

IN THIS VENOMOUS LITTLE TALE, YOU WILL MEET A CHARMING REPTILE WHO SWINGS INSTEAD OF SLITHERS. WE GUARANTEE THAT SHE'LL HAVE YOU MESMERIZED WITH HER...



# SNAKE EYES

IT WAS A WARM SUMMER NIGHT, HAZY AND FULL OF THE CRISP EVENING SOUNDS OF FROGS AND CRICKETS. YOUNG SARA FELT A KINSHIP FOR THE COLD-BLOODED NIGHT CREATURES YET SHE WAS ATTRACTED TO THE SUMMER HOUSE EVEN THOUGH SHE KNEW IT CONTAINED ONLY MAMMALS.



HEY THERE, MY NAME'S CHARLIE PITT. DO YOU WANNA SEE MY HAMSTERS? COME ON IN.



MOMMY! MOMMY! SHE ATE THEM! SHE ATE BOTH OF MY HAMSTERS ALIVE!

WHO CHARLIE? WHO DID SUCH AN AWFUL THING?



SHE DID-- SARA!



SARA WAS A CELEBRITY AT HOFFMAN UNIVERSITY. HER REPTILIAN FEATURES, HER HISSING VOICE, HER COLD PIERCING EYES INSPIRED BOTH FASCINATION AND FEAR IN HER PEERS.



HI THERE, SSSSARA, MY BUT YOUR FANGS LOOK ESSSSPECIALLY SSSSHARP TODAY!

DO YOU LIKE MY GLOVES SARA? THEY'RE MADE OF GENUINE SNAKESKIN!



HOWEVER SARA IS NOT WITHOUT A DEFENDER. CHARLIE'S CHILDHOOD HORROR HAS MATURED INTO LOYALTY AND INTEREST.



NOBODY TALKS TO HER LIKE THAT! YOU APOLOGIZE-- RIGHT NOW!

YEAH, CHARLIE, SURE! LOOK, WE DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM! WE'RE SORRY!



YOU ALL RIGHT, SARA?

SSSURE, CHARLIE!

I'LL PICK YOU UP AFTER YOUR BALLET CLASS. WE'LL HAVE A BITE TO EAT AT SOLLY'S!



**CHARLIE THE DREAMER HAD MATURED INTO CHARLIE THE SCHEMER AND HE HAD IDEAS-- A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH!**

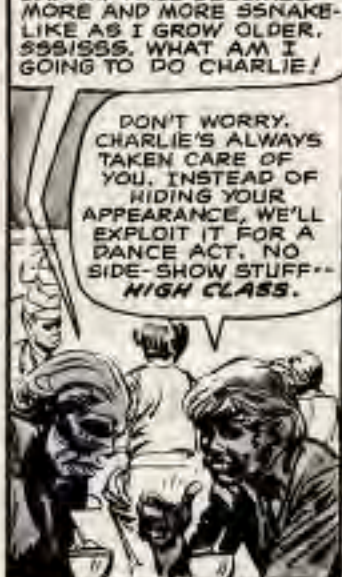
**IT GETSSS WORSSSE EVERY DAY. MY FACE BECOMES MORE AND MORE SNAKE-LIKE AS I GROW OLDER. SSSSSS. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO CHARLIE!**

**DON'T WORRY. CHARLIE'S ALWAYS TAKEN CARE OF YOU. INSTEAD OF HIDING YOUR APPEARANCE, WE'LL EXPLOIT IT FOR A DANCE ACT. NO SIDE-SHOW STUFF-- HIGH CLASS.**

**YOUR GRANDPARENTS WERE EGYPTIAN, RIGHT? WHAT BETTER PLACE TO KICK OFF... EGYPT, THE LAND OF SNAKES! YOU'LL BE TREATED LIKE A GODDESS. YOU'LL PERFORM FOR ROYALTY. ALL RIGHT, BABY?**

**YOU'RE MY PROTECTOR, CHARLIE. WHATEVER YOU SSSAY.**

**EGYPT, THE KINGDOM OF LEGENDS. HERE IN THE SHADOWS OF THE PYRAMIDS, THE TOMBS OF THE DEMIGOD PHARAOKS, CHARLIE PITT WAS PREPARING TO UNVAIL A NEW GODDESS.**



**SARA, MORE REPTILIAN THAN HUMAN-- HER HEAD ALMOST COMPLETELY RESEMBLES A COBRA'S BUT HER INSTINCTS ARE A WOMAN'S. SHE PRAYS FOR SUCCESS MORE FOR CHARLIE'S SAKE THAN FOR HER OWN.**

**THE MUSIC BEGINS. HIGH-PITCHED, HAUNTING MELODIES. HER BODY SWAYS IN RYTHM WITH THE TUNES AND HER NATURAL FLUID MOTION MAKES IT APPEAR AS IF SHE HAS NO SKELETON. AT THE END OF HER DANCE, THE APPLAUSE THUNDERS!**

**HOW WERE THE REVIEWSSS?**

**NOT BAD, CONSIDERING. WITH A LITTLE MORE CAPITAL FOR PUBLICITY, I COULD MAKE YOU KNOWN ALL OVER EGYPT.**

**LET'S GO SIGHT-SEEING. IT'LL TAKE OUR MINDS OFF BUSINESS.**



WITHIN THE SACRED TEMPLE OF ARKE-RAN-KE

I *KNEW* EGYPT WAS THE PLACE FOR YOU, BABY! THIS GUY COULD HAVE BEEN YOUR BROTHER!

MY GRANPARENTSSSS SENT ME TO AMERICA WHEN I WAS ONLY AN INFANT YET THIS ALL SSSSEEMS FAMILIAR TO ME, SSSSISS.



SARA, LOOK AT THAT EYE. IT'S EXACTLY LIKE THAT PENDANT YOU ALWAYS WEAR!

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'SS EXACTLY LIKE IT, HISS.



EXCUSE ME, BUT I COULDN'T HELP OVER-HEARING. MY NAME IS CECIL TIBBS. MY PARTNER, HASI BARDOV, AND I DEAL IN GEMS. IF THE UH... LADY WILL BRING HER PENDANT TO OUR SHOP PERHAPS WE COULD MAKE A DEAL.



THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. IF WE TURN IT OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT, WE'LL PROBABLY GET NO MORE THAN A GRIN AND HAND-SHAKE

I DON'T WISH TO SELL IT. BUT I WILL LET YOU EXAMINE IT AND TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT IT!

LATER THAT EVENING...

FORGIVE MY LITTLE PET BUT YOU SEE HE IS A MONGOOSE AND THEY ARE NOTORIOUS SNAKE-EATERS. THE SIGHT OF MISS SARA... WELL...



YES, IT IS AUTHENTIC! IF YOU CARE TO CHANGE YOUR MIND, I AM WILLING TO PAY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR IT... AMERICAN DOLLARS!

NO! NOT AT ANY PRICE!



ARE YOU CRAZY? WE NEED THAT MONEY FOR ADVERTISING, PUBLICITY, COSTUMES!

IT'S MY HERITAGE. MY GRANDMOTHER PUT IT AROUND MY NECK WHEN I LEFT EGYPT. SSSSST. I'VE A FEELING ABOUT IT, CHARLIE...

I DON'T WANT TO GIVE IT UP!



I'M SORRY GENTLEMEN BUT SHE'S VERY ATTACHED TO HER PENDANT

IT'S A LADY'S PRIVILEGE TO CHANGE HER MIND... SHOULD THAT HAPPEN, I HOPE YOU'LL REMEMBER US!



DREAM'S DIE HARD FOR CHARLIE-- AND SOMETIMES THEY ONLY *APPEAR* TO DIE...

SURPRISE, BABY! IT'S A NEW COSTUME-- GO PUT IT ON!

OH, CHARLIE, HOW NICE!



...MUCH BETTER THAN THE OLD ONE! B-BUT... WHERE DID YOU GET THE MONEY?

I SOLD YOUR PENDANT.



SARA! DON'T LOOK AT ME THAT WAY. THINK WHAT THIS MONEY WILL MEAN! SARA!

SSSSSS!



SARA'S MIND EXPLODES WITH DAZZLING SUNBURSTS OF LIGHT. SHE STRIKES INSTINCTIVELY BEFORE SHE IS AWARE OF WHAT SHE IS DOING.



OH, CHARLIE, WHAT HAVE I DONE? WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SELL MY PENDANT-- *WHY?!*



TIBBS, LOOK AT ITS BRILLIANCE! IT'S WORTH THOUSANDS, PERHAPS EVEN MILLIONS!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? IT CAME FROM THE BACK ROOM.



DID YOU DISCOVER WHAT THE NOISE WAS?



IT WASSS MY HISSSSSSING THAT BOTHERED MISSSSSTER TIBBSSS, YOU HAVE MY PENDANT. I WANT IT BACK!

PLEASE PRINCESS YOU CAN HAVE IT!



PRINCESSSS? THEN MY GRANDMOTHER'S STORIES WERE TRUE. I AM PRINCESS KE-SARA-AMONKA, THE SNAKE GODDESSSS. MY PEOPLE HAVE WAITED LONG ENOUGH FOR MY RETURN.



YOU HAVE A FEW MOMENTS MORE BEFORE MY VENOM REACHES YOUR BRAIN. IT WILL DRIVE YOU MAD. YOU WILL FOAM LIKE A RABID DOG AND THEN YOU WILL DIE!



THE MUSEUM WAS TO HAVE A LATE VISITOR THIS NIGHT—ROYALTY!



THE GOD IS NOW COM-  
PLETE!



WELCOME,  
KE-SARA-  
AWONKA...  
WE  
KNEW  
YOU  
WOULD  
RETURN  
TO  
US!



THESSSE UNDERGROUND  
CHAMBERSSS USED TO  
BE FILLED WITH MY  
PEOPLE. MY GRAND-  
MOTHER SSSENT ME  
AWAY TO AVOID A  
PLAGUE TO PRESSRVE  
ME FOR THISS MOMENT!



PRINCESS, YOU  
HAVE RETURNED. WE  
HAVE BEEN WAITING  
FOR YOU FOR  
MANY YEARS!

... FOR WE ARE THE  
PLAGUE OF YOUR  
PEOPLE-- THE  
MONGOOSE  
PEOPLE-- THE  
**SNAKE-  
EATERS!**



POOR SARA! AFTER  
PUTTING THE BITE  
ON SO MANY PEOPLE,  
I'M AFRAID SHE'S  
GOING TO SUFFER  
A DIFFERENT ONE...  
MY NEXT TERROR  
TALE!

