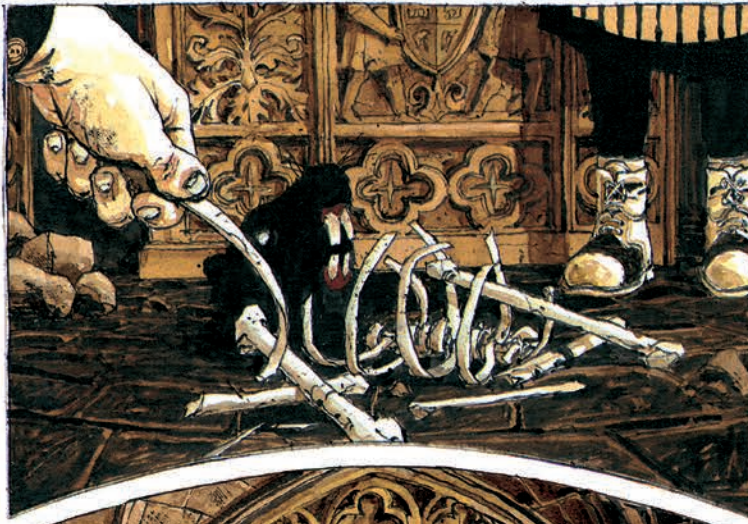
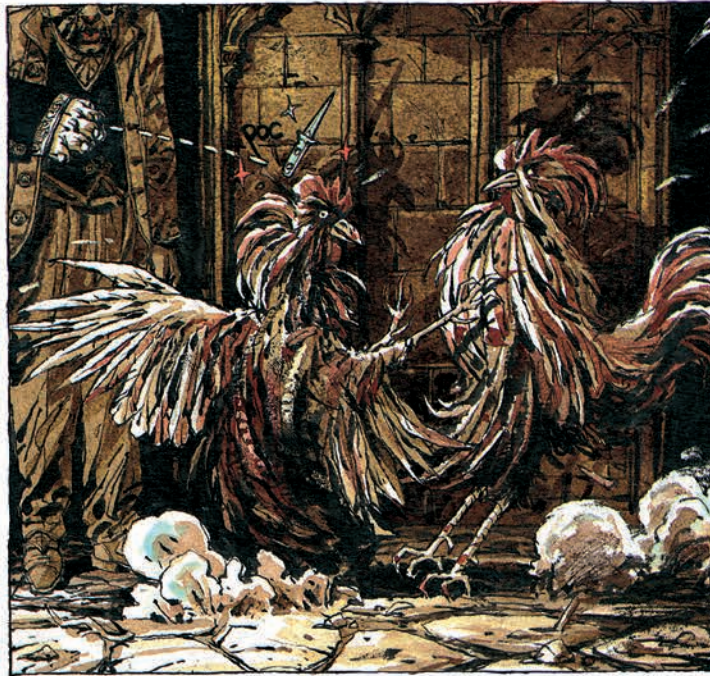


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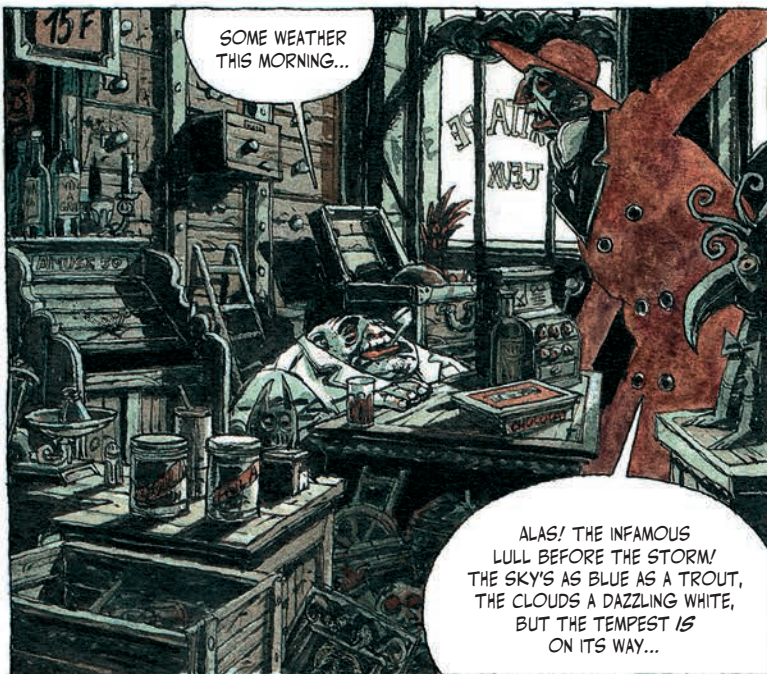
WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?
THIS WAIT IS INTOLERABLE!...
THE HANDS OF MY WATCH
ARE TICKING AWAY!



MAY I HELP
YOU, SIR?

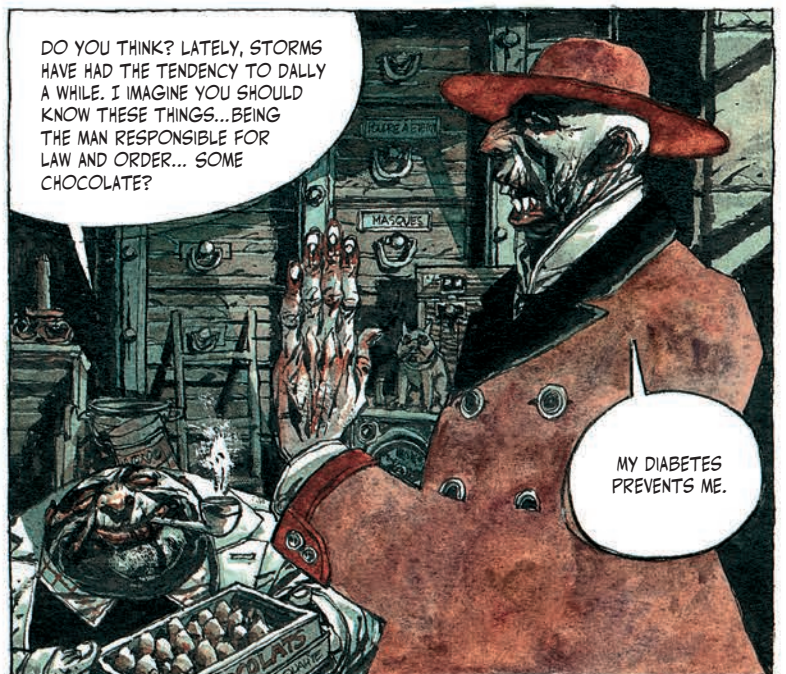
WHAT I
DESIRE IS NOT
ON TIME.

WELL, COME
ON IN ANYWAY... IT'S
MORE COMFORT-
ABLE INSIDE...



SOME WEATHER
THIS MORNING...

ALAS! THE INFAMOUS
LULL BEFORE THE STORM!
THE SKY'S AS BLUE AS A TROUT,
THE CLOUDS A DAZZLING WHITE,
BUT THE TEMPEST IS
ON ITS WAY...



DO YOU THINK? LATELY, STORMS
HAVE HAD THE TENDENCY TO DALLY
A WHILE. I IMAGINE YOU SHOULD
KNOW THESE THINGS... BEING
THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR
LAW AND ORDER... SOME
CHOCOLATE?

MY DIABETES
PREVENTS ME.



ALLOW ME TO
EXPLAIN A THING
OR TWO...

IF I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN
TO REIGN OVER THE SECURITY
OF THE CITY OF ECCENHILO,
IT IS BECAUSE I HAVE LONG AND
STRONG ARMS. I ENJOY A CERTAIN
CORPULENCE ENHANCED BY A
BULLET-AND-INSULT-PROOF VEST...
IF SOME SEE ME AS A FORCE
OF NATURE, SO BE IT.
I EMBODY IT.

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NOWADAYS, THE INCREASING
VIOLENCE PLAGUING ECCENHILO
IS FORCING ME TO THROW IN
THE TOWEL. I CANNOT, HOWEVER,
THROW IT IN FOR TOO LONG, OR
THE CITY WILL MARINATE IN
ITS OWN FILTH...



SO, INCIDENTALLY, I'M HERE FOR SOME NEW IDEAS.

OF COURSE! OF COURSE! YOU CAN FIND SOLUTIONS TO **ALL** YOUR PROBLEMS HERE IN THE KINGDOM OF TRICKS. I CAN EVEN HELP YOU CHANGE PEPPER INTO SALT!



I WASN'T THINKING QUITE ALONG THOSE LINES. I AM HERE BECAUSE IT IS WHERE MY RIGHT ARM AND MY LEFT ARM, MY CLOSEST ADVISERS, HAVE LED ME. I NOW AWAIT THEM DUTIFULLY. IT IS IN OUR **RIGHT** AND IN MY **INTEREST** TO EXTRACT ECCENHILO FROM ITS MIRE OF SWEAT AND BLOOD!...

AND BY THE WAY, I AM GOING TO SHARE A SECRET WITH YOU...



THE GREATEST PLEASURE I TAKE FROM MY WORK COMES FROM MY TRAVELS ABROAD...

THE COURAGEOUS LEADERS OF CERTAIN NATIONS INVITE ME TO VISIT THEM WITH THE GOAL OF OBSERVING HOW WELL THEIR DEMOCRACIES FUNCTION.



THEY ARE DESCRIBED AS POOR, THESE NATIONS, BUT THEY HIDE THEIR RICHES QUITE WELL. I THUS GET TO VISIT SOME TRULY AMAZING PLACES!... AND ALL THOSE WOMEN THAT THEY PROMISED ME IN AFRICA! AH...



I RETURN FROM THESE VOYAGES BLESSED WITH MOUNTAINS OF DONATIONS... SOME OF WHICH I HAVE NOT A CLUE WHAT...



...TO DO WITH...

I MUST SAVE ECCENHILO!