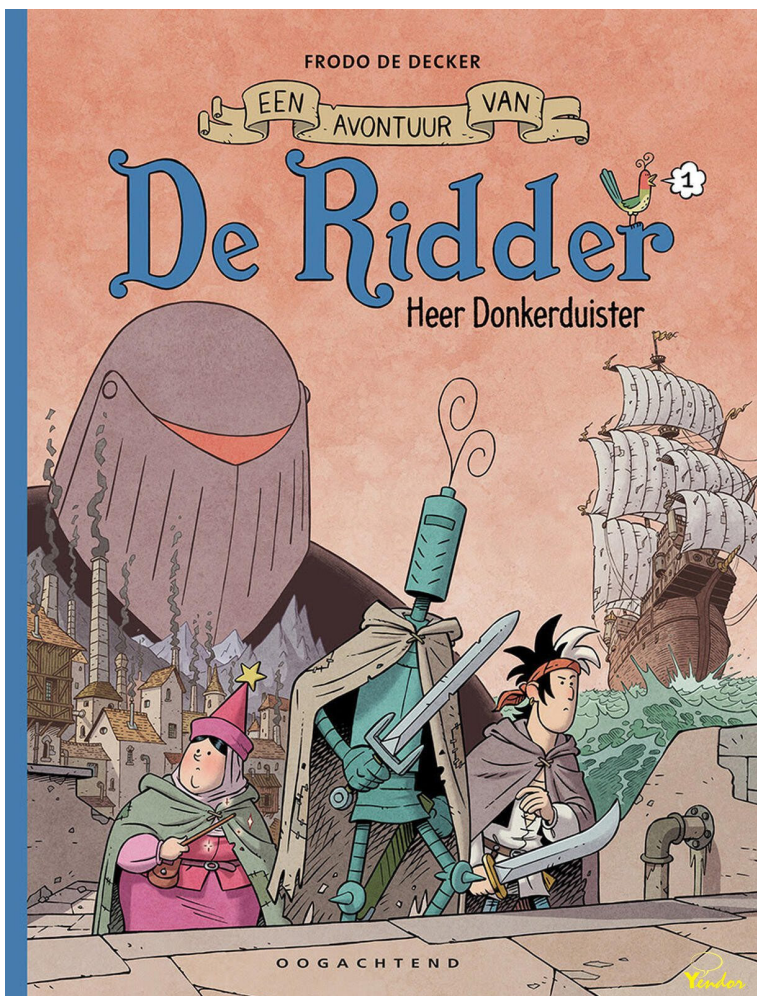


## The Knight

Frodo De Decker



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The most beautiful princess on earth, Princess Lilly, is in danger. Her faithful confidante Agatha sets out in search of the hero who can save her from the hands of the terrible, humourless Lord Darkasdusk and his army of jarring jesters. Through an unfortunate chain of events, this burden lands upon the iron shoulders of our Knight. We will have to see how that pans out...

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**3.**

**Hard to starboard!  
Ease the jib!  
Raise the mainsail!**

**Th... The jarring jesters!**

**4.**

**Barricade the door, Agatha!**

**I'm not sure this will hold them back long, Princess!  
Doesn't matter...**

**We don't need long.**

**You need to give this to Omar Salmonella! He should be somewhere in the  
promised land. He's an old friend of my father's, the king.  
But...**

**NO! I refuse to leave you on your own, Princess Lilly! I will take care of  
those jesters in their silly zebra-costumes...**

**5.**

**We don't have much time, Agatha!  
But, Princess...**

**Omar Salmonella is our last hope. Find him and give him the letter.**

**Ohhhh, Princess!  
I can take care of myself, Lady Agatha. You know that, right?**

**Of course I know that! Don't you remember who trained you?  
You did, Agatha.**

**But you must leave now, they're coming!**

**Alright then, if I must.  
Hup!**

**Abracadabra...**

**POOF**

**There!**

**See you soon, Princess!**

**Quick, now!**

**6.**

**MAKE ROOM**

**Ahem, ahem...**

**Lord Darkasdusk!**

**7.**

**Princess Lilly. If you would be so kind to join us.**

**And if you'd be so kind to go to hell!**

**What do you say to that?**

**You have a sense of humour, I see.**

**You'll have to lose that. There is no laughing in grimland.**

**None!**

**8.**

**A few days later, near Jerusalem...**

**Is that all you've got, Knighty?**

**Come on, make a move!**

**Ay!**

**Oof!**

**Hey!**

**Oops!**

**9.**

**You attack your opponent when he's on the ground?! You coward!**

**Nobody calls Omar Salmonella coward and goes unpunished!**

**Get up and grab your sword, smokestack!**

**I will fight you with this knife alone.**

**Ahem...**

**Are you Omar Salmonella?**

**Erm... Yes.**

**The legendary warrior? The best swordsman who ever walked this earth?  
You're making me blush, ma'am...**

**Then, I have a message for you.  
For me?**

**10.**

**Who is trying to reach old Omar these da...**

**Aaaargh**

**Ha!**

**I killed the great Omar Salmonella! The best swordsman ever!**

**You incredible jackass! You fool! You spineless, conniving spaghetti noodle!**

**Now, now! No need to get all worked up.**

**Besides, spaghetti hasn't even been invented yet. I insist you take that  
back!**

**You don't understand, idiot! Omar Salmonella was the only man on earth  
who could've saved Princess Lilly!**

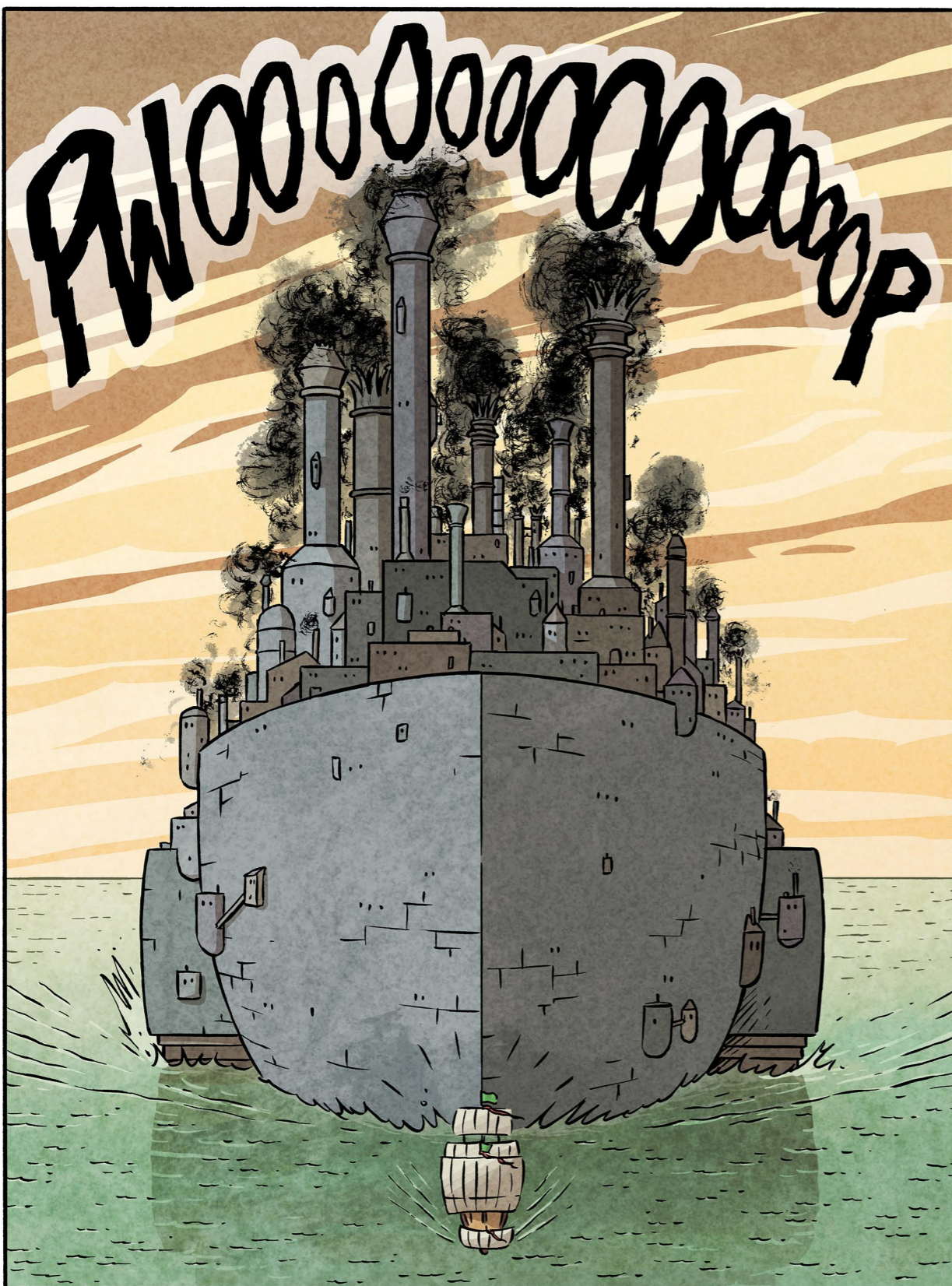
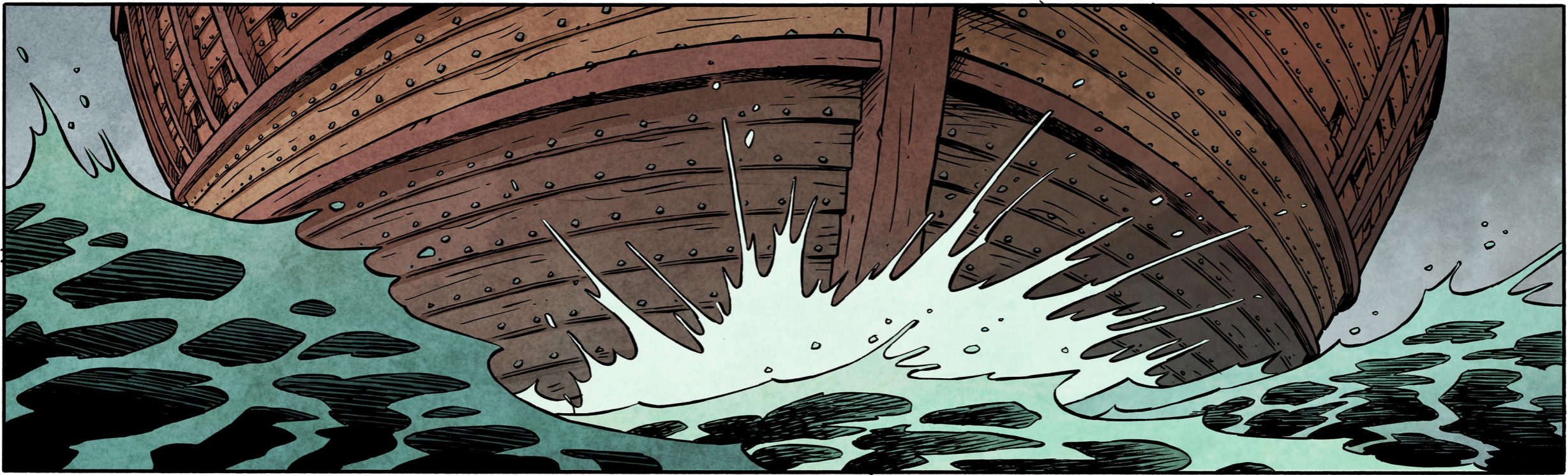
**A Princess you say, huh? Is she a...Erm...very good looking Princess?**

**Princess Lilly is the most beautiful Princess the world has ever seen.**

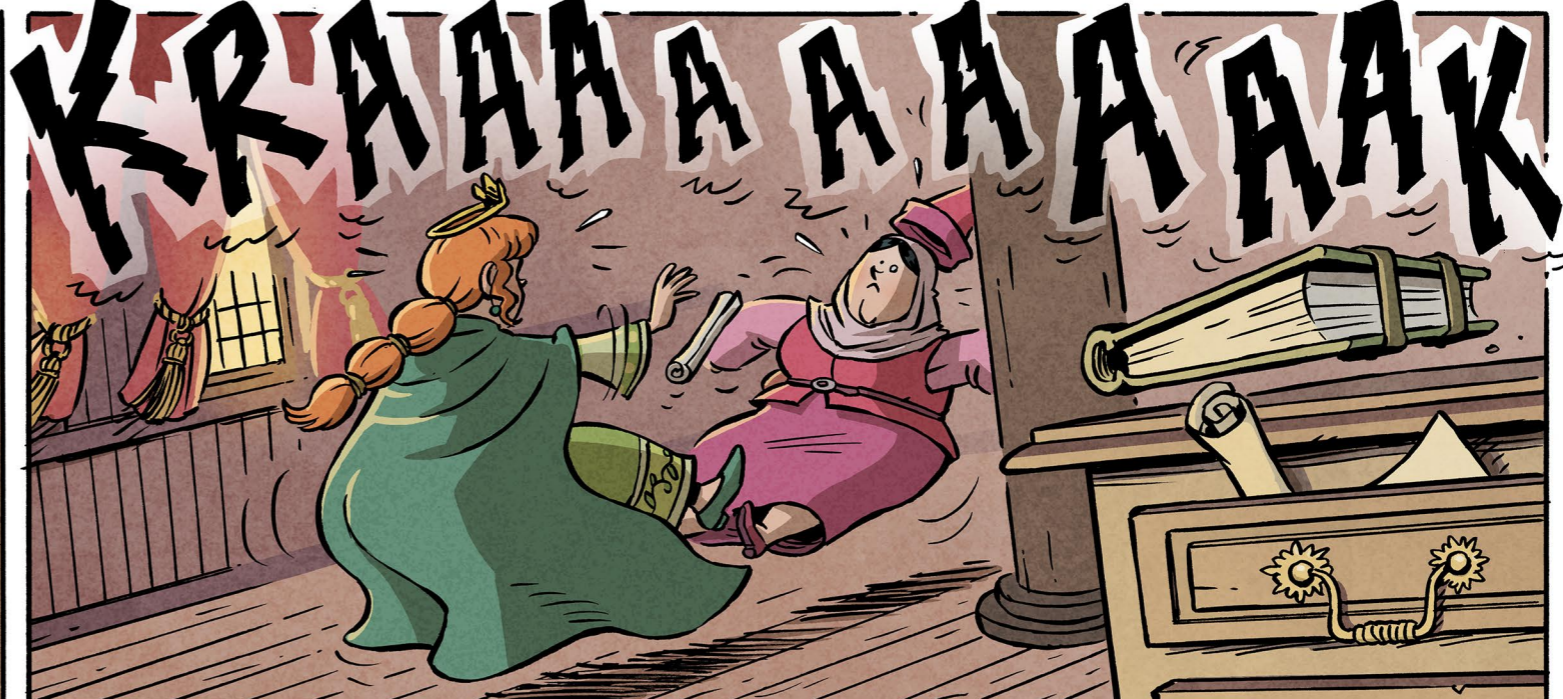
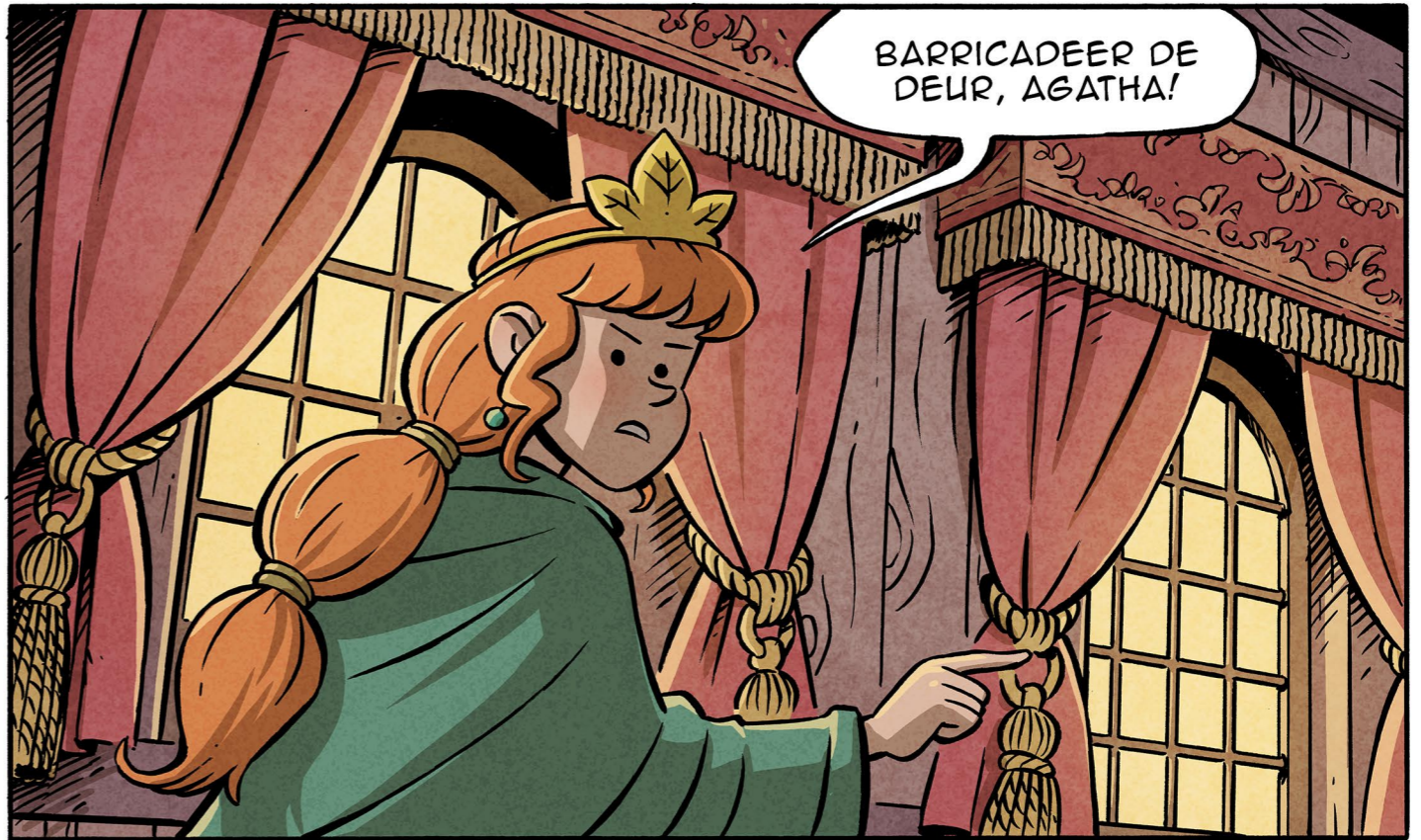
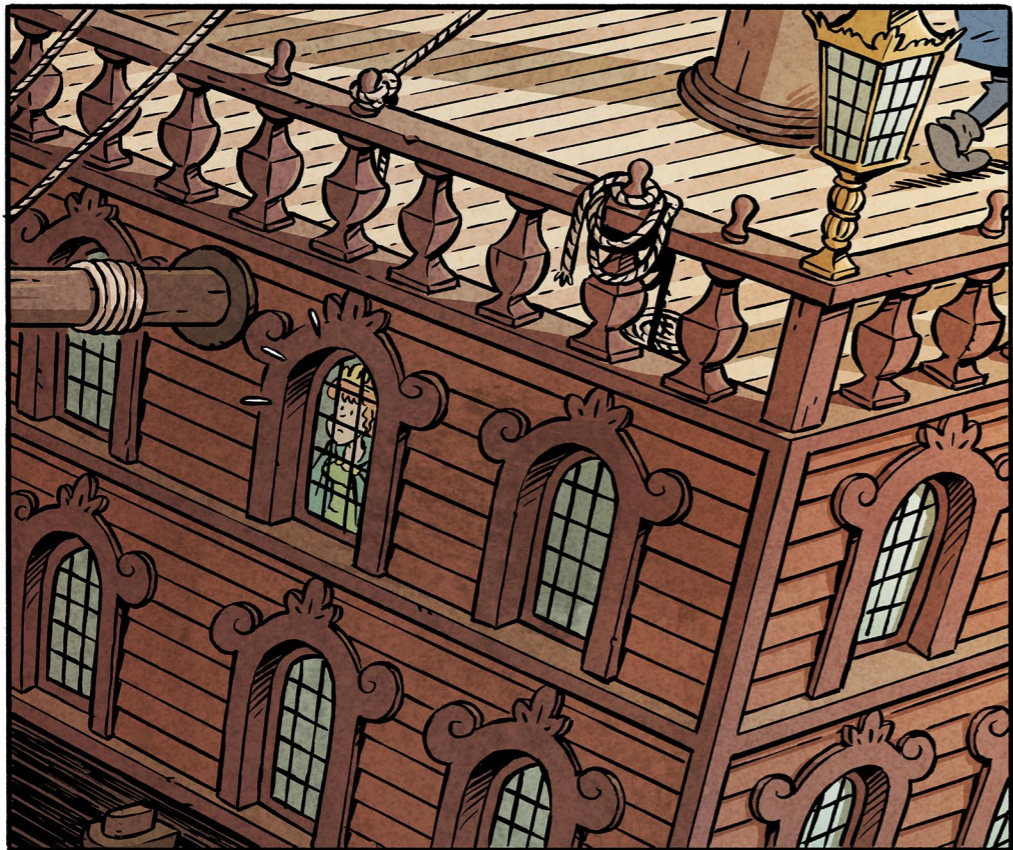
**In that case.**

**Let me see that letter.**













WE HEBBEN MAAR WEINIG TIJD, AGATHA!

MAAR PRINSES...



OMAR SALMONELLA IS ONZE LAATSTE HOOP. VIND HEM EN GEEF HEM DE BRIEF.



OOOOH, PRINSES!

IK RED ME WEL, VROUWE AGATHA. DAT WEET JE TOCH?



NATUURLIJK WEET IK DAT! WIE HEEFT JOU OPGELEID MISSCHIEN?

JIJ, AGATHA.



MAAR NU MOET JE ECHT VERTREKKEN, ZE KOMEN ERAAN!



OKÉ, DAN. ALS HÉT MOET.

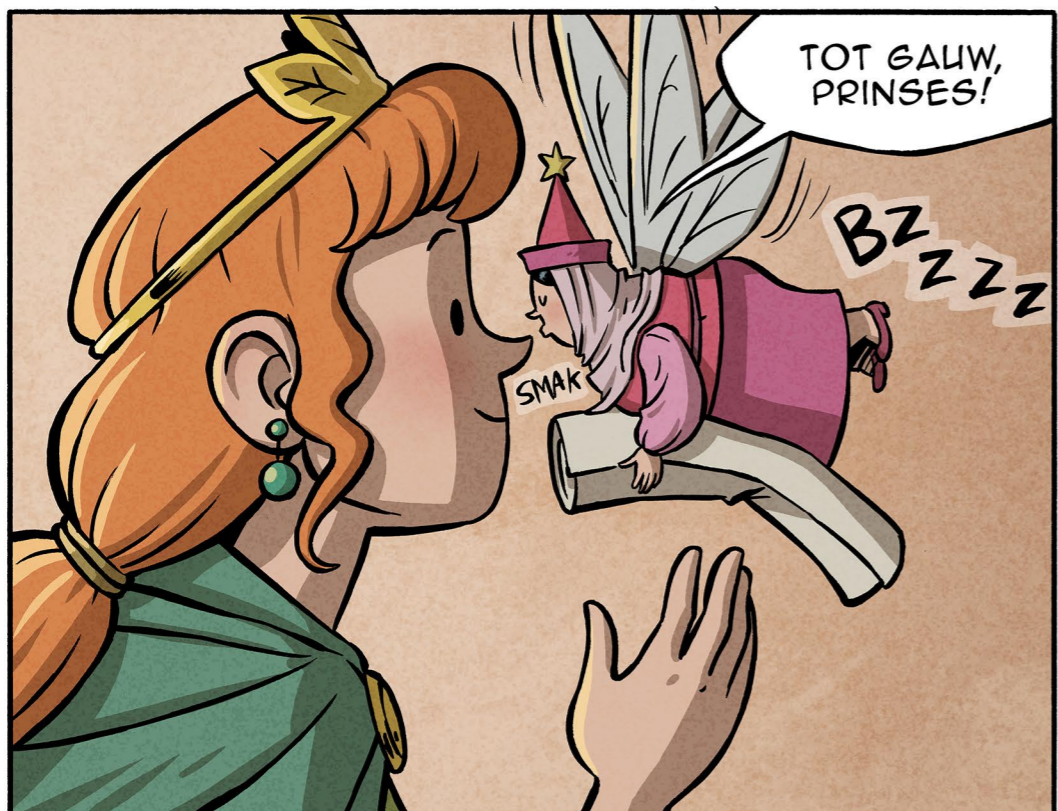
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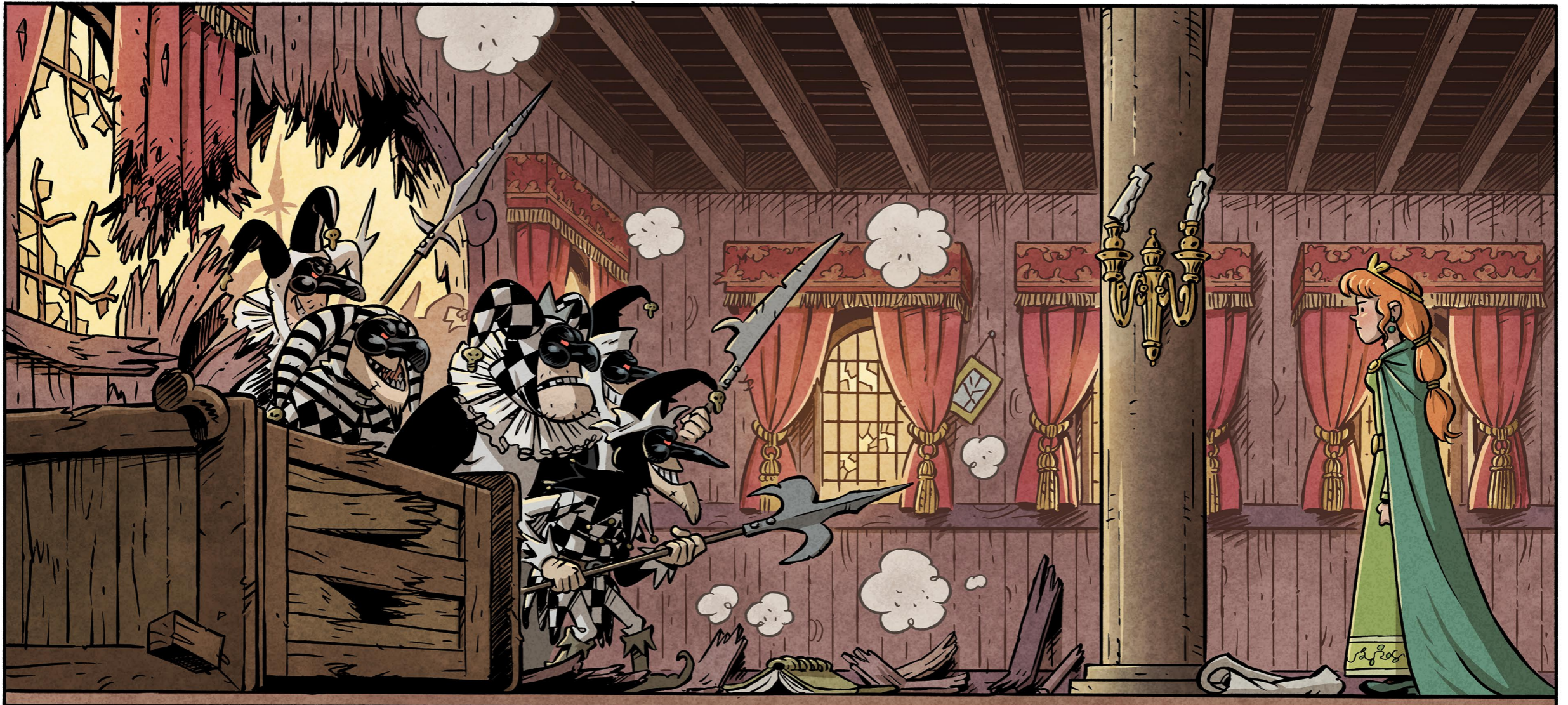
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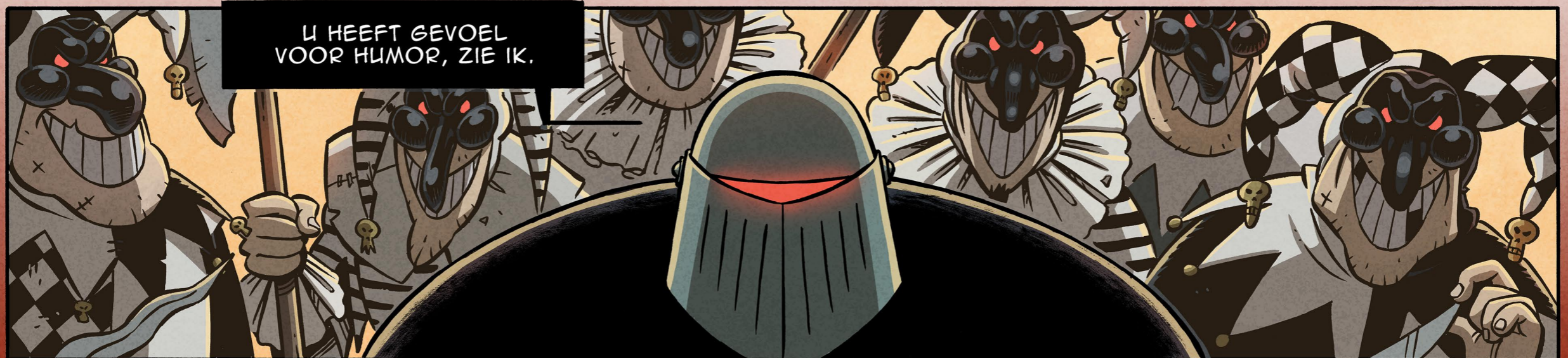


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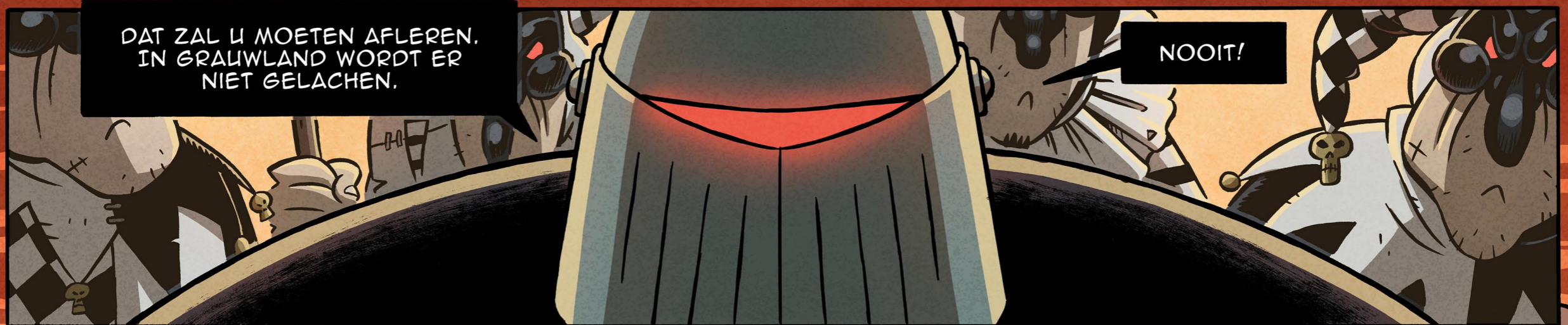


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WAT DACHT U DAARVAN?

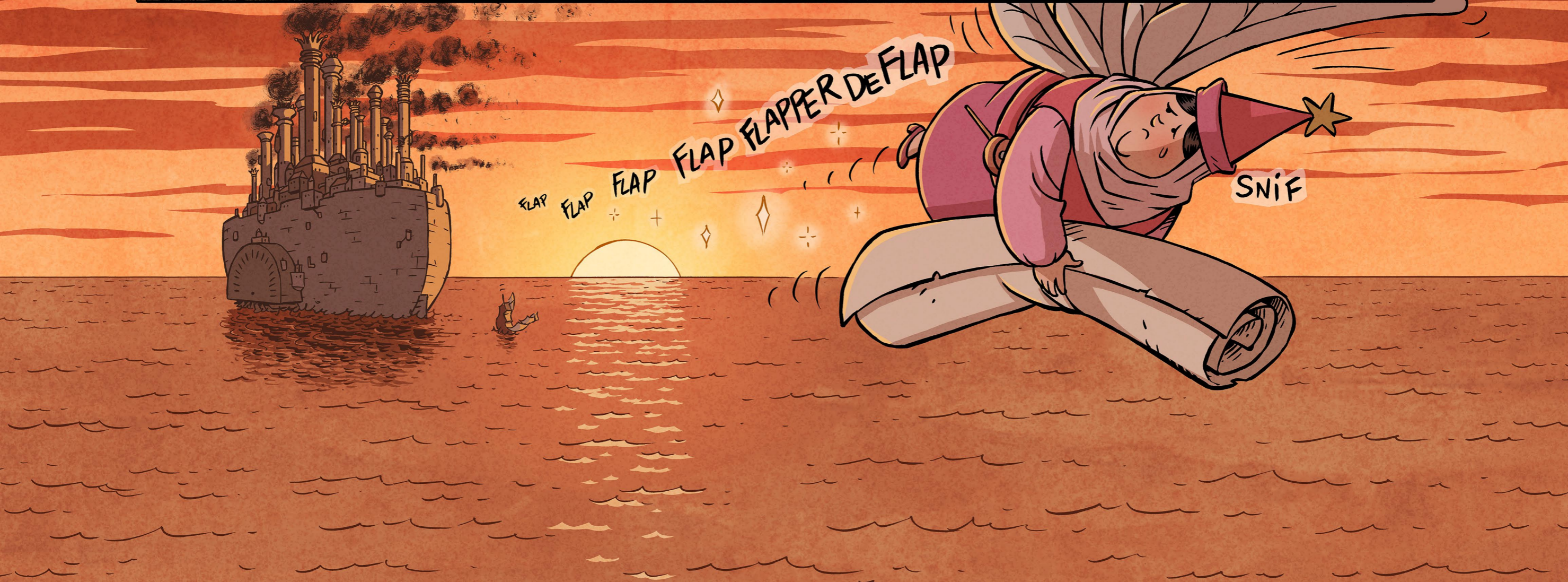


U HEEFT GEVOEL VOOR HUMOR, ZIE IK.



DAT ZAL U MOETEN AFLEREN. IN GRAUWLAND WORDT ER NIET GELACHEN.

NOOIT!



FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAPPER DE FLAP

SNIF



ENKELE DAGEN LATER,  
NABIJ JERUZALEM...

