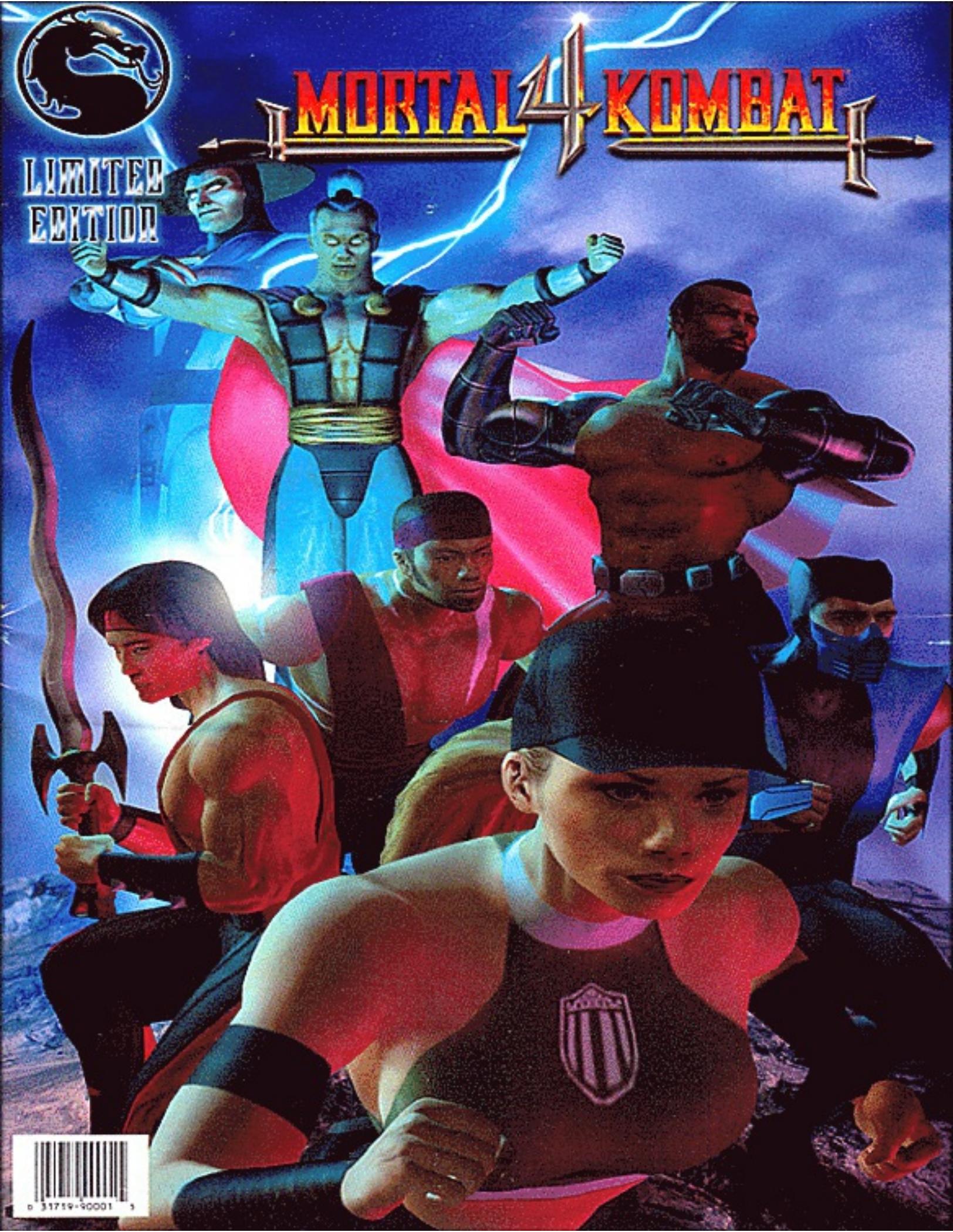




# MORTAL KOMBAT

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FOR CENTURIES, THE REALM OF EDENIA WAS SHROUDED IN DARKNESS, RULED BY THE VICIOUS EMPEROR SHAO KAHN. UNDER KAHN'S RULE, EDENIA BECAME KNOWN AS OUTWORLD, AND WAS HOST TO A TOURNAMENT CALLED MORTAL KOMBAT.

KAHN USED HIS MAGIC TO ENTRANCE THE REALM'S TRUE RULER, QUEEN SINDEL, AND FORCED HER TO GO ALONG WITH HIS EVIL PLANS. DURING THE LAST MORTAL KOMBAT TOURNAMENT, SINDEL REGAINED HER MEMORY AND ASSISTED IN THE DEFEAT OF SHAO KAHN, THEREBY FREEING EDENIA FROM HIS EVIL RULE.

ALONG WITH HER DAUGHTER, PRINCESS KITANA, QUEEN SINDEL WORKS TO REBUILD THE REALM OF EDENIA AND BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE WHO BETRAYED HER.

YOUR MAJESTY, THE TRAITOR REPTILE AWAITS YOUR SENTENCE.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY BEFORE I MAKE MY DECISION?

YOUR WORDS HAVE NO POWER OVER ME. I AM PROUD TO HAVE SERVED SHAO KAHN.

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FOR YOUR CRIMES AGAINST THE REALM OF EDENIA, I SENTENCE YOU TO A LIFE OF HARD LABOR IN THE COBOLT MINES OF SHOKAN.

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS SINDEL. I WILL DESTROY YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE.

AS REPTILE IS LED AWAY, THE AMBASSADOR TO NEW REALMS IS USHERED IN.



AMBASSADOR TO NEW REALMS, WHY DO YOU SEEK MY COUNSEL?



YOUR MAJESTY, MY DAUGHTER TANYA WAS CONTACTED BY ANOTHER REALM THAT IS BEING OPPRESSED BY AN EVIL RULER.

THEY SEEK YOUR WISDOM AND GUIDANCE.



YOU MAY APPROACH. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR STORY.

THANK YOU, QUEEN SINDEL. I COME FROM THE REALM KNOWN AS TRECHE. WE WERE A PEACEFUL REALM KNOWN FOR OUR DEVOTION TO THE ARTS, UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO, WHEN TRECHE WAS INVADDED BY THE EVIL SORCERER SHIL KAAD. HE QUICKLY CONQUERED OUR PEOPLE AND FORCED US ALL INTO SLAVERY.



I'VE NEVER HEARD OF TRECHE OR OF THE SORCERER KAAD. IF YOUR REALM IS KNOWN FOR ITS ARTISTRY, WHY HAVE WE NEVER HEARD OF YOU?

WE ARE A QUIET PEOPLE, YOUR MAJESTY, BUT I HAVE BROUGHT YOU A GIFT MADE BY OUR MOST TALENTED ARTISAN.



IT'S SAID THAT YOU WILL SEE YOUR HEART'S DESIRE WHEN YOU GAZE UPON IT.



IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.

I FEEL LIKE I COULD STARE AT IT FOREVER.



JUST AS I HAD PLANNED...

500 MILES TO THE SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF KLUTAN, PRINCESS KITANA ATTENDS A SUMMIT BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE SHOKAN AND CENTAURIANS. THE TWO RACES ARE STILL AT WAR, AND PRINCESS KITANA IS TRYING TO BRING THEM TO PEACE.



YOU STOLE OUR LAND!

IT'S OUR LAND!

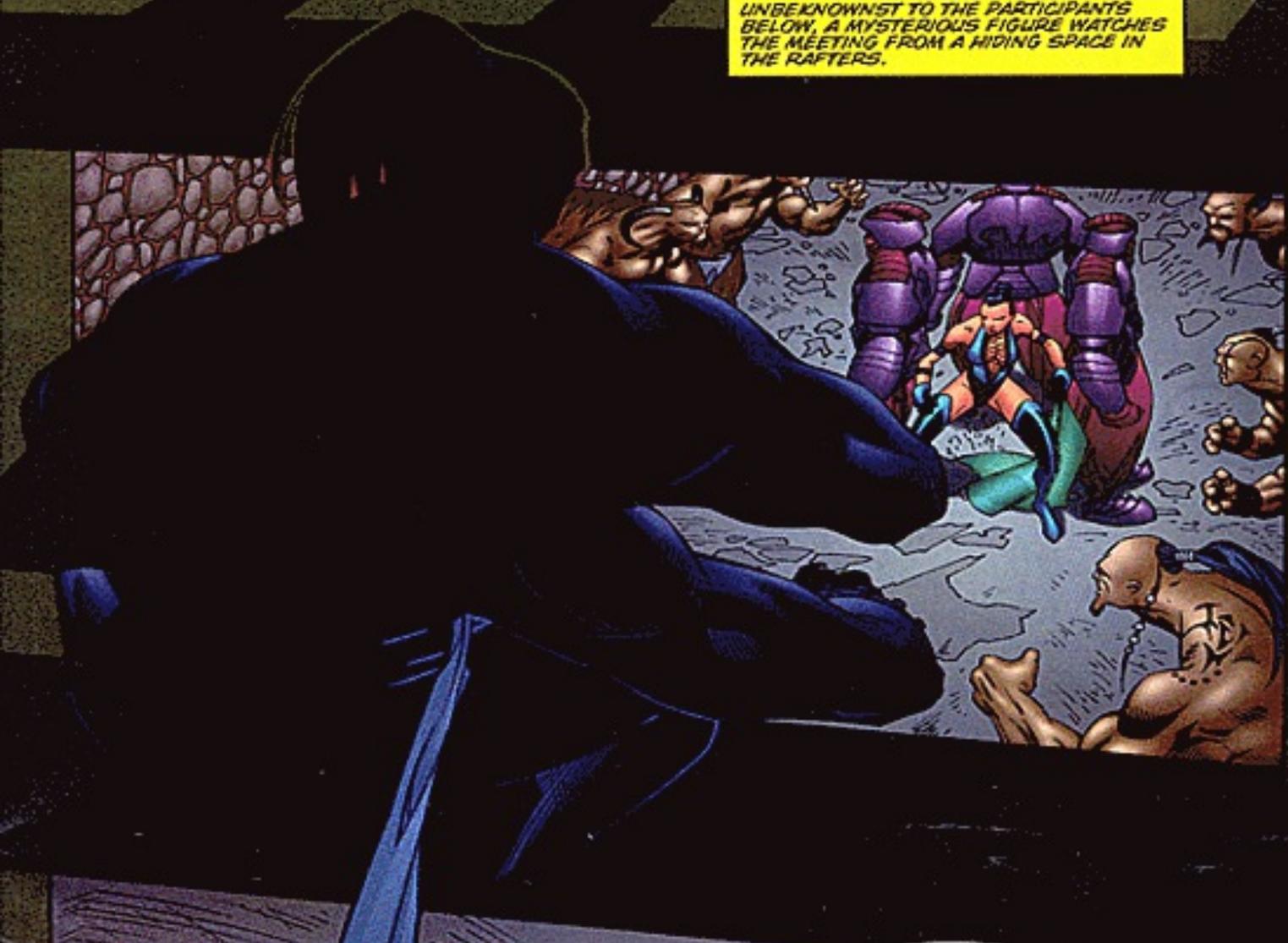
FOUR-ARMED FREAKS!

DON'T MAKE ME RIDE YOU, HORSE MAN!

STOP! LISTEN TO ME! THIS WAR MUST END! TOO MANY LIVES HAVE ALREADY BEEN LOST!

WE'VE DEFEATED SHAO KAHN, THERE MUST BE PEACE AMONG THE PEOPLE OF EDENIA.

UNBEKNOWNST TO THE PARTICIPANTS BELOW, A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE WATCHES THE MEETING FROM A HIDING SPACE IN THE RAFTERS.



NEVER! SHAO KAHN PROMISED US THAT LAND.



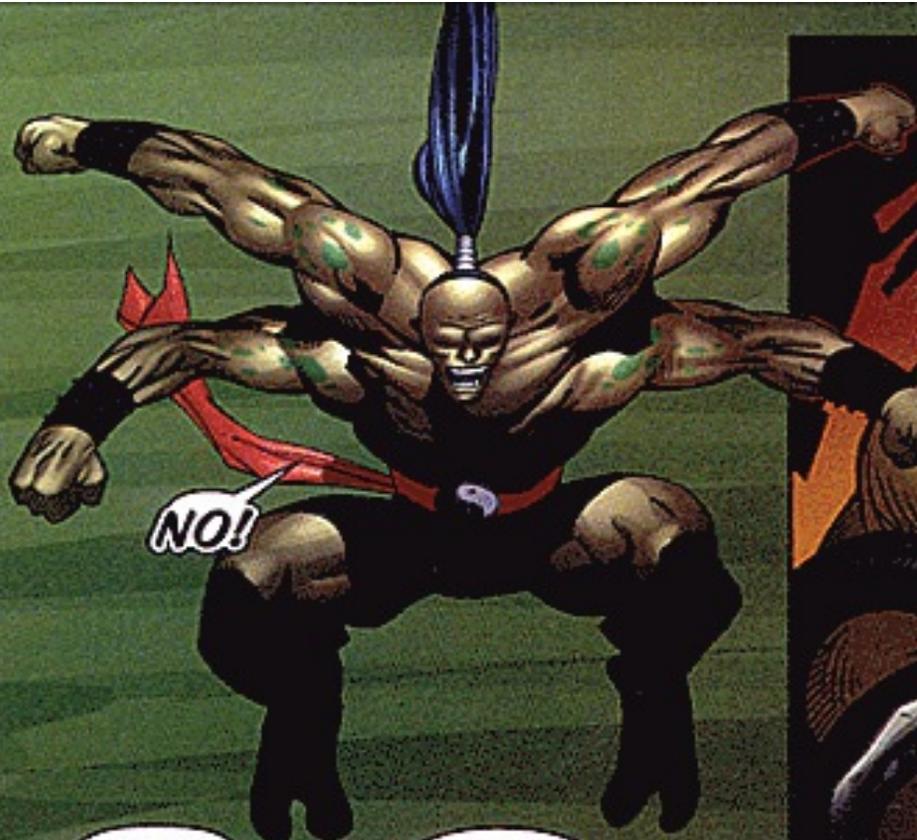
WE WILL ABIDE BY YOUR QUEEN'S WISH FOR PEACE IF THE CENTAURIANS RETURN THE EASTERN LOWLANDS TO US.

QUEEN SINDEL DOES NOT HONOR THE PROMISES OF SHAO KAHN! IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT EACH RACE BE ALLOWED TO LIVE IN THEIR HOMELAND.



YOU ARE NO BETTER THAN SHAO KAHN! I'VE HEARD ENOUGH...





NO!

WHA...?!  
IT'S GORO!

BUT  
GORO'S DEAD!  
HE WAS KILLED  
IN MORTAL  
KOMBAT!



RAM

HIS DEATH  
LED TO THE  
WAR. IF HE'S  
ALIVE, WHAT  
DOES IT MEAN?



SILENCE!

SLAMM

I HAVE BEEN IN HIDING FOR MANY YEARS, ASHAMED OF MY DEFEAT IN MORTAL KOMBAT AND UNWILLING TO SERVE SHAO KAHN. BUT SHAO KAHN IS GONE, AND I AM BACK TO TAKE MY FATHER'S PLACE AS THE LEADER OF THE SHOKAN.

THIS WAR WILL END NOW! I WILL CRUSH ANYONE WHO OPPOSES ME. DO ANY OF YOU DARE TRY?

NO, GORO, YOU ARE RIGHT, THE WAR MUST END. WE WILL GIVE UP THE EASTERN LOWLANDS.

**GORO!**

THIS IS A GREAT DAY FOR EDENIA. QUEEN SINDEL WILL BE MOST PLEASED.

**HOO-RAHH!**

**YEAH!**

**QUEEN SINDEL!**

**KRA-KOOOM!**

PRINCESS! WATCH OUT!

LOOK! IT'S COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF EDENIA'S CAPITAL CITY.

OH NO! QUEEN SINDEL IS IN DANGER!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!



BACK IN QUEEN SINDEL'S CASTLE, THE ORB SHE WAS GIVEN HAS BEGUN TO TRANSFORM.

THE ORB HAS OPENED A PORTAL THAT ALLOWS SHINNOK TO ENTER EDENIA.

AT LAST, I'VE MADE IT TO THE REALM OF EDENIA.

SINDEL'S IMPERIAL GUARDS ARE NO MATCH FOR THE DEMONIC ONSLAUGHT.

AAAAA!

ARRGH!

ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF DEMONS, REIKO AND SCORPION.

WELCOME TO EDENIA, SHINNOK. ONCE QUEEN SINDEL ACCEPTED THE ORB, YOUR PRESENCE WAS GUARANTEED. FOR THAT, WE HAVE TANYA TO THANK.

ENOUGH QUAN CHI! EDENIA IS JUST MY PASSAGEWAY OUT OF THE NETHEREALM.



MY GOAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO REACH INTO THE HEAVENS AND CONFRONT THE ELDER GODS.

NOW I HAVE MY CHANCE.

SEVERAL DAYS LATER ON EARTH, SUB-ZERO RETURNS TO CHINA TO THE ANCIENT TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS. THE TEMPLE'S LOCATION IS SECRET, BUT SUB-ZERO LEARNED HOW TO FIND IT FROM HIS OLDER BROTHER, THE ORIGINAL SUB-ZERO.



WHAT IS THE TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS?

THE TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS EXISTS TO PROTECT SHINNOK'S SACRED AMULET, THE AMULET THAT KEEPS HIM TRAPPED IN THE NETHERREALM.

IT'S PROTECTED BY THE FOUR ELEMENTS--WIND, EARTH, WATER, AND FIRE. AS LONG AS THE AMULET REMAINS ON EARTH, SHINNOK CANNOT ESCAPE THE NETHERREALM.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED HERE, BROTHER? I CAME HERE TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE GODS OF THE ELEMENTS THAT YOU FOUGHT, BUT THEY'RE ALL GONE. THE TEMPLE IS UNGUARDED.

WHAT IS THAT? MAYBE IT'S A SIGN, I'D BETTER CHECK IT OUT.





COME ON KAI, YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!

FIFTY MILES FROM SUB-ZERO AND THE TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS, LIU KANG AND KAI SPAR NEAR THE NEWLY RECONSTRUCTED SHAOLIN TEMPLE.

WHAP

LIGHT!



DAMN IT, LIU. I'M NEVER GOING TO BE AS GOOD AS YOU.

THERE'S MORE TO MARTIAL ARTS THAN JUST FIGHTING. YOU HAVE TO BECOME ONE WITH YOUR SPIRIT. ONLY THEN CAN YOU SUMMON YOUR REAL INNER STRENGTH AND HAVE THE KIND OF POWER THAT YOU'VE ONLY DREAMED ABOUT.

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, YOU'RE THE IMMORTAL CHAMPION OF MORTAL KOMBAT.



TELL MY GRANDFATHER I WILL BE THERE SHORTLY.

YOUR GRANDFATHER REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE MASTER LIU.



MASTER LIU! LOOK!

LET'S GO  
KAI. WE'VE GOT  
TO FIND OUT WHAT  
HAPPENED.

YOU BOYS  
GO BACK TO THE  
TEMPLE AND TELL MY  
GRANDFATHER THAT  
WE'RE EXAMINING  
WHAT FELL FROM  
THE SKY.



...AND GAZE ON THE  
HORRIFIC SCENE BELOW.



LIU KANG AND KAI REACH  
THE CRATER'S EDGE...

WHAT  
IS IT?



IN SHANGHAI, SONYA BLADE HAS TRACKED DOWN JAREK, THE LAST MEMBER OF THE BLACK DRAGON. SHE NO LONGER WORKS FOR U.S. SPECIAL FORCES BUT SONYA VOWED TO CAPTURE EVERY MEMBER OF THE BLACK DRAGON.



UH!

LUCKILY, HER MEMBERSHIP IN THE OUTERWORLD INVESTIGATION AGENCY ALLOWS HER TO GO TO PLACES SHE COULDN'T HAVE WHEN SHE WORKED FOR THE SPECIAL FORCES.

TOO BAD THE FIGHT ISN'T GOING HER WAY...



SCREW YOU, YOU WITCH! YOU MAY HAVE NAILED EVERYONE ELSE BUT YOU AIN'T GETTING ME.

UGH!



ADIOS BLONDIE! YOU'RE LUCKY I DON'T KILL CHICKS.

GOOD THING I LEFT MY BIKE HERE.

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THAT EASY.



ONE MORE SECOND...

COME IN, SONYA! THIS IS JAX!



BACK AT THE CRATER,  
LIJI AND KAI HAVE  
THEIR HANDS FULL.

GET AWAY  
FROM HIM!

WHAM!

LIJI!  
WATCH OUT!

THANKS KAI! I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE BUT  
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT  
OURSELVES A FIGHT.



**KRACKLE!**

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RAYDEN!  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE?

THESE DEMONS  
ARE THE SERVANTS OF  
SHINNOK AND THIS IS FUJIN,  
THE GOD OF WIND. HE FELL  
FROM THE HEAVENS WHILE  
DEFENDING THE ELDER GODS'  
ETERNAL PALACE FROM  
SHINNOK'S ATTACK.

THE ELDER  
GODS ARE UNDER  
ATTACK?!



UHH. IT WAS A SNEAK  
ATTACK. SOMEHOW HE  
GAINED ACCESS BY  
GOING THROUGH  
EDENIA.

EDENIA.  
THAT'S PRINCESS  
KITANA'S WORLD.  
I'VE GOT TO  
HELP HER.

PATIENCE,  
LIU.



FUJIN AND I ARE THE LAST OF  
EARTH'S GODS AND THE ELDER  
GODS HAVE BEEN WEAKENED  
BY SHINNOK'S ATTACK.

IF WE'RE GOING TO  
BE SUCCESSFUL, WE MUST  
COORDINATE A PLANNED ATTACK.  
FUJIN AND I WILL RETURN TO  
THE ETERNAL PALACE AND BATTLE  
SHINNOK'S FORCES. YOU GATHER  
EARTH'S WARRIORS AND RETURN  
TO EDENIA TO CONTINUE  
THE FIGHT THERE.



WAIT!



HOW DO WE FIND EARTH'S WARRIORS? HOW WILL WE GET TO EDENIA?

RELAX KAI, THINGS JUST SEEM TO HAPPEN WHEN RAYDEN IS AROUND.



VRRRNNNN

SEE, I TOLD YOU!



SONYA! JOHNNY!

KAL, THESE ARE MY FRIENDS  
SONYA BLADE AND JOHNNY  
CAGE.

HOW DID YOU  
ARRANGE TO FLY A  
U.S. SPECIAL FORCES  
HELICOPTER INTO  
CHINESE AIRSPACE?

I'M NOT WITH SPECIAL  
FORCES ANYMORE. I JOINED  
OUTERWORLD INVESTIGATION  
AGENCY, AN INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION THAT WAS  
FORMED AFTER SHAO KAHN  
ALMOST DESTROYED  
EARTH.



MY TEAM  
SHOULD BE ABLE  
TO PROVIDE US  
WITH INFORMATION.  
WHAT DID YOU  
SEE, LIU?



OH NOT MUCH.  
JUST THE GOD OF WIND  
AND A HALF-DOZEN DEMONS  
CRASHING INTO THE EARTH.  
CAN'T YOU FIGURE THAT  
OUT WITH YOUR FANCY  
GADGETS?

GOOD. BECAUSE WE'RE GOING  
TO HAVE TO RETURN TO  
EDENIA.

HOLD ON A  
SECOND. I DIDN'T  
SIGN ON FOR ANYTHING  
LIKE THIS. I'VE GOT  
TO GET BACK TO LA-  
LA LAND.

WELL, PARTLY. I  
WAS TOLD A PORTAL OPENED  
IN THE SKY ABOUT TWO MILES  
UP BUT AFTER OUR EXPERIENCE  
IN OUTERWORLD, I'D BELIEVE  
ANYTHING YOU SAY.



THIS ISN'T A  
JOKE, JOHNNY. THE  
ELDER GODS ARE UNDER  
ATTACK BY THE RULER  
OF THE NETHERWORLD--  
SHINNOK. RAYDEN SAID  
WE WOULD ALL BE  
NEEDED.





SUB-ZERO!



LIU'S RIGHT, SHINNOK IS EVIL INCARNATE. I THINK MY BROTHER, THE ORIGINAL SUB-ZERO, HAD SOME SORT OF AN ENCOUNTER WITH SHINNOK. IT MAY BE WHAT CAUSED THIS WHOLE THING.



IT'S UP TO US TO PUT AN END TO THIS.



I'M IN!



OH, ALL RIGHT. IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS GONNA WIN AN OSCAR OR SOMETHING.



LET'S DO IT! NOW WE'VE JUST GOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET TO EDENIA.



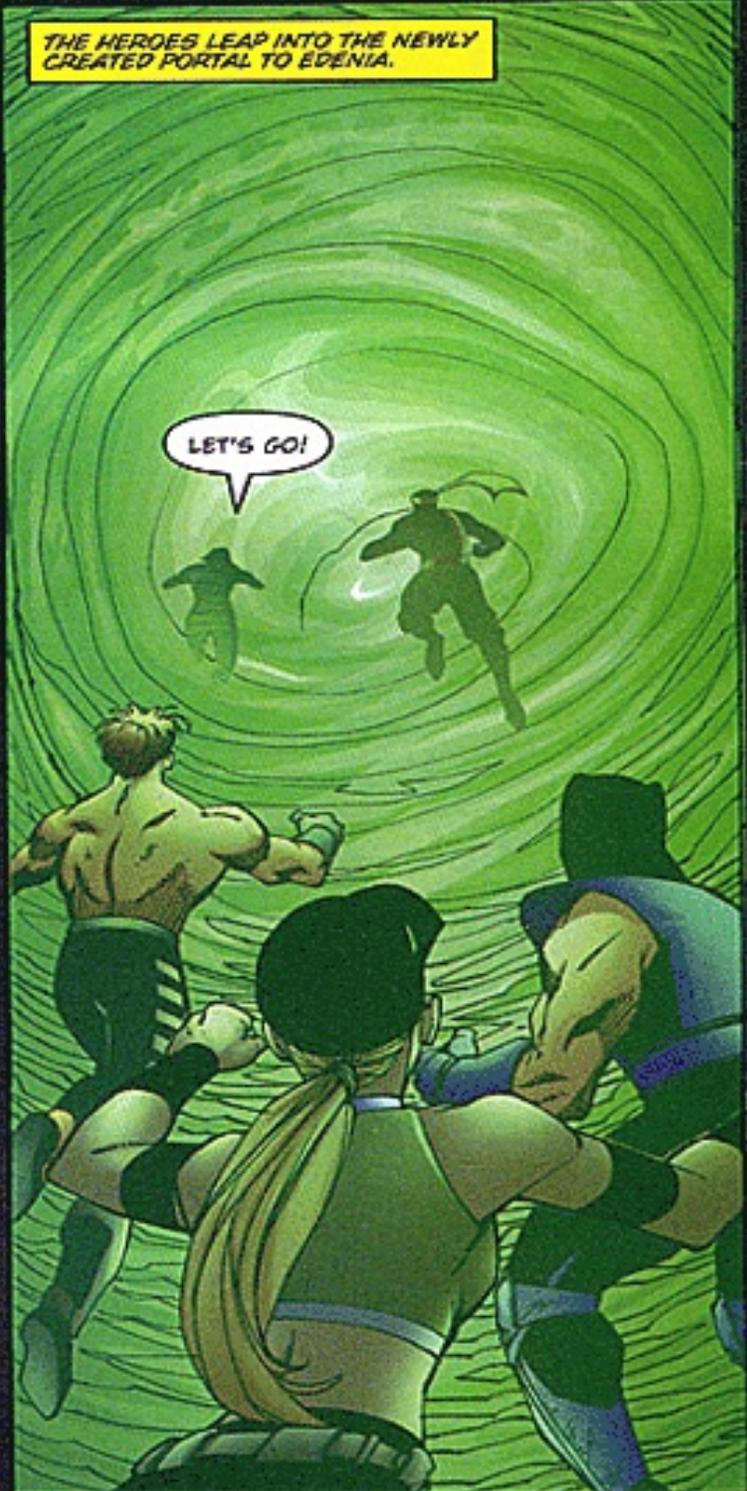
I CAN HELP OUT THERE. MY TEAM CAN CREATE A PORTAL THAT WILL ALLOW US TO REACH EDENIA.



WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO EMULATE INTER-DIMENSIONAL PORTAL DISTORTIONS, KIND OF LIKE RAYDEN DOES. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT OURS REQUIRES A NUCLEAR GENERATOR.



GOOD JOB, TEAM. RADIO MAJOR BRIGGS WITH OUR LOCATION AND TELL HIM TO SEND SOME BACK-UP IMMEDIATELY.



THE HEROES LEAP INTO THE NEWLY CREATED PORTAL TO EDENIA.

LET'S GO!



WELCOME  
HUMANS! WELCOME  
TO A MORTAL KOMBAT  
LIKE YOU'VE NEVER  
SEEN BEFORE.

TO BE CONTINUED IN  
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