

# Ultima

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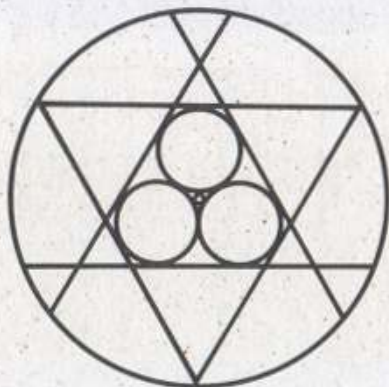
QUEST OF THE AVATAR

聖者への道



田中 夕子

原案:L.ブリティッシュ



DM HMKRM T FF DM  
FAFTER NMH BRIMN  
NOK HHT IT DM  
PRTM FF DM  
KMEKIM

FTN NOK GMTT TTH  
KONFAYH HHT.

FRN BRITH

*Lord Bot*

THIS IS BY NOW AN OLD TALE-- A TALE OF THE DAYS  
WHEN BRITANNIA FACED THREE AGES OF DARKNESS...

--AGES OF TERROR INFLICTED BY MONDAN, MINAX, AND  
EXODUS. HOWEVER...

NOW THE DANGER HAS PASSED, AND WE HAVE BEEN  
PROMISED DAYS OF PEACE UNDER THE HAND OF  
LORD BRITISH.

THE CIRCLE OF PROSPERITY HAS BY OUR EFFORTS  
GROWN BEYOND THE EIGHT TOWNS AND THREE CASTLES  
TO SPREAD AMONG THE PEOPLE.

--AND YET...--

NOW A NEW TALE BEGINS





# Ultima

## QUEST OF THE AVATAR









AND SO  
YOU'RE  
THE  
RECIPIENT OF  
THE  
ANNUNCIATION

...IS THAT  
WHAT YOU'RE  
TELLING ME!?



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YES...



PRE...  
PREPOSTEROUS!

THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE  
...

IT  
COULDN'T  
BE...  
NOT  
YOU!!!

**SLAM**



I...  
I WANTED AT  
LEAST FOR  
YOU  
TO BELIEVE  
ME...--



BRITISH  
...

**BACK**



DAME ALA  
BELONGS TO AN  
HONORABLE CORPS  
OF PALADINS, YOU  
KNOW...

SHE MOST  
PROBABLY WILL  
NOT BE ALLOWED  
TO RETURN...

HAWKWIND  
?

BUT THEN,  
I SUPPOSE,  
THERE IS TOO  
GREAT A  
DIFFERENCE IN  
STATUS  
BETWEEN  
THE TWO  
OF YOU,  
AFTER  
ALL...

--IS  
THAT  
ACCEPTABLE  
TO YOU?



SIRE...





KEEEK



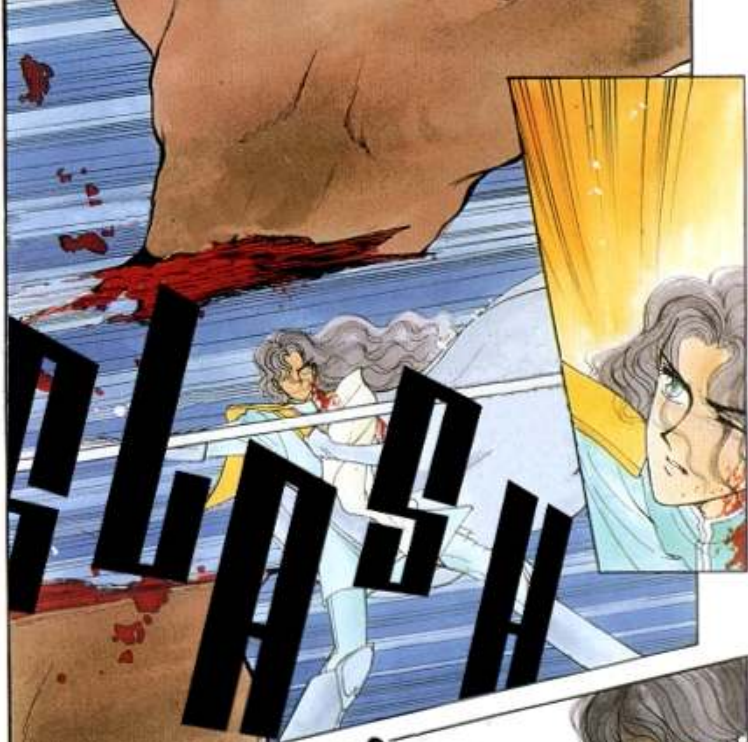
A/LA...



LEAVE  
ME  
FOR  
A  
WHILE.

OF  
COURSE  
!







APFKTMR I: BIRD

WAA  
AA



FATHER,  
OVER  
HERE!  
COME  
QUICKLY!!



BUT...TO THINK  
THAT THIS  
FEMALE KNIGHT  
WOULD LAY DOWN  
HER LIFE AT  
THE FOOT  
OF OUR SACRED  
MOTHER  
TREE...

NO, DON'T  
BOTHR. THERE'S  
NOTHING WE  
CAN DO  
NOW...

SHOULD  
I  
CALL  
SOMBODY  
?

UNTIL THE  
DAY HER  
SPIRIT IS  
CALLED  
FORTH  
ONCE  
AGAIN,

ARBORS  
OF THE  
HOLY  
FOREST OF  
YEW, I  
BESEECH  
THEE--



PLEASE  
GIVE THIS  
HOMeward-  
BOUND  
SOUL  
A  
PEACEFUL  
REST...







HE HAS  
A BIRTHMARK  
SHAPED  
LIKE AN  
ANKH  
ON HIS  
HAND...

FATHER,  
THIS  
CHILD  
...

AAAA  
ANNA



AH  
...



SURE  
!!

!!



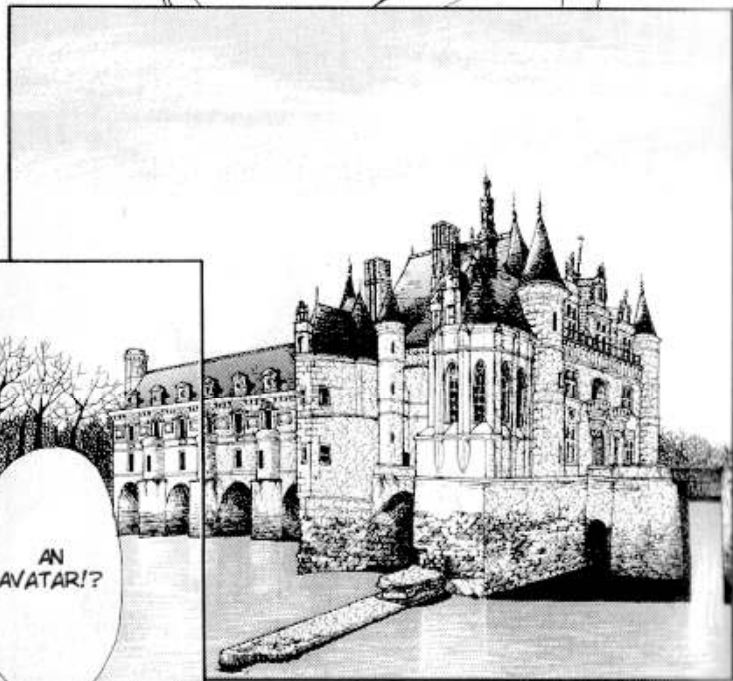
I WONDER  
IF YOU'D  
MAKE A  
GOOD BIG  
BROTHER  
FOR HIM,  
SHIVA?




OH,  
MY...

BUT ISN'T  
HE A  
CUTE  
LITTLE  
FELLOW,  
THOUGH?


MY  
LITTLE  
BROTHER  
...



AN  
AVATAR!?



THE PEOPLE NEED SOMEONE TO SHOW THEM THE WAY.



LEFT UNCHECKED, HUMANITY WILL SURELY CONTINUE DOWN THE PATH TO ITS OWN DESTRUCTION.

THE TERROR OF EXODUS HAS PASSED, BUT OUR PEOPLE ARE YET LED ASTRAY BY THE EVIL WITHIN THEIR HEARTS



WE NEED SOMEONE WHOSE HEART IS COMPLETELY CLEANSED OF EVIL.

NO, I WILL NOT DO. I'M NO HOLY MAN. KING MAY I BE, I HAVE MADE MY OWN MISTAKES.

NO, I WILL NOT DO.

BUT, SIRE... DO WE NOT HAVE OUR KING FOR THAT?!

TO ESTABLISH AN IRONCLAD SYSTEM OF ETHICS, TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE



SEND A  
CALL  
THROUGHOUT  
THE KINGDOM  
-  
BEFORE IT  
IS TOO  
LATE!

AN  
AVATAR  
!!



YEAH,  
ABOUT  
THE  
AVATAR!

HAVE  
YOU  
HEARD  
?



YOU HAVE  
TO MASTER  
THE EIGHT  
VIRTUES,  
THEY SAY  
?



WHAD'  
DAYA  
MEAN  
!?

YEAH,  
RIGHT! LIKE  
YOU'RE  
AVATAR  
MATERIAL!

HEY, YA  
THINK  
MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
TRY OUT  
FOR IT?



...HOWEVER,  
IF ONE  
SHOULD  
INDEED  
BECOME THE  
AVATAR,  
NO REWARD  
SHALL  
BE  
BESTOWED!

THE  
AVATAR  
ACTS ON  
VIRTUE  
ALONE!



10  
YEARS  
LATER



HYA  
!

YOU'RE  
MAKING RAPID  
PROGRESS IN  
YOUR STUDY  
OF MAGIC, AND  
YOUR  
SWORDSMAN-  
SHIPS  
UNRIVALED  
IN THE  
REGION!

PERHAPS  
YOU SHOULD  
THINK  
ABOUT  
BECOMING A  
PALADIN  
INSTEAD OF  
A DRUID,  
HMM?



SPLENDID!  
ALL  
DIRECT  
HITS!

YOU'RE  
REALLY  
GETTING  
GOOD,  
DEANE!





YOU CAN'T  
JUST HURT  
THE  
FLOWERS  
AND TREES  
FOR  
FUN!

IT IS YOUR  
DUTY TO  
PROTECT AND  
LOVE THE  
FOREST -  
PARTICULARLY  
AS A  
RESIDENT  
OF YEW!

LIFE  
DWELLS  
IN  
EVERY-  
THING!

...I'M  
...I'M  
SORRY...





C'MON.  
LET'S  
GO.



YOU  
WANT TO  
BECOME  
THE  
AVATAR  
!?

YES,  
FATHER.











WHOOH

I  
PROMISE  
I'LL COME  
BACK.

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU'RE  
HERE THAT  
I CAN  
GO,  
YOU  
KNOW.

...  
LOOK  
AFTER  
FATHER  
FOR ME!

SO  
...

...OK.





COME  
BACK  
SOON  
!!



BOTH IN  
DARING TO  
ATTEMPT TO  
BECOME THE  
AVATAR  
-  
AND IN  
GETTING  
YOUR  
FATHER'S  
LEAVE TO  
DEPART IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE...

IF I'D  
ASKED, I'D  
JUST GET  
LAUGHED AT!



A  
WONDERFUL  
THING  
SHIVA'S  
DOING -  
NOT THAT I  
WOULD  
EXPECT ANY  
LESS.



MY BIG BROTHER SHIVA IS AWESOME!



LEAVE IT ALL TO ME!

BUT IT'LL BE OK, FATHER! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A THING!!

...AH.  
UMMM...?

DEANE AT 15



IT'S BEEN FIVE  
YEARS SINCE THAT  
DAY...

BUT I HAVEN'T  
HEARD A WORD  
FROM YOU...

FOR SOME REASON,  
I ALWAYS FEEL AT  
PEACE  
WHEN I COME  
HERE...



SNAP!

WHO'S  
THERE  
!?

E  
E  
E  
E  
E  
K!  
!

CRACK!

THWAP!



...ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT,  
BIG BROTHER  
SHIVA?









WHA...WHAT  
WAS THAT?  
IT WAS SO  
STRONG...

IT'S  
OK!

SMILE -



...  
I'M  
SORRY  
.....



SO IT'S  
MY  
FAULT!  
I'M  
SORRY!

BUT I  
WASN'T  
SLEEPING -  
I WAS JUST  
LOST IN  
THOUGHT!



AND THEN...  
AND  
FURTHERMORE...  
SO...AND WHEN  
I WENT TO  
CLIMB DOWN,  
THERE YOU  
WERE,  
ASLEEP!

I  
TRIED  
TO GET  
DOWN, BUT  
I COULDN'T  
-  
NOT  
WITHOUT  
WAKING  
YOU!



BUT  
WHAT  
WERE YOU  
DOING UP  
IN THE  
TREE?

I  
GOT  
LOST  
...SO...













WHO DID THIS IS IMMATERIAL.

THESE INCIDENTS WILL CONTINUE SO LONG AS THE EVIL IN THE HEARTS OF OUR PEOPLE REMAINS UNCLEANSED.

FATHER... WHO DID THIS TO YOU?!



DEANE ... IS THAT YOU...?



AN AVATAR MUST APPEAR WITHOUT A MOMENT'S MORE DELAY...

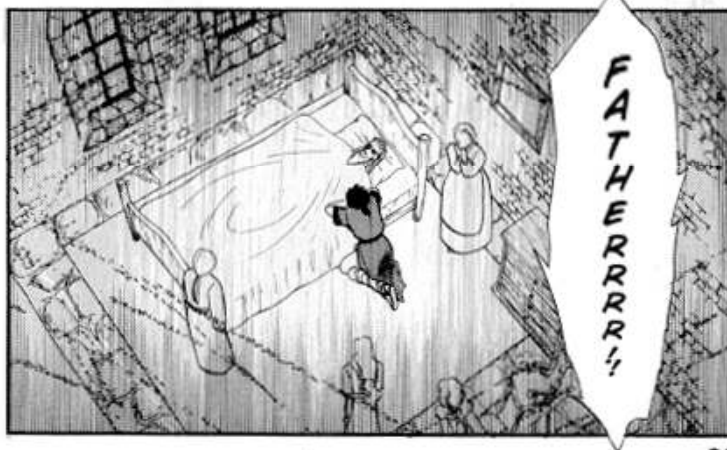
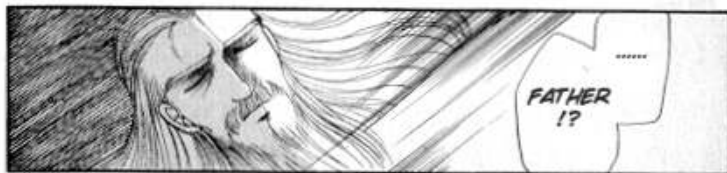


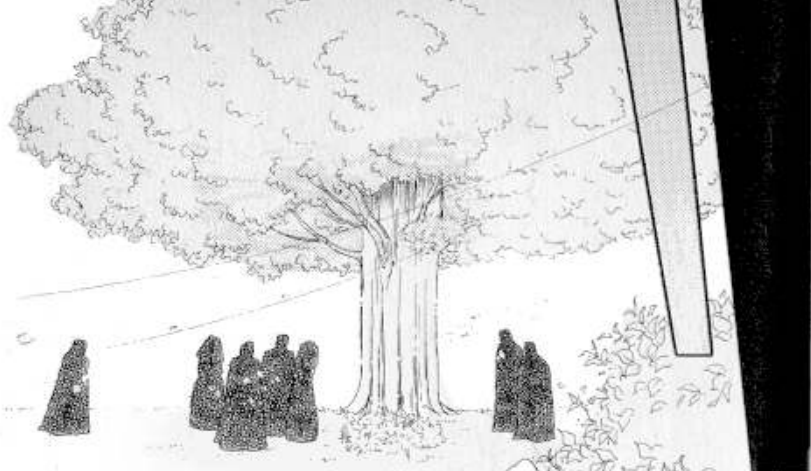
YOU MUST WORK TOGETHER AND COMPLETE THE QUEST OF THE AVATAR...

FIND SHIVA.

.....YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHERS...YOU HAVE A STRANGE AND UNIQUE POWER--

...I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE, BUT...









I DON'T  
WANT TO  
STAY IN THE  
HOUSE  
LONG.

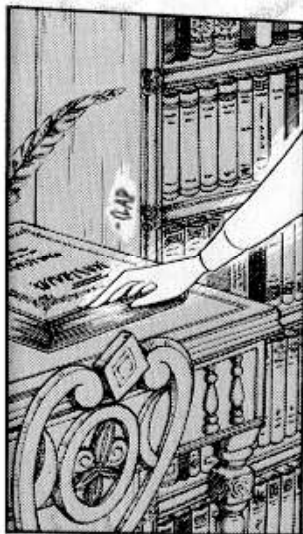
THAT'S  
AWFULLY  
SUDDEN  
.....

THE  
SOONER  
I LEAVE  
-  
BY HOWEVER  
LITTLE  
-  
THERE'S  
SO MUCH  
I WANT  
TO ASK  
HIM.

THE  
SOONER I  
FIND  
SHIVA.



I  
SUPPOSE  
.....



IT'S  
OK.  
IT'LL BE  
HARD  
ENOUGH  
AS  
IT IS.

SHALL  
I SEE  
YOU  
OFF?

...SEE  
YOU...





THERE'S  
SO MUCH  
I WANT  
TO KNOW

ABOUT  
THE  
EVIL  
WITHIN  
PEOPLE'S  
HEARTS

ABOUT  
THE  
AVATAR  
...

AND.....

ABOUT  
MYSELF



AND I'LL  
HAVE ALL  
THE ANSWERS  
ONCE I FIND  
MY  
BIG BROTHER  
SHIVA!





I  
JUST  
KNOW  
IT  
---

I'LL COME  
BACK  
-  
TO THE  
TOWN THAT  
RAISED  
ME  
-  
TO THE  
FOREST THAT  
RAISED  
ME.





.....I WAS WONDERING IF I MIGHT GO WITH YOU.  
...YOU KNOW...  
TO HELP SOME WAY!

...I MEAN...  
UM...  
UM...

WHAT ARE YOU...?

.....  
IO.

BEFORE...  
YOU STAYED BEHIND TO HELP ME...  
AND YOU ENDED UP BEING LATE FOR YOUR FATHER  
.....



**YOU JERK!!**



I DIDN'T THINK TO GIVE IT A SECOND THOUGHT!

IT'S OK!  
GO ON HOME!



YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT THAT?





ABB  
EY  
EM  
PAT  
H

MY  
BROTHER  
SHOULD'VE  
STOPPED  
BY HERE,  
TOO!

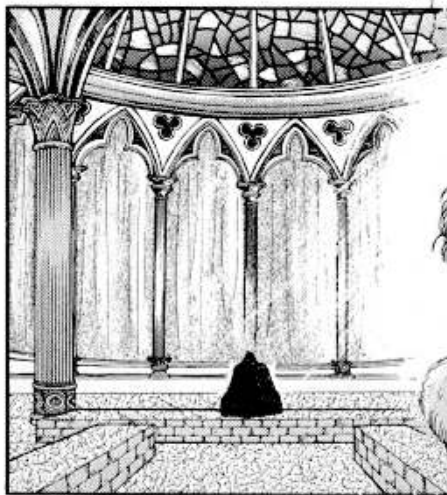
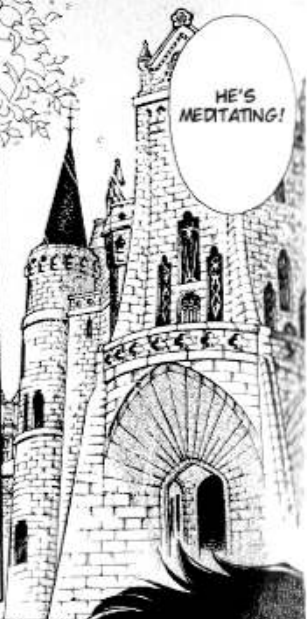
TO  
SEE  
MY  
FATHER'S  
GOOD  
FRIEND,  
BROTHER  
ANTOS!

WHAT  
ARE  
WE  
HERE  
FOR?

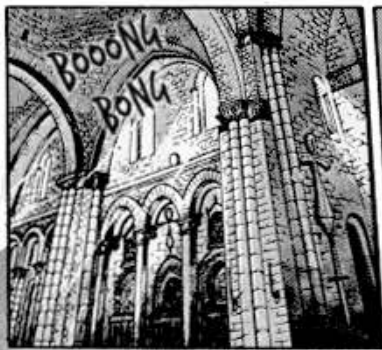
HMM...

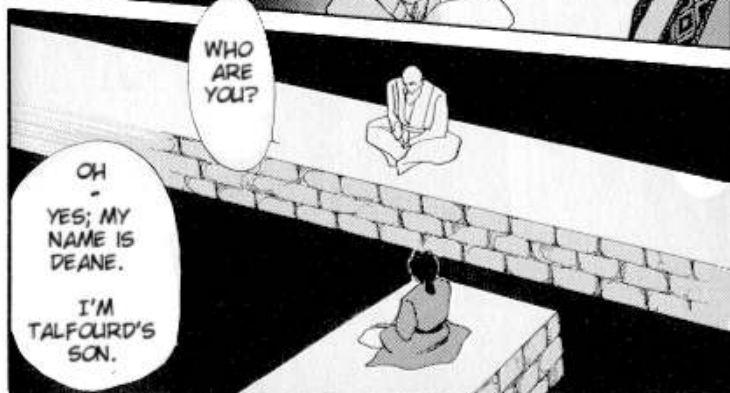
SHE  
SAYS  
HE'S  
IN  
THE  
SHRINE!

THE  
SHRINE?









...HM.  
IS THAT  
SO?  
WE LOST  
A GOOD  
MAN...

...YOU  
HAVE  
SOME  
BUSINESS  
WITH ME,  
THEN?

FATHER...  
PASSED  
AWAY.

IS  
HE  
WELL?


OH!!  
TALFOURD

MY  
FATHER  
...  
HE  
TOLD ME  
TO FIND MY  
BROTHER  
AND WITH  
HIM  
COMPLETE  
THE QUEST  
OF THE  
AVATAR.

.....  
SHIVA WAS A  
SPLENDID  
BOY...

HE HAD HIS  
WEAKNESSES,  
HOWEVER.






HE ALWAYS  
STROVE TO  
OVERCOME  
THAT  
WEAKNESS  
.....



STUDY FOR  
YOURSELF AND  
ATTAIN YOUR  
OWN  
ENLIGHTENMENT.  
NO TRAINING IS  
LESS  
FORGIVING.

YOU  
MUST SEE  
IT WITH  
YOUR OWN  
EYES, FEEL IT  
WITH YOUR  
OWN SKIN  
-

THE  
QUEST  
OF  
THE  
AVATAR  
  
IS A  
BATTLE  
WAGED  
AGAINST  
ONESELF.



SHOULD  
YOU  
ATTEMPT  
THIS WITH  
SHIVA, I  
THINK YOU  
WOULD  
SUCCEED.

.....  
HOWEVER  
...  
SHOULD  
YOU  
ATTEMPT  
THIS...

...DEANE  
-  
IS IT?

HIS AURA  
FAR  
EXCEEDS  
THAT OF  
ANY  
ORDINARY  
MAN...

...IF  
HE  
IS  
THE  
ONE...

HEY,  
HEY!  
HE'S  
A  
BROTHER!

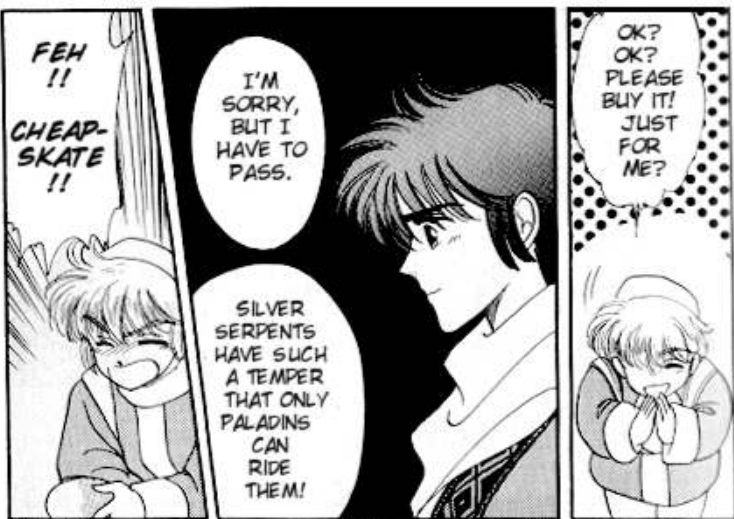
LIKE  
THAT  
OLD GUY  
SAID?!

TO  
MEET  
THE  
KING?!

HEY,  
HEY,  
DEANE  
!  
WE'RE  
GOING  
TO  
CASTLE  
BRITANNIA,  
AREN'T  
WE?

DON'T  
CALL HIM  
"THAT  
OLD GUY!"











AAAAAAAAAH!!

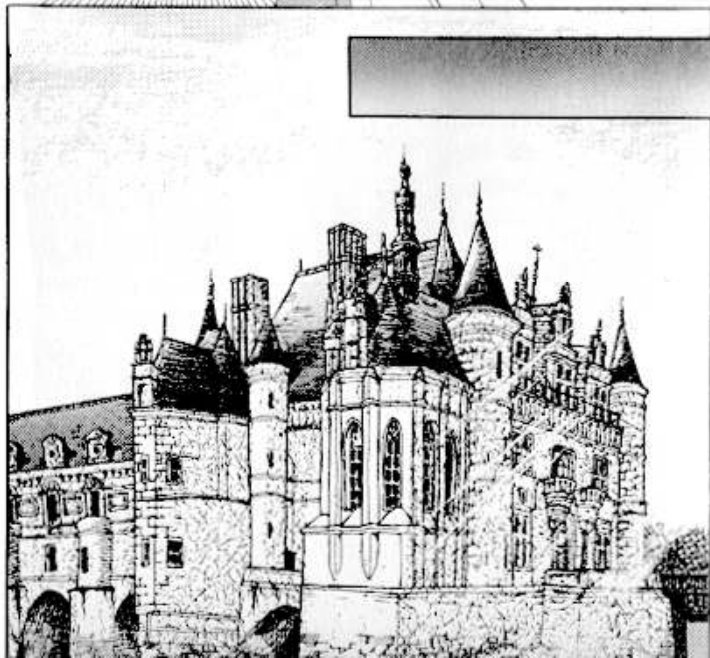




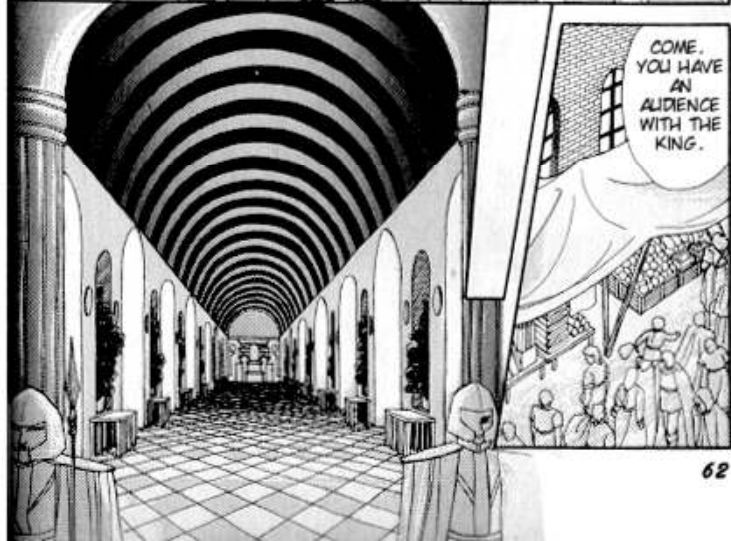


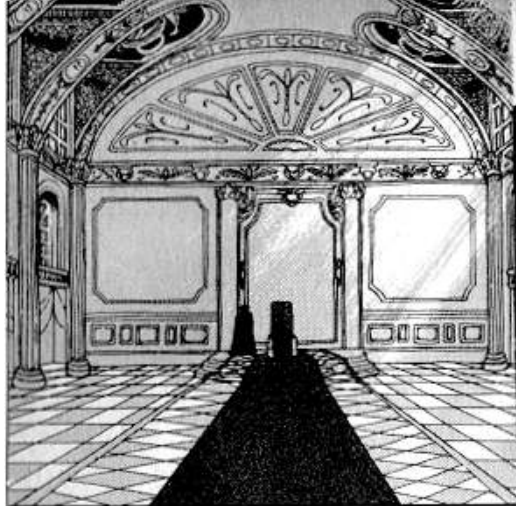














YES,  
SIRE!



AILA!



AND  
THAT'S  
THE  
PENDANT  
I GAVE  
AILA  
LONG  
AGO.

HE'S  
THE  
RIGHT  
AGE.



...DO YOU  
HAVE ANY  
MEMORY  
OF A  
WOMAN BY  
THE NAME  
OF  
"AILA"?

WHAT  
...?  
...NO  
...



HOW  
OLD  
ARE  
YOU?

...W-  
WHAT IS  
YOUR  
NAME?

HE  
LOOKS  
JUST  
LIKE  
HER...

MY  
NAME  
IS  
DEANE,  
SIRE.

I'M  
FIFTEEN.



THEN  
THAT  
MEANS...

THAT THIS  
BOY--!!

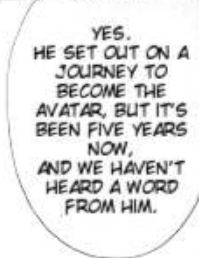
ARE  
YOU  
WELL,  
SIRE?

IT'S  
NOTHING  
...

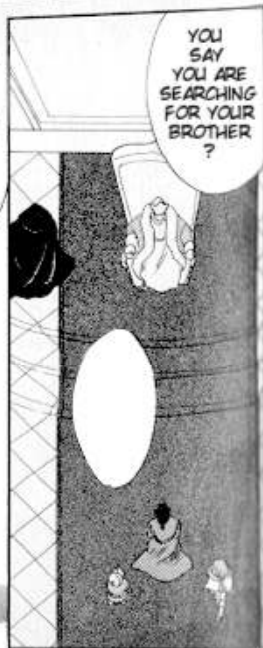


JUST BEFORE  
HE PASSED AWAY,  
OUR FATHER,  
TALFOURD, TOLD  
ME TO WORK  
TOGETHER  
WITH MY BROTHER  
AND FOR THE TWO  
OF US TO TRY  
TO BECOME THE  
AVATAR--

ALSO  
...



YES.  
HE SET OUT ON A  
JOURNEY TO  
BECOME THE  
AVATAR, BUT IT'S  
BEEN FIVE YEARS  
NOW,  
AND WE HAVEN'T  
HEARD A WORD  
FROM HIM.



YOU  
SAY  
YOU ARE  
SEARCHING  
FOR YOUR  
BROTHER  
?





--OF COURSE  
.....



...  
...I'M NOT ACTUALLY TALFOURD'S SON...

AND NOW THAT MY FATHER IS GONE, THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MY BIRTH IS MY BROTHER.



LONG HAVE I WAITED FOR THE AVATAR TO APPEAR, BUT SO FAR, MY WAIT HAS BEEN IN VAN.....

I WILL HELP YOU AS BEST I CAN.

DEANE - YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS?



THUS ARMED, HEAD FOR THE ABYSS AND COMPLETE THE QUEST OF THE AVATAR. REUNITE WITH YOUR BROTHER AND LEARN THE SECRET OF YOUR HERITAGE...

LET ME GIVE YOU A COMPANION.

THIS I PRAY.

THIS MIGHT IN NO SMALL WAY BE CONNECTED TO YOUR BROTHER'S DISAPPEARANCE. I WILL HELP YOU AS BEST I CAN.

TO MY UNDERSTANDING, WE LOSE ALL COMMUNICATION FROM THOSE WHO SEEK AVATARHOOD ONCE THEY ENTER THE ABYSS...

(CREEAAK)

I'M JULIA.  
I WORK  
AS A  
TINKER.

--  
PLEASUED  
TO MEET  
YOU.

THANK  
YOU,  
SIRE!

THE  
PLEASURE  
IS  
MINE!

I'M KATI  
THE  
SHEPHERD!!

HEH  
HEH!

I'M  
IO!  
I'M  
A  
BARD!

WON...

HIS  
MAJESTY  
- WELL,  
HE AGES  
MORE  
SLOWLY  
THAN  
NORMAL  
FOLK.

JULIA  
IS FINE.

HEY,  
HEY,  
MR.  
JULIA  
-

I  
DIDN'T  
THINK  
THE  
KING  
WOULD  
BE SO  
YOUNG--

I  
CAN ONLY  
LEAVE  
EVERYTHING  
IN HIS  
HANDS.....

BUT  
IF THAT  
BOY IS  
INDEED  
AILA'S  
SON,

—IS THIS  
ALL JUST  
HYPOCRISY  
AT THIS  
POINT.....?


AILA  
—  
FORGIVE  
ME.

FORGIVE  
ME FOR  
NOT  
BELIEVING  
YOU...

DARANOR  
.....

YOU  
CALLED  
—?





IT SEEMS  
THAT THE DAY  
OF WHICH I  
HAVE LONG  
DREAMED IS  
FINALLY AT  
HAND!

THOSE  
VISITORS  
WERE  
UNLIKE  
THOSE WHO  
HAVE COME  
BEFORE...

WE MIGHT  
FINALLY  
HAVE FOUND  
SOMEONE TO  
RETRIEVE...  
*IT*  
...FOR ME...

AS  
SOON  
AS THEY FIND  
IT, INFORM  
ME  
-  
AND STEAL  
IT!!

LEAVE  
THE  
REST  
TO ME.

NOW...I HAVE  
MY OWN  
PREPARATIONS  
TO WHICH TO  
ATTEND...

**GO!!**

**YES,  
SIR!**







AND...

COMPLETE  
THIS  
QUEST OF THE AVATAR...



KPFKTR II:  
NMKFRTRM



GEOFFREY,  
RETREAT!  
THERE'S  
NO  
END TO  
THEM!

I  
TOLD  
YOU I'M  
NO GOOD  
AT CLOSE  
RANGE

DON'T BE  
RIDICULOUS!!

A WARRIOR  
NEVER  
RUNS  
AWAY  
FROM  
A  
FIGHT!!

WHOOSH

EEP!

WHOOSH

HEY!!  
YOU  
GUYS!!

JULIA

WE  
COULD  
USE A  
LITTLE  
...

HUH?

GOTCHA.













WE'LL  
USE A  
MOONGATE.  
  
THERE'S  
ONE CLOSE  
BY!

IF WE'RE  
GATHERING  
INFORMATION,  
WE NEED TO  
GO TO  
TRINSCIC.

OK, NOW  
...

IT'S  
TOUGH OUT  
THERE WITH  
JUST GORFFRY  
YOU KNOW?  
I MEAN, YOU SEE THE  
MESS HE GETS  
HIMSELF INTO.  
OH, AND IT'S NOT A  
BAD GUY TO HAVE  
ON YOUR SIDE  
EITHER!  
**OK?**



I MEAN,  
MOST  
PEOPLE  
STAY AWAY  
IN **FEAR**  
BUT.....

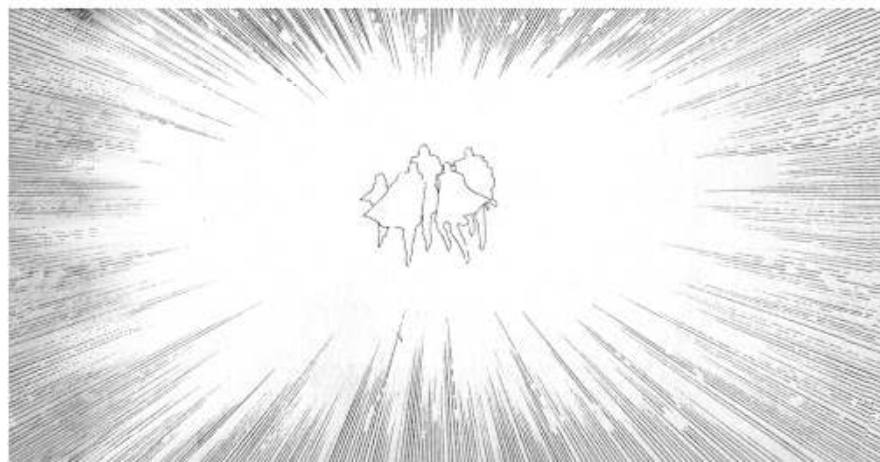
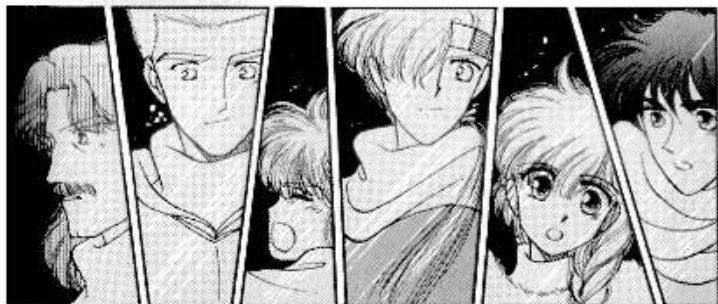
OF COURSE!  
WAY BACK,  
ONLY THE  
BIGSHOTS  
COULD USE  
'EM,  
BUT  
NOWADAYS,  
LOTS OF  
PEOPLE DO!

A  
MOONGATE?  
HAVE YOU  
EVER USED  
ONE OF  
THOSE  
BEFORE?

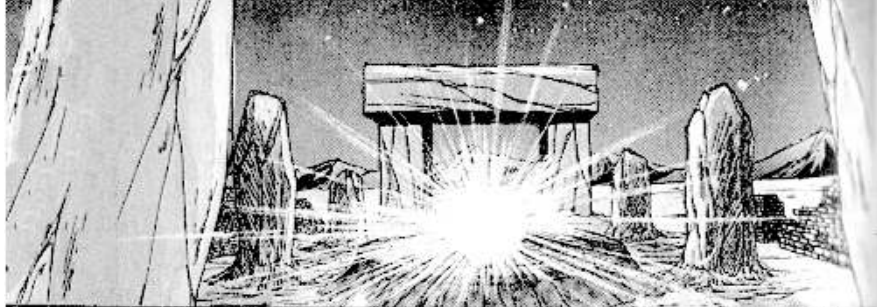
MERCHANTS  
AND SUCH...

...WON'T  
BE  
LONG  
NOW.









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WELL, IT'S HAS ITS LIPS AND DOWNS.

BUSINESS STILL STRONG?

LIKE ALWAYS?

OH, MYYY-- MY LITTLE SHAMINO; IT'S BEEN A WHILE!!

HEY! HOW'RE THINGS ?

WELL, IT IS A BAR.

THIS PLACE STINKS OF ALCOHOL !



YOU'VE BROUGHT A CROWD WITH YOU AGAIN, I SEE. WHAT'S THE OCCASION?



WONDERING IF YOU COULD GIVE THE GENTLEMAN OVER THERE A BIT OF YOUR ATTENTION.

INGLE



OK, GUYS, LET'S GO!

HE WAS TALKING ABOUT GOING TO THE LYCAEUM OR SOMETHING!

BETTER NOT STAY LONG WITH THE KID!

THE QUIET TYPE, BUT A GOOD MAN...

BUT THAT WAS A WHILE BACK, YOU KNOW.

HE KINDA STOOD OUT FROM THE CROWD, YOU KNOW?

MM... SOMEWHAT.

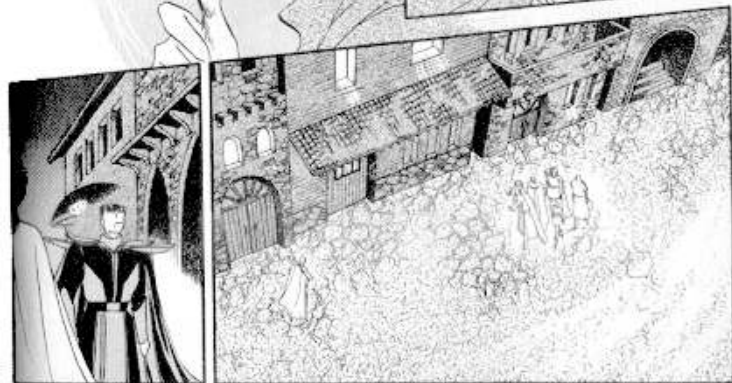
SO YOU DO KNOW HIM - A DRAID WITH BLACK HAIR? REALLY?

MYYY, HE'S CUTE!



BESIDES,  
I  
ALREADY  
GOT  
MY  
HEART  
SET  
ON  
A  
GIRL.

HEY, DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
IT!  
WE'RE  
FRIENDS,  
AFTER  
ALL!



ARE  
YOU  
A  
PALADIN  
?

YOU--

CLAP



.....  
HM.

IT'S JUST THAT  
YOU HAVE A  
SILVER SERPENT  
ATTACHED TO  
YOU, SO I WAS  
SURE...

...NO...



NOT AT  
ALL... IT  
WAS AN  
HONOR TO  
MEET  
YOU...

FORGIVE  
ME FOR  
KEEPING  
YOU.



SO.....  
THE  
QUEST  
OF THE  
AVATAR,  
HM?  
.....

MY NAME  
IS  
SENTRI.  
I'M  
CAPTAIN  
OF  
THE  
PALADINS.

DO  
YOUR  
BEST.



IF  
YOU'LL  
EXCUSE  
ME.





GET AWAY !!

UHHH...  
THEY MAKE ME SICK,  
THOSE MOON GATES!



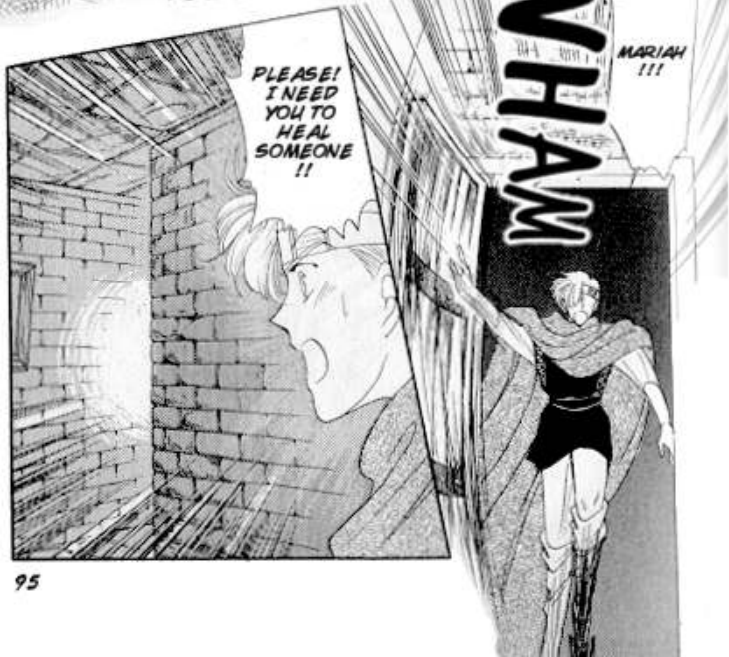














IF YOU'RE INJURED, YOU'D BE BETTER OFF GOING TO CELEST'S. YOU LOOK JUST FINE TO ME, ANYHOW; I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS!

IT'S NOT ME, I TOLD YOU! AND CELEST ISN'T HOME



SUCH A RACKET! AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!



WE HAVE TO HURRY. TRUST ME.

HAHAHA

HEY!

COME COON! I MEAN, THAT'S USUALLY THE CASE, BUT TONIGHT'S DIFFERENT!

WHILE WE'RE AT IT, YOU DON'T JUST BARGE INTO THE HOME OF A GIRL WHO LIVES ALONE WITH OBVIOUS MOTIVES.



WHAT A LAUG--











I WANT MANDRAKE ROOTS. FIFTY OF THEM. BRING THEM TO ME WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

BUT I HAVE A CONDITION.

ALL RIGHT ...



SEE, SEE, MARIAH! EVERYONE SAYS SO!



IN THIRTY DAYS, HUH?

OK, JUST YOU WAIT, MARIAH!



HUHF! YOU'RE KIDDIN'!

.....OK ...IN THAT CASE, I CAN--



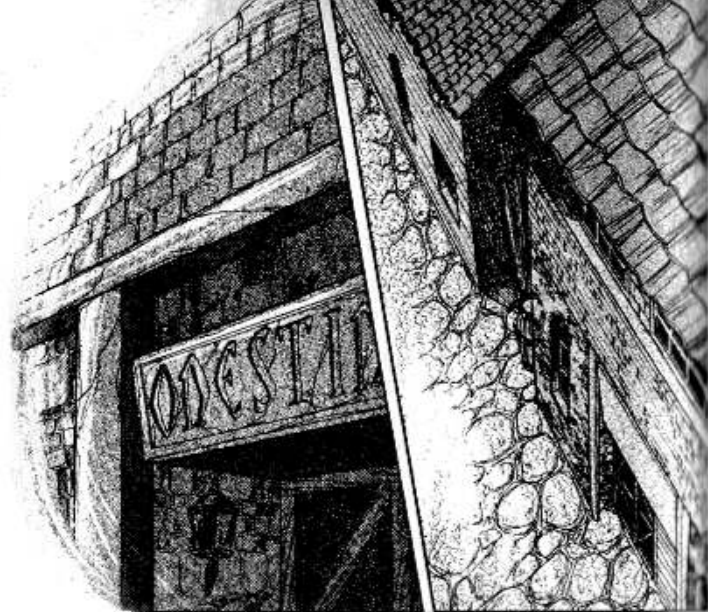
MANDRAKES ?!?

WHAT THE "HELL" !?!?

THAT'S "YOU" - ALWAYS THINKING OF YOURSELF!

AND YOU WANT "FIFTY" ?!?

(1) TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: DEANE'S LINE ABOVE IS "SORE NARA ~IN THAT CASE~, ATE GA~". DEANE PROBABLY MEANT TO COMPLETE HIS SENTENCE AS "ATE GA HAZURETA" "I'M DISAPPOINTED." SHAMNO, THOUGH, IS THINKING DEANE MEANT TO SAY "ATE GA / ARU" = "I HAVE A LEAD"/"I KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN GET MANDRAKES."











I DON'T  
REALLY  
UNDERSTAND  
IT, BUT  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
\*SPECIAL\*  
ABOUT YOU,  
DE ANE!!

EVERYONE  
HAS  
FAITH IN  
\*YOU!\*



WELL,  
WASN'T  
THAT A  
SWEET  
CONVER-  
SATION...



THANK  
YOU,  
IO.



...OK











GUARD  
THE  
REAR,  
JULIA.

DON'T  
WASTE  
TIME  
WITH  
THE  
WELCOMING  
COMMITTEE,  
DO THEY?

--SHALL  
WE  
GO?





**CRASH**













I SEE...  
SO YOU  
NEED  
MANDRAKES  
?



...NO.



WHAT  
ABOUT  
SHIVA  
?  
HAVE  
YOU  
FOUND  
HIM  
YET?



MAGICAL  
COMPOUNDS  
HAVE BEEN MY  
LIFE EVER SINCE  
I WAS A LITTLE  
BOY! YOU  
JUST LEAVE  
EVERYTHING TO  
CALUMNY!

NOW,  
NOW!  
DON'T  
SELL ME  
SHORT!

I  
MEAN,  
WE  
NEED  
**FIFTY**  
...

IT'S  
RATHER  
HOPE-  
LESS,  
ISN'T  
IT?



AND WHAT  
DO YOU  
KNOW?  
TONIGHT  
JUST  
HAPPENS  
TO BE  
A NEW  
MOON!



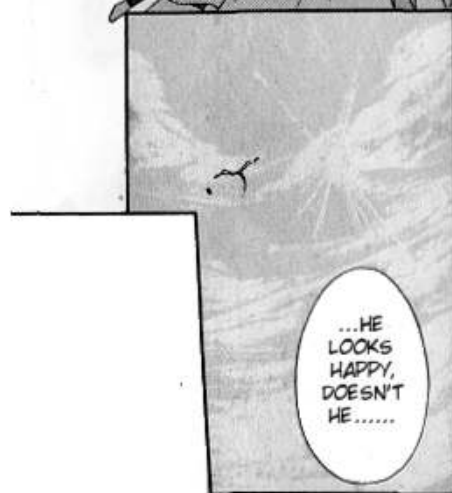








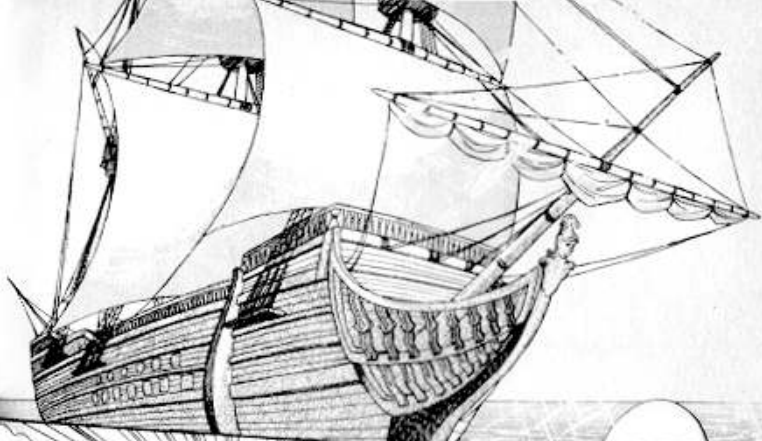






THANKS  
FOR  
WAITING  
!!  
WE'RE  
BACK,  
EVERYONE  
!





WELL, YOU SEE, I HAVE FRIENDS AMONG THE PIRATES!

WELL, IF YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW, THERE WERE THESE PIRATES THAT HE

MMPH!!

COOOO!!

HOW'D YOU GET THIS?!







THE SHIP'S DEFINITELY THE FASTEST WAY.

IT'LL TAKE A WHILE FOR US TO GET TO A MOONGATE -



Urk!

Urk...

I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD...

LET'S SET SAIL!







UWA  
AA  
A  
AAA  
AA  
AA  
A  
!

CRACKLE  
CRACKLE  
CRACKLE  
CRACKLE

SHAMINO!

CRACKLE  
CRACKLE

CRACKLE  
CRACKLE

AN  
ELEC-  
TRICAL  
ATTACK  
!!







EVERY-  
BODY  
DOWN  
!!

SPLASH

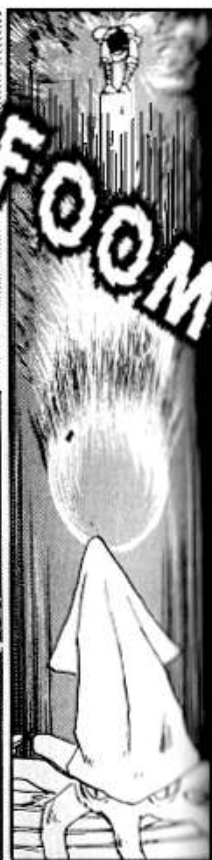
SPARK

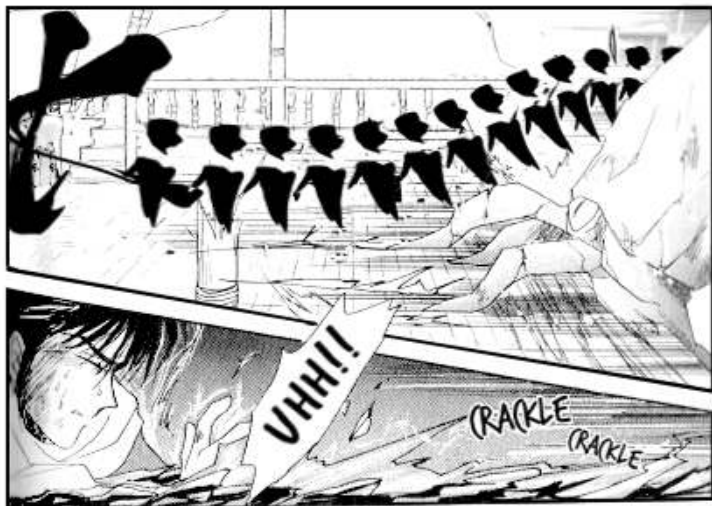
CRACKLE

CRACKLE

CRACKLE









WHADDA  
WE  
DO?

BUT HE  
REALLY  
WENT  
ON TOWN  
ON US,  
THAT  
FRICKIN'  
SQUID.

EVEN THE  
MAST IS  
BROKEN...

IT  
WAS  
NO-  
THING.

YOU  
REALLY  
SAVED US,  
DEANE.

WHOOOSH

WHASSAT?

WHAT?

HUH?

IT'S  
A  
TWISTER  
!!

OUT OF  
THE  
FRYING  
PAN...

IT--

**SWOOP**

WE...WE  
CAN'T  
MOVE  
THE  
SHIP...

**WE'RE  
SUNK!**

IT'S  
SILVER  
!!

**FLAP**

**FLAP**

SILVER?



IS THAT REALLY HIM--?

YEAH!

SNORT  
SNORT



SNORT  
SNORT

YOU GOT  
BIG  
DIDN'T  
YOU!



SNORT  
SNORT

YEAH,  
IT'S  
HIM,  
ALL  
RIGHT.



COULD  
YOU?

WASN'T  
THAT A  
HORSE?  
"HAI HOP"  
AND ALL  
THAT?

YEAH,  
YEAH.  
LET'S  
GET  
OUT OF  
HERE.



HEY,  
LET'S  
HITCH A  
RIDE ON  
HIM!

HE  
NAME  
IS  
SILVER!

WHAT AN  
ESCAPE!

BAM

WHEW...  
JUST IN  
THE  
NICK OF  
TIME...



WELL, I  
*DID*  
MAKE YOU A  
PROMISE,  
MARIAH.

HEH  
HEH



IMPOSSIBLE  
.....

YOU  
"REALLY"  
HAVE  
THEM?!



BLUSH

THANK  
YOU!

GRAB

HEY!

HEY!



MIND  
YOUR  
OWN  
BLISS-  
NESS.

I MEAN,  
HE'S A  
GOOD  
GUY,  
BUT  
UM...


UH, MARIAH,  
HON, HE'S A  
LITTLE  
YOUNG FOR  
YOU...



...I,  
IT'S  
SETTLED,  
THEN.

YEAH!





MAGIC,  
PARTICULARLY  
HEALING MAGIC, IS  
SO IMPORTANT -  
BUT WE ESPECIALLY  
NEED SOMEONE WITH  
US WHO CAN CAST  
POWERFUL MAGIC  
FLAWLESSLY.

I THINK  
WE  
REALLY  
NEED HER  
ON OUR  
SIDE!

I MEAN, I'M  
GOOD WITH  
ATTACK  
MAGICS,  
BUT...

THERE'S  
JUST SO  
MUCH WE  
CAN'T  
DO ON  
OUR  
OWN.

HM?

DEANE  
...

WHAT...  
WHAT DO  
YOU  
THINK  
OF  
MARIAH  
...?

WHAT'S  
WRONG?

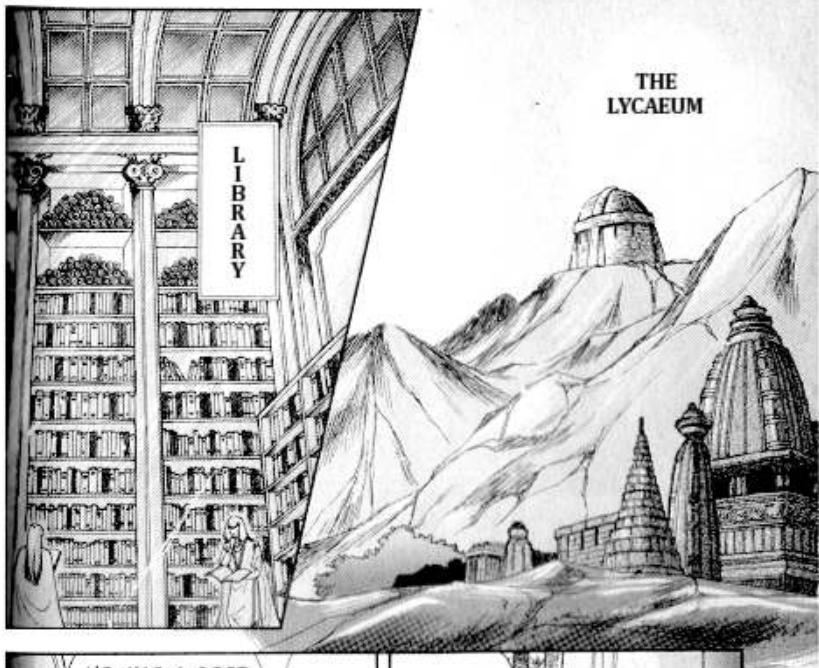
I...DON'T  
WANT TO  
LET ANY  
OF US  
DIE.


HEY,  
SORRY I'M  
LATE!  
OUR NEXT  
STOP'S THE  
LYCAEUM,  
RIGHT?



OH,  
NOTHING  
!

THE  
LYCAEUM





YOUR BROTHER, TOO, WENT TO SEARCH FOR THE SKULL. ALL INFORMATION POINTS TO ITS LOCATION AS THE DUNGEON OF DECEIT...

IT IS SAID THAT ONE NEEDS THE SKULL OF MONDAIN TO ENTER THE ABYSS.

HUMILITY WAS ALL THAT REMAINED FOR HIM.

...AT THE TIME, HE HAD ALREADY ATTAINED AVATARHOOD IN SEVEN OF THE EIGHT VIRTUES.



GO FORTH WITH CAUTION...





NO, NOW.  
JULIA WILL  
STAY WITH  
YOU. WAIT  
HERE.




NO!!  
I  
WANNA  
GO  
TOO!

NO NO  
NOOO!!



ALL  
RIGHT.  
YOU HAVE  
TO BE  
CAREFUL,  
UNDER-  
STAND?

YEAH  
!!



NO ONE  
HAS A  
BETTER  
SENSE OF  
DIRECTION  
THAN I  
DO!!

LET'S  
TAKE  
HIM  
ALONG.  
I'LL  
PROTECT  
HIM.  
KATI  
IS A  
COMRADE  
THE SAME  
AS ANY  
OF US,  
AFTER  
ALL...



I WON'T GET  
IN THE WAY, I  
PROMISE! I  
KNOW I CAN  
BE SOME  
HELP!!





WATCH  
OUT!!  
GET  
BACK!



POW



WHOA  
WE  
WOULD'VE  
BEEN  
CRISPY  
CRITTERS  
...

LEAVE  
THE  
REST  
TO US!

CRACKLE



THE HALLS  
ARE GETTING  
SMALLER  
AND  
SMALLER.  
AT  
THIS  
RATE,  
WE'RE NOT  
GOING TO  
HAVE THE  
SPACE  
TO BE  
ABLE TO  
FIGHT.

DAWNIT.

CAN'T YOU  
PUT THAT  
FAMOUS  
SENSE OF  
DIRECTION  
OF YOURS  
TO WORK  
FOR US?  
SNIFF THAT  
SKULL OUT?  
BE OF  
SOME  
USE?

HM?

IF  
WE DON'T  
FIND THAT  
THING SOON...  
(MR. SKULL,  
I  
MEAN...)

HEY, HEY,  
KATI,  
SWEETIE  
...









THEIR  
NUMBERS  
ARE  
GREAT  
.....

--WE  
SEEM TO  
HAVE  
WOKEN  
UP SOME  
OF THE  
LOCALS.



WE'LL  
LEAVE  
RIGHT AWAY.  
GATHER  
CLOSE TO  
ME,  
PLEASE,  
EVERY-  
ONE.

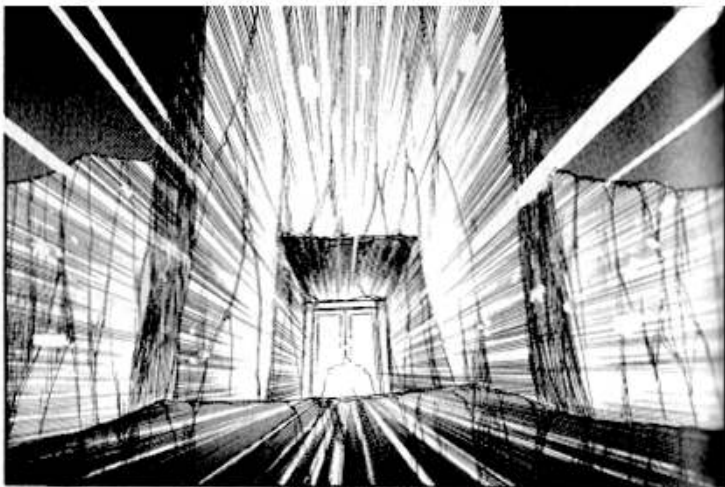


ONCE  
MORE  
FOR OLD  
TIMES'  
SAKE,  
THEN?

WAIT!

THERE  
ARE  
TOO  
MANY  
OF  
THEM.







THERE'S SOME SORT OF COMMOTION OVER TOWARD THE LYCAEUM!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

A NEW MOON-GATE?



EXACTLY WHAT, I DON'T KNOW, BUT...

IT'S AS IF THE STAGE IS BEING SET FOR SOME LINKDOWN OCCURRENCE...

WHY?

INDEED! A NEW MOONGATE HAS APPEARED - LEADING TO THE ABYSS!

THE ENTIRE LYCAEUM IS INVESTIGATING, BUT WE'VE REACHED NO CONCLUSIONS



SHOULD WE  
ASK LORD  
HAWKWIND  
FOR A  
PROPHECY?



WHAT'S  
WRONG?

...  
SOMETHING  
QUITE  
TERRIBLE,  
I'M  
SURE...



ARE  
YOU SURE  
WE  
SHOULD BE  
USING THE  
MOON-  
GATES?

ALL  
RIGHT!  
LET'S  
HEAD FOR  
CASTLE  
BRITANNIA!



LOOK  
-  
IT'S  
ALREADY  
OPENING!

NO  
TIME  
FOR  
THAT  
NOW!  
  
I  
TOLD  
YOU -  
IT'LL BE  
OK!!

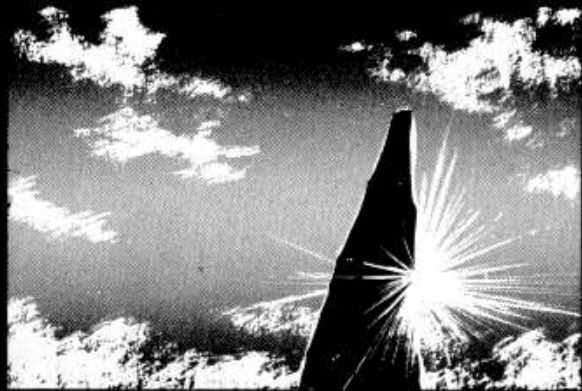


-  
DAMN.  
  
NO...  
  
THIS  
ISN'T  
RI...

HA  
HA  
HA



ΛΡΑΚΤΜΡ ΙΙΙ: ΙΑΦΕΡΤΕΝΤΑ













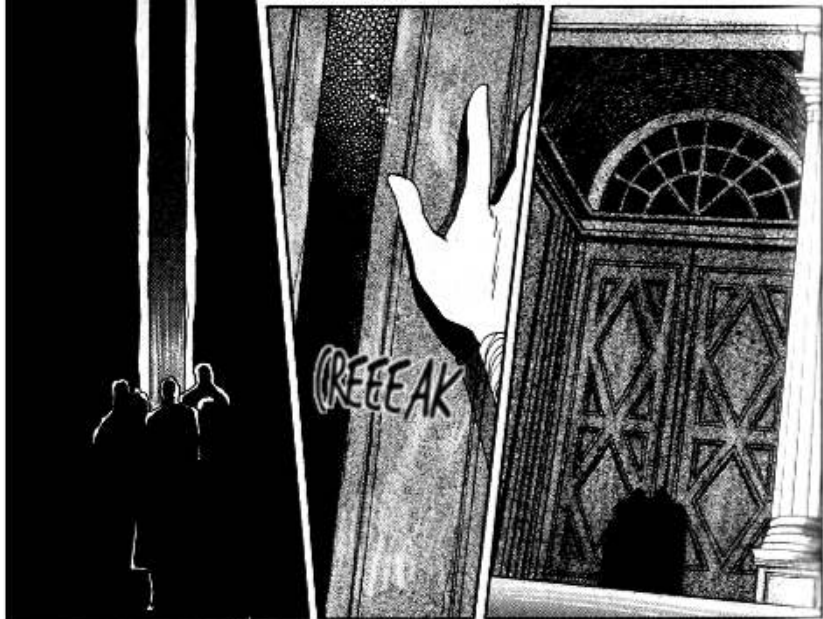












**THEY'RE  
HERE...!**

**AN  
ENERGY  
FIELD!  
EVERYBODY  
GET  
DOWN  
!**













.....  
SOMETHING'S  
THERE



DID MY  
BROTHER  
REALLY  
COME  
DOWN  
HERE  
ALONE  
--?

BUT...  
I'VE  
GOT A  
BAD  
FEELING  
ABOUT  
UP  
AHEAD.







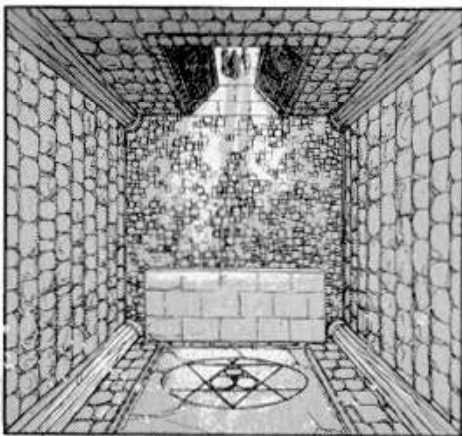






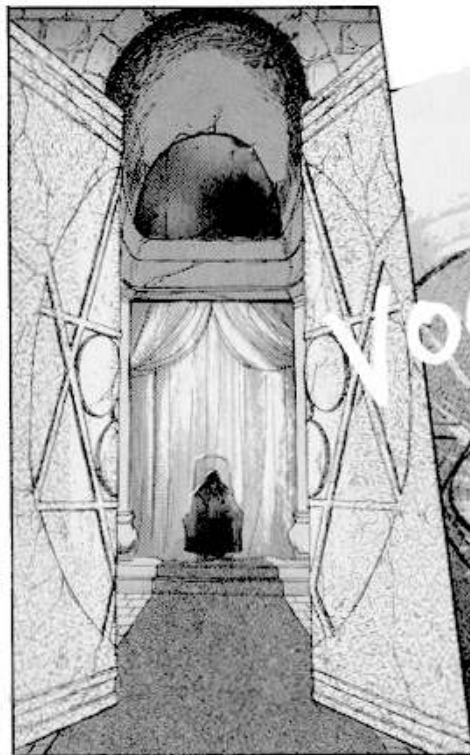


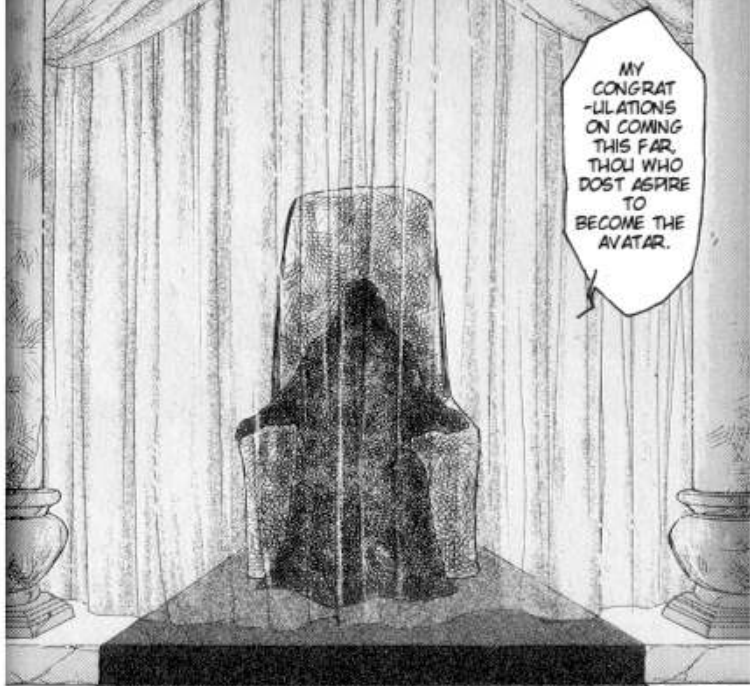




NO PROBLEM!  
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT  
IT.



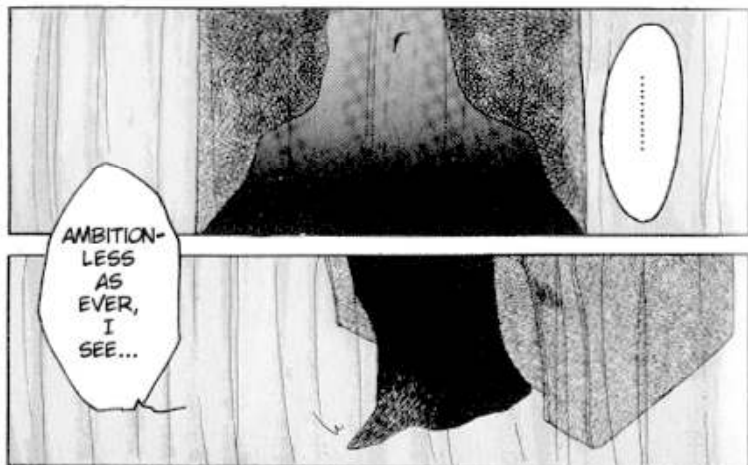




MY  
CONGRAT-  
-ULATIONS  
ON COMING  
THIS FAR,  
THOU WHO  
DOST ASPIRE  
TO  
BECOME THE  
AVATAR.



ANSWER  
MY  
QUESTIONS,  
  
...AND TRUE  
AVATARHOOD  
IS THINE.





IT'S  
BEEN  
A  
WHILE  
...

DEANE.



...I,  
MYSELF,  
CAME  
HERE AT  
FIRST IN  
SEARCH  
OF  
AVATAR-  
HOOD...

ALONG  
MY  
JOURNEY,  
HOWEVER,  
I CAME  
TO A  
REALIZA-  
TION.

THAT  
THERE WAS  
SOMETHING  
WRONG  
ABOUT...ALL  
THIS...

OH, YOU MAY  
MAKE AN EFFORT  
- YOU MAY EVEN  
SUCCEED, IN SOME  
RESPECTS.  
BUT MANY VICTIMS  
WILL FOLLOW IN  
YOUR WAKE.

THE  
EIGHT  
VIRTUES  
OF THE  
AVATAR  
-  
TRY AS  
YOU  
MIGHT,  
THEY ARE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO  
MASTER.

AND VIRTUES  
ACCOMPLISHED  
AT SUCH A  
COST ARE NO  
VIRTUES AT  
ALL.





IN  
THE  
END...

...A  
MERE  
WHITE  
WASH.



IT'S  
HYPO-  
CRISY!



--IT'S  
ALL AN  
UTTER  
FARCE!

NOT ONE  
OF THEM  
ABLE TO  
EXTINGUISH  
THE EVIL  
LURKING IN  
THEIR  
HEARTS.

MANY  
WOULD-  
BE  
AVATARS  
APPEAR  
...



AND I GIVE  
THE SELF-  
IMPORTANT  
HYPOCRITES  
WHO COME  
HERE THEIR  
JUST  
DESSERTS.

I  
NOW TAKE  
ORDERS  
FROM A  
NEW KING  
- ONE  
WHO WILL  
REPLACE  
LORD  
BRITISH.

THEREFORE  
...



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING,  
BIG  
BROTHER  
?!?!

THAT'S  
NOT  
TRUE  
!!

THAT  
WAS AN  
IDEAL  
-  
A  
DREAM  
!!

SHUT  
UP!



BUT WE NEED  
A TRUE AVATAR  
TO RESOLVE  
THESE  
PROBLEMS AND  
STAND AS  
AN EXAMPLE TO  
THE PEOPLE SO  
THAT EVERYONE  
CAN LEAD A  
HAPPY LIFE!

WEREN'T YOU  
THE ONE WHO  
TOLD ME THAT, BIG  
BROTHER?!?!

I'VE  
HAD THE  
SAME  
DOUBTS  
AS  
YOU!



.....THE  
FACADE  
PERSISTS TO  
THE VERY  
END, DOESN'T  
IT...

BUT  
THERE WILL  
ALWAYS BE  
SOMEONE,  
SOMEWHERE,  
WORKING TO  
MAKE THAT  
DREAM A  
REALITY...

THAT'S  
RIGHT  
- IT IS A  
DREAM  
...

WOULDN'T  
YOU CALL  
THAT  
PERSON A  
TRUE  
AVATAR?



EVEN YOU WOULD  
POINT YOUR  
SWORD AT ANYONE  
IF IT MEANT SAVING  
YOUR  
OWN HIDE...



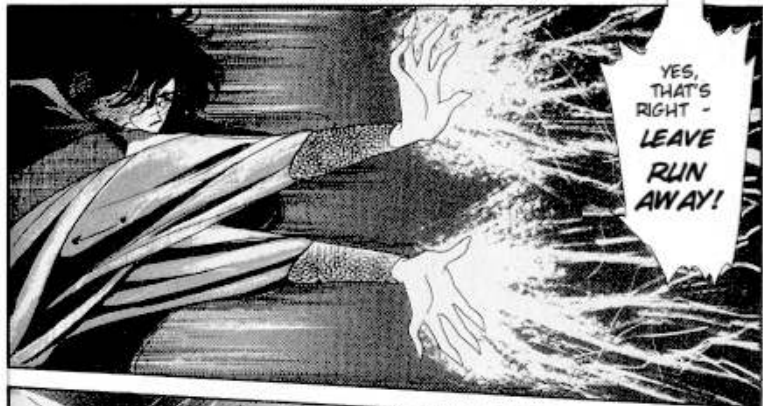
JUST LIKE  
EVERYONE ELSE  
WHO HAS COME  
HERE...  
SO FAR.  
THEIR  
OWN  
SELVES  
ABOVE  
EVERYONE



--IT'S  
JUST  
SO  
ADORABLE  
!!







YES,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT -  
**LEAVE  
RUN  
AWAY!**



...B...  
BROTH...  
ER...



TO SUFFER IN  
SILENCE ALL  
THOSE YEARS,  
TOILING AWAY  
IN FRUITLESS  
LABOR?!

WHAT DO  
YOU KNOW OF  
THOSE WHO  
MUST ENDURE  
SUCH THINGS  
JUST TO KEEP  
THEMSELVES  
FROM  
CRUMBLING?

WHAT DO YOU  
KNOW OF  
THEIR PAIN  
?!?!

WHAT DO  
YOU KNOW -  
YOU, WHO  
HAS  
EVERYTHING  
HANDLED TO  
YOU  
WITHOUT THE  
SLIGHTEST  
EFFORT?!

DO YOU  
REALIZE  
HOW  
HARD IT  
WAS?

**WE  
DON'T  
EVEN  
SHARE  
THE  
SAME  
BLOOD!!**

**HOW  
COULD  
YOU  
KNOW  
?!**

**DON'T  
CALL  
ME  
"BROTHER"  
!**

**YOU'RE  
NOT  
EVEN  
RELATED  
TO  
TALFOURD  
- OR ME  
!!**









SHE  
DIED  
BENEATH  
THE  
MOTHER  
TREE -  
HOLDING  
YOU.

YOUR  
MOTHER  
WAS A  
PALADIN,  
YOU  
KNOW.



THIS  
PENDANT  
WAS HER  
KEEPSAKE.



ARE  
YOU  
SHOCKED  
?



...NOW.  
FIGHT ME, DEANE.

IT'S JUST TOO HORRIBLE  
...  
HOW CAN HE BE THE WONDERFUL BROTHER DEANE TALKED ABOUT !?





...WHO DID  
THIS TO  
YOU, BIG  
BROTHER?  
...



SIFT



GIVE  
IN  
!!  
HATE  
ME  
!!

...WHY  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
THIS?



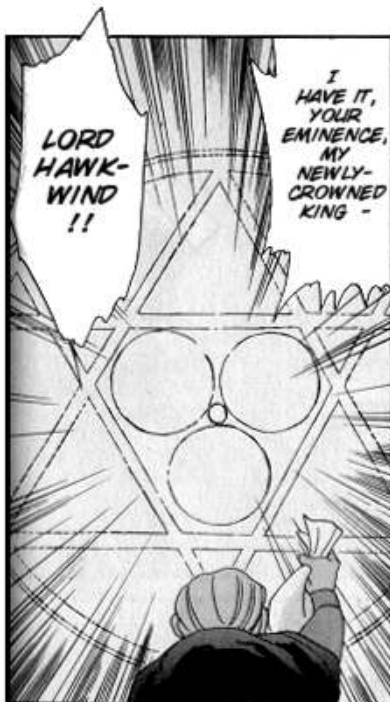
WHY WON'T  
YOU FIGHT  
ME!? WHY  
WON'T YOU  
HATE ME!?

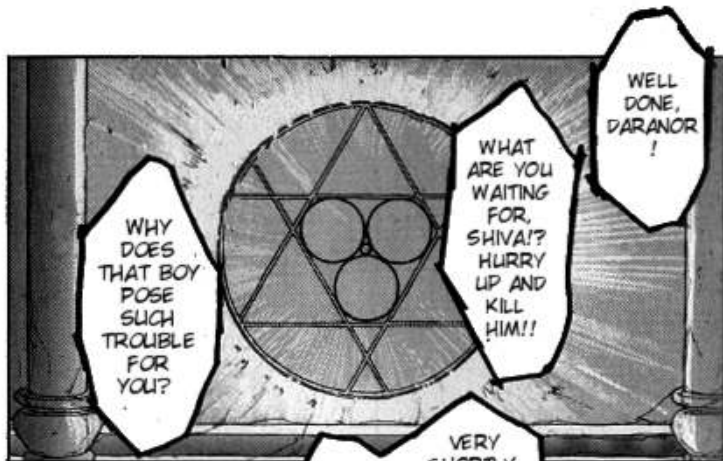
...  
WHY?



FIGHT  
!







WHY DOES THAT BOY POSE SUCH TROUBLE FOR YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, SHIVA!? HURRY UP AND KILL HIM!!

WELL DONE, DARANOR!



WE WILL BECOME ONE - I WILL ABSORB HIS POWER AND BECOME BRITANNIA'S NEW KING.

VERY SHORTLY, I WILL USE THE SKULL TO SUMMON MONDAIN'S SPIRIT.

VOOM

...AND YOU WILL HAVE YOUR OWN PLACE AT MY SIDE.

YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO NEED OF AVATARS.

NO NEED!

VOOM

VOOM











...  
PLEASE  
...

!!

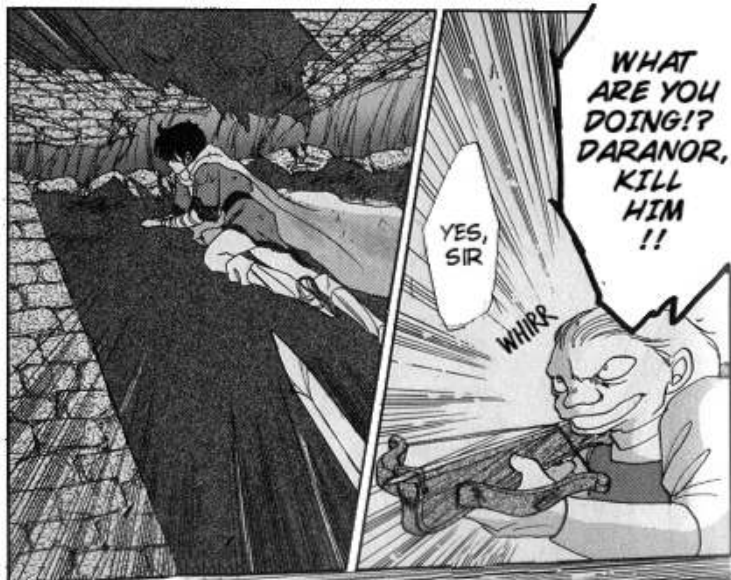
ROAD

...  
PLEASE  
GO  
BACK...

...TO  
BEING...  
THE  
BROTHER.  
I  
KNEW...

...  
BIG...  
BROTHER  
...









...NO...



**BIG BROTHER!!**

**NOOOOOO!!**





**CRACK**

**BWAH  
HAH  
HAH  
HAH  
HAH  
HAH!**

**BUT  
IT'S  
ALREADY  
TOO LATE!  
MONDAIN'S  
SPIRIT IS  
ALREADY  
AWAKEN-  
ING -**

**YOU  
FOOL  
...**

**CRACK**

**BROTHER  
!!**

**READY  
TO  
BECOME  
ONE  
WITH  
ME!!**





DON'T  
TALK,  
BROTHER  
--!!

...FORGIVE  
ME, DEANE.

ON MY  
QUEST TO  
BECOME  
THE AVATAR,  
I MADE  
PACTS WITH  
DEMONS...  
STOLE A  
GREAT  
MANY  
LIVES...

...WHAT  
FOOLISH  
THINGS  
I'VE  
DONE--



...THESE  
TEARS...

...YOU  
STILL  
CALL ME  
THAT?...



TO  
SEE  
YOU  
CRY  
...

YOU  
FOOL...  
I...I  
COULDN'T...  
COULD  
NEVER  
BEAR...

ARE  
THEY  
FOR MY  
SAKE?  
--





MY  
LITTLE  
BROTHER  
--

I SO  
WANTED  
TO  
LIVE.....

A  
PURE  
LIFE  
LIKE  
YOURS!  
--







...I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO DIE. I DON'T WANT YOU TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF...

... SHAWINO ...

CRACK

CRASH

I'LL TAKE CARE OF-

BOOM

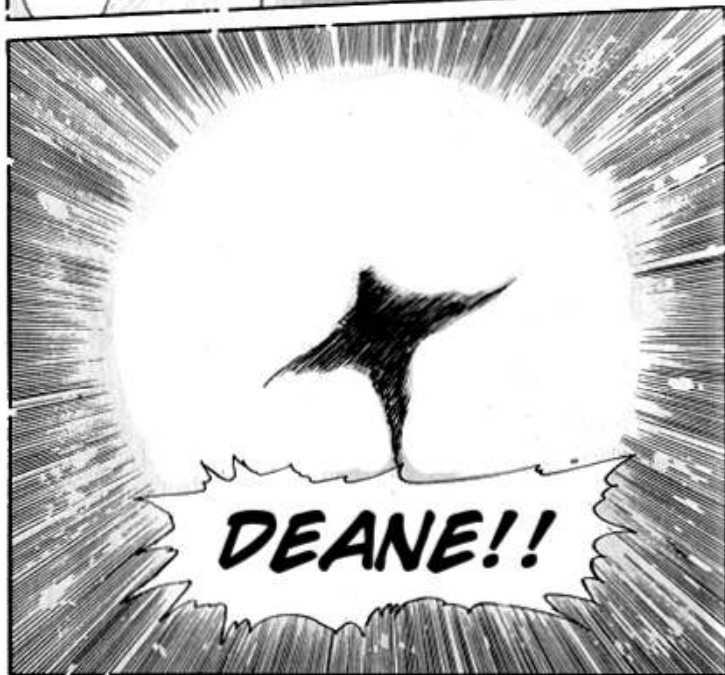
THEN, HURRY UP AND GO

DEANE !!

SO, PLEASE - TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE ELSE FOR ME - PLEASE.









JUST A  
LITTLE  
LONGER...

JUST A  
LITTLE  
LONGER,  
AND  
MONDAN  
WILL  
AWAKEN!!

HEH  
HEH  
HEH  
HEH  
.....



**HOLD  
IT,  
HAWK-  
WIND!**



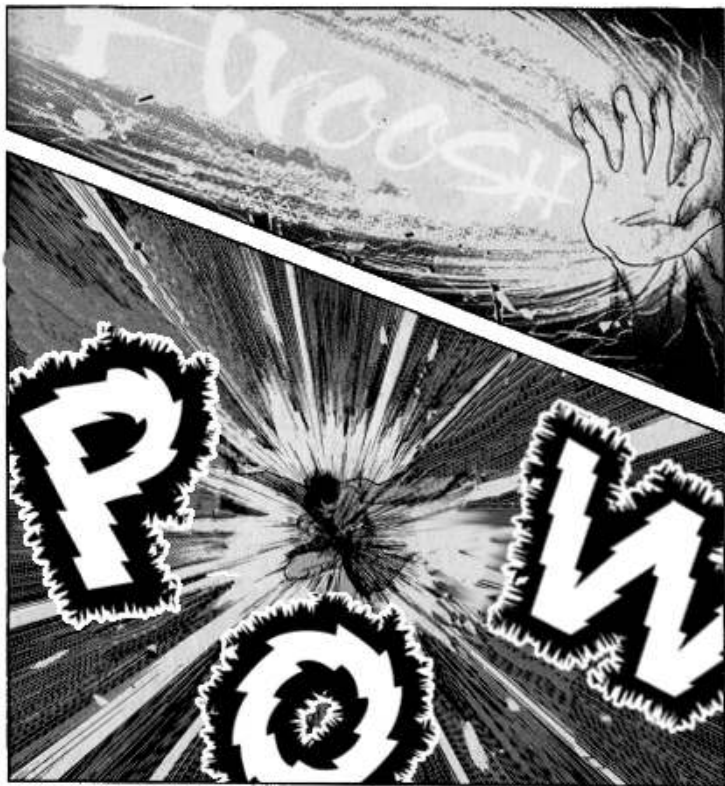














Fwoosh

.....S...  
IT...  
OVER...  
AM I...  
DEAD?...



DEANE-

LISTEN  
WELL,

...WHAT...?



DEANE.



PURITY  
IS  
NOT  
BORNE OF  
THE  
BLADE  
OF  
MALICE.

WHY...

HATRED  
IS  
NOT  
THE  
ANSWER.

...THIS  
VOICE -

STAND  
AND  
FACE  
YOUR  
ENEMY

WITH  
YOUR  
SACRED  
HEART AS  
YOUR  
WEAPON  
!!

...IT SEEMS SO  
FAMILIAR...



FOR  
THE  
SAKE  
OF  
ALL!

FLASH

A character in a white and black suit with a cape, standing with arms outstretched. The character is centered within a large, dark circular frame. The background is filled with radiating lines emanating from the top, creating a bright, sunburst effect.

YOU'RE  
STILL  
ALIVE  
!?

WHAT  
!?!?

A close-up, high-contrast black and white illustration of a man's face. He has a thick mustache and a goatee. His eyes are wide and staring, with a look of intense shock or disbelief. The lighting is dramatic, with deep shadows and bright highlights.



**I  
WON'T  
DIE**

**LIKE  
I  
SAID  
!**



**NOT  
UNTIL I  
DEFEAT  
YOU!!**



**DON'T  
MAKE  
ME  
LAUGH  
!!**

**CRACKLE  
CRACKLE  
CRACKLE**

**CRACKLE  
CRACKLE**



**IMPOSSIBLE!!**

**MY MAGIC IS  
BEING  
REPELLED  
!?!?**







HOW--  
HOW  
CAN  
THIS  
BE!?

WHY!?



IS  
THIS BOY  
...IS  
HE  
REALLY  
?!

IMPOSSIBLE  
!!



**THUD**

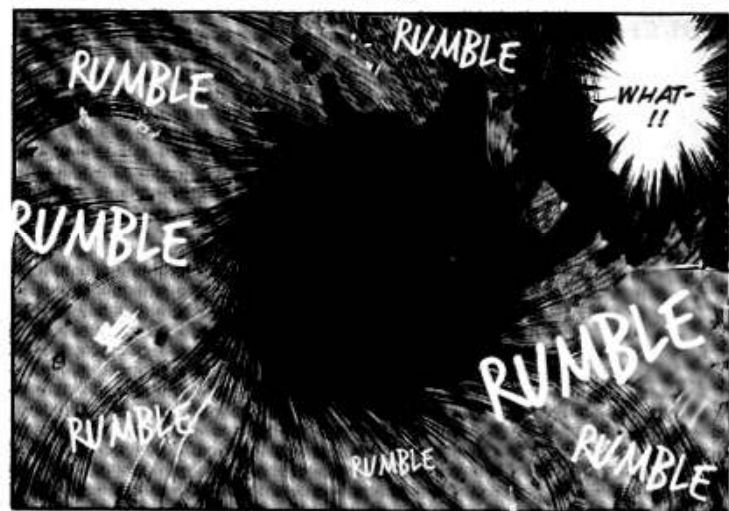


*GOD'S...*



**WHOOOSH**







IT'S  
STILL  
EXPANDING  
!

WAS  
I  
TOO  
LATE  
!?

AN--AN  
EVEN  
GREATER  
FORCE  
HAS  
AWAKENED  
!



NO...  
THAT'S  
NOT  
IT!

IF IT AWAKENS...  
EVERYONE...  
ALL OF BRITANNIA  
WILL--



WHAT  
...

WHAT IS  
THIS  
DARK  
ENERGY...  
?!



FOR  
THEIR  
SAKE -

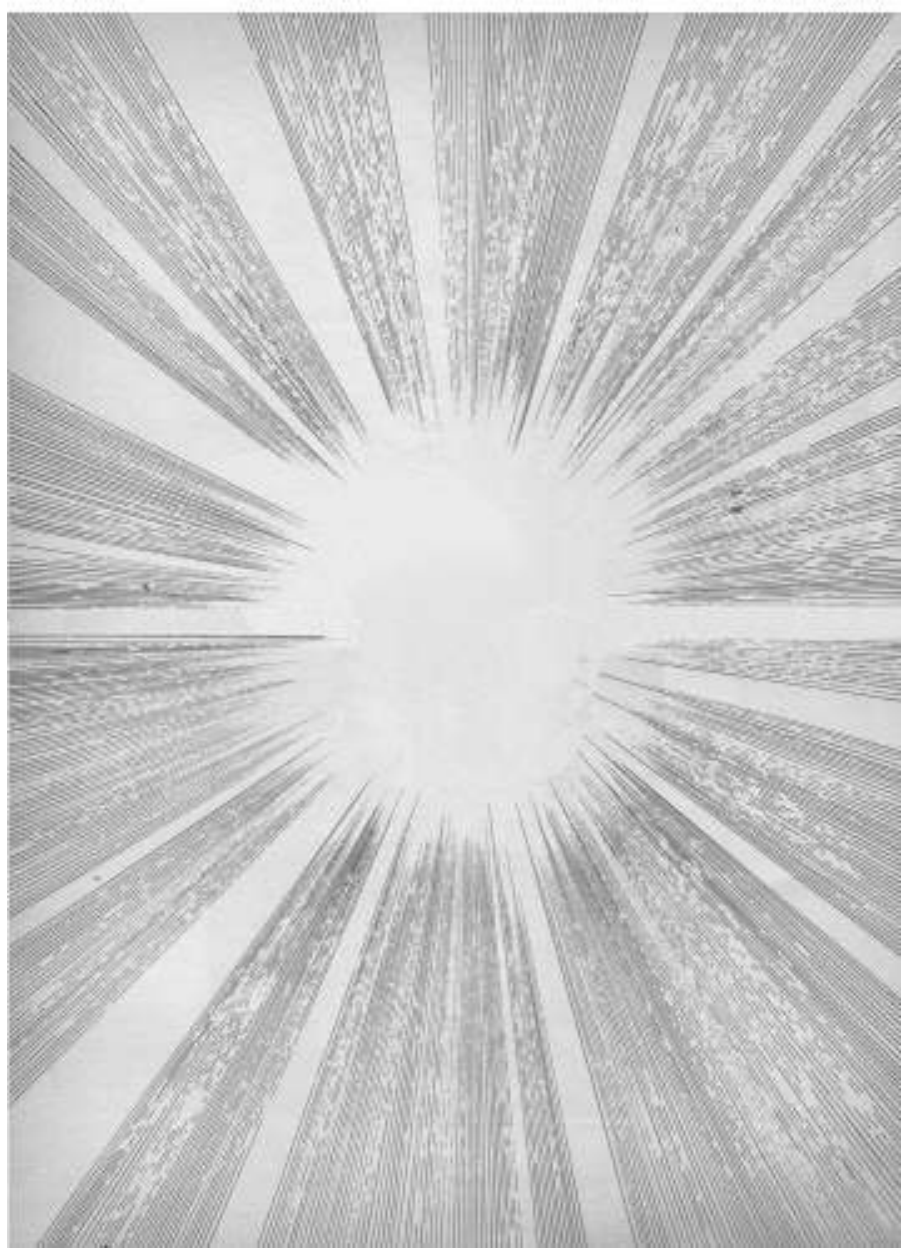
I  
HAVE TO  
DO THIS...  
DON'T  
I.

YES  
...

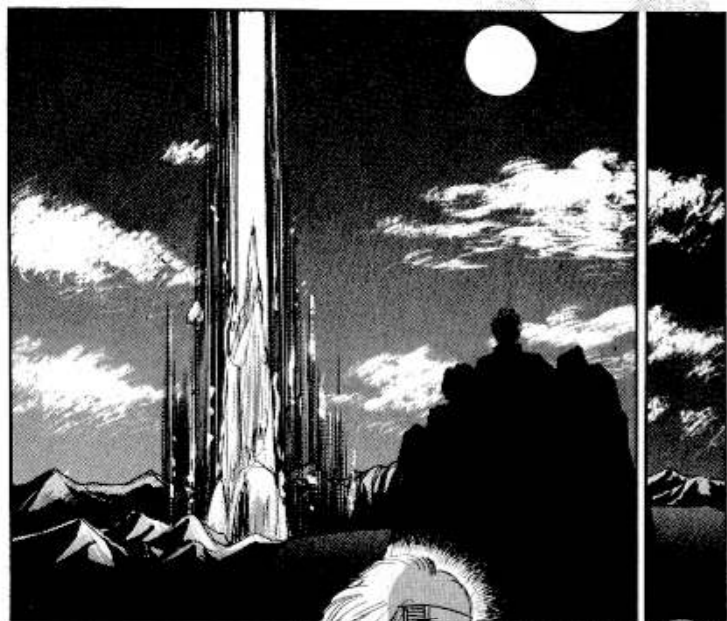


FOR  
EVERYONE'S...













...  
**THE  
AVATAR**  
...



.....HE  
SAID  
HE'D  
COME  
BACK -

**HE  
SAID  
HE'D  
COME  
BACK**  
...



I'M  
WALKING  
THE  
STRAIGHT  
AND  
NARROW  
FROM NOW  
ON.

NOTHING  
I  
COULD'VE  
PULLED OFF,  
THAT'S FOR  
SURE.



AND  
SO

BRITANNIA'S  
FOURTH  
CRISIS  
WAS  
OVER.

THANKS  
TO THE  
EIGHT  
HEROES...

...  
AGAIN  
...



MAMA  
IO!!

NO! NO! NO!  
NO! NO! NO!

NO.  
IT'S  
ALL  
RIGHT...

ARE  
YOU  
CRYING  
?

WHAT'S  
WRONG  
?



THERE'S  
NOTHING  
WRONG  
-

DEANE!

~\* SPECIAL THANKS \*

MAKI · HOSHIZAKI · SASAMI · TORINO  
MOMOMI · AOSHIMA · YUKI · OHNO  
SHIHO · TAKAHASHI · NAOKO · NAITO  
SHIO · OHTHUKI · SANAE · TOKUSHIMA  
MIKIKO · YOSHIDA · KAORI · YAGUCHI  
JUNKO · TERAOKA · MARIKO · KUDO · AKIYO · HOSoya  
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