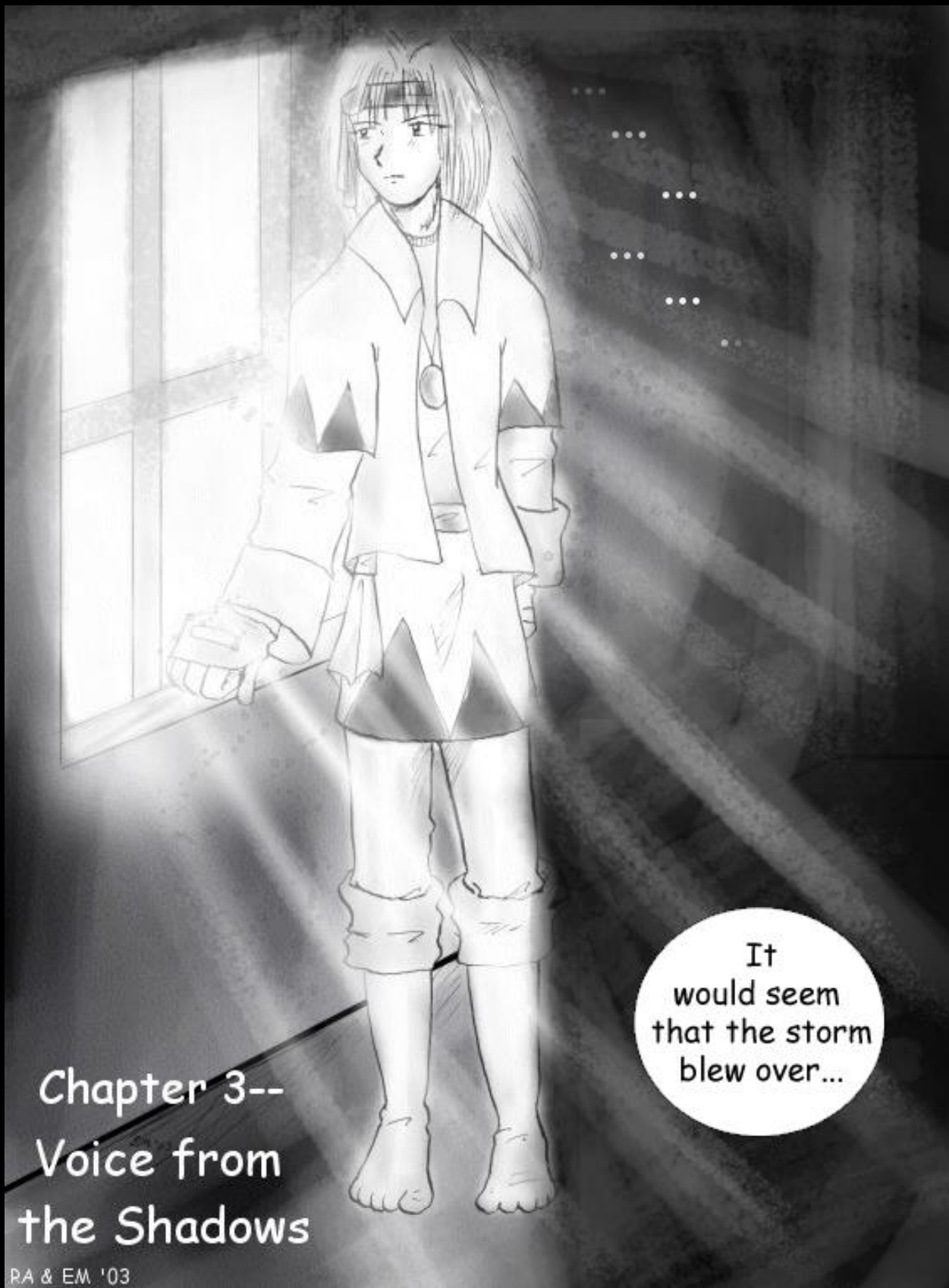


WAYRIFT WEBCOMIC



CHAPTER 3 - VOICE FROM THE SHADOWS



Chapter 3--
Voice from
the Shadows

It
would seem
that the storm
blew over...

PA & EM '03



This has
all been real
nice here...

But wouldn't
it be a good time
to look at going
back home?



Going back?
But I've only just
found father
again!

...
...
...

I don't
believe that is
possible at the
moment...



WHHAA!



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WHATTYA MEAN WE CAN'T GET HOME!?

OH NO!

I'll be missing the reruns of my beautiful face on the Professor Kory Show!!

And with my favorite guest star -- ME!!

I KNEW IT!!!!



Well, take your pick...

Wait till Dad finds out about the kidnapping!

Either you give us some time to work it out... or see your **molecular structure** torn to bits...

He'll kick your butt so far into Space that you'll have to travel light years to retrieve it!!!!

Rifting is **risky** to begin with... even more so when you don't know how your **present point** relates to where you want to go...

It's a little bit DELICATE to RUSH, yes?

RA & EM '03



You shouldn't make the assumption tha--



Just keep testing my mercy...



You might not see the way back home, Professor...

★ ★ LIES! ★ ★ ★ ★
AND FABRICATION!
★ ★



All made to cover up the TRUTH!



Of course. And where might that be?
Oh... yes... this really looks like a great secret base.

☞SARCASM☞

You're hiding a secret base here... to launch an attack on Baron!!

ALL of you!



Don't be foolish child... I do not wish to attack Baron...

But you're Golbez's father! And he's the Uber-Golbez!

Corleona... I am also CECIL'S father.



count
count

Well...



Well...



That doesn't count!



If I were gonna **attack** Baron, why would I spend **years** living there?

Humans.

-SIGH-

Well... I don't need you!

I'll find the way home all by **myself!**

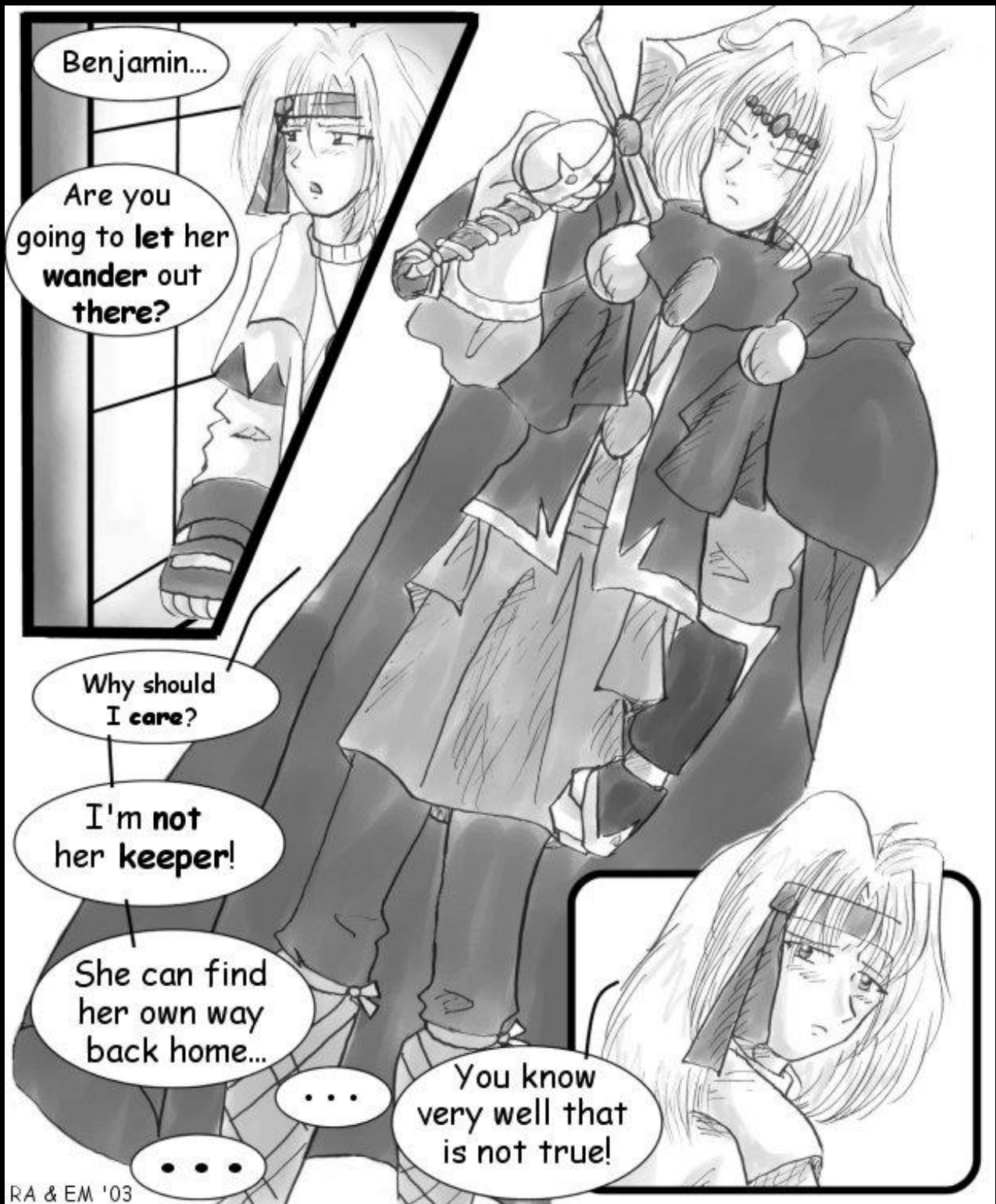
FINE! I'll wait here for when you come **crying back!**

Don't forget to write!

~waver~



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Besides... we do not know what lurks out there...

There are **dangers** amongst **nexuses** in the Rift... For as we were drawn here, so are **other forces**...



grunt

I... don't car--

Arg!

I really.... don--- erg!!

GAH!

Okay... **fine!** I'm only going as to **spare** the poor creature that would have eaten her the **heartburn** she'd give him!

No kidding!



I'll bring her back **safely**....



~tmp~
~tmp~

RA & EM '03



And he's supposed to be your son?

Indeed...

I can tell by the lack of sense.



And you are the pinnacle of humanity's sense?



~nod~

~nod~

~nod~

I was afraid you were going to do that.





When I get home...

Cecil will throttle Ben...

And then Dad will...

...and then Cecil will do it again just because I ask him to!



-SSSSS-

FOOLISH
LITTLE GIRL...

EEEEHH?

-SSSSS-
~CRACK~

!!!

!!!

!!!



-SSSSS-

Who's there!?

jerk around

-SSSSS-

I'm not scared!

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(Again)
Meanwhile...

Leona...

Silly child...



~zzzzzzzz~

Do you
actually think...



~seeking spell~



<--- Leona

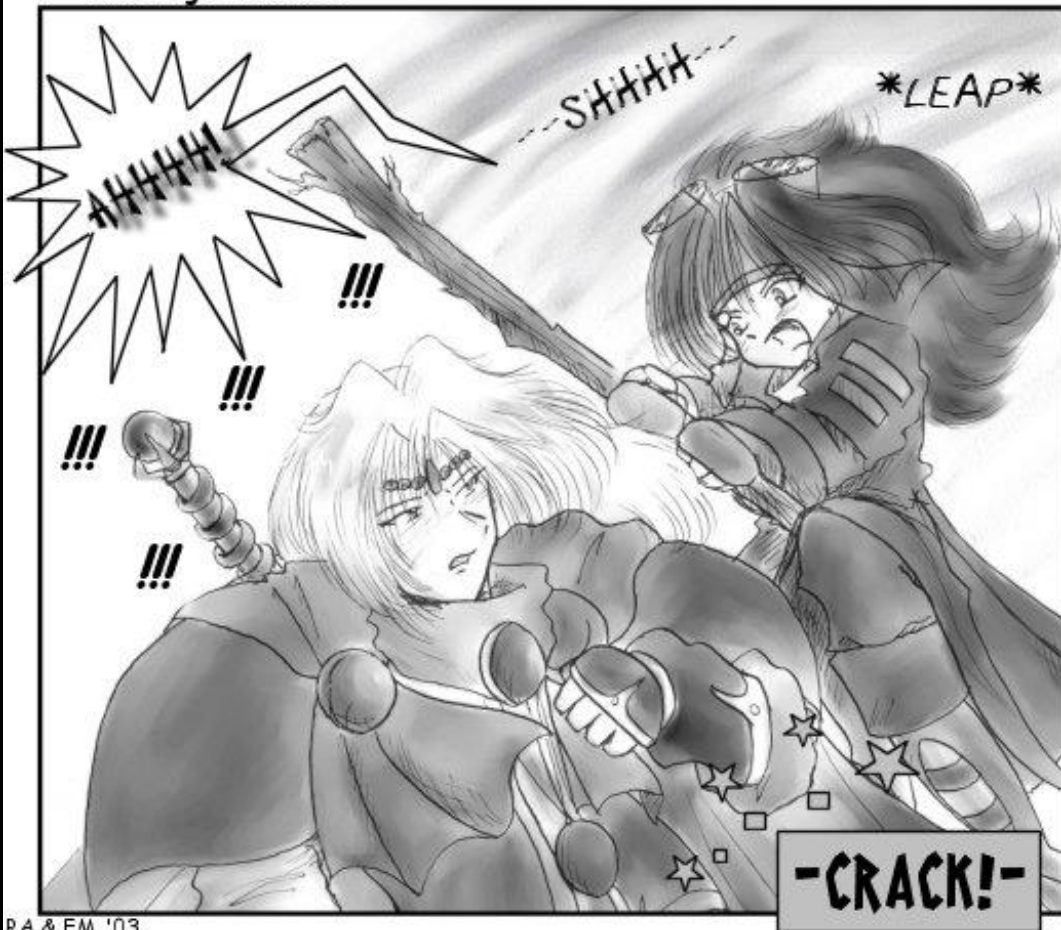
You could
really run
away?

~zzzzzzzz~

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Why go through all this trouble just to wipe out a bunch of weakling humans..?



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I'd not suggest you do that again...

DON'T DOOO THAT TO MEEE!



Oh Shiva... it's just you Ben...

If you wanna call me **foolish**, just come out to my face and say it!


RA & EM '03

As if I wouldn't?

I have a lot of choice words on my mind to say...

And I haven't even **started** on them!





**OKAY, YOU,
WHATEVER
YOU ARE!**

**YOU'VE PICKED THE WRONG
FELLOW TO MESS WITH!
I SUGGEST YOU WALK
AWAY NOW AND SAVE
YOURSELF THE AGONY...**

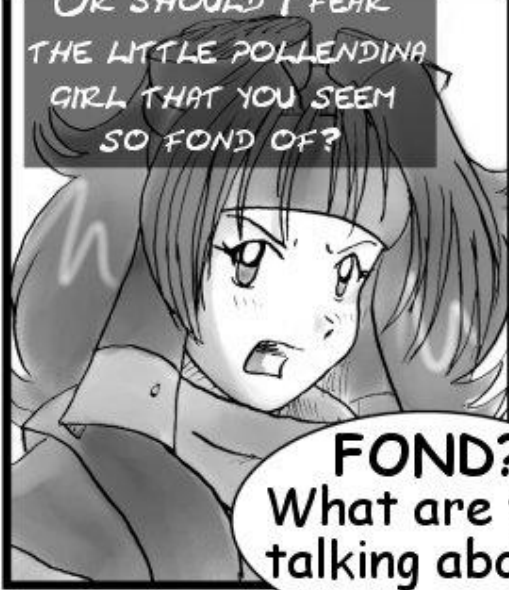
**MWEH HEH HEH...
WHAT REASON WOULD
I HAVE TO FEAR YOU
BENJAMIN GOLBEZ YA?**

RA & EM '03

ONLY A FOOL WOULDN'T.

**IT WOULD SEEM WE
ARE BOTH DETERMINED
TO PLAY THE FOOL,
MY BROTHER IN SPIRIT.**

OR SHOULD I FEAR
THE LITTLE POLLENDINA
GIRL THAT YOU SEEM
SO FOND OF?



FOND?
What are you
talking about?

If you gotta bone to pick with me...
then get it out in the open!

...and leave the
child out of
this!

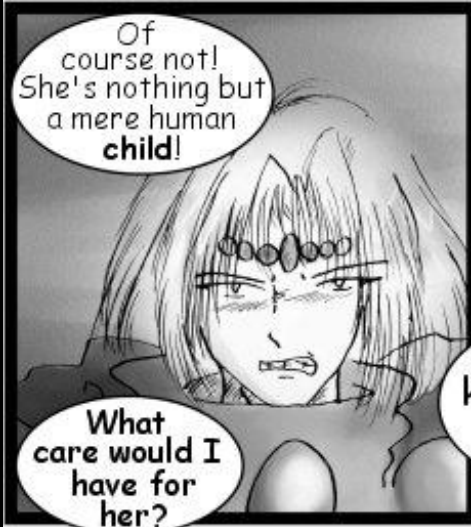


Been!
Don't feed
me to your
min-onion!

IS SHE SPECIAL TO YOU?

**CORLEONA... THE TYRANT OF THE KNOWN
WORLD HAS FEELINGS FOR YOU...**

RA & EM '03





Leona!
Now is not the time!

catch

You are a very
poor liar Benjamin.



Liar?!

JERK



Whattya
mean!



I'm getting
outta here!


Leona...



Be
safe...

-SPRINT!-

RA & EM '03



SO YOU DO CARE FOR THE CHILD.
YOU MIGHT AS WELL LET HER ROAM
FREE. YOU KNOW WHAT INFLUENCE YOU
BRING TO THE CHILD'S LIFE WOULD
BE DETRIMENTAL IN THE END.

Whaddya want from me?

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
AND WHO YOU WERE...

That's not too hard...
most any **child** on the street
of **Baron** knows that.

YOU DESIRE TO FIND KNOWLEDGE
OF WHO YOU ARE...
AND WHY YOU ARE...

And that could describe any person
seeking higher self in this world.

BUT THE SCARS OF
BEING **GOLBEZ** DO NOT
PLAQUE JUST ANY ONE...

If you've come to
battle Golbez...
then do it. Stop
wasting my time!

MWEHEHEHEHE... I HAVE NOT COME
TO BATTLE **GOLBEZ**. I HAVE COME TO
WARN **GOLBEZ** OF AN EVIL WEB THAT
HE HAS ALREADY BECOME TANGLED IN.

YOU ARE BEING DRAWN
BACK INTO THE EVIL BY
THE OF THAT...
WHICH IS EVIL.

And I should listen to **you**?
One that gives off the feeling
of **darkness** as well...?

I GIVE OFF THE DARKNESS
BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN
CORRUPTED BY THAT FORCE...
THE ONE WHO IS
YOUR PROGENITOR...

KLUYAAA...

SILENCE!

I will hear no such talk
about my Father!

MWEHEHEHEHE... IT IS
SOMETHING YOU WOULD
NOT LIKE TO BELIEVE...
BUT YOU CAN FEEL THE
MERIT OF MY WORDS...

I feel no merit
in twisted words!

SHHHHHH--

SO PERHAPS MY WORDS ARE
TWISTED... BUT... THEY ARE
TRUTHFUL. YOUR FATHER IS
HIDING HIS DARKNESS. HE CAN
CONCEAL IT QUITE WELL...

RA & EM '03

I will decide what
I feel for my father!
ME! And ME alone!

INDEED YOU WILL
IF YOUR MIND IS
NOT ENFEEBLED BY
THE POWER HE HO-

I refuse to open an ear
to the darkness that only
desires to see us each
abandon those we love!



YOUR GIRLFRIEND
HAS FOUND
HERSELF IN A BIT
OF TROUBLE...

HUN?

HEEEELP!!

SWIMMING THESE
SHORES IN FULL
CLOTHING IS...
RATHER DIFFICULT
YOU MIGHT SAY?

MWEHEHEH...

~TO BE CONTINUED~

RA & EM '03