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CHOSEN: EPISODE THREE

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Best friends since the day they were born, Mason and Jack are a couple of burnouts who'd just as soon watch a Bruce Lee film festival as look for a job. Problem is, they've been entrusted with the safekeeping of the entire world. They are the CHOSEN, and mankind could very well be FUCKED...

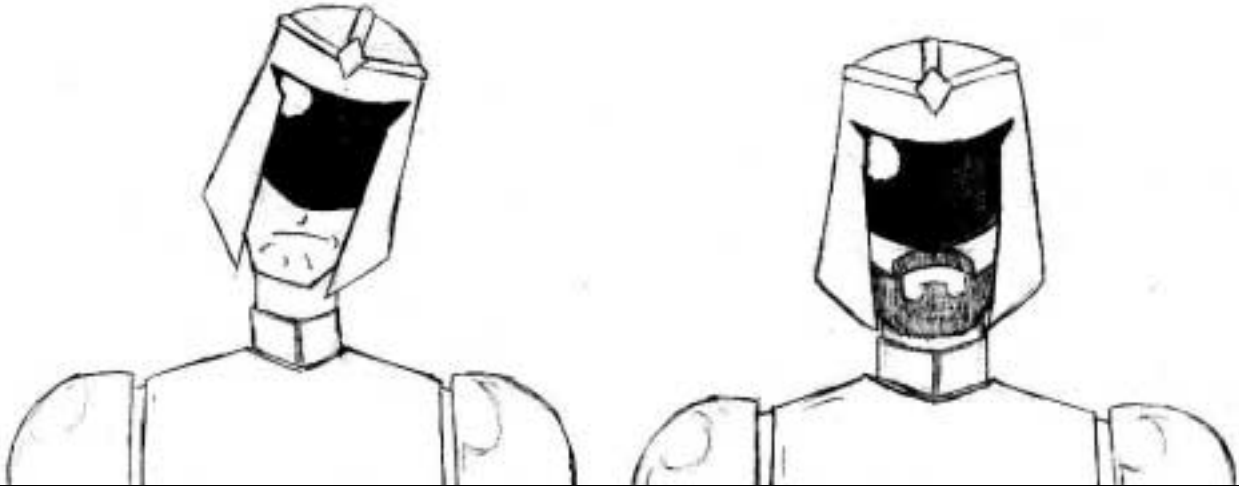


"Shit. Sure is cold up here. I don't understand why, if Lord Deathmask has all this hi-tech surveillance equipment, he needs a couple of guys to stand up here at this watchtower."

"Listen man, I've been with this company for 12 years, and if there's one thing I've learned it's not to question shit like that. Lord Deathmask knows what he's doing."

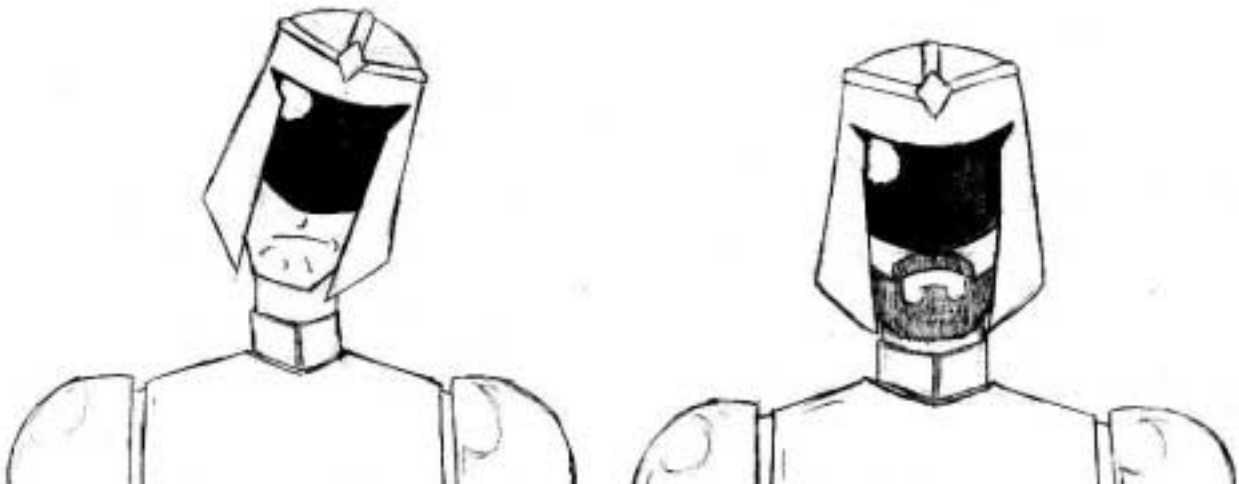
"I guess. Health plan's pretty good too."

"Damn straight."



"You know who I'm starting to not like? That scar-faced ninja guy with the robotic arm. It's like, just because he's engaged to Lord Deathmask's daughter he can treat all of us like shit. Fucking ShadowStrike."

"Well, hooking up with the boss' daughter's certainly one way to make it to 'Right Hand Man' status real quick. And being trained by a sect of corrupt Shaolin monks from an alternate dimension doesn't hurt either. Or being able to shoot lightning from your eyes."

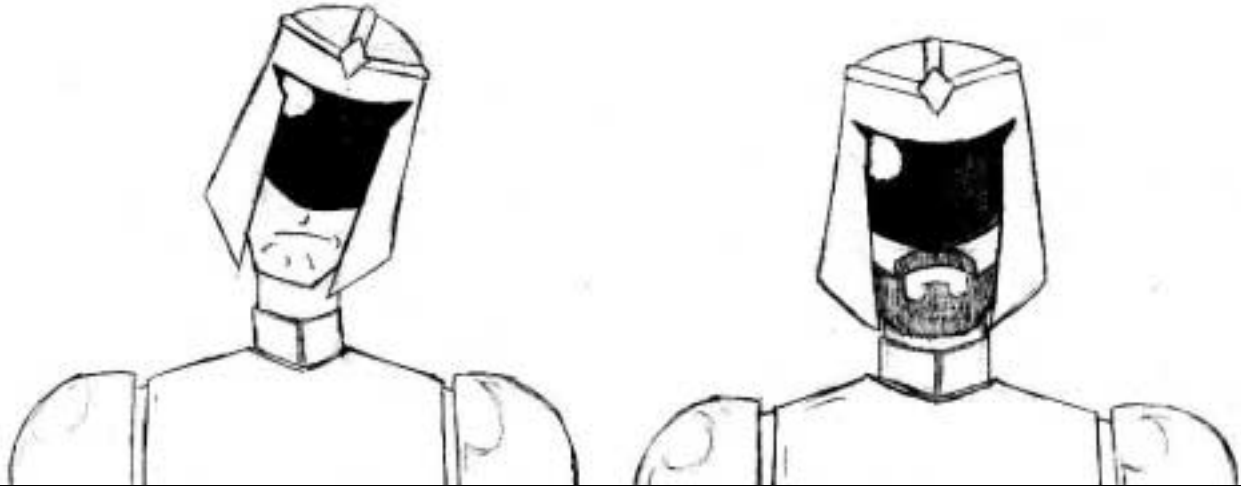


"Yeah, and I guess that scar is pretty cool. And the robotic arm . . ."

"Did you see what he did to that one group of American superhumans a few months back?"

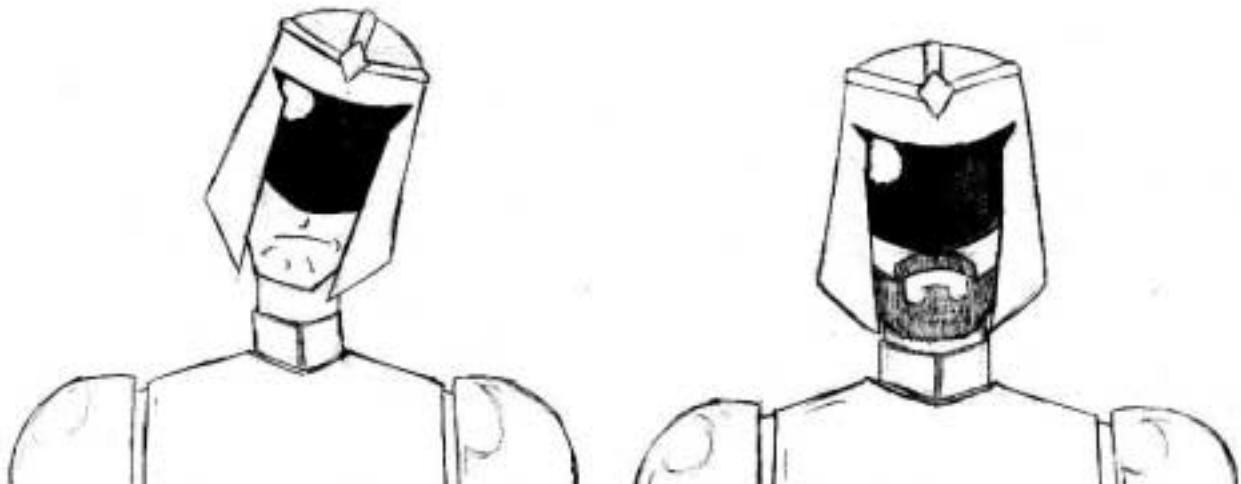
"Shit yeah! That was awesome, with the spinning sword and the -"

"The eye-lightning, yeah. Pretty sweet."



"So how are things with Suzanne?"

"Ah, she's still mad about that pool table I bought last month. I mean, I bust my ass standing on this cold parapet to put food on her plate the kids' plates, y'know? I should be able to treat myself every once in a while. And say what you will about the guy, but that Lord Deathmask pays pretty good."

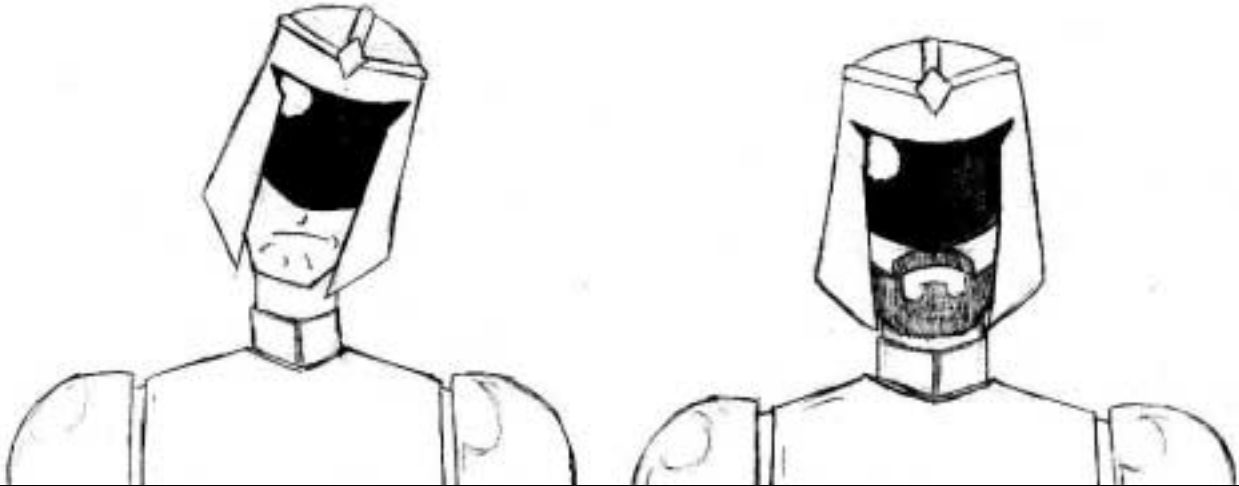


"Man, I heard that."

"You still with that girl you been with for a while? What was her name again?"

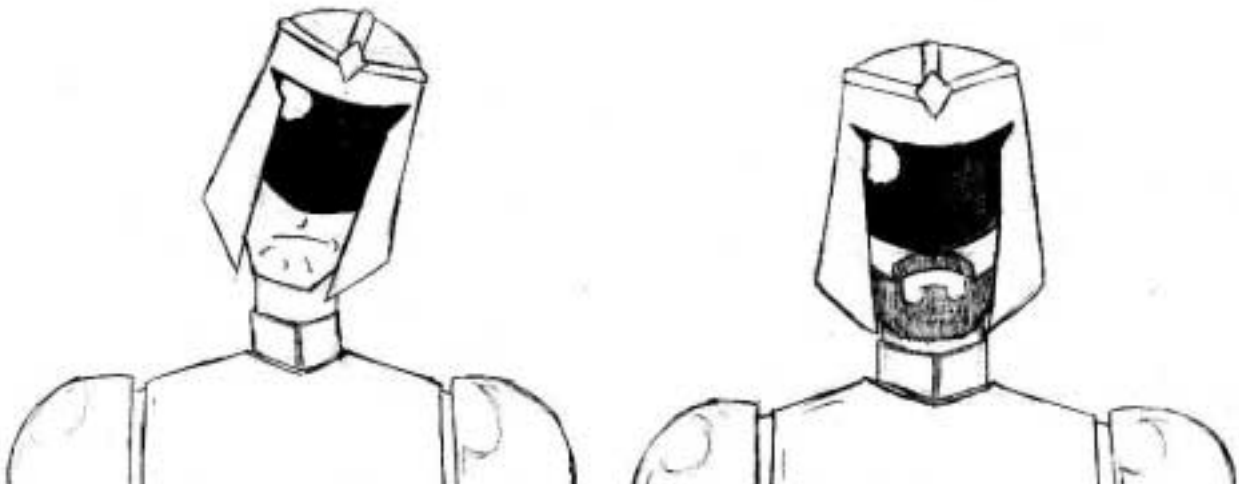
"Julia? Yeah, it's goin' pretty good I guess. I been thinking of asking her to marry me, you know? But I really don't think her family likes me. And the whole job thing . . ."

"Yeah. What'd you tell them?"



"I told them I'm in security. Which isn't REALLY a lie, I guess. But I mean, I really do love her. I know we're young and all, but I've dated lots of girls, and none of them have ever made me feel this . . ."

"Yeah, I know what you mean. I remember when I met Suzanne. It was way before your time. She was one of a bus-load of hostages Deathmask took in Washington D.C. He was just 'Deathmask' back then. No 'Lord' yet. Must have been, oh, 10-15 years ago. Those were the days."

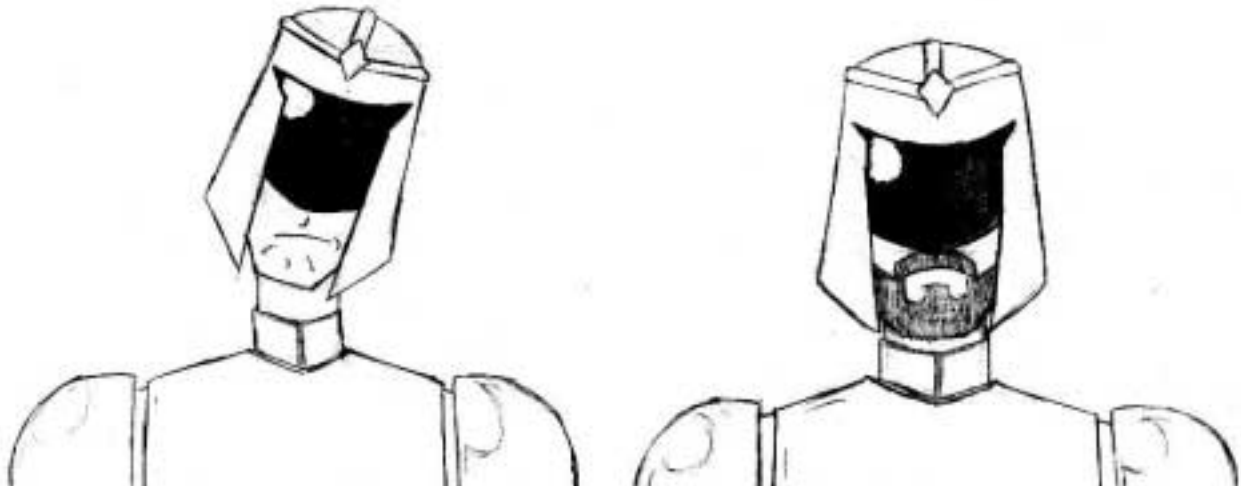


"Wow, that's a really sweet story."

"Yeah."

"Hey, did you happen to catch what it is L.D.'s all uptight about? He seemed pretty upset at the briefing. Especially when he smacked ShadowStrike."

"I'm not sure. I just heard something about a prophecy and how 'The Chosen One' is coming to get him or something. I think that's why he's got us on double shifts."



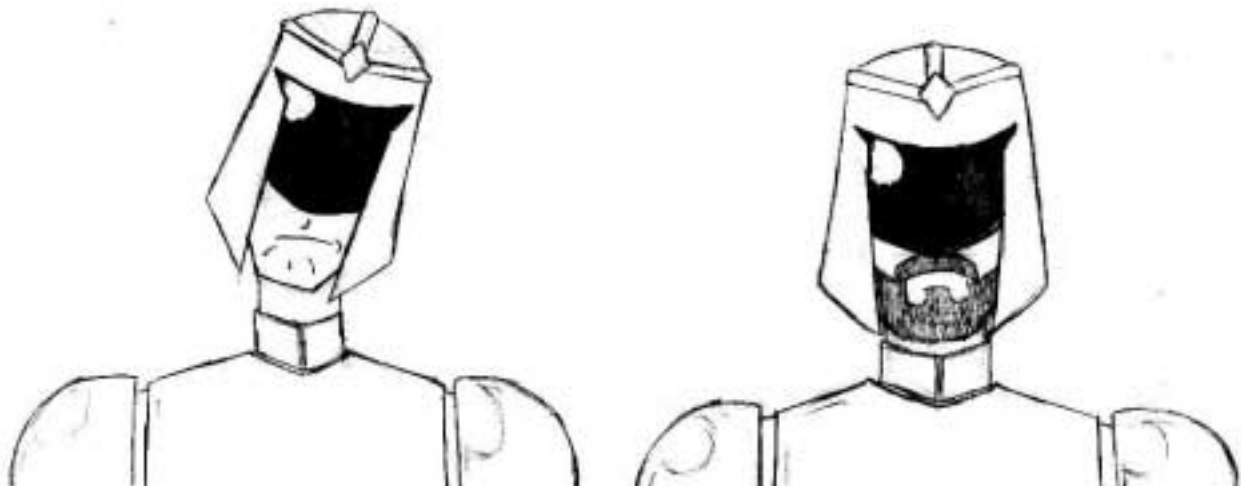
"Whatever. Hasn't ShadowStrike killed, like, three different 'chosen ones' already?"



"Something like that. Anyway, I'm sure it's not a big deal. He always gets jumpy when he's preparing a new doomsday weapon."

"What is it this time?"

"Giant robot battlesuit."

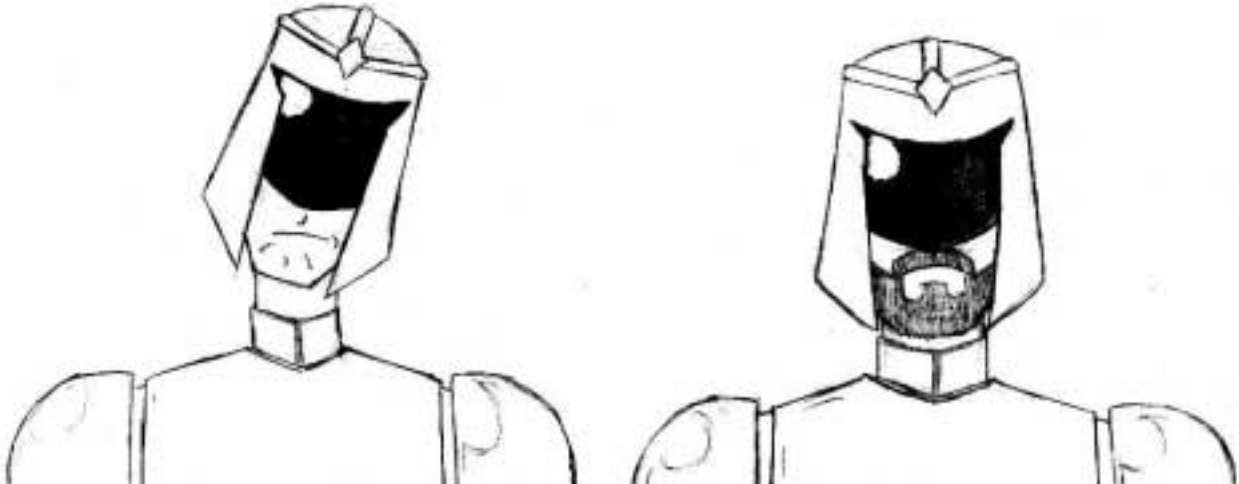


"Didn't he already have one of those?"

"Well, he had one shaped like an insect. This one's man-shaped, and it shoots missiles from its face. And it has a laser-sword."

"Sounds pretty awesome."

"Oh, it is. I was at the demonstration. I think he's really got a shot this time."

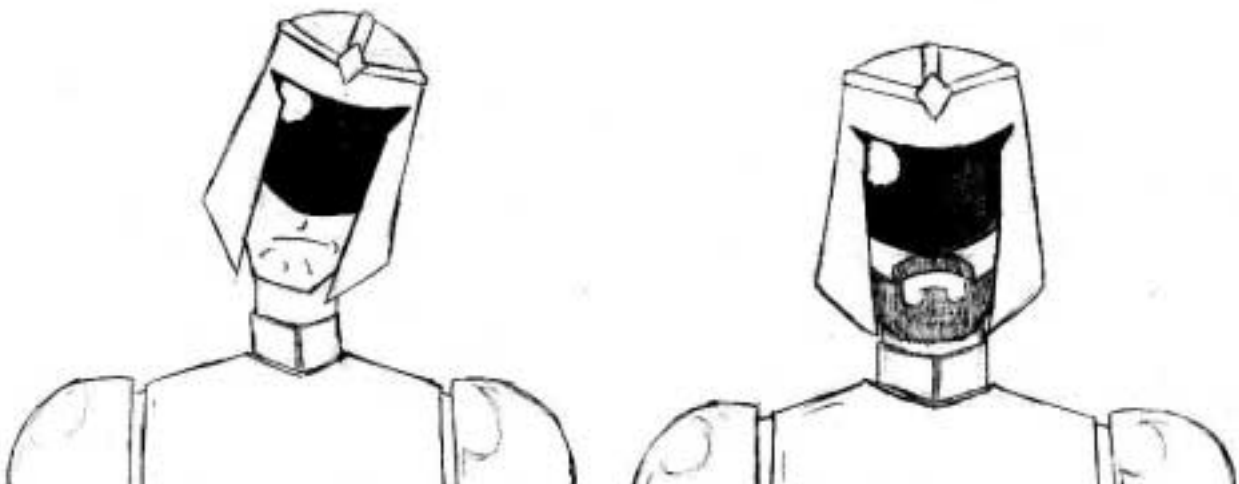


"Man, is it me or is Lord Deathmask's daughter totally fucking hot?"

"Hell yeah."

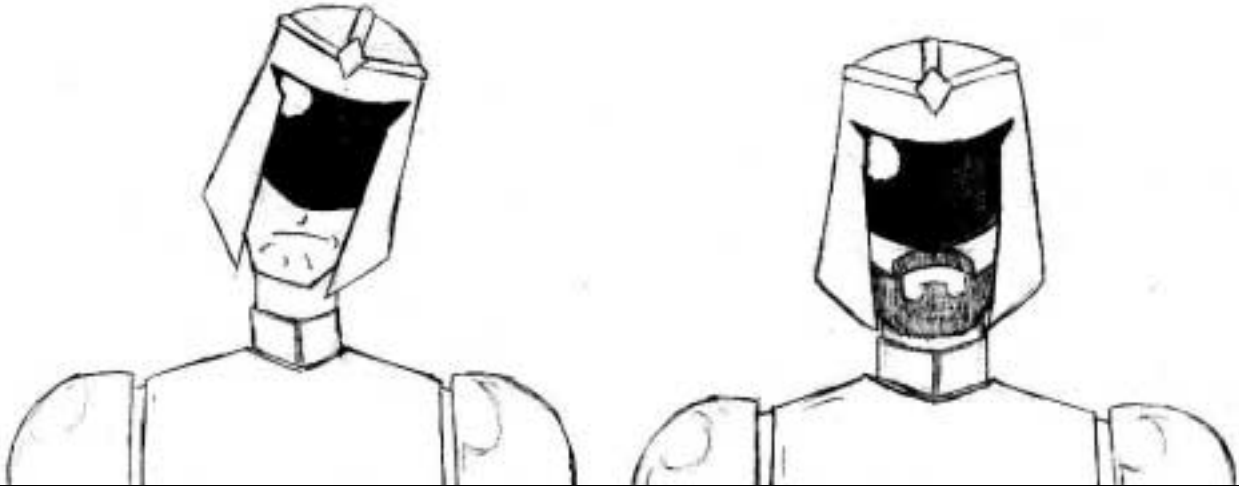
"When she wears that low-cut armoured jumpsuit she has, I just . . . WOW."

"I hear ya."



"Yeah. When I think about Julia, I see the whole thing, y'know? The house, the kids . . . the whole nine."

"I tell you buddy, just you wait until you have your first kid. Your whole life changes.
It's a bit of a strain on the bills sometimes, but man, is it ever worth it."



"AH! JESUS! WHAT THE - "

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