

LORNA

Lost Shadows

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MAYBE
IT'S A MIS-
TAKE. I HAVE A
BAD FEELING
ABOUT THIS.

KEEP ROWING!
MY INFORMER SAID
HE SAW THE GLIMMER-
ING REFLECTIONS OF
THE TREASURE ON
THE WATER.

AND THAT'S WHY
WE'RE HERE. IF HE HADN'T
GIVEN AWAY HIS SECRET,
RIGHT NOW HE'D BE RELAXING
SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL
WOMEN WHILE HE DRANK NEC-
TAR FROM GOLD CUPS.

BUT HE'S
DEAD.



LOOK! I THINK
I SEE THE
REFLECTION! ROW
FASTER!





I FEEL SICK TO MY STOMACH...

THAT'S FROM ROWING FOR SO LONG. BUT DON'T STOP NOW! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!



GGR-RRHH!!

I... DON'T... FEEL...

IT'S SHINING SO MUCH I CAN'T EVEN SEE...



AAAAHHH!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE... MY THROAT IS BURNING.

NO! IT'S ALMOST IN OUR... HANDS... AAAHH!



... IT'S...



ALMOST



I'D NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO BEAUTIFUL.

LOST SHADOWS

... THE BEAUTY OF THE LANDSCAPE AND ITS AMAZING COLORS OVERWHELMED ME.

A LIGHT BREEZE CARESSED MY FACE AND I WAS SURROUNDED BY DELICIOUS EXOTIC ODORS THAT MADE ME FEEL I WAS FLOATING. I NEVER IMAGINED THAT SUCH A WONDROUS PLACE COULD EXIST IN THE UNIVERSE.

TOO BAD ALL THAT LASTED BUT A MINUTE.

COME ON, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.



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I DON'T
THINK LORNA
AND SHOP CAN
TAKE MUCH
MORE...



HURRY UP!
THIS IS NOT A
VACATION!



WHAT'S THE
MATTER WITH
HIM?

I DON'T
KNOW, IT'S A
BIT WEIRD,
ISN'T IT?

WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE TO
YOUR PLANET?



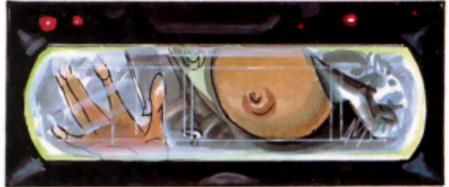
DON'T
MAKE ANY
NOISE OR WE'LL
FUCK EVERY-
THING UP!



WOW!
THAT'S A
SIGHT FOR
SORE EYES!

LET ME SEE!
DON'T BE
GREEDY!

ENOUGH!
NOW IT'S MY
TURN!



I LOVE WHAT YOU CALL "DIVERSION TACTICS".

THEY SHOULDN'T TAKE MUCH LONGER.



WELL, I'M IN NO HURRY. LET THEM TAKE THEIR TIME.



WAIT! I THINK THEY'RE ALMOST FINISHED.

LET ME!



YOU PIECE OF SHI...

WHAT'S THAT?



I TRIPPED...



THEIR COVER IS BLOWN!



GO GO GO





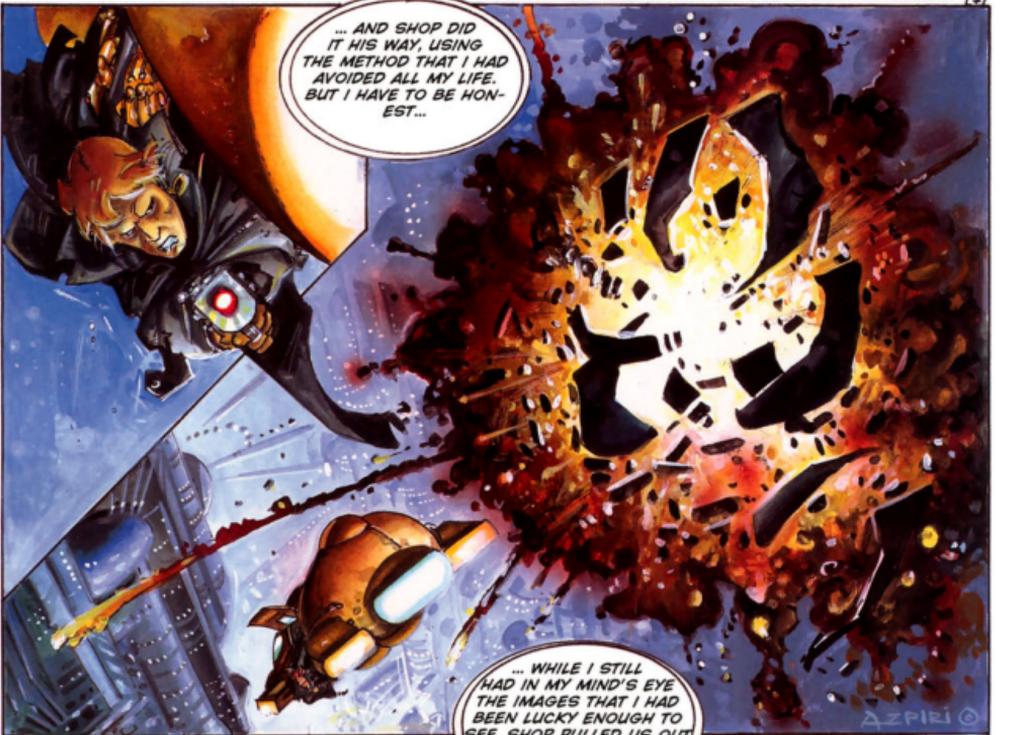
WELL THEY DIDN'T DO MUCH GOOD. NOW WHAT?

STOP, OR WE'LL HAVE TO SHOOT YOU DOWN!



WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY AGAIN!

NO THANKS! WE'LL DO IT MY WAY, NOW! HOLD ON TO ME!



... AND SHOP DID IT HIS WAY, USING THE METHOD THAT I HAD AVOIDED ALL MY LIFE. BUT I HAVE TO BE HONEST...

... WHILE I STILL HAD IN MY MIND'S EYE THE IMAGES THAT I HAD BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO SEE, SHOP PULLED US OUT OF THE JAM THAT I'D GOTTEN EVERYONE INTO...

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WE THOUGHT WE KNEW WHERE THE DESTRUCTION PROCESS OF THE TINY SYSTEM HAD BEGUN. WE HAD RESCUED DART-AN-GOR, BUT THERE WERE STILL TWO PLANETS ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION TO BE SAVED.

THE DESTRUCTIVE PROBES HAD BEEN CREATED ON LORNA AND SHOP'S NATIVE PLANET. AND THAT'S WHY WE WERE THERE, TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ALL THAT...

... AND TIME WAS RUNNING OUT.

... BUT UNTIL THEN OUR INVESTIGATIONS HAD PROVED FRUITLESS...



WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?



I BELIEVE YOU WATCHED A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE PLANET'S PAST.



I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THINGS REACHED THIS STAGE.



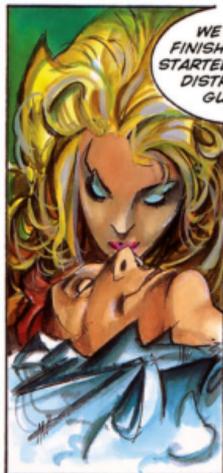
COME ON, DON'T GET SO UPSET. I DON'T KNOW THE PAST, BUT WE'RE IN THIS UP TO OUR NECKS, AND IF WE DON'T ACT SOON TWO PLANETS WILL BE DESTROYED.

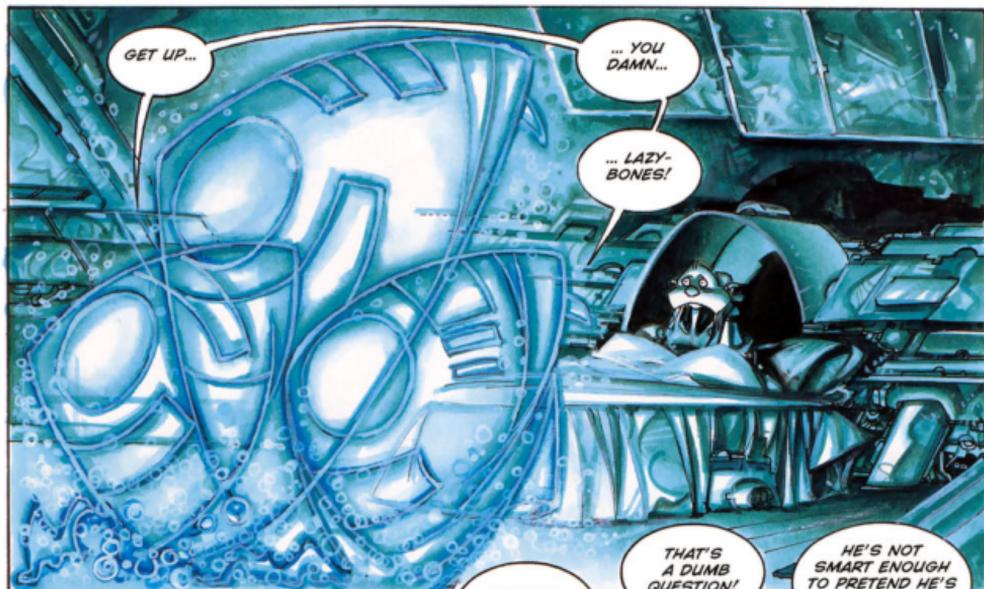


YOU'RE RIGHT. I'LL GO BACK THERE AND THIS TIME I WON'T FAIL.



WE'LL ALL GO BACK TOMORROW. BUT WE'RE EXHAUSTED AND WE NEED TO REST NOW.





GET UP...

... YOU DAMN...

... LAZY-BONES!

THAT'S A DUMB QUESTION!

HE'S NOT SMART ENOUGH TO PRETEND HE'S ONE OF US!

WHILE YOU'RE ASLEEP, LIVING BEINGS ARE DYING, WAITING FOR YOU TO SAVE THEM.

HOW DID YOU FIND US?

YEAH, LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING A HARD TIME.



WE THINK THE PROBES WERE CREATED HERE ON THIS PLANET AND WE PLAN TO FIND OUT WHY.

WHO CARES WHY? THE REASON DOESN'T REALLY MATTER, OUR PRIORITY NOW IS TO DESTROY THOSE PROBES.

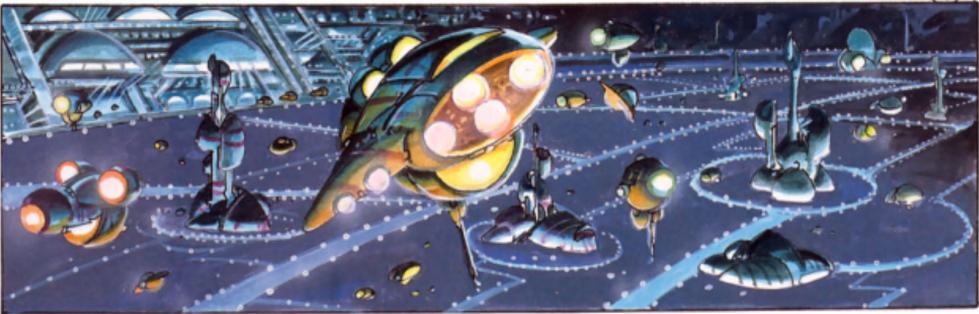


THIS IS THE PLANET YOU SHOULD GO TO NEXT...

DON'T WASTE ANY TIME...

IT'S INHABITANTS ARE DYING OF THE PLAGUE.

AND SINCE THERE ARE MANY OF YOU, YOU CAN DIVIDE YOUR STRENGTH... MMM, I SEEM TO HAVE HEARD THIS BEFORE.





HOW DID YOU
MANAGE TO BUY A
SHIP WHEN WE'RE
FLAT BROKE?

WITH A PLASTIC
CARD, WE HAVE
TWENTY MINUTES
BEFORE THEY FIND
OUT IT'S FAKE.



YOU'RE UNDER
ARREST! WE HAVE
ORDERS TO TAKE
YOU TO TRADEEL
CORP!

TWENTY
MINUTES,
HUH?!



I HATE
THESE
THINGS...



I CAN'T
STAND THE
SMELL.





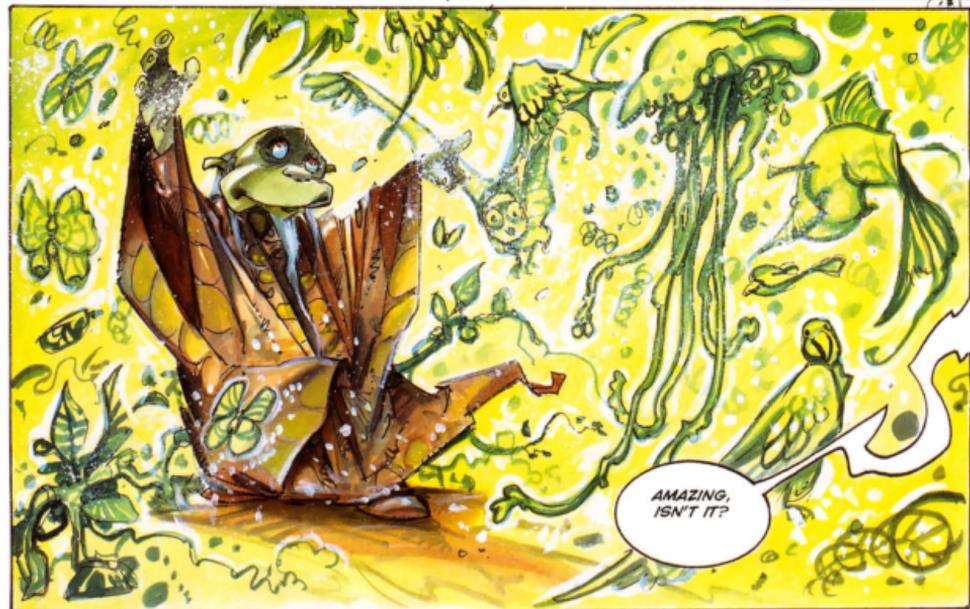
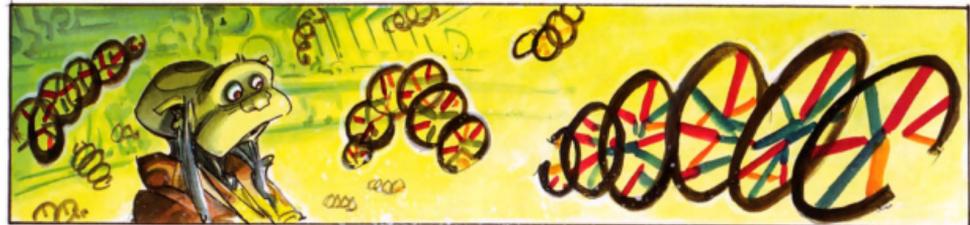
HOW FAR IS THAT FUCKING SHIP?













WOW! THAT'S THE FIRST RAIN I'VE FELT IN AGES THAT ISN'T CONTAMINATED BY ACID OR SOME OTHER POLLUTANT.

COME, WE'RE NOT FAR FROM THE PROBE.



WHY DON'T WE HOP ON THE SHIP AND SWOOSH, DESTROY IT, AND COME RIGHT BACK?

IT'S NOT THAT EASY. MY SENSORS HAVE DETECTED THAT IT IS NEAR AN INHABITED AREA, BUT THEY HAVEN'T DETERMINED THE EXACT LOCATION.



WAIT!



TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF!

IN THIS WEATHER? I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE BEST TIME...

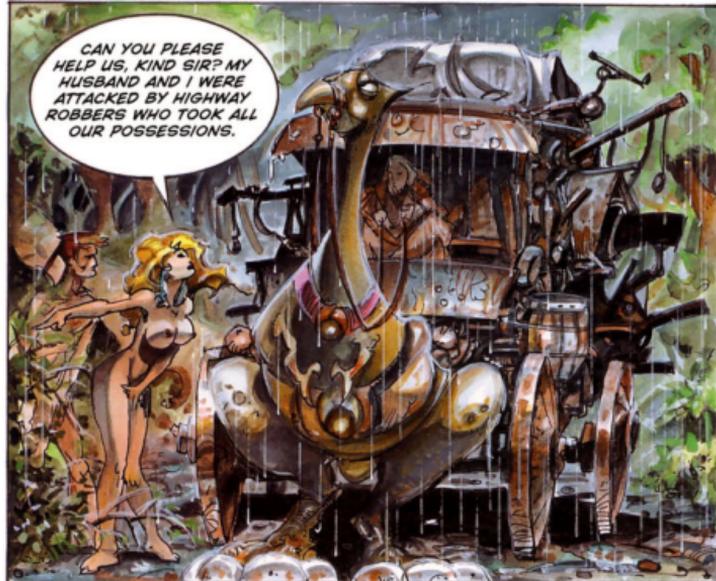


WHAT ABOUT OUR WEAPONS?

WE'LL GO BACK FOR THEM.



I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.



CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US, KIND SIR? MY HUSBAND AND I WERE ATTACKED BY HIGHWAY ROBBERS WHO TOOK ALL OUR POSSESSIONS.



YOU HAVE A STRANGE ACCENT. IT'S CLEAR YOU'RE NOT FROM THESE PARTS. OK, HOP IN. HE CAN GO IN THE BACK. THERE ISN'T ENOUGH ROOM FOR BOTH OF YOU HERE...



... NO ROOM! THE SON OF A BITCH!



DID THEY HURT YOU? I'M SURE THOSE BASTARDS HURT YOU...



YOU CAN TELL ME. I KNOW HOW THOSE VILLAINS TREAT WOMEN LIKE YOU AND THE HORRIBLE THINGS THEY MAKE THEM DO.



SHIT! THEY FOUND US!



WHO ARE THEY?

THE BLACK WARRIORS OF ROHAM.



I BET YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS IN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE. VERY FEW HAVE, AND NOT MANY ARE LEFT WHO CAN REMEMBER.

FUNDAMENTAL MICROMOLECULES. THIS IS WHERE ALL THE BIOLOGICAL DATA ABOUT PAST SPECIES ARE STORED... PLANTS, ANIMALS, EVERYTHING THAT DISAPPEARED WITH THE MARCH OF CIVILIZATION.



CIVILIZATION DOESN'T HAVE TO BRING DESTRUCTION IN ITS WAKE.



MY DEAR, INNOCENT FRIEND. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS NEED NOT ALWAYS BE THE CASE, BUT IT IS WHAT HAPPENED WITH US. OUR RACE HAS COME FURTHER THAN ANY OTHER IN THE UNIVERSE, FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT OUR ANCESTORS ABANDONED ALL STUPID SCRUPLES LONG AGO.



WE'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE.



WHAT ABOUT THE DESTRUCTIVE PROBES?

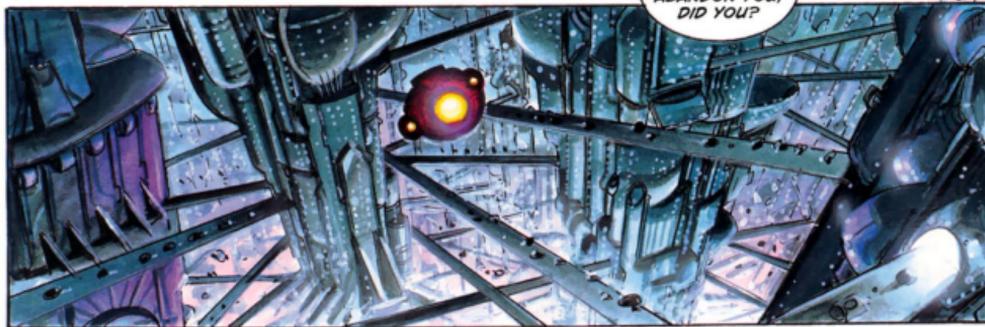


WE JUST MANUFACTURED THEM AND SENT THEM WHERE WE WERE TOLD. WE DON'T DECIDE WHAT IS GOOD OR BAD...

NEVER HAD SOMETHING SO PERFECT BEEN CREATED, SOMETHING CAPABLE OF CLEANSING A PLANET SO COMPLETELY IN SO SHORT A TIME...



AND NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU ALL THAT, I HAVE TO KILL YOU.





SO YOU DARED TO ROB MY COFFERS OF EVERYTHING THAT MY SUBJECTS, MY DEAR SUBJECTS, HAVE OFFERED ME OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF THEIR HEARTS. I WANT TO GET MY TREASURES BACK. I FEEL DISPOSSESSED.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, MY FAITHFUL COUNSELOR SILADER?

MY LORD ROHAM, I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE PUNISHED FOR DECEIVING THEIR PROTECTOR.

DAMN YOU! YOU LIE AND DECEIVE ME! IT HURTS ME TO IMPART JUSTICE, BUT YOU LEAVE ME NO OTHER OPTION...

I FIND YOU GUILTY OF THE HIGHEST TREASON AGAINST THE KINGDOM!

PROCEED...







HA, HA, HA! TOO BAD THIS LOVELY SOFT SKIN MAY GET DAMAGED BETWEEN BARS!

IT MUST BE A VIRUS OR SOME WEIRD FIXATION THAT MAKES THESE PIGS WANT TO TOUCH WHAT DOESN'T BELONG TO THEM.



SPEAK WHILE YOU STILL HAVE A TONGUE, 'CAUSE SOON THE MAGGOTS WILL BE FEASTING ON IT.



UNTIE ME.

THERE ARE SOME RAGS HERE FOR US TO COVER OURSELVES WITH... HEY, THE WINDOW DOESN'T HAVE ANY BARS...

IT DOESN'T NEED ANY.

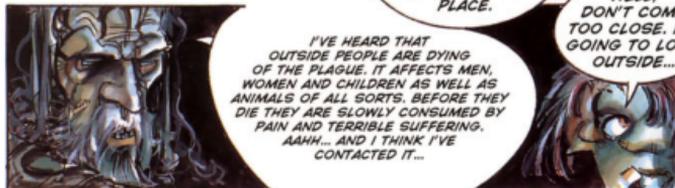


THERE'S NOTHING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT WINDOW BESIDES DEATH.

WHO ARE YOU?

I DON'T REMEMBER. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR TOO LONG, BUT I DON'T BELONG TO THIS PLACE.

WELL, DON'T COME TOO CLOSE. I'M GOING TO LOOK OUTSIDE...



I'VE HEARD THAT OUTSIDE PEOPLE ARE DYING OF THE PLAGUE. IT AFFECTS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN AS WELL AS ANIMALS OF ALL SORTS. BEFORE THEY DIE THEY ARE SLOWLY CONSUMED BY PAIN AND TERRIBLE SUFFERING. AAHH... AND I THINK I'VE CONTACTED IT...



WE'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE.



HELP!



SHUT UP, WHORE! WHY ARE YOU YELLING?

IT'S MY FRIEND. HE'S GOT HORRIBLE SPASMS.



SPASMS? I WISH I COULD HAVE THEM WITH YOU!



IF YOU HELP ME, I'LL SHOW MY GRATITUDE.



THAT'S IT, PIG! STICK THE KEY IN THE LOCK!

CLX

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE GRATEFUL!



COME INTO MY ARMS... AAAAAHHH!



HE'S ALL YOURS!



THANK YOU!



SHOULDN'T WE...?

FORGET THE OLD MAN. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO...









GLUB...
GLUB...
GLUB...!



I THINK ANY
OTHER WAY
WOULD'VE BEEN
BETTER... GLUB...
GLUB...

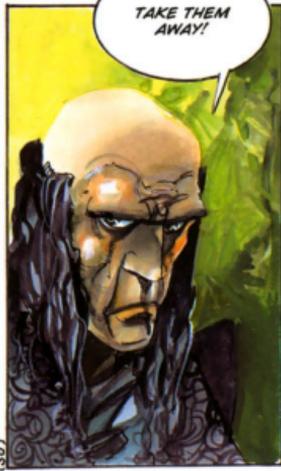
CONGRATU-
LATIONS!
EXCELLENT
SHOW!



YOU KILLED ONE
OF MY FAVORITE
ANIMALS, BUT I MUST
ADMIT THAT THE BATTLE
WAS SPECTACULAR.



AND YOU'VE
GIVEN ME THE
OPPORTUNITY TO PUT
AN END TO YOUR
LIVES MYSELF!



TAKE THEM
AWAY!

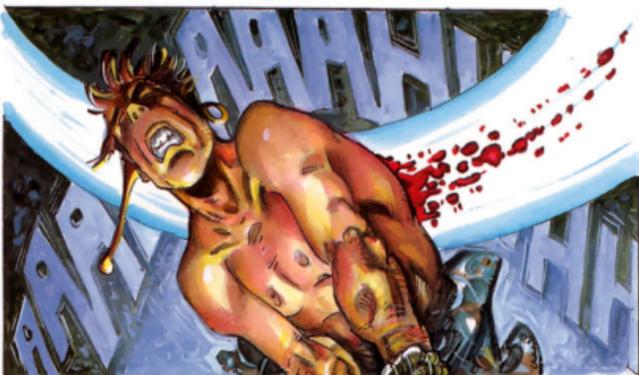


IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE SINCE YOU'RE NOT SUFFERING FROM THE TERRIBLE DISEASE THAT IS DECIMATING THE REGION.



IN FACT, YOU SEEM TO BE IN EXCELLENT HEALTH.







I THOUGHT I HAD GIVEN YOU ORDERS TO LOCK THEM UP.



YOU DID, SIR, BUT THEY ESCAPED. I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURB YOU SO I DECIDED TO DEAL WITH THEM MYSELF.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS, BUT I WANT TO QUESTION THEM. I THINK I'LL START WITH THE WOMAN...



LOCK THE MAN UP IN THE TOWER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



HAVE HER WASHED AND PERFUMED, AND SEND HER TO MY QUARTERS.



DEATH WOULD HAVE BEEN SWEETER THAN WHAT AWAITS YOU.

I'VE SEEN WOMEN AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU KILL THEMSELVES RATHER THAN END UP IN HIS ARMS... HE'S SO DEFORMED BY DISEASE THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THE HORRORS THAT LIE BENEATH THOSE ROBES.



WHAT...?



YOU SEE HOW IT FEELS!



BRAYO! THAT WAS A GREAT SHOW OF PRIDE, HEROISM AND, ESPECIALLY, STUPIDITY.



BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT SOON YOU WILL LOSE ALL THE VIRTUES YOU BELIEVE IN... TAKE HIM OUT OF MY SIGHT!



FUCK YOU!



I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TRY ANYTHING. GOOD... THAT SHOWS THAT YOU'RE NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE.

MY LORD AWAITS YOU.







BUY ME A DRINK AND YOU CAN SUCK ON THESE.

WHAT DO I GET FOR TWO DRINKS?

GET AWAY FROM HER. SHE'S INFECTED.



WHAT...

YUCK!

THROW HER OUT OF HERE BEFORE SHE SPREADS THE INFECTION ANY FURTHER.



I'VE HEARD THEY CAPTURED POOR DREGAT AND CUT OFF HIS HEAD.

BUT I MUST SAY HE DIDN'T USE IT MUCH...

HE WAS WITH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WITH PALE SKIN AND ANOTHER MAN.



BY NOW, THEY'RE ALL ANCIENT HISTORY. NO ONE HAS EVER GONE INTO THE CASTLE AND COME OUT TO TALK ABOUT IT.

I WASN'T
ALWAYS LIKE
THIS...

I WAS ONCE A
GREAT WARRIOR,
FEARED BY MY ENEMIES
AND LOVED BY MY FOL-
LOWERS AND FRIENDS.

I WOULD GIVE
ANYTHING TO BE
LIKE I WAS BEFORE.

MY COURT WAS
DRUNK WITH SPLENDOR
AND RICHES, BUT THE
POWER THAT RULES OVER
MEN DECIDED TO SEND A
HORRIBLE DISEASE AND ALL THE
GLORY WAS TRANSFORMED
INTO MISERY AND
DEATH.

I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, BUT WE'VE COME TO HELP AND TRY TO SAVE WHAT REMAINS OF YOUR WORLD.



I'M SURE THAT YOU CAN BE A BIG HELP TO ME...



AAHHH!!



GIVE ME THAT! I'M GOING TO NEED IT.



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AARRGGHH!!!





LISTEN, I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!



WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN IN YOUR KINGDOM SINCE THE PLAGUE BEGAN... SOMETHING METALLIC, OR IN ANY CASE DIFFERENT FROM EVERYTHING AROUND IT.



DIFFERENT? EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT: ME, THE LAND AROUND US, THE PEOPLE WHO LOSE THEIR CHILDREN AND LOVED ONES EVERY DAY...



YOU'VE COME TO HELP US, YET YOU THREATEN ME WITH MY OWN DAGGER. WHAT SORT OF HELP IS THAT?



I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, MY LOYAL SILADER... SHE'S A WITCH.



AND SHE'LL BE TREATED LIKE ONE.

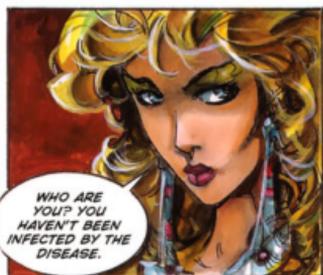


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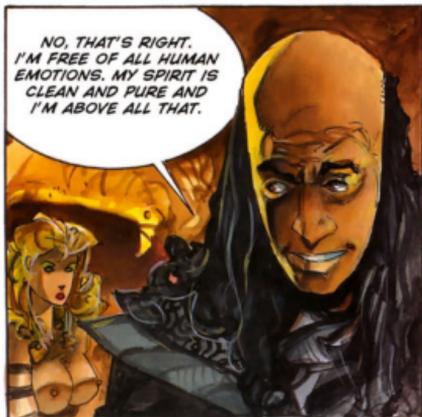
YOU HAVE BEEN RESTING, MY DEAR FRIEND... DON'T WORRY, SOON YOU'LL BE AT REST FOREVER.



MY STUPID LORD HAS DECIDED TO MAKE AN OFFERING TO HIS GODS - THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN! A GREAT SHAME, CONSIDERING YOUR BEAUTY.



WHO ARE YOU? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN INFECTED BY THE DISEASE.



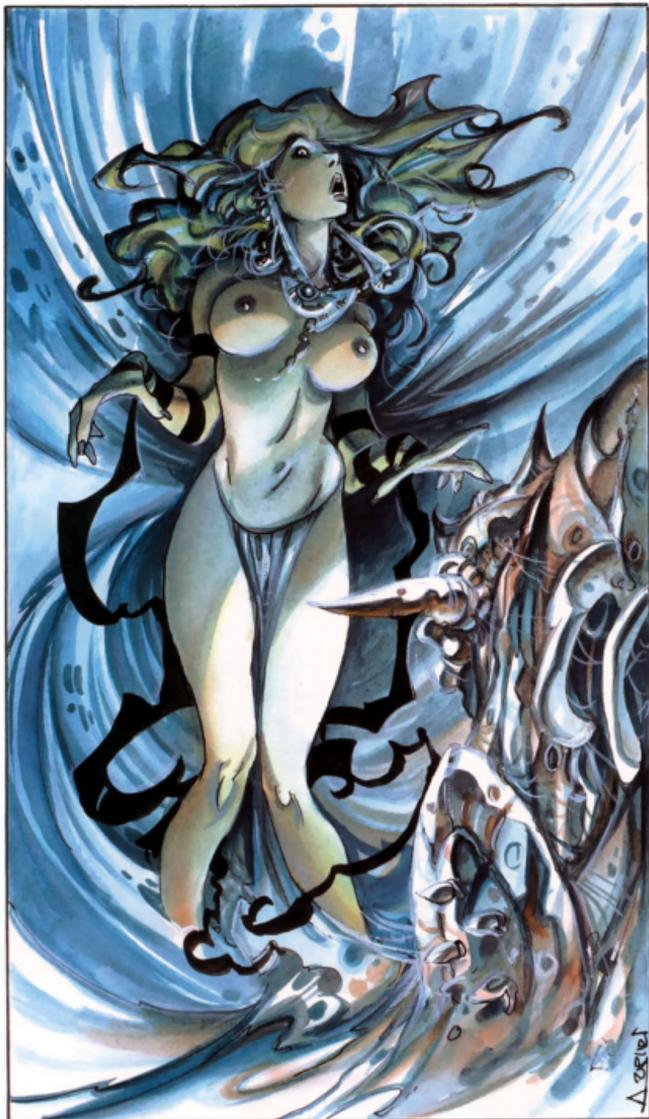
NO, THAT'S RIGHT. I'M FREE OF ALL HUMAN EMOTIONS. MY SPIRIT IS CLEAN AND PURE AND I'M ABOVE ALL THAT.



I DON'T THINK I BELIEVE YOU... ROHAM SHOULD KNOW THAT YOU HAVE POWER AND THAT HE IS JUST A FOOL, LIKE HIS FOLLOWERS.



STUPID FEMALE, DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MY POWER!



TELL ME, WHAT
DOES IT FEEL LIKE
BEING POSSESSED
BY YOUR OWN DEV-
ILS?







WHAT HAVE I DONE?

WHEN YOU GET OVER YOUR STUPID GUILTY FEELINGS, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D UNSHACKLE ME.



WHAT THE FUCK WERE YOU WAITING FOR? HE WAS ABOUT TO CHOP ME UP.



YOU'RE BADLY HURT...

HOW DID YOU FIND US?



ALTHOUGH MY MISSION WAS OVER, I DECIDED TO FOLLOW YOU.

WISE DECISION... HAVE YOU BROUGHT SOMETHING FOR ME?



I COLLECTED YOUR STUFF ON THE WAY.

WELL DONE!

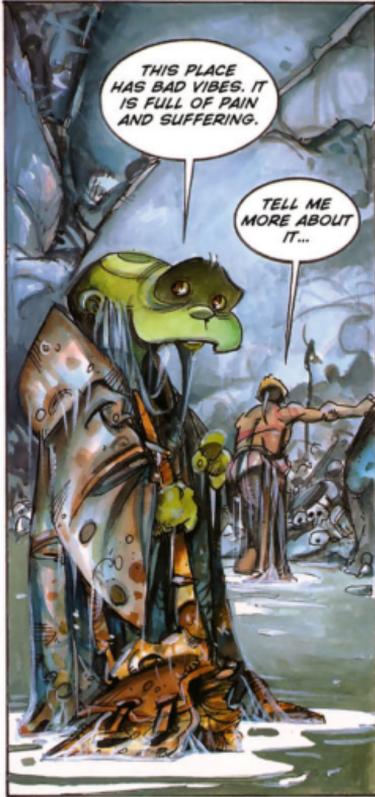


LET'S GET OUT OF HERE. I KNOW OF A QUIET PLACE WHERE I CAN RECUPERATE. LORNA'S IN DANGER.



WHERE ARE WE?

IT USED TO BE HELL, NOW IT'S JUST A SAFE PLACE.



THIS PLACE HAS BAD VIBES. IT IS FULL OF PAIN AND SUFFERING.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT IT...



YOU'RE SO PERCEPTIVE! YOU SEE HUNDREDS OF HUMAN REMAINS AND YOU SAY THIS IS A SCENE OF SUFFERING. AT LEAST THEY'VE STOPPED FEELING PAIN, UNLIKE ME.

RAASSH!



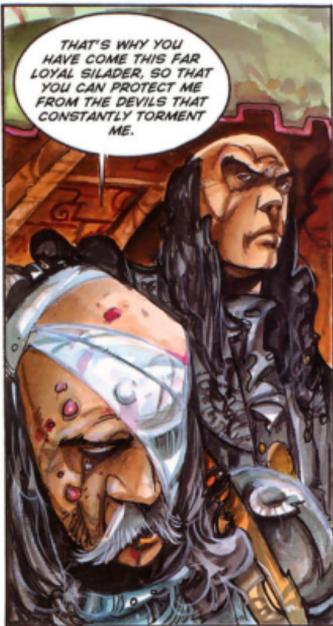
I NEED TO REST A BIT. IN THIS STATE I WOULDN'T BE OF ANY HELP TO LORNA.

DID YOU BRING ANYTHING ELSE?



GREAT... YOU LEARN FAST!







YOUR FATE IS APPROACHING...



SOON WE'LL STOP HEARING YOUR CRIES.



HAVEN'T YOU WONDERED WHY YOUR LOYAL COUNSELOR HASN'T GOT THE DISEASE? HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T BEEN INFECTED.



SHUT YOUR MOUTH, BITCH, OR I'LL TEAR OUT YOUR DIRTY TONGUE.

WAIT...



LET HER TALK, OR ARE YOU AFRAID OF HER?



HAVE ONE OF HIS FINGERS CHOPPED OFF AND THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT COLOR HIS BLOOD IS.



THE ONLY BLOOD
THAT WILL BE
SPILLED HERE IS
YOURS.



LOOK
AT THAT
LIGHT. THAT'S
THE ONLY THING
YOU'LL SEE
BEFORE YOU
DIE!



WHAT ARE
YOU SO AFRAID
OF?



AFRAID?
STUPID MORTAL!
I CAN'T FEEL
FEAR!

UGH!



HE HASN'T
BEEN PRO-
GRAMMED FOR
THIS...



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?
WHAT...?

TOO
MANY
QUESTIONS!



I THINK THE
TIME HAS COME TO
GRANT YOU THE
REST YOU CRAVE...



DON'T!



I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA. I'M TIRED OF HIS WHINING.

CRASH!



AND NOW I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU...

THEY'VE KILLED ROHAM!
REVENGE!



UGGHH!

ABANDON SHIP OR OUR BLOOD WILL BE ALL OVER THE DECK!

NOT SO FAST...



GET AWAY FROM HER OR YOU'LL REGRET IT.



IDiot...

ZAAASH!



GRONO?











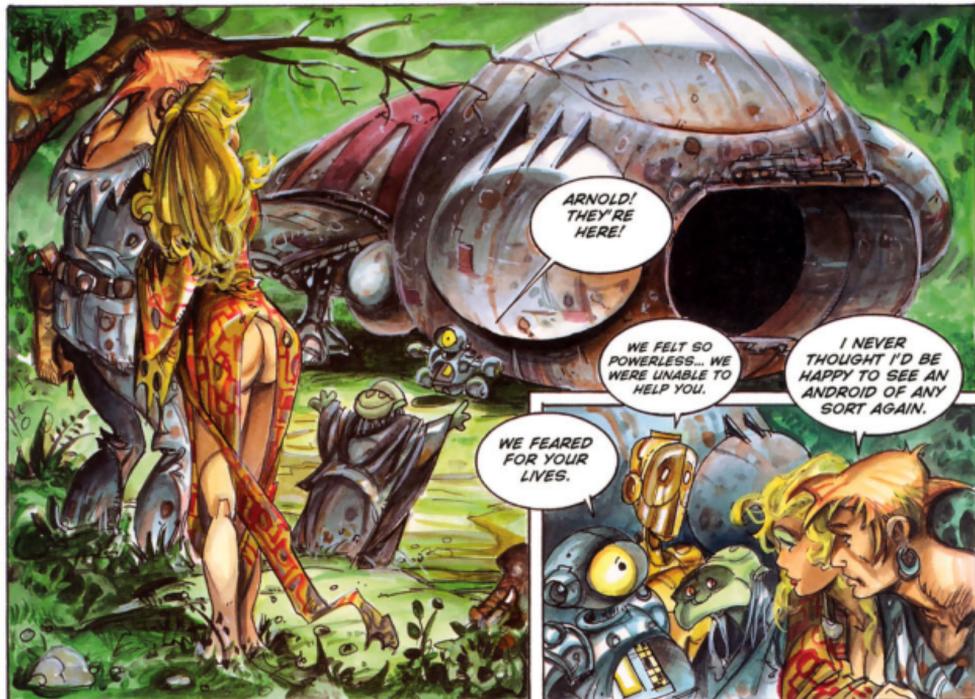
IT'S A HOME-MADE GIZMO, BUT IT WILL...











ARNOLD!
THEY'RE
HERE!

WE FELT SO
POWERLESS... WE
WERE UNABLE TO
HELP YOU.

I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D BE
HAPPY TO SEE AN
ANDROID OF ANY
SORT AGAIN.

WE FEARED
FOR YOUR
LIVES.



YOU GUYS
REST. I'LL TAKE
THE SHIP BACK
HOME.



REST... I
LOVE THAT
WORD.



AAAHHH...
THIS IS SO
SOFT AND
SMOOTH.



SHOPP?





THIS IS THE SECOND OF MY
EXCITING ADVENTURES WITH MY
FRIENDS. AFTER DESTROYING THE
PROBE, WE FELT HAPPY BUT TIRED.
WE WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO A
BIT OF WELL-DESERVED R & R...

... BUT WE WOULD
HAVE TO PUT THAT
OFF FOR NOW.

THEY'VE DONE
IT AGAIN... THE
MONK'S ARE
COMMUNICATING
WITH ME.

OH NO!

SHOULD WE
THROW HIM
INTO THE VOID?