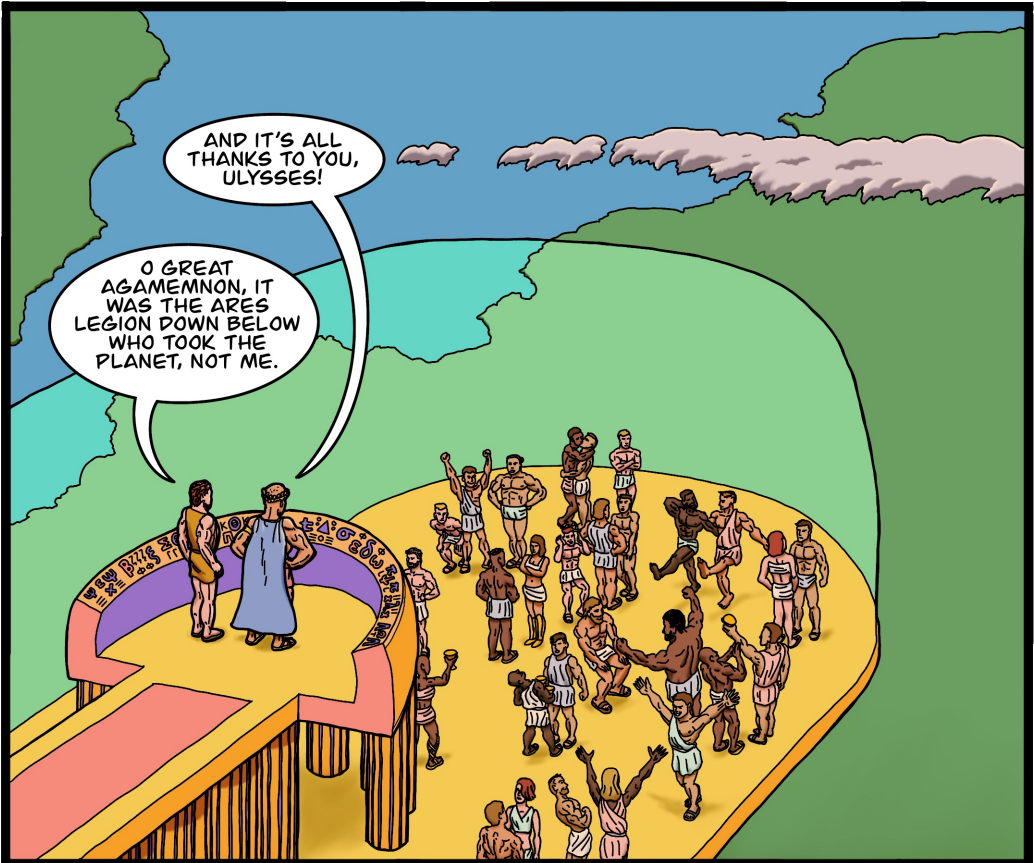
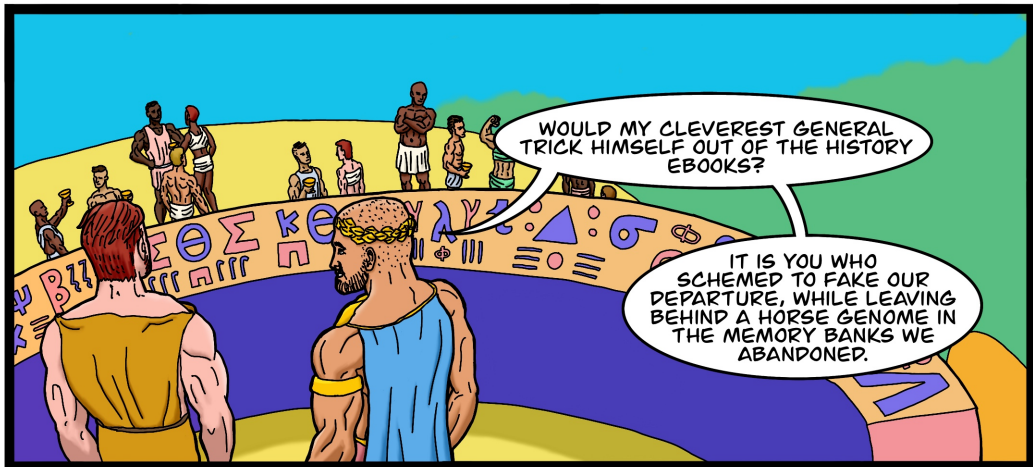


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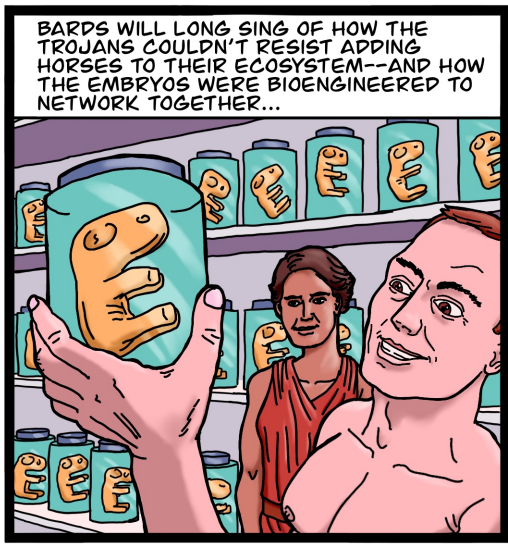
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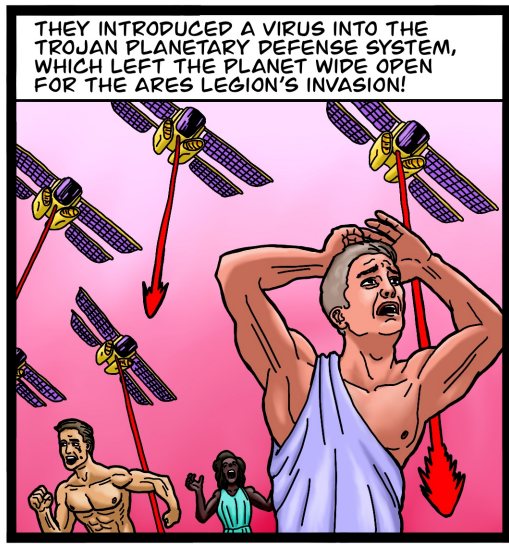


WOULD MY CLEVEREST GENERAL TRICK HIMSELF OUT OF THE HISTORY EBOOKS?

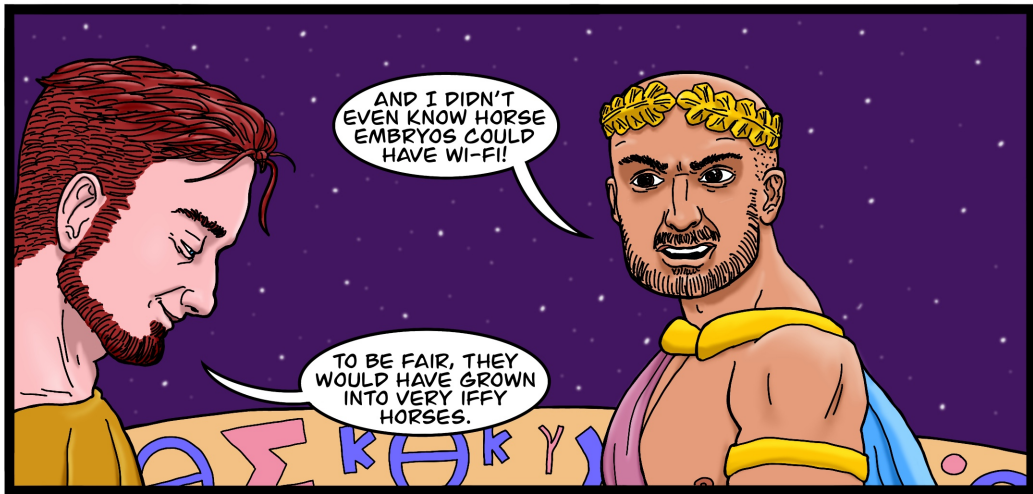
IT IS YOU WHO SCHEMED TO FAKE OUR DEPARTURE, WHILE LEAVING BEHIND A HORSE GENOME IN THE MEMORY BANKS WE ABANDONED.



BARDS WILL LONG SING OF HOW THE TROJANS COULDN'T RESIST ADDING HORSES TO THEIR ECOSYSTEM--AND HOW THE EMBRYOS WERE BIOENGINEERED TO NETWORK TOGETHER...



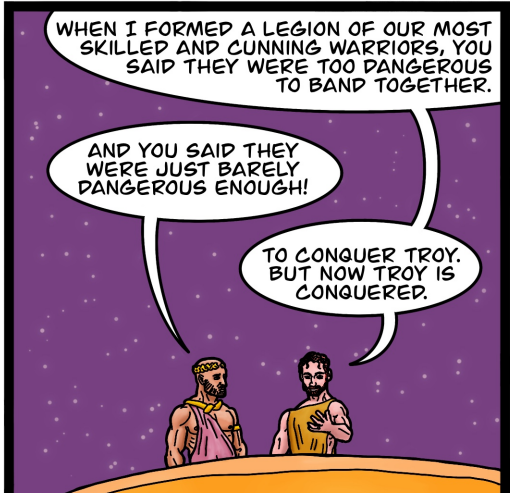
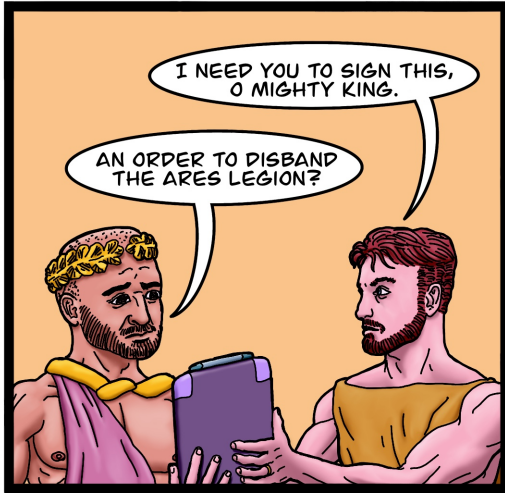
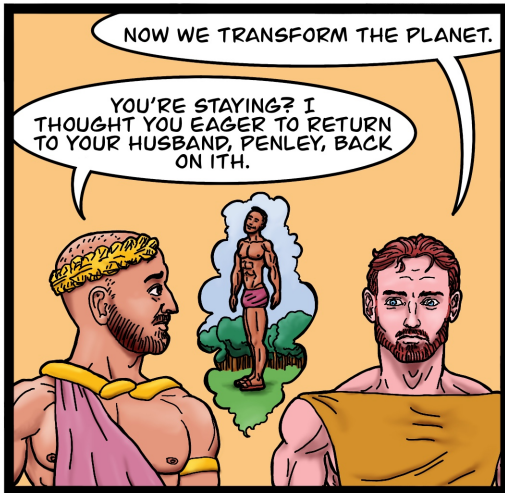
THEY INTRODUCED A VIRUS INTO THE TROJAN PLANETARY DEFENSE SYSTEM, WHICH LEFT THE PLANET WIDE OPEN FOR THE ARES LEGION'S INVASION!

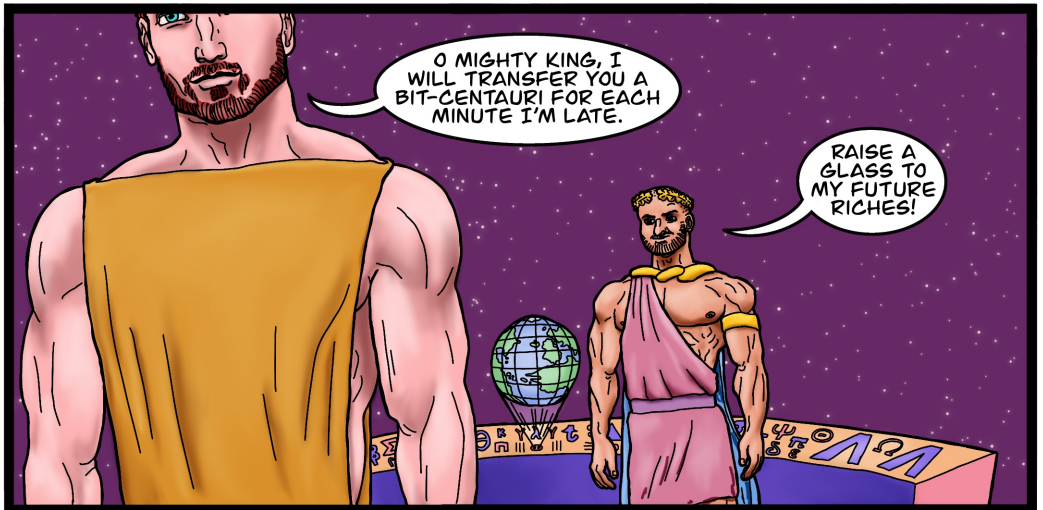
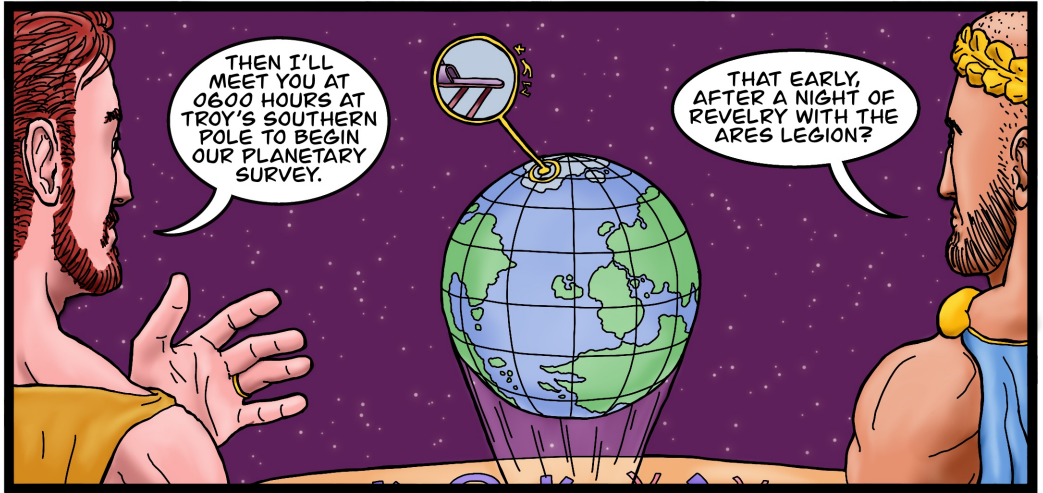
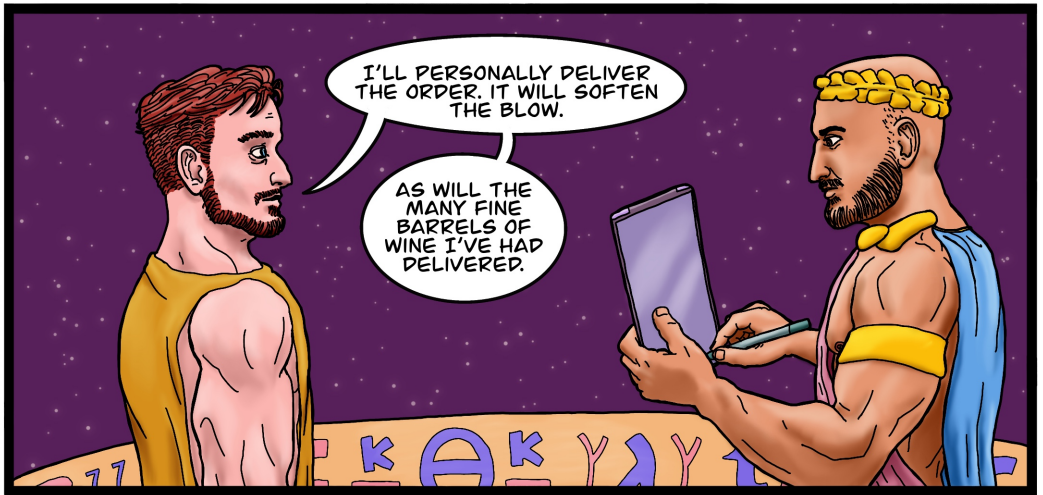


AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HORSE EMBRYOS COULD HAVE WI-FI!

TO BE FAIR, THEY WOULD HAVE GROWN INTO VERY IFFY HORSES.







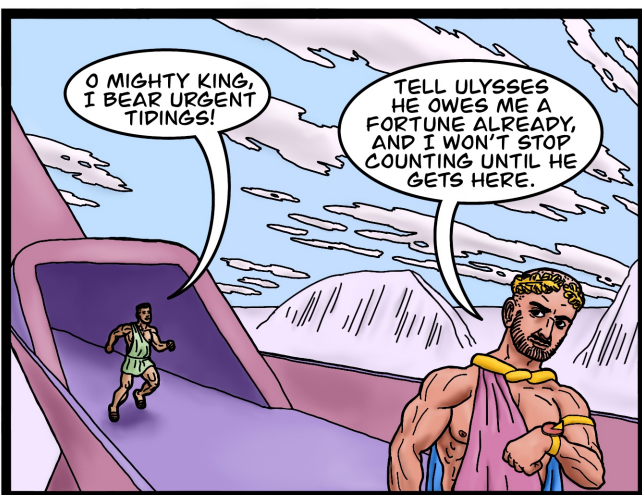


THE NEXT MORNING,  
0903 STAR TIME.



O MIGHTY KING,  
I BEAR URGENT  
TIDINGS!

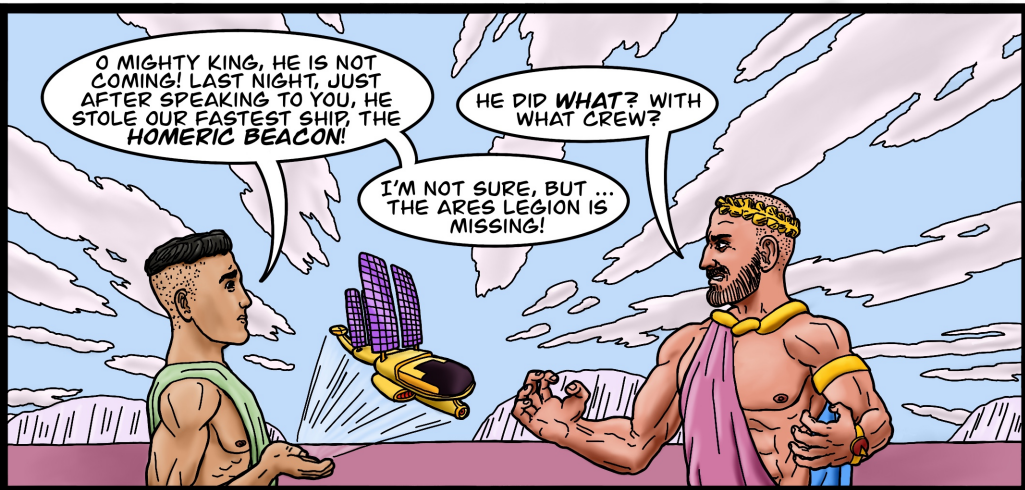
TELL ULYSSES  
HE OWES ME A  
FORTUNE ALREADY,  
AND I WON'T STOP  
COUNTING UNTIL HE  
GETS HERE.



O MIGHTY KING, HE IS NOT  
COMING! LAST NIGHT, JUST  
AFTER SPEAKING TO YOU, HE  
STOLE OUR FASTEST SHIP, THE  
HOMERIC BEACON!

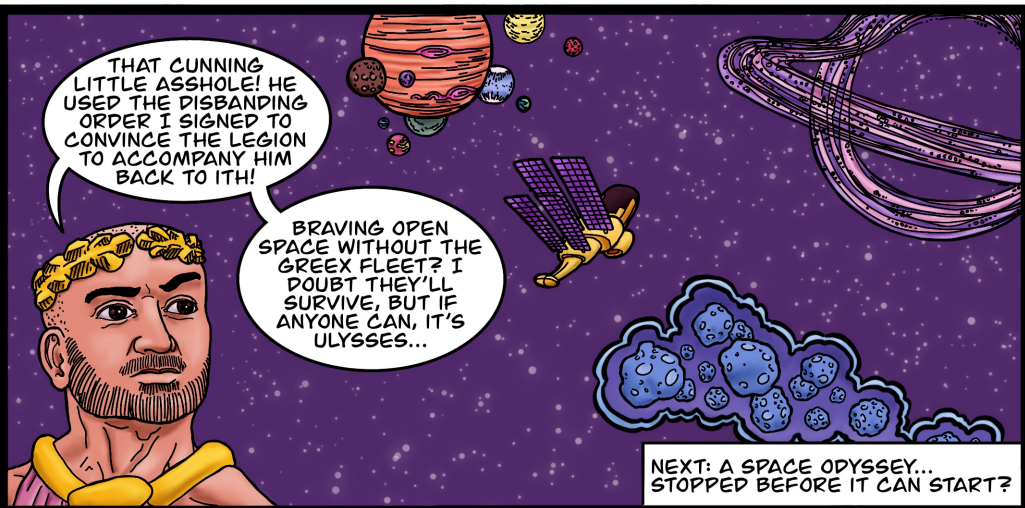
HE DID WHAT? WITH  
WHAT CREW?

I'M NOT SURE, BUT ...  
THE ARES LEGION IS  
MISSING!



THAT CUNNING  
LITTLE ASSHOLE! HE  
USED THE DISBANDING  
ORDER I SIGNED TO  
CONVINCE THE LEGION  
TO ACCOMPANY HIM  
BACK TO ITH!

BRAVING OPEN  
SPACE WITHOUT THE  
GREEK FLEET? I  
DOUBT THEY'LL  
SURVIVE, BUT IF  
ANYONE CAN, IT'S  
ULYSSES...



NEXT: A SPACE ODYSSEY...  
STOPPED BEFORE IT CAN START?