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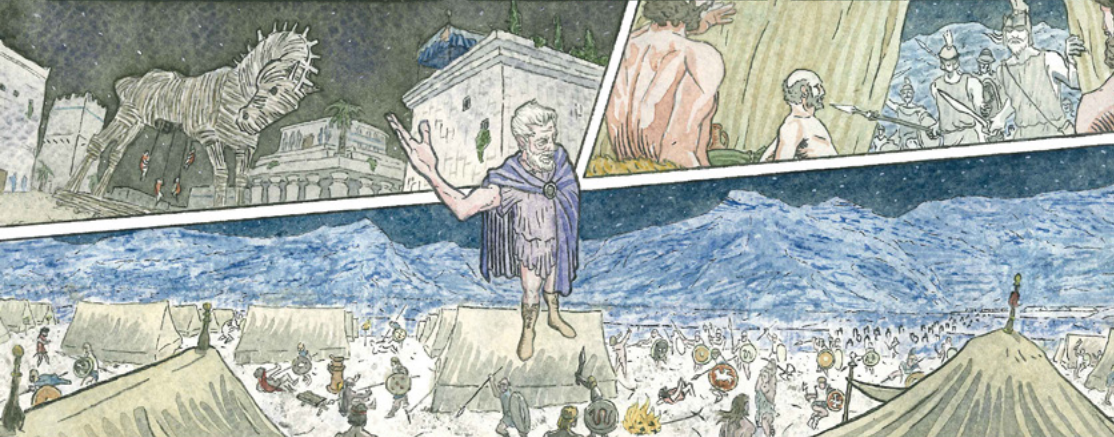
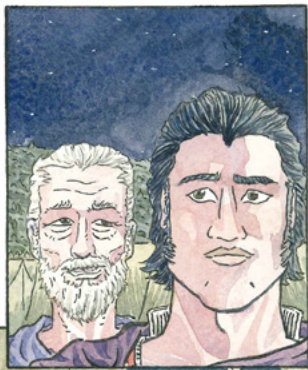
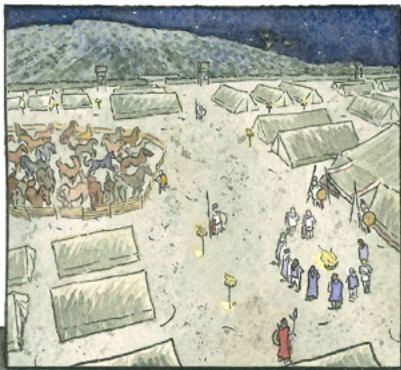


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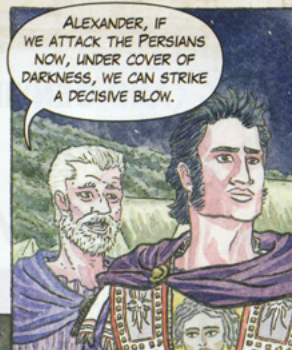
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ALEXANDER'S CAMP, ON THE EVE OF THE BATTLE OF GAUGAMELA, 331 BC...



NO, PARMENION, I REFUSE.



ALEXANDER, IF WE ATTACK THE PERSIANS NOW, UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, WE CAN STRIKE A DECISIVE BLOW.



WE HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.



REMEMBER THE WOODEN HORSE BY WHICH TROY WAS CAPTURED?

OR THE PHOCIANS, WHO COVERED THEMSELVES WITH GYPSUM AND, LIKE GHOSTS, DESCENDED UPON THE THESSALIANS DURING THE NIGHT?

OR THE MELIANS, WHO SNEAKED OUT OF THEIR CITY TO RAID THE CAMP OF THEIR BESIEGERS DURING THE GREAT CONFLICT BETWEEN ATHENS AND THE PELOPONNESIANS?



IN WAR, THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS VICTORY.



I KNOW MY HISTORY, PARMENION. YOU MAKE A CONVINCING CASE...

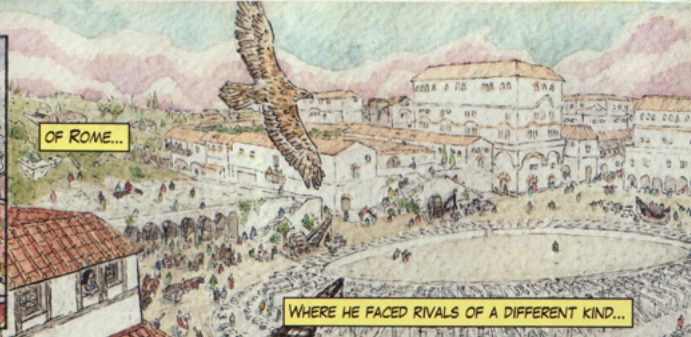
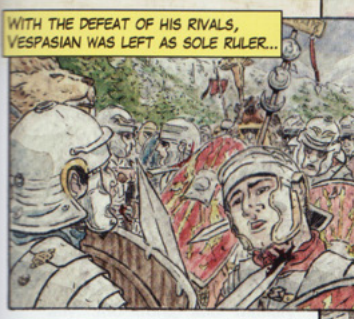


BUT I AM ALEXANDER...



I WILL NOT STEAL MY VICTORY!

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WITH THE DEFEAT OF HIS RIVALS, VESPASIAN WAS LEFT AS SOLE RULER...

OF ROME...

WHERE HE FACED RIVALS OF A DIFFERENT KIND...



THE DOORS OF VESPASIAN'S PALACE WERE SUPPOSEDLY ALWAYS OPEN.



HELVEVICUS PRISCUS, YOU'RE A SKILLED SENATOR. YOU KEEP PEOPLE ON THEIR TOES.

SOME WOULD CALL YOU AN IRRITANT, WITH YOUR INSISTENCE THAT ROME SHOULD BE A REPUBLIC.



I STRIVE TO BE USEFUL, CAESAR.

INDEED. BUT IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO BE USEFUL ELSEWHERE. I FORBID YOU TO ENTER THE SENATE.

IT'S IN YOUR POWER TO STRIP ME OF MY RANK AS SENATOR, BUT AS LONG AS I AM, I MUST GO IN.

FINE, GO INTO THE SENATE THEN. BUT SAY NOTHING.



DON'T ASK MY OPINION AND I'LL BE SILENT.

BUT I MUST ASK YOUR OPINION.

AND I MUST SAY WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT.

BUT IF YOU DO, I SHALL HAVE TO PUT YOU TO DEATH.

WHEN DID I TELL YOU I AM IMMORTAL? YOU DO YOUR PART, I DO MINE.

IT'S YOUR PART TO KILL ME, MINE TO DIE. IT'S YOURS TO BANISH ME, MINE TO DEPART.

PRISCUS WAS EVENTUALLY BANISHED, AND EXECUTED A SHORT TIME LATER.

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DURING THE CORINTHIAN WAR (395-387 BC), THE ATHENIANS AND THEIR ALLIES FOUGHT AGAINST SPARTA, BACKED BY THE PERSIANS.



BUT TIRIBAZUS, PERSIAN SATRAP OF THE WEST, REALIZED ATHENS WAS BECOMING A DANGER.



AFTER A MAJOR DEFEAT, THE SPARTANS SENT THEIR GENERAL ANTALCIDAS TO TIRIBAZUS TO SUE FOR PEACE.

WE ARE WILLING TO ACKNOWLEDGE PERSIAN SUPREMACY OVER THE AEGEAN.

ANTALCIDAS, WHAT JOYOUS NEWS!



THIS, I THINK, CAN BE THE START OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP!

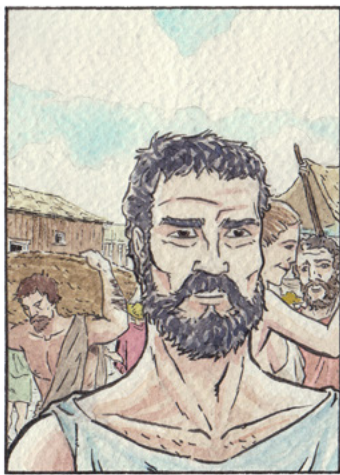


AND INDEED, ANTALCIDAS AND TIRIBAZUS TRAVELLED TOGETHER FROM SARDIS TO SUSA, WHERE THE KING AGREED TO SUPPORT AN ALLIANCE AGAINST ATHENS.

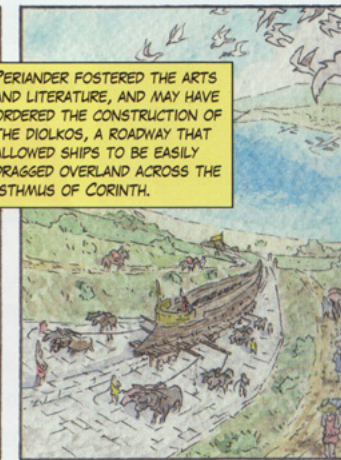
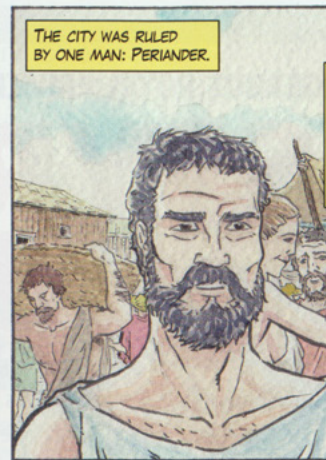


BY 387 BC, THE ATHENIANS AGREED TO NEGOTIATE. THE KING'S PEACE, OR PEACE OF ANTALCIDAS, WAS FORGED. THE SPARTANS HAD SACRIFICED THE GREEKS OF ASIA MINOR TO ONCE AGAIN ASSERT THEIR HEGEMONY OVER THE GREEKS.

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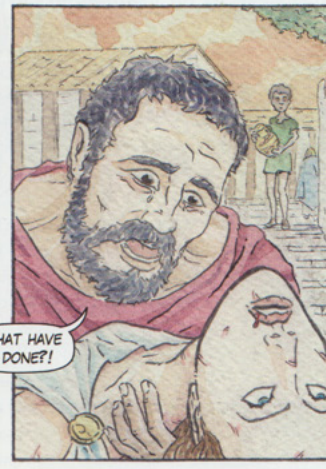
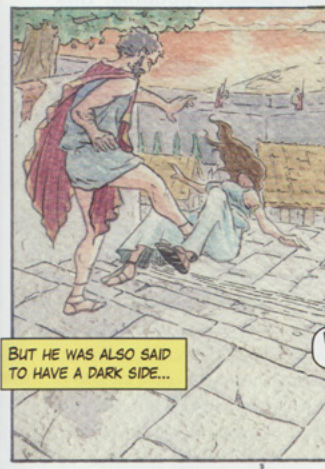


CORINTH IN THE LATE SEVENTH CENTURY BC.



THE CITY WAS RULED BY ONE MAN: PERIANDER.

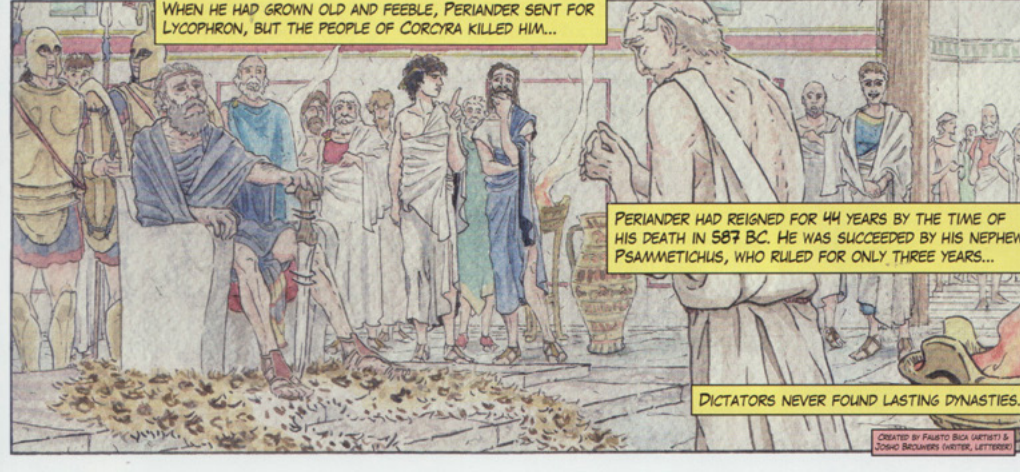
PERIANDER FOSTERED THE ARTS AND LITERATURE, AND MAY HAVE ORDERED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DIOLKOS, A ROADWAY THAT ALLOWED SHIPS TO BE EASILY DRAGGED OVERLAND ACROSS THE ISTHMUS OF CORINTH.



BUT HE WAS ALSO SAID TO HAVE A DARK SIDE...

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

STRUCK BY GRIEF AND ANGER, PERIANDER'S SON LYCOPHRON FLED TO CORCYRA.



WHEN HE HAD GROWN OLD AND FEEBLE, PERIANDER SENT FOR LYCOPHRON, BUT THE PEOPLE OF CORCYRA KILLED HIM...

PERIANDER HAD REIGNED FOR 44 YEARS BY THE TIME OF HIS DEATH IN 587 BC. HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY HIS NEPHEW PSAMMETICUS, WHO RULED FOR ONLY THREE YEARS...

DICTATORS NEVER FOUND LASTING DYNASTIES...

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