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# Ultimate Online

## LORD BLACKTHORN'S REVENGE





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PREPARE TO ENTER A WORLD UNDER SIEGE, WHERE EVIL FORCES HAVE COMBINED POWER IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONQUER AND VANQUISH THE VIRTUOUS. LORD BLACKTHORN RETURNS, CORRUPTED BY HIS OWN EVIL AMBITIONS, AS A HALF-MAN AND ALL-EVIL TYRANT. OVER 30 NEW MONSTERS AND CREATURES DESIGNED BY MCFARLANE ADD A DARKER, EDGIER TWIST TO THE ONCE-FAMILIAR LAND OF BRITANNIA™. WHO WILL PREVAIL IN THIS LEGENDARY BATTLE OF GOOD VERSUS EVIL? WHO WILL COME FORTH TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE VIRTUOUS OF BRITANNIA?

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BRITANNIA, A MOMENT OF PEACE IN THE EARLY MORNING BEYOND THE TROUBLES THAT PLAGUED THIS MAGICAL LAND.

THE PEOPLE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE MISSING KING WHO ONCE GAVE THEM HOPE WOULD EVER RETURN.



THE SHRINES WHICH ONCE STOOD AS SHINING MONOLITHIC EXAMPLES OF THE EIGHT VIRTUES WERE ALL BUT FORGOTTEN.

BROTHER FOUGHT BROTHER OVER PETTY DISAGREEMENTS.



BUT HOPE DID LIE IN ONE WHO STILL HELD THE VIRTUES SO DEAR.

SHE SAT IN THE EARLY MORNING LIGHT ON THE FLOOR OF HER SIMPLE COTTAGE IN THE CITY OF YEW, MEDITATING.



KABUR, GENERAL OF THE JUKA WARRIORS.



AH, KABUR. I TRUST YOUR FORCES STAND READY?

THE WARRIORS OF THE JUKA HUNGER FOR BLOOD. YOUR COMMAND SHALL BRING DEATH UPON THE ENEMY.

THE JUKA ARE MY MOST EFFICIENT WARRIORS. ALLOWING THEM TO BE SLAIN BY THE MEER WOULD HAVE BEEN WASTEFUL.

MY LORD EXODUS... WE ARE YOUR SERVANTS FOR ETERNITY. WILL MY WARRIORS BE ALLOWED THE GLORY OF DESTROYING THE MEER?

IN DUE TIME, KABUR, THE MEER ARE RECOVERING FROM THEIR CENTURIES OF SLEEP BUT THEY LACK ORGANIZATION.

ALTHOUGH THIS SEEMS A TIME TO STRIKE, YOU WILL HAVE TO BIDE YOUR TIME.

WE SHALL BEGIN WITH THE CITY OF YEW.

THROUGH THE CHAOS WE SHALL RULE THIS LAND.

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CHAOS WILL RULE THIS LAND!

CALM YOURSELF, CLAININ! LOUD VOICES WON'T BRING ORDER TO BRITANNIA, NOR WILL THEY KEEP YOUR ALCHEMY FLASKS IN ONE PIECE.

I SUPPOSE THE ENTIRE LABORATORY IS MINE NOW. THE KING MAY NEVER RETURN. MY MAGICS INDICATE THEY ARE NOWHERE NEAR SOSARIA.

IF ONLY THE KING'S WIZARD HAD NOT TRIED TO FOLLOW HIM, I MEAN NO OFFENSE, CLAININ, BUT...

NONE TAKEN DUPRE, BUT WE STILL HAVE NO KING! IF I AM NOW HIGH WIZARD, WHOM DO I SERVE? WHO RULES BRITANNIA? DOES THAT DUTY NOW FALL TO YOU?

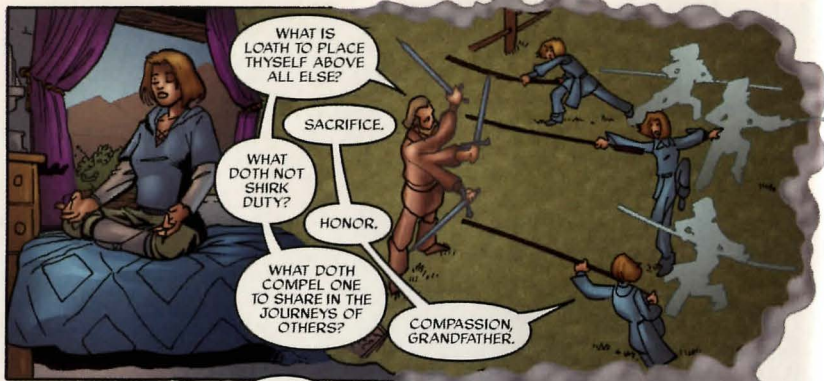
I FEAR NOT. MY DUTY IS TO COMMAND OUR MILITARY FORCES IN FELLUCA AND KEEP GUARDS AT THE READY IN TRAMMEL. PALADIN I MAY BE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME FIT TO BE KING.

YOU'VE BEEN DOING AN EXEMPLARY JOB, BUT IS IT ENOUGH? THE PEOPLE NEED A SYMBOL TO RALLY BEHIND. THEY HAVE ALL BUT ABANDONED THE KING'S VIRTUES, AND IT IS TEARING THE LAND APART.

I FEAR NO ONE IS CAPABLE OF FILLING THE ROLE OUR KING LEFT BEHIND.

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WHAT IS LOATH TO PLACE THYSELF ABOVE ALL ELSE?

SACRIFICE.

WHAT DOETH NOT SHIRK DUTY?

HONOR.

WHAT DOETH COMPEL ONE TO SHARE IN THE JOURNEYS OF OTHERS?

COMPASSION, GRANDFATHER.



AND 'TIS WHAT, DAWN, THAT NOBLES MUST STRIVE TO ATTAIN YET SERFS ARE BORN WITH?

HUMILITEEE!!!

THOU DOEST CERTAINLY HAVE THE HEART FOR IT.

I'M NOT SURE I COULD LIVE MY LIFE AS A KNIGHT, I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND MY HOME.



THOU HAST A TALENT FOR COMBAT, AND THOU ART PURE OF HEART, GRANDDAUGHTER. THE EIGHT VIRTUES ARE A PART OF THEE.

I LEARNED FROM THE GREATEST.

THOU HAST LEARNED FROM AN OLD MAN, ONE WHO IS GETTING TOO OLD TO BE USING THIS.



NO! THE KING GAVE YOU THAT SWORD - THE SWORD OF A KNIGHT, NOT A FARM GIRL.

THOU ART WORTHY OF IT, DAWN, IT SHALL SERVE THEE WELL.

ATTACK!

AAIEEEEE



WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!



GUARDS! TO ARMS! WARRIORS! TO THE READY, OUR CITY IS UNDER ATTACK!

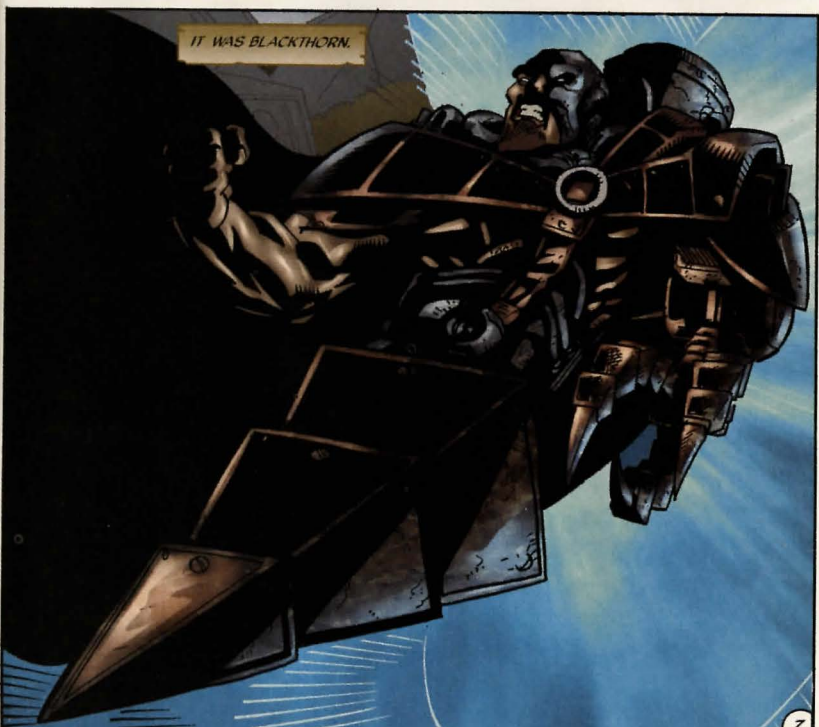


WARRIORS! AID ME IN THIS BATTLE!

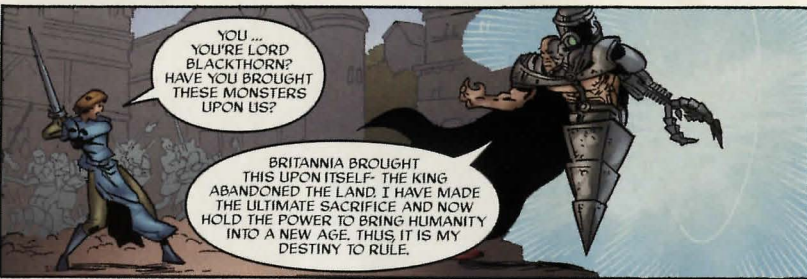


UGH!









YOU ...  
YOU'RE LORD  
BLACKTHORN?  
HAVE YOU BROUGHT  
THESE MONSTERS  
UPON US?

BRITANNIA BROUGHT  
THIS UPON ITSELF- THE KING  
ABANDONED THE LAND. I HAVE MADE  
THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND NOW  
HOLD THE POWER TO BRING HUMANITY  
INTO A NEW AGE. THIS, IT IS MY  
DESTINY TO RULE.



YOU ARE  
NOT FIT TO RULE,  
BLACKTHORN. YOU  
HAVE BETRAYED  
HUMANITY AND THE  
KING, WHO WAS  
YOUR FRIEND.

IN TIME, YOU  
MAY HAVE SEEN  
THE ERROR OF  
YOUR WAYS, BUT  
YOUR TIME HAS  
RUN OUT.

WARRIORS,  
SLAY THIS  
WENCH! THEN  
BURN THE  
CITY!



PEOPLE OF  
BRITANNIA, HEAR  
ME NOW! DEFY MY  
AUTHORITY AS  
SUCCESSOR TO THE  
THRONE OF BRITANNIA  
AND YOU WILL BE  
DESTROYED!



YOU WOULD  
ENSLAVE ALL  
BRITANNIA, MONSTERS?  
COME, TRY TO TAKE THE  
FREEDOM OF ONE WHO  
WAS TRAINED BY A  
ROYAL KNIGHT OF  
VIRTUE!



FOR THE VIRTUES  
AND FOR ALL OF  
BRITANNIA, CLEANSE  
THESE BEASTS FROM  
THE CITY OF  
JUSTICE!



JOIN ME,  
WARRIORS!







WE HAVE THEM ON THE RUN!



YOU LEAD US TO VICTORY!

YOUR COURAGE GAVE ME THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT!

DOWN THE VIRTUOUS SAVIOR OF YEW!



WE HAVE FOUGHT WELL, YOU ALL ACTED WITH HONOR AND VALOR TO DEFEND OUR CITY! MAGES, HEAL THOSE WHO FELL SO THEY MAY DEFEND YEW AGAIN!



AN ORT.



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

BRITAIN IS UNDER ATTACK... STRANGE MONSTERS... HEADED TOWARDS THE CASTLE! TOO MANY OF THEM... THE CITY IS IN CHAOS!

HEALER! THIS MAN NEEDS A HEALER!



I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A BATTLE BEFORE, BUT YEW'S WARRIORS FOLLOWED ME AS IF I WERE A KNIGHT.

IF THE MONSTERS COME BACK WILL THEY EXPECT ME TO LEAD THEM AGAIN? AND WHAT OF BLACKTHORN?



WHAT'S THIS?



SHE'S DEFEATED THEM ONCE.

WE CAN'T WIN WITHOUT HER.

SHE COULD SAVE BRITAIN.





WE CAN'T LET THEM HAVE THE CASTLE! WHAT SAY YOU LADY DAWN, WILL YOU LEAD US?



DAWN COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT SHE WAS HEARING.

HER GRANDFATHER'S WORDS CAME TO HER AGAIN: WHAT DO TH NOT SHIRK DUTY?



CAN YOU OPEN A GATE BACK TO BRITAIN?

YES YES I HAVE A RUNE THAT WILL GET YOU THERE.

PLEASE, CAST THE GATE, SIR. BRITAIN NEEDS US!



YES, MY LADY! WAS REL POR!

FIGHT FOR HONOR AND JUSTICE, BRAVE WARRIORS! FOLLOW ME!

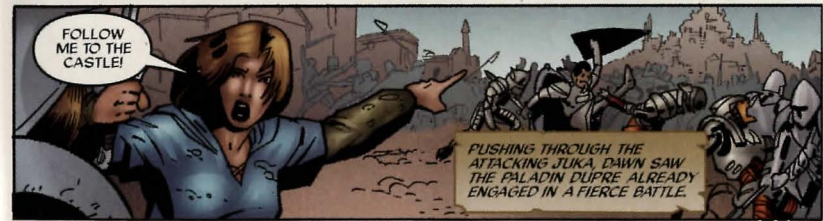


I CANNOT BELIEVE I AM DOING THIS. I HAVE NEVER EVEN VENTURED TO...



...THE CITY OF BRITAIN!

STAY TOGETHER AND SECURE THIS AREA!



FOLLOW ME TO THE CASTLE!

PUSHING THROUGH THE ATTACKING JUKA, DAWN SAW THE PALADIN DUPRE ALREADY ENGAGED IN A FIERCE BATTLE.



DUPRE WAS MOVING WITH THE GRACE AND SKILL OF A SEASONED WARRIOR. DAWN COULD NOT HELP BUT MARVEL AT HIS VIOLENT TALENT.

OUTNUMBERED TWO TO ONE, A LESSER FIGHTER WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED.





DUPRE WAS NO ORDINARY FIGHTER.



LEAD ON M'LADY.



SEPARATELY DAWN AND DUPRE WERE EXCEPTIONAL FIGHTERS.



BUT TOGETHER, THEY WERE LEGENDARY.

IN A MATTER OF HOURS THE BATTLE AGAINST THE JUKA WAS FINISHED.



THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE YOUNG LADY. I AM DUPRE.

DAWN, I FEAR FOR MY FRIENDS AT THE BANK, PALADIN. THEY FIGHT WITH HEART, BUT LACK NUMBERS.

STAY WITH ME M'LADY. WE'LL GET TO YOUR FRIENDS.



CLAININ! HOLD THE CASTLE AT ALL COSTS!

RIGHT!



M'LADY, IF I MAY...

PLEASE, GOOD PALADIN, JUST CALL ME DAWN. I AM NO NOBLEWOMAN.

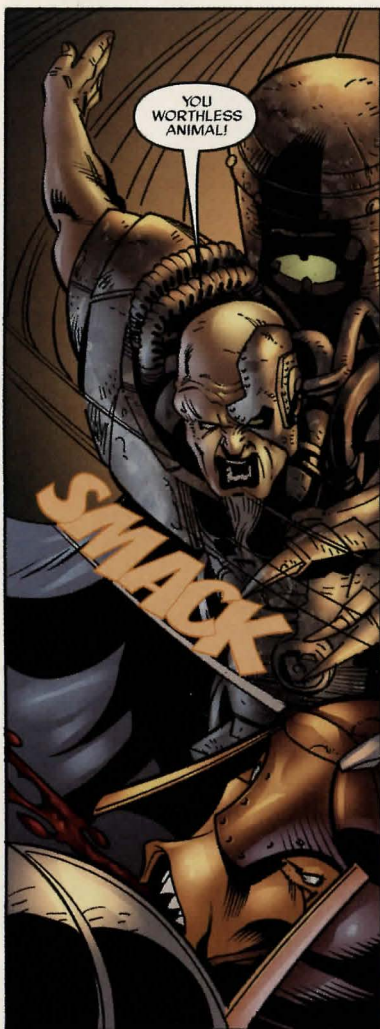


IT WOULD BE MY HONOR IF YOU WOULD ACCOMPANY ME TO THE CASTLE. THERE IS SOMEONE THERE I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET.

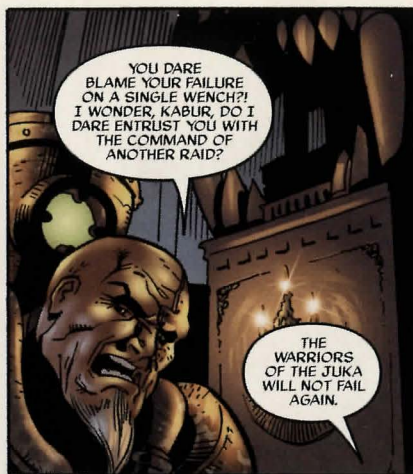
ME? MY LORD? I'M JUST A WOMAN WHO LIFTED HER SWORD TODAY.

TONIGHT, YOU ARE A HERO, M'LADY. HONOR ME AT MY TABLE?





YOU WORTHLESS ANIMAL!



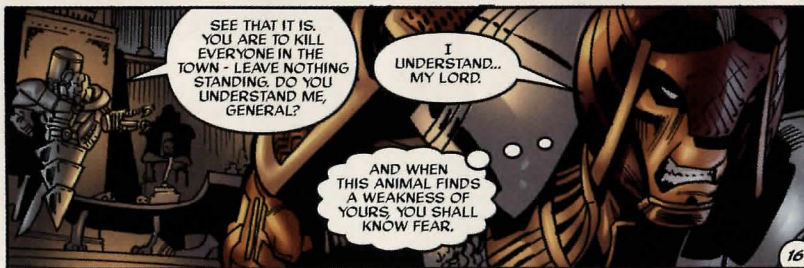
YOU DARE BLAME YOUR FAILURE ON A SINGLE WENCH?! I DARE ENTRUST YOU WITH THE COMMAND OF ANOTHER RAID?

THE WARRIORS OF THE JUKA WILL NOT FAIL AGAIN.



DOUBLE THE JUKA FORCES AT MINOC. THE HUMANS CANNOT STAND AGAINST SUCH SUPERIOR NUMBERS.

YES, LORD EXODUS. WE WILL NOT FAIL YOU AGAIN. VICTORY WILL BE OURS.



SEE THAT IT IS. YOU ARE TO KILL EVERYONE IN THE TOWN - LEAVE NOTHING STANDING. DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME, GENERAL?

I UNDERSTAND... MY LORD.

AND WHEN THIS ANIMAL FINDS A WEAKNESS OF YOURS, YOU SHALL KNOW FEAR.



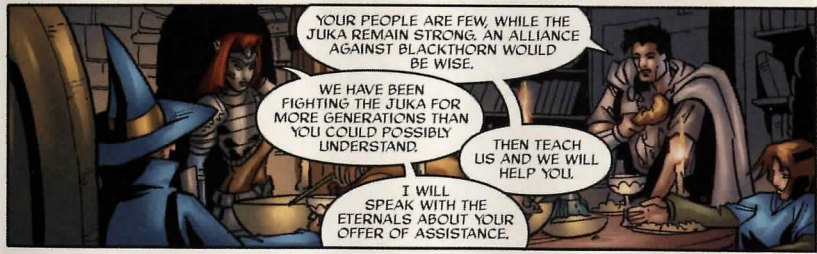
MY LORD! ANOTHER MONSTER!

IT'S ALL RIGHT. THIS IS DASHA, A MEER. SHE IS A FRIEND AND ALLY.

ACQUAINTANCE WOULD PROBABLY BE A BETTER TERM. HUMANS CAN OFFER LITTLE ASSISTANCE TO THE MEER AGAINST THE JUKA.

WE DROVE THEM FROM THE CITY AND MY TOWN OF YEW.

A SMALL FORCE, OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE. HAD THERE BEEN MORE, YOUR CITY WOULD BE BURNING.



YOUR PEOPLE ARE FEW, WHILE THE JUKA REMAIN STRONG. AN ALLIANCE AGAINST BLACKTHORN WOULD BE WISE.

WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE JUKA FOR MORE GENERATIONS THAN YOU COULD POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND.

THEN TEACH US AND WE WILL HELP YOU.

I WILL SPEAK WITH THE ETERNALS ABOUT YOUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE.



BUT DO NOT ASSUME ANYTHING, HUMAN. ANY ASSISTANCE WE ALLOW YOU TO OFFER WILL BE ON OUR TERMS.

YOU WOULD BE WISE TO LEARN OF US AS WELL, DASHA.

AND YOU WOULD BE WISE TO BOLSTER THE DEFENSES OF THE NORTHERN TOWN CALLED MINOC.



MINOC?! THE TOWN HAS MORE MINERS AND CRAFTSMEN THAN WARRIORS!

WE MUST LEAD A FORCE THERE TO DEFEND THE TOWN. GO, CLAININ, AND WARN THEM. WE WILL JOIN YOU AS SOON AS WE CAN.

KAL ORT FOR!

PHOOOF

I REALLY MUST LEARN THAT SPELL ONE OF THESE DAYS.

WHAT SAY YOU TO... OH.

SLEEP WELL, BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WARRIOR. TOMORROW WILL BE A DAY THAT DREAMS ARE MADE FROM.

DID YOU SLEEP WELL, DAWN?

YES MY LORD, THANK YOU.

COME WITH ME, I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.

AS MY MESSENGER GATHERED TROOPS TO DEFEND MINOC, HE SPREAD WORD THAT THE LADY DAWN WOULD LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST EVIL. IT SEEMS THE NEWS SPREAD FAR AND WIDE.

DUPRE, HOW CAN I LEAD THESE PEOPLE? I'M NOT A KNIGHT!

THEY ARE HERE, DAWN, BECAUSE ALL OF BRITANNIA NEEDS YOU. YOU ARE A SYMBOL OF THE PATH OF VIRTUE FROM WHICH THE PEOPLE HAVE STRAYED.

IT WOULD BE MY HONOR.





NOW CLAD IN THE ARMOR OF A ROYAL KNIGHT, DAWN LEADS THE GOOD PEOPLE OF BRITANNIA INTO BATTLE.

A DARK AND EVIL FORCE HAS DESCENDED UPON BRITANNIA. THE LAND IS UNDER SEIGE. WHO WILL PROTECT AND DEFEND THE VIRTUOUS AND WHAT EVIL AWAITS THEM? JOIN THE BATTLE TO SAVE BRITANNIA. JOIN THE WORLD OF ULTIMA ONLINE.

We always felt our game lent itself perfectly to a comic book series due to our ongoing fiction and the richness of the Ultima Online universe. Then, we inked this great relationship with Todd McFarlane. Who better to bring our world to life than the creative genius behind the phenomenally successful, award winning "Spawn(tm)" series? We were very excited to begin this journey together with the great artistic talent at McFarlane Productions, knowing that it would eventually lead to the birth of this really cool UO comic book.

Casting the part of the villain was easy, since the tyrannical Lord Blackthorn has had a deep and resonant history in the Ultima universe. But he alone cannot bend Britannia to his will. All evil tyrants need their minions, and Lord Blackthorn is no exception. To create Lord Blackthorn's followers, we once again called upon the expertise of Todd McFarlane to create a new breed of darker and edgier foes to challenge the Ultima Online player. We knew that Lord Blackthorn's evil companions could be brought to life by Todd, and we think you'll be extremely pleased with the diversity and artistry of these creatures.



Every comic book villain has to have the traditional comic book "hero" who is out to undermine their evil intentions and be their undoing. While we could have used any number of heroes from the Ultima universe, we wanted to create a character that would really exemplify the new direction we are going with UO. We also wanted to create a character that was unique to Ultima Online. That character is Dawn. Dawn represents all that is virtuous in the land of Britannia, and exemplifies the forces of good while at the same time bringing forward a new chapter for UO. We felt relate to the hero, who "one" is at the same time "of the people".

Dawn is but one person in a world that desperately needs heroes, and she cannot fight back the darkness alone. She is not the focal point of Ultima Online... nor is Lord Blackthorn. The players are. Ultima Online is a living, breathing community featuring hundreds of thousands of players, all reacting to our stories in different, and often fascinatingly unexpected, ways.

And that is what makes working on this project so very special for all of us. Not only have we been able to tell a story, but we've also had the distinct pleasure of seeing our players write their own tales in the land of Britannia as their characters interact and grow with the story. For while this comic may have a final page, the story of Britannia continues to live on through the players in the world that is Ultima Online!



TRADE IN YOUR DAGGER  
FOR AN ION CANNON.

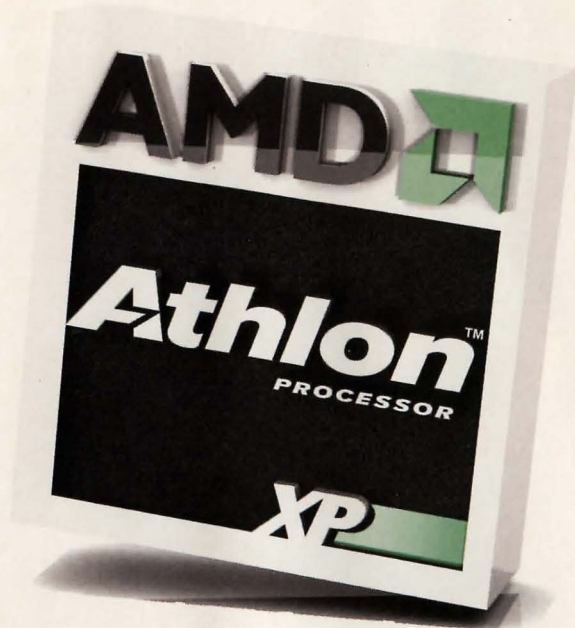
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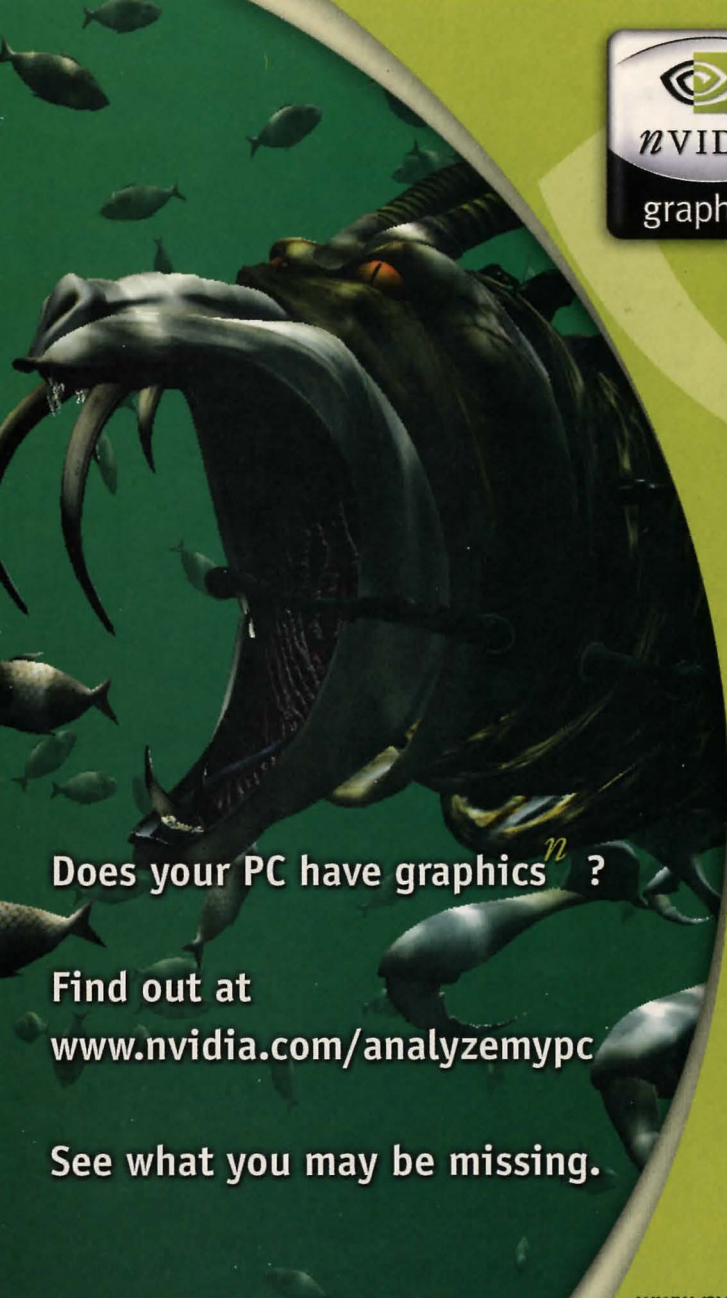
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**ULTIMA ONLINE ACTION FIGURES**

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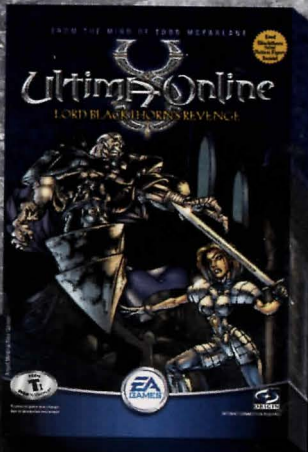
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DO YOU ANSWER?

Lord Blackthorn is back. And this time, he's not alone. Accompanied by over 30 of the most diabolical monsters ever to come out of Todd McFarlane's twisted mind, he's on a quest to turn medieval Britannia™ into evil's playground.

There are 30 new items to craft and collect, 3 new rideables and over 30 new creatures to hunt, tame and fight. Neither 2D nor 3D players are safe in the world of Britannia (2D players get access to all of the formerly 3D land).

Those travelers new to the world of Ultima Online will enjoy a completely new training quest to start their journey, while previous visitors will find more customizable options, including the introduction of a Virtue System and mp3-compatible, digitally enhanced music files.

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