ALEX CALE

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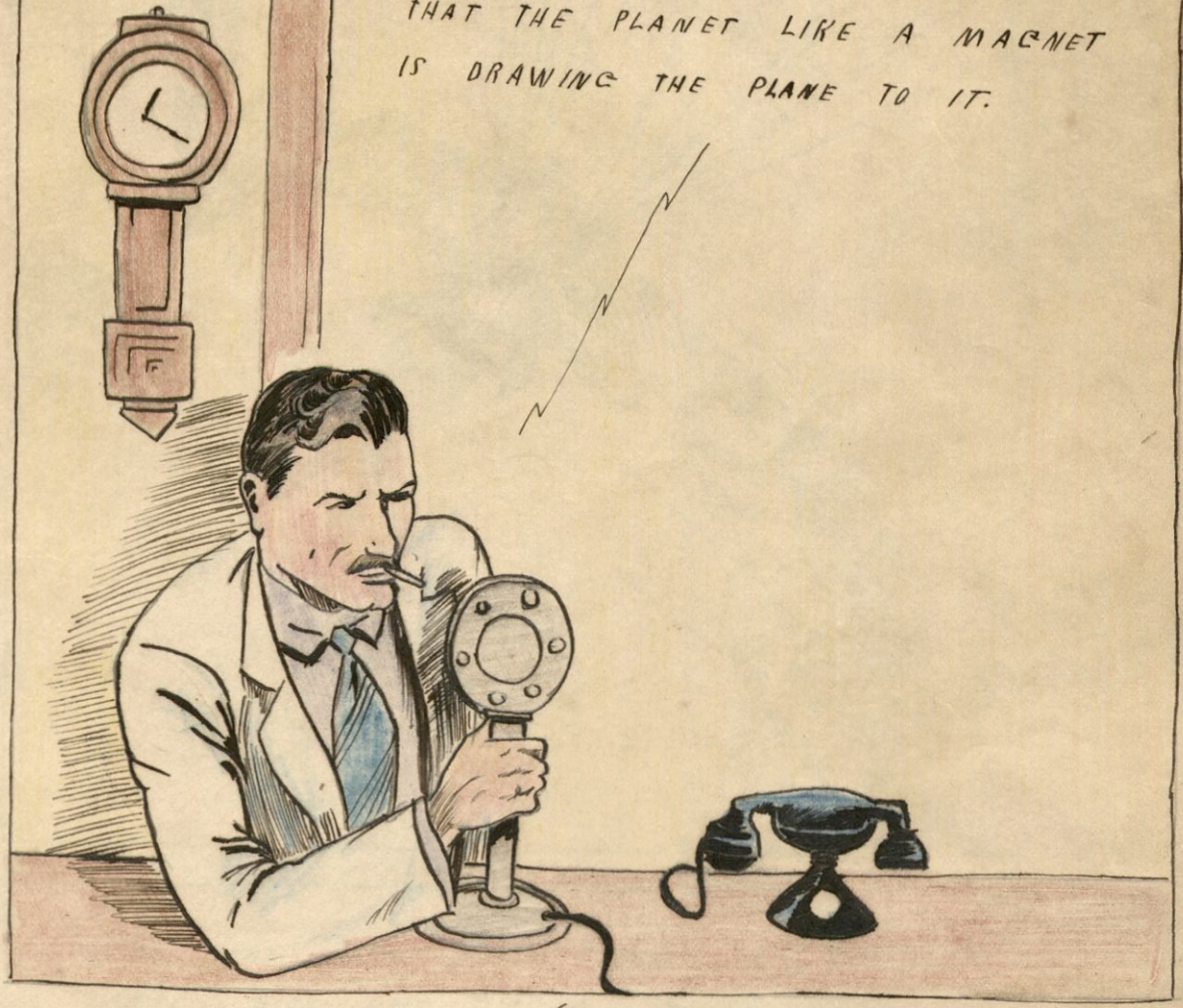
IN A SCHELUDED PART OF NEW YORK ALEX CALE THE WORLD'S CREATEST SCLENCEIST AND HIS SWEET HEART OLIVIA LANE WERE PLANNING A TRIP TO PARIS IN WHICH A CROUPE OF SCIENTIEST WERE COING TO STUDY THE PLANET'S ACTION THROUCH A LARCE TELESCOPE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN YOU CAN REST IN PEACE FOR ABOUT NOON TODAY THE PLANET UNHARMENLLY PASSED THE EARTH.

FLASH — THE PLANE CARRING ALEX CALE AND OLIVIA LANE TO PARIS IS MISSING! SCEENCEIST REPORTS THAT THE GRAVITY SYSTEM ON THE PLANET IS GREATER THAN THAT OF THE EARTH AND THEY BELIEVE THAT THE PLANET LIKE A MAGNET IS DRAWING THE PLANE TO IT.





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SEEING THAT THEY WERE GOING TO HIT THE PLANET ALEX AND OLIVIA BAILED OUT.



AND A MOMENT LATER THEY SAFELY LANDED ON THE STRANGE PLANET WHICH BY THEN WAS FAR FAR FROM THE EARTH.



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FROM THE PLANE THEY SECURED THEIR GUNS AND FROM THE PAPACHUTES ALEX MANAGED TO BUILD TWO CRUDE TENTS.


THE
CREATURE
FOLLOWS CLOSE
BEHIND SO THAT
THEY MIGHT FALL
EASY PREY TO
HIS
EVER READY
CLAWS---



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BUT FROM THE BRUSH SPRANG A LARGE TREE CAT, WHICH SPOILED THE CREATURES PLAN OF CAPTURING HIS FOE.---



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ALEX SNATCHED HIS PISTOL AND FIRED --- THE GREAT JAWS OF THE CAT GAVE A PIERCING SCREAM WHICK ECOHED THROUGH THE GREAT JUNGLE AND THE BEAST DIED BEFORE IT HIT THE GROUND.



BUT OLIVIA RUNNING WHEN SHE SAW THE BEAST STUMBLED INTO A MAN EATING PLANT WHICH AT THAT MOMENT WAS CURSHING THE LIFE OUT OF HER SLIM BODY.



ALEX THINKING THAT OLIVIA HAD ONLY STUMBLED INTO THE VINE, HE WADED INTO THE VINE ONLY FINDING HIM SELF ENCIRCLED BY GREAT ARMS THAT WAS SLOWLY CHOKING HIM TO DEATH.



QUICK AS A FLASH THE CREATURE LEAPED UPON THE ROCK AND WITH A STICK HE BEAT THE TRUNK OF THE PLANT IN-TO. HIS MOTIVE WAS NOT TO SAVE ALEX OLIVIA WAS WHAT HE WANTED____



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AS ALEX AND OLIVIA FREE'D THEMSELVE'S
THEY BADE THE CREATURE TO COME DOWN
BUT INSTEAD HE LEAPED FROM THE ROCK
UPON ALEX_____.



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AS HE STRUCK ALEX THEY BOTH FELL TO THE GROUND BUT LIKE A FLASH THEY WERE UP. ALEX USING AN AFFECTED HOLD SEEMED TO GET THE BETTER OF HIM---



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BUT THE CREATURE JERKED AWAY.---
SLUNG HIS CLUB-HITTING HIM ON THE HEAD AND ALEX DROPPED HELPLESSLY TO THE GROUND.



THEN BEFORE OLIVIA COULD REACH HER GUN HE SNATCHED HER UP AND RAN INTO THE DENSE JUNGLE----



ALEX SOON GAINED CONSCIOUS AND AFTER MINUTES OF DAZING THOUGHTS HE REALIZED THAT OLIVIA WAS MISSING - SO WITH QUICK SEARCHING HE SOON FOUND THIER TRAIL---.



THE TRAIL WOUND HIM DEEPER INTO PERIL AND ABOUT NOON THERE CAME A PIERCING SCREAM THROUGH THE JUNGLE - THE SCREAM OF A WOMAN------



THE SCREAM WAS OLIVIA'S ALEX KNEW,
HIS BODY CREW TAUT AS THE SCREAM
ECOHED THROUGH THE JUNGLE AGAIN
AND AGAIN - SO UP THE TRAIL HE SPED
ANY MINUTE HE MAY BE TOO LATE.



DEATH IN HIS MIND ALEX RACED TOWARD THE DIRECTION OF THE SOUND AND FROM A HUGE BOULDER HE SAW A GLOOMY CAVE.....



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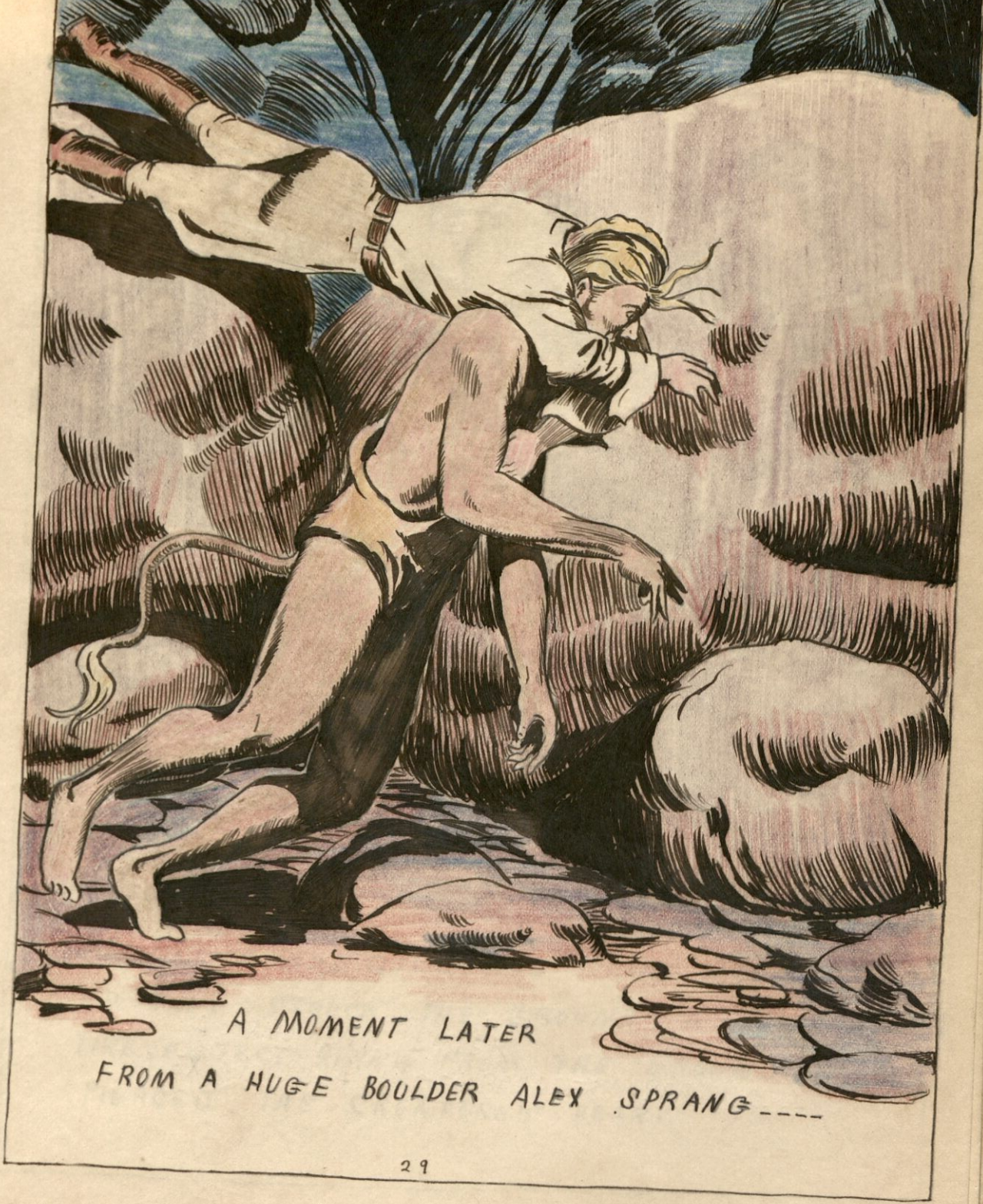
IN SIDE THE CAVE ALEX SAW THE CREATURE STRUGGLING WITH OLIVIA - HE PUT HIS PISTOL INTO HIS HOLSTER. HE'D FIGHT THIS MAN HAND TO HAND-----


A MOMENT LATER
FROM A HUGE BOULDER ALEX SPRANG----



THE BATTLE WAS QUICK AND SHORT LIVE'D FOR AS THEY STRUCK THE GROUND A SPEAR LIKE OBJECT RISING FROM THE GROUND— PIERCED THE CREATURE'S HEART.

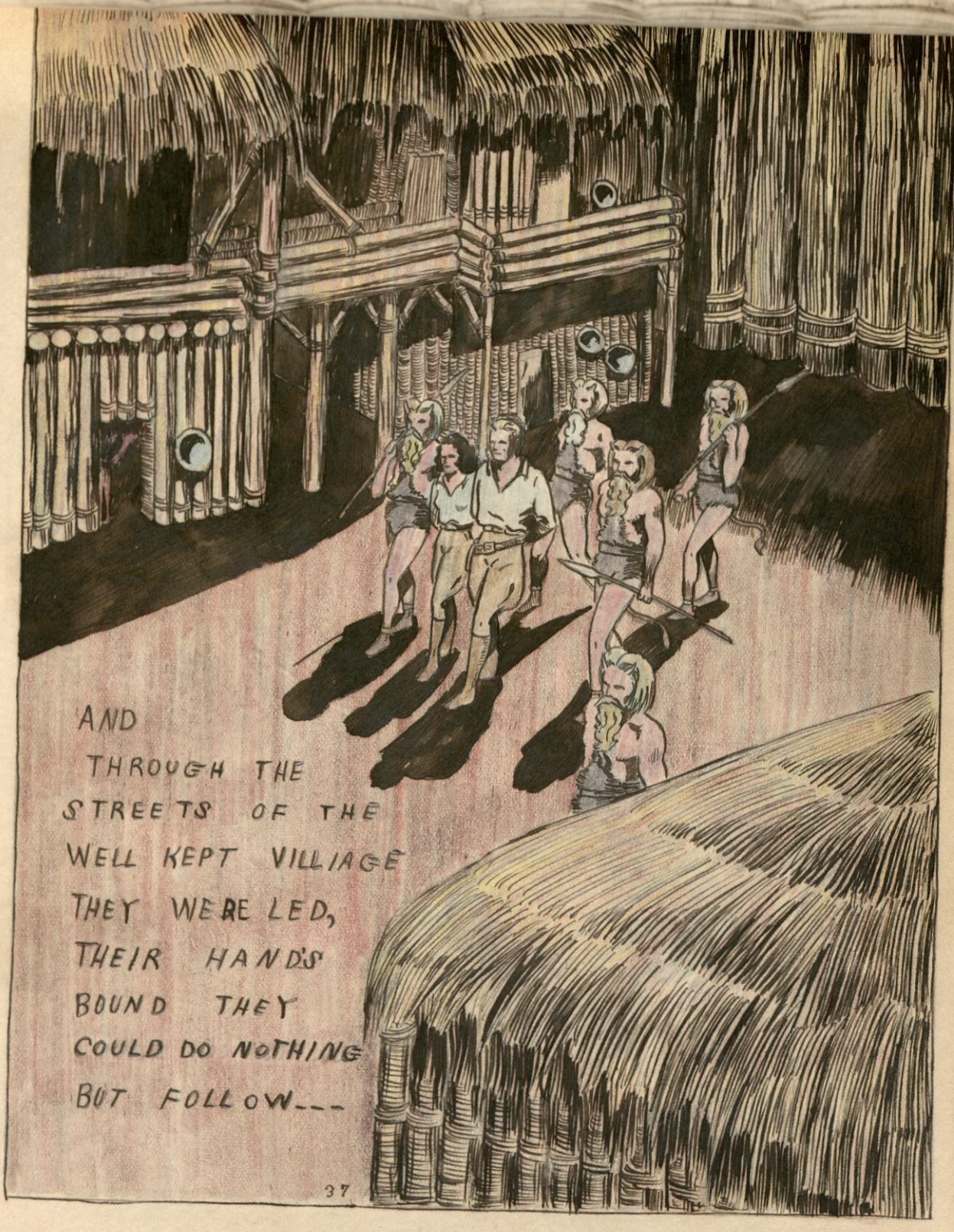

BUT FROM AMBUSH A BAND OF LION MEN WERE GETTING READY TO ATTACK THE TWO STRANGER'S---


WITH WILD YELLS THEY CHARGE—
ALEX STOPPED SEVERAL, BUT HIS
SHOTS WERE SHORT AND THEY NUMBERED MANY---



AND AT
SUN SET THEY
REACHED THE GATE'S OF THE LION MEN'S
DWELLING'S_____.


HEARING THEM FROM THE INSIDE TWO GUARD'S OPENED THE HUGE GATE----


AND
THROUGH THE
STREETS OF THE
WELL KEPT VILLIAGE
THEY WERE LED,
THEIR HAND'S
BOUND THEY
COULD DO NOTHING
BUT FOLLOW---


WHERE LATER THEY
WERE CAST INTO A
WELL GUARDED HUT.



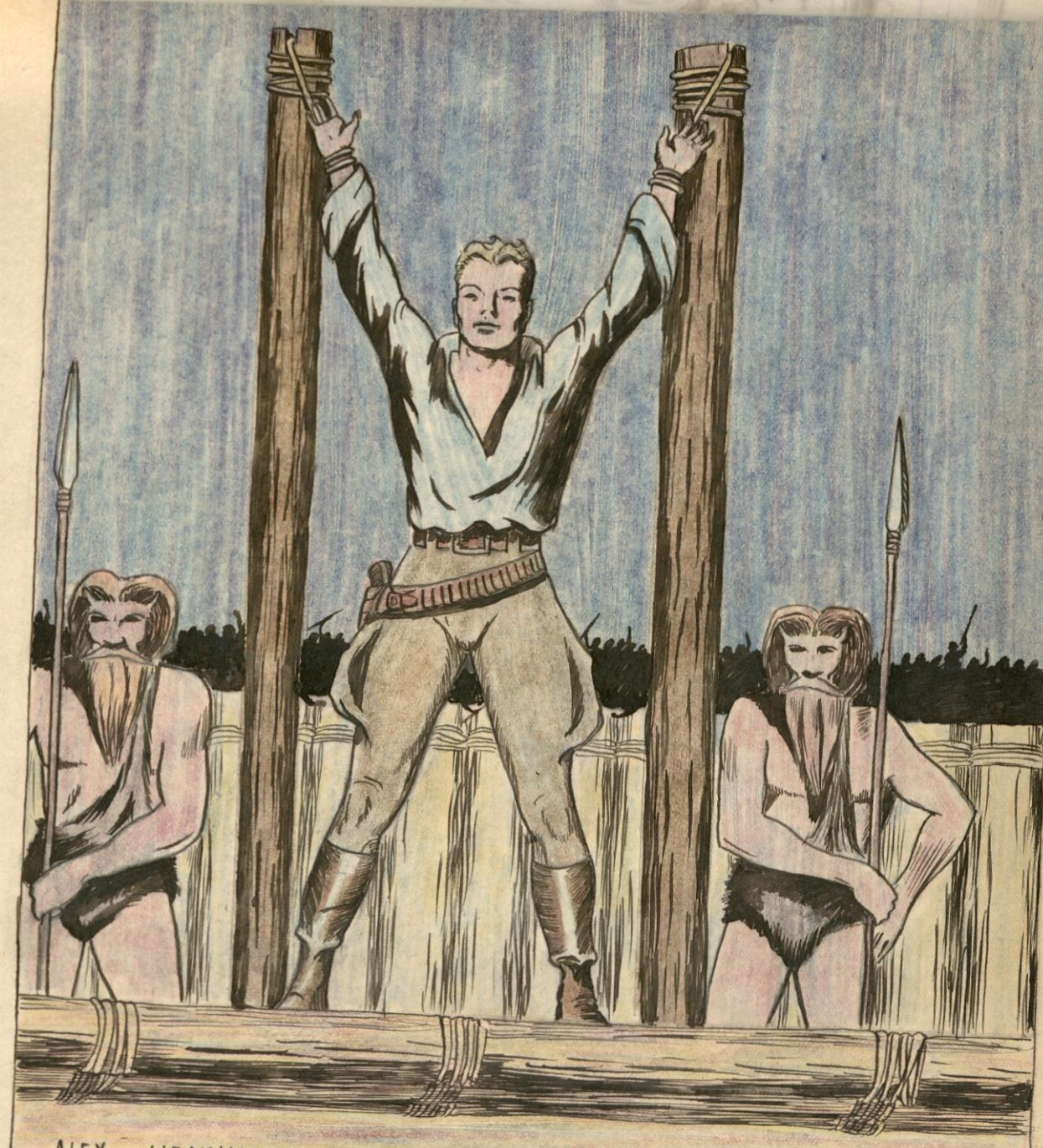
ALL THROUGH THE WEARY HOURS OF THE NIGHT
GUARD'S WATCHED OVER THE TINY CELL HUT.



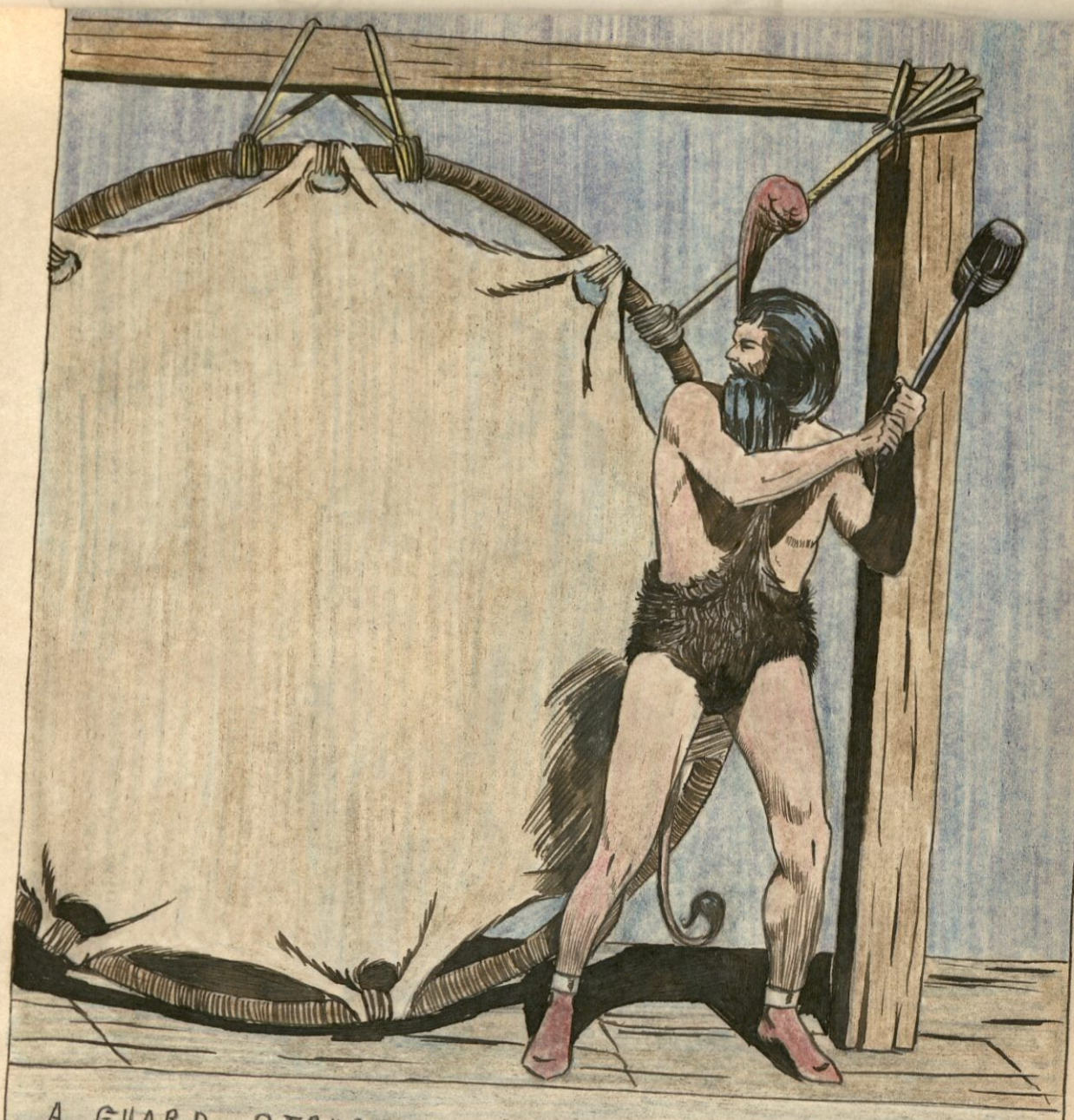
AND AT DAWN THEY WERE LED TO A HIGH PLATFORM ELEVATED OVER THE CITIES WALL -- THE DRUMS CHANTED LOUDER AND AT A COMMAND ALEX AND OLIVIA COLD AND SHAKEN MOUNTED THE STEPS TO THEIR DOOM --

HIGH UPON THE PLATFORM
ZOR KING OF THE LION MEN
LOOKED DOWN IN GLEE
AT THE TWO.
PRISONAR'S WHICH
WERE ABOUT TO
TAKE PART IN
THE SACRIFICIAL
PROCESSION.

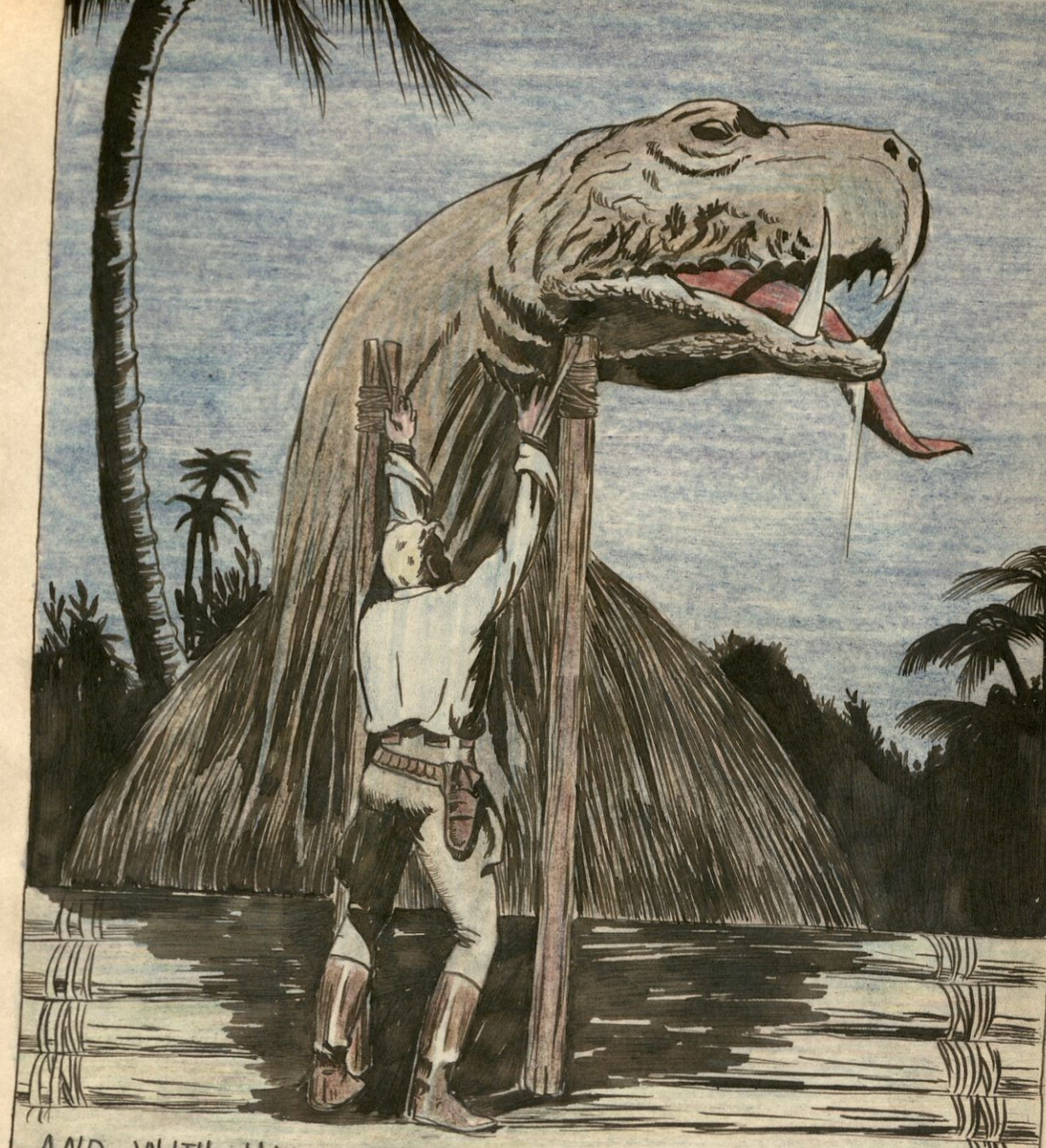




ALEX HEAVILY GUARDED WAS THE FIRST VICTIM TO BE BOUND TO THE SACRIFICIAL STAKE



A GUARD STRUCK THREE TIMES UPON A HUGE GONG--- DRUMS IN THE BACK GROUND GREW LOUDER AND THE MIGHTY ZOR RAISED HIS RIGHT HAND---- THE STRUGGLE OF DEATH HAD BEGUN.



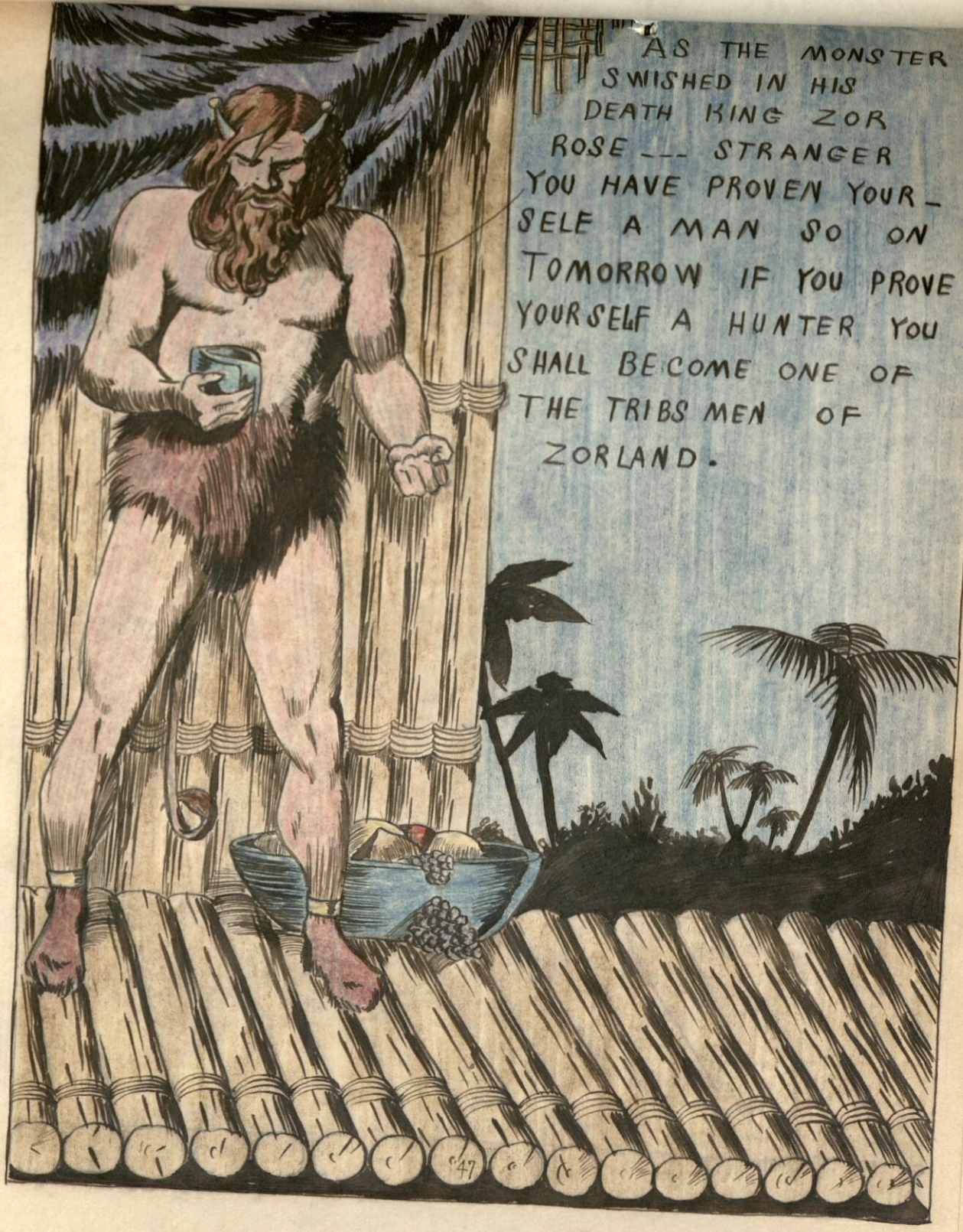
AND WITH HIGH PIERCED SCREAMS AN UNHALTERED MOMSTER BORE DOWN ON HIS TINY VICTIM---



THE MONSTER'S DEFIANT ROAR ENDS
AS HE JERKS THE CRUDE STAKE FROM
IT'S STANDING ON WHICH ALEX WAS MOUNDED_



THE MONSTER'S QUICK ACTION SNAPS THE BONDS, ALEX DROPS TO HIS KNEE, TAKES COOL AIM AND FIRES.


AS THE MONSTER SWISHED IN HIS DEATH KING ZOR ROSE --- STRANGER YOU HAVE PROVEN YOUR-SELE A MAN SO ON TOMORROW IF YOU PROVE YOURSELF A HUNTER YOU SHALL BECOME ONE OF THE TRIBS MEN OF ZORLAND.
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EVENTUALLY THEY CAME UPON THE WELL WORN TRAIL OF A HUGE BEAST—
HE'S TWO BIG NO CAN KILL HIM WITH SPEAR.
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BAITING THE HOOK WITH A SMALL TREE ANIMAL ALEX COMMANDED SEVERAL LIONMEN TO HOSTLE THE HOOK UP BY A VINE OVER THE MONSTER'S TRAIL.





AFTER HOURS OF PATIENT WAITING THE MONSTER STALKED DOWN THE WELL WORN TRAIL. SPYING THE DANGLING MEAT HIS MOUTH DRIPPED HUNGER, HE GEATHERED UPON HIS HAUNCHES AND SWALLOWED THE MEAT HOOK AND ALL. 52



THE BEAST'S DEATH ENDED IN HIGH SCREAMS OF MERCY AS HIS TORMENTORS FINISHED HIM WITH THEIR STONE TIPPED SPEARS.


BY EVENING ALEX'S HUNTING PARTY WITH THEIR KILL, REACHED CAMP, OLIVIA WITH ANXIOUS VIGIL WAS WAITING FOR THEM.


YOU BY YOUR GREAT STRENGTH AND COURAGE SHALL SHARE A PLACE AMONG US, AS A CUSTOM OF THE GREAT GODS OF THE LIONS WE SHALL CIVE YOU AND WOMAN A NEW NAME, SO FOR MANY MOON'S WE SHALL FEAST.
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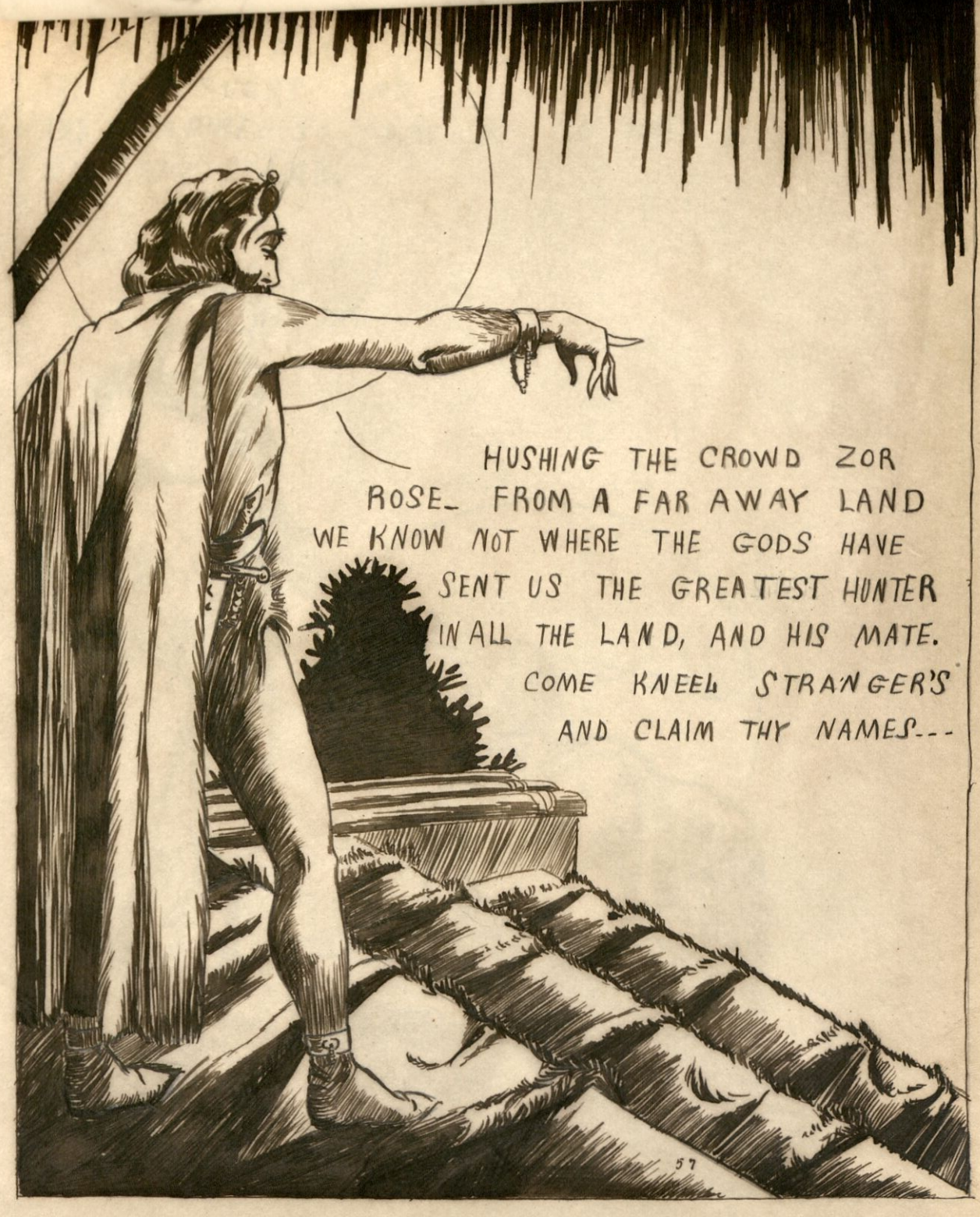
BY NIGHT FALL. THE FIGURES OF DANCING FEET MINGLED WITH THE THUMP - THUMP OF POUNDING DRUMS CAST WEID SHADOWS ACROSS THE PALLOW MOON — THE GREAT FEAST OF THE GODS HAD BEGAN.


HUSHING THE CROWD ZOR
ROSE_ FROM A FAR AWAY LAND
WE KNOW NOT WHERE THE GODS HAVE
SENT US THE GREATEST HUNTER
IN ALL THE LAND, AND HIS MATE.
COME KNEEL STRANGER'S
AND CLAIM THY NAMES---
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IN YOUR BRAVE ENTRY INTO THIS LAND I KING ZOR SHALL NAME YOU "FLAND"_ AFTER FLAND THE STRONGEST AND BRAVEST GOD IN ALL THE EMPIRE. SO THERE - BY YOU ARE FLAND THE SON OF FLAND.




YOU BEAUTIFUL ONE COMING AS THE GREAT HUNTERS MATE I SHALL CALL YOU "FRIA".
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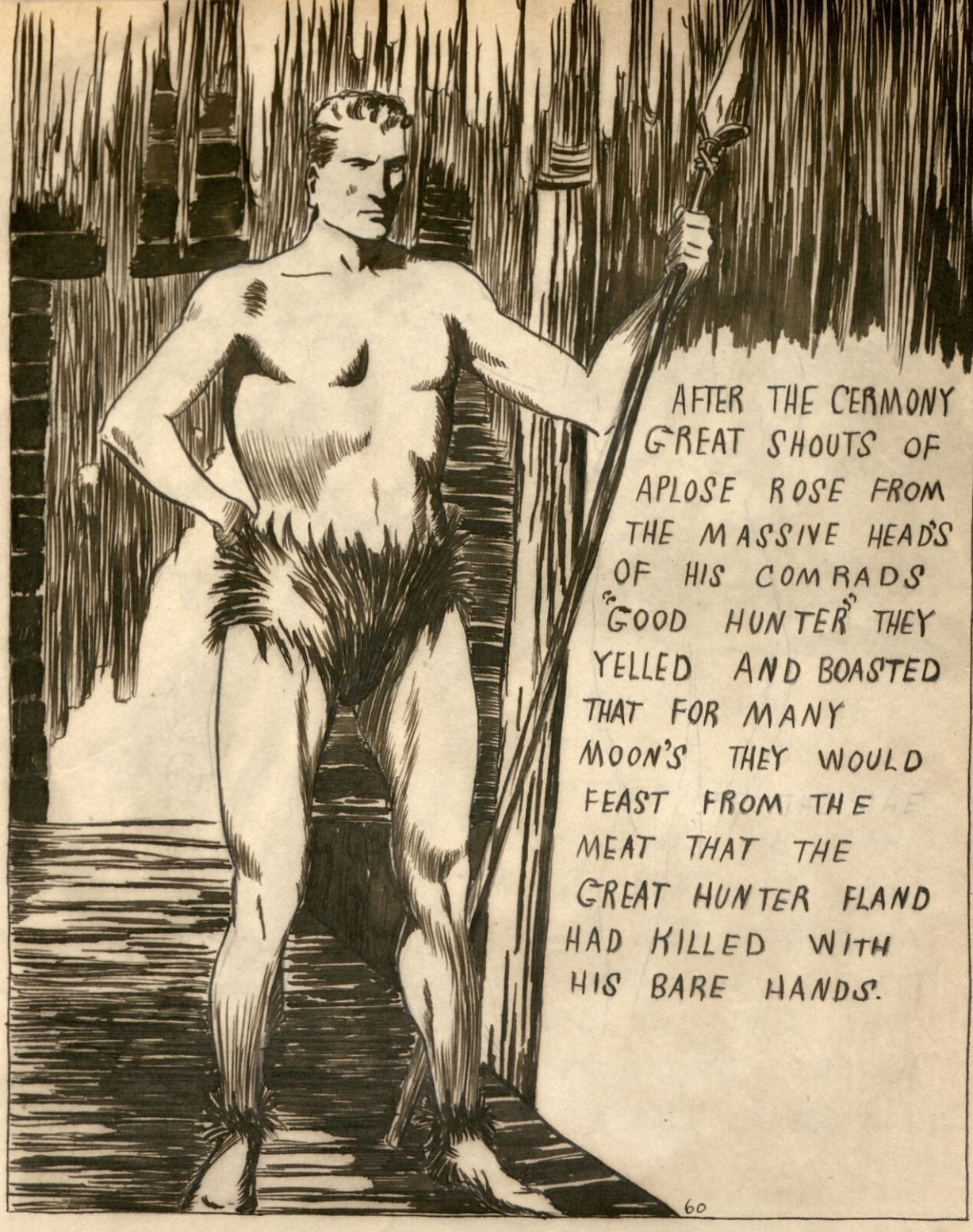

AFTER THE CERMONY GREAT SHOUTS OF APLOSE ROSE FROM THE MASSIVE HEAD'S OF HIS COMRADS "GOOD HUNTER" THEY YELLED AND BOASTED THAT FOR MANY MOON'S THEY WOULD FEAST FROM THE MEAT THAT THE GREAT HUNTER FLAND HAD KILLED WITH HIS BARE HANDS.

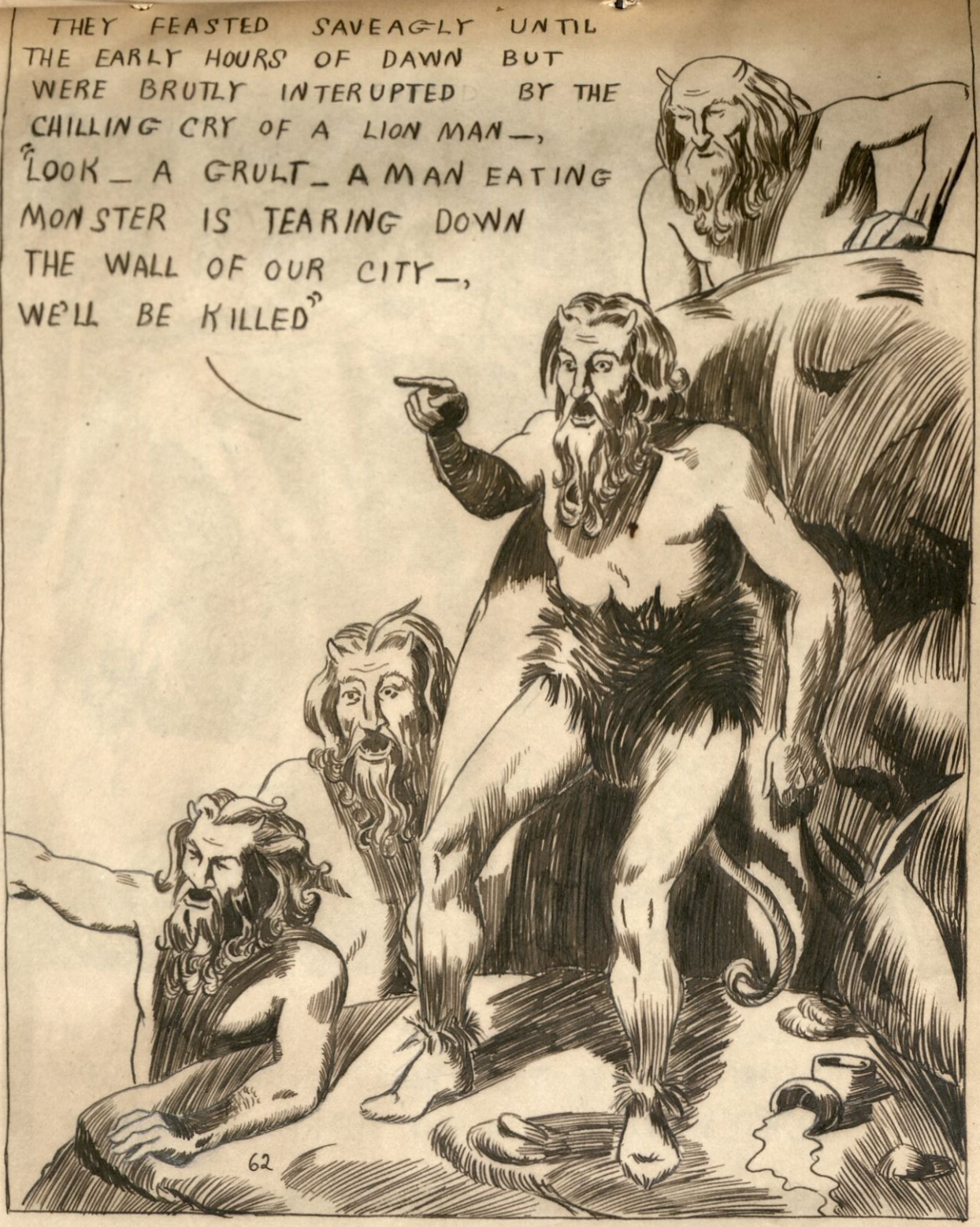


THRILLED WITH THE CHANTING DRUM'S ALEX AND OLIVIA SWAYED MADLY WITH THE HALF NAKED CREATURES - NO LONGER WERE THEY OLIVIA LANE AND ALEX CALE BUT "FLAND AND FRIA" IN A PRIMATIVE LAND IN A HALF CRAZED WORLD-

CARL COREY

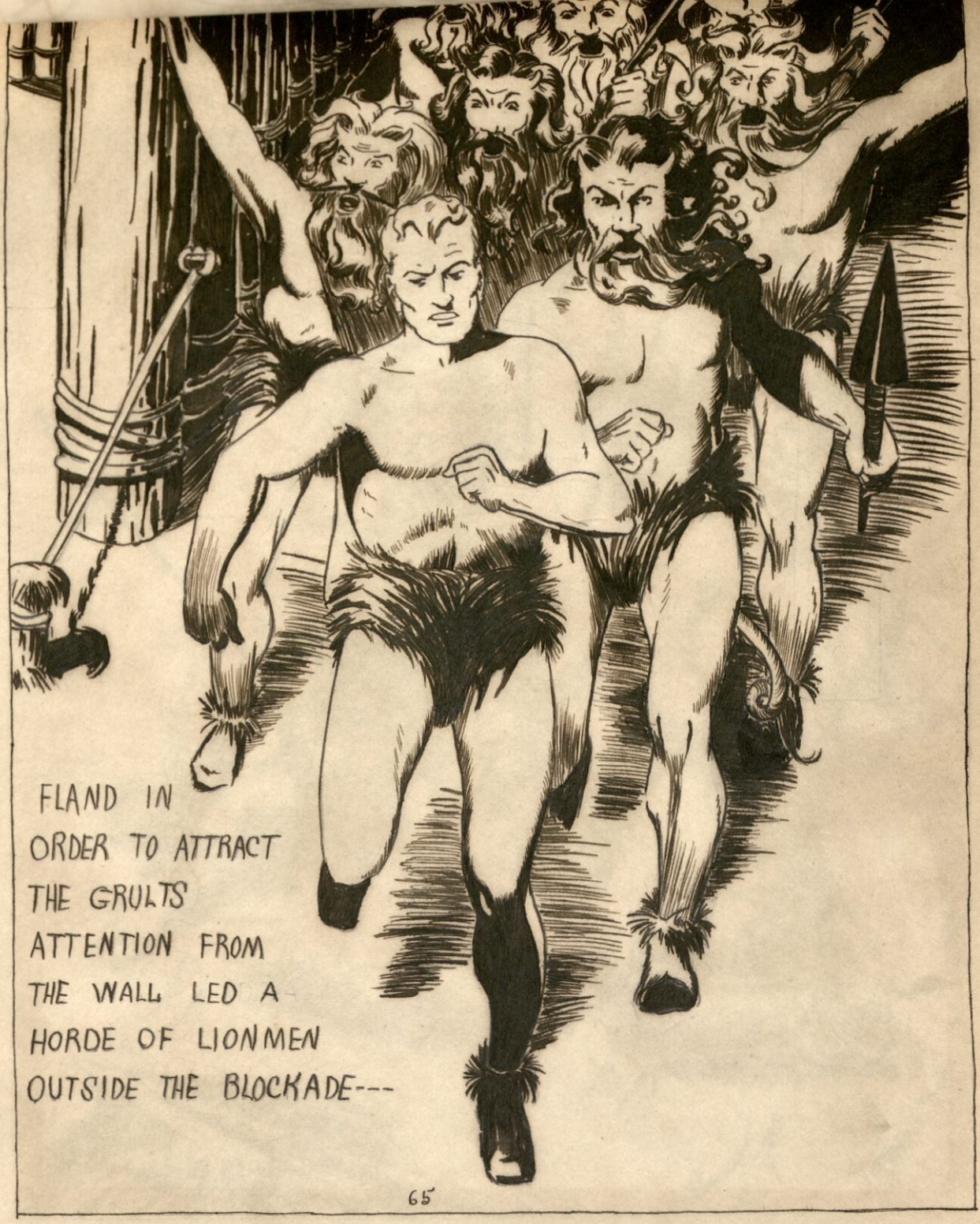
THEY FEASTED SAVEAGLY UNTIL THE EARLY HOURS OF DAWN BUT WERE BRUTLY INTERUPTED BY THE CHILLING CRY OF A LION MAN—,

"LOOK— A GRULT— A MAN EATING MONSTER IS TEARING DOWN THE WALL OF OUR CITY—, WE'LL BE KILLED"





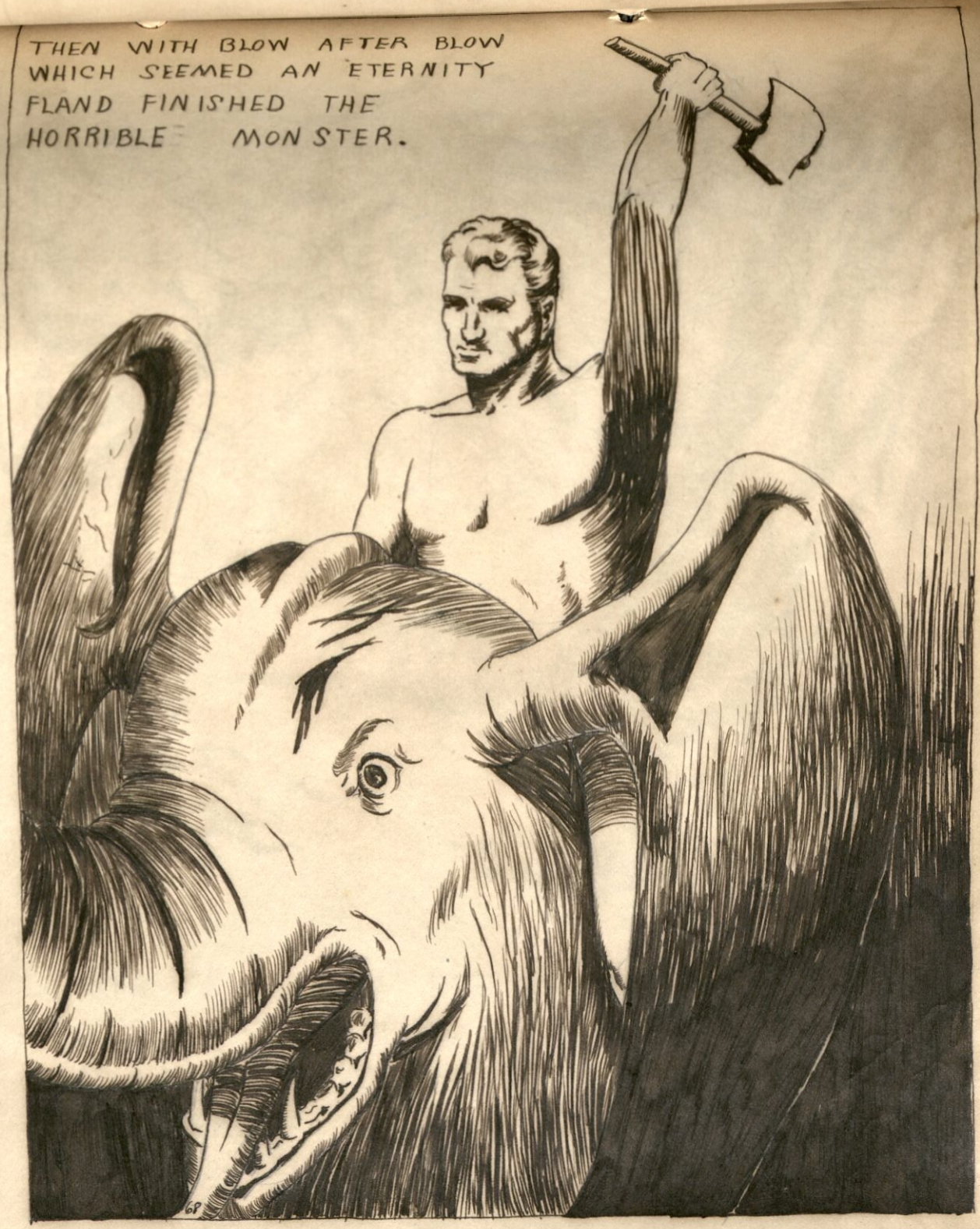
FROM THE TOP OF THE WALL, HALF SCARED LION MEN BATTLED HIM WITH SPEARS BUT WITH A WILD SCREAM HE TURNED ON HIS TORMENTOR'S


FLAND IN
ORDER TO ATTRACT
THE GRULTS
ATTENTION FROM
THE WALL LED A
HORDE OF LIONMEN
OUTSIDE THE BLOCKADE---


WHERE- OBEYING FLAND'S ORDER'S THEY EACH DIP THEIR SPEAR POINTS IN OIL, THEN SET THEM AFLAME-



WITH HOWLS OF MERCY THEY HURL THE FLAMING SPEARS INTO THE GRULTS THICK HIDE, BUT WITH A WILD DASH HE TURN'S AND CHARGES AT HIS TINY PREY---- FLAND, FROM THE TOP OF THE WALL LEAPS AT THE HOWLING MONSTER---


THEN WITH BLOW AFTER BLOW
WHICH SEEMED AN ETERNITY
FLAND FINISHED THE
HORRIBLE MONSTER.



EAGER TO EXPLORE THE SURRONDING'S OF KING ZOR'S KINGDOM, FLAND AND FRIA ESCORTED BY AN ARMED GUARD SET OFF AT DAYBREAK FOR THE ZORLON MOUNTAIN'S.



FROM THE TOP OF A ROCKY BARRIAR A SABER TOOTHED LYNX WATCHED THE HUNTING PARTY-- WITH A SNARL OF CURIOSITY HE POISED TO ATTACK THE NEAREST VICTIM---



WITH LIGHTENING SPEED THE LYNX STRUCK THE ADVANCING GUARD, WITH A THUD THE GIANT FELL TO THE GROUND---WITH A BROKEN NECK.

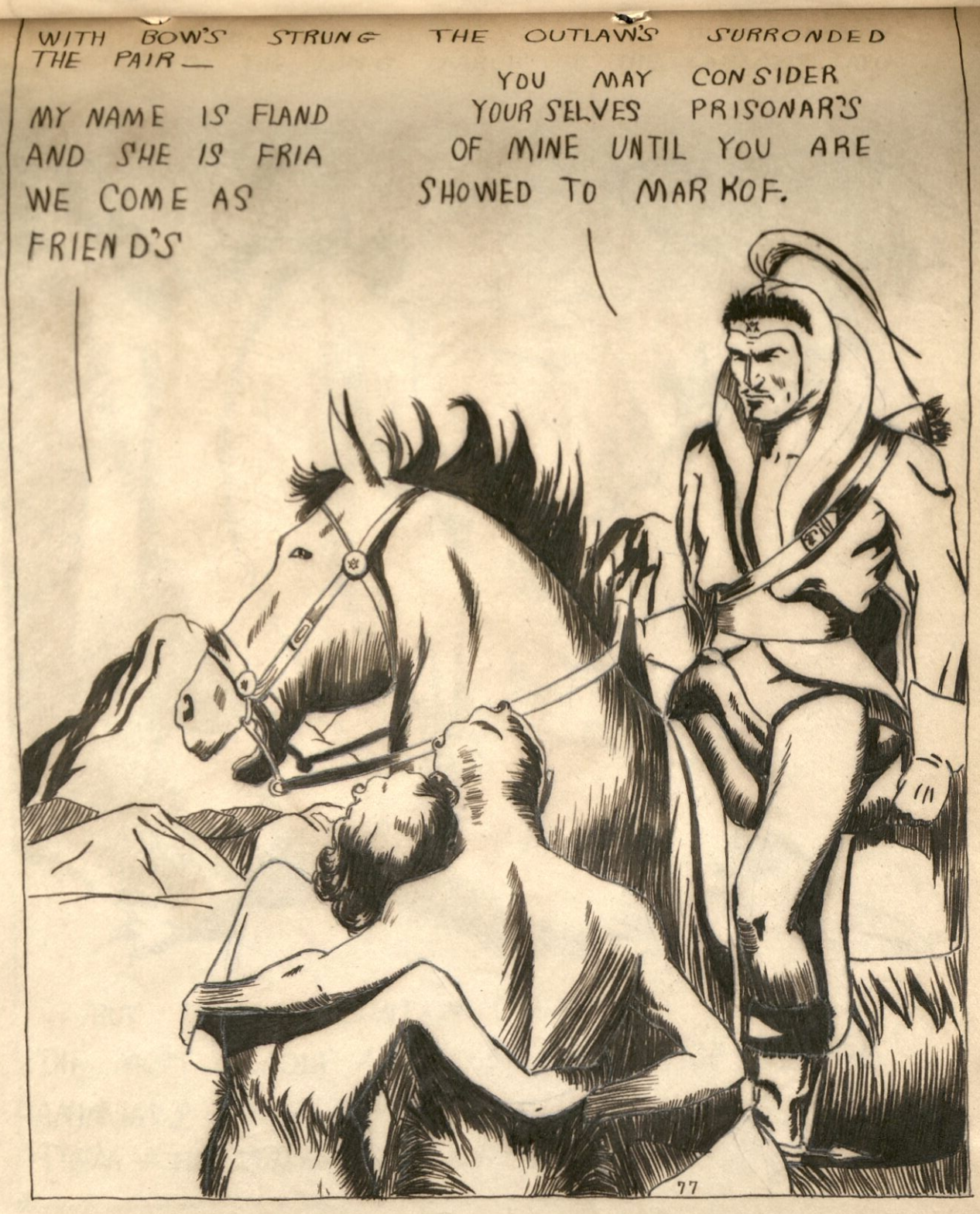


FLAND STARES IN AMAZEMENT AT THE RESULT OF HIS OWN STRENGTH, WITH A SMILEING GLANCE FROM FRIA HIS CHEST SWELLS WITH PRIDE--FOR THE TERROR OF THE TREES WAS DEAD.



FLAND AND FRIA TURN TOWARD ZOR'S KINGDOM BUT FROM A HIGH BARRIAR A BAND OF HAUGHTY OUTLAWS WATCH THEM---

NEXT WEEK:— CAPTURED


WITH BOW'S STRUNG THE PAIR—
THE OUTLAW'S SURRONDED
MY NAME IS FLAND AND SHE IS FRIA WE COME AS FRIEND'S
YOU MAY CONSIDER YOUR SELVES PRISONAR'S OF MINE UNTIL YOU ARE SHOWED TO MARKOF.
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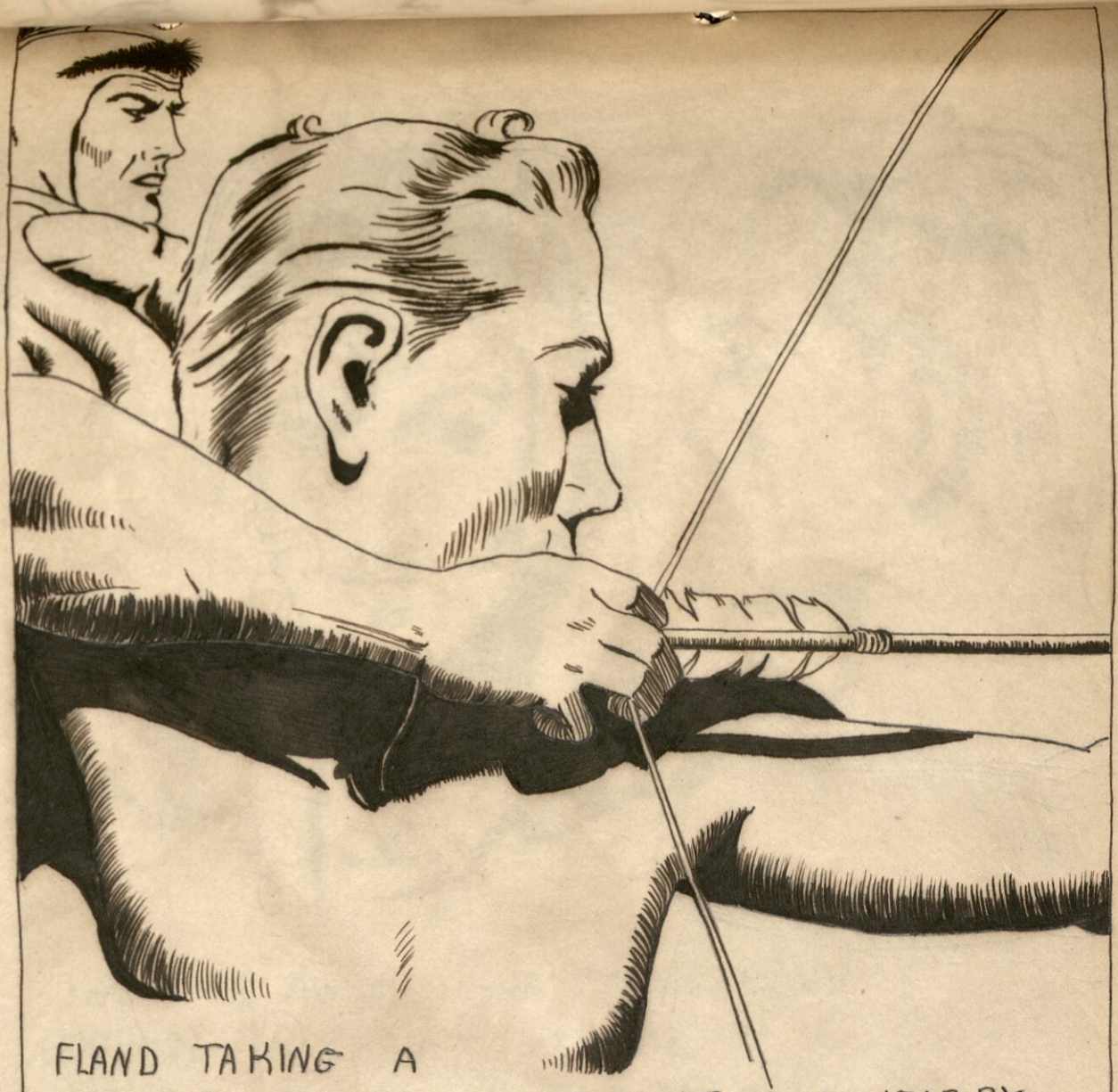
FLAND AND FRIA PUSHED IN FRONT OF THEIR HORSES STARTED THE LONG MARCH TO THE OUTLAWS LAYOUT_



---BUT FROM A MOUNTAIN CREAVICE A COOSA THE THE MOST DEADLY AND MOST FEARED OF ALL THE ANIMIALS OF THE PLANET STRONGO WAS WATCHING THEM — HE POISED FOR AN ATTACK.



THE COOSA – WITH FLAMING TALON'S LEAPED AT LEADER OF THE BAND – DISMOUNDING HIM FROM HIS HORSE.

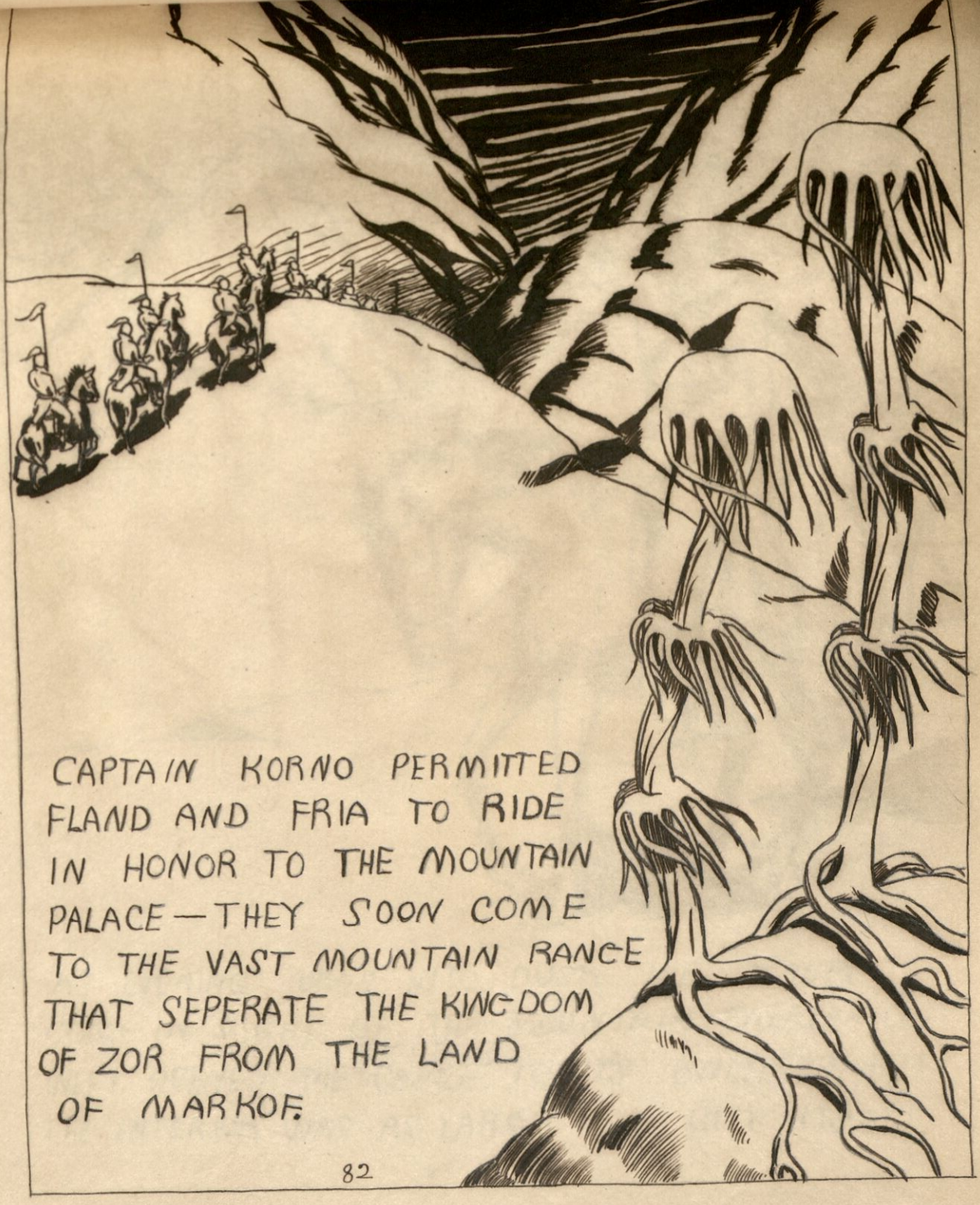


FLAND TAKING A SLIM CHANCE JERKS A BOW FROM A NEAR-BY HORSE MAN AND AIMS IT AT THE ANIMAL'S BODY,— IT SHOOTS STRAIGHT AND TRUE — THE COOSA WITH A YELL SLUMPS LIMPLY TO THE GROUND — DEAD.



"THANK'S – I ADMIRE YOUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE IN SAVING MY LIFE, WHY DID YOU DO IT – AND YOU A PRISONAR. YOU SHALL RIDE IN HONOR TO THE CASTLE IN THE MOUNTAIN'S."

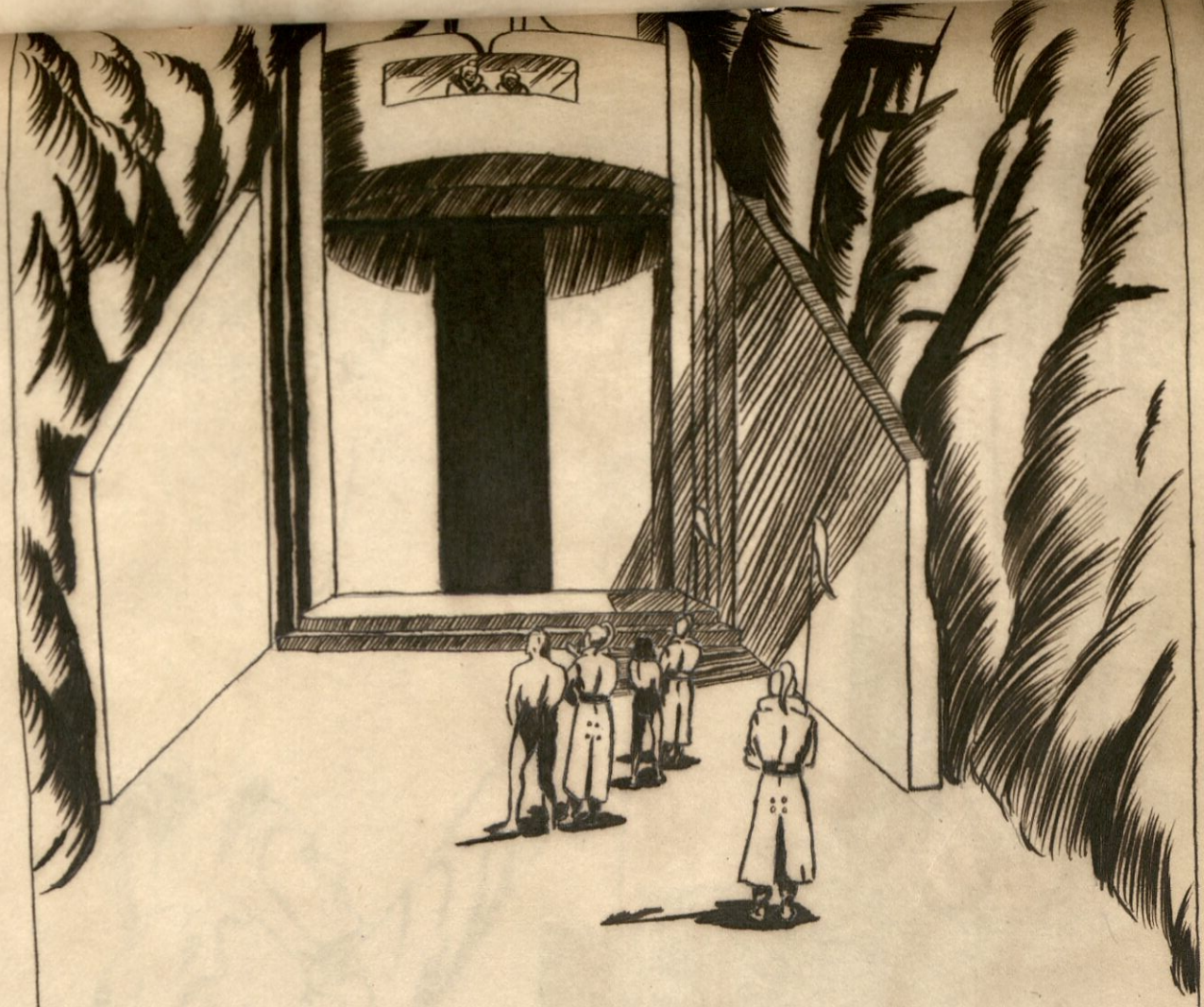
NEXT WEEK ÷ THE MOUNTAIN CASTLE



CAPTAIN KORNO PERMITTED FLAND AND FRIA TO RIDE IN HONOR TO THE MOUNTAIN PALACE—THEY SOON COME TO THE VAST MOUNTAIN RANGE THAT SEPERATE THE KINGDOM OF ZOR FROM THE LAND OF MARKOF.



AS EVENING TURNS INTO DUSK THE GROUPE COME IN SIGHT OF THE MOUNTAIN PALACE—ONE INLET OPENED THE CASTLE TO IT'S DWELLERS, BUT THE INTERIOR WAS AS LARGE AS A CITY ITSELF.



BEFORE THE ENTRANCE TO THE PALACE CAPTAIN KORNO SIGNALED TO THE MEN IN THE TOWER WHO STOOD GUARD, WITH A WAVE OF UNDERSTANDING THEY SLOWLY OPENED THE HUGE DOORS TO ADMIT THEIR PASSAGE.


"KING MARKOFF. BEHOLD!
I'VE CAPTURED THE
BRAVEST HERO IN THE LAND
HE SAVED ME FROM
THE DEADLY COOSA
AND WISHES ONLY TO
BE FRIEND'S."
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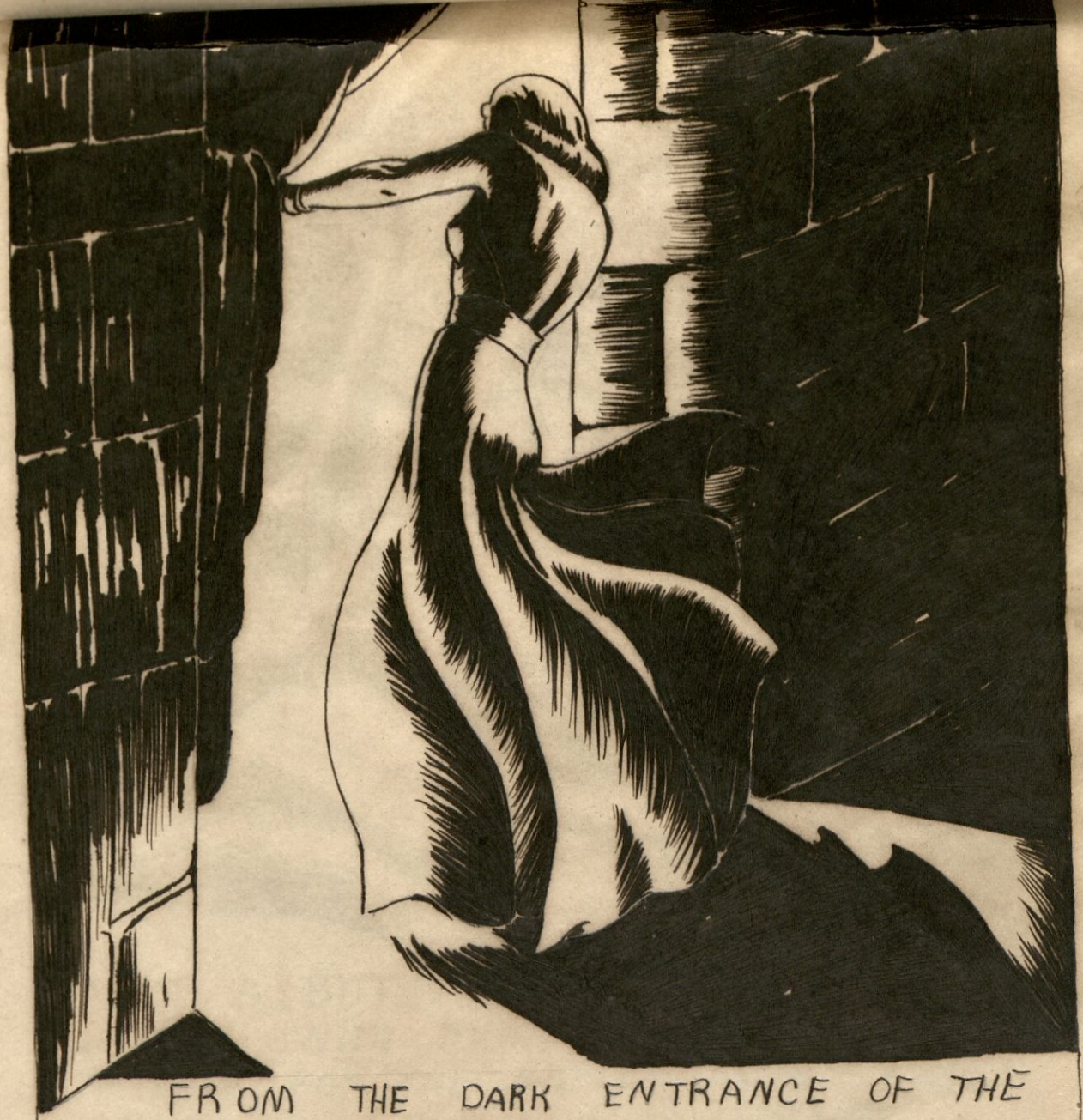
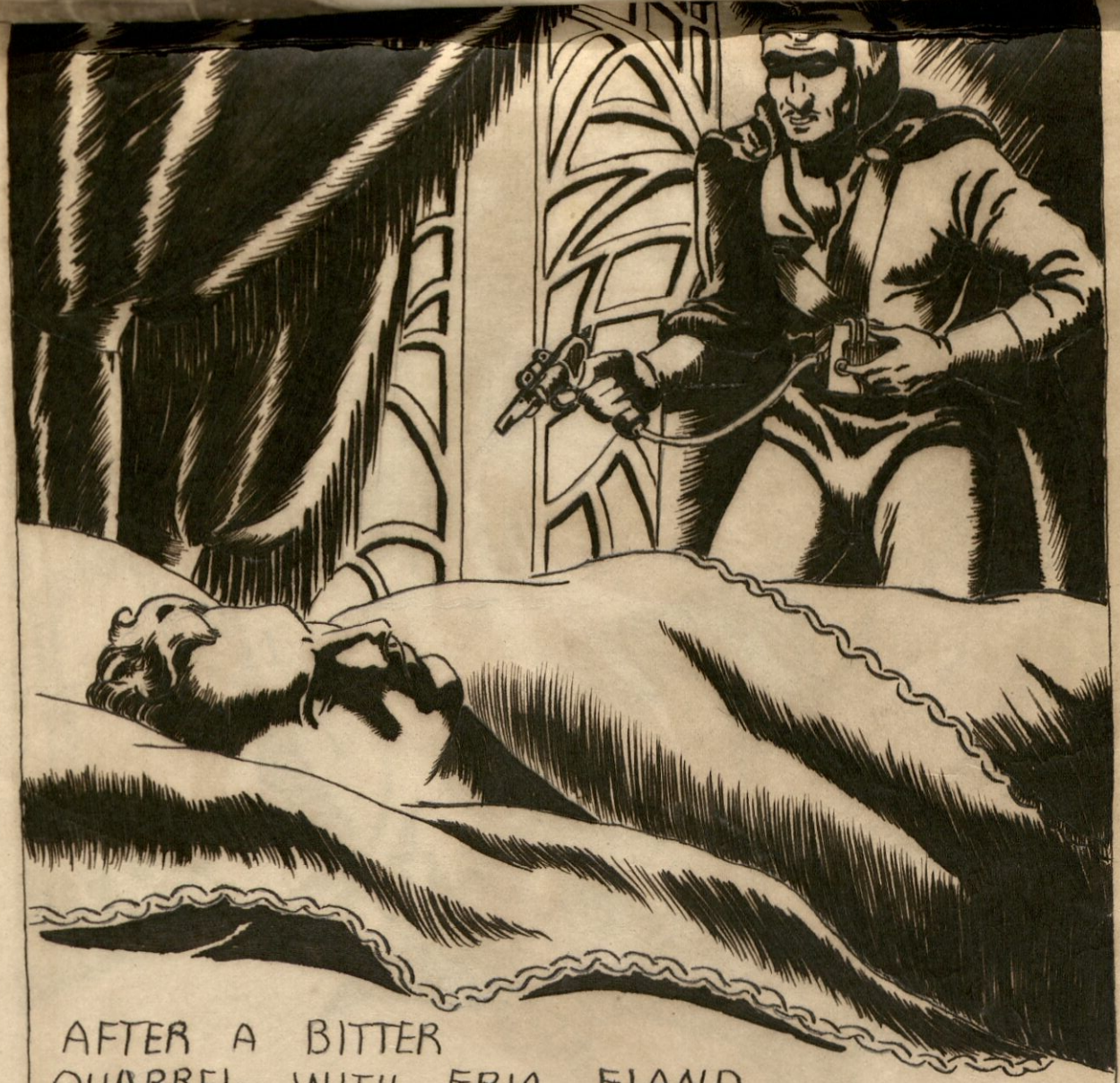
CAPTAIN KORNO BEING A MAN OF HONOR THANKED FLAND FOR SAVING HIS LIFE BY GIVEN A BANQUET IN HIS HONOR— EVERY THING WENT MERRY UNTIL —



FROM THE DARK ENTRANCE OF THE BANQUET HALL STOOD THE SHADOWERY FIGURE OF A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.

NEXT WEEK: REVENGE—



AFTER A BITTER QUARREL WITH FRIA, FLAND RETIRED FOR THE NIGHT.— AS THE CASTLE SLEEPS, JEALOUS CAPTAIN KORNO -DISCUISED- CREEPS TO FLAND'S ROOM IN HIS RIGHT HAND HE CLUTCHES A STRANGE WEAPON---.



--AS CAPTAIN KORNO EDGED CLOSER TO HIS VICTIM'S BEDSIDE FLAND, STARTLED — AWOKE. HALF ASLEEP AND DAZED HE CRIED TO THE DARK FIGURE, "FRIA--- IS THAT YOU?--FRIA"!---.