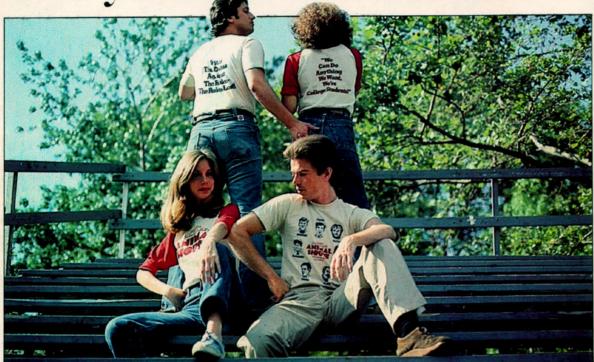


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Dear Folks:

This is just to inform you that I think your politics are as psychotic and culturebound as those of David Bowie. That "Heilman" story this issue really bummed meout. And if the cover on this issue is supposed to be an answer to feminist criticism, well, conscious or otherwise, you got to be kidding. I don't believe you revived "Barbarella," that's all. I was really enthusiastic when the magazine first appeared. I was hoping for the underground gone over. Can't those Europeans imagine anything between, beyond, or through nomadic horde apocalypse and super-sex space trek? Man a day. The whole underlying tension of your magazine is rape/sadism/bondage in all its forms. I buy your crummy magazine for one or two stories a month, and because I'm a newsstand freak of some standing, but I think I just convinced myself that your dollar and a half would be better invested with the Krupp Mail Order, Ltd.

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Dear Jim: But enough about us. Let's talk about you. Gettin' much? — Eds.

Dear Editors:

Ah, people! I would like now to sincerely commend you for your most estimable production, Heavy Metal. The artwork varies between very good and excellent; the scripting and plain (?) fiction lies also in that range somewhere; and by the time that one has completed a thorough cover-to-cover savoring, one realizes that you are rather cruel humans. You tease us with only a small portion of the type of material we would enjoy much longer than you allow. Break out the whips 'n' stuff and get those artists and writers supplying a few hundred more pages each month. We could handle it, believe me.

I must say that I especially relished "Ozone Alley" in the May issue, and Bihannic and Druillet's contribution to the July mag.

Also, is there any way us common folk can get a hold on a poster-size reproduction of the July edition's back cover? It is magnificent.

> Armand L.B. Christopherson Springside, Saskatchewan

Dear Armand: No sooner said ... the Caldwell July cover is about to be released as a poster, first in our line. (Can Heavy Metal lunch buckets be far behind?) Watch this space for publication date. —







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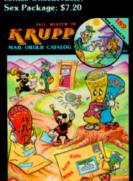


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So, it was no easy task, as you can imagine, getting the pages of Ellison's "Croatoan" out of sequence in September. Palms were crossed with silver, disguises donned, tapes erased. Last month it was simple, by comparison, convincing the printer to leave author-artist Gray Morrow's name off the title panel of his strip "Orion," and having the word "calendar" dropped out of the calendar ad.

This month has been a bitch. We thought of running "Gail" backwards, but realized no one would notice. Everything else was arriving in tamper-proof packages from France and England. It looked hopeless. And then, it happened.

The Chaykin/Delany Empire book excerpt, which we had planned to run in December, got bumped forward to



this edition. Chaos, glorious chaos! Art director Workman took a run and slam-dunked 20 color pages into the middle of the book. Wonder how it'll all turn out?

Next month, if everything goes according to plan (snicker, snicker), we will have a 12-page Moebius detective story for your Yuletide delectation. But, maybe not

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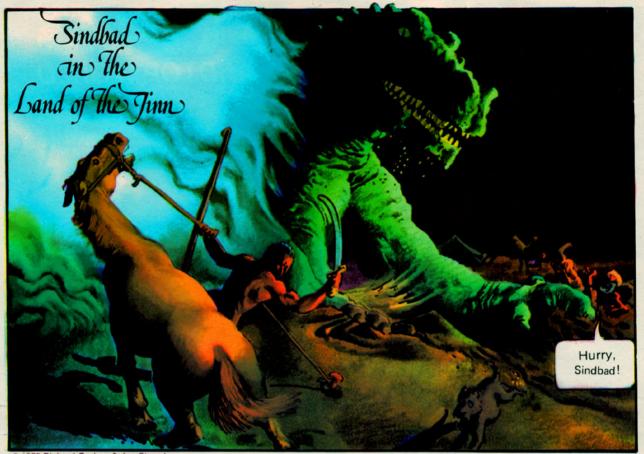
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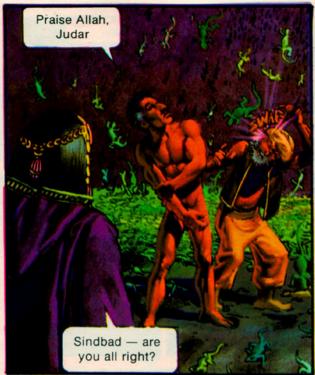
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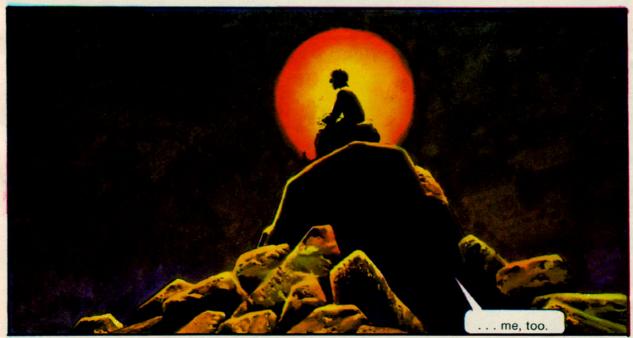


































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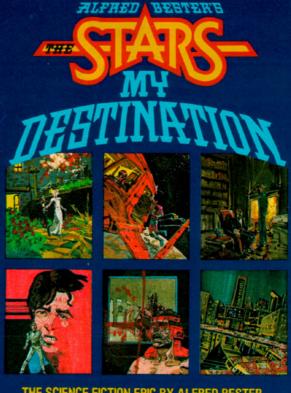
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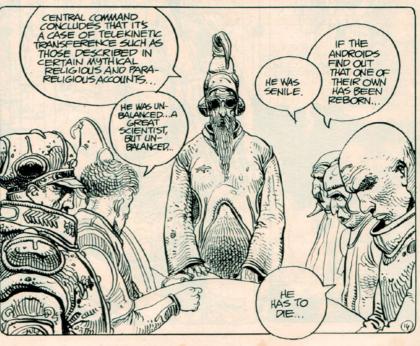
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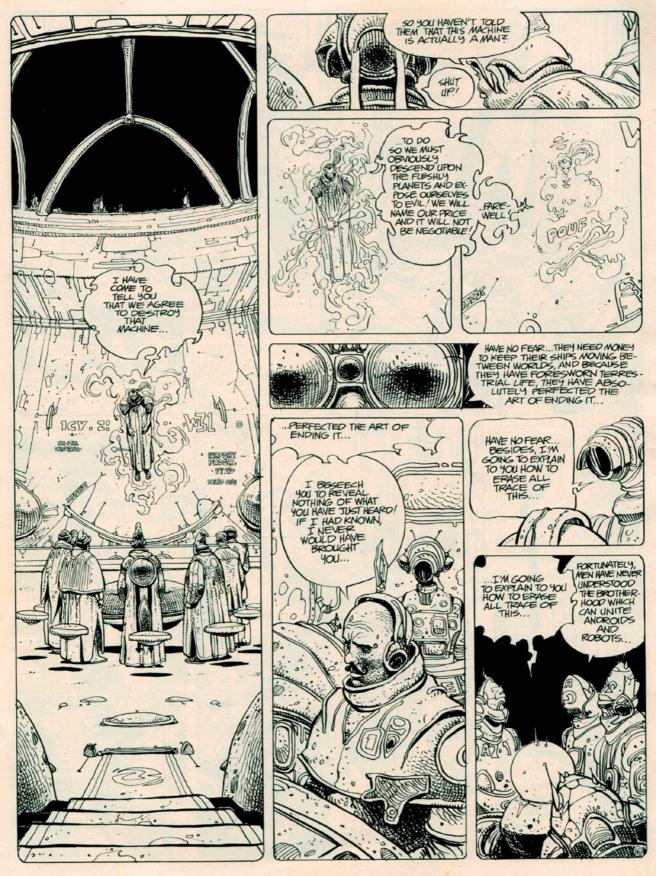














































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OMITTED MENTION OF THIS-

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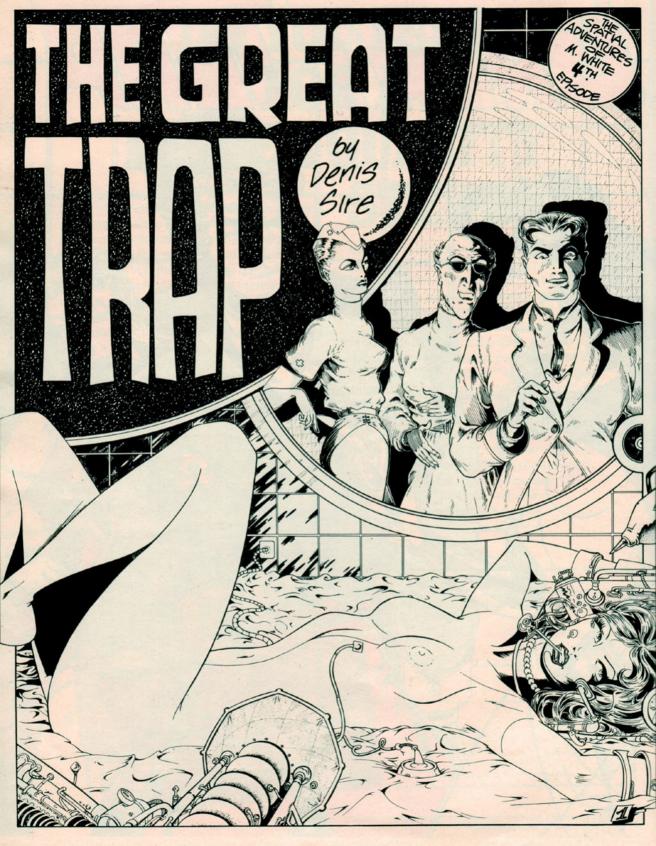
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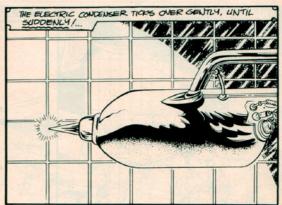
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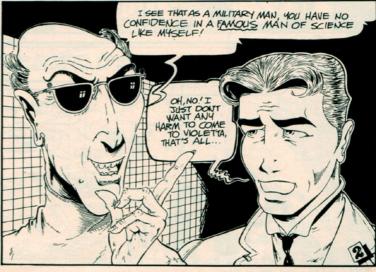






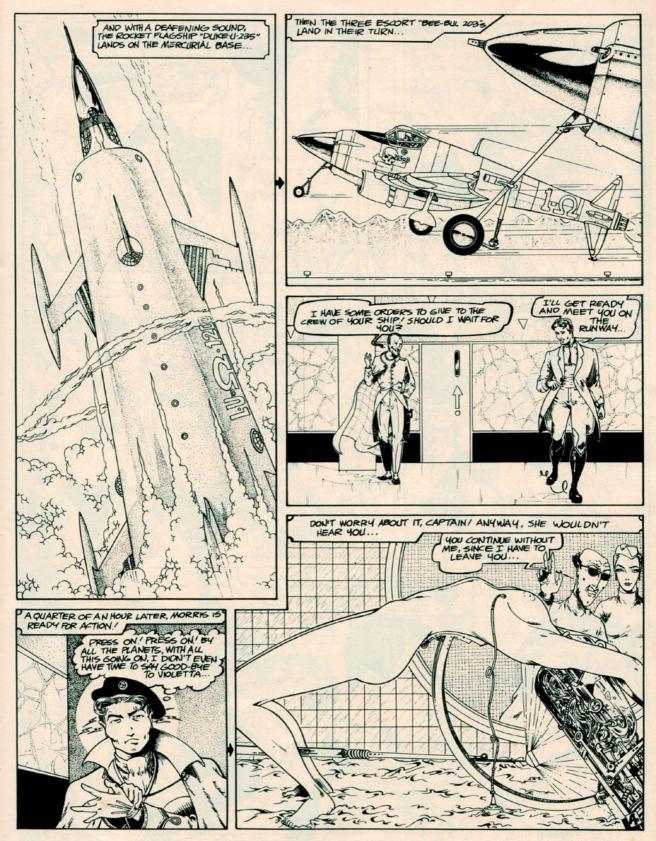


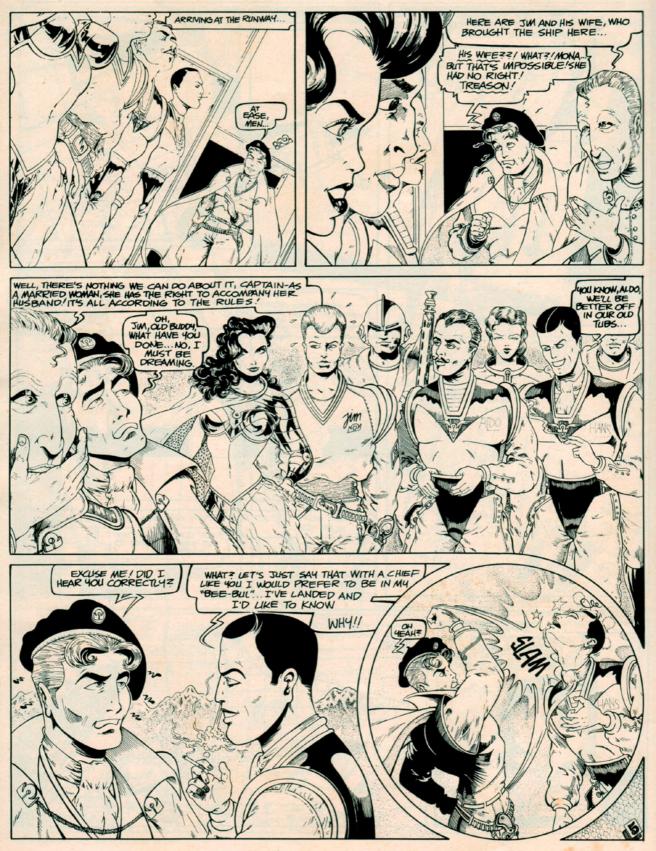




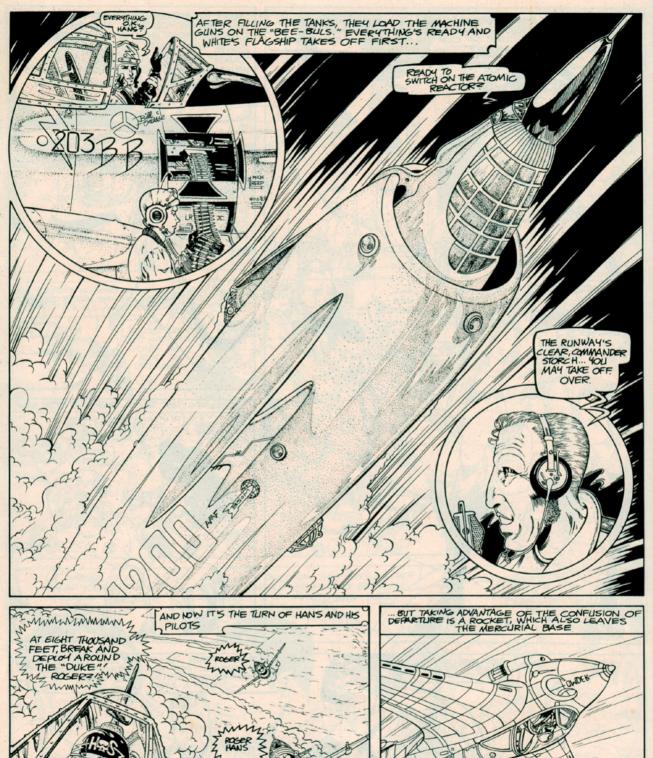


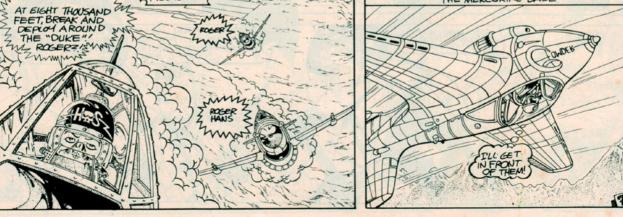
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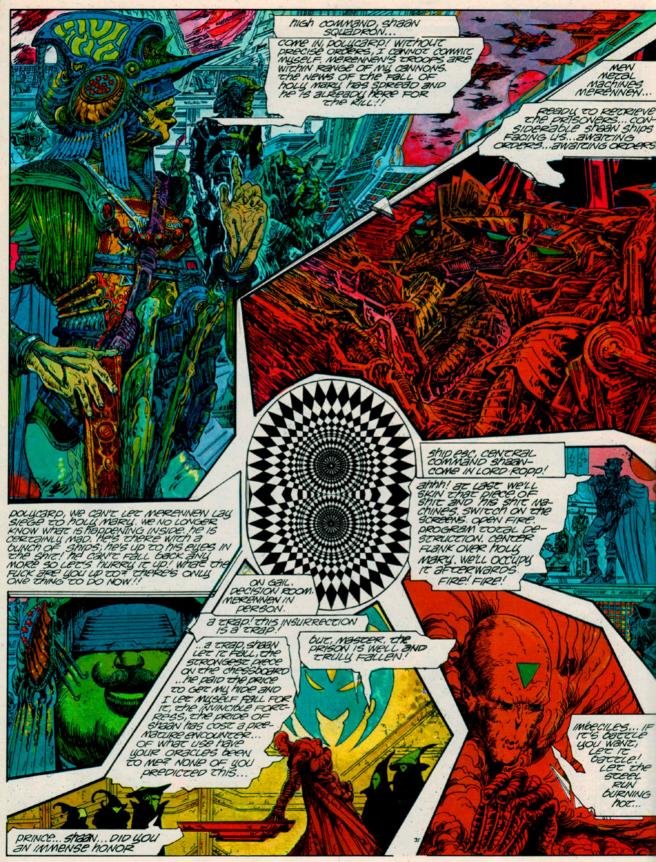


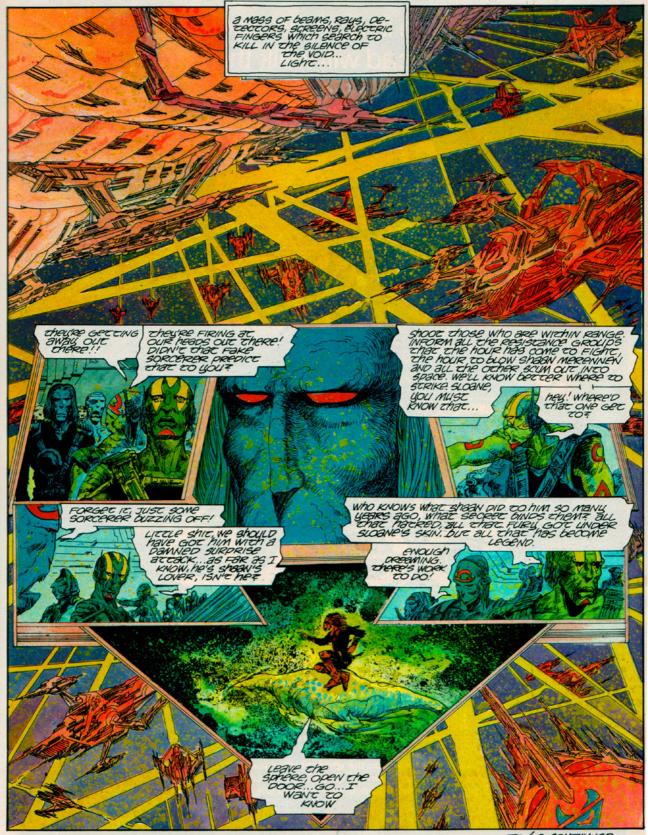




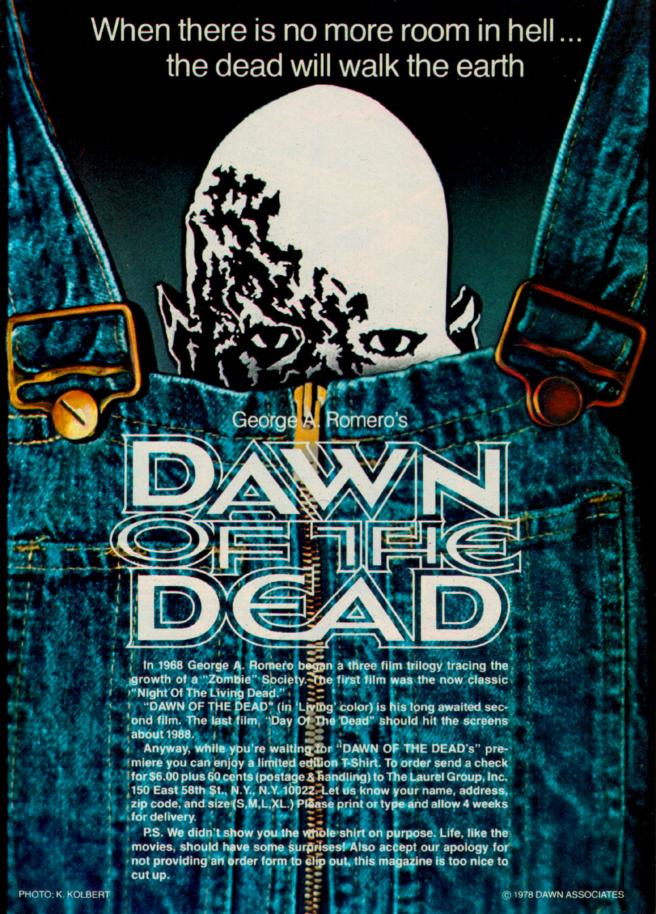


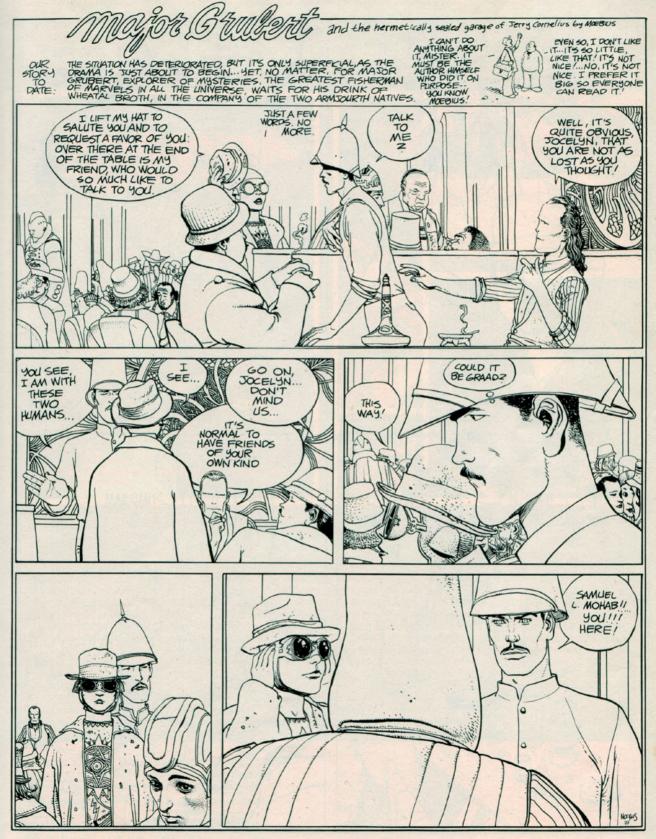






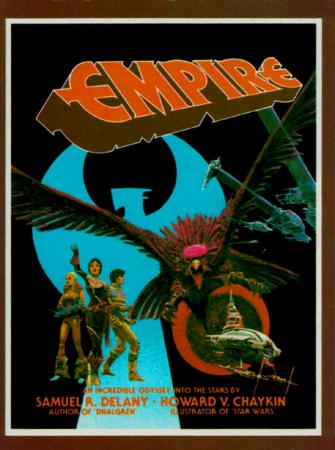
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This view of the Serian Millenium starship bears little resemblance to any previously recorded. A mountain on a plate contained and protected by a magnetic shell and pow-

Geographic," HM, May '78), this photo from an overlook on the mountain itself reveals not only the vista above the horizon, where meteorites are pulverized by the magna-shell before they can damage the colony, but also deep beneath the surface of the lakes where darker bands of blue provide breathtaking evidence of the structure upon which the mountain was built. The starship, occupying nearly 300 cubic kilometers of space, moves at a steady acceleration rate, providing a gravity equivalent to that of the home

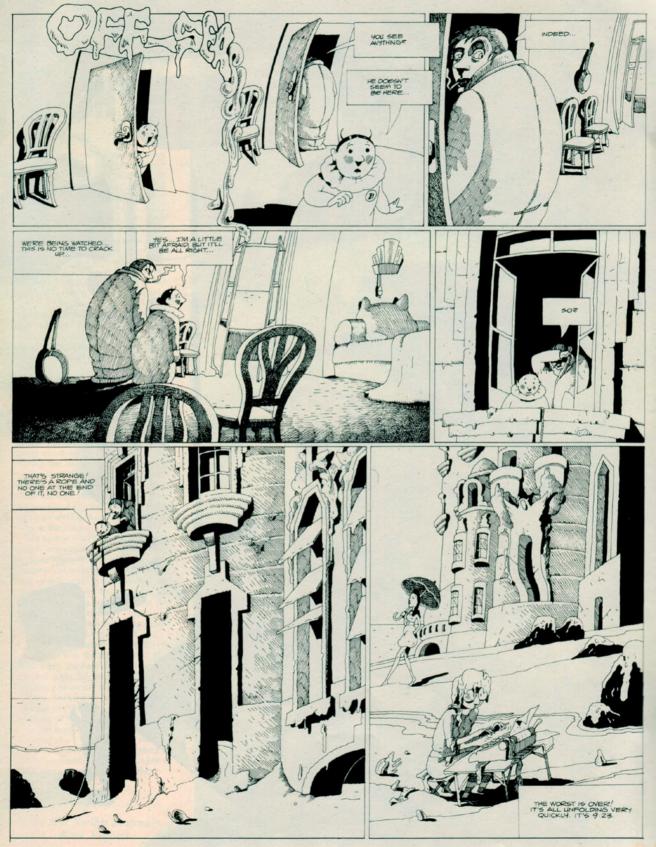
The Serians welcome visitors but are reluctant to reveal detailed information about their colony, which is moving through space toward the galactic hub. We were told that the structures in this picture are part of their food processing facility and that almost all manufacturing was done inside the mountain. leaving the surface as an ecological facsimile of Seria. The Federation Diplogroup was shown only the surface of the starship, and to our dismay was not permitted to enter the main body, which we were told is the center of activity in the colony.

The author recorded this image with Serian permission, one of only three pictures approved for release. Three Serian pilots wave greetings from our tour vehicle arriving to take us to the departure station. Below them are some of the plants and animals of this carbon-based ecology that, like Earth, has chlorophyl-bearing plants and oxygen-breathing animals

Of special interest to the scientists in our group was the artificial sun that orbited the starship, slowly creating a day and night for the surface and the illusion of planetary stability for its occupants. Perhaps as interesting as the starship itself was the strained social situation of having everyone present, even our hosts, feeling like a visitor in someone else's world. Oddly, this picture seems to convey that feeling of tense congeniality, which haunted us long after we returned to our ship.

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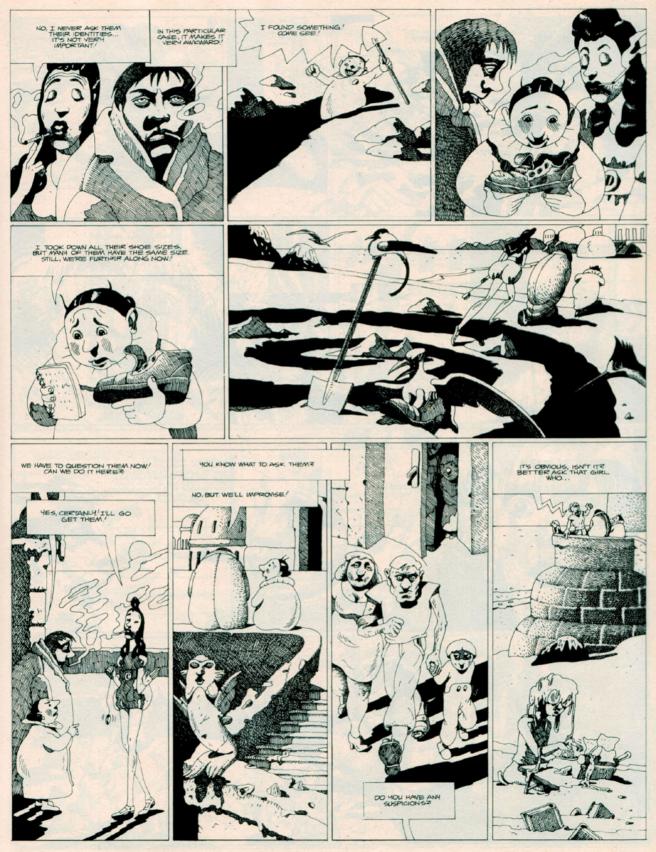




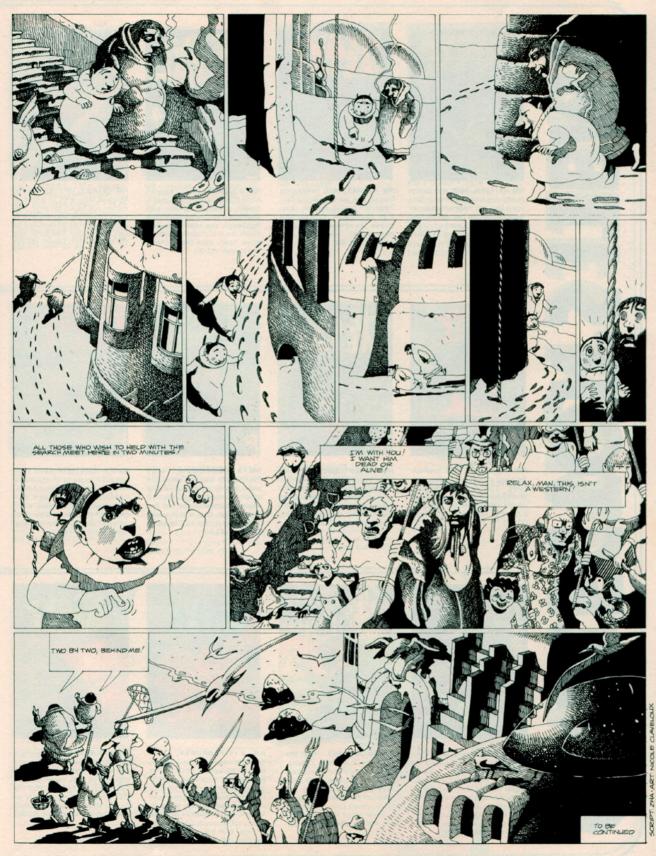












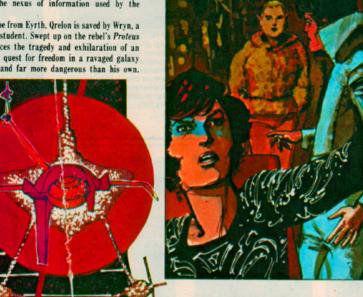
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The year is 6279. The facist Kunduke have extended their grip over a thousand worlds as varied as the colors of our spectrum. The rebel Qrelon, having escaped the infamous generals, Loiptix and Akbrum, plots the upheaval of the empire through the secrets of the lost key to Ice-the nexus of information used by the Kündüke.

In her escape from Eyrth, Qrelon is saved by Wryn, a young college student. Swept up on the rebel's Proteus ship, Wryn faces the tragedy and exhilaration of an interplanetary quest for freedom in a ravaged galaxy less innocent and far more dangerous than his own.

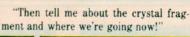


"Blaz and I have traveled together half a dozen years, deviling the Kunduke on world after world. You've signed on in the middle of an adventure, boy."

"Hey, how'd she get in here?



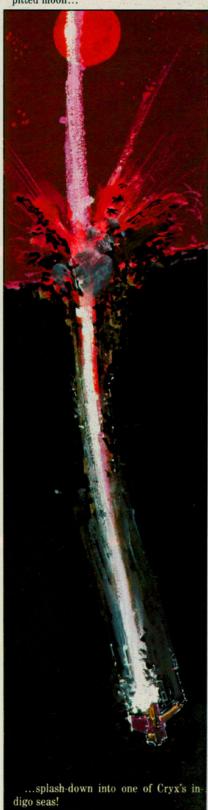
...and a sleek, racing yacht slipped away from the Kunduke drones, who still searched for a tiny fighting craft.





"Though you saved my life, I'd still be a fool to trust you. All I'll say is that our next stop is a world called ...

...Cryx!" Hurl a handful of light years over your shoulder, fall past a pocked and pitted moon...





The Proteus sank toward the opening lock of an under-sea mining city.





The tiny ship, sea-water steaming from her hull-plates, settled among the huge ore freighters in the mine city of Malabolge.





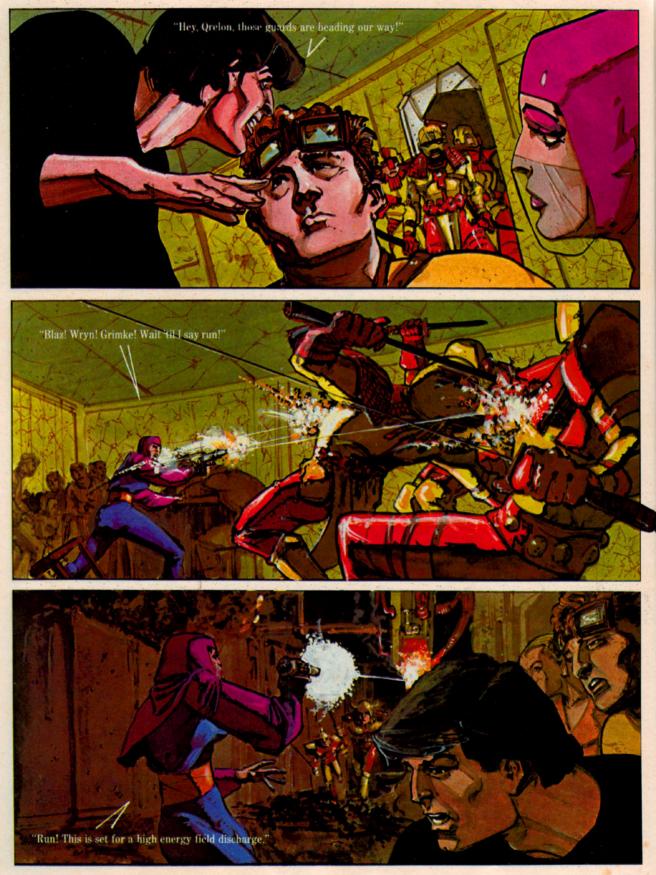




Soon, at a bar: "You mean you've worked in Malabolge all your life, Grimke, and you've never seen the surface of your world?"









"Lord Akbrum, since your return from the Kunduke conference, a report has come in. We think it's Qrelon.."

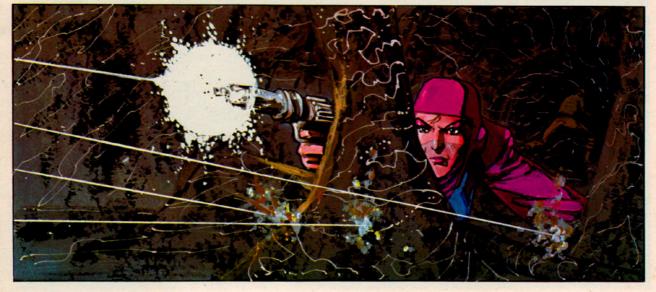






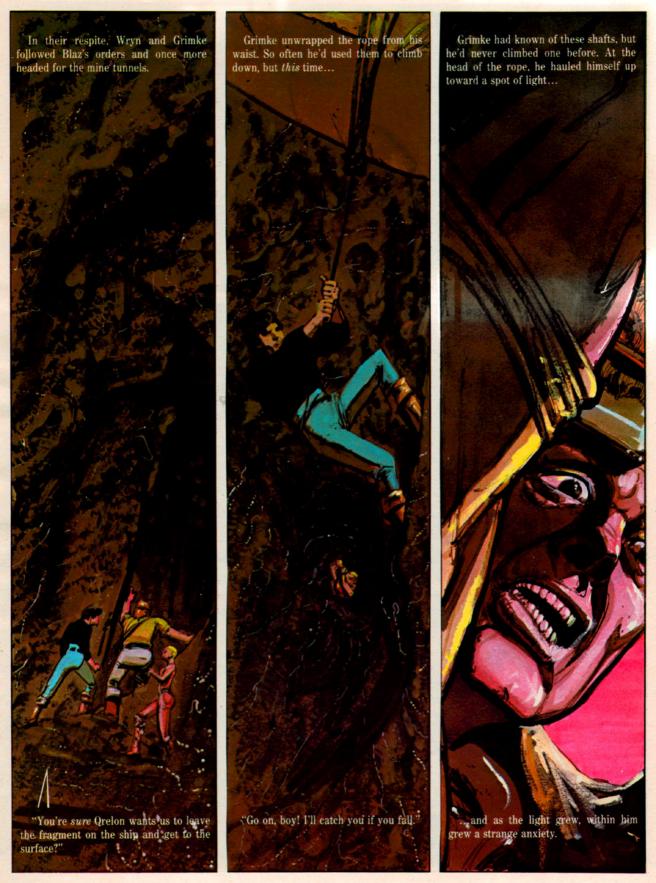
"Wryn, take this! Blaz, get them back to the Proteus. Grimke, you know about the shafts to the surface?"

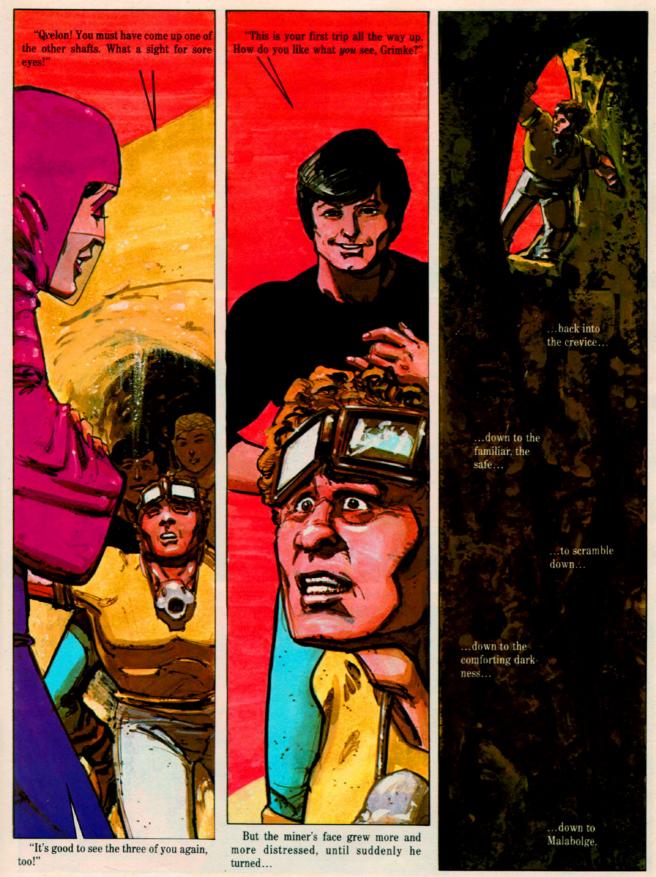


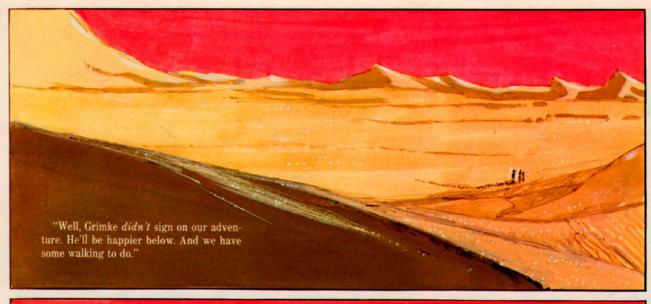


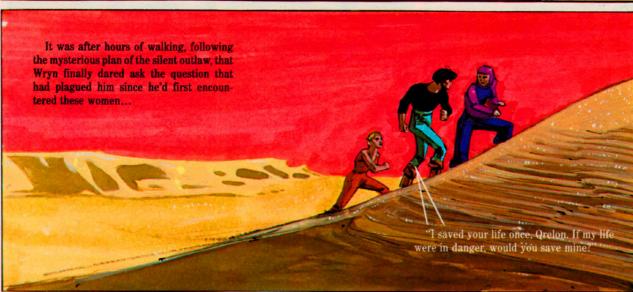


"Then let's start searching down there."



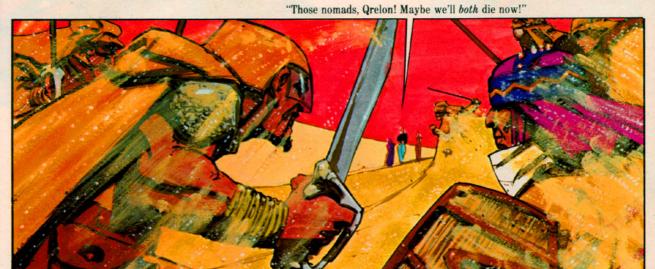






If it furthered my plan for revenge on the Kunduke, I'd save you; but if saving you hindered my plan in any way...

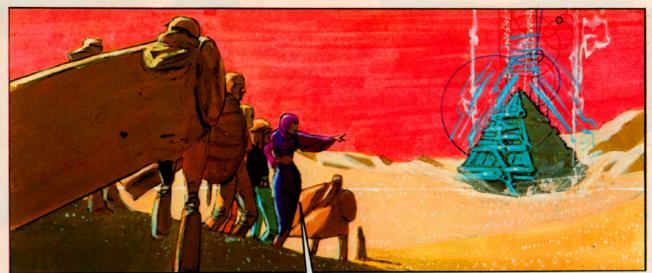




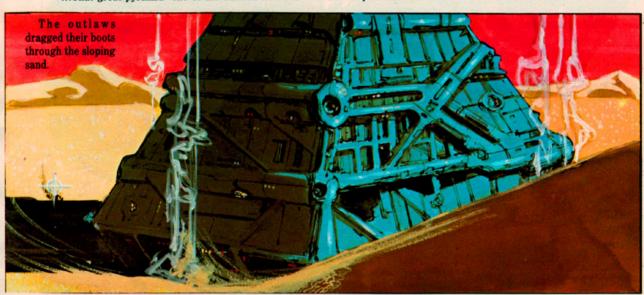








"... That great pyramid-one of the Kunard liners-is a tourist ship that has landed here to watch the desert sunset."



"Why do they want to watch sunset from here? I mean, in half an hour, even the most glorious sunset-"



"But you know nothing about the sands of this desert. At sunset, when the temperature lowers...."

"...a chemical change makes the sands suddenly crystalize!"



The tourists clustered at the liner's view-porch.



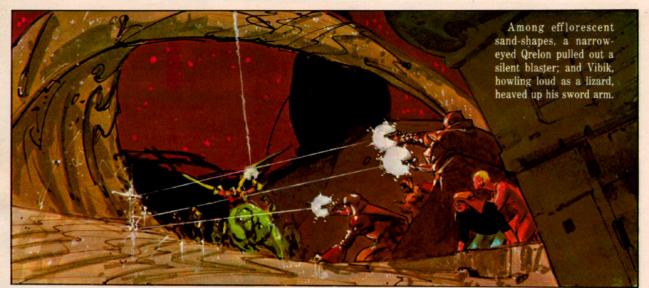


Between the flickering spires and spears...



... Lord Akbrum's squealing desert-lizard powdered the dunes beneath jade claws.







The nomads met Akbrum's troops with anger and steel.











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"I think you're right, Captain. Sunsets are one thing, but local desert skirmishes are another. Attention: all porches closed! Prepare to take off!"



...Lord Akbrum screamed in pain, for the vitryl panels had severed, at a chop, flesh, nerve, blood, and bone.



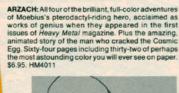








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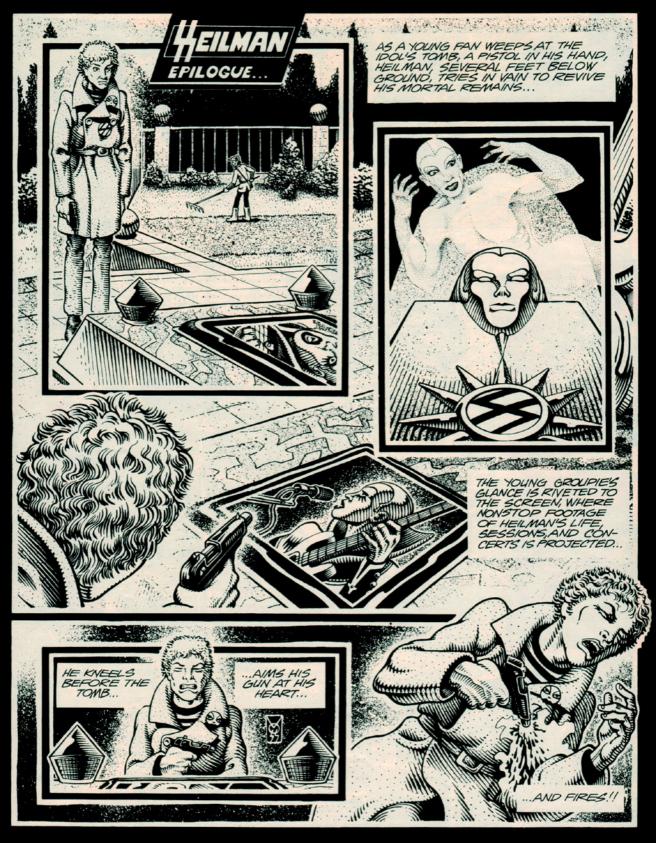


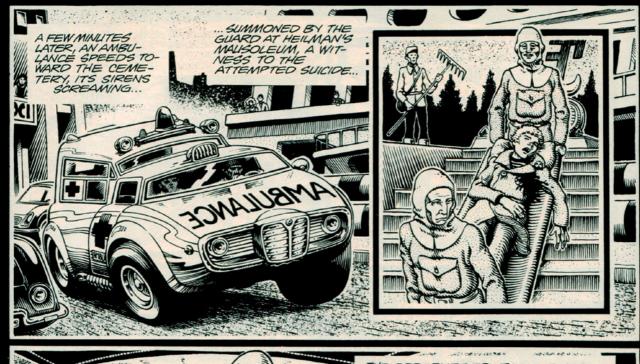
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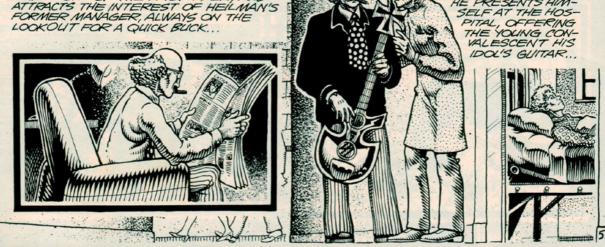


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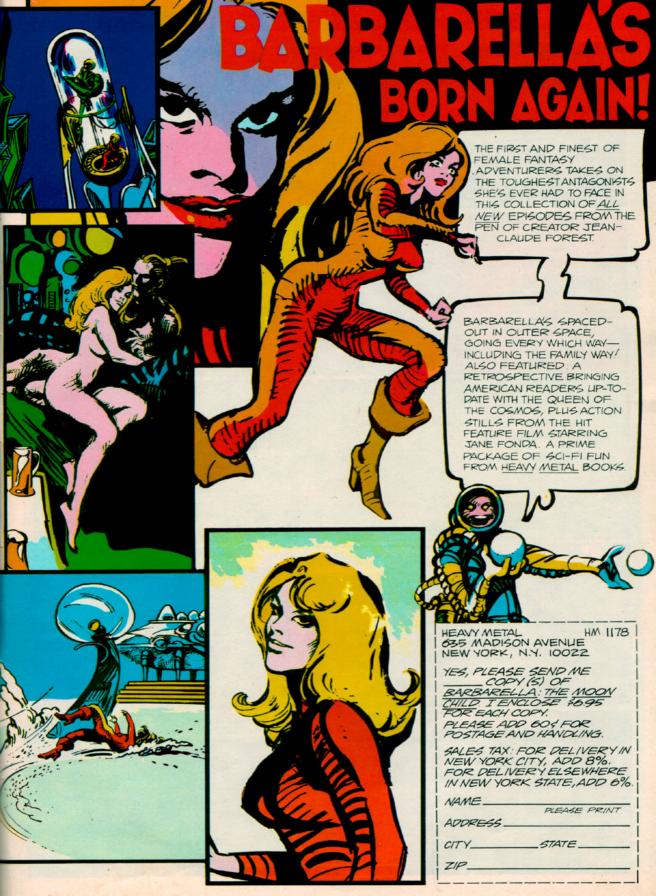
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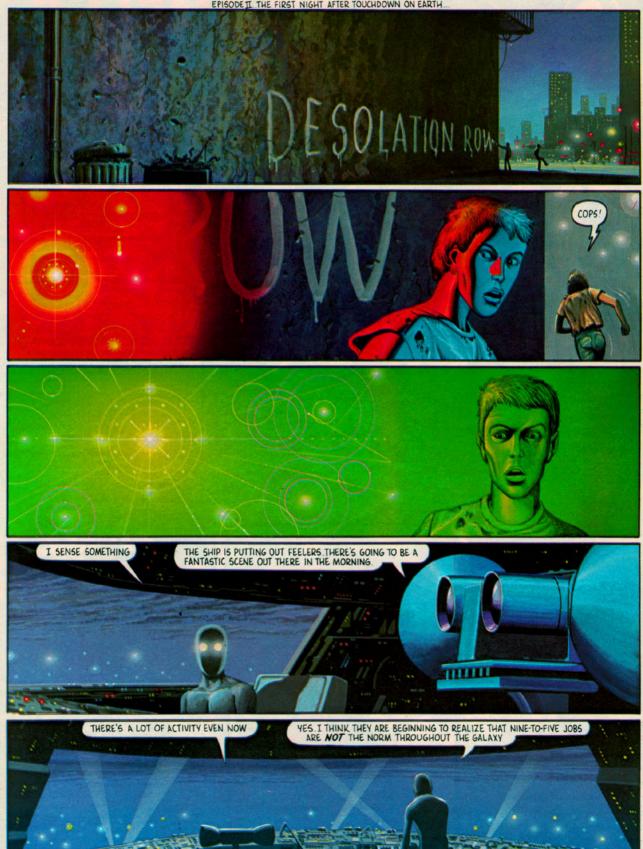








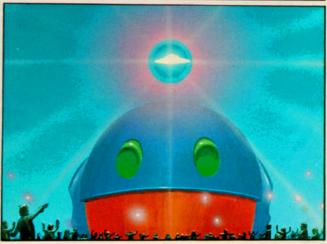
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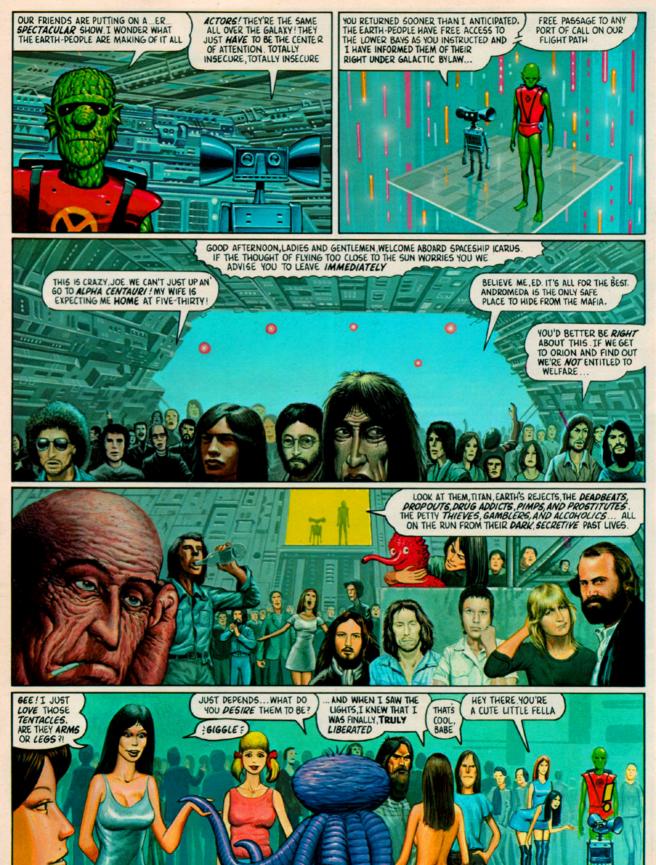
























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