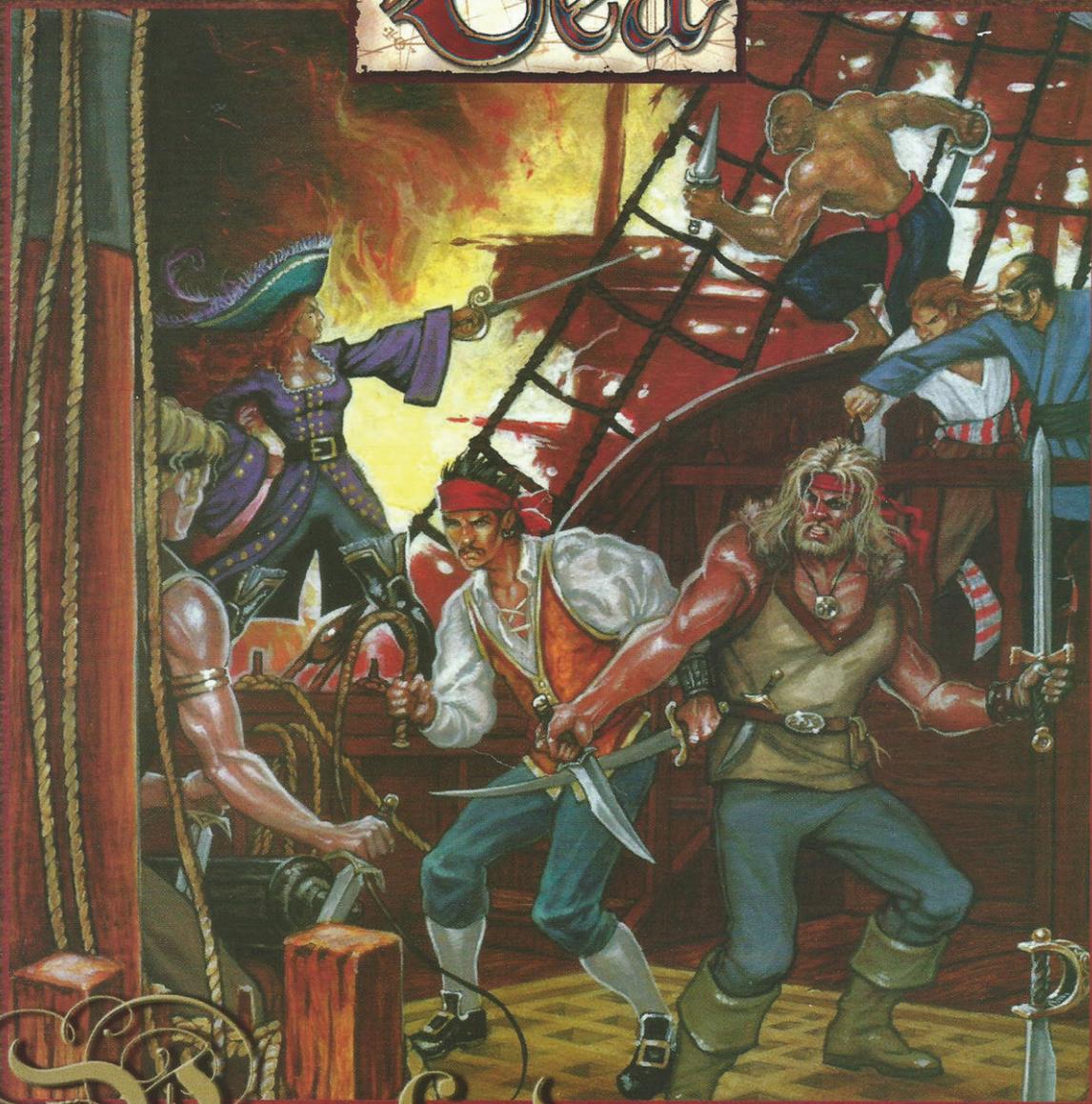
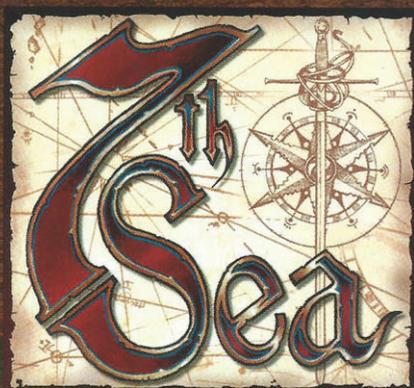




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# Prologue to Ruin

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# Prelude to Ruin

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### The Players



**BLOODY CAPTAIN REIS-**  
Murderous pirate captain of the  
Crimson Rogers. None have fought  
him and ever lived to tell the tale.

**SALVADOR BERNOULLI-**  
Vodacce swordsman and regal  
member of the Explorer's Society.



**BONNIE MCGEE-**  
Privateer and captain  
of the Highland Piper.

**JOERN KEITELSSON-**  
Vestenmannavnjar berserker war-  
rior. First mate of the Crimson  
Rogers and Reis' only equal.



**RIADT GAUCHER-**  
Bosun of the Crimson Rogers.  
Pain is his art, he commands  
through fear.

**GEIRMUND-**  
Vestenmannavnjar rune-mage  
and bosun for the Highland Piper.



**JULIUS CALIGARI-**  
Vodacce cutthroat. He sold  
out his own uncle for a piece  
of Reis' treasure.

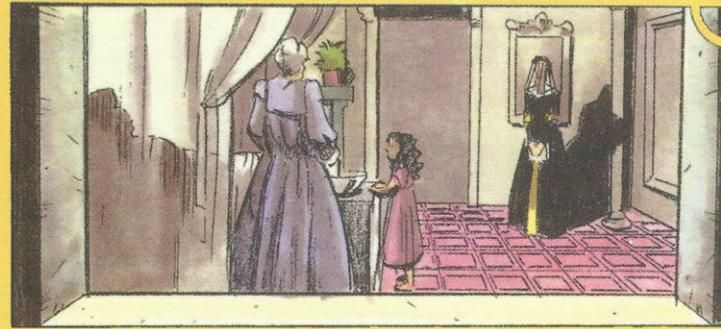
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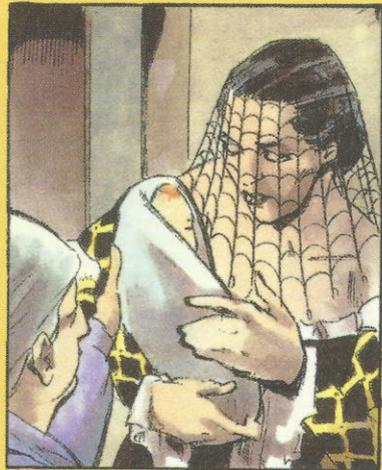
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VODACCE, 1642.



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"...BUT ALSO HOPE."



I SEE YOUR SON FACING A TERRIBLE SCOURGE, A VILE BLACK MURDERER WHO DESTROYS ALL HE TOUCHES.



BLOODY SAILS FLY IN THE BREEZE, SAILS RED AS ITS CAPTAIN'S COAT.



MEN DIE BENEATH HIS TWISTED BLADE, HUNDREDS OF SHIPS SENT TO ST. ROSE'S GRAVE.



THE SEAS GROW BLOATED WITH THE CORPSES OF HIS VICTIMS.



HIS VERY NAME CONJURES FEAR AND HORROR. NONE HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE HIM...

"...NONE SAVE YOUR SON."



## Prelude To Rain

Chapter Two

Scriveners - Jim Pinto and Rob Vaux

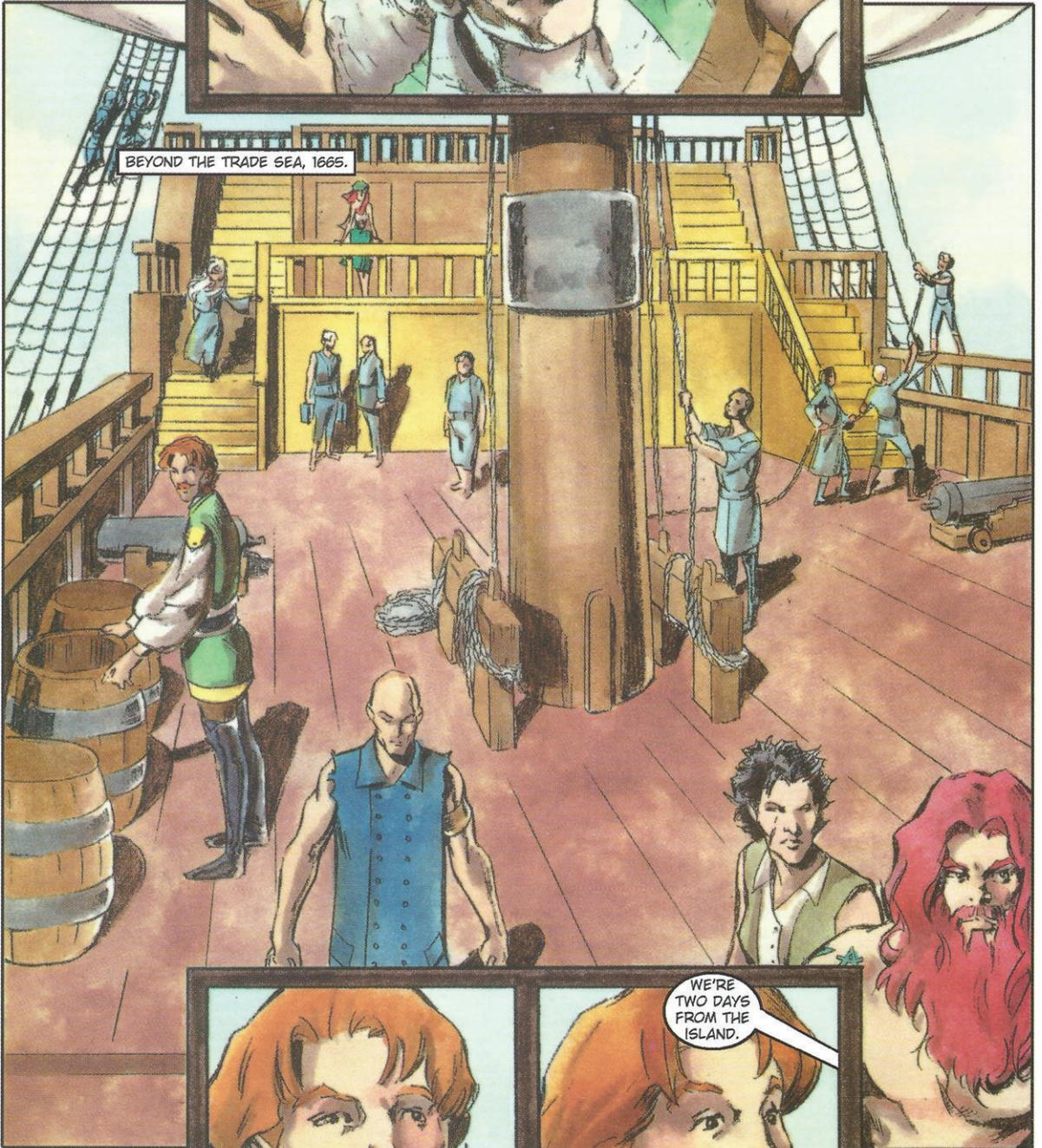
Renderer - Travis Moorz Painter - Scott Rockwell

Calligrapher - Faye Perozich Maralists - Travis Moorz and Ben Peck

Captain - Dezrick the Rzd



BEYOND THE TRADE SEA, 1685.





CAPTAIN MCGEE! YOU STARTLED ME.

THINKIN' ABOUT ALL THE MONEY YER GONNA LOSE WHEN YER PAY US FER THIS MILK RUN?



WE AREN'T EVEN THERE YET, AND YOU'VE ALREADY SPENT YOUR PAY.



YE SAID THERE'D BE PIRATES, MURDERERS, BLOODY BUCCANEERS WHO SCARED EVERYONE AWAY. WE HAVEN'T SEE SO MUCH AS A SEAGULL SINCE LEAVIN' AVALON.

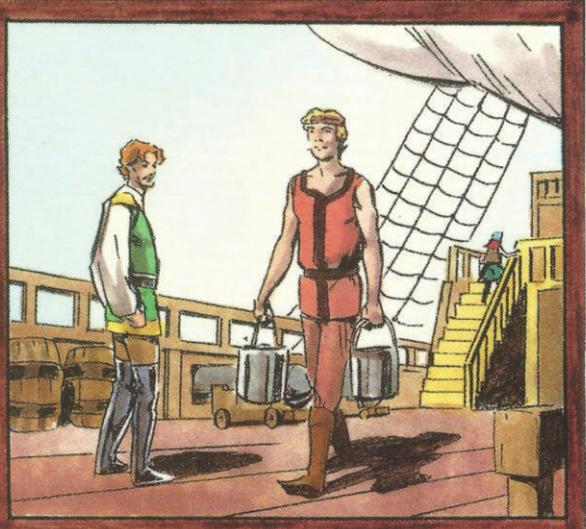
WHAT A HEADSTRONG DONNA YOU ARE.

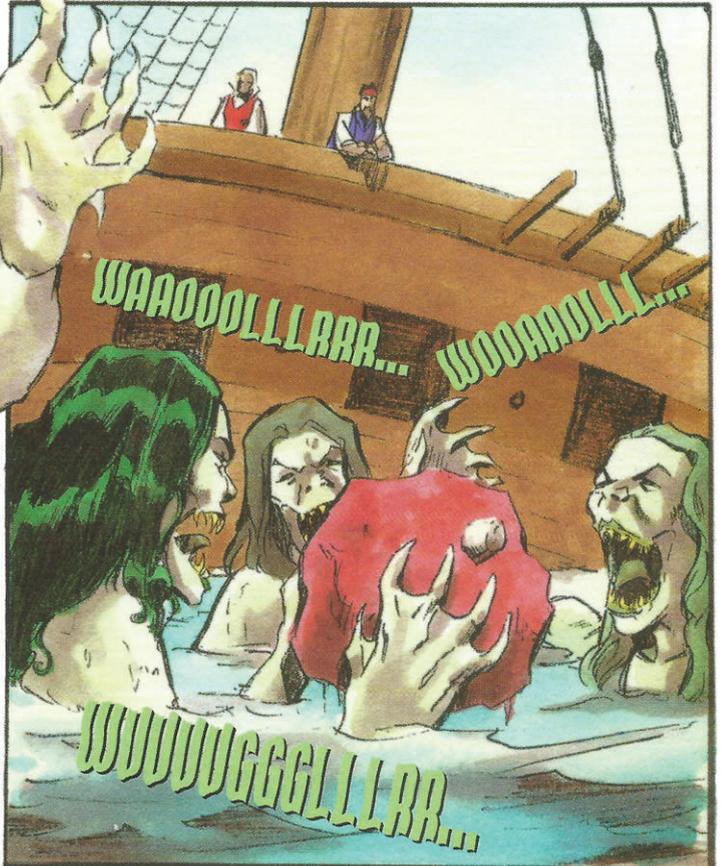
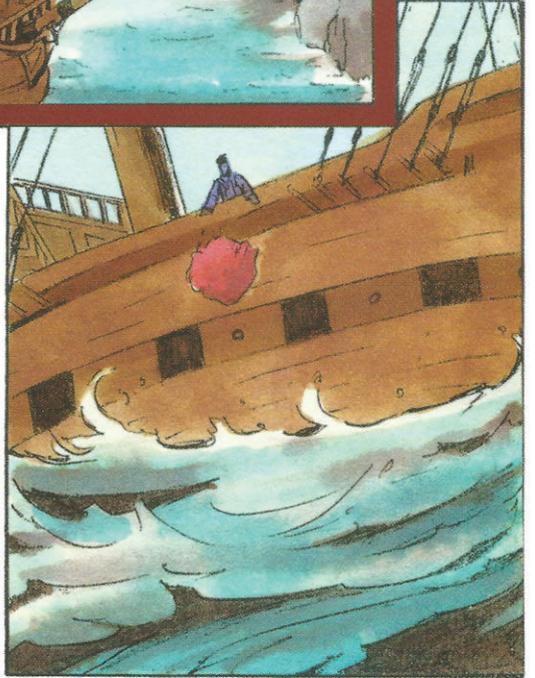
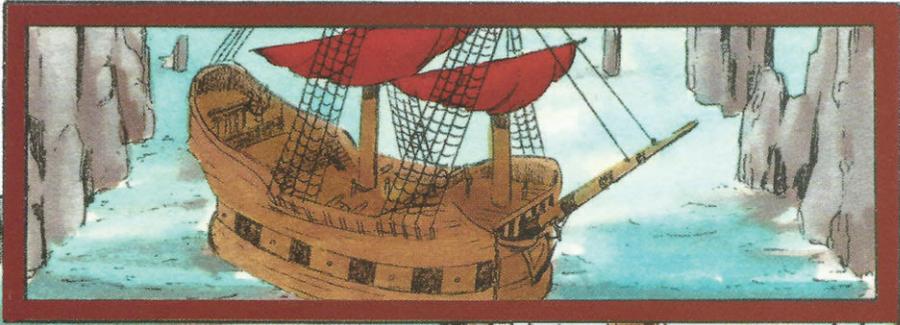


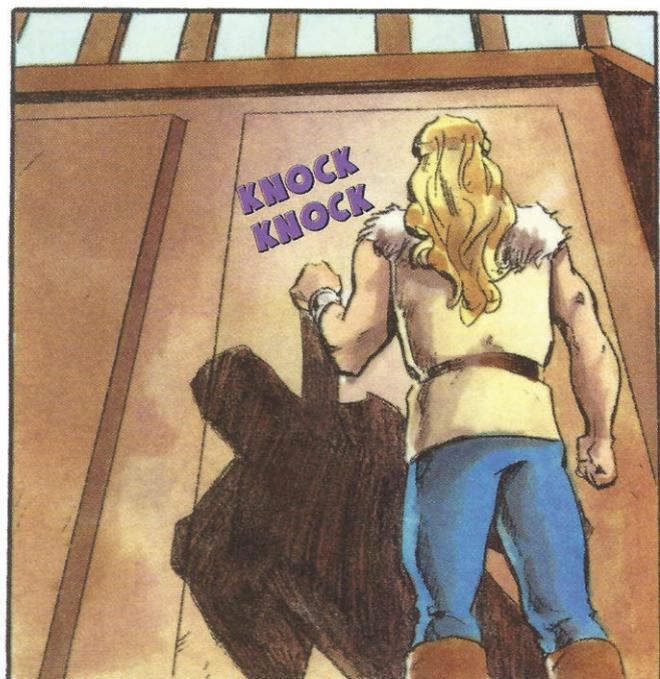
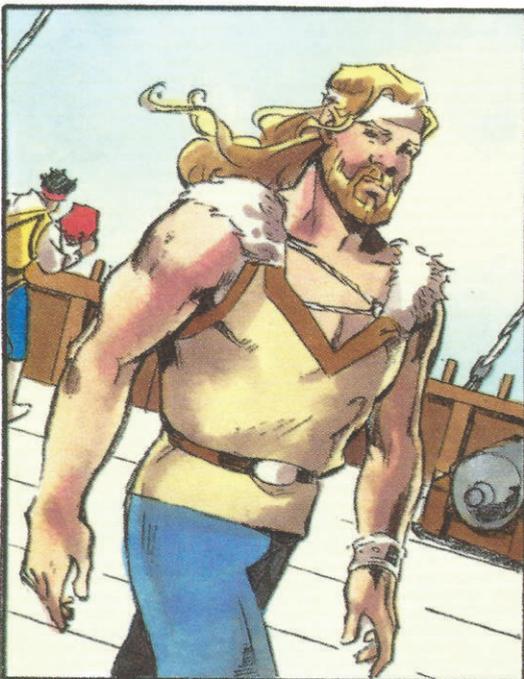
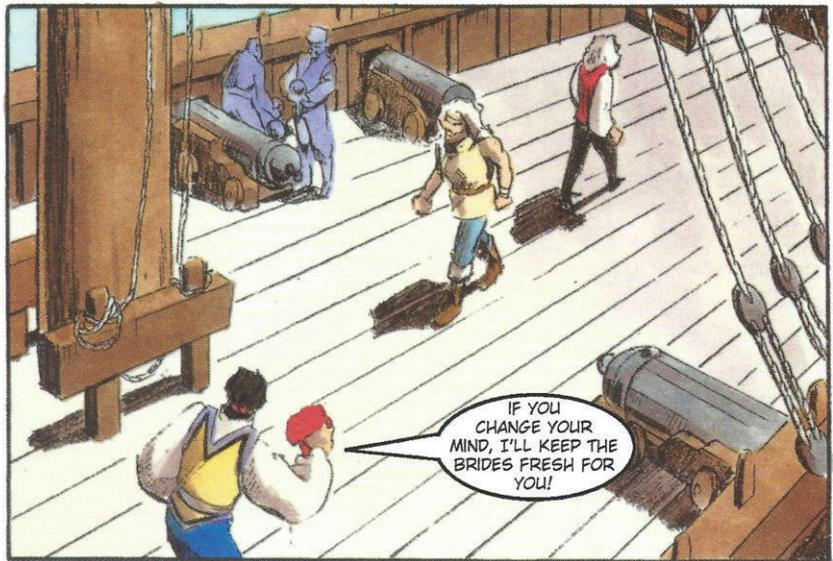
IT ISN'T EVERY DAY I GET A KING'S RANSOM JUST FER FERRYIN' A BUNCH OF STUFFY SCHOLARS FROM POINT A TA POINT B.



IS THAT ALL YOU THINK OF THE EXPLORERS? STUFFY SCHOLARS IN NEED OF RESCUING?







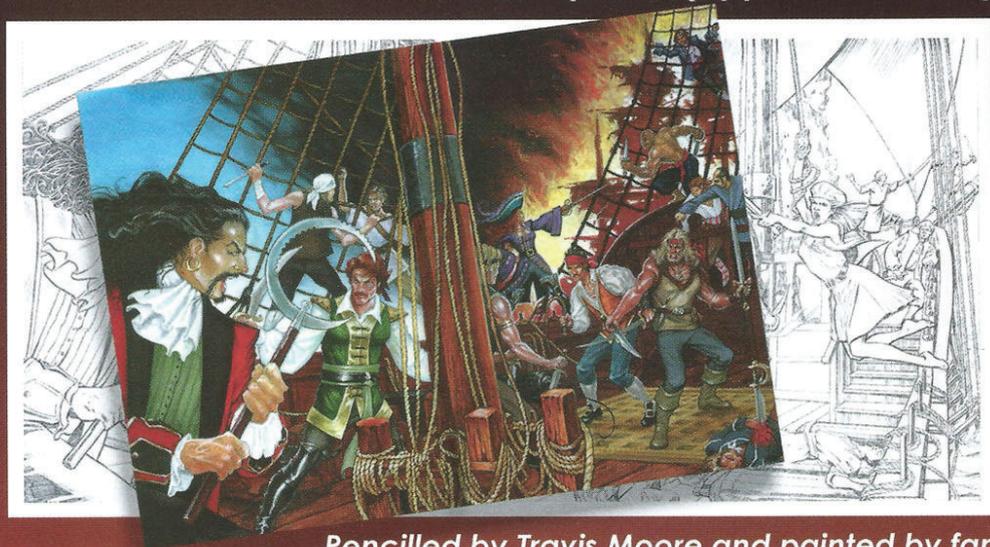


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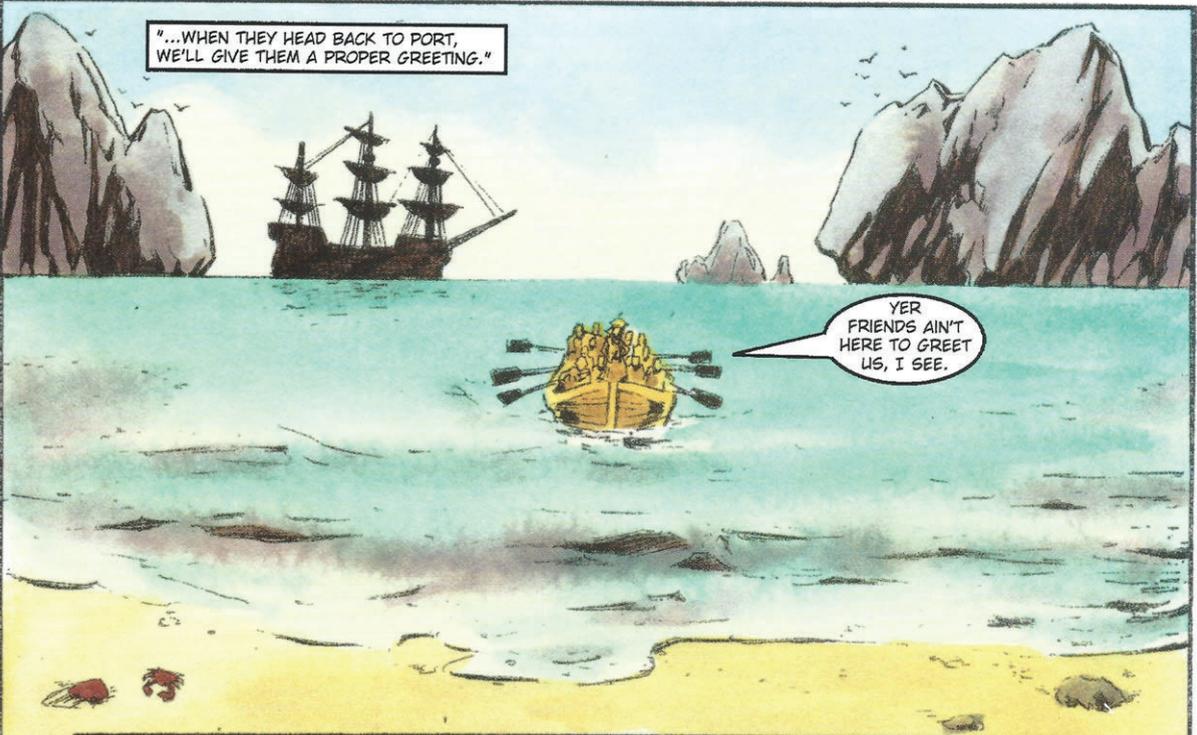
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"...WHEN THEY HEAD BACK TO PORT,  
WE'LL GIVE THEM A PROPER GREETING."



YER  
FRIENDS AIN'T  
HERE TO GREET  
US, I SEE.

THE  
SITE ISN'T FAR.  
THEY'RE PROBABLY  
GETTING THEIR THINGS  
IN ORDER. COME  
ON.



KEEP  
A SHARP EYE.  
THESE SCHOLARS DON'T  
SEEM TA BELIEVE IN  
KEEPIN' WATCH, SO THAT  
MEANS WE HAVE  
TA.



A SHORT WHILE LATER...

WE  
GETTIN' CLOSE  
YET?



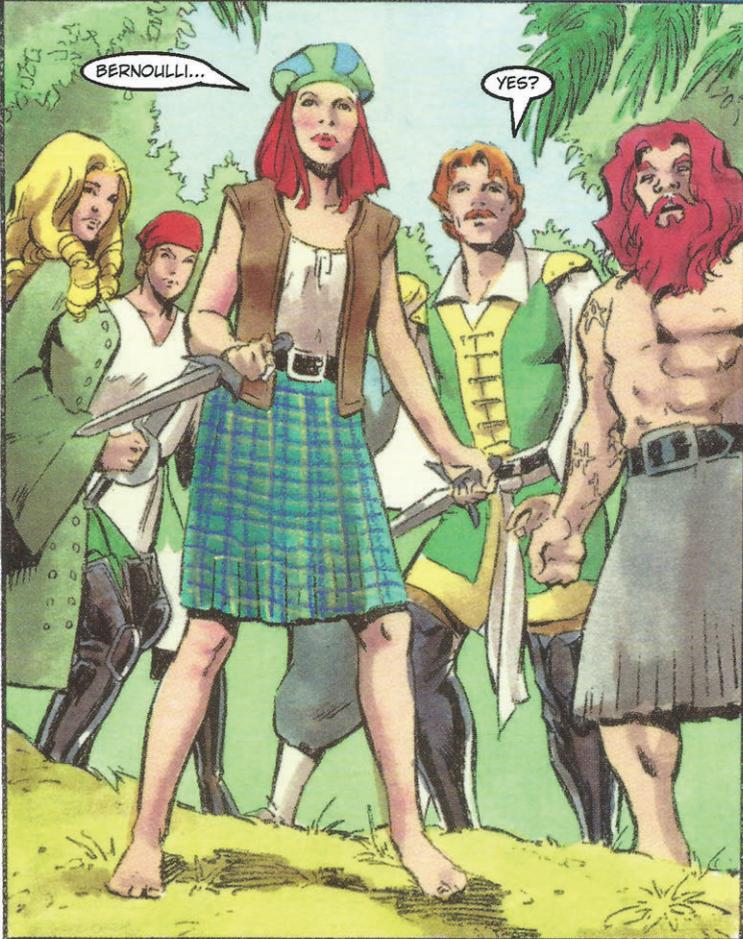
JUST  
OVER THAT RISE,  
THE CAMP SITE  
ISN'T...

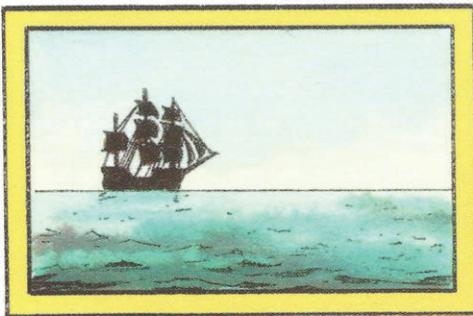


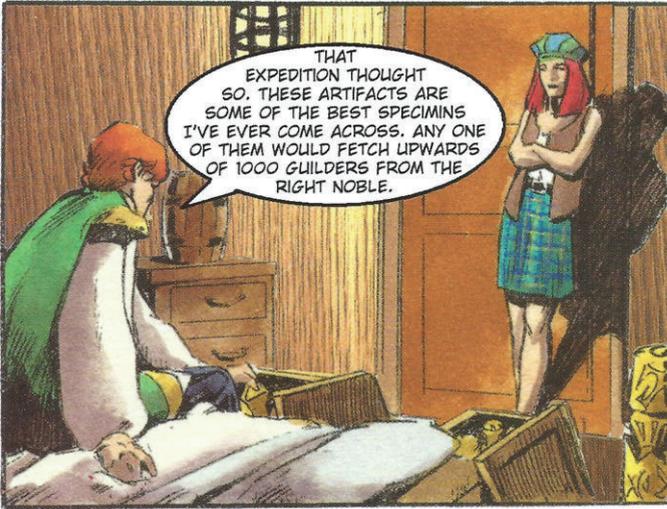












THAT EXPEDITION THOUGHT SO. THESE ARTIFACTS ARE SOME OF THE BEST SPECIMINS I'VE EVER COME ACROSS. ANY ONE OF THEM WOULD FETCH UPWARDS OF 1000 GULDERS FROM THE RIGHT NOBLE.



AND THIS...



THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR THIS FOR ALMOST TWO DECADES.



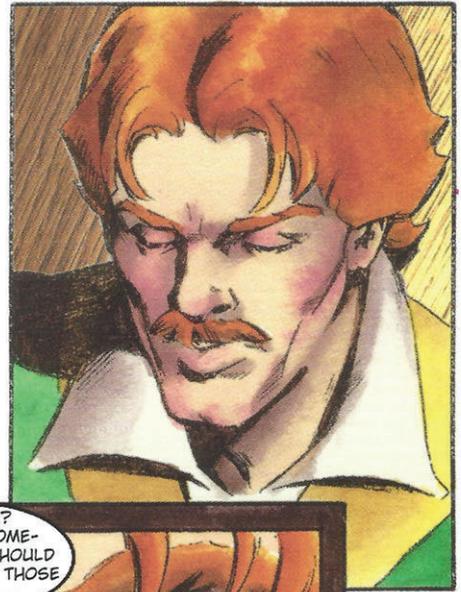
WE'VE HEARD WHISPERED RUMORS, SOME SNIPPETS FROM OLD TEXTS. BUT UNTIL THOSE MEN UNCOVERED IT, WE DIDN'T BELIEVE IT REALLY EXISTED. IF WE CAN HARNESS ITS POWER, IT COULD CHANGE THE FACE OF THEAH.

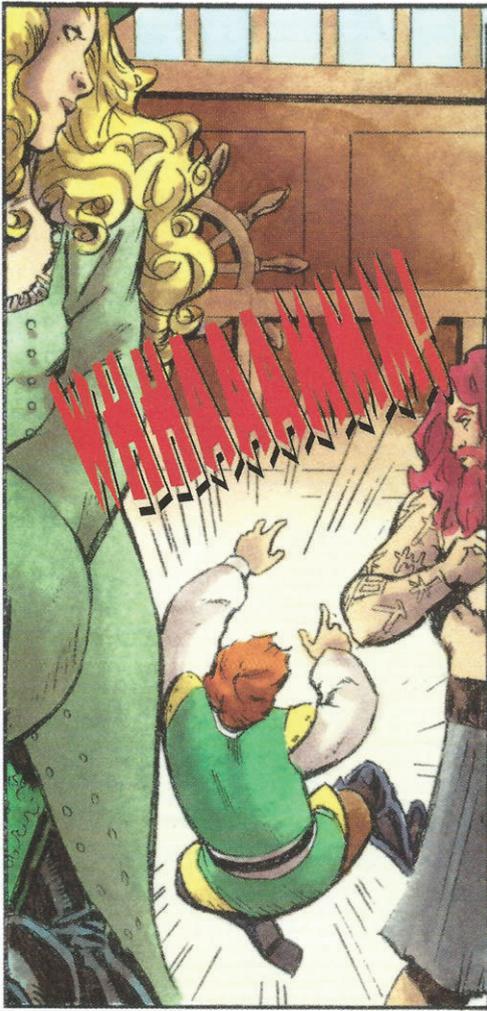


I THINK THIS WAS WORTH THE PRICE WE PAID.



IF YE SAY SO.





REIS!  
THE CRIMSON ROGERS!  
YE NEVER TOLD ME! YE NEVER  
SAID A WORD! NOW WE'RE OUT  
HERE WAITIN' FOR THE PRINCE O'  
LEGIONS TA COME DOWN  
ON US ALL!



BONNIE...  
EVERYONE, PLEASE.  
I CAN EXPLAIN. IT'S  
ALL RIGHT.



I'M A  
VODACCE, THE  
NOBLE SON OF A  
PROUD LINE.

YOU ALL KNOW  
ABOUT MY NATION'S  
FATE WITCHES -- PROPHETS,  
SORCERERS, MISTRESSES OF THE  
STRANDS OF FATE. WHEN I WAS  
BORN, MY FATHER BROUGHT THE  
MOST POWERFUL FATE WITCH IN  
ALL OF VODACCE TO READ  
MY FORTUNE...



"...WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY  
WAS EXTRAORDINARY."



NONE  
HAVE THE COURAGE  
TO FACE THIS BEAST.  
NONE SAVE YOUR  
SON.

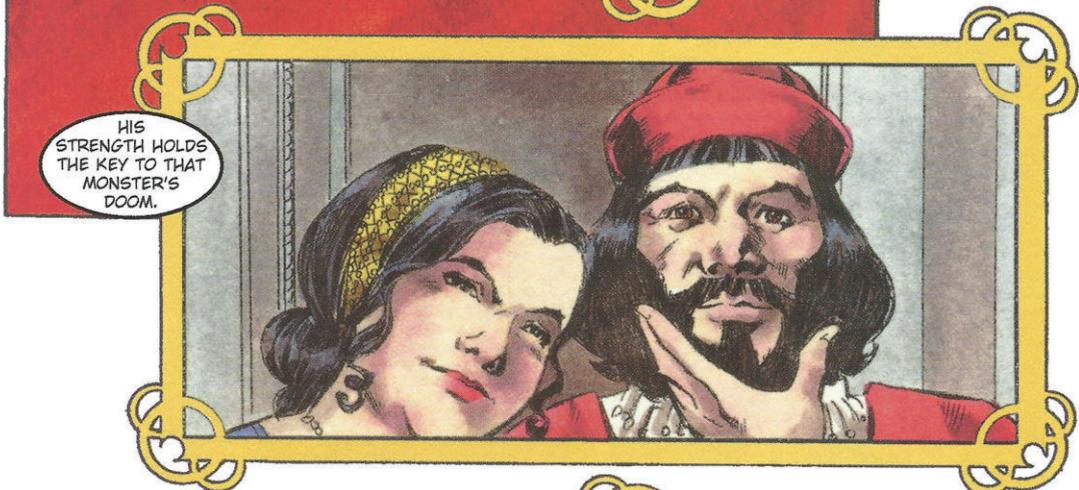
HE SHALL  
STRIKE WITH  
BOLDNESS AND  
CUNNING...



...HE  
SHALL 'CONFRONT  
THE VILLAIN BENEATH  
BLOODSTAINED SAILS  
WHEN ALL HOPE  
SEEMS LOST.



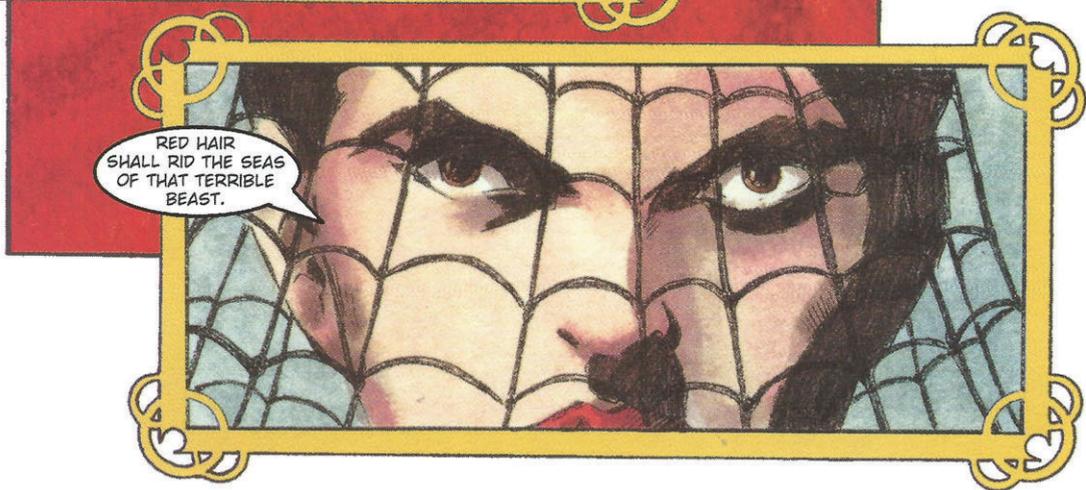
HE SHALL  
FACE THE MONSTER  
LINAFRAD, AND HE SHALL  
MEET HIS DESTINY WITH  
THE COURAGE OF A  
BERNOULLI.



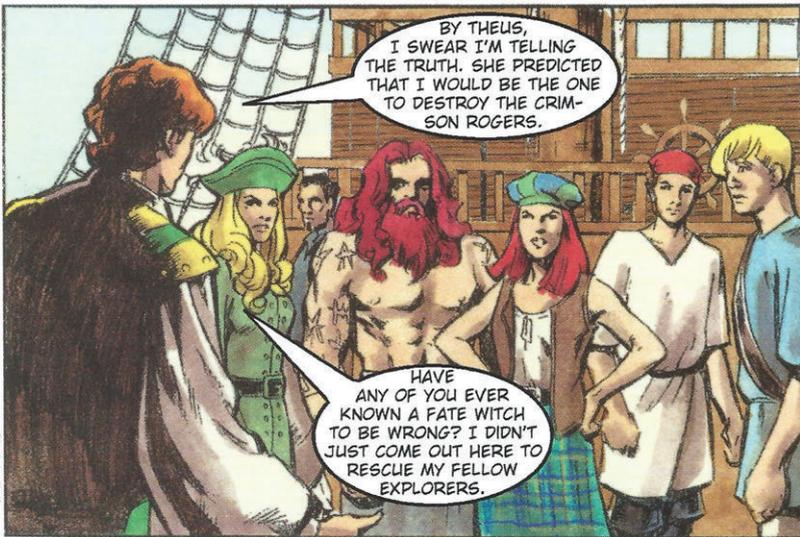
HIS  
STRENGTH HOLDS  
THE KEY TO THAT  
MONSTER'S  
DOOM.



RED HAIR  
MARKS YOUR  
CHILD, LINKS HIM TO  
THOSE BLOODY  
SAILS.



RED HAIR  
SHALL RID THE SEAS  
OF THAT TERRIBLE  
BEAST.



BY THEUS, I SWEAR I'M TELLING THE TRUTH. SHE PREDICTED THAT I WOULD BE THE ONE TO DESTROY THE CRIMSON ROGERS.

HAVE ANY OF YOU EVER KNOWN A FATE WITCH TO BE WRONG? I DIDN'T JUST COME OUT HERE TO RESCUE MY FELLOW EXPLORERS.



I CAME HERE TO MEET MY DESTINY, AND YOU WILL ALL BE A PART OF IT.



WHY DIDN'T YE TELL ME WHEN WE FIRST AGREED TA THIS?

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME.



YER BLOODY RIGHT I WOULDN'T! YOU MAY BELIEVE IN THAT FATE WITCH POPPYCOCK, BUT I DON'T SEND ME CREW OUT TA DIE JUST CAUSE SOME SENILE OLD HAG SAYS IT'LL COME OUT RIGHT!



I THOUGHT YOU WERE BRAVE.

THIS AIN'T A QUESTION O' BRAVERY! NOBODY'S FACED REIS AN' LIVED! HE CANNA BE KILLED!



HE CAN AND HE WILL. YOU'LL SEE.



YE'D BETTER PRAY THAT I DON'T. I DON'T LIKE LIARS, AN' I DON'T LIKE SUICIDE MISSIONS. I HOPE FER ALL OUR SAKES THAT IT'S SMOOTH SAILIN' BACK TA CARLEON.



SHIP! SHIP OFF THE STARBOARD BOW!!



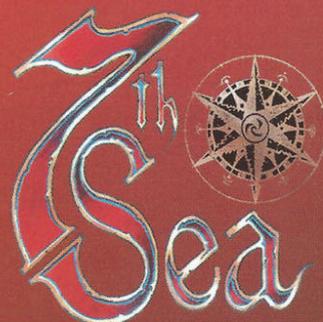
RED SAILS!! THEMUS PRESERVE US!! IT'S THE CRIMSON ROGERS!!



YE BLOODY LUNATIC. YE'VE KILLED US ALL.

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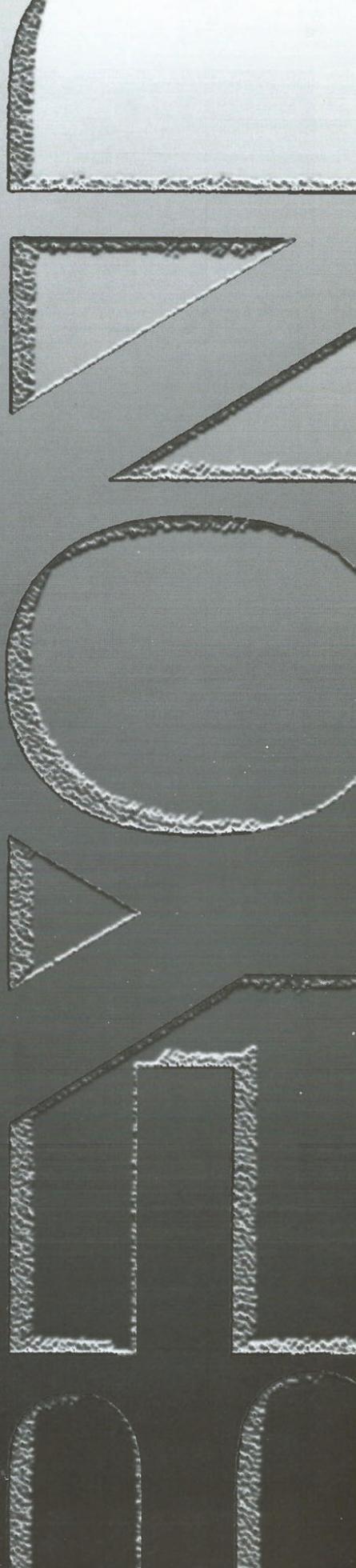
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