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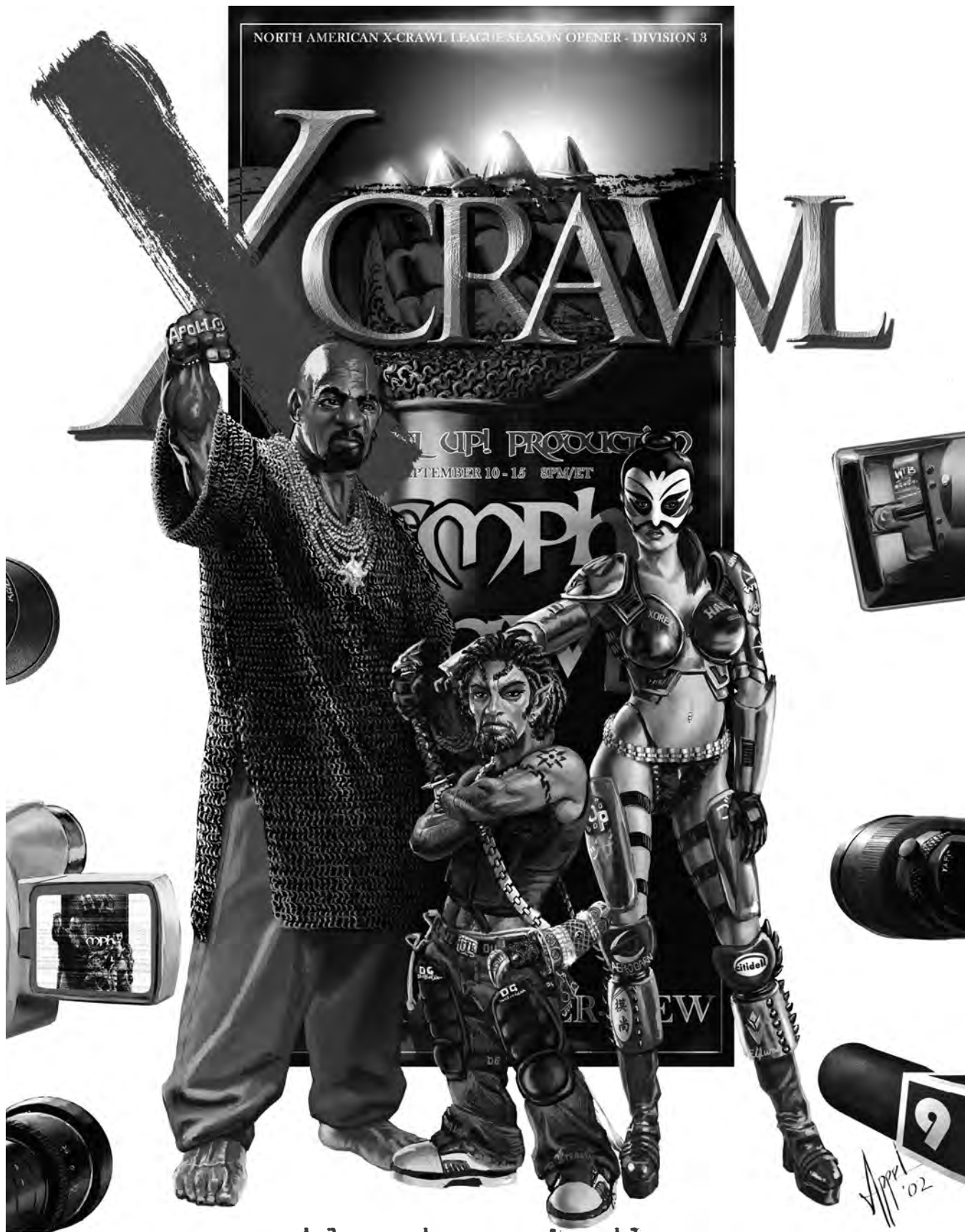
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“Jupiter and Juno be praised, their glory be sung from each and every mountain. Good evening and thanks for tuning into Empire Sports 1. I’m Cliff Nelson.”



“And I’m Monica Silverstring. Of course our top story for tonight—the beginning of the Year of our Emperor Ronald Augustus the Uniter 4699 Xtreme Dungeoncrawl Spring Games. Tonight’s opening Ceremonies, hosted by our beloved Emperor Ronald I, may he reign forever, commemorate our fifteenth annual MemphisCrawl, this seasons opener, pitting veteran Dungeon Master Julie Klugman, DJ Cudgel Up! against six teams that Las Vegas has predicted can not win. Chris?”

“That’s right, Monica. ‘Ritualistic slaughter,’ is what Xcrawl Monthly’s Hal Heitman is calling it. It seems that a number of injuries, personnel shake ups and last minute schedule conflicts have taken all some of the bigger names and now of the eight participating teams not one is free of substitutions or in some cases gaps in their personnel.

“The Starblades, out of Boston U., recently lost their long time cleric to pregnancy. Sheila “Hand of Glory” MacRenko removed herself from the active roster and indeed has scandalized the Great Temple by announcing her impending motherhood out of wedlock. The long-term effects are yet to be seen, but this might be the end of a promising Xcrawl career.

But the high flying Starblades aren’t the only ones suffering personnel losses. Simon “The Moleman” Underhill, called the best lockpick in the Guild by some, is still petrified from a basilisk encounter during last seasons Motoraya MexicocityCrawl. His teammates are in negotiation for a counter-spell, but it doesn’t look like he’ll be up and around for MemphisCrawl, and that will leave them woefully shorthanded.

“In other news, Archmage Jose Villalobos announced his retirement today. This is a shock to the Adventurers’ Guild, as one of the mages who helped define the game is finally stepping down



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