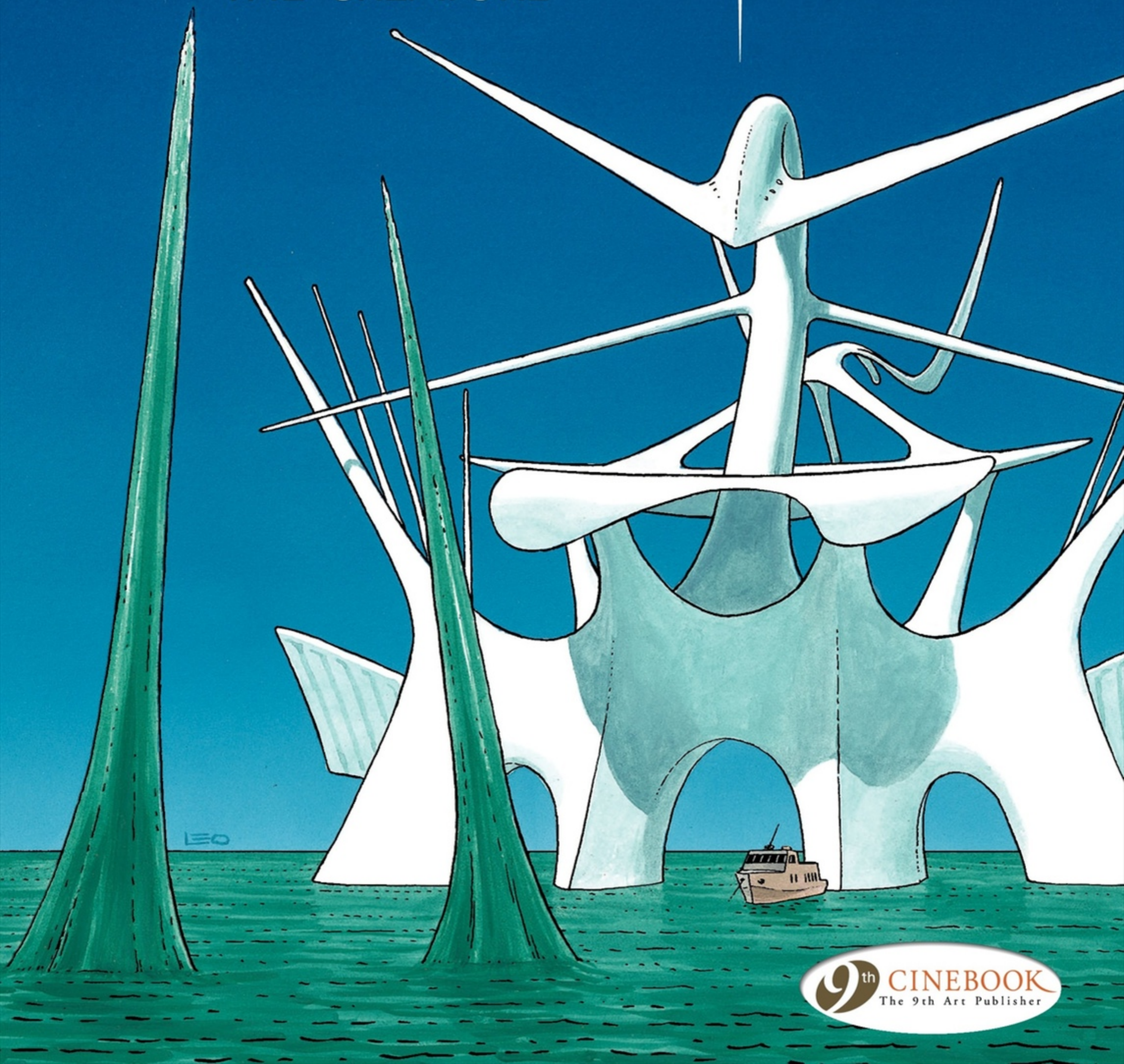




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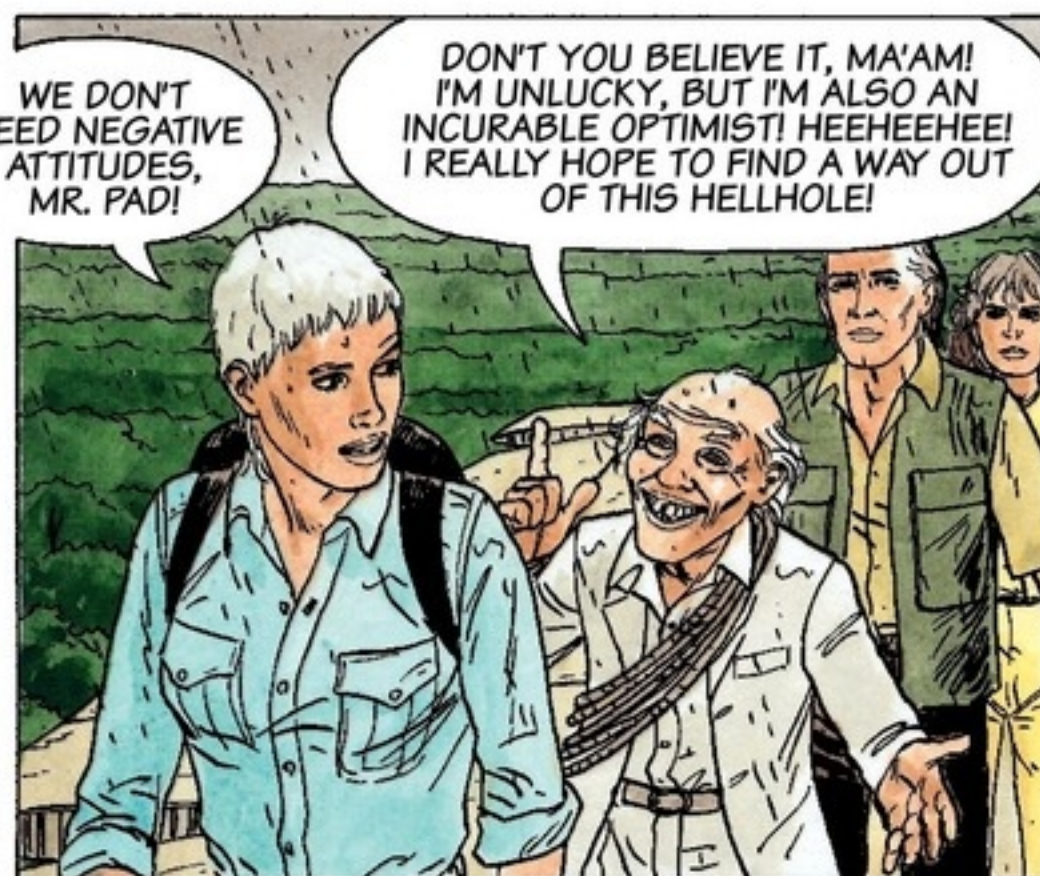
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5. THE CREATURE



BAD LUCK!
I'VE ALWAYS HAD BAD LUCK!
JUST AT THE VERY MOMENT I'M
OFFERED IMMORTALITY, I END UP IN
THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE ON THE
WHOLE PLANET! AND, WHAT'S MORE,
IT'S RAINING! THAT'S PRETTY
ROTTEN FOR ROTTEN LUCK!
HEEHEEHEE!



WE DON'T
NEED NEGATIVE
ATTITUDES,
MR. PAD!

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT, MA'AM!
I'M UNLUCKY, BUT I'M ALSO AN
INCURABLE OPTIMIST! HEEHEEHEE!
I REALLY HOPE TO FIND A WAY OUT
OF THIS HELLHOLE!



SO YOU DON'T
THINK MUCH OF MY
SUGGESTION, THEN, TO
BUILD A RAFT THAT WILL
TAKE US DOWN THE
RIVER?

TO BE
FRANK, MA'AM,
I THINK BUILDING A
RAFT WITH OUR PITIFUL
TOOLS IS A BIT OF A
FAR-FETCHED
IDEA...



...AND ANYWAY, THE RIVER
IS FULL OF GREAT, BIG, EVIL
BEASTS... WE'D NEED AN
ALMIGHTILY SOLID RAFT;
AN ARMoured RAFT!



DO YOU HAVE
ANOTHER IDEA,
MR. PAD?

ERR... NO!
HEEHEEHEE! NOT
FOR THE MOMENT,
SENATOR.



I THINK THE SAFEST
THING TO DO IS TO STAY
HERE. SOONER OR LATER,
THE WRECKAGE WILL
BE SPOTTED.

NOBODY ASKED YOU! IT'LL BE
YOUR POLICE COLLEAGUES WHO FIND
THE WRECKAGE FIRST! WHAT'S THE POINT
IN ESCAPING THE MARSHES TO GO AND
DIE IN GOVERNMENT JAILS?



OW, OW, OW! I'M TERRIBLE AT THIS KIND OF PHYSICAL STUFF! I'M NOT A SPORTY PERSON AT ALL!

ME NEITHER, MY DEAR LI! AND I DON'T HAVE THE VITALITY OF YOUTH!



TO BE HONEST, THE IDEA OF REACHING THE RIVER BY THE TREES SEEMED EVER MORE IMPOSSIBLE TO ME. BUT I COULDN'T SEE ANY OTHER SOLUTION. WE COULDN'T RISK GOING DOWN TO THE MARSHY, BEAST-INFESTED GROUND.



AT FIRST WE MANAGED TO MAKE PROGRESS WITHOUT TOO MANY PROBLEMS. WE WENT OVER NEARLY HORIZONTAL BROKEN BRANCHES.



BUT AT THE FIRST DIFFICULTY, OUR MARCH IMMEDIATELY SLOWED RIGHT DOWN.



SOON AFTER THAT, LI SLIPPED AND FELL A FIRST TIME.

LOOK OUT!

AGHI!



JOSE AND I HELPED HER UP WITHOUT TOO MUCH TROUBLE.

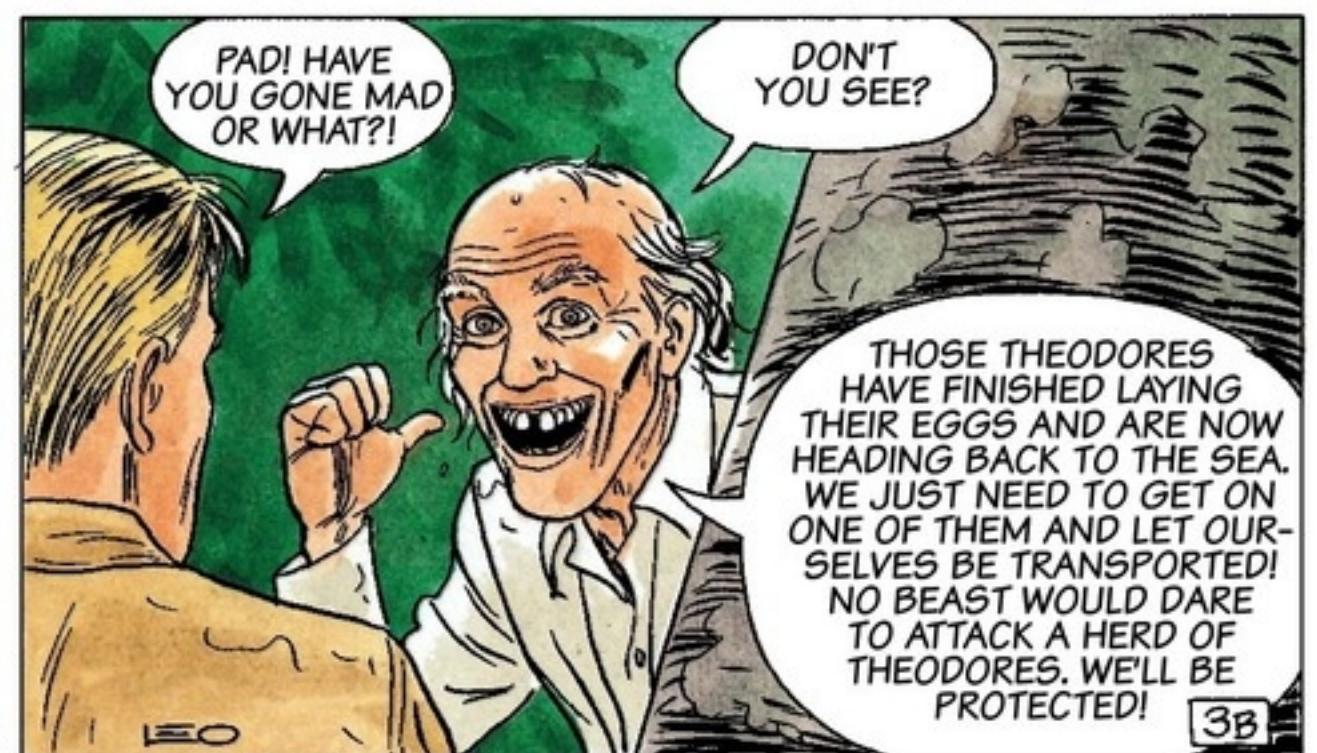
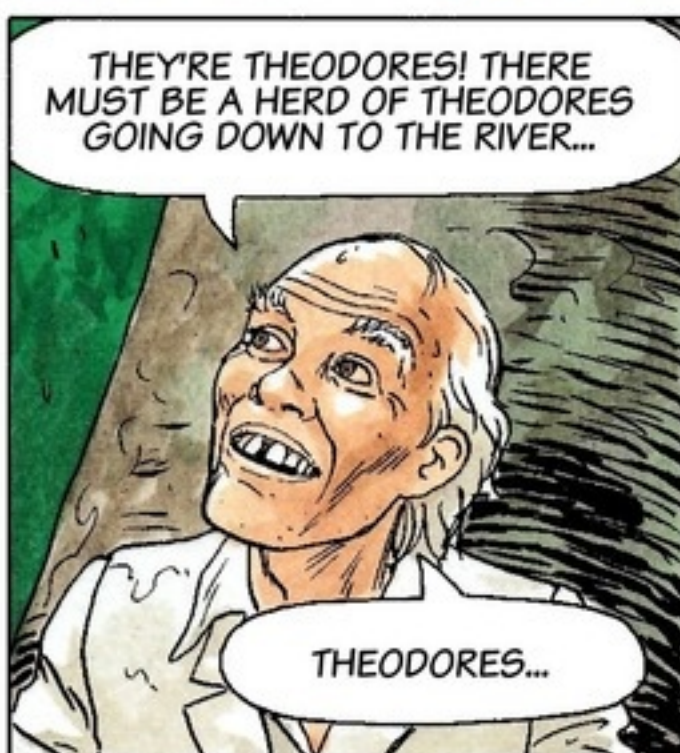
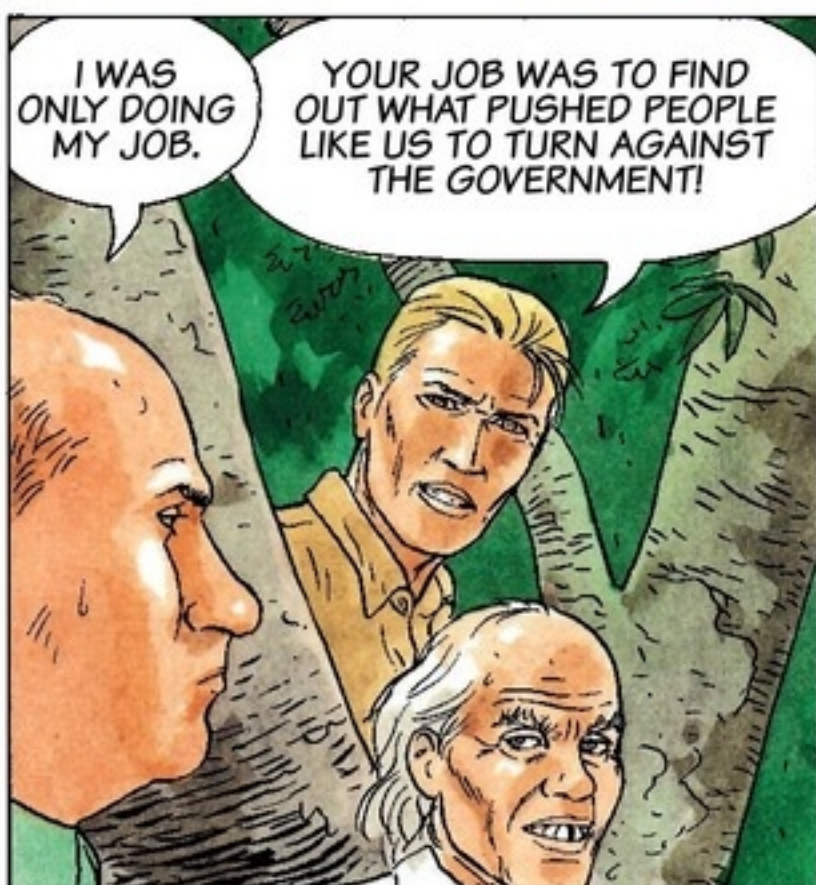


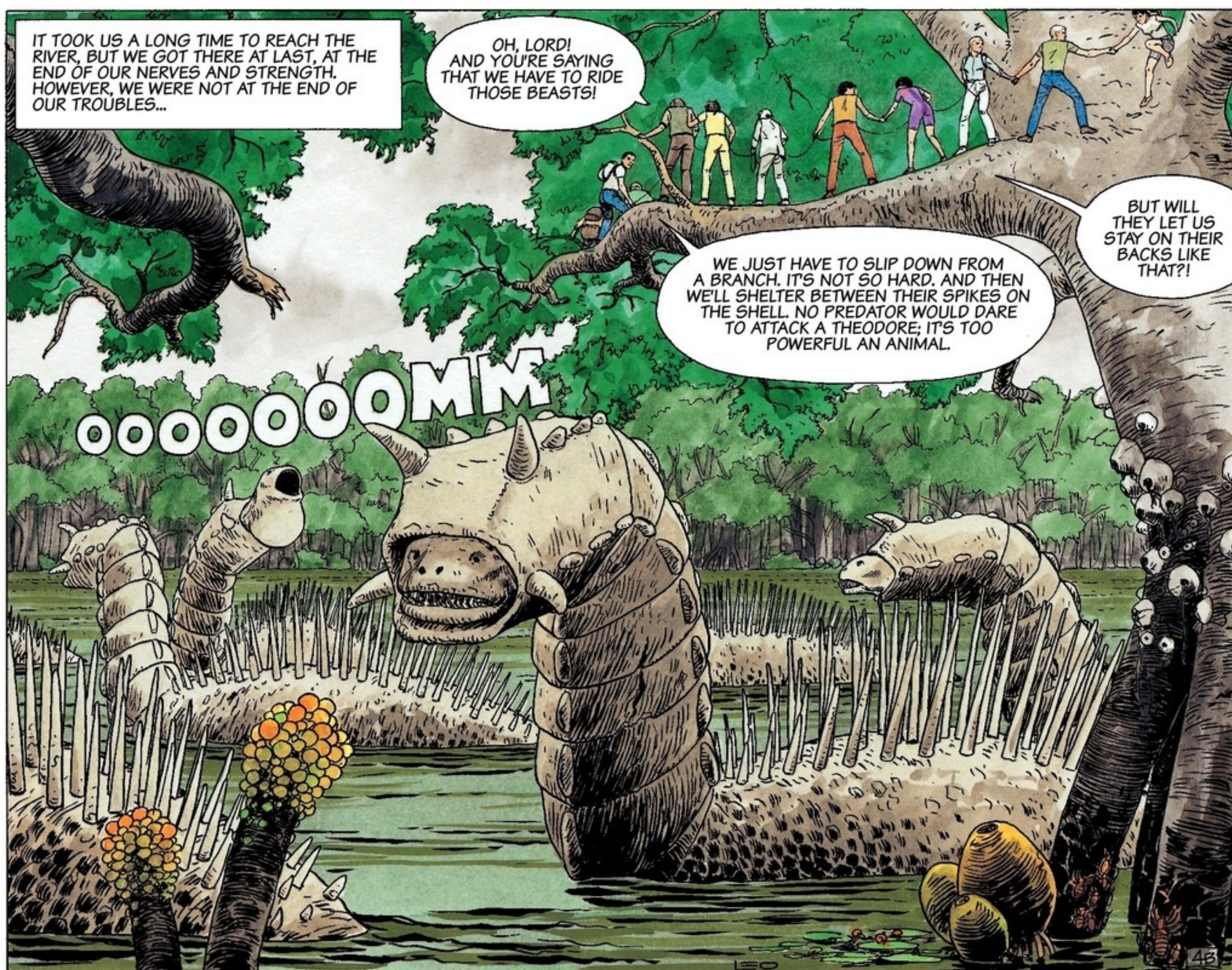
THE SECOND TIME, THOUGH, I WAS CAUGHT OFF GUARD.

AAAGHI!



FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, LI! YOU COULD LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING A BIT BETTER! JEEZ!







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