

Jeanne d'Arc





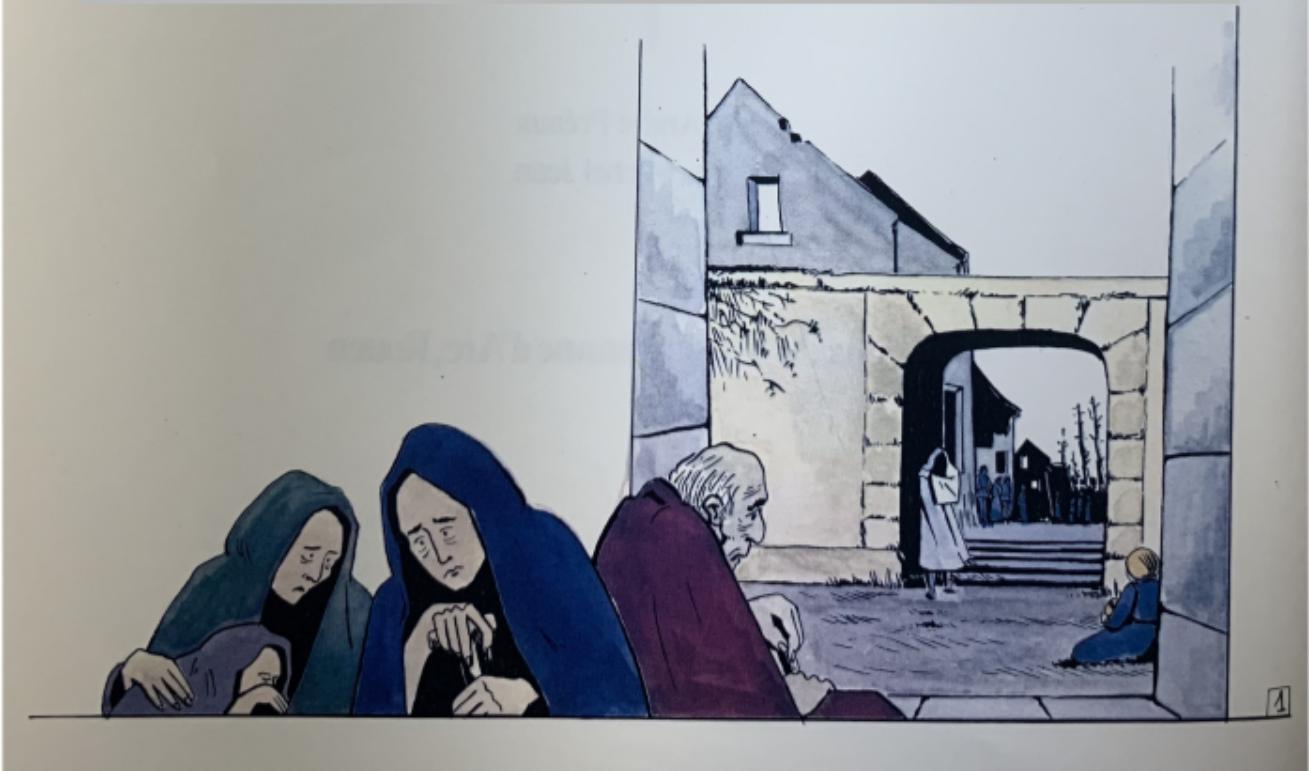
In the 14th and 15th centuries, a long series of struggles pitted FRANCE and ENGLAND against each other,

This is what we will call the HUNDRED YEARS' WAR:

Long series of defeats, CRECY (1346), CALAIS, POITIERS, VERNEUIL,
then victories of Constable BERTRAND DUGUESCLIN (died in 1380).

On the other hand, it is the GENERAL MISERY OF THE WEST:

The great famine of 1315, the Black Death, social unrest and popular movements caused by war and plagues in France, England, Germany and Bohemia.



Since 1378, the ordeal of the Great Schism has torn Christianity apart, there is a pope in Rome, another in Avignon, and the situation will continue for almost half a century.

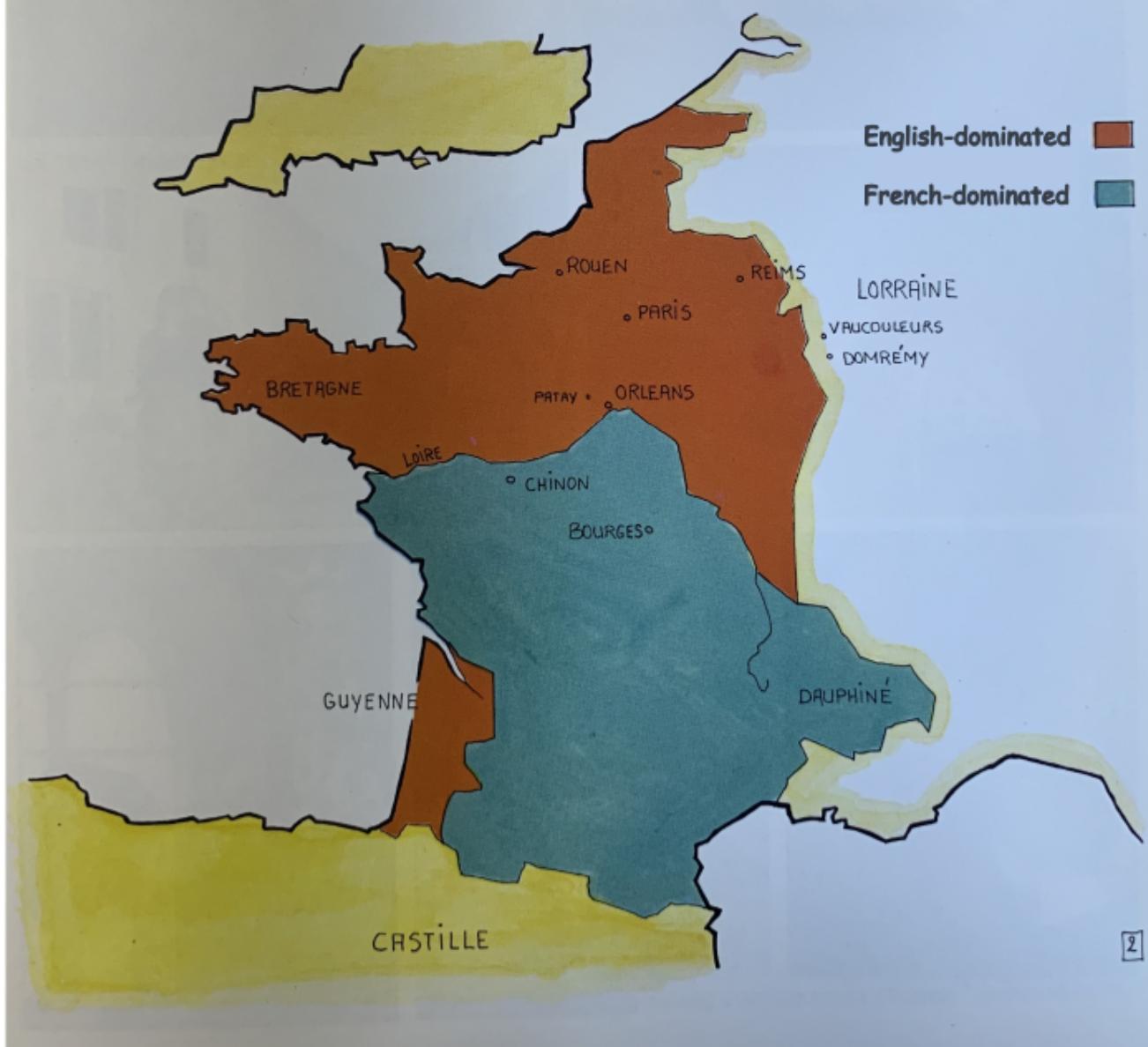
On August 5, 1392, tragedy struck at the French court, King CHARLES VI went crazy.

In 1411 there was war between ARMAGNACS and BOURGUIGNONS.

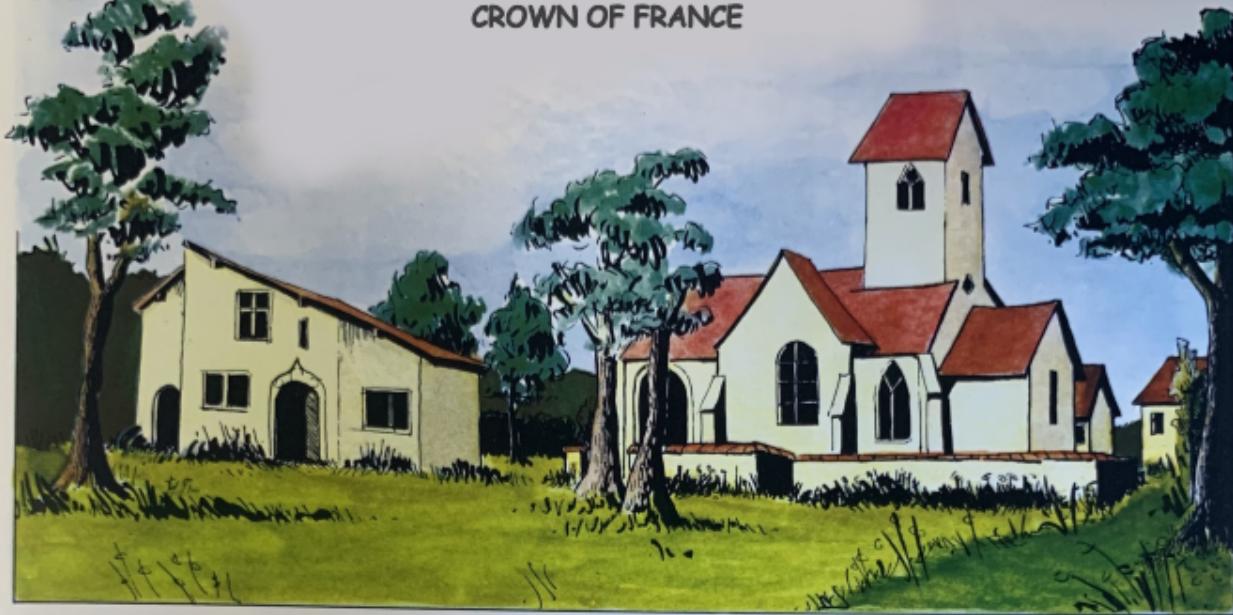
After the Treaty of Troyes and the death of Charles VI in 1422, the English masters of Guyenne, united with the Duke of Burgundy, supported by Brittany, held the north and center of France as far as the Loire, exclusion of MONT-SAINT-MICHEL, invincible fortress.

The DAUPHIN CHARLES VII took refuge in BOURGES. Everything was lacking: men, resources, even the will to resist.

Despairing of his cause, he thought of fleeing to Dauphiné or Castille.



JEANNE WAS BORN ON JANUARY 6, 1412, DAY OF THE EPIPHANY,
IN DOMRÉMY, A SMALL VILLAGE IN LORRAINE, DEPENDING ON
THE BAILIAGE OF CHAUMONT WHICH WAS UNDER THE
CROWN OF FRANCE

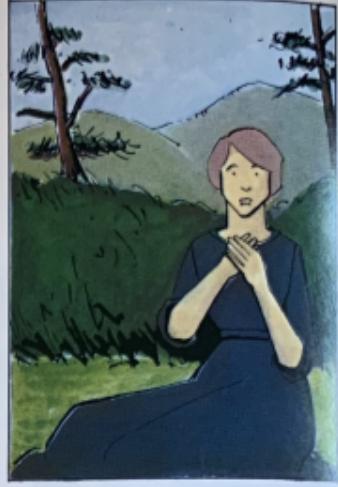
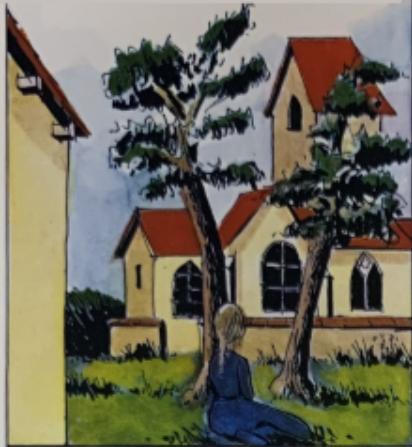


SHE "WILLINGLY" DID EVERYTHING SHE HAD TO DO.



JEANNE WAS A LITTLE PEASANT "LIKE ANYONE ELSE"

GOLDEN DAY, AT NOON



JEANNE, BE GOOD
AND WISE.
GO OFTEN TO
THE CHURCH.



THERE IS A
GREAT PITY IN THE
KINGDOM OF FRANCE.

THE VOICE IS SWEET AND NOBLE,
IT MUST BE THE VOICE OF GOD.



JEANNE!
COME EAT
PLEASE.



UH... YES DAD, I'M
COMING RIGHT AWAY.



SHE SAID NOTHING TO HER PARENTS ABOUT THE VOICES FROM HEAVEN THAT CAME TO COMMAND HER -

JEANNE WOULD KEEP HER SECRET FOR A LONG TIME...



MEANWHILE, THE REGION WAS INVaded BY THE BURGUNDIANS, ALLIES OF THE ENGLISH. PEASANTS AND HERDS HAD TO FLEE LEAVING THEIR VILLAGE. AT THE MERCY OF LOOTING SOLDIERS.



RETURNING TO DOMREMY SOME TIME AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE SOLDIERS, THE DISASTERS WERE EVIDENT:

HOUSES AND STABLES DESTROYED AND THE CHURCH PARTLY BURNED





THE ENGLISH WERE MAKING RAPID PROGRESS. JEANNE COULD NOT KEEP HER SECRET ANY LONGER.



IN THE EARLY DAYS OF MAY, JEANNE WENT TO CARE FOR A RELATIVE IN BUREY... SHE WENT TO HER UNCLE DURAND LAXART WHO LIVED VERY CLOSE BY.





JEANNE DID NOT DESPAIR.

A FEW DAYS
LATER...

HERE COMES THE GIRL
WHO WANTS TO
SAVE FRANCE

SHE PLANS
TO DRIVE OUT
THE ENGLISH WITH HER
SPINNING SPINDLE

SIR, I AM JEANNE FROM
DOMREMY, DURAND LAXART'S
NIECE.
I BEG YOU TO LISTEN
TO ME

OH NO,
KID DON'T
START AGAIN!

LEAVE THESE
MATTERS TO THE MEN
AND GO BACK TO YOUR
SHEEP, BEFORE I HAVE
YOU THROWN OUT.

I WILL GO TO CHINON
EVEN IF I HAVE
TO WEAR OUT MY LEGS
DOWN TO THE
KNEES

JEANNE DECIDED TO SETTLE IN VALCOULEURS WHERE HER PROJECTS BEGAN
TO BE KNOWN TO ALL - ENCOURAGED BY THE ENTHUSIASM
OF THE YOUNG GIRL THEY
GOT TO KNOW - THE INHABITANTS -
THUS MEETING THE LEROYERS
WHOM SHE KNEW A LITTLE.

JEANNE, WHAT YOU WANT TO
ACCOMPLISH IS GREAT AND NOBLE
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND WE
WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU -
COME AND LIVE
WITH US.

THANK YOU,
THANK YOU FROM THE
BOTTOM OF MY HEART

THEN MEETING
THE SOLDIER
JEAN DE METZ



HELP ME, JEAN
WE MUST AT ALL COSTS
FORCE BAUDRICOURT
TO LISTEN TO ME.

BETWEEN US
WE WILL CONVince HIM

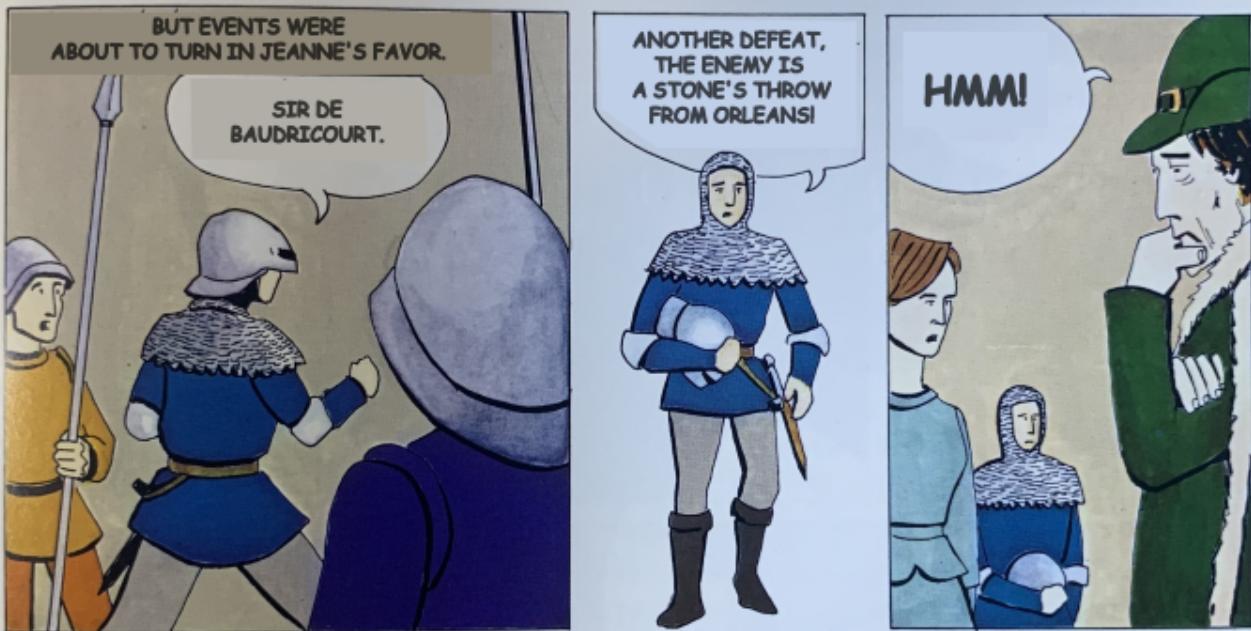
AND FOR THE THIRD TIME.

ALAS, HE SEEMS TO BE
THE ONLY ONE DECIDED
NOT TO HEAR YOU.

SO, LET'
S GO TO THE
CAPTAINCY.

MORE STUBBORN
THAN A MULE
THIS
SHEPHERDESS





IMMEDIATELY, THE INHABITANTS OF VALCOULEURS POOLED THEIR RESOURCES TO PROVIDE HER WITH MEN'S CLOTHING.



SHE HAD HER HAIR CUT



ON FEBRUARY 23, 1429,
THE ESCORT WAS READY.

HER UNCLE DURAND LAXART PROVIDED HER WITH A HORSE - THE LOCAL LORDS GAVE HER SOME COINS.

HER BROTHER PIERRE DECIDED TO ACCOMPANY HER TO CHINON.

THIS SWORD WILL BE USEFUL TO YOU, THE COUNTRY IS INFESTED WITH ENEMY TROOPS.



GOD GUIDES ME
HE WILL MAKE THE WAY CLEAR TO THE DAUPHIN

GO.
AND COME WHAT MAY





RETRIEVE YOUR SWORD
THAT JEANNE
HAD SENT FOR FROM
SAINT-CATHERINE
DE FIERBOIS.

WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO DO.
THIS GIRL SEEMS QUITE SURE
OF HERSELF, AND THE SITUATION
IS HARDLY
GLORIOUS

WE SHALL SET A TRAP FOR HER,
LA TREMOUILLE.
LET'S HAVE MY ROLE
PLAYED BY THE COUNT OF
CLERMONT
AS FOR ME, I
RESEMBLE HIM.
I WILL
DISGUISE
MYSELF
IN THE
CROWD!

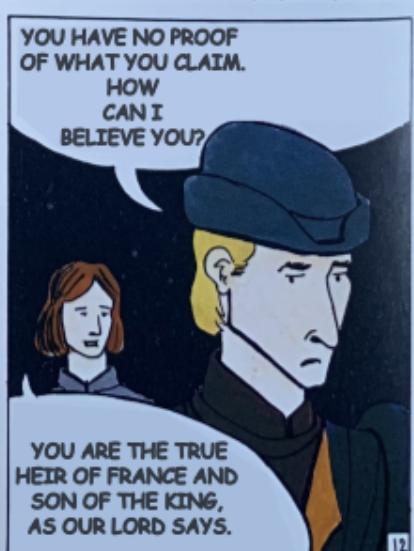
I have made
successfully
one hundred fifty leagues
to come to your aid.
I know many good things
for you and I will
RECOGNIZE
you among all
Others.

JeRanne.

ARE YOU GOING
TO BELIEVE THE
RAVINGS OF THIS
MADWOMAN...
COME ON, ALL
THIS IS NOT SERIOUS!

ON THE TWELFTH DAY, JEANNE AND HER COMPANIONS ARRIVED AT CHINON.





- THE WORDS OF JEANNE COMFORTED THE DAUPHIN AND RELIEVED HIM OF A GREAT ANXIETY

- HOWEVER, AT THE COURT OPINIONS WERE DIVIDED...



THUS JEANNE WAS SENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS, TRANSFERRED TO POITIERS.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD?

MORE THAN YOU AND I COME IN HIS NAME.



YOU SAY IT IS GOD'S PLEASURE THAT THE ENGLISH LEAVE THE KINGDOM OF FRANCE, BUT IF IT IS SO, HIS PLEASURE ALONE CAN DEFEAT THEM AND MAKE THEM GO BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY.

FOR MY GOD, THE MEN AT ARMS WILL FIGHT AND GOD WILL GIVE THE VICTORY.



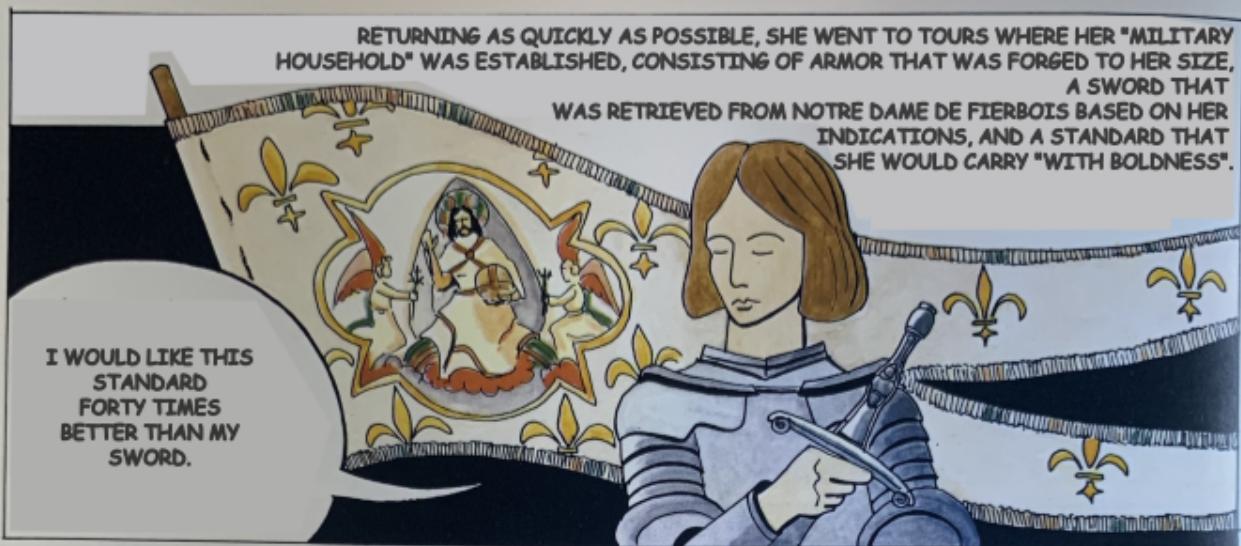
THE UNIVERSITY CONCLUDED ITS REPORT THUS:

IT IS WITH REASON THAT IN THE URGENT NECESSITY OF THE KINGDOM, WE HAVE NOT REJECTED THE MAID. WE HAVE FOUND IN HER NOTHING BUT GOOD, HUMILITY, DEVOTION.

HER SIGN IS ORLEANS; SHE MUST BE LED THERE

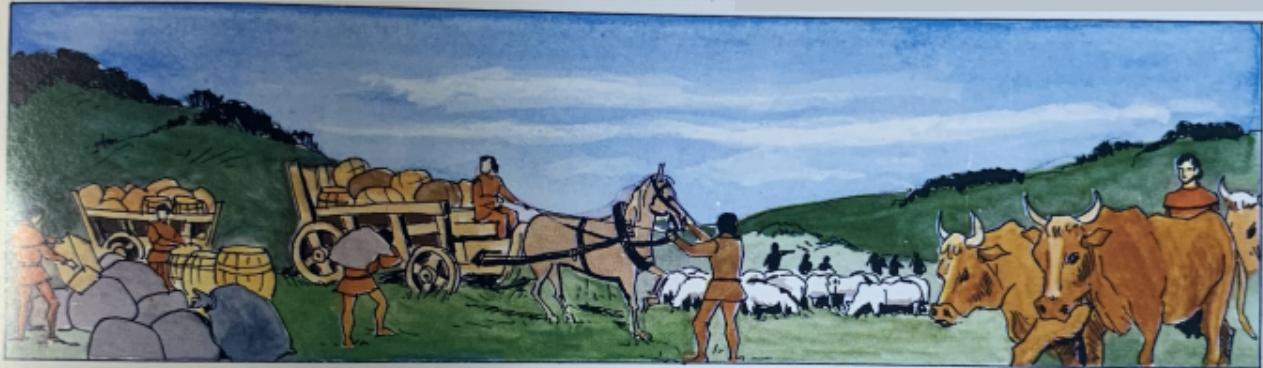
AND WE MUST NOT REPUDIATE THE HELP OF GOD.



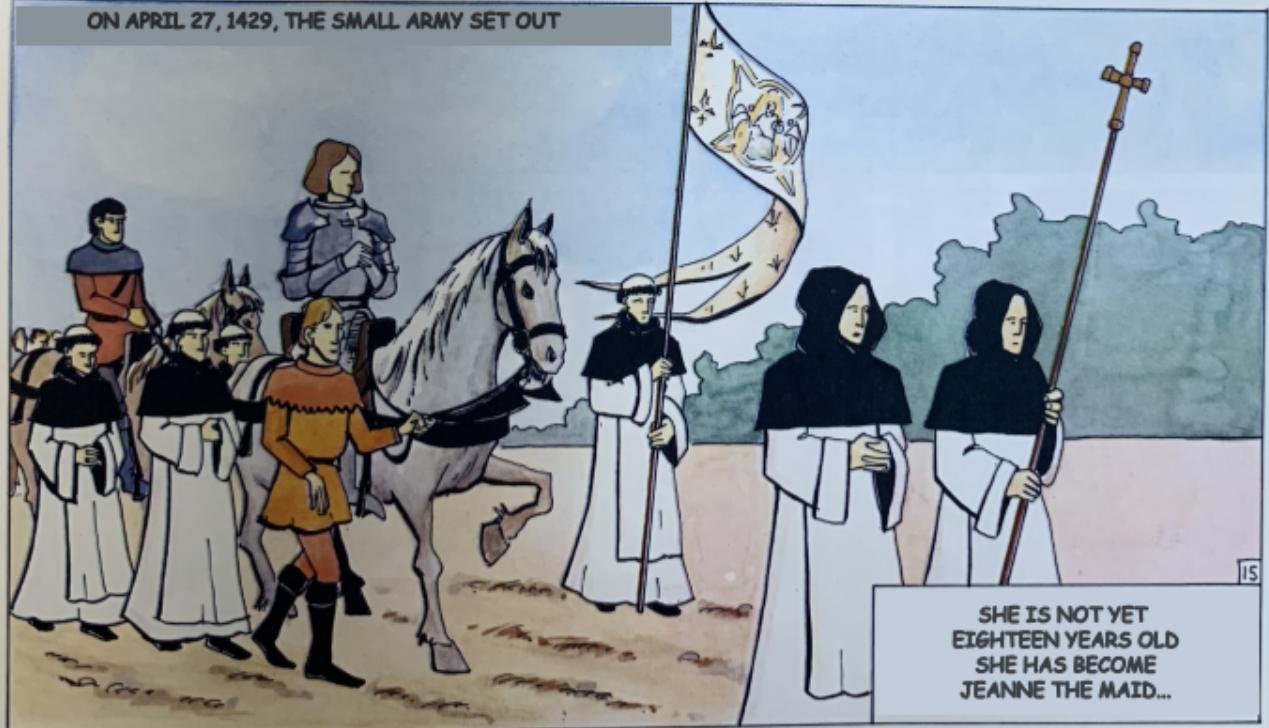




IN THE MORNING, THEY LOADED THE SACKS OF WHEAT ONTO CARTS, THEY GATHERED THE LAST OF THE ANIMALS

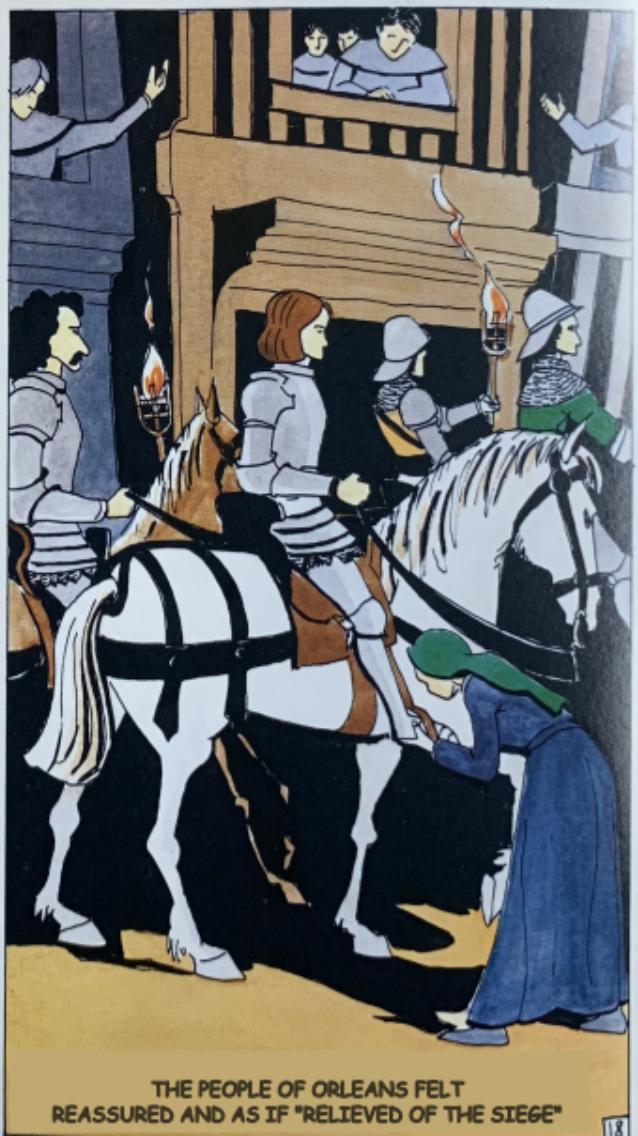


ON APRIL 27, 1429, THE SMALL ARMY SET OUT









DURING HER STAY IN ORLEANS, JEANNE STAYED AT THE HOUSE OF JACQUES BOUCHER, TREASURER OF THE CITY

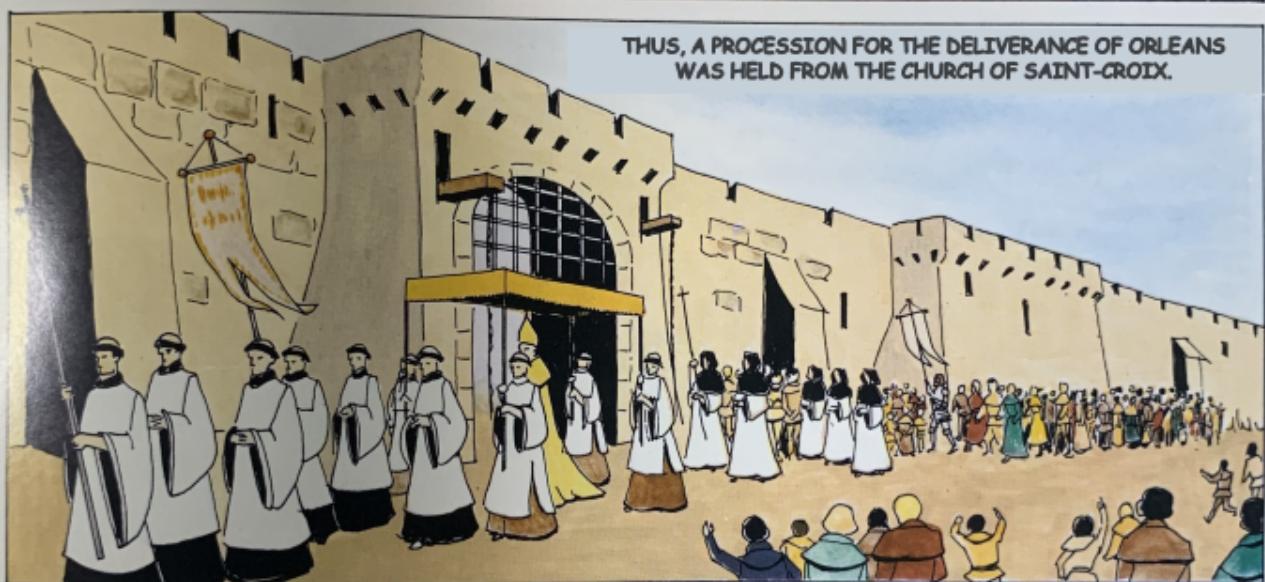


THEY ARE STRONG AND WELL FORTIFIED, IT WILL BE A GREAT FEAT TO DRIVE THEM OUT.

ABOVE ALL WE MUST GIVE THANKS TO GOD, AND IMPORE HIS HELP.

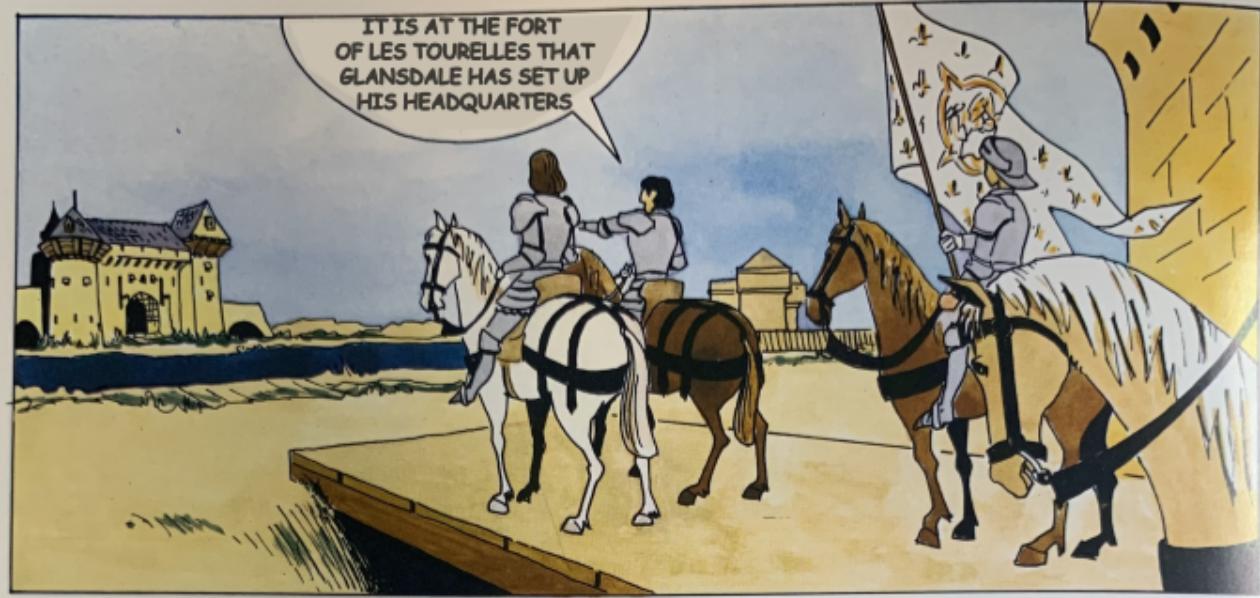


THUS, A PROCESSION FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF ORLEANS WAS HELD FROM THE CHURCH OF SAINT-CROIX.



YES, INDEED A MIRACULOUS AID WAS NEEDED TO "DRIVE THE ENGLISH OUT OF FRANCE". ORLEANS WAS THE LAST BARRIER STANDING IN THEIR WAY, BEFORE INVADING THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY.





AN ARMY THAT, UPON ITS ARRIVAL, LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON THE SAINT-LOUPI BASTILLE.



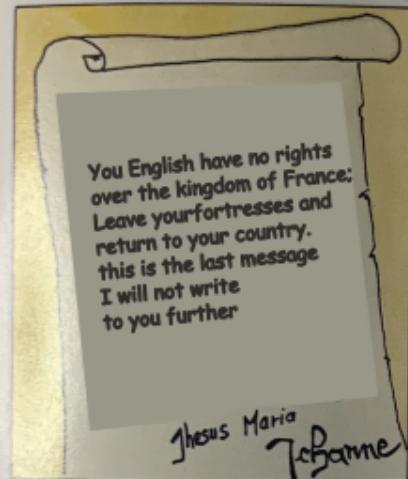
WHILE THE BATTLE WAS TURNING
TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE FRENCH

AH, MY GOD!
THE BLOOD OF OUR
PEOPLE IS SPILLED
ON THE GROUND.

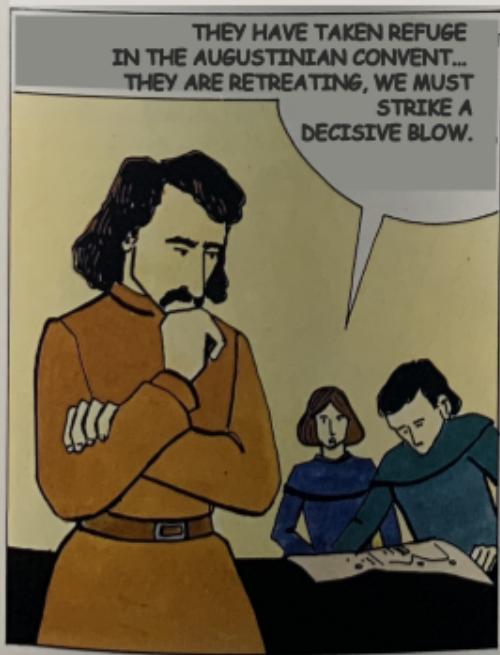
QUICKLY
MY ARMS,
MY
HORSE





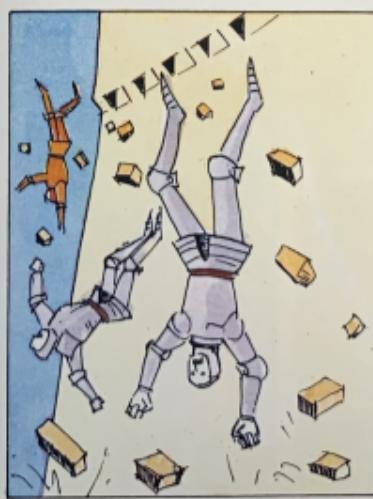


BUT, THEY FOUND THE FORTRESS EMPTY, THE ENGLISH HAD ABANDONED IT.





INDEED, THE NEXT DAY, MAY 7, THE ASSAULT WAS GIVEN AGAINST THE TOURELLES BASTILLE, THE LAST REFUGE OF THE ENGLISH.



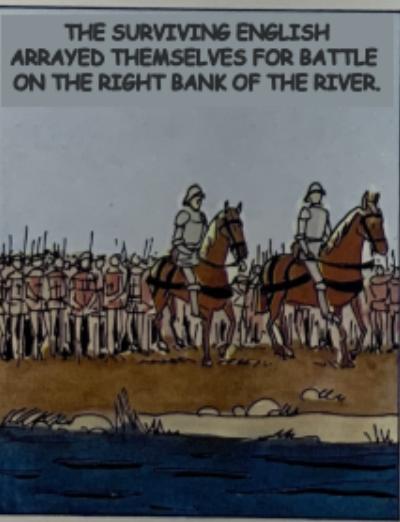
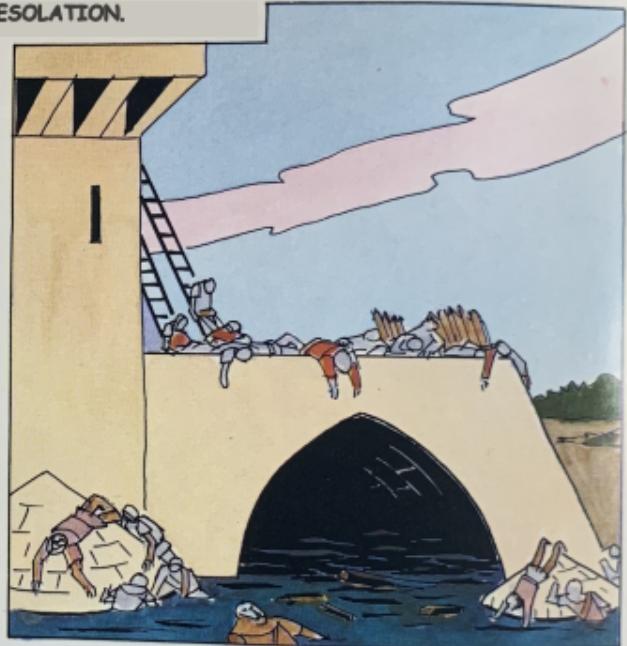
UNDER THIS NEW DRIVE, THE PLACE QUICKLY FELL INTO THE HANDS OF THE ORLÉANAIS.

LIKE MANY OTHER ENEMIES, GLANDALE, THE COMMANDER OF THE FORT, DROWNED, DRAGGED DOWN BY THE ENORMOUS WEIGHT OF HIS ARMOR.

THE PEOPLE OF ORLEANS CHEERED THE RETURN OF JEANNE AND THE VICTORIOUS ARMY.



DAY BROKE ON A SCENE OF DESOLATION.



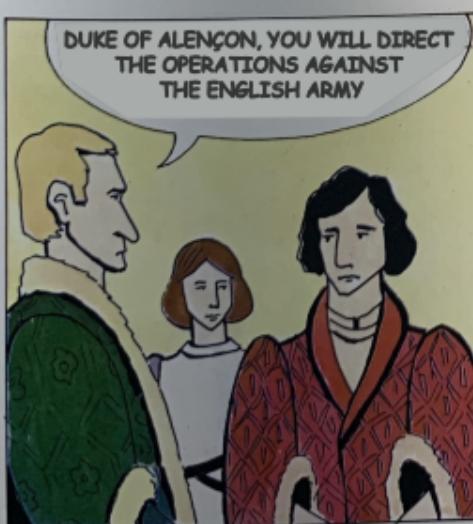
IMMEDIATELY, JOY ERUPTED. THE ENGLISH, AFTER SEVEN MONTHS OF SIEGE, WERE LEAVING DEFEATED.
MAY 8, 1429: A DATE THAT WILL REMAIN IN THE MEMORY OF THE PEOPLE OF ORLEANS.



MEANWHILE, JEANNE LEFT A DELIRIOUS
ORLEANS TO JOIN THE KING AT LOCHES.



DUKE OF ALENCON, YOU WILL DIRECT THE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENGLISH ARMY



INDEED, ORLEANS WAS LIBERATED, BUT THE ENEMY STILL OCCUPIED IMPORTANT STRONGHOLDS.

IN REIMS, YOU WILL BE THE KING!





ON JUNE 11, THE ROYAL ARMY
TOOK JARGEAU BY ASSAULT.



ON THE 15TH, IT TOOK
CONTROL OF THE MEUNG BRIDGE.



ON THE 17TH, BEAUGENCY
SURRENDERED AFTER A DAY OF SIEGE.

THEN CAME THE CRUSHING VICTORY OF PATAY; 2000 ENGLISH PERISHED, THEIR LEADER TALBOT WAS TAKEN PRISONER.



AND BACK WITH THE KING.

SIRE, WE MUST NOT
DELAY ANY LONGER.

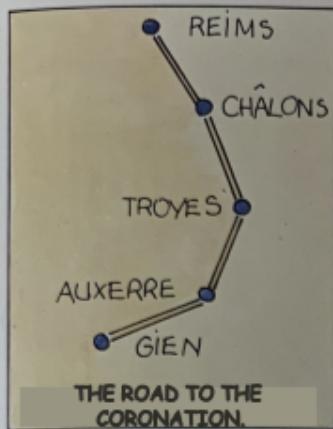


THANKS TO JEANNE'S
URGENCY AND DESPITE
THE SKEPTICISM
OF HIS ADVISORS,
THE KING ASSEMBLED
A SMALL ARMY
TO ESCORT
HIM TO REIMS.

JEANNE WILL LEAD
THE MARCH AT
THE VANGUARD.

ON JUNE 29, 1429, THE
DAUPHIN SET OUT FOR REIMS.





THE POPULATION OF AUXERRE AND TROYES QUICKLY FELL. CHALONS OPENED ITS DOORS, NOT DARING TO ATTACK THE ARMY LED BY THE MAID.

THE BURGHERS OF REIMS BROUGHT THE DAUPHIN THE KEYS TO THE CITY.



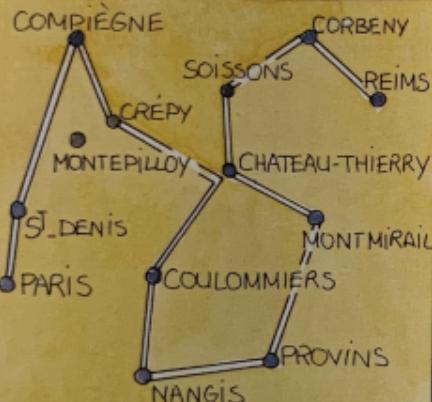
CHARLES VII ONLY TRULY BECAME THE KING AFTER REIMS, AND THEN
BEGAN THE RECONQUEST OF FRANCE AMIDST
A COMPLETE CHANGE IN SPIRITS.



SOISSONS, CHATEAU THIERRY, PROVINS, COULOMMIERS,
COMPIÈGNE GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE KING.

IS THERE SOMETHING
I CAN DO FOR YOU, JEANNE?

I WANT
NOTHING FOR MYSELF,
SIRE, BUT I WOULD LIKE
YOU TO LIFT THE TAXES
FROM MY COUNTRY.



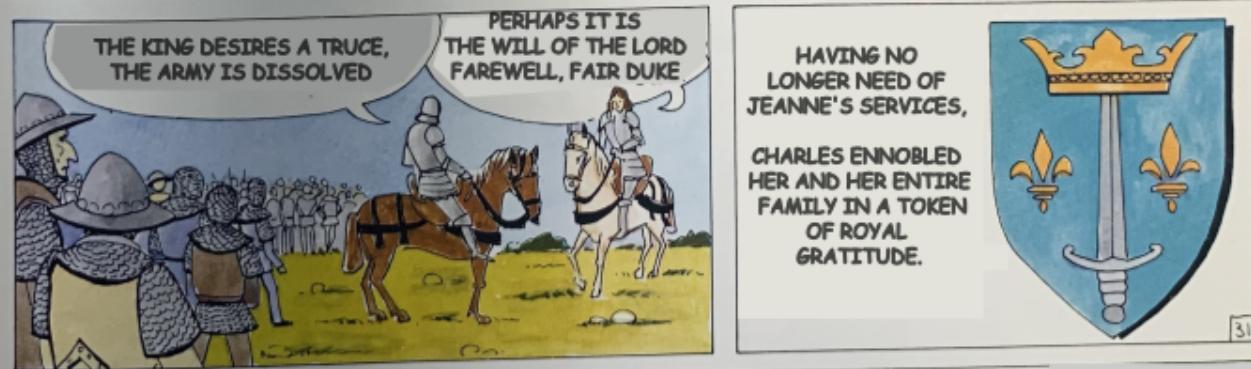
MONTPELLOY: THE ENGLISH AND THE FRENCH,
WITHIN RANGE OF THE "CULVERIN," STOOD IN OPPOSITION
FOR A DAY BEFORE WITHDRAWING IN GOOD ORDER.



PARIS: THE ROYAL ARMY ADVANCES TOWARDS
THE CITY WALLS, FILLING THE DITCHES WITH FAGOTS.



NEVER,
STRUMPET
HARLOT.



THE WINTER OF 1429-1430: AFTER THE RECUPERATION FROM THE BURGUNDIANS OF SAINT PIERRE LE MOUSTIER AND THE FAILED ASSAULT ON LA CHARITÉ SUR LOIRE, THE WINTER MONTHS MADE MILITARY OPERATIONS DIFFICULT; JEANNE POORLY ACCEPTED INACTIVITY AND WAS WORRIED ABOUT BURGUNDIAN PLOTTING.
AS SOON AS SPRING 1430 ARRIVED, SHE TOOK TO THE ROAD TO THE ÎLE DE FRANCE AGAIN AND MADE COMPIÈGNE HER BASE.

SOME TIME LATER,
THE SOLDIERS OF
PHILIPPE THE GOOD,
ALLIED WITH THE ENGLISH,
WERE SIEGING COMPIÈGNE.

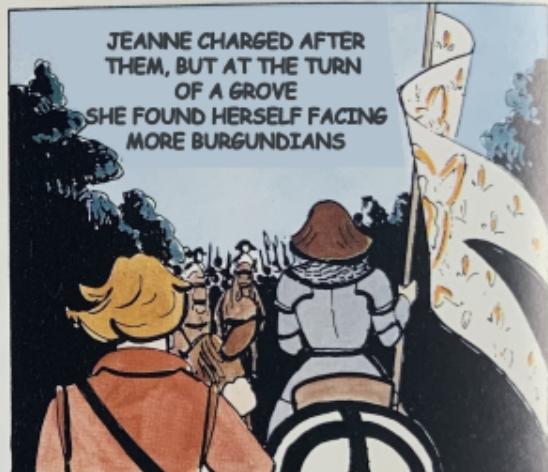
I WANT TO CAPTURE
THIS DAMNED WITCH,
WE'RE GOING TO SET
A TRAP FOR HER...

MY GOD, BUT THEY ARE
FIGHTING. MY HORSE,
QUICKLY!



FALL BACK,
THERE SHE IS...

JEANNE CHARGED AFTER
THEM, BUT AT THE TURN
OF A GROVE
SHE FOUND HERSELF FACING
MORE BURGUNDIANS



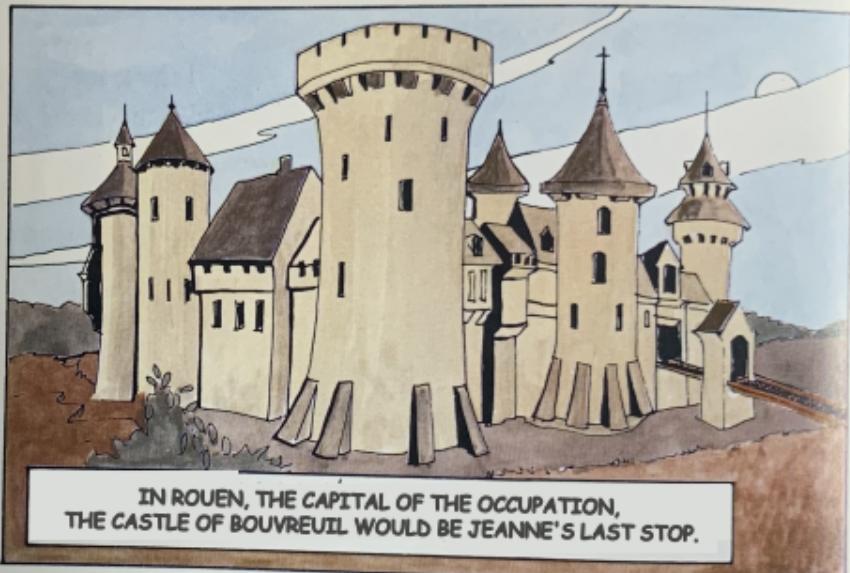
IMMEDIATELY, REALIZING
THE TRAP, SHE TURNED BACK.

MAY 24, 1430:
PRISONER!

ALAS, TO PREVENT
THE ENEMIES
FROM ENTERING THROUGH
THE DRAWBRIDGE
WAS DRAWN.









AFTER THAT TUMULTUOUS SESSION,
CAUCHON DECIDED TO
INTERROGATE HER "IN CAMERA"
IN HER PRISON.

BUT JEANNE RESISTED.



IN EVERYTHING,
I DEFER TO GOD.

DO YOU KNOW
IF YOU ARE IN THE
GRACE OF GOD?



IF I AM,
MAY GOD KEEP ME THERE;
IF I AM NOT, MAY GOD
PUT ME THERE.

DO YOU THINK YOU DID
WELL TO WEAR
MEN'S CLOTHING?



THIS CLOTHING DOES
NOT CHANGE MY SOUL
AND WEARING IT IS NOT
AGAINST THE CHURCH.

CAUCHON EVEN WENT AS FAR AS TO THREATEN HER WITH TORTURE.



WARWICK, GOVERNOR OF THE CITY,
AND STAFFORD CAME TO VISIT HER.
DOES GOD HATE THE ENGLISH?



OF LOVE OR OF HATE,
I KNOW NOTHING.
BUT I DO KNOW
THAT THEY WILL BE
DRIVEN OUT OF FRANCE
BEFORE SEVEN YEARS PASS.

FURIOUS, THE EARL OF STAFFORD
LUNGED AT HER. HE WOULD
HAVE KILLED HER IF NOT FOR THE
INTERVENTION OF BYSTANDERS.



JEANNE WAS AGAIN
INTERROGATED
IN FRONT
OF THE COURT,

BUT CAUCHON
FORBADE THE PUBLIC
TO ATTEND.



DO YOU WISH TO DEFER TO THE POPE?

TAKE ME TO HIM AND I WILL ANSWER TO HIM.

WAS SAINT MICHAEL NAKED WHEN HE APPEARED TO YOU?

DO YOU THINK THAT GOD DOES NOT HAVE CLOTHES TO DRESS HIM!

THE TRIAL WAS NOW OVER - THE SENTENCE WAS TO BE DELIVERED THE NEXT DAY.

THIS GIRL IS SLIPPING AWAY FROM US, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TO HOLD AGAINST HER!..

YES, I REALIZE THAT, BUT I BELIEVE I HAVE AN IDEA.

WE WILL FRIGHTEN HER AND MAKE HER SIGN AN ABJURATION, THEN WE WILL FORCE HER TO COMMIT PERJURY.

AND ON MAY 24, 1431, DURING THE READING OF THE SENTENCE AT SAINT-OUEN.

SIGN! OR YOU THEN WANT TO DIE TODAY

BY SIGNING THE ABJURATION,
JEANNE ACKNOWLEDGED
VARIOUS SINS,
INCLUDING THAT OF WEARING
MEN'S CLOTHING.



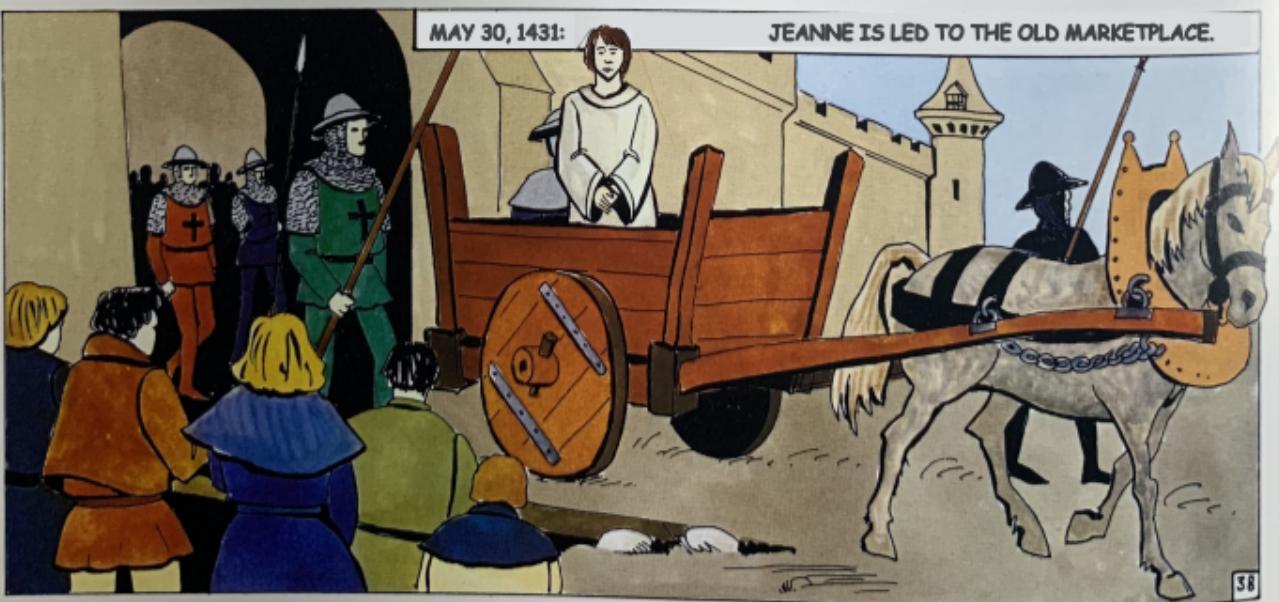
IT'S VERY SIMPLE, WE ARE GOING
TO CHECK IF JEANNE HAS
FALLEN BACK INTO ERROR

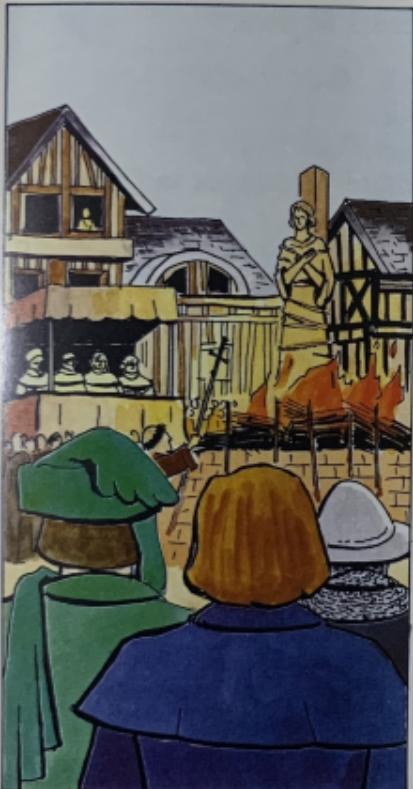
FEMALE CLOTHING
HAD NOT
BEEN GIVEN TO JEANNE,
CAUCHON KNEW THIS...



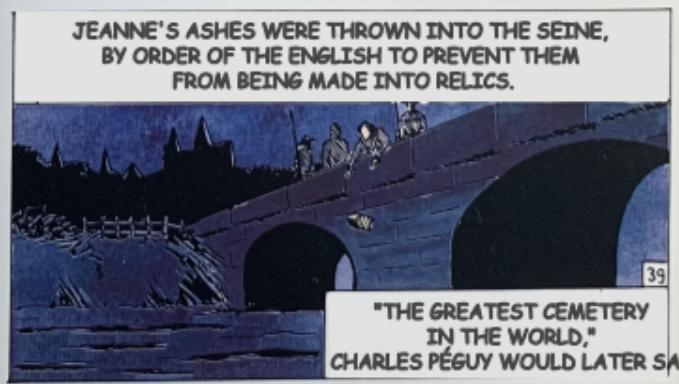
MAY 30, 1431:

JEANNE IS LED TO THE OLD MARKETPLACE.





MAY 30, 1431: SHE WAS NOT YET TWENTY YEARS OLD



"THE GREATEST CEMETERY
IN THE WORLD,"
CHARLES PEGUY WOULD LATER SAY.



Jeanne d'Arc:

If you were touched by my story, you may want to enjoy "Joan of Arc, Supermaid" rock opera. Here is a pointer to it:

<https://ctzurcanu.github.io/musical-JAS/>



O JEANNE, WITHOUT SEPULCER AND WITHOUT PORTRAIT,
YOU WHO KNEW THAT THE TOMB OF HEROS
IS THE HEART OF THE LIVING...

André MALRAUX

AND ONLY PROVABLE VOLUNTEERS CAN RAISE JEANNE
AND OTHER HEROES BACK FROM
THEIR GRAVES

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