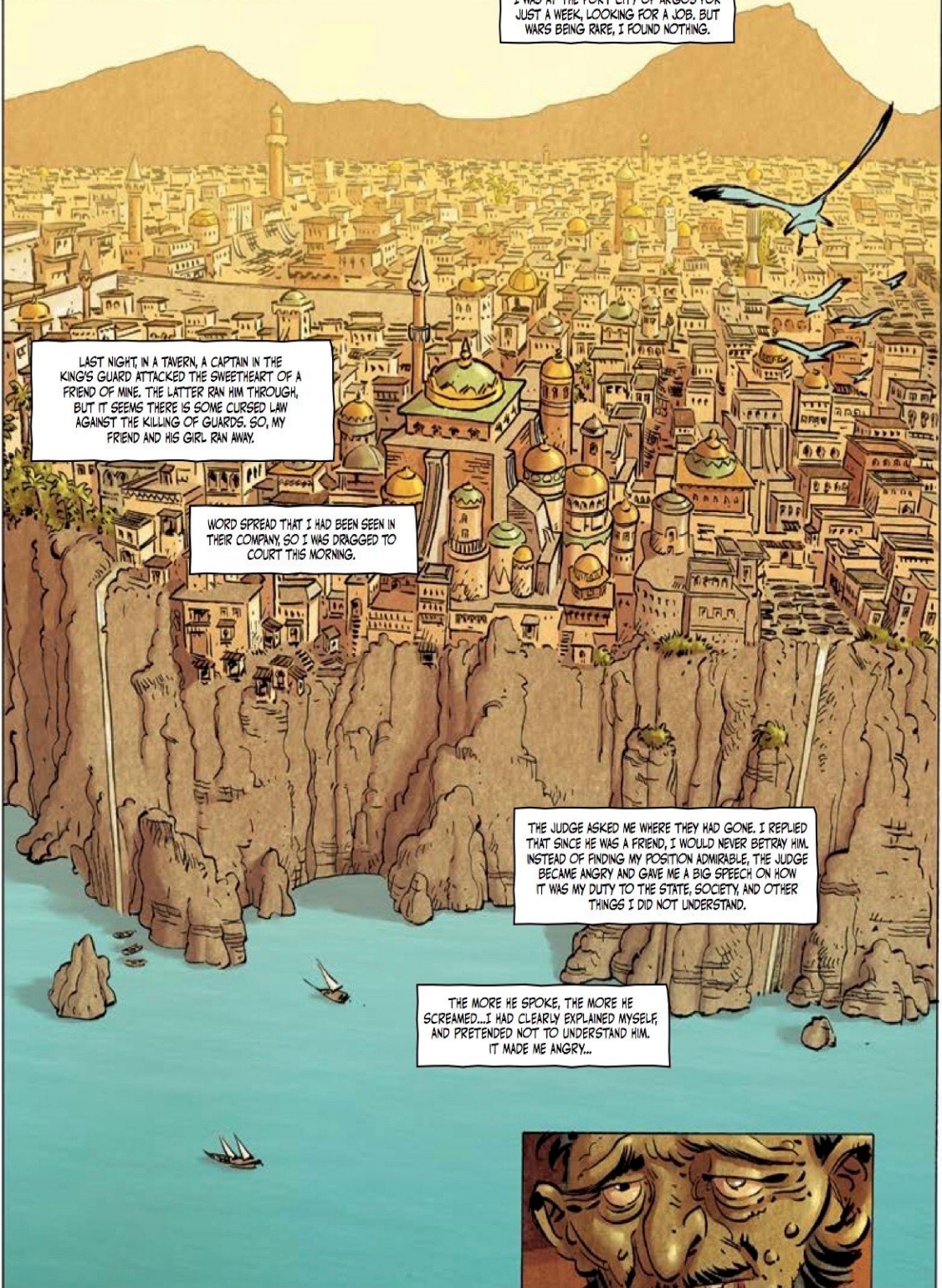




I SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AMONG YOU, YOUR CITIES. HOWEVER, YOUR WAYS ARE ALWAYS FOREIGN TO ME.

I WAS AT THE PORT CITY OF ARGOS FOR JUST A WEEK, LOOKING FOR A JOB. BUT WARS BEING RARE, I FOUND NOTHING.



LAST NIGHT, IN A TAVERN, A CAPTAIN IN THE KING'S GUARD ATTACKED THE SWEETHEART OF A FRIEND OF MINE. THE LATTER RAN HIM THROUGH, BUT IT SEEMS THERE IS SOME CURSED LAW AGAINST THE KILLING OF GUARDS. SO, MY FRIEND AND HIS GIRL RAN AWAY.

WORD SPREAD THAT I HAD BEEN SEEN IN THEIR COMPANY, SO I WAS DRAGGED TO COURT THIS MORNING.

THE JUDGE ASKED ME WHERE THEY HAD GONE. I REPLIED THAT SINCE HE WAS A FRIEND, I WOULD NEVER BETRAY HIM. INSTEAD OF FINDING MY POSITION ADMIRABLE, THE JUDGE BECAME ANGRY AND GAVE ME A BIG SPEECH ON HOW IT WAS MY DUTY TO THE STATE, SOCIETY, AND OTHER THINGS I DID NOT UNDERSTAND.

THE MORE HE SPOKE, THE MORE HE SCREAMED...I HAD CLEARLY EXPLAINED MYSELF, AND PRETENDED NOT TO UNDERSTAND HIM. IT MADE ME ANGRY...

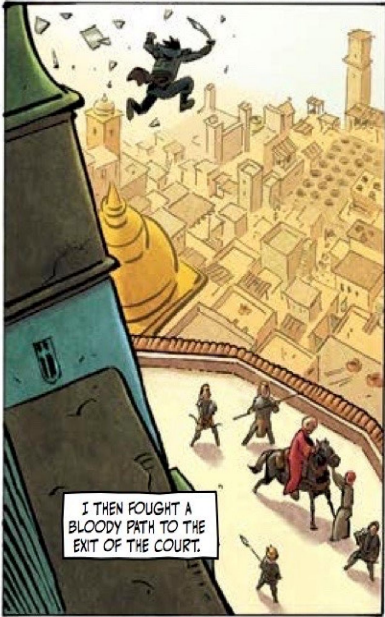


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SO I TOOK OUT MY SWORD AND CUT OFF THE HEAD OF THIS ENRAGED JUDGE.



I THEN FOUGHT A BLOODY PATH TO THE EXIT OF THE COURT.



I MANAGED TO ESCAPE BY STEALING THE GOVERNOR'S HORSE.



GIVE UP YOUR ARMS, OR YOU'RE A DEAD MAN!

DYING HAS NEVER SCARED ME.



GIVE UP MY ARMS!
THIS EXPRESSION DOES NOT EVEN EXIST FOR THE CIMMERIAN!

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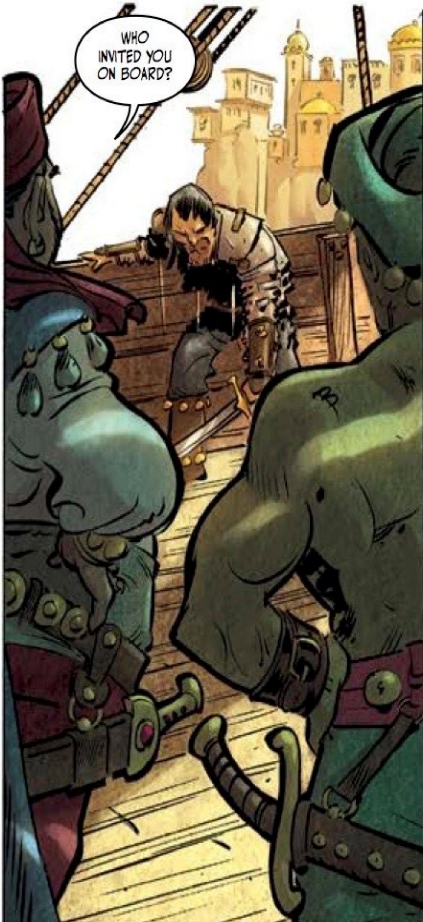
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