

# The Adventures of Dank and Scud

Another time, another place, another war. These are the adventures of Dank and Scud, two loners caught in the barbaric world of Quake. How long has it been? Three years? Seven? A decade? Was Earth a memory, or merely a figment of their imagination? Is there a way home? Do they care?

No.

They're having way too much fun.

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About

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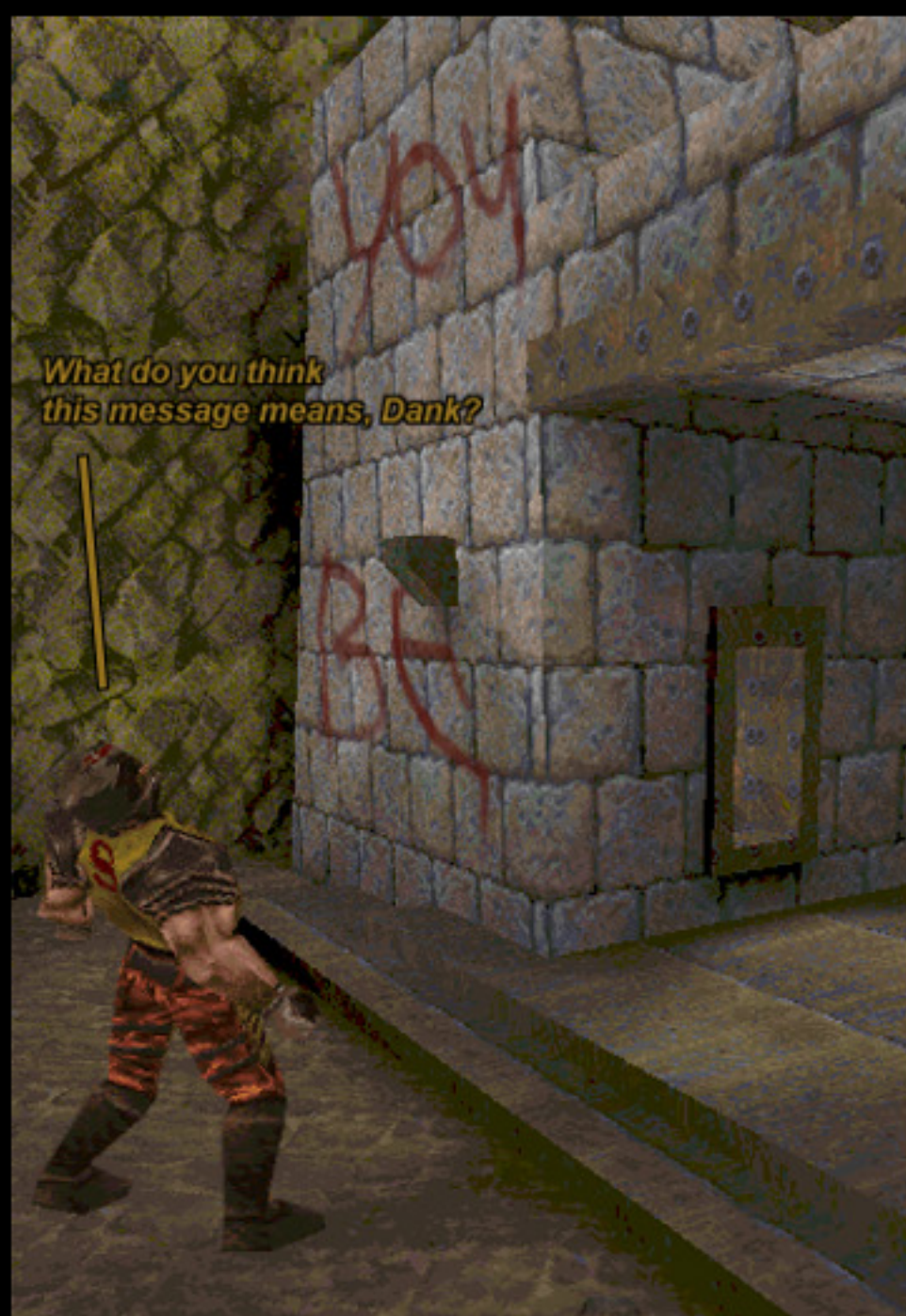


When we last left our dynamic duo, a terrible discovery awaited them upon their return from the Doom Realm. They investigate...



What a shame...

Strange...his gibs aren't of the normal variety...



What do you think this message means, Dank?



It means "You Will be Saved"

Ooohhh...



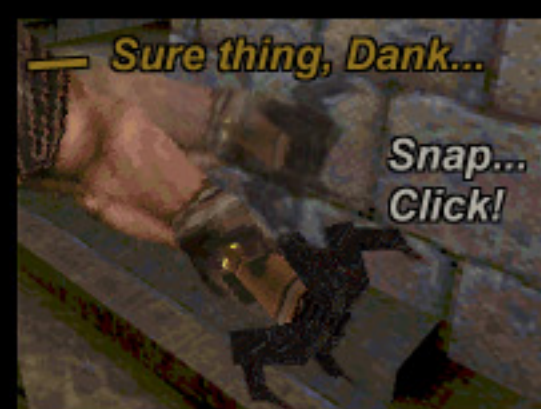
His body looks as though it's been put through a meat grinder, yet his head is perfectly intact.



Scud, you're twitching.

Yeah, weapons withdrawl...it's been hours since I've held a gun. Let's get our weapons...

Later, upon returning...





What do you make of it, Dank?

Strange-- this thing doesn't have a head. Never seen this type of spawn before...

Let's go and see where the other one went.

Dank and Scud follow the headless into the darkness...

...and emerge into yet another unfamiliar place. What they discover before them is...um....well...



Cool!

...Cool.

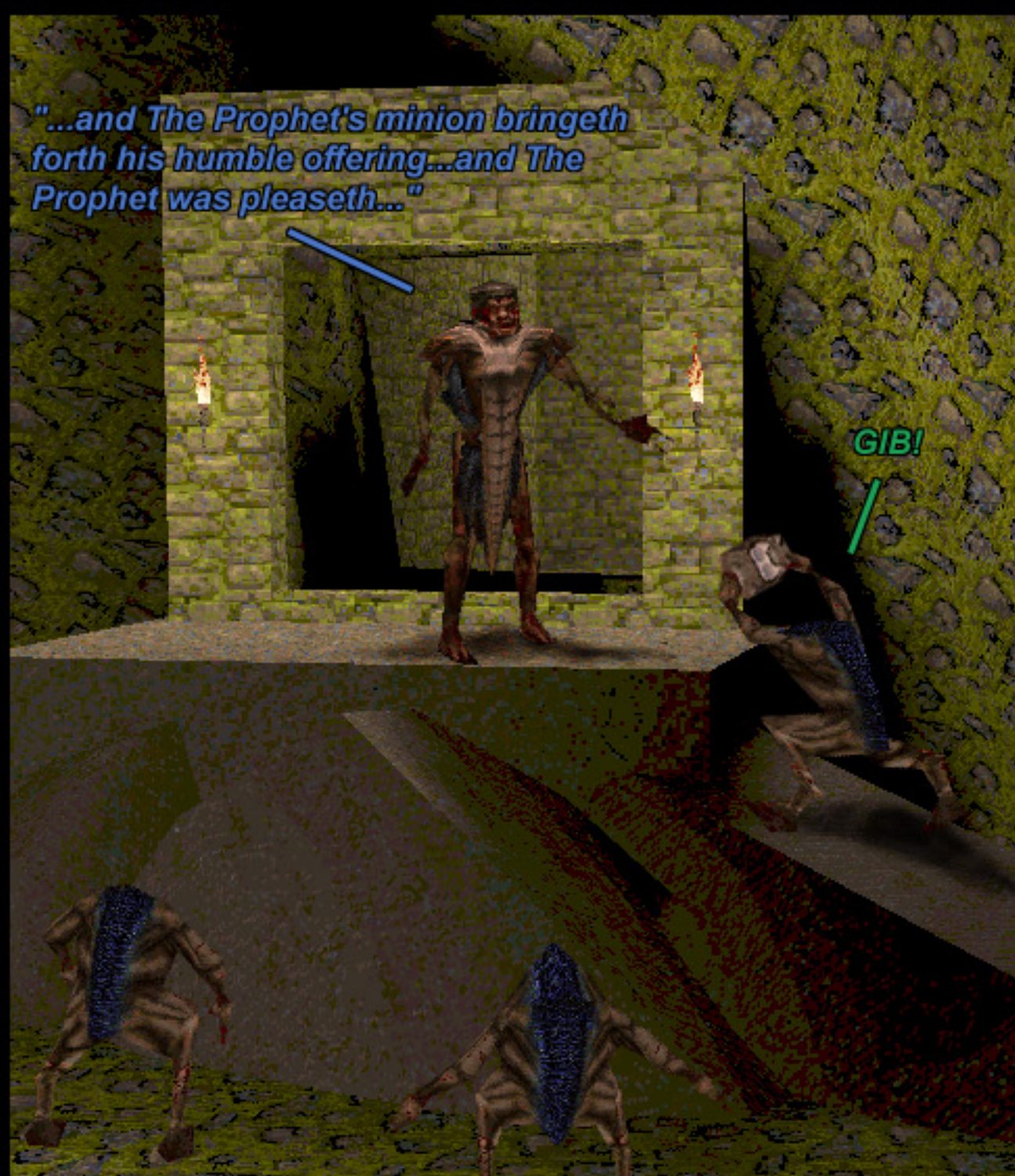


Look, Dank! He's taking the head to that leader dude over there.

Gib Geeb! Geeeeeb!

"And thus The Prophet's prophecy cometh trueh..."

Shhh...I'm trying to listen.



"...and The Prophet's minion bringeth forth his humble offering...and The Prophet was pleaseth..."

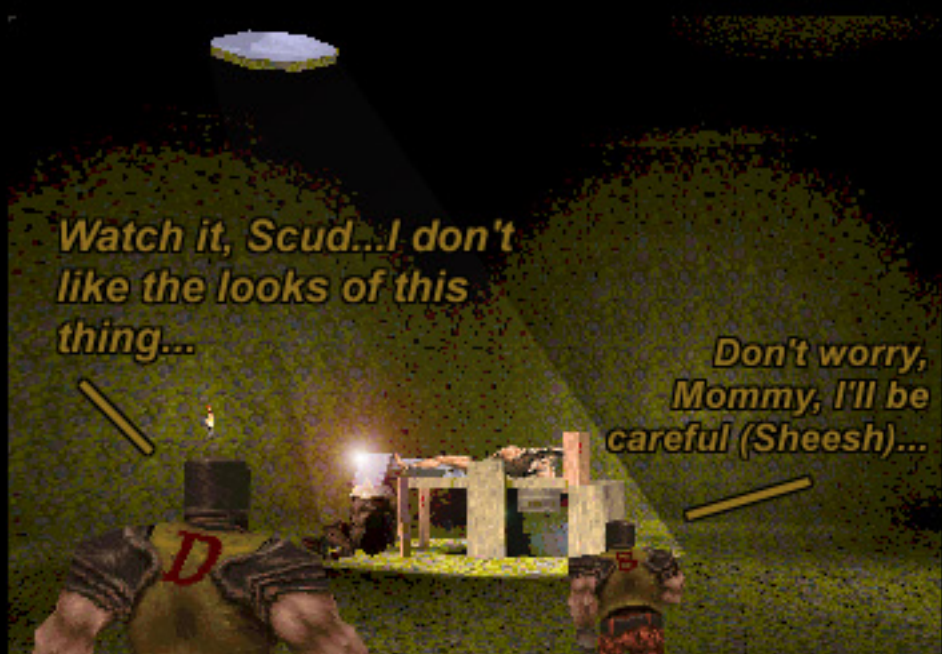
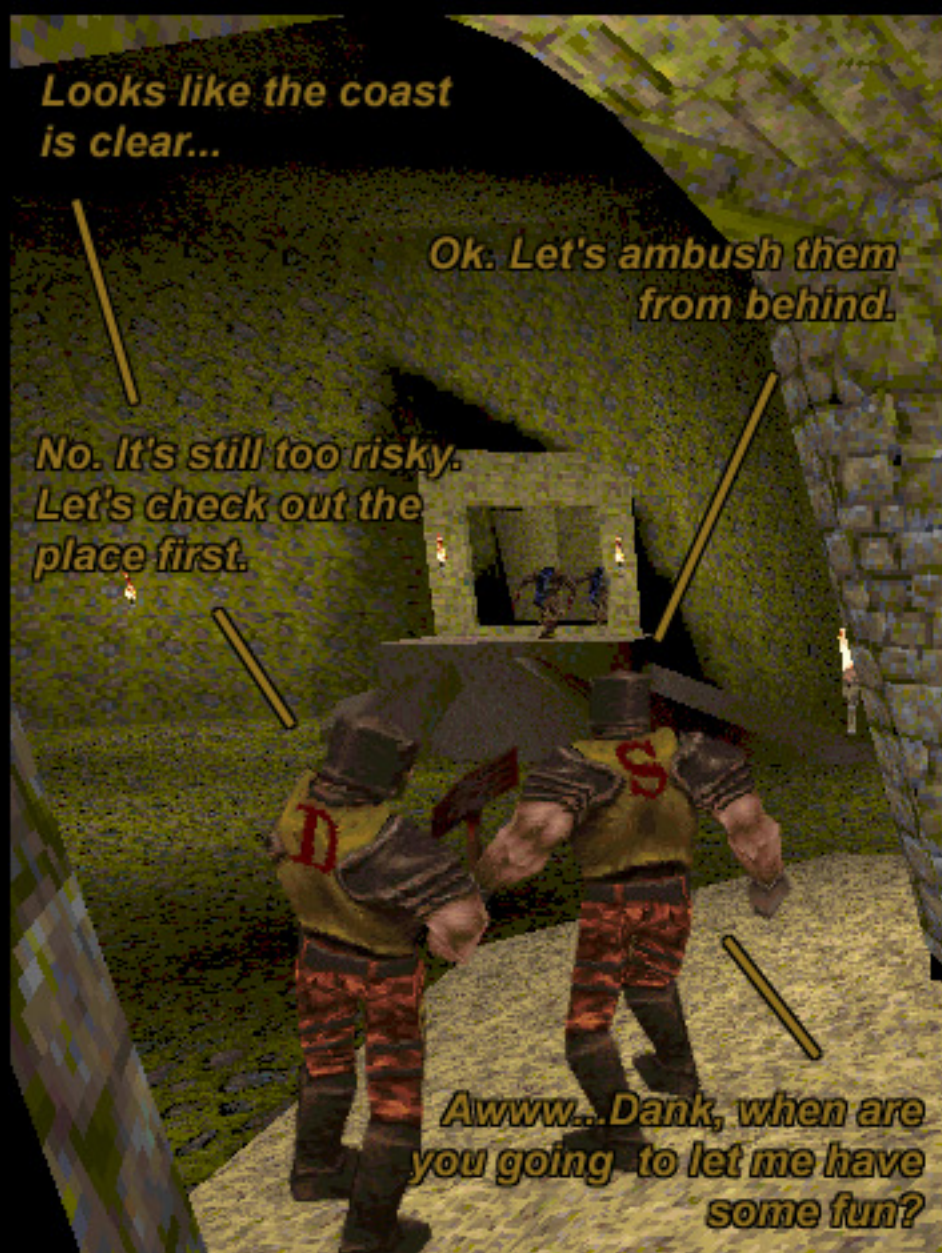
GIB!



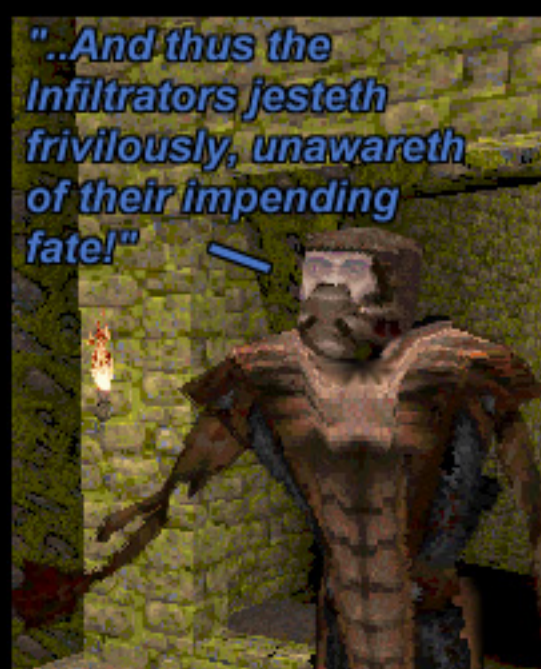
It looks like he's replacing his head with the Doom guy's.

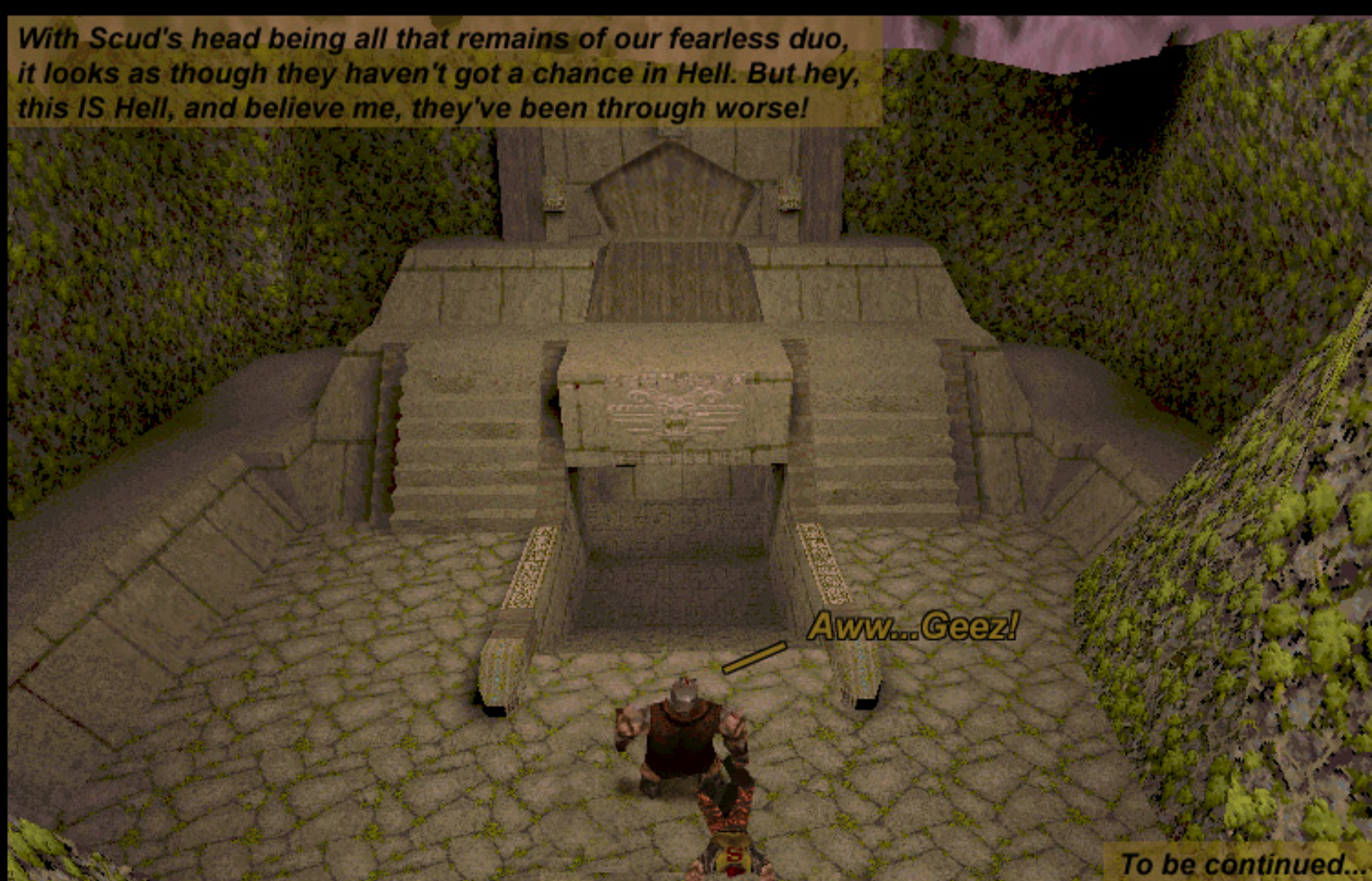
So, um, what you're saying is, the headless 'gave him good head'? Heh, heh...











About

# The Author

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Michael Houston, Quake junkie, decided to embark on the *Quake* comic book project in much the same way he usually thinks up silly ideas - on a whim. But hey, what better way to practice his PhotoShop techniques, HTML writing AND Quake devotion all at the same time?!

He currently works as a programmer way up in the cold climate of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Some of his past projects (or wastes of time) include *The Last Resort: The Ultimate Deathmatch Episode for Doom II* (of which Boothill was inspired), and a tour of his (tiny) apartment, which you can visit over at Chaos and Coffee.

## CREDITS:

I'd like to thank the following entities for making this whole thing worthwhile:

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**Greg "Wildfire" Houston:** Brother Greg, the cartoon & comic genius of the family, helped with the overall comic structure.

**Nine Inch Nails:** For drowning out all outside disturbances while this project was being developed. Thanks Trent.

**All Quake players, hackers and Web Page maintainers:** What a following! My inspiration came from your inspiration.



## SOFTWARE:

The following software was used to create *The Adventures of Dank and Scud*:

**Quake:** No kidding. All sets were taken from the original game.

**The Quake Model Editor v 2.2**, by Rene Post: I used this to get the characters in the game to pose for the artist.

**WinPak v 1.2**, by Anthony J H Baratt: This was used to extract the models I needed to throw in the comic.

**Paintshop Pro v 3.11**, by JASC Inc.: I used this as the middleman between *The Quake Model Editor* and *PhotoShop*. Great capturing abilities.

**Adobe PhotoShop**, by Adobe: For bringing it all together. God bless them layers!



## HOW THE COMIC WAS MADE:

Here is a brief explanation of how I used the above software to make *Dank and Scud* come to life.

I first created a pseudo-storyboard on paper, complete with rough sketches and panel layout. Paper is still the best way to throw ideas around. Once the basic comic layout was made, I hunted through the Quake levels looking for an appropriate area to use as a set. Once found I took several screenshots of the area (F12), at the highest possible resolution (800x600). Using the high resolution gave me the freedom to shrink the image to the required panel size without losing much quality. I was able to remove most of the eyesores like medi-kits and the like by typing 'r\_drawentities 0' at the console.

The next step was to put the characters into the picture. To do this I used three separate programs. First I used the Quake Model Editor, which allowed me to view each of the character's poses from any view. Once I found the perfect pose, I screen-captured the character using Paint Shop Pro. From this I was able to cut and paste it into Adobe PhotoShop. The hardest part of the process was to try to match the character's size with the set, since I had no accurate way of determining which size they should be. Lucky, PhotoShop's anti-aliasing features made the resizing of the images merge with the original set. PhotoShop also allowed me to add each character as a separate layer into the panel, which made it much easier to modify certain parts of the panel without screwing up the rest.

Once the characters were in, all that was left was to add the captions, which was again easy to do with PhotoShop.

I tried not to import any new graphics into the story, since it would ruin the overall Quake-ness of the comic. This makes the comic look like it could actually happen during a Quake session. Still, some outside graphics needed to be added, such as the explosion and the Abe Lincoln statue (did you miss him?).

- MH.