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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.



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 outthroat. He sold
out his own uncle for a piece
of Reis' treasure.

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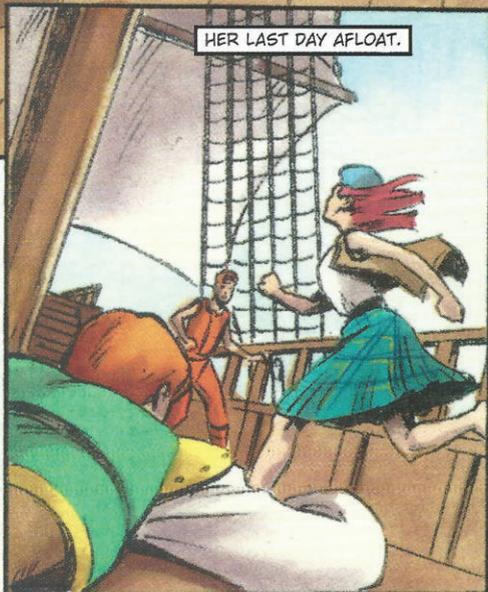


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THE HIGHLAND PIPER, 1685.



HER LAST DAY AFLOAT.



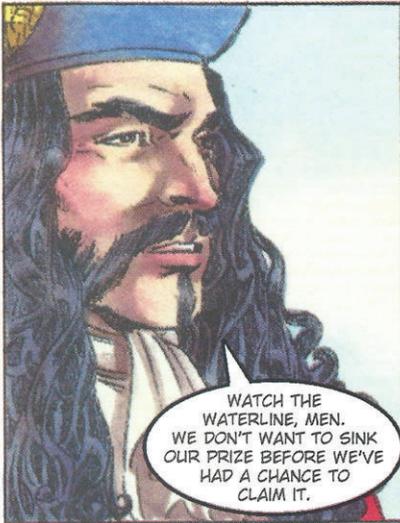
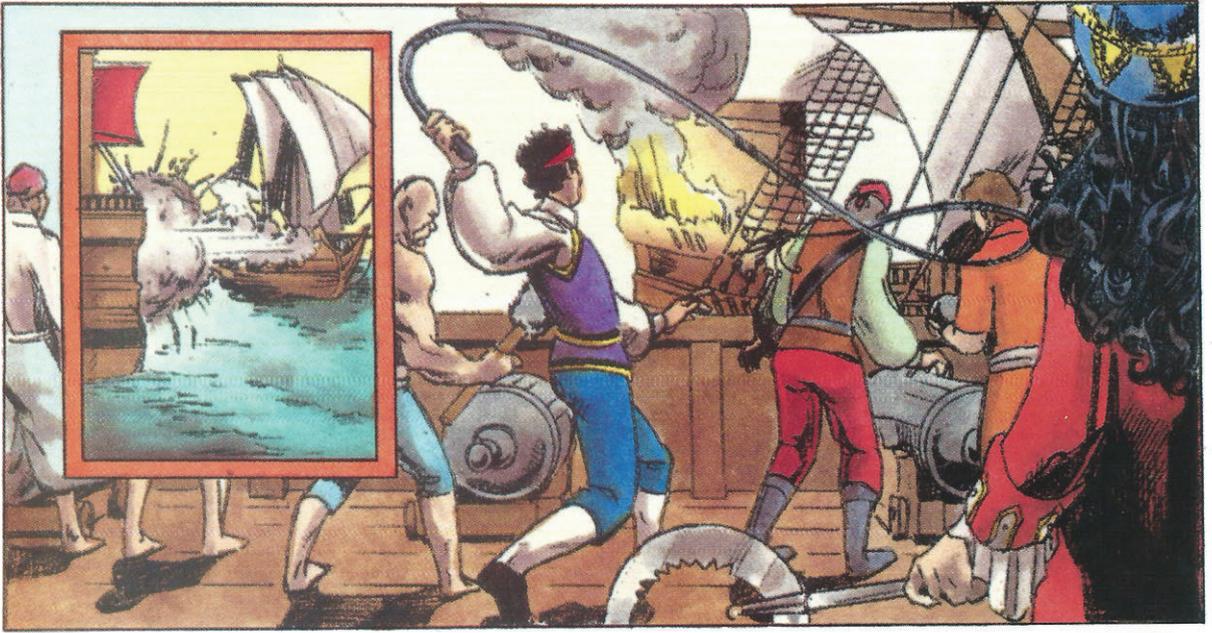
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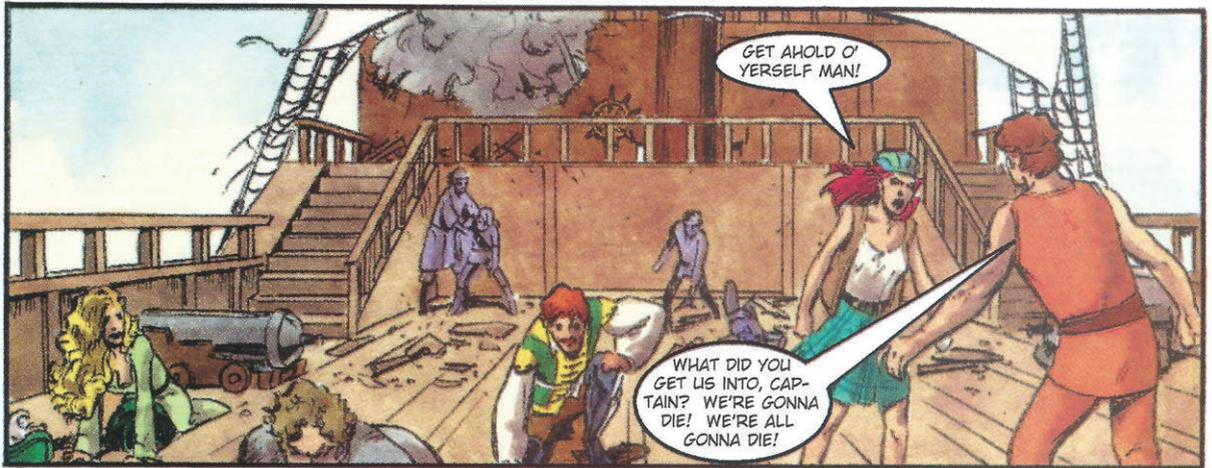
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Muralists - Travis Moore and Ben Peck Captain - Daerick the Red





GET AHOLD O' YERSELF MAN!

WHAT DID YOU GET US INTO, CAPTAIN? WE'RE GONNA DIE! WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!



NOT TODAY WE AIN'T! NOT IF YE STOP MEWLIN' LIKE A LOST LAMB!



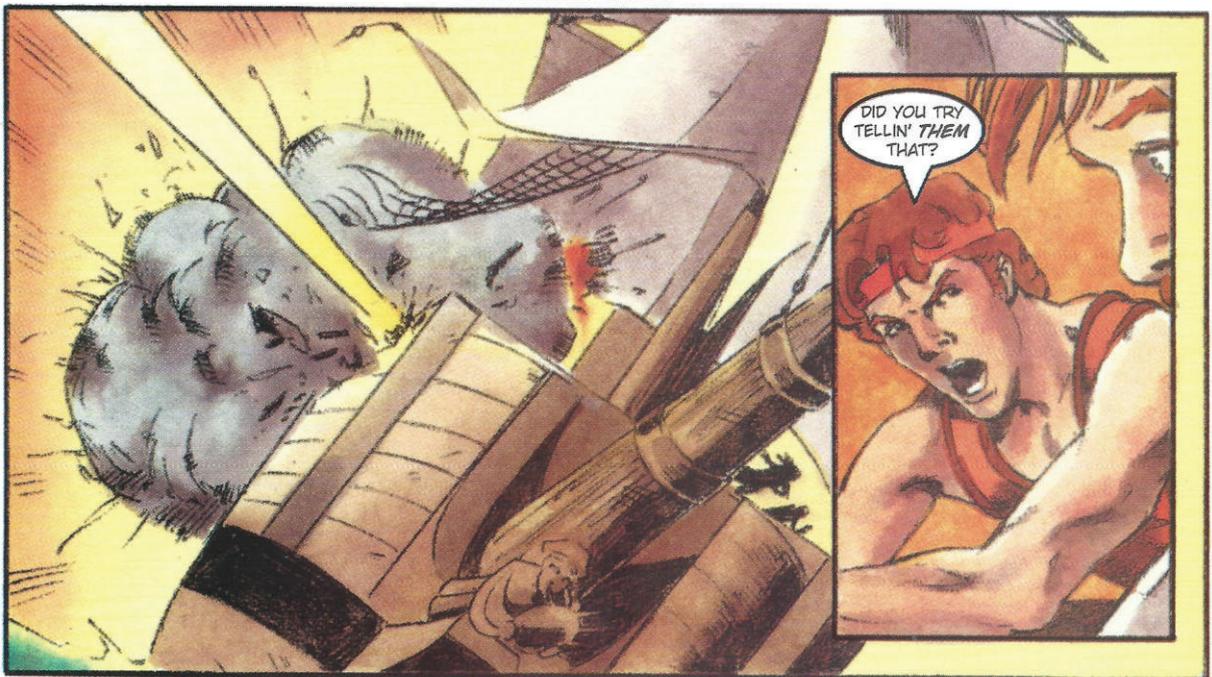
DIDN'T YE HEAR? WE GOT SALVADOR BERNOLLI AN' HIS SAINTS-BE-PRaised PROPHECY ON OUR SIDE!



SCOFF ALL YOU WANT, MCGEE. YOU'LL THINK DIFFERENTLY WHEN I SPILL REIS'S BLOOD ALL OVER THE DECK.

WE AIN'T WAITIN' THAT LONG! THEY'RE GONNA PLIT US ON THE BOTTOM UNLESS WE DO SOMETHIN' FAST!

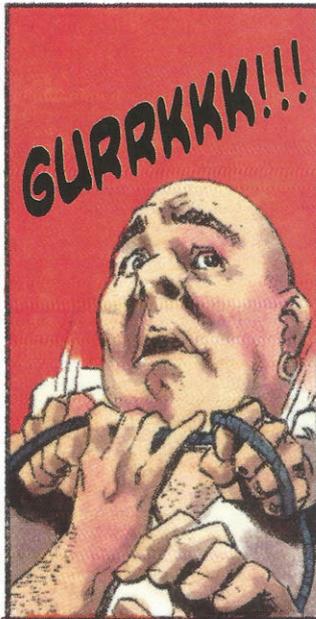
THEY WON'T SINK US. NOT WITH THE ARTIFACTS WE'VE GOT STORED IN THE HOLD.



DID YOU TRY TELLIN' THEM THAT?









YOU'RE TURNING US RIGHT TOWARD THEM!

STRAIGHT DOWN THE GULLET O' THE WOLF.



THAT'S SUICIDE!

WE'RE DEAD ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. DO YE WANT TE FACE 'EM LIKE SCREAMING CHILDREN, OR GO DOWN FIGHTING?



WHEN WE CLOSE, WE'RE GONNA BOARD HIM.



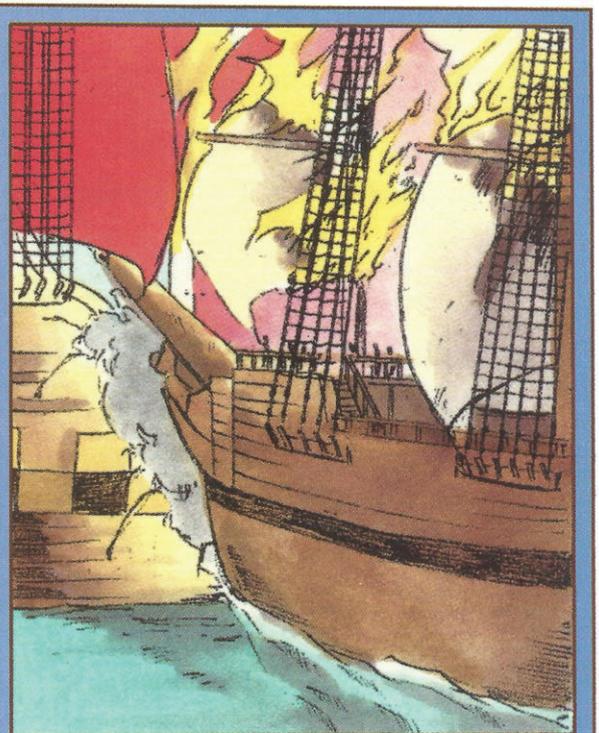
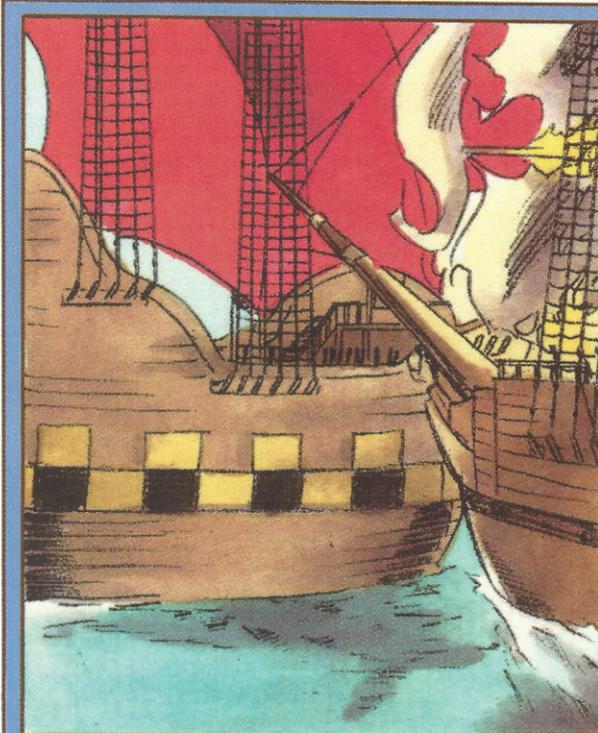
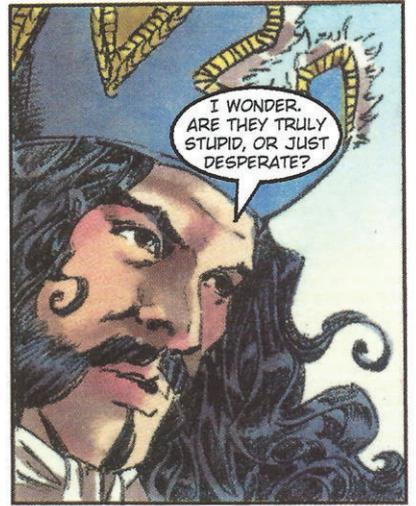
YE HEAR ME? WE'RE GONNA BOARD THE CRIMSON BLOODY ROGER! WE'RE GONNA SINK THE UNSINKABLE! BERNOULLI'S RIGHT! REIS IS ONLY A MONSTER 'CAUSE WE ALL THINK HE IS! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TA PROVE THE STORIES WRONG!

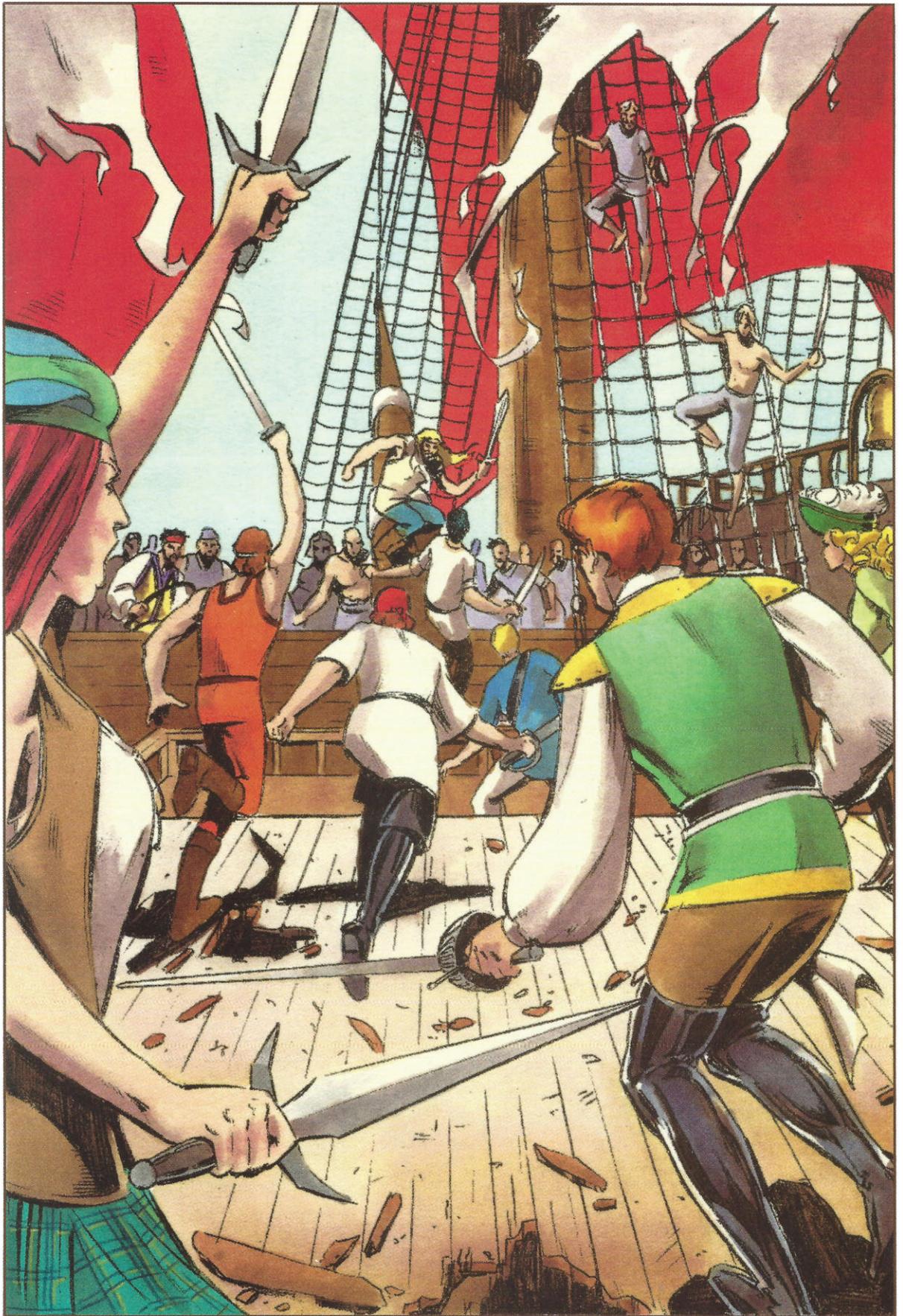


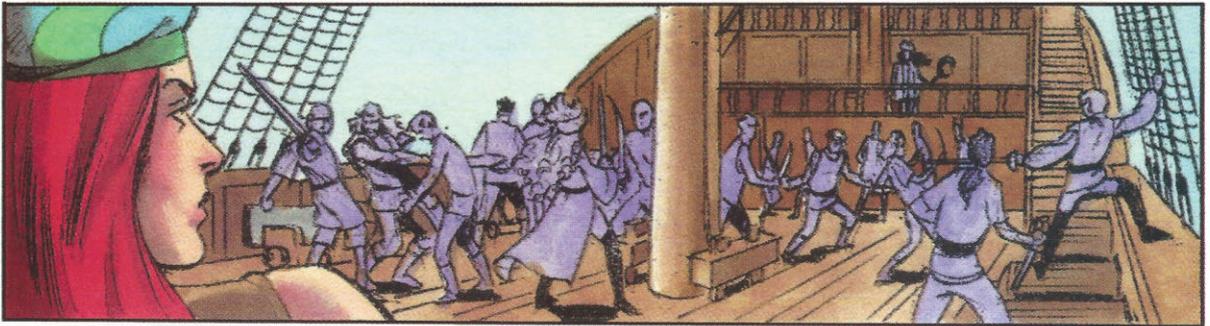
I AIN'T GONNA WAIT TE BE SLAUGHTERED! WE'RE BOARDIN' HIM, AN HE'S GONNA SEE WHAT THE HIGHLAND PIPER IS MADE OF!

IT JUST MIGHT BE THAT HE AIN'T AS UNSTOPPABLE AS HE THINKS.











Coming from Studio G

in July *Prelude to Ruin* Poster



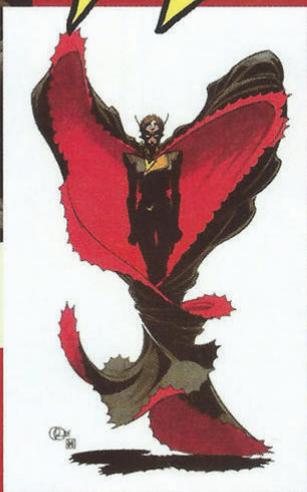
Straight from the covers of the 7th Sea *Prelude to Ruin* mini-series, this original painting depicting the final battle of Bonnie McGee's crew with the bloody Captain Reis will be available as a poster. (approx. 16" x 28")



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Murciélaga SHE-BAT

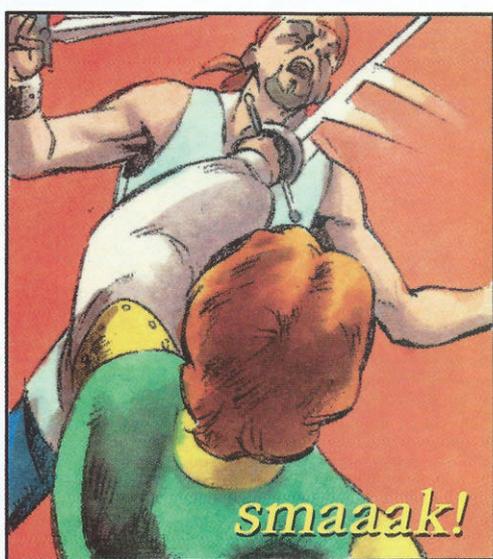
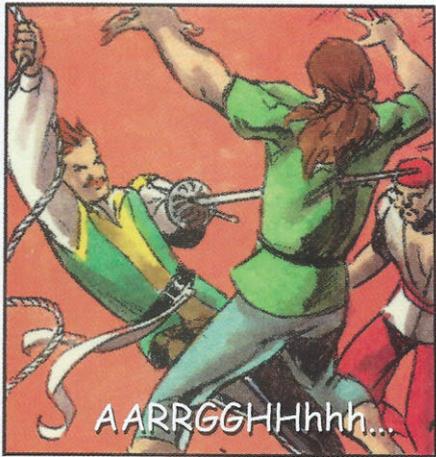
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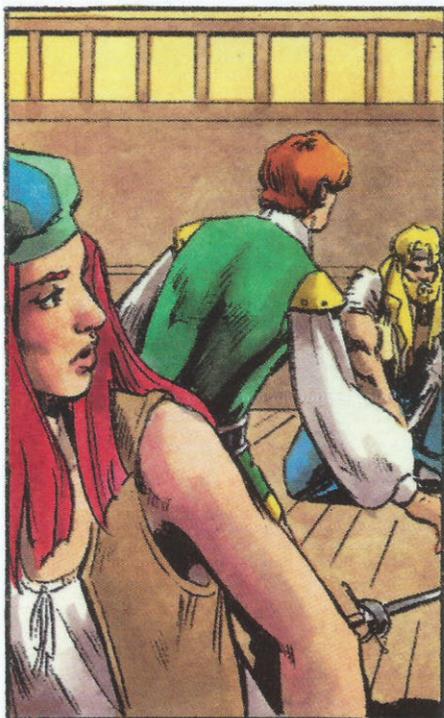
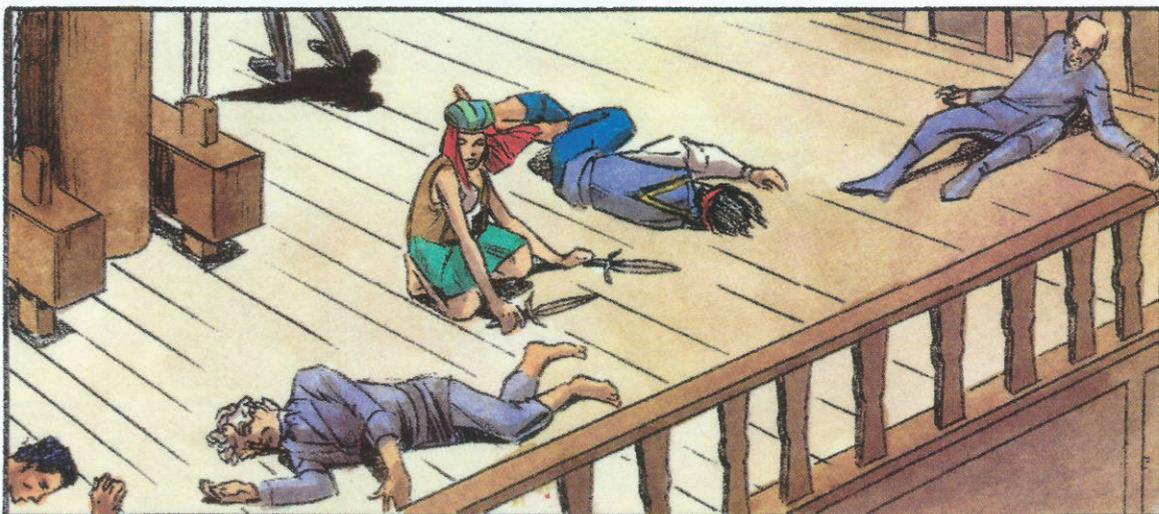
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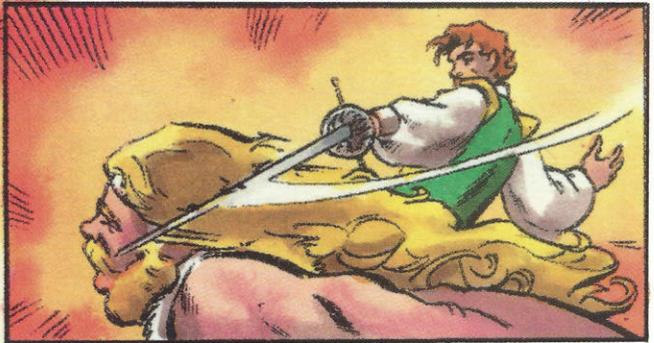
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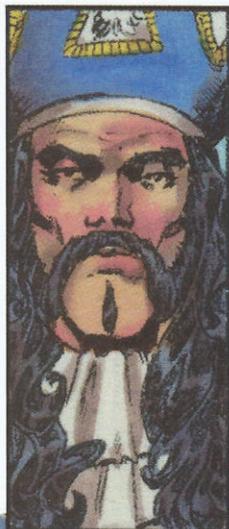


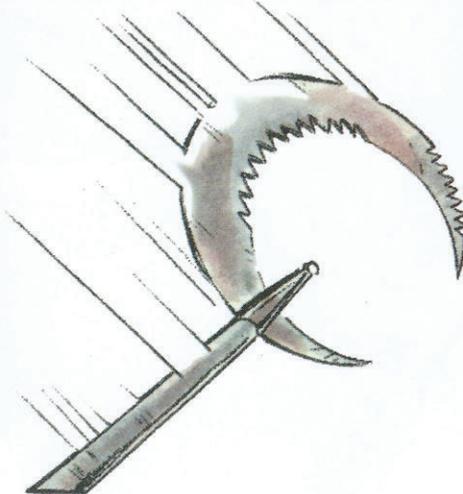
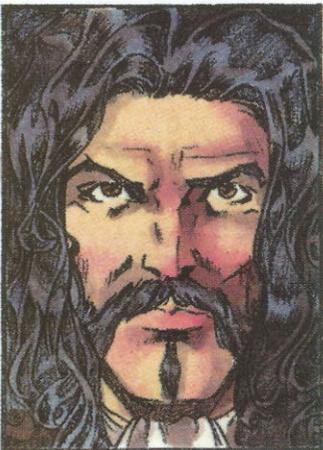


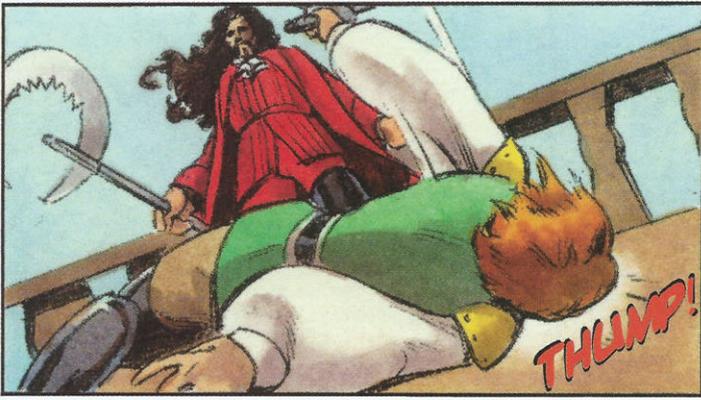








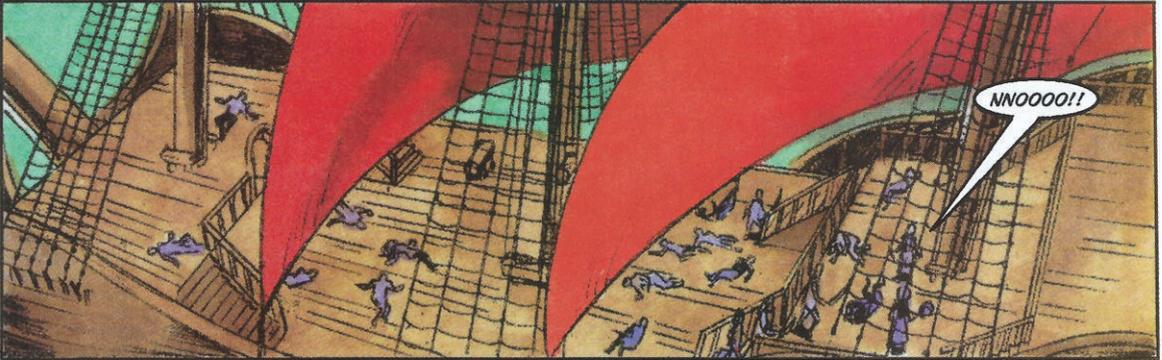




THUMP!



DID THE FATES TELL YOU ABOUT THAT?



NNOOOO!!



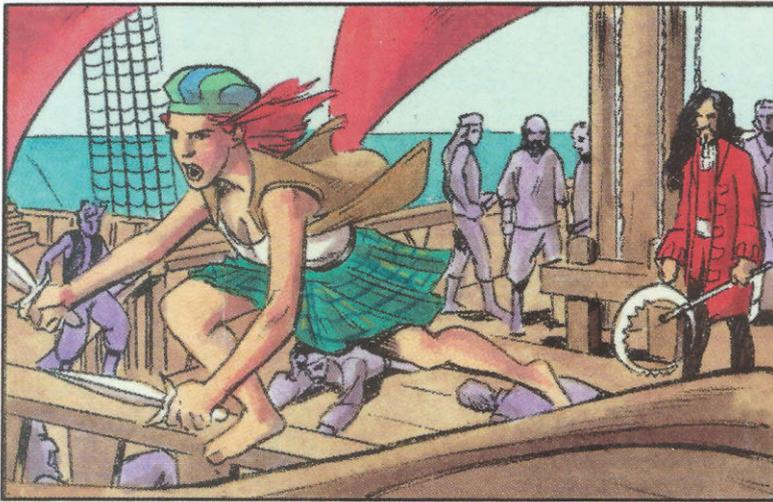
IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT, LITTLE GIRL. ARE YOU READY TO JOIN THE REST OF YOUR CREW?



I DO BELIEVE YOU'VE KNOCKED MY BOSUN UNCONSCIOUS.



WHAT A BLOODY BONNIE LASS.





"I SEE DEATH IN THIS CHILD...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 IT'S CAPTAIN'S COAT."



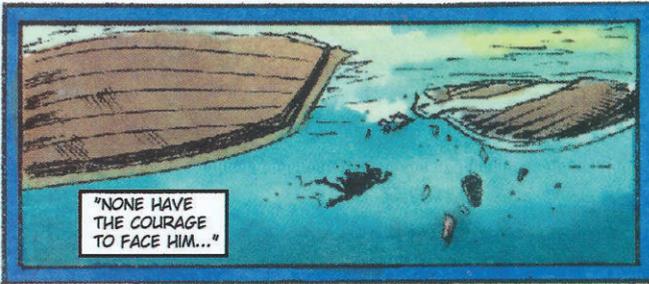
"MEN DIE BENEATH HIS TWISTED BLADE, HUNDREDS OF SHIPS SENT TO ST. ROSE'S GRAVE."



"THE SEAS GROW BLOATED WITH THE CORPSES OF HIS VICTIMS."



"HIS VERY NAME CONJURES FEAR AND HORROR."



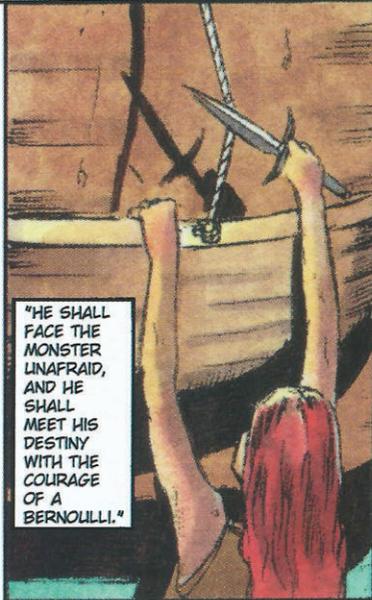
"NONE HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE HIM..."



"...NONE SAVE YOUR SON. HE SHALL STRIKE WITH BOLDNESS AND CUNNING..."



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



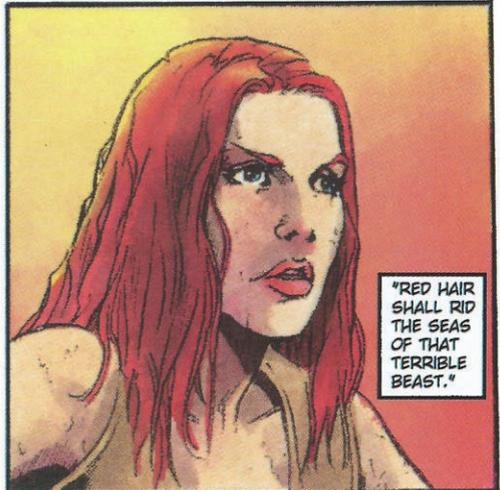
"HE SHALL FACE THE MONSTER UNAFRAID, AND HE SHALL MEET HIS DESTINY WITH THE COURAGE OF A BERNOULLI."



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

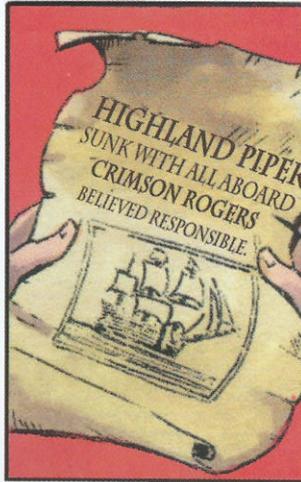


"RED HAIR MARKS YOUR CHILD, LINKS HIM TO THOSE BLOODY SAILS."



"RED HAIR SHALL RID THE SEAS OF THAT TERRIBLE BEAST."

CARLEON, TWO WEEKS LATER.



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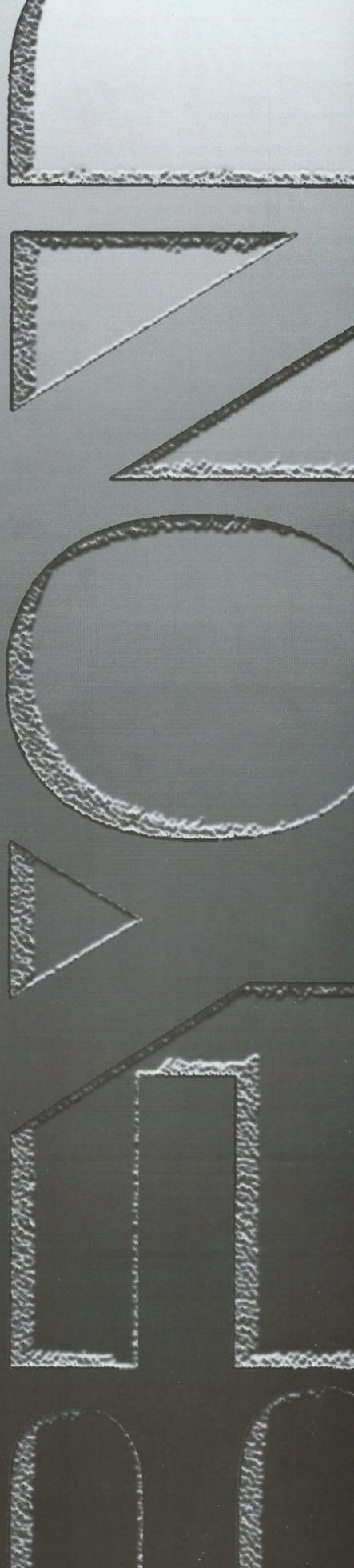
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