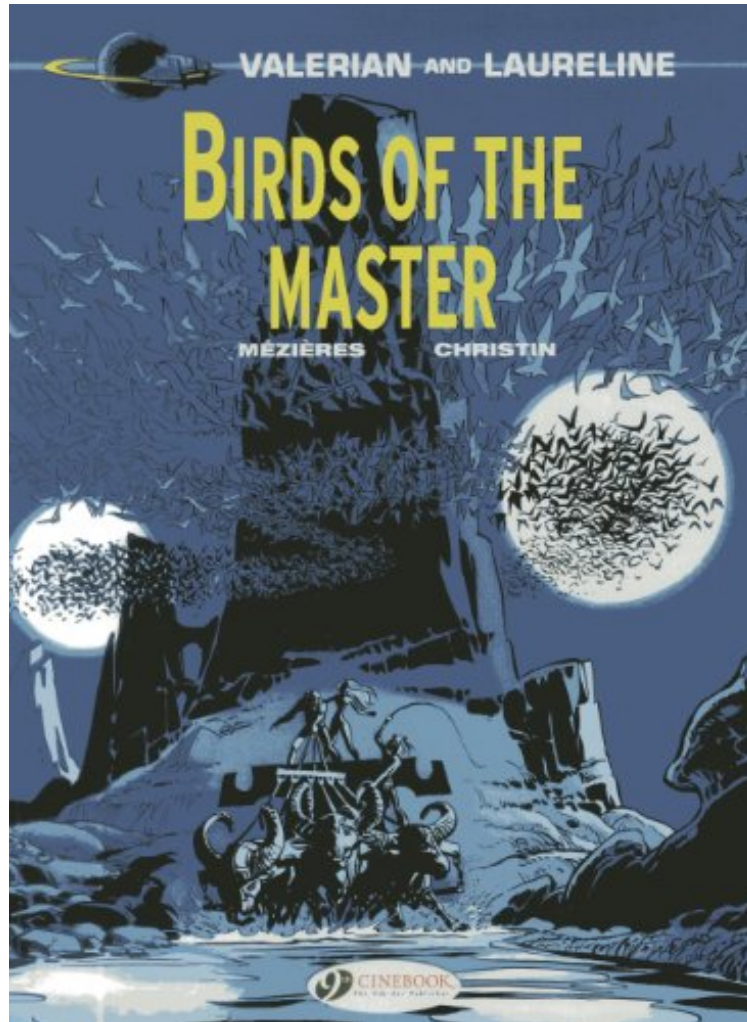


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Pierre Christin : Birds of the Master (Valerian) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Birds of the Master (Valerian):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. And The Master Made The Children Of Galaxy To Serve With Rigour....By Zon||EidolonIn this "Valerian and Laureline" adventure, the titular duo are shipwrecked on a planet ruled by an all-powerful Master, who quickly enslaves them using his Birds of Madness... will the two be able to escape and make it home to Galaxy? Of course they will! This is only the fifth (sixth if you count the unpublished-in-the-UK/US Volume 0) book in a long running series, after all. The fun is in seeing how they do it, and what else they accomplish along the way. This adventure reads like an episode of Star Trek with Valerian filling in for Captain Kirk, changing an alien society but only after it has forced itself on him. In some ways Pierre Christin is even more progressive than that groundbreaking show, especially with the writing of female characters (although Laureline wouldn't get a chance to

really shine until the next volume). There's even a funny twist ending but I won't spoil it for you. Overall the writing is top-notch. And let's not forget Mssr. Mzires' gorgeous artwork! Seriously, half of the enjoyment of reading this is in relishing all the complexities and details of the illustrations. This is a good printing by Cinebook. It is taller and wider than the typical American GN although it is also thinner. The paper is good quality and non-glossy. Detail is excellent and the colors likewise with no bleeding. All in all a great edition of a great read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Fun Return By John Fenton Some familiar elements make a reappearance and the series begins to achieve the same story telling bravado that existed before the Earth disappeared! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Jonathan K. Series keeps getting better the more that you read it. Can't wait to see the movie.

The most terrifying birds since Alfred Hitchcocks! Valerian and Laureline's ship has crash-landed on an uncharted planetoid. The two castaways quickly discover a vast ship cemetery, leading them to believe that their arrival was not an accident. Before long, they make contact with a population whose sole purpose seems to be to gather and produce food for a mysterious Master. The Terran agents aren't going to be turned into slaves easily, but the Master enforces his will through his terrible agents: the Birds of Madness...

About the Author Jean-Claude Mezieres and Pierre Christin created "Valerian" in 1967 after working in the USA together, one as a cowboy, the other a teacher. While "Valerian" is Mezieres' only comic series, he's worked as an illustrator in many other areas, including designs and sets for "The Fifth Element," and he was awarded the Grand Prix du festival d'Angouleme in 1984. Christin also works in collaboration with other artists such as Tardi and Bilal and writes novels and film scripts.