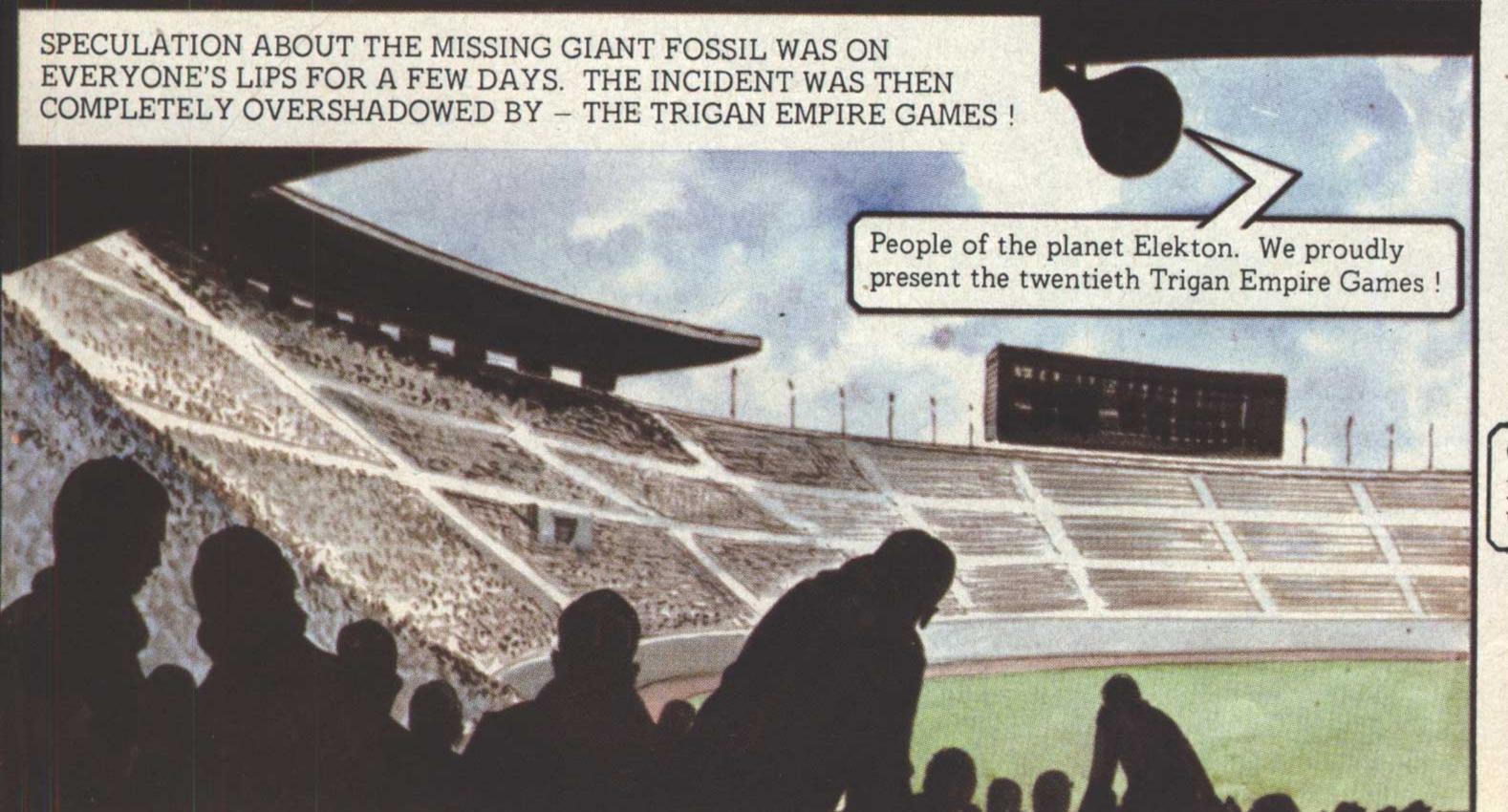


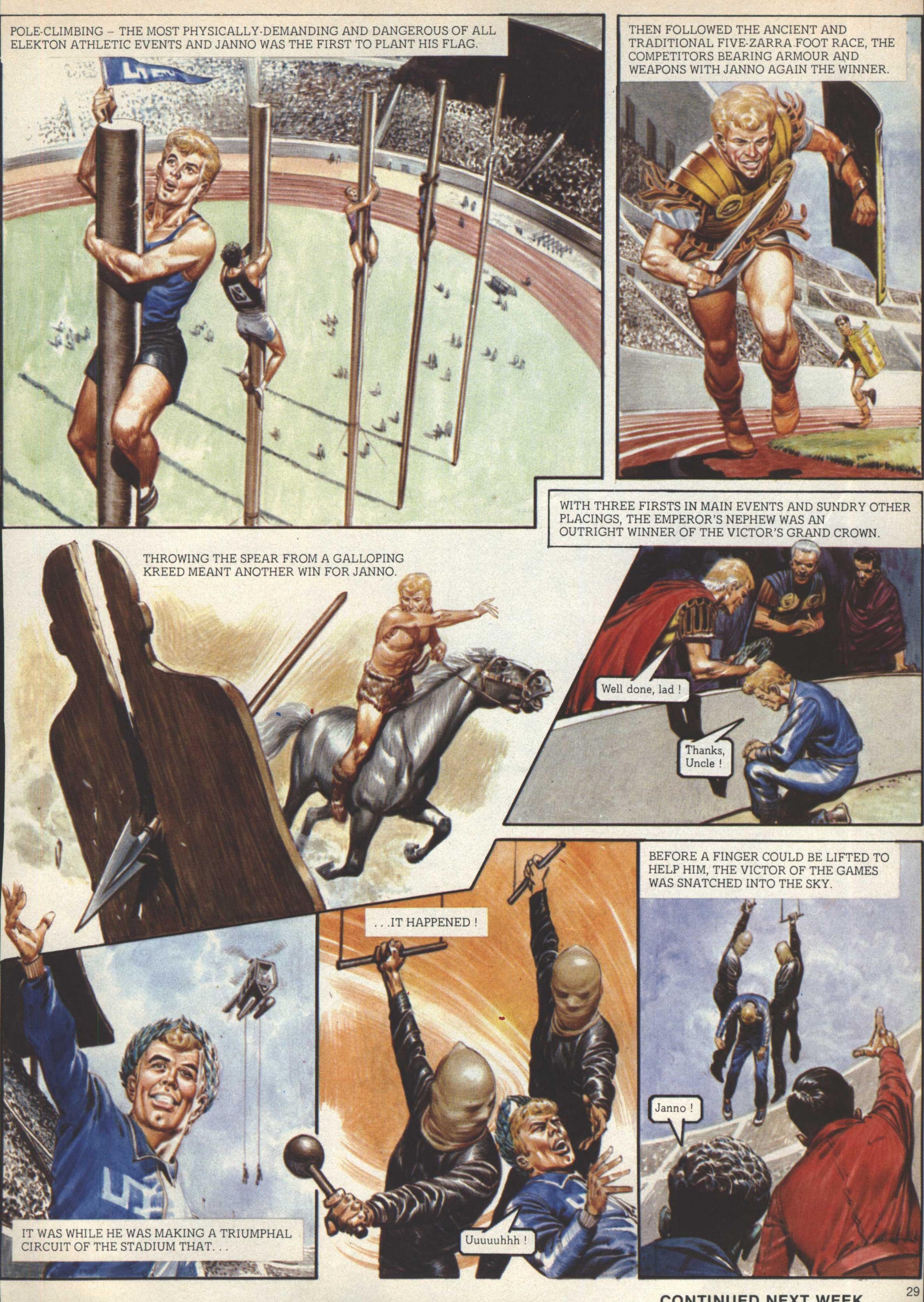
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A STAR ATHLETE AND STRONG CONTENDER FOR THE VICTOR'S GRAND CROWN WAS JANNO, THE EMPEROR'S NEPHEW.

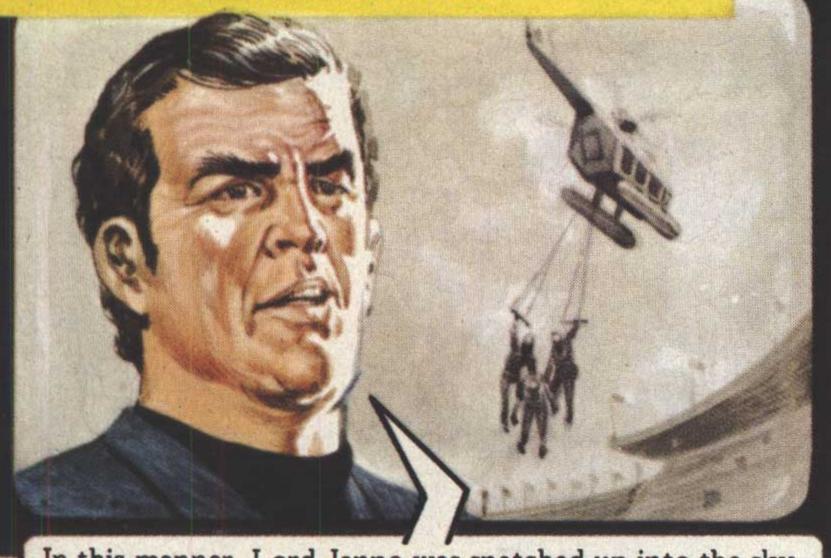




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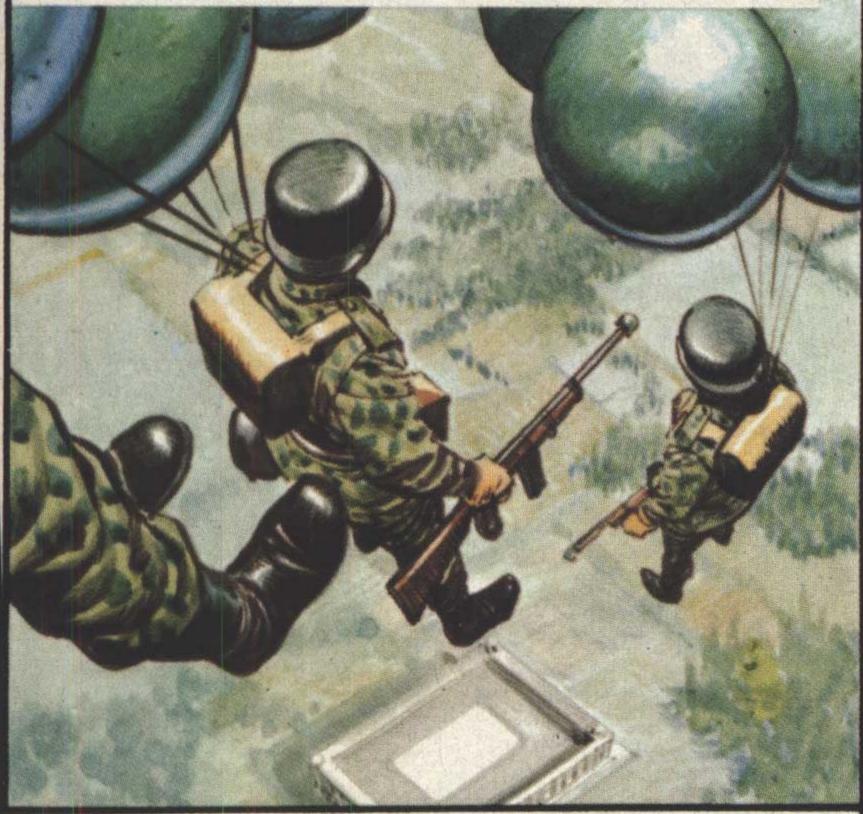
Janno. nephew of Emperor Trigo. has be crowned victor of the Trig Empire Games. Then s denly, in his moment triumph, he has been s sationally kidnapped frethe heart of the Trigan Ci

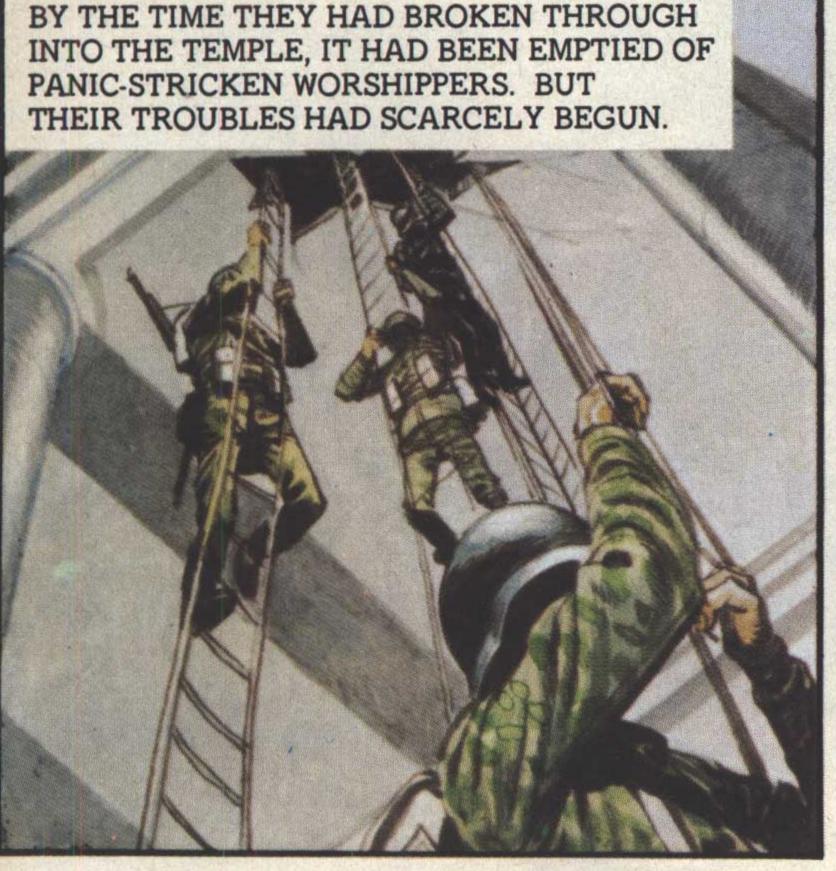
NEWS OF THE SNATCHING OF THE EMPEROR'S POPULAR NEPHEW WAS FLASHED ROUND THE PLANET. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THERE WAS A MENTION OF A SINISTER CONNECTION BETWEEN JANNO'S DISAPPEARANCE AND OTHER SENSATIONAL EVENTS.



In this manner, Lord Janno was snatched up into the sky. It will be recalled that the 'Ultimate Air-craft' and 'The Monster of Vorg' were taken in the same way.

THE DIADEM WAS GUARDED BY THE MOST SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC DEVICES. IT WAS RECKONED THAT THE SHEER COMPLEXITY OF THE DEFENCES WERE SUFFICIENT TO DEFEAT ANY INTRUDER. AND THEN ONE DAY, THEY CAME.



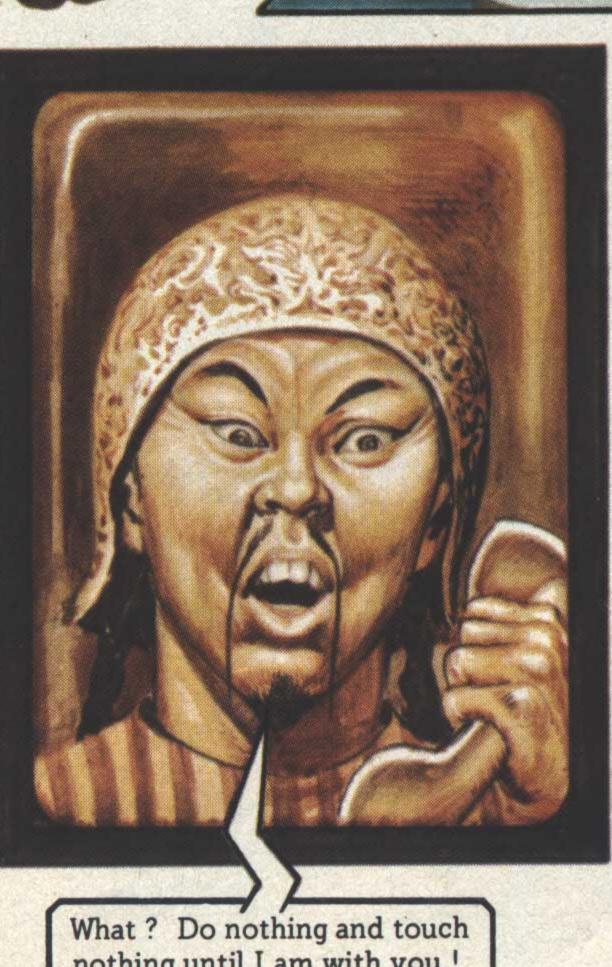














nothing until I am with you!

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event to shock the people of Elekton is the dar ing theft of the great green diadem in the kingdom of Zemf...

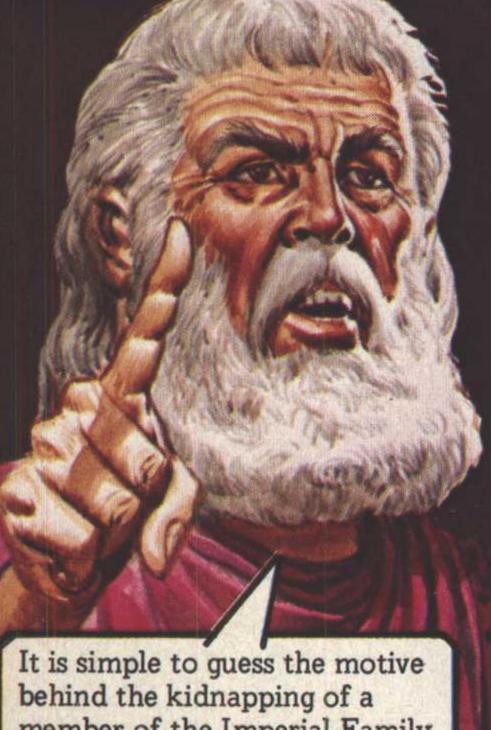
THE FIENDISH CUNNING BY WHICH THE DIADEM HAD BEEN TAKEN WAS THE MOST SENSATIONAL ASPECT OF THE NEWS STORY.



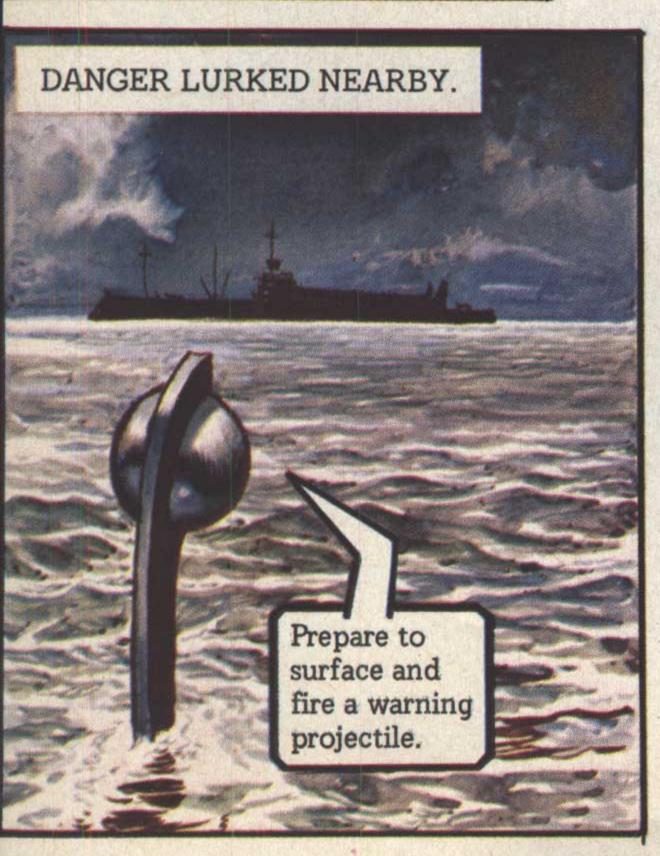
Following on an unsuccessful attack upon the temple, one of the thieves posed as the Abbot of Zemf, switched the diadem for a fake and made off with the true jewel!

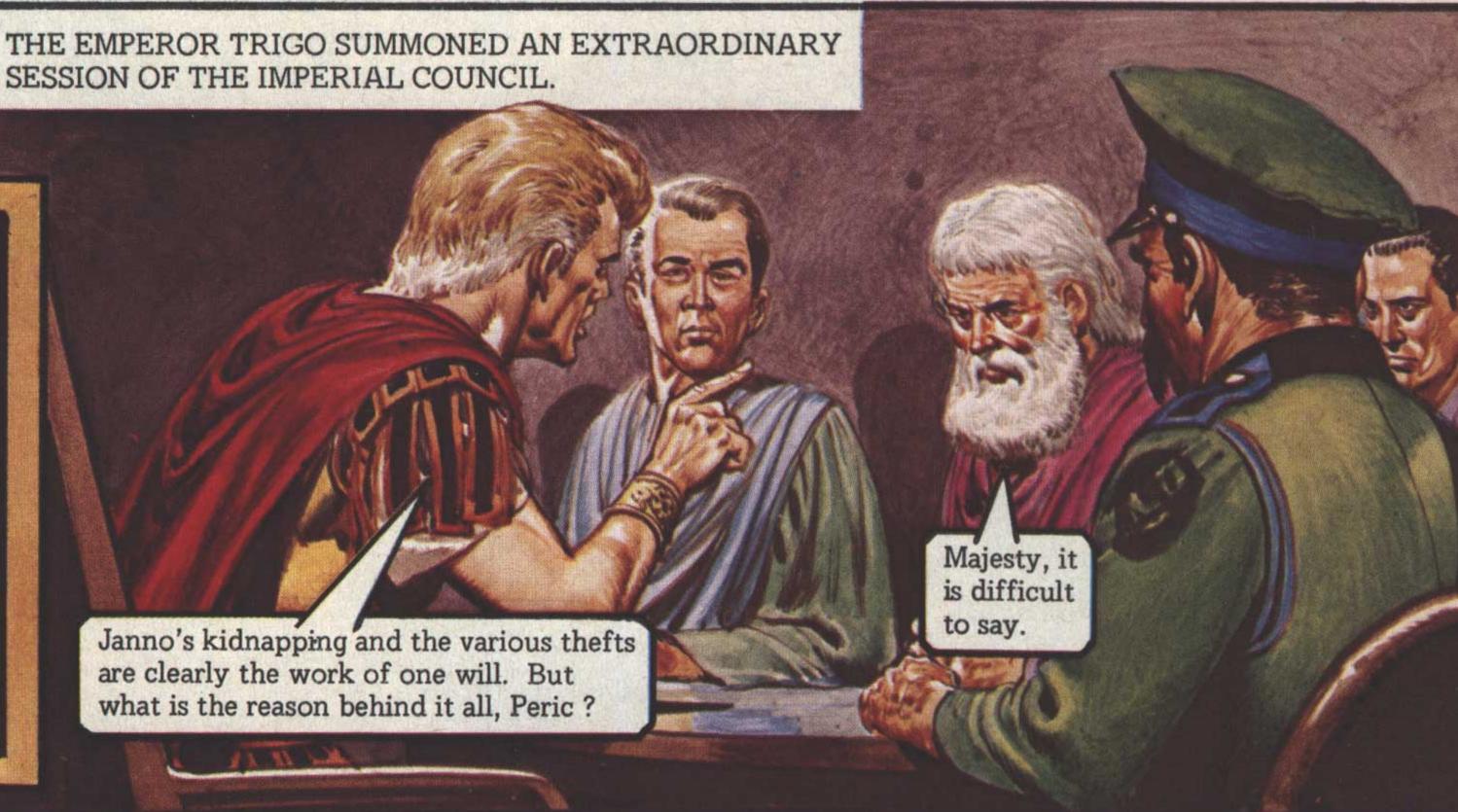
THE GREAT SCIENTIST PONDERED ON HIS

SOVEREIGN'S QUESTION.



member of the Imperial Family. But what connection does that have with the theft of a pile of ancient fossilised bones?







THE FIRST WARNwork day and ING OF PERIL CAME WITH A THUNDERCLAP OF SOUND, FOLLOWED BY A STREAK OF LURID FLAME.





MORE ADVENTURES OF THE

A series of sensational robberies and kidnappings are shocking the inhabitants of the planet, Elekton. Peric the most brilliant scientis of his age, has beer ordered by the Emperor Trigo to find out who is responsible . . .

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TRIGO WAS

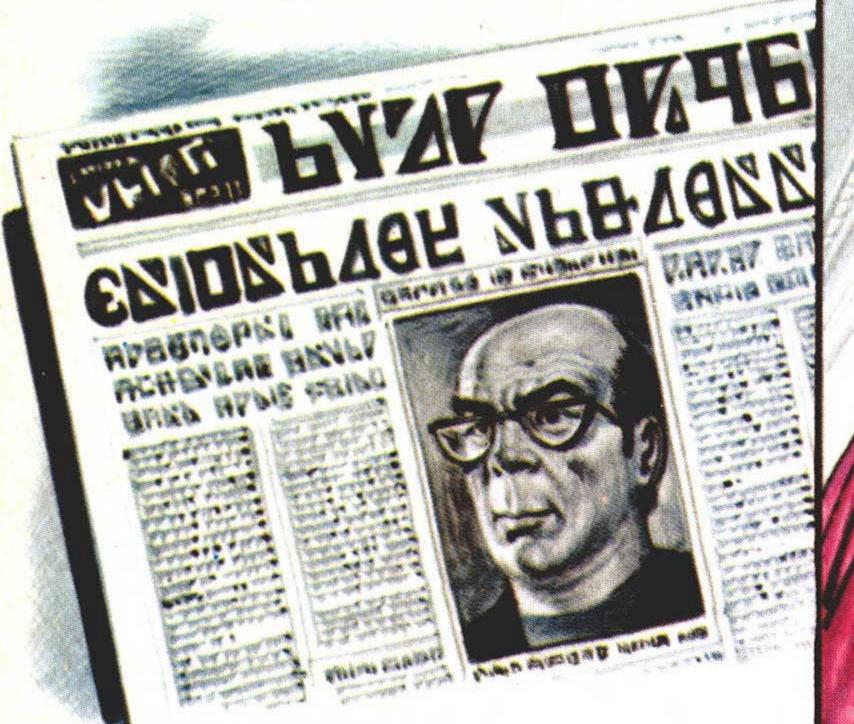
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PRACTICE.

I tried to. . .

Imperial Majesty,

NEXT MORNING, THE PLANET'S NEWS-PAPERS SCREAMED - CHORPINAL KIDNAPPED - ELEKTON'S GREATEST LIVING COMPOSER SNATCHED FROM THE LINER "EMPEROR TRIGO" WHILE ON HIS WAY TO CONDUCT HIS NEWEST SYMPHONY.



PERIC WAS AT THE IMPERIAL PALACE SOON AFTER DAWN. His Imperial Majesty is not to be disturbed! Good morning, Peric. It must be an. important matter to bring you here so early. Stand aside. My business won't wait!

Well, by I request that you designate me, by all the Imperial Proclamation as Supreme scientist of Elekton. stars!

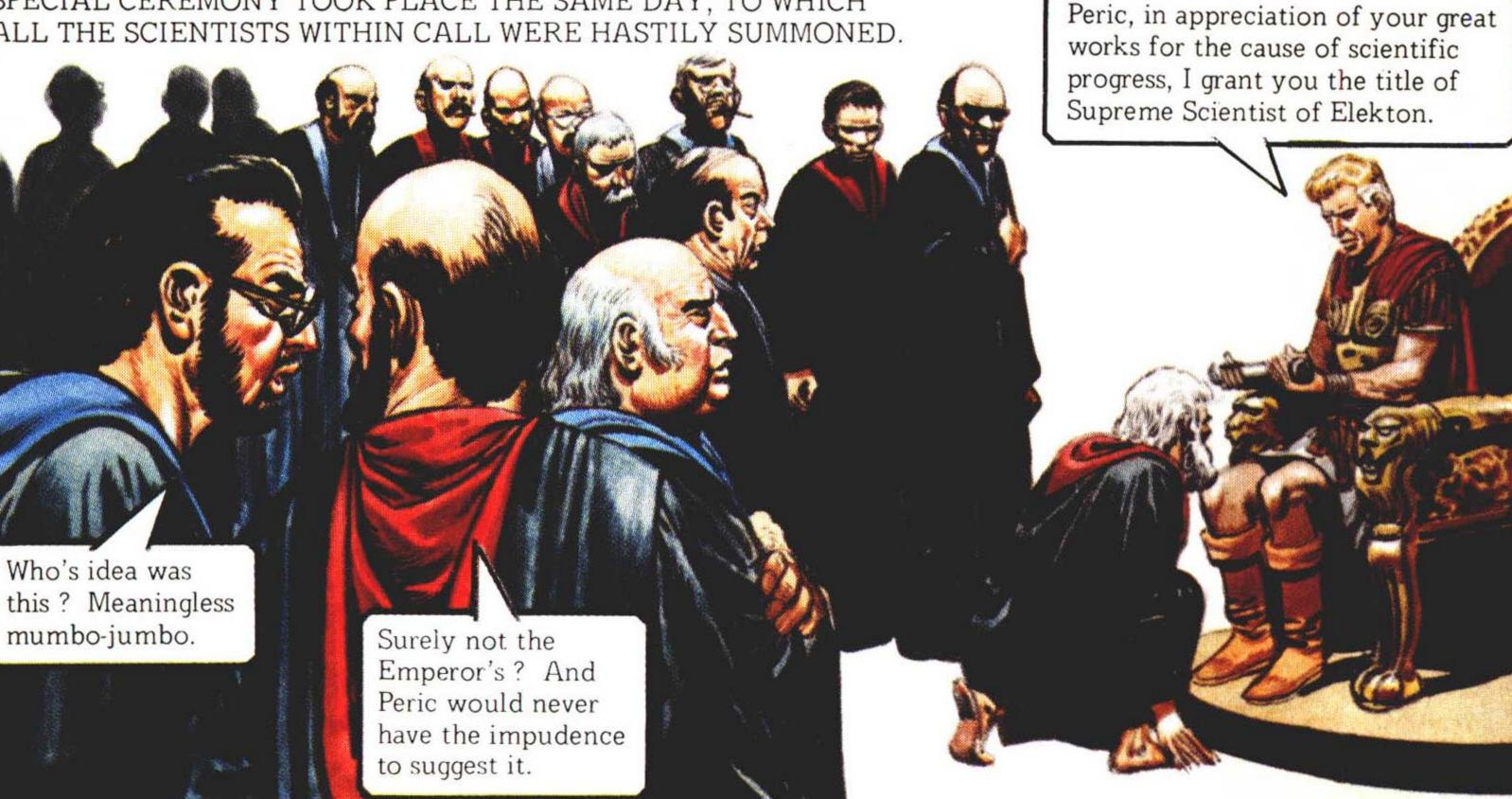
THE EMPEROR WAS WRYLY AMUSED.

And you such a modest individual. You are undoubtedly the greatest scientist alive, but do we have to thrust it down the throat of every other scientist on the planet?

It is not for myself I ask it, Majesty, but part of my plan to get to the bottom of these thefts and kidnappings. . .



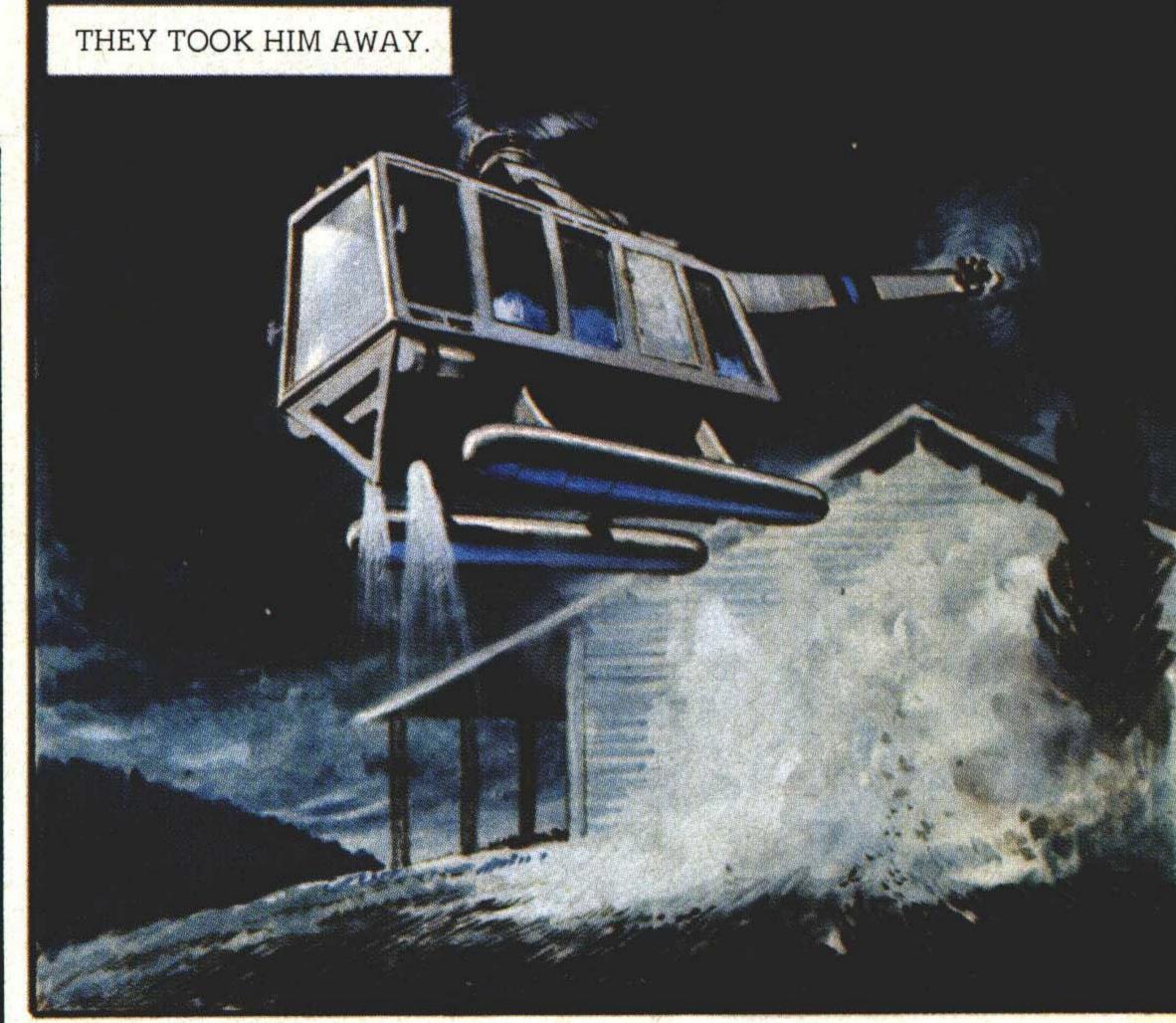
PERIC'S EXPLANATION WAS SO SATISFACTORY TO TRIGO THAT A SPECIAL CEREMONY TOOK PLACE THE SAME DAY, TO WHICH ALL THE SCIENTISTS WITHIN CALL WERE HASTILY SUMMONED.

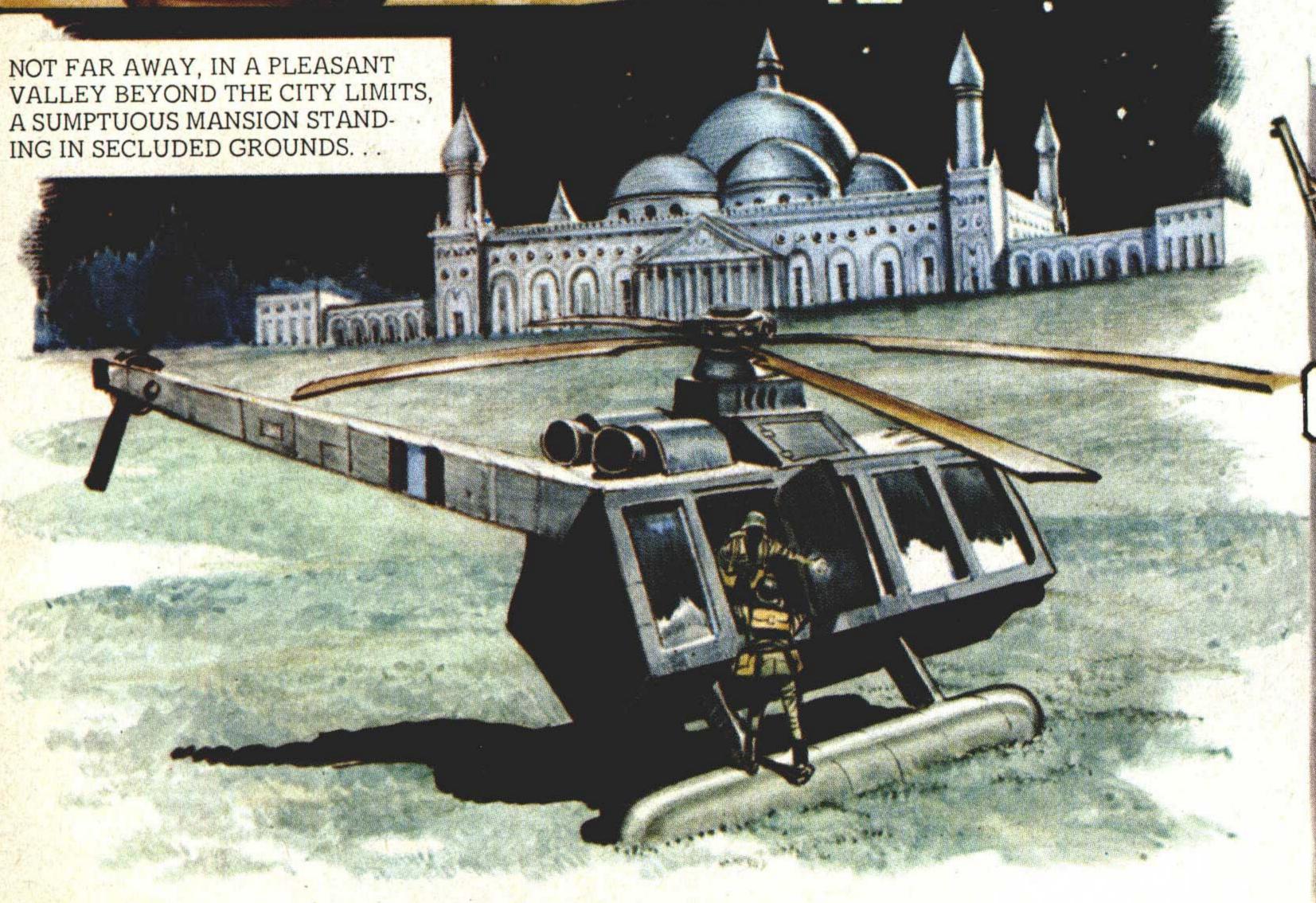


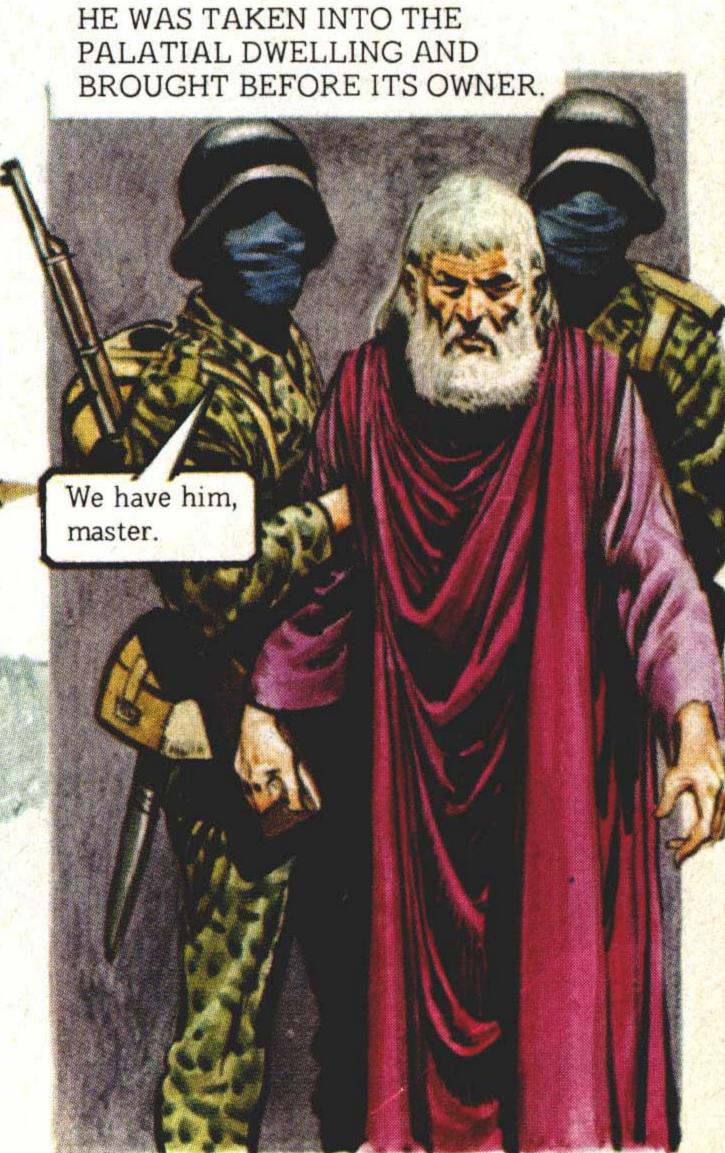










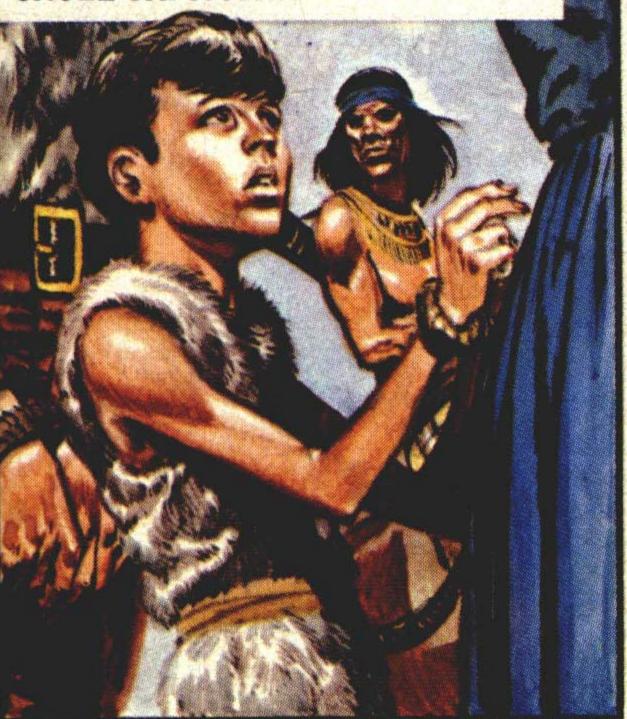


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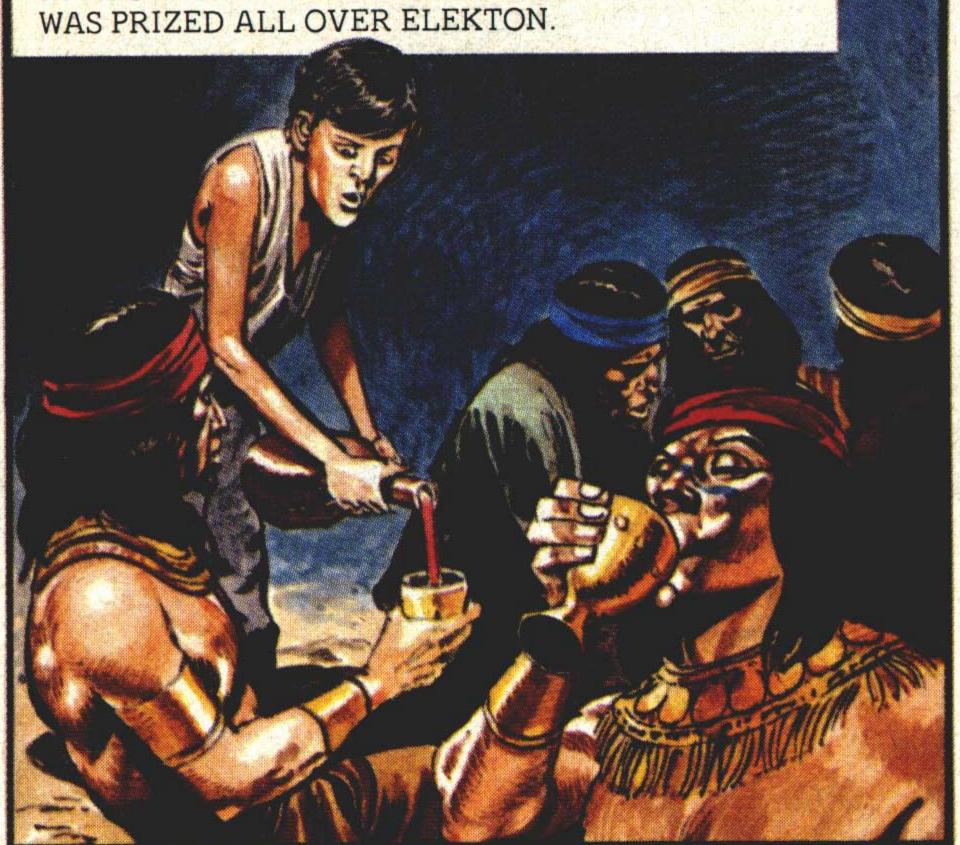
In order to solve a series robberies and kidnapping the great scientist Peric has so arranged it that he had himself been kidnapped. It is way, he hopes to me the man behind the sinistic happenings . . .



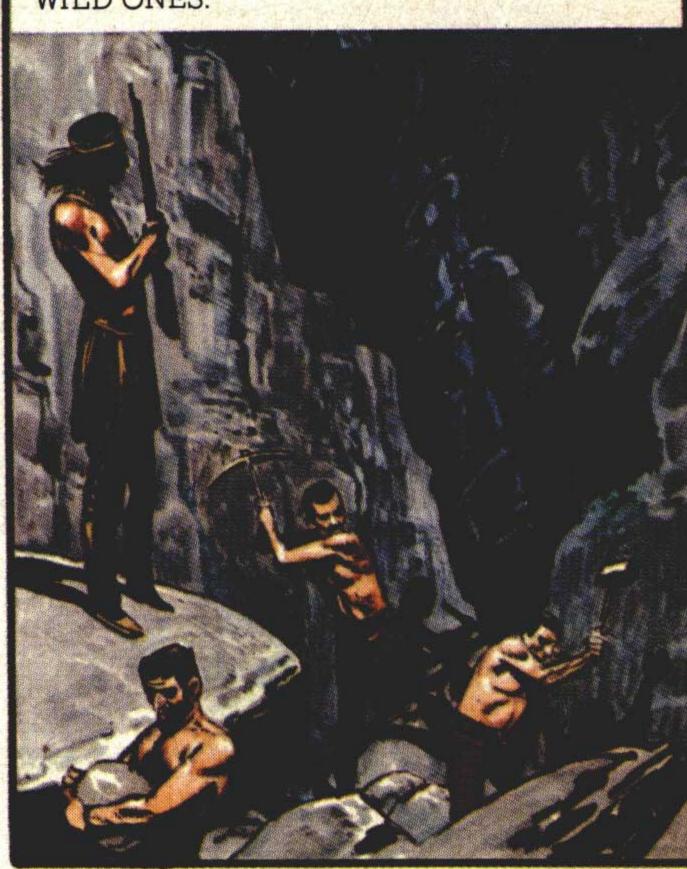
THE SMALLEST AND WEAKEST OF
THESE WRETCHED PRISONERS
WAS A LAD NAMED LIPKA. BUT
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A GREAT
WILL TO LIVE WITHIN THAT
SKINNY FRAME – FOR LIPKA WAS
THE ONLY ONE TO SURVIVE THE
CRUEL CAPTIVITY.



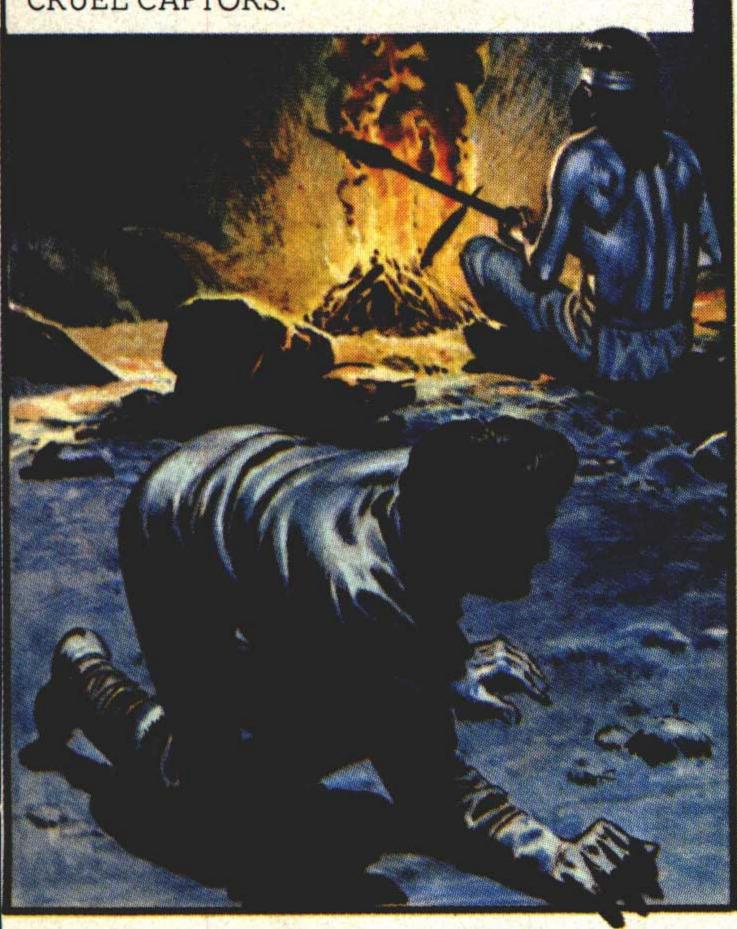
IN THE LONG YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, LIPKA WAS A SLAVE TO THE PROUD AND SAVAGE WARRIORS OF THE DESERT, WHO COVERED THEMSELVES WITH ORNAMENTS OF THE YELLOW METAL THAT WAS PRIZED ALL OVER ELEKTON.



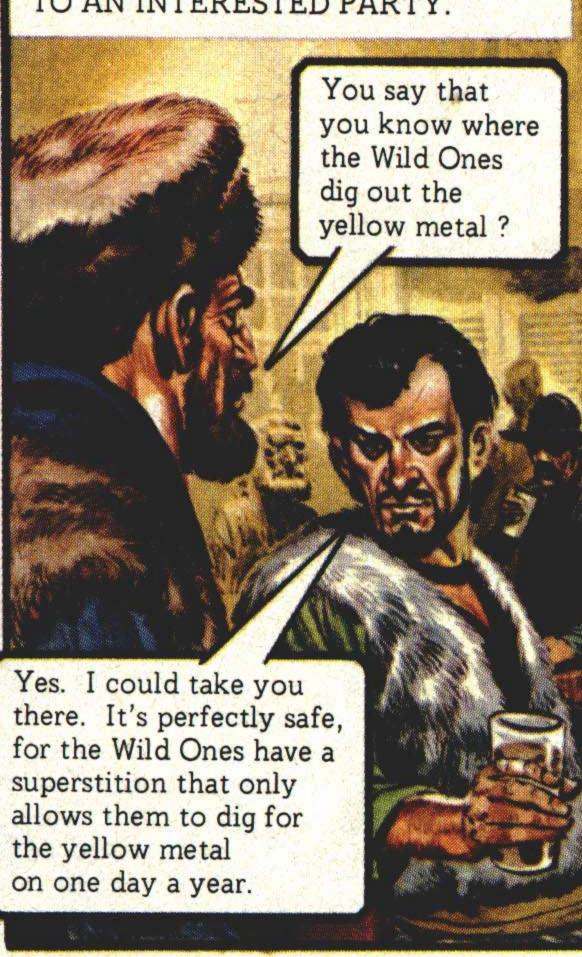
INDEED, LIPKA HIMSELF LABOURED TO DIG OUT THE YELLOW METAL FROM THE SECRET PLACES KNOWN ONLY TO THE WILD ONES.



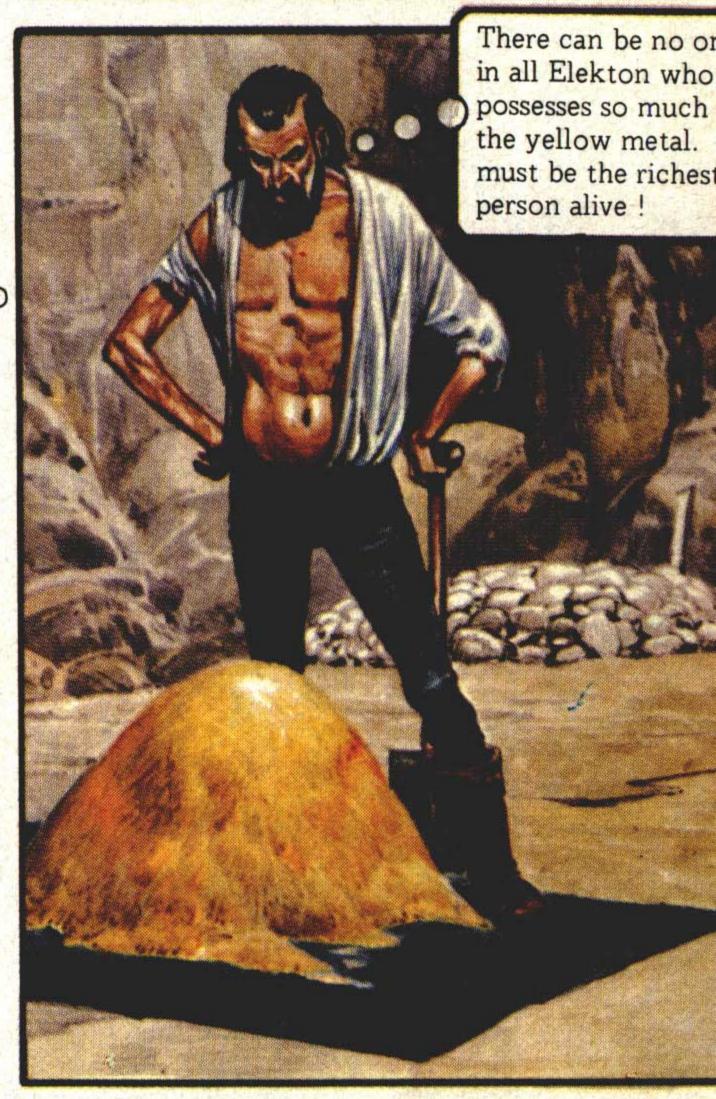
LIPKA WAS A GROWN MAN, HARDENED BY YEARS OF SLAVERY AND DEPRIVATION, WHEN HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM HIS CRUEL CAPTORS.



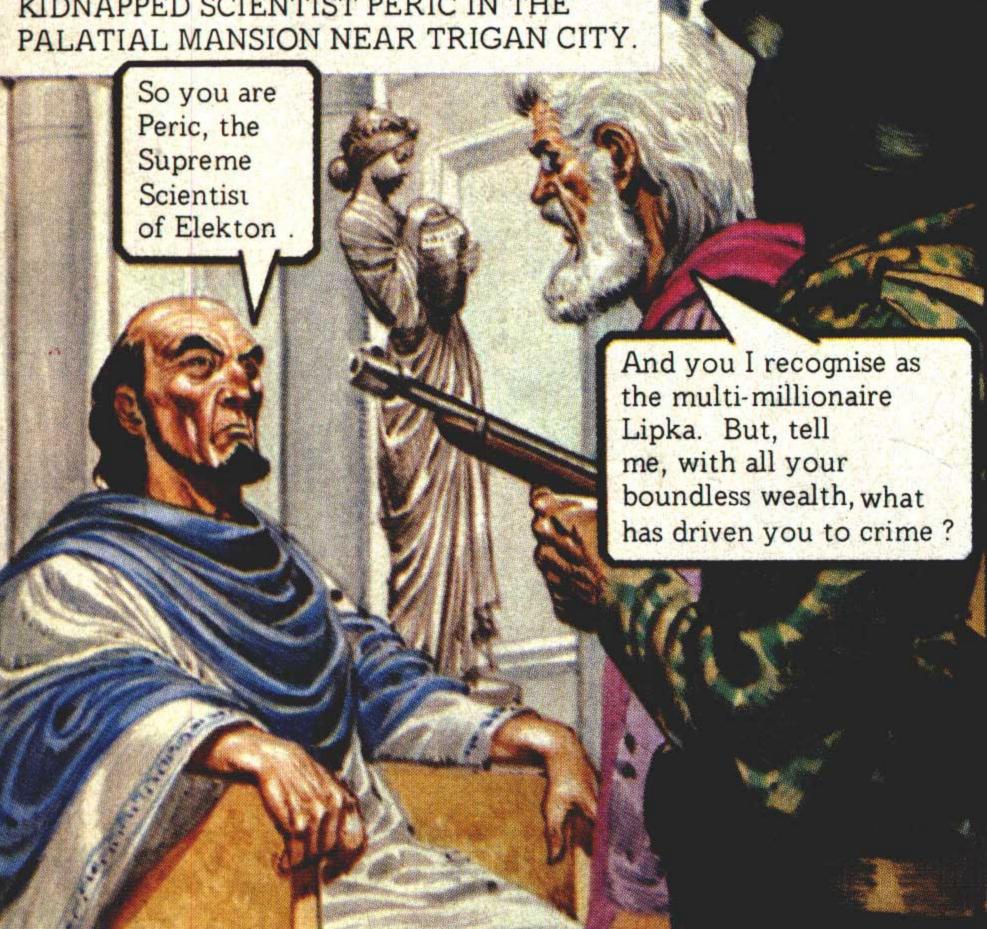
LATER, IN A FRONTIER TOWN, HE TOLD HIS ASTONISHING STORY TO AN INTERESTED PARTY.



THE EX-SLAVE AND HIS NEW-FOUND FRIEND **JOURNEYED** INTO THE WILDERNESS WHERE, FOR MANY LUNAR YEARS, THEY DUG OUT THE YELLOW METAL. IT WAS AFTER HIS COMPAN-ION DIED OF THE BITE OF A VENOMOUS NOBRA THAT LIPKA DECIDED TO RETURN TO CIVILIZATION.



IT WAS THE SELFSAME LIPKA – THE RICHEST PERSON ALIVE ON THE PLANET ELEKTON – WHO CONFRONTED THE KIDNAPPED SCIENTIST PERIC IN THE PALATIAL MANSION NEAR TRIGAN CITY.



LIPKA REPLIED. . .

Peric, for the greater part of my life, I owned nothing but the few rags I stood up in! I spent a childhood of deprivation, without a friend or a toy! I had nothing!..I did not even own myself!..I was a slave!

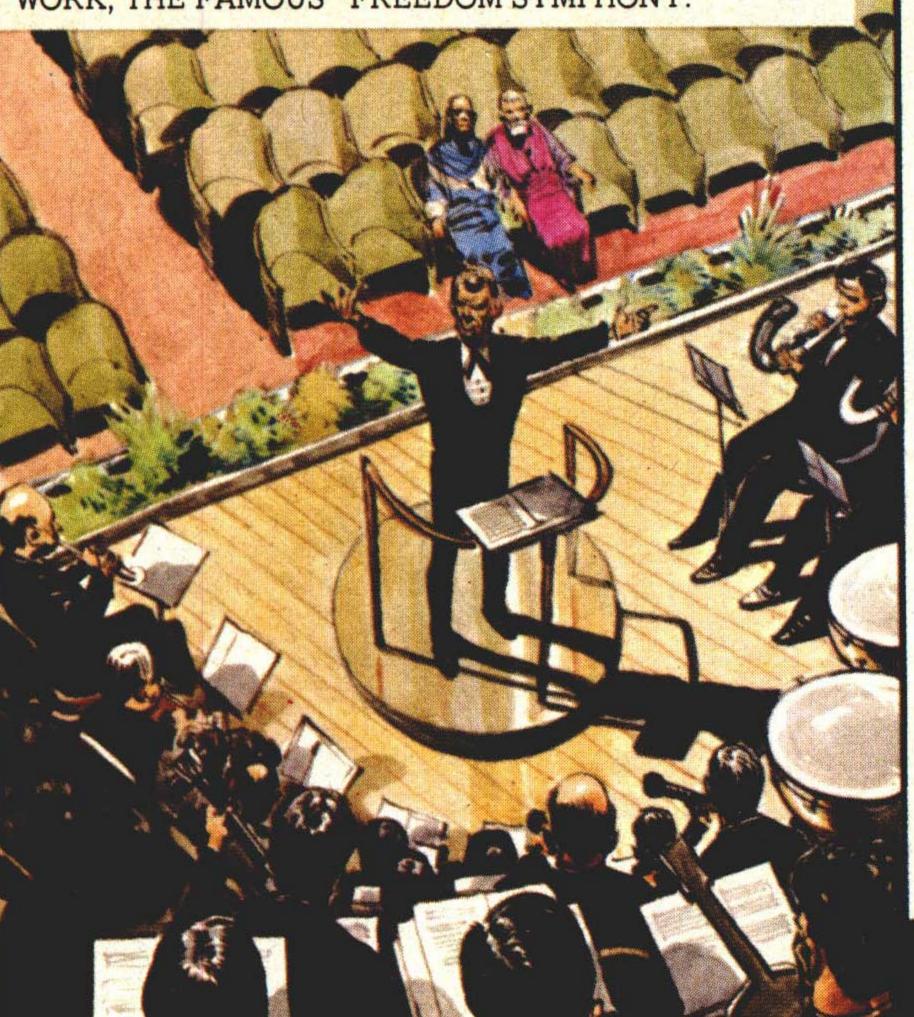




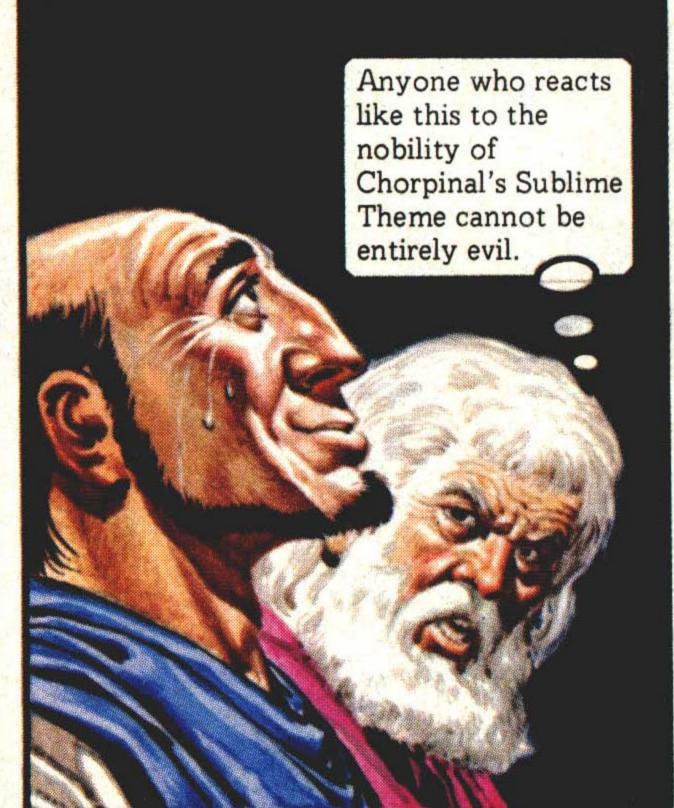
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SO, IN A PRIVATE CONCERT HALL OF THE MANSION, WITH AN ORCHESTRA OF TWO HUNDRED, CHORPINAL CONDUCTED A PERFORMANCE OF HIS MASTER WORK, THE FAMOUS "FREEDOM SYMPHONY"

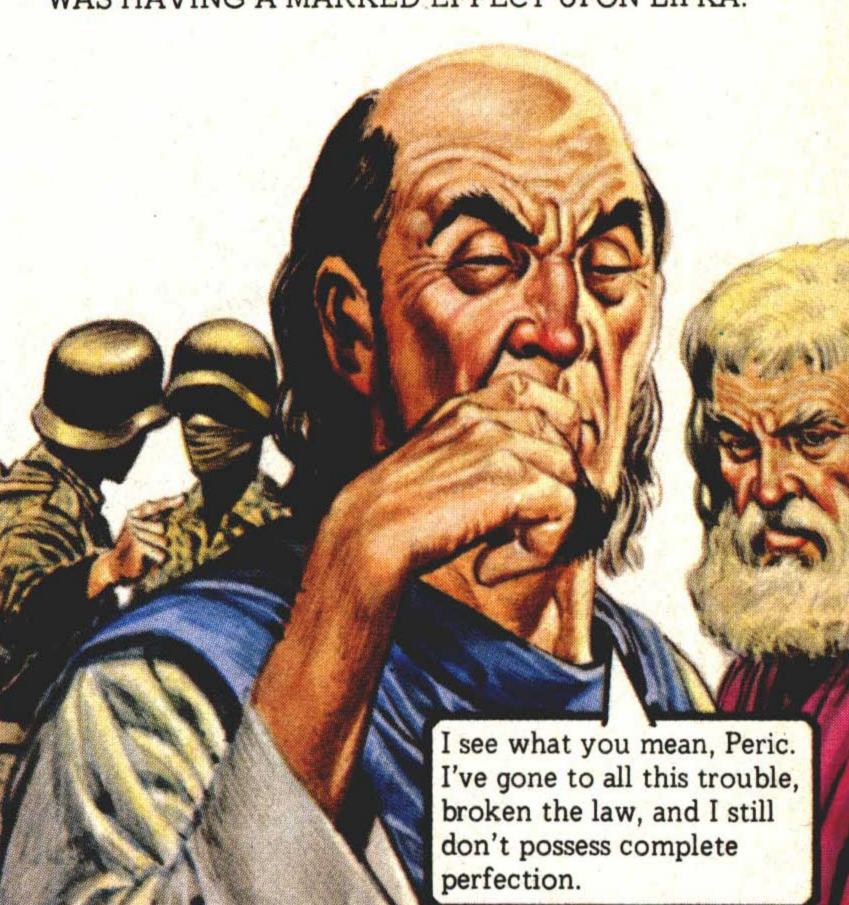


PERIC WAS GREATLY AFFECTED BY THE BEAUTY OF THE MUSIC. HE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THAT HIS NEIGHBOUR WAS ALSO EMOTIONALLY STIRRED.



After a lifetime of slavery and deprivation,
Peric, I am in a position to indulge my every
whim. And my whim is for the perfect! The
fastest – the greatest – the biggest – the
noblest of everything!

PERIC WAS QUICK TO OBSERVE THAT HIS ORATORY WAS HAVING A MARKED EFFECT UPON LIPKA.



I understand your intention, Lipka, but you are mistaken. To begin with, Chorpinal, whose whole work is devoted to The Theme of Freedom, will never compose again while you hold him prisoner.

The Monster of Vorg was pre-dated by an even bigger creature. It is quite feasible, but useless, to build a faster machine than the Ultimate Air-craft. Janno's record at the Empire Games has already been broken. As for the Green Diadem, the fake you left in its place is still being worshipped by its devotees who have not been told that you have stolen the original.

