

CRIES FROM THE ATTIC

QUESTIONS FROM THE MAIL BAG



That time again — time to dip into the mail bag and answer some reader questions.

First question up has been answered many times before. But given Gary Gygax's recent death, I figured it's worth repeating the answer.

Was the character Gary Jackson based on Gary Gygax?

Gary Jackson is a fictional character based on the many popular urban myths passed around gaming tables back in the day when many game designers were seen like rock stars to those of us flocking to this new thing called role-playing games. They seemed larger than life to some of us. And the stories involving them were larger than life as well (i.e. stretched).

Gary Jackson was meant to be a composite character taking on all those myths (both good and bad). Over the years a lot of people have speculated who Gee-Jay might really be. The truth is he's not based on any single person.

B.A. and Bob both have jobs. What about the others in the group? They never mention going to work.

Sara works for a book store, although it's never been discussed in the strips. She's mentioned her 'jerk of a boss' a few times, a co-worker who has hit on her, etc.

Dave? Work? The two don't seem to mix. From comments Dave's made over the years in the strips, he appears to rely on his dad for money and is something of a professional student. He's also on record saying he doesn't pay taxes.

Brian inherited his parents' house. He makes money doing web design, computer tech work for some businesses, refurbishing old computers, etc. Oh — and selling painted minis on the side.

What happened with Switch and Bob and the "Warehouse Gang"? That story was never resolved.

The story was intentionally left open. KODT being the soap opera that it is -- it can be assumed events surrounding that story will come into play down the road.

As it stands, Switch is doing time for his part in the role. Charges against Pete were dropped. And Bob was never implicated. A lot of readers apparently missed the bonus strip at www.kenzerco.com that filled in some of the gaps.

Pete was previously married. Will we ever see his ex-wife? Does he have any children?

I've learned to never say never when it comes to KODT. No plans currently for his "alimony-moochin" ex-wife (Annie) to turn up. But you never know. The discussion about her in the opening pages of *Black Hands 2* is about as much detail about her that readers have ever gotten. According to Gordo, she was the "perfect woman". No kids (that we know of).

Does Bob have a mom? He's never once mentioned her. Just curious.

Although it's never been discussed in the strips, we've always assumed Bob's mom died when he and his sister were very young.

Well folks — that's all for this round. If you have questions, send them to jolly@kenzerco.com and we'll try to answer them.

Enjoy this month's issue.

Game On,

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