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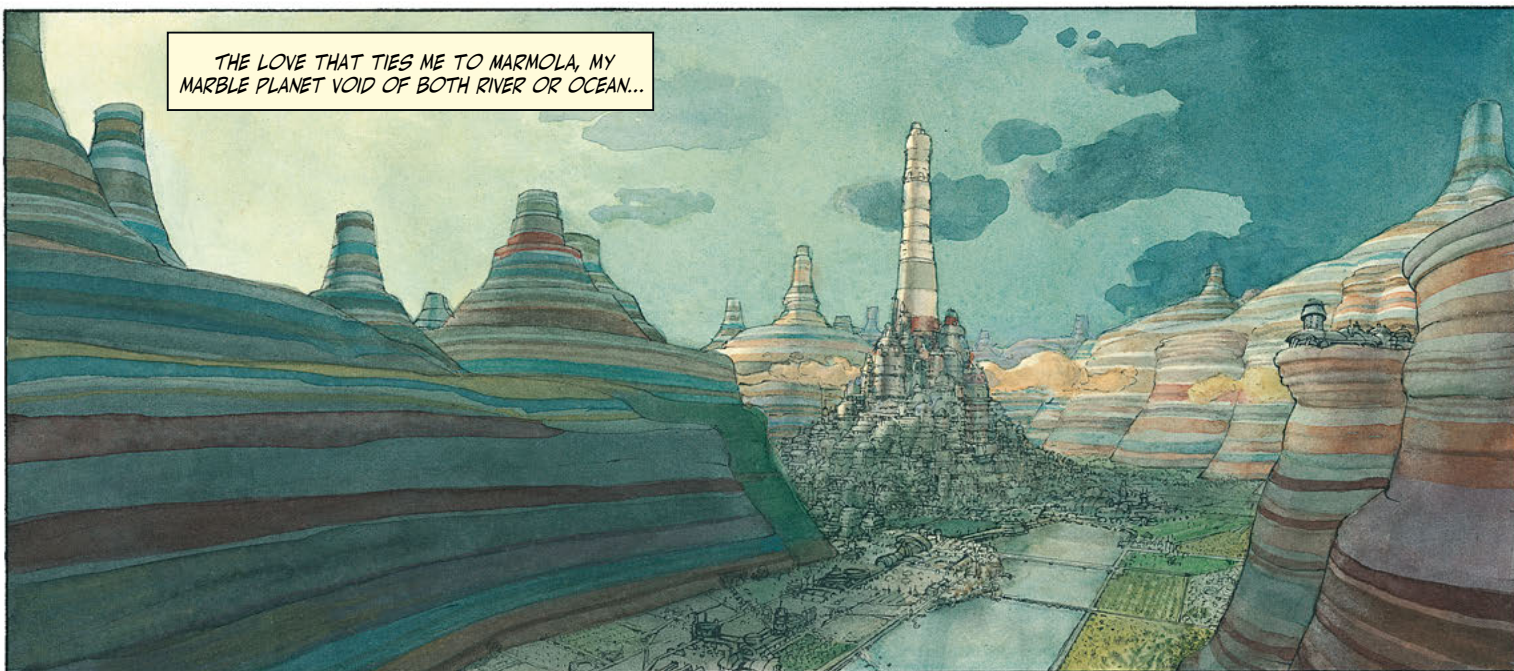
# METABARONS GENESIS: CASTAKA



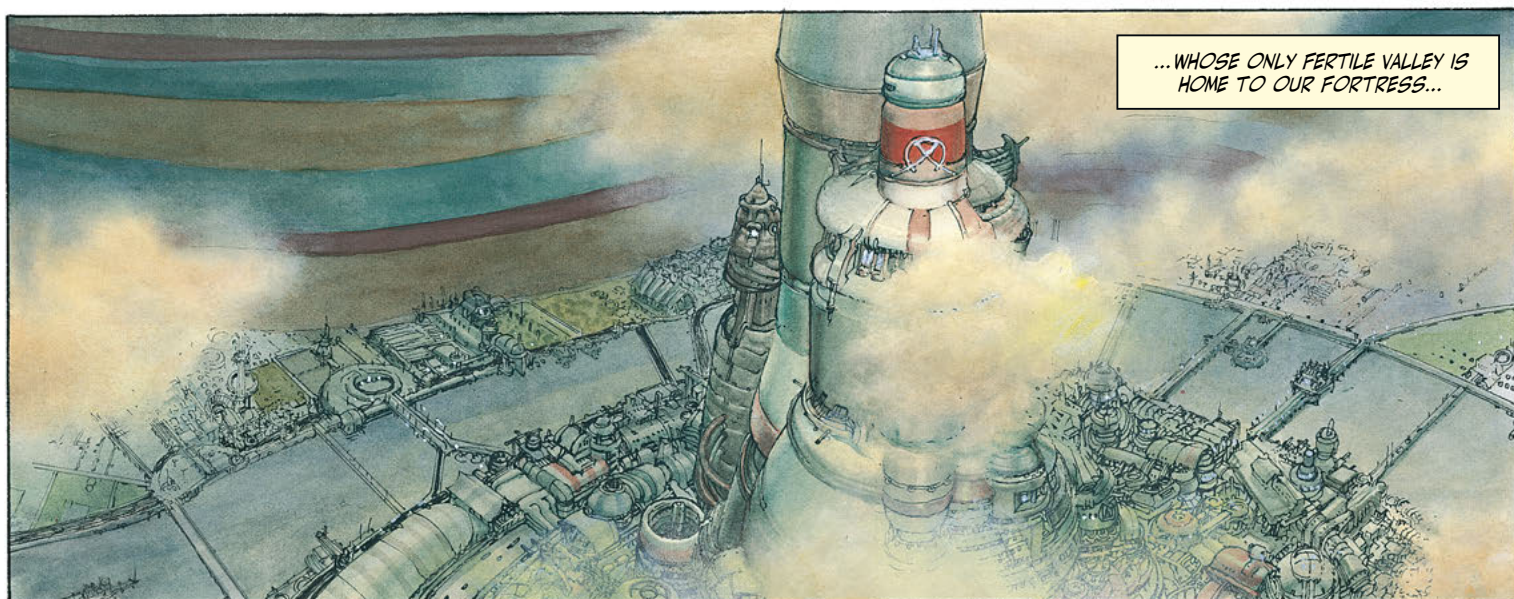
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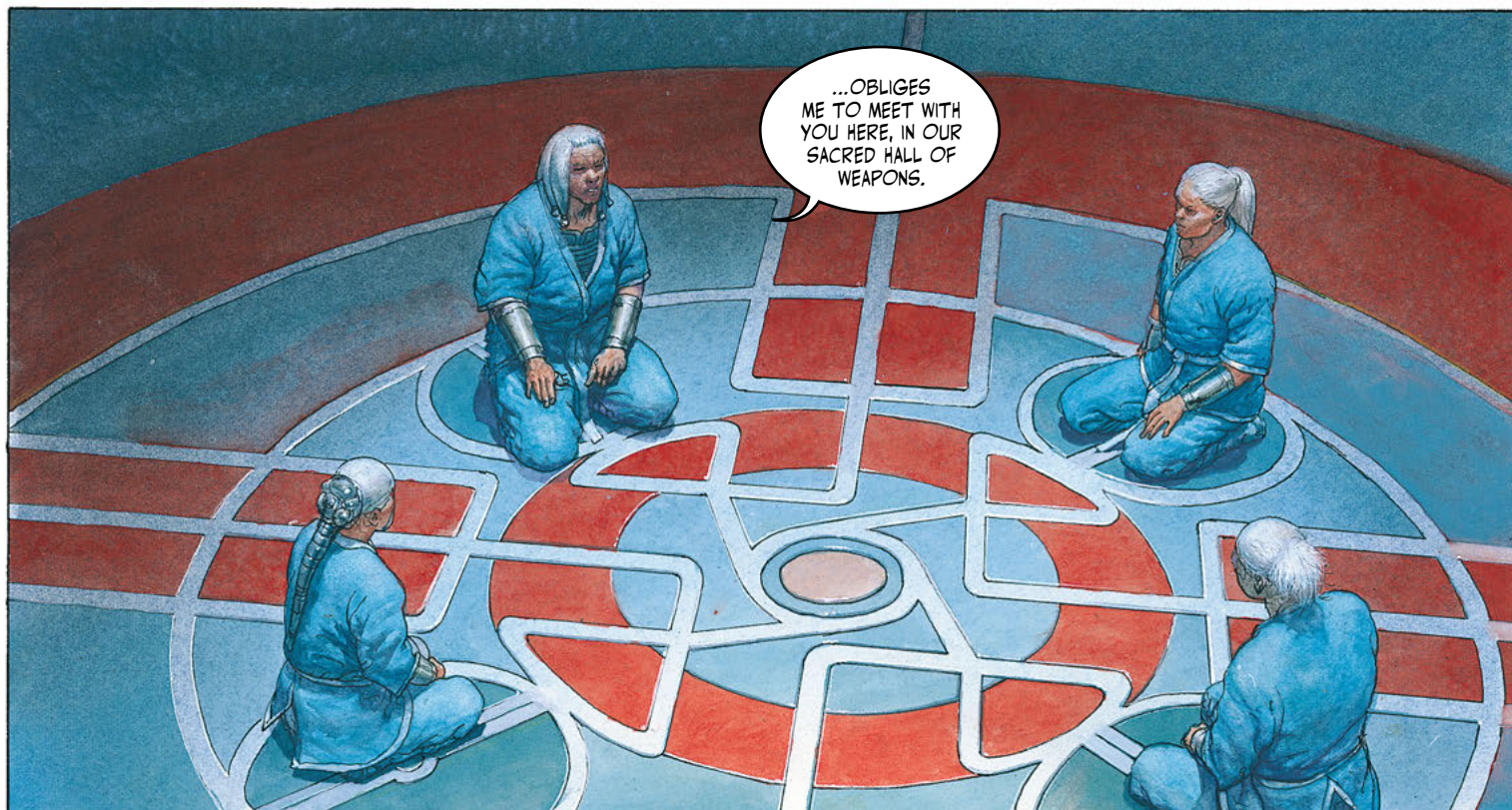
THE LOVE THAT TIES ME TO MARMOLA, MY  
MARBLE PLANET VOID OF BOTH RIVER OR OCEAN...



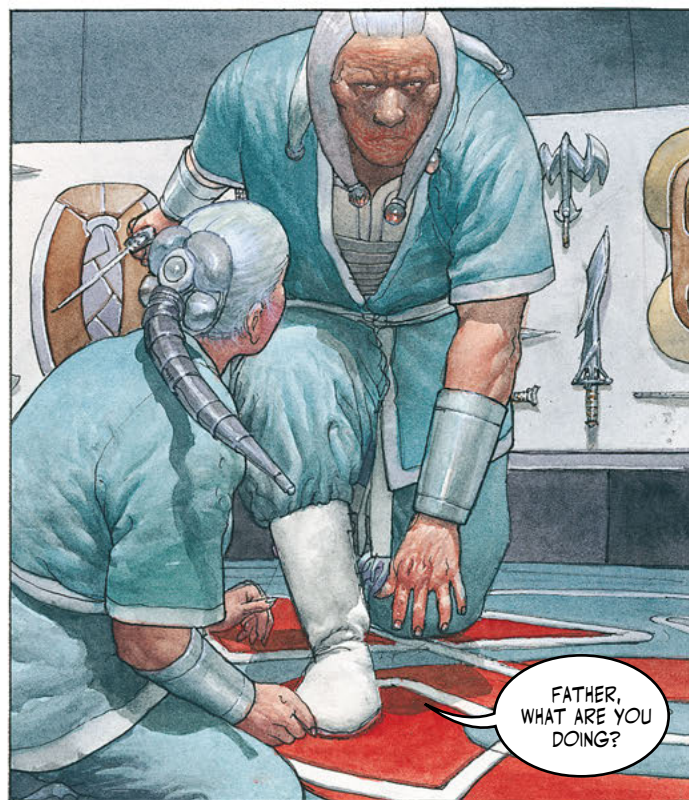
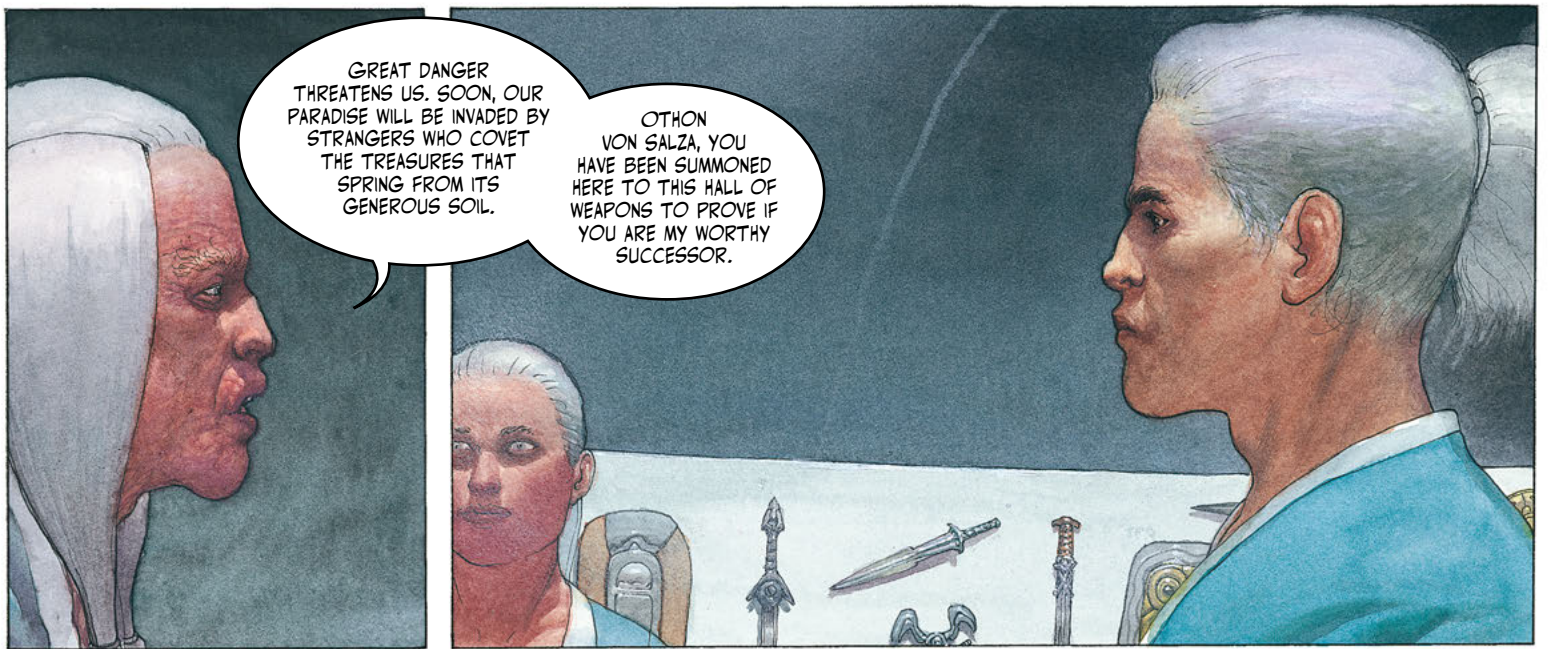
...WHOSE ONLY FERTILE VALLEY IS  
HOME TO OUR FORTRESS...



...OBLIGES  
ME TO MEET WITH  
YOU HERE, IN OUR  
SACRED HALL OF  
WEAPONS.



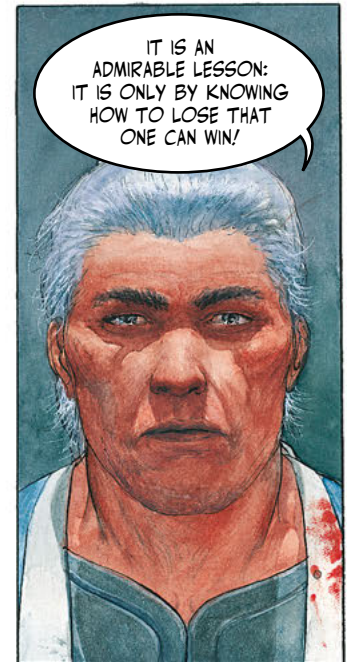
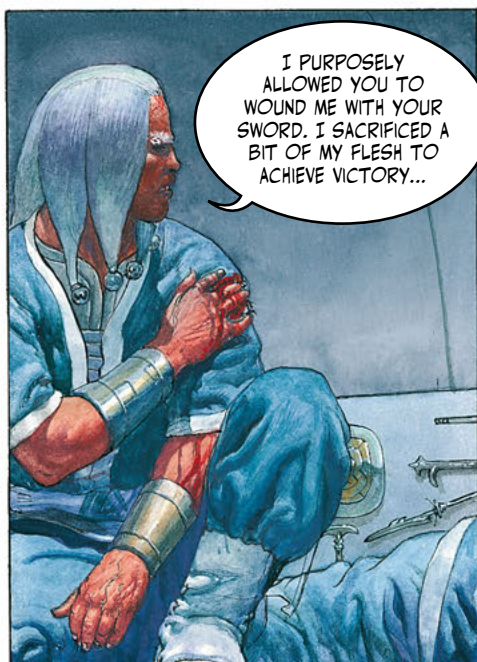
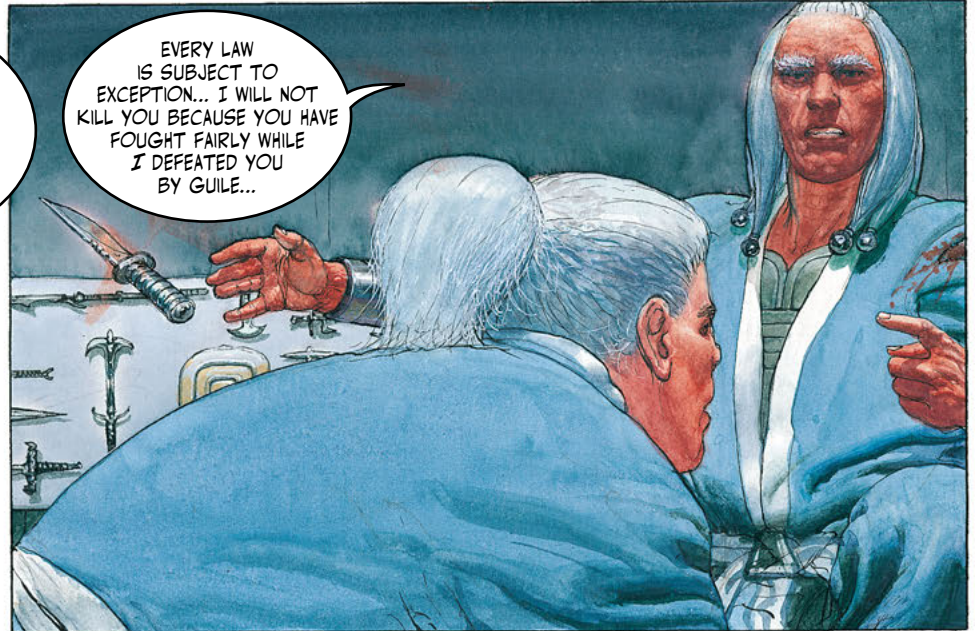
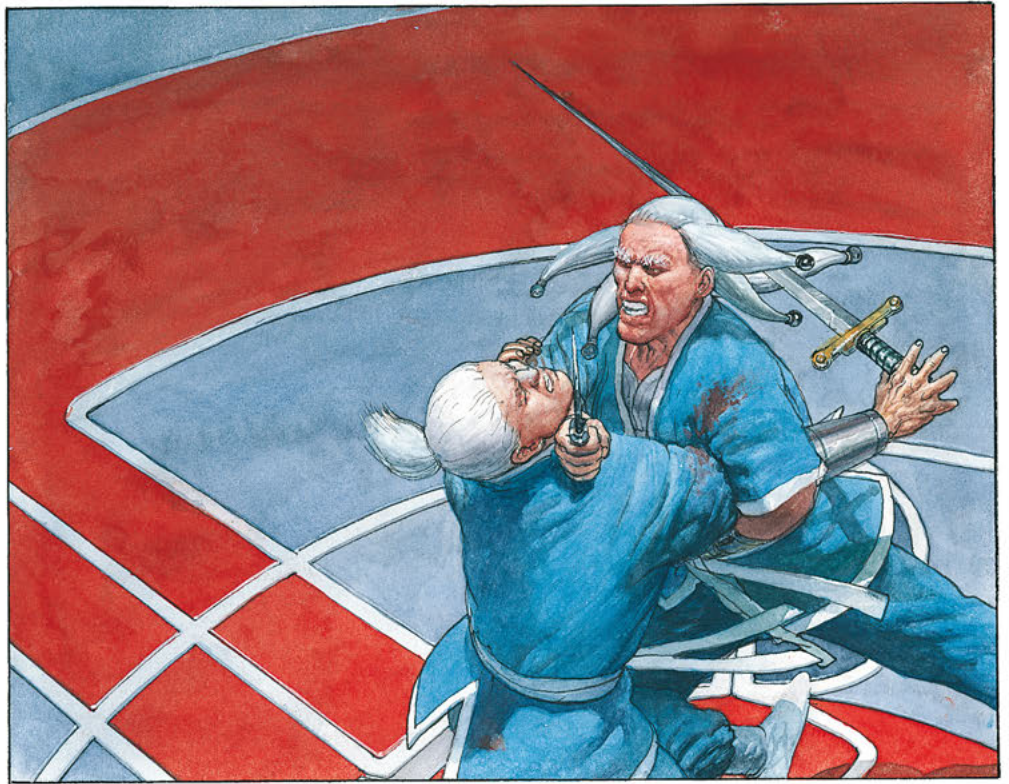




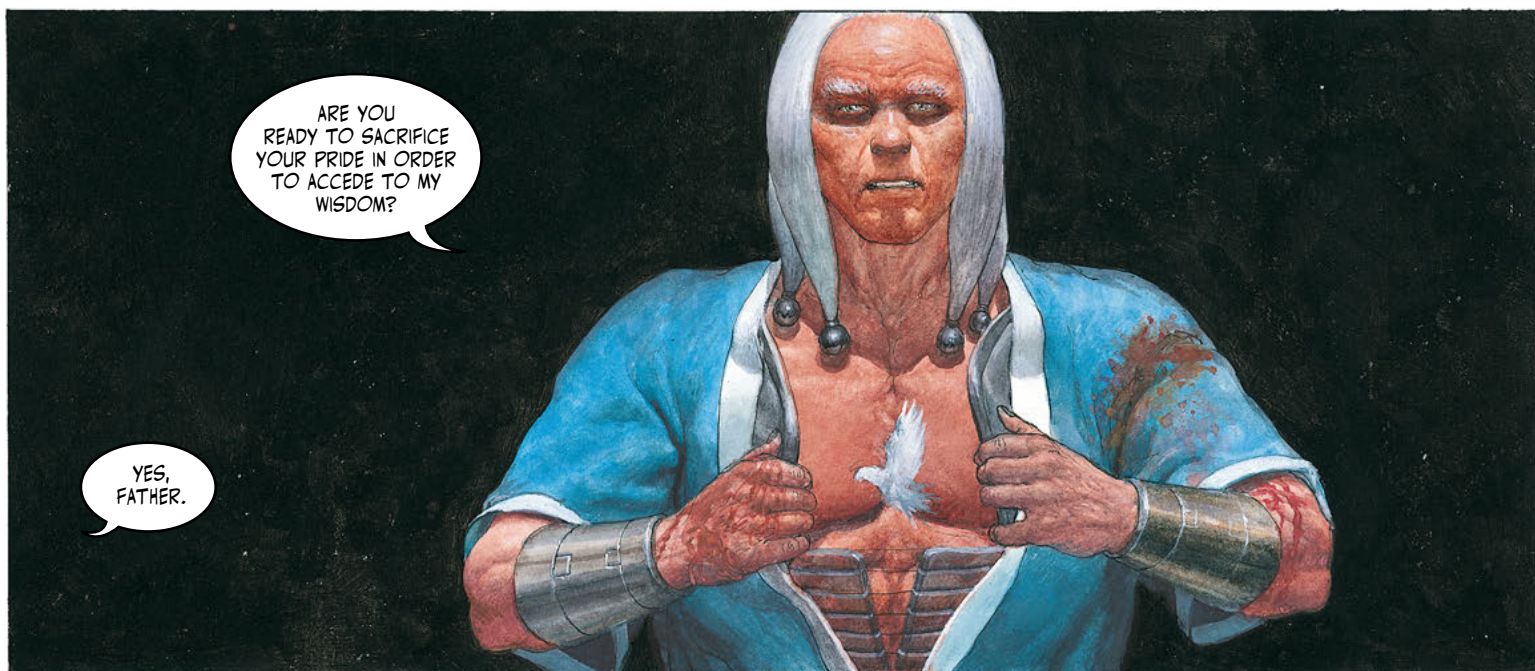






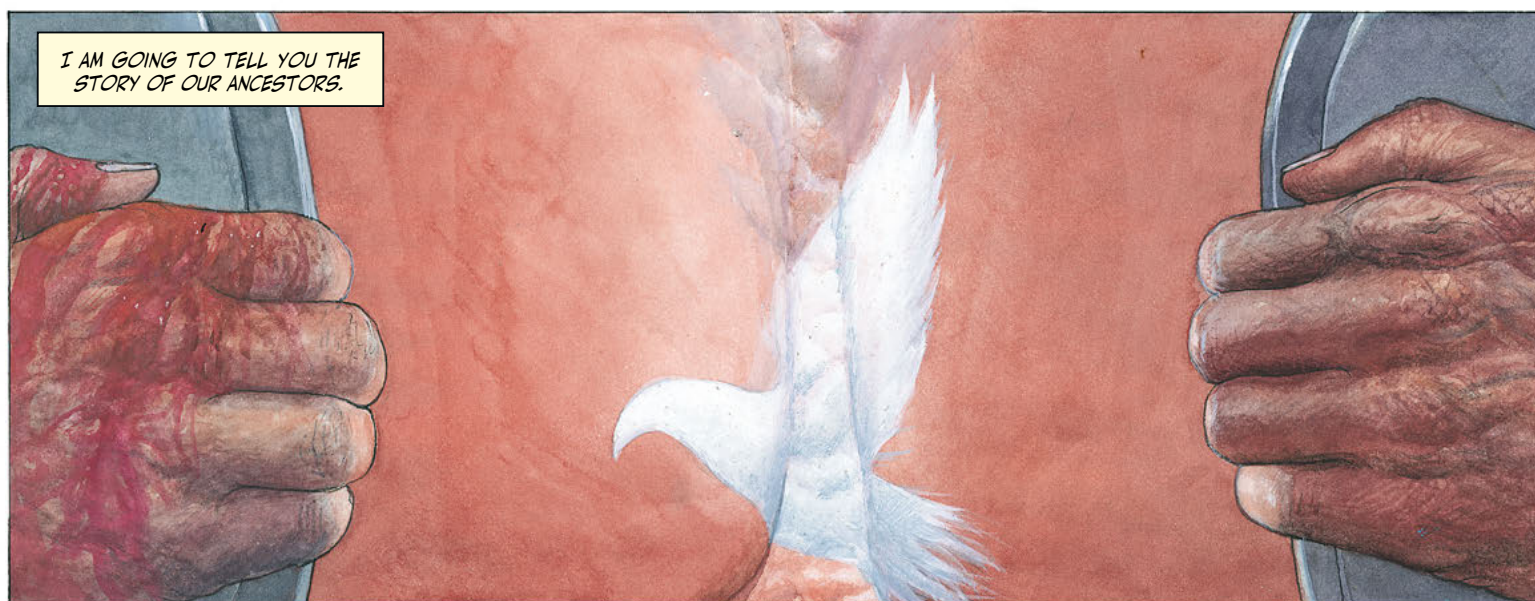




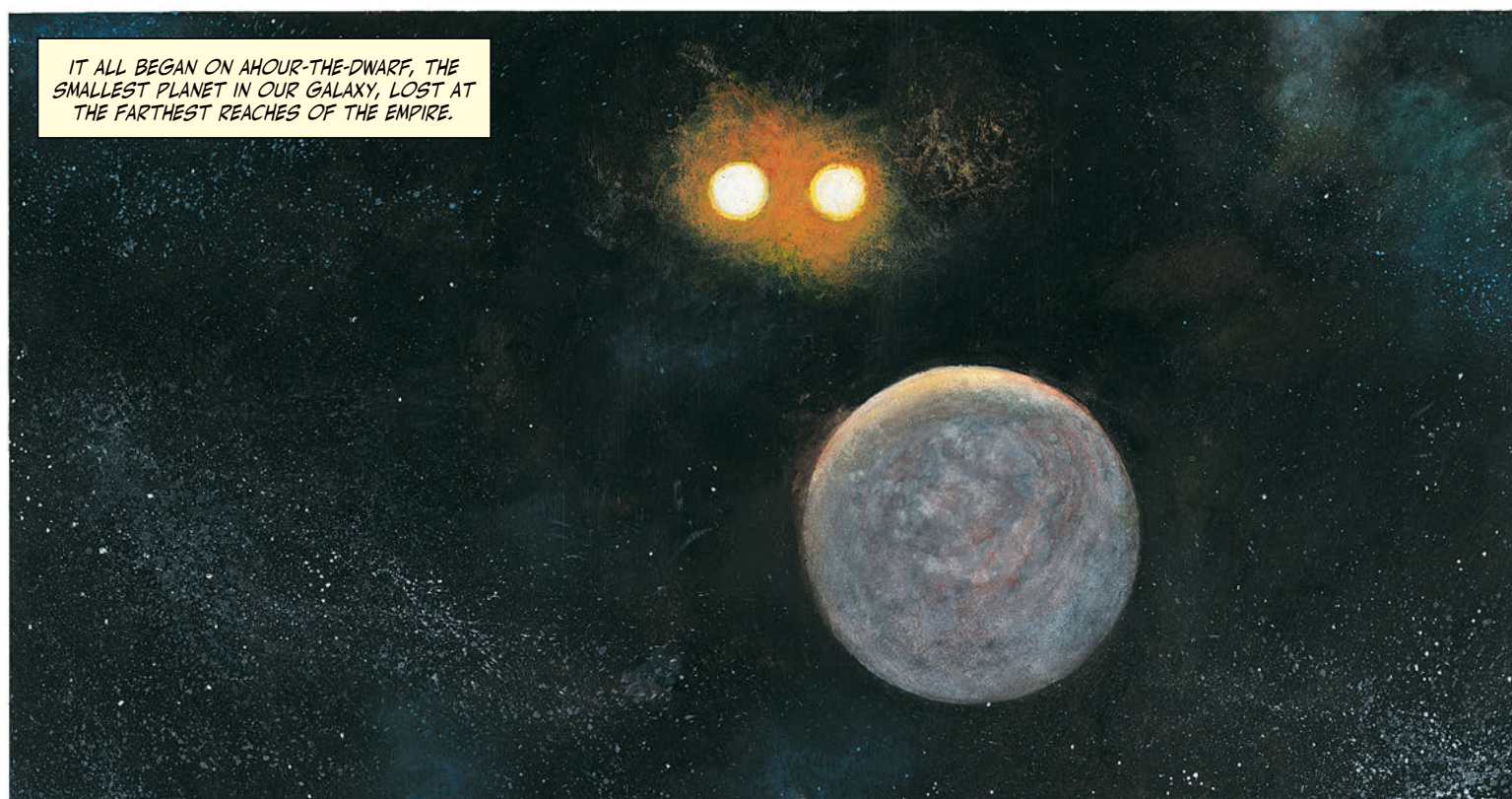


ARE YOU  
READY TO SACRIFICE  
YOUR PRIDE IN ORDER  
TO ACCEDE TO MY  
WISDOM?

YES,  
FATHER.



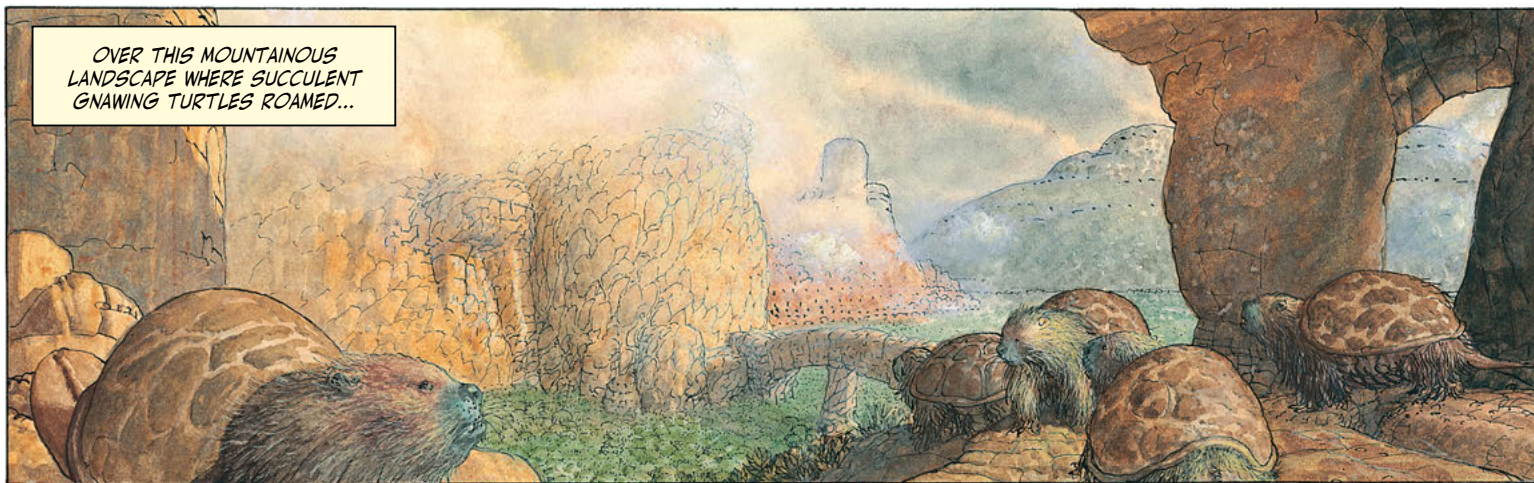
I AM GOING TO TELL YOU THE  
STORY OF OUR ANCESTORS.



IT ALL BEGAN ON AHOUR-THE-DWARF, THE  
SMALLEST PLANET IN OUR GALAXY, LOST AT  
THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE EMPIRE.



OVER THIS MOUNTAINOUS  
LANDSCAPE WHERE SUCCULENT  
GNAWING TURTLES ROAMED...



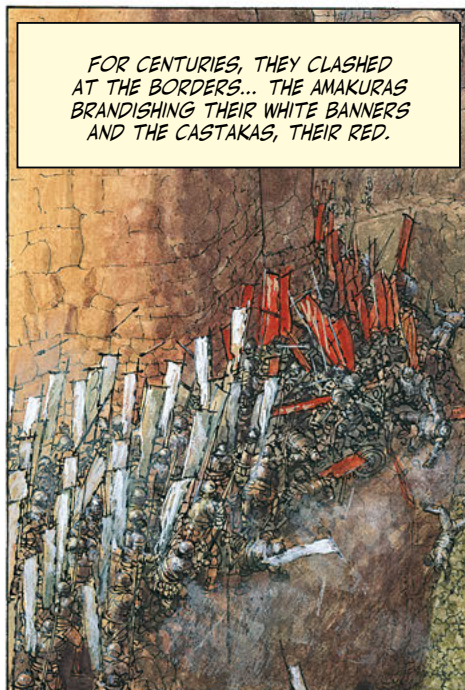
...DEEP IN THE MIDST OF ITS JUNGLES  
OF FRUIT TREES SOME TWO  
THOUSAND INHABITANTS SHOULD HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO HAPPILY THRIVE...



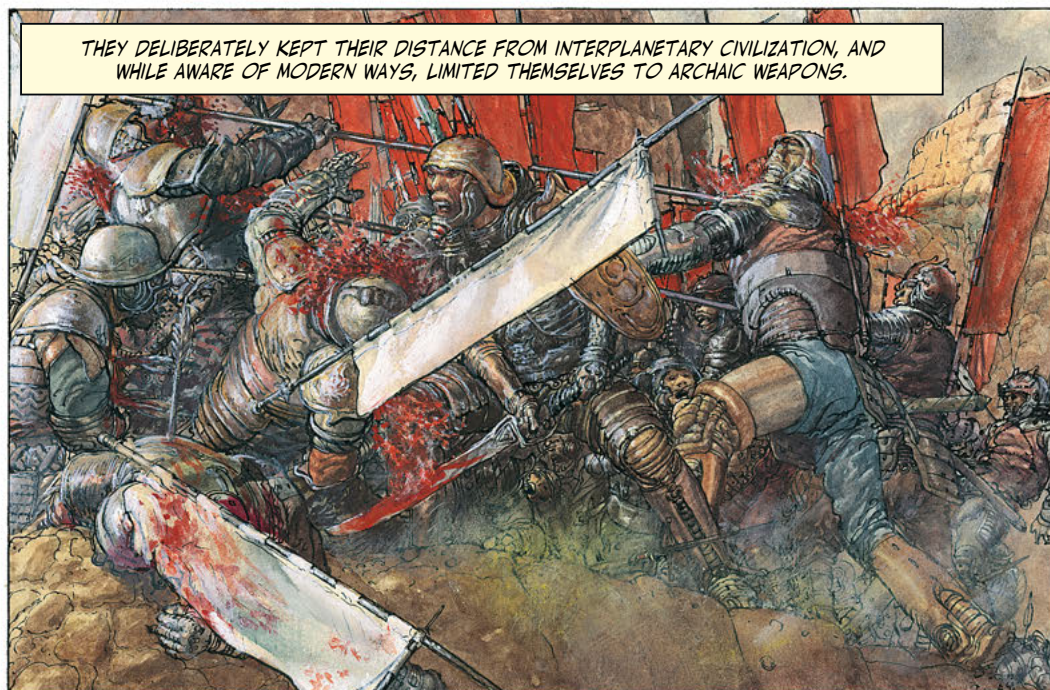
BUT, BECAUSE  
OF BITTER QUARRELS  
BORN OUT OF PURE PRIDE,  
THEY DIVIDED INTO WARRING  
CLANS... THE **AMAKURAS** IN THE  
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE AND  
THE **CASTAKAS** IN THE  
NORTH.



FOR CENTURIES, THEY CLASHED  
AT THE BORDERS... THE **AMAKURAS**  
BRANDISHING THEIR WHITE BANNERS  
AND THE **CASTAKAS**, THEIR RED.



THEY DELIBERATELY KEPT THEIR DISTANCE FROM INTERPLANETARY CIVILIZATION, AND  
WHILE AWARE OF MODERN WAYS, LIMITED THEMSELVES TO ARCHAIC WEAPONS.







THE TWO ARMIES RESPECTED THE SAME CODE OF HONOR... KNOWN AS THE BUSHIKARA AMONG THE AMAKURAS...

AND EVEN *BEYOND* DEATH! WE TURN THE FACES OF OUR DEAD TOWARD THE ENEMY, SWORD IN HAND!

IT SHALL BE DONE AS YOU WISH, O INVINCIBLE DIVADAL-THE-GREAT!

A COURAGEOUS WARRIOR DOES NOT THINK IN TERMS OF VICTORY OR DEFEAT, BUT FIGHTS WITHOUT RESPIRE UNTIL HE MEETS AN HONORABLE DEATH.



...AND THE BUSHITAKA AMONG THE CASTAKAS.

THE WARRIOR MUST DISPLAY A DETERMINATION SO UNSHAKABLE THAT NO OBSTACLE WILL CAUSE HIM TO DEVIATE FROM HIS FIXED LINE OF ATTACK.

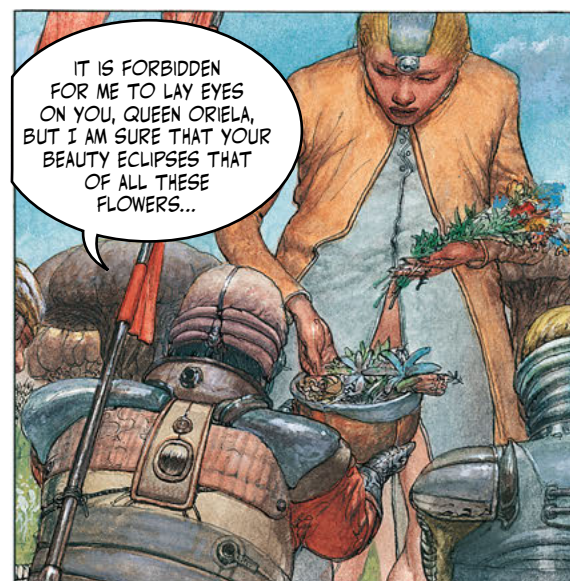
IT IS TRUE. HE MUST HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE TO TAKE INSTANT ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY; THE ENEMY'S FIRST ERROR WILL ALLOW US TO *EXTERMINATE* THEM!

AND IT SHALL BE DONE AS YOU WISH, O CLEVER OMEZO-THE-GREAT!

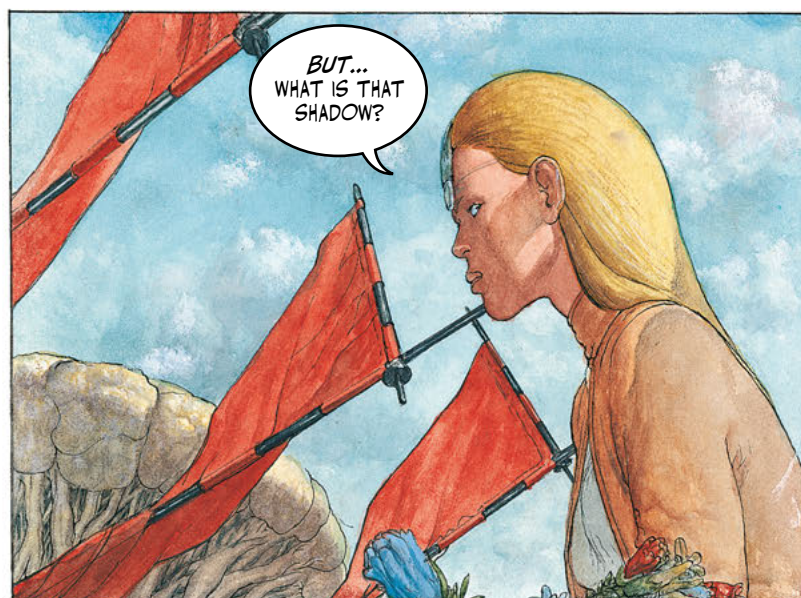


I HAVE ENOUGH YELLOW MIRZAS, LINA. NOW CUT ME SOME BLUE SULAPES...

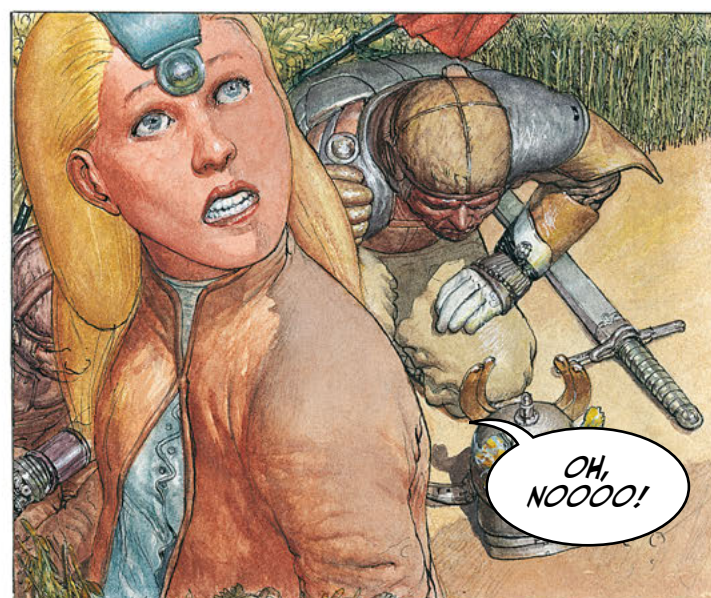
VERY WELL, YOUR MAJESTY.



IT IS FORBIDDEN FOR ME TO LAY EYES ON YOU, QUEEN ORIELA, BUT I AM SURE THAT YOUR BEAUTY ECLIPSES THAT OF ALL THESE FLOWERS...



BUT... WHAT IS THAT SHADOW?



OH, NOOOO!