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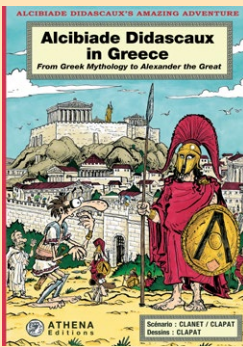


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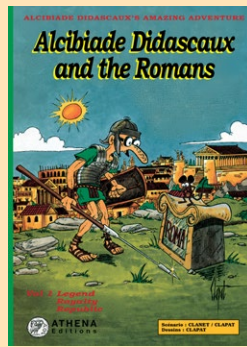
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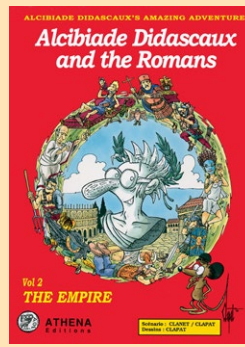
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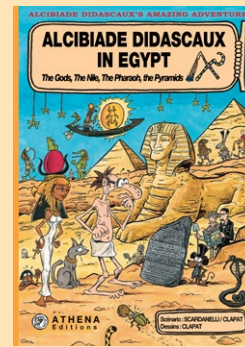
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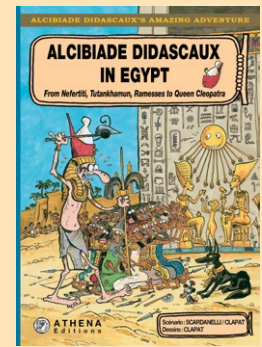
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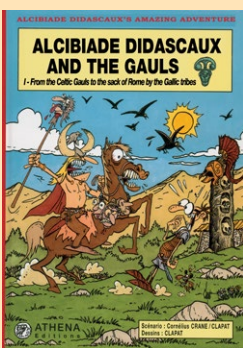
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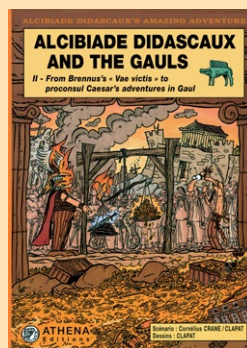
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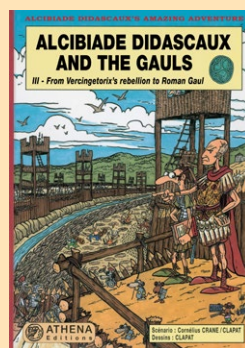
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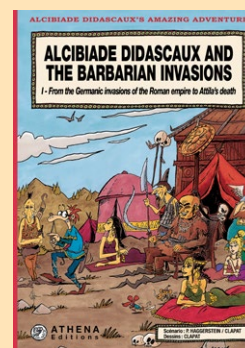
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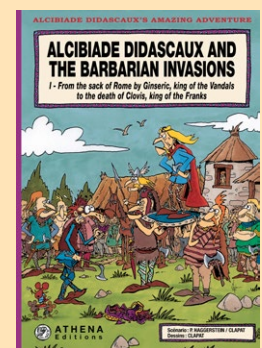
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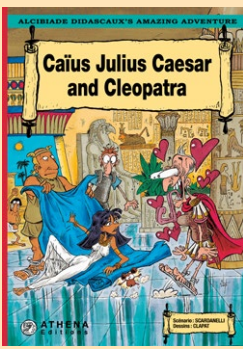
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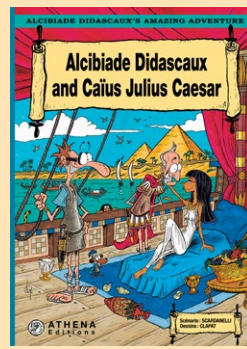
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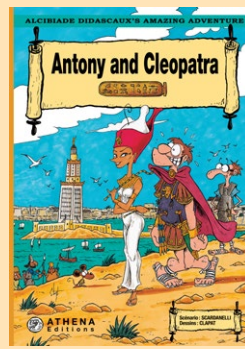
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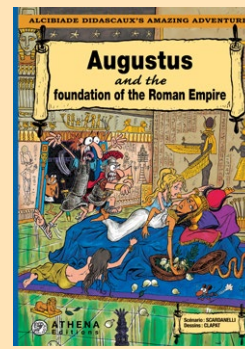
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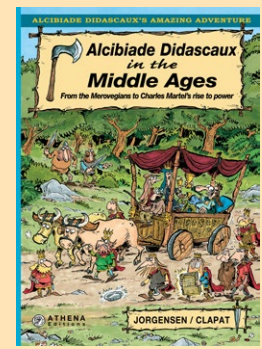
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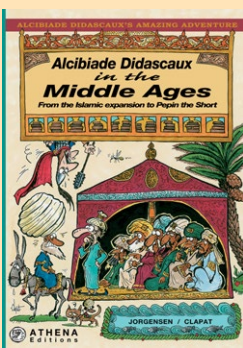
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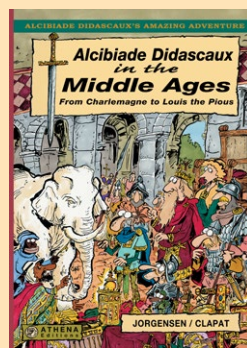
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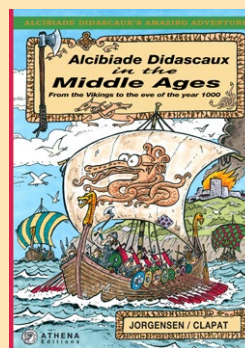
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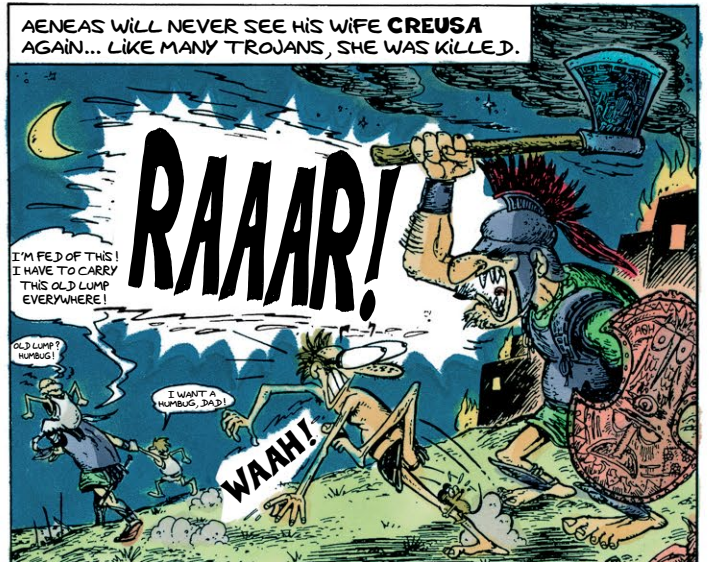
IN WHICH WE FIND ALCIBIADE - WHO THOUGHT HE WAS IN FOR A NICE RELAXING DREAM - CAUGHT AMONG THE SURVIVORS OF THE DESTRUCTION OF TROY AS THEY LOOK FOR A NEW HOMELAND...



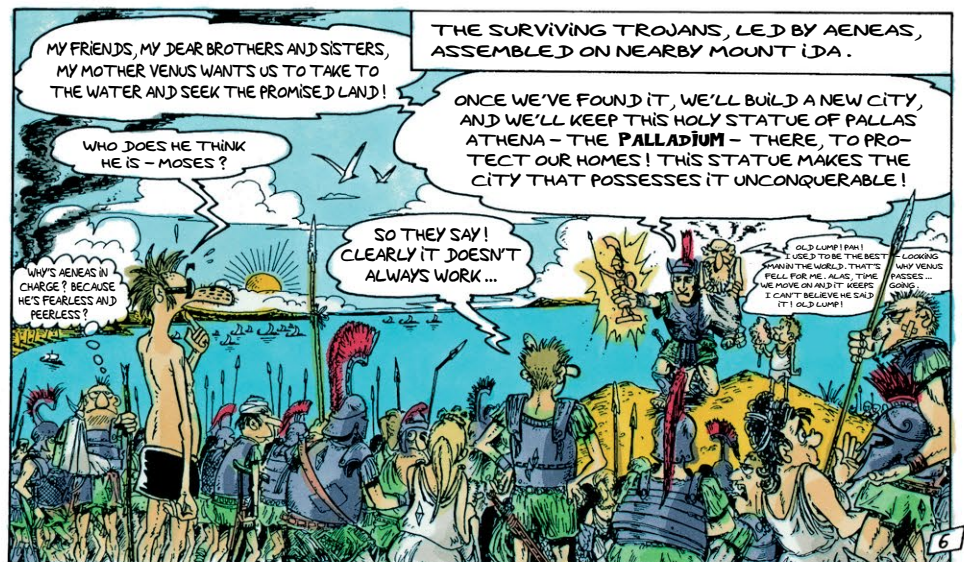
AFTER A TEN-YEAR-LONG SIEGE AND AS A RESULT OF ODYSSEUS THE GREEK'S TREACHEROUS PLOY, THE NOBLE CITY OF TROY HAS JUST FALLEN!



WITH HIS FRAIL OLD FATHER ON HIS BACK AND HIS SON ASCANIUS HOLDING HIS HAND, THE BRAVE TROJAN AENEAS MANAGES TO FIND HIS WAY OUT OF THE SACKED CITY.



AENEAS WILL NEVER SEE HIS WIFE CREUSA AGAIN... LIKE MANY TROJANS, SHE WAS KILLED.



MY FRIENDS, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, MY MOTHER VENUS WANTS US TO TAKE TO THE WATER AND SEEK THE PROMISED LAND!

THE SURVIVING TROJANS, LED BY AENEAS, ASSEMBLED ON NEARBY MOUNT IDA.

ONCE WE'VE FOUND IT, WE'LL BUILD A NEW CITY, AND WE'LL KEEP THIS HOLY STATUE OF PALLAS ATHENA - THE PALLADIUM - THERE, TO PROTECT OUR HOMES! THIS STATUE MAKES THE CITY THAT POSSESSES IT UNCONQUERABLE!

WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS - MOSES?

SO THEY SAY! CLEARLY IT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK...

WHY'S AENEAS IN CHARGE? BECAUSE HE'S FEARLESS AND PEERLESS?

OLD LUMP! I'M USED TO BEING THE BEST IN THE WORLD. THAT'S WHY VENUS PICKED ME. I'M GOING TO MOVE ON AND IT SEEMS I CAN'T BELIEVE HE SAID IT! OLD LUMP!

THE SABINES' ABDUCTION PROMPTED AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ...

I, TITUS TATIUS, KING OF THE SABINES, HEREBY DECLARE MYSELF OUTRAGED BY THIS TRICK INVITATION AND RESOLVE TO LODGE A COMPLAINT AT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (OR «MAN'S SUPERIORITY TO WOMAN» RIGHTS)!

NO, NO! THAT'LL TAKE FAR TOO LONG! WE NEED TOO AVOID ALL THE PAPERWORK AND BUREAUCRACY! LET'S JUST ATTACK ROME!

SO THE SABINES MARCHED TO ROME (1)!

ATTAAAACK!!!

SLOW DOWN! MY SHOELACE IS UNDONE!

OOOP!

(1) THE KEENEST AMONG THEM RAN!

HELPE'D BY THE TREACHEROUS TARPEIA, DAUGHTER OF THE COMMANDER OF THE CAPITOL'S CITADEL, THE SABINES GOT THROUGH ROME'S WALLS!

TRAITOR! CHEAT! IF YOU BETRAYED YOUR OWN, YOU COUL'D BETRAY US, SO YOU'LL HAVE TO DIE ... CRUSHE'D BY MY MEN'S SHIELDS!

FOR A LONG TIME, TARPEIA'S DEATH REMINDE'D ROMANS OF THE FATE THAT AWAITED THEM IF THEY BETRAYED THE CITY BEING THROWN FROM THE TOP OF THE TARPEIAN ROCK THAT OVERLOOKED THE TIBER. LOVELY!

HAHA! I'M PRETTY PROUD OF MYSELF. I'M DEFINITELY IMPROVING! MY IDEAS ARE GETTING ALMOST AS GOOD AS ROMULUS'S!

TOUGH CHOICE! THIS COMIC'S PRETTY GOOD.

YEAH, BUT IT'S A BIT O.T.T. ...

BUT TITUS TATIUS, I ONLY BETRAYED THEM BECAUSE I LOVE YOU!

SOB!

SNIFF! SNIFF!

OH! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN ... ARGH! I ALWAYS FALL FOR THIS SORT OF THING!

SLOW DOWN AT THE FRONT!

LET ME GO! THOSE THINGS ARE SHARP! WHEN I PLAY WITH MY MUM'S TIN OF NEEDLES, YOU SHOULD HEAR THE TELLING OFF I GET!

STOP PUSHING AT THE BACK!

CHILL OUT! NO MORE OBLITERATING ROMANS! STOP SLAYING SABINES!

PARENTS! DON'T BE SO POSSESSIVE! WE'VE FORME'D A GROUP TO DEFEND OUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE!

WOMEN! ALWAYS MESSING THINGS UP! ONE DAY THEY'LL END UP GETTING THE VOTE!

CRUIKEY! THIS IS GREAT!

HERSILIA! GET BACK TO YOUR DISHES! THIS IS MEN'S BUSINESS!

STOP PUSHING AT THE BACK!

MY GLASSES! I'VE LOST MY GLASSES!

THESE ROMANS ARE CRAZY!

WOMEN!

OOO!

DON'T MOVE! I CAN GET A PAINTING OUT OF THIS!

I'D SAY WE HAD A PRETTY ROUGH CHILDHOOD!

PEACE WAS DECLARE'D SET IN STONE, AND THE TWO GROUPS BECAME ONE, WITH ROMULUS AND TITUS TATIUS REIGNING TOGETHER. WHEN ROMULUS DIED - BECOMING A GOD (1) - THE KINGS ALTERNATE'D BETWEEN ROMANS AND SABINES.

I, NUMA POMPILIUS, ROMULUS'S SUCCESSOR, HEREBY DECREE THAT ANARCHY IS OVER! I BELIEVE IN PEACE AND RELIGION, SO I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE LAWS, ORGANISE RELIGION AND CREATE A CALENDAR! FROM NOW ON, WE'LL WORK OUT THE YEAR BASED ON WHEN ROME WAS FOUNDE'D: AB URBE CONDITA. SO TODAY, THE START OF MY REIGN IS YEAR 38 URBS CONDITAE (2).

ISN'T THIS BETTER THAN LIFE UNDER ROMULUS?

38 URBS CONDITAE?

AH, OKAY!

GREAT! SO THAT'S THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS SINCE ROME WAS FOUNDE'D.

ROMULUS WAS ALWAYS WARRING AND FIGHTING!

YEAH, GREAT!

PAH! HE WAS A WILD CHILD RAISE'D BY WOLVES!

HE HAD A BAD UPBRINGING!

LATER ON, PEOPLE WOULD SAY 753 B.C. (ANTE CHRISTUM NATUM), SINCE ROME WAS FOUNDE'D SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE YEARS BEFORE JESUS WAS BORN.

(1) NO MEAN FEAT... SOME WRITERS CLAIM THAT ROMULUS WAS ABLE TO PULL A FEW STRINGS, THOUGH!

OR ANNO XXXVIII U.C. FOR SHORT.

THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHEN I'LL SNAP OUT OF THIS DREAM! I DON'T THINK THE CITY OF ALBA WILL STAND FOR HAVING ITS GLORY ECLIPSE'D BY THE NEWLY FOUNDE'D ROME FOR MUCH LONGER!

IT'LL ALL KICK OFF AGAIN! KNOWING MY LUCK, I'LL END UP IN THE THICK OF THE NEW WAR AGAIN ... A FRONT-ROW SEAT WITH BRUISES APLENTY TO SHOW FOR IT! GULP!

THIS SORT OF THING ONLY EVER HAPPENS TO ME! I WISH I'VE NEVER BEEN THE STAR OF MY VERY OWN COMIC BOOK!

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