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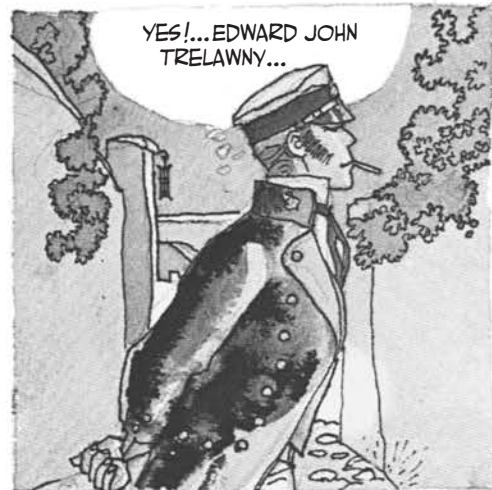
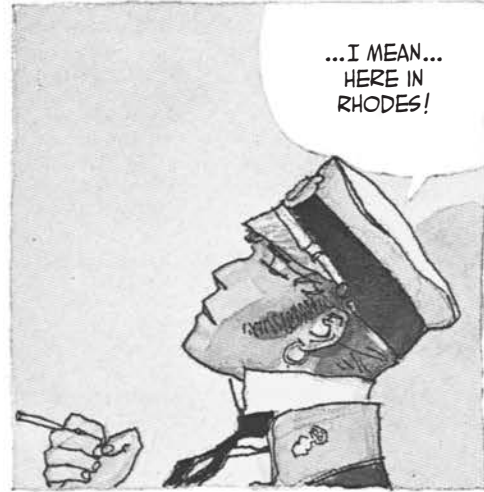
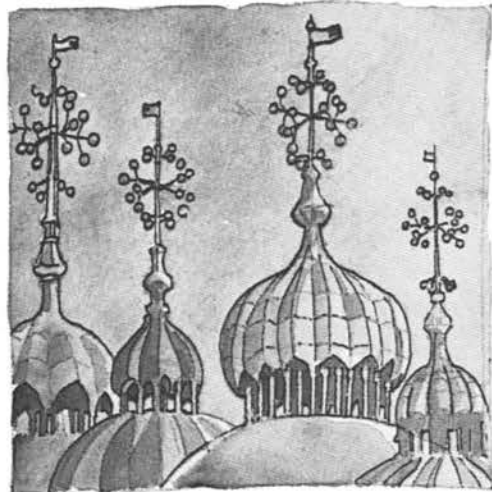
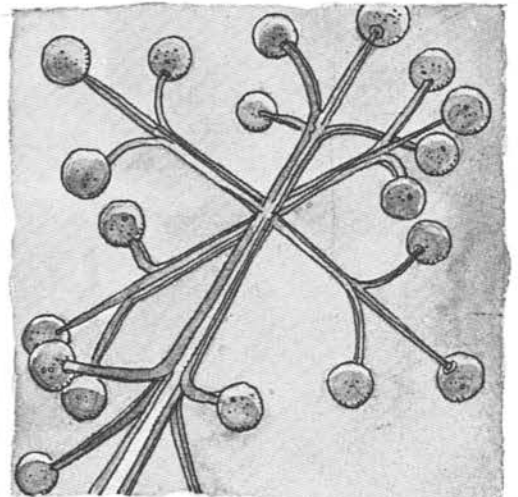
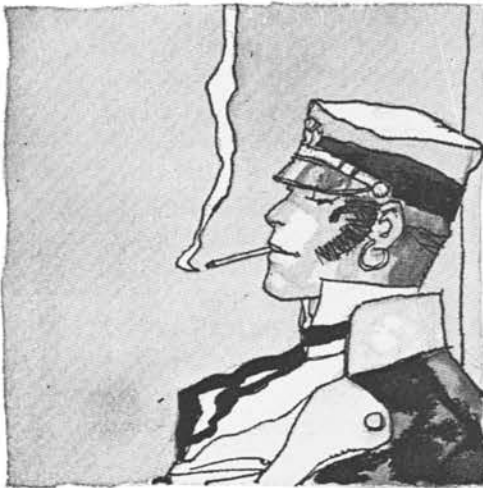
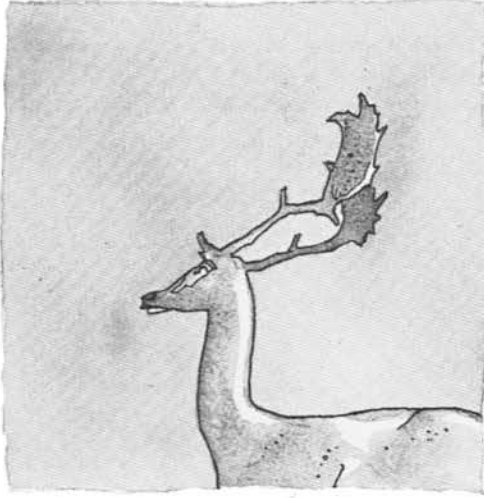
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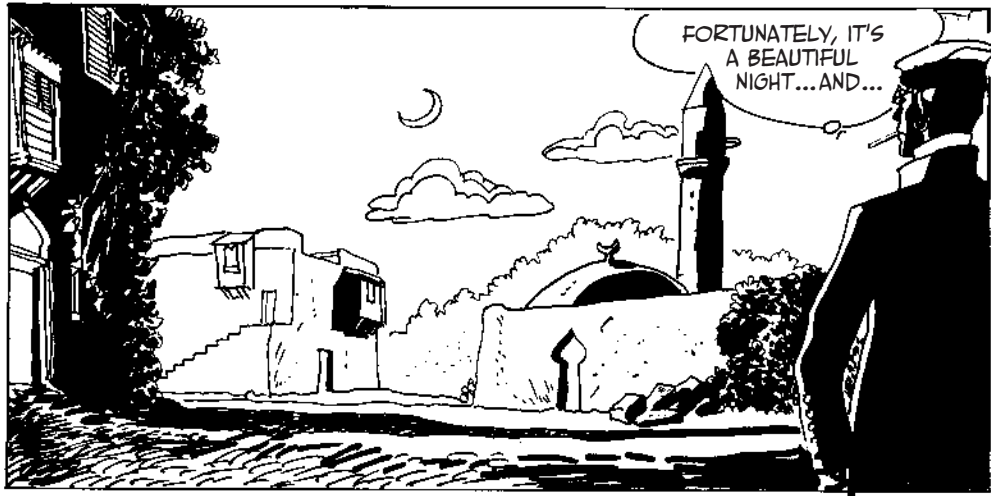
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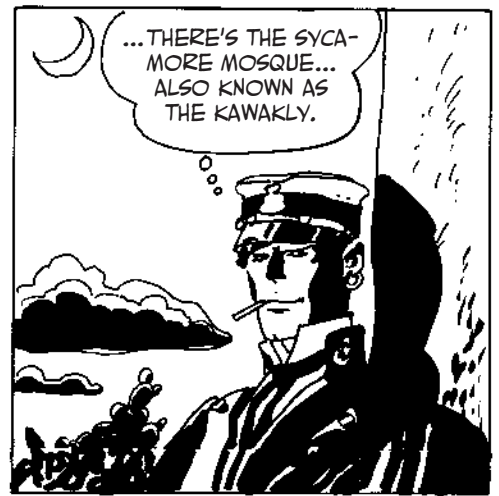
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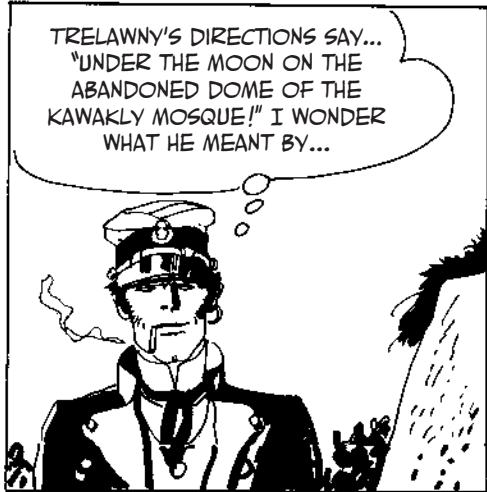




FORTUNATELY, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT...AND...



...THERE'S THE SYCAMORE MOSQUE... ALSO KNOWN AS THE KAWAKLY.



TRELAWNY'S DIRECTIONS SAY... "UNDER THE MOON ON THE ABANDONED DOME OF THE KAWAKLY MOSQUE!" I WONDER WHAT HE MEANT BY...



...UNDER THE MOON?



THAT WASN'T TOO DIFFICULT A CLIMB.



HERE I AM, "UNDER THE MOON."



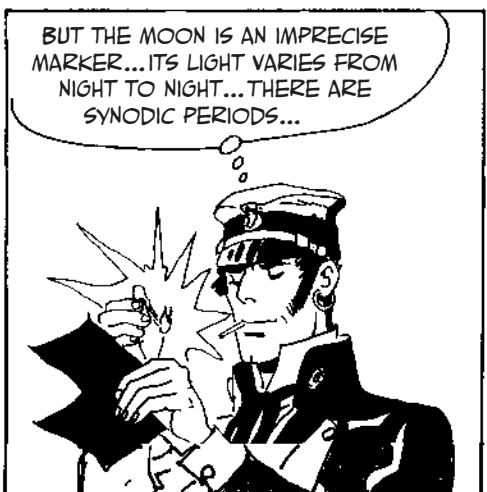
...ON TOP OF THE MOSQUE!



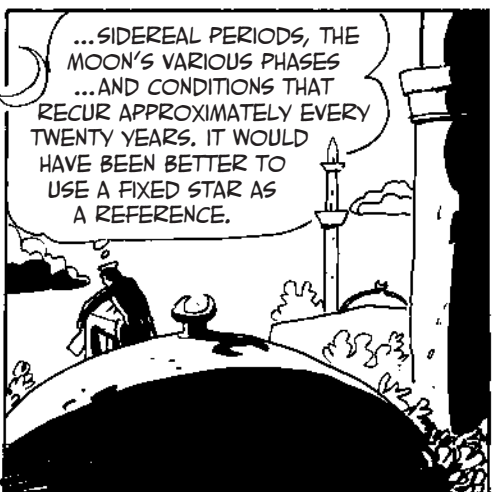
NOTHING'S HAPPENING. IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER HOAX INVENTED BY THOSE TWO CRAZY ENGLISHMEN--BARON CORVO TRICKING ME, AND TRELAWNY TRICKING CORVO.



YET BARON CORVO'S NOTES ARE CLEAR...TRELAWNY HID BYRON'S MANUSCRIPT UNDER THE MOON ON THE DOME OF THE "SYCAMORE" OR "KAWAKLY" MOSQUE...



BUT THE MOON IS AN IMPRECISE MARKER...ITS LIGHT VARIES FROM NIGHT TO NIGHT...THERE ARE SYNODIC PERIODS...



...SIDEREAL PERIODS, THE MOON'S VARIOUS PHASES ...AND CONDITIONS THAT RECUR APPROXIMATELY EVERY TWENTY YEARS. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO USE A FIXED STAR AS A REFERENCE.

