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IN ERIN-WALD

YES! ENCOURAGED BY LASTONIA HAS HARLAND BEEN COURTED TO ACCORD.

THERE SEEMS BUT A FEW MEASURES REGARDING THE COPPER MINES

YET THE TREATY WILL BE SIGNED ANON.

PRINCESS ALDIS, HAS FOR A MONTH PLAYED INTERMEDIARY IN HARLAND...

OF THIS PEACE, PRINCESS ALDIS HAS BEEN THE PRINCIPAL SUPPORTER.

DURING WHICH SHE HAS CHARMED ROYAL HARLAND AND THEIR PEERS.




'SBLOOD!

PEACE BETWIXT LASTONIA AND HARLAND!?

CAN'T THIS BE?!



BY ABIDING THE LORD GOD'S COMMAND...

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR.

EVEN SO, T'IS BEEN WELL RECEIVED, YOUR VISIT TO HOSTILE HARLAND.

THOUGH IN DEFIANCE OF YOUR FATHER

PRINCESS ALDIS...







NOUGHT WOULD IT HAVE CHANGED.

YET HAD WE SEIZED YOU BY WRETCHED FORCE?

CAN'T NOT WE ABIDE IN HARMONY?

HATE, VIOLENCE AND THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD...

WAR IS DETESTABLE...

FOR VIL-LAINOUS MARS WOULD HAVE STILLED STILLED HIS WRATH.

WITH LOVE FOR HARLAND CAN'T I BUT ENTREAT PEACE TO COME AMONGST US.

E'EN SO WITH WOND' ROLIS HARLAND.



I TRUST THAT NEVER WOULD HE ENDANGER MY PERSON, HAD I BEEN HELD RANSOM TO HIS GOODWILL...

BY MY FATHER'S AFFECTION.



THOUGH NOT YET PRESENT AT COURT, MY SON AND DAUGHTER...

T'WOULD BE PLEASING IF YOU WITH THEM HOLD AN AUDIENCE.

IF IT PLEASURES YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.

SO SHALL WE INLIKE RETURN TO LASTONIA TO TRADE IN CORDIALITY.

AND SO, THOUGH WITH MORTAL PERIL, IN FAITH HAVE YOU COME TO US;

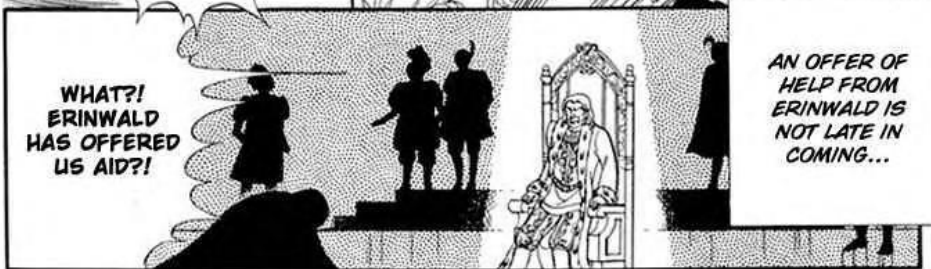
THUS SHALL WE ALSO HONOUR THE ALMIGHTY.





ALDIS!

ANON, SHALL I PROVES THIS TO YOU!!



WHAT?! ERINWALD HAS OFFERED US AID?!

AN OFFER OF HELP FROM ERINWALD IS NOT LATE IN COMING...



DOES SHE HOLD LASTONIA IN SUCH AFFECTION...!

FROM ERINWALD HAS SHE GAINED THIS BOON!

NOW HAS SHE BOLSTERED OUR MILITARY!

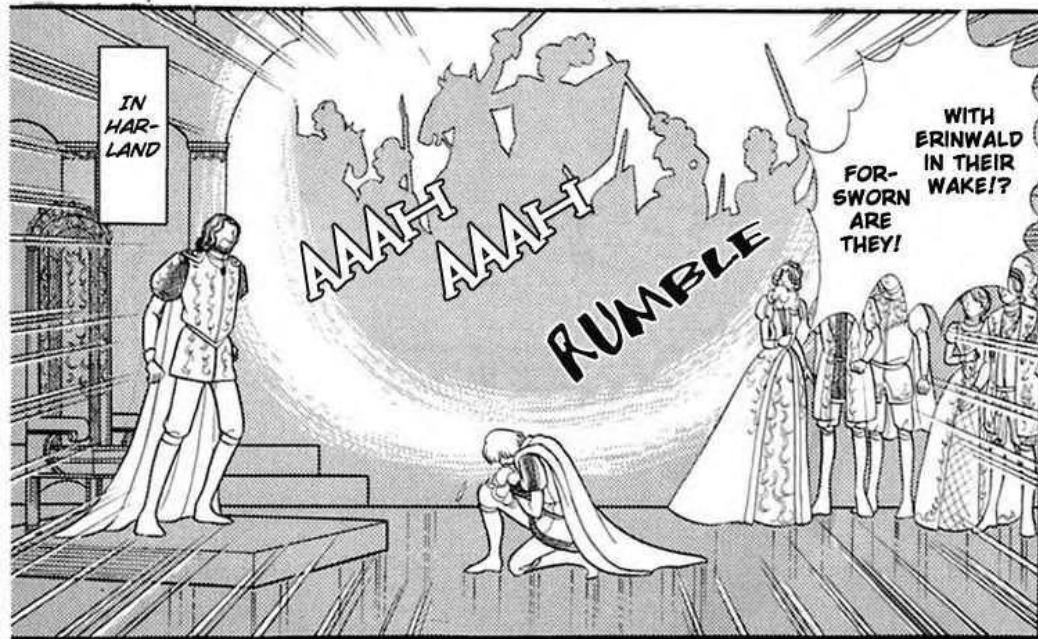
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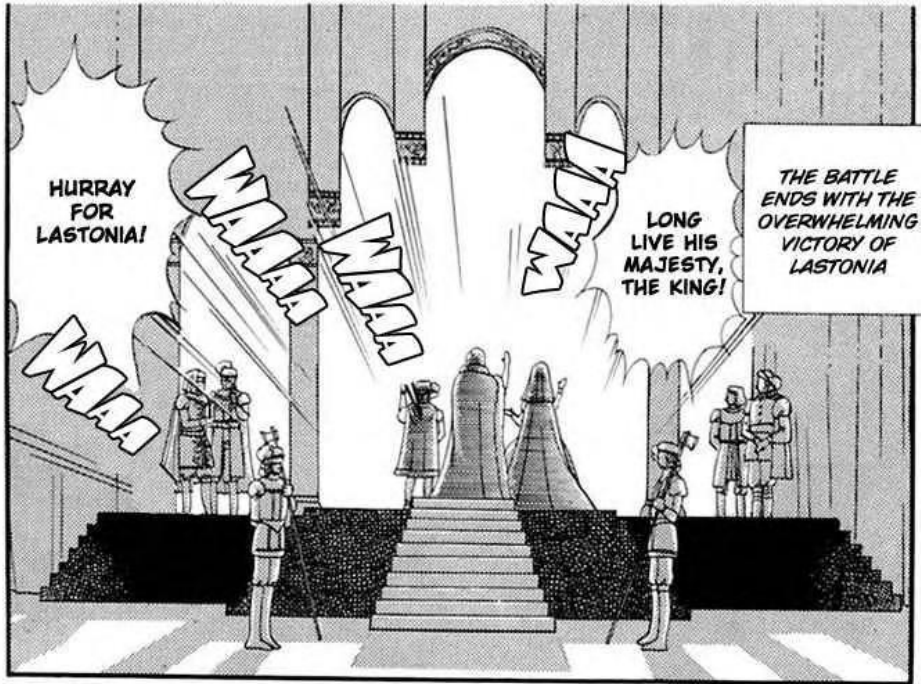


SCARCE CAN WE CONCEIVE THIS...



WITH GREAT EFFECT HAS HER HIGHNESS ORIGELD SWAYED ERINWALD TO OFFER SUCH A GIFT.

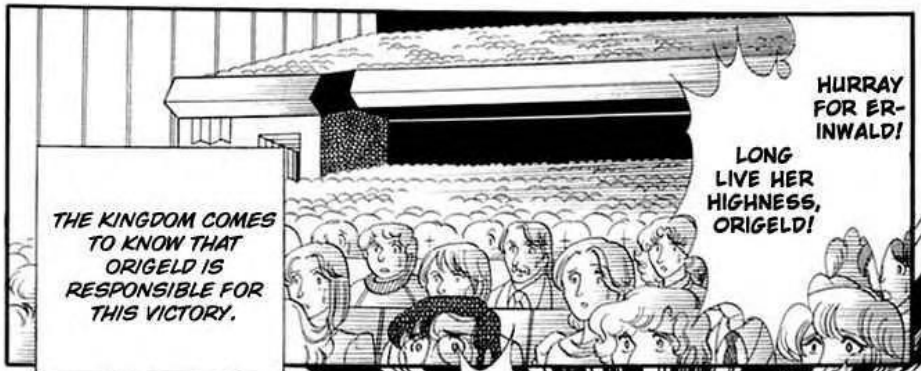




HURRAY FOR LASTONIA!

LONG LIVE HIS MAJESTY, THE KING!

THE BATTLE ENDS WITH THE OVERWHELMING VICTORY OF LASTONIA



THE KINGDOM COMES TO KNOW THAT ORIGELD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS VICTORY.

HURRAY FOR ER-INWALD!

LONG LIVE HER HIGHNESS, ORIGELD!



WHILE ALDIS SUFFERS, ORIGELD ACTS.

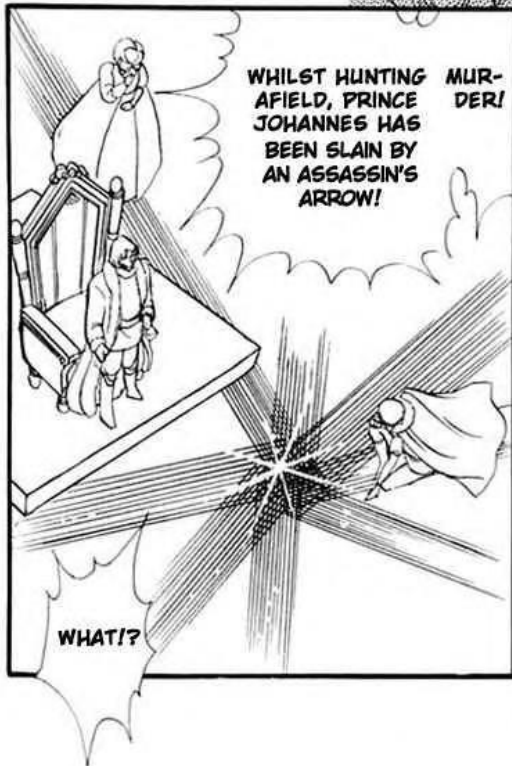
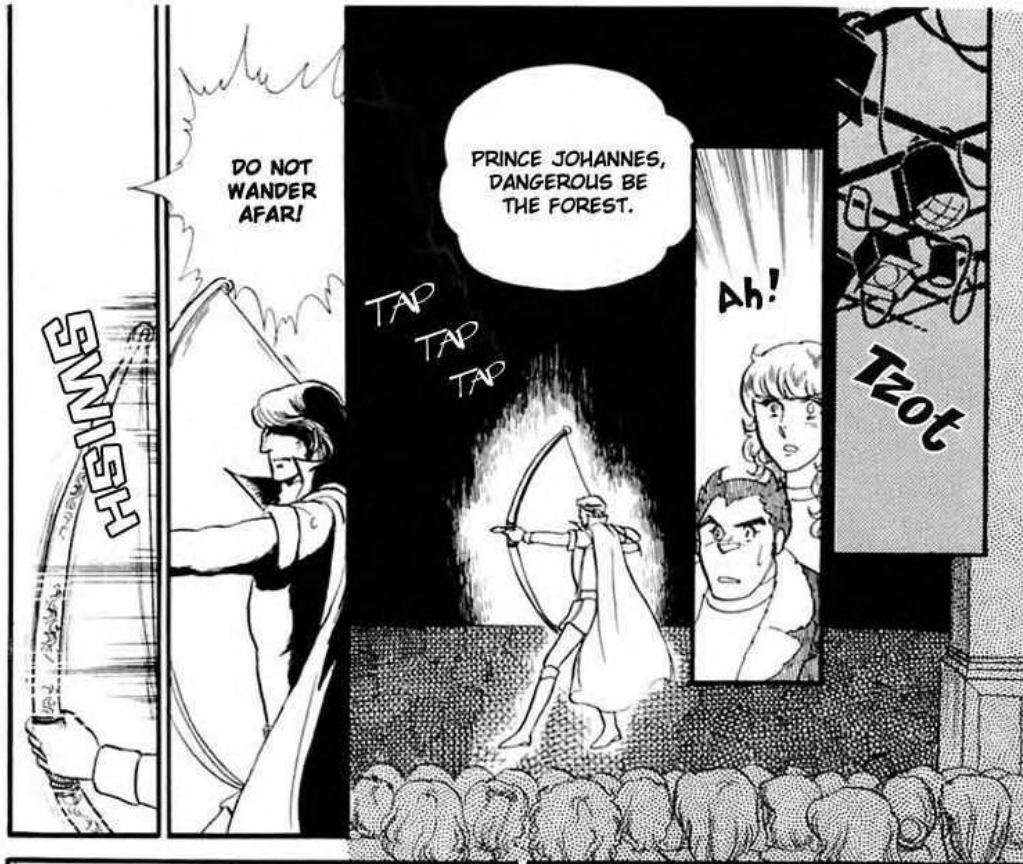
WOULD IT BE MY FATE ALSO!

VIENA!

THE ROYAL FAMILY OF HARLAND WAS EXECUTED!









TURN OUT THE GUARD!

E'EN THE TREES SHALL NOT STAND THEM SANCTUARY!



HAST SOME DISTANT COUSIN SURVIVED?

YET DOES THIS ARROW BEAR THE FLETCHING OF ROYAL HARLAND!



NOTHING... NOTHING BUT SHADOWS, THE LIGHT HAS GONE OUT OF OUR LAND...

JO-HANNES ...



LOCKS OF PHOEBUS, EYES OF ATE, YOUR MIRTH... SHALL NOT RING AGAIN IN THESE HALLS...

JOHANNES, MY BROTHER...

JOHANNES! HEIR TO THIS WRETCHED KINGDOM'S THRONE!



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JO-HANNES ...

JO-HANNES...

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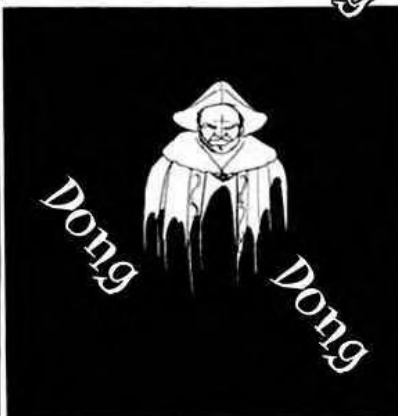


THIS HAS QUEEN KATAJINA'S CURSE COME...

RE-VENGE ...

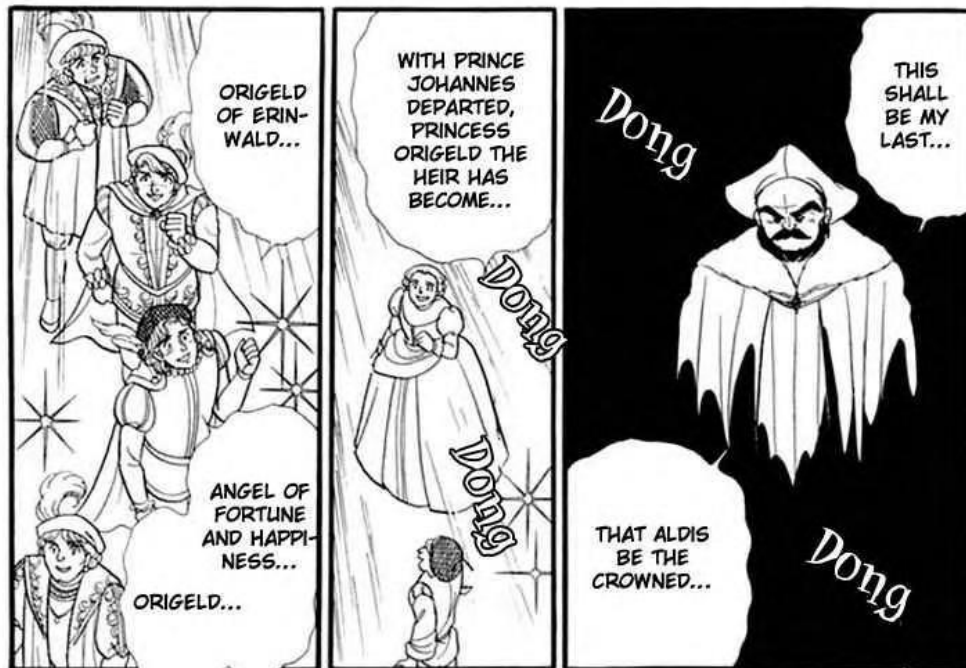
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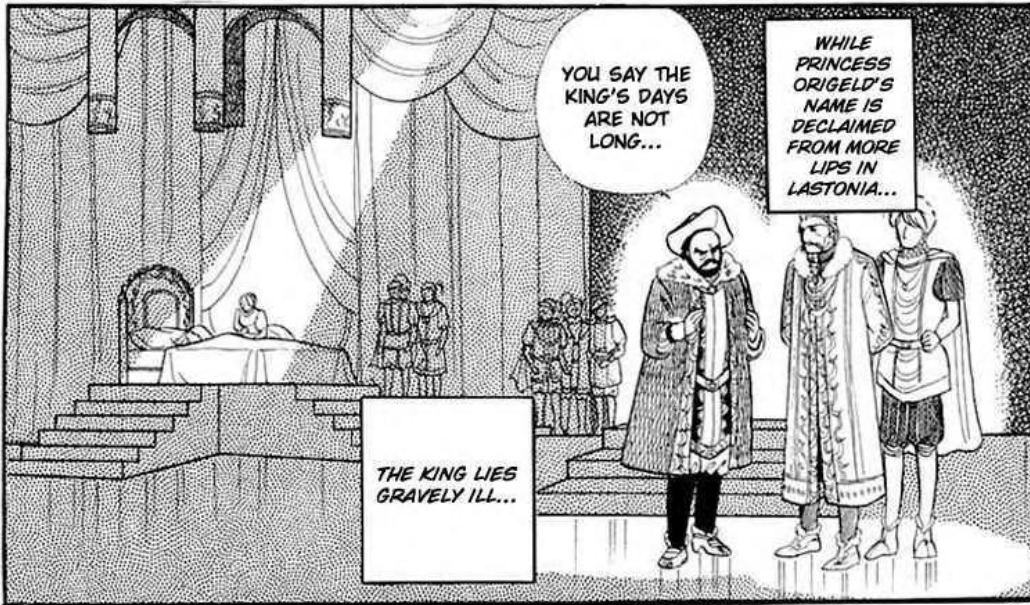
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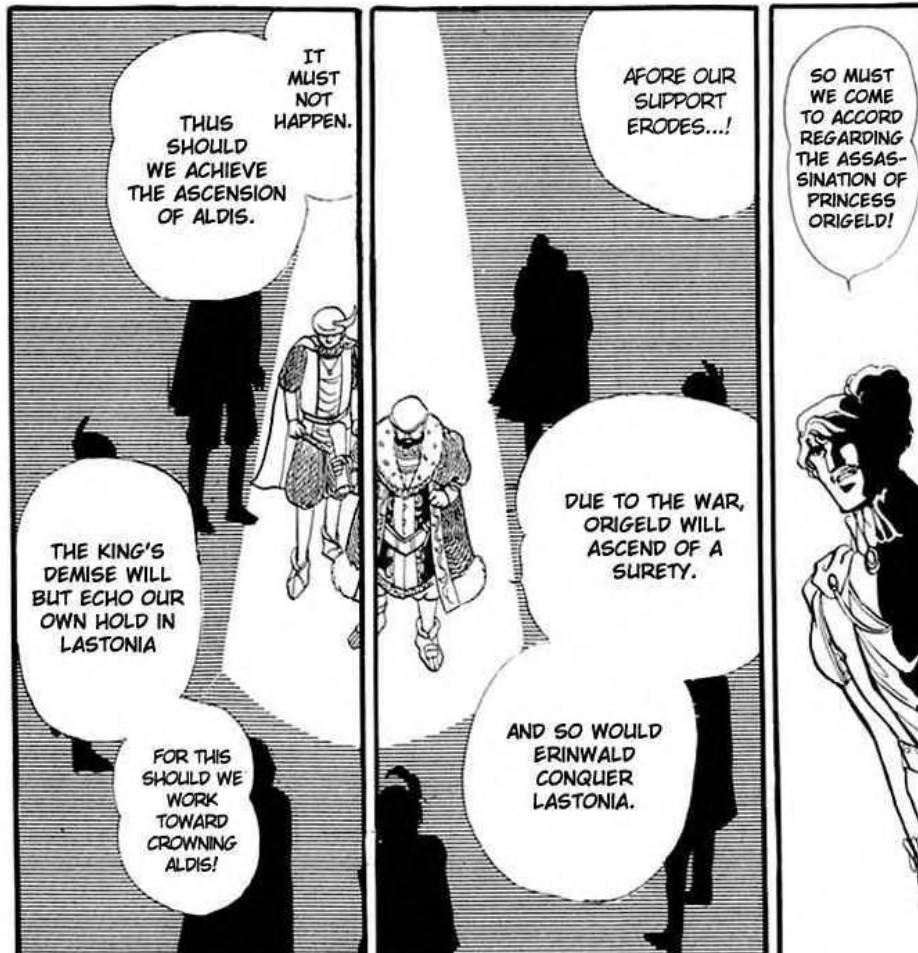




YOU SAY THE KING'S DAYS ARE NOT LONG...

WHILE PRINCESS ORIGELD'S NAME IS DECLAIMED FROM MORE LIPS IN LASTONIA...

THE KING LIES GRAVELY ILL...



IT MUST NOT HAPPEN. THIS SHOULD WE ACHIEVE THE ASCENSION OF ALDIS.

AFORE OUR SUPPORT ERODES...!

SO MUST WE COME TO ACCORD REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRINCESS ORIGELD!

THE KING'S DEMISE WILL BUT ECHO OUR OWN HOLD IN LASTONIA

DUE TO THE WAR, ORIGELD WILL ASCEND OF A SURETY.

FOR THIS SHOULD WE WORK TOWARD CROWNING ALDIS!

AND SO WOULD ERINWALD CONQUER LASTONIA.





ALL MUST BE ABOVE SUSPICION.

LET US ISSUE AN INVITATION...



CAUTION BE OUR WATCHWORD.

UPON THIS MOMENTOUS PARCHMENT SHALL WE PLEDGE OUR SEALS TO THE DEMISE OF PRINCESS ORIGELD.

SHOULD IT FAIL, ERINWALD SHALL ADVANCE.



HERE SHALL WE VOW...

NOW ARE WE CONFEDERATES!

...TO HOLD TO IT!



SHOULD HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH FAIL, SHE STANDS AS HEIRESS PRESUMPTIVE!

EAGER AM I FOR HER PRESENCE!

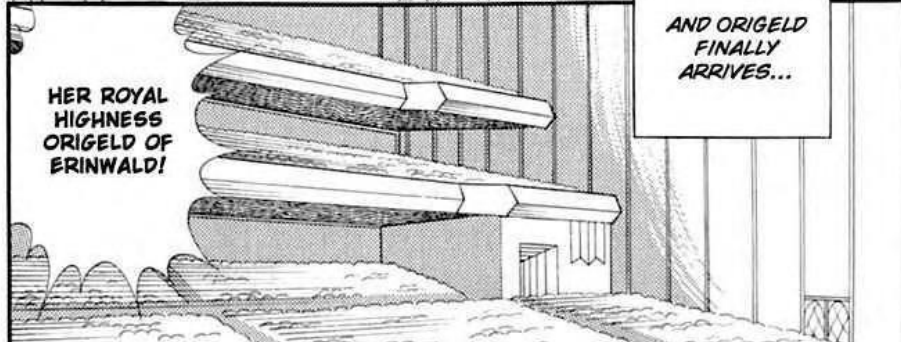
PRINCESS ORIGELD, MARRIED TO ERINWALD, SHALL VISIT ANON WITH HER FATHER, THE KING?

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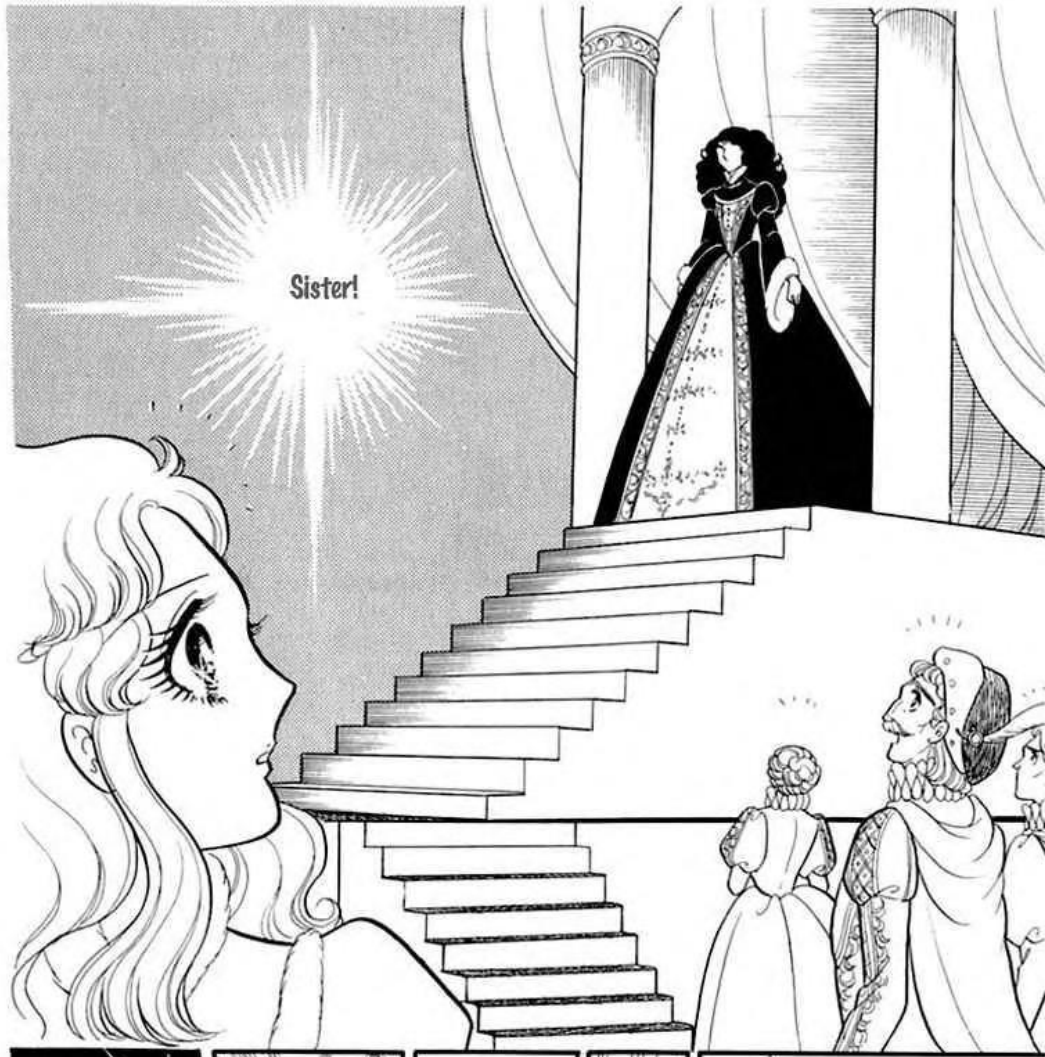
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SO SHOULD WE CURRY HER FAVOUR.



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ORIGELD OF ERINWALD!

AND ORIGELD FINALLY ARRIVES...





HAS  
RETURNED.

ORIGELD, FIRST  
PRINCESS OF  
LASTONIA...



AS THE KING'S  
SUCCESSOR, TRULY  
SHE IS WELL SUITED.

AND THE  
HEIRESS  
PRESUMPTIVE.

AND WHAT  
ROYAL  
BEARING!

AH! WHAT  
DIGNITY IN  
FEATURE!

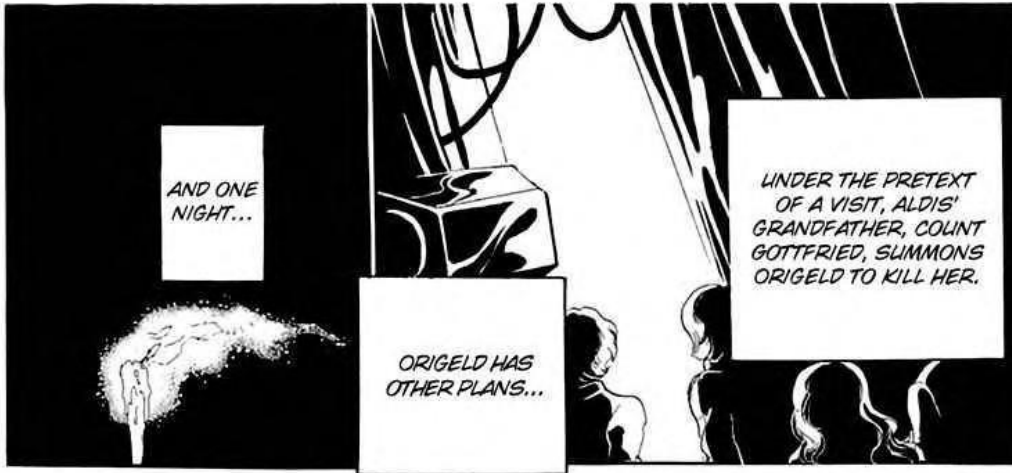


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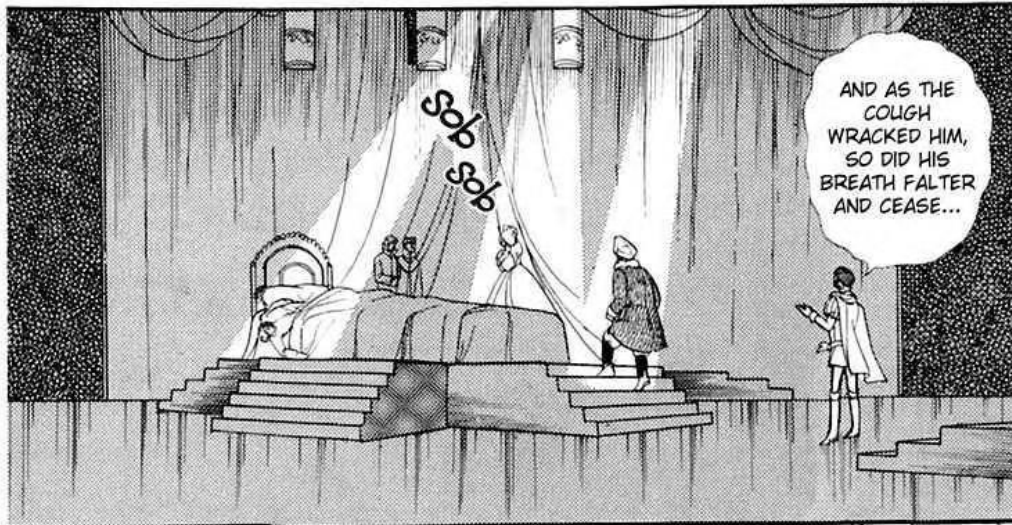




AND ONE NIGHT...

ORIGELD HAS OTHER PLANS...

UNDER THE PRETEXT OF A VISIT, ALDIS' GRANDFATHER, COUNT GOTTFRIED, SUMMONS ORIGELD TO KILL HER.



AND AS THE COUGH WRACKED HIM, SO DID HIS BREATH FALTER AND CEASE...

THE KING OF LASTONIA IS DEAD...

Sob Sob



SO QUICK WAS THE KING'S PASSING...



AND AS SHE BOWS TO THE BODY...

YES, SIR!

DISMISS THE GUARD.

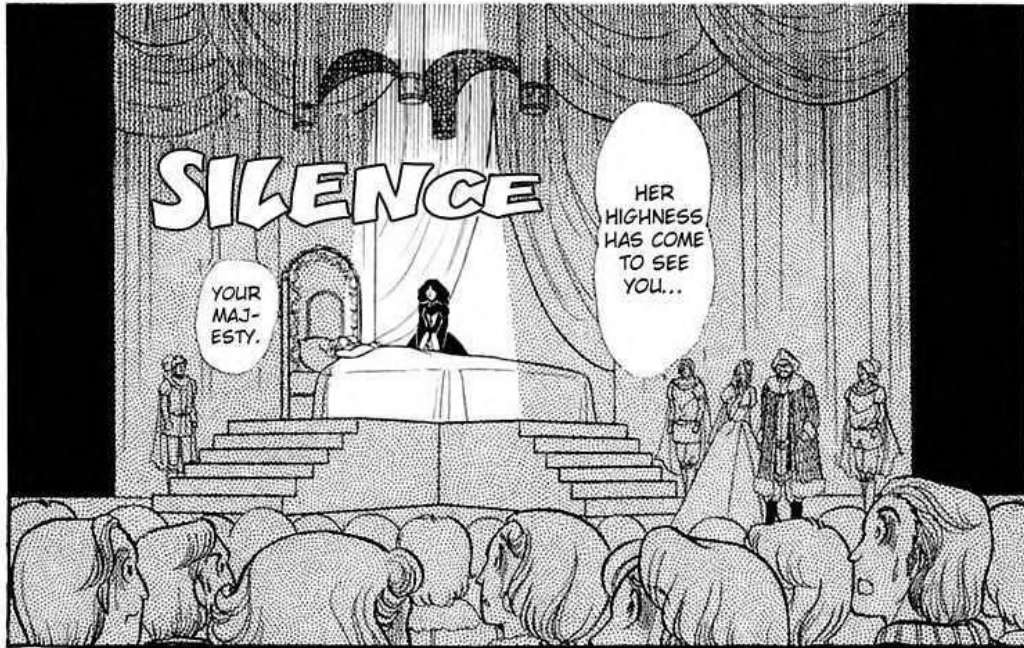
SAY THE KING HAS SUMMONED HER TO HIS SIDE.

SUMMON THE LADY ORIGELD!

COUNT GOTTFRIED!

SO SHALL WE KEEP MUM ABOUT IT!

KEEP THIS CLOSE!





I THANK YOU FOR THE COUNTRY I'LL RULE OVER.

YOUR MAJESTY.



Smirk



NOUGHT BUT DEATH SHALL YOU FIND!

THINK YOU NOW OF TRIUMPH, LADY ORIGELD?



CEASE THIS DESPICABLE FARCE!

COUNT GOTTFRIED,

WHAT!?



YET AS QUICK AS THE FRAY ENDS, SO TOO DIED THE KING.

AS YOU HAD PLANNED HIS DEMISE, A STOPPAGE OF THE HEART.



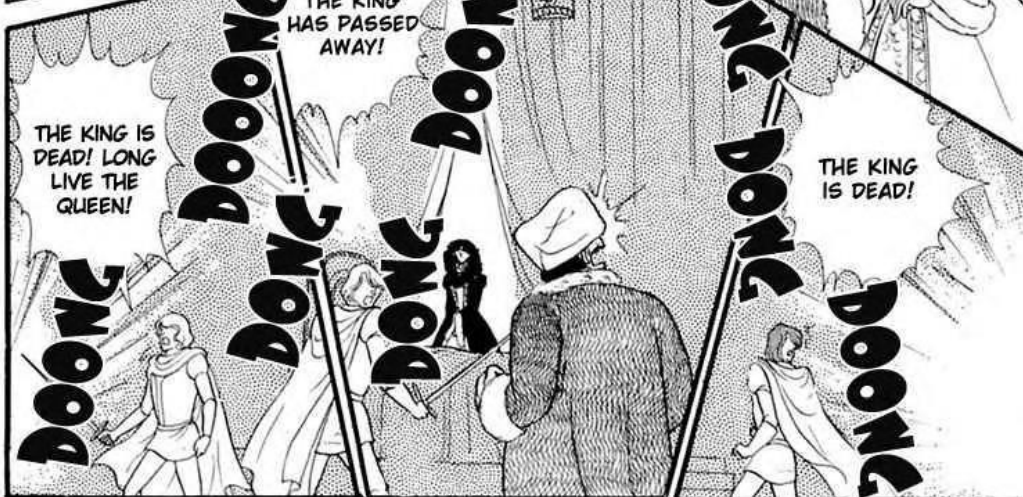
THEY SET UPON YOU!

SO HAS HIS MAJESTY'S LOYAL SERVANTS STUMBLLED UPON YOUR POISONING OF THE KING...



WHY DOES THE BELLS TOLL?

WHY, THEY TOLL OF DEATH!



THE KING IS DEAD! LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!

THE KING HAS PASSED AWAY!

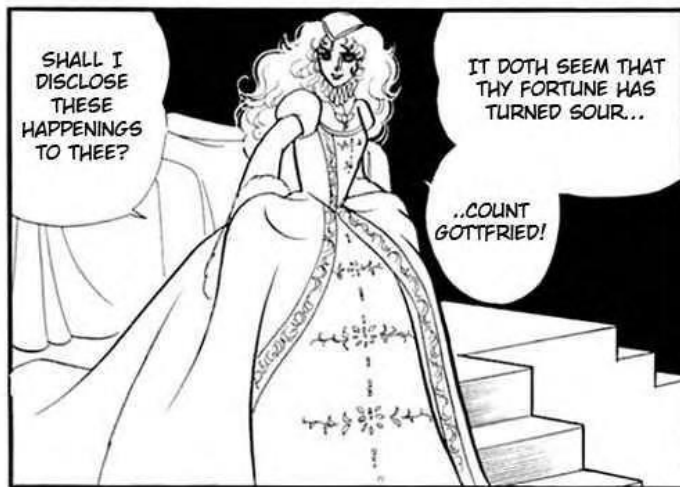
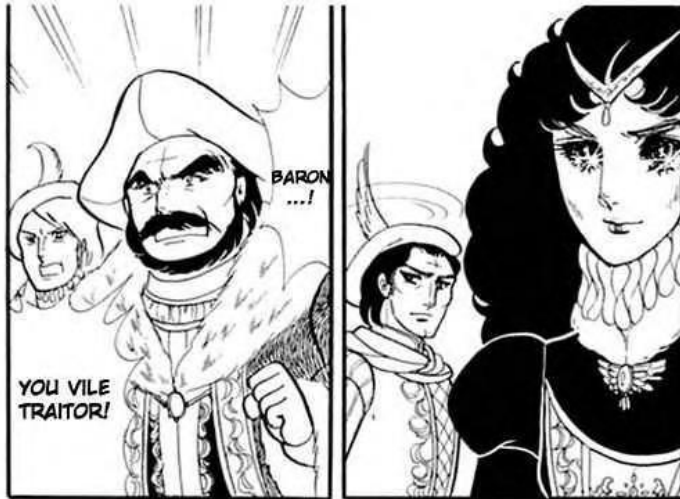
THE KING IS DEAD!



SOMEONE AWARE OF THE KING'S DEATH MUST HAVE SPREAD THE NEWS.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!?! WHO COULD HAVE...



IN A PLOT TO SEIZE THE THRONE, SO DOES HE PLAN TREASONOUS HARM TO THE HEIRESS PRESUMPTIVE AND PRINCESS OF A NEIGHBOURING POWER...

A MINISTER, AMBITIOUS FOR THE THRONE, CONCEALS THE DEATH OF THE KING.

AAAH

RUMBLE

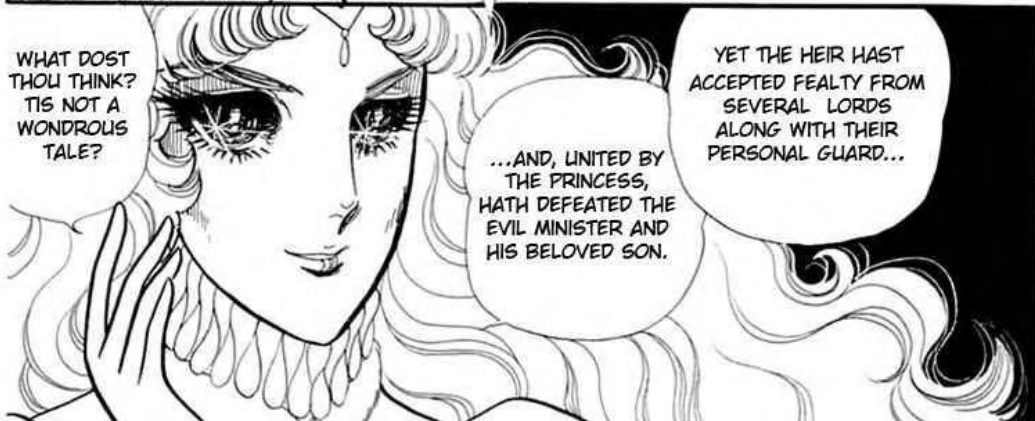


SO HAVE WE,  
SOLDIERS OF  
ERINWALD, FIND  
OURSELVES IN  
LASTONIA!

THE CASTLE  
IS OURS!

ARE YOU SAFE,  
YOUR MAJESTY?

WHAT?!



WHAT DOST  
THOU THINK?  
TIS NOT A  
WONDROUS  
TALE?

...AND, UNITED BY  
THE PRINCESS,  
HATH DEFEATED THE  
EVIL MINISTER AND  
HIS BELOVED SON.

YET THE HEIR HAST  
ACCEPTED FEALTY FROM  
SEVERAL LORDS  
ALONG WITH THEIR  
PERSONAL GUARD...



AND THOU SHALT NOT BE SPARED OF THY ASSASSIN'S WAYS...



AND SO IT IS ENDED!

UPON THE KING'S DEATH SHALL I ASCEND AS LASTONIA'S QUEEN.



YOUR HIGHNESS, THE VAN OF ERINWALD COMES!

....COUNT GOTTFRIED AND LADY RAGNEID!



ALL OF GOTTFRIED! LET NONE ESCAPE!

SO SHALL ALL TRAITORS BE CAPTURED AND EXECUTED!







WHAT?! MY FATHER IS DEAD?!

AND MY GRANDFATHER AND MOTHER HAS BEEN CAPTURED AND CHARGED WITH REGICIDE...!

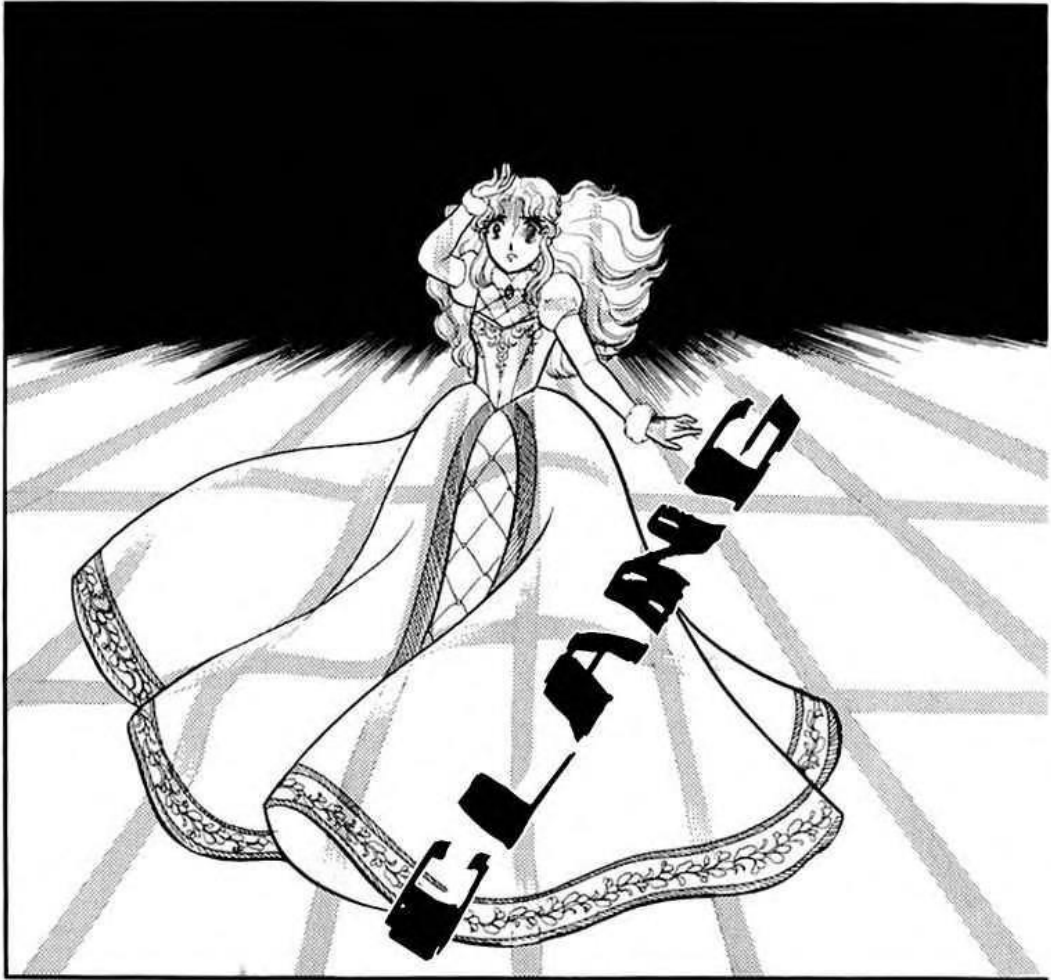


COME...

PRINCESS ALDIS.



PRINCESS ALDIS!







...HAVE THEY BEEN IMPRISONED HERE AS WELL? COLD!

YET WHERE ARE MY GRANDFATHER AND MOTHER...?

HOW.... COLD...

WHOOSH

COLD ENOUGH TO SLOW THE BLOOD.



TO MOVE TO HIGH TREASON, MY GRANDFATHER AND MOTHER I CANNOT COUNTENANCE!

ALLOW ME THIS MERCY, I BEG YOU!

ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?



AAH! AND MY POOR, POOR FATHER!

LET ME SEE MY FATHER!

STRONG AND GENTLE!



IF I COULD AT LEAST SAVE THEM FROM DEATH!

BE SAFE, I PRAY, GRAND-FATHER, MOTHER...

LET ME SPEAK TO THE QUEEN AND BEG HER FORGIVENESS...

YET FOR MY FAMILY ALSO!

'TIS COLD...





SHE'S ABLE TO PROJECT SUCH UN-HAPPINESS EVEN DOWN HERE...

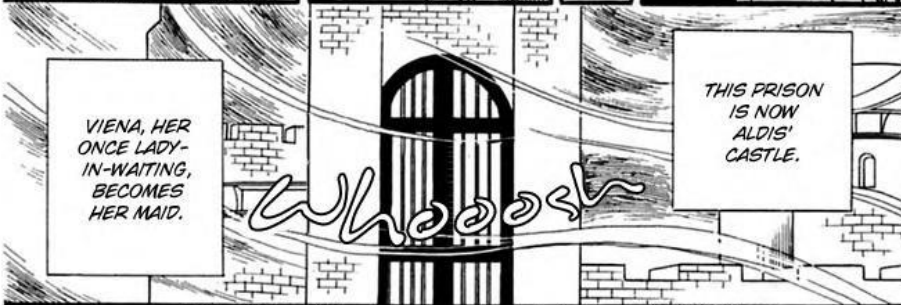
WHAT A HEART-BREAKING EXPRESSION ...



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Maya ...



VIENA, HER ONCE LADY-IN-WAITING, BECOMES HER MAID.

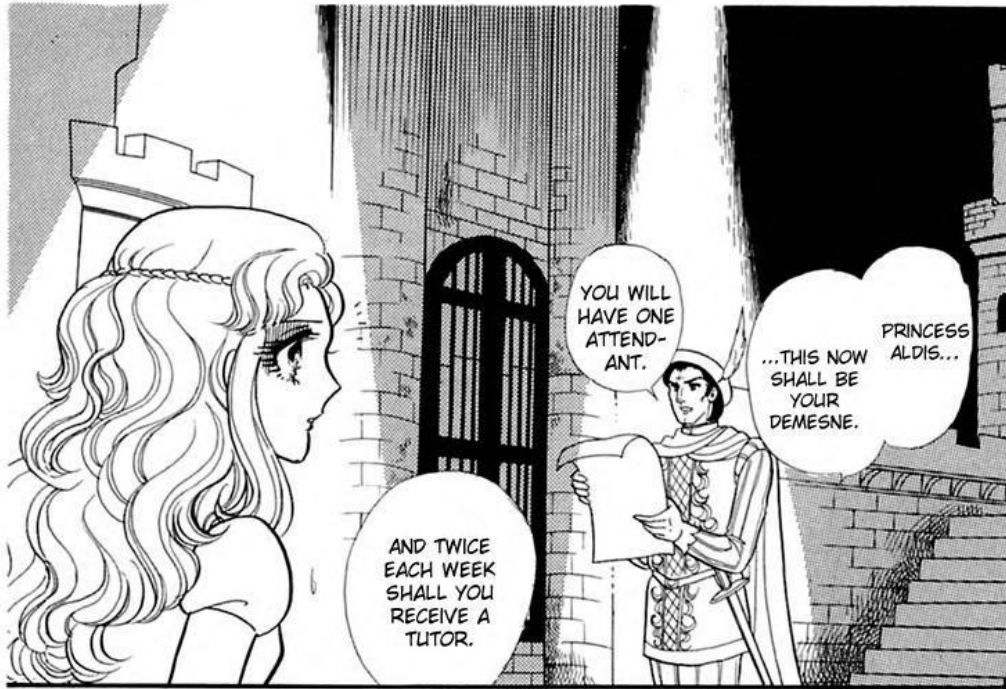
THIS PRISON IS NOW ALDIS' CASTLE.

Whoosh



I AM GLAD TO SEE YOU ARE WELL, YOUR HIGHNESS!

HOW WONDERFUL! T'WAS I AFEARED NEVER TO SEE THEE AGAIN!



AND TWICE EACH WEEK SHALL YOU RECEIVE A TUTOR.

YOU WILL HAVE ONE ATTENDANT.

...THIS NOW SHALL BE YOUR DEMESNE.

PRINCESS ALDIS...



CAST OFF ALL AMBITION.

SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN SHOWN MERCY...



WALK EITHER IN THE INNER COURTYARD OR THE TOWER

YOU WILL BE GIVEN TWO MEALS A DAY.

THE PRIEST ONCE A WEEK.

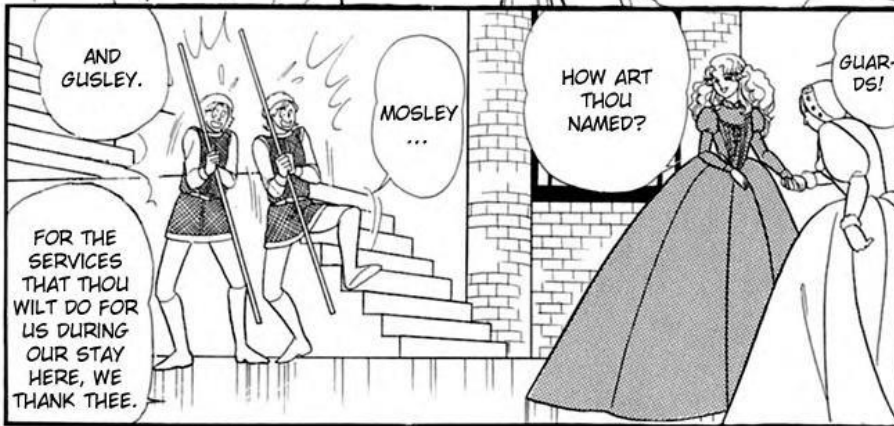


VIENA, FORGIVE ME. 'TIS DUE TO ME THAT THOU ART HERE...

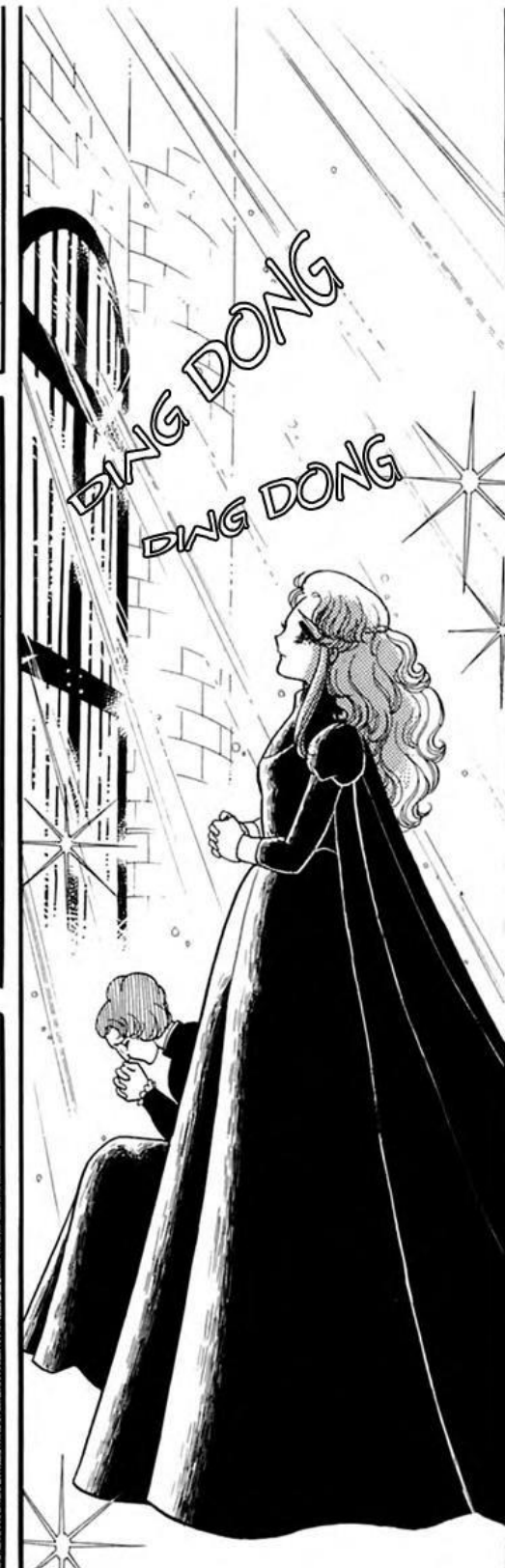
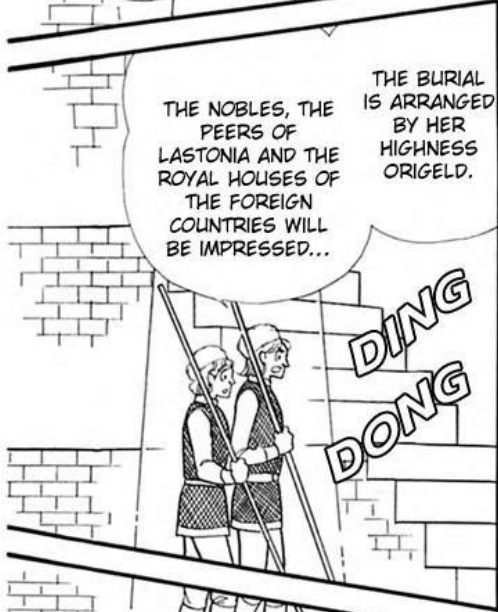
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT! I WILL FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE...!

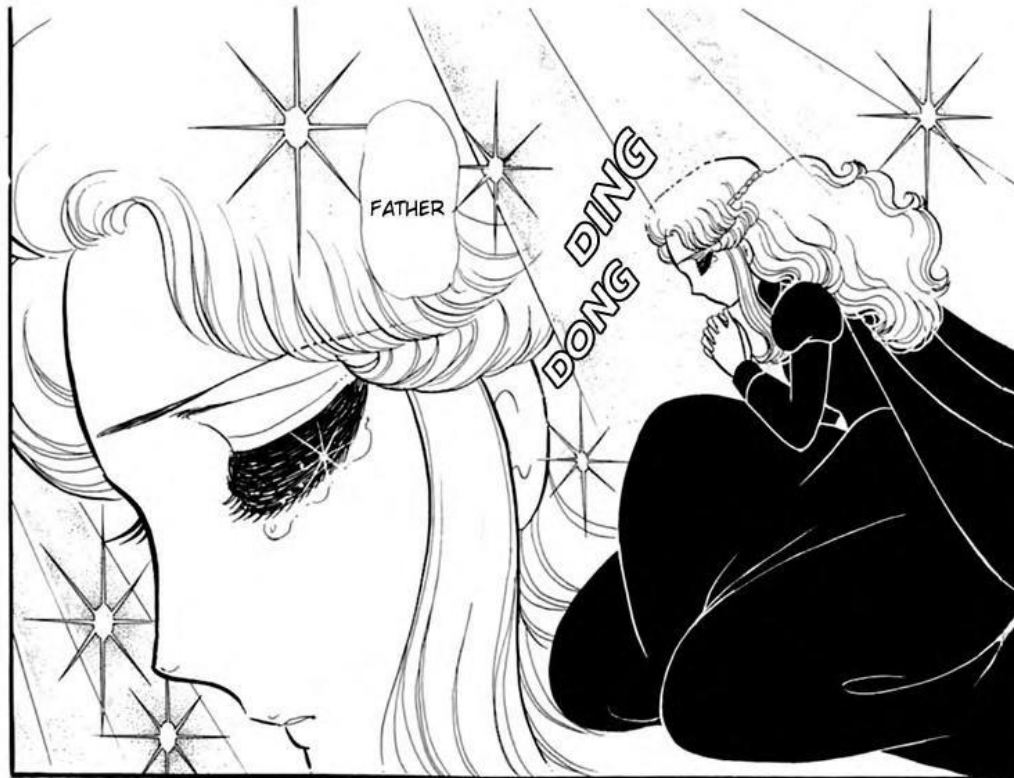
YOUR HIGHNESS, ALL YOUR LIFE HAVE YOU RESIDED WITHIN THE PALACE KNOWING NO RESTRICTIONS. TO RESIDE HERE NOW PERFORCE...

... ENDURING SUCH SHAME...!









**SOB**



<p>YOU ARE ENRAGED ...</p> <p>FOR WHAT MY GRANDFATHER AND MOTHER DID TO YOU.</p>	<p>AND THE FUNERARY PROCESSION?</p> <p>BUT I BEG OF YOU, BE MERCIFUL AND SPARE THEIR LIVES.</p>	<p>HOW WAS THE BURIAL OF OUR FATHER?</p> <p>I THANK YOU FOR THE MOURNING CLOTHES YOU HAVE SENT ME.</p> <p>I HOPE HE HAD A SERENE EXPRESSION.</p>	<p>DEAR SISTER ORIGELD...</p>
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