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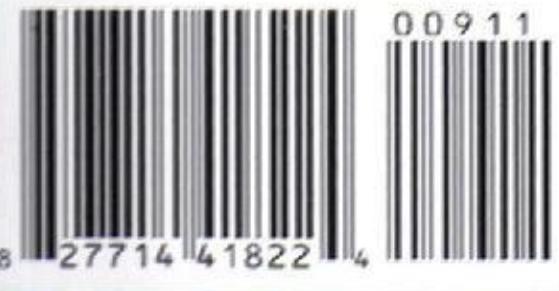
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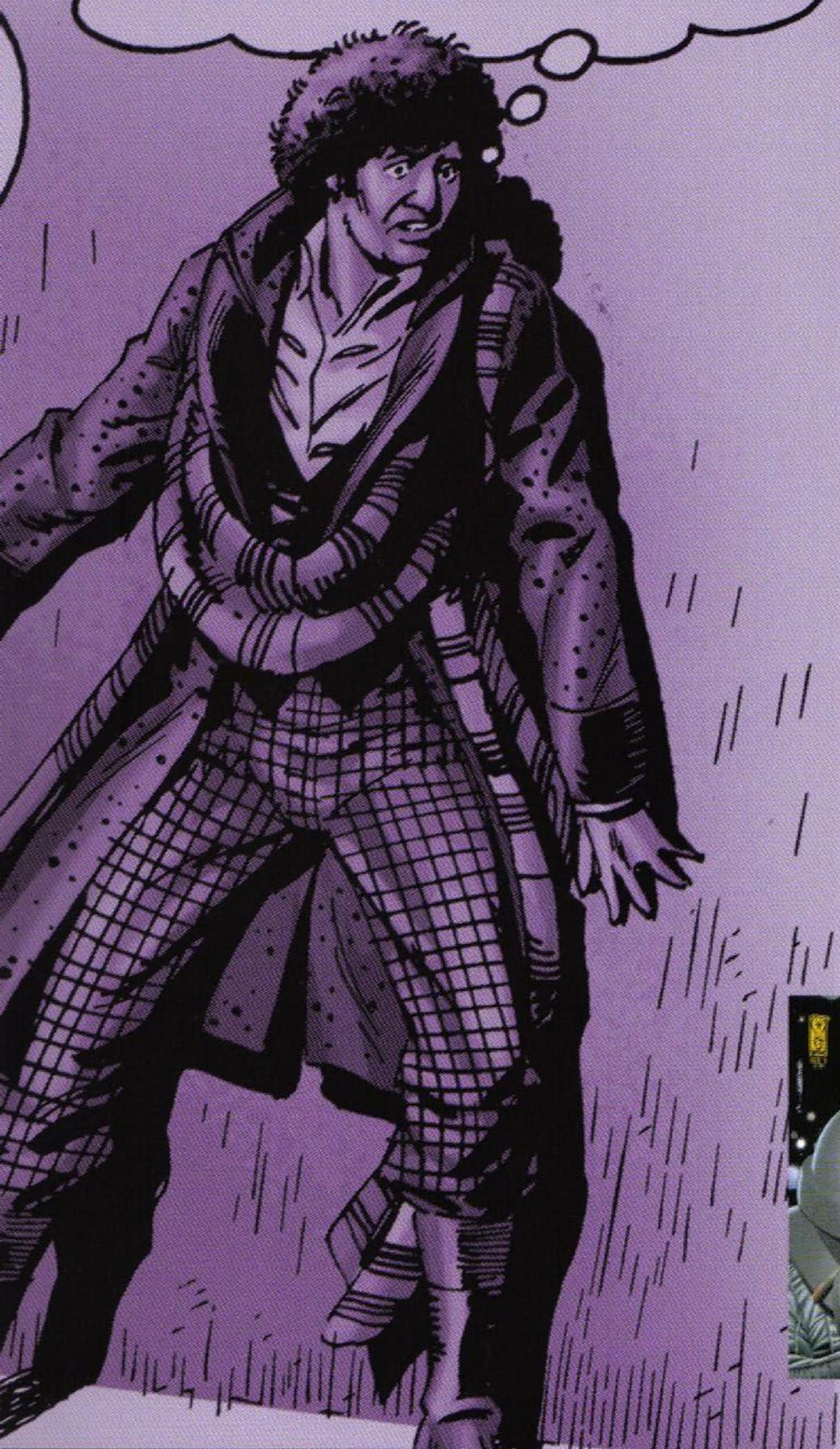
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SOMETIMES
I THINK I SHOULD
CHANGE MY NAME FROM
DOCTOR TO DONALD!



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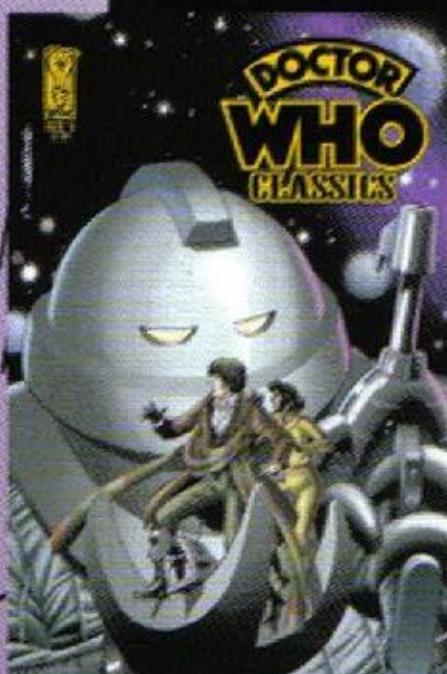
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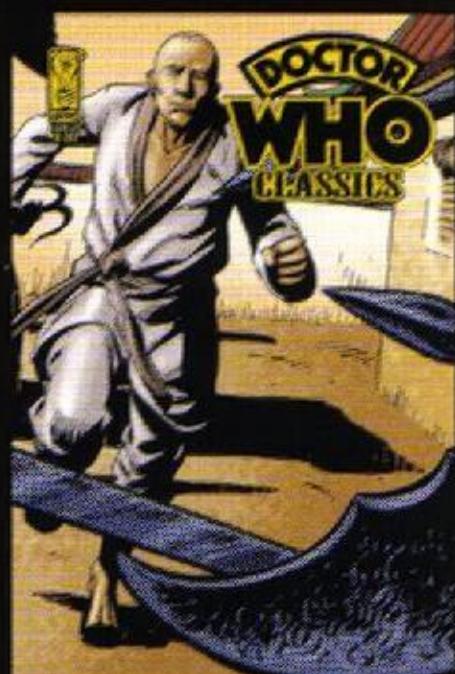
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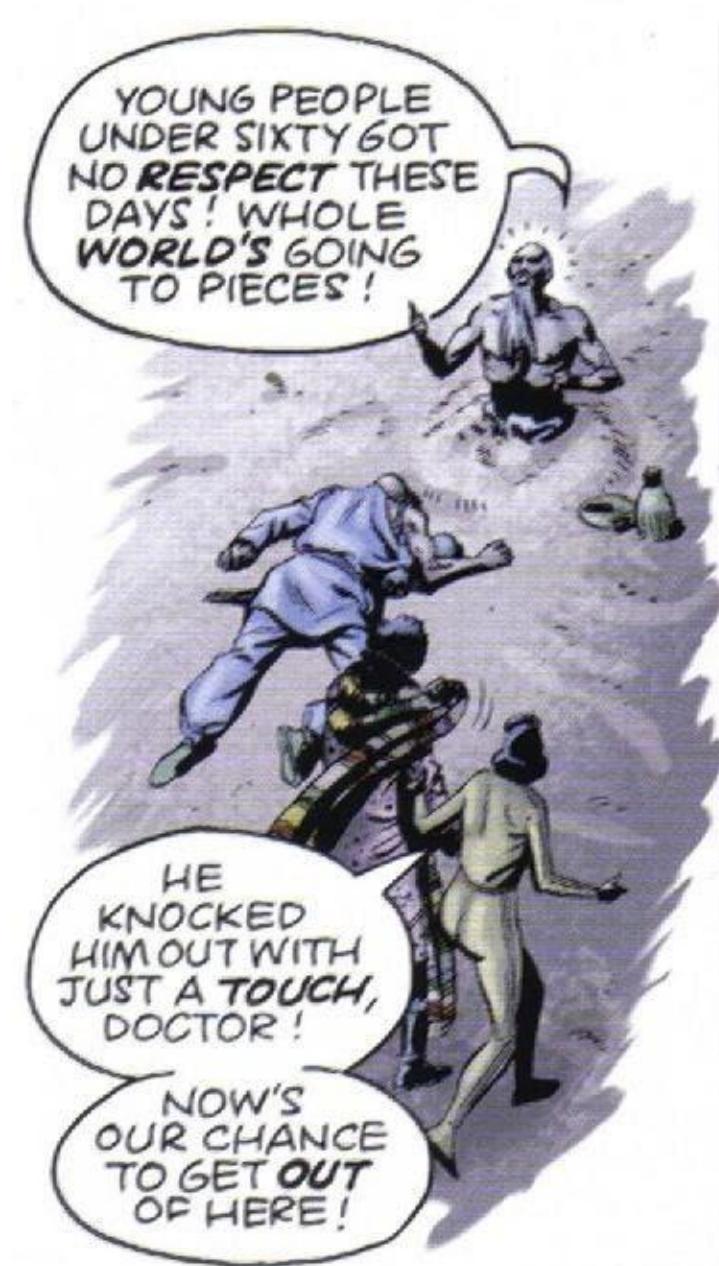
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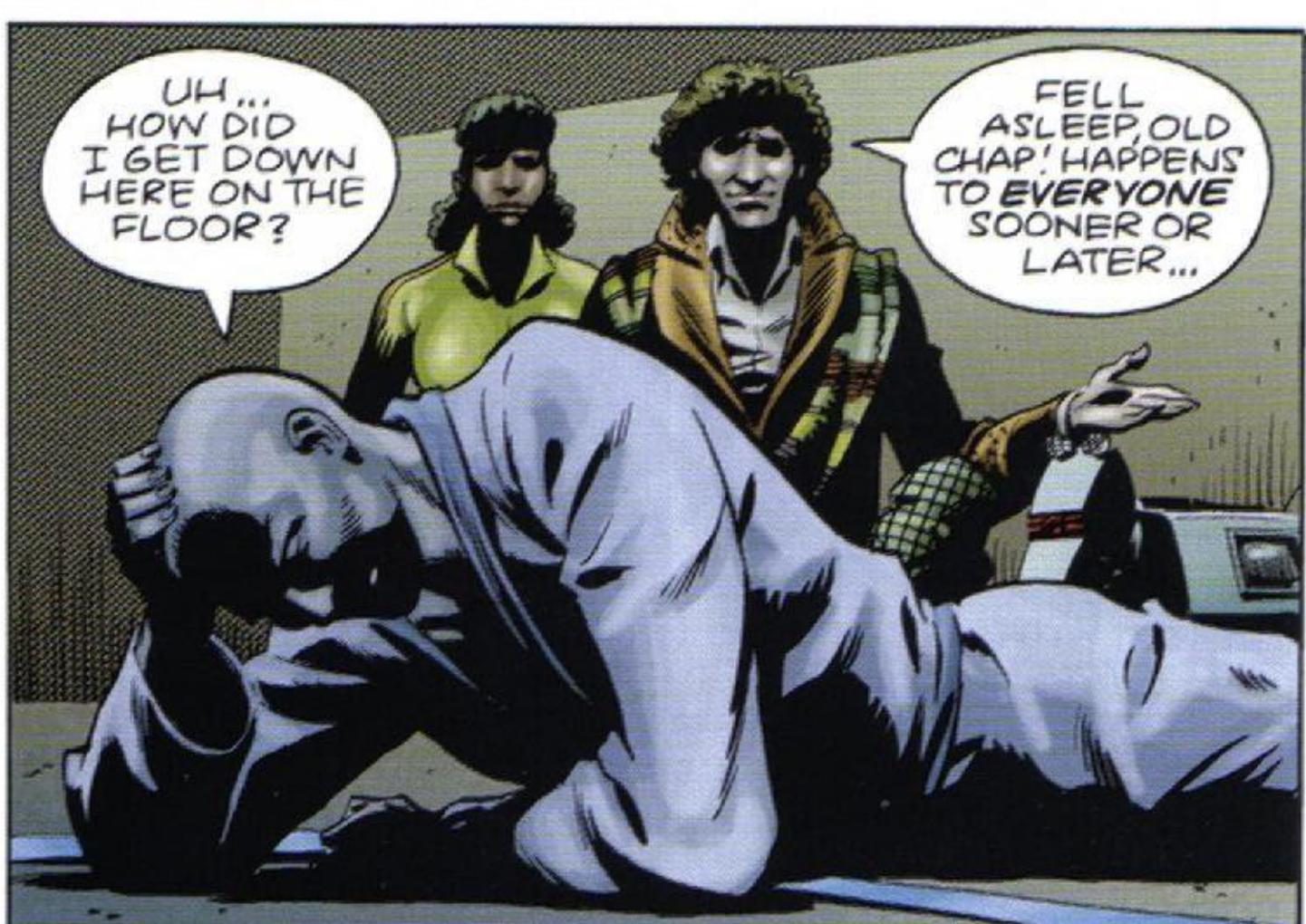
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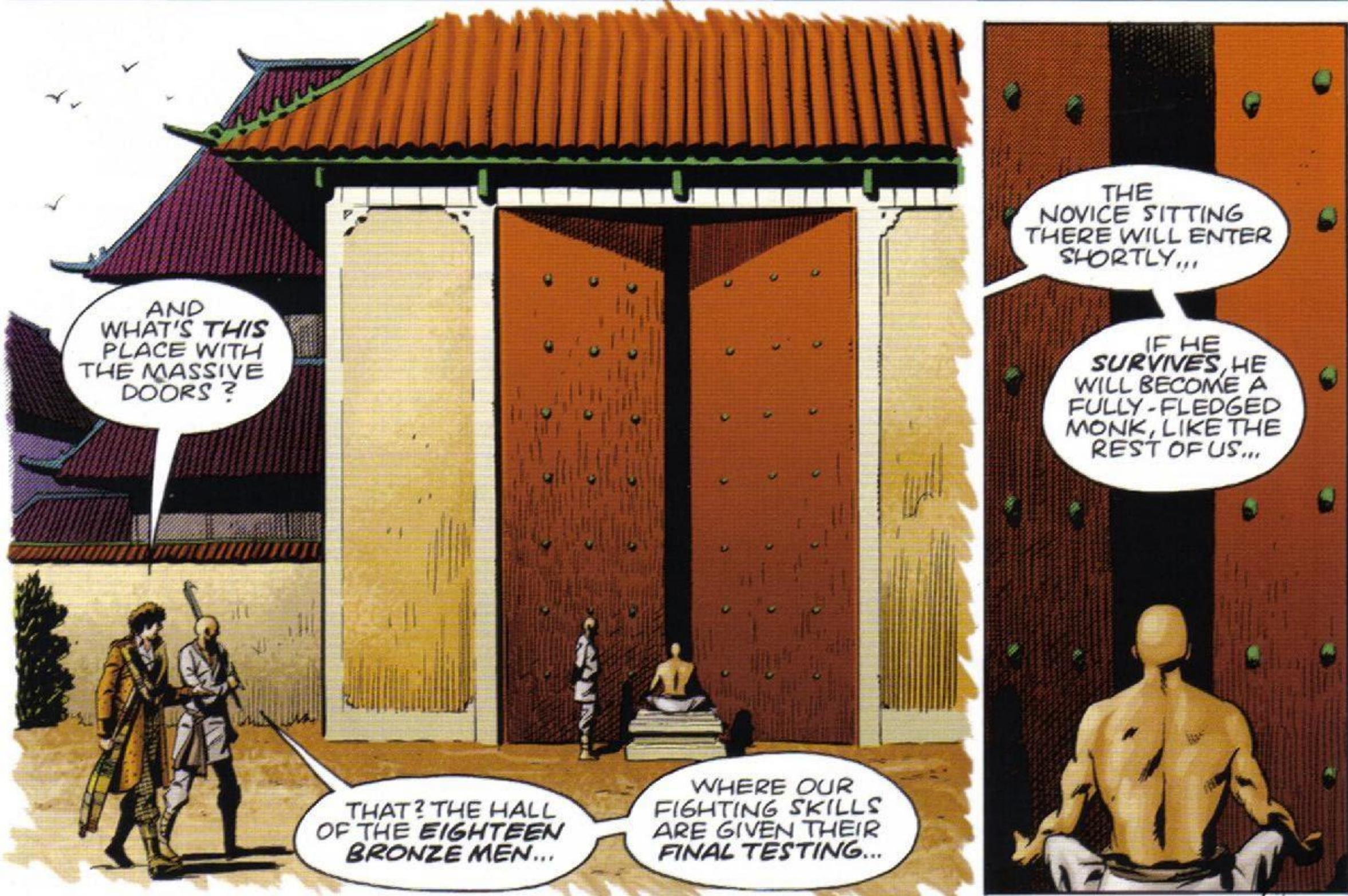
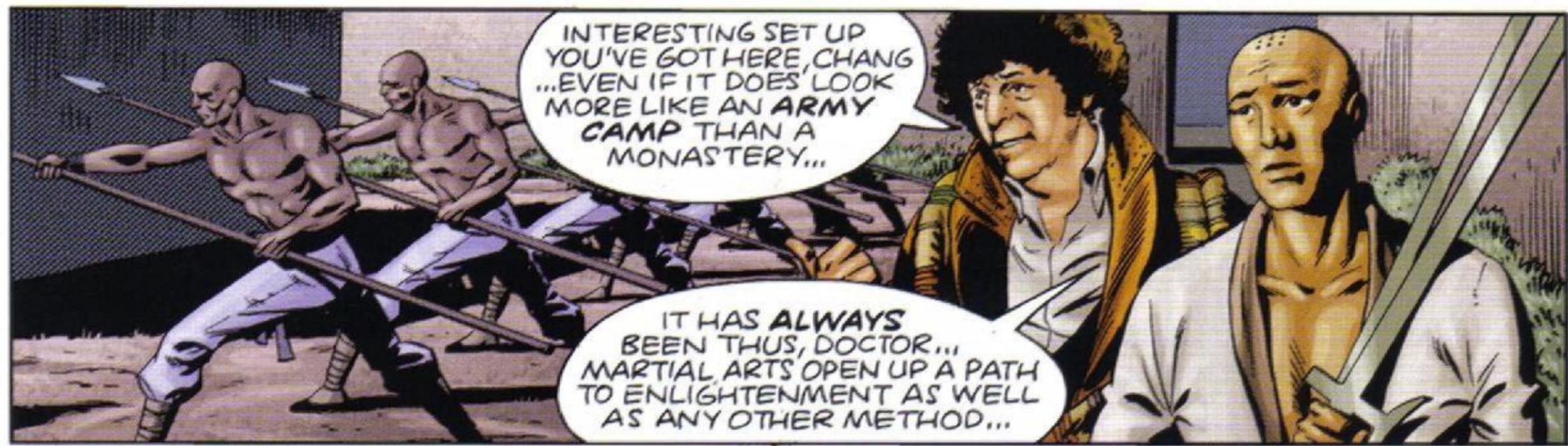
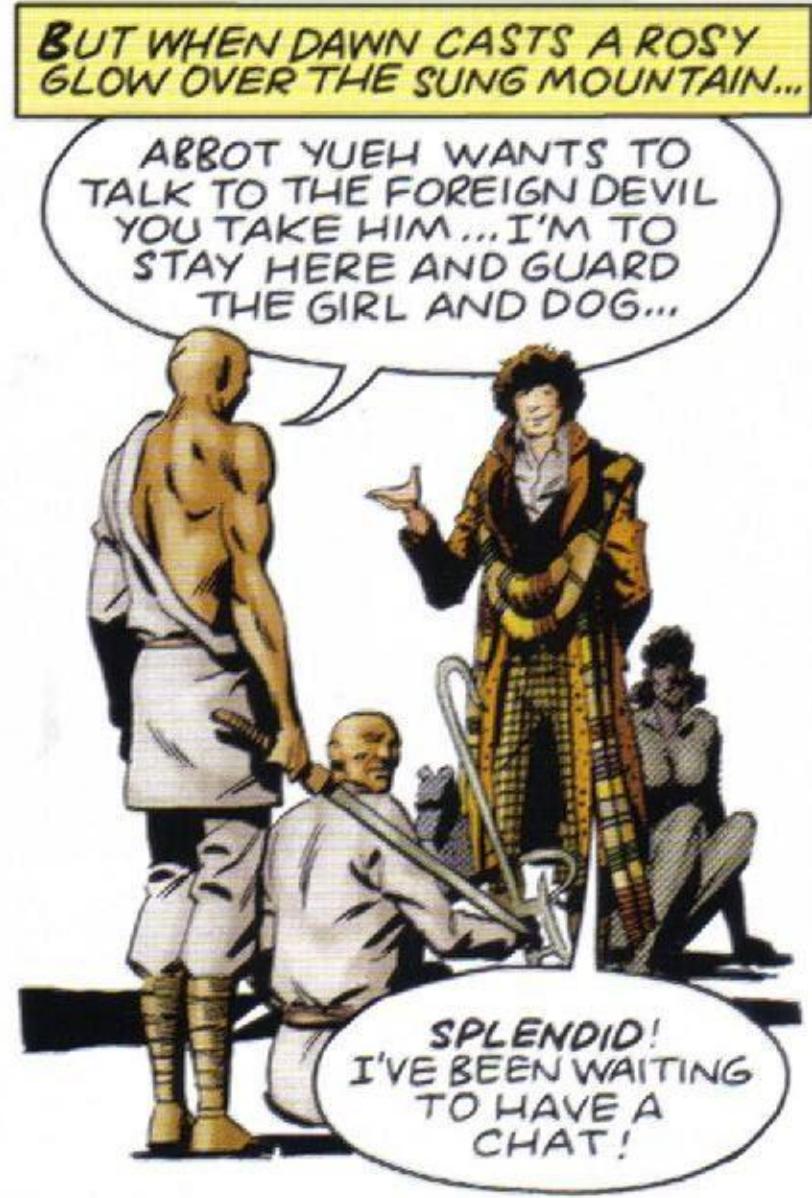
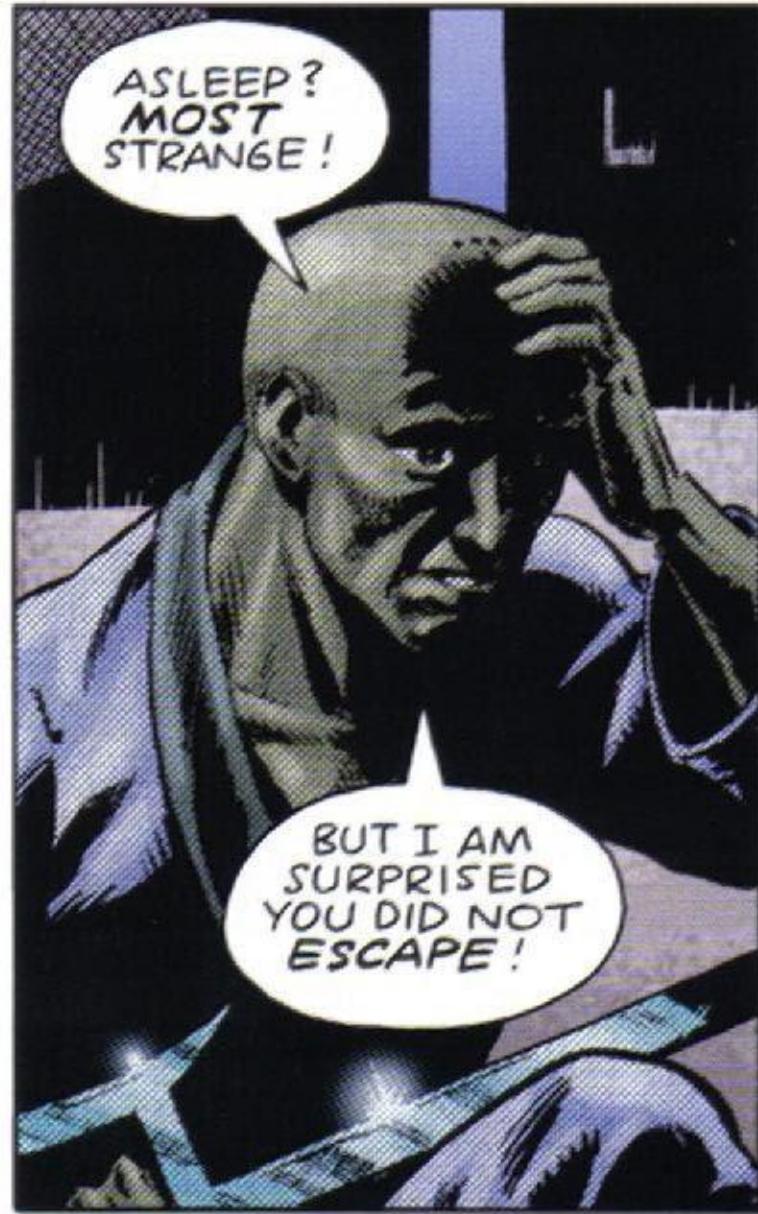
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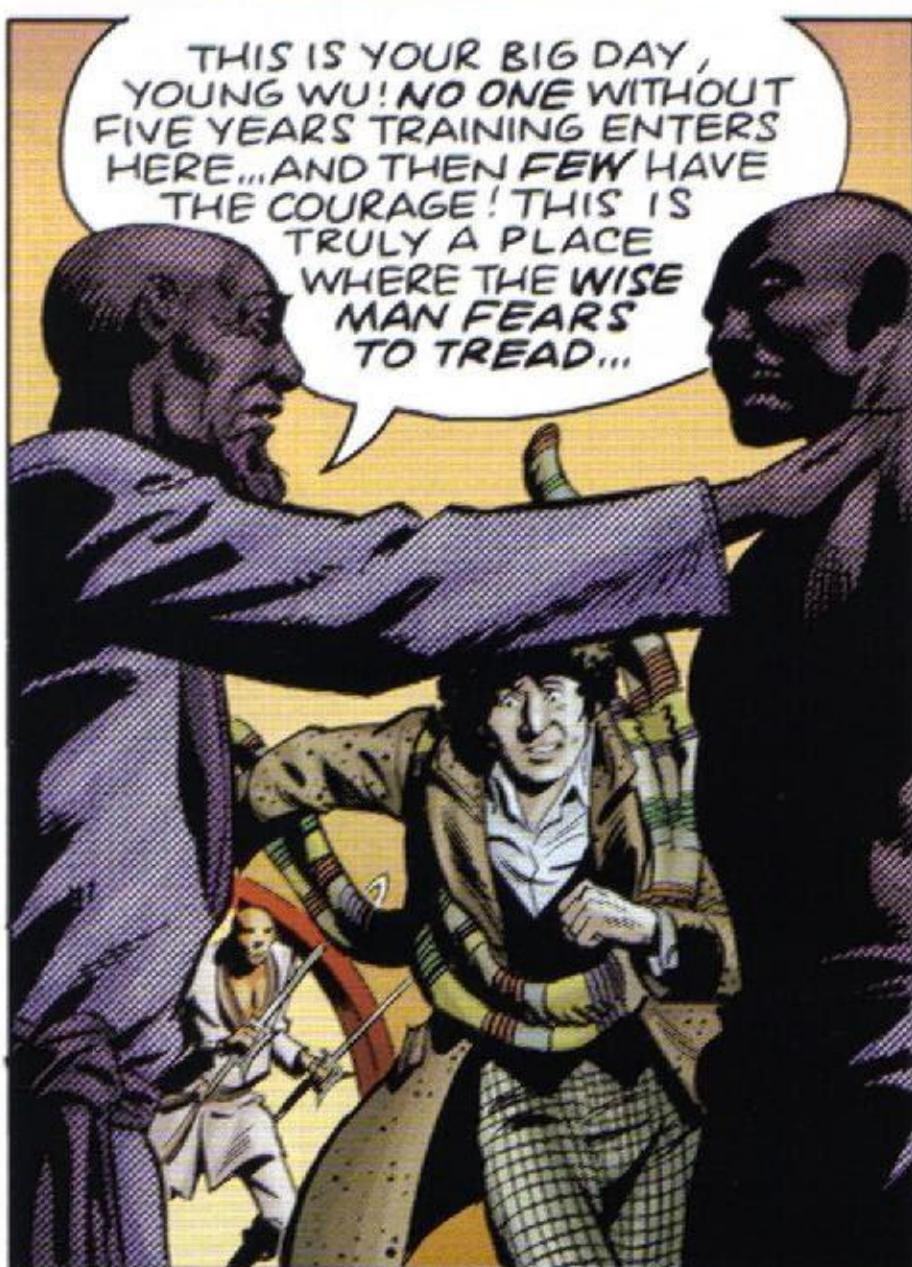
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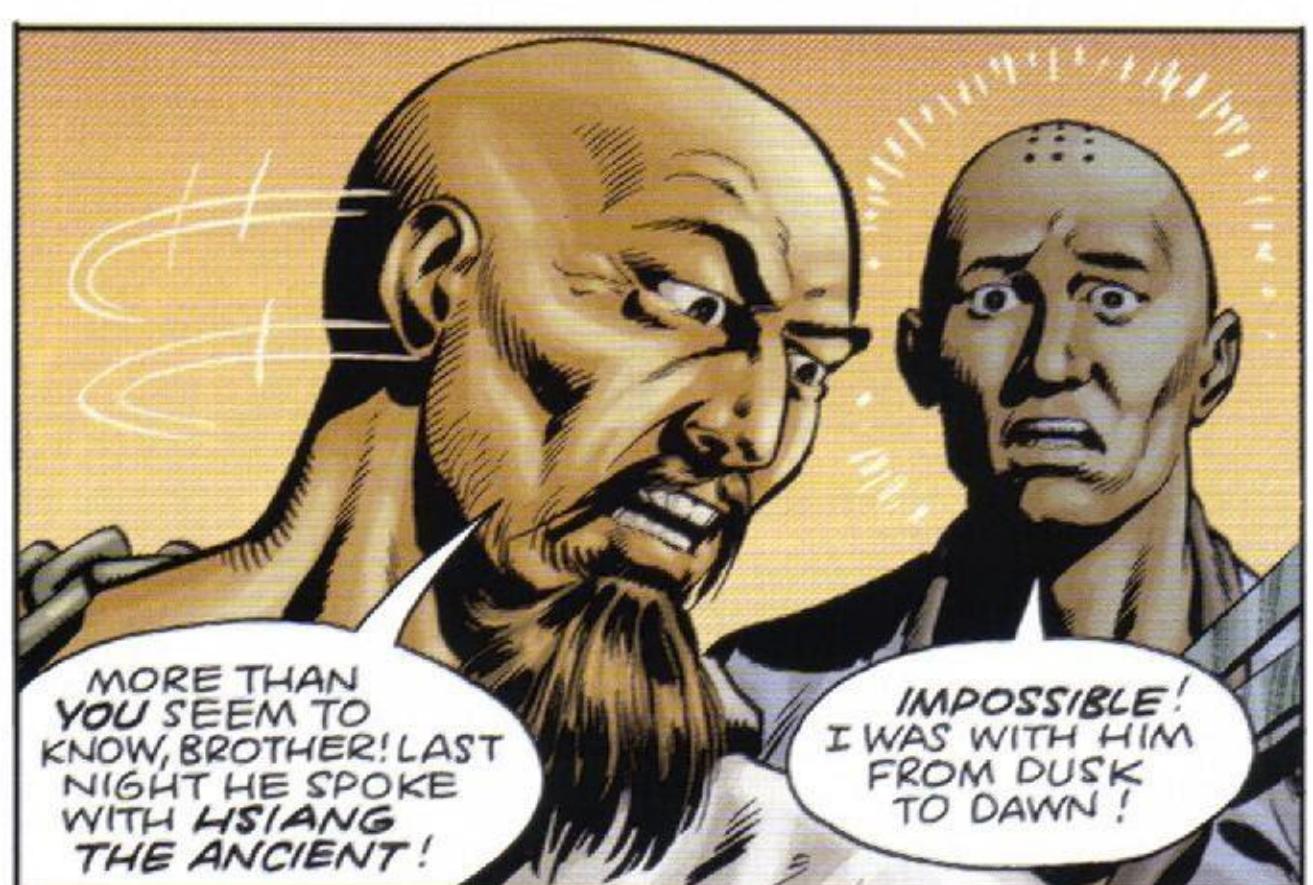
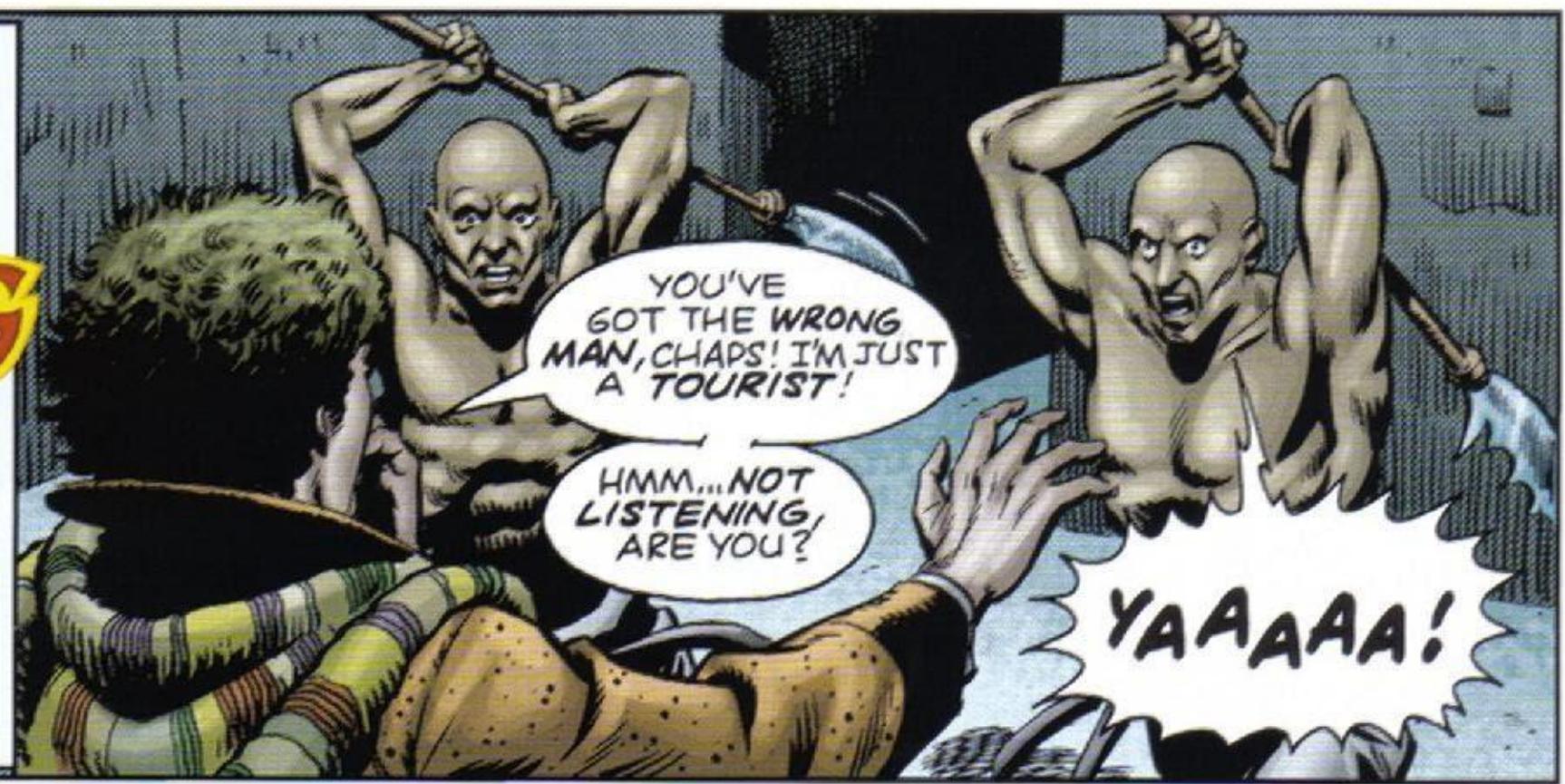


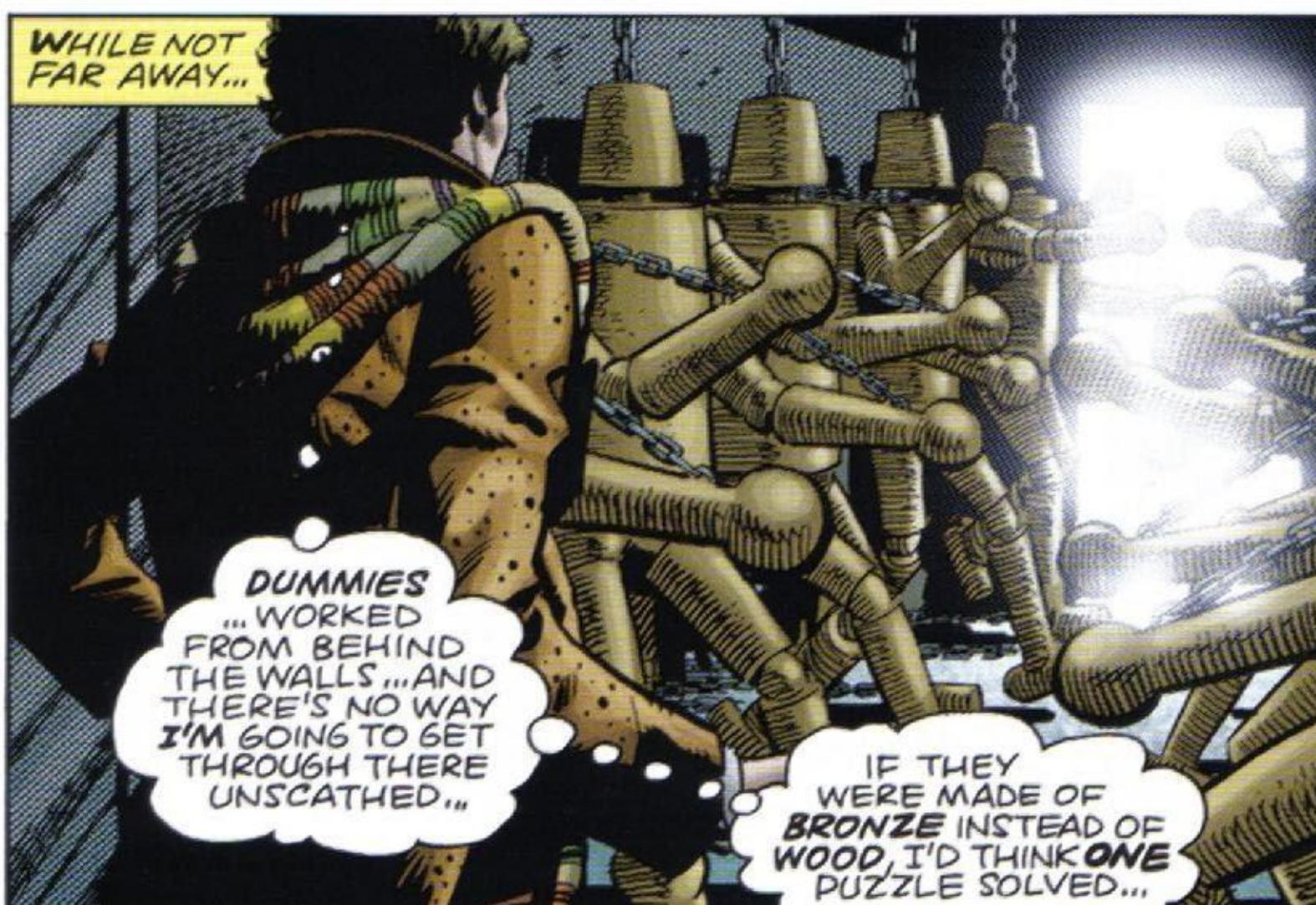
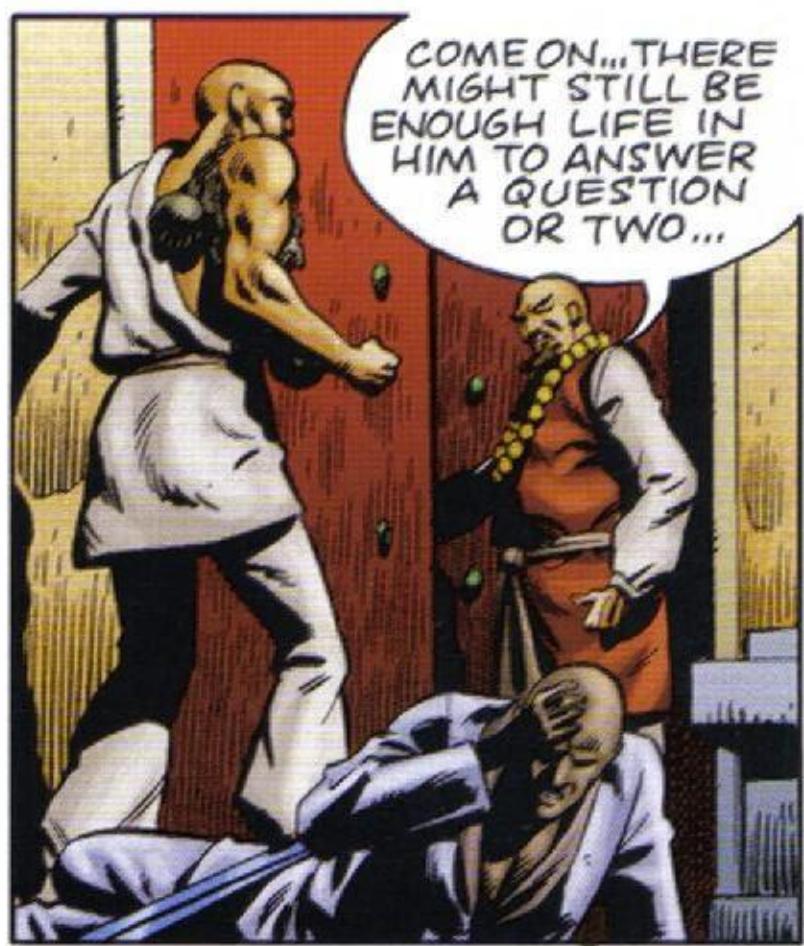


DOCTOR WHO

DRAGON'S CLAW

HELD PRISONER WITH SHARON IN THE SHAOLIN MONASTERY, THE DOCTOR HAS BROKEN FREE AND MADE HIS WAY INTO THE MYSTERIOUS HALL OF THE EIGHTEEN BRONZE MEN...







NEXT **BRONZE MEN - IRON FISTS!**

DOCTOR
WHO

in...

DRAGON'S CLAW

OF THE FIVE HOLY PEAKS OF CHINA, MOUNT SUNG STANDS IN THE CENTRE. YET HERE, WITHIN THE ANCIENT SHAOLIN MONASTERY, LURKS A BAND OF THE MOST UN-HOLY BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE...

TO THE MONKS, THEY ARE KNOWN AS THE EIGHTEEN BRONZE MEN... TO THE DOCTOR, AS SONTARANS...

AND NOW THE BATTLE LINES ARE BEING DRAWN...

MEN OF BRONZE-FISTS OF IRON

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PURSUED BY THE ABBOT, YUEH KUANG, THE DOCTOR HAS STUMBLLED ON THE NERVE CENTRE OF THE SONTARAN OPERATION... TO HIS INSTANT REGRET...

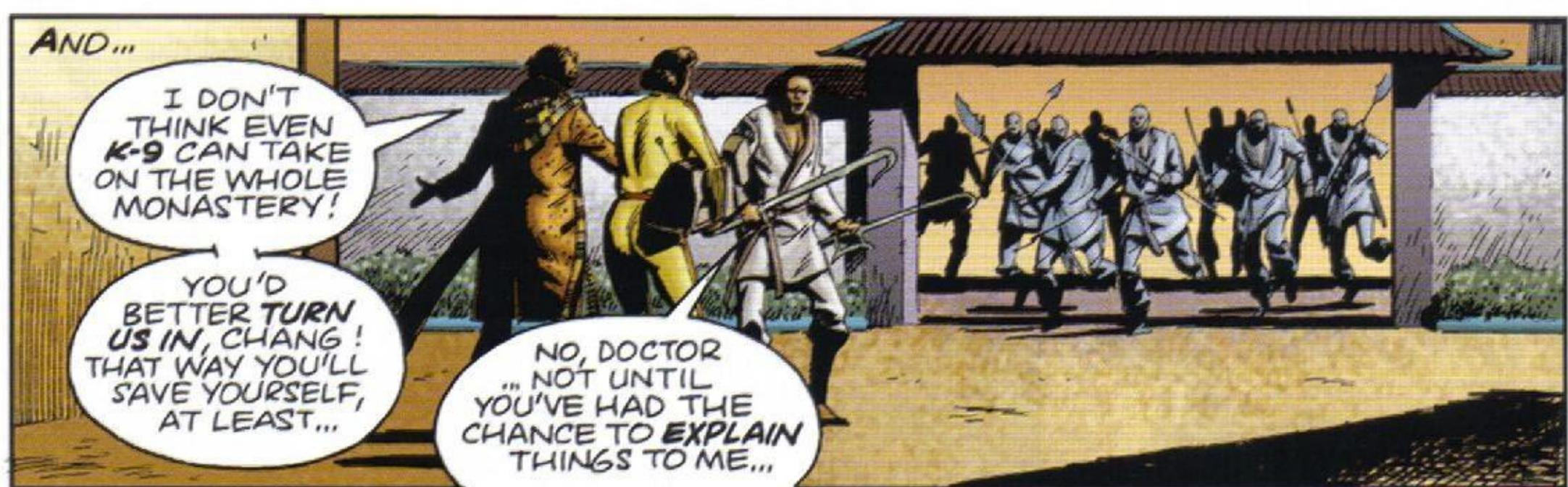
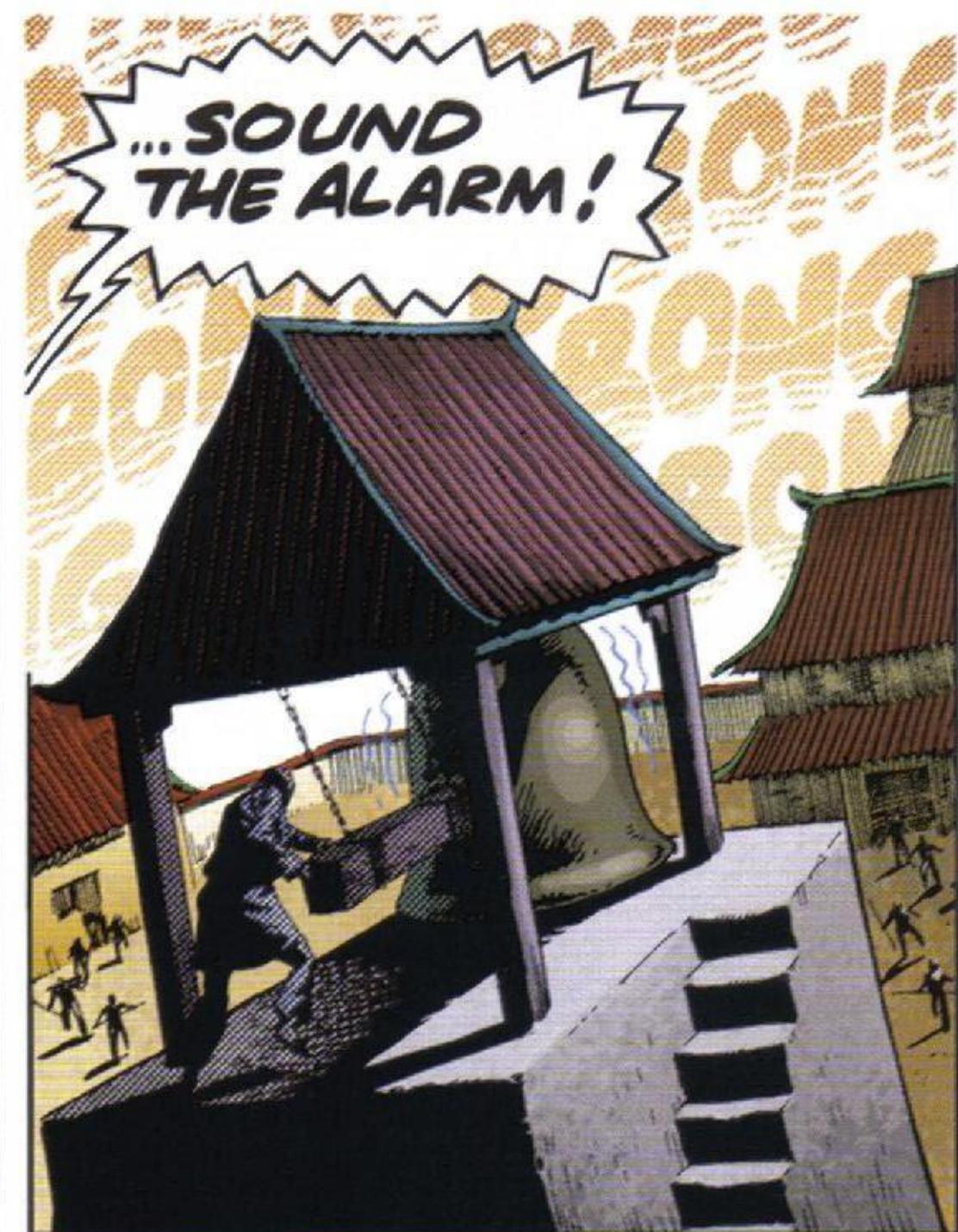


YOU CAN'T SHOOT
IN HERE, FOOL!
HE'S STANDING
IN FRONT OF
THE MAIN
COMPUTER
BANK!

THAT
GIVES ME
A FEW
SECONDS...
BUT IT'S NOT
EXACTLY
SAFE IN
HERE...

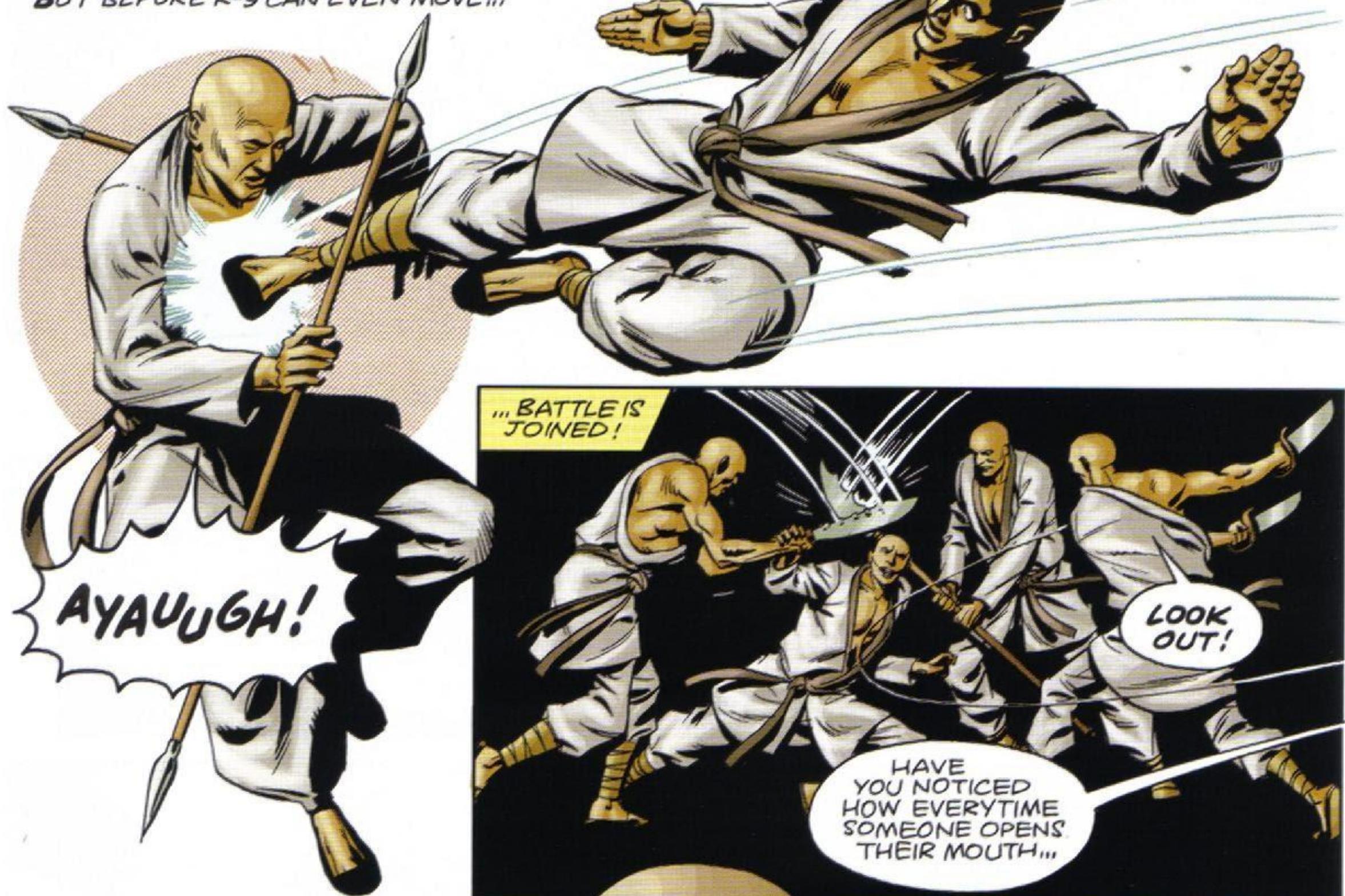


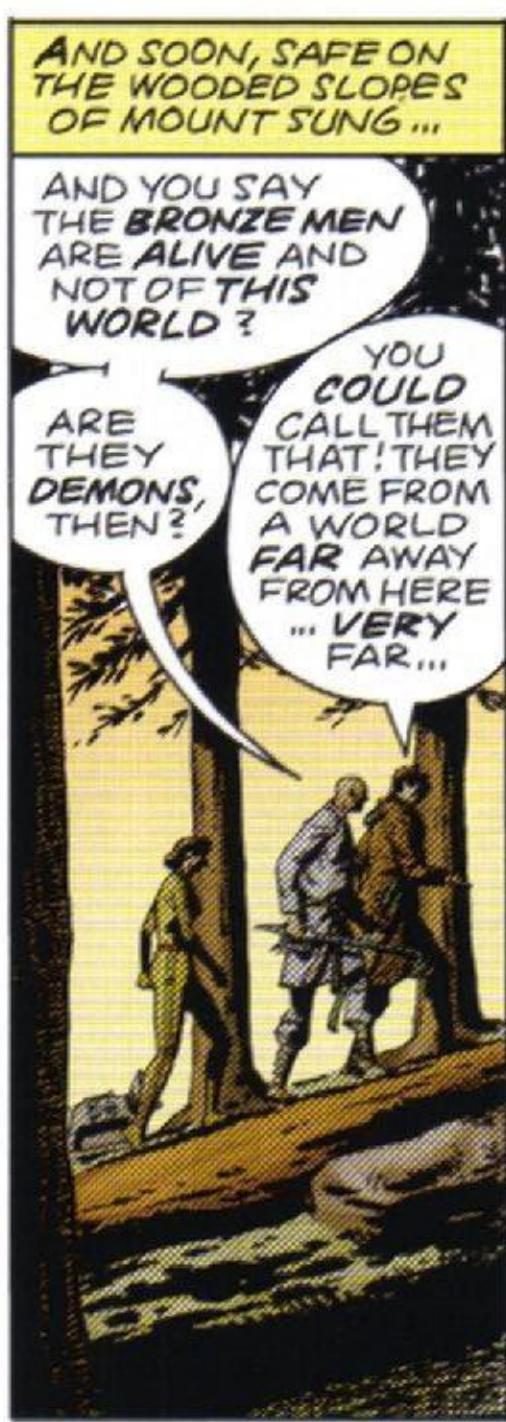
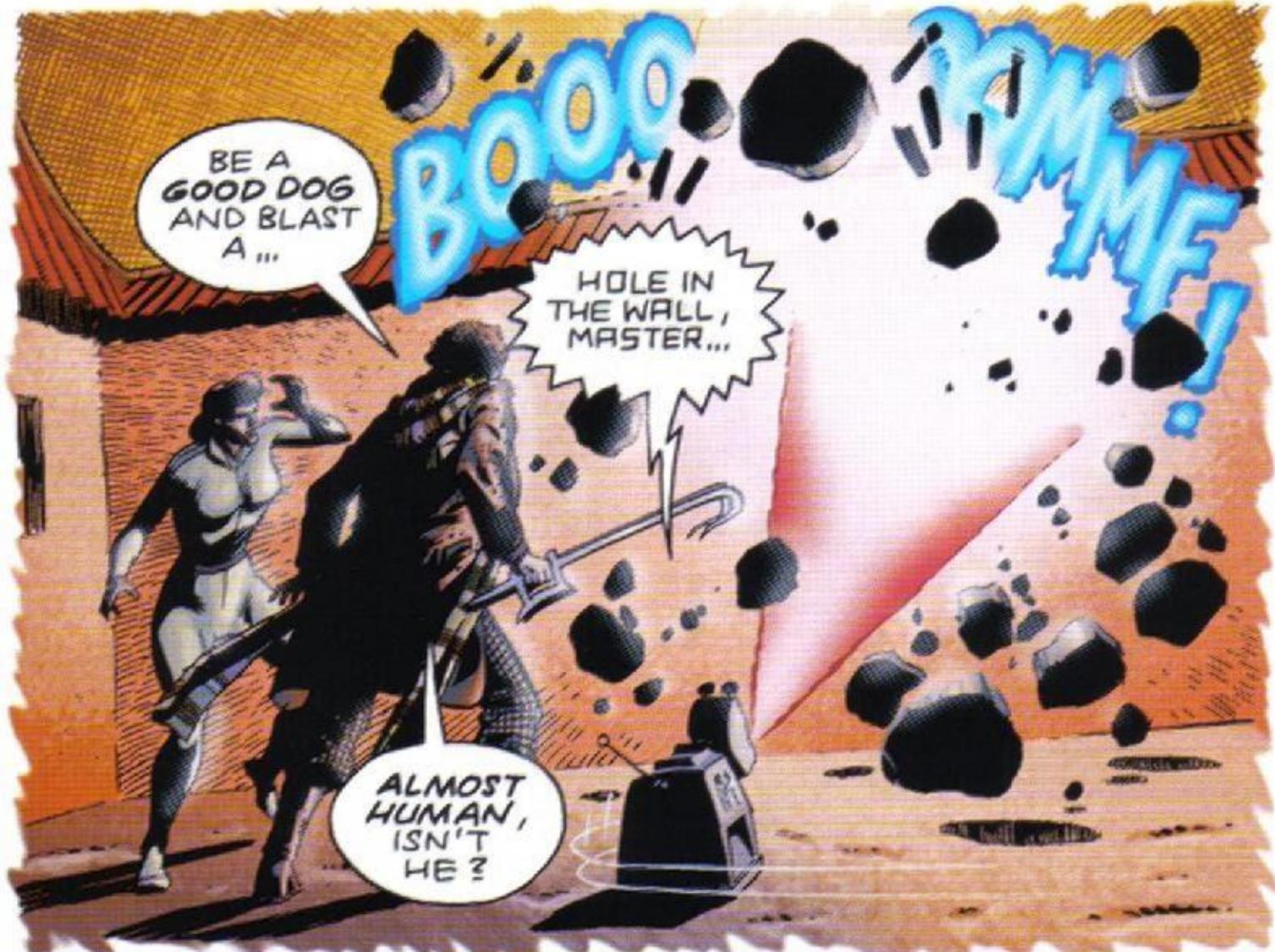


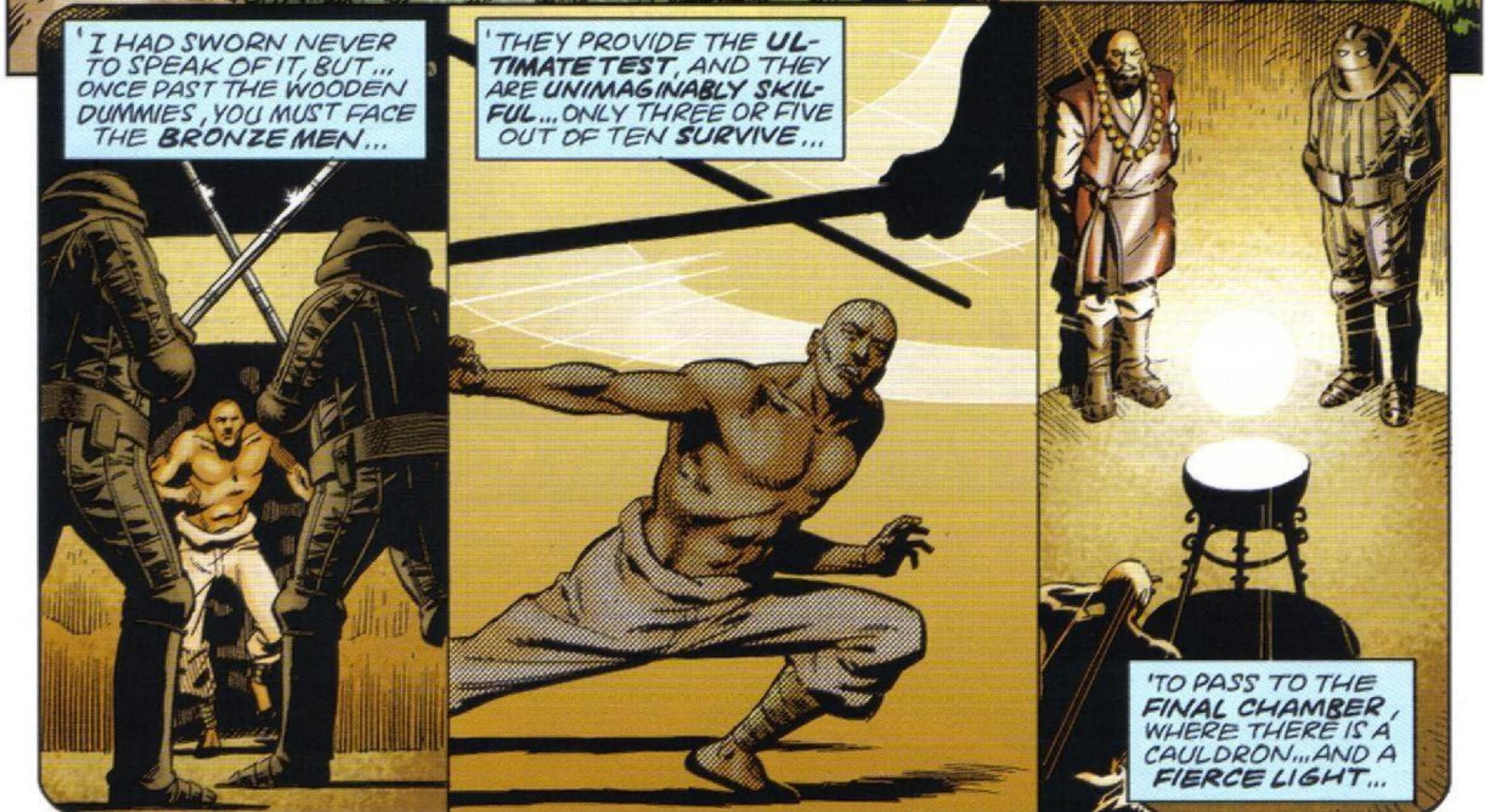
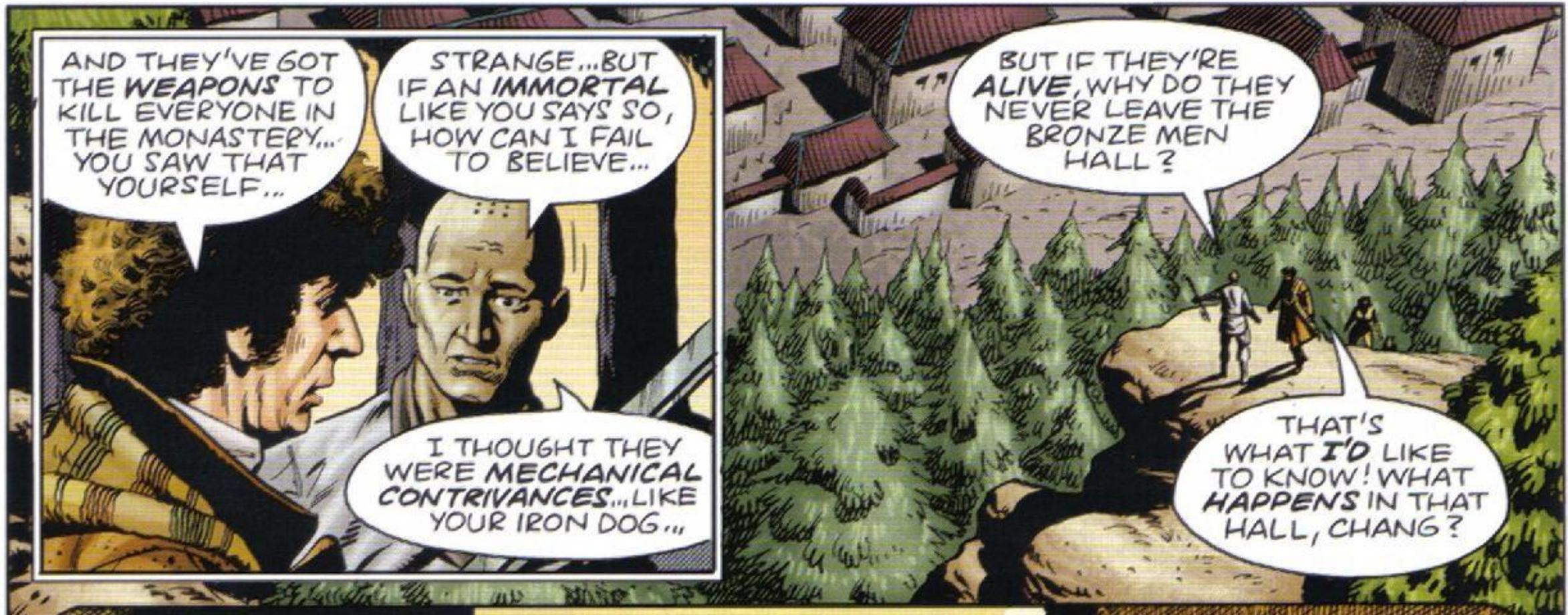




BUT BEFORE K-9 CAN EVEN MOVE...







CHINA, 1522 AD. SONTARAN INVADERS ARE HIDING IN THE SHAO LIN MONASTERY WHERE THEY ARE REVERED AS THE "EIGHTEEN BRONZEMEN" ... AND USING HYPNOSIS TO TURN THE MONKS INTO KILLERS ...

I DON'T THINK SO... BUT WE SET OFF FOR CHEKIANG ON THE ORDERS OF THE EMPEROR...

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE OUR OWN ABBOT IS IN LEAGUE WITH DEVILS...

I'M SURE HSIANG THE ANCIENT COULD CONVINCE YOU OTHERWISE...

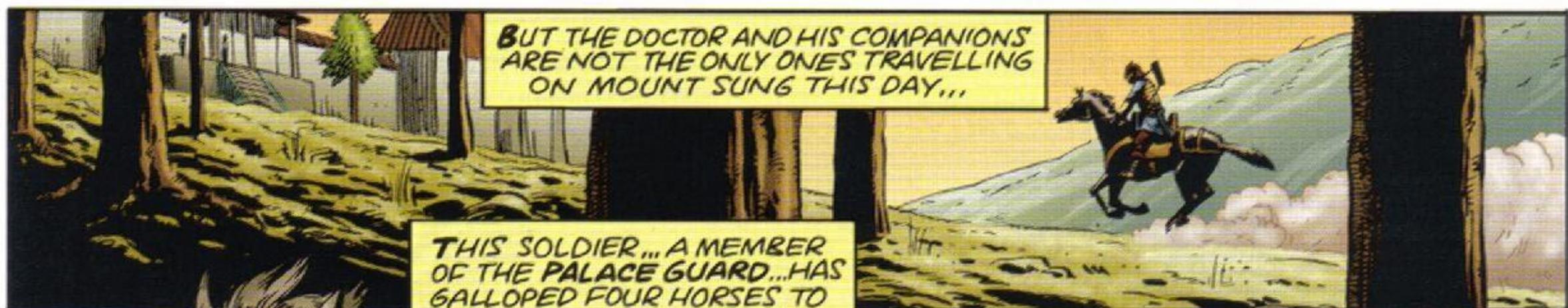


A SINGLE WORD... CAN MAKE ME KILL?

THAT'S RIGHT... DID ABBOT YUEH SAY ANYTHING UNUSUAL TO YOU BEFORE YOU FOUGHT THE JAPANESE PIRATES?



THINK I'LL HAVE ANOTHER WORD WITH THAT FUNNY OLD FELLOW! SHALL WE GO?



BUT THE DOCTOR AND HIS COMPANIONS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES TRAVELLING ON MOUNT SUNG THIS DAY...

THIS SOLDIER... A MEMBER OF THE PALACE GUARD... HAS GALLOPED FOUR HORSES TO THE POINT OF COLLAPSE...



NOW, IN A SIMILAR STATE HIMSELF, HE BRINGS...

THE WORD OF THE SON OF HEAVEN! KNEEL... AS IF YOU WERE WITHIN SIGHT OF THE IMPERIAL ONE HIMSELF!

THIS MESSAGE DEMANDS THE PRESENCE OF YUEH KUANG -- THE DULY ORDAINED ABBOT!

AND SOON, WITHIN THE BRONZE MEN HALL...

WELL, YUEH? HAVE YOU CAUGHT THAT MEDDLER YET?

NOT YET,
GREAT GARAAN
...BUT WHY CONCERN
YOURSELF WITH
HIM?

WE
HAVE WORD
FROM THE
EMPEROR...

AND THE SIMPLE
MINDED FOOL
HAS PLAYED
INTO OUR
HANDS AT
LAST!

MEANWHILE, FURTHER UP
THE MOUNTAIN, SITTING
IN MEDITATION...

HSIANG, OLD BEAN!
I'VE GOT SOMETHING
IMPORTANT
TO --

DO
YOU KNOW
WHAT THOSE
WRETCHES
HAVE
DONE?

DIDN'T
LEAVE MY
BREAKFAST,
THAT'S WHAT
THEY'VE DONE!
I'M STARVING!

WELL, I'VE
ONLY GOT A
FEW JELLY-
BABIES,
BUT...

HMM, YOU
ARE HUNGRY...
NOW, TELL ME
WHERE THIS
'STAR' FELL...

UP PAST
PHOENIX
CRAG...

HMM...
THESE ARE
GOOD!

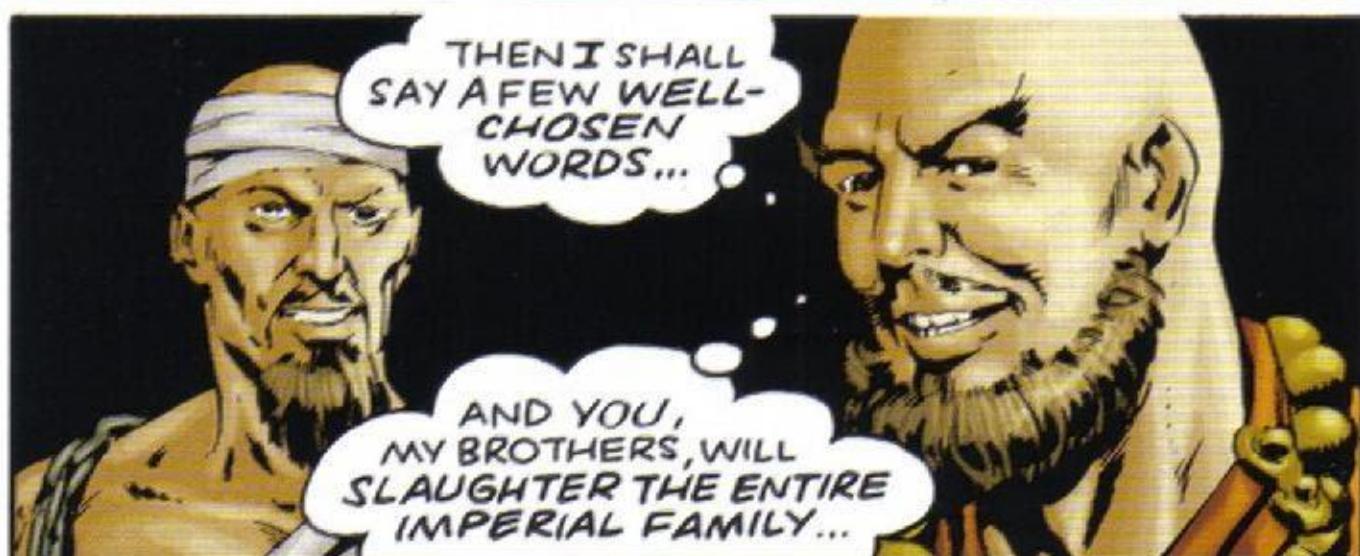
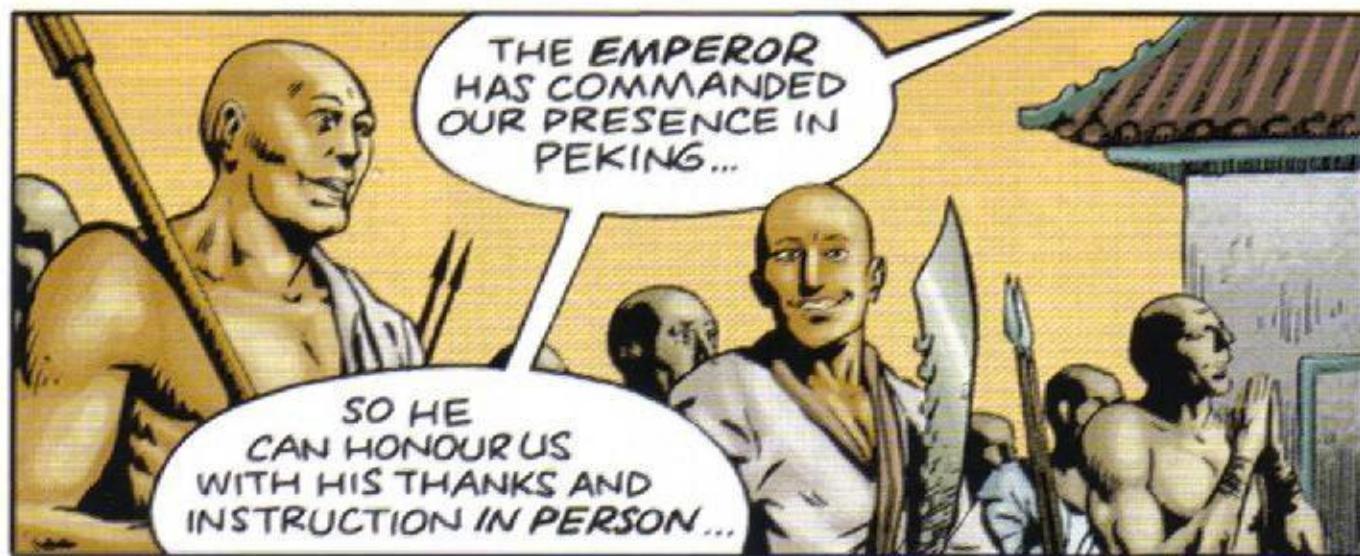
BY
THE
JADE-
FAIRY
POOL...

GOT
ANY
MORE?

AND, EVENTUALLY...

LOOK,
DOCTOR
...HE WAS
RIGHT!

I
SHOULD HOPE
SO TOO! THAT
WAS MY LAST BAG
OF JELLY-BABIES
I BRIBED HIM
WITH!



MEANWHILE...



ROCK CRYSTAL? I HEAR THE ANNAMSE AMBASSADOR BROUGHT SUCH A THING AS TRIBUTE TO THE EMPEROR...



SCAN OF CRYSTAL LATTICES SHOWS IT WAS USED FOR AMPLIFYING HYPER-SPACE RADIO EMISSION...



BUT TO GET THAT, THEY'D HAVE TO KILL THE EMPEROR!

DOES THAT SURPRISE YOU?

HOLD ON! THERE'S SOMEONE OVER THERE...

THE WATER-CARRIER... IT'S AH YING... ONLY ONE OF OUR NOVICES, BUT A FRIEND...

I'LL GO AND SPEAK TO HIM...

THE SONTARANS
MUST HAVE
OFFERED YUEH
THE THRONE,
WHILE THEY
GO FOR THE
CRYSTAL...

BUT OUR
ABBOT ISN'T
GOING TO SIT
ON IT LONG
WHEN THE
INVASION
FORCE
ARRIVES!

THEN...

EVIL NEWS!
YUEH'S ABOUT
TO TAKE A PICKED
GROUP OF MONKS
TO PEKING! ALL THE
ONES WHO FOUGHT
THE PIRATES!

HMM...
YOU TWO
HAD BETTER
SLIP BACK
INTO THE
MONASTERY...

SABOTAGE
SOMETHING...
STIR UP TROUBLE
... ANYTHING TO
DELAY THEM!

AND
SHARON AND
I'LL JOIN YOU
AS SOON AS
WE CAN...!

AND SOON
THEREAFTER...

WE'LL SAY
SORRY WHEN
YOU WAKE UP,
BROTHER KUNG...

UUNNNH...

NOW...
GATHER AS
MANY NOVICES
AS YOU CAN...
I'LL MEET YOU
IN THE MAIN
COURT-
YARD...

AND...

THE 'BRONZE
MEN' ARE DEVILS
FROM ANOTHER
WORLD... AND ABBOT
YUEH'S PLOTTING
WITH THEM!

THE IMMORTAL
WITH THE IRON
DOG TOLD
ME THIS!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING
HERE?

CHANG!

WE
DEMAND
TO LOOK
INSIDE THE
BRONZE MEN
HALL! SHOW
US WHAT'S
GOING ON!

FOOLS!
ONLY
THE ABBOT
CAN GIVE
PERMISSION
FOR THAT!

AND THAT'S WHO
WE'VE GOT HERE! HSIANG
THE ANCIENT...THE
REAL ABBOT!

BE A
GOOD CHAP,
HSIANG! SAY
WHAT I TOLD
YOU...AND
THEN WE'LL
GET YOU
SOMETHING
TO EAT!

WHAT?
OH,
YES...!

WHERE'S
MY BREAK-
FAST?

AS THE
ORIGINALLY
ORDAINED ABBOT
...DEPOSED BY
TREACHERY...
I ORDER THE
OPENING
OF THE
BRONZE
MEN HALL!

WAS
THAT
ALRIGHT? I'M
HUNGRY...

OPEN THE
HALL!

CAN'T STOP
THEM ON MY OWN!
YUEH WILL HAVE TO
HANDLE THIS!

AND MOMENTS LATER...

STOP ALL THIS
FOOLISHNESS, CHANG!
YOU CAN'T DEFY
ME!

WE CAN...

AND
WE DO!

AH, BUT
ALL I HAVE
TO DO IS SAY
THE WORD
...AND YOU
WILL BECOME
ANOTHER
ONE OF MY
KILLING
SLAVES!

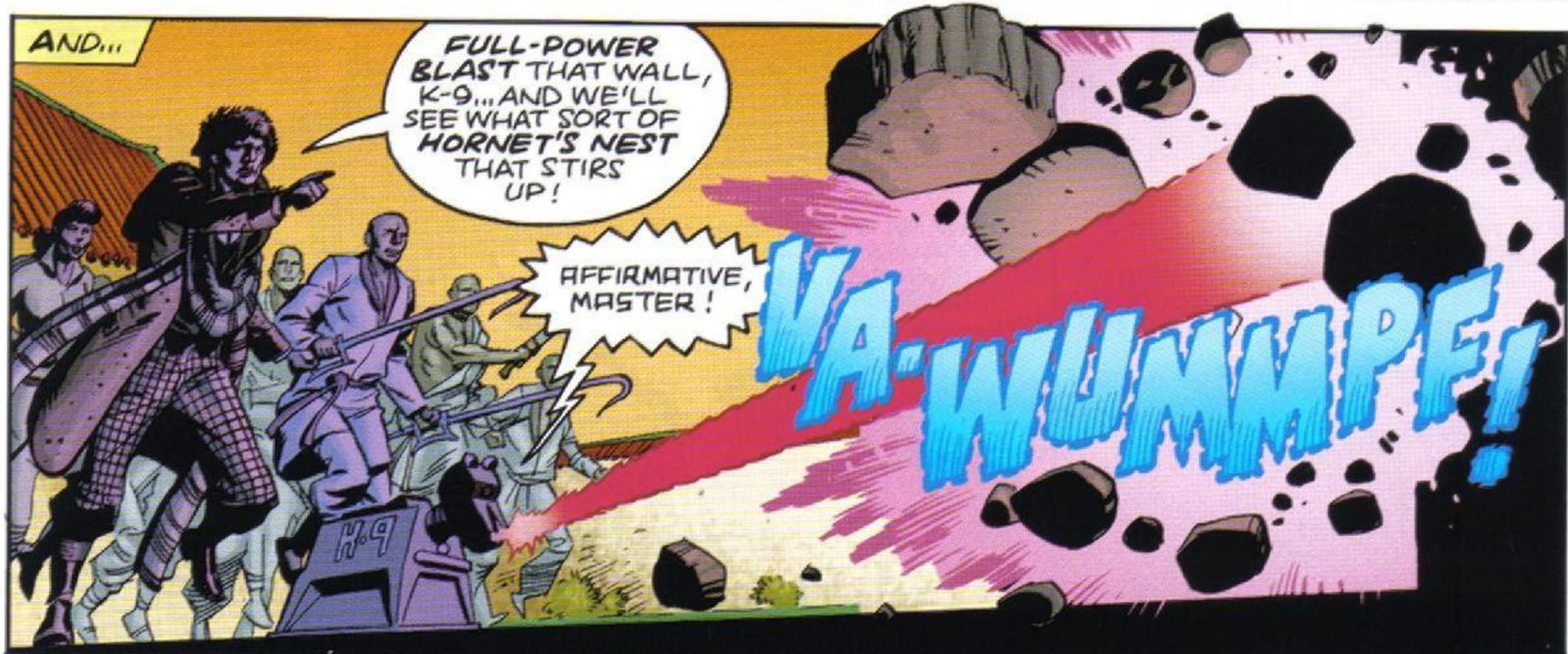
AND
YOU CAN'T
REACH ME
IN TIME TO
STOP ME
SAYING
IT!

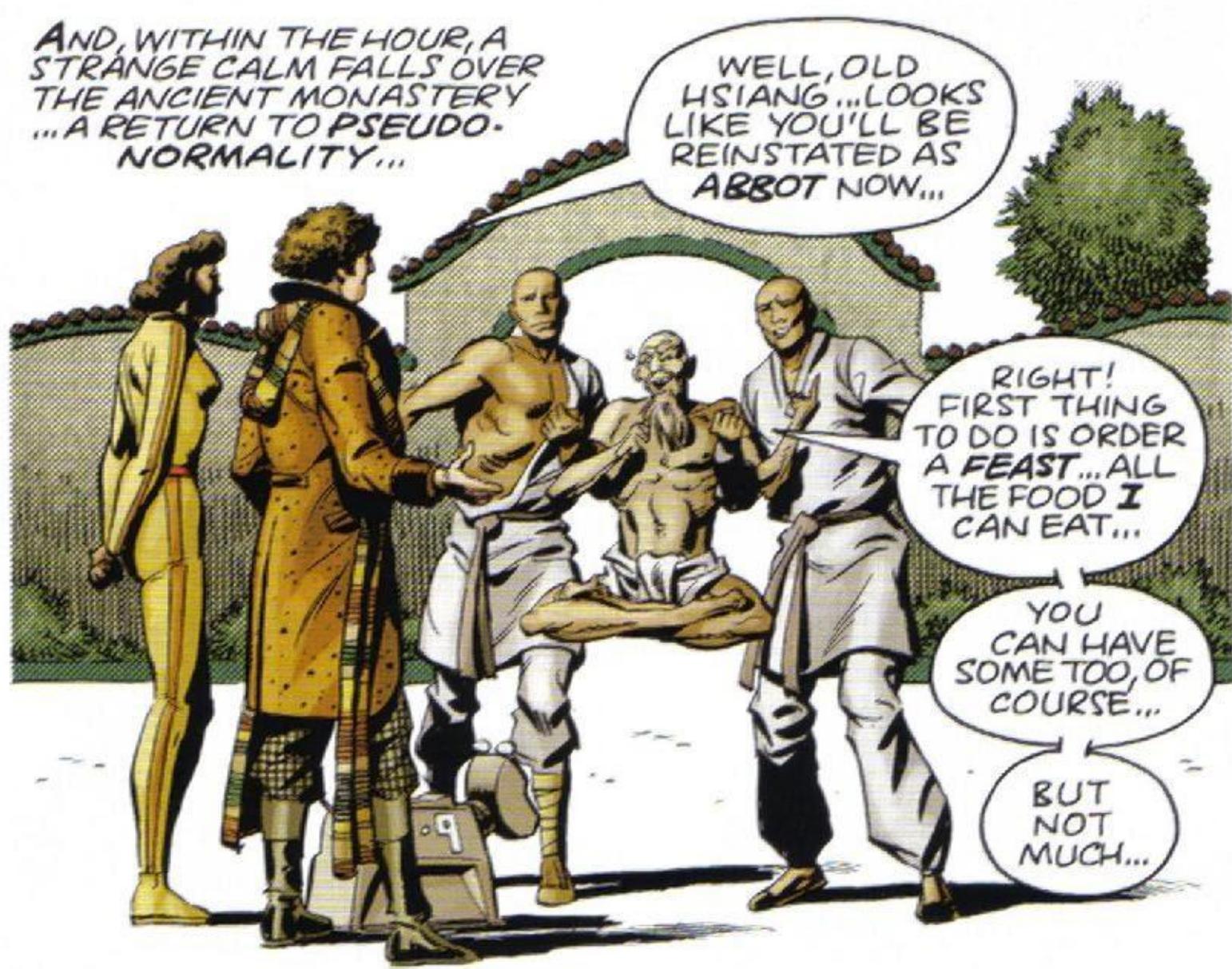
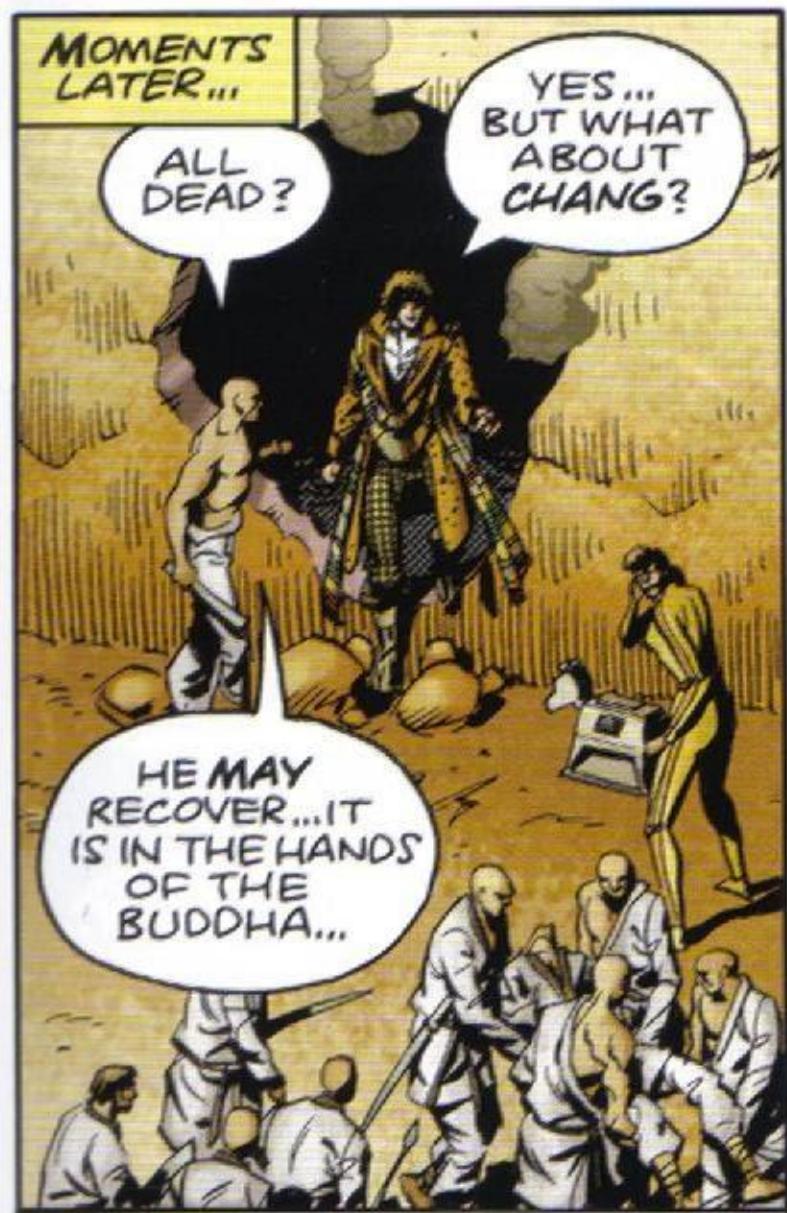
MUMBLE
YOUR SPELL,
FALSE PRIEST! WE
WILL NEVER
GIVE UP!

GET
READY TO
RECORD THIS,
K-9!









NEXT ISSUE THE DOCTOR, SHARON AND K-9 MEET... THE

COLLECTOR!

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