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don doggett — 22 Sep 2006, 23:59

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take care

Don

Dave Lebling — 23 Sep 2006, 15:32 · in reply to don doggett

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Dave Lebling, aka vizcacha

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don doggett — 23 Sep 2006, 20:54 · in reply to Dave Lebling

Dave Lebling <dlebling at hyraxes.com> wrote: They're actually a pretty decent adaptation, not Conanish at all. I have read (and own) the first two, which take the story up to the death of Thecla.

That's good to know. Maybe someday I'll check them out. They're not very expensive. I did a little looking into it on my own and I guess it was a projected six volume adaptation that was cancelled after issue three. Alas, it was a victim of the 90's comic bust. The guy who does Gloom Cookie drew it.

Don

Scott K — 24 Sep 2006, 02:15 · follows don doggett

I have the first three issues of that, and they are a very good attempt at adaptation, for one of those stories that would be so haard to adapt truly as to be almost impossible (like they used to say about a LOTR movie!), but I think it was adapted with Mr. Wolfe's help, or at least approval. Only the covers have that flashy style that looks more Conan. Unfortunately the publisher went out of business before the series could get any farther. I was able to get a colored page of original artwork from one of them from the artist a year or so ago. It details the finding of Triskele. My favorite sequences from the comic was Ultan's library and the giant undine.
-Scott K.