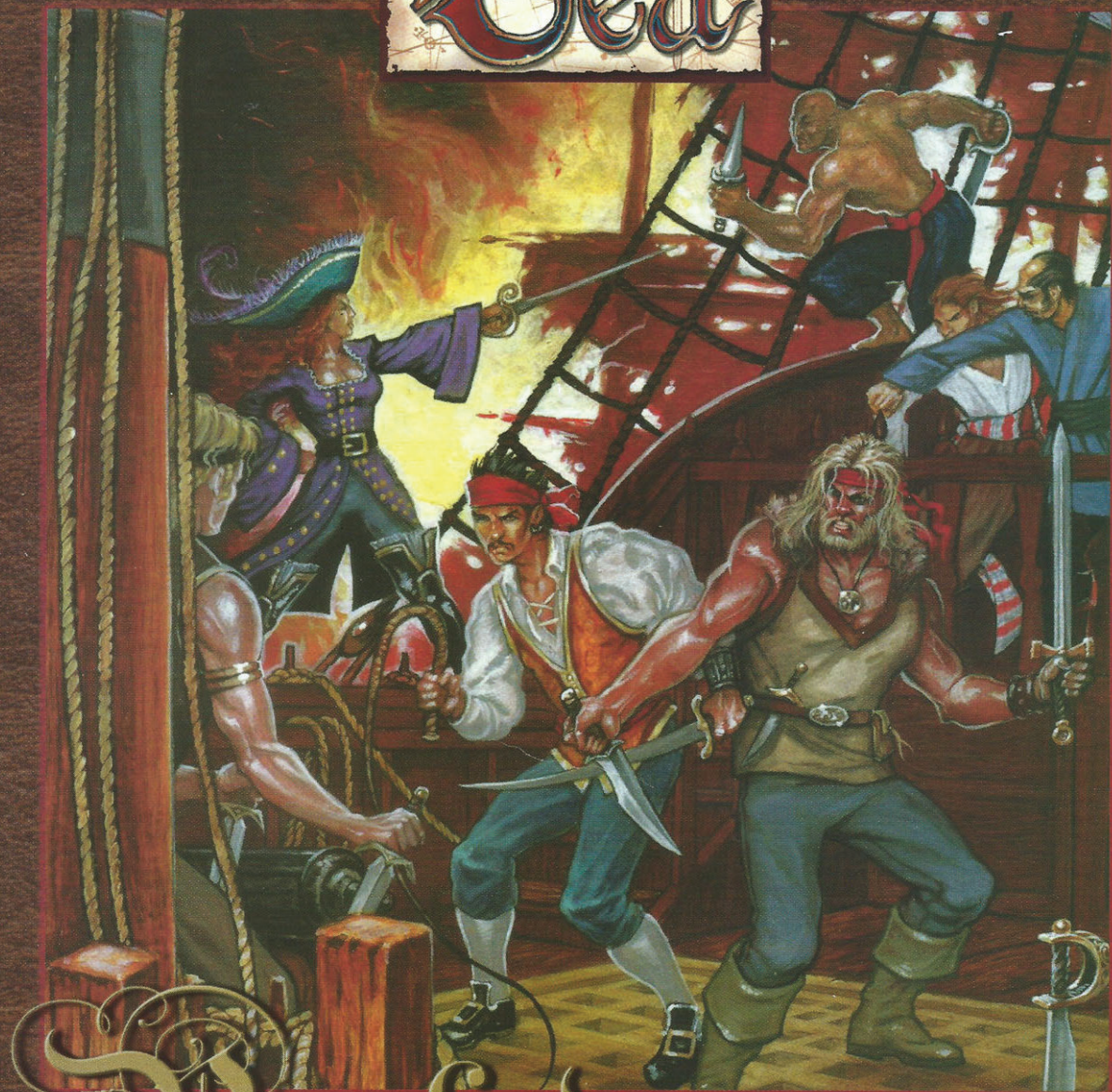




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### The Players



#### 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 warrior. First mate of the Crimson Rogers and Reis' only equal.



#### RIANT 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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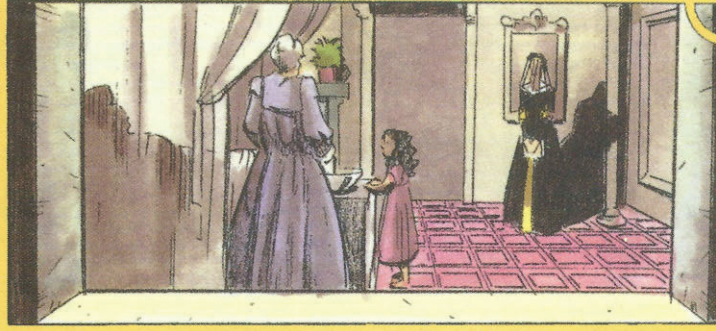


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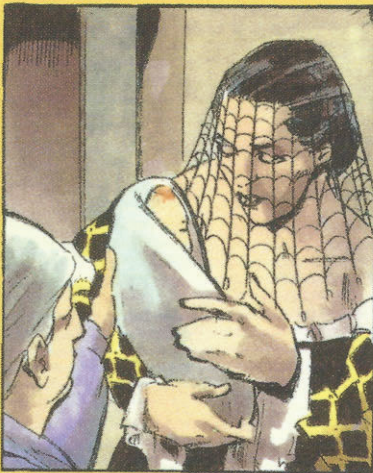
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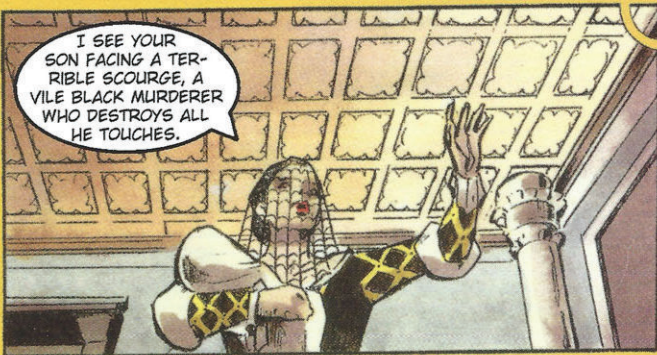
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"...BUT ALSO HOPE."



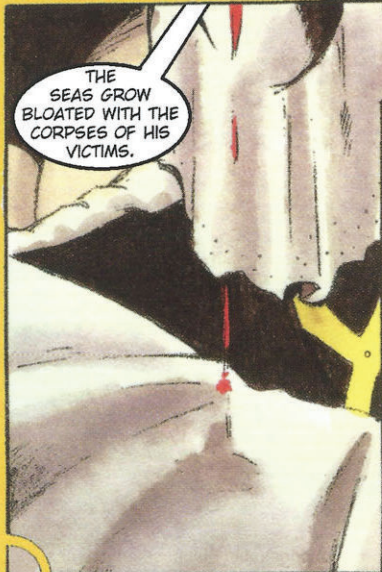
I SEE YOUR SON FACING A TERRIBLE SCOURGE, A VILE BLACK MURDERER WHO DESTROYS ALL HE TOUCHES.




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."



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Renderer - Travis Moore Painter - Scott Rockwell

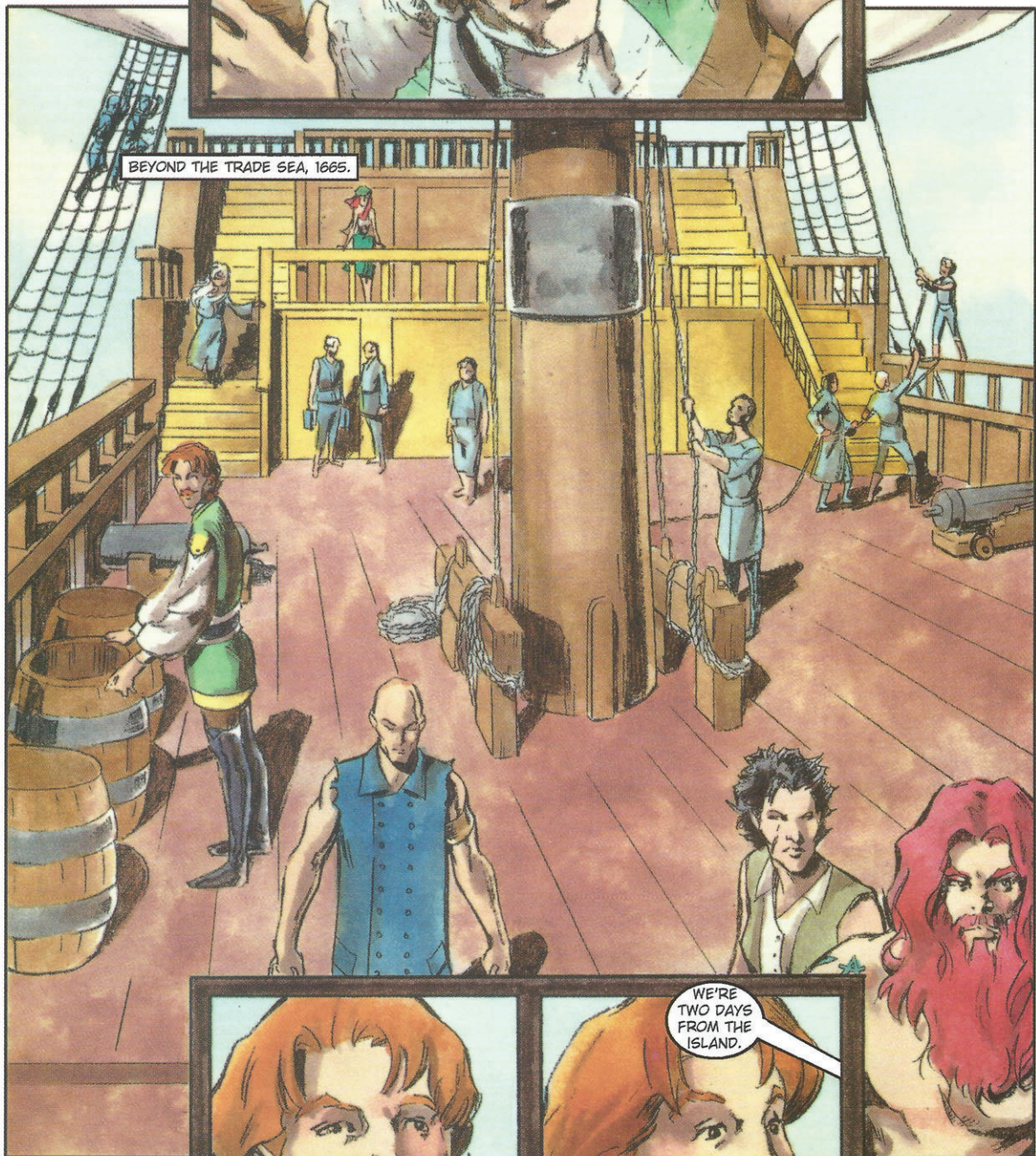
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Captain - Dezrick the Red





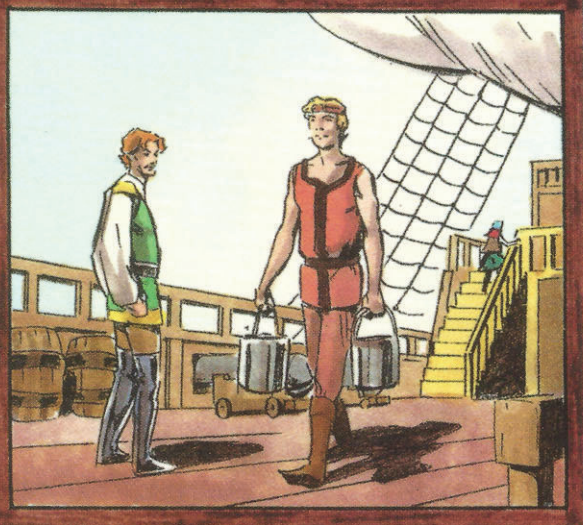
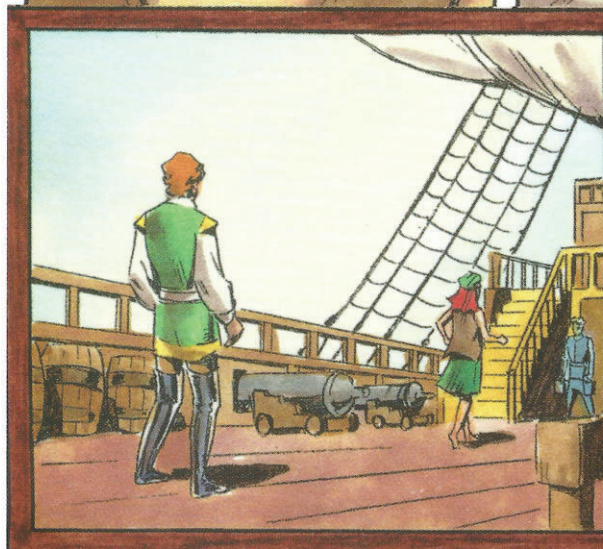
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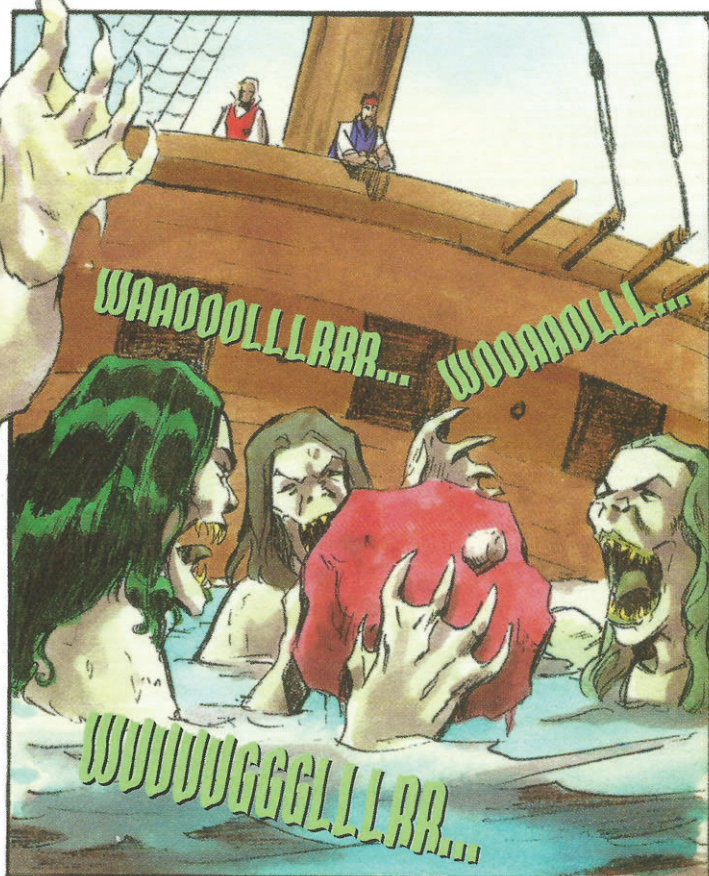
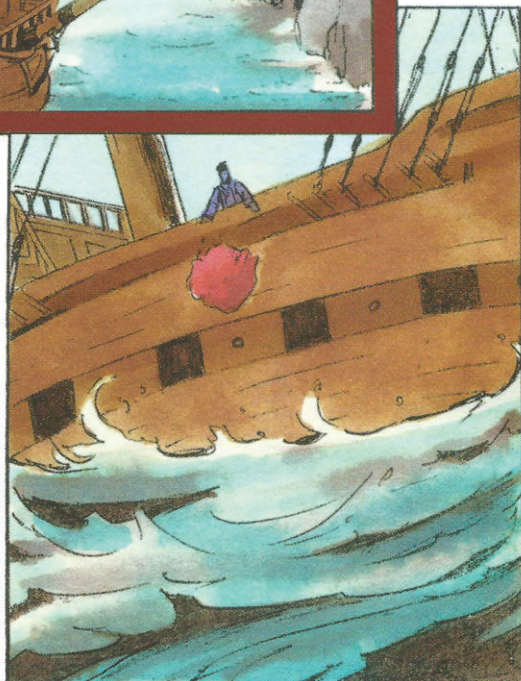
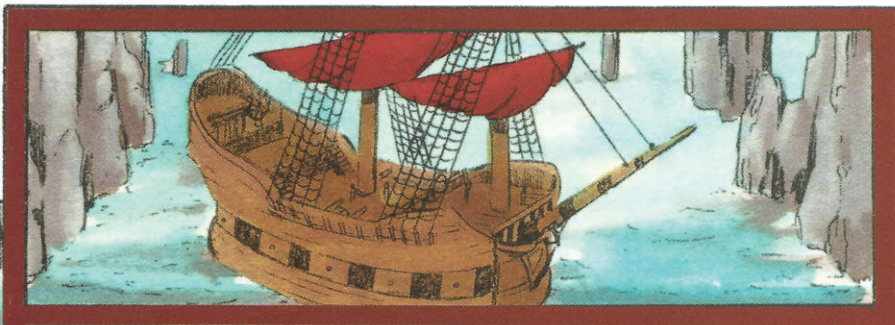




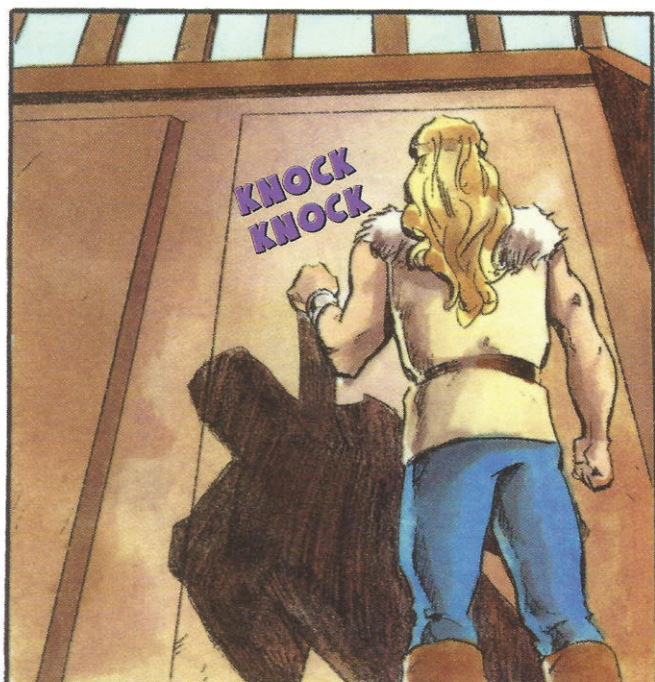
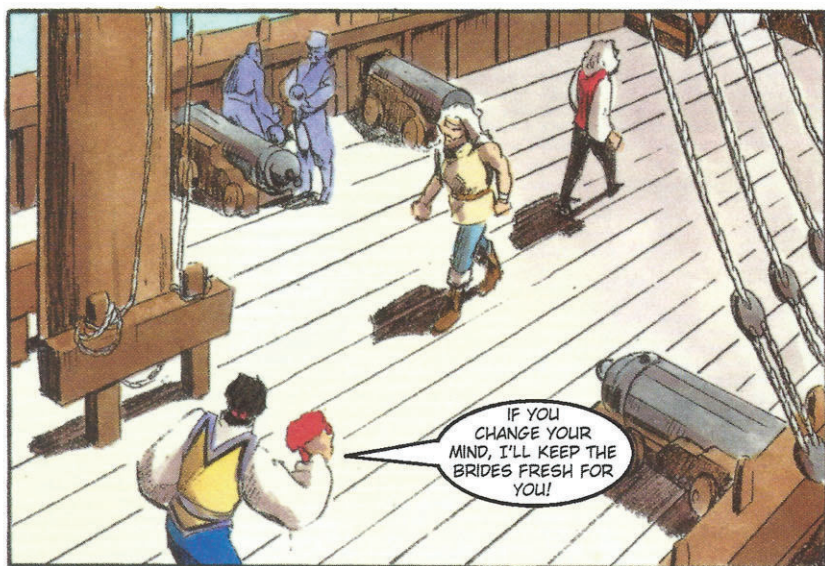
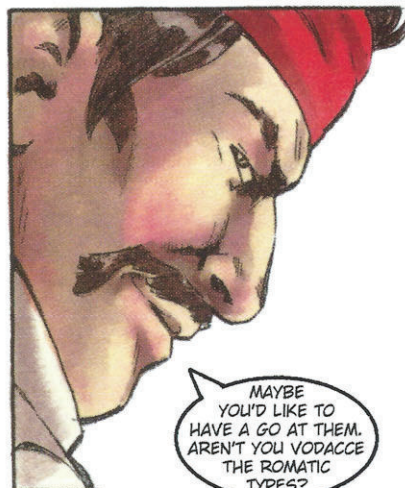


















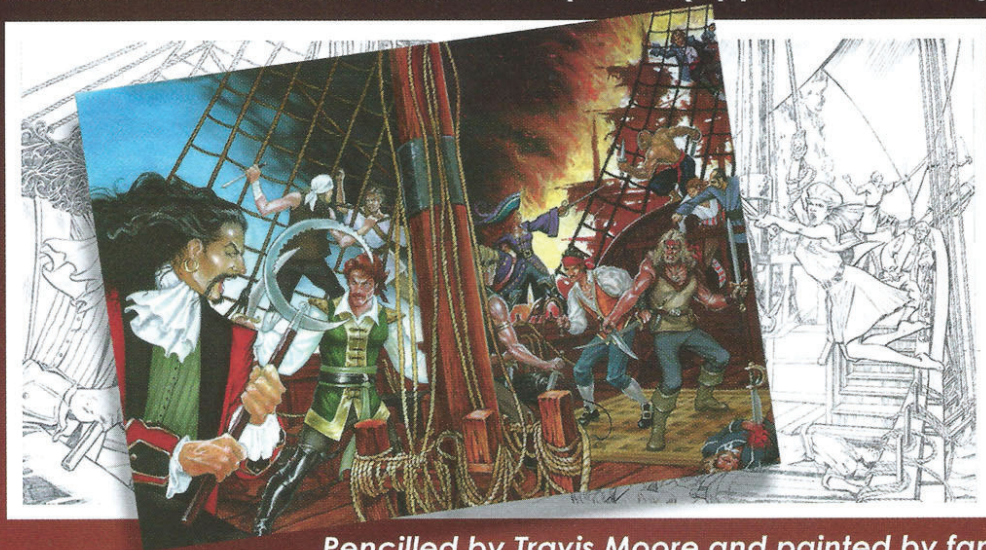
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"...WHEN THEY HEAD BACK TO PORT,  
WE'LL GIVE THEM A PROPER GREETING."

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...

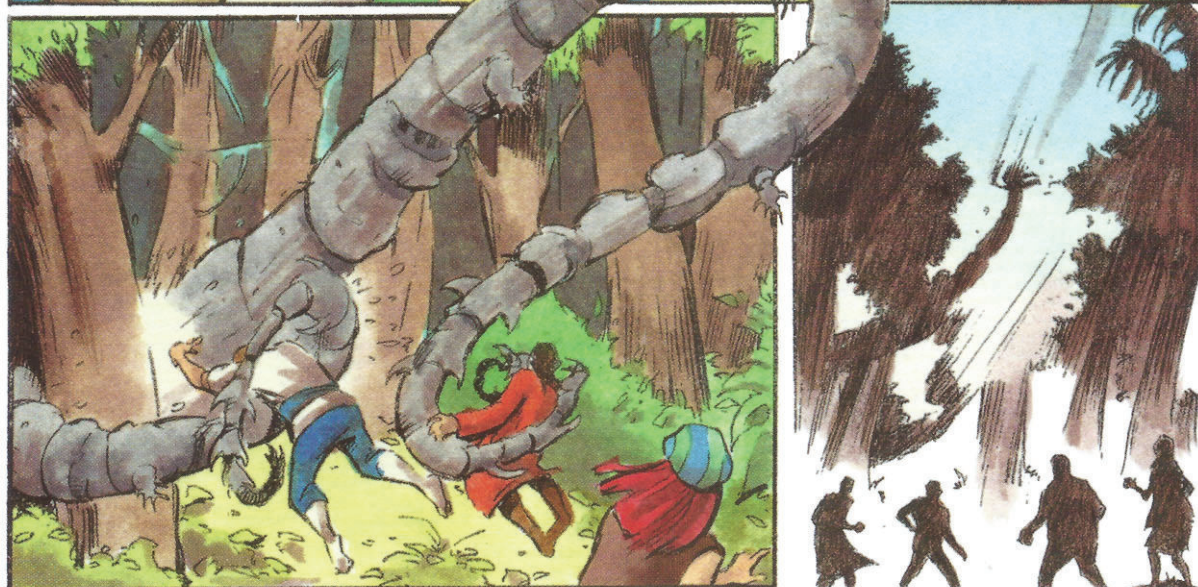
WE  
GETTIN' CLOSE  
YET?

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





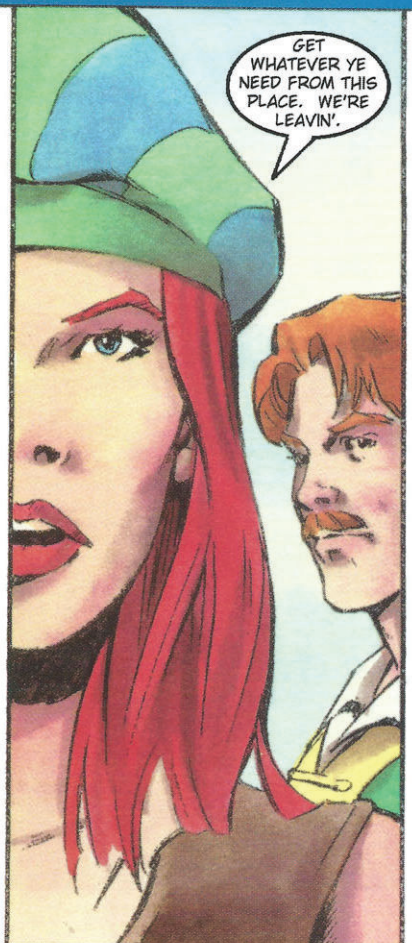
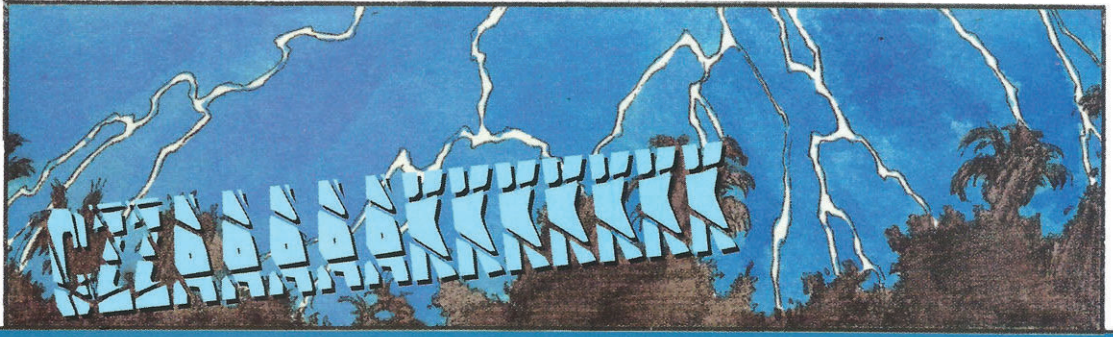




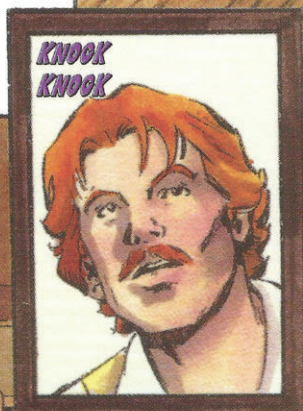
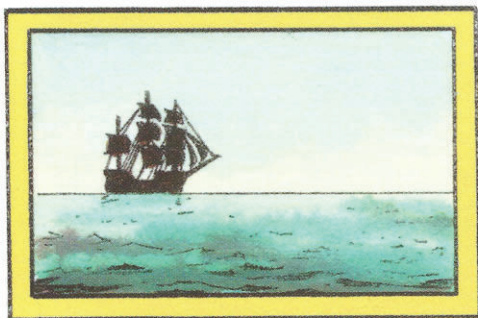




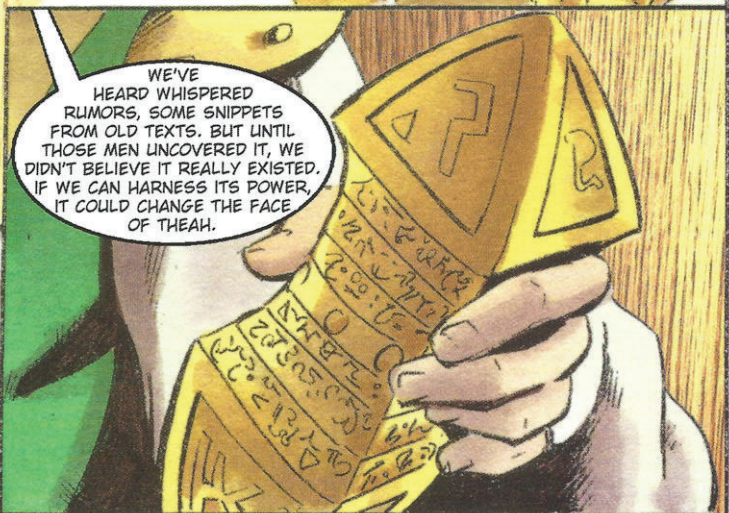




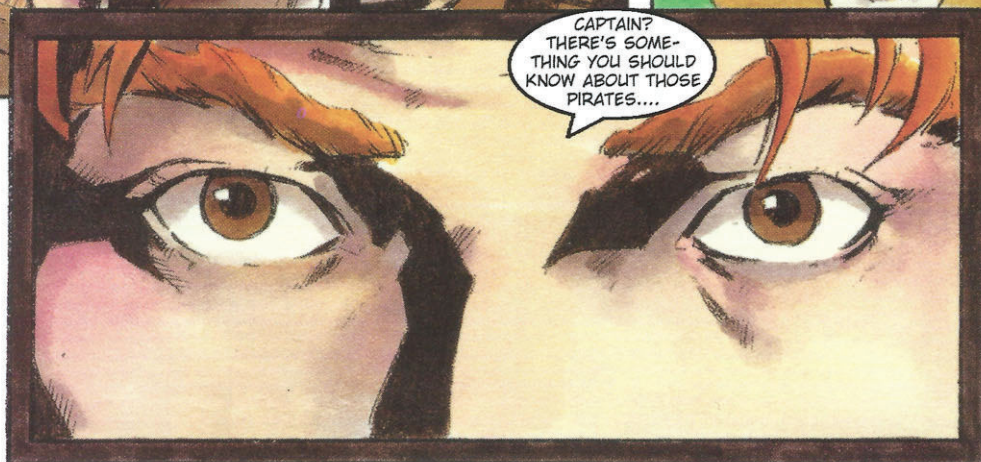


















REIS!  
THE CRIMSON ROGERS!  
YE NEVER TOLD ME! YE NEVER  
SAID A *WORD*! NOW WE'RE OUT  
HERE WAITIN' FOR THE PRINCE O'  
LEGIONS TA COME DOWN  
ON US ALL!



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

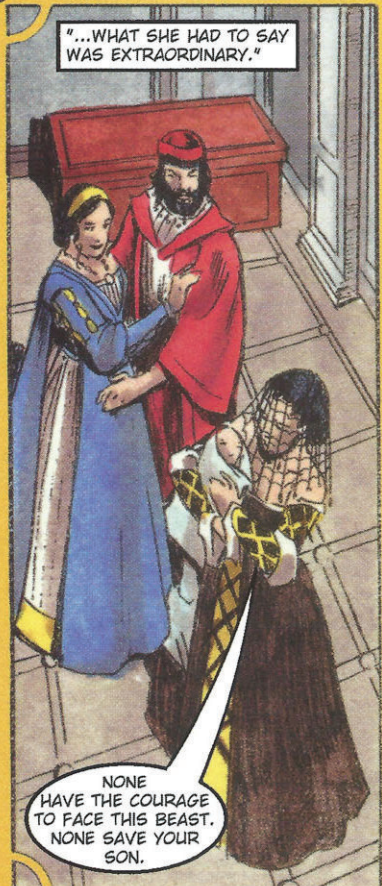


I'M A  
VODACCE, THE  
NOBLE SON OF A  
PROUD LINE.



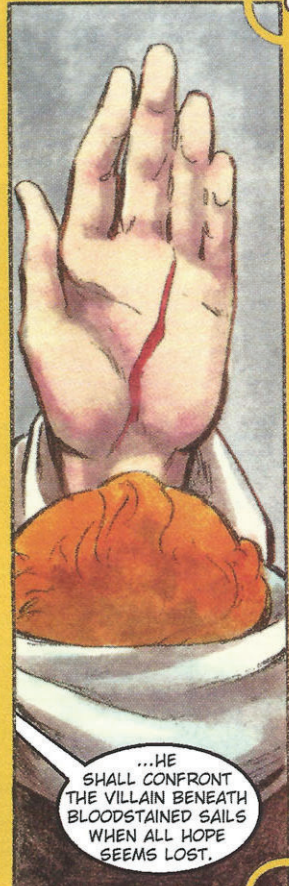
YOU ALL KNOW  
ABOUT MY NATION'S  
FATE WITCHES -- PROPHETS,  
SORCERERS, MISTRESSES OF THE  
STRANDS OF FATE. WHEN I WAS  
BORN, MY FATHER BROUGHT THE  
MOST POWERFUL FATE WITCH IN  
ALL OF VODACCE TO READ  
MY FORTUNE...

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



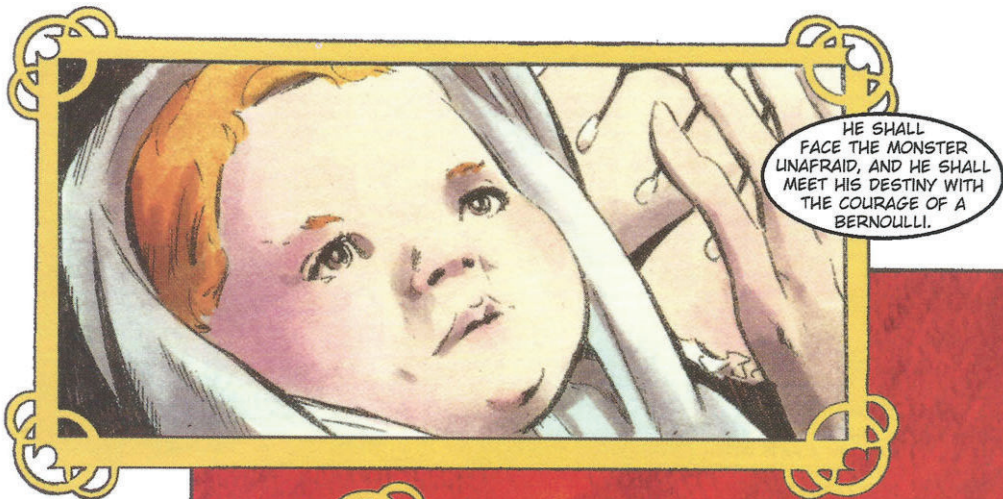
NONE  
HAVE THE COURAGE  
TO FACE THIS BEAST.  
NONE SAVE YOUR SON.

HE SHALL  
STRIKE WITH  
BOLDNESS AND  
CUNNING...



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





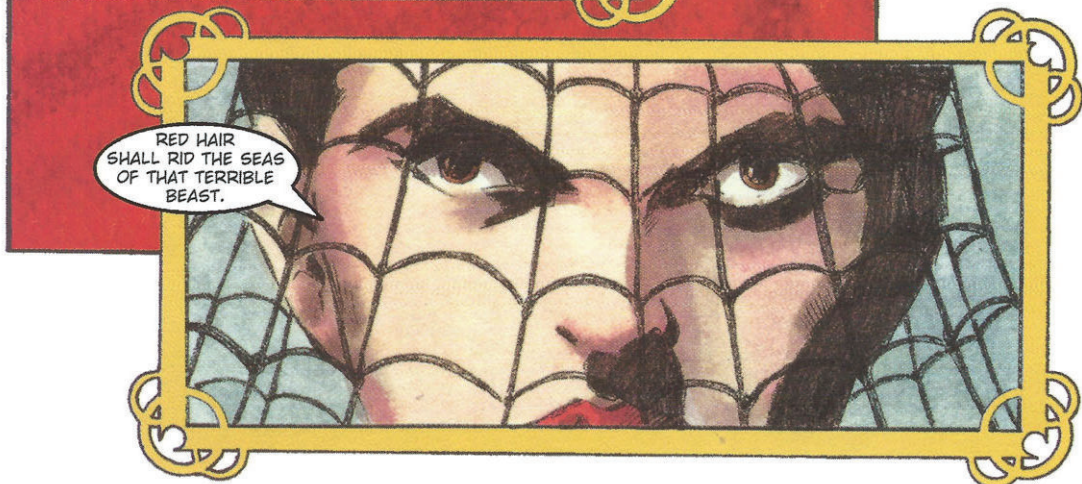
HE SHALL  
FACE THE MONSTER  
LINAFRID, AND HE SHALL  
MEET HIS DESTINY WITH  
THE COURAGE OF A  
BERNOULLI.



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 CRIM-  
SON 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 MIS-  
SIONS. I HOPE FER ALL OUR  
SAKES THAT IT'S SMOOTH  
SAILIN' BACK TA  
CARLEON.



SHIP!  
SHIP OFF THE  
STARBOARD  
BOW!!



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

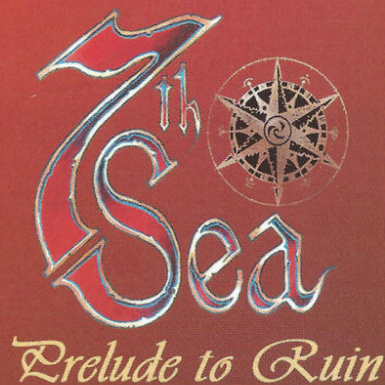


YE  
BLOODY LUNATIC.  
YE'VE KILLED US  
ALL.



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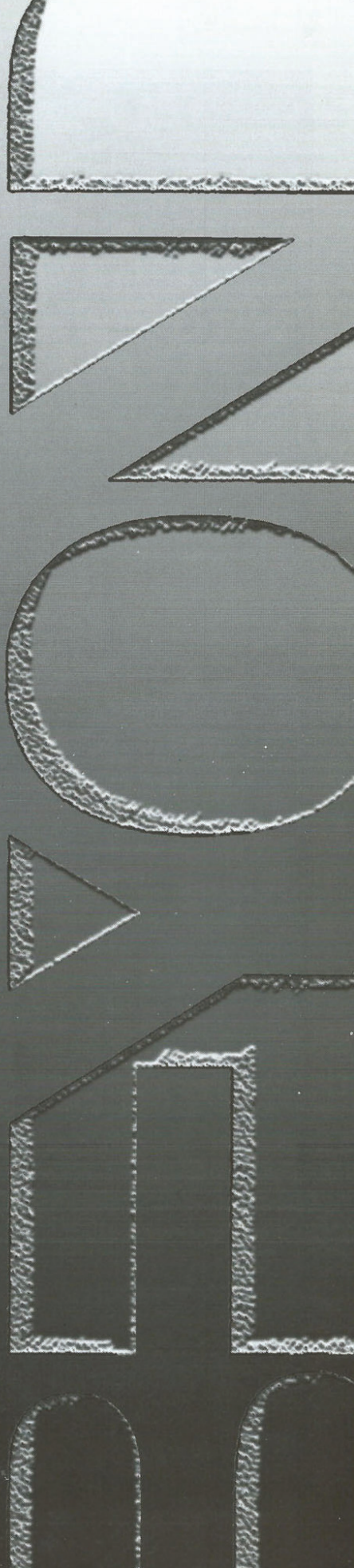
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