS WAY COOL MAGIC RING MY WITCHGIRL COUSIN ANDREA MADE FOR HER.

IT LETS HER SWITCH IDENTITIES INSTANTLY, BACK AND FORTH FROM BEING OLGA GOTTMANN TO BEING SPARKPLUG.

OLGA WAS GETTING READY TO HAVE HER BOYFRIEND JIMMY DOOLEY OVER FOR DINNER, WHEN SHE GOT A CALL ASKING SPARKPLUG TO HELP STOP SOME TERROR INC. THUGS FROM ESCAPING THE POLICE.

AFTER SWITCHING TO SPARKPLUG, SHE TOOK OFF THE RING.

SO AS TO AVOID ANY ACCIDENTAL CHANGES.

PROBLEM WAS, MISTER DOOLEY WAS GONNA BE HERE ANY SECOND!

AN' IF HE SAW SPARKS FLYIN' OFF, AND DIDN'T FIND OLGA HERE...

THE ONLY LOGICAL THING TO DO WAS FOR ME TO USE THE RING AND KIND OF HELP SPARKS OUT WITH THE WHOLE SECRET IDENTITY THING.

HAH? OLGA? BUT I JUST SAW SPARKPLUG...

HI, MISTER DOOLEY. I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT FOR DINNER.

Sample file



FOR SOME REASON, THIS GAME SHE PLAYS WITH MISTER DOOLEY IS IMPORTANT TO HER.

OF COURSE NOT. DON'T BE SILLY. FLARE IS OFF IN OUTER SPACE, FIGHTING TO KEEP US SAFE FROM PURPLE ALIEN GORILLAS.

FLARE?

TERRI, IS THAT YOU UNDER OLGA'S WIG?

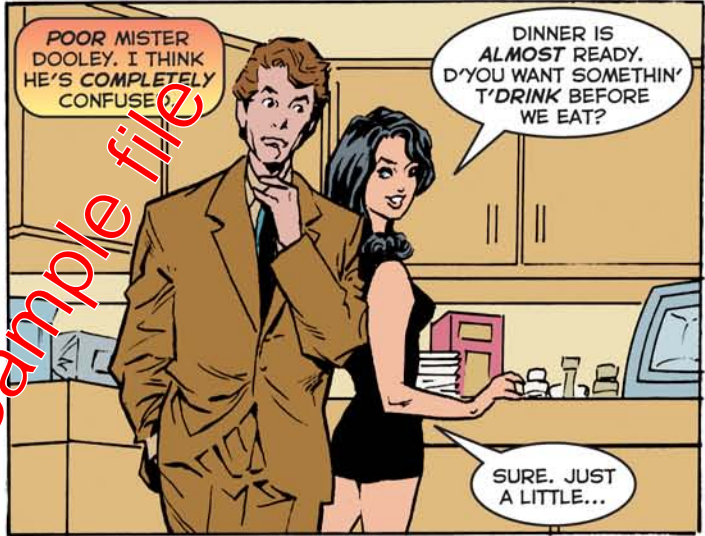
AND OLGA'S IMPORTANT TO ME, BECAUSE WHEN I GROW UP, I'M GONNA ASK HER TO MARRY ME.

WHICH IS WHY TONIGHT I'M GONNA STOP MISTER DOOLEY FROM WINNING.



AND BESIDES, I'M NOT WEARING A WIG!

TRUTH! THE MAGIC RING EVEN CHANGED MY HAIR COLOR.



POOR MISTER DOOLEY. I THINK HE'S COMPLETELY CONFUSED?

DINNER IS ALMOST READY. D'YOU WANT SOMETHIN' T'DRINK BEFORE WE EAT?

SURE. JUST A LITTLE...



JACK DANIELS? I HEAR THAT MANY MEN LIKE IT.

UMMM. ISN'T THAT A BIT MUCH?

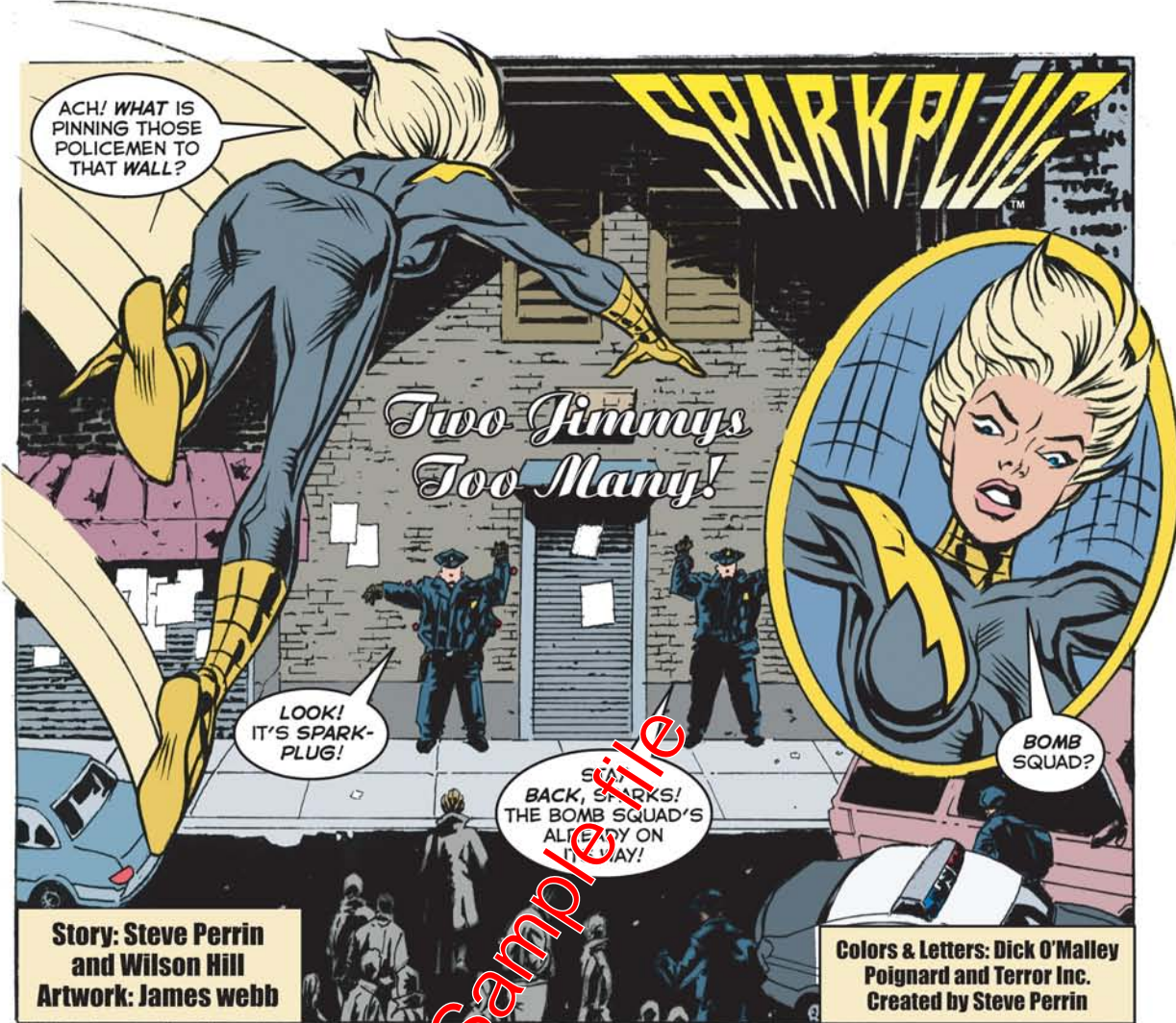
I CAN SORT OF SEE WHY OLGA LIKES THIS GAME.



AND WITH A STRAW?

I SURE HOPE SHE'S HAVING THIS MUCH FUN.

SIP IT SLOWLY.



ACH! WHAT IS PINNING THOSE POLICEMEN TO THAT WALL?

SPARKPLUG

*Two Jimmys
Too Many!*



LOOK!
IT'S SPARK-
PLUG!

SCAT
BACK, SPARKS!
THE BOMB SQUAD'S
ALREADY ON
THE WAY!

BOMB
SQUAD?

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OFFICER,
WHAT HAPPENED
HERE?

SOME
FRENCH GUY WITH
FANCY KNIVES GRABBED
OUR TRANSPORT VAN, STUCK US
TO THE WALL WITH THESE KNIFE
BOMBS, AND TOOK OFF WITH
THE PRISONERS YOU AND
NEMESIS GIRL CAUGHT
THE OTHER DAY.

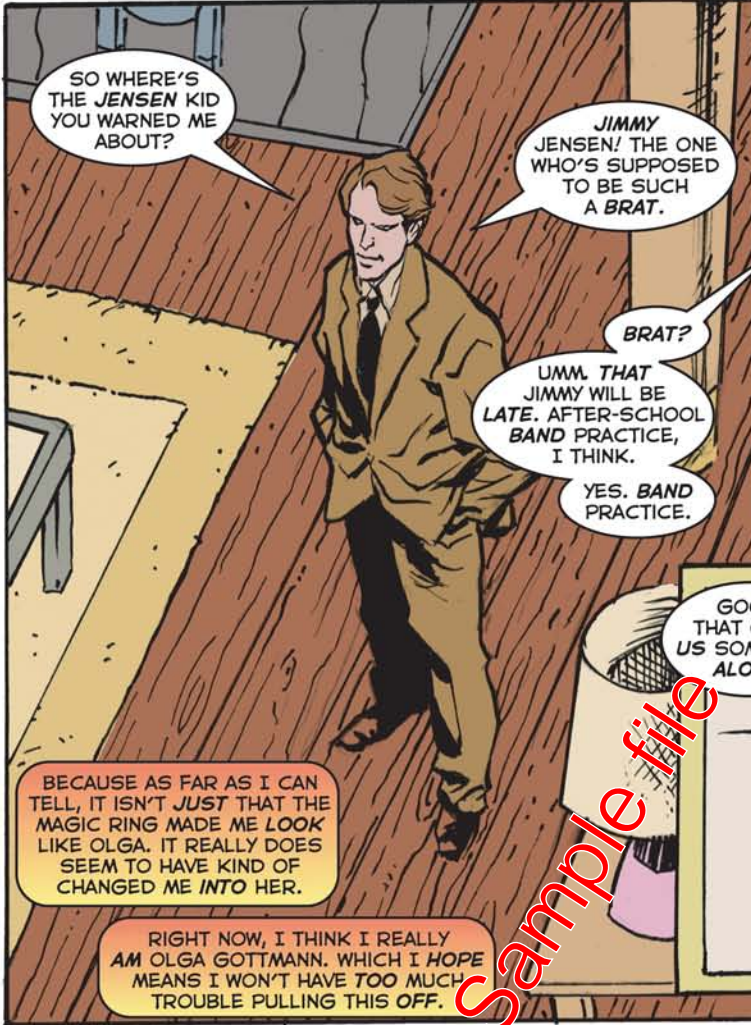


IT IS
DOUBTFUL
THE KNIVES ARE
BOMBS. I THINK
HE WAS BLUFF-
ING YOU.

HEY!
WHAT ABOUT
THE...

BEST NOT
TO WASTE TIME.
I WILL HAVE TO
BE QUICK TO
FIND HIM.

DON'T WORRY,
HAL. WE GOT IT
COVERED.



SO WHERE'S THE JENSEN KID YOU WARNED ME ABOUT?

JIMMY JENSEN! THE ONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE SUCH A BRAT.

BRAT?

UMM THAT JIMMY WILL BE LATE. AFTER-SCHOOL BAND PRACTICE, I THINK.

YES. BAND PRACTICE.

BECAUSE AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, IT ISN'T JUST THAT THE MAGIC RING MADE ME LOOK LIKE OLGA. IT REALLY DOES SEEM TO HAVE KIND OF CHANGED ME INTO HER.

RIGHT NOW, I THINK I REALLY AM OLGA GOTTMANN. WHICH I HOPE MEANS I WON'T HAVE TOO MUCH TROUBLE PULLING THIS OFF.



BAND PRACTICE? AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?

THE BASSOON IS A DEMANDING INSTRUMENT.



GOOD. THAT GIVES US SOME TIME ALONE.

HAH? ARE WE PLAYING TAG?



OH, MY GOODNESS. MISTER DOOLEY, YOU AREN'T SERIOUSLY TRYING TO GIVE ME SMOOCHES?

PUCKER UP, SWEET-HEART.

I DOUBT WE HAVE A LOT OF TIME BEFORE THE KID SHOWS UP.

