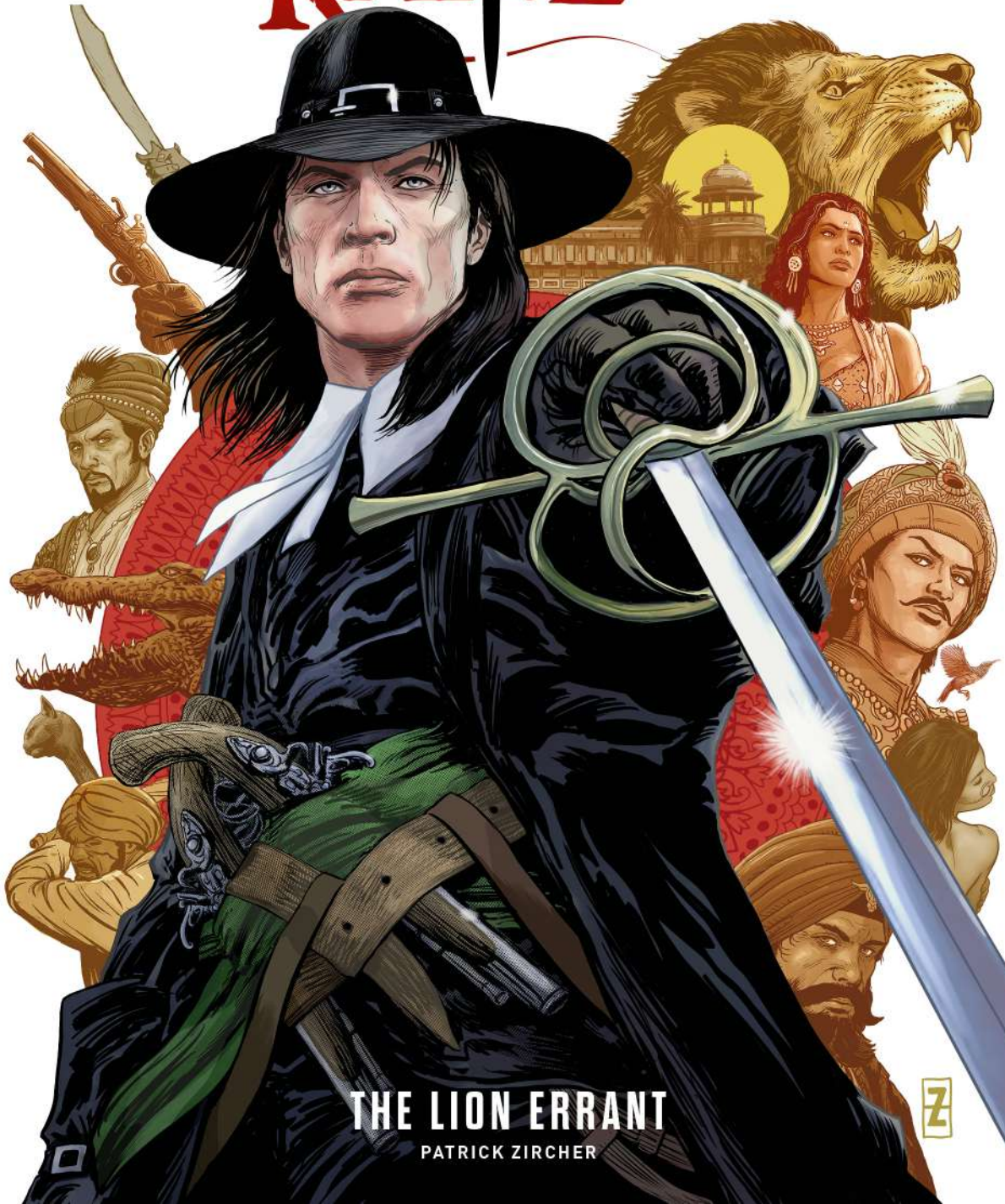




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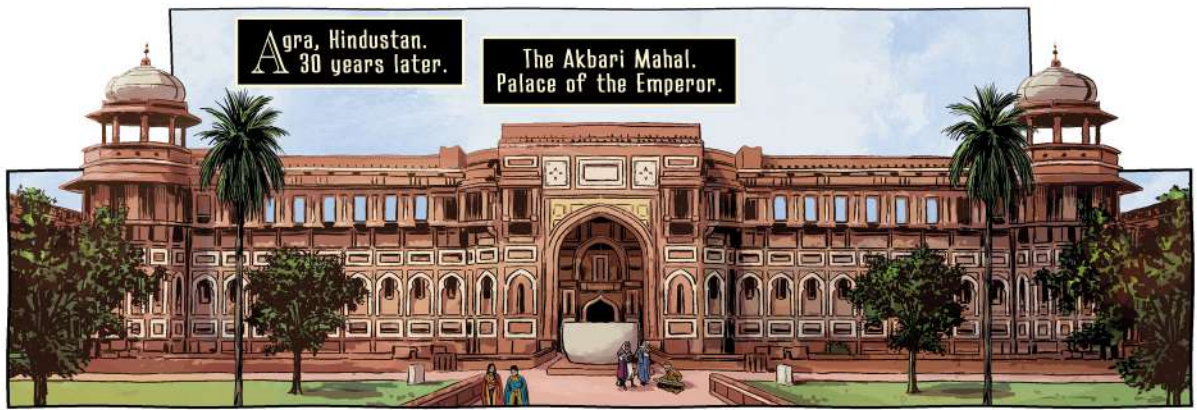


THE LION ERRANT  
PATRICK ZIRCHER



Agra, Hindustan.  
30 years later.

The Akbari Mahal.  
Palace of the Emperor.



I TRUST YOUR STAY HAS BEEN PLEASANT. ALL THE NICETIES?

THEN LET US SPEAK. BE DIRECT.

AS YOU WISH, GREAT ONE.

YOUR KHAN, THE REGENT OF KARRA, RAIDS OUR BORDERS.

HIS TRADERS ARE SPIES, HIS SOLDIERS STEAL. HE TAKES OUR WOMEN FOR HIS HAREMS AND OUR LIVESTOCK FOR HIS STALLS.

HE IS LIKE A WOLF LICKING HIS CHOPS WHEN HE LOOKS TO GONDWANA.

Emperor Jalal-ud-din Muhammad Akbar

Sovereign ruler of the Mughal Empire.

THAT IS LIFE. THE STRONG TAKE WHAT THE WEAK CANNOT HOLD. IT IS AN UGLY TRUTH BUT A TRUTH, NONETHELESS.

YOUR MAHARANI, YOUR QUEEN, SHE RAIDS ASAF KHAN'S LANDS AS WELL?



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# 1 WAR MONGERS

THERE IS ANOTHER TRADE  
IN MALINDI. A VILE ONE.

**SLAVERY.**

BRIGANDS ABDUCT  
LONE TRAVELERS  
AND SELL THEM  
TO THE TURKS.





Village of Prayag

Karra Regency, Hindustan.

DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH DOES IT? BUT WE'RE AT THE CONFLUENCE OF TWO HOLY RIVERS.

ONE DAY, PRAYAG WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE EMPEROR.



IT'S A NOVEL. A BATHHOUSE INFESTED WITH BLACK RATS AND RELIGIOUS FANATICS.

THE PEOPLE HERE WOULD NOT LAST THREE DAYS IN THE TIGER FORESTS OF MY DISTRICT.



Ramih Khan

Regent of Sidhi.

IT TAKES MORE THAN A DREAM TO BUILD A CITY.

YOU NEED INFLUENCE--WEALTH, RESOURCES, WORKERS, AND ELEPHANTS.

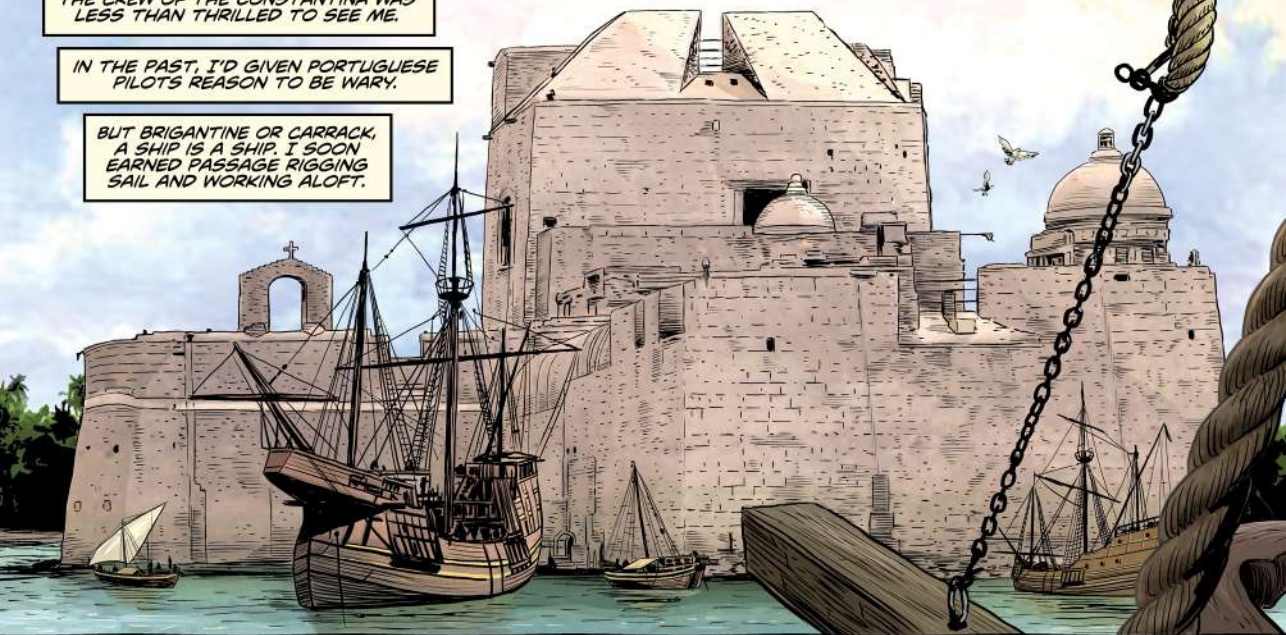
I KNOW WHAT YOU COVET. I KNOW OF YOUR RAIDS INTO GONDWANA--AGAINST THAT BITCH DURGAVATI.



THE CREW OF THE CONSTANTINA WAS LESS THAN THRILLED TO SEE ME.

IN THE PAST, I'D GIVEN PORTUGUESE PILOTS REASON TO BE WARY.

BUT BRIGANTINE OR CARRACK, A SHIP IS A SHIP. I SOON EARNED PASSAGE RIGGING SAIL AND WORKING ALOFT.



ONLY TO BE MARCHED TO THE CAPITAO'S OFFICE AS SOON AS WE DISEMBARKED AT FORTALEZA DE DIU.

NO PAPERS. NO CARTAZ. VERY LITTLE MONEY.

AND PEACE BETWEEN THE CROWNED HEADS OF LISBON AND LONDON IS... STRAINED.

YOU'RE NOT WELCOME HERE SOLOMON KANE.

I NOTICED.



YOU'RE NOT ON THE CREW LIST OR THE PASSENGER MANIFEST. YOU COULD BE A SPY OR A SABOTEUR.

I WANT YOU ON THE FIRST SHIP BACK TO AFRICA. HOW YOU GET HOME FROM THERE IS YOUR AFFAIR.

I HAVEN'T EVEN TASTED THE VINDALOO YET.

WHEN MUST I LEAVE?

TRADE SHIPS HEAD TO THE EAST INDIES THIS TIME OF YEAR. WE DO NOT SEND EMPTY VESSELS WEST.

