

# CRIES FROM THE ATTIC™

## Editorial of a madman



### DIPPING INTO THE READER MAIL BAG...

**W**elcome back! Looks like it's that time again. Time to dig through the reader mail bag and answer some of your questions (*translation: Jolly doesn't have any clue what to do for an editorial this month*).

**Q:** **KODT** first appeared in 1990. Shouldn't all he characters be in their 40's by now? Bob's niece and nephew first appeared in he comic about six years ago. Shouldn't they be teenagers at this point? — Jay C.

**A:** Yeah and Charlie Brown should be drawing social security, Jay. *What are you — a wise guy? Okay, obviously like most comics/strips the passage of time presents a problem. We've simply chosen to ignore it on certain levels. Even though the characters themselves occasionally acknowledge time has passed*

*(such as Jo Jo Zeke mentioning the seventh anniversary of Gary Jackson's death recently). They don't seem to age and many of them appear to be perpetually stuck in their twenty-somethings (except for Johnny Kazinski who has clearly lost his head of hair). Nice work if you can get it I suppose. They've got it like that.*



**Q:** I was wondering if you have any plans to make original **KODT** art available for sale? I would love to buy a piece of gaming history for my husband who is a huge fan. — Kate.

**A:** *Other than a few pieces we put up for various charity auctions we've never really sold any original art, Kate. Partly because it would sort of feel like we were soaking our fans. And partly because I do 90% of the art these days directly on the computer so there is very little original art to be had. Of course I'm always glad to do sketches for free at the booth at cons (Time willing --You simply h have to ask).*

*I do carry around a sketch book in which I sketch out ideas. These are usually scanned and then finished/reworked on the computer. (the sketch to the left is a prime example). When a sketch book fills up I usually let friends and booth volunteers go through them and take what they want.*

*At some point we may put some more sketches for charity on eBay for those who readers who can't make the summer cons. If and when we do, I'll make sure we give readers advanced notice in the magazine.*

**Q:** I love how you guys mix rendered photos with cartoon art in the strips. Strangely enough it makes the world of the **Knights** seem more alive. I'm curious about the real life locations from which the photos are taken however. I'm sure there's a back story. B.A.'s house for example. — Tracy.

**A:** *Most of the photos we've used to show the residences of various characters were carefully selected to match the picture we had in our heads. Patty's trailer is a good example as well as Brian's house (which is obviously in a state of great disrepair). No real back story there. B.A.'s house on the other hand is the house I grew up in (my folks' place). So I took a bit of creative liberty there since I identify so much with the poor slob.*

**Q:** Will we ever see B.A.'s mom? Johnny Kazinski once commented she was "hawt". And Dave is on record saying she looks like "Cher." Both comments have made me very curious. — John R.

**A:** *Well — I've learned to never say never (I once claimed we'd never show Heidi). We have no plans to reveal her in-panel. But who knows. If the right story/situation ever crops up it could happen.*

That's it for now. Enjoy the issue in hand. Again, let us know what you think of the changes in layout/format.

Game on!

*Jolly R. Blackburn*

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OKAY **B.A.**, FIRST THING WE'RE GOING TO DO IS **IMMUNIZE** OUR **HACKMASTER** CHARACTERS WITH EVERY **VACCINATION** WE CAN FIND IN OUR **SICKBAY**. WE'LL ALSO **DRAW BLOOD** FROM BOTH OUR **SPACEHACK** CHARACTERS AND OUR **HACKMASTER** CHARACTERS. WE HAVE THE **BIO-COMPUTERS** BEGIN A **COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS** LOOKING FOR ANY **HARMFUL CONTAGIONS** THAT COULD BE TRANSFERRED BETWEEN THE TWO.

FIRK DING BLAST!  
WHAT THE HELL  
MADE YOU THINK  
TO DO THAT?

**PATTY GAUZWELER** SAID YOU  
BORROWED HER COPY OF H.G. WELLS'  
**WAR OF THE WORLDS!**

SO WE FIGURED YOU WERE  
GOING TO TRY AND KILL US  
WITH A VIRUS OR BACTERIA!

AS AN ADDED **PRECAUTION**  
WE'RE GONNA WEAR OUR **VAC**  
**SUITS** AT ALL TIMES!!



TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH: This panel from **Knights of the Dinner Table** Issue 26 — The Untouchable Trio +1 find their way into **SpackHack**.