



# PANEUROPA vs. PANDEMONIUM

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## Dear Readers!

Post-war Europe has united after the bloody experiences of the past. The most severe military conflict in the history of the world, the Second World War, ruined our continent and brought death to millions of people, thus dividing Europe into two parts: free and enslaved. The forefathers of integration created European Coal and Steel Community, which later transformed into the current European Union. Common market, ease of travel and individual development goals have eliminated the need to fight for resources. Cooperation replaced the urge to dominate over the weak. However, it is not only economy that brings Europeans together — although it is, indeed, the foundation of our wealth. It is the culture — common to 500 million people living in the European Union, our myths and stories are the foundation of our mutual understanding. Fables and mythologies, often alluding to similar motifs, help us realize just how much we have in common as a part of the European family of independent but cooperating nations.

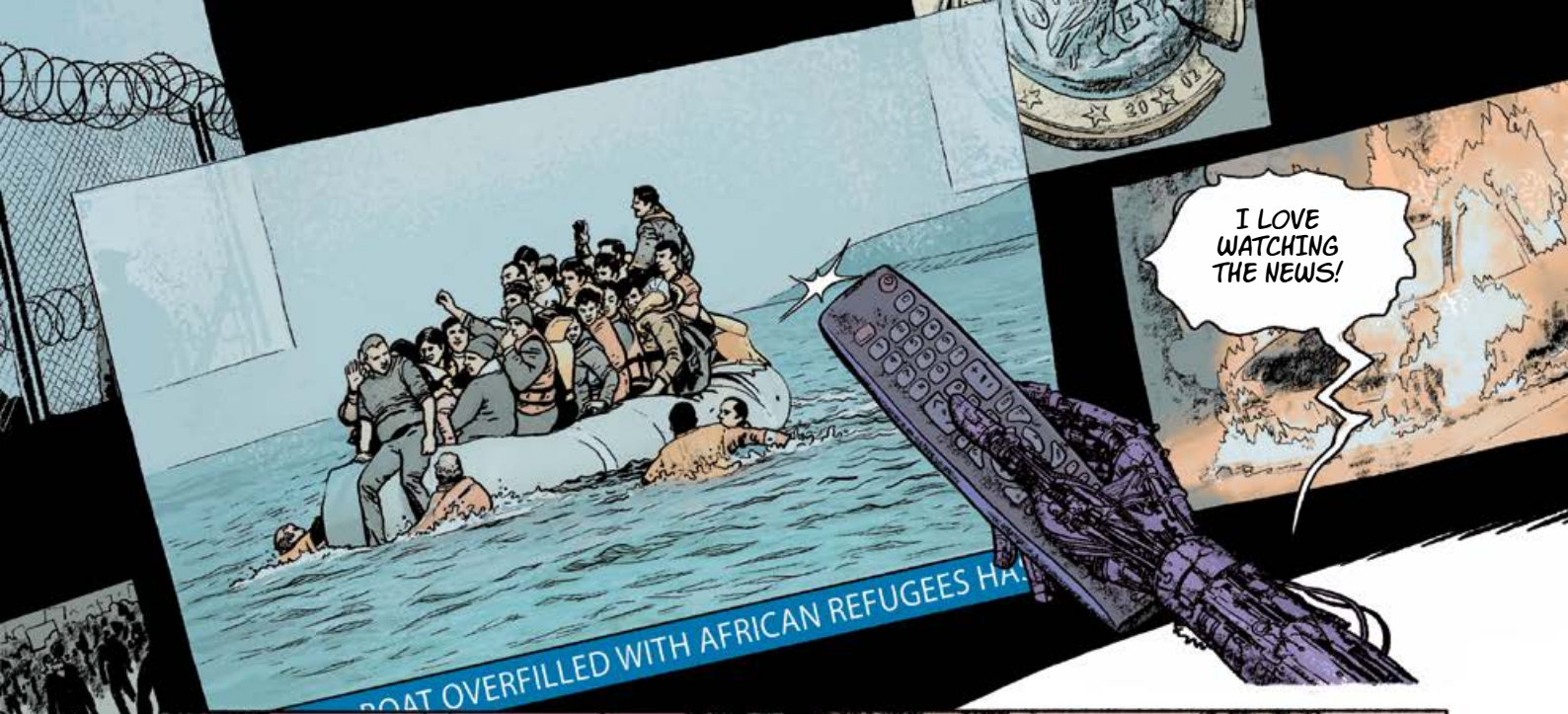
European culture has cultivated many means of expression and communication — including comics. We intentionally decided on that medium as one of the pillars of modern communication. Comic art has been elevated by many outstanding creators to become a vital part of modern European and Polish culture: artists like Grzegorz Rosiński, co-creator of *Thorgal*, European classics like

*Moebius* and *Enki Bilal* or young generation of Polish artists, currently making waves in the international market — *Kasia Niemczyk* and *Szymon Kudrański*.

We give you a European story written by *Grzegorz Janusz* and illustrated by *Tomasz Piorunowski*. A tale of a group of heroes fighting for a common goal — protection of Europe's cultural heritage. Their threat? *Monolith* — a villain seeking thoughtless uniformity and transformation of Europeans into mindless pawns, who is unable to comprehend that Europe has created an alliance of nations capable of defending its citizens and values — and it is not only through technical means, such as the civil protection mechanism that has previously helped to fight fires in Sweden and Greece, or political means in the hands of the Parliament and European Commission. Europe remains strong thanks to its culture and heroes. This is why *Pan Twardowski*, *Mermaid*, *Athena* and *Basilisk* are standing up to fight. How will their struggles unfold? Find out for yourselves! I wish you good reading of the comic and learning about Europe — united in diversity, full of possibilities and always supporting its citizens.

Marek Prawda,  
Head of Representation  
of European Commission in Poland





I LOVE WATCHING THE NEWS!

BOAT OVERFILLED WITH AFRICAN REFUGEES HA!



THE STREETS OF PARIS CAR WRECKS ARE BURNING

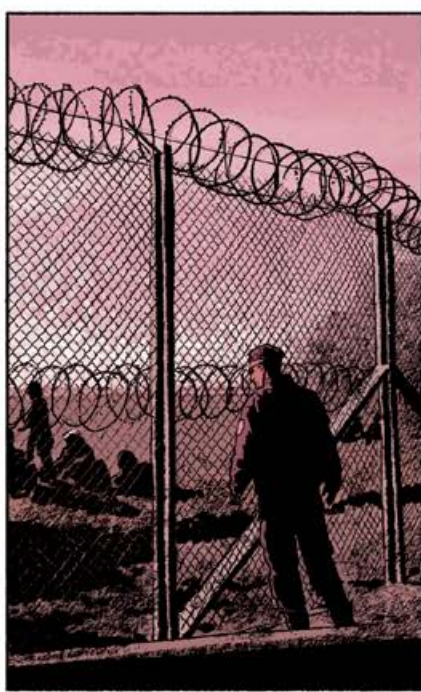


HA! HA HA! THAT'S WHAT'S LEFT OF THEIR UNITY!

PROTESTERS IN BERLIN FIGHT WITH POLICE

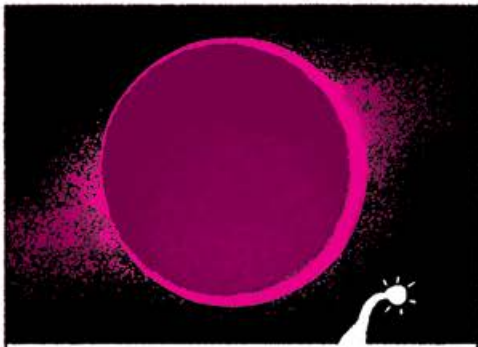


THEY ARE WEAK, DIVIDED, PRONE TO ATTACKS!



IT'S THE BEST MOMENT TO STRIKE!





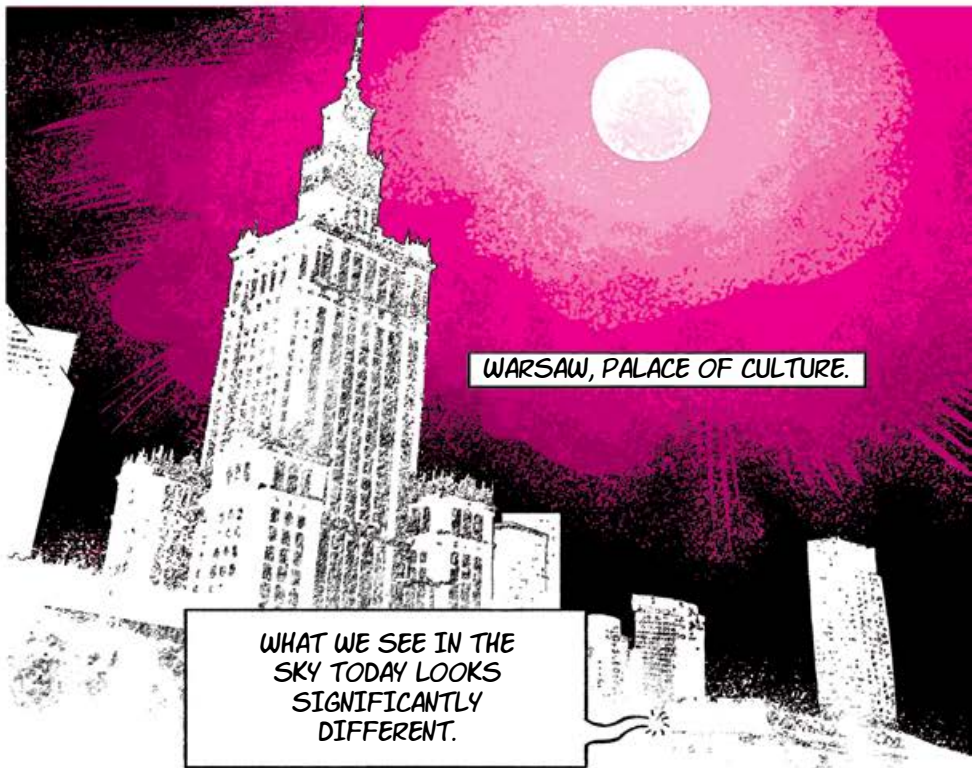
WE ALL REMEMBER  
THE EXTRAORDINARY, BREATH-  
TAKING MOON ECLIPSE WE  
WITNESSED ON JULY 27TH 2018.



THE SO-CALLED BLOOD MOON  
WAS MEANT TO HARBINGER  
WARS, CATAclysms, AND  
EVEN THE END OF THE WORLD.

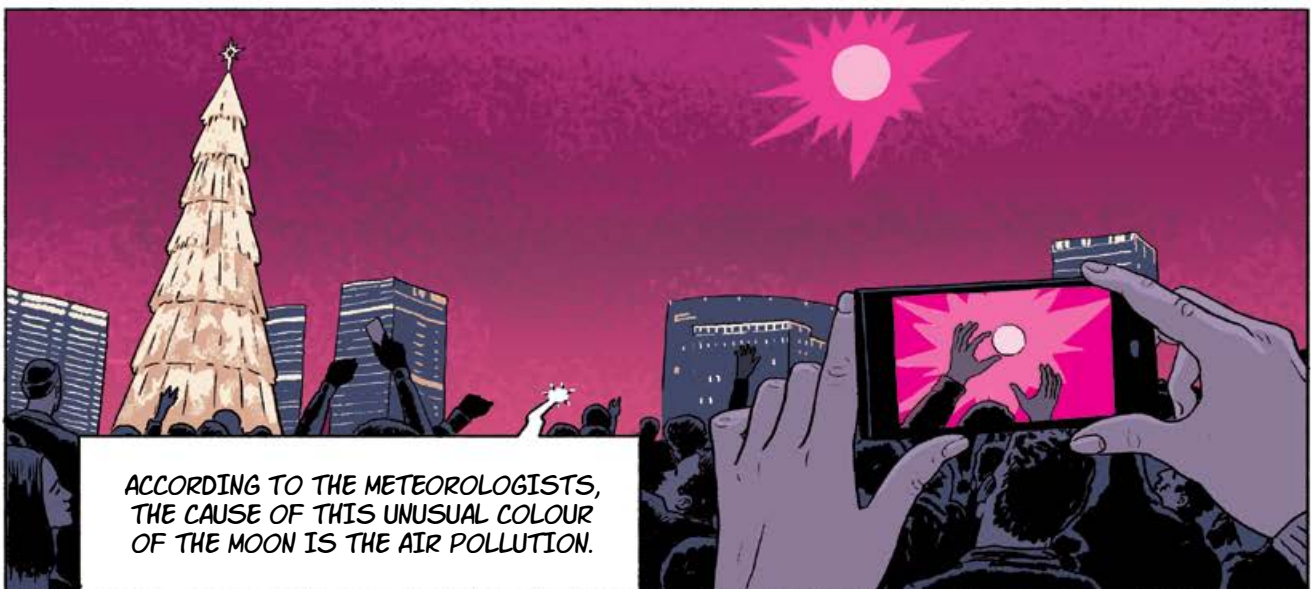


FORTUNATELY, NONE OF  
THE DARK PROPHECIES  
WERE FULFILLED.



WARSAW, PALACE OF CULTURE.

WHAT WE SEE IN THE  
SKY TODAY LOOKS  
SIGNIFICANTLY  
DIFFERENT.



ACCORDING TO THE METEOROLOGISTS,  
THE CAUSE OF THIS UNUSUAL COLOUR  
OF THE MOON IS THE AIR POLLUTION.





\* INVENTION



**HORRENDUM\*!**

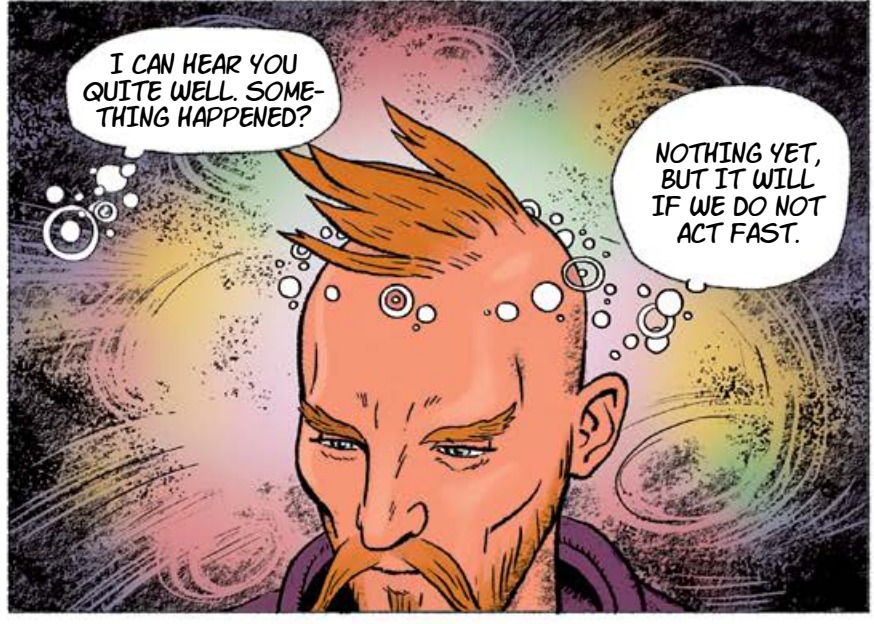
\* A CAUSE OF HORROR

**KATAKLYSMÓS\*!**

**APOKALUPSIS\*!**

\* CATACLYSM  
\* APOCALYPSE

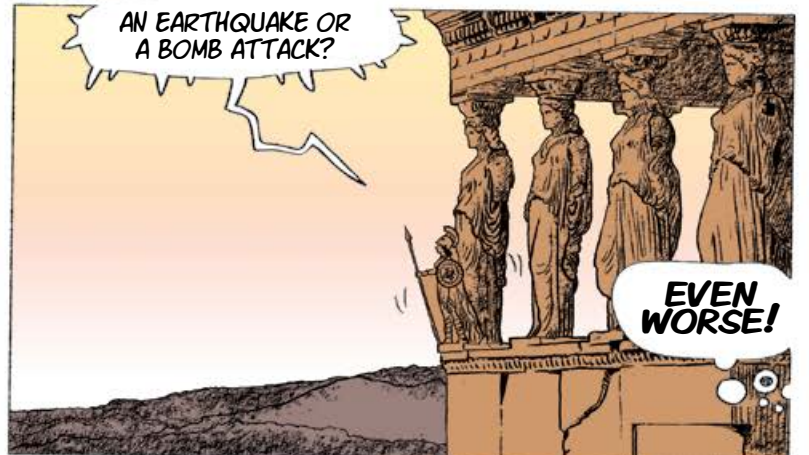
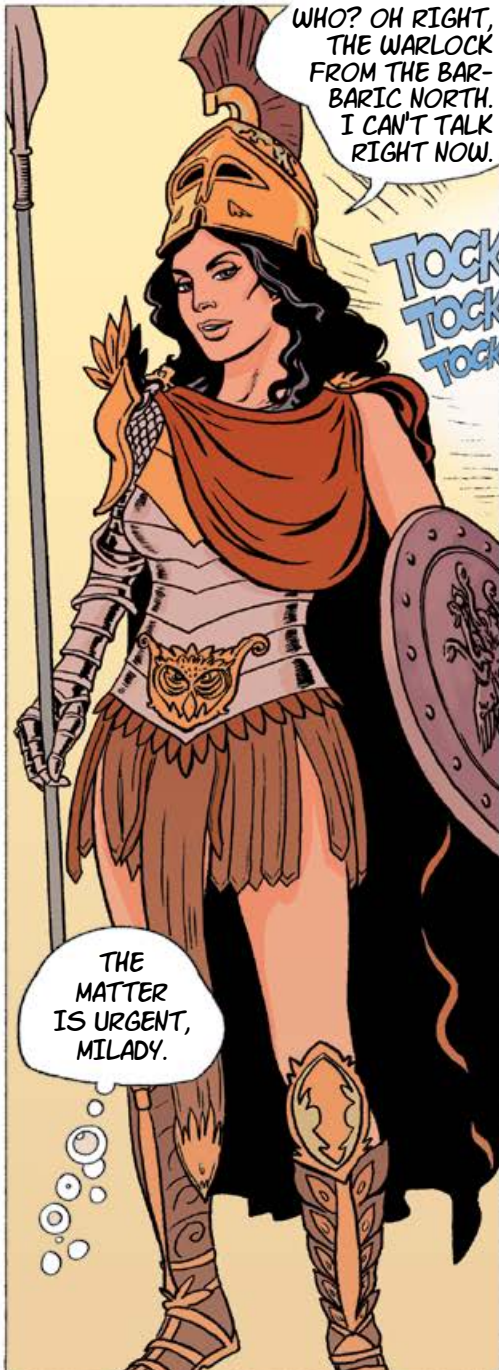
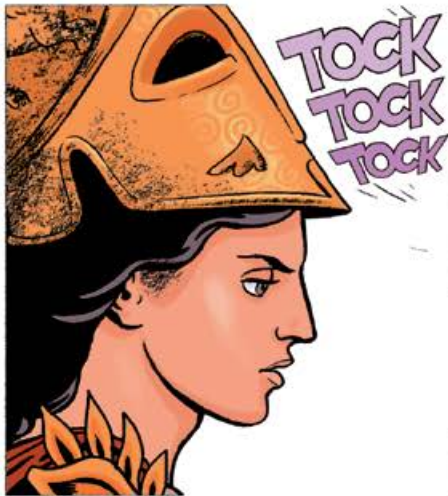














ATHENS, ACROPOLIS.



WHO DARES  
TO DISTURB  
THE CALM OF  
MY TEMPLE?!



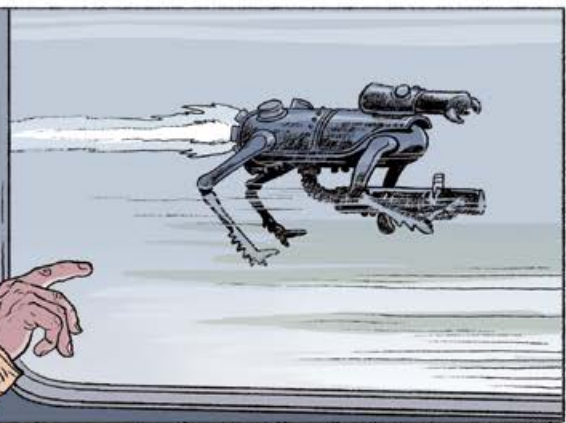
**TWARDOWSKI!**  
WHO ARE THE ATTACKERS?  
WHAT DO THEY WANT?  
WHAT DRIVES THEM?  
WHO LEADS THEM?  
WHAT IS THEIR  
ACHILLES' HEEL?















BRAVE ATHENA,  
ABLE TO RESIST  
TSUNAMIS  
WITH WATER-  
SPOUTS AND  
VICE VERSA.



UNDEFEATED MERMAID, EXPLORER  
OF THE ABYSS, SLAYER OF  
LEVIATAN, WHO ONCE ROAMED  
THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE.



CUNNING RAT-CATCHER OF  
HAMELIN, WHO SAVED EUROPE  
FROM MANY EPIDEMICS OF  
ZONOTIC DISEASES.

DAUNTLESS ROMULUS, WHO  
SAVED CANIS LUPUS - GREY WOLF  
- FROM EXTINCTION.



FEARLESS REMUS WITH  
IDENTICAL MERITS.



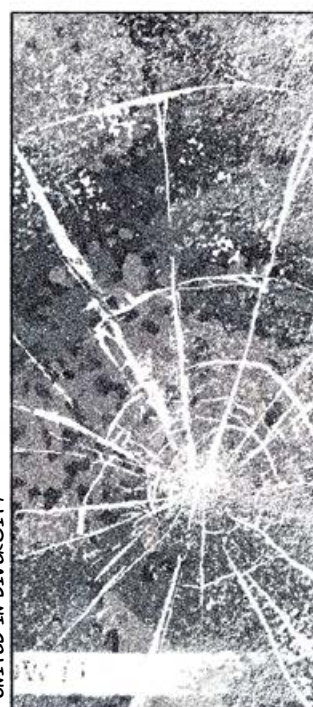
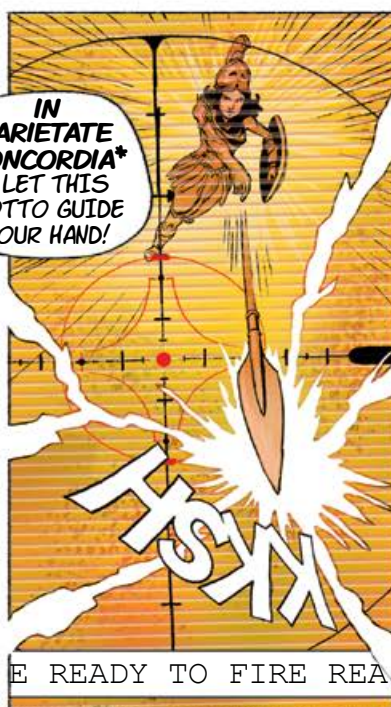
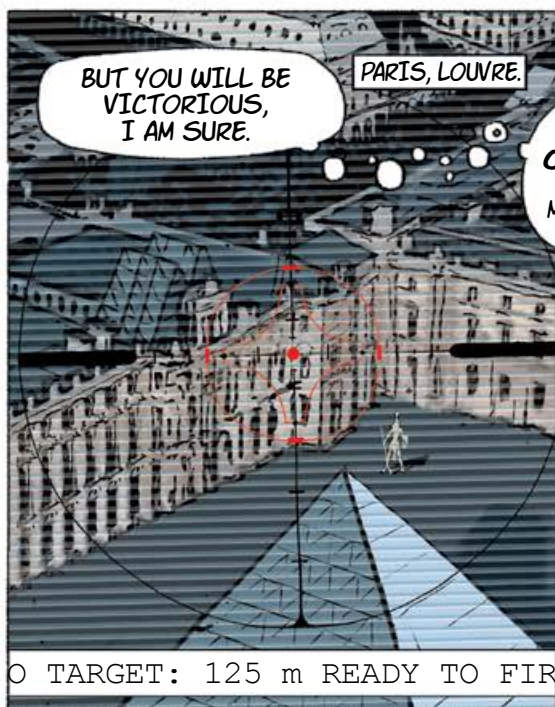
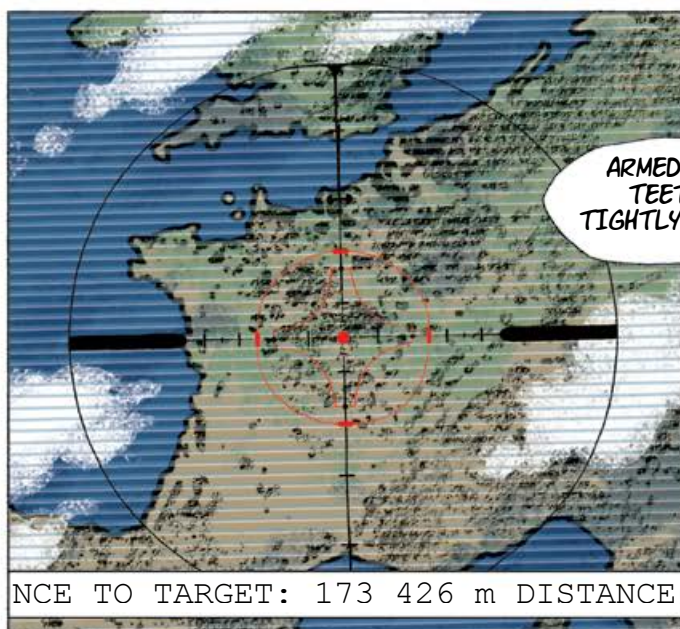
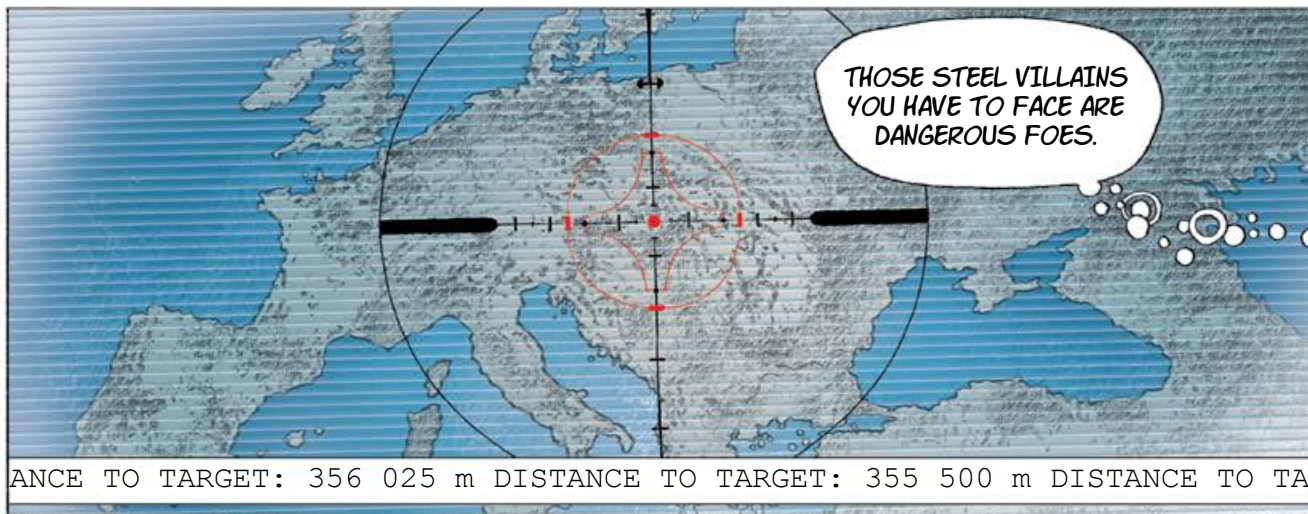
BRAWNY GOLEM, OUTSTANDING  
GEOLOGIST, BRAVE TRACKER  
OF UNDERGROUND UNEXPLODED  
BOMBS... DAMN! WHERE IS THIS  
GIANT BLOCK?



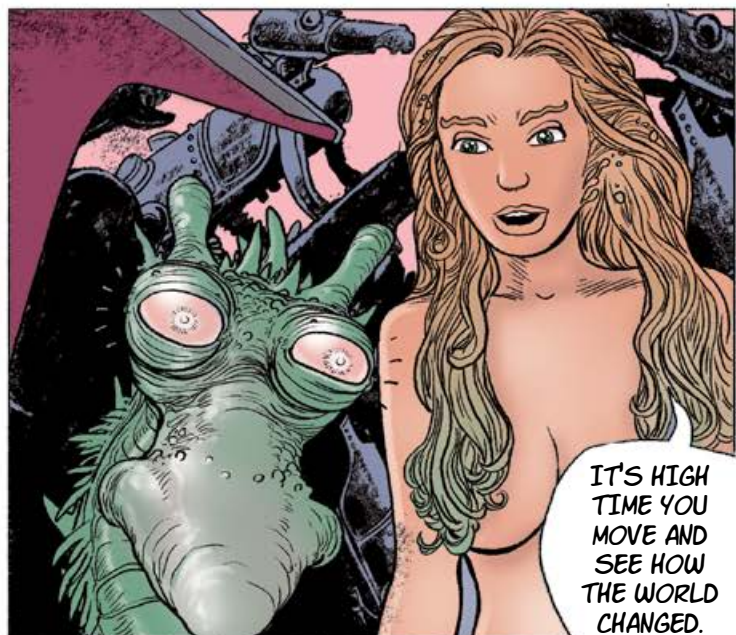




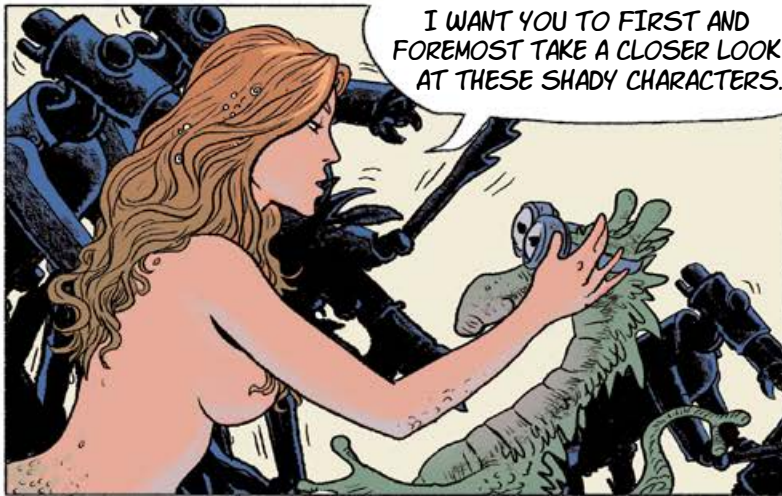








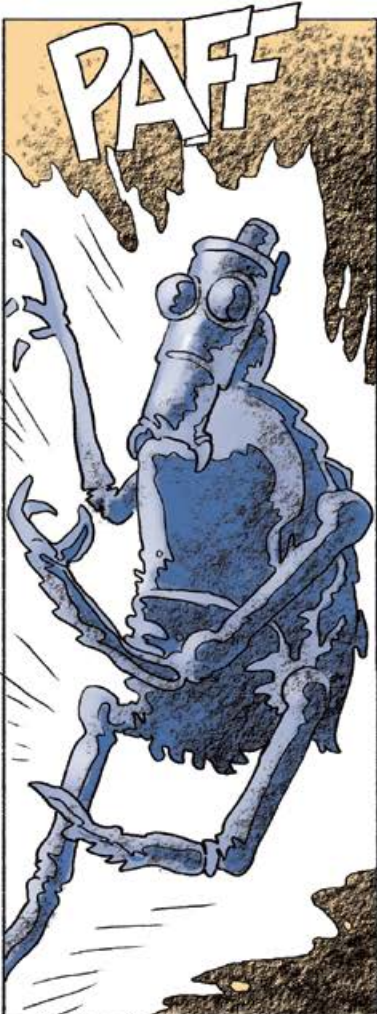
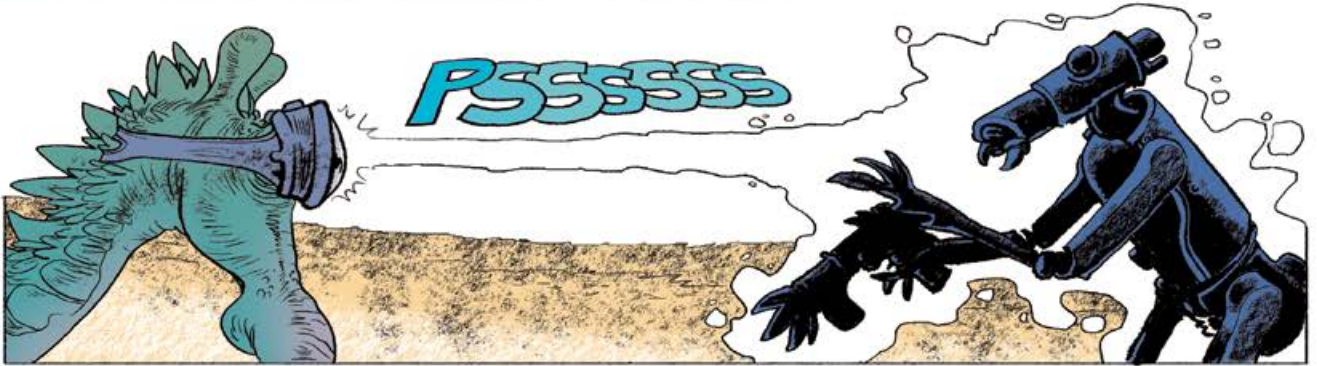




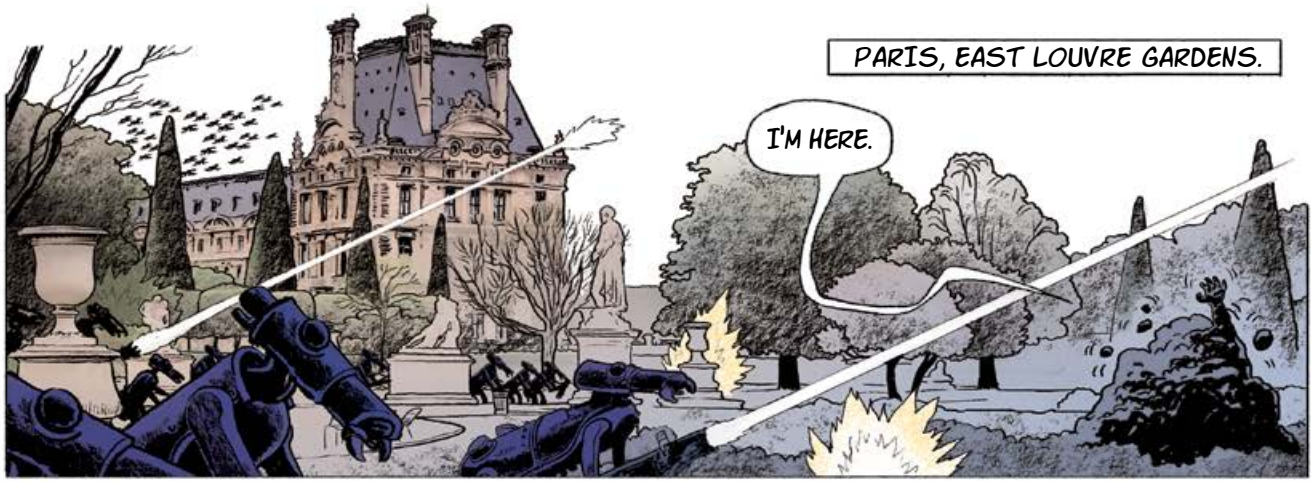
I WANT YOU TO FIRST AND FOREMOST TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THESE SHADY CHARACTERS.



DON'T MOVE TOO MUCH, I'D RATHER YOU DON'T LOOK AT MY ARMS.







PARIS, EAST LOUVRE GARDENS.

I'M HERE.



A LOT OF THEM.



TIME TO GAIN SOME MASS.

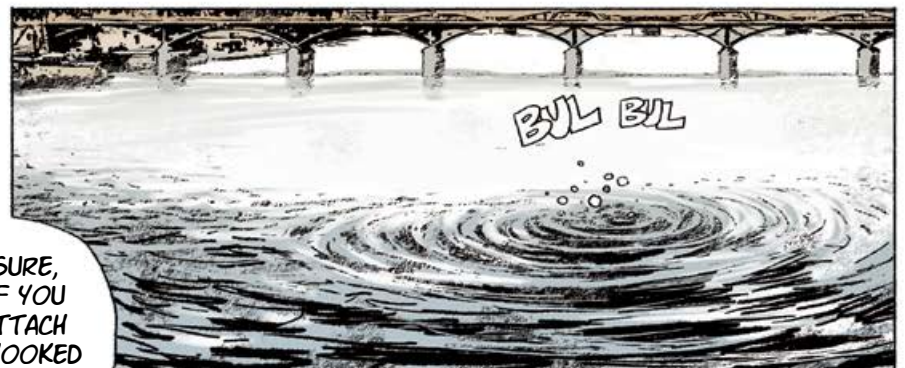
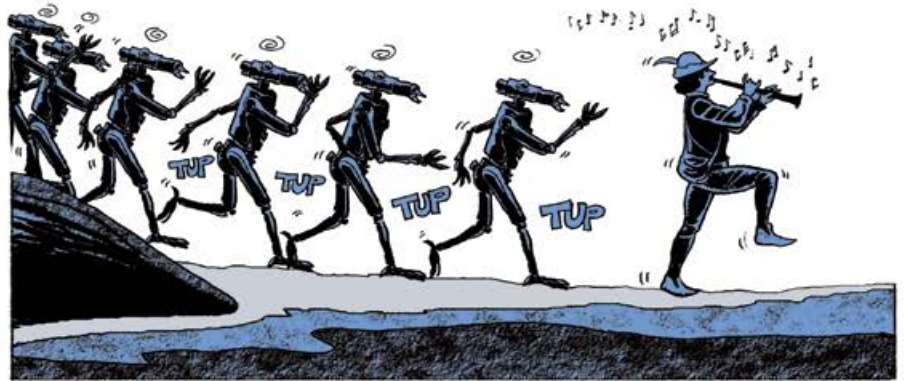


YOU GOT STONED!

GRUCK









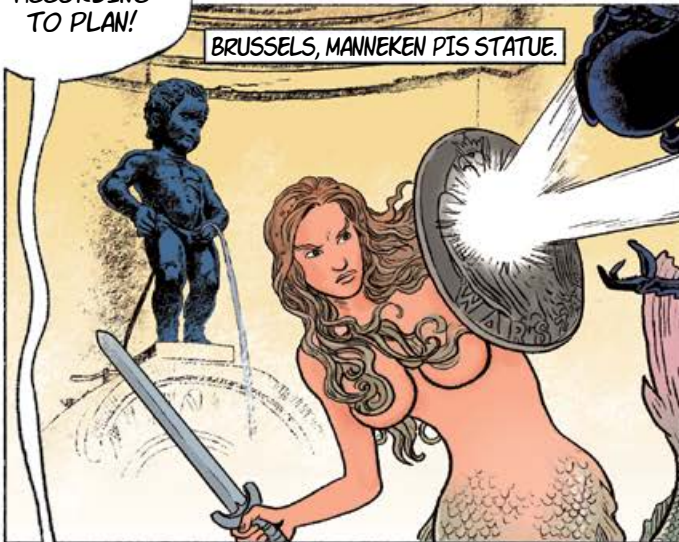


ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORTS,  
EUROPE HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY  
"PANDEMONIUM" ORGANIZATION LED  
BY **MONOLITH**.

BARCELONA, SAGRADA FAMILIA.

ALL GOING  
ACCORDING  
TO PLAN!

BRUSSELS, MANNEKEN PIS STATUE.

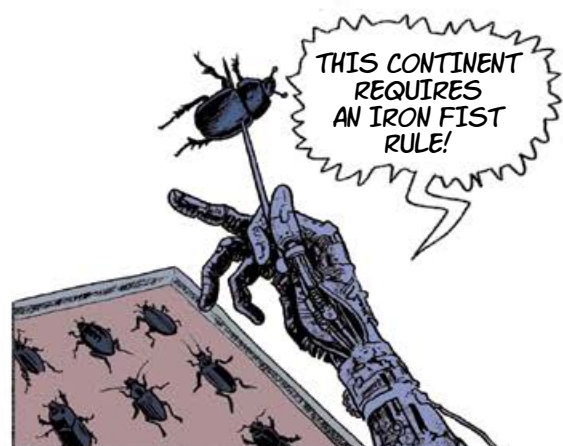


THE REAL IDENTITY OF  
OUR SAVIOURS DRESSED  
AS MYTHIC CREATURES  
IS STILL UNKNOWN.

VIENNA, RIESENRAD FERRIS WHEEL.



ENOUGH WITH  
THIS BAND OF  
FREAKS!



THIS CONTINENT  
REQUIRES  
AN IRON FIST  
RULE!





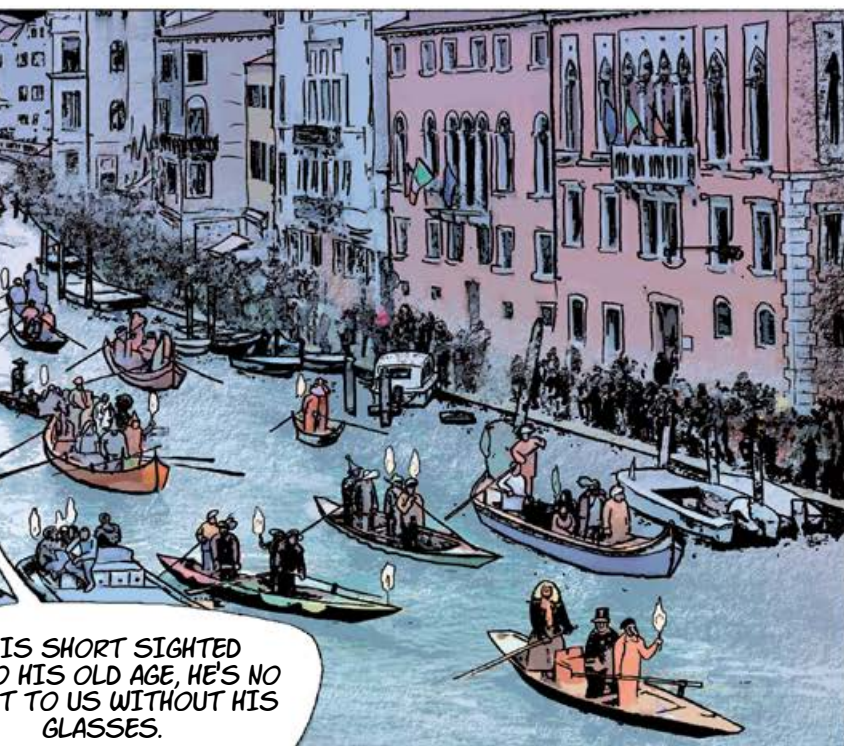




IS IT SAFE  
TO WALK AROUND  
THE CITY WITH  
THIS DEATH-STARED  
REPTILE?



VENICE.



HE IS SHORT SIGHTED  
DUE TO HIS OLD AGE, HE'S NO  
THREAT TO US WITHOUT HIS  
GLASSES.



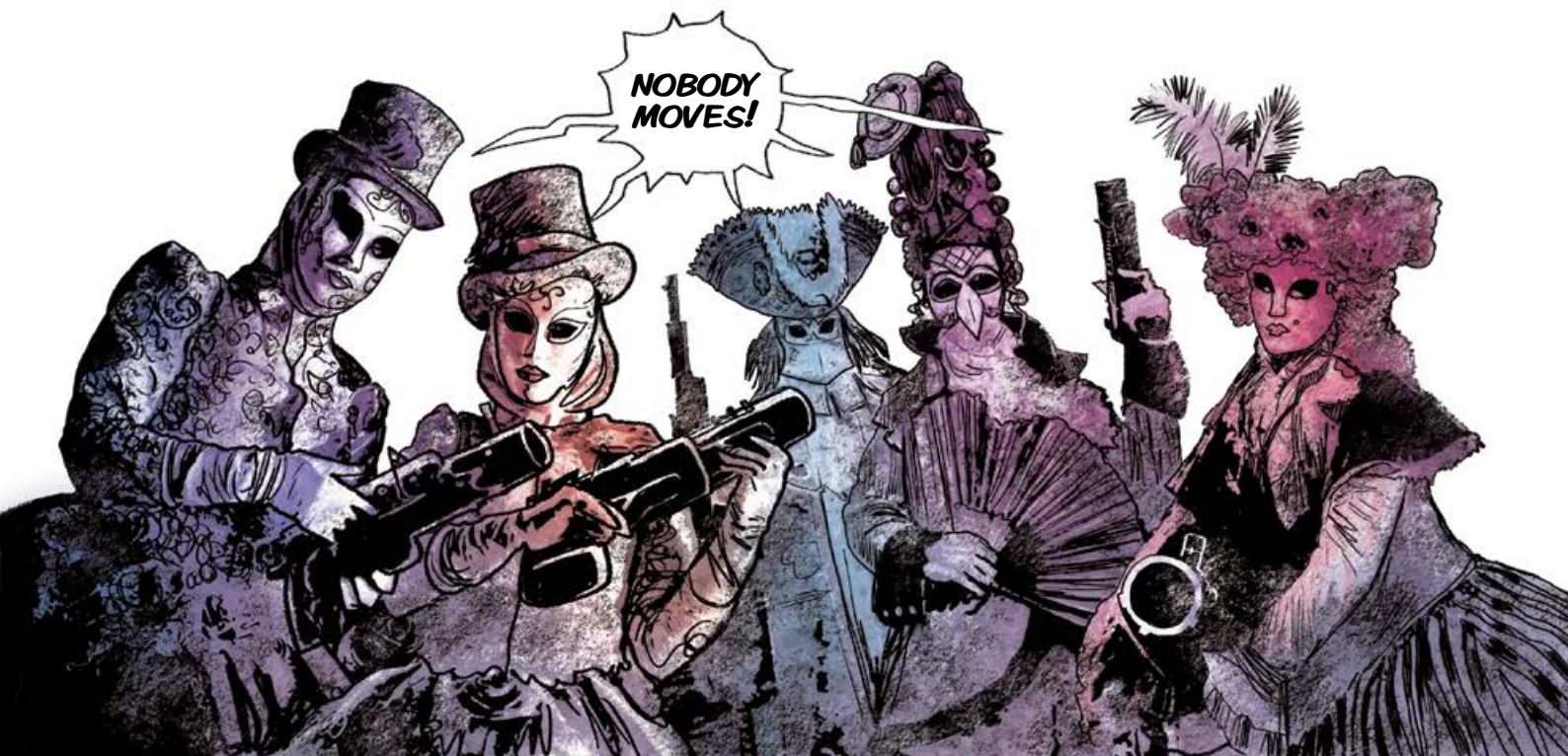
ONE THING  
BOTHERS ME.

WHAT  
IS IT?

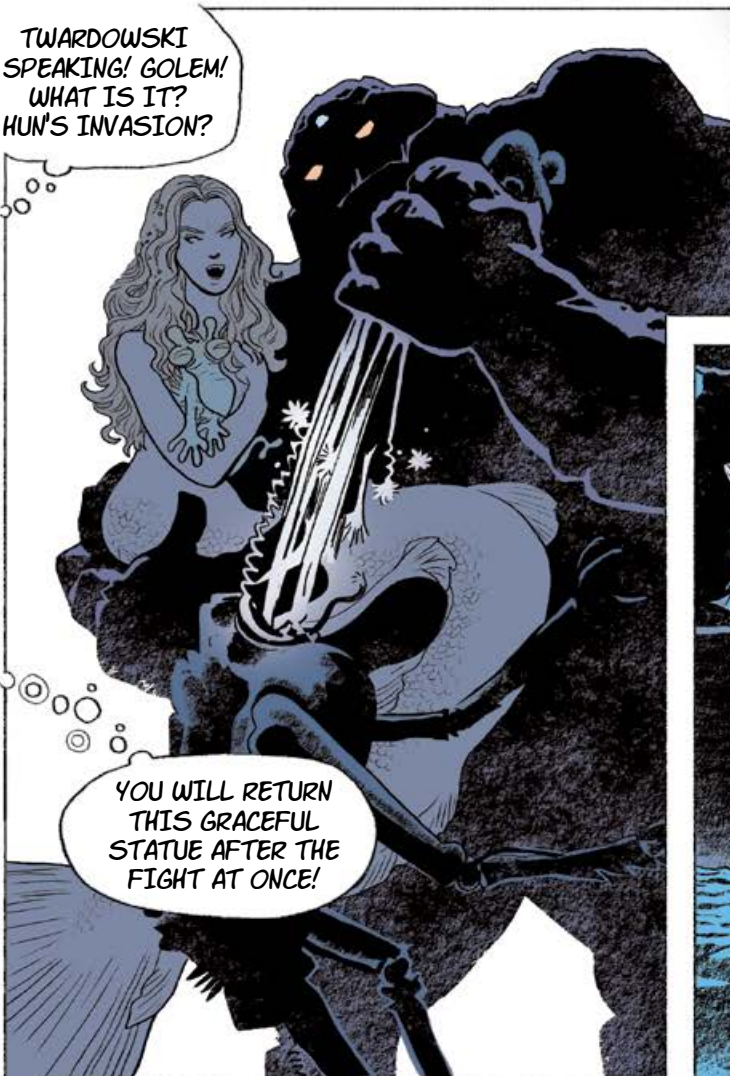
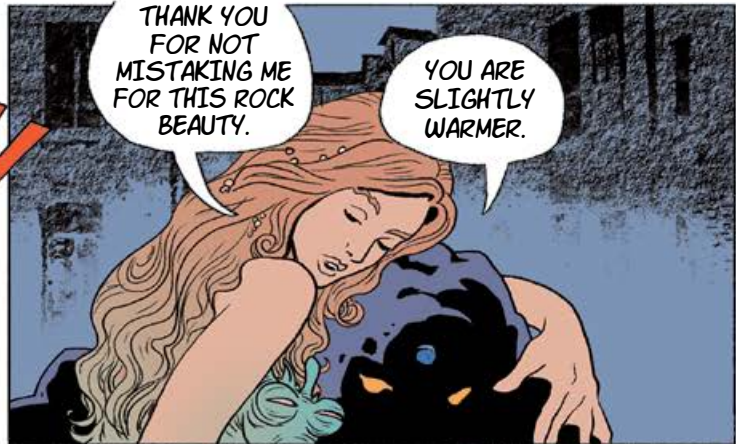


EUROPE IS  
FIGHTING FOR  
SURVIVAL, AND  
LOOK AT THOSE  
CAREFREE  
PARTIERS...













WHAT SHIP IS THIS?

THEY CALL IT "THE FLYING DUTCHMAN".



AND THIS?

O NOT WONDER ABOUT, WATER LADY, JUST SWIM WITH HASTE!



EVERY LITTLE MOMENT IS MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD OR EVEN CALIFORNIUM\* PARTICLE.

THROUGH LEGENDARY TUNNEL TO MORSKIE OKO, THEN RYBI POTOK, BIALKA, DUNAJEC AND VISTULA... A LONG WAY.

\* SYNTHESIZED CHEMICAL ELEMENT



AND GO BACK TO THE LAKE THROUGH THE SURFACE. MOUNTAIN SPRINGS ARE TOO SHALLOW FOR HIM OR EVEN FOR ME.

DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THE WATER LEVEL. THE REPTILE IS ALREADY WAITING ON RYSY PEAK. IT WILL DIVE INTO MORSKIE OKO THE MOMENT IT NOTICES YOU.



DOES HE EVEN KNOW HOW TO SWIM?

LIKE ESOX LUCIUS\*.

\* NORTHERN PIKE



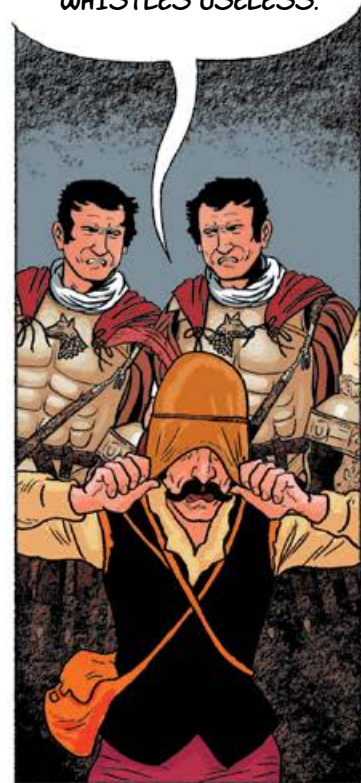
WHO?

A PIKE.





THIS HORRID CACOPHONY  
MAKES MY FLUTE AND YOUR  
WHISTLES USELESS.



THAT  
LEAVES  
THE TWO  
OF US.

COUNT  
ME AS  
THREE.

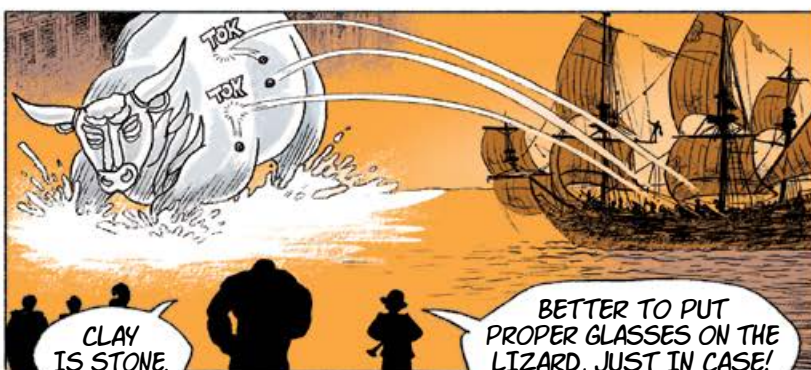


I HAVE  
CALLED  
ARTILLERY  
SUPPORT.



ARK AND CREW OF  
SPECTRAL NATURE,  
BUT THEIR CANNON-  
BALLS DEAL DAMAGE  
AS IF THEY WERE  
MADE OF STEEL!

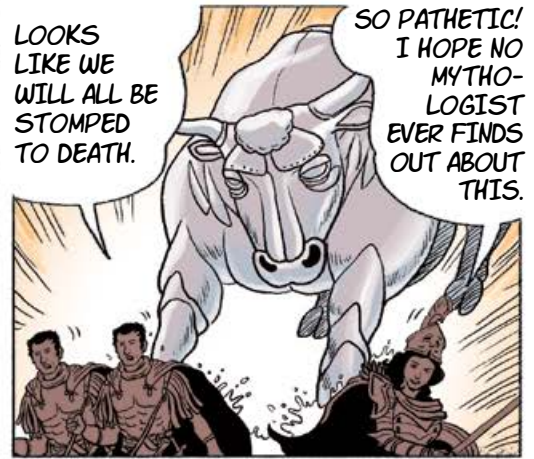




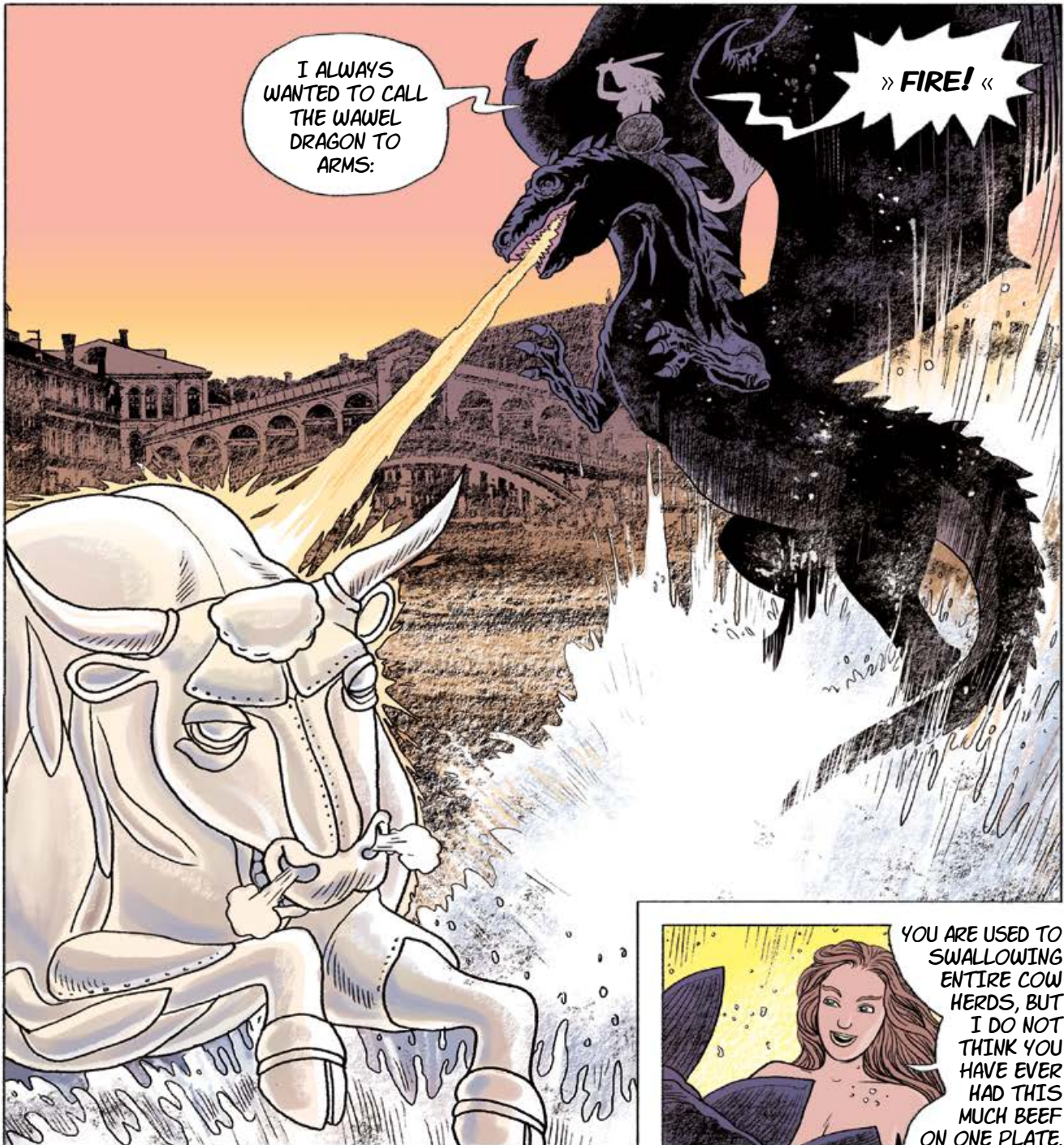




LOOKS  
LIKE WE  
WILL ALL BE  
STOMPED  
TO DEATH.



SO PATHETIC!  
I HOPE NO  
MYTHO-  
LOGIST  
EVER FINDS  
OUT ABOUT  
THIS.



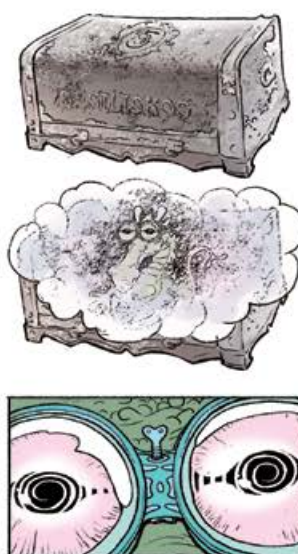
I ALWAYS  
WANTED TO CALL  
THE WAWEL  
DRAGON TO  
ARMS:

» FIRE! «



YOU ARE USED TO  
SWALLOWING  
ENTIRE COW  
HERDS, BUT  
I DO NOT  
THINK YOU  
HAVE EVER  
HAD THIS  
MUCH BEEF  
ON ONE PLATE.



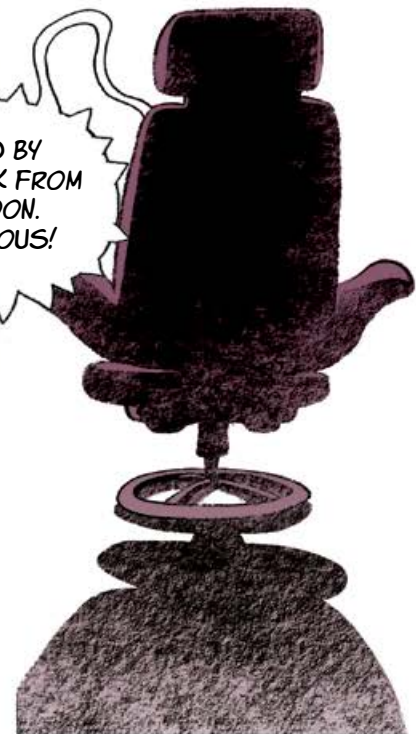






FISH-TAILED WOMAN, TWINS FED BY A WOLF,  
GODDESS WITH TESTOSTERONE OVERFLOW,  
MUSICAL EXTERMINATOR, CLAY GIANT AND TWO  
SLIMY CREATURES FROM BEDTALES.

ALL LED BY  
A WARLOCK FROM  
THE MOON.  
RIDICULOUS!



UNITED IN DIVERSITY...  
YOU STAND FOR  
EVERYTHING THAT I HATE!  
WELL, EXCEPT FOR THE  
TWO OF YOU.



WHAT DOES  
IT MEAN?  
YOU HAVEN'T  
FIGURED IT OUT  
YET, YOU DUMB  
MUSCLE?







MONOLITH.

STANDING  
BEFORE  
YOU.

I'M NOT GOING TO LIE, IT WAS  
NICE DEMOLISHING ARCHITECTURAL  
JEWELS AND BURNING MASTER-  
PIECES OF EUROPEAN ART.

BUT IT IS YOU WHO  
ARE MY MAIN TARGET.  
IF I FRACTURE THE  
FOUNDATION, THE  
ENTIRE BUILDING  
WILL FALL.



HE'S  
RIGHT.

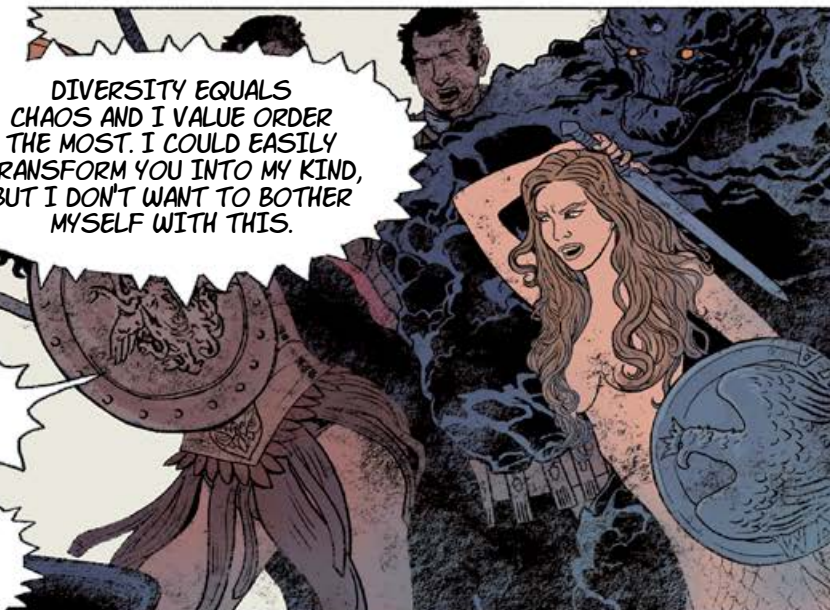
WHEN FIGHTING MY ARMY YOU SURELY  
REALIZED THAT I, TOO, VALUE UNITY  
HIGHLY. BUT INTEGRATION OF  
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ELEMENTS  
IS A FAILED NOTION.



GET  
HIM!

YOU CAN'T  
TOUCH ME. I AM OF  
IRON, AND YOU...

DIVERSITY EQUALS  
CHAOS AND I VALUE ORDER  
THE MOST. I COULD EASILY  
TRANSFORM YOU INTO MY KIND,  
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER  
MYSELF WITH THIS.



RIGHT, HAVE YOU EVER  
CONSIDERED WHERE YOU CAME  
FROM AND WHO YOU  
REALLY ARE?

YOU ARE  
FICTION.

TOC  
TOC  
TOC  
TOC  
TOC  
TOC



IT'S JUST ONE STEP FROM THE GREATEST UNITY, WHICH IS NON-EXISTENCE. ALL THAT DO NOT EXIST ARE PERFECTLY IDENTICAL.



AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE APPLIED THIS MEANS OF HOMOGENISATION ON A LARGE SCALE.



SOON I WILL USE A SIMILAR STANDARDIZING TREATMENT WITH YOU, AND AFTER YOU ARE GONE, I CAN TAKE CARE OF EUROPEAN CITIZENS, WHO ARE STILL NOT GRAY ENOUGH.



DON'T BE SCARED, I'M NOT GOING TO SHOOT. I WILL GET RID OF YOU IN A MUCH MORE HUMANITARIAN WAY.



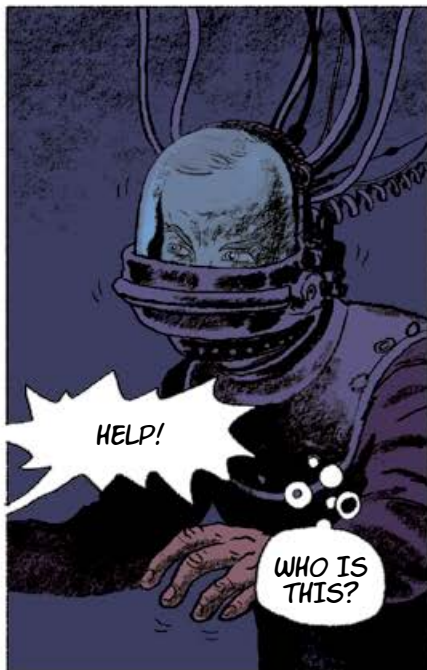
I JUST HAVE TO MAKE YOU REALIZE SOMETHING. NOBODY IN EUROPE BELIEVES IN MYTHS ANYMORE. DID YOU NOTICE HOW YOU ARE DESCRIBED AS COSTUMED FREAKS IN THE NEWS?



SEE YOU, EU!







HELP!

WHO IS THIS?



MERMAID!

WHAT'S WRONG?



WE ARE ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR  
...JELH3 ZSTH..  
THAT WE ARE FICTION.

I WAS WORRIED  
THIS UNFORTUNATE  
TURN OF EVENTS  
MIGHT HAPPEN.



TRY TO ENDURE  
A BIT MORE. I WILL  
SOON ACTIVATE A  
MACHINE TO SAVE  
YOU ALL.

...7V V1H7!  
CAN'T HEAR YOU  
...7VSE4C'L  
ARE YOU EVEN THERE?  
I DOUBT 2LZ7...



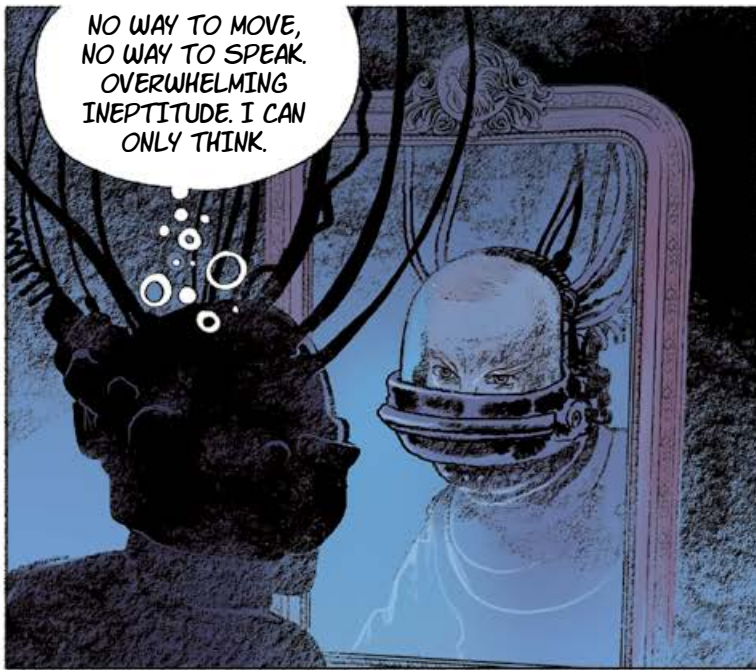
CORVUS  
TASMANICUS\*!  
I DID NOT  
EXPECT THIS.

\*TASMANIAN RAVEN



WE ARE  
LOST!





NO WAY TO MOVE,  
NO WAY TO SPEAK.  
OVERWHELMING  
INEPTITUDE. I CAN  
ONLY THINK.



COGITO  
ERGO  
SUM\*!

THE POWER OF THE MIND  
IS INFINITE. IT SHOULD  
WORK, MOON'S POWER OF  
GRAVITY IS WEAKENED.

\* I THINK, THEREFORE I AM



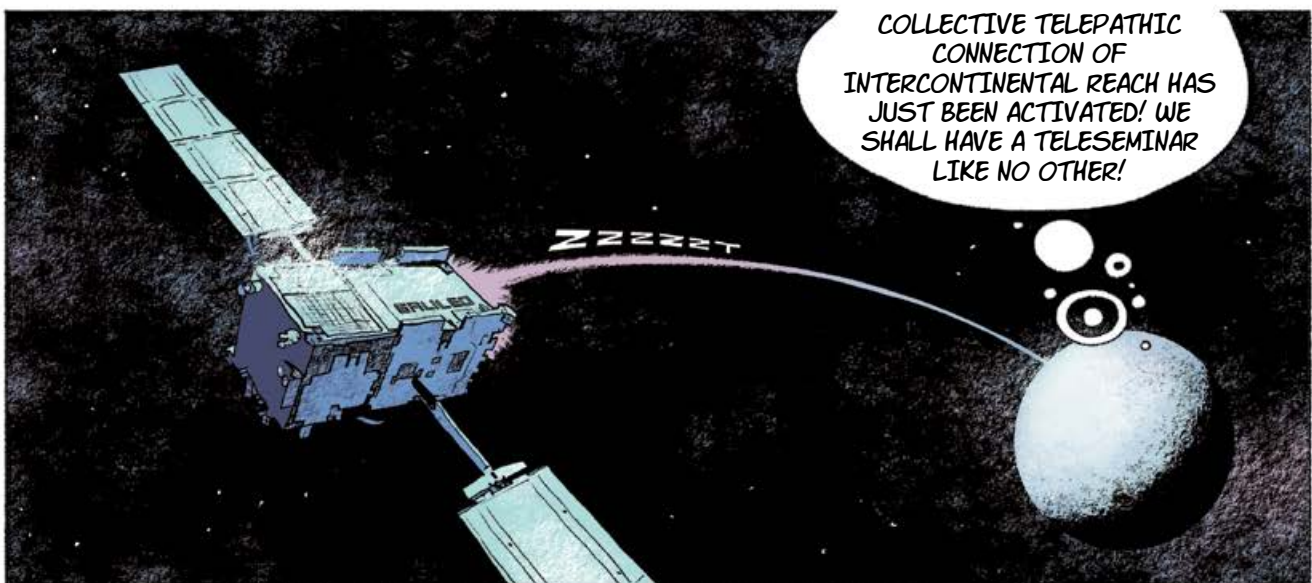
WHITE DWARF  
IN A BLACK HOLE. REACH  
THE SKY LIKE SMOKE.



EVERYTHING  
IS GOING  
ACCORDING  
TO MY PLAN.



KRR



COLLECTIVE TELEPATHIC  
CONNECTION OF  
INTERCONTINENTAL REACH HAS  
JUST BEEN ACTIVATED! WE  
SHALL HAVE A TELESEMINAR  
LIKE NO OTHER!





MYTHS HAVE HELPED OUR ANCESTORS IN CREATING CIVILIZATION AND THEY STILL HOLD GREAT VALUE TO INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES.

WITHOUT THE STORIES ABOUT HEROIC SEARCH FOR TRUTH, BEAUTY AND MEANING WE WOULD HAVE LOST OUR WAY. WE HAVE INHERITED AN INVALUABLE GIFT.

MYTHS ARE TIMELESS AND CARRY UNIVERSAL TRUTH. THEY ARE THE BASIS OF EUROPEAN CULTURE AND ENHANCE OUR IDENTITY.



MYTHS CAN REACH EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE THEY EXPRESS COMMON HOPES, DREAMS AND FEARS.



YOU CAN NEVER DEFEAT ME! I WAS MADE WITH AN ALLOY THAT NO CREATURE CAN DESTROY, NOT EVEN MYTHICAL SUPERHEROES!



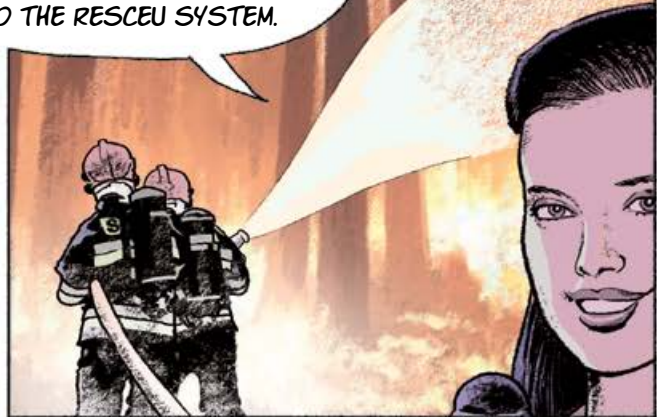
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT "PANEUROPA"?



EVERYONE IS RELIEVED,  
BUT IT WILL TAKE A LOT  
MORE TIME FOR OUR  
LIVES TO BE BACK  
TO NORMAL.



BIALOWIEZA FOREST IS STILL  
BURNING. THE FIRE IS BEING  
EXTINGUISHED BY FIREFIGHTERS  
FROM POLAND, SWEDEN, GERMANY,  
CZECHIA AND SLOVAKIA THANKS  
TO THE RESCEU SYSTEM.



EASY TO BE A SUPERHERO. JUST FIGHT  
THE BAD GUY, GET PRAISE AND SIGNS  
OF GRATITUDE, AND THEN BACK TO HIS  
CAVE. LET OTHERS TAKE CARE OF  
THE DAMAGES!



... RECONSTRUCTION  
WILL TAKE YEARS AND  
INVOLVE LARGE  
FUNDS.



IS NO HERO  
CAPABLE OF BRINGING  
BACK THE ORDER?

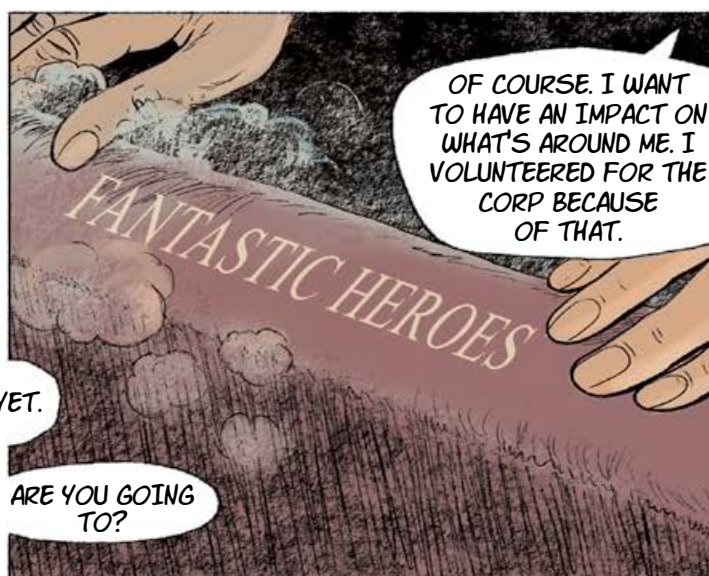
HERE YOU GO. OUR  
COMMON SUPERHERO.



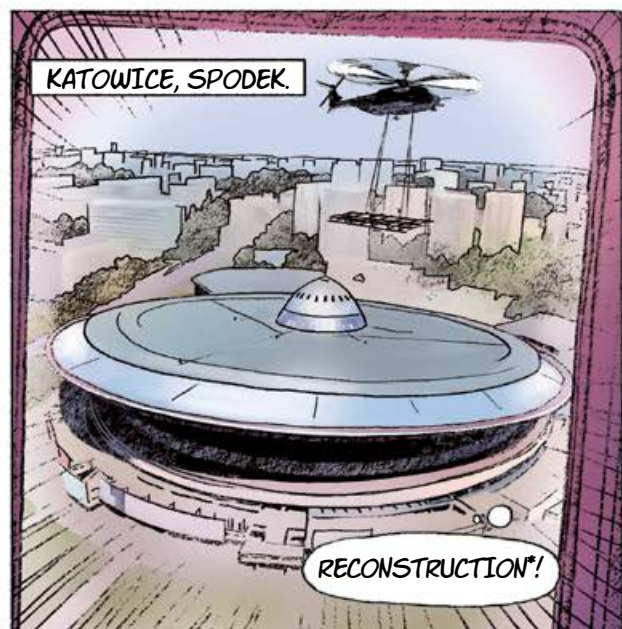
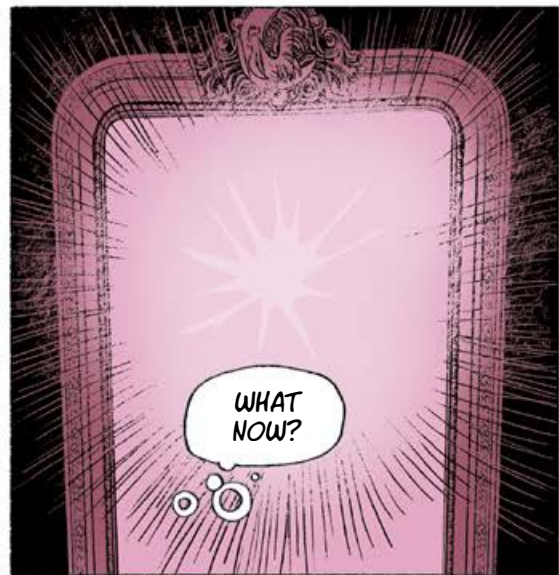
WHILE MOURNING FAMOUS  
MONUMENTS LET'S NOT FORGET  
ABOUT LESS EYE-CATCHING, BUT  
ALSO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGES.











**CORVUS ALBUS\*!**  
FUTURE SEEMS TO  
BE BRIGHT.



**THE END**

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— born in 1970; writer of many short stories and scripts, mostly for comics; debuted in 1991; published in "Nowa Fantastyka", "Machina", "Lampa", "Playboy" and "Miś", among others; his texts were translated into English, French, German, Czech, Russian, Lithuanian and Serbian; collaborates with the most prominent Polish artists.

### Tomasz Piorunowski

— born in 1969; author of many book covers and illustrations, storyboards for feature films, documentaries and TV shows and TV spots; comic book artist — often symbolic, full of lyricism; co-creator of comic book character Paula; colourist of "Kajko i Kokosz" and "Bezdomne wampiry" comics.



## Brexit

Common name used to describe the process of United Kingdom's withdrawal from European Union. "Brexit" is a consequence of a national referendum held in June of 2016 in the UK. The term "Brexit" is a portmanteau of two words — "British" and "exit".

According to regulations from the Lisbon Treaty, each member state can withdraw from the Union through sovereign decision. It is a simple consequence of the willingness of European Union membership — a state can both willingly enter the European Union and willingly withdraw from it. The withdrawal process is governed by Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty.

More on Brexit negotiations:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/brexit-negotiations\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/brexit-negotiations_en)

## Economic and Monetary Union. Euro currency

Economic and Monetary Union was established in December, 1991, pursuant to the Treaty of Maastricht. It covers coordination of the economic and budgetary policies of EU member states, common monetary policy and common euro currency. All EU countries participate in the Economic Union, with some of them integrated more closely by having adopted euro. Together, these countries form the eurozone, deepening integration by participating in the banking union and by subjecting their national budgets to mutual control. Single currency has undeniable advantages: it reduces the costs of financial transactions, facilitates export, simplifies travel and strengthens EU's position at the international level.

More on Economic and Monetary Union:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/economic-and-fiscal-policy-coordination/economic-and-monetary-union\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/economic-and-fiscal-policy-coordination/economic-and-monetary-union_en)

## Galileo

European satellite navigation system, established through EU member states' cooperation. It is the only navigation system in the world supervised exclusively by civil institutions (unlike e.g. US GPS system and Russian GLONASS). Galileo was launched in 2016 and is applicable in various areas of economy, i.e. logistics, air-traffic control and rescue operations. The system is developed in cooperation with European Space Agency — ESA, of which Poland has been a member since 2012. One of the system's satellites was named "Zofia" in honour of Zosia Ćwir from Krasnystaw, who, at the age of 11, won 1st place in Galileo art competition in 2012.

More on Galileo: <https://galileognss.eu/>

More on European Space Agency:  
<http://www.esa.int/ESA>

## DiscoverEU

European Union initiative enabling young people to travel across Europe and, thus, discover benefits of unrestricted movement within EU and learn about diversity and cultural heritage of the continent. Lots for train tickets are drawn twice a year.

Those interested can take part in drawing by applying on the website: [https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu_en)

## RescEU

EU Civil Protection Mechanism implemented within the Union. Its main task is to protect citizens against the effects of natural and man-made disasters. The initiative is based on a combination of member states' national rescue (civil defence) systems to increase the resources required to deal with large-scale disasters. The project established reserves of resources such as aerial firefighters, high-performance pumps, field hospitals and medical emergency teams for use in all types of emergencies.

More on RescEU:  
[https://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-19-2553\\_en.htm](https://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-19-2553_en.htm)  
[https://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/aid/countries/factsheets/thematic/resceu\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/aid/countries/factsheets/thematic/resceu_en.pdf)

## European Solidarity Corps

EU initiative to create opportunities for Europeans to volunteer or participate in projects for professional development. The aim of activities carried out under the Corps is to support local communities throughout Europe. The initiative is addressed to young people (up to 30 years old). Corps members can provide help in preventing and neutralizing effects of natural disasters (floods, forest fires) or activities for local communities (e.g. reconstruction of public buildings).

More on European Solidarity Corps:  
[https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en)

## European Parliament elections

Every EU citizen eligible to vote can participate in elections. There are 751 seats in the European Parliament, elected according to principle of proportionality. Following Brexit the number of seats will be down to 705. European Parliament's term lasts 5 years and the most recent elections were carried out in May, 2019. Members of Parliament do not make up national clubs and associate in groups of similar political outlooks instead. For years two political powers have been dominating the Parliament — European People's Party and Party of European Socialists. The first and so far only head of European Parliament from Poland was Jerzy Buzek from EPP.

More on European Parliament:  
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en>



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Multiple copies of free publications may be obtained by contacting Europe Direct or your local information centre (see <http://europa.eu/contact>).

### EU legislation and related documents

EU legal data, including all union legal acts since 1952, is available in all official EU languages on EUR-Lex website:  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu>

### EU Open Data Portal

Union Open Data Portal (<http://data.europa.eu/euodp/pl>) provides access to databases of various institutions and other EU bodies. Data can be downloaded and used free of charge, both for commercial and non-commercial purposes.

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Dark clouds are gathering above the united Europe.  
It is not a weather phenomenon, but thousands  
of flying battle droids commanded by evil Monolith,  
villain dreaming of an iron fist rule.  
Our only hope is superheroes,  
known from childhood fairy  
tales and myths.