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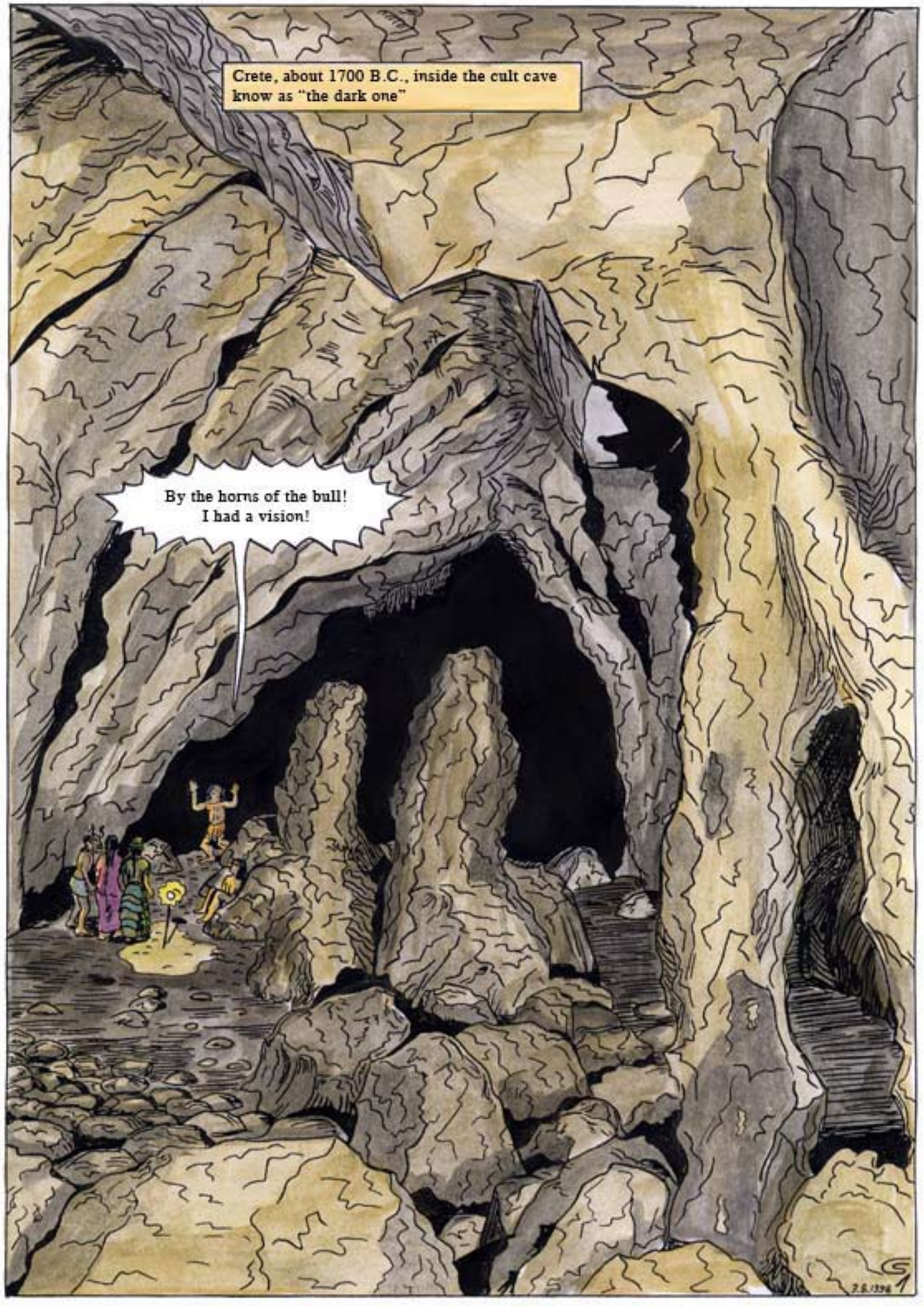

What did you see, Eio?

I stood on an endless beach,
with great expectations,
when a wave fell ashore and left
the silhouette of a man.

From it, a golden youngling arose,
and he wore the crown of Minos and he spoke:
The time of another time approaches!

that's the announcement
that our divine ruler
Minos is waiting for!

Egnemis! Do travel to Gnosós,
tell King Minos that his heir from the future
will soon be washed ashore some beach.

Moving!...

Minos will want to introduce
his sublime heir with the knowledge
of the old ones, I have to prevent
that by any means.

THE ONE WHO CAME OUT OF THE WATER

3700 years later...

... and that is why we bestow upon you
the great award for the best comic book
by a newcomer for your book "Aridela"!

Wait a minute,
something is wrong here!...

COMIC BOOK
Talent
Grand Prix

ARIDELA

This book is not at all by Mister Leskier. Under the drawings and outside the signed name is "C. Steel"*

What?

ARIDELA

*Steel is the meaning of the author's name Stahl

Yep, it's here, look!

Well, buddy, 'guess then that other one must get the award. What was his name again?

Steel!

Wow that's cool,then we can find some steel company as a sponsor!!!

Hey, and what about me?

Hello, Philemon, I believe you, I know it was you who drew the book about me.

Oh! The real Aridela!

Yes, it's me, my dear, and I've brought you this.

Oh, Aridela's thread, hm?

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No, this is your thread, your very own one. Take it.

UUUUAAAHHHHH! It's pulling me away!

HEEEEEELP!

Where did I end up now?

Finally you are here!

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Yawn!

What if the story about Aridela was actually true?

Ulrich told it in a way as if he believed it to be true, and he's not exactly among the people who have a lot of fantasy.

Opposite to me. I always wonder, how great everything will be, but nothing exciting ever happens to me

Why doesn't it happen to me for a change to get warped back to the distant past?

CORN FLAKES

Never mind. I'll go to the swimming pool.

What, if I would sink now and reawake in some different place...

oh my poor boy.

Oops. Seems I drowned and was just reborn as a baby!

But no, golden youngling, you were washed ashore, in Amnissos on Crete

My name is **Anaxarete** and I'm the lady of the villa over there. Do me proud and be a guest at my house

Here's something to wear for you!

I don't believe it!

What's this?

What's what?

This pocket on the front of it?

It's for what makes you a man. Treasures always have to be kept safe, no?

What is your name, golden boy?

Philemon

knock, knock

Mistress, there's someone who wants to talk to you, I think he's a priest

Good evening, Anaxarete, My name is Olkis, I'm a priest in Maleia

What can I do for you?

It is said that you took a goldhaired youngling in who was washed ashore.

That's true. His name is Philemon. Why?

Eio from the "dark one" has received a vision which was about a golden youngling to be washed ashore. We suspect that the one who is here is that one.

And what can I do now?

The gods will decide what has to be done with him, but remember that he is holy. If you unify yourself with him, you will receive of his divine power and will be blessed.

Be thanked, Olkis. I will prove worthy of him.

Rest safe, noble lady.

The inhabitant of a future world is with her. And when she will try to seduce him, he will resist. Than she will think she's not worthy of him and hand him over to us.

Very well.

Please come in, Philemon

Come to me, be my Korwos!*

*this refers to the union of the gods Gada and Korwos

But Anaxarete, you are...

...married? My husband would never try to stop me if I want to take advantage of the divine power of other men, Also he is on a long sea voyage

My acre is yearning to be sown by you, why are you hesitating?

I don't know.

Hmmm...

No need to think! Unify yourself with me! Am I not worthy of you?

If you are a man, Philemon, then fulfil your holy duty!

A part of me is also in this woman, and you like me, don't you?

Yes, Aridela

Then let your animal brother guide you!

Don't you know that I'm always with you? And now move!

Yes, I'll do it!

Seems we underestimated him.

I'm so happy. For a moment I had the fear that you'll despise me.

I will take a little morning walk on the beach.

Go ahead, my golden boy.

HMMMMBFFMMM!

Got you,
Inhabitant of a future...

PLINK!

Philemon, are you alright?

Yes, but I believe, that one isn't.

He was the one who recommended to me to unify with you. It seems that he hoped you would despise me so I'll let you go. Just a trick.

Unfortunately, he couldn't tell us anymore why he did it and for who.

By the way: How did you know I'm in danger? A few seconds later and he would have escaped with me.

By Gada, I just felt it and followed you.

Good that it's quite cool inside, and the sand doesn't get in.

It's sand from Libya* which the god of southern wind carries over the sea.

*ancient greek name for north africa

Come here, I have a gift for you.

Here!

A knot?

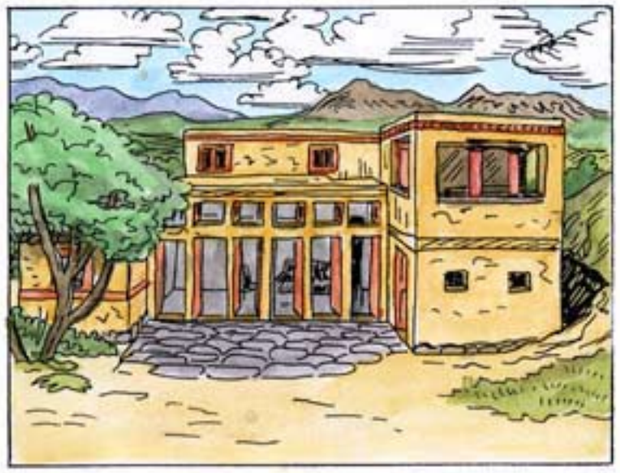
It's the sacred knot.

It symbolises the cosmos, because it's unified with itself. it represents the spirit of existence, that which is called the **divine insight**

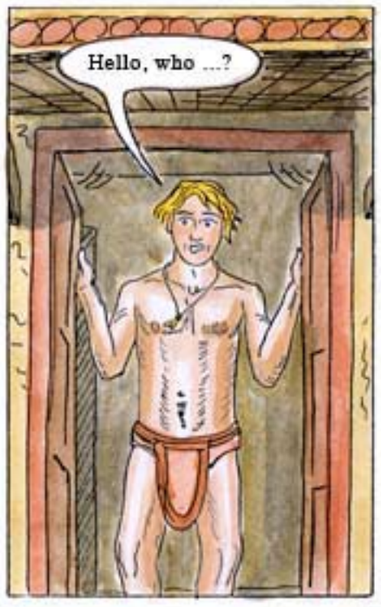
the final truth?

Those who wear the sacred knot, devote their life to the search for the final truth. It gives luck. And you can use some luck.

I dreamt, that you were pulled away from me,and that bizarre things will happen to you in a strange place, I will do everything I can do to prevent that, you hear me?
By the bronze one, I will protect you, whatever may happen!



It has knocked!
I'll go to open the door.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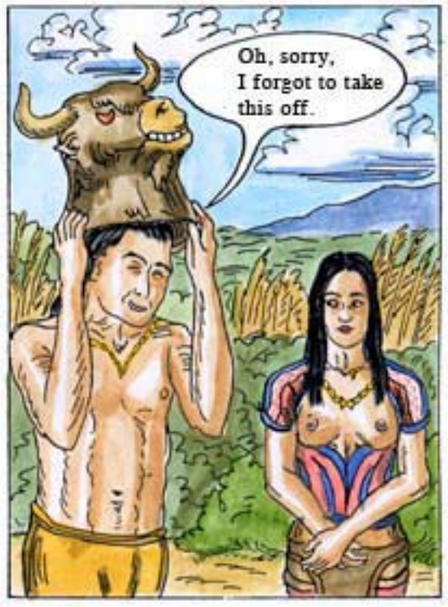
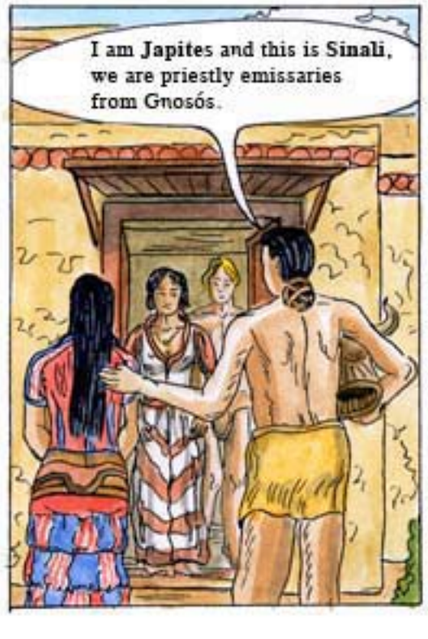
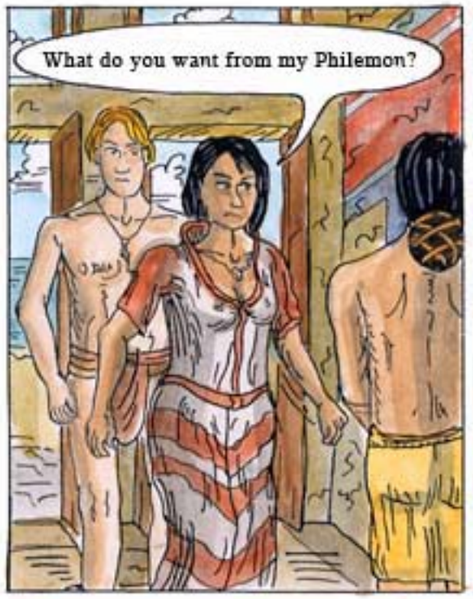

Oh, sorry,
I forgot to take
this off.


I am Japites and this is Sinali,
we are priestly emissaries
from Gnosós.

I am Anaxarete.
Come on in, you servants of the
gods. What can I do for you?

We are here
for the golden youngling,
whom you host.


What do you want from my Philemon?

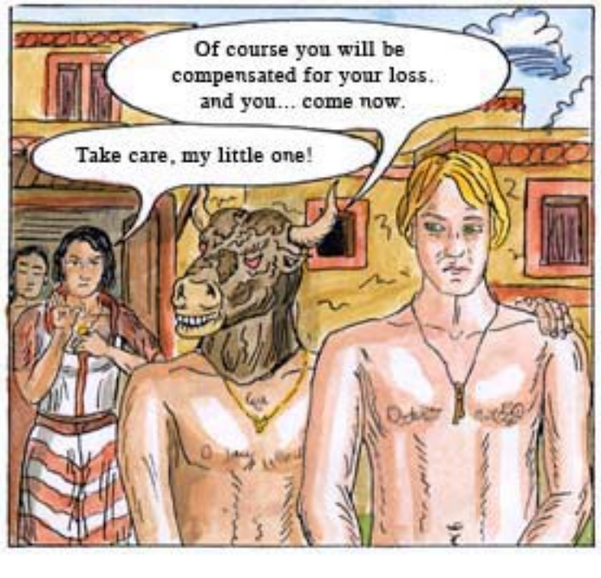
There was a prophecy,
that he will be washed ashore
and that he will follow
our divine King Minos.

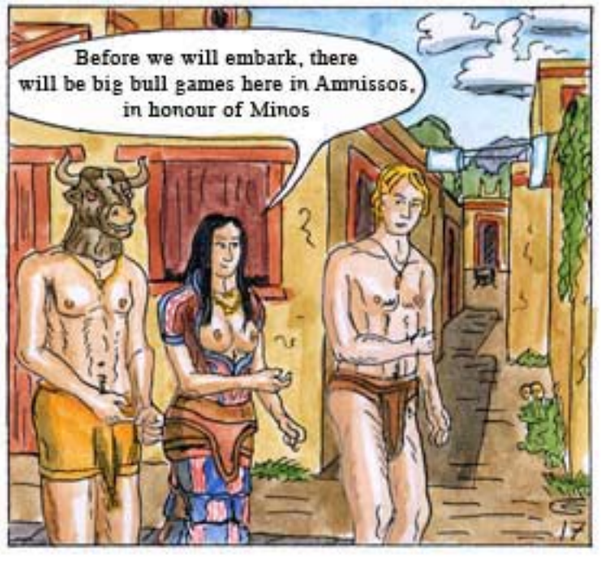
That is why
we have to take him
to serve Minos.

He is supposed to accompany
Minos's royal embassy, to which
we also belong, to Egypt.

How can I trust
that you're not only disguised
as priests and in truth you
want to do harm to him.

Can't you feel it when you
see us, Anaxarete? Trust us.


Of course you will be
compensated for your loss.
and you... come now.
Take care, my little one!


Before we will embark, there
will be big bull games here in Amnissos,
in honour of Minos

Here we are.

They all stare at me!

You are the only gold-haired in here, get used to it.

Oh, look! This bull leaper didn't make it! Blessed he be, 'cause he's with the gods now!

The next contestant: Philemon, the golden

WHAT?

Obviously someone entered you on the list. Go on, prove us that you're descended from gods!

You better tell either undertakers or faith healers to come quick.

* Gulp! *

You can do it, golden one!

So this is your end, dear Philemon Leskier.

You did it!!!!!

did I?

The bull is dead. As if he had been struck by lightning. The gods helped the youngling. Didn't they, Minos?

Possible.

In the name of King Minos I pronounce the following: After this very favourable omen we will instantly embark to Egypt. Praise the gods!

HOORAY!

LONG LIVE KING MINOS!

HOORAY!

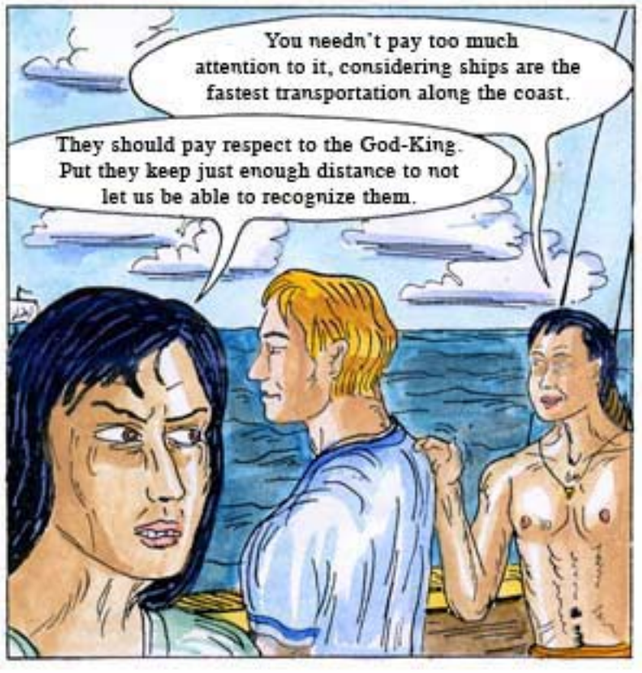
BY TALOS!

BY GADA!

BY GADA!

Does that ship also belong to our embassy?

No. Why?
It's been following us since we left Amnissos


You needn't pay too much attention to it, considering ships are the fastest transportation along the coast.
They should pay respect to the God-King. Put they keep just enough distance to not let us be able to recognize them.

Who knows if Minos is really on board, no one except his personal servants is allowed to see him. By the way, I'm Keladon.
Philemon
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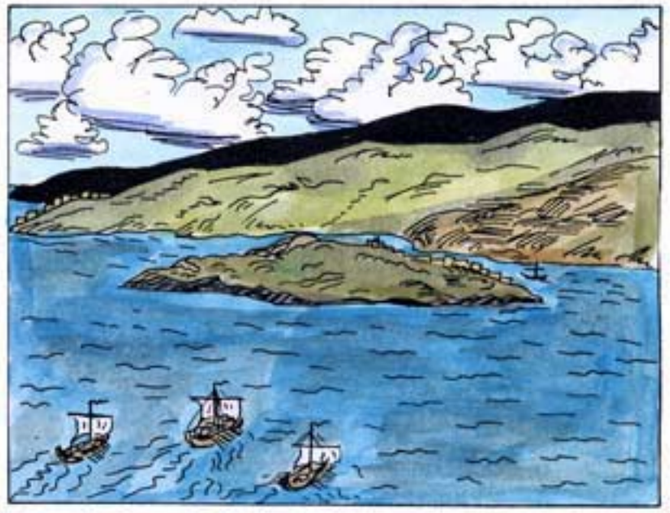
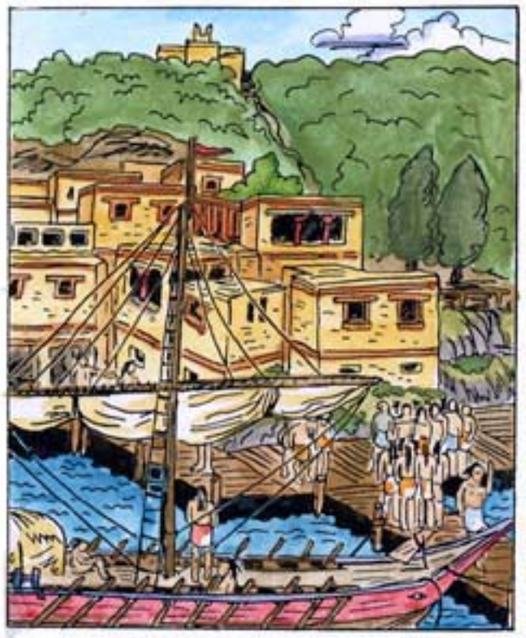
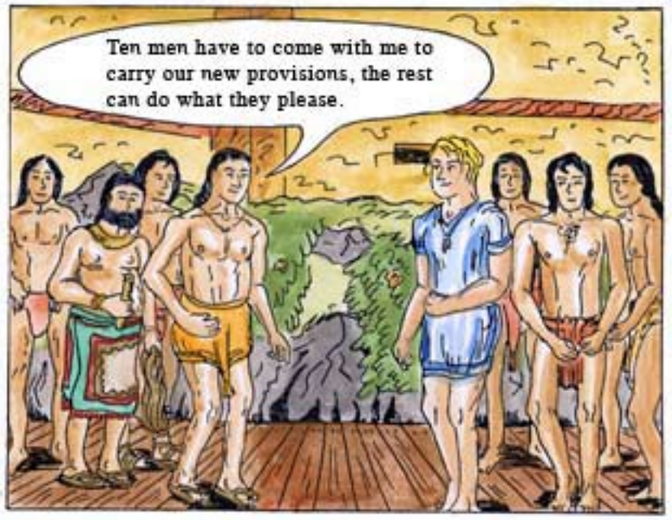
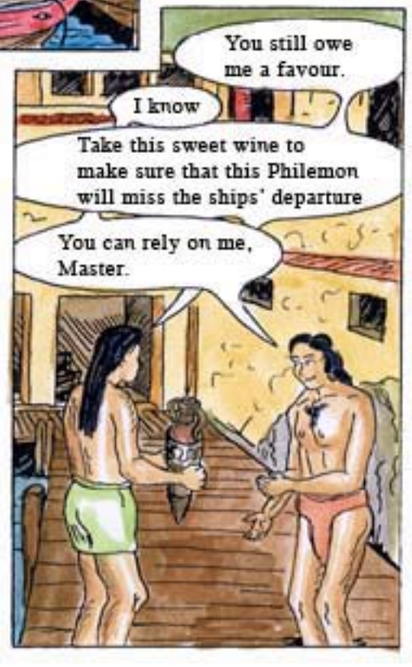
We will soon reach Paseira, our first stopover
Really? I definitely want to go ashore to have a look.






Ten men have to come with me to carry our new provisions, the rest can do what they please.

Hey, Regnis!
Master!
Ssh! quiet.


You still owe me a favour.
I know
Take this sweet wine to make sure that this Philemon will miss the ships' departure
You can rely on me, Master.

Goldhair! Come with me, we want to have a bit of fun. They have some delicious wine here in Paseira
Sounds like a good idea!
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Cheers, golden boy!
To Crete and its fair ladies.

Yea, haha,
I normally don't
drink wine.

What is normal I ask you?
That can't be true, you worried to
get drunk or what. Just forget it.
If it tastes good, have it.

This wine tastes
amazingly good.

So here you are. We have to
go, the ships will leave.

Just one more cup of delicious...

No! What are you doing,
my friend. They almost
left without you.

This is the most eastern cape of
our island, soon we will arrive
at Zakerí.

We have reached Zakerí.
Minos will go to see Lawidios,
the local prince

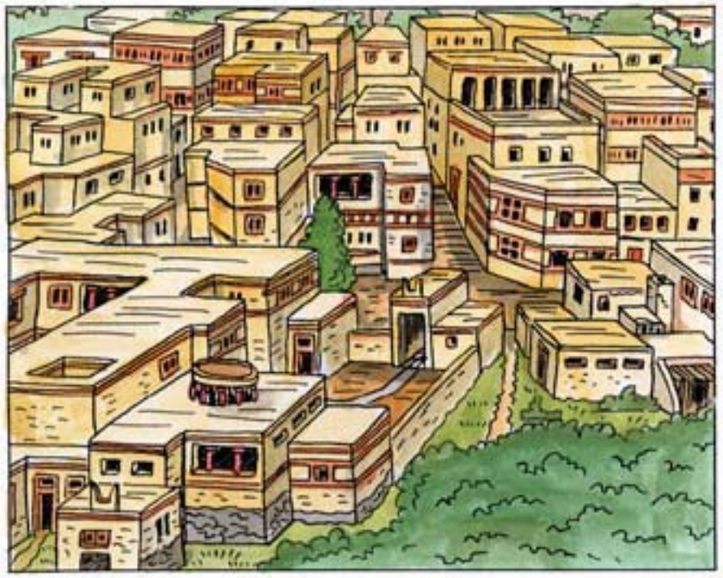
Why don't you go also, Philemon,
you should have look at the palace.

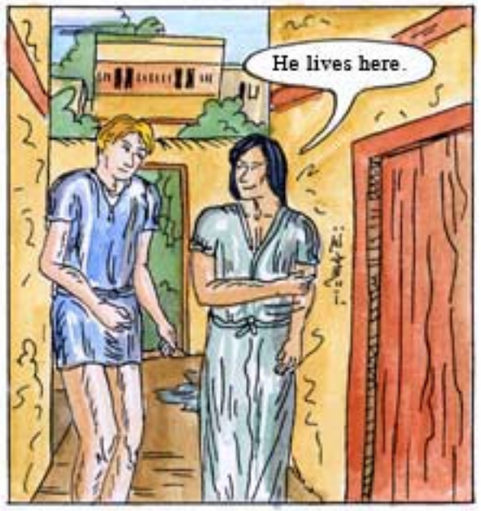
Sure, why not.

That fits just perfectly,
I also wanted to go to town.
That way I can make sure that
you will be back in time.

So this is the palace, quite impressive.
What did you want to do in town?

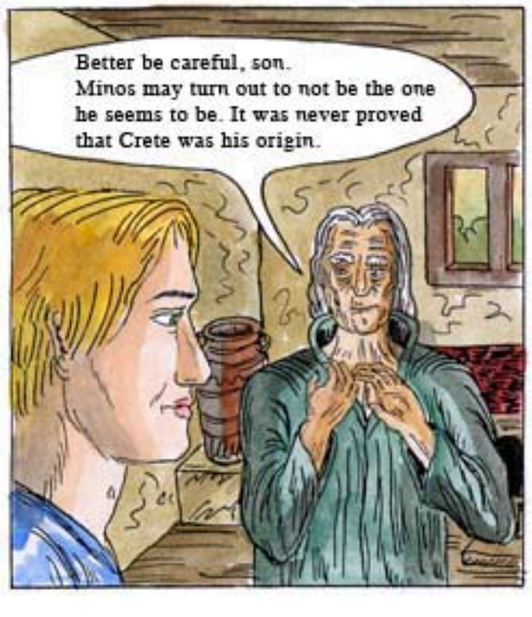
I want to visit Kopreus, he is an old
and wise man. You can come with me.




He lives here.

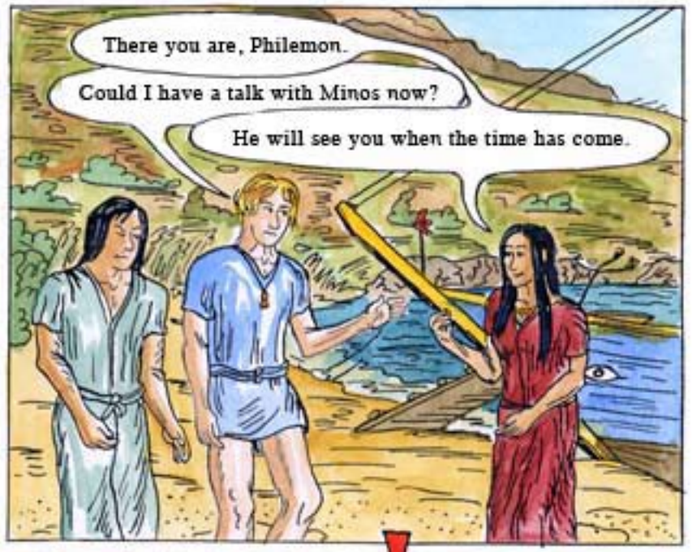
Oh, hello Keladon, there you are!
Be greeted.
Oh, who did you bring along?

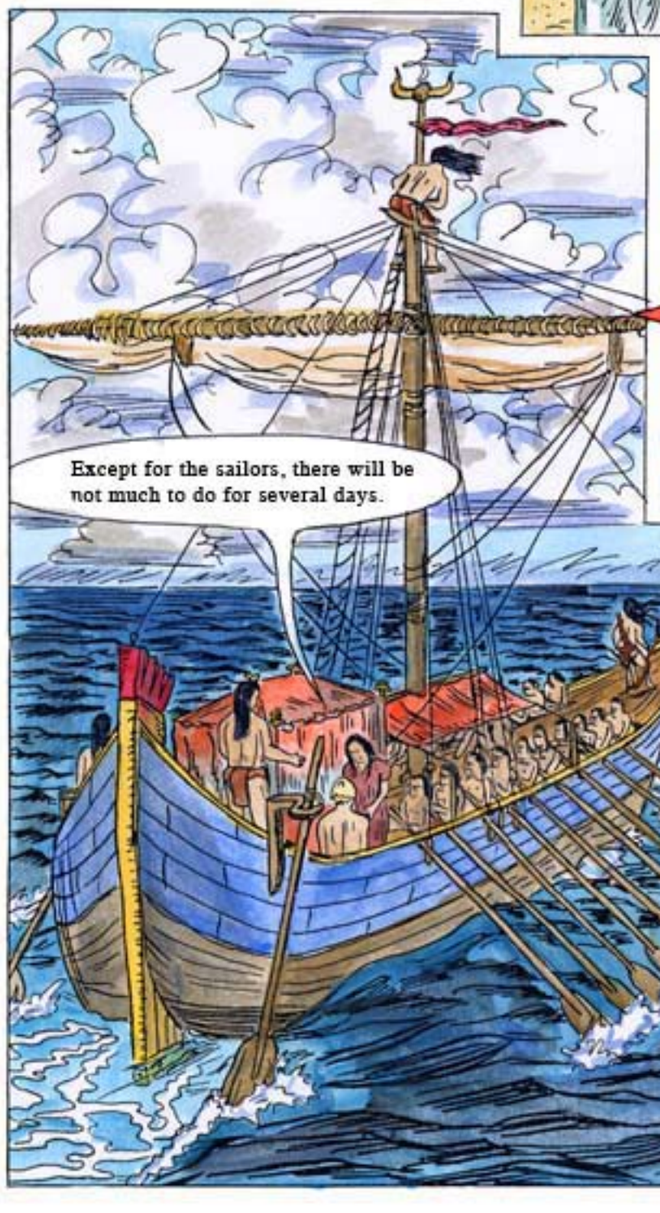
This is Philemon. You know the prophecy about the arrival of an heir from another age, don't you?
Yes.
Everyone thinks that he's him.


Better be careful, son.
Minos may turn out to not be the one he seems to be. It was never proved that Crete was his origin.

Especially concerning his so-called heirs, he acts very strange. As I see it, he just wants to take advantage of you and his heiress, to use you for inscrutable tasks.

In truth, he regards you with contempt, for you are just a means to an end to him.


There you are, Philemon.
Could I have a talk with Minos now?
He will see you when the time has come.


Except for the sailors, there will be not much to do for several days.

Zakerí was our last stopover. Now we will finally head directly to Egypt.

I'm tired, but somehow I just couldn't fall asleep.
There's absolutely nothing to fear. All omens were most favourable.

Philemon!

Come here!

Aridela, what are you doing here, and where is everyone else?

The fresh sea air and the weighing of the waves took effect and have let you fall asleep.

How else could the ship be inside of an endless meadow.

Come!

Where are we going?

To him.

Who is him?

He represents your time.
In your time, people refuse everything that is worth living for and trade it for useless material goods.

That's not true! Never before in the history of mankind did humans have an as good life as in our time. We stopped superstition, we explained almost everything scientificly and will soon know everything else.

But you couldn't even value simple pleasures. You only desire those that others let you desire.

You don't understand, what lavish present your life is and you try to ignore death.
You even have unnatural ideas about the holy union of sexes.

Sheesh, but we are tolerant! Everything is allowed!
By the way, you could pull over some shirt, we're not in a stripclub here.

Keep away from that one and the time she represents, my boy. She lives under a dark religion,...

... under fatal hygienic circumstances, without any comfort, defenceless against the forces of nature we have defeated. They have slavery and sacrifice.

True, but follow him unconditionally and you will live among people but still feel lonely, you will be able to get everything, except for one thing...

.. physical and mental devotion from those who love you. But what would you need that for when there are radiators to give warmth?

Don't listen to her or cling to absurd dreameries, which will not let you progress!
WAKE UP! **NOW!**

We have reached Egypt, land of the holy big river.

And now?

We will sail upstream to the capital city, where our divine ruler will meet with the Horus-King.*

*known today by the biblical name "Pharaoh"

Sinali, what am I supposed to do here?

Only Minos knows.

Then maybe he can tell me some time.

I told you before. He will do it when the time has come.

You can check out the city. I'll find you when the time has come.

You are just another slave to Minos. He leaves you clueless intentionally.

I don't care now. I will go to have a look around town.

I advise against. Who knows what might happen to you.

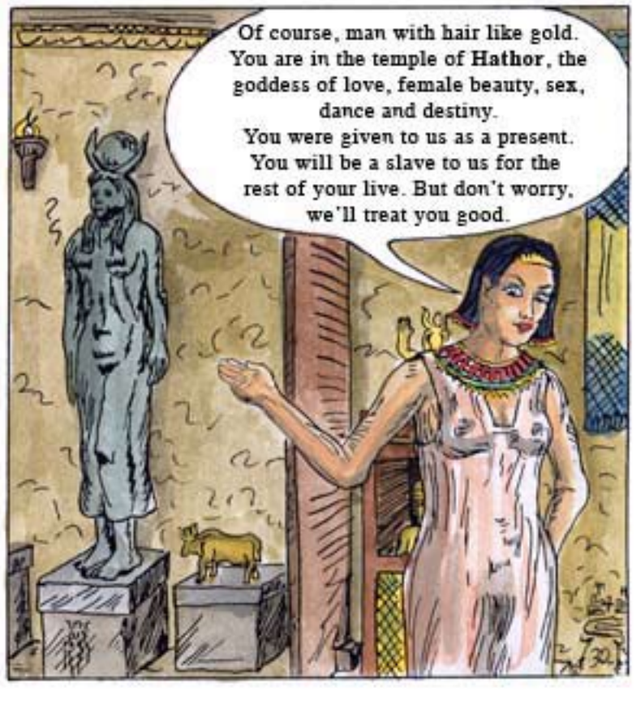
At least it's better than to senselessly wait here.

BONK

Oh no! Where did I end up this time?

Hey! He awoke!
Look! He has green eyes!!!
Actually we should instantly sacrifice some of his hair.
Remember! I will get him first!

HEYYY!
Could anyone please explain to me where I am?


Of course, man with hair like gold. You are in the temple of Hathor, the goddess of love, female beauty, sex, dance and destiny. You were given to us as a present. You will be a slave to us for the rest of your live. But don't worry, we'll treat you good.

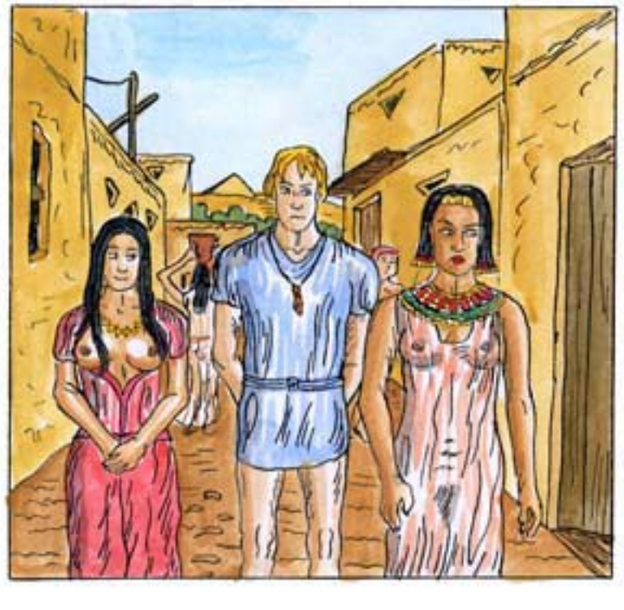
Open up!

Ah, Keftiu!*
What can we do for you?
*the Egyptian name for the Minoans

Be greeted! This youngling is owned by Minos and was kidnapped. You can't keep him here.

And what, if we don't hand him over to you?
You will. And you will also help me to find those who kidnapped him.

Very well. Hathor decided against us.



THERE! That's the man who brought him to us.

Let's have a look where he is going!
Thank you!
It was an honour. But it's still a pity he couldn't stay.
to the port...
He enters there.
Not so fast, Philemon!
Anaxarete, *you* are here?
This man has kidnapped me and...
I know, Philemon, this man is married to me.
Then you are responsible for kidnapping me?
Yes, my husband returned shortly after you had to leave me. I could convince him that we have to protect you at any cost.
It was me who enlisted you for the bull games, I was hoping you wouldn't take part out of fear and people would have thought that you are not divine and let you go.
But that didn't happen, so we followed the embassy. We tried get you distracted by Regnis in Paseira, so you will miss the ships' departure.
But that also didn't work, so the only remaining choice was to let you be taken to the priestesses of Hathor, who just love exotic slaves. In their temple you would have been save from evil influences for the rest of your life.
But why all that?
Someone already tried to do evil to you back in Amnissos. I already feared that time, that bizarre things will happen to you
I feel deep within, that the evil is still in pursuit of you and am worried what might happen to you.

Anaxarete, lady of Amnissos,
Thanks and honour be granted to you for what you did.
But now the moment has come for you to let go.

Your path seperates you from Philemon. You're destined to different paths.

You can't protect him from evil.
He must recognize it himself, face it and defeat it with the gods' help.

Farewell, little one.
And take care!

Thank you for your care, Anaxarete

Philemon, I think you should be careful in dealing with **Keladon**. I have a bad feeling about him

what does that mean?

A divine voice inside me tells me, that something is wrong with him.

Really?

I will tell you, with whom something is wrong! with your "divine" King who you're just a handmaid for! How do I know, that the evil that threatens me is not HIM?

Any answer would be useless, inhabitant of a future world. You'll have to decide for yourself.

You don't seem very happy, Philemon. i warned you about going to town.

I know now who wanted to prevent me from reaching Egypt: the lady of Amnissos

I had almost guessed that.

And Sinali, the little priestess, tried to talk me out of seeing you.

Always remember what I told you about Minos: He doesn't care about individuals. And because I let you realize that, he feels that I interfere with is plans.

That's why he tries to let his handmaids disturb our friendship.

A friend of mine lives outside of town. He also tried to reclaim his own destiny from Minos and was exiled for it.

If you can come with me to see him he might be able to explain it all.

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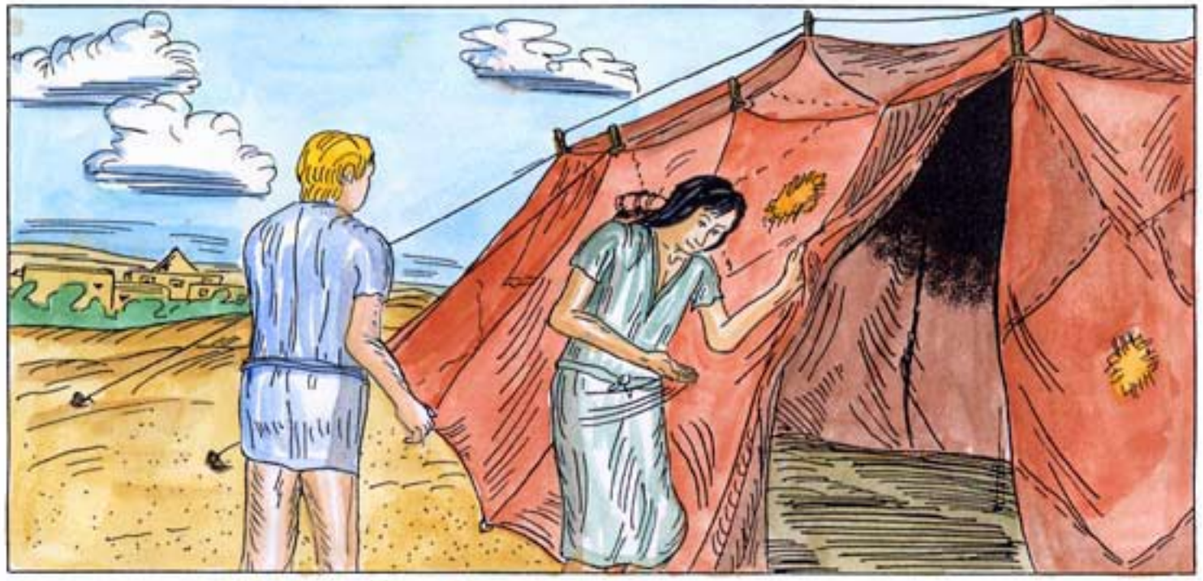


You have just sealed your fate.

Why?

All I ever wanted was to get you here. Hehe and now you you are at my mercy!

First, I will kill you, then I will let your corpse dissapear,...

.. and finally **LET YOUR SOUL BE CURSED!**

But what did I do?

What you did?

Nothing, but you are from the future. I was in the "dark one" when your coming was announced. The people of the future only distance themselves from their inner self. They don't even manage to take care of their own nature.

Humans don't deserve to be good. We are evil, and it has to stay that way.

Minos wants to change your time by taking you back, so you can rediscover what's been lost in countless generations and let your experience enrich the future world

Sinis – my friend, has already tried to get rid of Uhlis*, when he was brought to our time by Minos. Your world can never ever hear about the ways of the ancients

*from Volume Zero, "Aridela"

Sinis, come! We have to finish what we started and ... **kill!**

He...

What's the matter?

He, It's *him*!

He is the demi-god that commanded me and the other "Nebulous" to kill Uhlis instead of kidnap him. He looks a little different than that time, but it sure is him.

He is on our side, Keladon. You have to let him go.

Forgive Keladon, oh most exalted one! He didn't recognize it's you. Never again should you be threatened, Go now and leave us. We know that you are on our side.

?

Philemon! By Gada, where have you been?

Let me hug you, Sinali. I have to apologize to you!

What happened?

You were right about Keladon.

His feigned friendship was only deceit. When I went out of town with him, it turned out he wanted to kill me.

But his friend obviously mistook me for some kind of demi-god and let me go unharmed.

Strange, but what matters is that Gada protected you.

I searched for you in vain. Because now the time has come. Follow me.

You must meet with Minos and Sesostris, the Horus-King, "who oversees both the lands". *They are expecting you.*

When will that heir of yours come?

There he is.

Yes! Here I am!

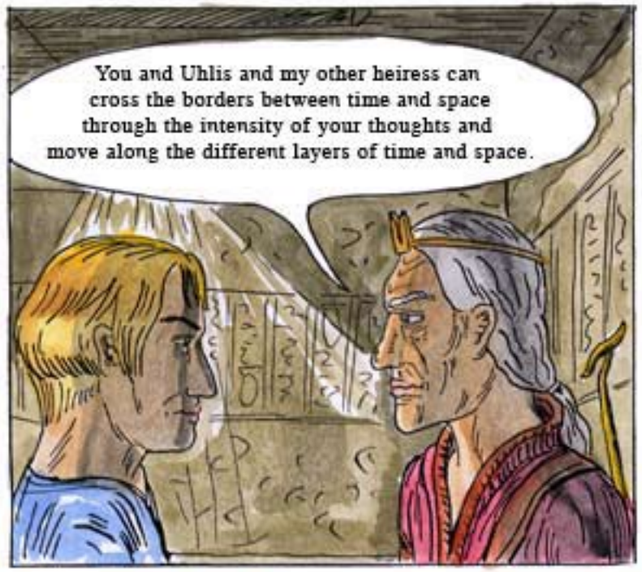
You already mentioned, that the future people know no respect.

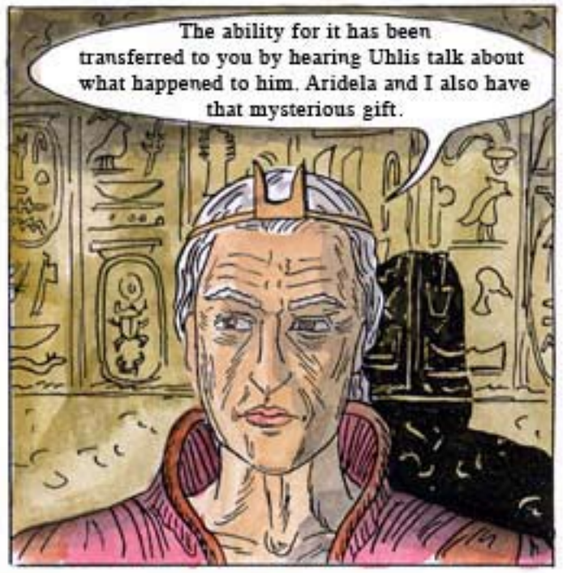
It will also stay that way for now, oh divine Kings. Because now I finally want to know what all this is about!

How does it work, that Ulrich and I were taken to here and what exactly is your plan for me, King Minos?

I see Keladon's words have left traces. Lay down you distrust now. I know I should have revealed myself to you earlier, but it was too risky.

As long as you were under Keladon's influence, it could have endangered you, me and the whole thing. You had to free yourself from his deceit by yourself, but now you are here and I will explain you.

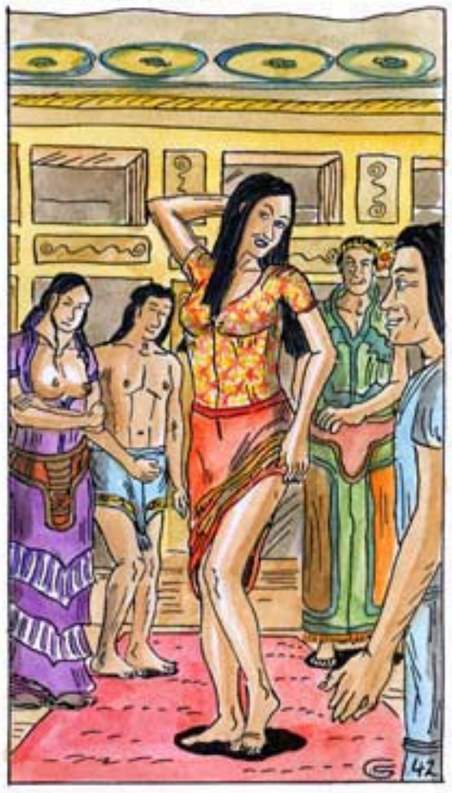




She told us about a coming world.
Strange but still amazingly familiar.

That time was meant to have countless machines to make life easier. ...

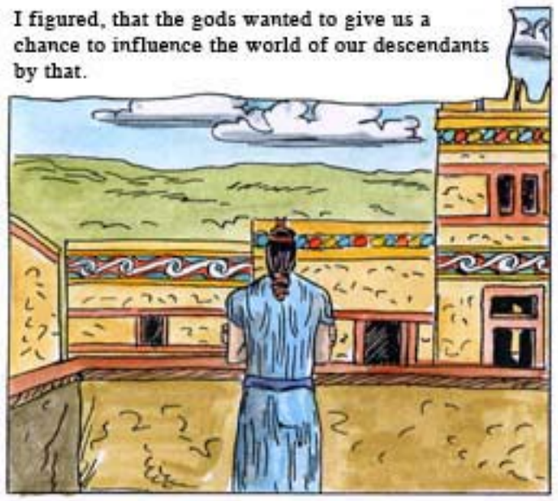
... She received knowledge about how to live in that time as a woman.



Some things about your time amused us a lot.

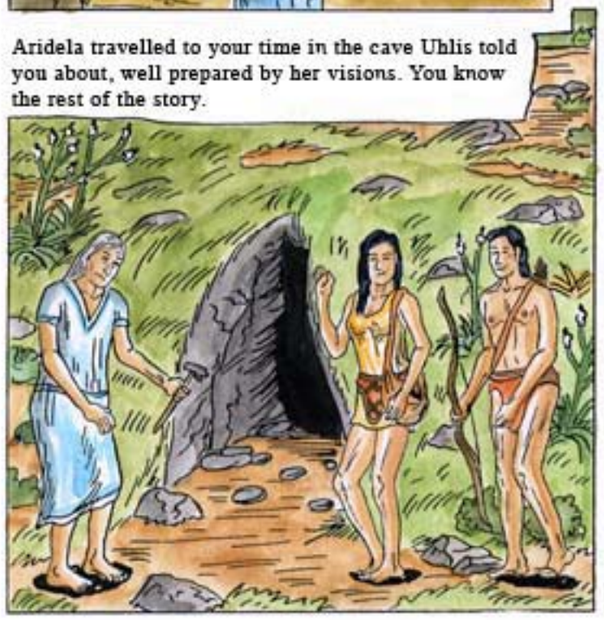
Other things shocked us.

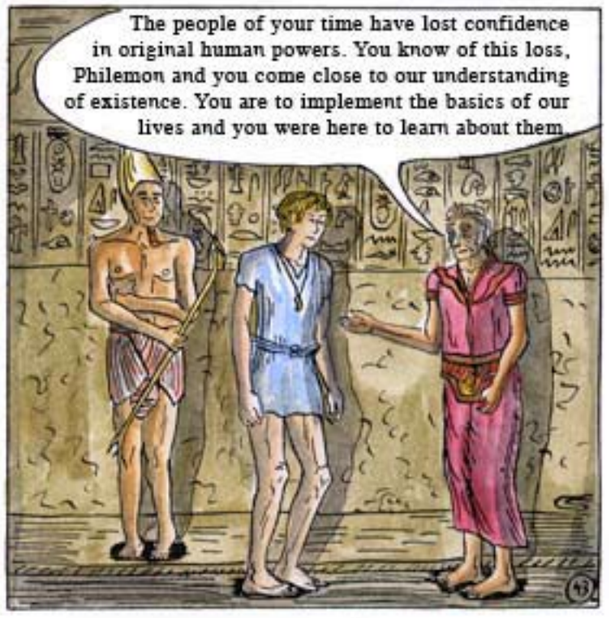
I figured, that the gods wanted to give us a chance to influence the world of our descendants by that.



To bring Uhlis back to our time, Aridela was meant to win his love.

Aridela travelled to your time in the cave Uhlis told you about, well prepared by her visions. You know the rest of the story.





So that is my destiny. Very well, what to do now?

You will accompany Sesostris and me to **On**!

On, the eternal city of the sacred sun pillar*

*known to the modern world under its greek name Heliopolis

Impressive! Where do we go?

To the house of Benu. It's here.

On top of the sun pillar sits the Benben-stone, the egg of the Benu. When it fell from the sky...

... the **Benu*** burned to ashes, starting our present age.

*Phoenix

But long before our world rose from the ashes of the Benu, there was a first time, the time of the ancestors or ancients,the beginning of all. We call it **Zep Tepi**.

At that time, the gods dwelled on earth, and there existed a highly developed civilization. It was a golden age!

But there is not any proof that civilizations existed before the diluvian.

The people of your time just arrogate to judge that there weren't.

We know for sure that the Zep Tepi took place. The knowledge of it was preserved by the Schemsu Hor* throughout several diluvian floods.

Follow me.

*Servants of Horus

When the world of the golden age was being destroyed, the hall of the first time was constructed under the Hor-em-Achet*, to store the knowledge of the ancients for future civilisations worthy to receive it.

*the great Sphinx

Then the Hor-em-Achet is a remains of the first time?

Yes. And the site of Ro-Setau* with its pyramids was constructed around it following old plans, to be the earthly image of the country Sokar of the Duat** and a guide to the first time.

*Giza **The underworld

Since you are meant to acquire part of the ancients' knowledge to take it to your time, you have to visit the site.

I will show you the way through Ro-Setau to the Hall of the first time, so you can find it later.

In Ro-Setau, it will show if you are qualified for your role as my heir. Are you prepared to pass that test?

What is the test about?

Have patience until it starts.

When the pyramid tops will shine like stars the next morning, painting the image of the first time, we shall set off into the chambers of Ro-Setau.

Good luck.

Come now.

What is it, my young friend?

Oh Horus-King! I was only pushed around since I arrived in this time. I don't know why all this is happening to me and now I must pass some strange test.

Life is decided upon by fate.
Like the water in the sea,
it washes us here and there
and have we just been washed ashore,
the next wave already takes us away again,
towards new lands.
Just trust that you will make the right
decision. You don't have to
fear anything.

We arrived!

This is it, heir of Minos.
The hall of the first time.

I can't believe it, Sesostris. Am I really here?

You can only trust that, which you perceive. You have no solid proof.

It is said, that the chamber behind that door contains the divine insight.

the... divine insight?

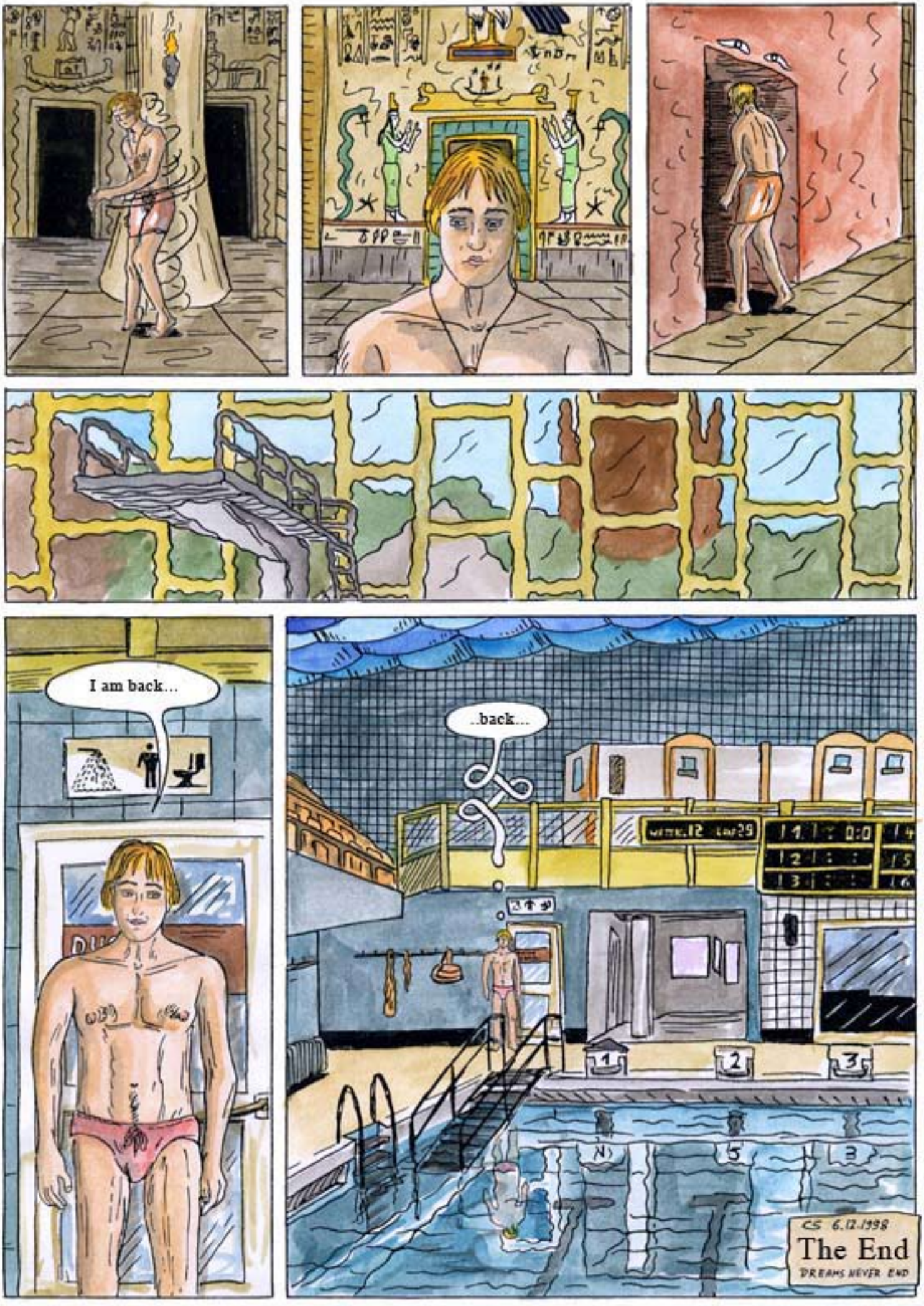
Hey, Sesostris! Where are you? Horus-King! You can't leave me alone here!

You are not alone! Go for it! They give you the chance to get the answer to all questions in the world!

If you walk through that door, your existence will lose all meaning. Turn back!

In Ro-Setau it will show, if you are qualified for your role as my heir.

He represents the spirit of existence, that which is called the divine insight.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