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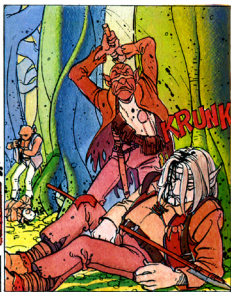
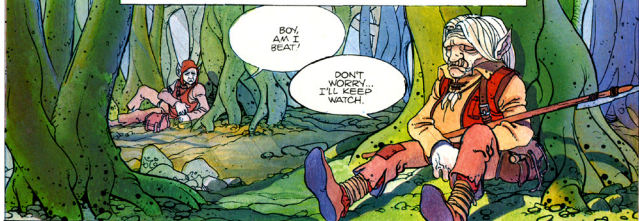
# DIAMANTHA!





# The Small Earthworm

by Arno and Jodorowsky



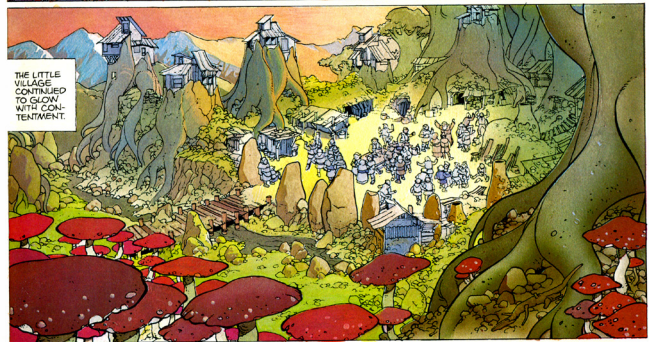




THIS ISN'T THE  
RIGHT TIME FOR  
THE TWO TURTLE  
DOVES TO  
TAKE OFF.



YARK...  
YARK...



THE LITTLE  
VILLAGE  
CONTINUED TO  
GLOW WITH  
CONTENTMENT.



AND AS  
TRADITION RE-  
QUIRES DURING  
THE SEVENTH MONTH OF  
PREGNANCY, I UNITE  
YOU IN THE NAME OF  
THE GREAT  
GEAH.

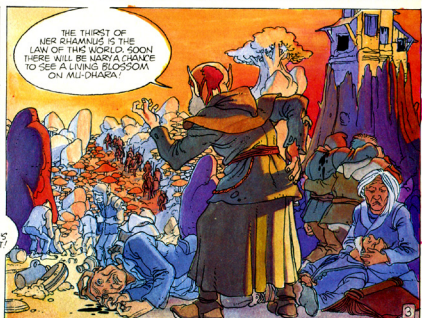


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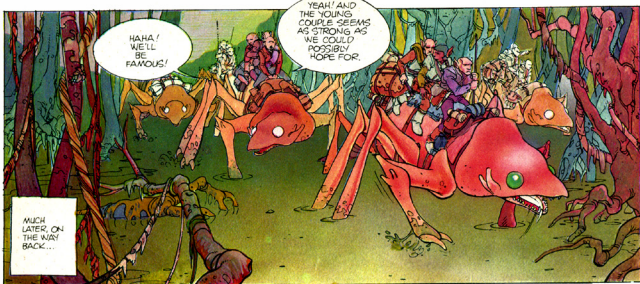


AND NOW, MY CHILDREN...  
FLEE, GO HIDE IN THE  
MOUNTAINS BEFORE...











HOLY BLACK ENTRAILS!  
THOSE PECKS MUST  
BE CONDEMNED!



EAT THIS,  
MONSTERS!



THIS  
WARY,  
QUICKLY!

HAHAHAHA

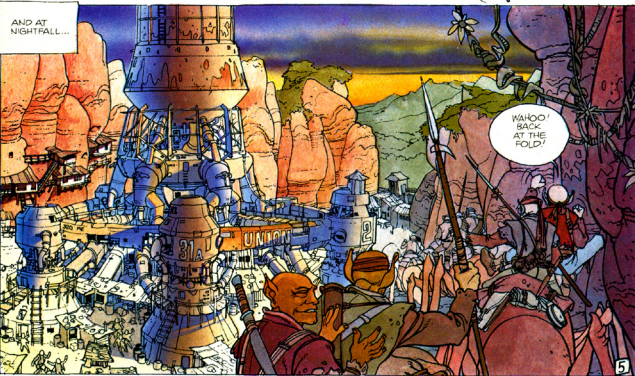
WHAT A  
STAMPEDE! AND  
NOW...



LET'S LEAVE THIS  
WAY AS FAST AS WE  
CAN! THIS PLACE  
STINKS!



AND AT  
NIGHTFALL...





HOWEVER,  
IN THE  
SHIP...

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY  
LONGER! DRINKING THE LIFE  
OF ALL OF THESE BEINGS IS  
MAKING ME SICK! USE THEIR  
IRON, FIRE, AND BLOOD!...  
THIS IS SHEER HELL!

LET'S GO,  
DAUGHTER

I AM NOT YOUR  
DAUGHTER. YOU  
KILLED MY REAL  
PARENTS WITH  
YOUR DIRTY,  
BRUTE HANDS!

LITTLE BITCH! I'LL  
SMACK YOUR HEAD  
AGAINST THE  
WALLS OF THIS  
ACCURSED  
VESSEL!

CALM  
DOWN, NER...

YOU KNOW WELL ENOUGH  
THAT SHE'S MORE USEFUL TO  
US ALIVE THAN DEAD!

YEAH, I  
GUESS SO.

MASTER, I HAVE  
BROUGHT THE LAST  
CHARGE FOR YOUR  
PERUSAL.

PERFECT.

AND AT THAT MOMENT, SOME-  
WHERE ELSE ON THE  
VESSEL...

AND MIRRA?  
WHAT SHALL  
WE DO?

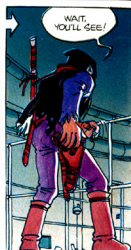
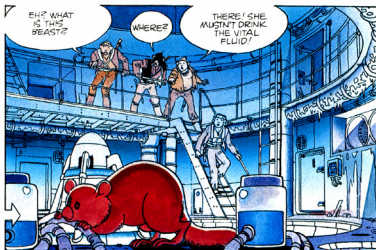
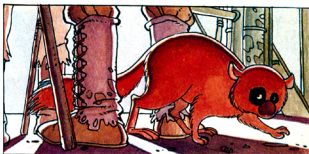
HEY, CHILDREN,  
LISTEN UP! ONCE YOU'VE  
PLACED THE ELECTRODE CAP ON  
YOUR HEAD, YOU WILL STEP IN  
THE HOLE DIRECTLY IN FRONT  
OF YOU.

GET READY  
TO LIVE THE LAST  
MOMENTS  
OF YOUR  
YOUTH.





AND WHILE THE GENERATORS ARE TURNED UP HIGH NO ONE TAKES NOTE OF LITTLE MIRRA WHO IS SLOWLY MOVING TOWARDS HIS MASTER



A FEW MOMENTS LATER...





A LITTLE  
LATER IN  
THE  
FOREST...

ADA!  
THERE...  
LOOK!

MIRRA!

SHE IS  
ENORMOUS!  
BUT HOW?

SHE WAS  
TRYING TO SAVE  
ME! SHE MUST'VE  
SWALLOWED SOME  
OF THE VITAL  
FLUID WITHOUT  
KNOWING IT!

NAD!  
THIS TIME  
IT'S REAL!

ADA!

**NO!**

ADA DIED FOR YOU, MY  
SON. YOU WHO ARE BORN  
WITH NO ARMS OR LEGS.  
SUCH A SMALL EARTH-  
WORM!



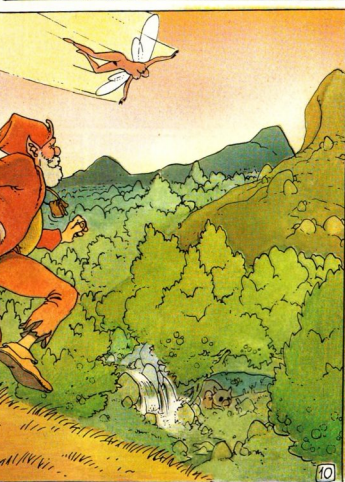
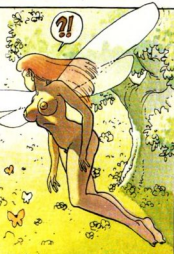
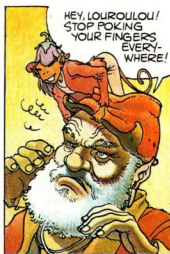




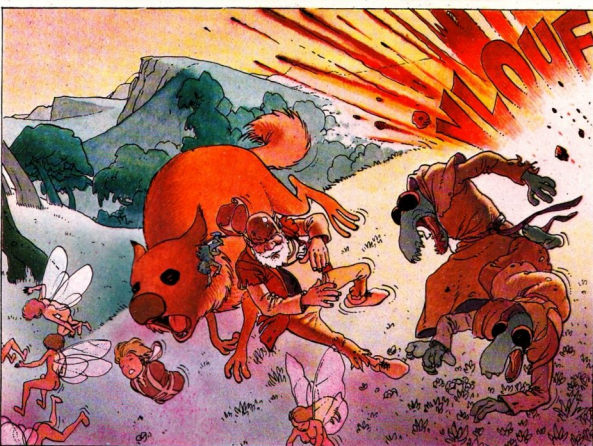
# The Hunt for Louth

by Arno and Jodorowsky

IN LAST MONTH'S "THE SMALL EARTHWORM," WE READ THAT NAD AND ADA, THE YOUNG NEWLYWEDS, WERE DRAINED OF THEIR YOUTH BY THE WICKED NER RHAMNUS. ADA, PREGNANT AT THE TIME, DIED WHILE GIVING BIRTH TO THEIR DEFORMED CHILD.



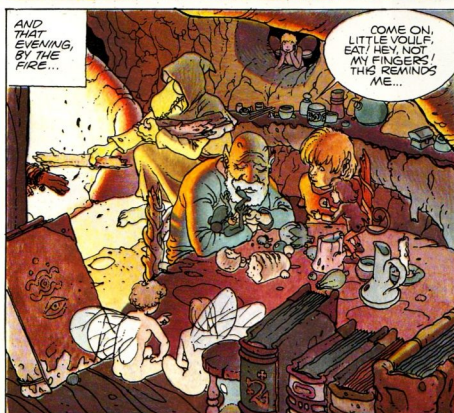
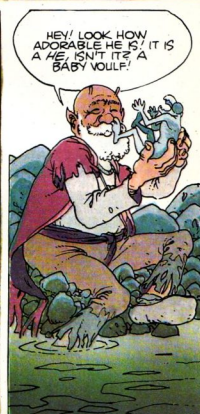
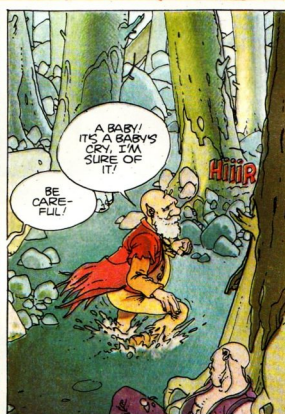
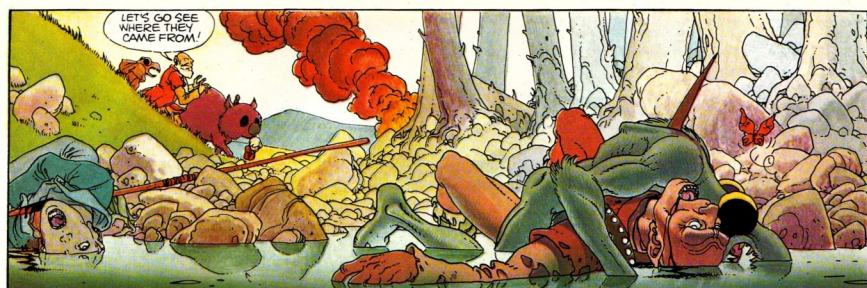




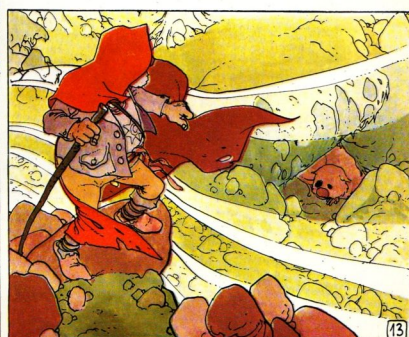








...OF WHEN I FOUND YOU, ALEF-THAU! IT WAS ON A WINDY EVENING, AND I WAS OFF LOOKING FOR SOME RARE PLANTS. I LOST MY WAY ALONG ORAVI, WHEN I CAME UPON ONE OF THOSE ANIMALS THE DHARIENS TAME... BUT THIS ONE WAS ENORMOUS!





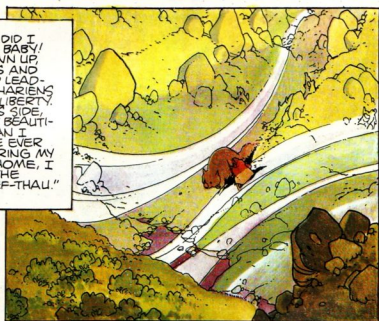
"INTRIGUED, I APPROACHED THE ANIMAL, WHO HAD APPARENTLY SUFFERED QUITE A BIT, AND SEEMED EXHAUSTED. AND WHEN I GOT CLOSER, WHAT DO YOU THINK I FOUND MUFFLED BETWEEN HIS PAWS? A BABY."



"A BABY WITHOUT ARMS AND LEGS? 'HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?' I ASKED MYSELF. WHAT WAS IN THIS CHILD'S FUTURE? COMPLETELY DISORIENTED, I PULLED OUT MY MAGICAL BONES - YOU KNOW, I FANCY MYSELF A BIT OF A SAYER OF SOOTH, SO TO SPEAK."



"AND WHO DID I SEE? THE BABY! ALL GROWN UP, WITH ARMS AND LEGS, AND LEADING THE DWARFERS TOWARDS LIBERTY. AND AT HIS SIDE, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN I THINK I'VE EVER SEEN. DURING MY RETURN HOME, I NAMED THE CHILD ALEF-THAU."

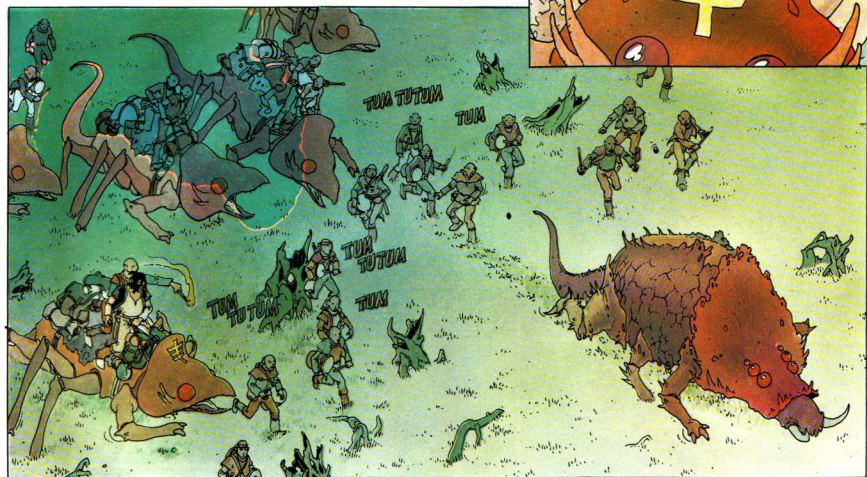
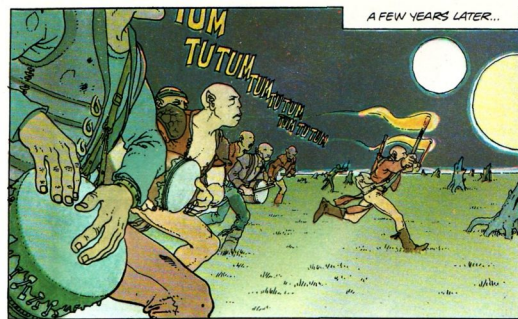


THERE, NOW YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY, AND YOU KNOW WHAT IS IN STORE FOR YOU, TOO.

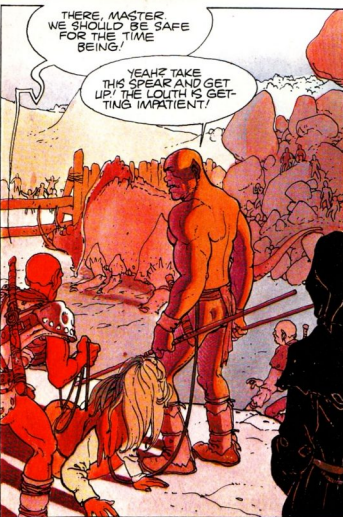
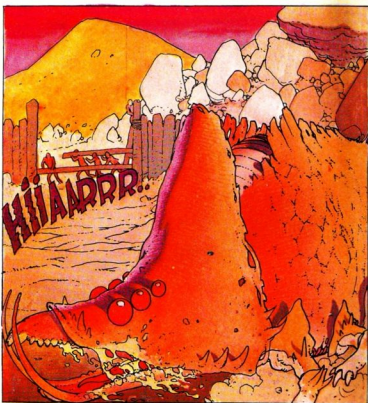
ME? BUT HOW?

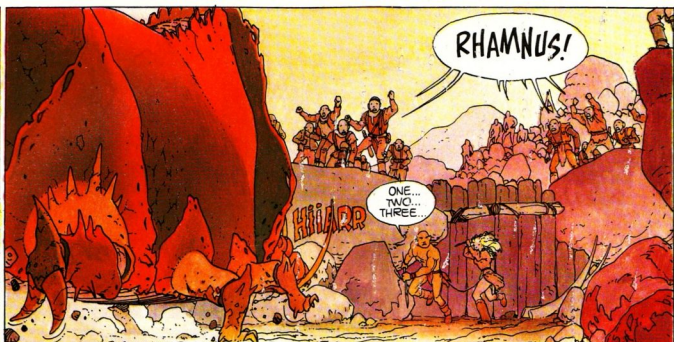
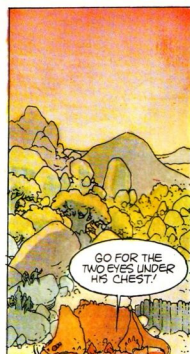


A FEW YEARS LATER...

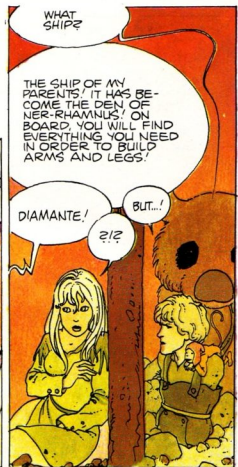
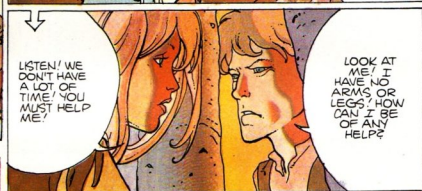
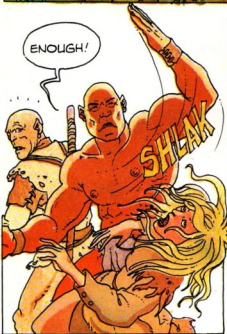
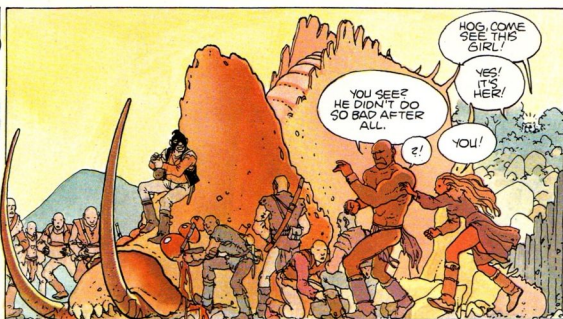








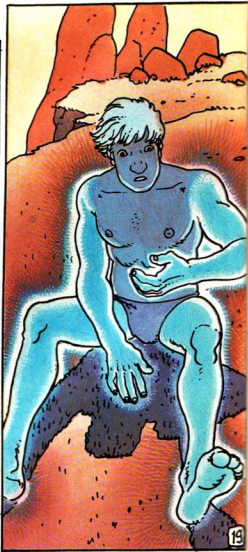
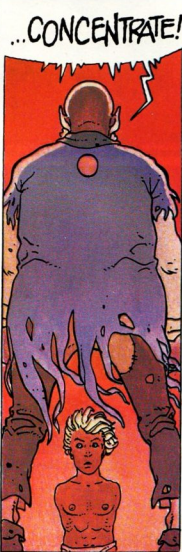




TO BE CONTINUED...

# The Third God's Tower

Song by Arno and Jodorowsky





THERE!  
YOU'VE  
SUCCEEDED!  
IT'S FAN-  
TASTIC!

YES! NOW I KNOW I CAN  
DO IT! I EXTERNALIZE MY  
ARMS AND LEGS. BUT WHAT  
GOOD WILL IT BE IF I CAN'T  
EVEN HOLD A KNIFE!

I MUST  
FIGHT AN ARMY  
AND I'LL  
NEVER  
BE  
ABLE  
TO.

EXCUSE  
ME,  
MASTER  
HOGLE...

WHAT?

...YES, THE HISTORY  
OF THE VOULPS  
WHO HAVE BEEN  
PERSECUTED  
AND HUNTED UNTIL  
OUR INTELLIGENCE  
WAS HELD CAPTIVE  
IN THE GOD  
TOWER. LEGEND  
TELLS US THAT  
A GNOME...

EXCUSE ME, BUT MAYBE WE HAVE  
A SOLUTION. SOON OUR PEOPLE IN  
THE VALLEY OF THE CRANE WILL  
MEET. THEY WILL BE LED BY SHAR-  
GATH THE GREAT, AND HE SHALL  
TELL US THE HISTORY...

...WILL BRING  
BACK THE EYE OF  
GOLD WHICH IS THE  
KEY TO OUR INTELLI-  
GENCE. ALEF-THAU MUST  
SUCCEED IN ORDER FOR  
US TO REGAIN OUR DIGNITY. THANK YOU FOR  
LISTENING, MASTER.

WE SHALL  
PRAY FOR  
ALEF-THAU.



AND THE FOLLOWING DAY...

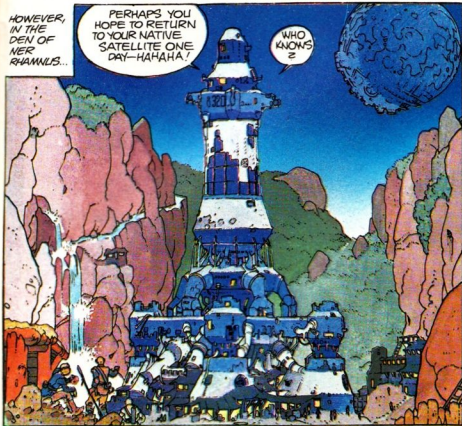
YOU SEE, ALEF-THAU, THIS WHERE THE VOLUF DOMAIN BEGINS.

LET'S GO FOR A SWIM, SHALL WEZ

WE'LL JUMP!







MEANWHILE, HOGI FOLLOWS THE PROGRESS OF ALICE-THAU THANKS TO HIS MAGICAL BONES.





YOU ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE  
IN SEARCH OF THE EVE OF  
GOLD. THE VOYAGE WILL BE  
LONG AND DANGEROUS.

BUT YOU  
WILL BE ACCOMPAN-  
IED BY MY THREE  
BRANEST  
VOULFS.

THE OLD SHAR-  
GATH HAD BEEN  
TRUTHFUL. AS THE  
DAYS WENT BY,  
THE TREK GREW  
MORE ARDUOUS.

EVERYTHING  
SEEMED TO  
BE AGAINST  
THEM. AND  
ONE NIGHT,  
WITHOUT ANY  
WARNING,  
THE ROOTS  
BEGAN TO  
MOVE.

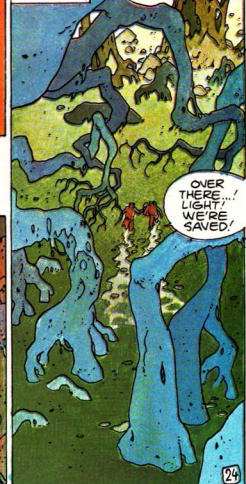




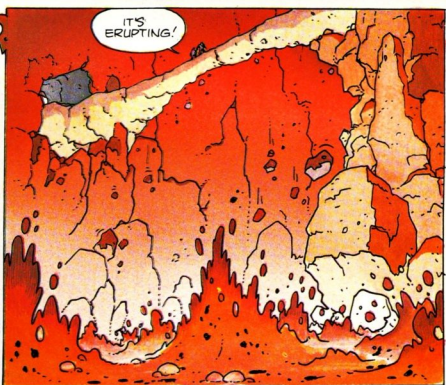
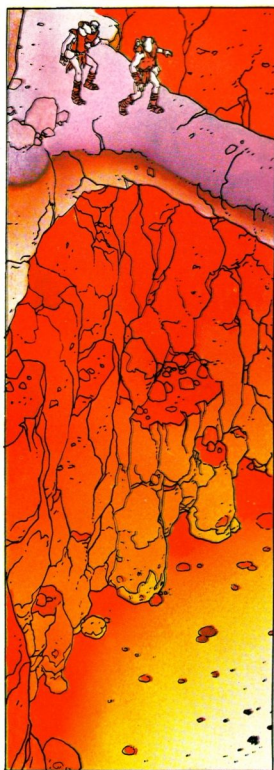
THE VOULF HAD SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR ALEF-THAU. IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT THE FOREST SEEMED TO CALM DOWN, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PEACE, THE SURVIVORS FLED...



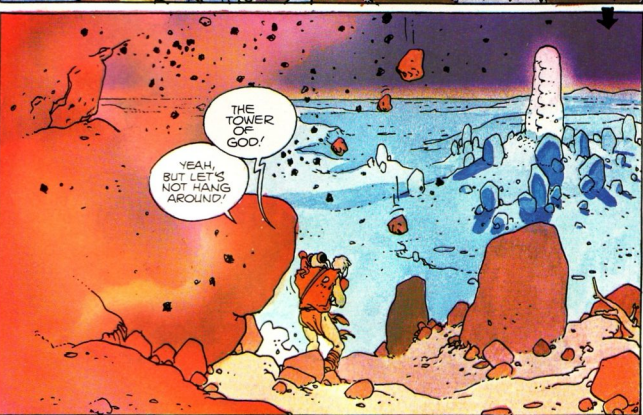
AND ON THROUGH AN ENTANGLED MAZE...



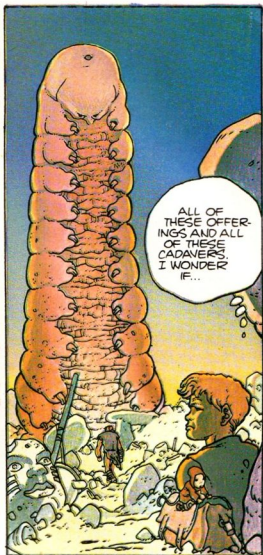
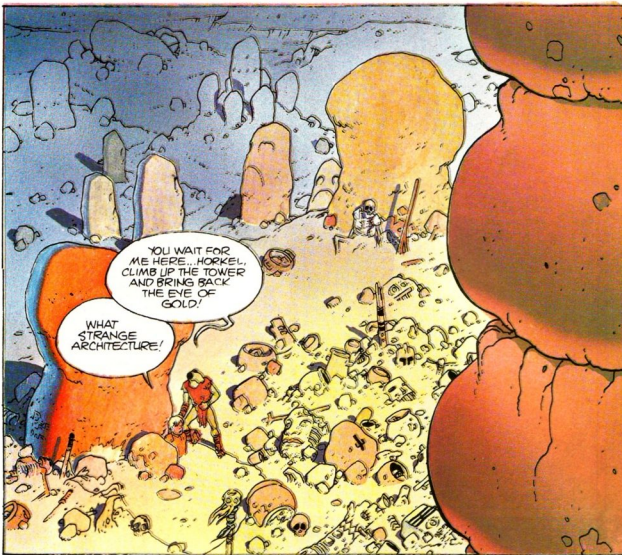




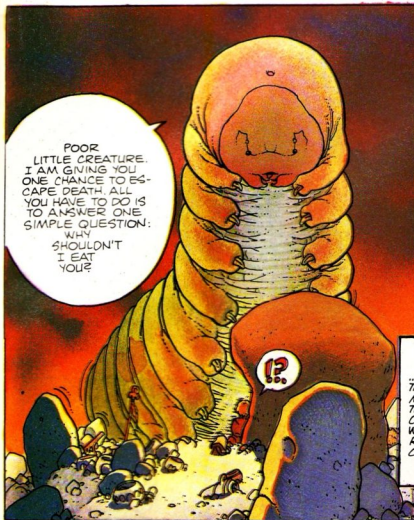








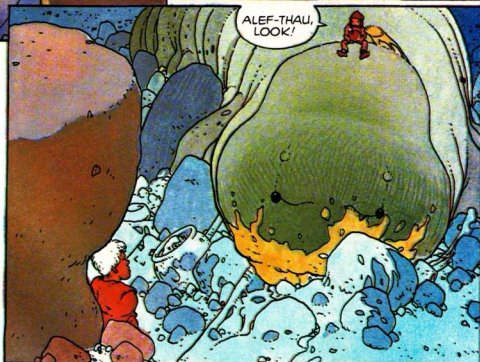
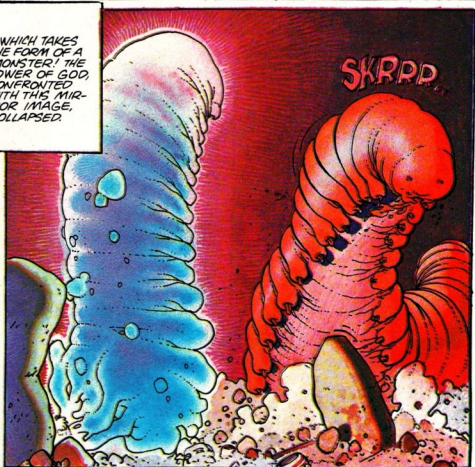
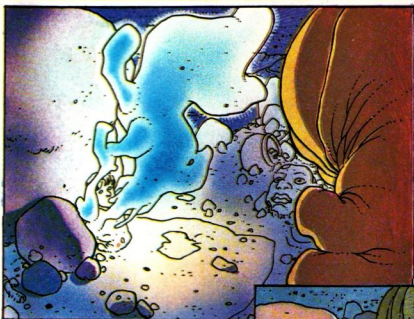




AND IN A COMBINED BURST OF CONCENTRATION AND ENERGY, ALEF-THAU IS ABLE TO FORM AN ECTOPLASMIC BEING...



WHICH TAKES THE FORM OF A MONSTER, THE TOWER OF GOD, CONFRONTED WITH THIS MIRROR IMAGE, COLLAPSED.





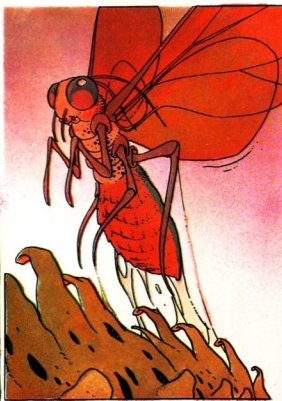


IT IS HOPELESS, ALEF-THAU! THE WEIGHT OF YOU AND THE EVE IS TOO MUCH FOR ME.

FINE! SO DROP ME, THEN, AND LEAVE!



LOOK! THE WORM TRANSFORMED ITSELF!



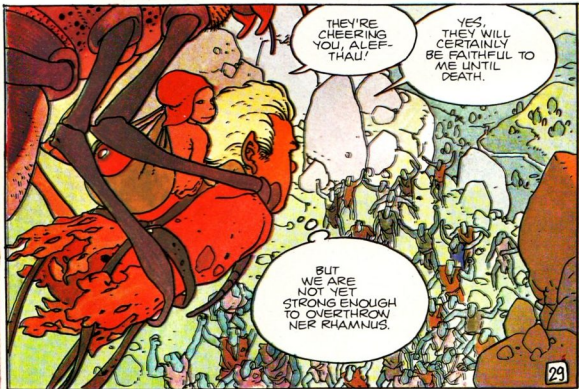
HE'S ATTACKING US!

ON THE CONTRARY! THANKS TO THE EVE OF GOLD, HE IS GOING TO BRING US BACK!



AND AT THE END OF A FEW DAYS...

A GIANT BUTTERFLY...

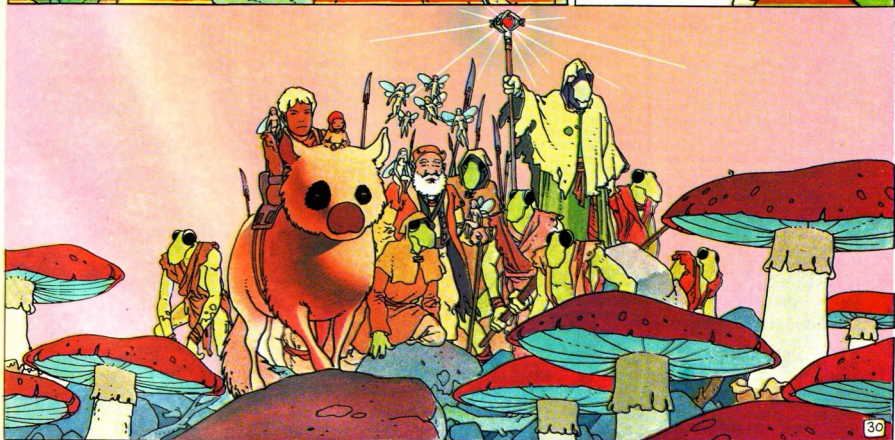


THEY'RE CHEERING YOU, ALEF-THAU!

YES, THEY WILL CERTAINLY BE FAITHFUL TO ME UNTIL DEATH.

BUT WE ARE NOT YET STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERTHROW NER RHAMNUS.



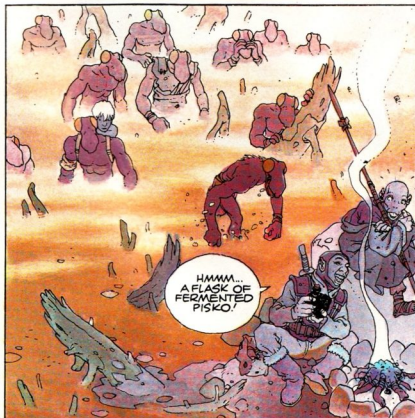
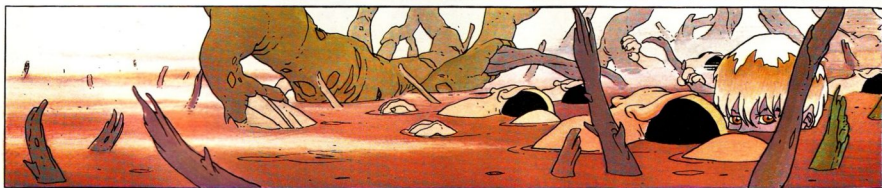




# The Fourth Song

## The Fright of the Great Spectacle by Arno and Jodorowsky

IN THE DEN OF NER RAMNUS...





AND AT THAT VERY  
SAME MOMENT IN  
THE SHIP...



HAVE A  
GOOD TIME...  
HA...HA...HA...

AS FOR  
ME I'LL  
LEAVING  
YOU...  
HA...HA...  
HA...



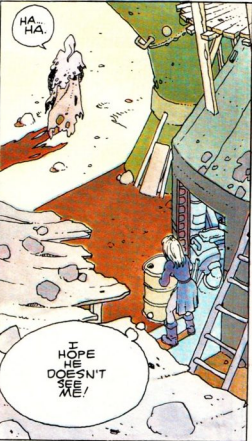
I'VE  
GOT OUT OF  
HERE...  
SOMEONE IS  
CALLING  
ME.

TAP  
TAP



ASTRAL?/?

WHAT  
WILL I DO  
WITH  
ALL THIS  
CARGO?



HA...  
HA...

I HOPE  
DOESN'T  
SEE ME!



PHEW,  
I DON'T  
THINK ANY-  
ONE SAW  
ME.

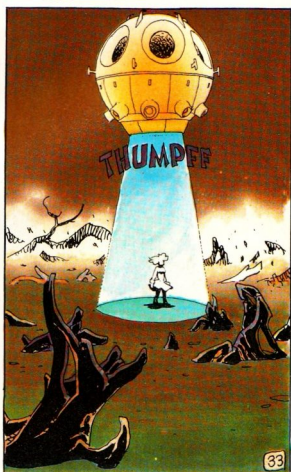
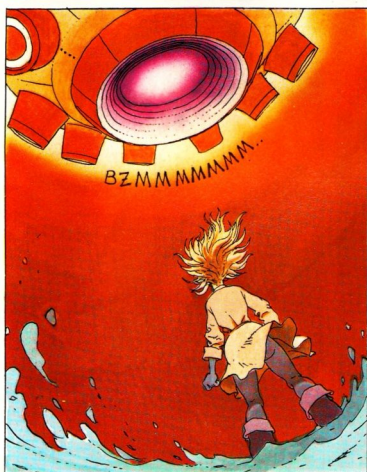
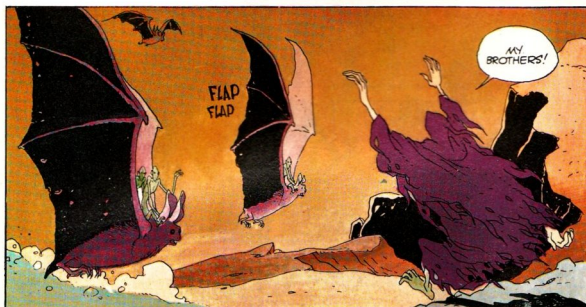
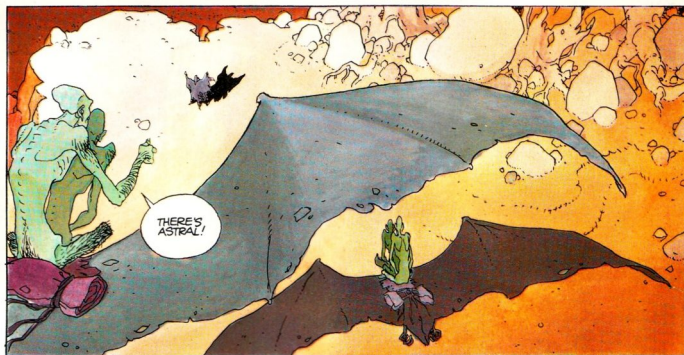


NOW  
I'LL  
WAIT.

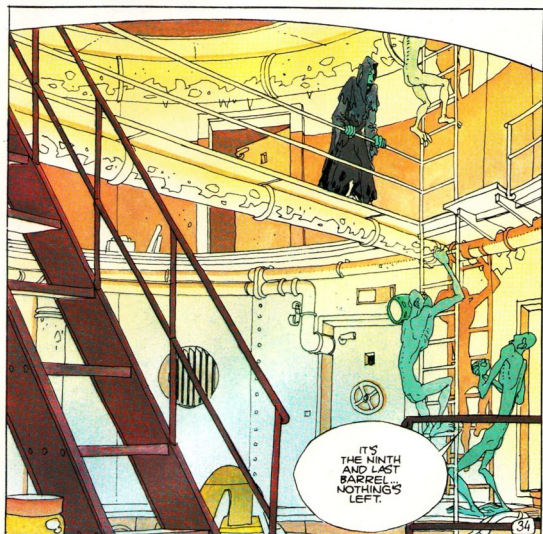




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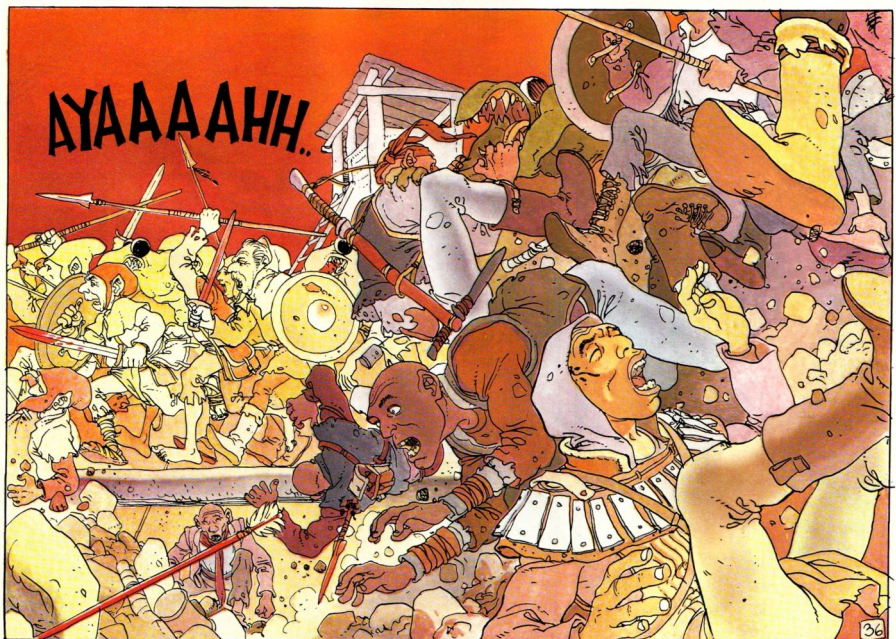
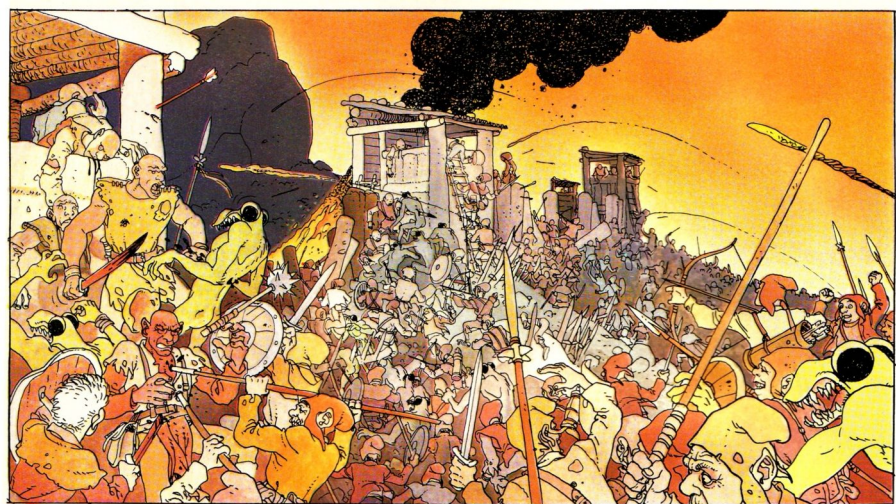




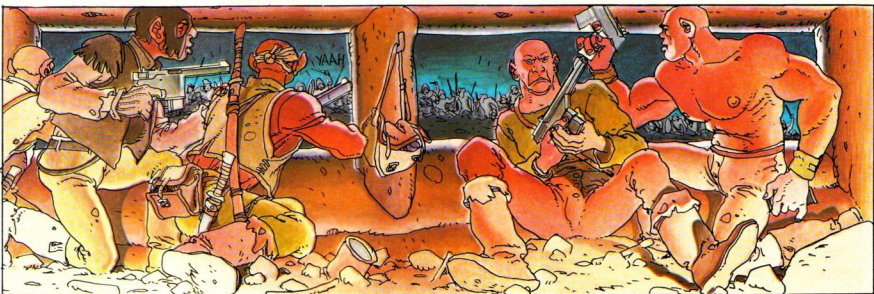
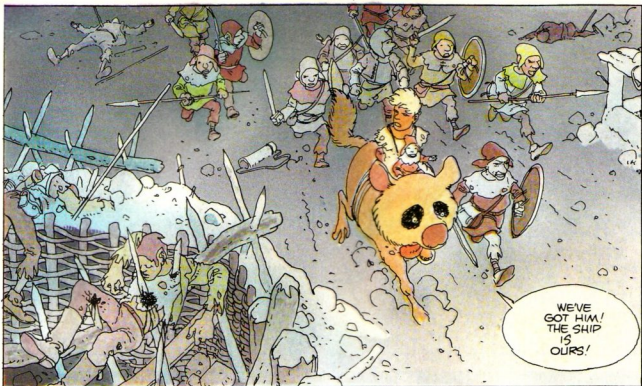




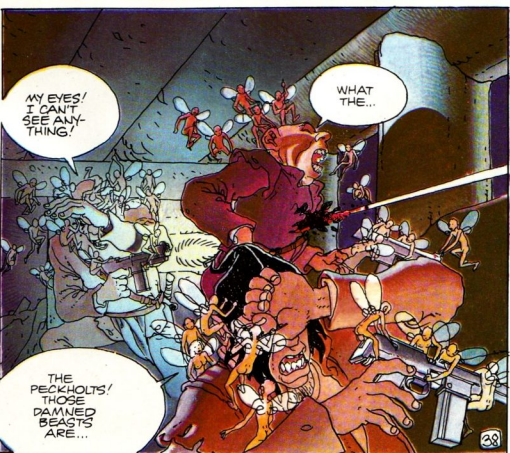
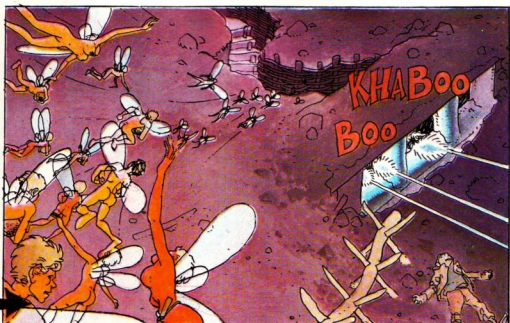
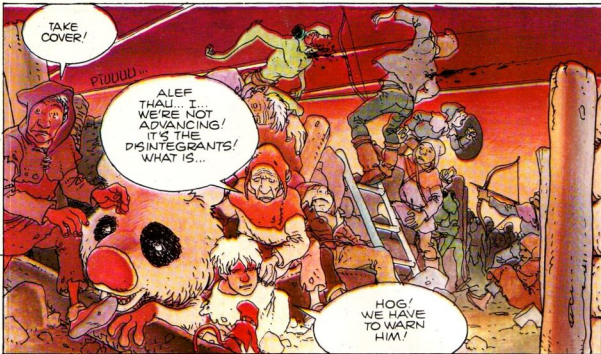




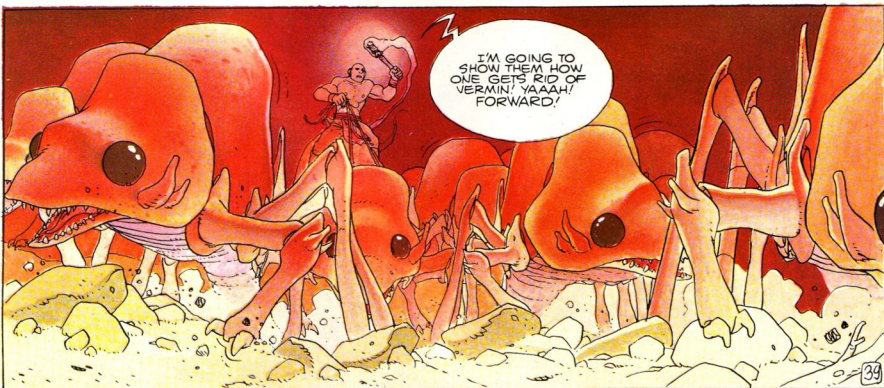
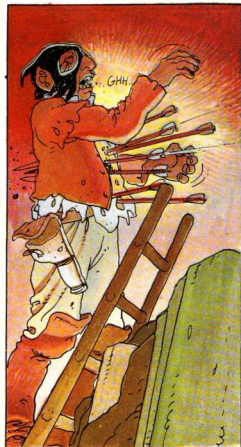




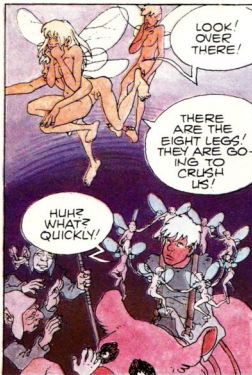












LOOK!  
OVER  
THERE!

THERE  
ARE THE  
EIGHT LEGS!  
THEY ARE GO-  
ING TO  
CRUSH US!

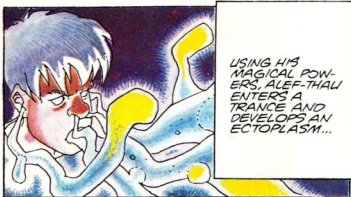
HUH?  
WHAT?  
QUICKLY!



GET ME DOWN!  
SPREAD OUT!  
THERE MUST BE  
SOME  
WAY...



YAAAAAAAH



USING HIS  
MAGICAL POW-  
ERS, ALEF-THAU  
ENTERS A  
TRANCE AND  
DEVELOPS AN  
ECTOPLASM...



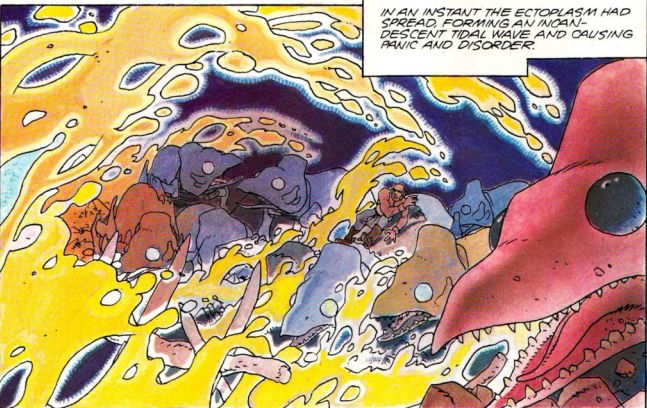
WHAT  
IS THIS...  
WITCH-  
CRAFT?



DID YOU SEE  
THAT? IT'S  
CRAZY!

I'M  
SCARED!

INCREDIBLE!  
IT LOOKS LIKE  
FLAMES!



IN AN INSTANT THE ECTOPLASM HAD  
SPREAD, FORMING AN AVALANCHE  
DESCENT TIDAL WAVE AND CAUSING  
PANIC AND DISORDER.



YIPPEE!  
THEY'RE  
FLEEING!

YES...  
HA HA... IT'S  
COMPLETELY  
RIDICULOUS!

ALEF-  
THAU IS A  
GEN-  
WIZARD!



AND IN THE SHIP...

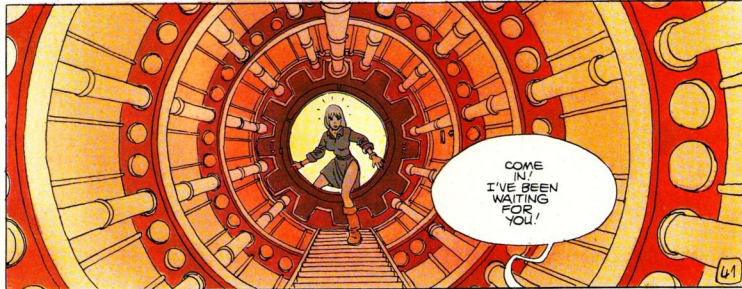
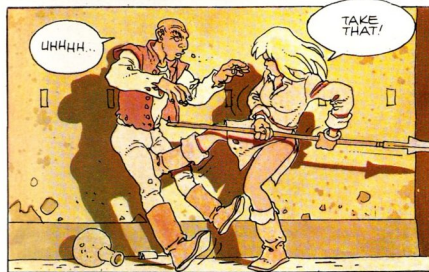
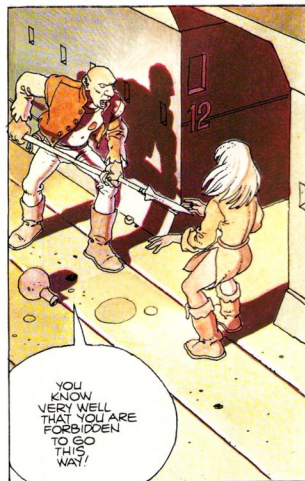
THEY'RE GOING!

KLUN KLUN KLUN KLUN

THE COMMAND ROOM IS JUST OVER THERE. IF I CAN GET IN IT...

AND JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

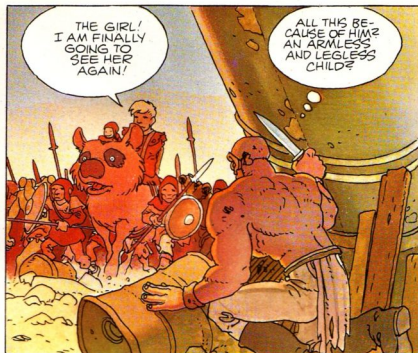
AAIIIEE!





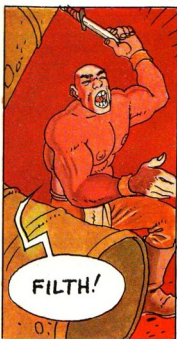


EVERYONE  
TO THE  
SHIP!



THE GIRL!  
I AM FINALLY  
GOING TO  
SEE HER  
AGAIN!

ALL THIS BE-  
CAUSE OF HIM?  
AN ARMLESS  
AND LEGLESS  
CHILD?



FILTH!



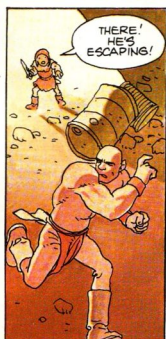
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TCHOK

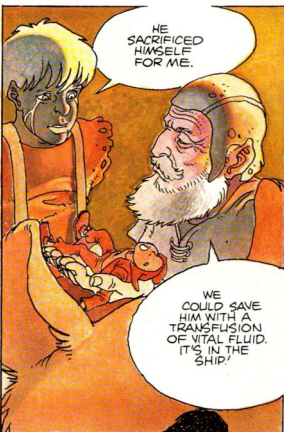


ALEF-THALI!

HE...

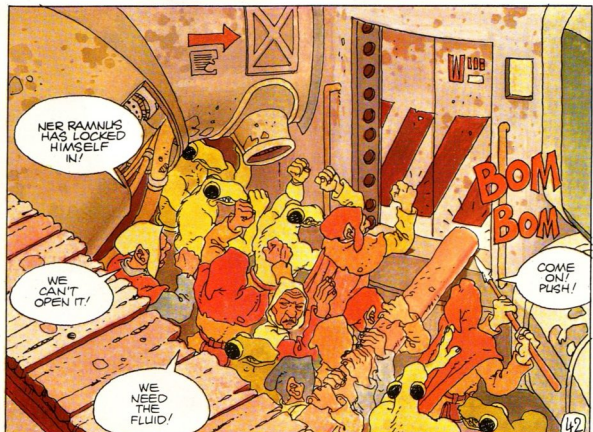


THERE!  
HE'S  
ESCAPING!



HE  
SACRIFICED  
HIMSELF  
FOR ME.

WE  
COULD SAVE  
HIM WITH A  
TRANSFUSION  
OF VITAL FLUID.  
IT'S IN THE  
SHIP!



NER RAMNUS  
HAS LOCKED  
HIMSELF  
IN!

WE  
CAN'T  
OPEN IT!

WE  
NEED  
THE  
FLUID!

COME  
ON!  
PUSH!

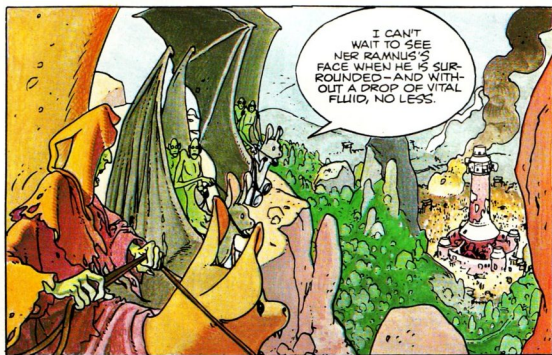
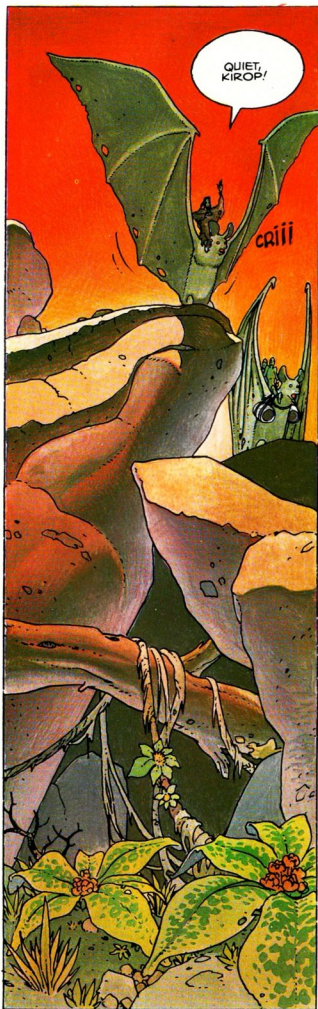
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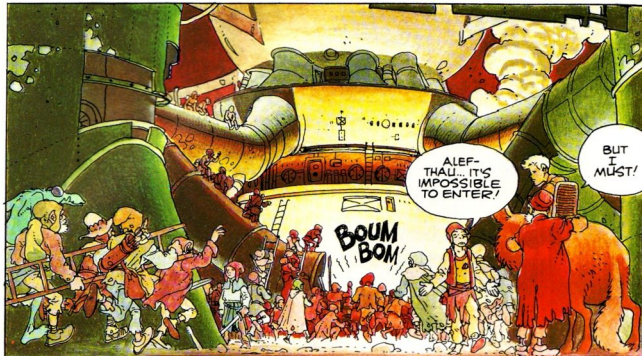
# The Fifth Song

## When Terror Triumphs

by Arno and Jodorowsky







ALF-  
THAU... IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO ENTER!

BUT  
I  
MUST!



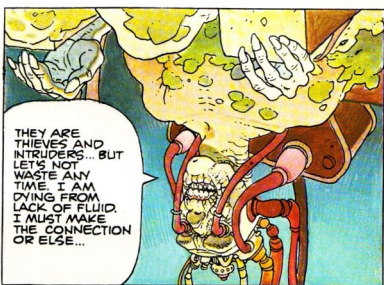
WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE DO,  
HOG?

HHMMH,  
I THINK I  
KNOW...

DIAMOND HAS  
ENTERED THE  
NERVE CENTER  
OF THE SPACE-  
CRAFT.

COME  
CLOSER.  
DON'T BE AFRAID.  
YOU ARE SAFE  
HERE.

BUT ALL  
OF THESE  
PEOPLE  
ARE DEAD.

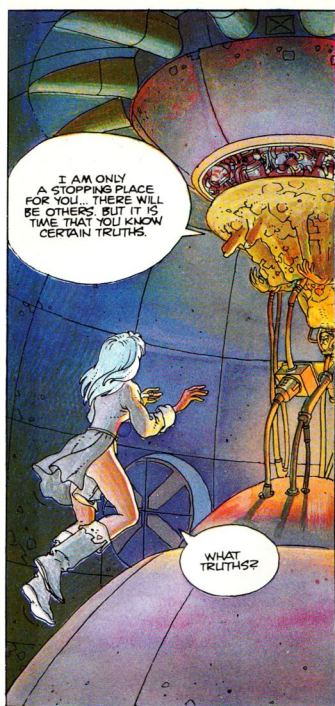


THEY ARE  
THIEVES AND  
INTRUDERS... BUT  
LET'S NOT  
WASTE ANY  
TIME. I AM  
DYING FROM  
LACK OF FLUID.  
I MUST MAKE  
THE CONNECTION  
OR ELSE...



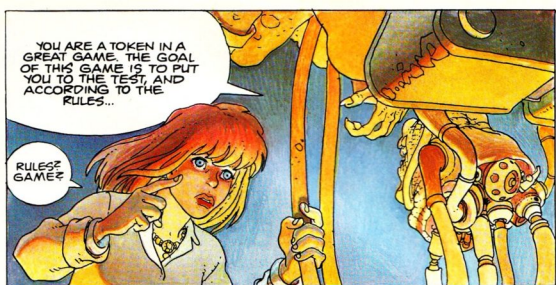
LACK OF VITAL FLUID?  
BUT THERE'S AN ENTIRE  
RESERVE! WHAT CON-  
NECTION ARE YOU TALK-  
ING ABOUT? WHO  
ARE YOU?





I AM ONLY  
A STOPPING PLACE  
FOR YOU... THERE WILL  
BE OTHERS BUT IT IS  
TIME THAT YOU KNOW  
CERTAIN TRUTHS.

WHAT  
TRUTHS?



RULES?  
GAME?

YOU ARE A TOKEN IN A  
GREAT GAME. THE GOAL  
OF THIS GAME IS TO PIT  
YOU TO THE TEST, AND  
ACCORDING TO THE  
RULES...



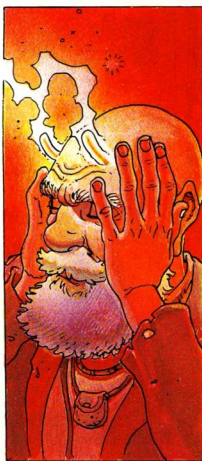
YOU WANT ME TO  
BELIEVE THAT ALL OF  
THIS HAS BEEN JUST A  
GAME? NER RAMNUS,  
THE DHARIENS,  
EVERYTHING?

IT'S ALL  
BEEN AN  
ILLUSION.



OOOOH... I  
FEEL  
STRANGE!

SOMEONE  
IS CALLING  
ME... YES, CALL-  
ING ME FOR  
HELP!



I SEE  
THEM. THEY ARE  
BLOCKED BY THE  
ENTRANCE LOCK!  
IT MUST BE  
OPENED!



THIS SHIP  
YOU, AND I  
ARE ONE.  
KEEP THAT  
KNOWLEDGE  
WITH YOU  
ALWAYS AND  
HE WILL  
OBEY  
YOU.



HOWEVER, IN ONE OF THE SHIPS CORRIDORS...

ALL THE FLUID IS ONE.. HE HAS TAKEN EVERYTHING. MY MEN HAVE FLED ALSO. SWEET VENGEANCE DO ME PROUD!

YES, I FEEL EVERY NOOK... EVERY CORRIDOR... EVERY DOOR.

AND SUDDENLY...

IT'S A MIRACLE!

THE DOOR IS OPEN!

LET'S GO!

NO!

ALEF-THAU! ONLY HE CAN GO THROUGH!

IT'S HER VOICE, HOG! IT'S DIAMOND! SHE'S CALLING ME!

TAKE THE LOUROULOU. GO... AND HAVE FAITH!

HUHZ

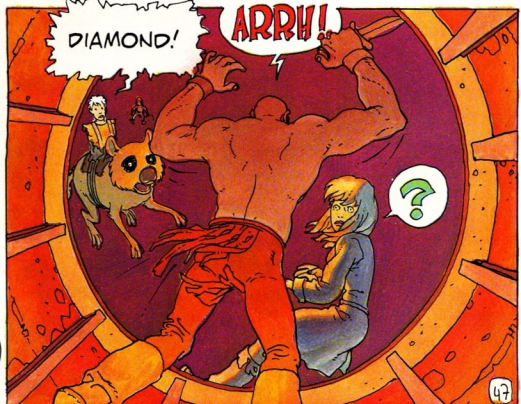
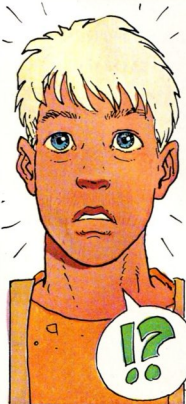
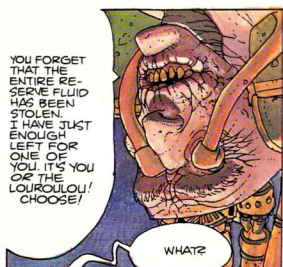
WHAT ABOUT US?

LET HIM GO BY!

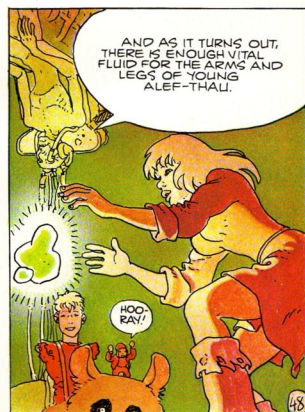
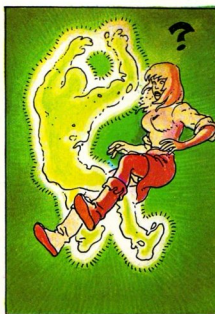
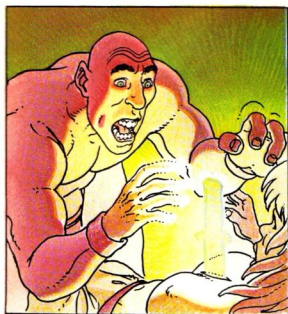
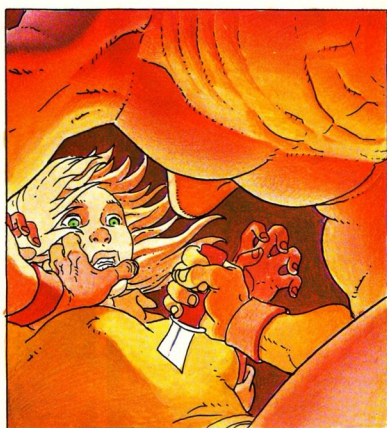
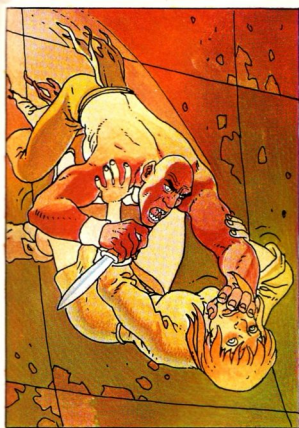
GO TOWARDS THE LIGHT!

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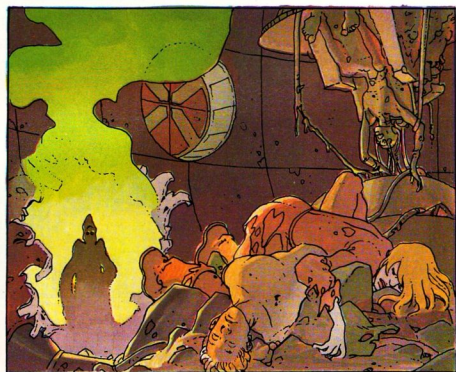
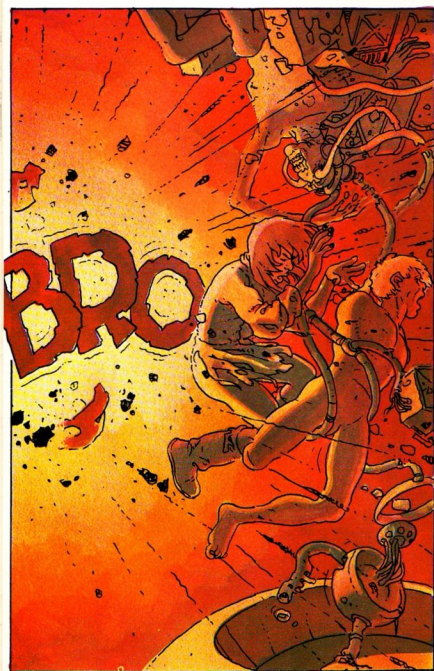
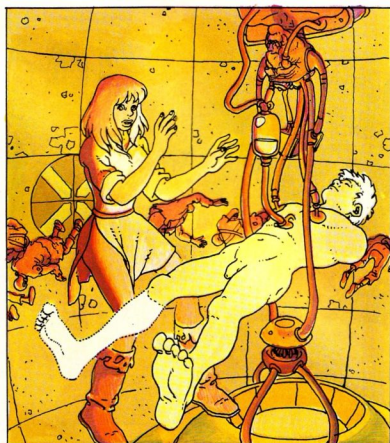




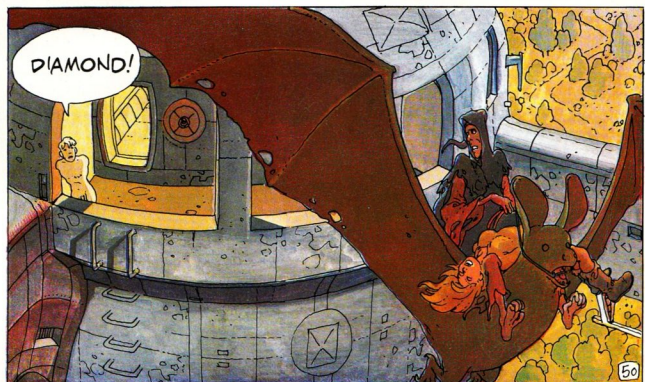
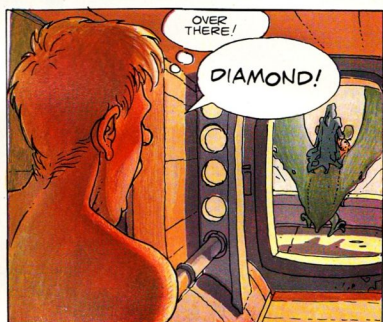
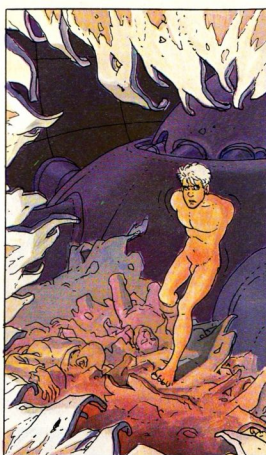




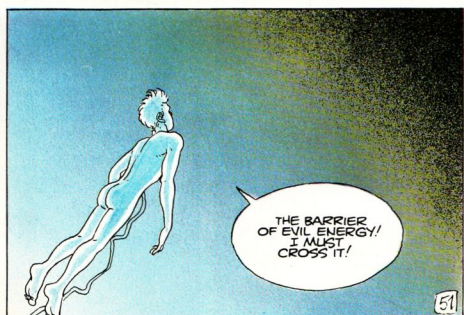
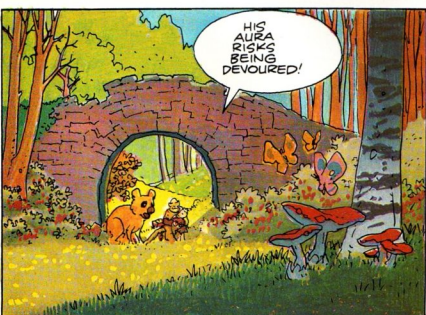
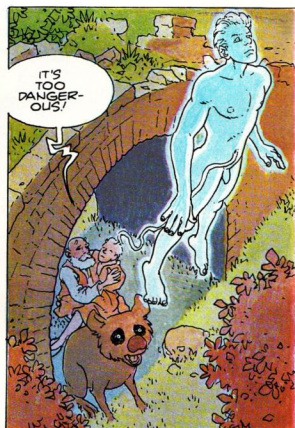
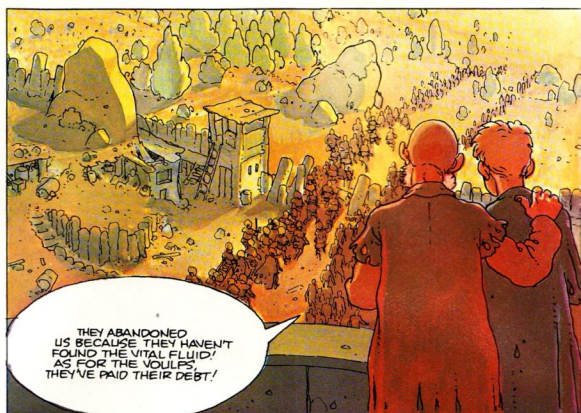
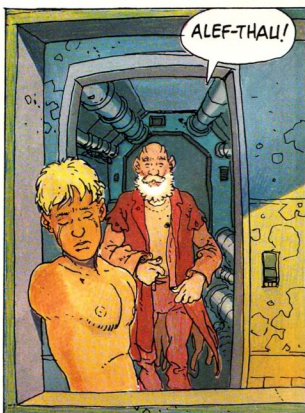




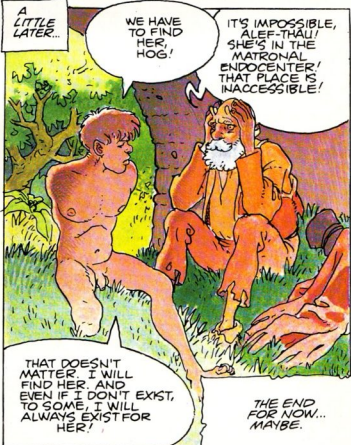
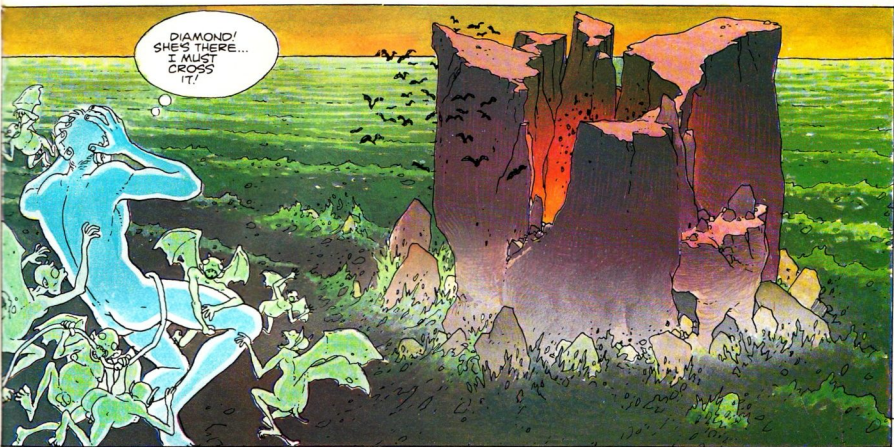












THAT DOESN'T MATTER. I WILL FIND HER. AND EVEN IF I DON'T EXIST, TO SOME, I WILL ALWAYS EXIST FOR HER!

THE END FOR NOW... MAYBE.







