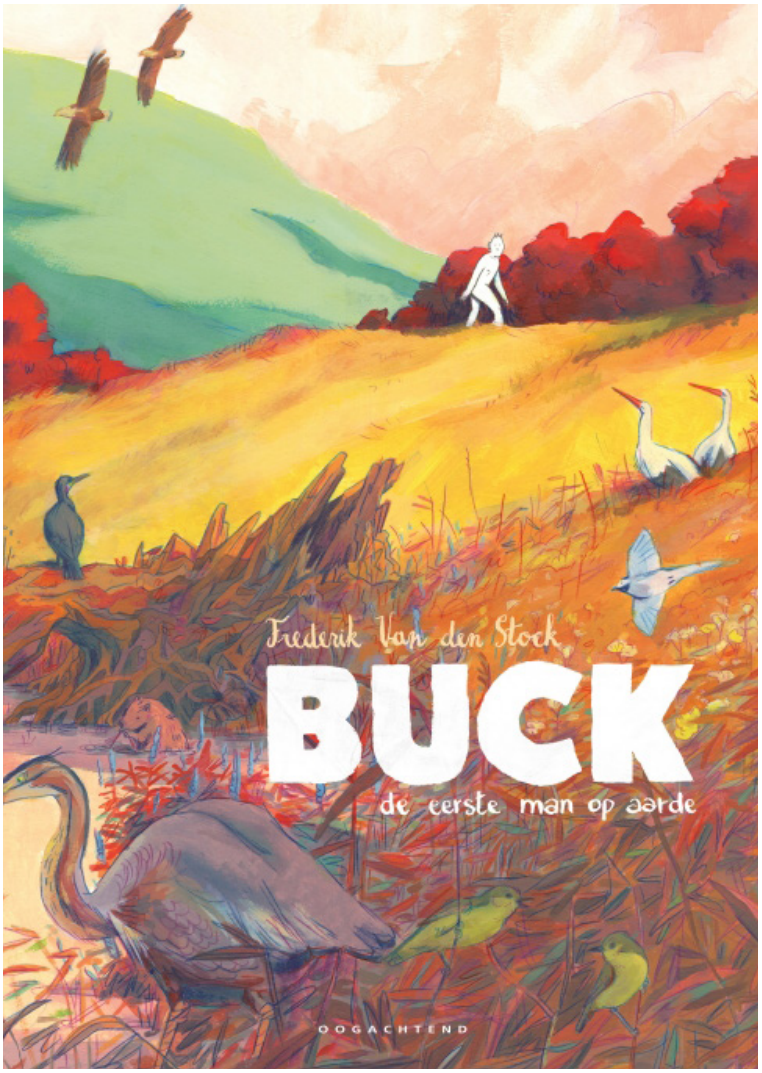

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Buck

FREDERIK VAN DEN STOCK

In the beginning... there is **Buck**, the first man on earth. He invents language and starts naming everything in his paradise. And while doing so he discovers himself. Inspired by the beauty of everything that surrounds him, he decides that there ought to be a creator, and so after man he also creates a god. Before long, when Buck concludes that he is the sole and most solitary man on earth, god becomes the target of his anger. Spurred on by hatred for his creator he invents fire, followed soon after by an anti-aircraft cannon and an atomic bomb. But just as he is about to destroy himself – and therefore god – he spots something that makes life worth living: woman. However, seemingly blind to his genius she turns him down, again and again. Having invented art as well as writing and money, the market economy and child labour, and having established a town and a religion... Buck still lacks what matters most.

*Humour is an important element in the work of **Frederik Van den Stock (b. 1986).** After graduating from Luca School of Arts in Brussels, he worked as a cartoonist for Knack magazine for many years, and also contributed illustrations to The New York Times, Apple and the city of Antwerp. In recent years he has made several short comics and in 2019 he published Buck. Van den Stock lives in Antwerp and enjoys birdwatching.*

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Au commencement...

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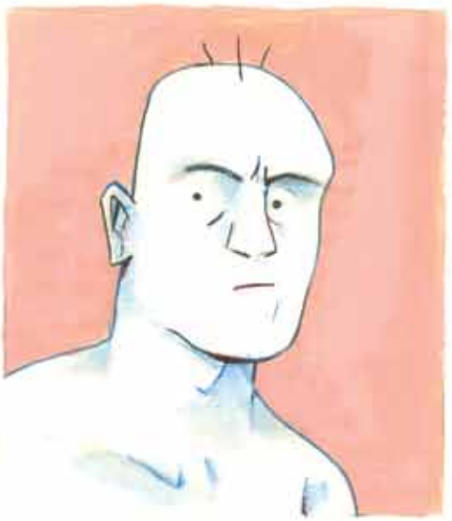
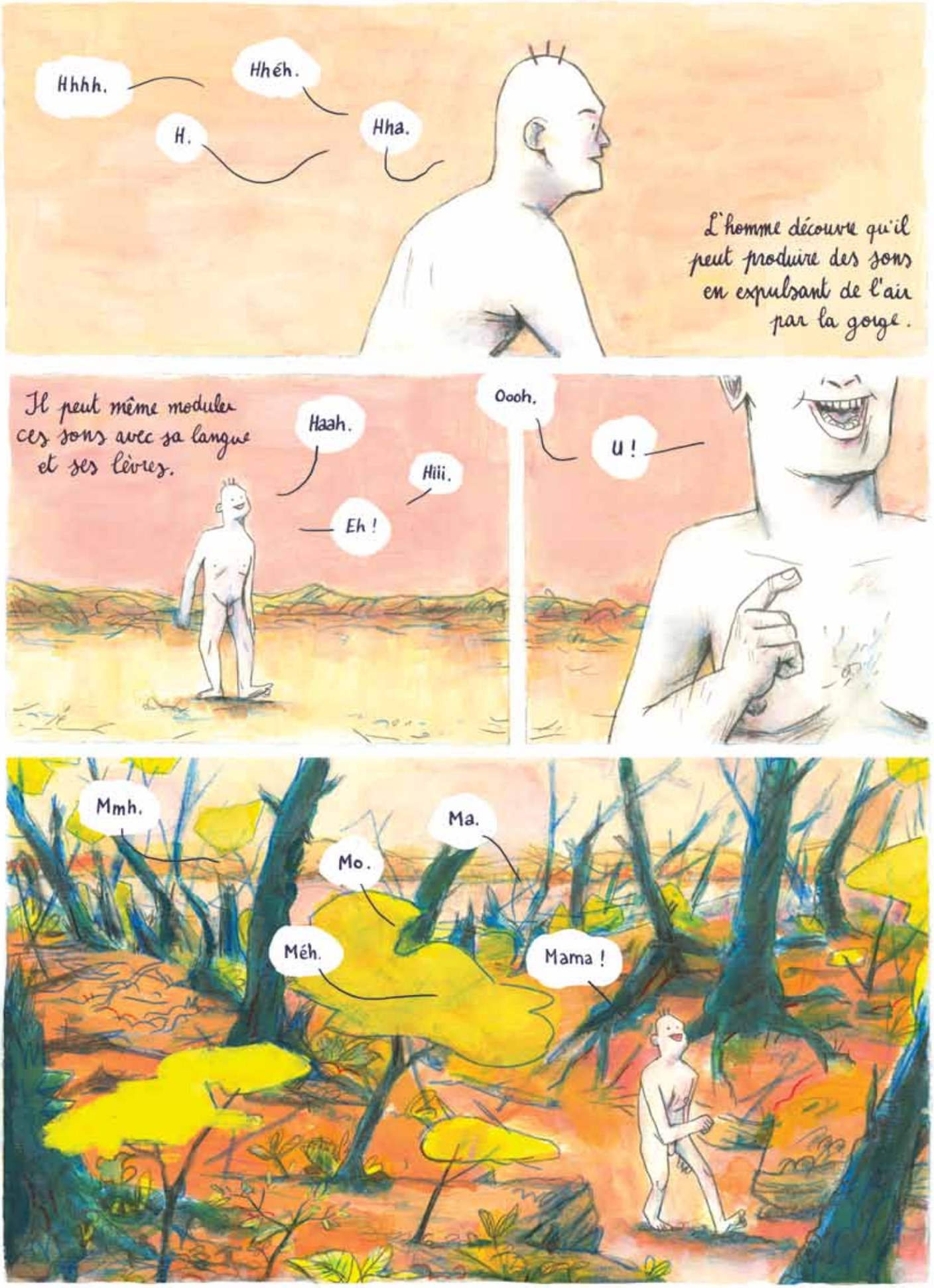
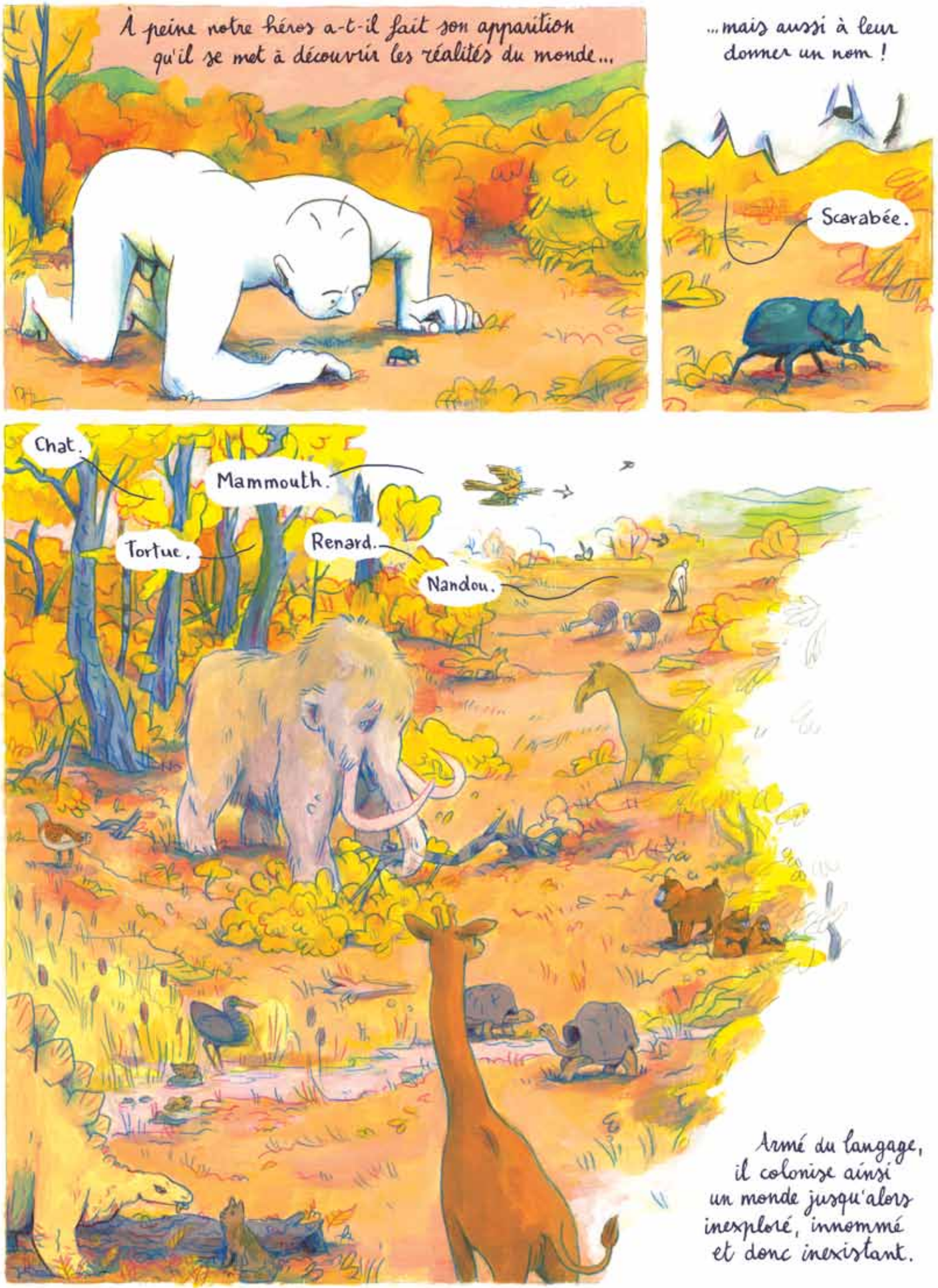
L'apparition de l'humanité.



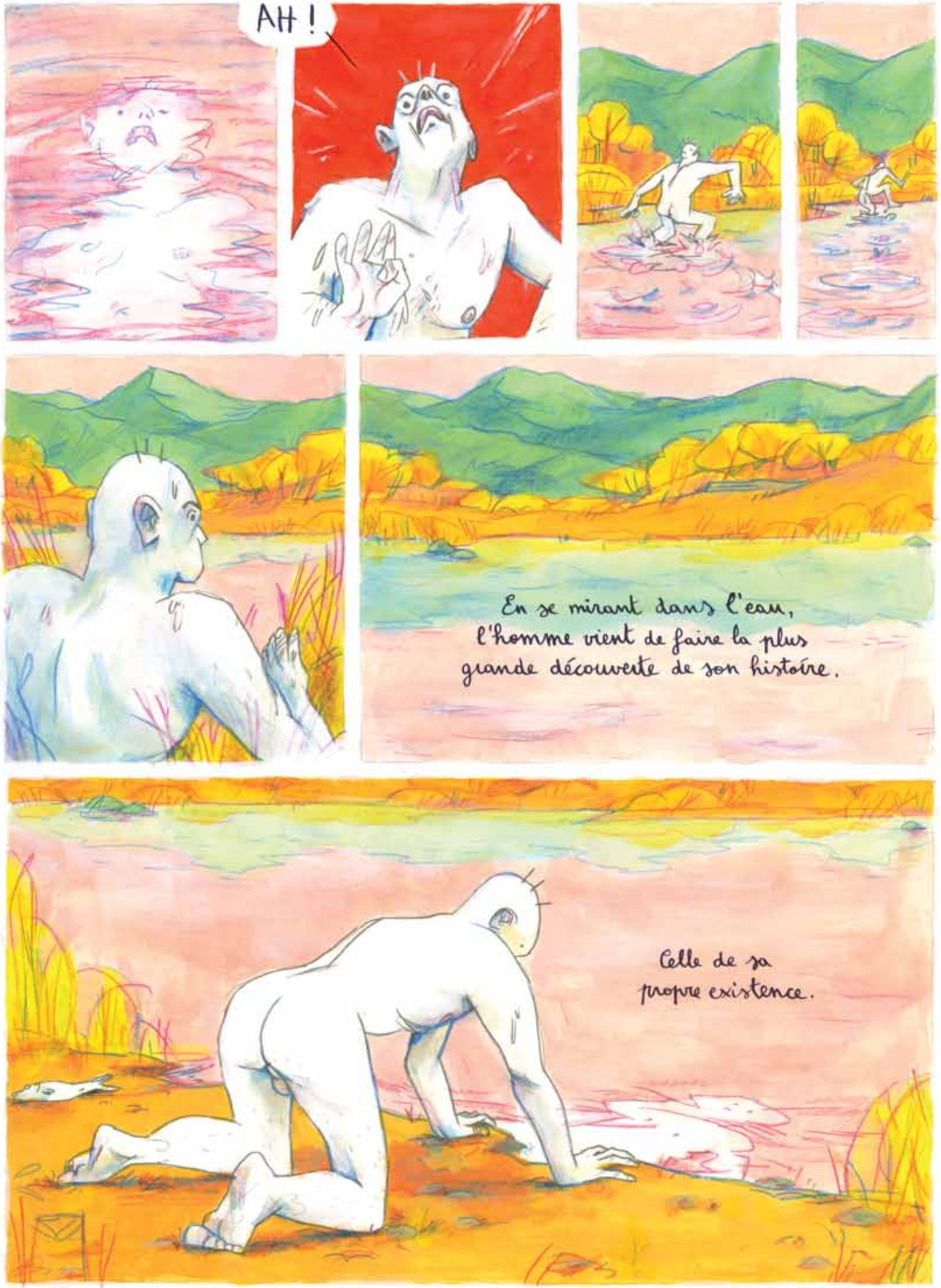

Hhhh.
Hhéh.
H.
Hha.
L'homme découvre qu'il peut produire des sons en expulsant de l'air par la gorge.
Il peut même moduler ces sons avec sa langue et ses lèvres.
Haah.
Hiii.
Eh !
Oooh.
U !
Mmh.
Ma.
Mo.
Méh.
Mama !

Cui-cui.
Cui-cui.
Cui-cui.
Cui-cui !
Nous assistons à un moment magique...
Cui-cui.
Chien.
La naissance du langage !


À peine notre héros a-t-il fait son apparition qu'il se met à découvrir les réalités du monde...
...mais aussi à leur donner un nom !
Scarabée.
Chat.
Mammouth.
Tortue.
Renard.
Nandou.
Armé du langage, il colonise ainsi un monde jusqu'alors inexploré, innommé et donc inexistant.

Terre.
Oiseau.
Arbre
Figues.
Singe.
Serpent.
Dinosaure.
Montagne.
Eau.

Poisson.
Humour !
Nage !


AH !
En se mirant dans l'eau, l'homme vient de faire la plus grande découverte de son histoire.
Celle de sa propre existence.