



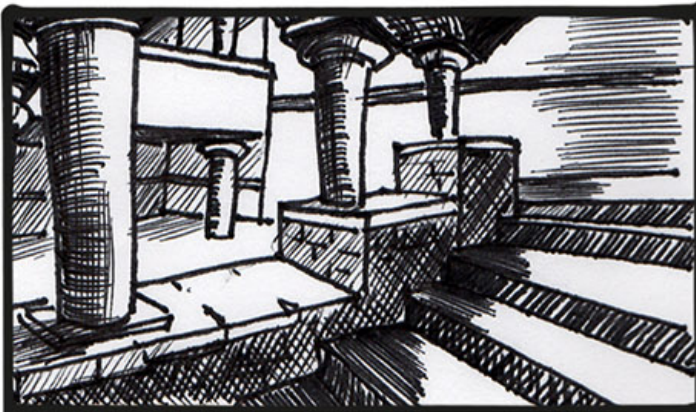
THESEUS AND THE MINOTAUR

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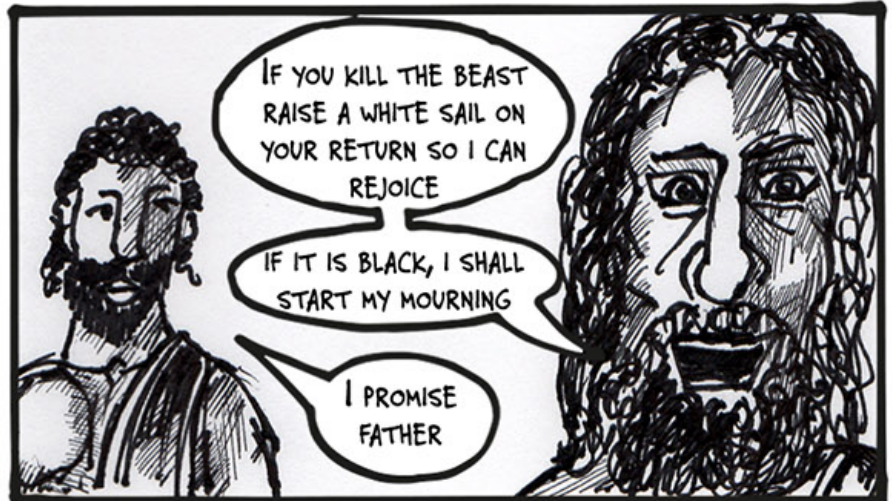
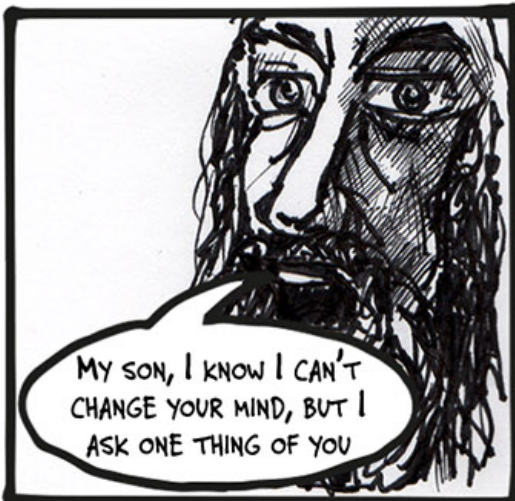
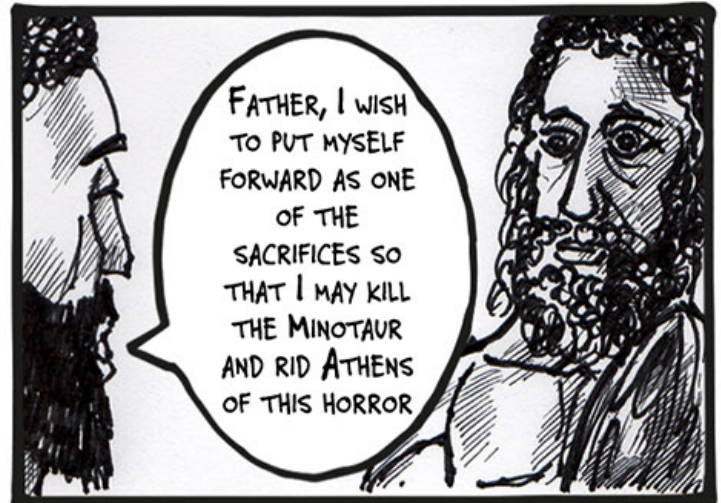
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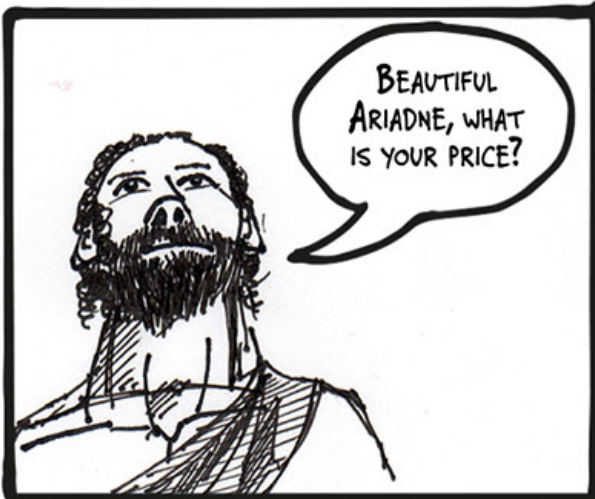
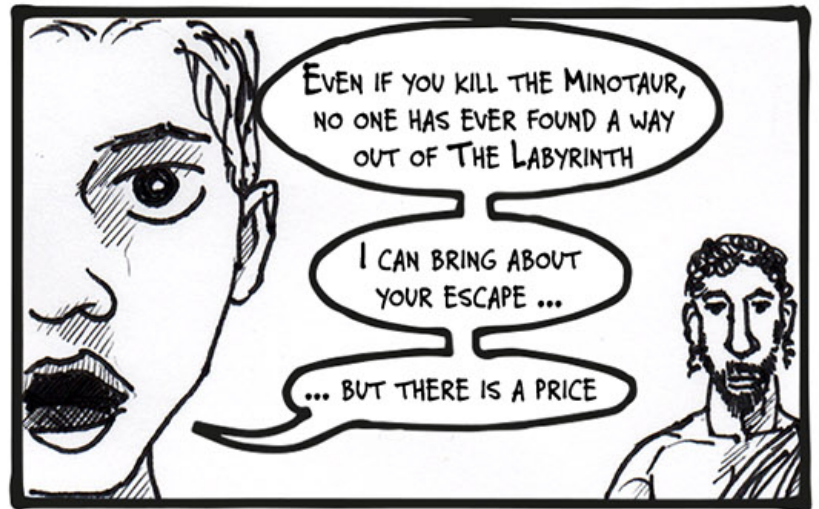
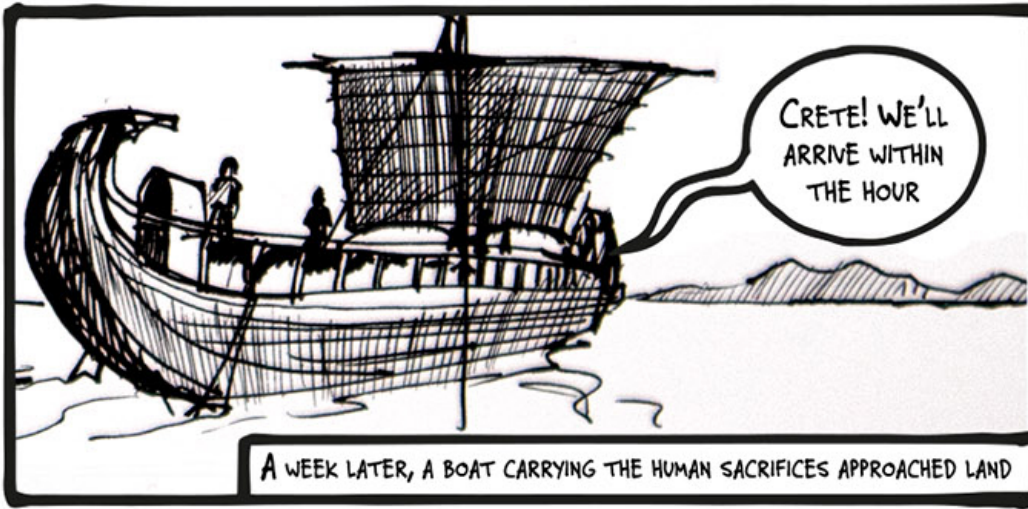


EVERY YEAR THE ATHENIANS WERE FORCED TO SEND SEVEN MAIDENS AND SEVEN YOUTHS TO BE SACRIFICED TO THE MINOTAUR



THESEUS HAD RECENTLY RETURNED TO HIS FATHER, KING AEGEUS, AS A HERO, AFTER RIDDING THE LAND OF ROBBERS AND BANDITS







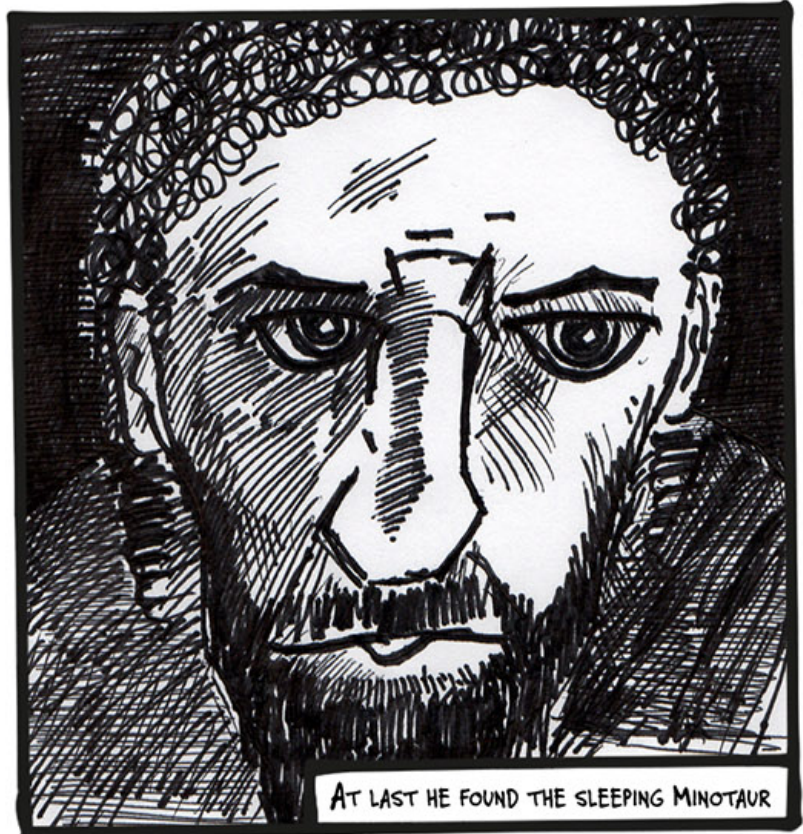
LATER THAT DAY THE ATHENIANS WERE TAKEN TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE LABYRINTH



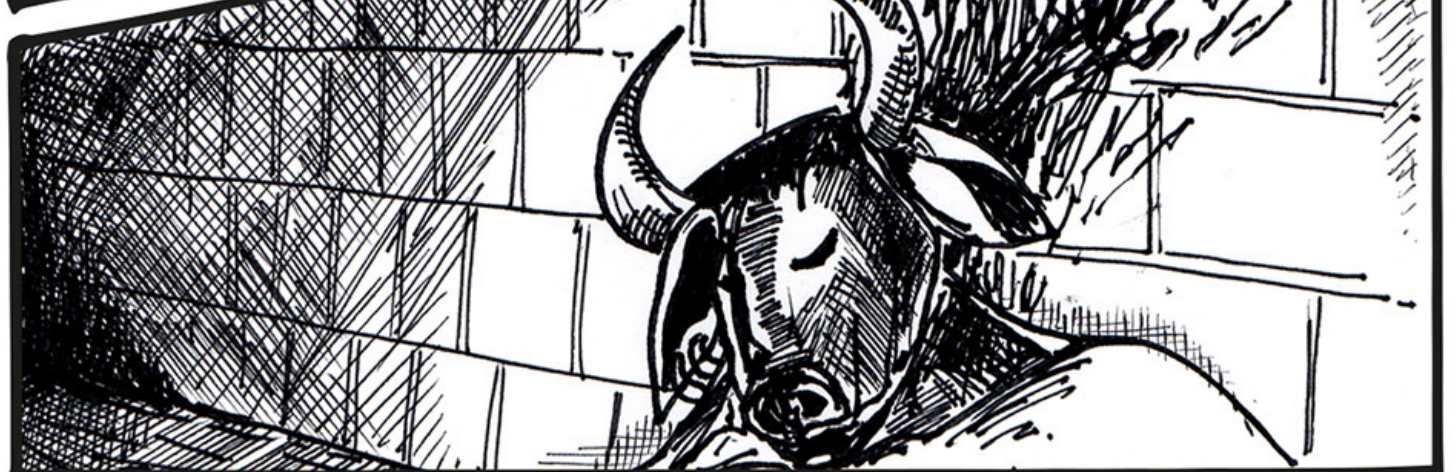
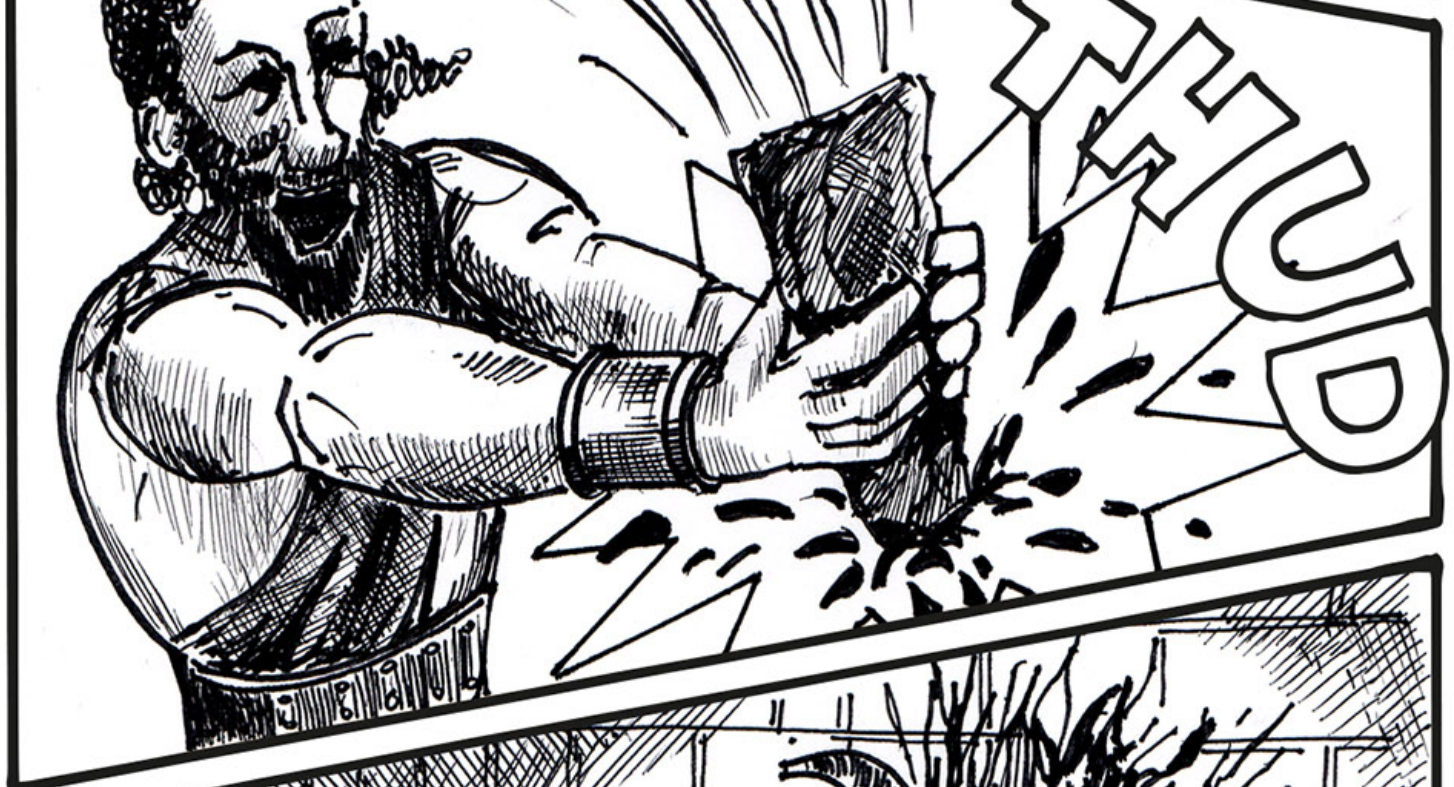
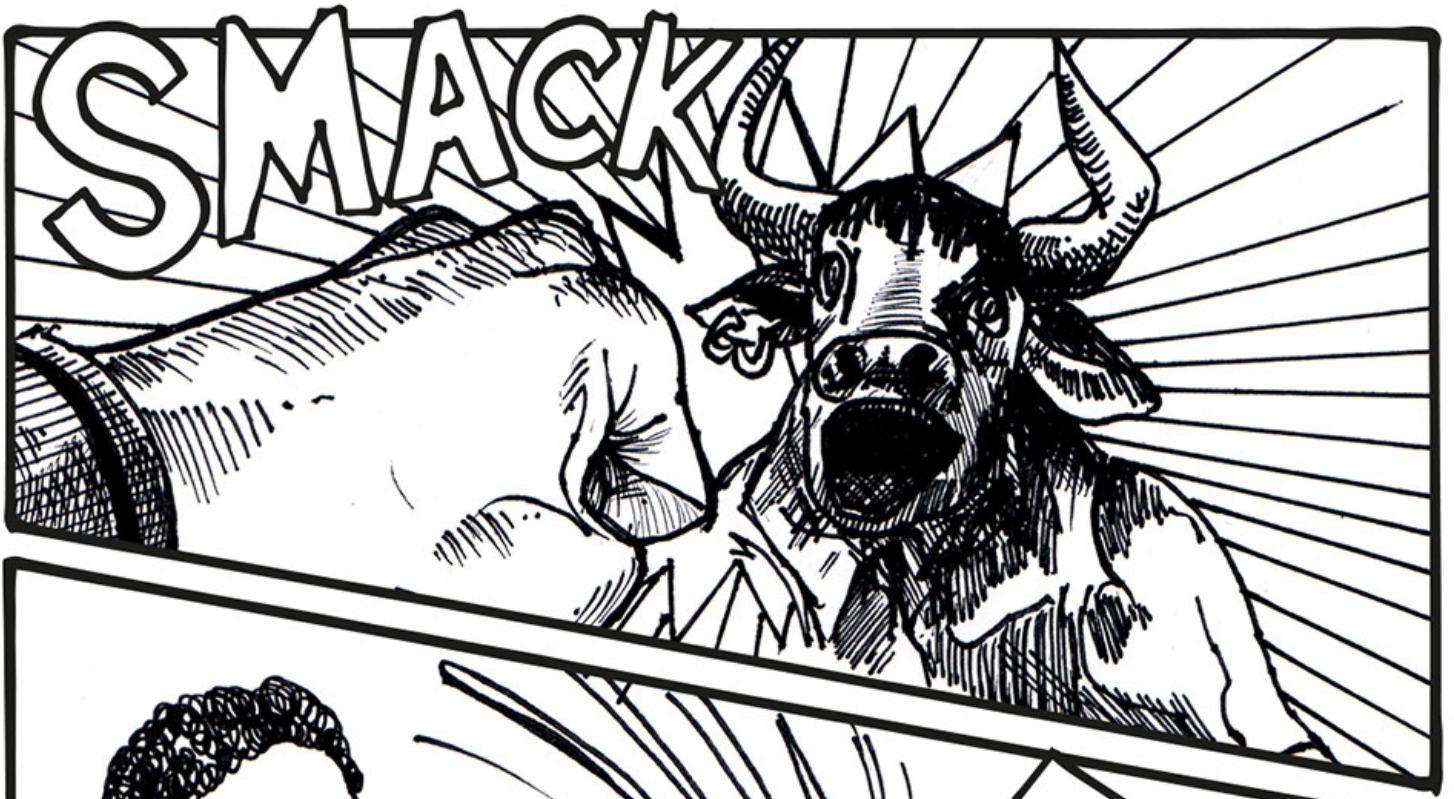
ARIADNE HAD GIVEN THESEUS A BALL OF THREAD AND TOLD HIM TO TIE ONE END TO THE ENTRANCE DOOR...



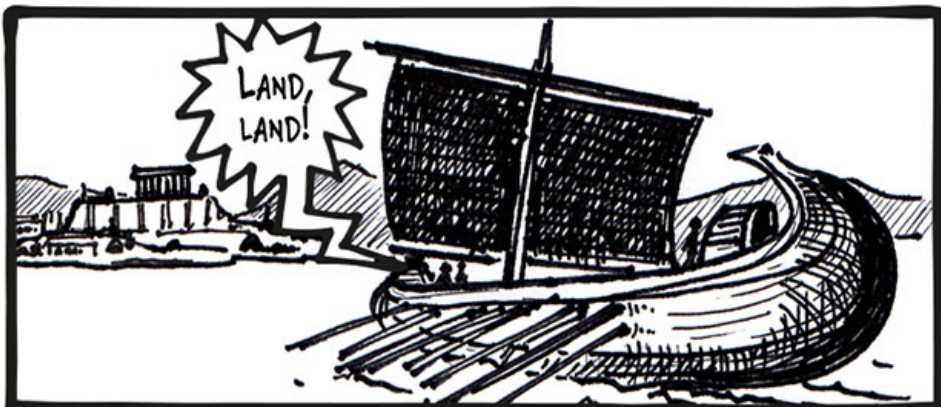
... AND UNRAVEL THE THREAD, LEAVING A TRAIL







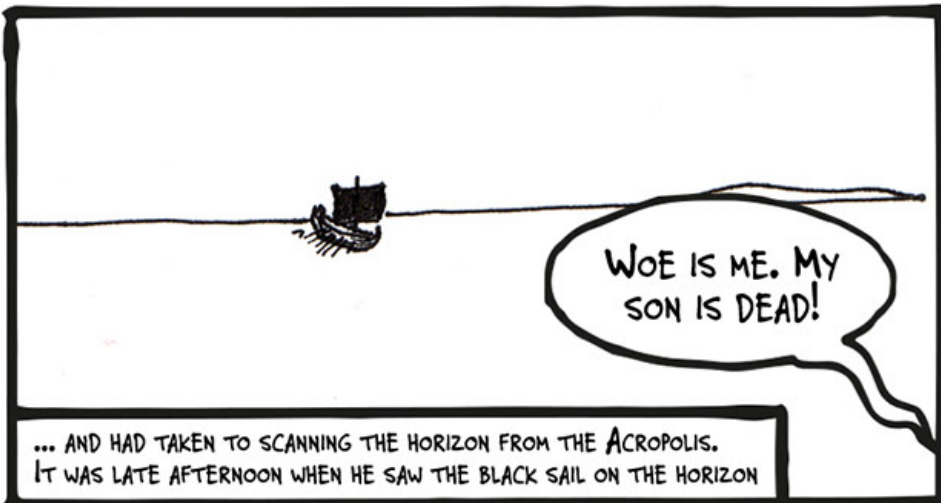
WITH THE MINOTAUR DEAD, THESEUS RETRACED HIS STEPS BACK TO HIS COMPANIONS AND THEY MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE



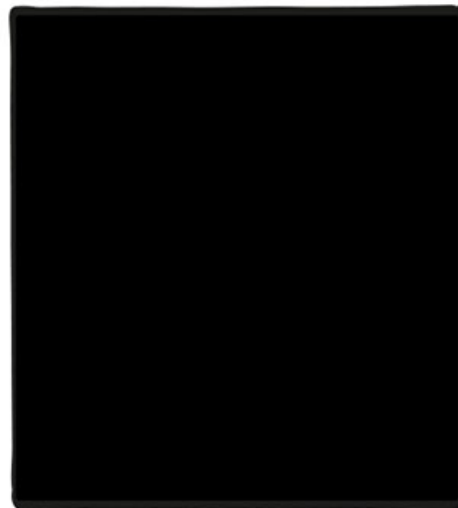
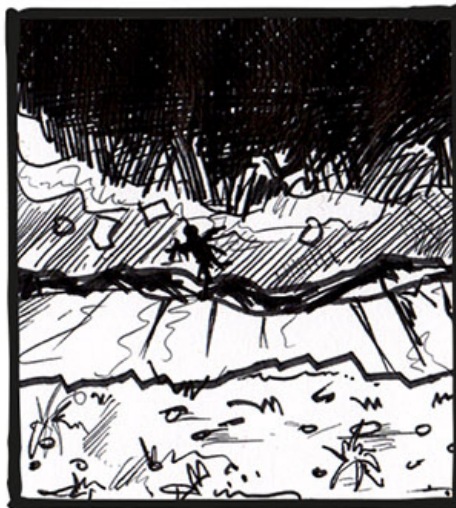
AFTER MANY ADVENTURES THE VICTORIOUS COMPANY APPROACHED ATHENS. BUT THESEUS HAD FORGOTTEN THE PROMISE HE MADE TO HIS FATHER, AND THE SAILS WERE BLACK



FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THE KING HAD BEEN ANXIOUSLY AWAITING NEWS OF HIS SON ...



... AND HAD TAKEN TO SCANNING THE HORIZON FROM THE ACROPOLIS. IT WAS LATE AFTERNOON WHEN HE SAW THE BLACK SAIL ON THE HORIZON



THE DEATH OF THE KING DEEPLY SADDENED THE CITY, BUT EVENTUALLY THESEUS WAS CROWNED KING



SEVERAL MONTHS LATER ...

