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Joan of Arc

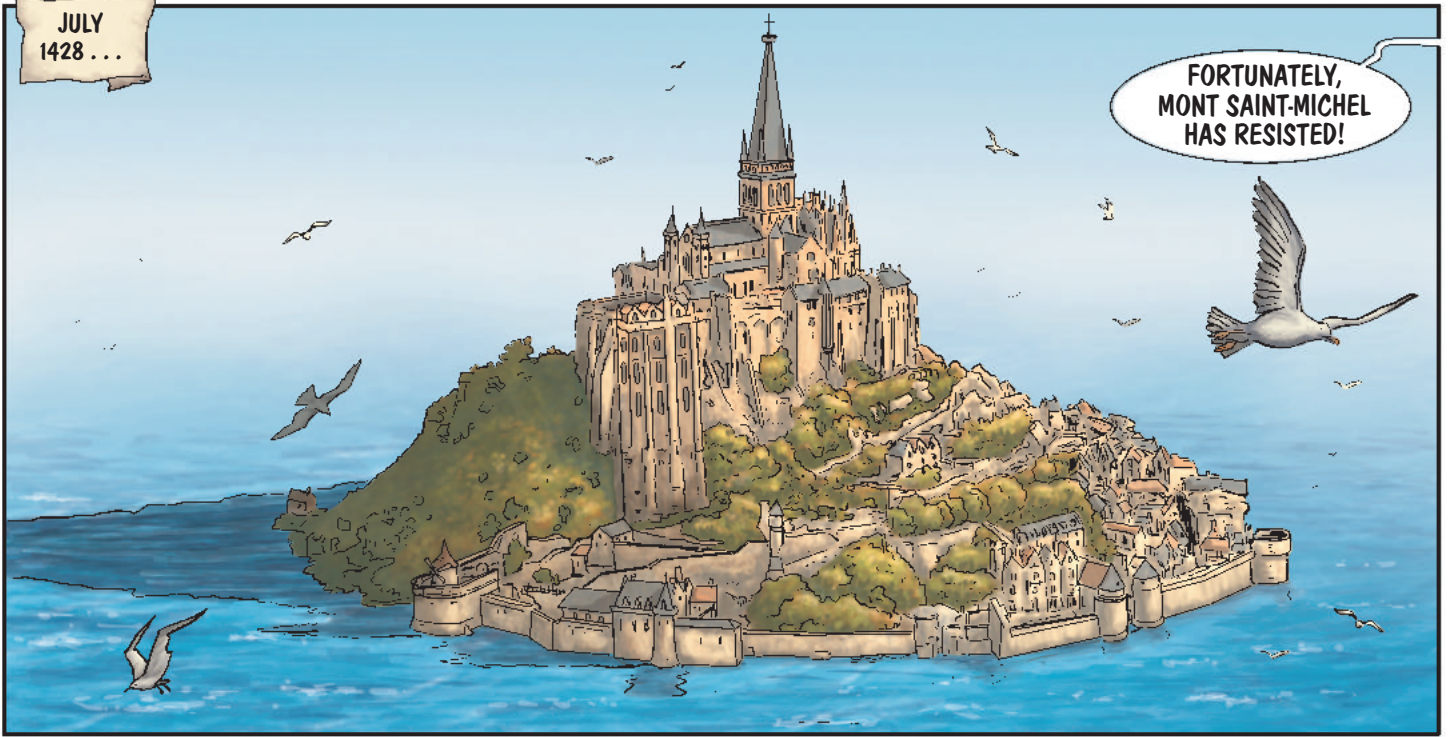
Quest for Peace



**Brunor &
Dominique Bar**

JULY
1428...

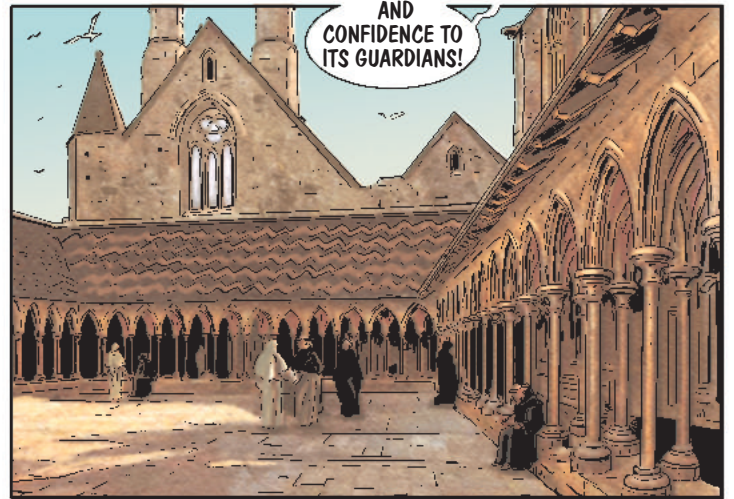
FORTUNATELY,
MONT SAINT-MICHEL
HAS RESISTED!



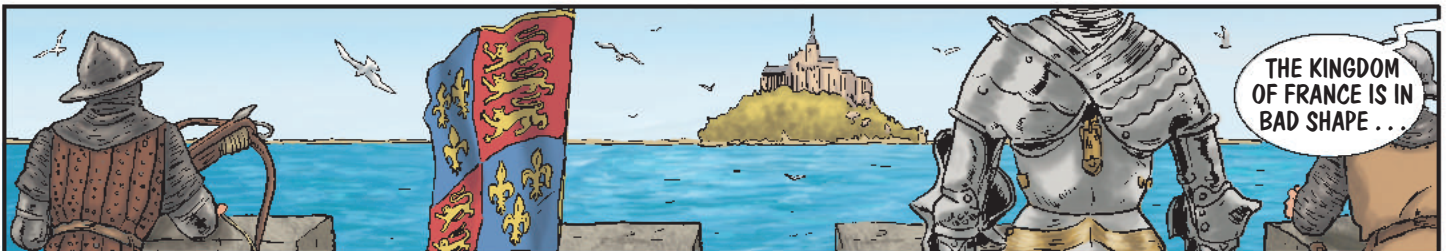
ST. MICHAEL
WILL GIVE COURAGE TO
THE DEFENDERS!



AND
CONFIDENCE TO
ITS GUARDIANS!



THE KINGDOM
OF FRANCE IS IN
BAD SHAPE...



BECAUSE
OF THIS WAR,
DRAGGING ON FOR
100 YEARS!

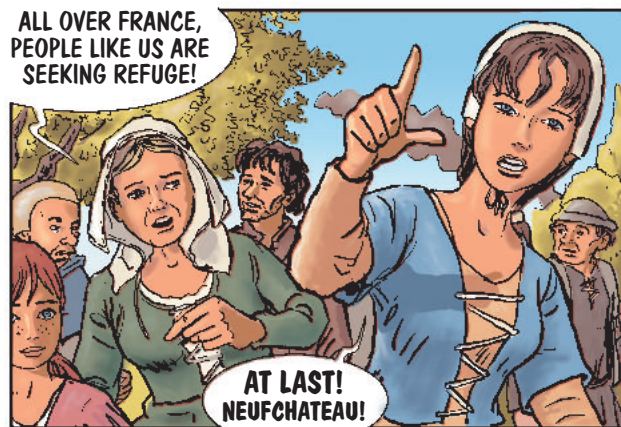


IT'S A GOOD HOPE, JOAN. BUT THE ENGLISH HAVE BEEN INVADING NORMANDY FOR 5 YEARS NOW.



AND THEIR ALLIES, THE BURGUNDIAN TRAITORS, HAVE COME TO PILLAGE OUR LAND AS FAR AS LORRAINE.

ALL OVER FRANCE, PEOPLE LIKE US ARE SEEKING REFUGE!



AT LAST! NEUFCHATEAU!



HAVE COURAGE, MOTHER. WE'LL RETURN TO DOMRÉMY!!!

ALAS, OUR FIELDS ARE RUINED, OUR ANIMALS KILLED!



BUT GOD HASN'T ABANDONED FR...

THE BURGUNDIANS! QUICK! CLOSE THE GATES!

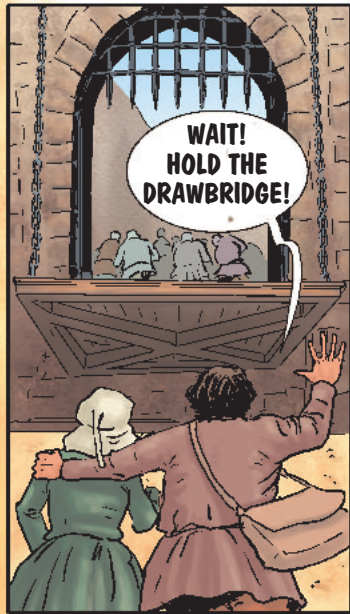


JOAN! JACQUES!

MOTHER!!



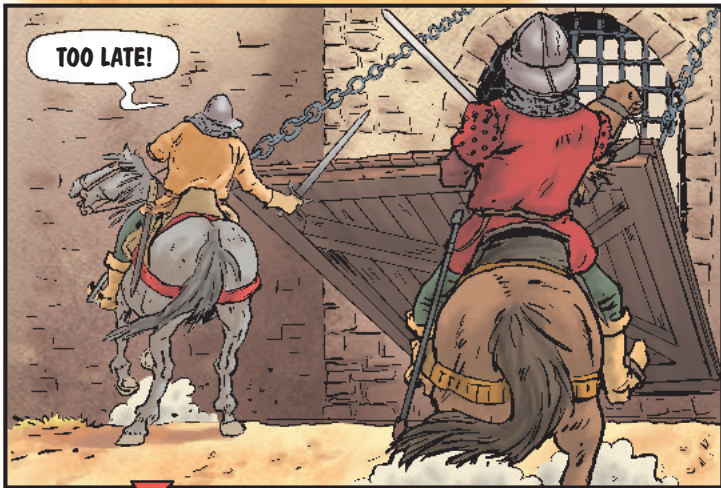
ISABELLE!



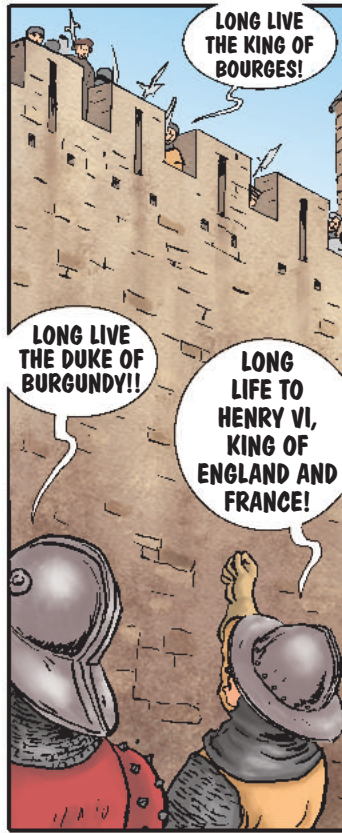
WAIT!
HOLD THE
DRAWBRIDGE!



WOW!
JUST IN
TIME!



TOO LATE!



LONG LIVE
THE KING OF
BOURGES!

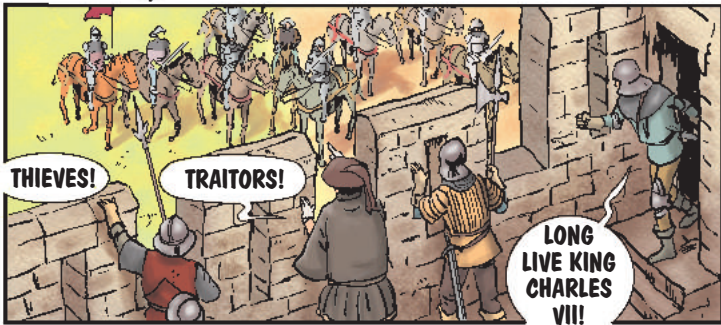
LONG LIVE
THE DUKE OF
BURGUNDY!!

LONG
LIFE TO
HENRY VI,
KING OF
ENGLAND AND
FRANCE!



LONG LIVE VERGY!

LONG
LIVE BED-
FORD!!!*



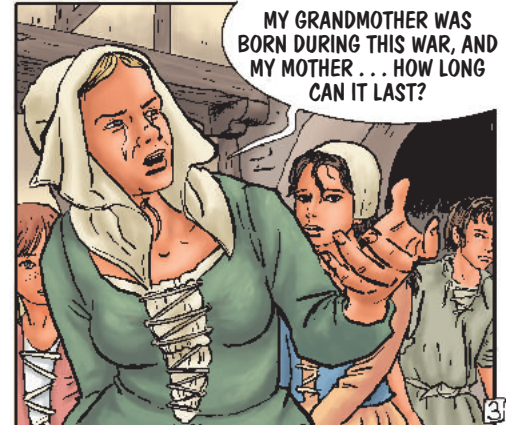
THIEVES!

TRAITORS!

LONG
LIVE KING
CHARLES
VII!



WHAT MISERY!
WILL THIS WAR
NEVER BE
OVER?



MY GRANDMOTHER WAS
BORN DURING THIS WAR, AND
MY MOTHER . . . HOW LONG
CAN IT LAST?

* THE REGENT (ACTING HEAD OF STATE) FOR THE YOUNG KING OF ENGLAND, HENRY VI, THEN 7 YEARS OLD.



HERE'S COUSIN DURAND LAXART ...



WE'RE TRAPPED HERE, BUT THE TOWN OF VAUCOULEURS IS OUR TRUE REFUGE!



BUT VAUCOULEURS HAS BEEN BESIEGED FOR A MONTH BY VERGY, WHO GOVERNS CHAMPAGNE FOR THE ENGLISH.



HOW LONG CAN VAUCOULEURS HOLD OUT?

I MUST GO BACK TO FIND LORD ROBERT DE BAUDRICOURT.

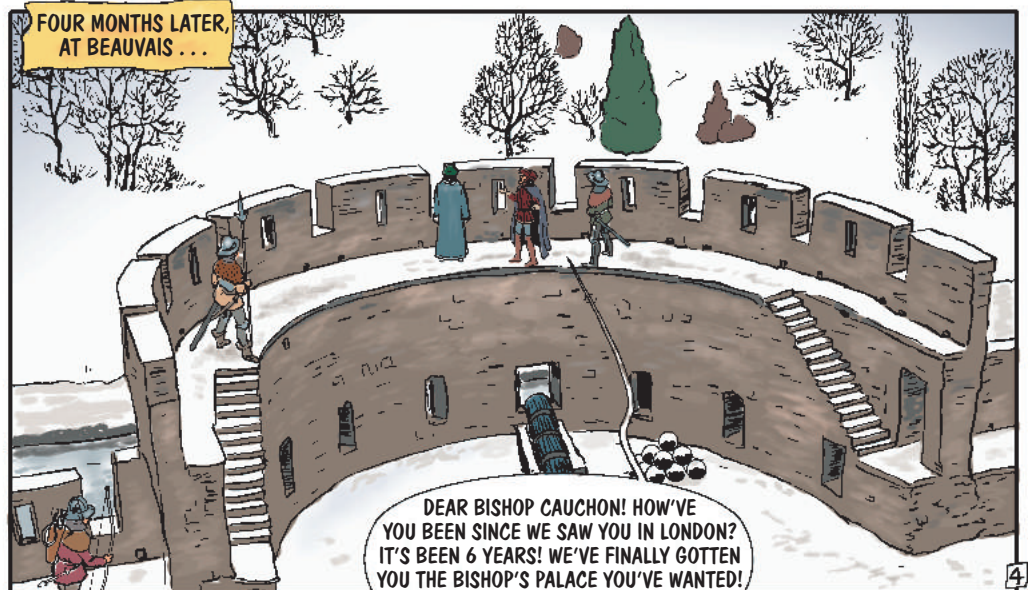


WHAT OTHER FORTRESSES REMAIN LOYAL TO THE TRUE FRENCH KING?

THE TRUE KING? YOU MEAN THE DEPOSED DAUPHIN, HIDING AT CHINON?*



BAH! HIS LAST SUPPORTERS ARE AT ORLEANS AND MONT SAINT-MICHEL.



FOUR MONTHS LATER, AT BEAUVAIS ...

DEAR BISHOP CAUCHON! HOW'VE YOU BEEN SINCE WE SAW YOU IN LONDON? IT'S BEEN 6 YEARS! WE'VE FINALLY GOTTEN YOU THE BISHOP'S PALACE YOU'VE WANTED!

* "DAUPHIN" IS THE TITLE GIVEN TO THE HEIR TO THE FRENCH THRONE.

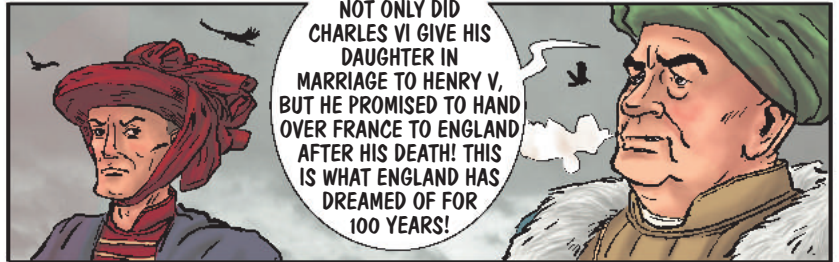


YOU'VE USED YOUR AUTHORITY AS BISHOP TO IMPOSE TAXES ON NORMANDY AND ON CHAMPAGNE. YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT ALLY FOR THE CROWN OF ENGLAND!

AND OF FRANCE! BECAUSE OUR MAD FRENCH KING CHARLES VI WAS FORCED TO DISINHERIT HIS SON, THE DAUPHIN, IN FAVOR OF KING HENRY V OF ENGLAND, THE NEXT ENGLISH KING WILL ALSO RULE FRANCE.



YES! AND IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT THE TREATY OF TROYES, ASSURING THIS, WAS SIGNED ON MAY 21, 1420! YOU AND YOUR NEPHEW JEAN DE RYNEL MANAGED IT VERY CLEVERLY.



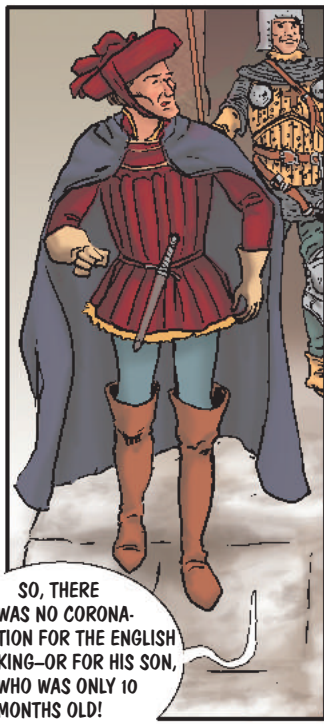
NOT ONLY DID CHARLES VI GIVE HIS DAUGHTER IN MARRIAGE TO HENRY V, BUT HE PROMISED TO HAND OVER FRANCE TO ENGLAND AFTER HIS DEATH! THIS IS WHAT ENGLAND HAS DREAMED OF FOR 100 YEARS!



IT ALL WOULD HAVE GONE AS PLANNED, BUT HENRY V DIED YOUNG—AT ONLY 36!



AND CHARLES VI DIED ONLY 2 MONTHS LATER. MORE BAD LUCK!



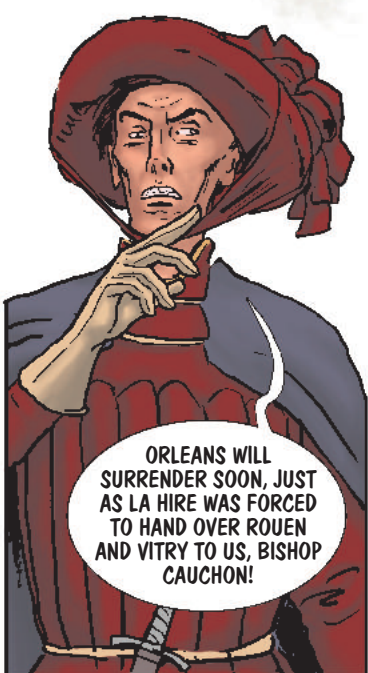
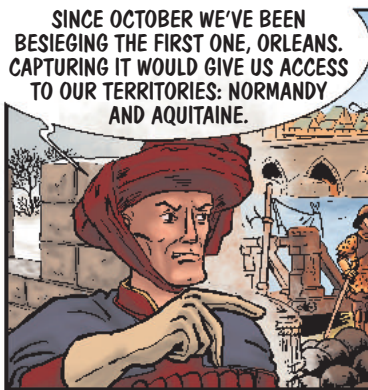
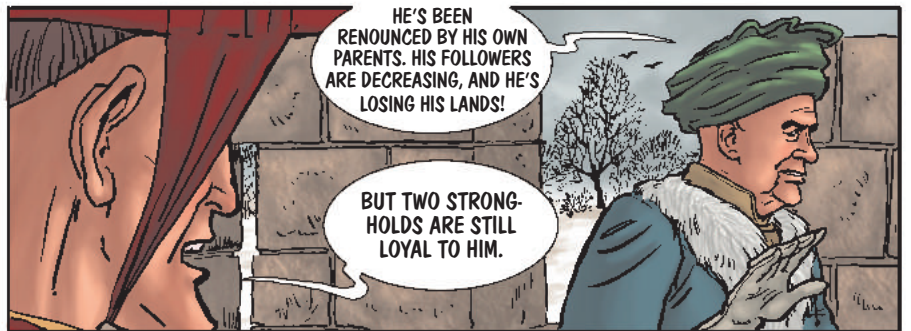
SO, THERE WAS NO CORONATION FOR THE ENGLISH KING—OR FOR HIS SON, WHO WAS ONLY 10 MONTHS OLD!



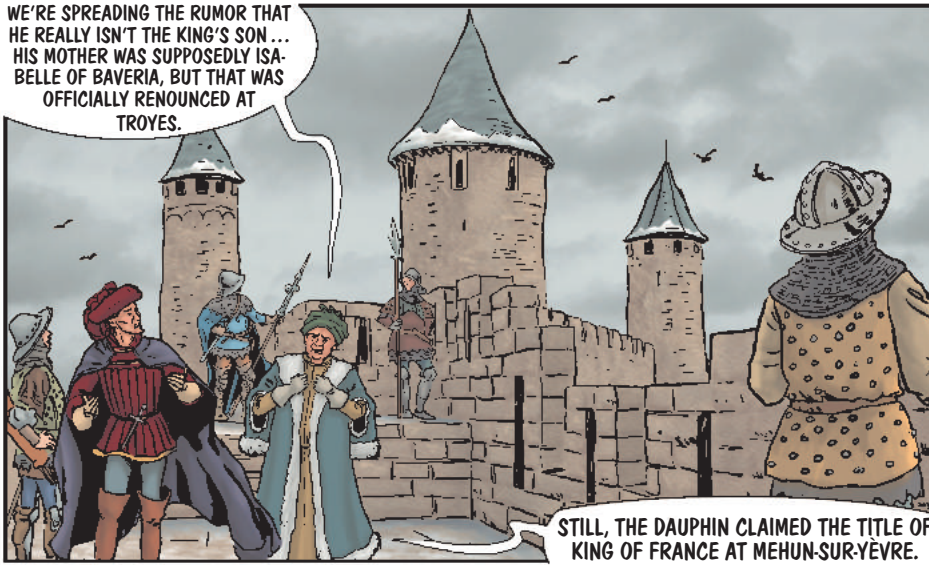
PATIENCE, LORD TALBOT. IT'S BEEN 7 YEARS. NOTHING CAN PREVENT THE NEXT CORONATION.



KING HENRY'S YOUNG SON IS WAITING. HIS UNCLE, THE DUKE OF BEDFORD, PROMISES THAT HIS CORONATION AS A "DUAL" KING WILL TAKE PLACE.



WE'RE SPREADING THE RUMOR THAT HE REALLY ISN'T THE KING'S SON... HIS MOTHER WAS SUPPOSEDLY ISABELLE OF BAVERIA, BUT THAT WAS OFFICIALLY RENOUNCED AT TROYES.



STILL, THE DAUPHIN CLAIMED THE TITLE OF KING OF FRANCE AT MEHUN-SUR-YÈVRE.

HA HA HA!
MEHUN-SUR-YÈVRE!
WHO CARES? AS LONG AS THERE'S NO CORONATION, HE'S KING OF NOTHING!



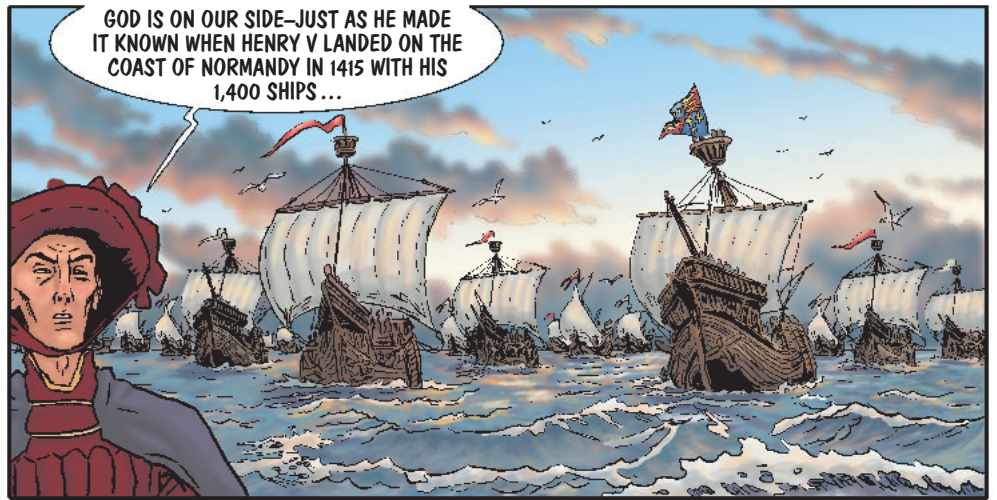
YOU'VE NEGOTIATED THE SURRENDER OF SEVERAL FORTRESSES. WE'D LIKE TO FINISH THIS ONE OFF...



THE PEOPLE OF THE MONT DON'T NEGOTIATE! THEY'RE FOOLS WHO PREFER TO DIE OF HUNGER. THEY THINK GOD WILL PROTECT THEM!



GOD IS ON OUR SIDE—JUST AS HE MADE IT KNOWN WHEN HENRY V LANDED ON THE COAST OF NORMANDY IN 1415 WITH HIS 1,400 SHIPS...



GOD SENT ME TO CONQUER FRANCE AND DRIVE AWAY ITS EVILS!



THE NEXT MONTH, HE CRUSHED THE FRENCH AT AGINCOURT. A GOOD SIGN!

