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Przemysław Kłosin, born in 1982.

A self-taught artist, his talent grew thanks to thousands of sketches drawn ever since he was a child. His first comic was "Ninja Hippos", created for his family when he was eight. After graduating technical school of economics he worked as an illustrator and animator for educational publishers. His debut was a sci-fi comic called "Zaraza" in "Awantura 2.0" magazine. He is currently working for international publishers. He debuted on the Dutch comic book scene with "Dark Souls" comic in "P@per" zin. He also published "Cell", "Refuges" and "Cop Killer" in ComicWatch publishing house in Holland. For US-based Zenoscope he created comics and covers for "Grimm Fairytales" project.

In 2018 he participated in "100 na 100" comics anthology, published in the wake of the 100th anniversary of Polish independence.

In 2020 he was noticed by "Storm" series publisher and was invited to participate in a project for the 45th anniversary of the series. His main focus is currently "Jylland" comic from Don Lawrence Collection. In the same year he began working for a prominent French publisher Les Humanoïdes Associés.

Tobiasz Piątkowski, born in 1979.

Graduated Architecture Faculty of Warsaw Technical University. Winner of several awards, including Korak award (Interkomix) for best writer (2003) and Best Polish Comic Album of International Festival of Comics and Games (MFKiG) (2008). In 2019 he received a Bronze Cross of Merit for his comics activities for Warsaw Uprising Museum. He wrote more than twenty comic book albums ("Bradł", "Biegun", "Pierwsza Brygada"), various press comics ("48 stron" series) and children comic books ("Opowieści biblijne").

Tobiasz works as a designer and art director.

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In 2008-2020 the entire building complex was revitalised with EU funds and transformed into a new cultural institution called EC1 Łódź – City of Culture. EC1 holds the National Film Culture Centre, Planetarium, Centre of Science and Technology, Łódź Film Commission and Centre of Comics and Interactive Narration – co-organizer of the International Festival of Comics and Games in Łódź. The entire cost of revitalization and adaptation of EC1 is 369.33 million zlotys, including EU funding of 140.69 million zlotys and the city of Łódź partaking in the cost of 228.64 million zlotys.



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Dear Readers!

The world around us keeps changing; unfortunately, not always for good. Human activities, commonly used production methods and our current lifestyle have had a harmful impact on the state of the environment, the climate and the health of the European citizens, as well as the entire world. Air pollution – more and more induced by the usage of the obsolete fossil fuels in home heating and car fueling – leads to creation of smog. This occurrence is most burdensome in autumn and winter, when the residents of the intensely urbanized areas produce harmful fumes through heating by means of private heat sources. Breathing polluted air can lead to various serious illnesses, including tumors. Carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases polluting the atmosphere are the main cause of global warming. As a result, more and more weather anomalies occur in the temperate climate, including heavy storms, rain, tornadoes and flooding, as well as the rising of sea and ocean levels. Proceeding air pollution and global temperature rises can result in irreversible climate change, reduction of environmental biodiversity and, if no action is taken to modify our lifestyle, downgrading of the living standards of everyone in the world. Due to the climate change, some regions of our planet may end up depopulated and lose the capability of sustaining life.

Countermeasures against these radical changes include, among others, reaching the main objective of the Paris agreement,

proposed by the UN in 2015, which is limiting the rise of global temperatures before 2100 to a maximum of 1.5°C. Member countries of the EU have signed the agreement, and the Union is seeking to implement the objectives of its new strategy – a European Green Deal. One of its main goals is to reduce the emission of harmful gases considerably before 2030 and reaching zero-emittibility before 2050. The European funds are already supporting climate-beneficial investments, such as the revitalization of the historic downtown areas in Łódź and substituting combustion-engine driven busses with electric ones in Katowice.

Not much time is left to take action. There is no one more aware of that than the heroes of Paneuropa. This time, Pan Twardowski and his allies will face supernatural foes, who use our mistakes against us in order to speed up the negative climate changes. European cooperation and creating a new order on the fundamentals of understanding and teamwork, both in the illustrated and real world, can protect us from the catastrophe so vividly presented by the esteemed authors of this comic – writer Tobiasz Piątkowski and illustrator Przemysław Klosin. Will the united in diversity Paneuropa triumph once again? See for yourselves!

Marek Prawda,
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of European Commission in Poland

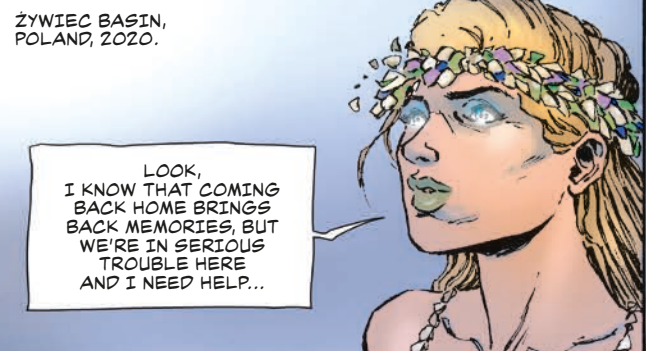




TWARDOWSKI,
ARE YOU LISTENING
TO ME?

YES,
I...

I'M SORRY SAWA,
SAY THAT AGAIN?



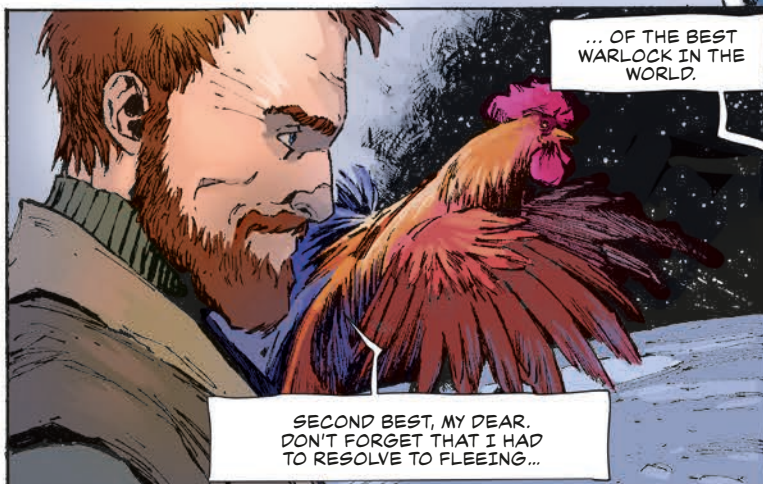
ŻYWIEC BASIN,
POLAND, 2020.

LOOK,
I KNOW THAT COMING
BACK HOME BRINGS
BACK MEMORIES, BUT
WE'RE IN SERIOUS
TROUBLE HERE
AND I NEED HELP...

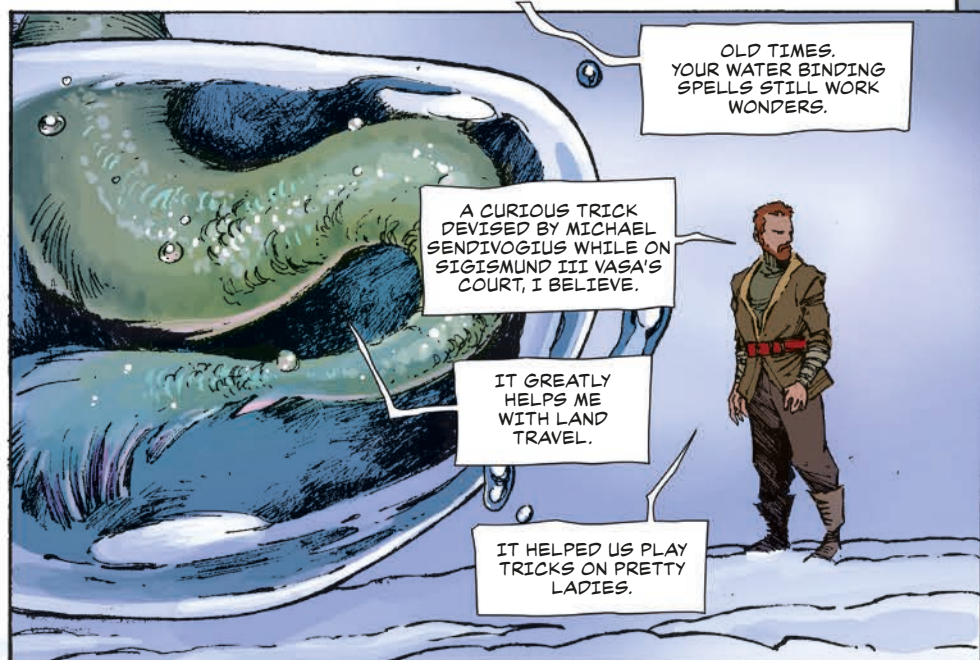


... OF THE BEST
WARLOCK IN THE
WORLD.

A LOT HAS CHANGED
AFTER MY DEPARTURE.



SECOND BEST, MY DEAR.
DON'T FORGET THAT I HAD
TO RESOLVE TO FLEEING...

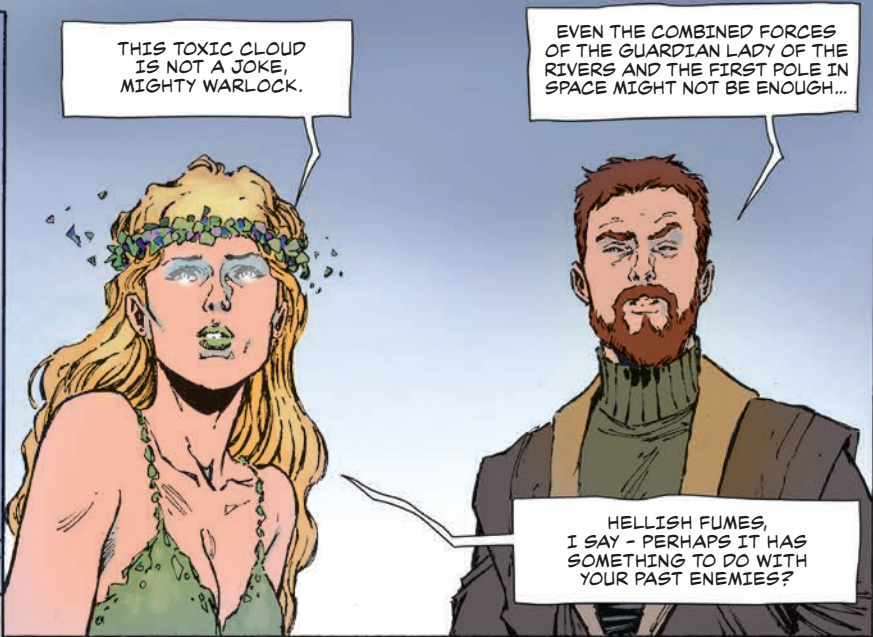


OLD TIMES.
YOUR WATER BINDING
SPELLS STILL WORK
WONDERS.

A CURIOUS TRICK
DEvised BY MICHAEL
SENDIVOGIUS WHILE ON
SIGISMUND III VASA'S
COURT, I BELIEVE.

IT GREATLY
HELPS ME
WITH LAND
TRAVEL.

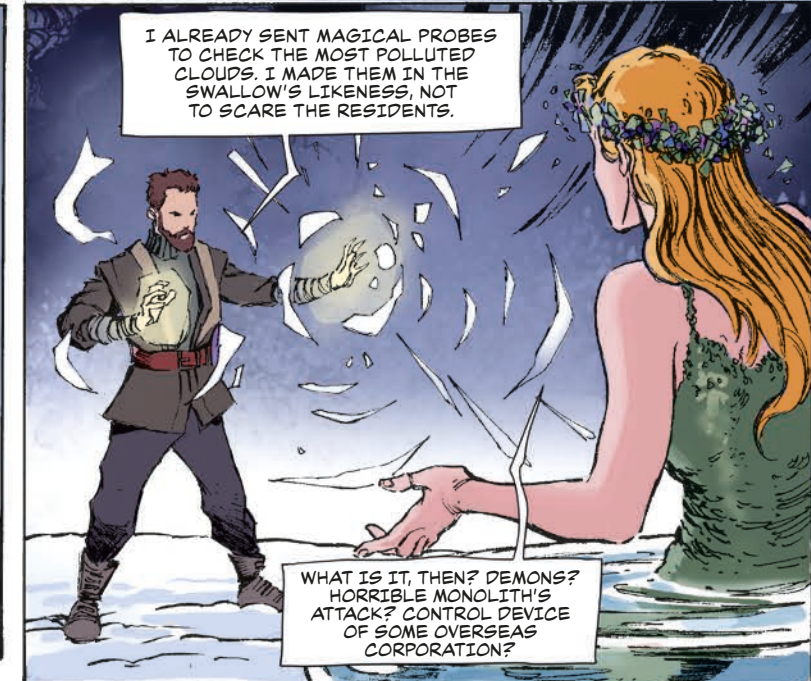
IT HELPED US PLAY
TRICKS ON PRETTY
LADIES.



THIS TOXIC CLOUD
IS NOT A JOKE,
MIGHTY WARLOCK.

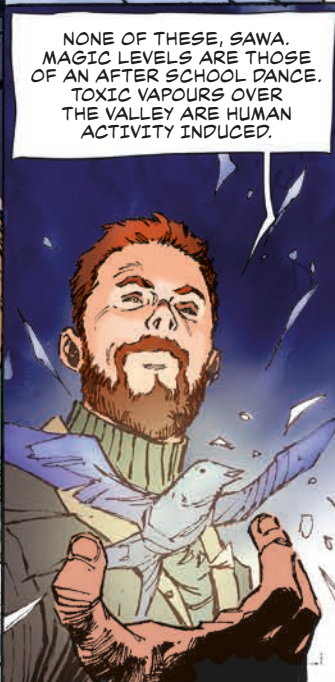
EVEN THE COMBINED FORCES
OF THE GUARDIAN LADY OF THE
RIVERS AND THE FIRST POLE IN
SPACE MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH...

HELLISH FUMES,
I SAY - PERHAPS IT HAS
SOMETHING TO DO WITH
YOUR PAST ENEMIES?

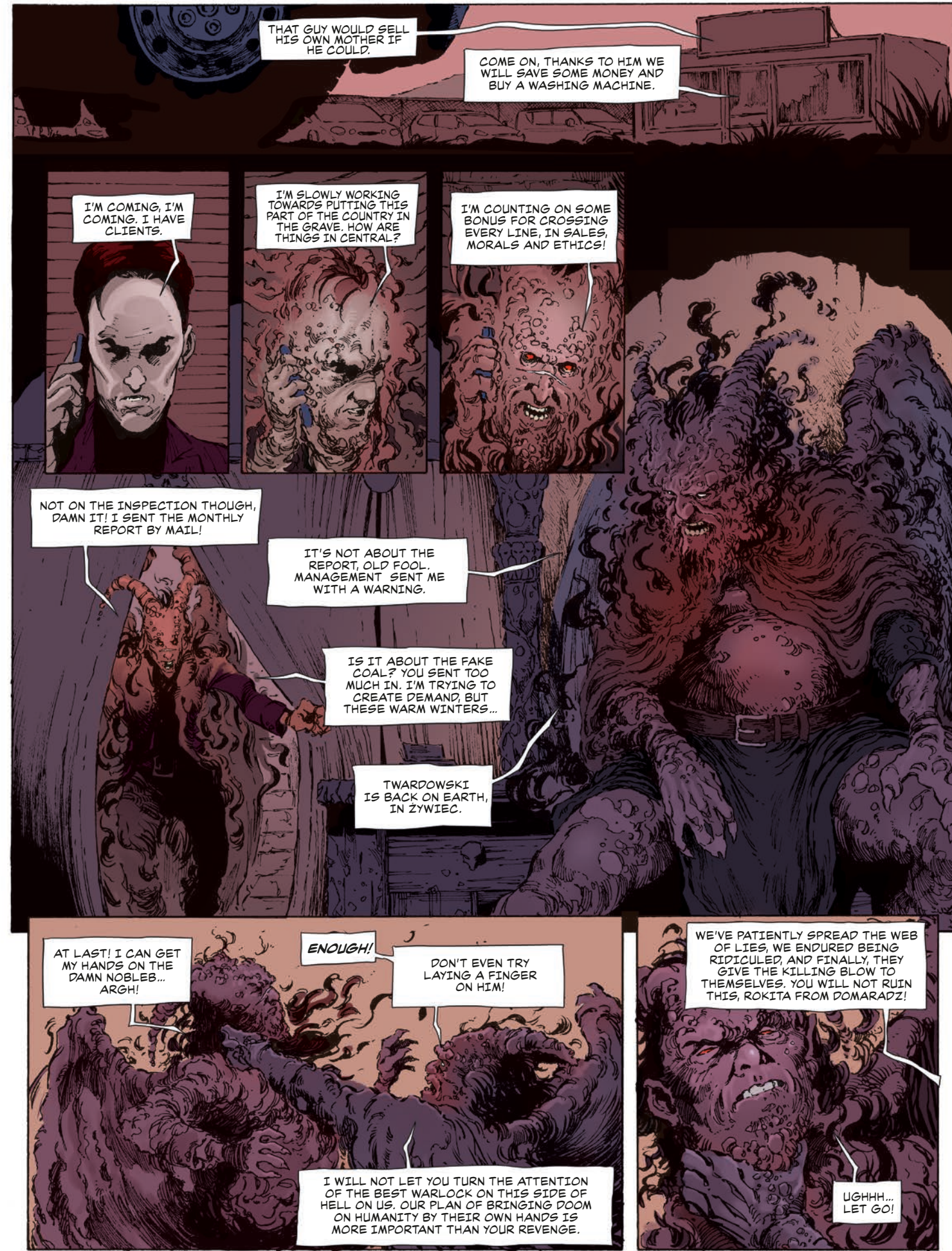


I ALREADY SENT MAGICAL PROBES
TO CHECK THE MOST POLLUTED
CLOUDS. I MADE THEM IN THE
SWALLOW'S LIKENESS, NOT
TO SCARE THE RESIDENTS.

WHAT IS IT, THEN? DEMONS?
HORRIBLE MONOLITH'S
ATTACK? CONTROL DEVICE
OF SOME OVERSEAS
CORPORATION?

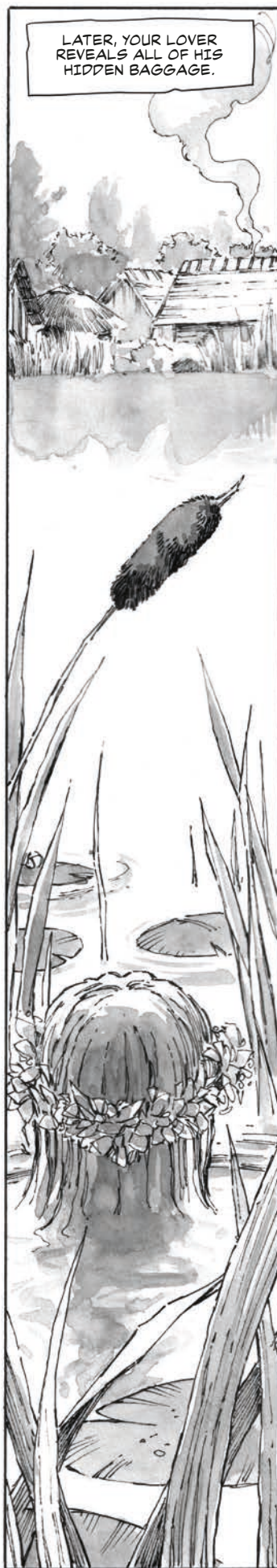


NONE OF THESE, SAWA.
MAGIC LEVELS ARE THOSE
OF AN AFTER SCHOOL DANCE.
TOXIC VAPOURS OVER
THE VALLEY ARE HUMAN
ACTIVITY INDUCED.





THE FIRST MOMENTS OF INFATUATION ARE THE SWEETEST.



LATER, YOUR LOVER REVEALS ALL OF HIS HIDDEN BAGGAGE.

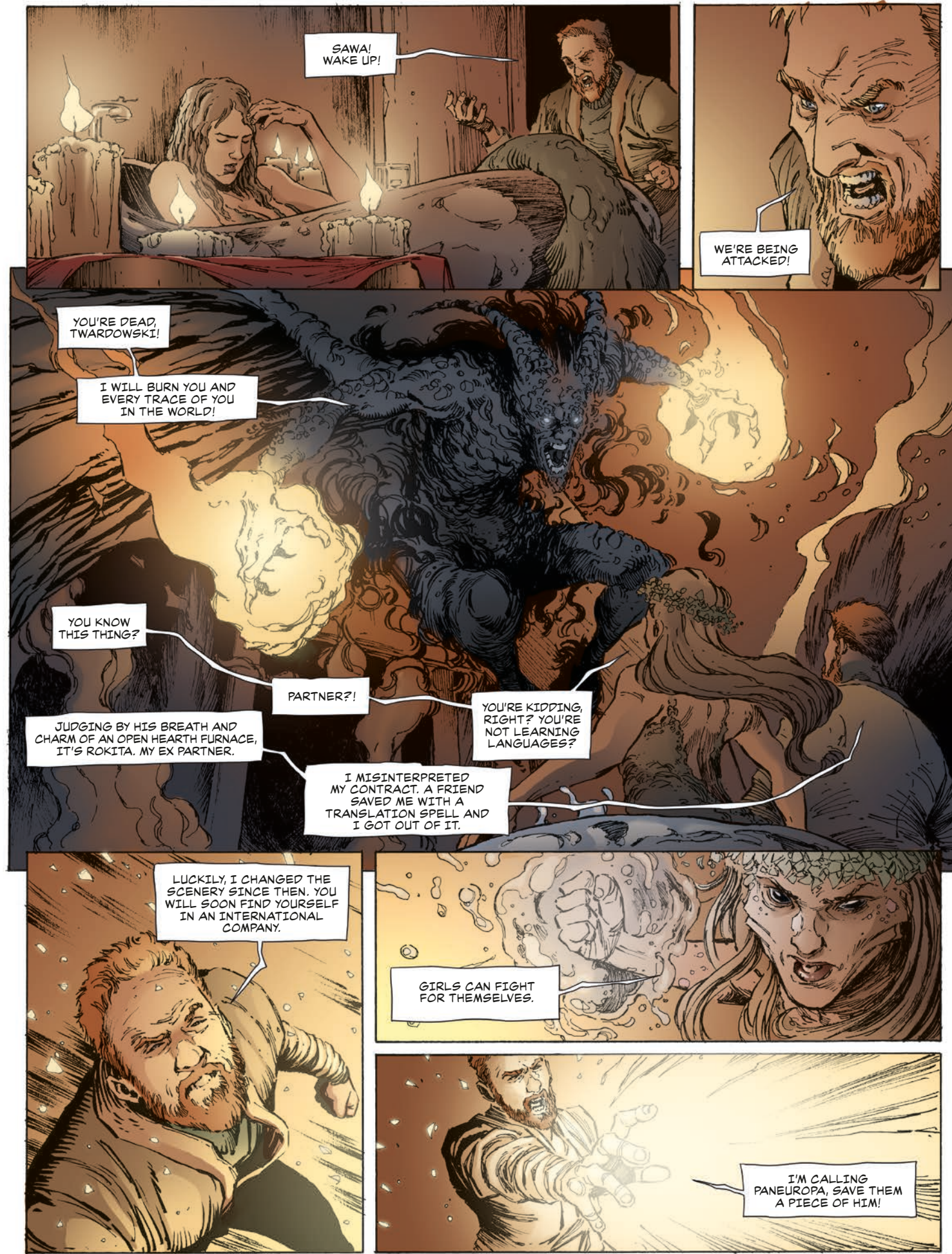


AND SLOWLY POISONS YOUR RELATIONSHIP.

YOU THINK TO YOURSELF - HE HAS TO GROW, I CANNOT LIMIT HIM.



AND YOU END UP ALONE, ON THE BOTTOM, SURROUNDED BY YOUR MEMORIES, THINKING TO YOURSELF - WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, SAWA?



SAWA! WAKE UP!

WE'RE BEING ATTACKED!

YOU'RE DEAD, TWARDOWSKI!

I WILL BURN YOU AND EVERY TRACE OF YOU IN THE WORLD!

YOU KNOW THIS THING?

PARTNER?!

JUDGING BY HIS BREATH AND CHARM OF AN OPEN HEARTH FURNACE, IT'S ROKITA. MY EX PARTNER.

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? YOU'RE NOT LEARNING LANGUAGES?

I MISINTERPRETED MY CONTRACT. A FRIEND SAVED ME WITH A TRANSLATION SPELL AND I GOT OUT OF IT.

LUCKILY, I CHANGED THE SCENERY SINCE THEN. YOU WILL SOON FIND YOURSELF IN AN INTERNATIONAL COMPANY.

GIRLS CAN FIGHT FOR THEMSELVES.

I'M CALLING PANEUROPA, SAVE THEM A PIECE OF HIM!





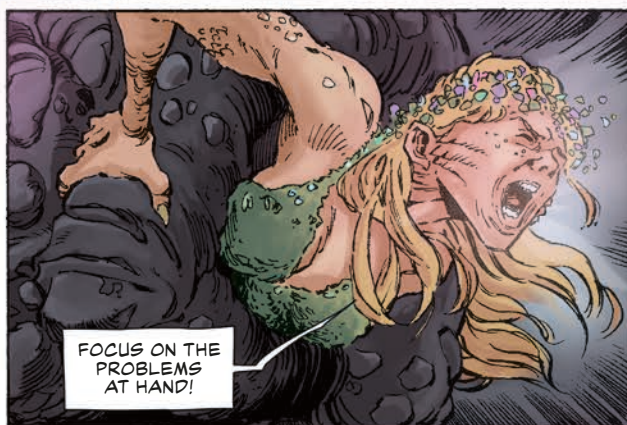
IT'S LIKE A VORTEX OF
DUST AND TOXIC FUMES!
HOW DO WE FIGHT IT?

TWARDOWSKI,
WHAT IS IT?

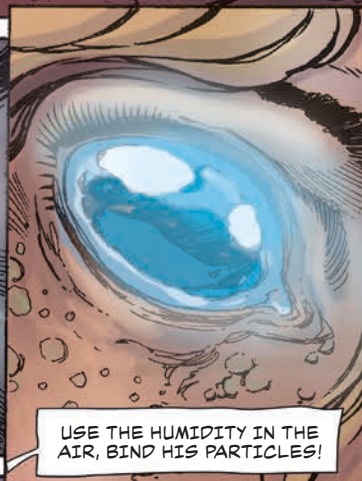
VERDAMMTES
UNGEHEUER*...



WHERE IN THE DEVIL DID THEY
FIND SUCH POWER? IT FEEDS ON
THE POLLUTION FROM THE
SURROUNDING AREA, BUT IT'S NOT
ENOUGH FOR HIS SIZE!



FOCUS ON THE
PROBLEMS
AT HAND!



USE THE HUMIDITY IN THE
AIR, BIND HIS PARTICLES!



NOW! WHILE
WE CAN STILL
HIT HIM!



ARRRRRRRRRRGH!



I'VE GOT YOU,
BELLISSIMA**!
YOU'RE LIGHT AS AIR!

DON'T TRY TO CHARM ME, TIBER NYMPHS
TOLD ME ALL ABOUT THE BOTH OF YOU,
BROTHERS! I TRAVELLED THE ENTIRE
CONTINENT AND KNOW THE SOURCES
OF EVERY LANGUAGE!



RAT-CATCHER!
CLEAN THE
BATTLEFIELD!

WAS?

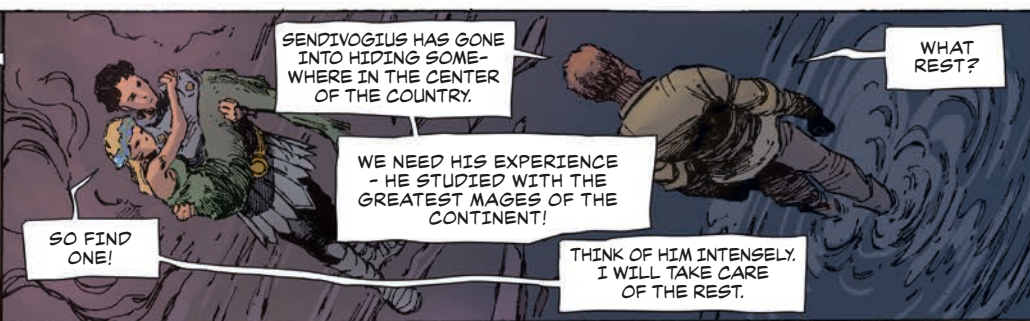
LASS HIER
ETWAS LUFT
REIN***



WE NEED TO SEARCH FOR
HIS SOURCE OF POWER!
IT'S FAR TOO ADVANCED
MAGIC FOR ME.

BUT YOU ARE THE
MOST POWERFUL
WARLOCK IN THE
WORLD!

BUT NOT THE
SMARTEST!



SENDIVOGIUS HAS GONE
INTO HIDING SOME-
WHERE IN THE CENTER
OF THE COUNTRY.

WE NEED HIS EXPERIENCE
- HE STUDIED WITH THE
GREATEST MAGES OF THE
CONTINENT!

THINK OF HIM INTENSELY.
I WILL TAKE CARE
OF THE REST.

WHAT
REST?

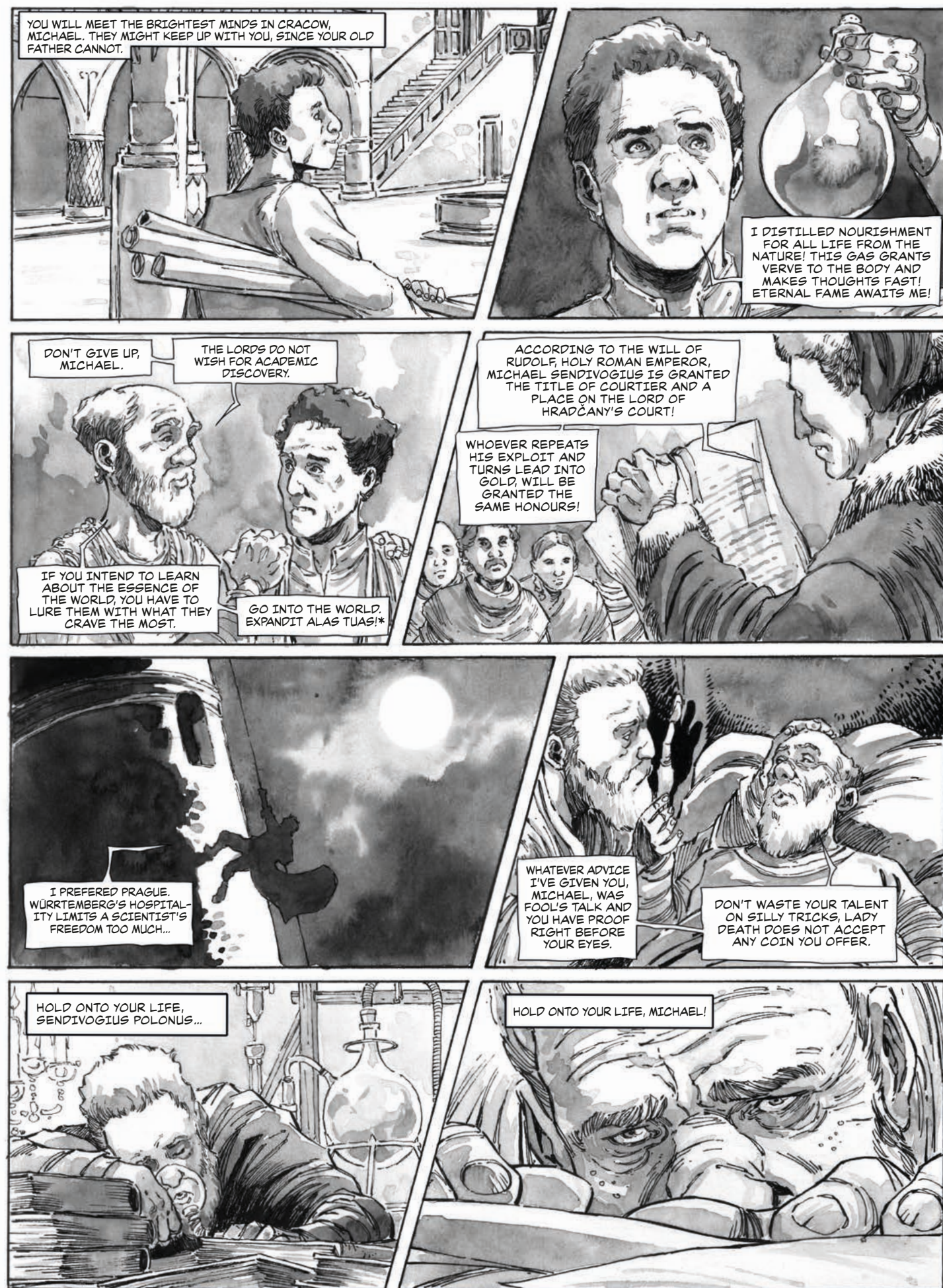


COME BACK SMARTER,
DEAR WARLOCK!
I DON'T KNOW FOR
HOW LONG CAN
WE STOP HIM!

BUT I AM
NEEDED
HE...

SPLASH!

*GERMAN FOR 'CURSED BEAST' **ITALIAN FOR 'BEAUTIFUL' ***GERMAN FOR 'WHAT? LET SOME AIR IN!'



*LATIN FOR 'SPREAD YOUR WINGS'



*CZECH FOR 'WAKE UP, MICHAEL' **DUTCH FOR 'HE SEEMS CRAZY'



RUSALKA BROUGHT ME HERE THROUGH A WATER PORTAL. THEY WORK BEST IN THE VICINITY OF RIVERS AND STREAMS, AND YOUR CITY IS BUILT ON THEM... ALL IN ALL - A TERRIBLE MEANS OF TRAVEL. I WASN'T EXPECTING A ROYAL ALCHEMIST TO BECOME A SUPERVISOR OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS, BUT...



I DON'T HAVE TIME TO DISCUSS THE PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS OF THE CALLING OF A SCIENTIST AND MIDLIFE CRISIS.

THERE IS A FIGHT TO THE DEATH IN ŻYWIEC!



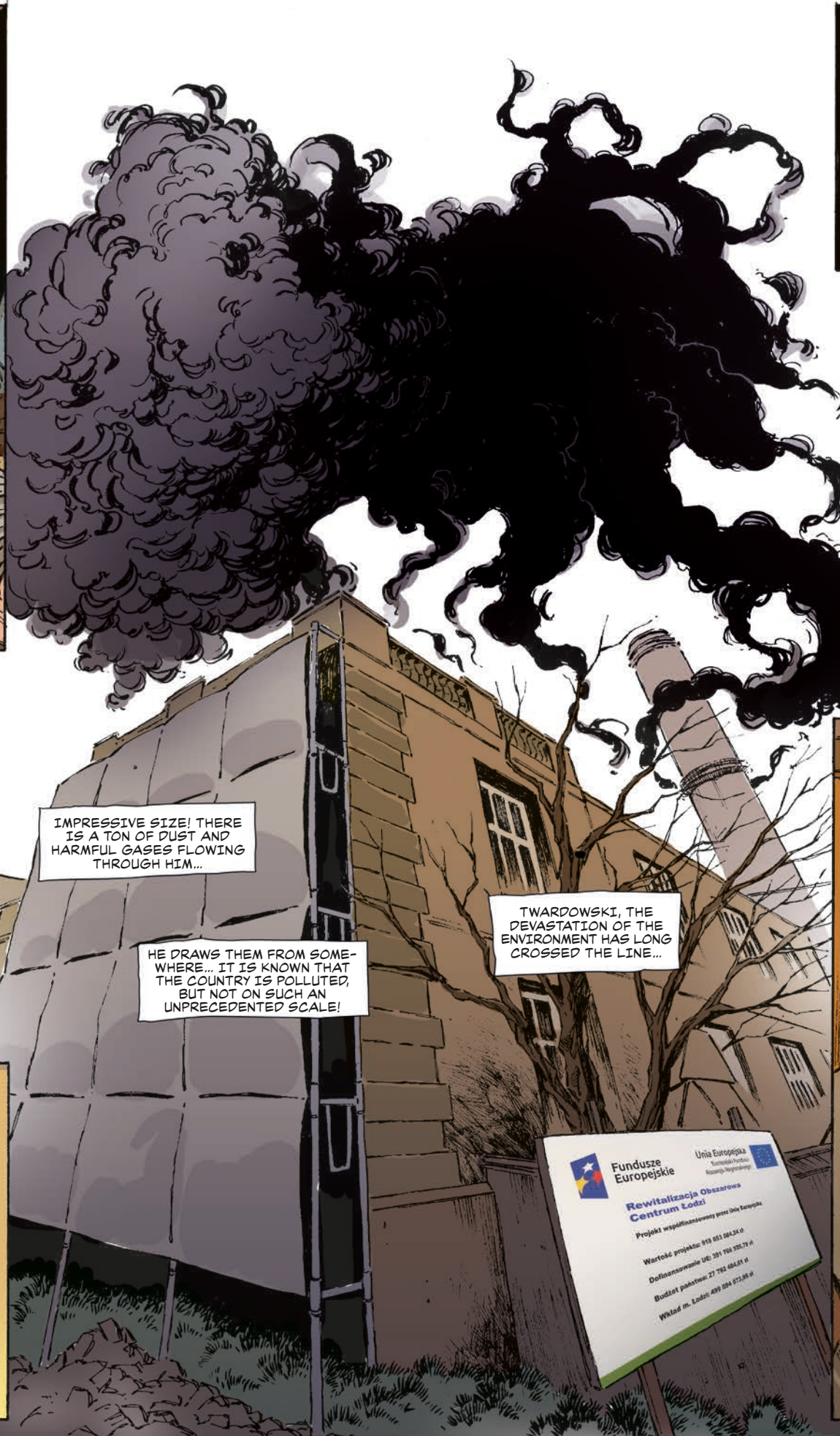
FIRST OF ALL - LIVING FOR 450 YEARS TAUGHT ME THAT THE YOUTH IS OUR HOPE!

GET LOST, LOCUST, OR HUID AMIGOS*!

SECOND OF ALL - SPEAK CLEARLY, I DON'T FOLLOW.



SEE FOR YOURSELF AND TELL ME HOW TO STOP THIS BEAST!



IMPRESSIVE SIZE! THERE IS A TON OF DUST AND HARMFUL GASES FLOWING THROUGH HIM...

HE DRAWS THEM FROM SOMEWHERE... IT IS KNOWN THAT THE COUNTRY IS POLLUTED, BUT NOT ON SUCH AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE!

TWARDOWSKI, THE DEVASTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT HAS LONG CROSSED THE LINE...

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YOU DON'T NEED TO REMIND ME...

I HAD A GOOD VIEW FROM THE MOON.

HOLD ON, WHAT IS THIS OMINOUS CLOUD?



YOUR MAGICAL TRANSFER HAD BEEN DETECTED AND YOU BROUGHT SOME EVIL COMPANY WITH YOU. FORTUNATELY, I HAVE SOME TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE! I WILL DISTRACT THEM WHILE YOU LEAVE FOR NORMANDY!



NORMANDY? WHAT FOR?

THERE IS NO TIME FOR MAGIC HISTORY LESSONS.

PICK UP THE VIAL WITH DISTILLATE COGNITIONIS. PURPLE ONE, FROM 1697.



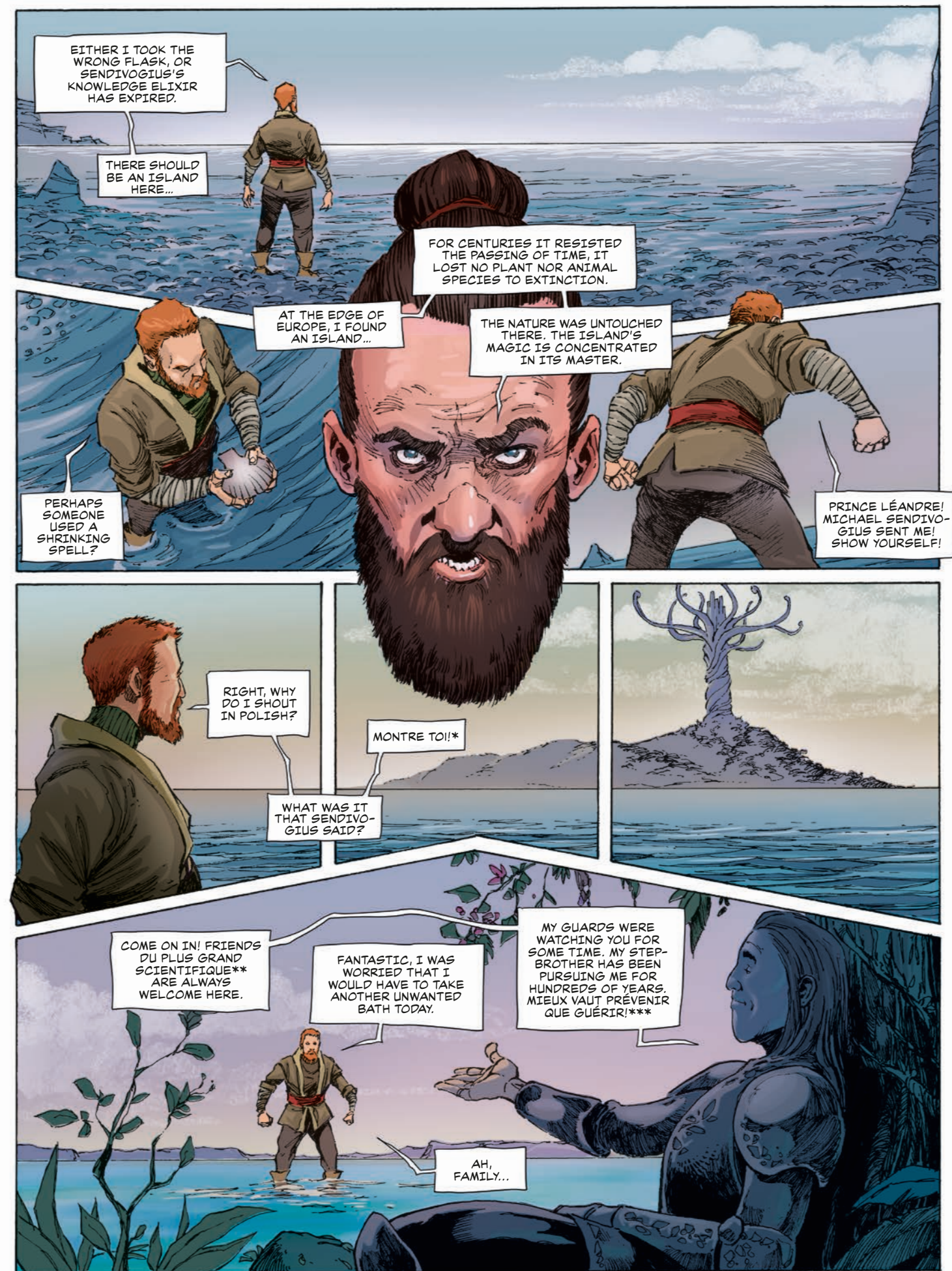
YOU DISTILL YOUR EXPERIENCE?

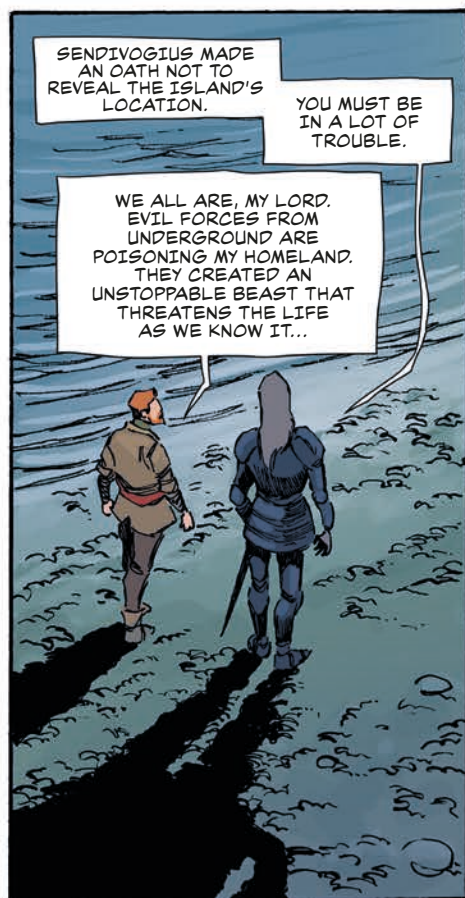
I SOMETIMES GIVE A DROP TO MY PROTEGES WHEN THEY BOMB THEIR TESTS.

THEY ARE GOOD KIDS, BUT EASILY DISTRACTED WITH WHAT ŁÓDŹ HAS TO OFFER. PIOTRKOWSKA IS JUST BEHIND THE CORNER...

GO ON, MY FRIEND!

CAN YOU HEAR THIS?





SENDIVOGIUS MADE AN OATH NOT TO REVEAL THE ISLAND'S LOCATION.

YOU MUST BE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE.

WE ALL ARE, MY LORD. EVIL FORCES FROM UNDERGROUND ARE POISONING MY HOMELAND. THEY CREATED AN UNSTOPPABLE BEAST THAT THREATENS THE LIFE AS WE KNOW IT...



ECHOES OF THESE EVENTS HAVE REACHED MY MORE SENSITIVE SUBJECTS. THEY SPEAK OF A GIANT MADE OUT OF TOXINS AND DUST, THEY ARE STUNNED WITH THE SCALE OF THIS CATASTROPHE.

I FOUGHT HIM HALF A DAY AGO!

MY FRIENDS ARE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE TO STOP HIM.



THEY ALSO SENSE A GREAT PAIN, AS IF SOMEONE'S LIFE IS BEING DRAINED OUT.

I HAVE TO GO BACK!

CAPTAIN, YOU CAN REVEAL YOURSELF. OUR GUEST IS NOT A THREAT.

YES, MY LORD. SHOULD I PREPARE A FEAST?



A WELCOME OR A FAREWELL DINNER, DEPENDING ON HIS PURPOSE HERE...

I DO NOT NEED FOOD, BUT A WEAPON!



FIRST GUEST IN 130 YEARS...

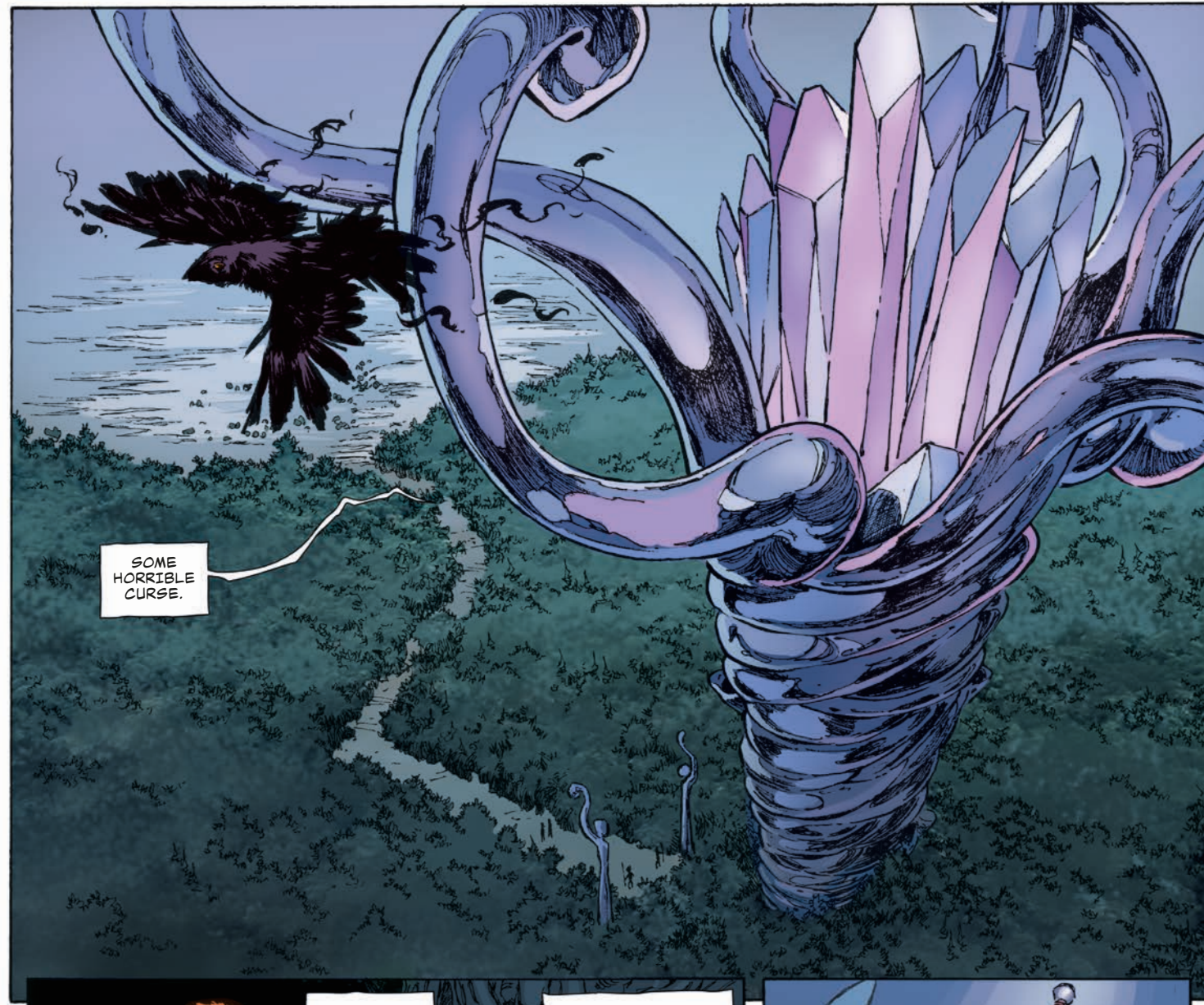
UNFORTUNATELY, I WISHED I WOULD NOT SEE A HUMAN FACE EVER AGAIN...



EVEN IF THEY COME AS FRIENDS AND HAVE THE BEST OF INTENTIONS, THEY ALWAYS BRING TROUBLE.



SOMETHING DARK ALWAYS FOLLOWS THEM.



SOME HORRIBLE CURSE.

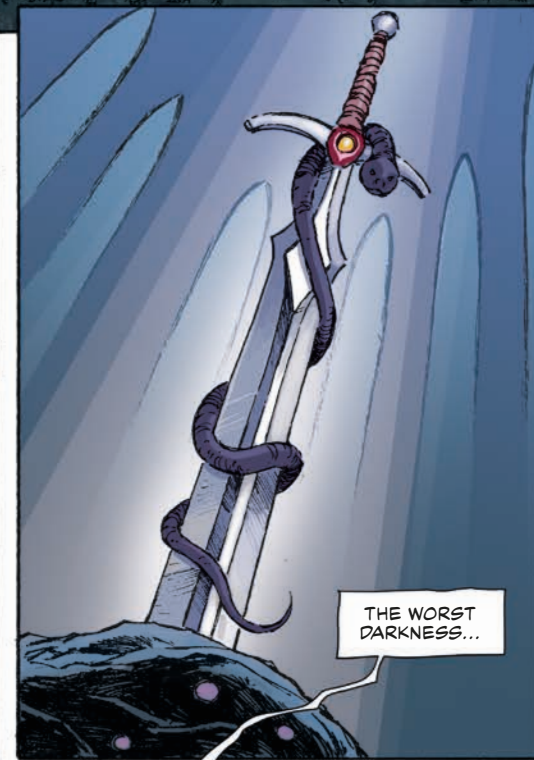


IMPRESSIVE PREMISES, MY LORD.

WE'VE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO PERFECT IT. WE PREFER NATURAL GROWTH HERE...



SENDIVOGIUS KNEW OF YOUR HIGHNESS' WEAPON - SOME POWERFUL ARTIFACT ABLE TO DISPERSE...



THE WORST DARKNESS...



THIS SWORD HAS NOT BEEN MINE TO GIVE FOR YEARS. IF YOU HAVE A CASE TO MAKE, PRESENT IT TO EVERYONE!

IT IS AN HONOURABLE GESTURE AND CLOSE TO HEART OF A POLISH NOBLEMAN. MAGICAL AND HUMAN BROTHERS!

A MONSTER IS DESTROYING EUROPE!

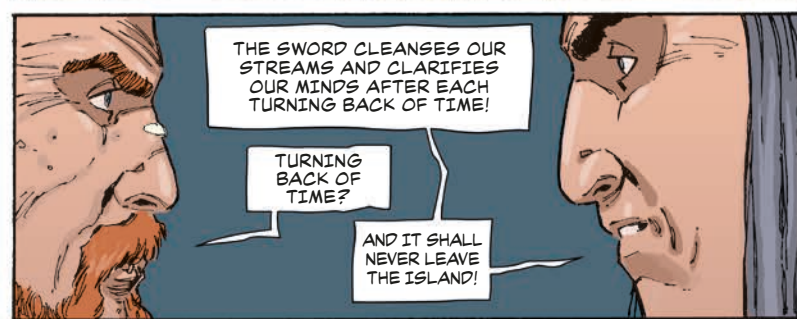
LED BY A DEMONIC WILL, A TOXIC CLOUD AND A HELLISH EMBER ARE SPREADING ON THE CONTINENT.

YOU CARRY A WEAPON CAPABLE OF STOPPING HIM!



LEND ME ITS POWER TO STOP HIM. I PROMISE TO RETURN IT ONCE THE BEAST TAKES ITS LAST VILE BREATH!

HOLD ON, MASTER MAGE...



THE SWORD CLEANSSES OUR STREAMS AND CLARIFIES OUR MINDS AFTER EACH TURNING BACK OF TIME!

TURNING BACK OF TIME?

AND IT SHALL NEVER LEAVE THE ISLAND!



I EXPECTED THAT A PLEA FROM A FOREIGNER MIGHT NOT CONVINCE YOU. EN TOUT CAS* - THE SWORD IS COMING TO POLAND WITH ME!



ATTEMPT IT AND YOU SHALL NEVER SEE YOUR HOMETLAND!

IF I DO NOTHING, I WILL NOT SEE IT ANYWAY!



WHAT IS THIS IMPUDENCE?

HE'S POLISH. THEY ALWAYS SEEK TROUBLE.

I HAVE A COUSIN IN A NURSERY IN BIALOWIEZA. WHAT A HOTHEAD!

HOW WILL WE SURVIVE WITHOUT THE SWORD?



THERE ARE NO KIND EARS HERE, WARLOCK!

MY PRINCE! A MISERY!

*FRENCH FOR 'IN ANY CASE'



THE DEVIL IS TAKING ITS TOLL!



WE'RE NOT DOING WELL, BROTHER!

EVEN A VENETIAN CARNIVAL DIDN'T LEAVE SO MANY BRUISES ON ME.



I CANNOT BREATHE - THE FUMES ARE CLOUDING MY WILL AND THOUGHTS!

COULD IT BE THAT TYPHON ESCAPED FROM THE DEEPEST DEPTHS OF TARTAR TO TORMENT GODS AND MEN?



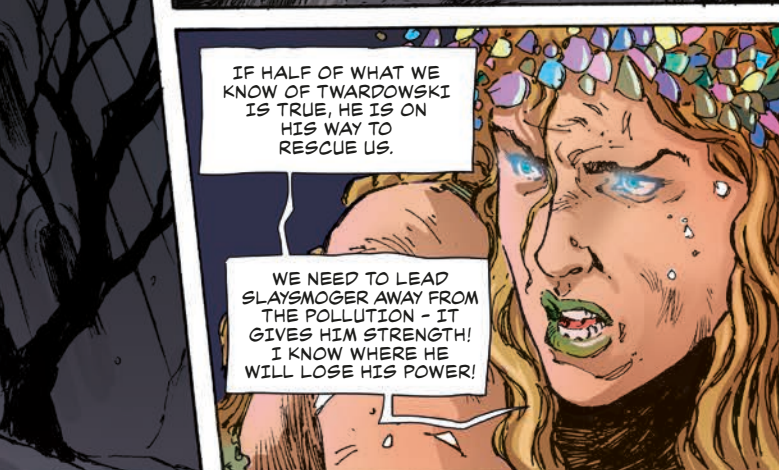
COMBINED FORCES OF EUROPEAN HEROES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO FACE THE BEAST!

I CAN FEEL HIM GROWING IN STRENGTH, WHILE THE GROUND IS BARRENING AND DRYING OUT.



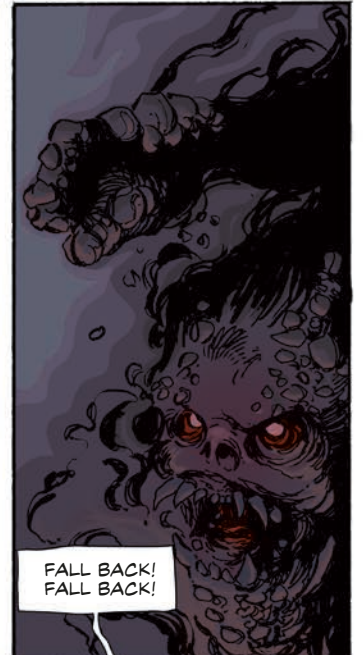
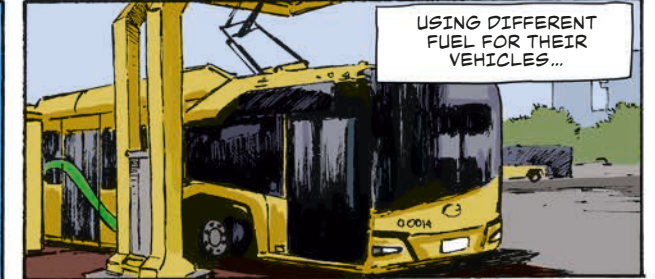
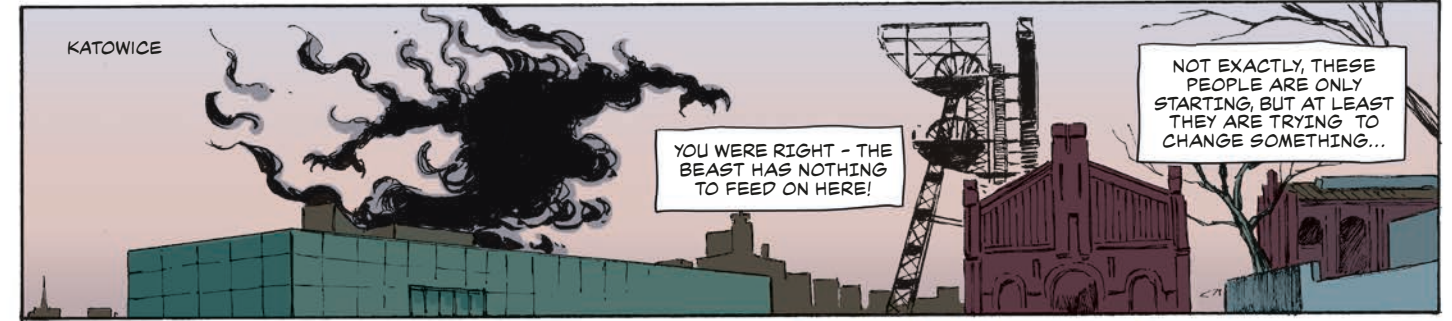
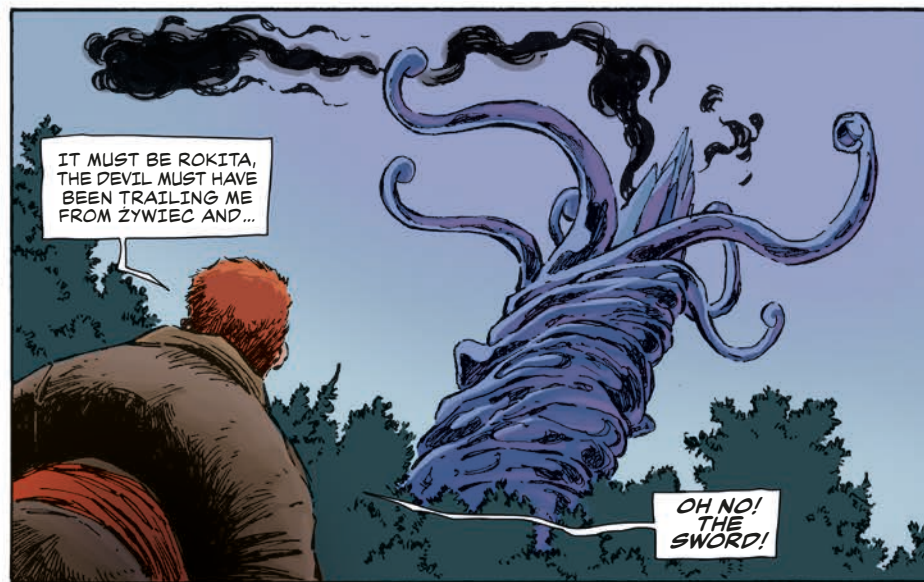
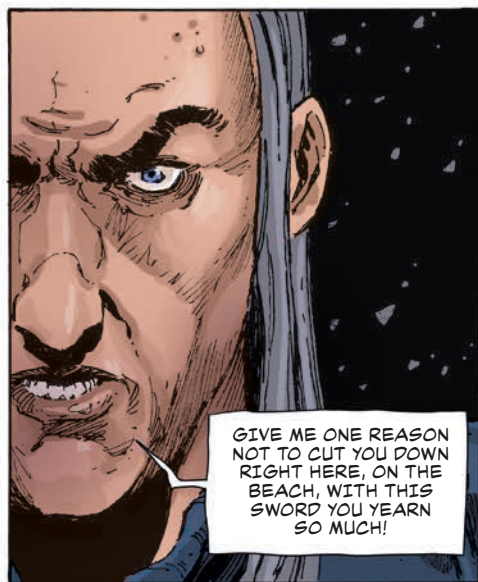
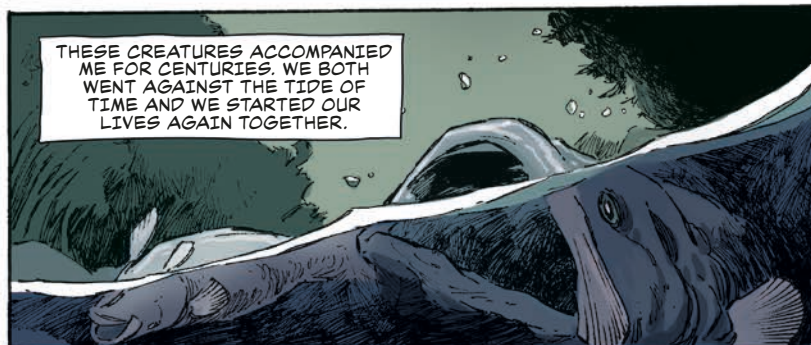
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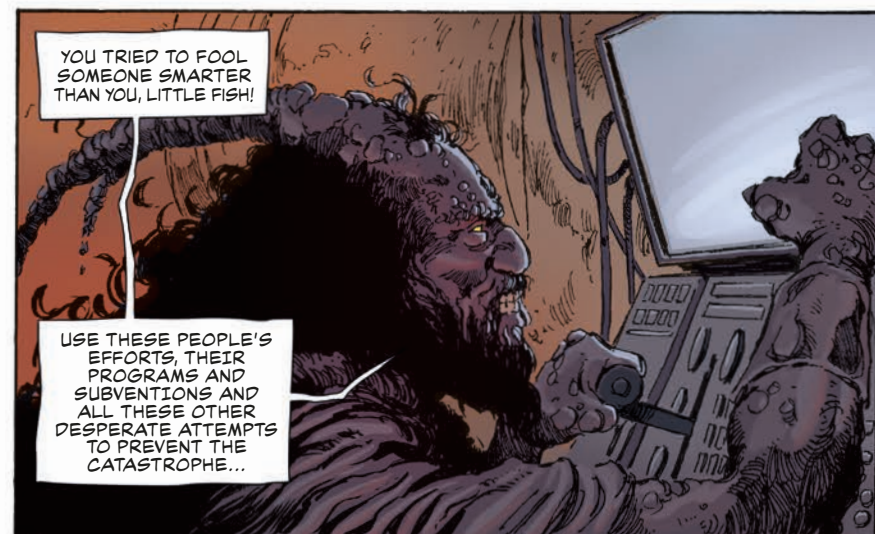
KEEP YOUR SPIRITS!



IF HALF OF WHAT WE KNOW OF TWARDOWSKI IS TRUE, HE IS ON HIS WAY TO RESCUE US.

WE NEED TO LEAD SLAYSMOGER AWAY FROM THE POLLUTION - IT GIVES HIM STRENGTH! I KNOW WHERE HE WILL LOSE HIS POWER!





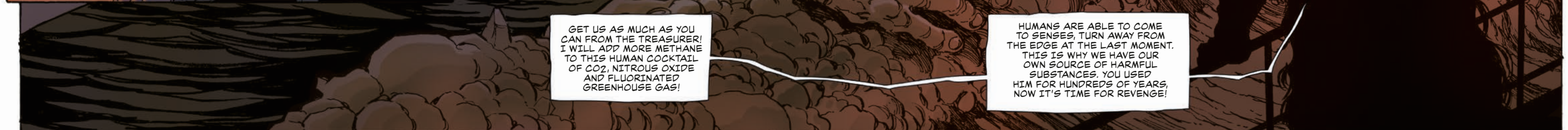
YOU TRIED TO FOOL SOMEONE SMARTER THAN YOU, LITTLE FISH!

USE THESE PEOPLE'S EFFORTS, THEIR PROGRAMS AND SUBVENTIONS AND ALL THESE OTHER DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT THE CATASTROPHE...



BUT WE WILL NOT BE DEFEATED!

I WANT FULL POWER!

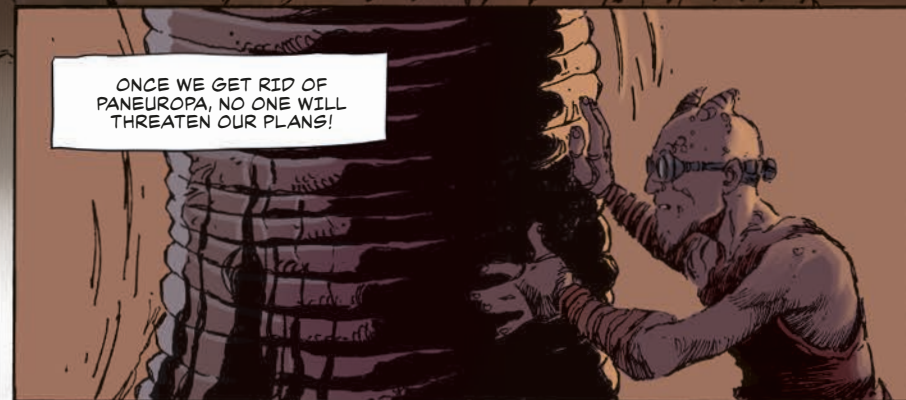


GET US AS MUCH AS YOU CAN FROM THE TREASURER! I WILL ADD MORE METHANE TO THIS HUMAN COCKTAIL OF CO₂, NITROUS OXIDE AND FLUORINATED GREENHOUSE GAS!

HUMANS ARE ABLE TO COME TO SENSES, TURN AWAY FROM THE EDGE AT THE LAST MOMENT. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE OUR OWN SOURCE OF HARMFUL SUBSTANCES. YOU USED HIM FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, NOW IT'S TIME FOR REVENGE!



COAL, OIL... TIME FOR A PAYBACK AND THEN SOME!

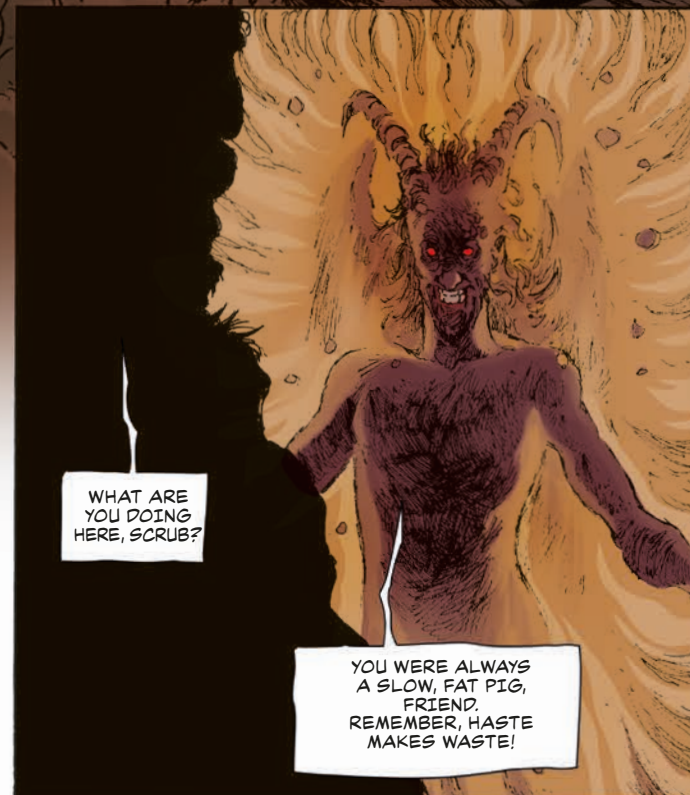


ONCE WE GET RID OF PANEUROPA, NO ONE WILL THREATEN OUR PLANS!



WE'LL SUFFOCATE THE ENTIRE CONTINENT IN MERE COUPLE OF YEARS!

COUPLE OF YEARS?!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, SCRUB?

YOU WERE ALWAYS A SLOW, FAT PIG, FRIEND. REMEMBER, HASTE MAKES WASTE!



THANKS TO MY EFFORTS WE WILL BE DONE BEFORE YOU FINISH SAYING "MAGICAL TIME BENDING SERPENT"!

I WONDER IF THE CENTRAL WILL APPRECIATE US EXCEEDING THE PLAN?



PERHAPS I WILL BE PROMOTED TO THE LAST CIRCLE OF HELL? THIS KIND OF SUCCESS CANNOT GO UNNOTICED!





TWARDOWSKI! I KNEW YOU WOULD COME BACK! CAREFUL - HIS POWER SOURCE HAS NO LIMITS!



LET'S SEE HOW WILL HE FARE AGAINST SENDIVOGIUS'S CLEANSING SPELL ON THE NORMANDY TIMELESS ENCLAVE SWORD!



ENOUGH, TRAITOR!

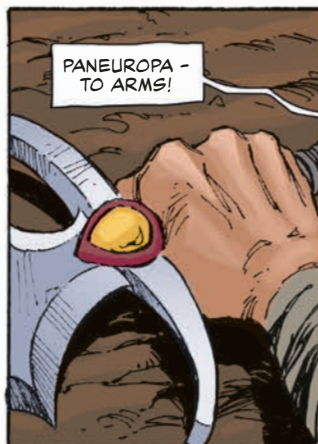


YOU SHOULD HAVE FULFILLED YOUR CONTRACT, YOU WOULD BE ON THE WINNING SIDE NOW!



OUR FRIEND FROM ZYWIEC IS BACK... THAT'S THE LAST THING WE NEEDED!

HE HITCHED A RIDE WITH ME TO SENDIVOGIUS. HE WILL MAKE A FEAST OF US IF WE DON'T FILE HIS HORNS FAST!



PANEUROPA - TO ARMS!



SHOUT ALL YOU WANT, PATHETIC CROWD OF HALF-FORGOTTEN GODS AND HELPLESS RELICTS, WHOSE TIME PASSED A LONG TIME AGO. A NEW ERA IS APPROACHING - OF SUFFOCATING DUST, MERCILESS HEAT AND ENDLESS SUFFERING. ALL OF THIS THANKS TO THE FREE WILL OF THE PEOPLE, WHO USED THAT WILL ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN MAD DISCRETION!

WE ARE THE FUTURE! LÉANDRE WASTED HIS POWER TO KEEP REPLAYING THE PAST...



... I WILL USE IT TO PUSH THE WORLD IN THE FUTURE! YEARS WORTH OF BURNING OIL IN MERE HOURS! HUNDREDS OF WINTERS HEATED WITH SHODDY COAL AND TRASH WILL COUGH UP SMOG IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES!

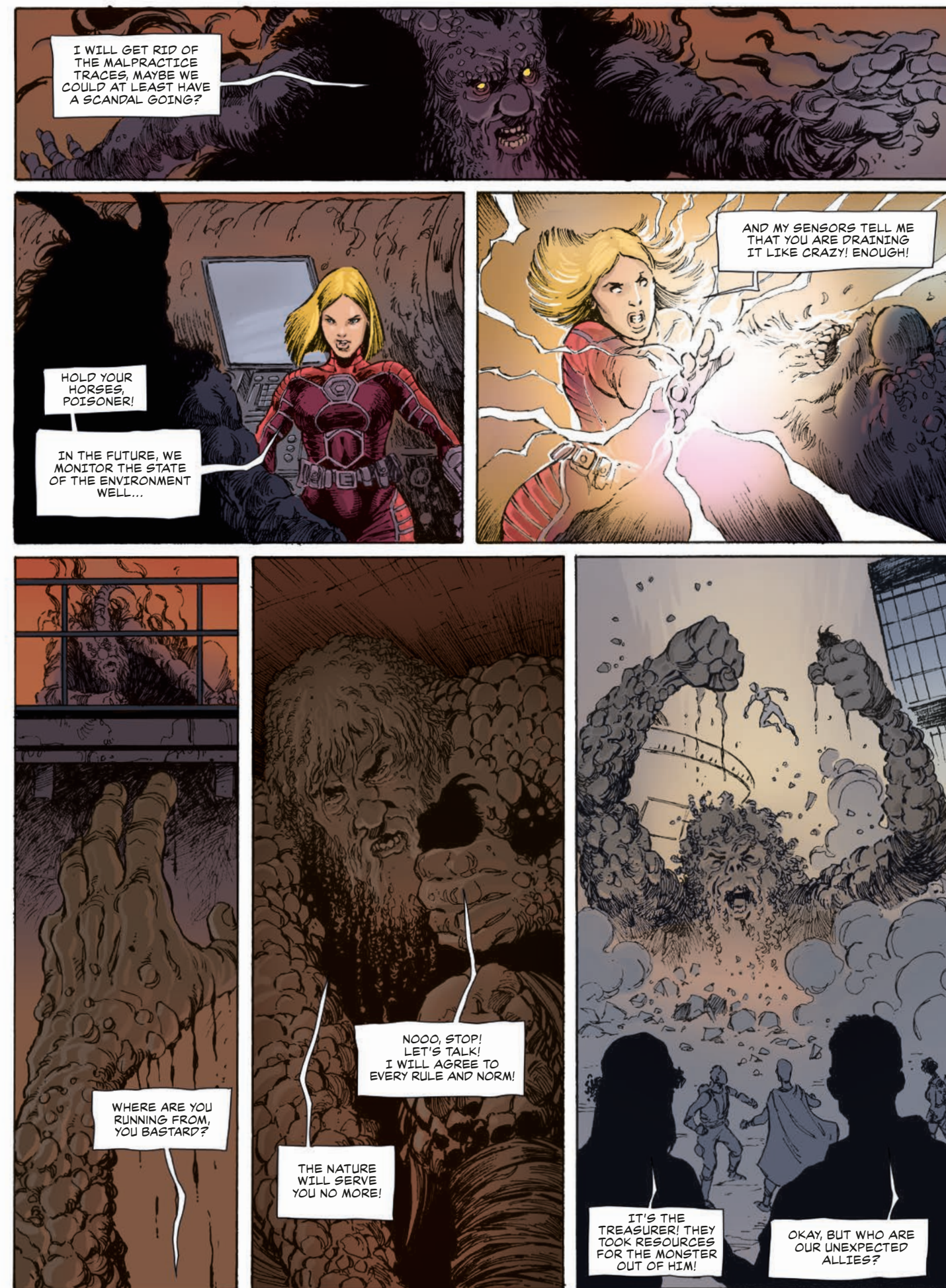
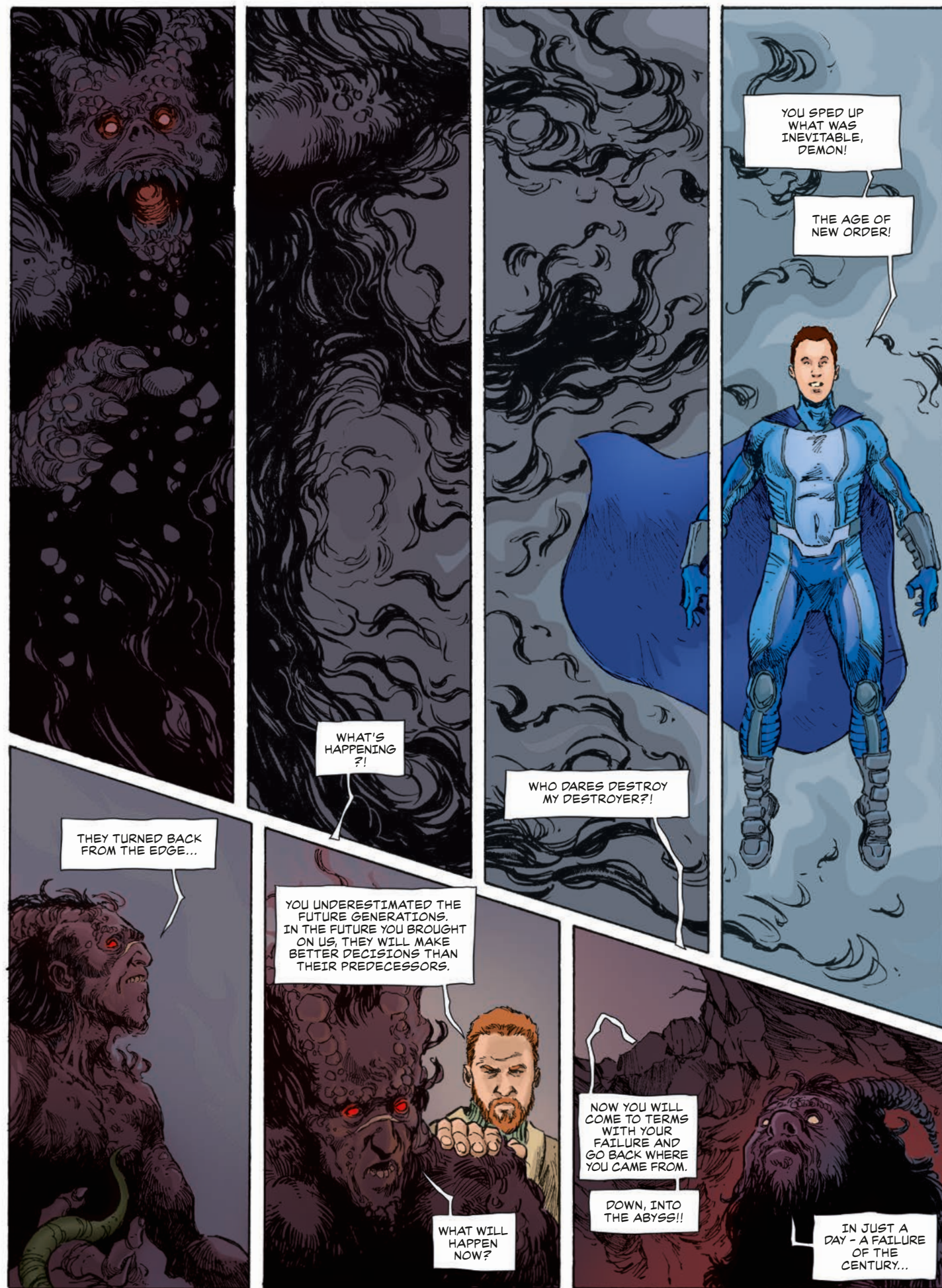
EVERYTHING THAT YOU WOULD BRING UPON YOURSELVES IN THIS CENTURY, I WILL BRING ON YOU TONIGHT!

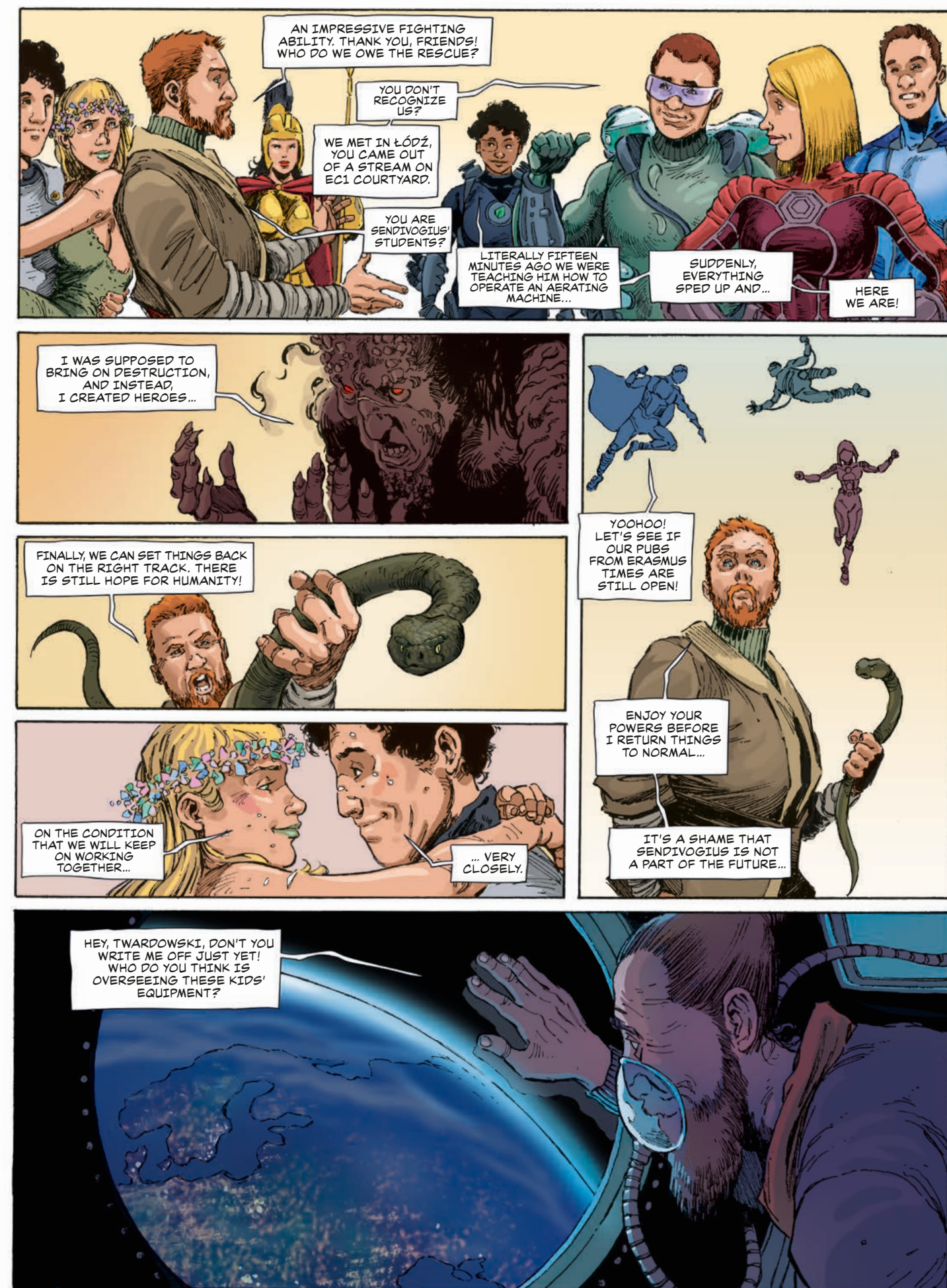
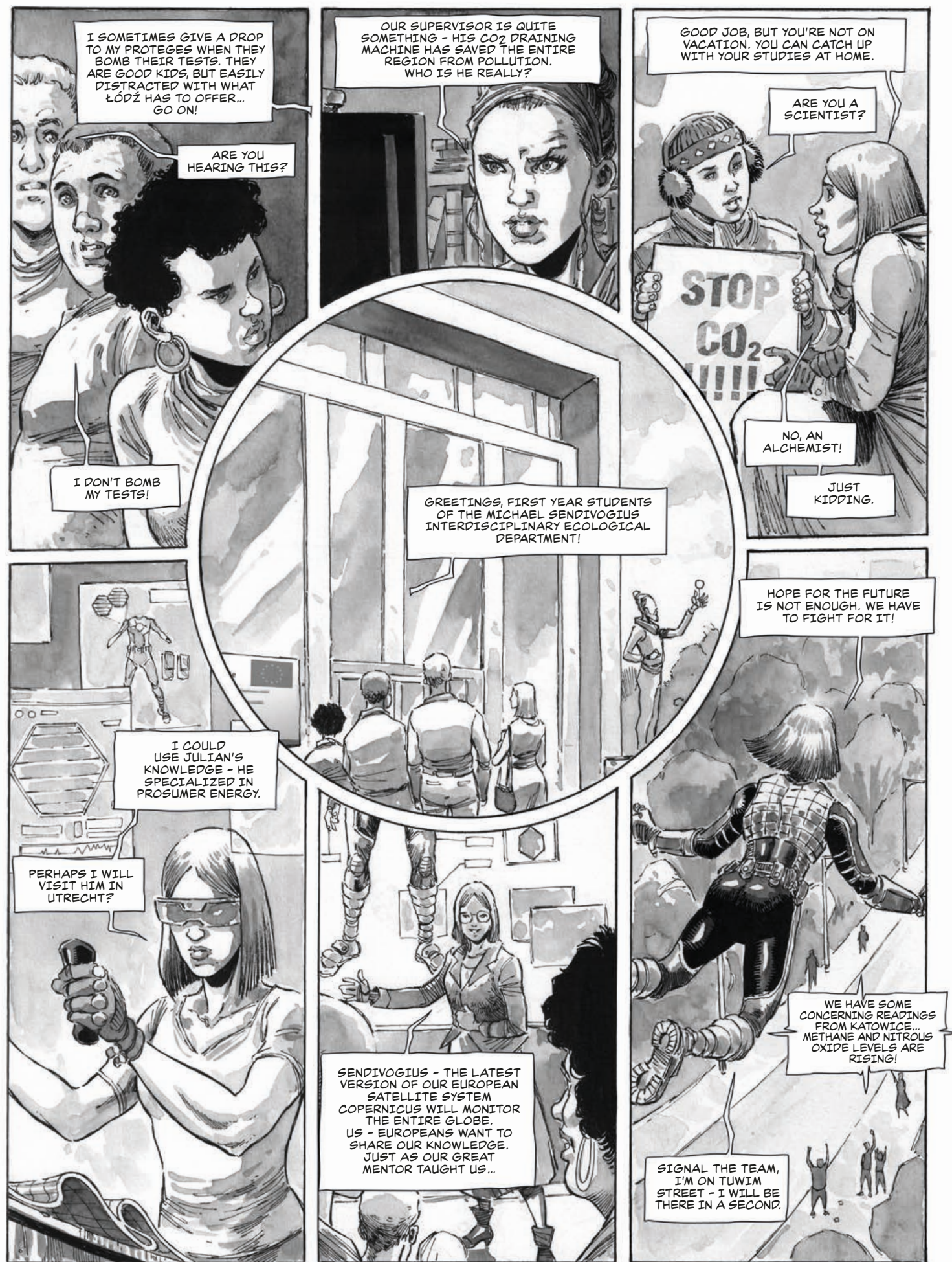


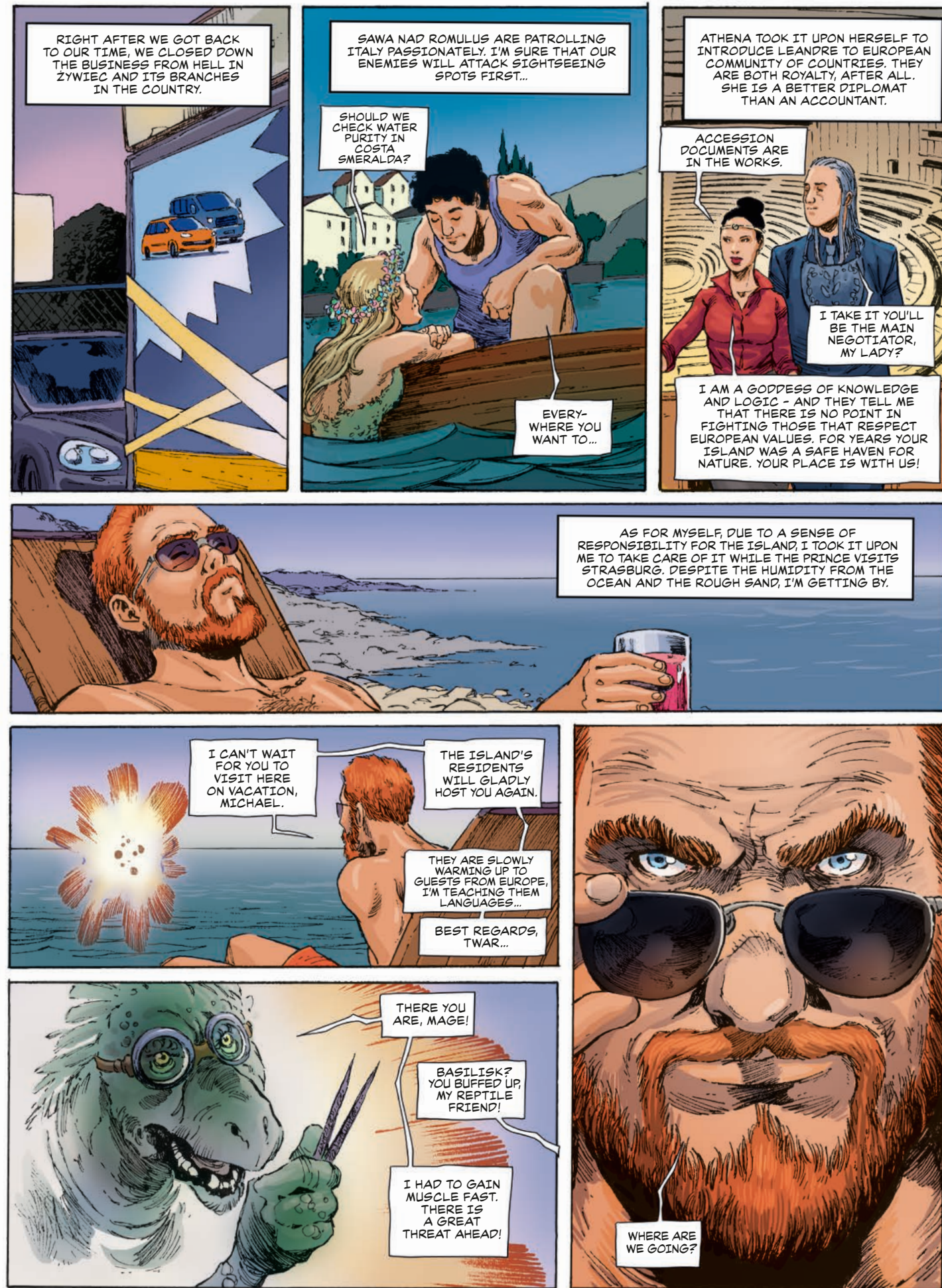
TIME IS ON MY SIDE!



IT'S TIME FOR A FUNERAL MELODY, PANEUROPA IS LEAVING THE STAGE...







Weather and climate

Weather and climate are two separate, but related terms. „Weather“ describes day-to-day conditions of a particular region (one day could be cloudy and humid, while the next is sunny). The term “climate” represents the average weather conditions of a particular region in a prolonged period of time (e. g. in the course of 30 years). For example, deserts have a hot and dry climate, whereas the Arctic and Antarctic are cold and dry.

What causes climate change?

Climate change is caused by the rising temperatures on Earth (global warming), which is a result of the increasing amount of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere. This increase is caused mostly by means of burning fossil fuel in order to produce energy, as well as other human activities, such as the deforestation of tropical forests, cattle farming or production of chemicals.

Smog

Air pollution in the form of a mixture of smoke and fog, derived from the reaction of sunlight on pollutants such as unburned hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides from car exhaust fumes and coal-fired heating. Causes eye irritation, respiratory problems and blighting of plants.

Greenhouse gas

Some of the atmospheric gases act like a greenhouse roof – although they let the solar energy “inside”, they also keep some of the radiation in. Many of these gases are a natural occurrence, but human actions can cause the increase of some of them in the atmosphere, especially **carbon dioxide (CO₂)**, **methane**, **nitrous oxide** and **fluorinated greenhouse gases**. CO₂ is the greenhouse gas most often produced due to human activity. **63 percent of the global warming is caused by the increase of carbon dioxide**. Its current concentration in the atmosphere is 40 percent larger than pre-industrial revolution (1st half of the 19th century). **Other greenhouse gases** are emitted in smaller quantities, but are more effective (even as much as a thousand times more) in retaining heat than CO₂. **Methane** is causing 19 percent of global warming due to human activity, and **nitrous oxide** 6 percent of it.

A European Green Deal

It is the European Union’s response to the threat to the safety of its citizens due to the human induced climate change. This strategy will help combat climate change by introducing a natural resources-based economy. A European Green Deal’s objective is to maintain the current living standards of the EU citizens, but also to preserve the biodiversity and reduce the pollution. It can be achieved through the reduction of emission of harmful gases such as CO₂. The EU has undertaken to reduce the pollution level to 40% before 2030 and to completely stop the emission before 2050. **The implementation of the reduction of harmful gases plan is the result of the ratification of the Paris agreement** from December 2015 by 195 countries. The agreement was concluded during the UN Conference about climate change and is seeking to limit the global temperature rise to 1,5°C.

How do UE funds help protect the climate and our health?

The **European Union** supports member countries, regions and local communities in their efforts to **implement cleaner, cheaper and healthier forms of private and public transport through the European funds**. One good example of such efforts is the city of **Łódź**, which uses the granted EU funds to purchase new trams and renovate trackways. An important transportation project developed in the city is the **construction of an underground tunnel connecting Łódź Fabryczna station and Łódź Kaliska station**, which will expedite environment-friendly train travel. Another city investing in public means of transportation using rail is **Katowice**, where new tram lines are laid down and electric buses are steadily put to use. In polish cities the EU supports thermomodernization of the revitalized areas, renovation of historic, and public utility buildings. **Wałbrzych**, where the Old Mine Science and Art Center was modernized, is a great example. **Cracow** uses EU funds to exchange old coal furnaces for modern, coal-free ones. Paired with connecting historical buildings to the city heating network, these efforts help to fight the winter smog, occurring yearly in Poland.

Multilingualism in the EU

Multilingualism is one of the core principles behind the functioning of the EU. Europe is a unique region in the world in terms of the number of languages in use compared to the size of its territory. There are 24 official languages in the European Union and around 60 regional languages and dialects. They make up a linguistic mosaic that is a part of Europe’s cultural wealth.

In order to preserve and develop them, the European Union has put in place strong multilingualism policy, which is unique worldwide. Part of this policy is the protection of lingual diversity and equality, according to which every EU citizen can use their official language when contacting EU institutions, as well as promoting foreign language education and translation.

The EU has set a goal for every citizen to be able to speak at least two foreign languages. In order to achieve this, the EU supports educational efforts to expose children to two foreign languages at a young age, as well as the popular schooling program for the youth, Erasmus+.

We encourage everyone to learn foreign languages, as their knowledge can be a door to learning about different cultures and their people, successful professional careers and solving modern world’s most burning issues.v

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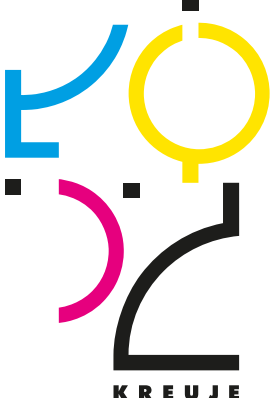
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Will the mage be able to reverse the course of events? Or did humanity already go too far in its drive towards self-destruction?

If the wisdom of alchemist Sendivogius is not enough, the lady guardian of rivers, Sawa, will have to step in.

The results of the fight will determine the fate of not only Europeans, but the entire world!

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PANEUROPA VERSUS SMOG

Romulus and Remus

twins, the legendary founders of Rome.

Together with their adopted mother, Capitoline Wolf, they protect the environment in Southern Europe.

Twardowski

master of arcane arts and the first Pole on the Moon. Currently a member of Paneuropa, in which he focuses on battling supernatural threats to the continent.

Sawa

a mermaid protecting the longest river in Poland – Vistula – for thousands of years. Her powers allow her to manipulate water in its every form.

Athena

goddess of art and wisdom, who is also a warrior and conqueror of evil powers. An ambassador of supernatural beings in the world of men.

Rat-catcher

travelling musician from Northern Germany, owner of a magical flute that grants him the power to command animals. As an artist, prone to depression.

