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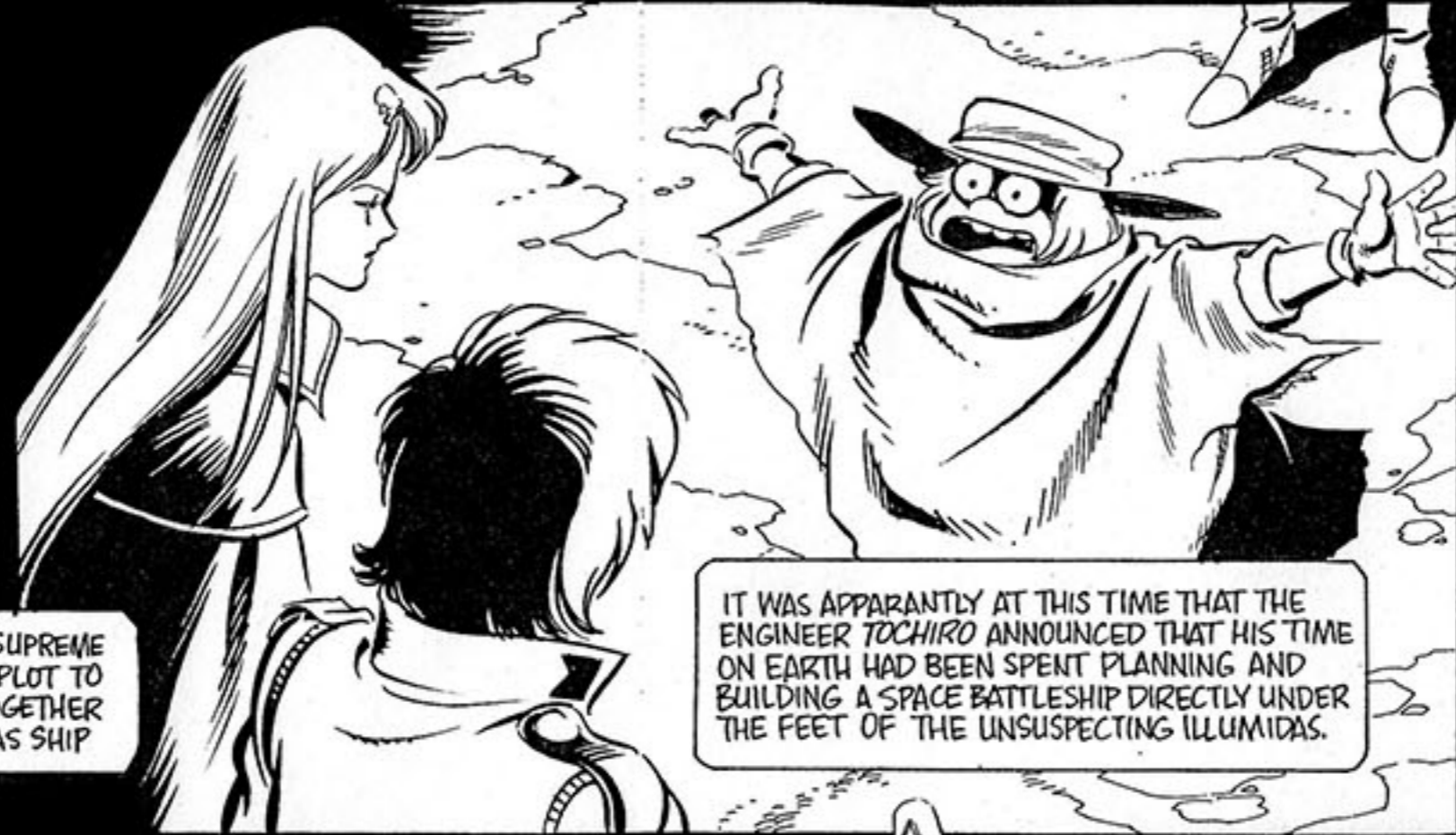
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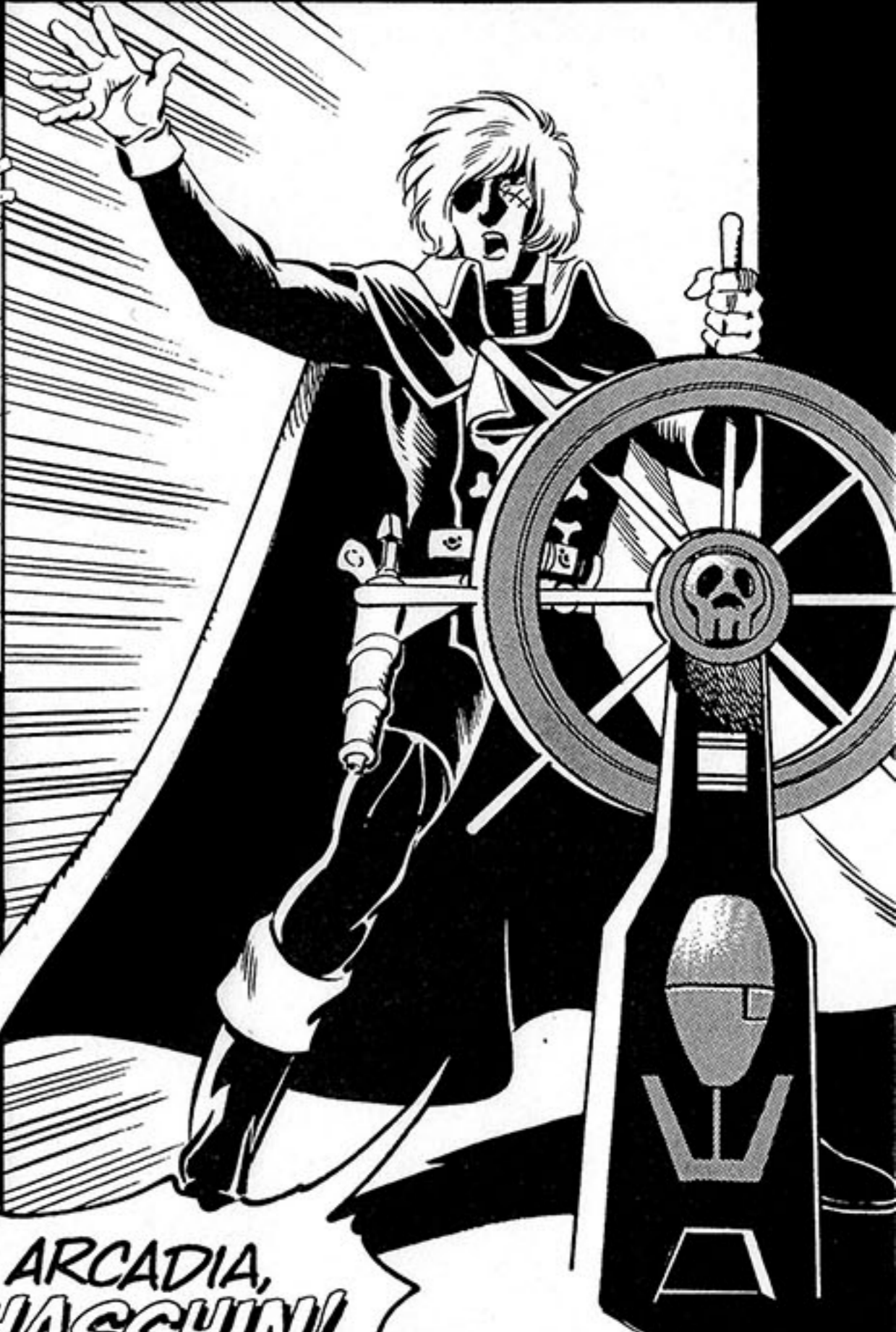
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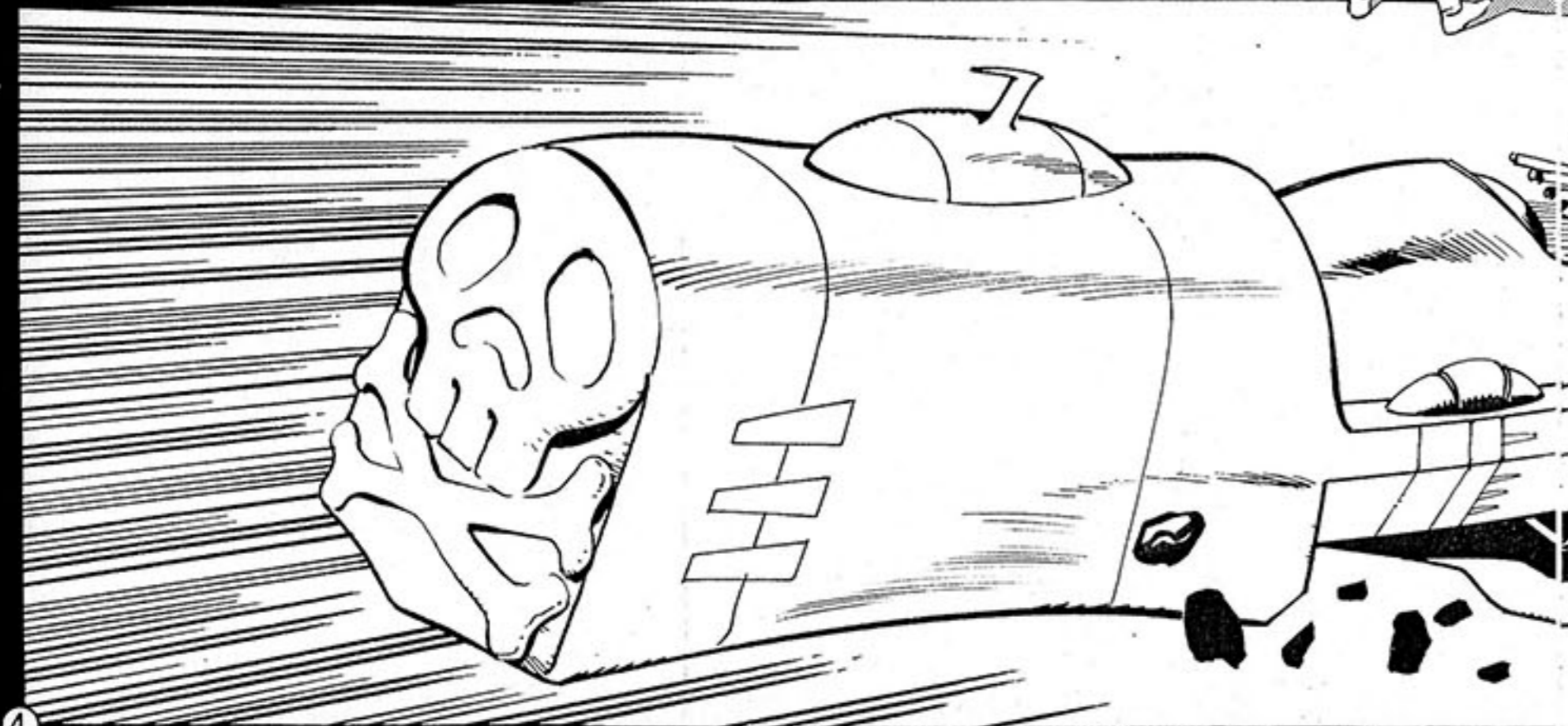
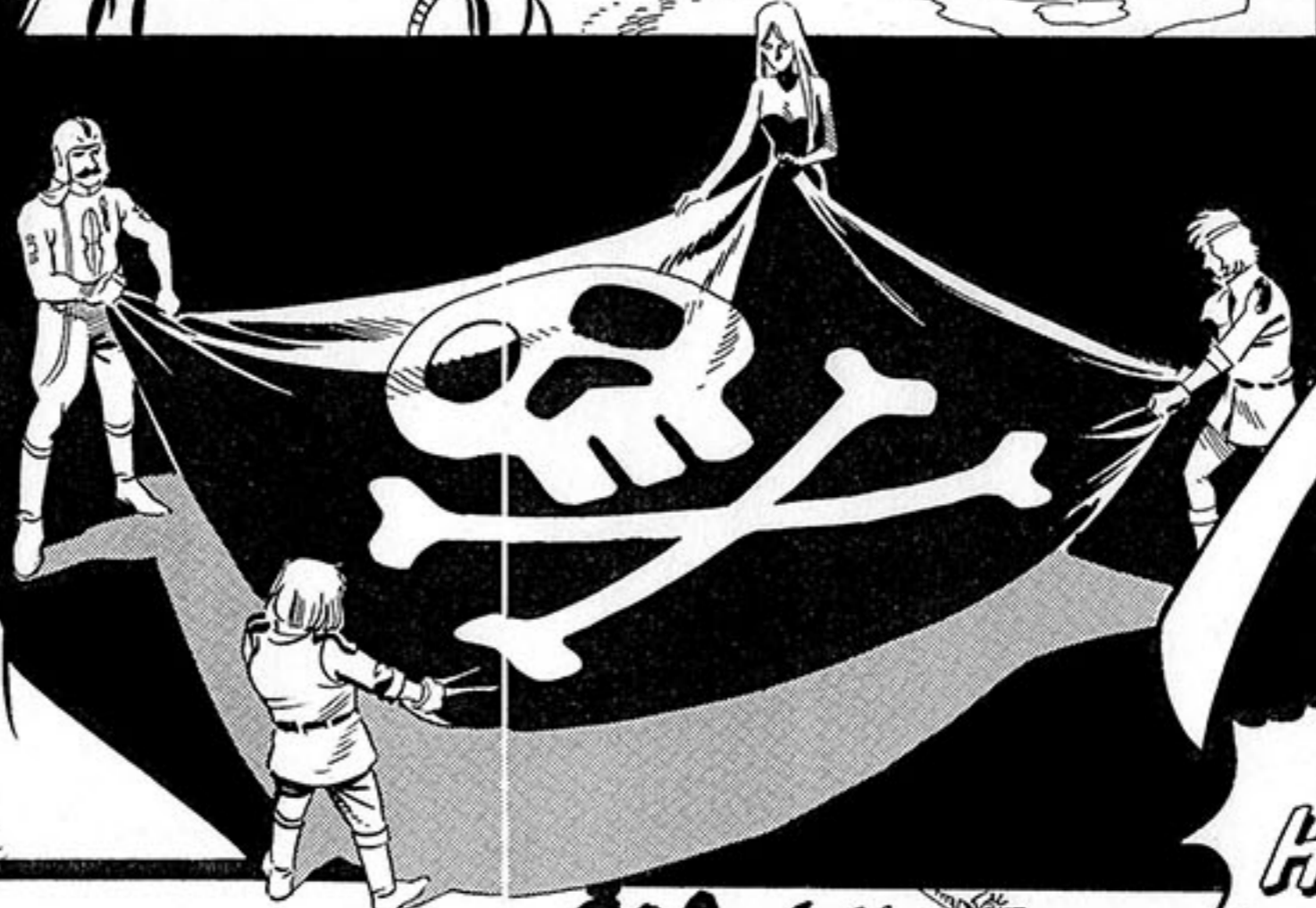


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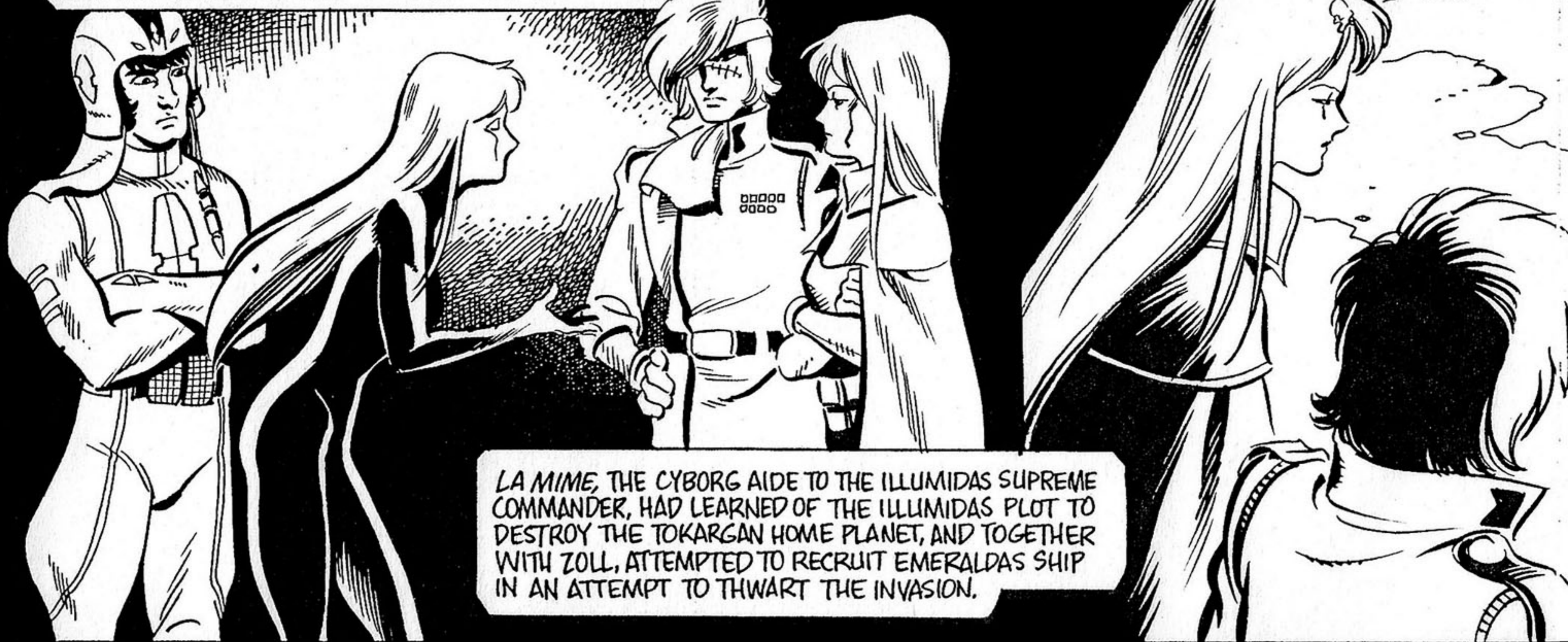
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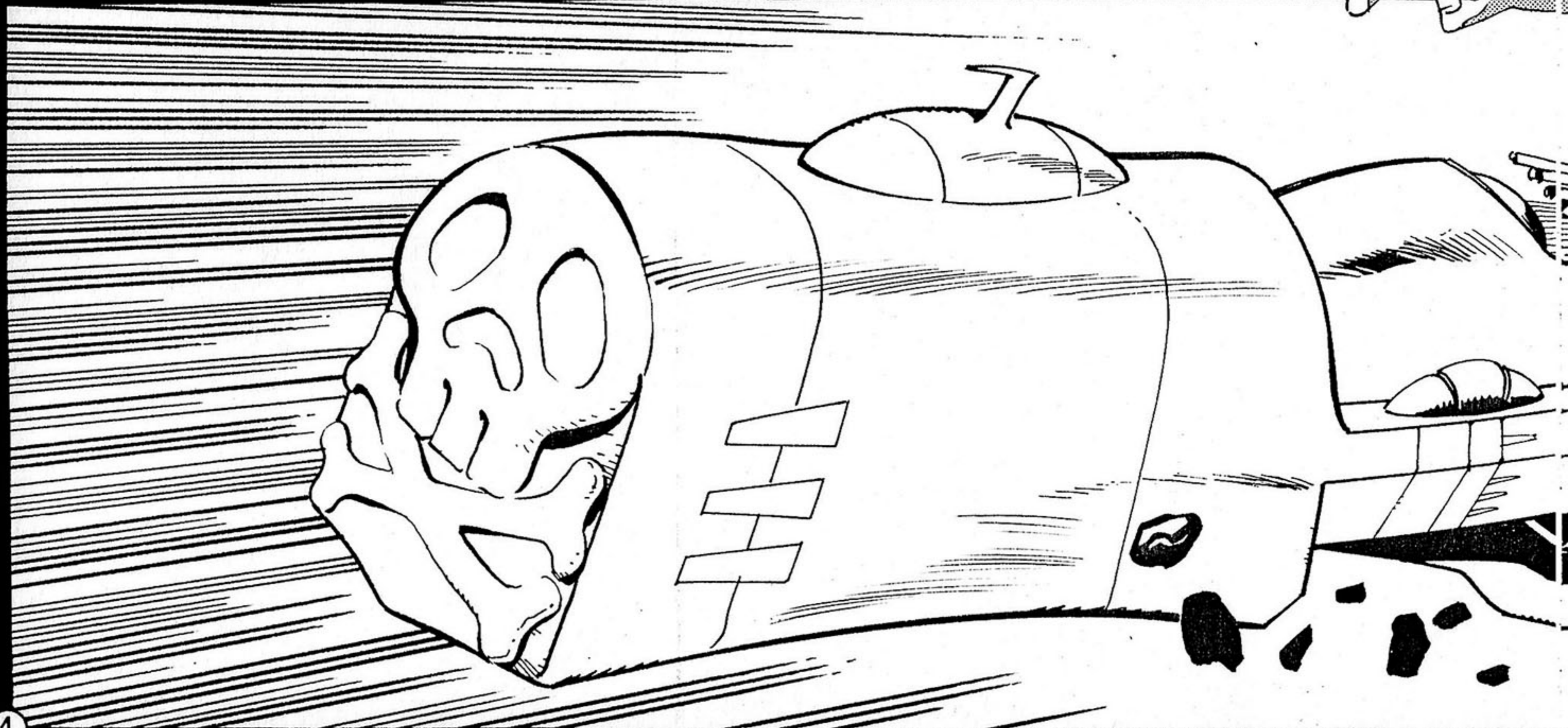


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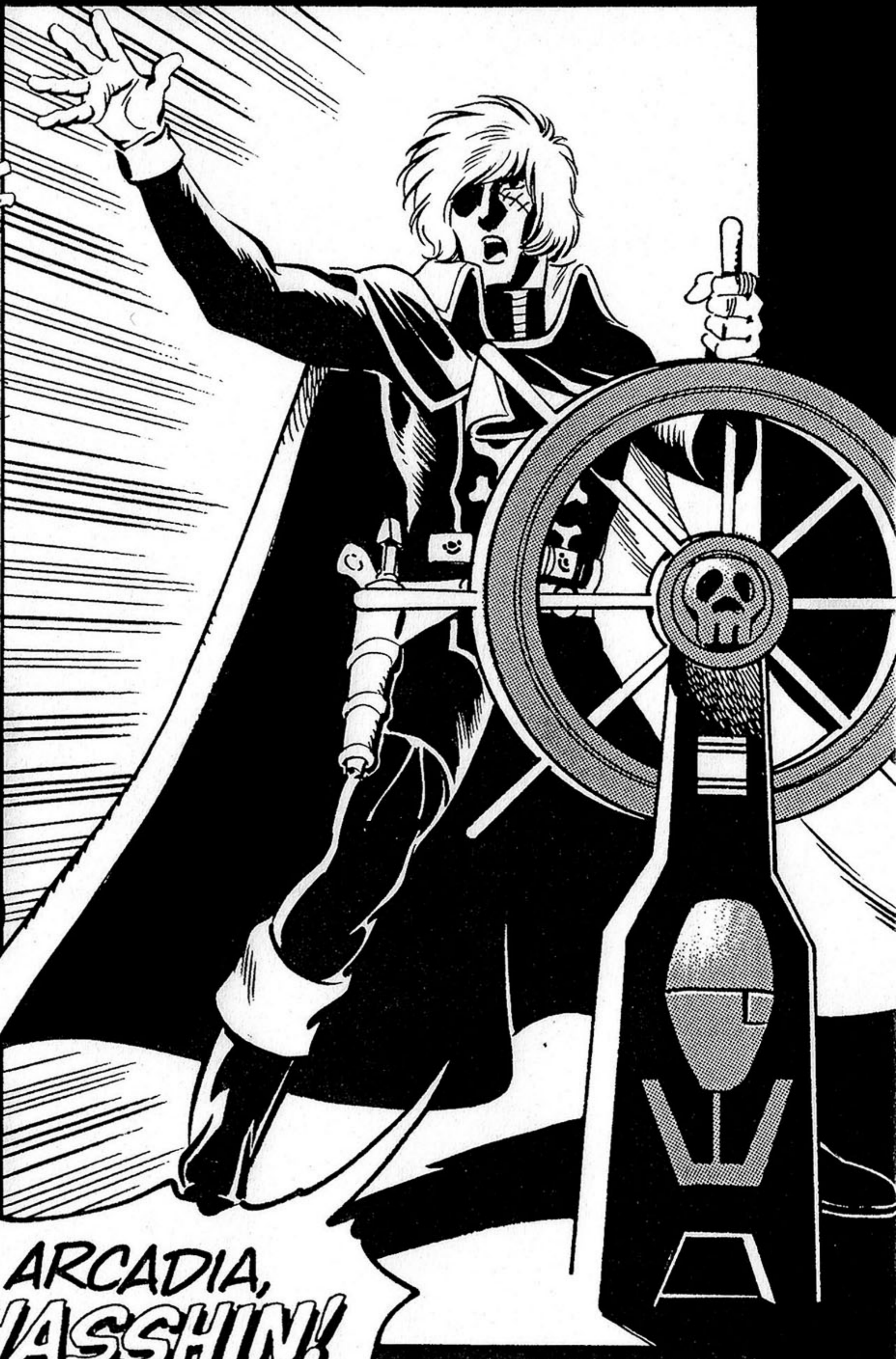
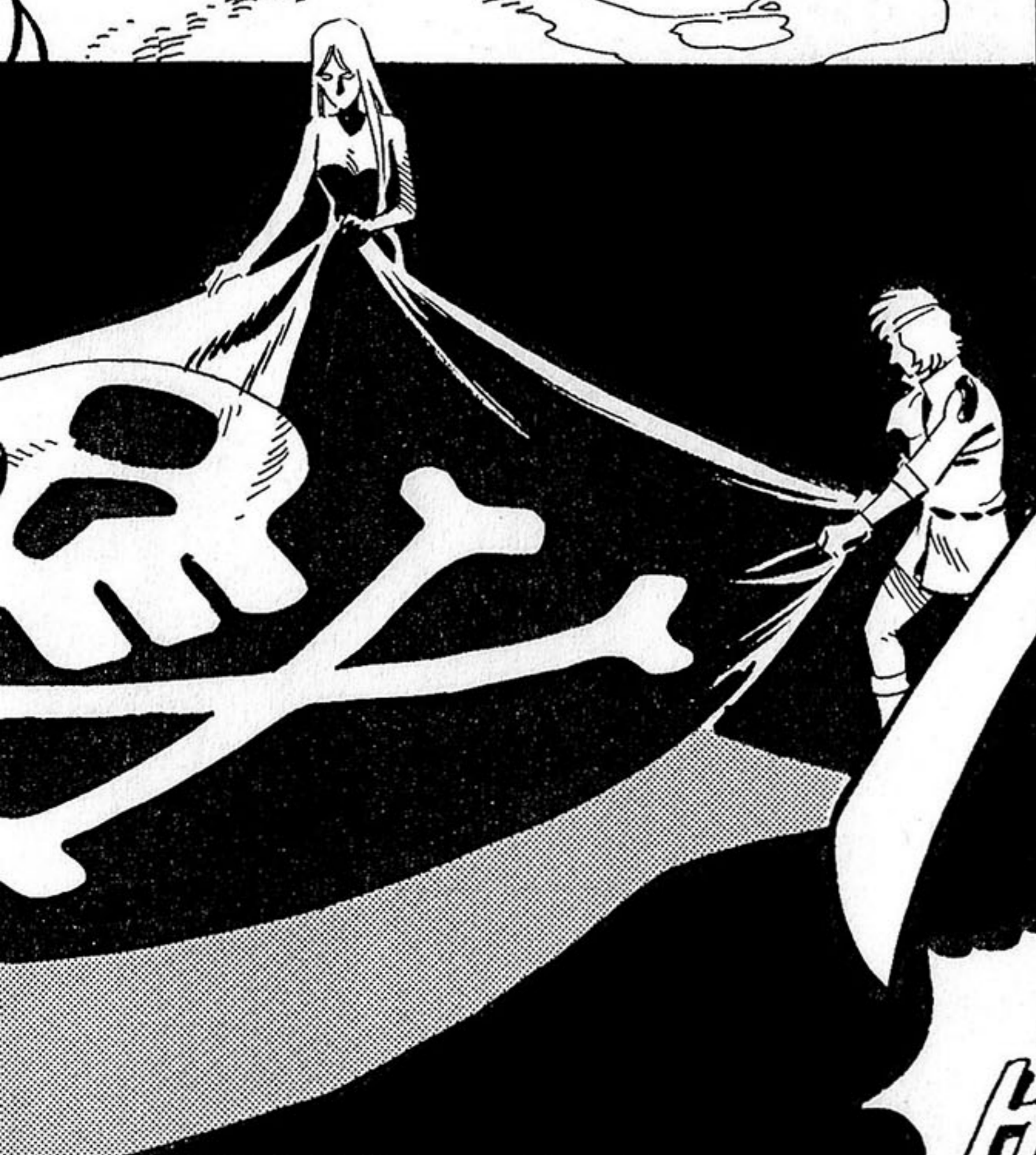
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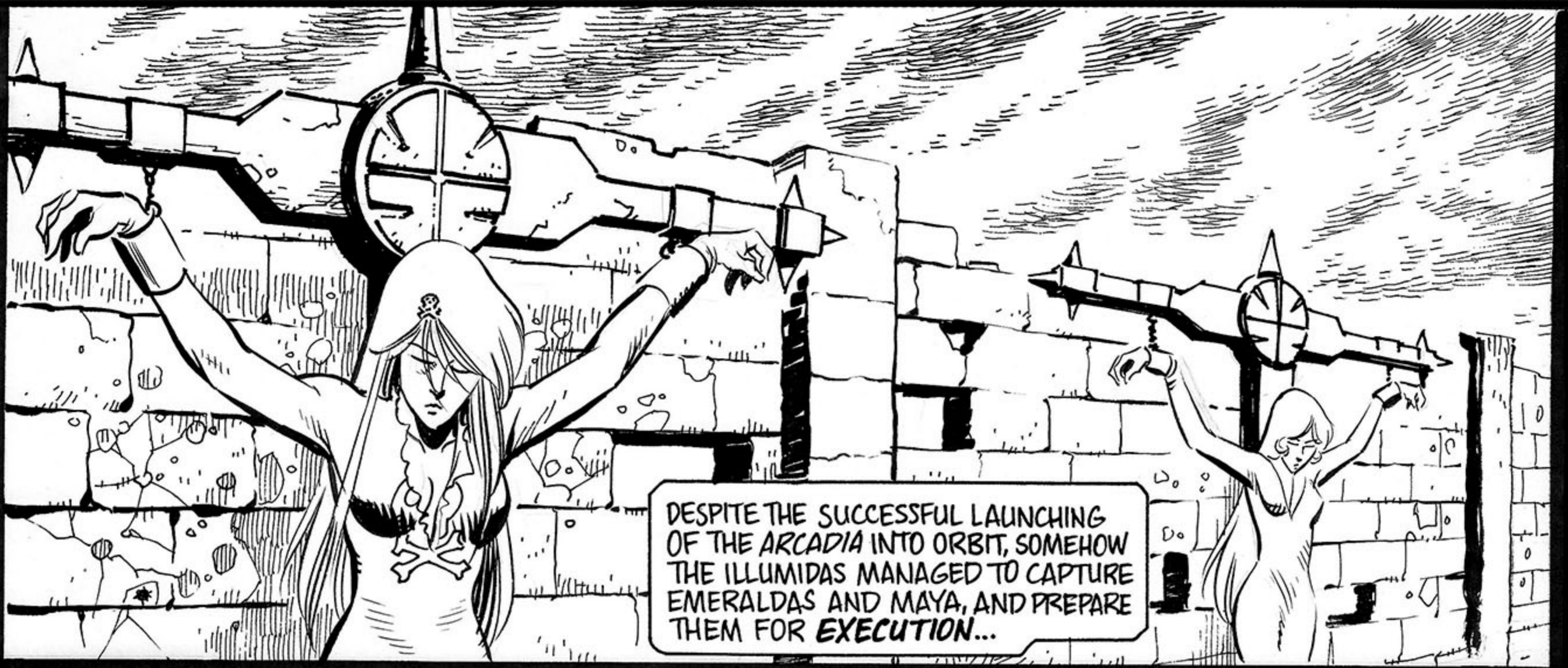


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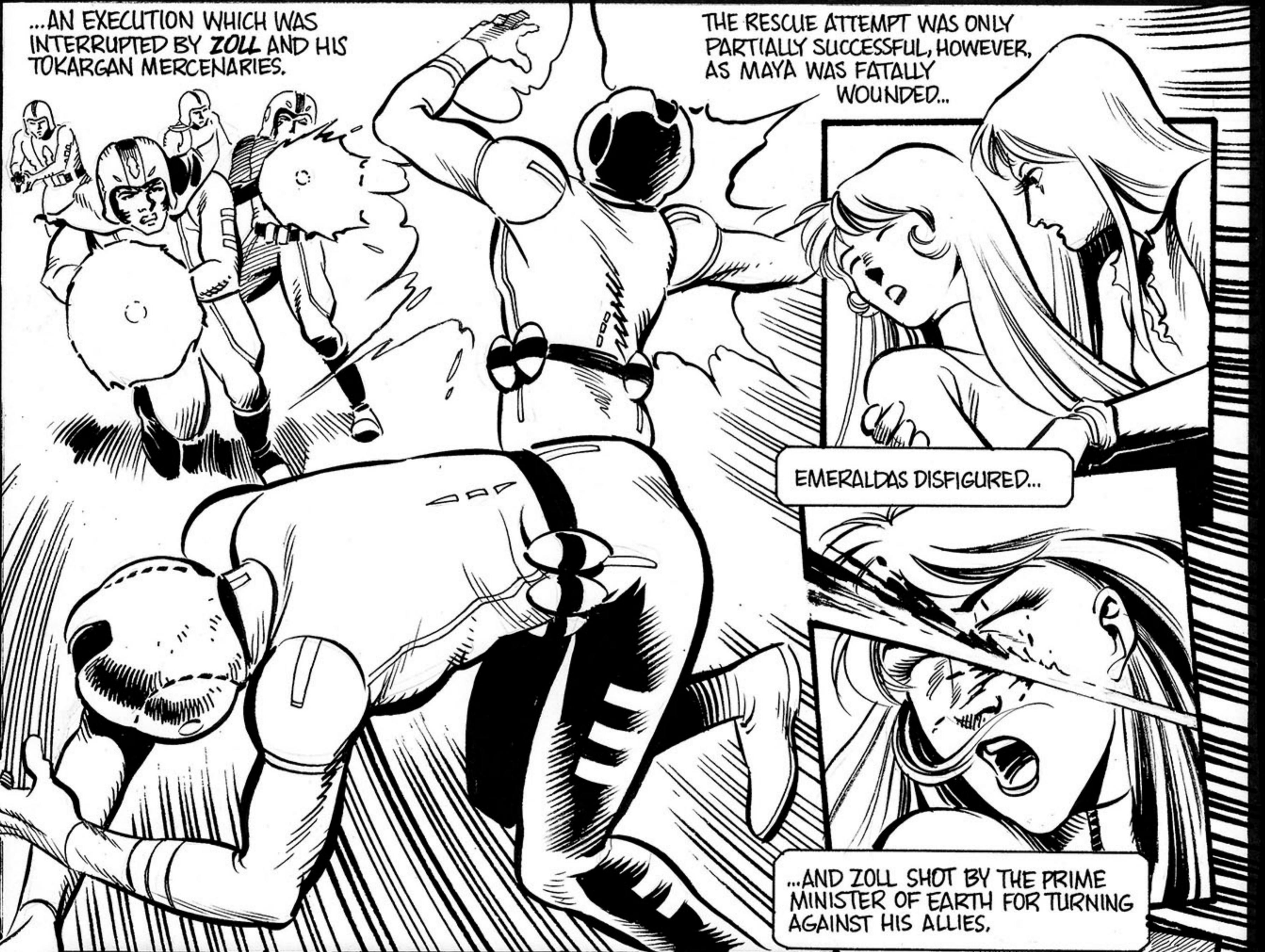


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DESPITE THE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING OF THE ARCADIA INTO ORBIT, SOMEHOW THE ILLUMIDAS MANAGED TO CAPTURE EMERALDAS AND MAYA, AND PREPARE THEM FOR EXECUTION...



...AN EXECUTION WHICH WAS INTERRUPTED BY ZOLL AND HIS TOKARGAN MERCENARIES.

THE RESCUE ATTEMPT WAS ONLY PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL, HOWEVER, AS MAYA WAS FATALLY WOUNDED...

EMERALDAS DISFIGURED...

...AND ZOLL SHOT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF EARTH FOR TURNING AGAINST HIS ALLIES.



HARLOCK WATCHED THE CARNAGE FROM SPACE, NOTABLY UNRESPONSIVE.

EARTH.



Um, H-HARLOCK?



Um, I'M GOING TO GO HOME TO SEE JUSTIN. HE WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THIS BEHIND UNLESS SOMETHING **BAD** HAPPENED.

ARE YOU STAYING ON EARTH?



NO. I HAVE DONE WHAT I CAME TO DO.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND. YOU'VE SEEN WHAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS LIKE.

IF YOU COULD HELP BARON DARGHUND AND THE REST TO TAKE OVER INSTEAD...



MY HOME IS THERE,

IN THE SEA OF STARS.



I GUESS WHAT NATHAN AND THE OTHERS SAY IS RIGHT AFTER ALL...



...YOU REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT EARTH ANY MORE.



MASTER CABAL... I HAVE A MESSENGER HERE FROM A BARON DARGHUND.



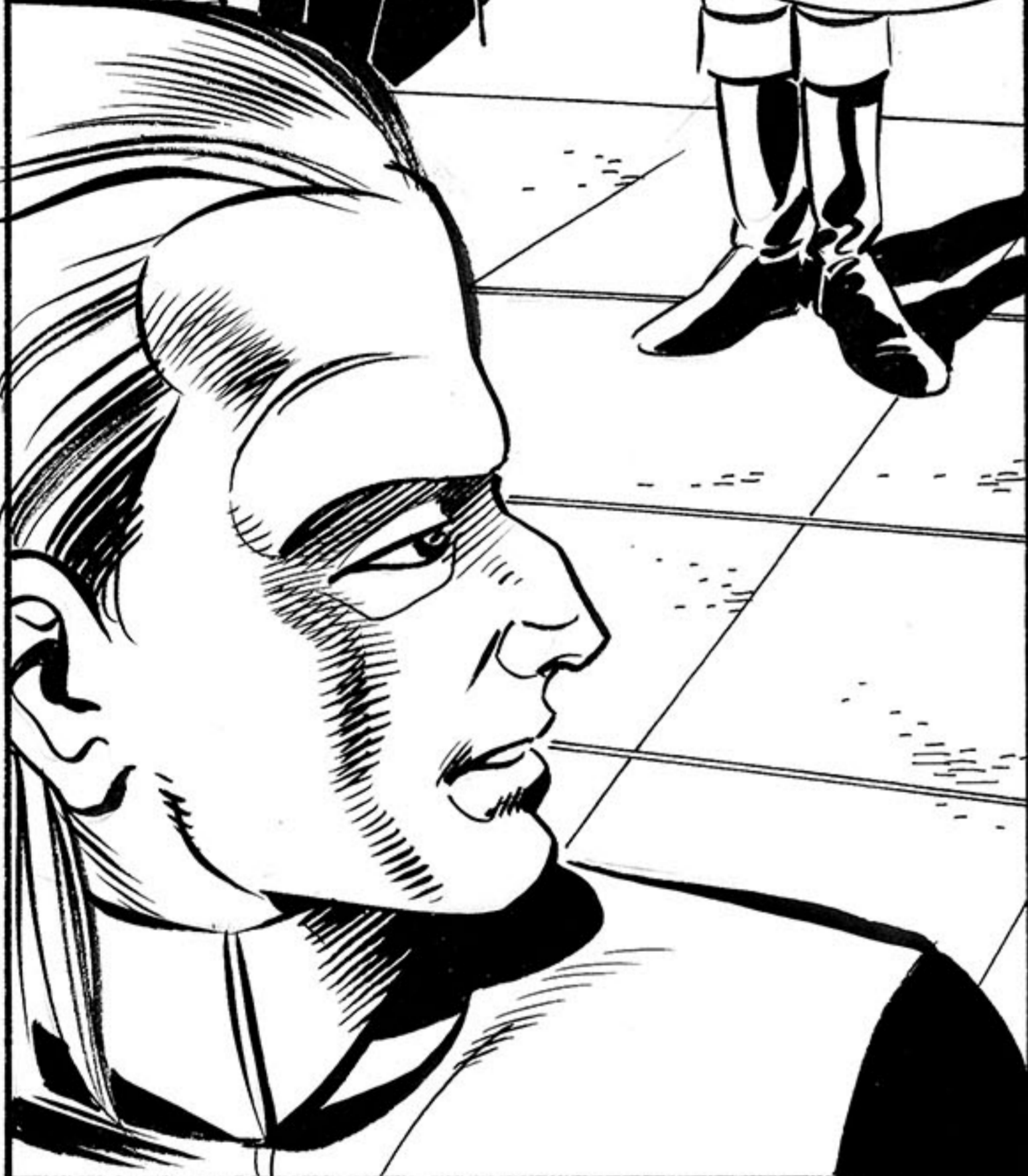
Ah, YES. HAS HE COME TO A DECISION SO QUICKLY?

Uh... 'DECISION'?



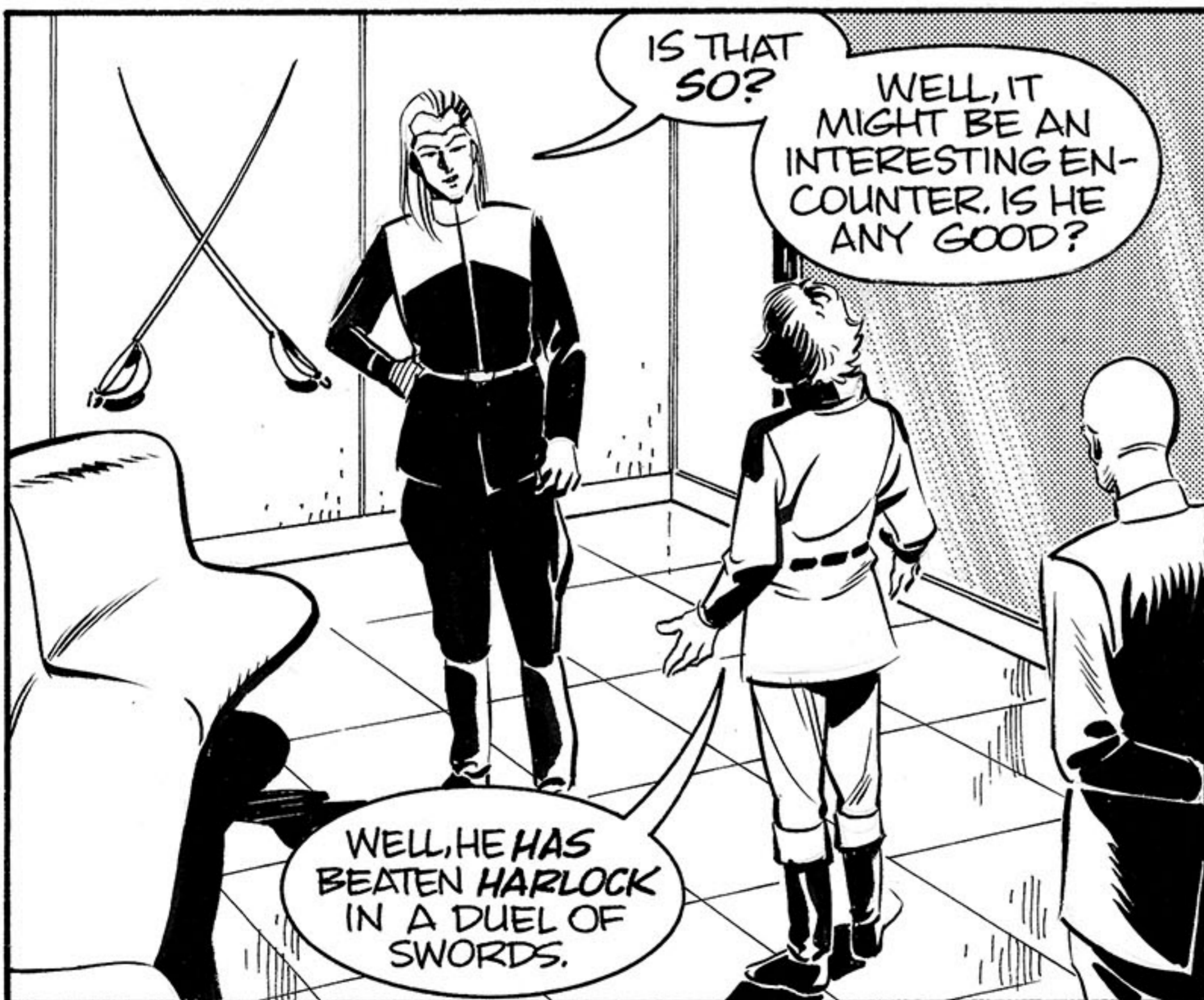
ON OUR OFFER. PRINCE JERICO AND DUKE MILONTE ARE ALREADY IN. THAT IS WHY HE SENT YOU, YES?

WELL, ACTUALLY...



...I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY OF THAT...

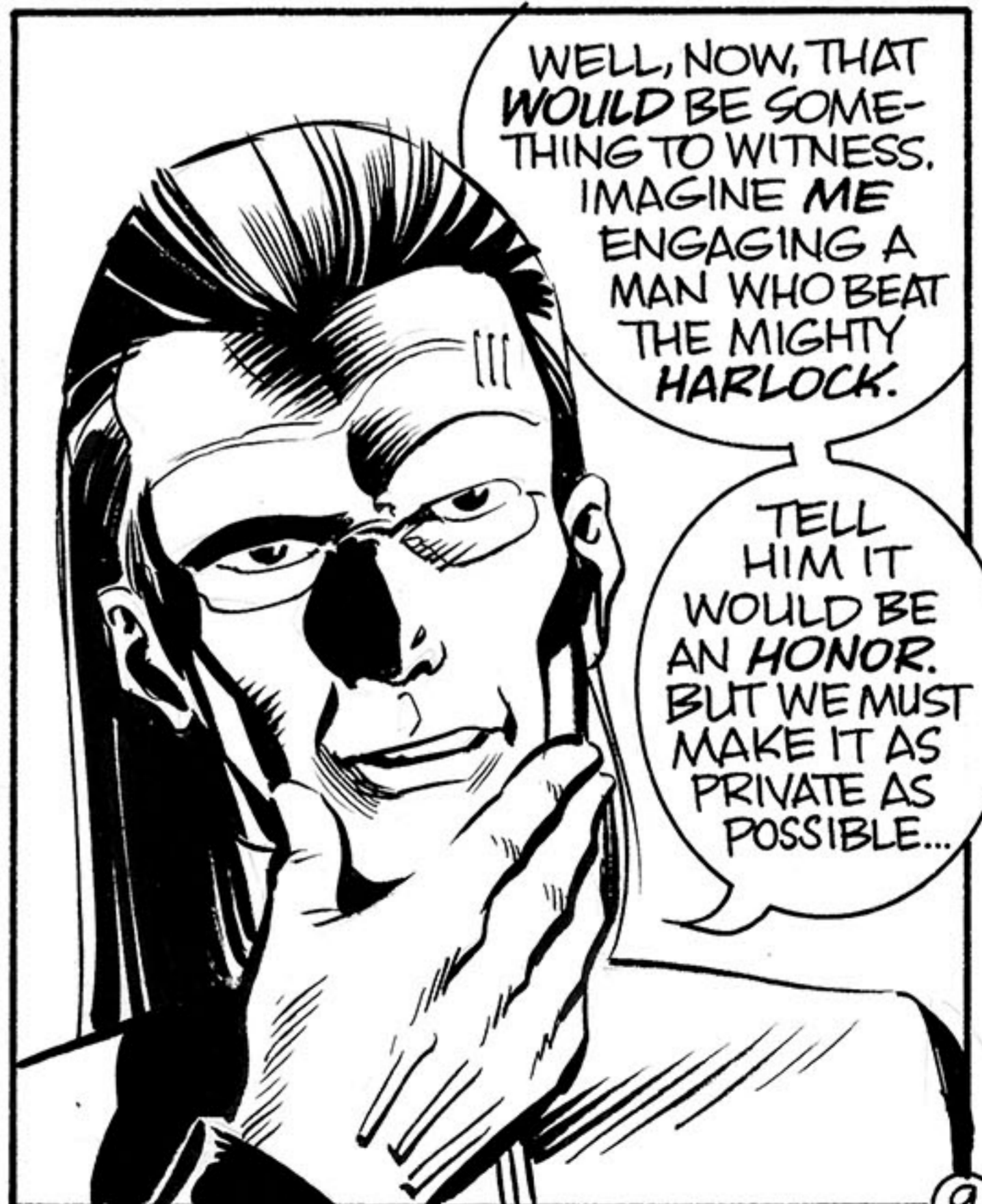
...BUT HE HAS HEARD THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR FENCING OPPONENTS.



IS THAT SO?

WELL, IT MIGHT BE AN INTERESTING ENCOUNTER. IS HE ANY GOOD?

WELL, HE HAS BEATEN HARLOCK IN A DUEL OF SWORDS.



WELL, NOW, THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING TO WITNESS. IMAGINE ME ENGAGING A MAN WHO BEAT THE MIGHTY HARLOCK.

TELL HIM IT WOULD BE AN HONOR. BUT WE MUST MAKE IT AS PRIVATE AS POSSIBLE...

"...I WOULD NOT WISH TO EMBARASS HIM IN FRONT OF HIS PEOPLE."



AH.

HERE IT IS, BARON--HARLOCK'S PISTOL. THE PROPERTY ROOM WASN'T TOO DIFFICULT TO GET INTO.



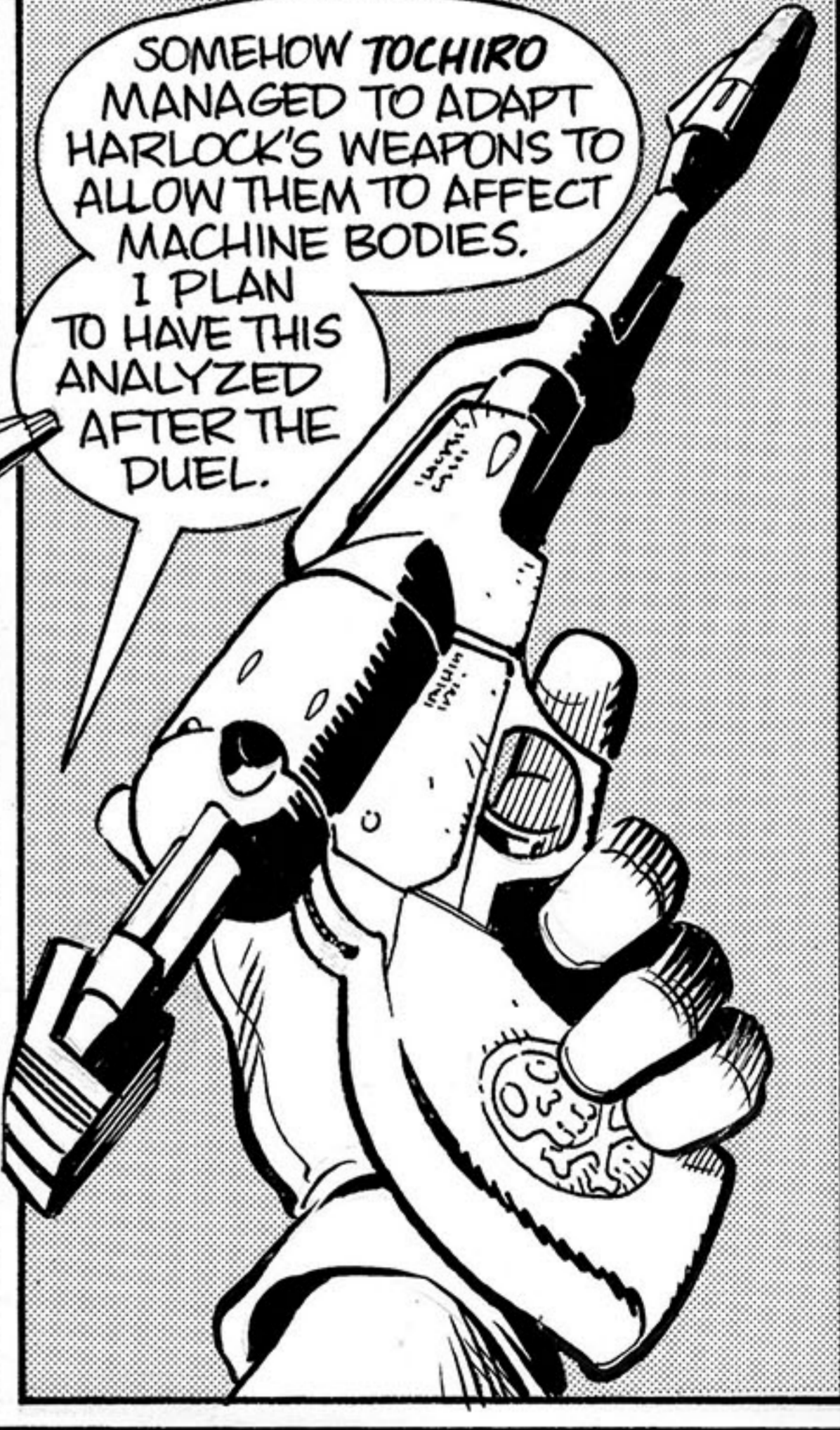
VERY GOOD, JUSTIN. IS EVEN NOW SETTING UP THE DUEL WITH CABAL.

I STILL DON'T SEE WHAT YOU PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH. EVEN IF YOU BEAT HIM, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DAMAGE HIM.

SOMEHOW TOCHIRO MANAGED TO ADAPT HARLOCK'S WEAPONS TO ALLOW THEM TO AFFECT MACHINE BODIES. I PLAN TO HAVE THIS ANALYZED AFTER THE DUEL.



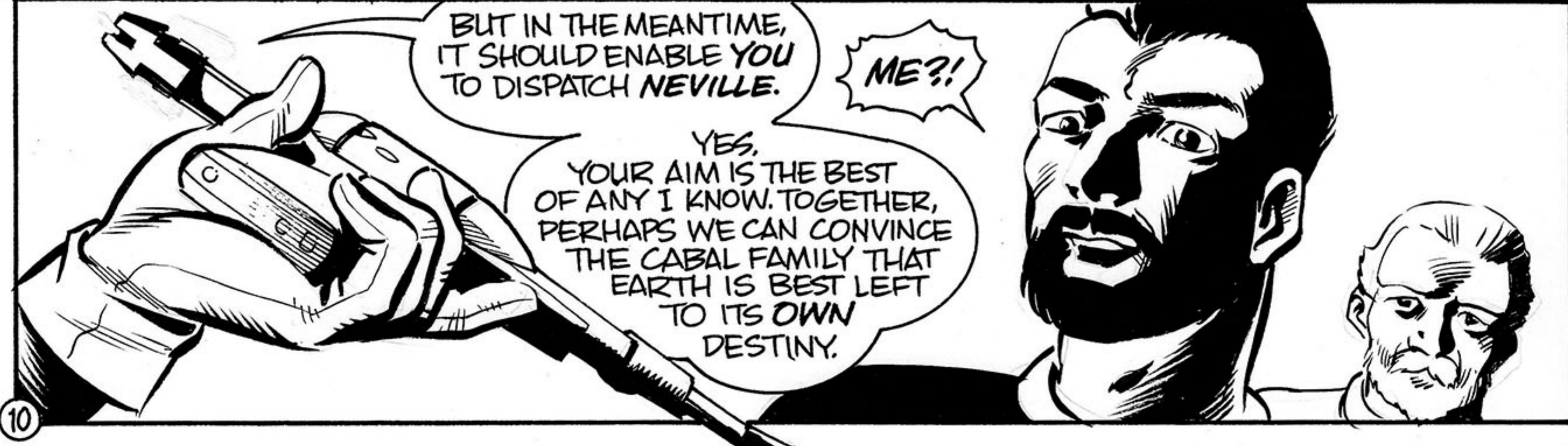
AH, DANGOR, THAT'S WHY I SENT YOU FOR THIS.



BUT IN THE MEANTIME, IT SHOULD ENABLE YOU TO DISPATCH NEVILLE.

ME?!

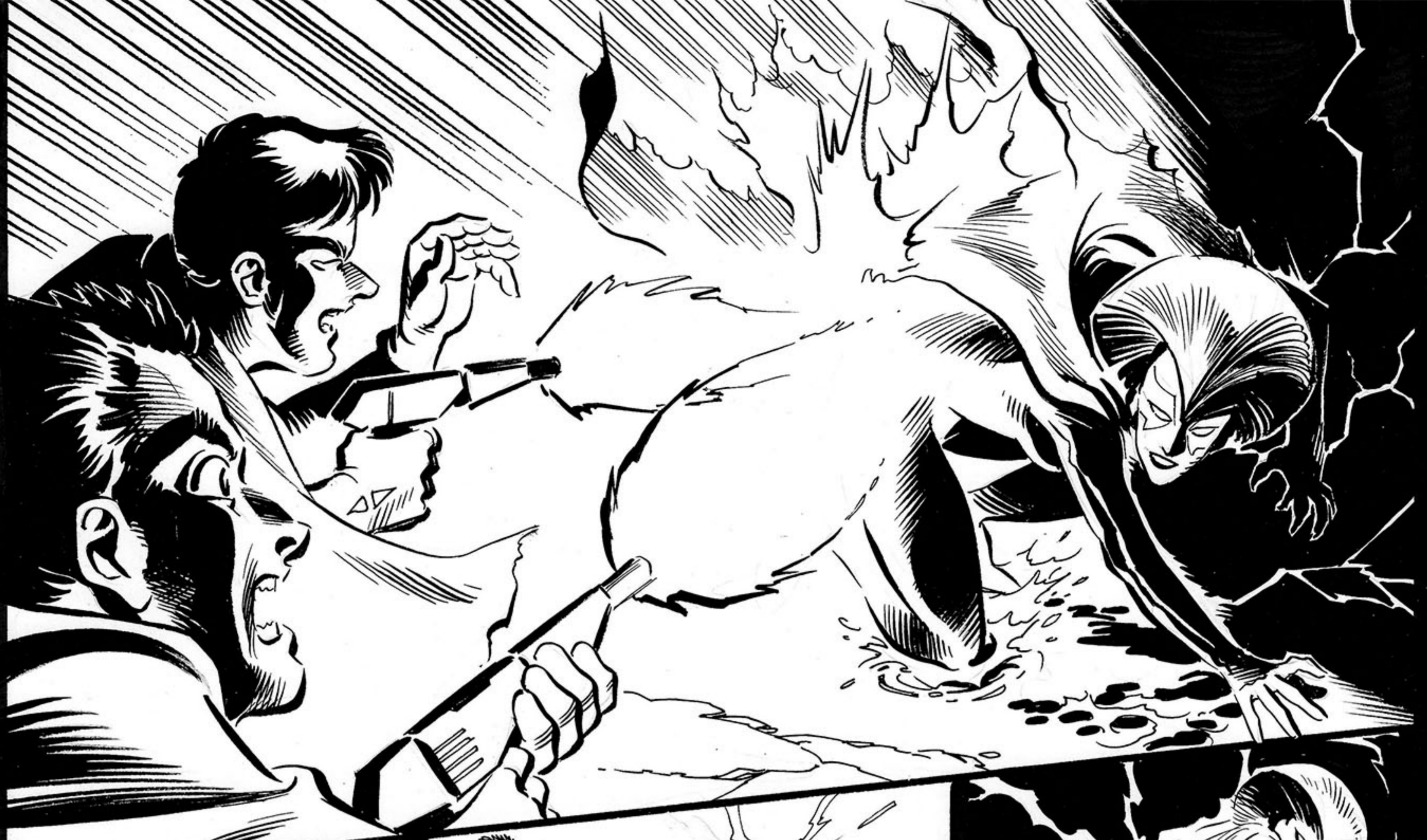
YES. YOUR AIM IS THE BEST OF ANY I KNOW. TOGETHER, PERHAPS WE CAN CONVINCE THE CABAL FAMILY THAT EARTH IS BEST LEFT TO ITS OWN DESTINY.



PLANET GOSSKIRK,
THE HUNTING RANGE
OF LORELEI CABAL.









CUSIK!

NATHAN?



YOU DID MAKE IT OUT OF THE CRASH!

YEAH! I PULLED HARLOCK OUT OF THE WATER AND WE'VE BEEN HIDING! IT TOOK ME ALL NIGHT TO GET BACK!

WOW! TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT!



I NEED TO FIND JUSTIN FIRST. HE'S PROBABLY WORRIED TO DEATH ABOUT ME...

HE WAS FOR A WHILE, BUT THEN THE BARON SAID YOU WERE STILL ALIVE.



GAVE HIM SOME SPEECH ABOUT "FAITH," Y'KNOW? ANYWAY, HE WAS HERE WAITIN' FOR YOU, BUT THEN HE HAD TO GO RUN AN IMPORTANT ERRAND FOR THE BARON.

GET THIS-- DARGHUND'S GONNA HAVE A DUEL WITH THE HEAD CABAL GUY, AND JUSTIN GETS TO BE HIS SECOND!

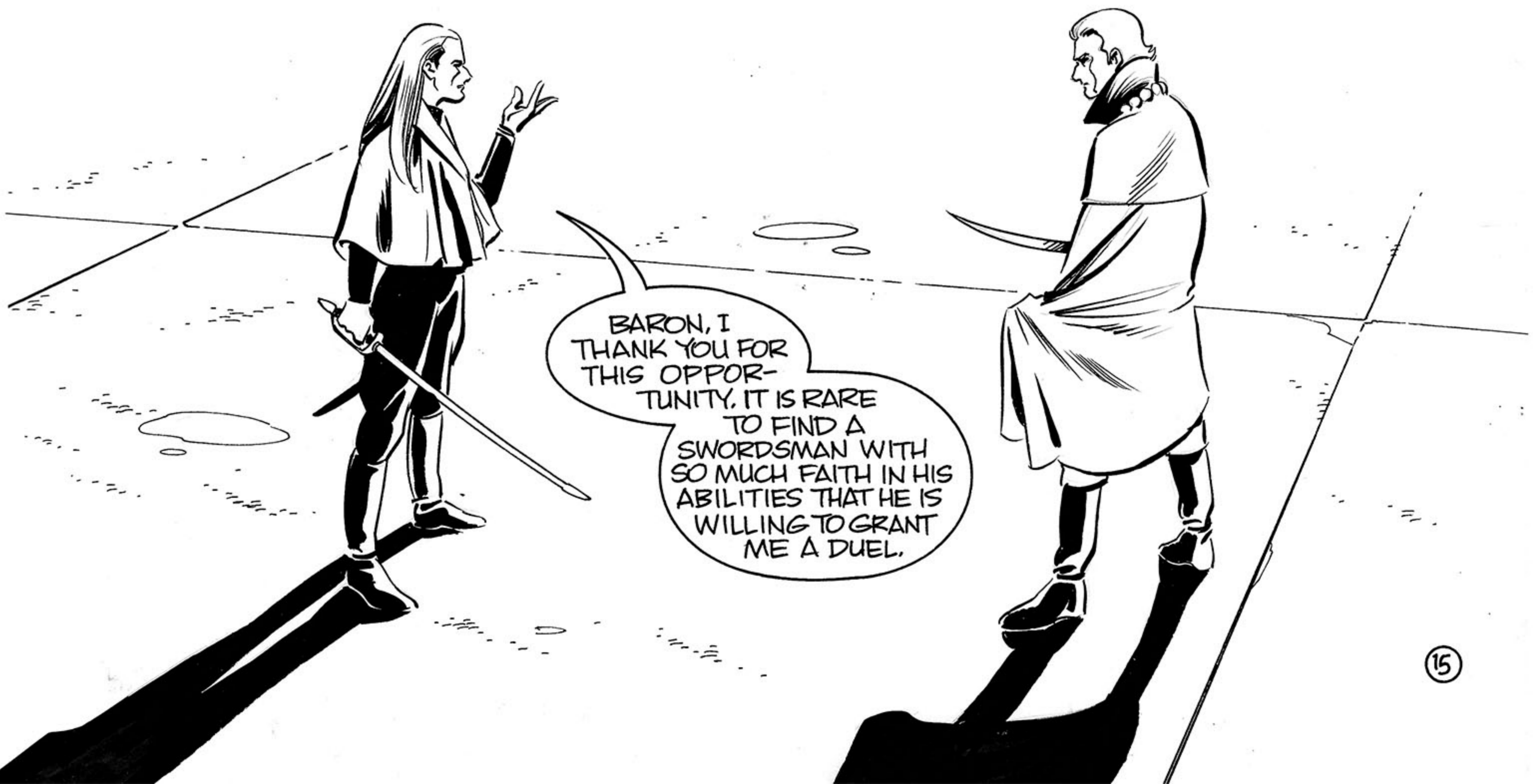
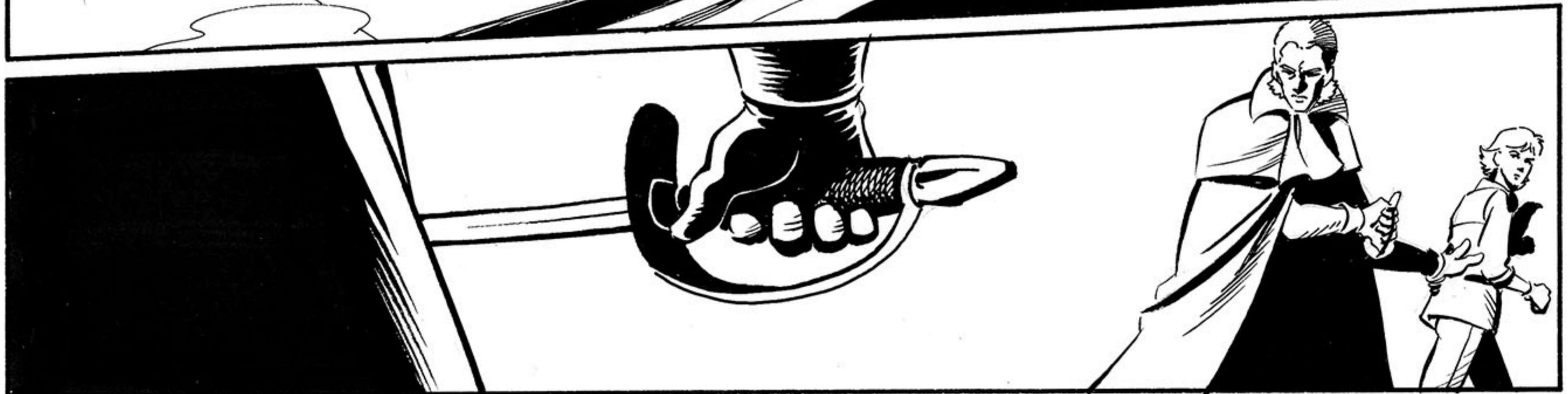
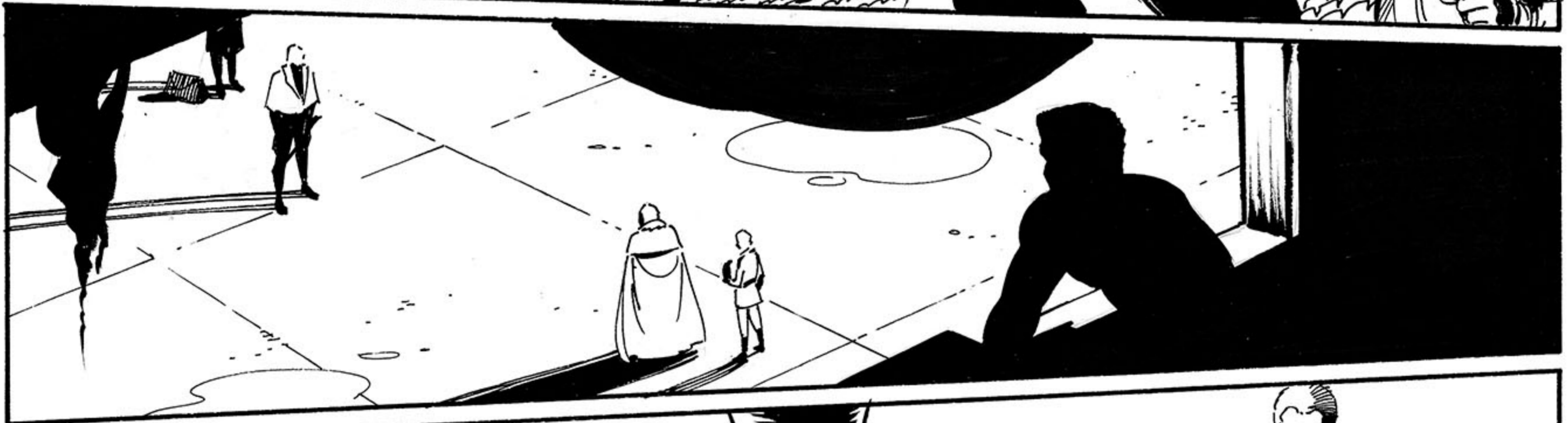
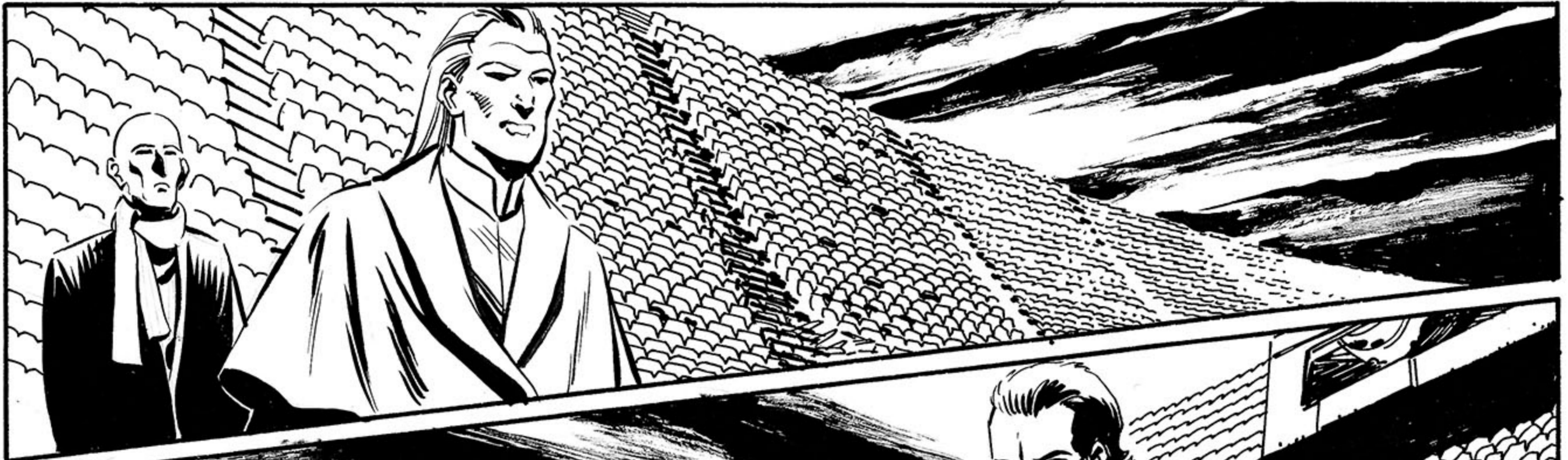


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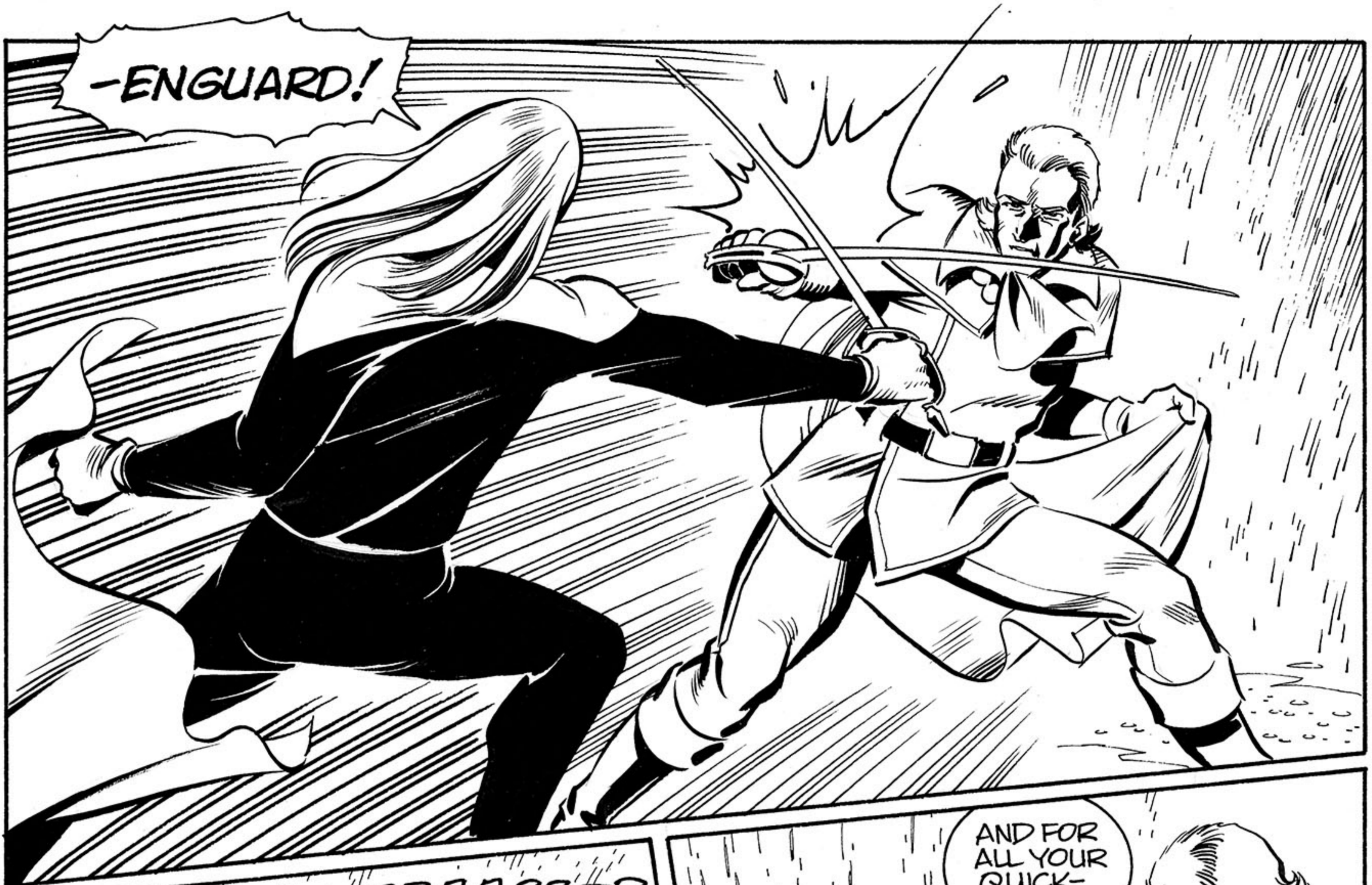


WHA...?

WHEN? WHERE? WE'VE GOT TO GO!



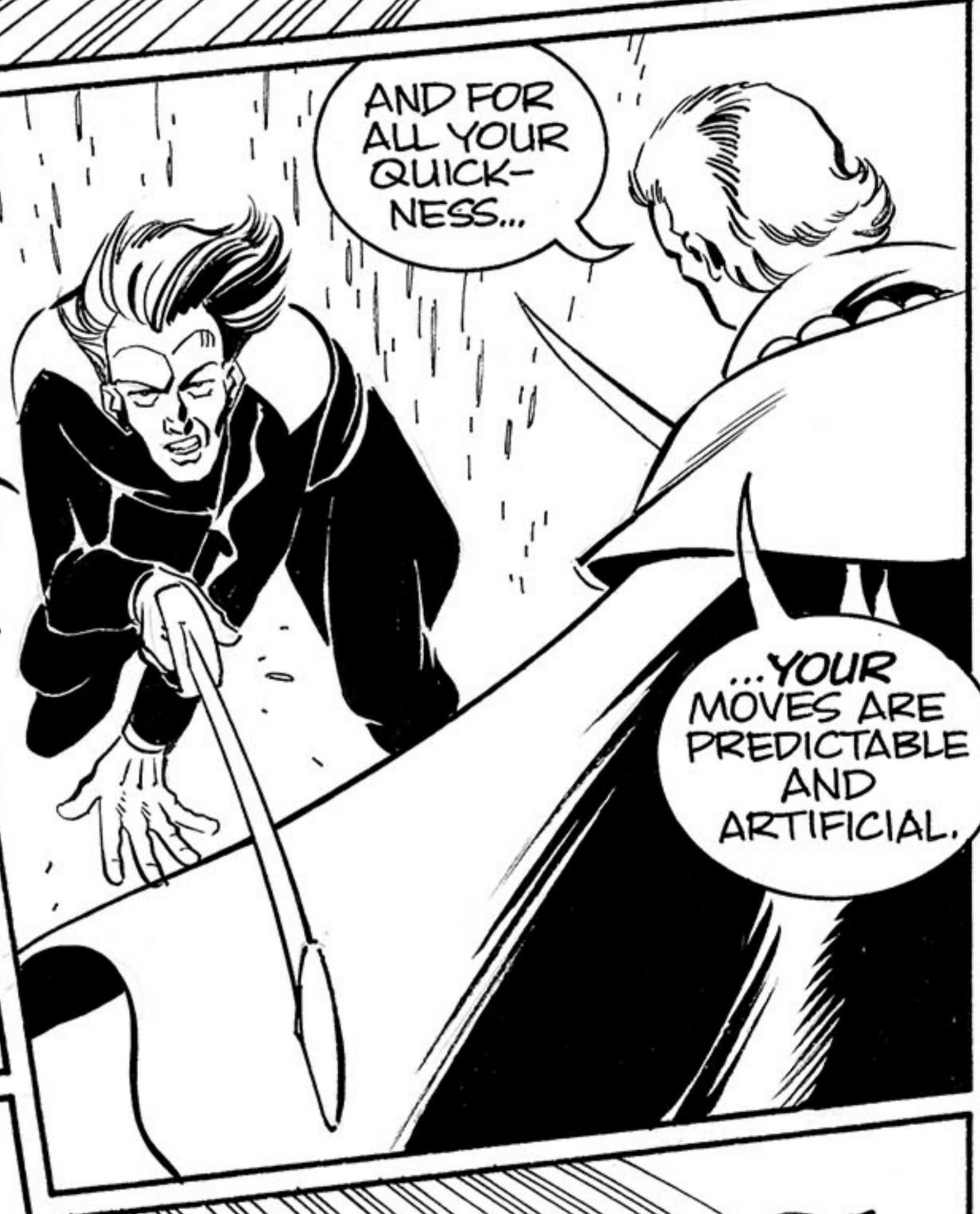




-ENGUARD!



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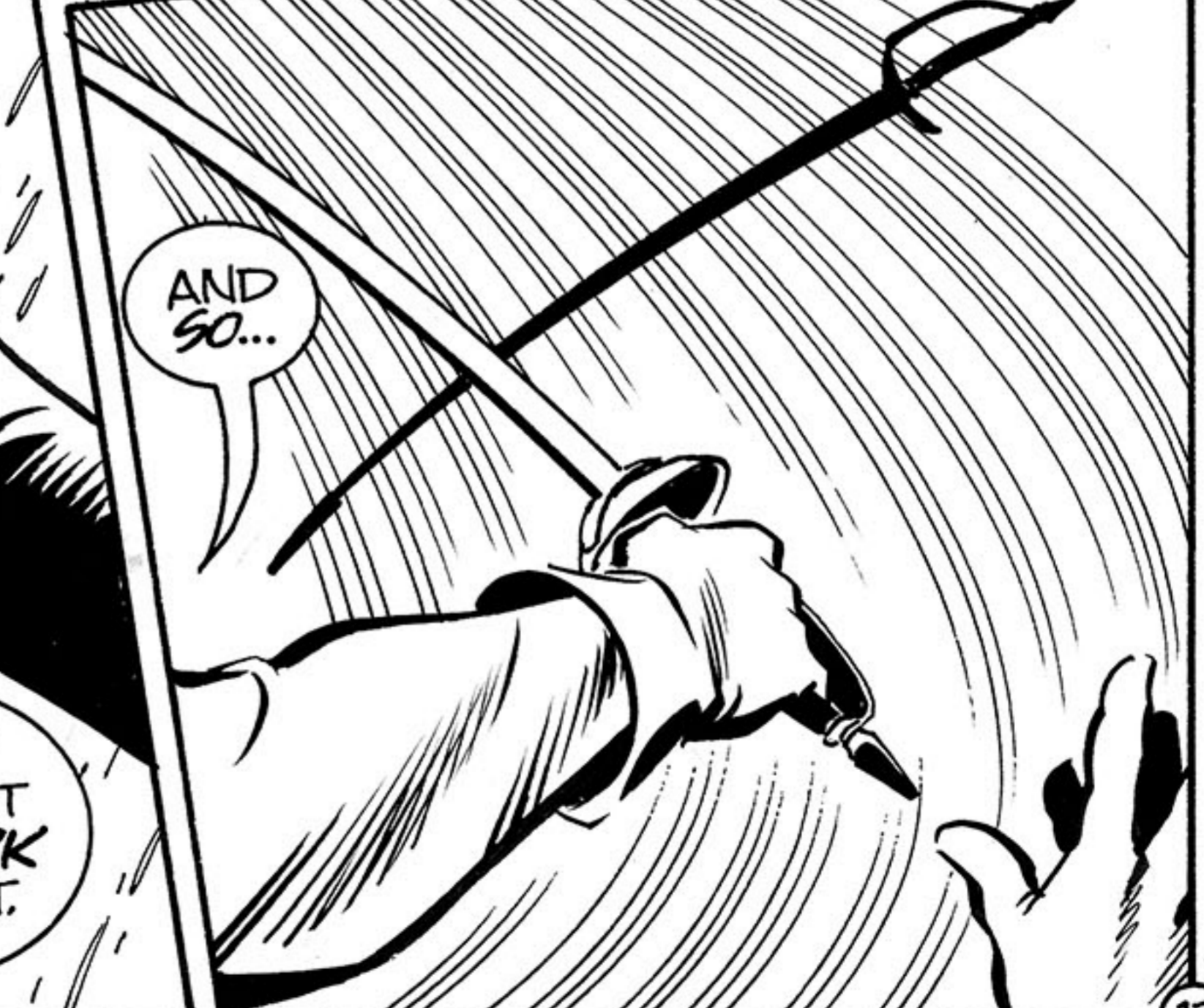


AND FOR ALL YOUR QUICKNESS...

...YOUR MOVES ARE PREDICTABLE AND ARTIFICIAL.

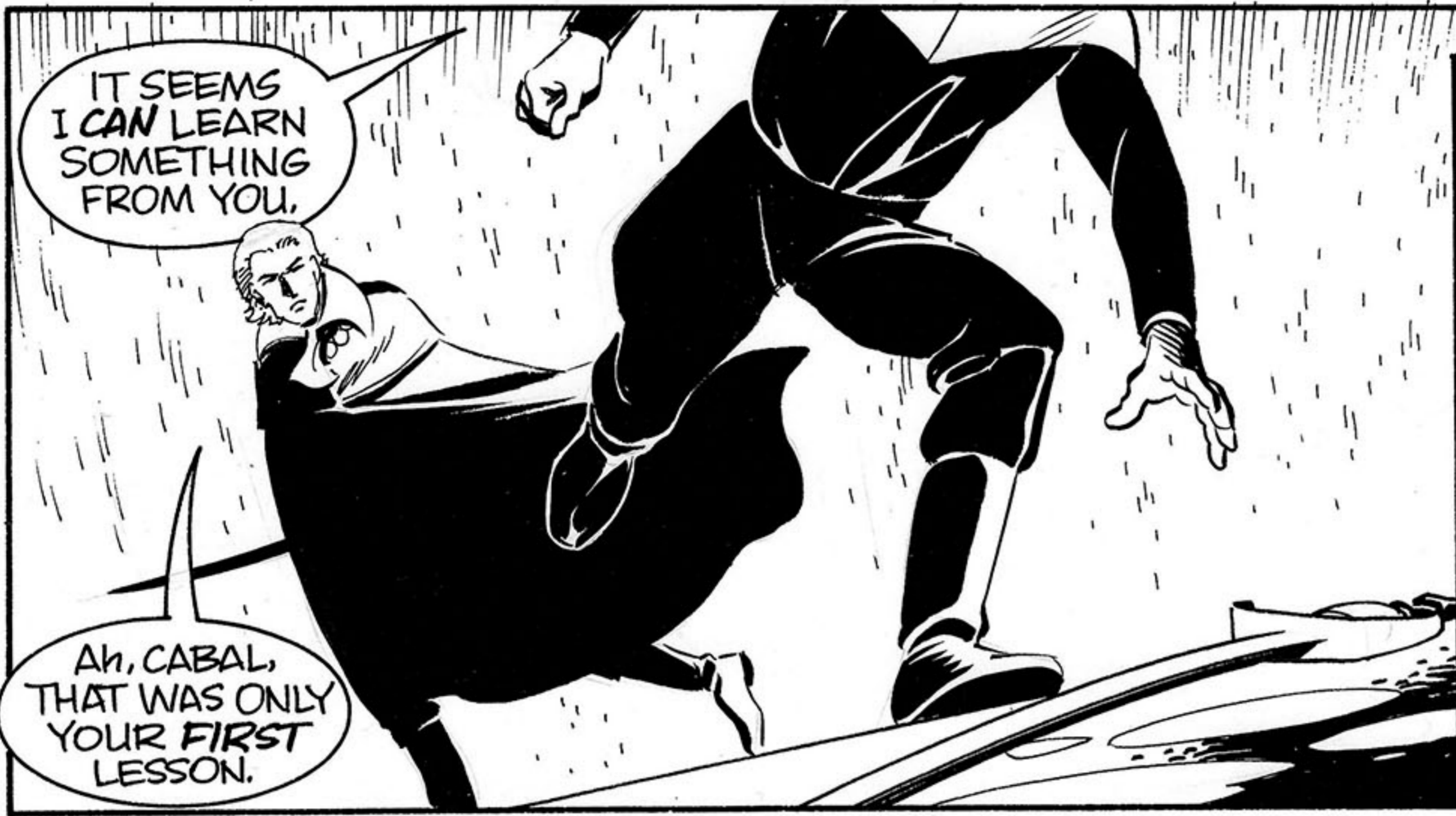


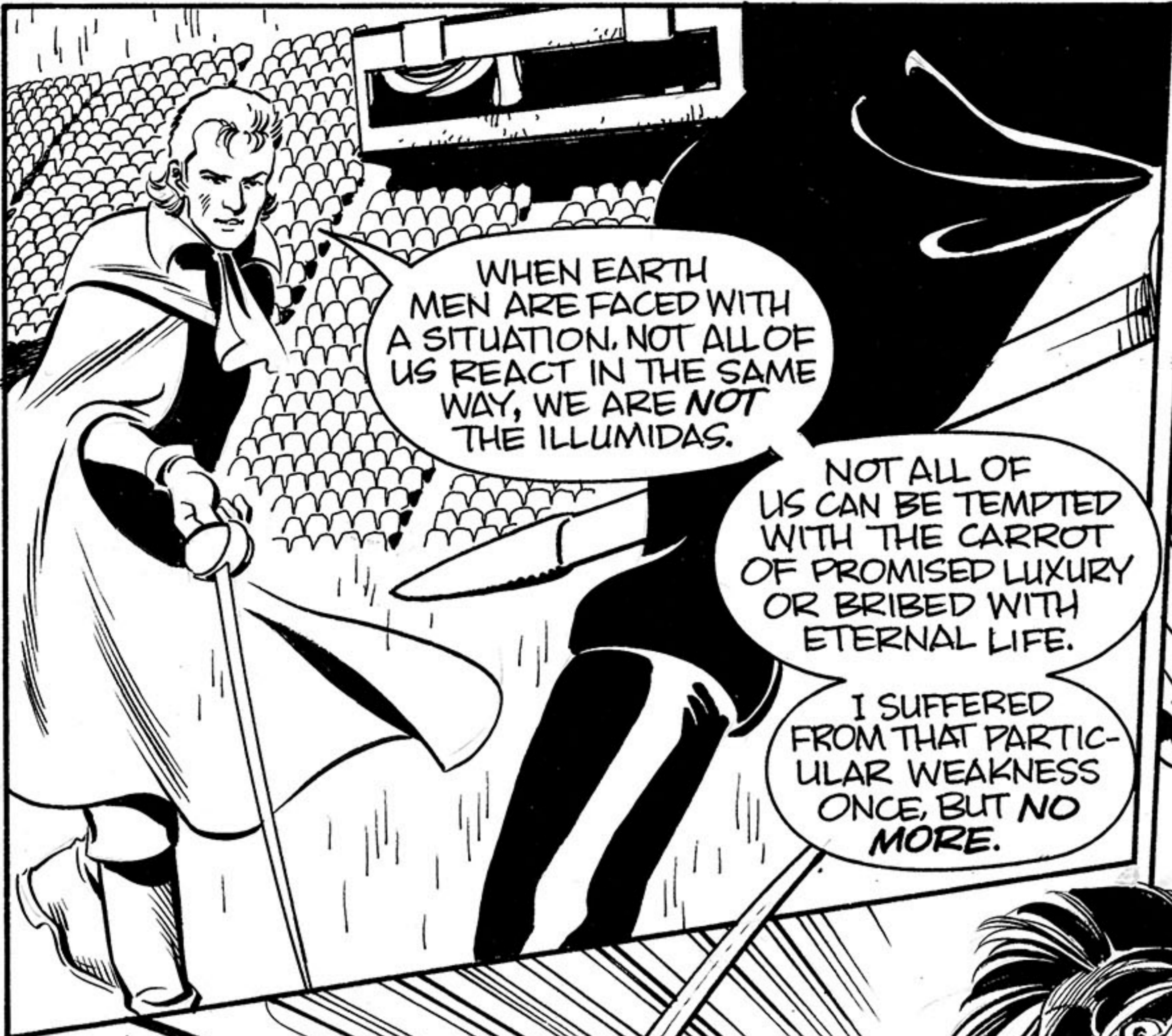
IT SEEMS YOU ARE GOOD. YOU DO LOWER YOUR SWORD A TENTH OF A SECOND BEFORE YOU THRUST, THOUGH.



AND SO...

MIGHT BE BEST TO WORK ON THAT.





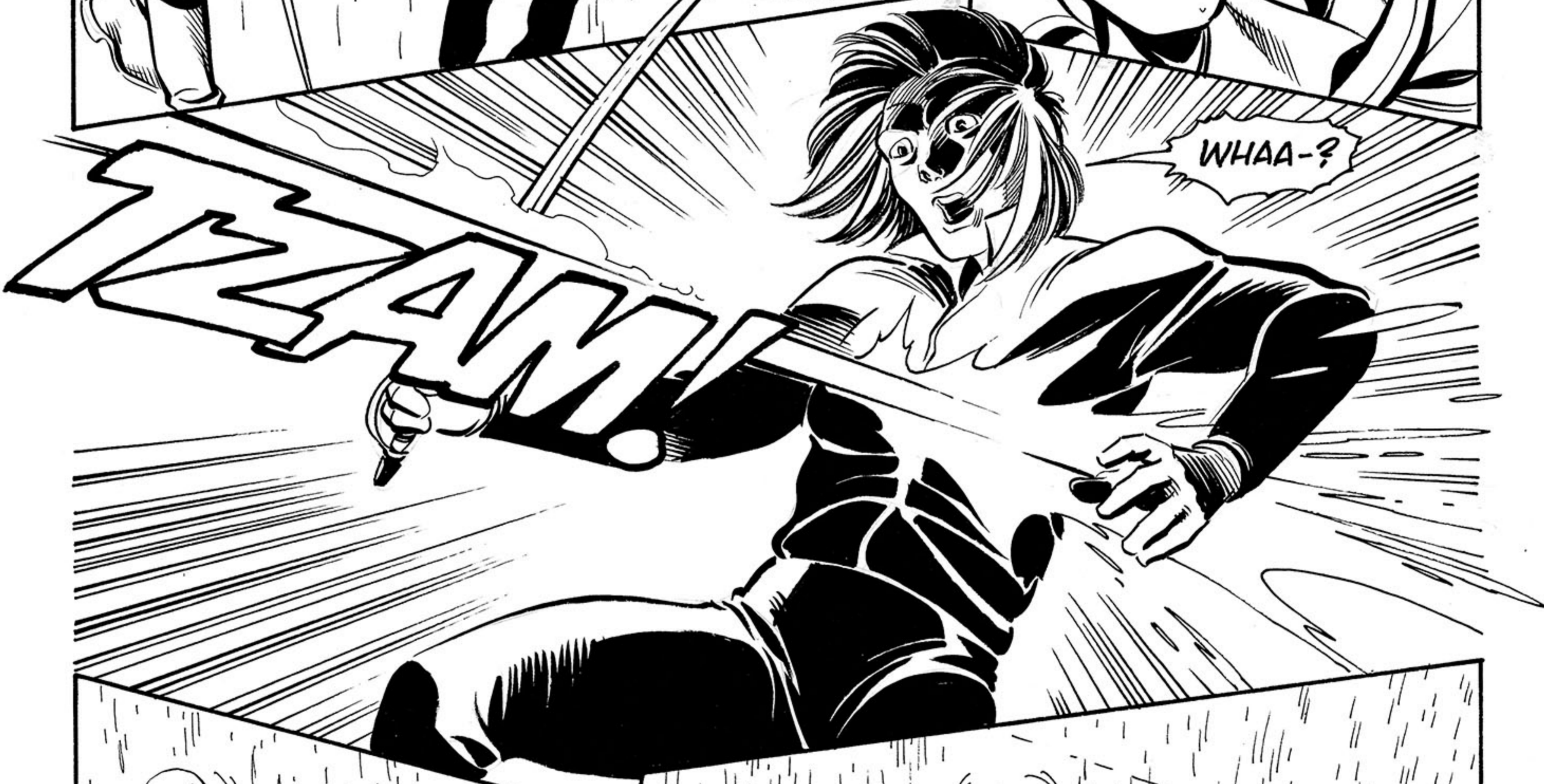
WHEN EARTH MEN ARE FACED WITH A SITUATION, NOT ALL OF US REACT IN THE SAME WAY, WE ARE NOT THE ILLUMIDAS.

NOT ALL OF US CAN BE TEMPTED WITH THE CARROT OF PROMISED LUXURY OR BRIBED WITH ETERNAL LIFE.

I SUFFERED FROM THAT PARTICULAR WEAKNESS ONCE, BUT NO MORE.



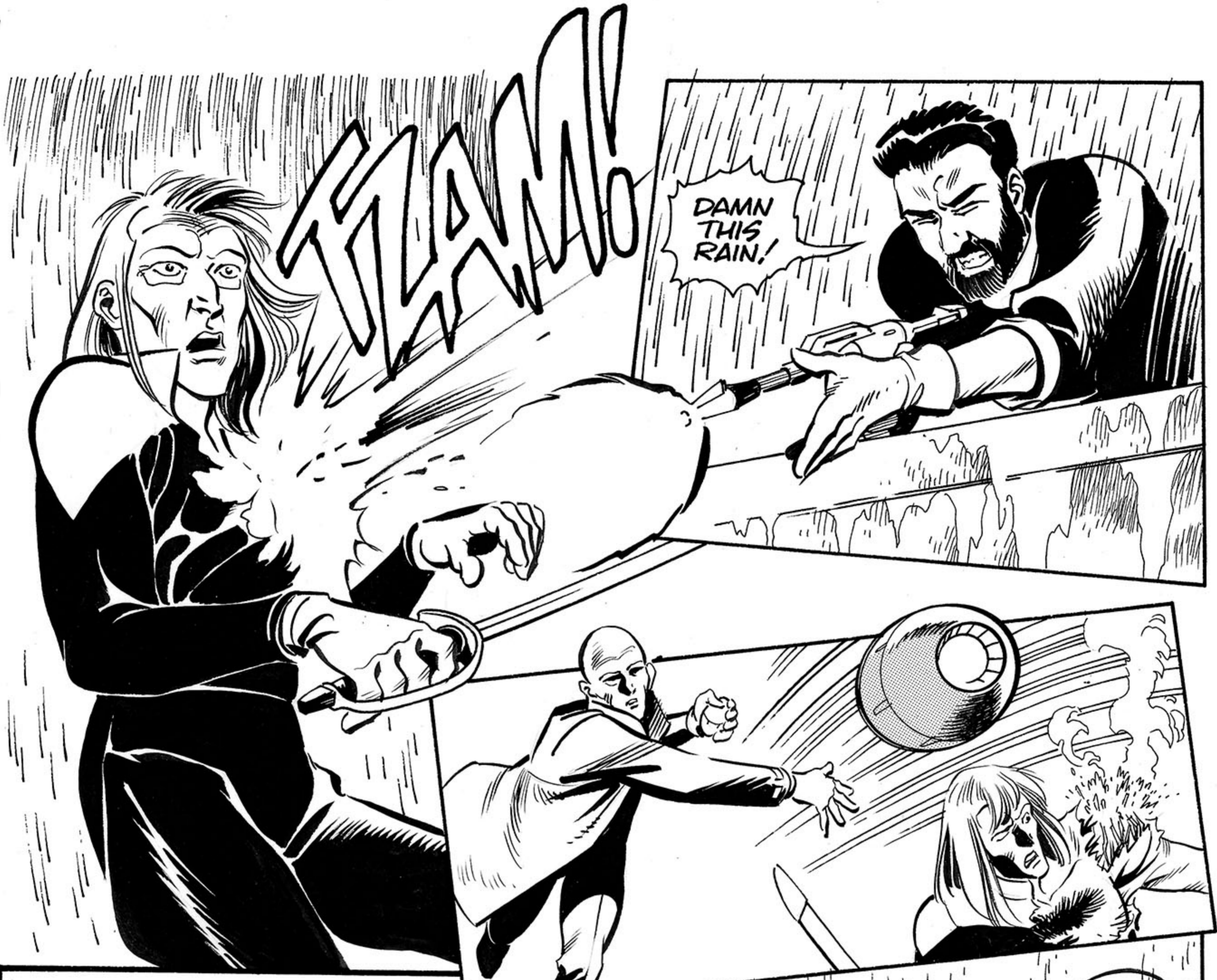
AND WHEN CONFRONTED WITH A SITUATION WHERE THE RULES DO NOT FAVOR US, WE CHANGE THEM.



WHAA-?



POW



DAMN THIS RAIN!



BLOOM

BLOW!

NO!



DAMN YOU, LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME!



SO,
MACHINE
MAN...

HOW DOES
IT FEEL TO
BE KNOCKED
FROM THE
PEDESTAL?

TO BE
VULNERABLE?



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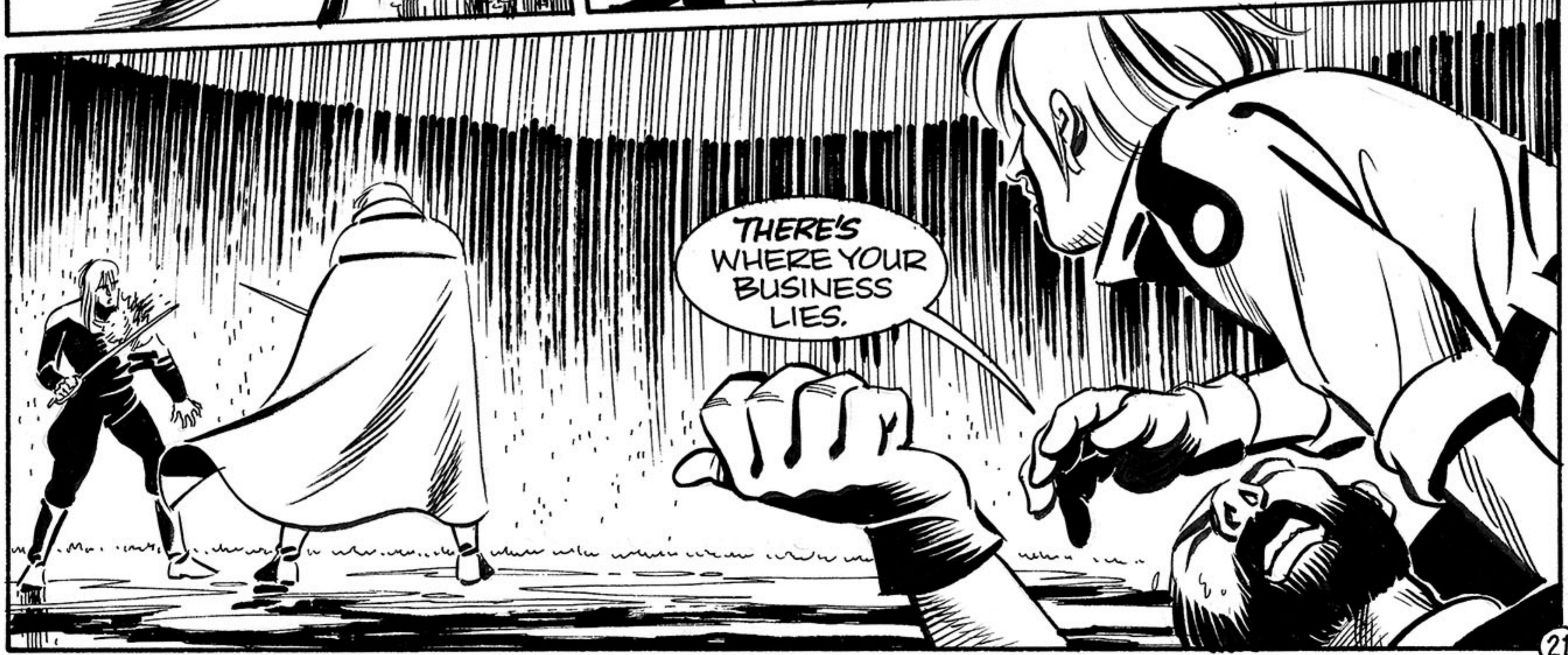
OR
CAN YOU
FEEL AT
ALL?



DANGOR!!



DON'T
KOFF!S MIND
ME...MY LEG
IS...heh...JUST
BUSTED
AGAIN.



THERE'S
WHERE YOUR
BUSINESS
LIES.



DAMN YOU!

UNH!

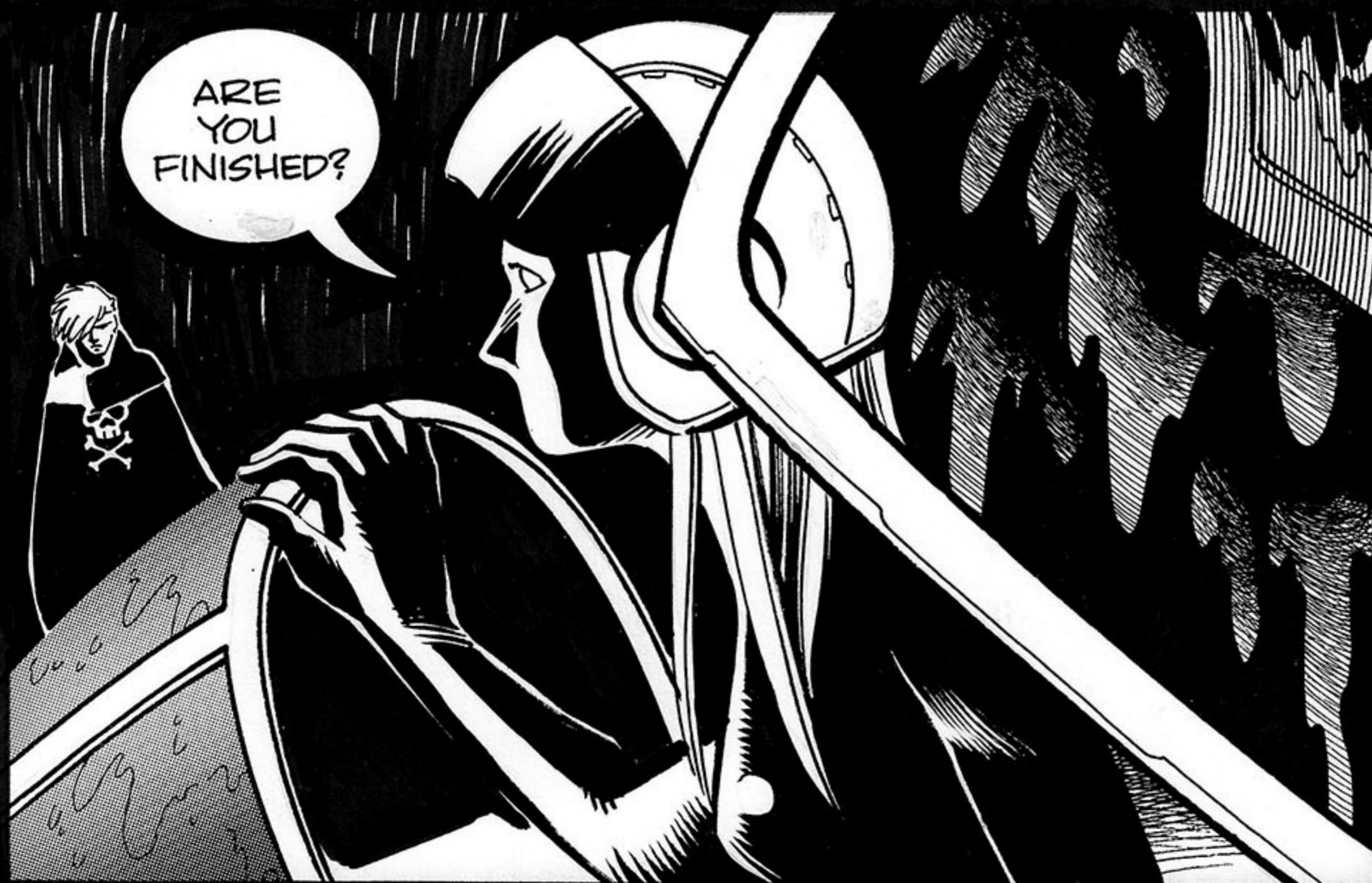
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT VULNERABLE IS, EARTH-MAN!

AAAA-!

KLA-K!











HARLOCK

the story so far

Deathshadow RISING

The plans of Muda and Nevich are revealed, as the rebuilt Deathshadow attacks the Arcadia after luring it to Mars. Because of several factors, including the surprise element and the fact that Tochiro was not aboard the Arcadia during the fight, the Deathshadow defeats the Arcadia and Harlock is feared lost. Daquin sacrifices himself to fool the Illumidas into thinking that Harlock is dead, and Nevich turns against his Illumidas allies and takes total command of the Deathshadow. Harlock, who boarded the Deathshadow during the fight, Tochiro receives a premonition of the Arcadia's plight and he and Emeraldas go searching for it. Meanwhile, the crew of the Arcadia (still thinking that Harlock is dead) decide to give up looking for his body and return to SSX base. Tadashi is particularly upset. Nevich and Harlock put aside their

differences in order to defeat a group of Illumidas ships that try and disable the Deathshadow using failsafe device that the Illumidas equipped the Deathshadow with in case of treachery by Nevich. Just as this battle is won (and the Deathshadow badly damaged), Emeraldas and Tochiro arrive in the Queen Emeraldas and threaten Nevich with yet another space battle. Harlock intercedes, telling Emeraldas that there are better times to fight, and Nevich allows the pirate to board the Queen Emeraldas.

The Deathshadow and Queen Emeraldas part, the former to carry out the rest of Nevich's plan to defeat Muda by himself, and the latter to return to the SSX base to try and locate the Arcadia. Tochiro worries that Harlock is growing obsessed with Nevich and the Arcadia's defeat. His fears appear to be founded; when they do return to the SSX base and the Arcadia and find that the latter is very badly damaged, Harlock

insists that they return to Earth and Nevich before proper repairs are implemented. Meanwhile, Nevich reaches Earth and is tricked by Muda into thinking that the planet's defenses are meager, when in reality there are several fleets of Illumidas ships ready to trap the Deathshadow in Earth orbit where it cannot warp away. Nevich falls nicely into this trap, and finds he has no choice but to the Queen Emeraldas. Harlock seems obsessed with defeating Nevich and orders the ship to burst through the Illumidas fleets to reach Earth. When it appears that Emeraldas is willing to sacrifice herself in order to allow Harlock the chance to even his score with Nevich, Tochiro challenges Harlock to ask himself if his pride is worth her life. Harlock orders the ship turned around to help her. At the same time, Nevich senses their plight and in a similar awakening, turns the Deathshadow around. Activating the Deathshadow's warp field to suicide level,

Nevich destroys the remaining Illumidas ships along with his ship. In a broadcast just before his death, Nevich recognizes that it was foolish to think he could defeat the Illumidas by himself, but that he had always danced alone. The arcadia limps back to the SSX base.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Harlock and his crew arrive on the planet Santa Xavier in order to recruit crew members and pick up supplies to repair the badly damage Arcadia.

Harlock meets a young girl whose grandfather is dying, but the meeting disrupted by a raid by the police force of the planet which is led by a mysterious representative of the Cabal Corporation; he seems intent on learning as much as he can about the pirate and succeeds in stealing an Arcadia boarding pass from one of the newly recruited crew members. Later, Harlock and Dr. Zero seek out the girl and her grandfather, who is an old Solar Federation Admiral whom Harlock served under. Dr. Zero gives both of them a Christmas present by healing the old man as best he can and, in gratitude, they give Harlock a kitten to bring good luck to the Arcadia.

FALL OF THE EMPIRE

As the crew of the Arcadia are repairing the ship at the SSX base, one of the new crew members, Hannibal, finds that life aboard the ship is not going to be what he expected. When Illumidas freighter, Hannibal steals one of the fighter craft and tries to hijack the freighter for his own use. But the freighter itself turns out to be one of the Illumidas on board sets it to selfdestruct. Before this can happen, however, Tadashi (whom Hannibal had kidnapped) rescues another Illumidas crew member, Xola who had saved his life. Before the ship destroys itself, Tochio shows up in a barely-functioning Arcadia and rescues Harlock, Tadashi and Xola (whom Tadashi hides from the rest of the crew).

Tadashi takes the badly wounded Illumidas to Dr. Zero, who is reluctant to treat an enemy of Earth. Tadashi convinces him to help Xola because he senses that this Illumidas is somehow different from the rest of the aliens he has met. Meanwhile, the mysterious Cabal operative who boarded at Santa Xavier continues gathering information and notices the Illumidas on

board. When it appears that the Illumidas might inform Tadashi of something that is not in his company's best interests, the operative attacks and kills the unfortunate Xola. During the attack, it becomes apparent that the spy's body is composed of a metallic material which is impervious to the hand weapons of the crew. To combat this, Tochio adjusts Harlock's personal weaponry to compensate. The spy then confronts and wounds Kei, leading to a duel with Harlock of abandoning Earth and claims that the company he represents is even now helping the people of Earth rid themselves of the Illumidas. Due to his augmented weaponry, Harlock disposes of the spy. As soon as the Arcadia is repaired, harlock and his crew return to Earth to see how the resistance is faring. When they arrive, Baron Darghund (who has been helping lead the resistance movement), informs them that the Cabal Corporation did indeed arm the resistance and, with the aid of their mysterious new allies, the people of Earth overthrew the aliens. This leads both Harlock and Darghund to wonder about the true motives of the newcomers and what they really have planned for the people of Earth...

