



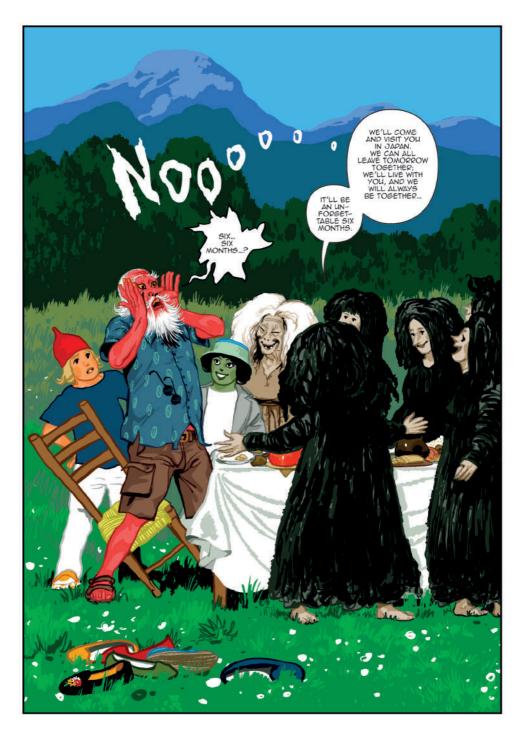






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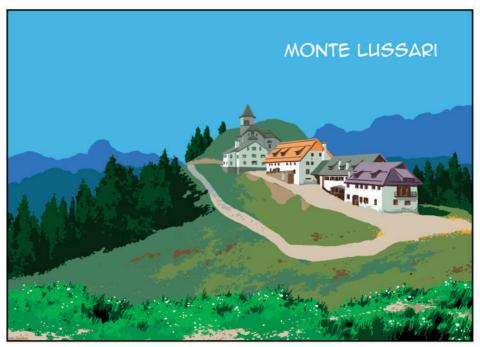












































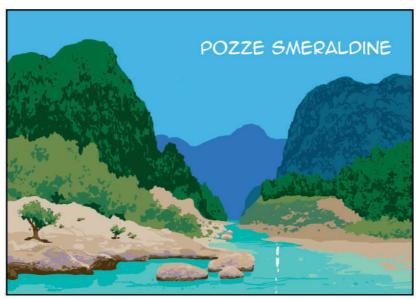
















































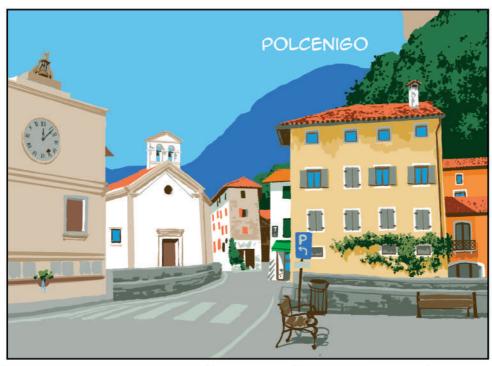


















































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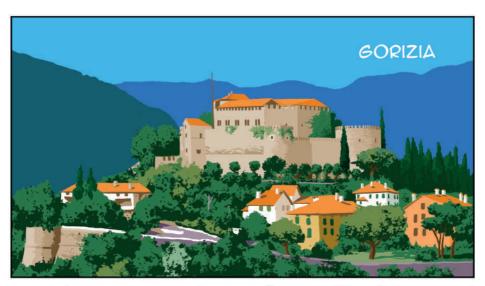








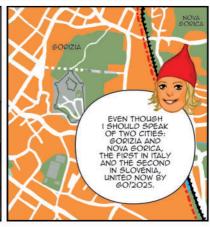




































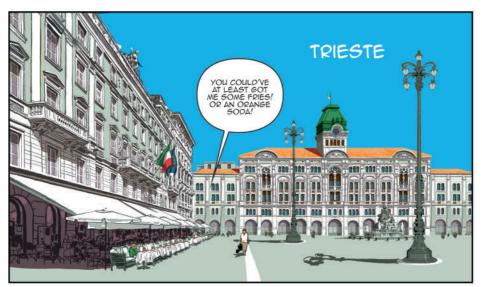




















rt is a universal language that overcomes linguistic and cultural barriers, allowing everyone to communicate emotions, ideas and stories. Much like other art forms, comics also connect people, offering a shared experience.

Japan in this regard has been the master, so much so that Osamu Tezuka, who is considered the "God of Manga" said: "Comics are a borderless medium, capable of conveying universal emotions"

For this reason, the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia has chosen to represent itself at the Osaka Expo through this refined work that creatively showcases the peculiarities that make us stand out in the world.

There are mountain and urban landscapes, archaeological sites and the grandeur of the ancient palaces. The narrative threads of the comic could not help but draw inspiration from the most ancient legends and traditions, revisiting characters such as the agane-water nymphs caught between good and evil-or the sblif, mischievous yet benevolent spirits.

It is, therefore, a work that synthesises a deep history, capturing its beauty and mystery, its flavours and scents, and telling both its past and present.

I hope that this comic opens a window of curiosity to our region, one that will make the many readers want to peer through.



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This story follows an encounter between creatures from Japanese folklore and those from the folklore of Friuli Venezia Giulia, and of their journey to discover this beautiful but lesser-known Italian region.

Each page should be read from right to left, top to bottom. The book as a whole is bound on the right-hand side, so it opens and flips in the opposite direction compared to standard Italian publications.







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In Friuli Venezia Giulia

