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# IL ÉTAIT UNE FOIS EN FRANCE

TOME 1

L'Empire de Monsieur Joseph

Glénat



**ONCE UPON A TIME IN FRANCE****Il était une fois en France**

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The true story of Joseph Joanovici, a Romanian Jew who immigrated to France in the 1920's and became one of the richest men in Europe. During the second world war he was a decorated resistance fighter but also a Nazi collaborator, preferring to sell them his scrap metal than to the allies which allowed him access to an Arian identity card. Due to his tactics he was one of the three Jews who were denied Israeli citizenship. For some, he was a villain, for others, a hero.

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| - <b>Best Series Award – Angoulême Comics Festival 2010</b> | - Best scenario 2008 (BD Gest)        |
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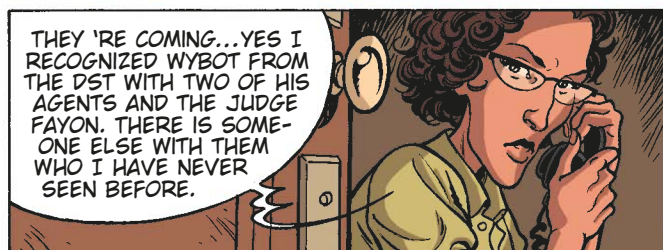
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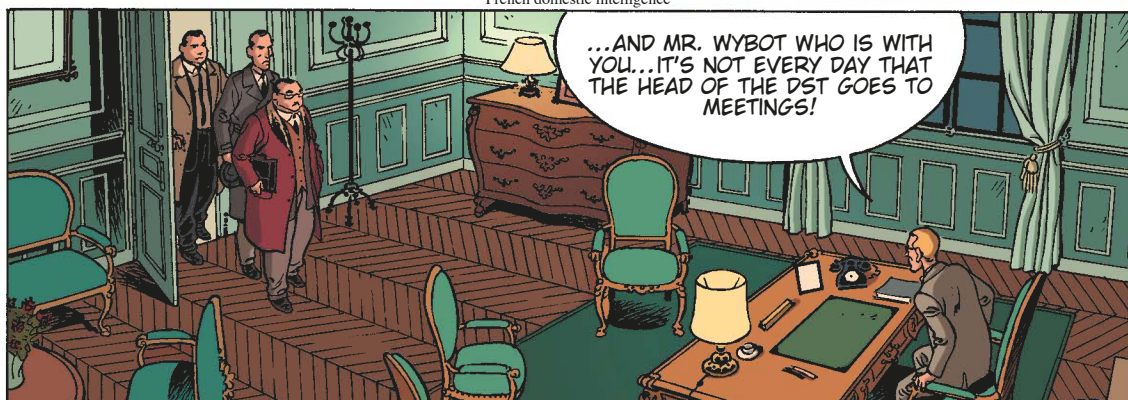
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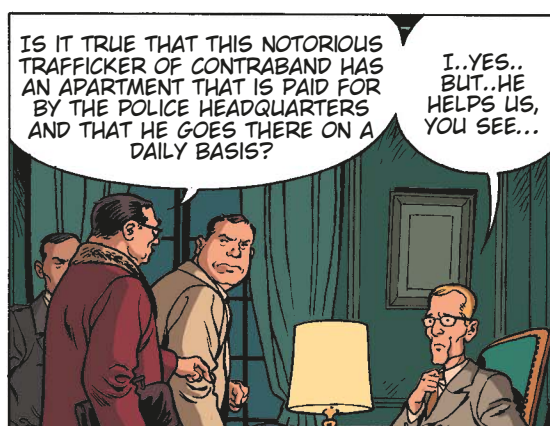
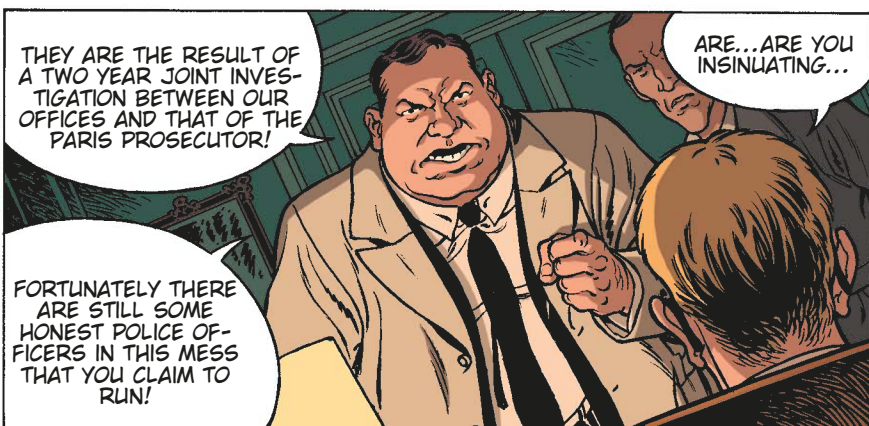
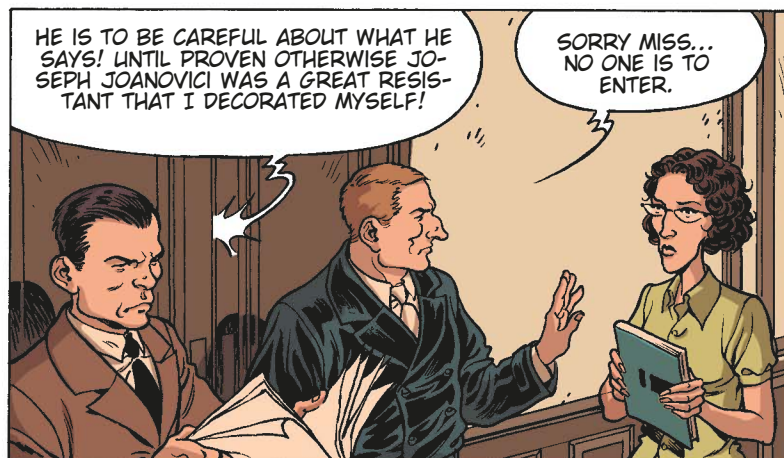
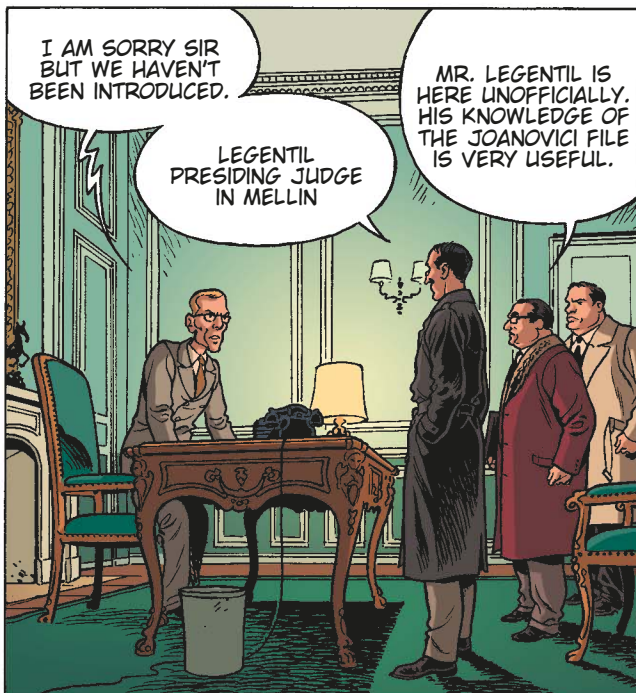
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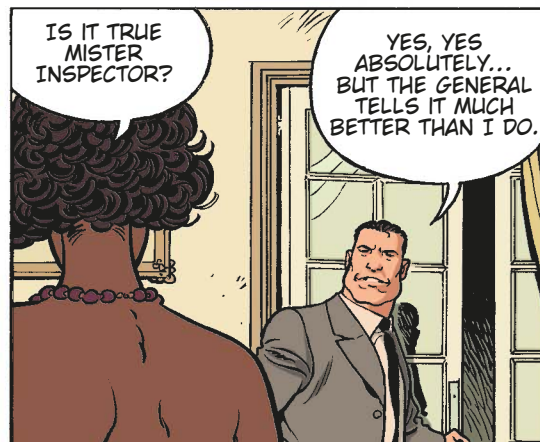
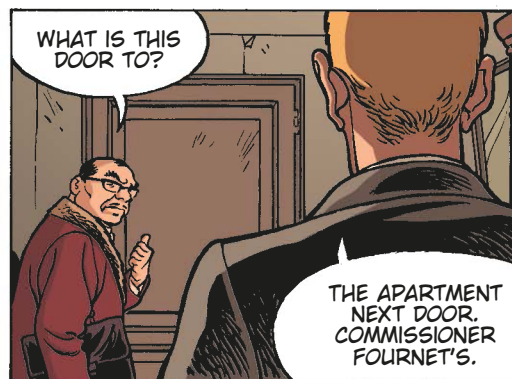
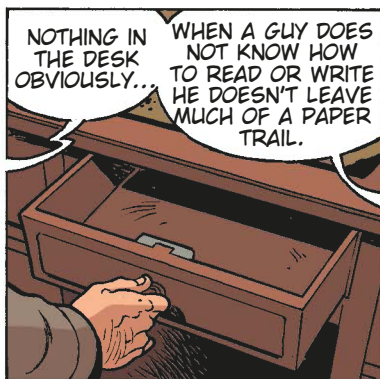
















WHERE ARE WE?

80 000 DOWN. THE MAYOR OF CLICHY ALONE HAS SHOT 3 GRAND.



DO YOU WANT US TO CONTINUE TO FRONT HIM?

NO HE CAN LOSE A LITTLE FOR A CHANGE.



...I KNOW HOW MUCH I OWE TO YOU JOSEPH. IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU I'D BE AT BUCHENWALD.



...AND I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT YOUR GENEROSITY. I MEAN THE POKER GAMES THAT YOU ORGANIZE EVERY THURSDAY...IT'S THE ONLY ONE THAT I KNOW OF WHERE THE GUESTS WIN ALL THE TIME.



...OF COURSE I DO NOT WANT TO IMPLY THAT YOU ARE OFFERING BRIBES... BUT PEOPLE TALK... AND OUR FRIENDS...



THEY'RE AFRAID THAT THE TAP WILL BE TURNED OFF. THEY HAVE HEARD THAT THEIR BENEFACTOR IS HEADED FOR JAIL.

HMMM... GOOD EVENING INSPECTOR, NO THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT BUT YOU UNDERSTAND...



...WHEN IT WAS ONLY THAT LITTLE JUDGE FROM MELLIN WE WOULDN'T BE WORRIED, BUT THE DST IS ON THE CASE NOW, AS WELL AS JUDGE FAYON...AND I'M AFRAID THAT MY GOOD WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH TO REASSURE THOSE THAT... HAVE DOUBTS.





YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, JOSEPH...BUT WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE THESE DAYS IT IS BEST TO BE A BIT DISCRETE AND...



...WE SHOULD KEEP OUR DISTANCE...FOR A WHILE... I HOPE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND?



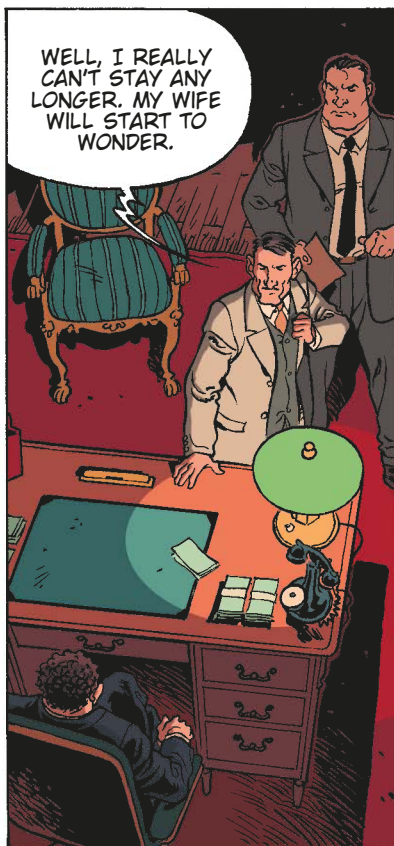
OF COURSE.



THANK GOODNESS! I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU WOULD TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY...



I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF YOUR MOST LOYAL FRIENDS JOSEPH. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE YOU MY SUPPORT AS LONG AS...WELL... AS LONG AS YOU NEED IT.



WELL, I REALLY CAN'T STAY ANY LONGER. MY WIFE WILL START TO WONDER.



DIRTY LITTLE POLITICAL RAT...

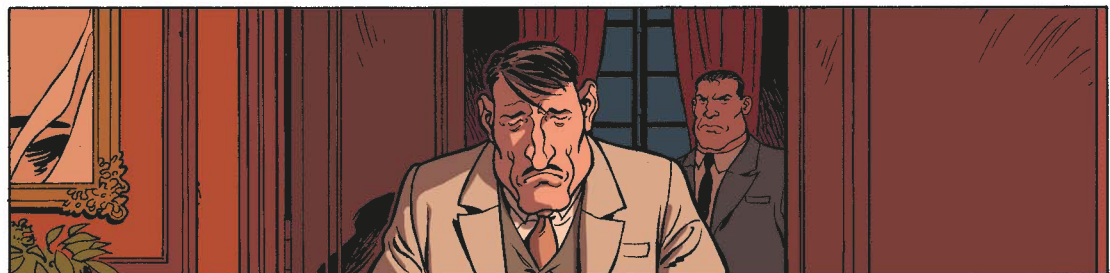
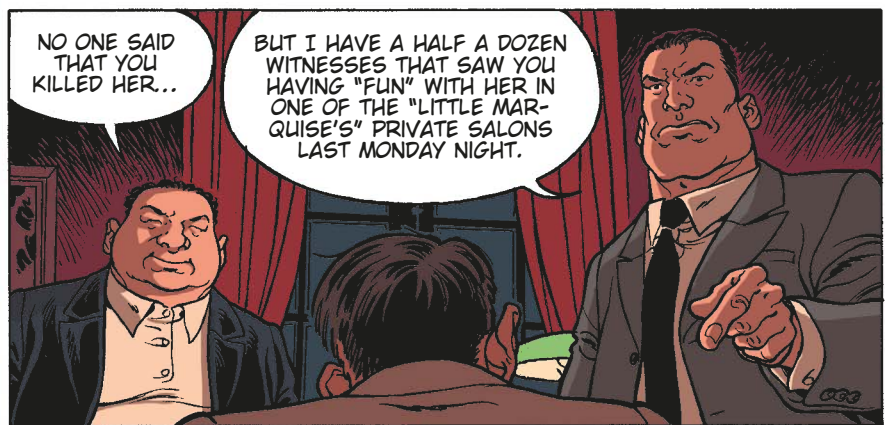
BUT...?!!



YOU WANT TO JUMP SHIP HUH? WAIT JUST A SECOND WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT.

JOSEPH! STOP HIM PLEASE I BEG YOU.









13TH OCTOBER, 1935.  
METZ TRAIN STATION.



MR. JOANOVICI?  
I AM FREDERIC MARTIN.  
THE GO-BETWEEN.  
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

YOU KNOW MY  
ASSISTANT  
LUCY SCHMIDT?



OF COURSE...IN OUR BUSINESS  
EVERYONE KNOWS "IRON" LUCY",  
AT LEAST BY REPUTATION.



DID YOU HAVE A  
GOOD TRIP?

NO.

WHAT LUCY MEANS IS  
THAT THIS DEAL COULD  
HAVE BEEN DONE  
OVER THE PHONE.



I DISAGREE. A PROJECT OF THIS SIZE  
YOU NEED TO MEET AT LEAST ONCE...  
NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT OUR  
STRATEGISTS HAVE A BRILLIANT IDEA.



THEY ARE OFFERING  
US THE PUBLIC WORKS  
LOCATION OF THE  
CENTURY.



HERE WE ARE, HUNDREDS OF  
KILOMETERS OF FORTIFICATIONS. A  
SITE WORTH BILLIONS. MILLIONS OF  
TONS OF METAL SPREAD ACROSS  
THE WHOLE ENTERPRISE...



THE MAGINOT  
LINE.

I, HOWEVER, AM ONLY RE-  
SPONSIBLE FOR A SMALL  
PART OF THE CONSTRUC-  
TION...JUST A FEW MEASLY  
KILOMETERS. WHEREAS YOU,  
YOU DELIVER YOUR METAL THE  
WHOLE LENGTH OF IT, DON'T  
YOU?

I HAD TO SE-  
VERELY CUT  
MY PRICES.



