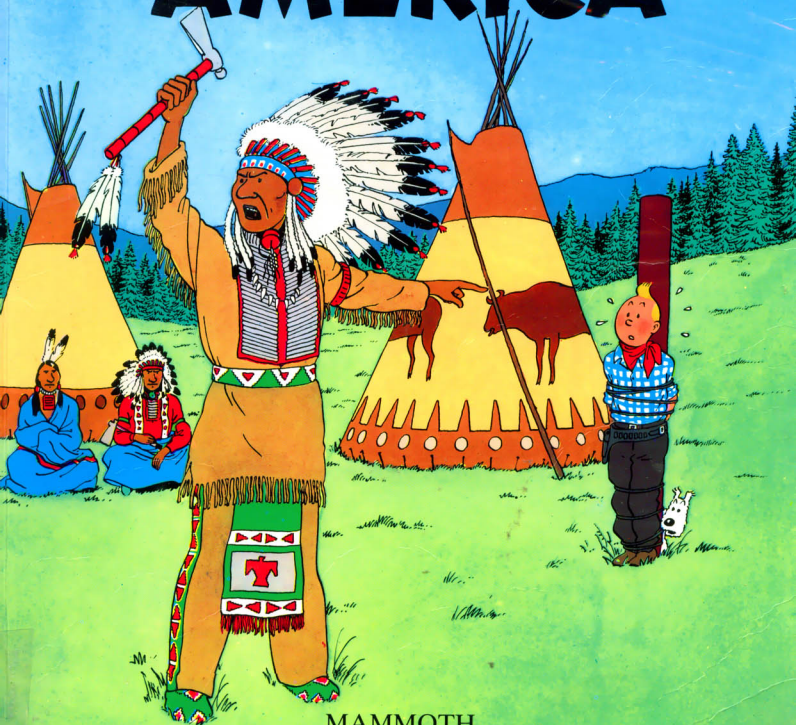


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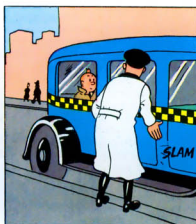
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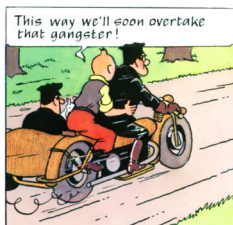
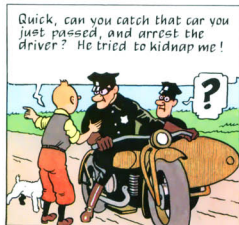
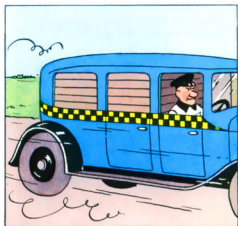
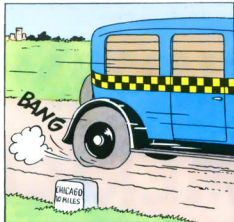
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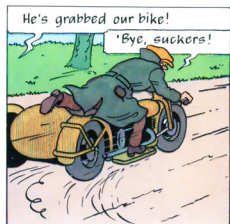
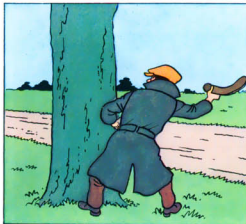
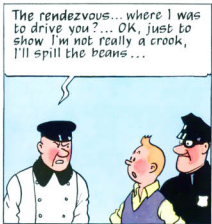
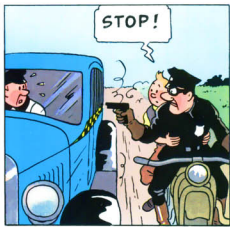
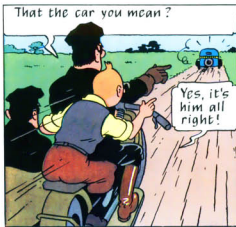
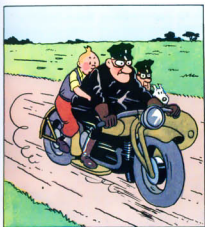
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Hey, what's the game?... We're locked in!... And these shutters are made of steel!





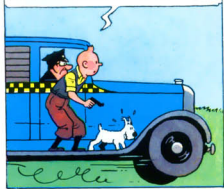
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After him!



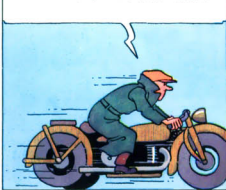
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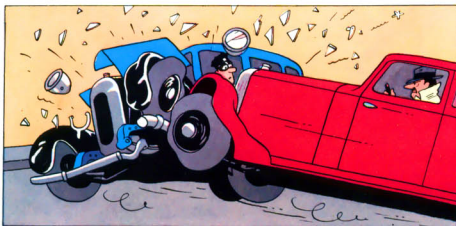
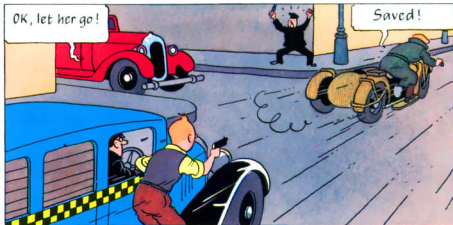
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Don't lose sight of him ...



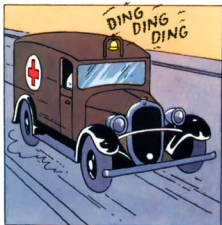
If Butch isn't on the lookout
with his car, I'm a dead duck!



OK, let her go!

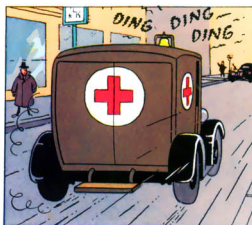


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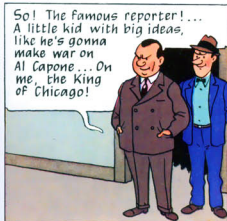
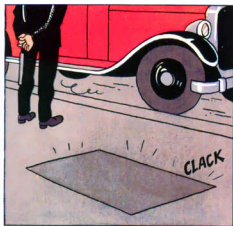
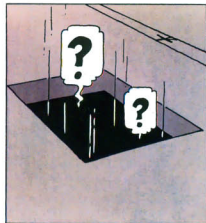
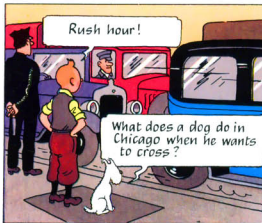


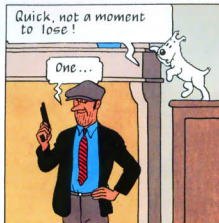
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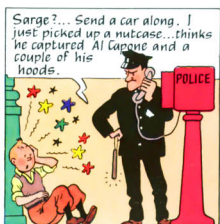
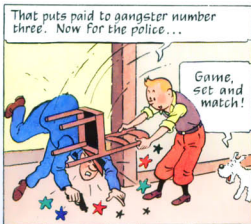
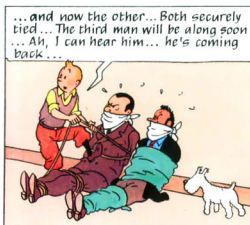
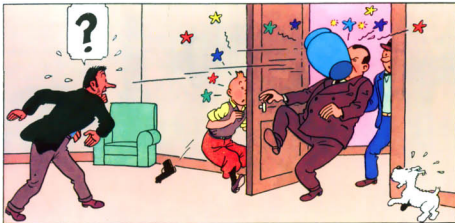
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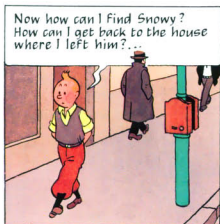
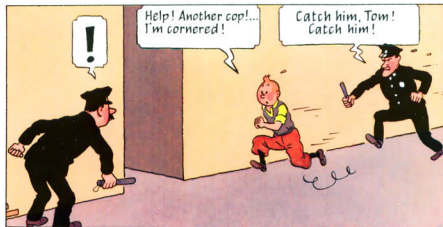
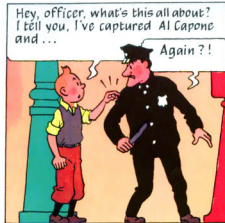
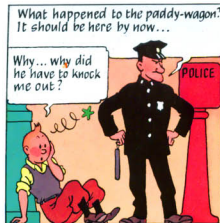


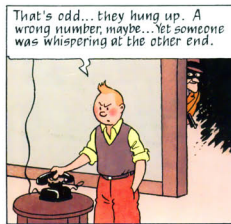
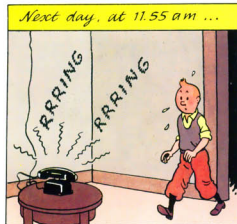
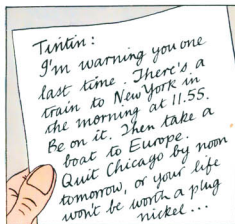
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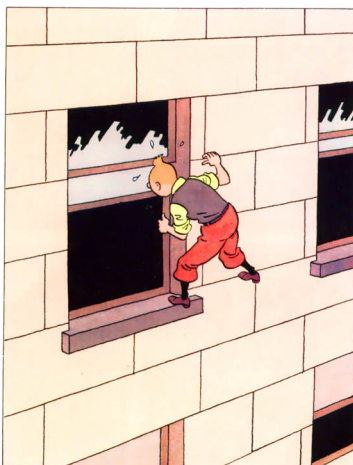
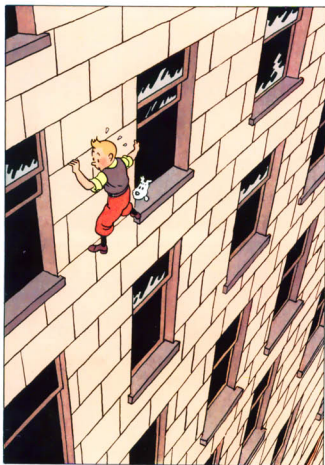
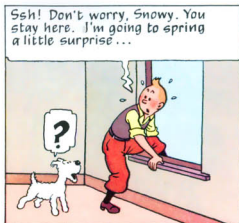


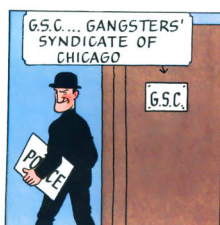
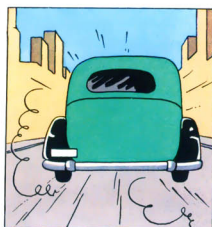
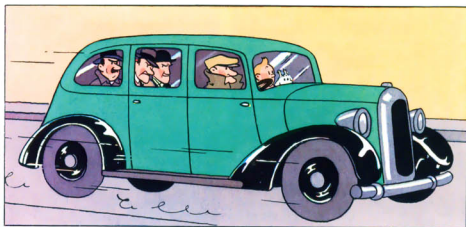












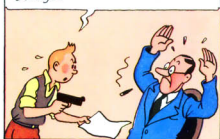
My dear Mr. Tintin, this is a pleasure! I'm glad to meet you. Do please sit down... Have a cigar?... No?... Then I'll come straight to the point...



I'm Bobby Smiles, boss of the rival gangs fighting Al Capone and his mob. I'm hiring you at \$2000 a month to help me bring him down. If you rub Capone out yourself, there's a bonus of twenty grand... Agreed?... Here's your contract. Sign there.



Get your hands up, you crook!... And I'll take care of that paper... Just remember, I came to Chicago to clean the place up, not to become a gangster's stooge!



So I'll make a start by arresting you!

Oh?... Is that so?



Marvellous little gadget, just under my foot!



I've been tricked... and now I'm trapped... Ugh! Smoke!... What a peculiar smell... It's like...



Help! It's gas!... They mean to kill me... Quick, my handkerchief!



Useless!... I'm done for!... I'm choking... My lungs... they're burning...



There he is, Nick!... O. X2Z gas sure will knock 'em out!



To the waterfront, fast. Lake Michigan for him!



No one here. All clear, Nick, bring him along!







Lay down your guns !



Move one muscle, and I'll blow your brains out!



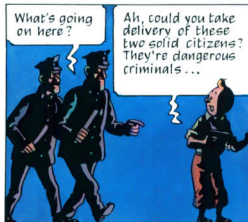
Thanks!... Much obliged, since I hadn't a gun of my own...



BANG

I don't wanna die!

Don't worry, I'm just calling the cops...



What's going on here?

Ah, could you take delivery of these two solid citizens? They're dangerous criminals...

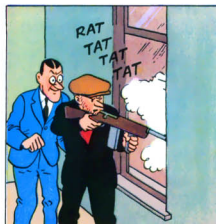


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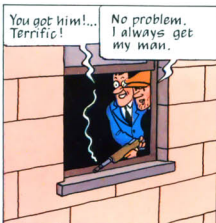
CHICAGO TRIBUNE!... Reporter grabs gangsters!... Sensation!... Read all about it!... Full story!... Get your Chicago Tribune here!



See?... That's him, sitting there in the armchair... with a dog by him. Take good aim, and let him have it... every bullet you've got... And listen, fella... don't miss!



RAT
TAT
TAT



You got him!... Terrific!

No problem. I always get my man.



How much do I owe you?

Usual fee. No extras. Thousand dollars.



Hope I've given satisfaction. Sorry I can't stay; got three more clients to take care of this morning... So long!

Goodbye!

How about that, Snowy? Wasn't I right to keep away from the windows? Those dummies I used are peppered with holes... custom-made colanders!

Dead right!... It strikes me... Wouldn't it be a good idea... if those dummies did the whole job, instead of us?



Now they think they've disposed of me, I'm going to arrange a little surprise for our gangster pals...

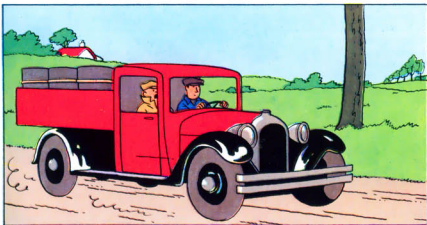
Using dummies again... I hope!



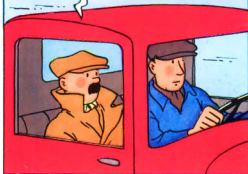
Next morning...

Listen, Bobby. I just heard the Coconut mob are doing a job this afternoon, running a load of whisky, hidden in gasoline drums. How's about it?

Simple!... We grab it!



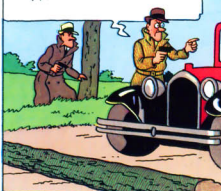
I've got a hunch there'll be a reception committee!



There! What did I tell you?



OK, come on out! Make it snappy... and no tricks...

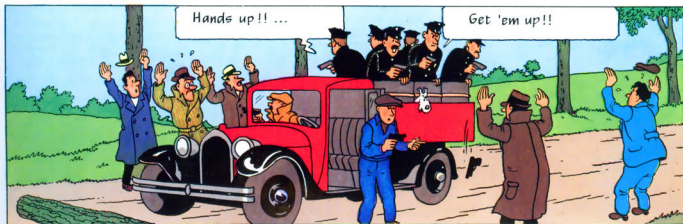


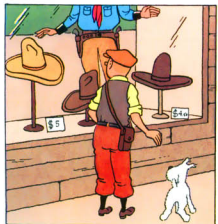
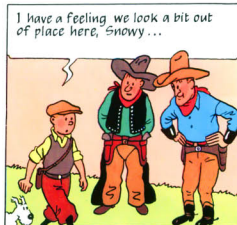
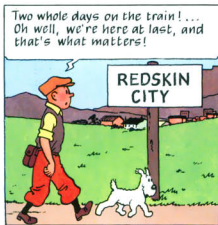
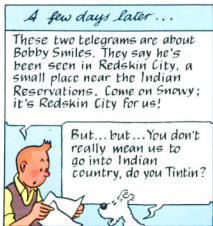
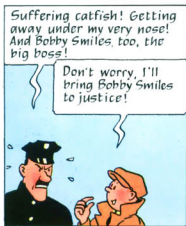
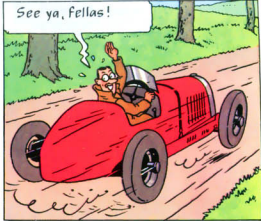
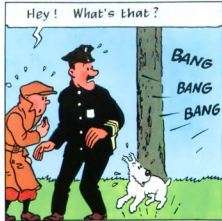
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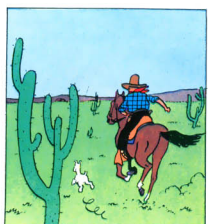
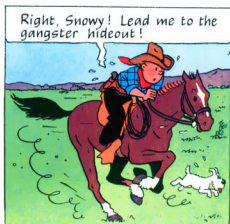
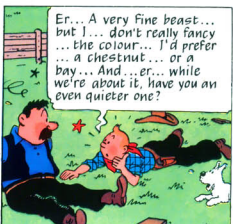
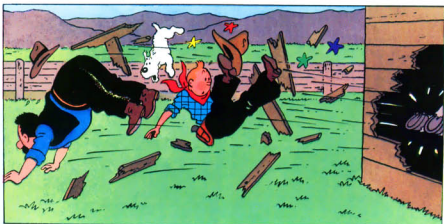
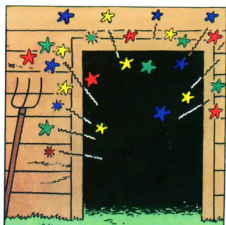
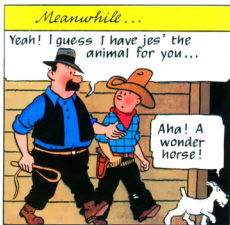
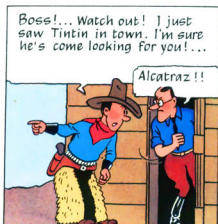


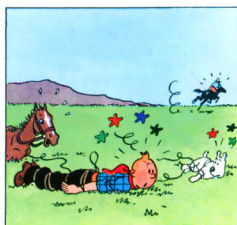
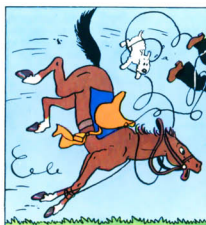
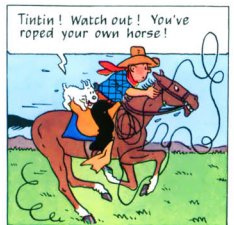
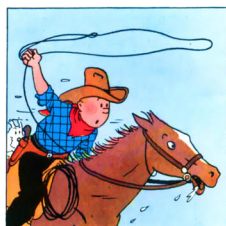
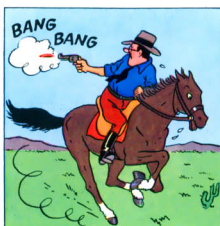
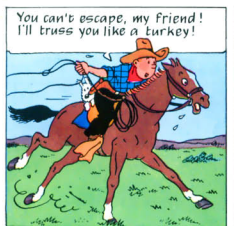
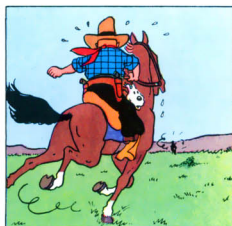
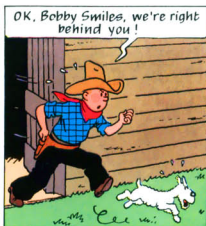
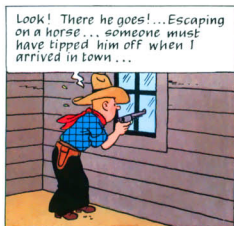
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Get 'em up!!

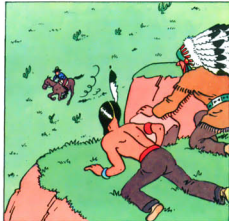




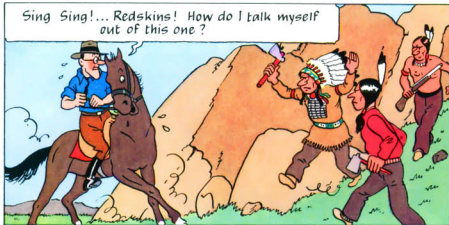




Ha! ha! ha! That'll teach you to play cowboys! By the time he's managed to untangle himself I'll be far away!



Sing Sing!... Redskins! How do I talk myself out of this one?



How! Mighty Sachem, I come in peace!

How, Paleface! What brings white man to hunting grounds of Blackfeet?



Mighty Sachem, I come to warn you. A young white warrior is riding this way. His heart is full of hate and his tongue is forked! Beware of him, for he seeks to steal the hunting grounds of the noble Blackfeet. I have spoken!...



Hear me, brave Blackfeet! A young Paleface approaches. He seeks, by trickery, to steal our hunting grounds!... May Great Manitou fill our hearts with hate and strengthen our arms!... Let us raise the tomahawk against this miserable Paleface with the heart of a prairie dog!



As for Paleface-with-eyes-of-the-Moon, he has warned us of danger that hangs over our heads, and will soon come upon Blackfeet. May Great Manitou heap blessings upon him!



Now let us raise the tomahawk ...

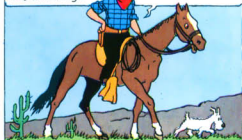
Big Chief him say well ...



Pipe of peace! I can't remember where in the world we buried the hatchet when we finished our last bit of fighting...



We've lost valuable time unravelling ourselves. It'll soon be dark now, Snowy, so we'd better pitch camp for the night and pick up the trail again in the morning.



We'll stop here ...



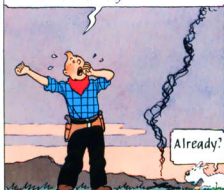
Tomorrow morning we'll set off at sunrise ... I'm determined that crook won't escape us again...



Just my luck! ... Tintin will be here in the morning, and I'll have to skedaddle... They're going to find that tomahawk if it's the last thing they do!



Wakey, wakey, Snowy! On the road again!



Well, Chief?

Alas, Blackfeet still cannot find their tomahawk ... It is lost!



What then?

What then? ... It is quite simple: Blackfeet certainly cannot make war on Puleface. No tomahawk, no war!



Alcatraz and Sing Sing! ... Dumb redskins won't fight... I've gotta get out of here!



The tomahawk!



Our tomahawk is found! Great Manitou wants war!



Great Manitou! Great Manitou! Give victory to your warriors!



Away! ... To the horses! ... Death to the Paleface!





Hello, here come the Indians... I tell you Snowy, if I didn't know the redskins are peaceful nowadays, I'd be feeling a lot less sure of myself!

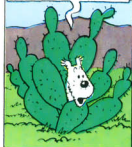


Well, I'm scared to death!

What's all this?... It's an odd sort of way to welcome a stranger!



Whew! They've gone! Savages! Frightened me out of my wits!



Snowy, that was disgraceful! You abandoned Tintin.



Really, what curious customs you have!

Truly, Paleface does not have stomach of a squaw. He smiles and is calm.

But we see what he does later!



Face it Snowy... You've got a yellow streak. For all you know, Tintin's in danger...



Hear, O Paleface, the words of Great Sachew... You have come among Blackfoot people with heart full of trickery and hate, like a sneaking dog. But now you are tied to torture stake. You shall pay Blackfeet for your treachery by suffering long. I have spoken!

What sort of talk is that?



Now, let my young braves practise their skills upon this Paleface with his soul of a coyote! Make him suffer long before you send him to land of his forefathers!

But...he's crazy!

You speak well, O Sachem!





Sachem, this little joke's gone far enough! Untie these ropes and let me go!



This Paleface commands us!... By Great Manitou, shall Blackfeet be ordered about like dogs? The Paleface shall die! I have spoken!



Resin!... That's an idea!



It worked!

Take that, pesky little papoose!... Shooting at me with a catapult! Do that again, and I'll have your scalp!



What a nerve! Behaving like that to Big Chief Keen-eyed-Mole, the Great Sachem himself!... Nasty brat!



They shouldn't let papoose play with catapult ...



By Great Wacandah!... You too! You dare show disrespect to Big Chief Keen-eyed-Mole!



Sachem! You strike my brother! ... Browsing-Bison, he is innocent ... He do no wrong!





Browsing-Bison's brother, he dare to strike Big Chief Keen-eyed-Mole!... Death, I say! Death to Bull's-Eye, Browsing-Bison's brother!



Death to cowardly dogs who dare to attack Bull's-Eye because he defend his brother, Browsing-Bison, unjustly beaten by Big Chief Keen-eyed-Mole!



Splendid! Splendid! Let them fight. Meanwhile, let me get these ropes untied...



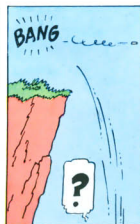
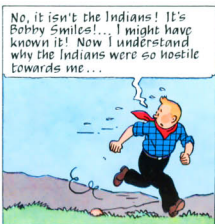
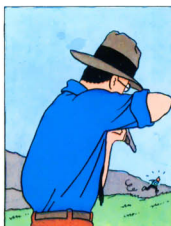
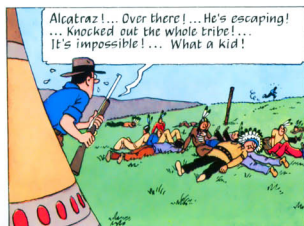
There! That's freed my hands... Now for my feet... Good... Move!



Now, who turned the Blackfeet against me? I must find that out... What about the gangster I'm chasing? Was it him?



They've stopped yelling and shouting, so the torture must be over. I'll go and see...



Alcatraz!... What a drop!... The canyon goes down hundreds of feet... I can scarcely see the bottom...

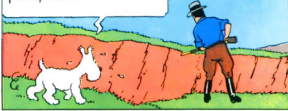


Quick! Quick! I must save Tintin!



That'll teach you, smartaleck! Meddling little busybody... I've got you out of my hair for good.

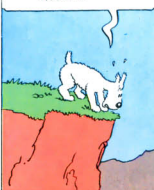
What's he looking at?... Surely it can't be... Tintin's fallen over that precipice...?



And now, back to Chicago.



Woah!... Woah!... Woah!

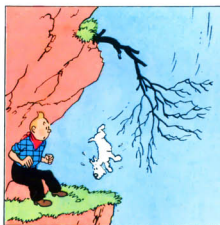
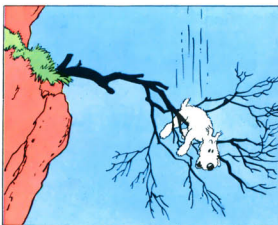


It's that dratted dog of Tintin's!... OK, he can follow his owner!

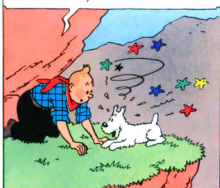


BANG

Woah!...



Hello, Snowy! We both seem to have come by the same route!



I fell into space, like you. It was fantastic: there was this bush, and I fell right into it. It bent and dropped me on this ledge. So here I am, safe and sound, instead of smashed to bits in the canyon.

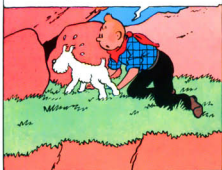
Golly, what a stroke of luck!



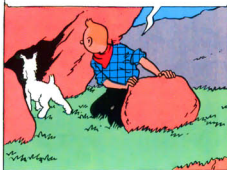
Still, we're only safe for the time being... I can't see any possible way of escape from here...



What are you sniffing at there, Snowy? ... Have you found something? ...



Good gracious!...Amazing!... It looks like some sort of cave... Why don't we see if it leads anywhere?



Here goes!



Where are we?

Careful, Snowy!... Don't take any chances!



It's heading upwards more and more ...



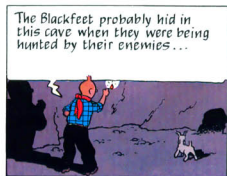
Where are we going to come out?



Look! A huge gallery, decorated with Indian paintings...



The Blackfeet probably hid in this cave when they were being hunted by their enemies ...



This is the other exit ...



Still going upwards!... Where can this tunnel be leading?



Ah, now it's starting to go down ...



... then it's taking us up again, steeply ...



I've got shot of that no-good reporter at last! Now, before I hit the trail again, I'll have some food ... Too bad you're missing this, Tintin!

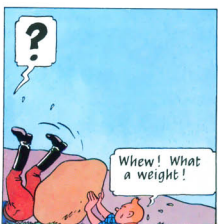


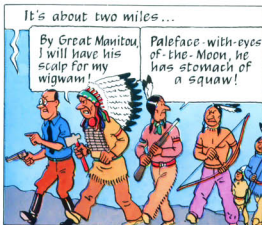
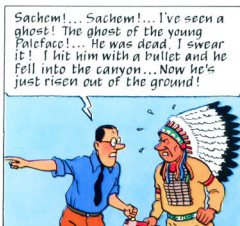
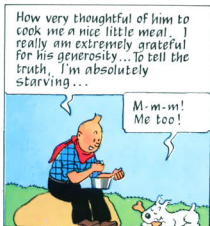
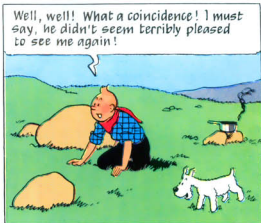
Hey, what goes on around here? Must be an earthquake! The ground's shaking under me ...



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Whew! What a weight!





Over ten minutes since they went down. I wonder what's happening ...



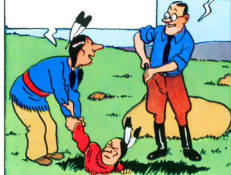
At last! There you are! ... Well?

Great Wacondah has sent victory to his graves! Little Paleface is vanquished.



Our great Sachem did the deed. He brings his victim...

Fine! Fine! ...



Yet again Big Chief Keen-eyed-Mole, he is worthy of his name. After heap big battle in darkness, with help of Great Wacondah, I, Sachem of Blackfeet, conquer the Paleface. Let my young warriors drag him from hole!



See! ... Pestilential prairie-dog! He trouble us no more.



By Great Manitou! It is not the young Paleface!

Wriggling rattlesnakes! I made mistake! It is Lame Duck!

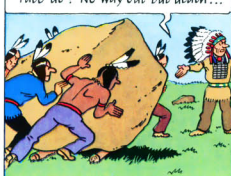


I have idea ... Let us leave Little Paleface there, to starve to death in his burrow!



Do what you like, but get rid of him! This has gone on too long!

This end, heap big rock ... other end, sheer drop! What can Paleface do? No way out but death ...



Don't be afraid, Snowy. We aren't going to moulder away down here. They think we're trapped, but we're getting out. Look, I've emptied my cartridges and collected the powder. There! Now we'll blast their rocks to blazes!

You think it'll work?



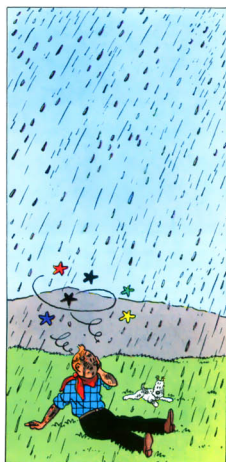
You wait here, Snowy. I'm going to lay my charge ...

Take care you don't blow us up as well!



Done it! ... Now... there'll be a tremendous explosion ... and that rock will pop like a champagne cork ... Any minute now, we'll be free! ...





Great snakes!...OIL!...
A liquid fortune, and no
one to harness it!

Golly! And
there's me,
thinking that
oil came out
of a can!

OK, son! Here's the contract. Sign there!
Five thousand dollars for your oil well...

H-h-how did you know there was
an oil well here?... It's less
than ten minutes since it blew...

Know-how, sonny boy!
Unerring American know-
how! Never fails!

Von't listen to that crook!... Sign
here! Ten thousand dollars for
your oil well!...

Hey, buddy! Don't you sign!
I'm offering twenty-five grand!

Fifty Gs!...

A hundred!!!

I'm terribly sorry, gentlemen, but
that oil well isn't mine to sell. It
belongs to the Blackfoot Indians
who live in this part of the
country...

Why didn't you
say that
before?

Here, Hiawatha! Twenty-
five dollars, and half an
hour to pack your bags and
quit the territory!

Has Paleface
gone mad?

An hour later...

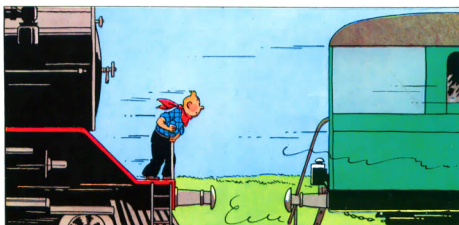
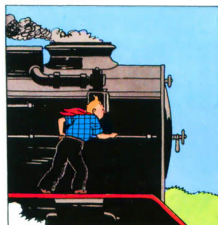
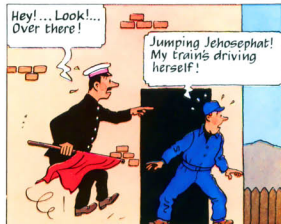
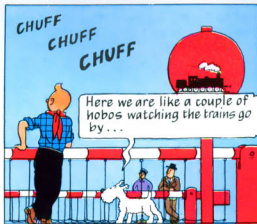
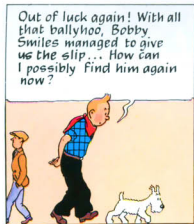
Two hours later...

Three hours later...

The next morning...

What's all
the fuss?

Hey, you! Don't you know fancy dress is forbidden
in town?... And keep out of the way of the
traffic!... Where d'you think you are, anyway?...
The Wild West or something?



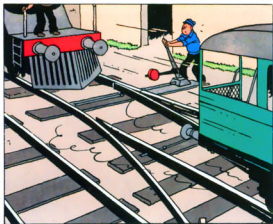
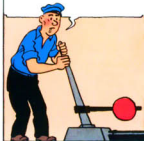
Hello?... Block one-five-two?... There's a loco running crazy on the track... Yes... She mustn't overtake the Flyer... Switch her on to number seven...



Right you are, boss! Count on me!



Phew! Just in time! Here comes the Flyer... with the runaway train on her tail...



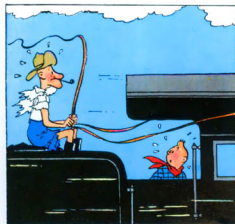
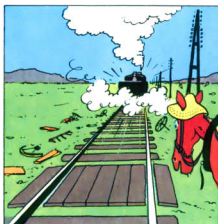
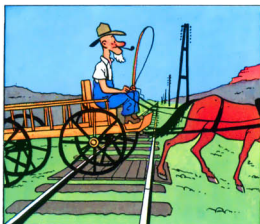
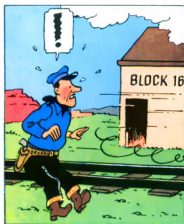
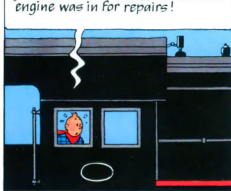
Drat! We've been switched to another track...



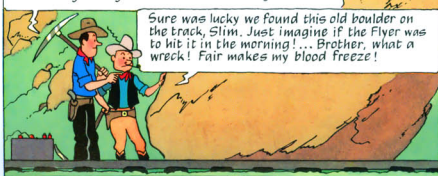
Quick, stop the engine, and back up. We'll soon be on the right track...



That's torn it! The brake lever's jammed. Now I understand. This engine was in for repairs!



Only one way to clear this here track, Jem, and that's dynamite. We got plenty of time. Next train won't be coming through till tomorrow morning...

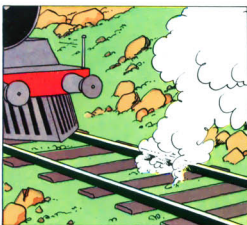
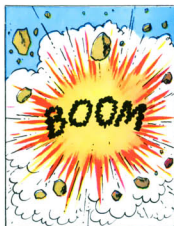
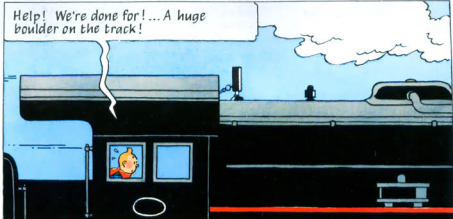


Sure was lucky we found this old boulder on the track, Slim. Just imagine if the Flyer was to hit it in the morning!... Brother, what a wreck! Fair makes my blood freeze!

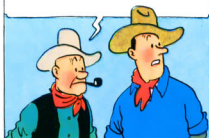
Slim! ... Train's a'comin' ... Quick!
Light the fuse or she'll smash
into the rock ...



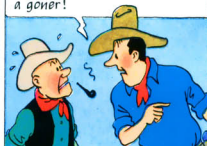
Help! We're done for! ... A huge
boulder on the track!



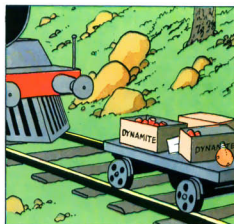
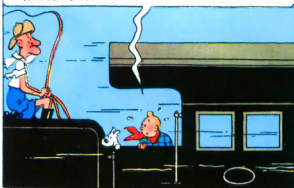
Boy, that sure was close!
The dynamite went up in the
nick of time! Two seconds
later, and she'd have been
blown to glory!



Leapin' lizards, Jem! ... The
trolley with our tools and the
spare sticks of dynamite ...
It's there, half a mile down the
track! ... She's done for, she's
a goner!



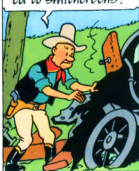
This is our lucky day, Snowy, and no
mistake ...



This is awful!... Awful!



What a disaster!
What a disaster!
Crew must be smash-
ed to smithereens!

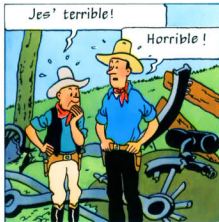


Say, Jem! This is the
only piece left!
Sure is grisly!

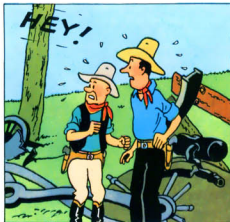


Jes' terrible!

Horrible!



HEY!



HEY!



Hey!



Where's my dog?

Your dog? Can't
tell you, son.
We ain't found
nuttin'...

Pardon me, sir.
Can you direct
me to my
wagon?



We must look! Snowy
can't have vanished ...
He simply can't...

I've searched
everywhere already...



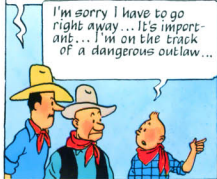
Snowy! At last! There you are, my old
friend! This time I really thought you'd
gone for good!

You can take my word, Tintin, it
hasn't been much of a picnic
stuck under that coal-scuttle...

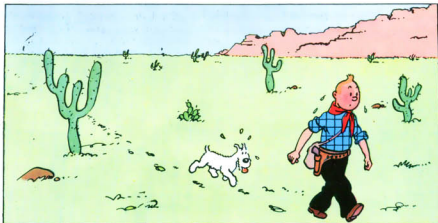
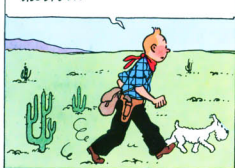


Hey, you plannin' on leavin'?...
You can't light out jes' like that...

I'm sorry I have to go
right away... It's import-
ant... I'm on the track
of a dangerous outlaw...



Now then, off we go. With the supplies those good fellows gave us, I'm not worried about facing the desert...



In a small town, some miles away...



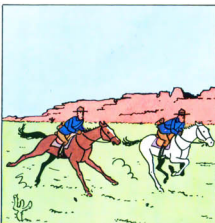
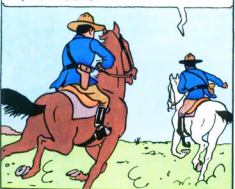
Yeah, that's all I know... When I came into the bank this morning, like I always do, there was the boss, and the safe wide open... I raised the alarm, and we hanged a few fellers right away... but the thief got clear...



After the robbery he got away through the window... Say, look at his footprints... a dead giveaway. See that: just one row of nails on the right boot...



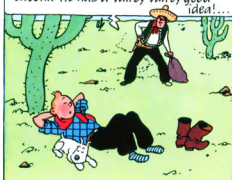
With tracks like that, we'll soon catch him!



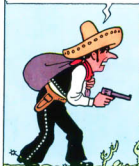
Madre de Dios! Thees footsteps, they geev me away pronto, pronto... What to do?...



Caramba! Un hombre... Oho!... Ees sleeping!... Bueno, bueno!... Pedro, he theenk he has a vairy vairy good idea!...



If he wake, if he move, I shoot heem...



Ees done!... Now, Pedro not have to worry any more...



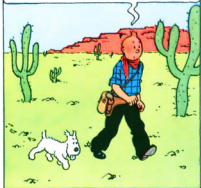
Aaaah!... Up we get! Siesta's finished. Come on Snowy: on our way...



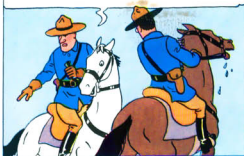
Hello! What an extraordinary thing. These aren't my boots. They have nails, and spurs as well... How very peculiar... I can't understand it...



It's really quite extraordinary...



Look at those tracks... I'd say he was trying to disguise them... But he can't fool us... We'll soon catch up with him!



Extraordinary...



Stop!

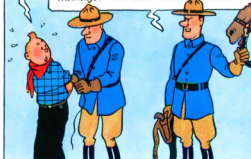


OK buddy... You're under arrest!

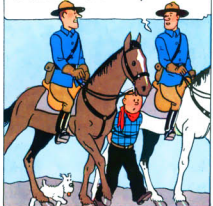


But why? I protest!...

You protest, huh?... What about the Old West Bank?... And the manager?... And the loot?



We'll be back in town by dark...

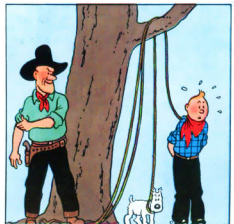


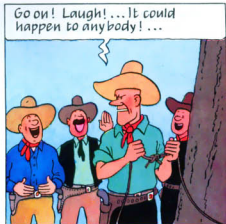
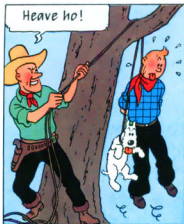
They're back!... They're back! They got the bank-robber!

String him up!...

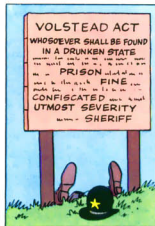
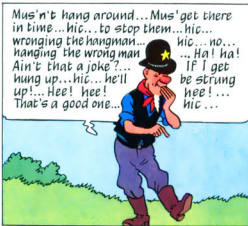
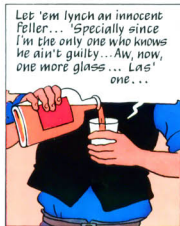
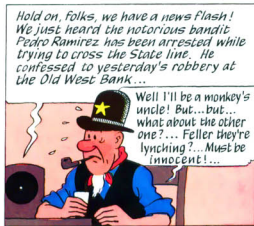


Nothing we can do, Fred... It's a lynch mob!...

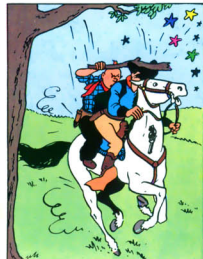
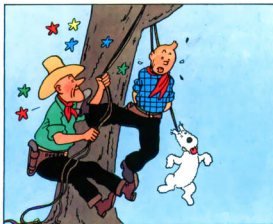
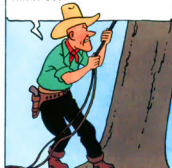


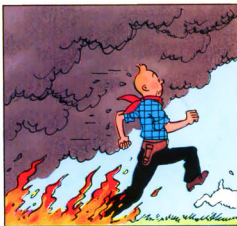
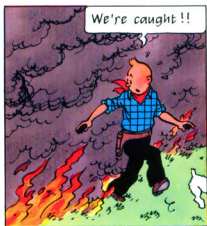
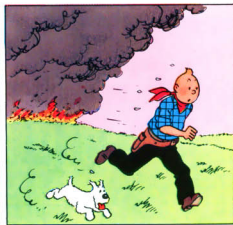
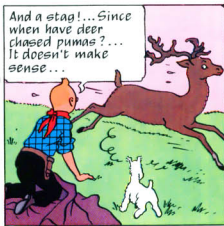
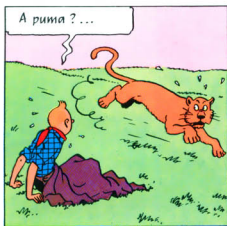
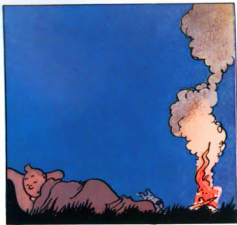
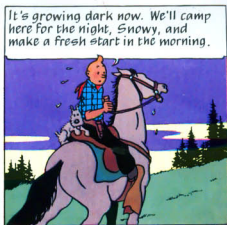


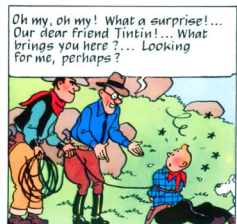
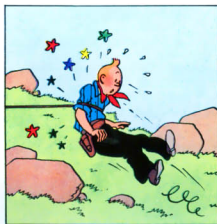
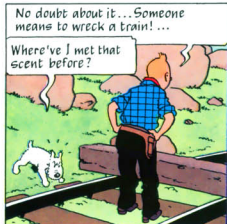
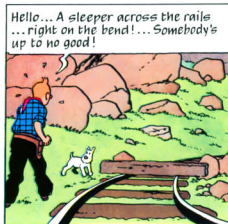
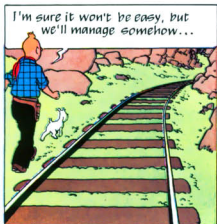
Here are yesterday's facts and figures from the City Bureau of Statistics: twenty-four banks have failed, twenty-four managers are in jail. Thirty-five babies have been kidnapped ...

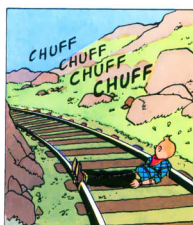
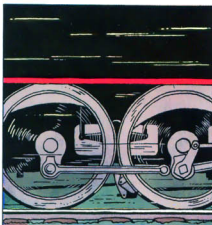
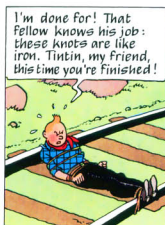
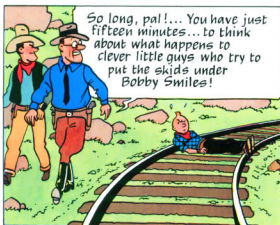
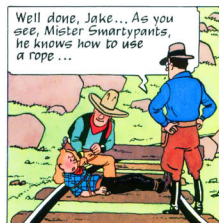
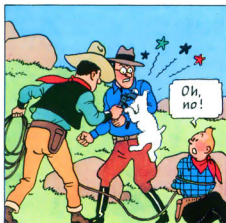
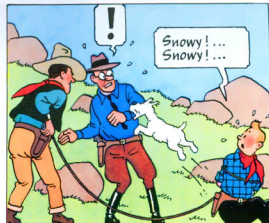


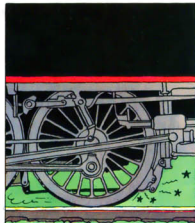
This time, buddy, there ain't gonna be no mistakes! I got my reputation to think of...











Yes, it was me!... It is a disgrace!
... I saw a puma attacking a deer.
As a member of the American
Association of Animal Admirers
I positively insist that you do
something... right now!



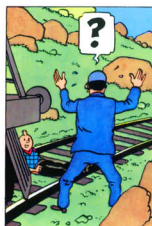
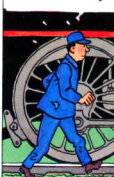
What?! Lady, you
stopped the Flyer
for that?!... Fifty
dollars Fine!



I'm sure I heard a
whistle... So I can't be
dead...



Now what's the
matter? I heard
someone hollering...



Smouldering smokestacks!
You sure can thank
your stars!

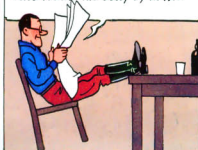


And how! If you hadn't stopped...
I'd be playing a harp by now!



Next morning...

Now, let's have a look at the
news... They should surely
have found his body by now...



MIRACULOUS ESCAPE!

FAMED BOY REPORTER
CHEATS GANGLAND KILLER

From our Railroad Correspondent



Alcatraz!
Back to square
one!

Our dear Bobby Smiles will have quite a surprise when sees me reappear!



Oho, we're coming to the mountains...

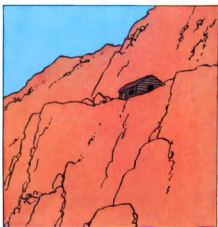


Still a good fresh trail... quite recent.

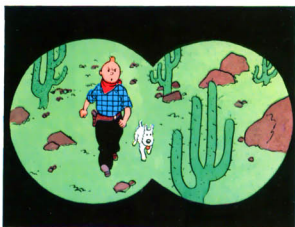
There's a cabin up there... Can that be it?... What a superb hideout: a real eagle's nest...



Have we got to climb right up there?



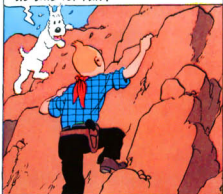
Aha! There he is! ... Still on my tail ... Never mind, that suits me fine!



We don't often go climbing... Good practice for us, Snowy! ...



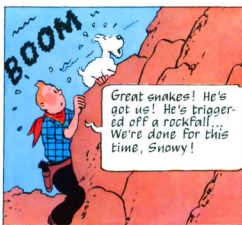
You know, Tintin, some people do this for fun!



Wait a minute... He's very nearly there ... Now for the big laugh...

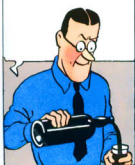


One... two... three! ... Up she goes! ... And this, Tintin, is one story you won't write!



Great snakes! He's got us! He's triggered off a rockfall... We're done for this time, Snowy!

I had to blow up half the mountain, but, boy, it did the trick!



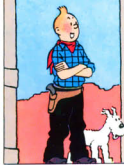
Tintin, my dear departed friend, here's to you!



And to you, too!



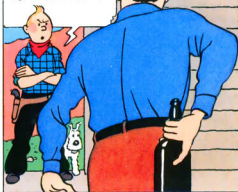
Back from the dead!



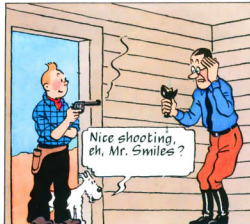
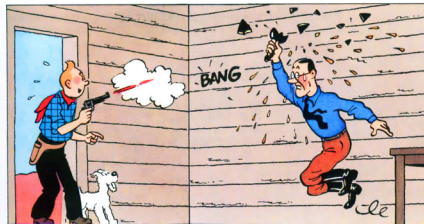
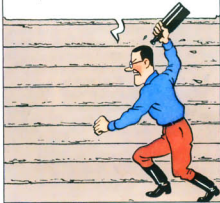
Back from the dead, indeed! If I hadn't been protected by an overhanging rock ...



... I'd be dead as a doornail!



Well, better late than never!



Believe me, it's far better to give in. As you see, I always get there in the end.

Don't try any funny business!



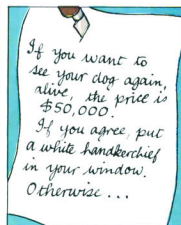
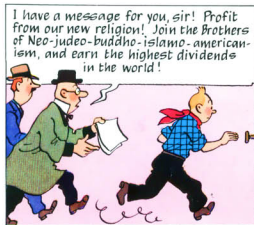
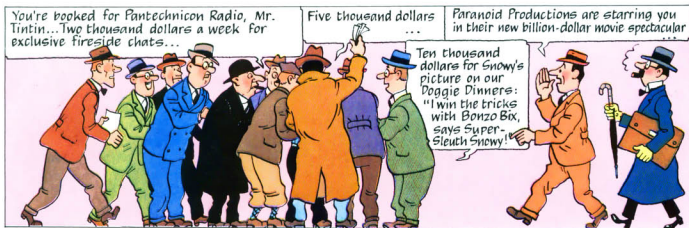
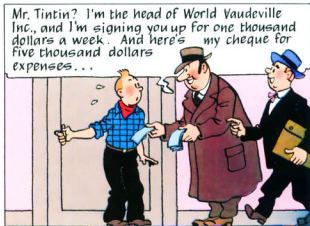
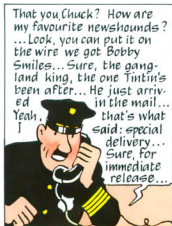
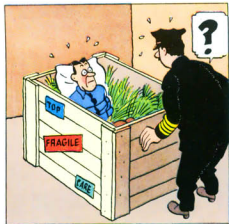
Three days later, in Chicago ...

Hello?... Yeah?... Chief of Police?... That's me!... Tintin? Nope! Not a squeak... Been gone a long while now... Trouble?... Sure is!... Nope... Ain't heard a word...



Come in!





Hello, hello! Reception?... This is Tintin!... My dogs been kidnapped... Yes, Snowy! Don't let anyone leave the hotel... What?... Your house detective?... Good...

What can I do?... What can I do?... If I refuse, Snowy dies! But give in to threats? Never!... So, what can I do?... What?... What?...

RAT
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TAT
TAT

Come in!

You're Tintin?... OK.... Someone took your dog. Ransom. You're stuck, huh? Right, ain't it?... Good... See? Nobody can fool me for instant, no siree!... Let me introduce self: Mike MacAdam, hotel detective.

H-how d'you do?

Mind if I begin detecting?

Right, here's the picture... Your dog's asleep. Someone comes in. Chloroforms the pooch. Puts him in a sack... the kidnapper is thirty-three years and six weeks old. Speaks English with an Eskimo accent. Smokes "Paper Dollar" cigarettes.

Wears an undershirt and has matching garters... Easily identified by a tattoo-mark on his left shoulder-blade...

The kidnapper has a slight limp with the right foot; cut himself trimming a corn the day before yesterday. And one more detail: snores in his sleep... When I tell you, sir, his grandfather was scalped by the Sioux forty years ago, and he has a profound dislike for bird's nest soup, you know everything I've spotted from a quick look round.

I'll be back within the hour... with your dog, of course.

What powers of deduction!... And what assurance!... A real Sherlock Holmes! I really didn't think detectives like that existed, except in books!

An hour later...

Come in!

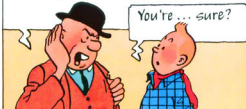
Hey presto!... Your dog!

Monster!... You!... You stole my little Fritzzy!

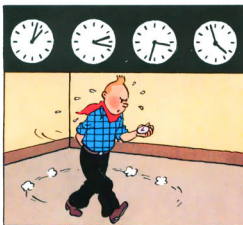
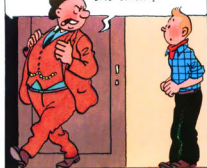
Ouchh! The good lady certainly didn't spare the rod!



The good lady?... What's all this about a good lady?... The attacker, sir, hit me over the head with a Javanese club. It was a man, twenty-two years old, with two back teeth missing. Wears rubber-soled shoes and is a regular reader of the "Saturday Evening Post".



Sure I'm sure! This time he won't escape me. You'll have your dog back within the hour!



Solving this case, sir, is the best job I ever did. You lost a dog?
...One single dog?



Well, sir... I found you seventeen. And every one a pedigree pooch!...



Well done. Thank you very much. But we've already spent enough time getting nowhere. I think I'll continue the case myself.



Chicago Tribune!...
New York Herald!...
Daily News!...



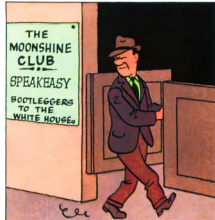
Aha! The white handkerchief in the window... He's gonna pay up!

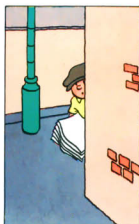
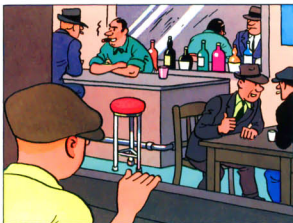


Give me a Tribune, a Times, a Herald, a News and a Globe... the lot!



Still nothing in the papers... That's good: means he hasn't called in the cops!

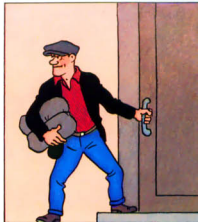




All the same, I'm going to keep an eye on the building ...



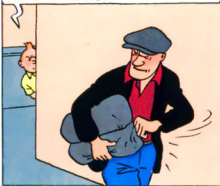
Careful... That's him coming out... Great Snakes!... Look, that parcel ...



It's Snowy! I know it is!



He's hitting him!... I must do something!



If I dash round the block I can lie in wait on the corner...



A stick!... That's handy! Just what I need right now...



Steady... Cool, calm and collected... He's coming...



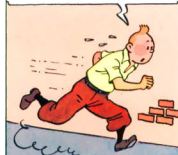
Oops!... Sorry!



Say, what's going on?... If I'm seen around here I'll be picked up for sure... Beat it, Bugsie boy!



Crikey, what a bloomer!... I'd better get out, and fast!... I'm in dead trouble if I'm caught!

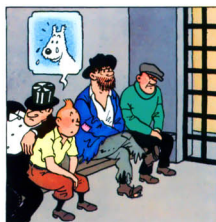
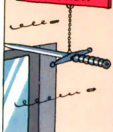


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THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES ARMORER



You there! Yes you, baby-face! Come with me!



Here he is, sir! Little hoodlum!



Name and occupation?



Tintin, reporter...



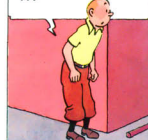
You have to pardon me, Mr Tintin, for keeping you so long...



The trouble is, now I've lost track of the kidnapper... I'd better go back to the place I last saw him and try to pick up the trail.



This is where I hit that poor policeman by mistake... Let's see, I reckon this is the way he went...



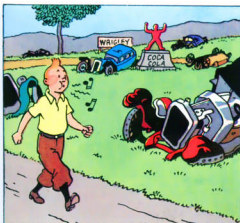
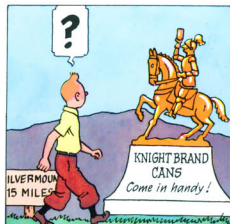
Excuse me, officer, but have you by any chance seen a man in a cloth cap, with a large parcel under his arm? Somewhere here, about an hour ago?...



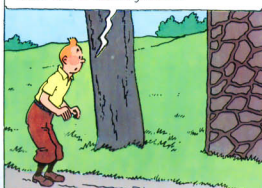
Yeah, I noticed the guy. Came past here. Then over there, on the corner, he got into a red sedan... seemed to be waiting for him. They took off in the direction of Silvermount.



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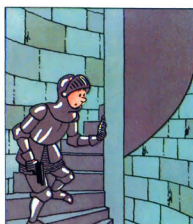
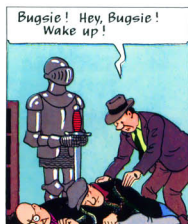
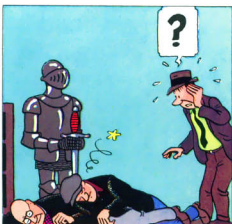
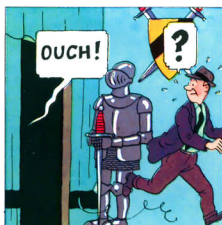
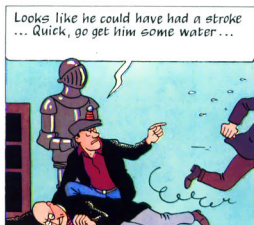
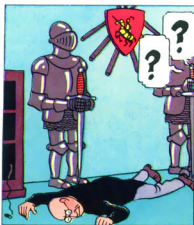
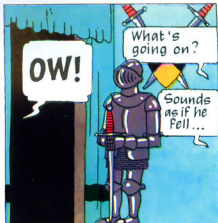
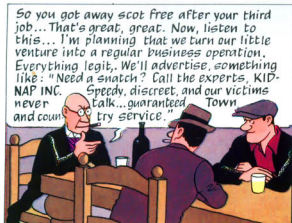


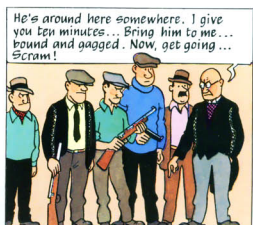
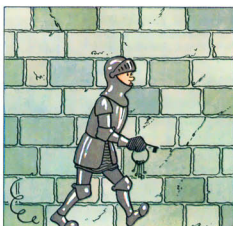
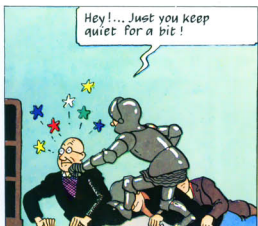
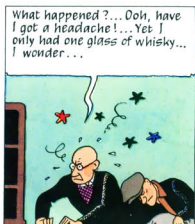
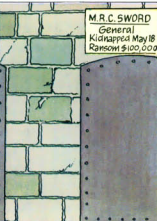
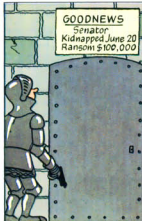
A red sedan? A red sedan just came out of those gates...



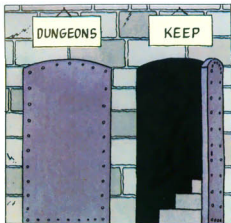
Could be...







At least a dozen of them after us. I can hear their footsteps already.



He went this way ... Look, he left the door open ...



There! All gone in! Full house!



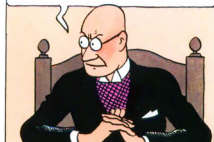
What about that, eh Snowy?... No one noticed the signs had been switched ... So now we lock them all in the keep.



Now that bunch are under lock and key, we must take care of the other three.



Half an hour! It's half an hour since they left, and not one single sound have I heard. It's positively creepy...



Hands up!



What the...?! Tintin!... But what's he done with my fifteen bodyguards?... Still, I can't worry about them now. I must save myself!



OH!



Next morning ...

... Number one reporter Tintin triumphs again with a gang of dangerous crooks handed over to the police... a kidnap syndicate busted by the the young sleuth. The cops also netted an important haul of confidential files. Still at large is the gang's mastermind, now the object of intense police activity...



The object of intense police activity!... Ha! ha! ha!... The "object" is going to show what he thinks of your activities... He's got another card up his sleeve! ... Hello?... Maurice?... Yes, it's me... You still with Grynde?



Next morning ...

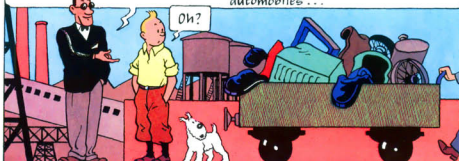
THE DIRECTORS OF
GRYNDE
HAVE PLEASURE IN INVITING
Mr. Tintin
TO VISIT
THEIR NEW PLANT

Well, well! An invitation to see the Grynde cannery. That should be extremely interesting. I think I'll go...

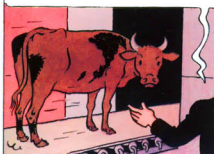
Correction!
We'll go,
you mean.



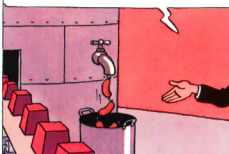
An economy measure to beat the depression... We do a deal with the automobile plants. They send us scrap cars and we convert them into top-grade corned-beef cans. We reciprocate by collecting old corned-beef cans and we ship them to the car producers for reprocessing into super-sport automobiles...



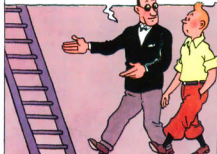
You see this huge machine? Here's how it works. The cattle go in here on a conveyor belt, nose to tail...



...and come out the other end as corned-beef, or sausages, or cooking-fat, or whatever. It's completely automatic...

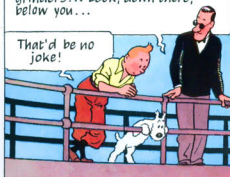


Now, you keep right behind me and I'll show you how the processor works...

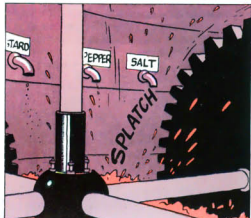


If you fell in there you'd be mashed in a trice by those enormous grinders... Look, down there, below you...

That'd be no joke!



Ha! ha! ha! ha!





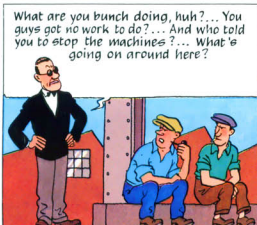
Ha! ha! ha! Calls himself a reporter ... and falls for that old gag! ... The boss will be tickled pink!



Hello?... Yes... Ah, Maurice... You fixed it?... Good... Excellent!... What?... Corned-beef?... You're a genius!... How much?... Five thousand dollars?... Of course, right away



Poor old Grynde! If he had the remotest idea!... Some of the things that go into his products ...



What are you bunch doing, huh?... You guys got no work to do?... And who told you to stop the machines?... What's going on around here?



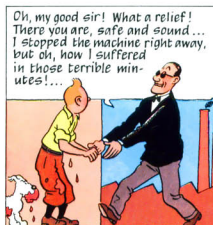
What's going on?... A strike, buddy, that's what!... The bosses cut the cash we get for bringing in the dogs and cats and rats they use to make salami... So no dice ... Get it?



Tintin!?!... Jeepers creepers!... A strike!... Surely it didn't start too soon?... The boss? What'll he say?



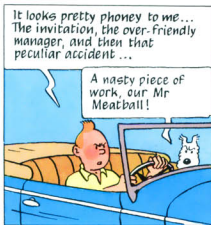
Heavens, what an escape! We're all in one piece... If that machine hadn't stopped suddenly we'd be coming out of here in neat little cans.



Oh, my good sir! What a relief! There you are, safe and sound... I stopped the machine right away, but oh, how I suffered in those terrible minutes!...

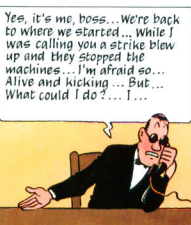


...believe me, dear Mr Tintin, I most bitterly regret this dreadful accident. You have, all too literally, had an inside view of our business ...



It looks pretty phoney to me... The invitation, the over-friendly manager, and then that peculiar accident ...

A nasty piece of work, our Mr Meatball!



Yes, it's me, boss... We're back to where we started... While I was calling you a strike blow up and they stopped the machines... I'm afraid so... Alive and kicking... But... What could I do?... I...



Bungling jackass! ...Cut the sob stuff. You don't let a chance like that slip! ... Sure! sure! At least I'll know in future that I can't rely on you! That's all ... As for the five thousand dollars... forget it!

But boss... Don't hang up, boss... Hello?... Hello?... Heck!... He's hung up on me!



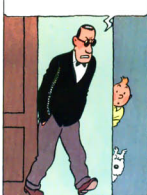
Aha! Just as well I slipped back... You hear some interesting things around here!



Now what's he playing at?



I'm in the doghouse!



Hello?... Yes?... You again, Maurice?... Now what do you want?... Oh?... Oho!... Good... That's very good! Well done. That's really great... I'll be there in five minutes... Be seeing you, Maurice!



Mr Maurice Oyle, please.

Mr Oyle is expecting you, sir.



Hello, my dear Maurice.



What?... Are you joking?... You say you didn't call?... You aren't playing me for a sucker, by any chance?... Well... Are you?



Golly! What a racket in there... Tintin's phone call did the trick!

OK! That'll teach you not to play games with me!



It's a mistake to leave your pistol lying about, my dear chap!



A mistake?... You think so?... Not really: that gun's empty.



This is a far more effective weapon; my trusty sword-stick...

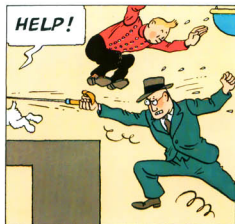
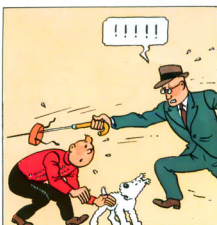


... and it's going to put a stop to your nasty habit of meddling in things that don't concern you... It's going to cure you... permanently!



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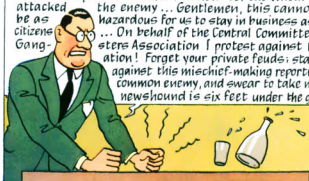
He's certainly got a point!



Yes, gentlemen ...



...our whole profession is on the verge of ruin. In a matter of weeks two of our most important executives, and many of their dedicated aides have paid with their freedom for the valour with which they attacked the enemy ... Gentlemen, this cannot go on. Soon it will be as hazardous for us to stay in business as to live as honest citizens ... On behalf of the Central Committee of the Distressed Sters Association I protest against this unfair discrimination! Forget your private feuds; stand shoulder to shoulder against this mischief-making reporter! Unite against the common enemy, and swear to take no rest until this wicked newshound is six feet under the ground! ... I thank you!



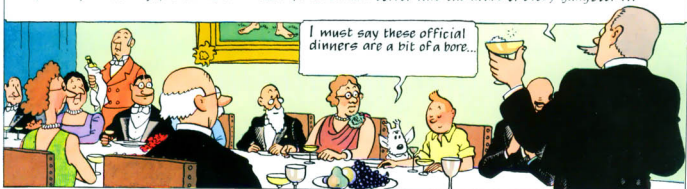
Three cheers for the boss!

Bravo! Bravo!

You've said it!



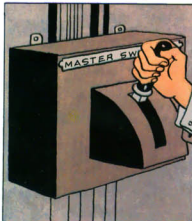
...and so I raise my glass to our young and shining hero, a newsmen as fearless as he is modest ... who, with quiet courage, in a matter of weeks, has struck terror into the heart of every gangster ...

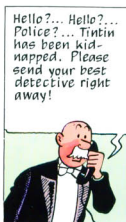
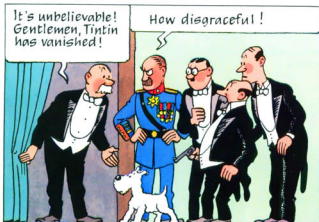
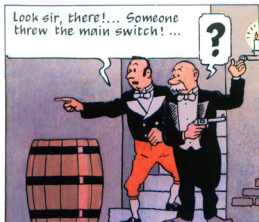


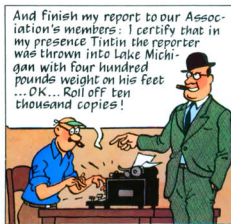
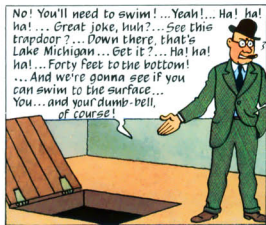
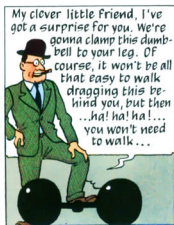
I must say these official dinners are a bit of a bore...

You may be certain, ladies and gentlemen, that I shall take away unforgettable memories of my short stay in America. With a full heart I say to you ...

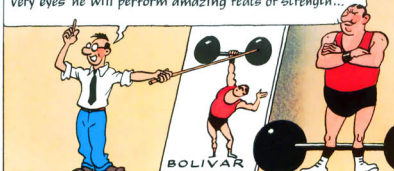
...and to crown it all ... I ... hic... I've got ... hic... hiccups...



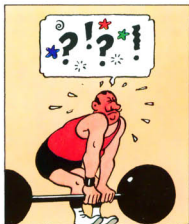
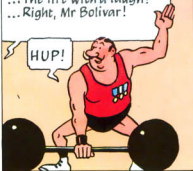




Ladies and gentlemen! It is my privilege and pleasure to present the strongest man in the world... I give you the Great Bolivar!... Mr Billy Bolivar... Before your very eyes he will perform amazing feats of strength...

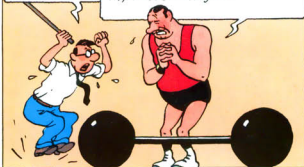


The single-handed snatch, the speciality of the Great Bolivar... Mr Billy Bolivar... The lift with a laugh! ... Right, Mr Bolivar!



What sort of stunt is this, huh?

Please sir, it isn't my fault... I... I don't understand... Someone... someone switched my wooden weights!

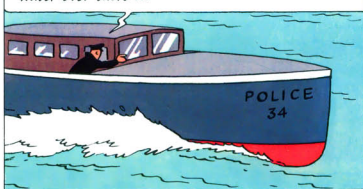


This make any sense to you, Tintin?

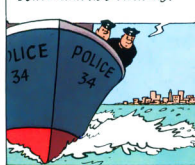
None at all! All I know is, we've managed to acquire floating dumb-bells!



Hard a'port, Dick!... Something floating on the water over there ...



Jeeppers!... Fantastic!... Just take a look at that... A feller hooked to a dumb-bell... and he's floating!

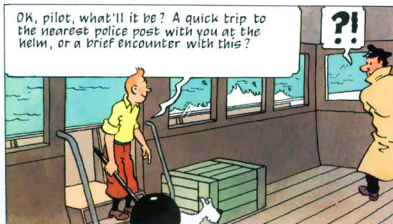
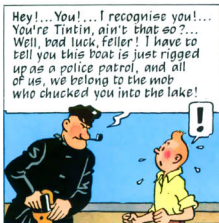


Now I get it... The dumb-bell's made of wood...



Quick, officer, we need reinforcements!... I was dumped in the water by gangsters. I know their hideout. We must arrest them right away!



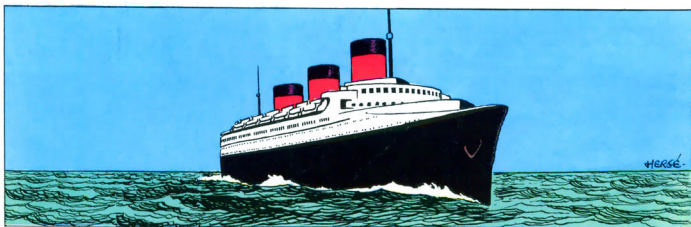


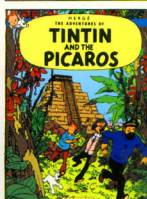
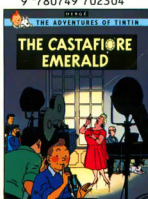
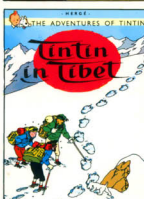
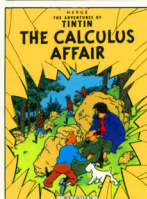
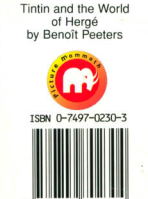
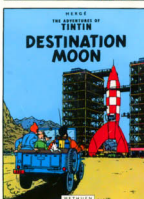
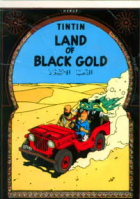
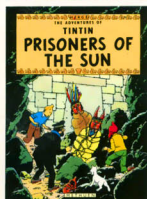
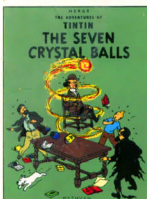
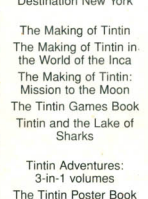
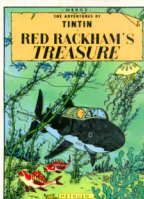
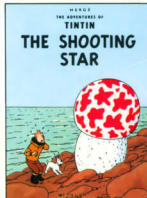
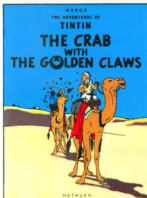
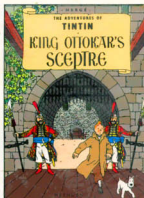
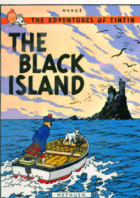
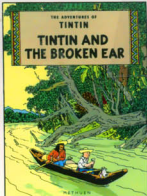
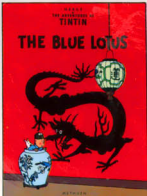
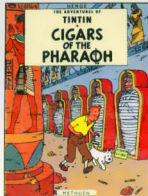
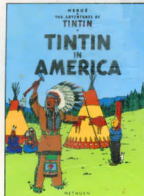
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After a full round of celebrations, Tintin and Snowy embark for Europe...

Pity!... I was almost beginning to get used to it!





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