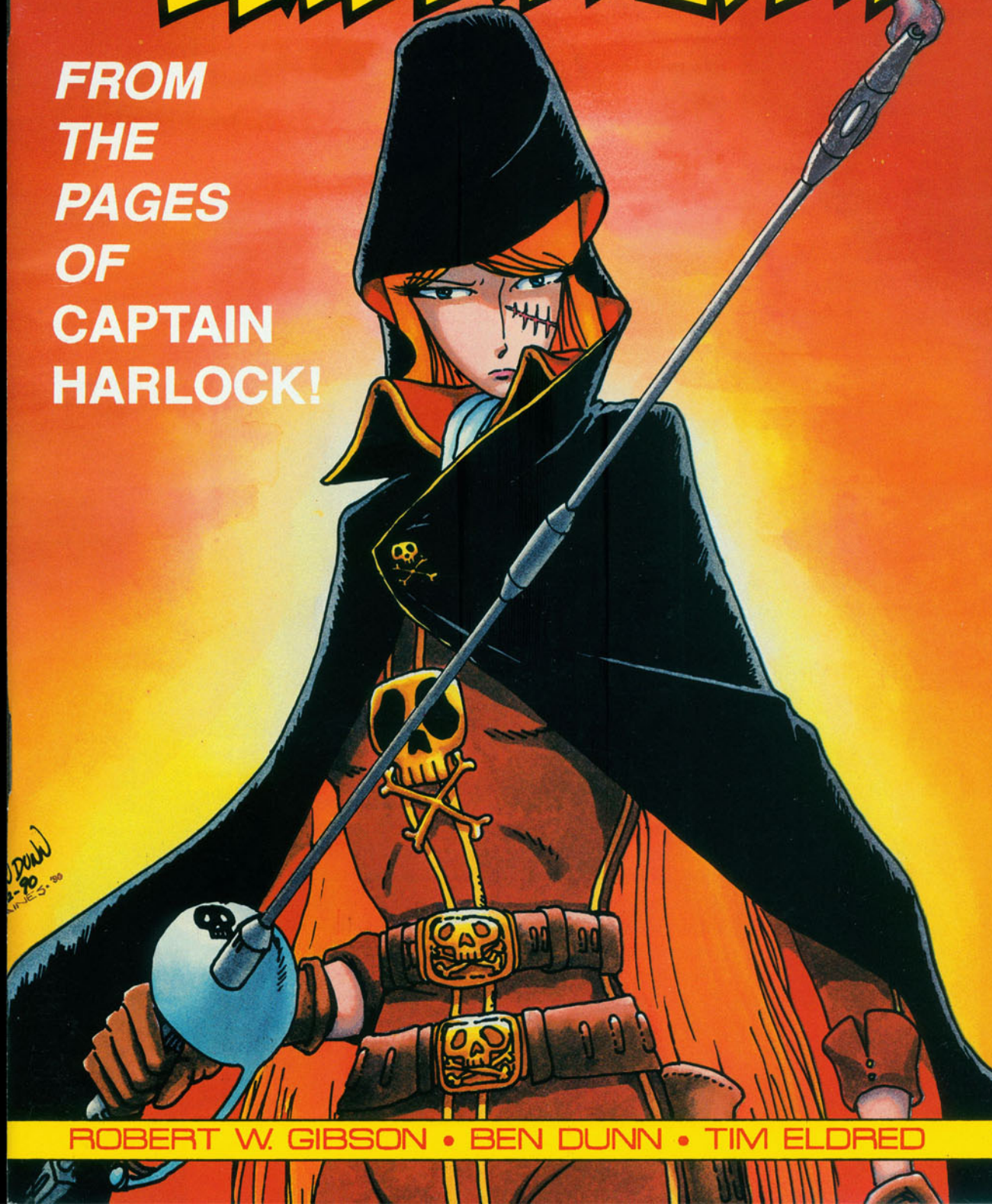


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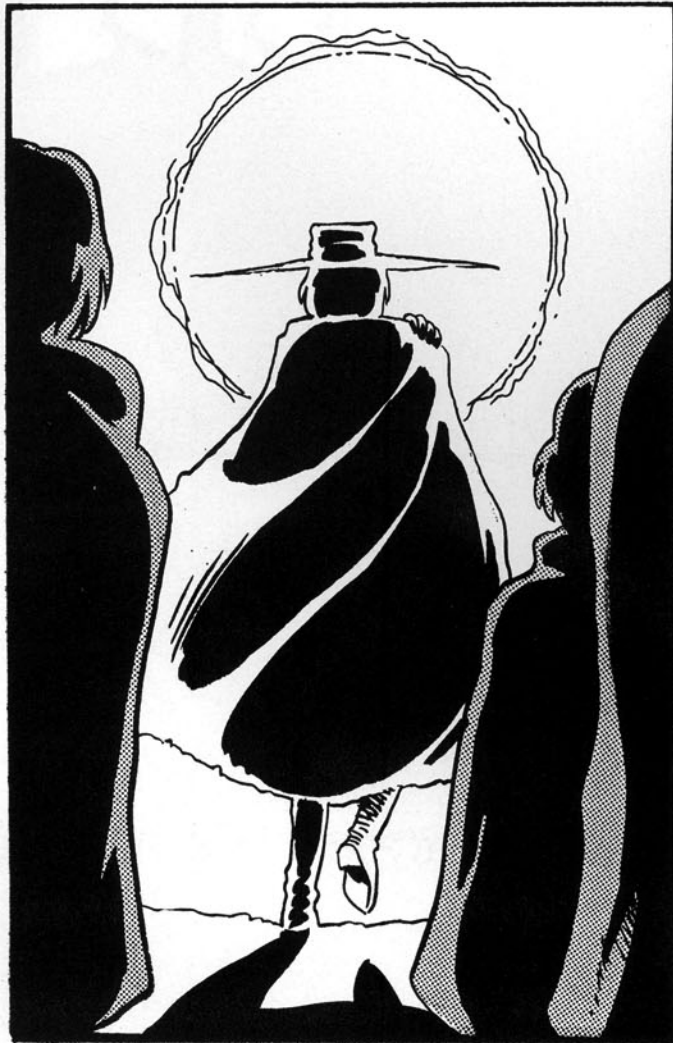
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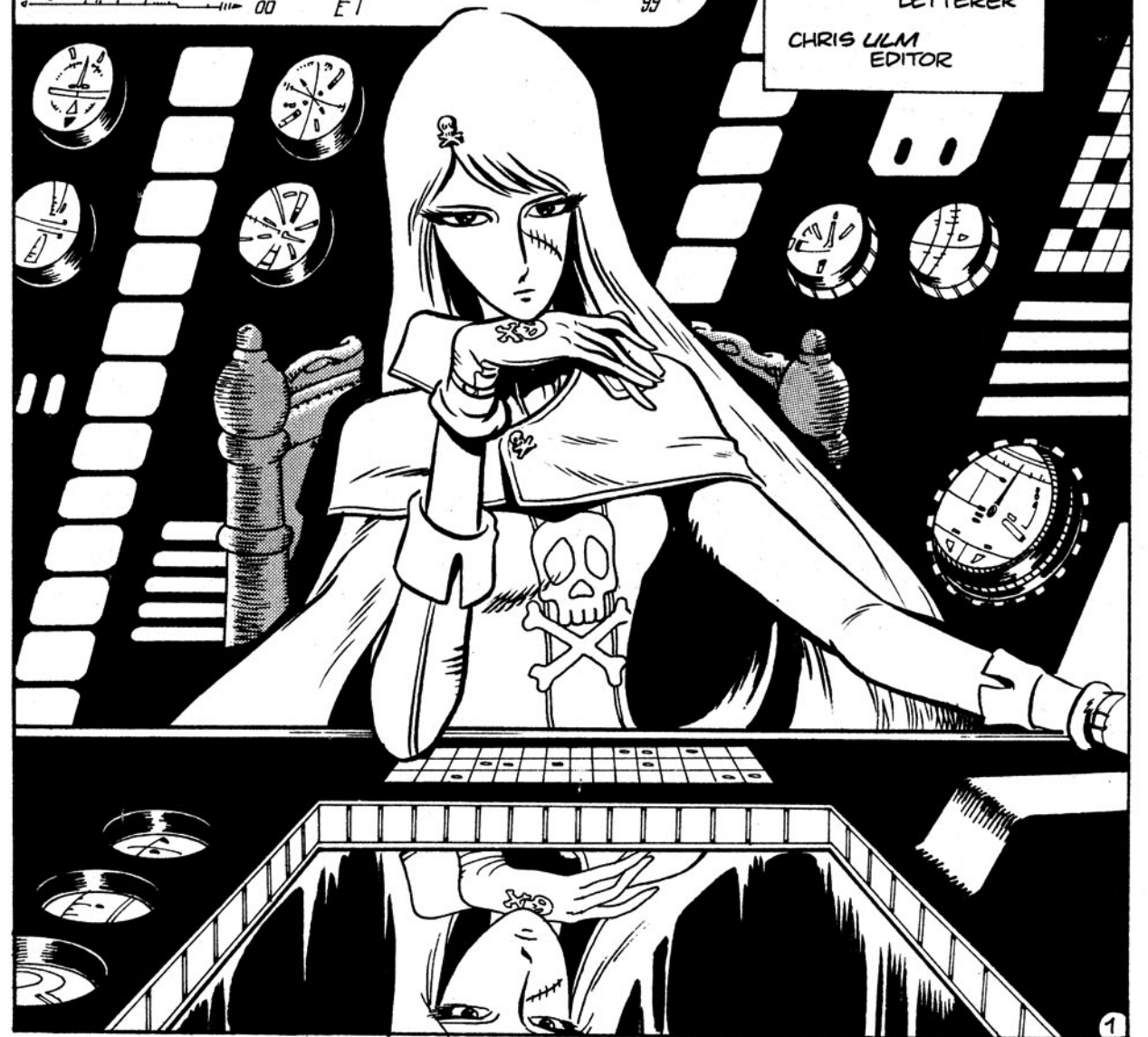
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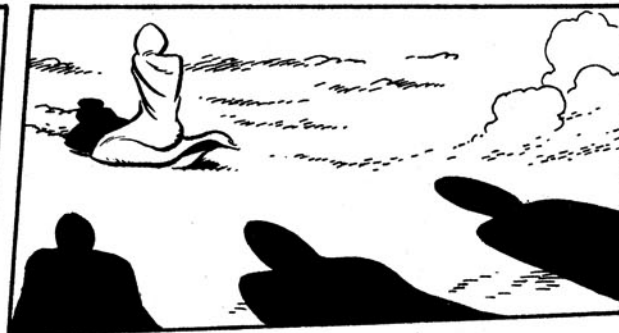
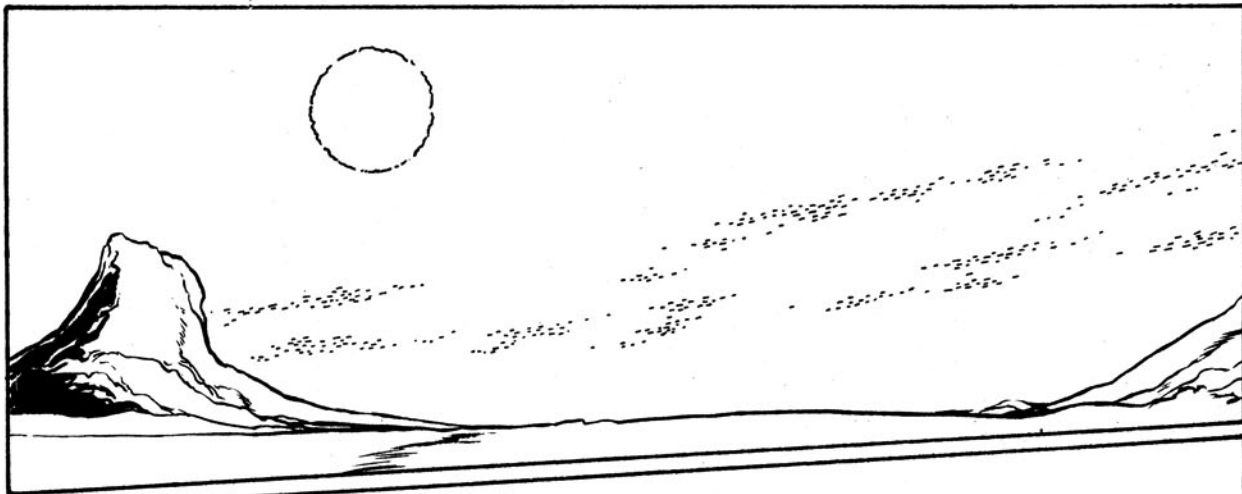
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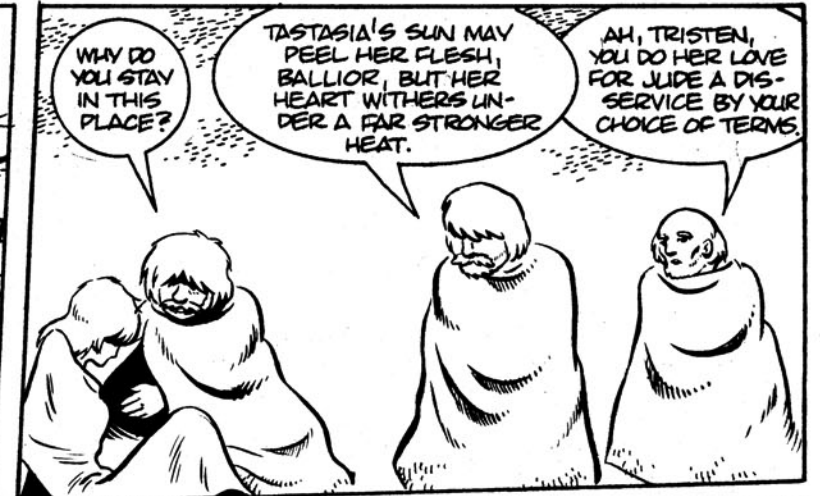
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YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL EVEN IN SLEEP, MIANTIR.



WHY DO YOU STAY IN THIS PLACE?

TASTASIA'S SUN MAY PEEL HER FLESH, BALLIOR, BUT HER HEART WITHERS UNDER A FAR STRONGER HEAT.

AH, TRISTEN, YOU DO HER LOVE FOR JUDE A DIS-SERVICE BY YOUR CHOICE OF TERMS.



I SUPPOSE YOU ARE RIGHT. WHEN OUR LEADER AND MIANTIR ARE TOGETHER, TASTASIA'S SUN FLICKERS AS A CANDLE, FEARFUL OF THE COMPARISON.

THAT'S MUCH BETTER. IF YOU ARE TO BE A POET, SIMPLE METAPHORS ARE NOT ENOUGH. THE WORDS MUST COME FROM INSIDE THE HEART.



SHE IS WAKING.



BALLIOR...?

YES MA'AM?



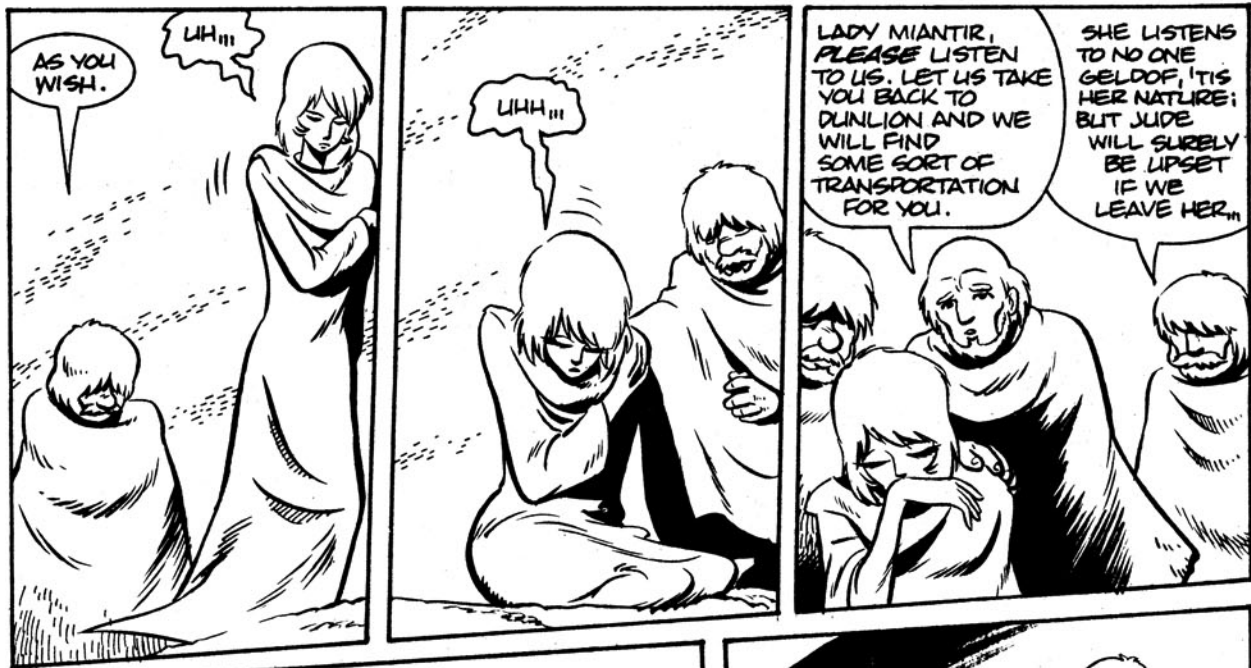
YOU WILL PUT ME DOWN IMMEDIATELY AND LET ME CONTINUE ON MY WAY.

YOU KNOW YOU CANNOT SAFELY WALK ACROSS THE DESERT TO YOUR FATHER'S HOME. IF WE HAD NOT FOLLOWED YOU, YOU WOULD HAVE MOST PROBABLY DIED HERE, ALONE, AND JUDE WOULD NEVER...



YOU WILL NOT LITTER THAT NAME IN MY PRESENCE! I WOULD RATHER DIE ALONE THAN GO BACK AND OWE THAT ASS A DEBT.





AS YOU WISH.  
UHH...

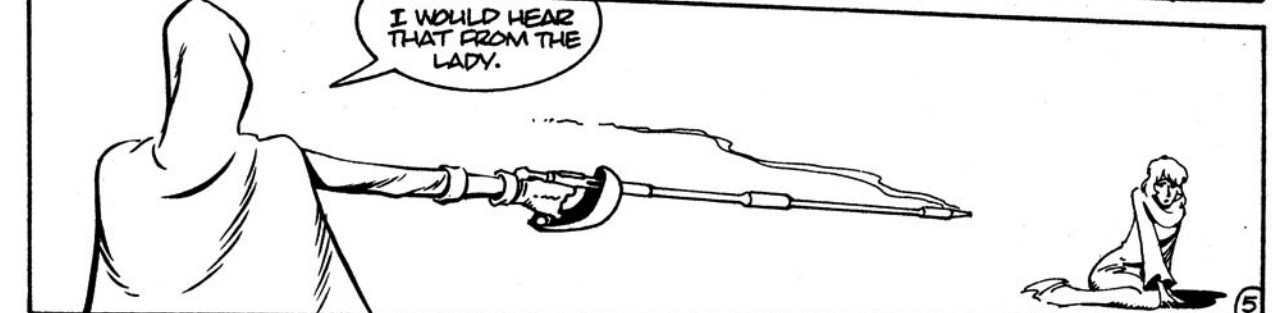
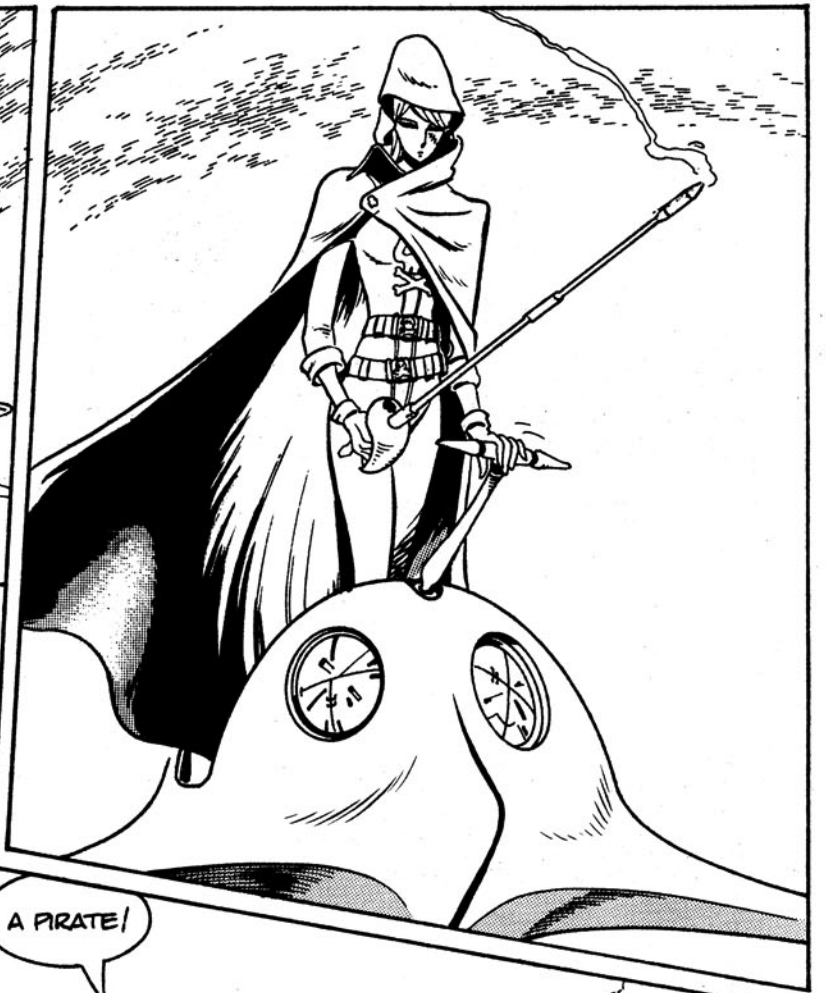
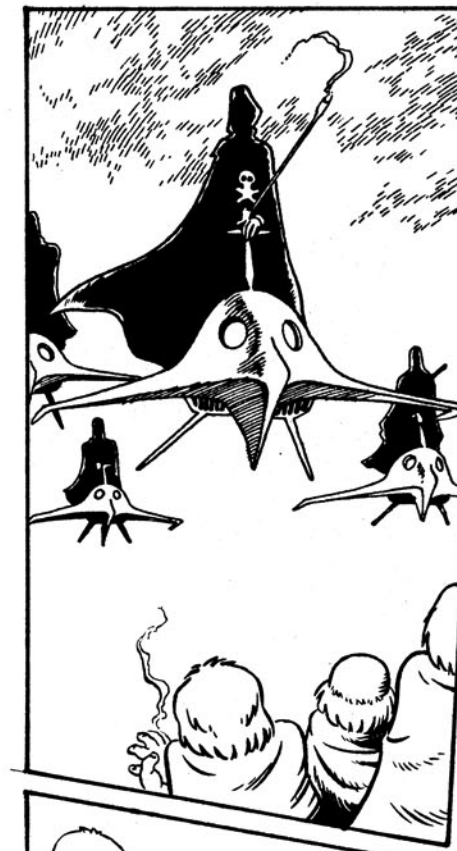
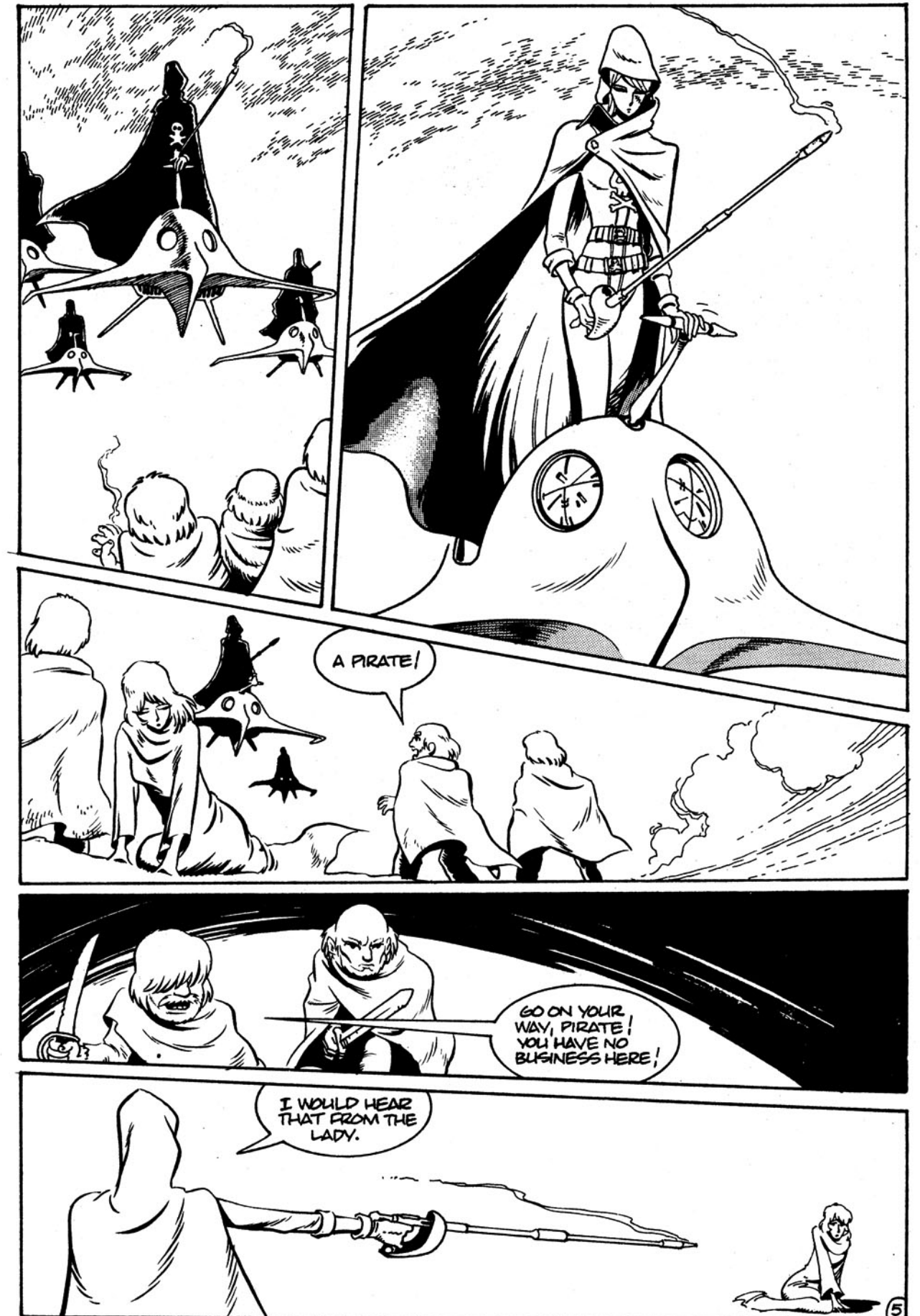
UHH...

LADY MIANTIR, PLEASE LISTEN TO US. LET US TAKE YOU BACK TO DUNLION AND WE WILL FIND SOME SORT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR YOU.  
SHE LISTENS TO NO ONE GELDOF, 'TIS HER NATURE; BUT JUDE WILL SURELY BE UPSET IF WE LEAVE HER...

JUST LEAVE ME! GO AWAY!

AAARGH!

WHAT?



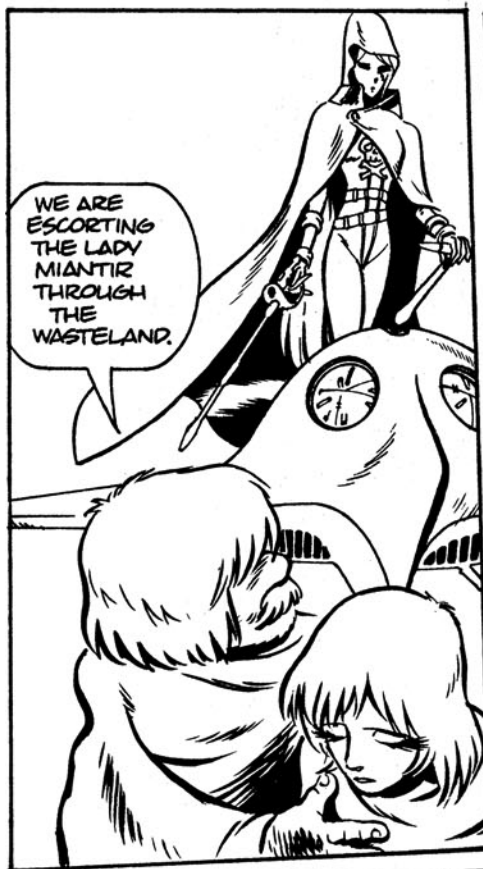
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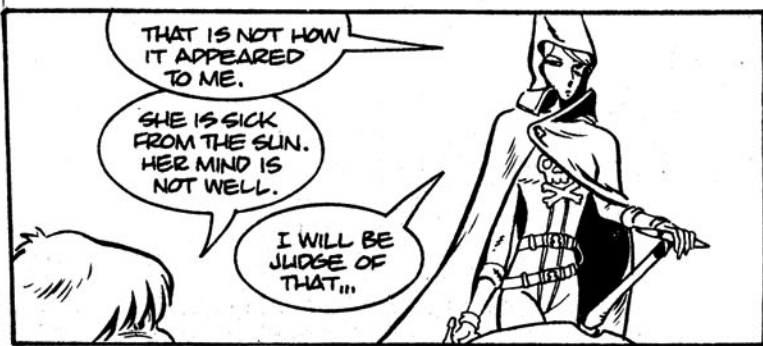
GO ON YOUR WAY, PIRATE! YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE!

I WOULD HEAR THAT FROM THE LADY.





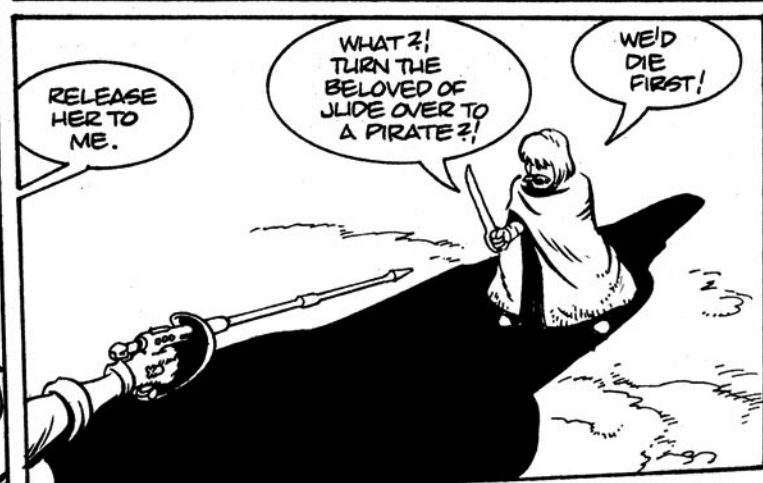
WE ARE ESCORTING THE LADY MIANTIR THROUGH THE WASTELAND.



THAT IS NOT HOW IT APPEARED TO ME.

SHE IS SICK FROM THE SUN. HER MIND IS NOT WELL.

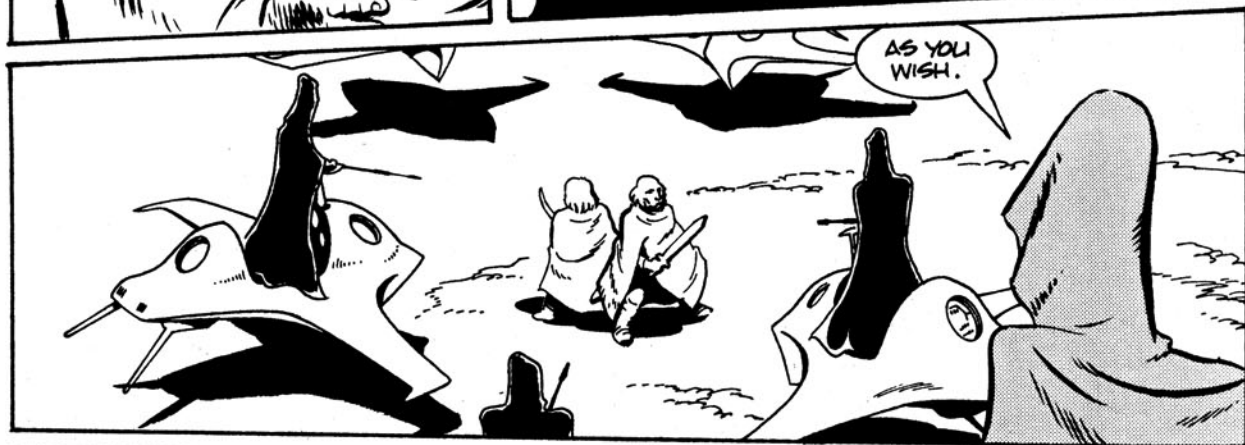
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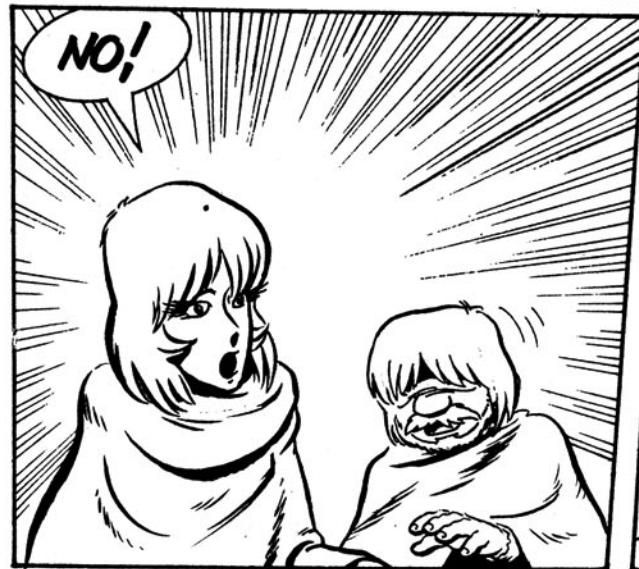
RELEASE HER TO ME.

WHAT?!, TURN THE BELOVED OF JUDE OVER TO A PIRATE?!

WE'D DIE FIRST!



AS YOU WISH.



NO!



I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO BE HURT. I JUST WISH TO RETURN TO MY FATHER, BARRADAS!



THE SCIENTIST BARRADAS IS YOUR FATHER?

YES, I WAS GOING THERE WHEN THESE!!!

"THESE RUFFIANS ACCOSTED ME!"



"RUFFIANS"?! PLEASE, MIANTIR, LET US BRING YOU BACK TO JUDE!!!

I TOLD YOU NEVER TO MENTION THAT NAME AROUND ME!



I HAVE BUSINESS WITH YOUR FATHER. IF YOU WILL COME WITH ME, I WILL TAKE YOU TO HIM.

PLEASE RECONSIDER, MIANTIR.

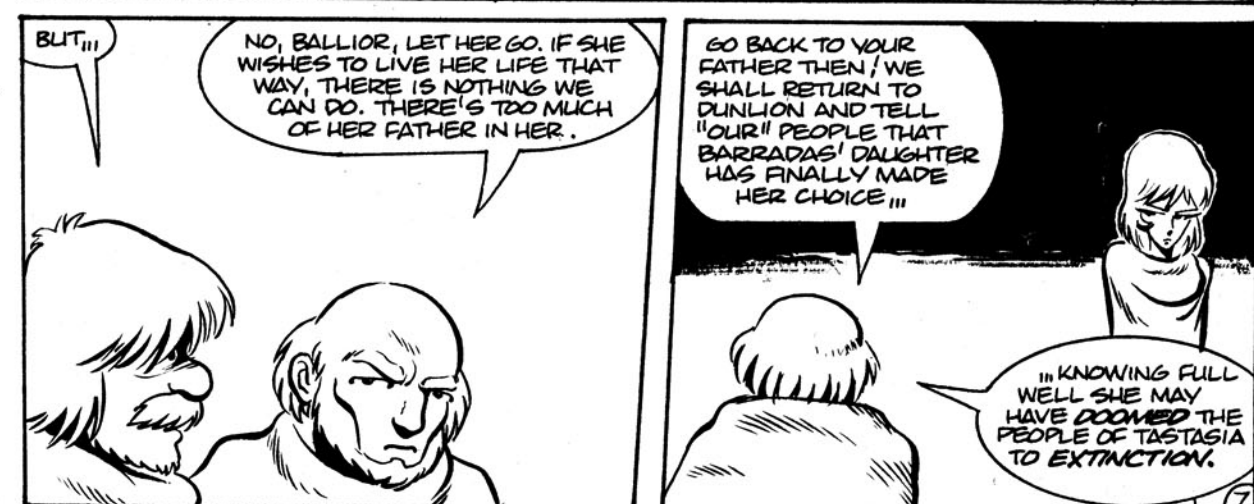
YOU WOULD ACCEPT THE WORD OF A PIRATE AFTER ALL THEY HAVE DONE TO DESTROY THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE!

THANK YOU.



NOT "OUR" PEOPLE, TRISTEN!!! "YOUR" PEOPLE.

I'VE DECIDED I BELONG WITH MY FATHER.



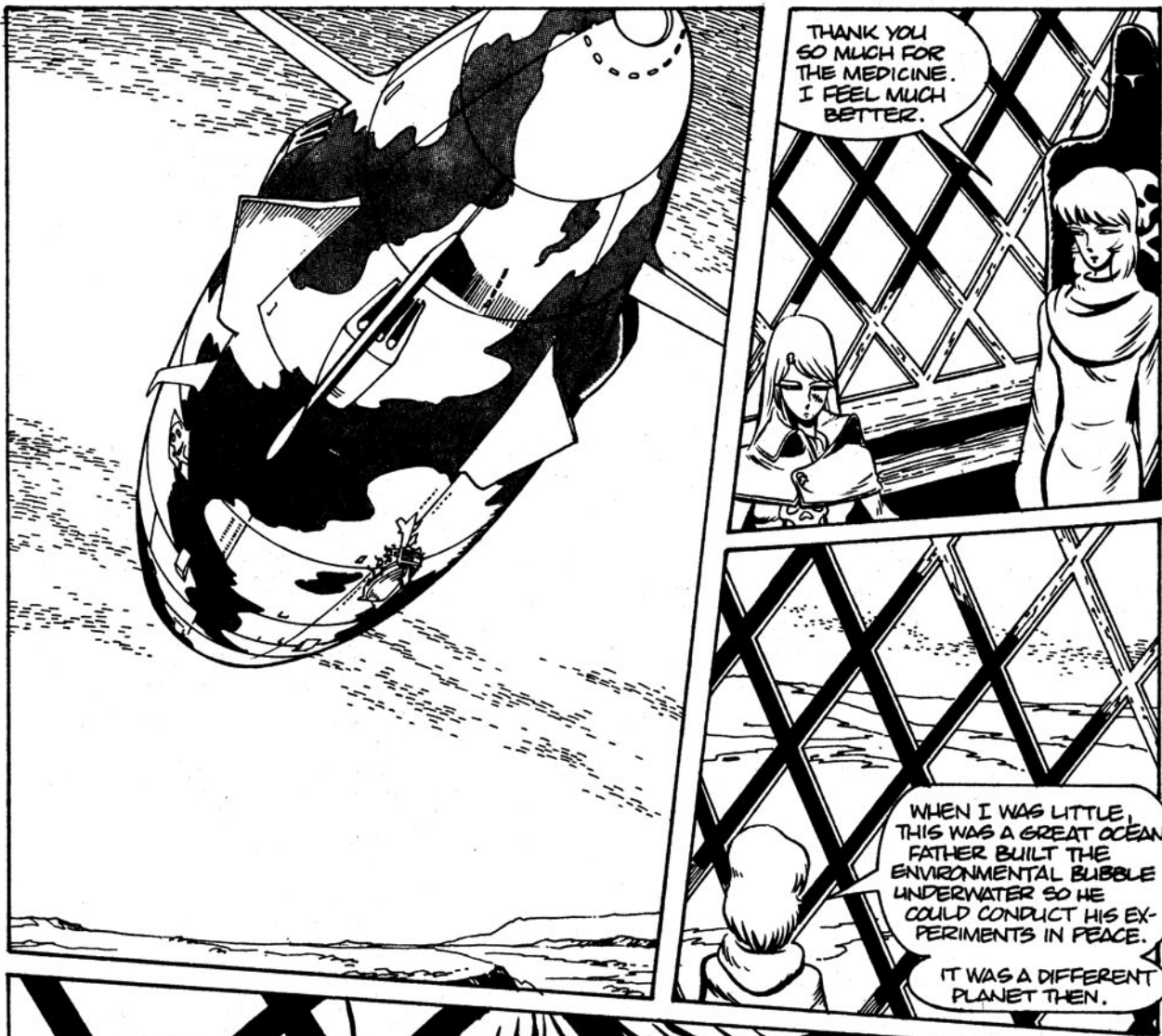
BUT!!!

NO, BALLIOR, LET HER GO. IF SHE WISHES TO LIVE HER LIFE THAT WAY, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO. THERE'S TOO MUCH OF HER FATHER IN HER.

GO BACK TO YOUR FATHER THEN! WE SHALL RETURN TO DUNLION AND TELL "OUR" PEOPLE THAT BARRADAS' DAUGHTER HAS FINALLY MADE HER CHOICE!!!

"KNOWING FULL WELL SHE MAY HAVE DOOMED THE PEOPLE OF TASTASIA TO EXTINCTION."





THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE MEDICINE. I FEEL MUCH BETTER.

WHEN I WAS LITTLE, THIS WAS A GREAT OCEAN. FATHER BUILT THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUBBLE UNDERWATER SO HE COULD CONDUCT HIS EXPERIMENTS IN PEACE.

IT WAS A DIFFERENT PLANET THEN.



THEY WERE GOING TO CALL IT "EDEN".



CAPTAIN, CONTACT WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUBBLE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES.

VERY WELL, ROWENA, KEEP ME NOTIFIED.



YOU HAD BETTER CONTACT FATHER BEFORE YOU GET TOO NEAR OUR HOME. WE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED MANY TIMES BY PIRATES WHO COVET FATHER'S INVENTIONS, AND HE HAS INSTALLED A FORMIDABLE DEFENSE SYSTEM.

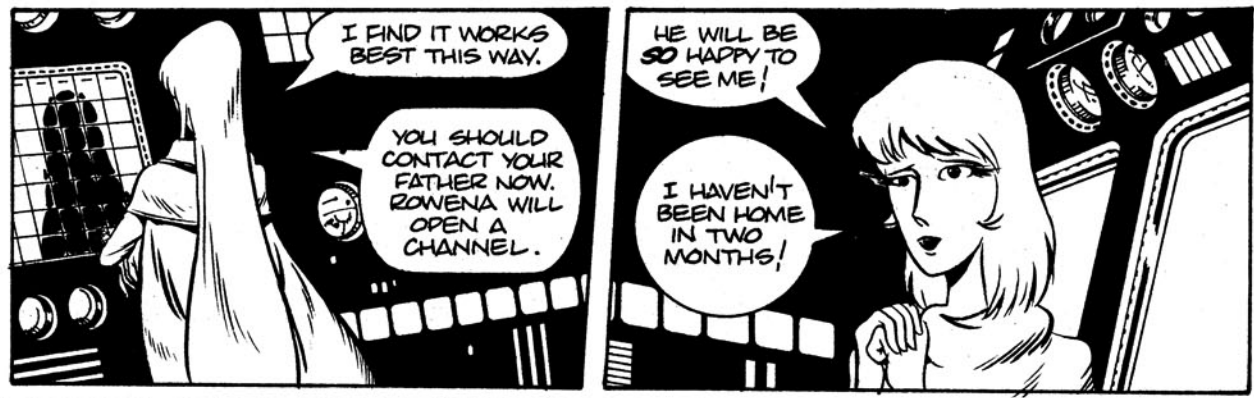
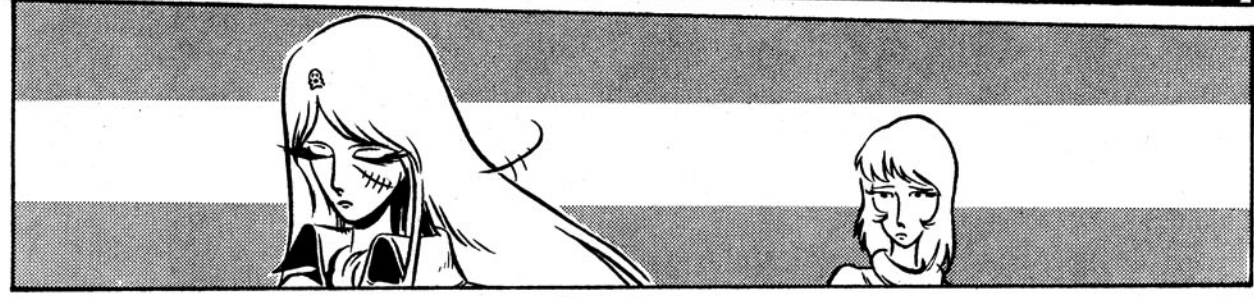
HE IS EXPECTING ME.

YES?



MANY PIRATES PLAGUE TASTASIA, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY LIKE YOU. YOUR SHIP LOOKS LIKE A FREIGHTER THAN A WARSHIP.

AND YOU CREW YOUR VESSEL WITH ROBOTS. ARE NONE ON BOARD HUMAN?



I FIND IT WORKS BEST THIS WAY.

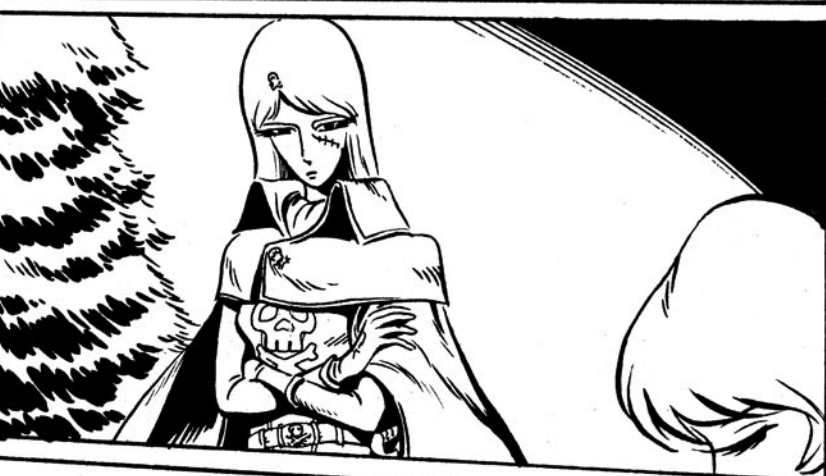
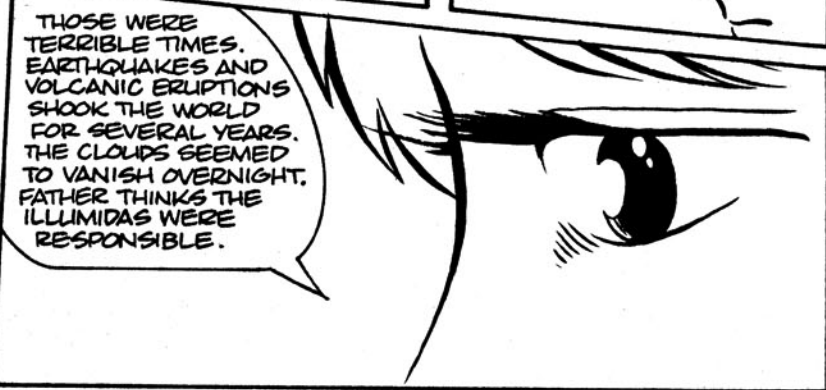
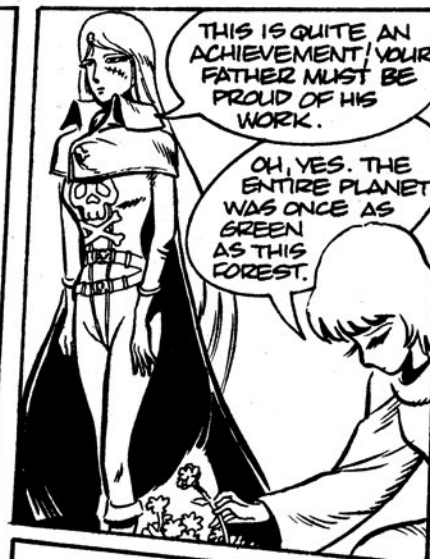
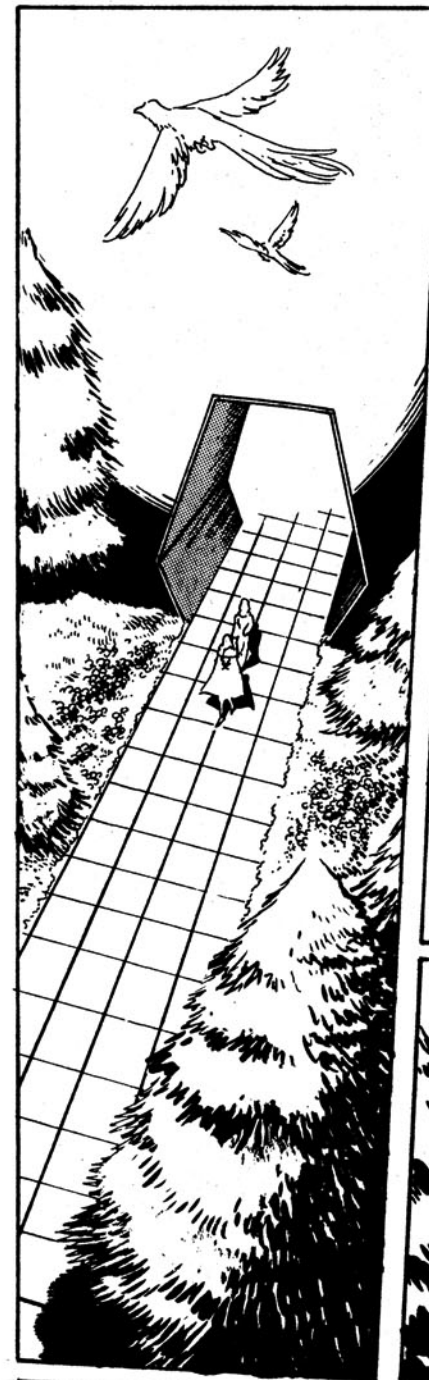
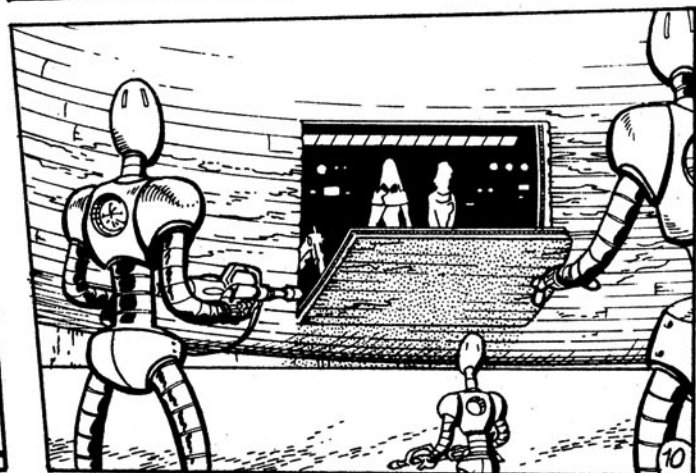
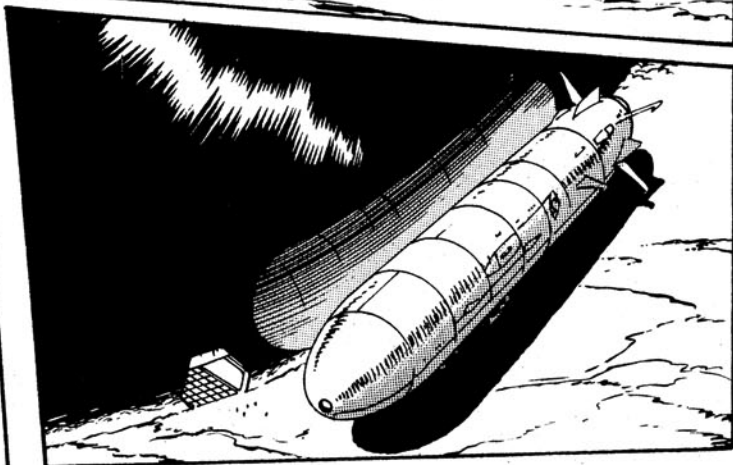
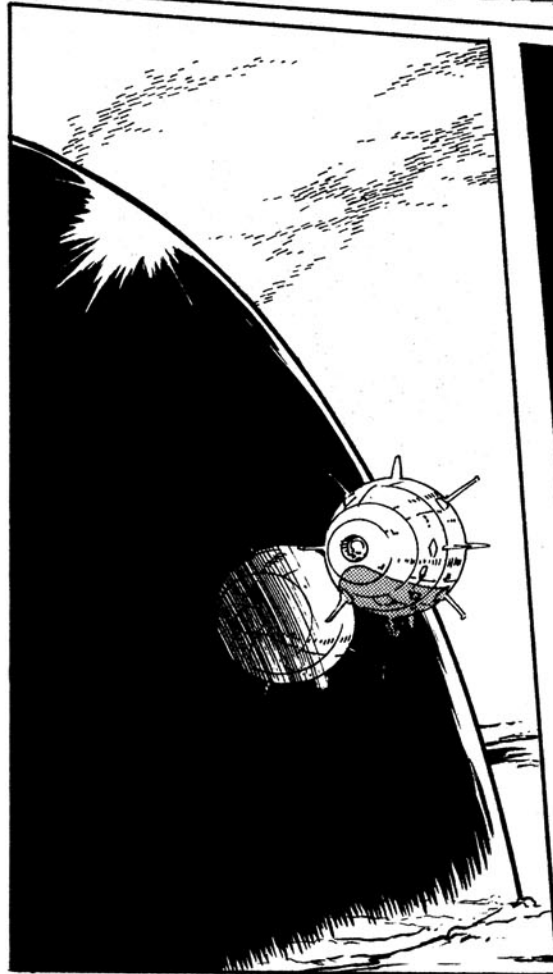
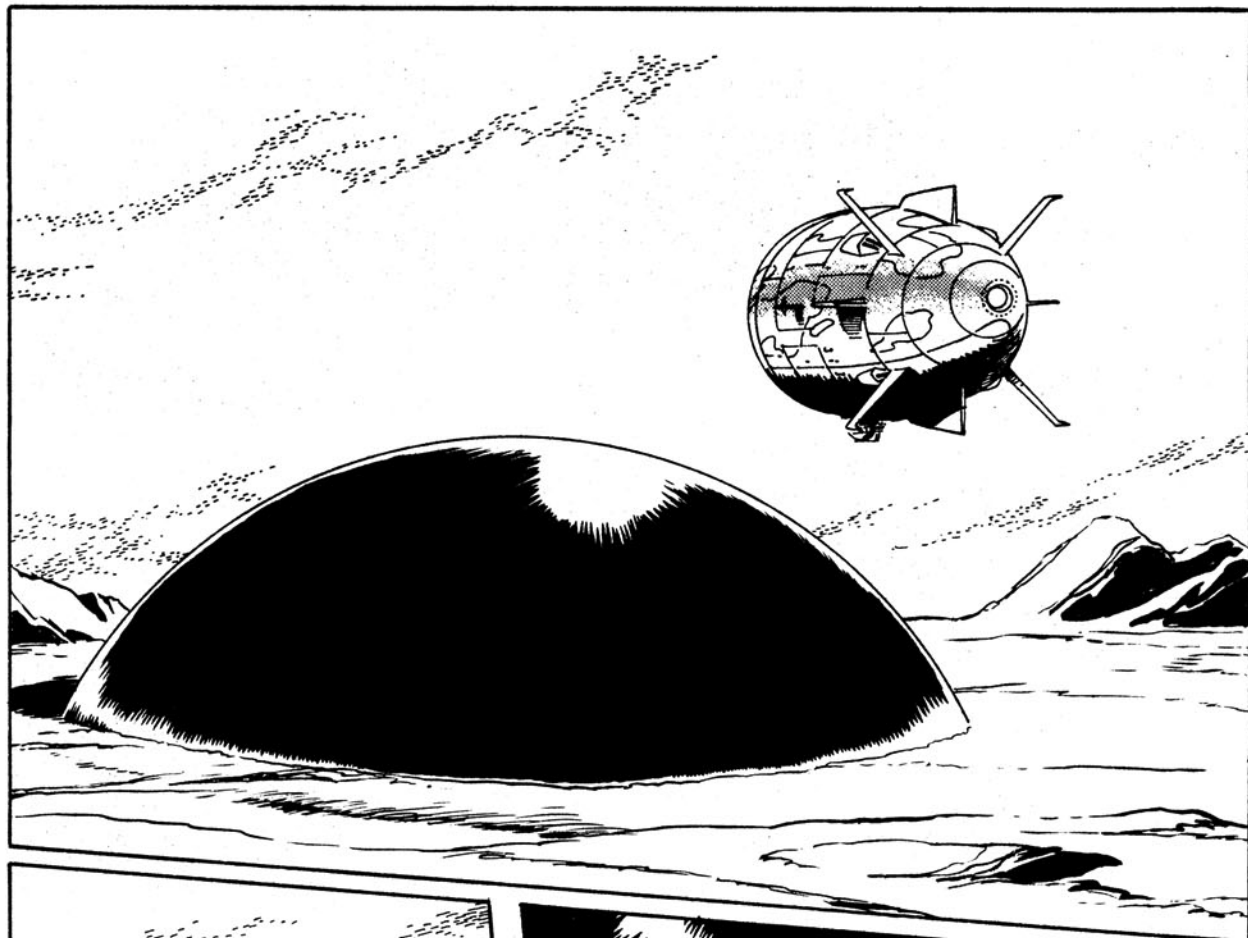
YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR FATHER NOW. ROWENA WILL OPEN A CHANNEL.

HE WILL BE SO HAPPY TO SEE ME!

I HAVEN'T BEEN HOME IN TWO MONTHS!







THIS IS QUITE AN ACHIEVEMENT! YOUR FATHER MUST BE PROUD OF HIS WORK.

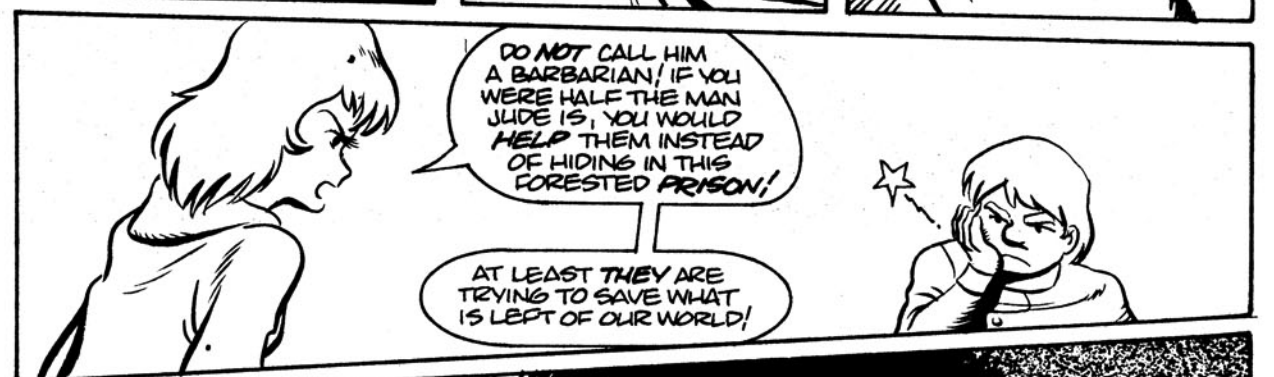
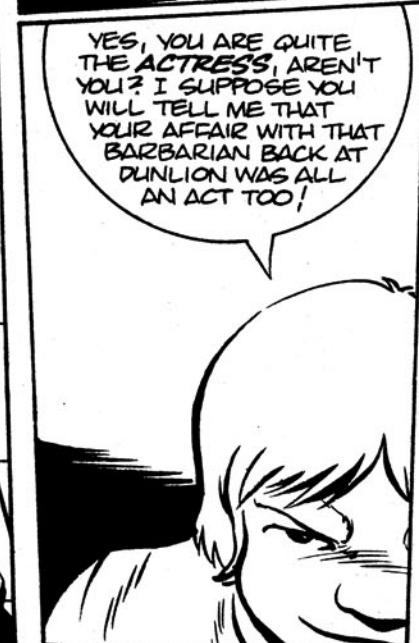
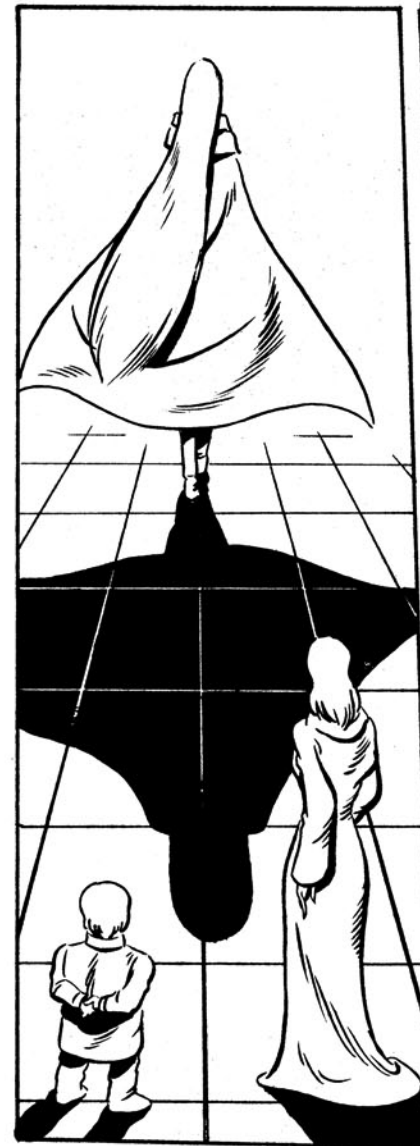
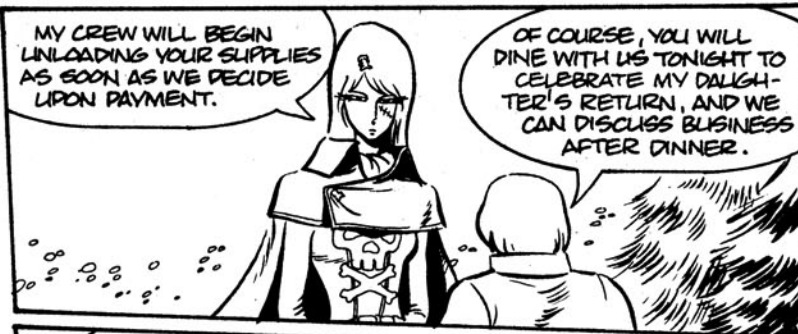
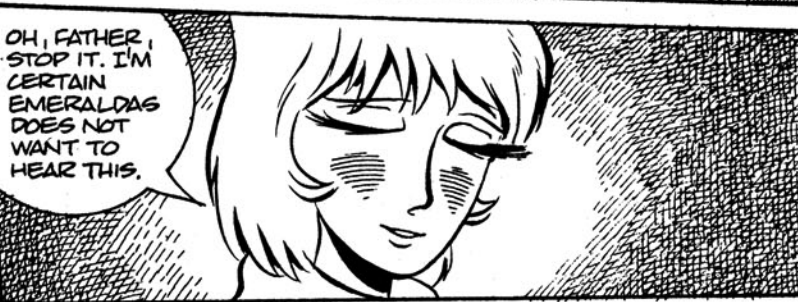
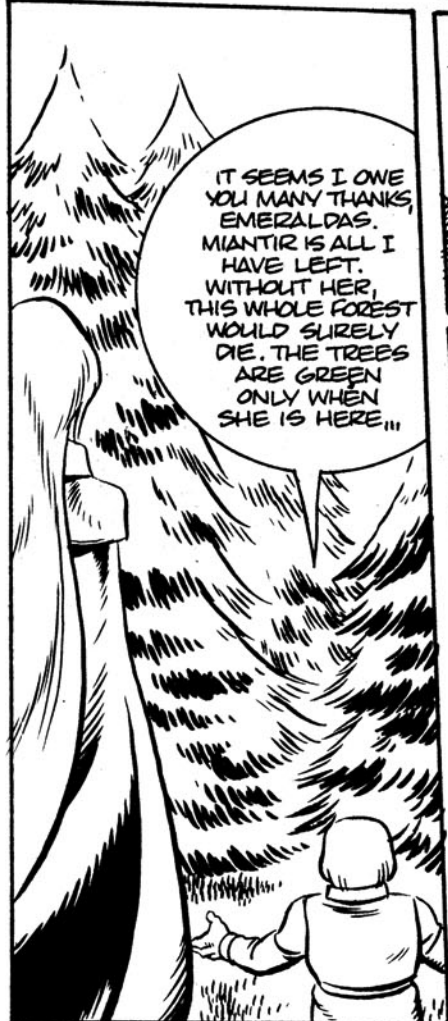
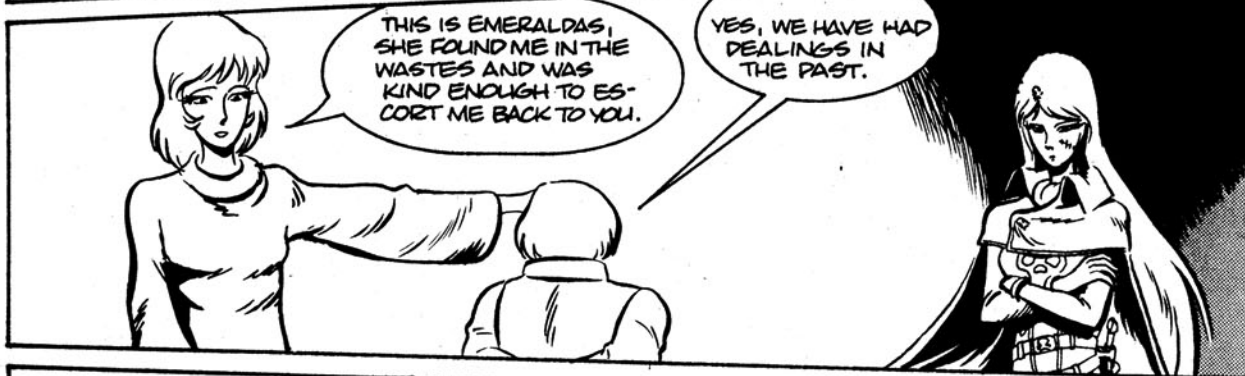
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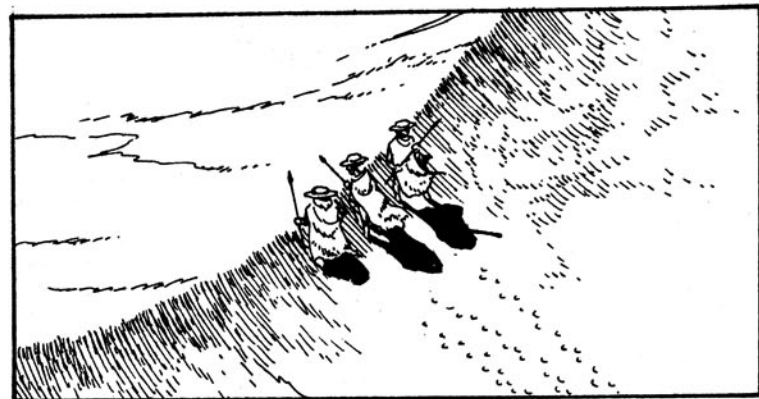
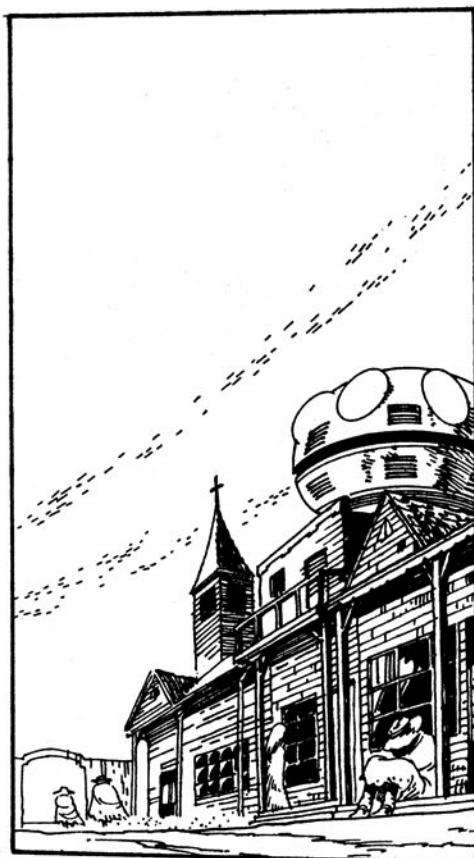
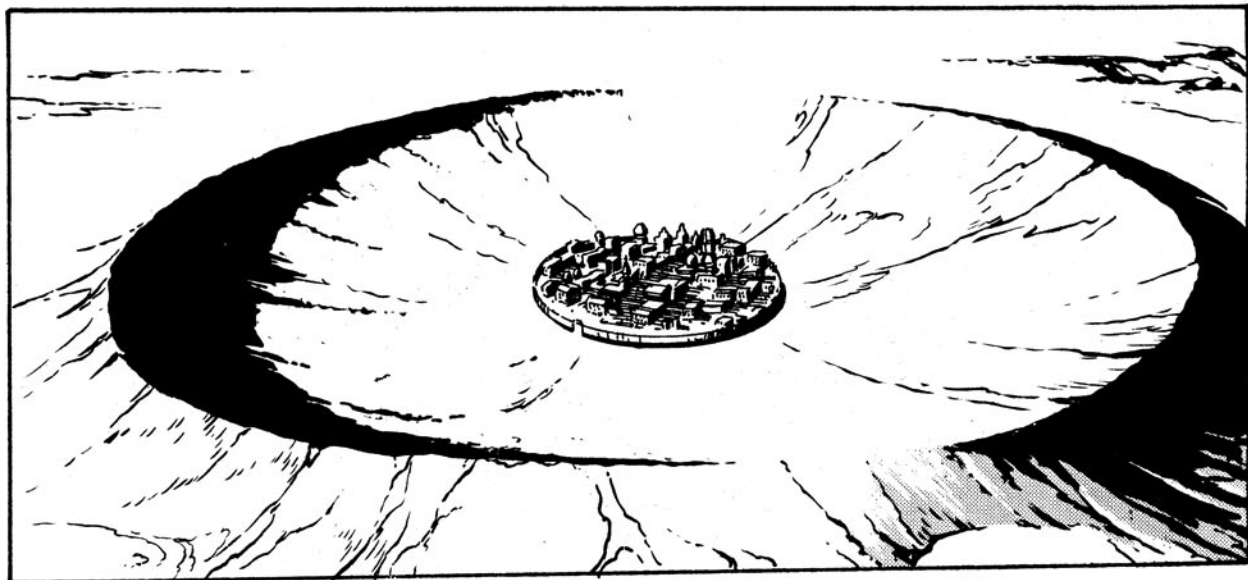
THE SCIENTISTS WHO DESIGNED TASTASIA MEANT IT TO BE THE PERFECT COLONY WORLD. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS A FLAW IN THE TERRA-FORMING PROCESS AND THE WHOLE PLANET BEGAN TO FEED UPON ITSELF.

THOSE WERE TERRIBLE TIMES. EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS SHOOK THE WORLD FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE CLOUDS SEEMED TO VANISH OVERNIGHT. FATHER THINKS THE ILLUMIDAS WERE RESPONSIBLE.

MIANTIR!







GELDOF, BALLIOR, AND TRISTEN MUST BE RETURNING.

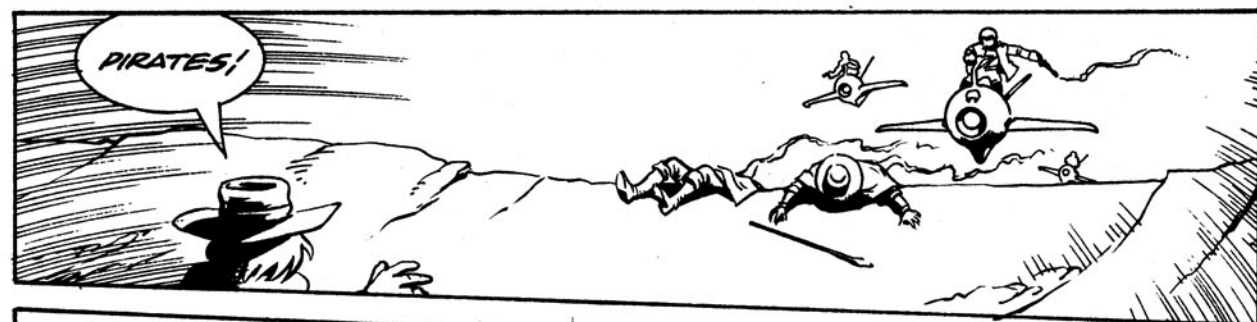


BUT I SEE ONLY THREE. IF THEY COULD NOT FIND MIANTIR, JUDE WILL BE HEARTBROKEN.

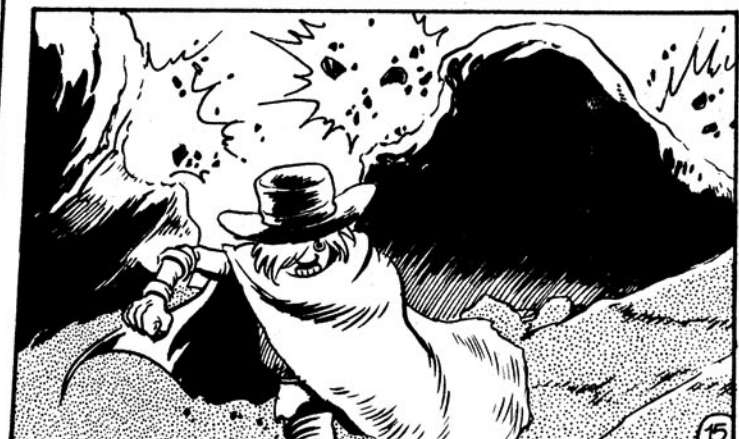
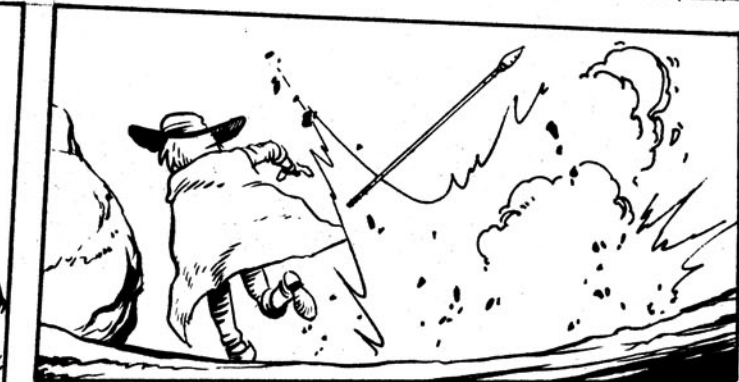
GO AND TELL JUDE THAT THE SEARCH PARTY RETURNS. DO NOT TELL HIM THAT MIANTIR IS NOT WITH THEM.



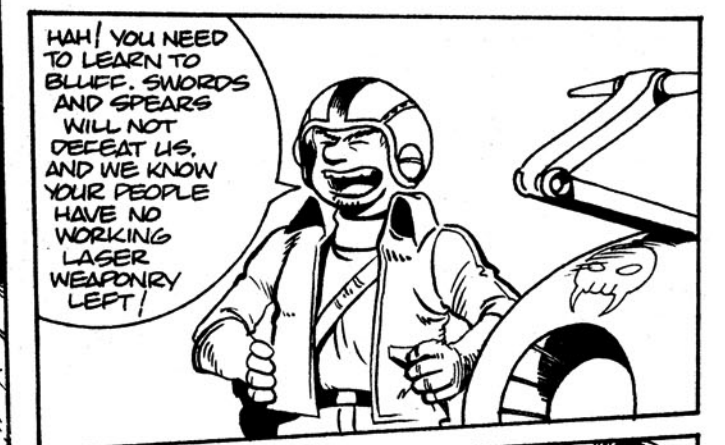
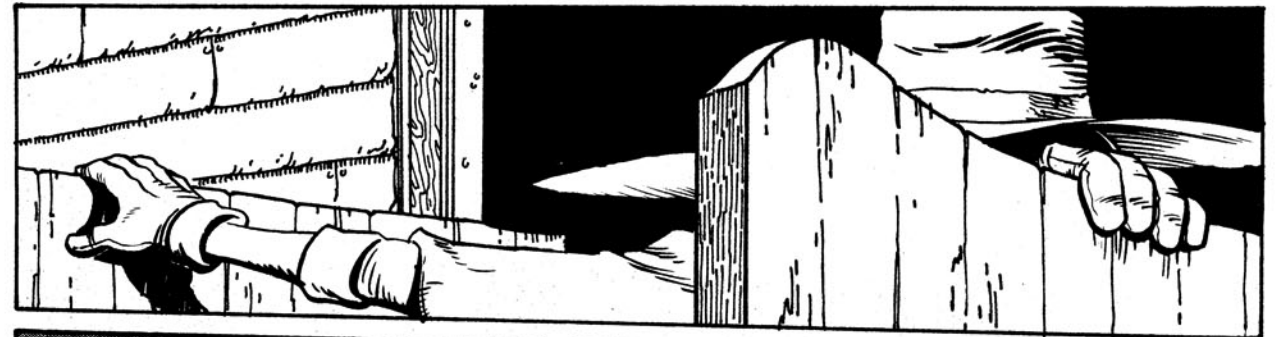
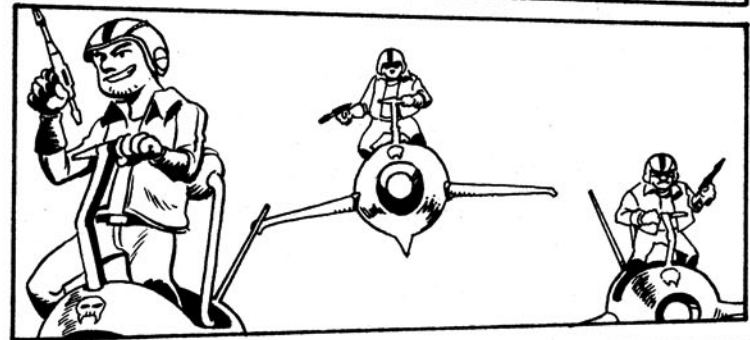
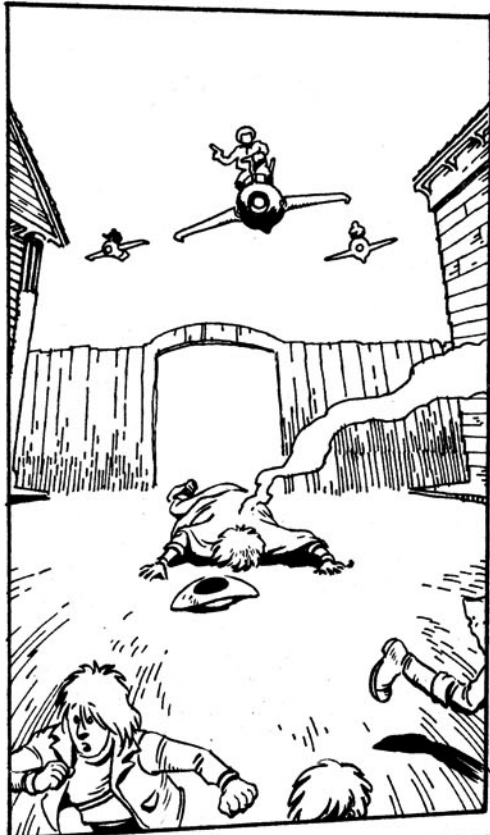
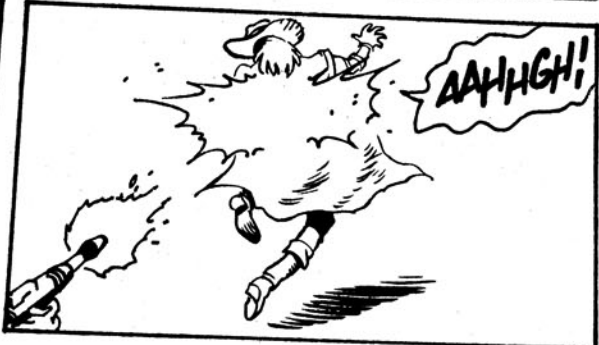
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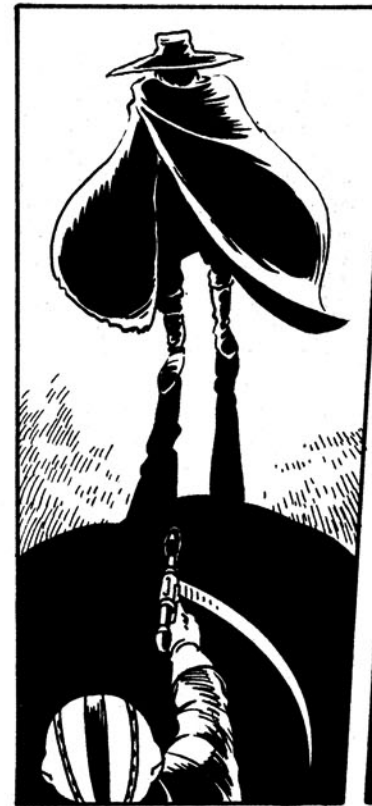
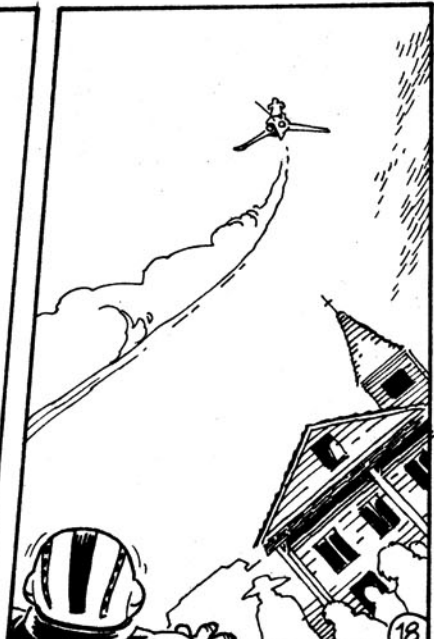
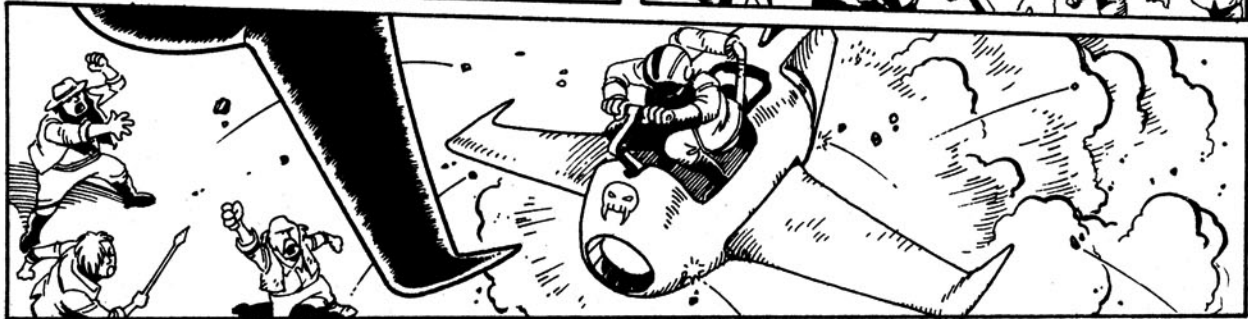
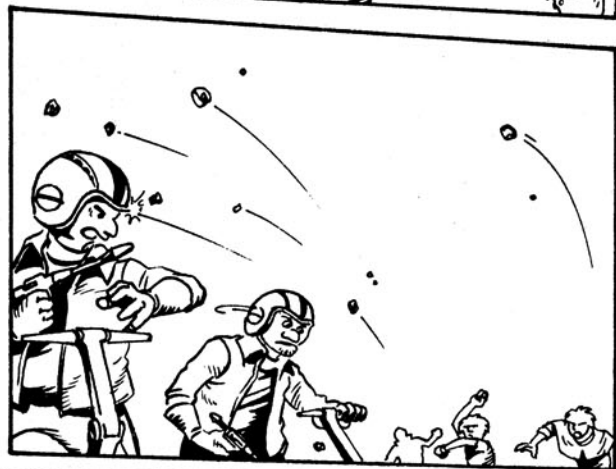
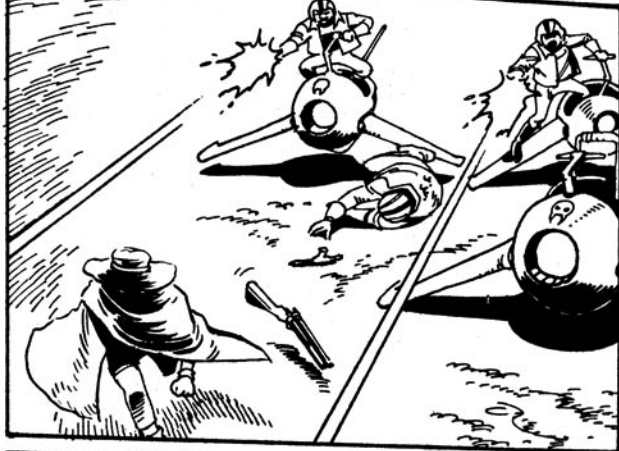
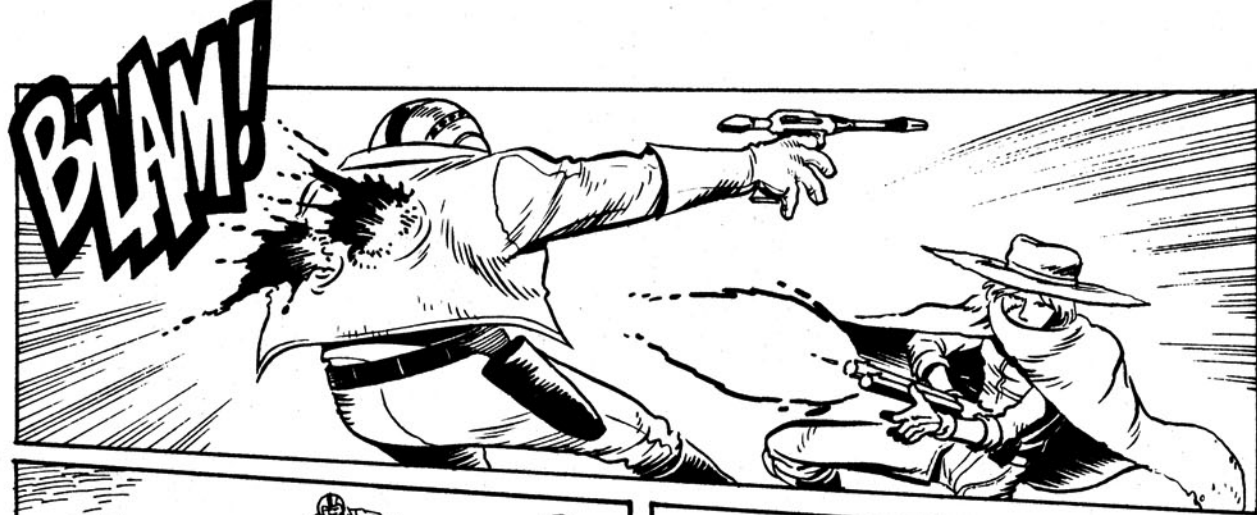


PIRATES!













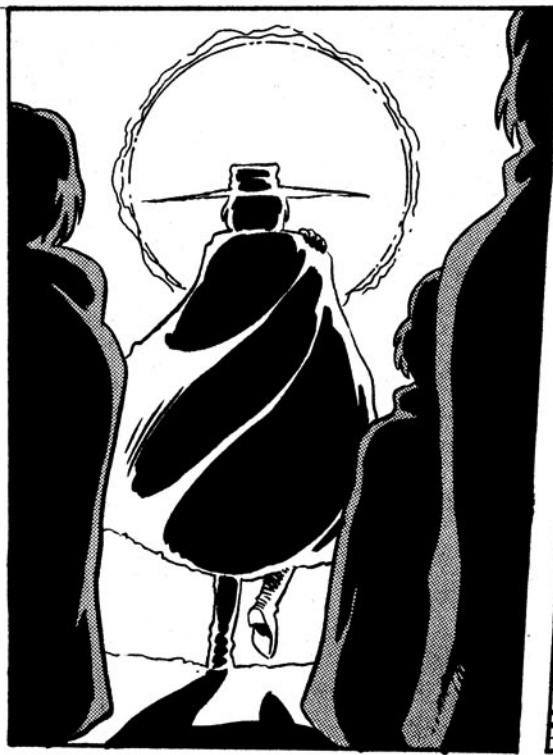
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SHE IS AS A FRICKLE CHILD, JUDE. YOU KNOW HER MOODS CHANGE WITH THE WINDS. PERHAPS SHE WILL RETURN.

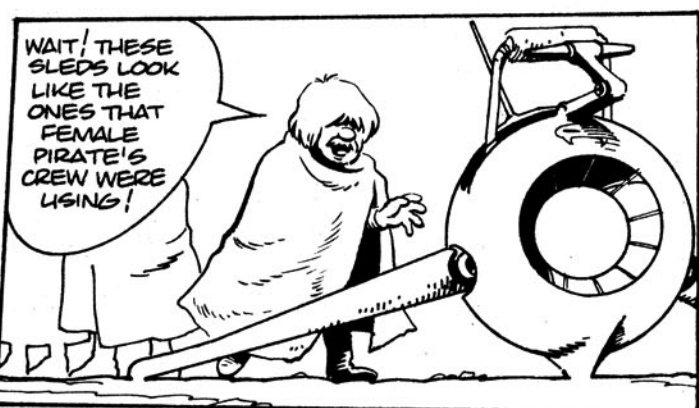


NO.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME. I AM A PROUD MAN AND I HAVE NO TIME FOR CHILDREN.



I NOW UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT POETRY COMING FROM DEEP INSIDE. I FEEL AS IF I COULD PEN SEVERAL VOLLIMES NOW.



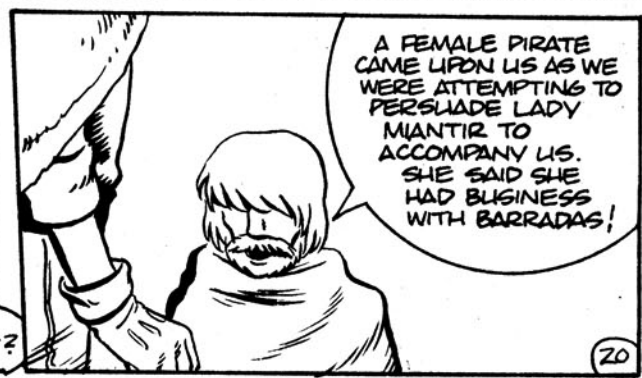
WAIT! THESE SLEDS LOOK LIKE THE ONES THAT FEMALE PIRATE'S CREW WERE USING!



WHAT?

THE SHAPE IS A BIT DIFFERENT, BUT!!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



A FEMALE PIRATE CAME UPON US AS WE WERE ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE LADY MIANTIR TO ACCOMPANY US. SHE SAID SHE HAD BUSINESS WITH BARRADAS!

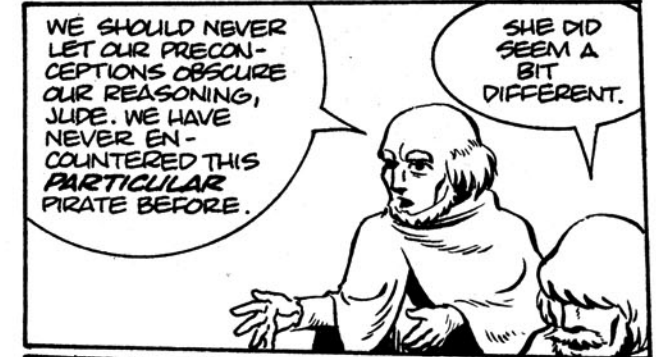


MIANTIR WILLINGLY CHOSE HER COMPANY OVER OURS!



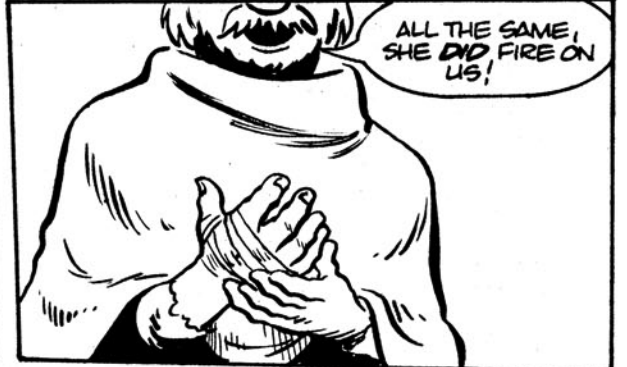
I DO NOT LIKE THE LOOK OF THIS BARRADAS HAS NEVER DEALT WITH PIRATES BEFORE.

THAT WE KNOW OF!

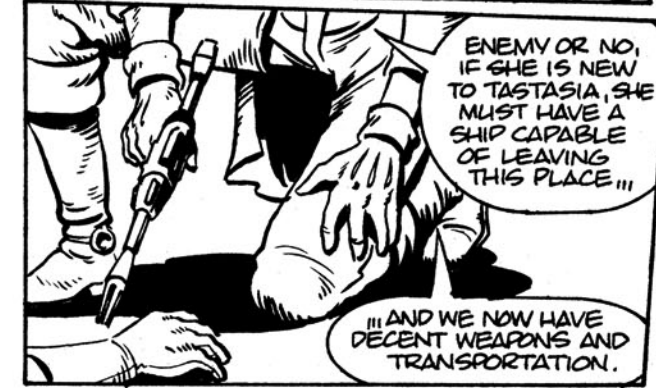


WE SHOULD NEVER LET OUR PRECONCEPTIONS OBSCURE OUR REASONING, JUDE. WE HAVE NEVER EN-COUNTERED THIS PARTICULAR PIRATE BEFORE.

SHE DID SEEM A BIT DIFFERENT.



ALL THE SAME, SHE DID FIRE ON US!

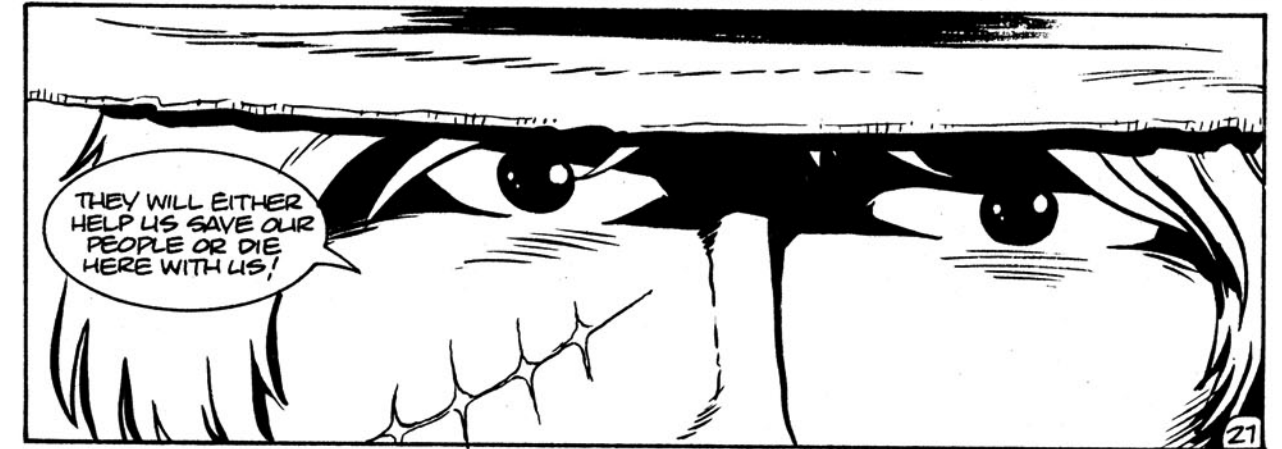


ENEMY OR NO, IF SHE IS NEW TO TASTASIA, SHE MUST HAVE A SHIP CAPABLE OF LEAVING THIS PLACE!!!

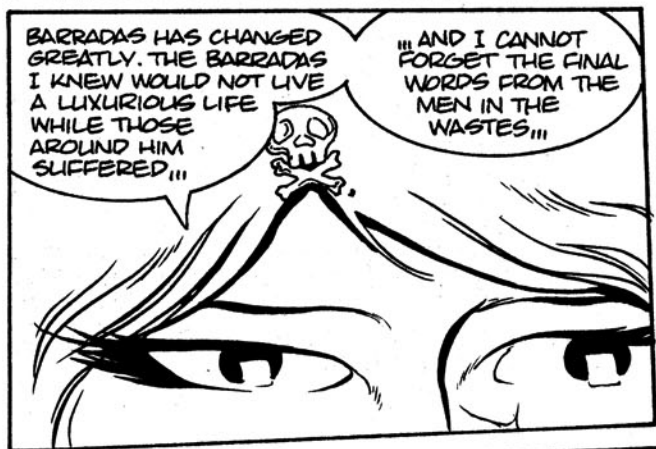
!!! AND WE NOW HAVE DECENT WEAPONS AND TRANSPORTATION.



WE WILL TRAVEL TO BARRADA'S EDEN AND CONFRONT THEM BOTH.



THEY WILL EITHER HELP US SAVE OUR PEOPLE OR DIE HERE WITH US!

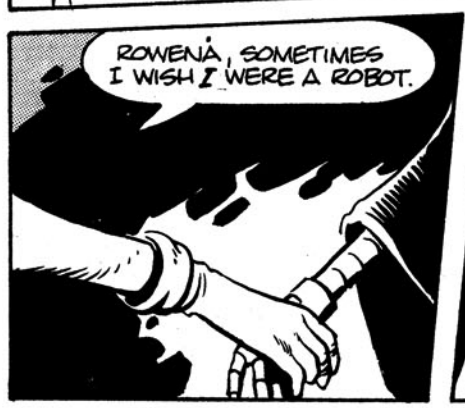


BARRADAS HAS CHANGED GREATLY. THE BARRADAS I KNEW WOULD NOT LIVE A LUXURIOUS LIFE WHILE THOSE AROUND HIM SUFFERED!!!

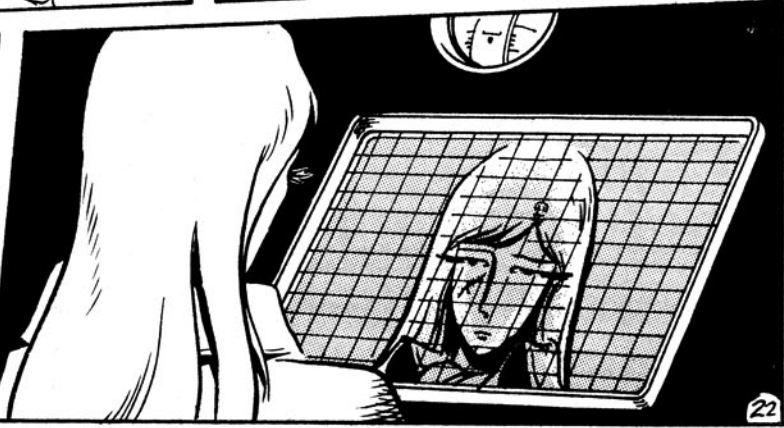
!!! AND I CANNOT FORGET THE FINAL WORDS FROM THE MEN IN THE WASTES!!!



IF BARRADAS HAS INDEED DOOMED THE PEOPLE OF TASTASIA TO EXTINCTION, WILL I BE PARTLY TO BLAME!!!?



ROWENA, SOMETIMES I WISH I WERE A ROBOT.



TO BE CONTINUED!!!