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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  
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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.



CHAOS WILL RULE THIS LAND!

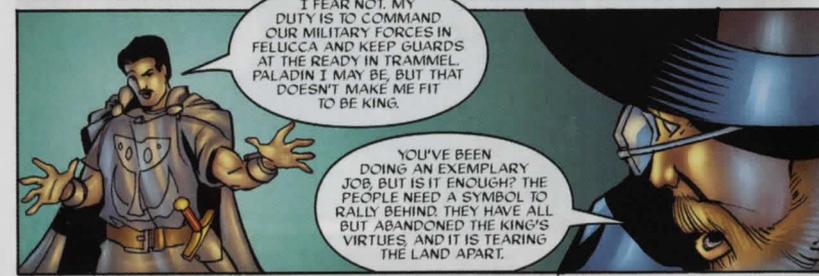
CALM YOURSELF CLAIMIN' LOUD VOICES WON'T BRING ORDER TO BRITANNIA, NOR WILL THEY KEEP YOUR ALCHEMY FLASKS IN ONE PIECE.

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, CLAIMIN', 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 FELUCCA 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.



WHAT IS LOATH TO PLACE THYSELF ABOVE ALL ELSE?

SACRIFICE.

WHAT DOTH NOT SHIRK DUTY?

HONOR.

WHAT DOTH 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?

HUMILITEEEEE!!!

THOU DOTH 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!





I'LL GUARD YOU MY LADY! I'LL--

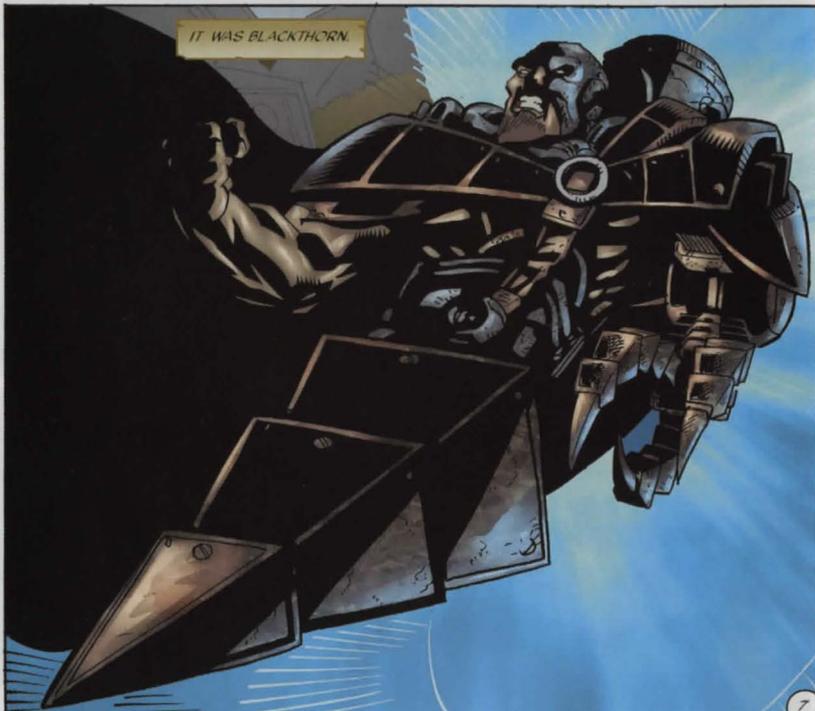


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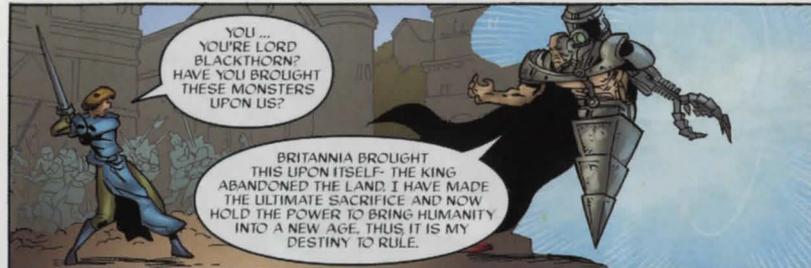


BEFORE DAWN STOOD THE MOST HIDEOUS MAN SHE HAD EVER SEEN, NO LONGER ONLY A MAN BUT ONE WHO LOOKED AS THOUGH HIS BODY HAD BEEN MELDED WITH ARMOR AND WEAPONS.

HE LOOKED AT HER, THEIR EYES MET.



IT WAS BLACKTHORN.



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!





AN ORT.



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HEALER! THIS MAN NEEDS A HEALER!

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



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 DOTH NOT SHIRK DUTY?



CAN YOU OPEN A GATE BACK TO BRITAIN?

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

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



YES MY LADY! WAS REL PORI!

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



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



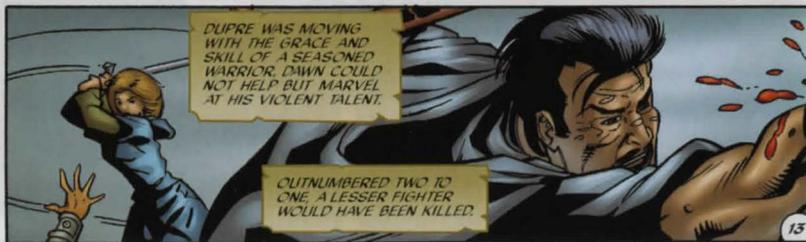
...THE CITY OF BRITAIN!

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.



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.



CLAIN! HOLD THE CASTLE AT ALL COSTS!

RIGHT!



LEAD ON M'LADY.



SEPARATELY DAWN AND DUPRE WERE EXCEPTIONAL FIGHTERS.



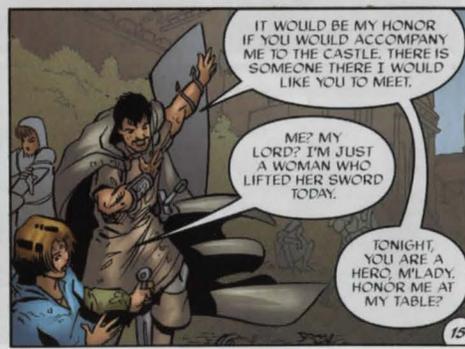
BUT TOGETHER, THEY WERE LEGENDARY.

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



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 WONDER, KABUR, DO 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  
POR!



PHOOF

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.



MY FELLOW BRITANNIANS! IT DOES MY HEART GOOD TO SEE SO MANY GATHERED TO DEFEND MINOC. MANY HAVE COME TO FOLLOW THE HEROINE WHO SAVED BOTH YEW AND BRITAIN: THE LADY DAWN... *ROYAL KNIGHT OF BRITANNIA!!!*



TO MINOCI!

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 SIEGE. 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 the forward a new chapter for that people could relate to the hero, who 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!



## ULTIMA ONLINE



BLACKTHORN



JUGGERNAUT

ANCIENT WYRM

ADRANATH

CAPTAIN DASHA

WARLORD KABUR

### ULTIMA ONLINE ACTION FIGURES

When it comes to online role-playing games, there's Origin's Ultima Online and there's everybody else. The long-awaited six figures in this line represent characters Todd McFarlane created specifically for use in the game.

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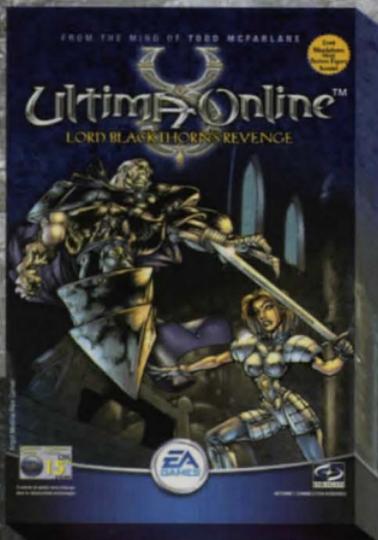
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EVIL BEEKONS.  
DO YOU ANSWER?

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.

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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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