

HODDER DARGAUD PRESENTS



BOOK 15

# Asterix

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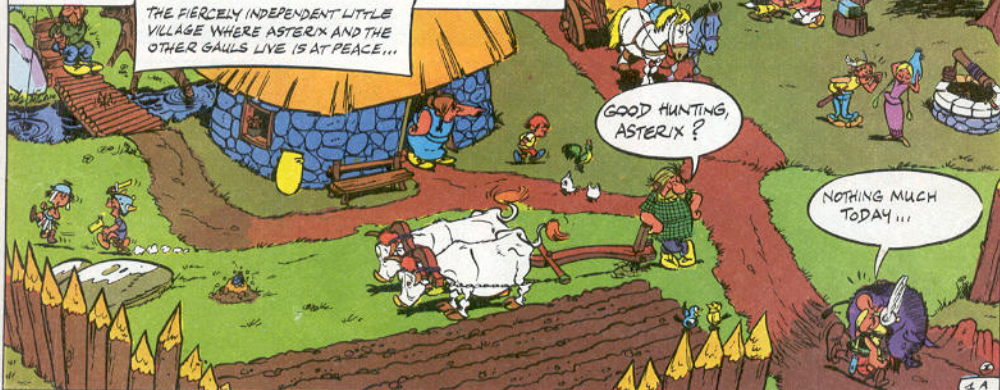
and the GOLDEN SICKLE



# Asterix and the Golden Sickle

ALL NO. 60'S

THE FIERCELY INDEPENDENT LITTLE VILLAGE WHERE ASTERIX AND THE OTHER GAULS LIVE IS AT PEACE...



OBELIX IS HAPPILY AT WORK, CARVING OUT A MENHIR...



CALOFONIX THE BARD IS GIVING THE CHILDREN LESSONS...

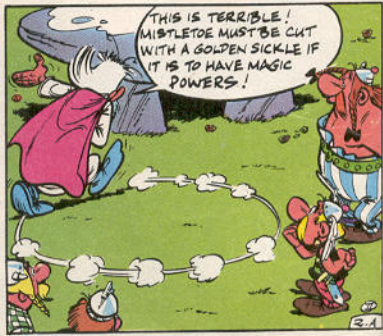
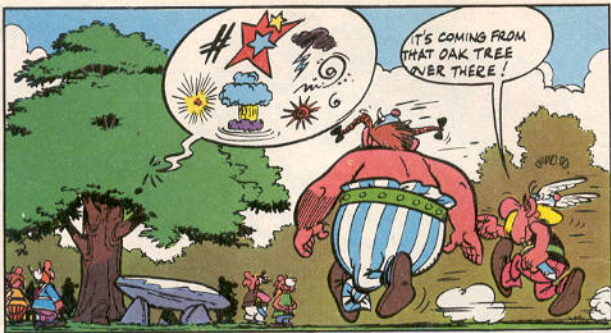


IN SHORT EVERYONE IS CONTENTED, ALL IS PEACE AND PLENTY...



WHEN SUDDENLY...







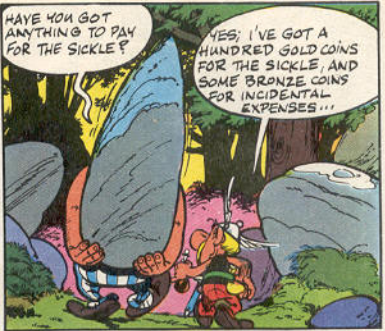
S.A

S.B



I'VE HEARD THERE ARE A LOT OF BANDITS ABOUT THE FOREST JUST NOW. I THINK I'LL TAKE A DROP OF MAGIC POTION.

ALL THESE FEEBLE EXCUSES ABOUT ME FALLING INTO THE CAULDRON OF POTION WHEN I WAS A BABY. JUST TO STOP ME HAVING ANY, IT'S NOT FAIR!



HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING TO PAY FOR THE SICKLE?

YES, I'VE GOT A HUNDRED GOLD COINS FOR THE SICKLE, AND SOME BRONZE COINS FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES...



DID YOU HEAR THAT?

COME ON!



YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE!

DO YOU SUPPOSE THESE ARE BANDITS?

VERY LIKELY!!!



METALLURGY MUST BE DOING WELL!



YES, HE IS.



WHAT DOES HE DO WITH ALL THE GOLD COINS HE GETS FOR HIS SICKLES?



OH, HE MAKES MORE SICKLES.

STOP!



I HOPE WE AREN'T GOING TO MEET TOO MANY MORE BANDITS ON THE WAY. IT DOES CUT DOWN OUR AVERAGE SPEED.

NIGHT IS FALLING, OBELIX. THERE'S AN INN NEAR HERE CALLED THE CONTRITE BARBARIAN. WE'LL STOP THERE!!!

**DANGER**  
SLIPPERY FLAGSTONES



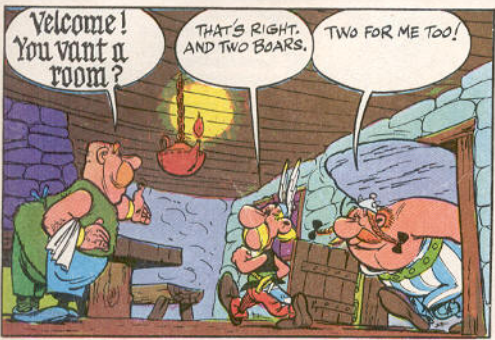
THIS INN IS FAMOUS FOR ITS SPECIALITY: ROAST BOAR!

ROAST OR JUST SERVED RAW AS A SIMPLE LITTLE SALAD, BOAR IS MY FAVOURITE FOOD!

Welcome! You want a room?

THAT'S RIGHT. AND TWO BOARS.

TWO FOR ME TOO!



YOU CAN TAKE OUR LUGGAGE TO OUR ROOM.

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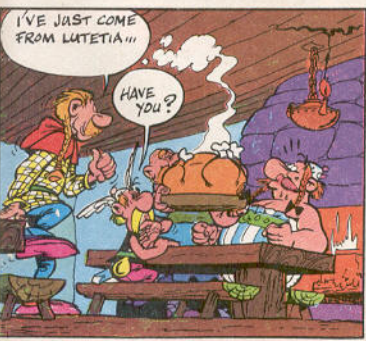
And where are you going like rat?

TO LUTETIA!!!

SCRUNCH! SCRUNCH! SCRUNCH!



Aaaa! Lutetia!



I'VE JUST COME FROM LUTETIA!!!

HAVE YOU?



A BEAUTIFUL CITY, LUTETIA, BUT DANGEROUS. VERY DANGEROUS!

OH, COME! WE'RE ONLY GOING THERE TO BUY A SICKLE.



A SICKLE? SICKLES ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN LUTETIA JUST NOW.

DON'T WORRY, WE KNOW WHERE TO GO!

NEXT MORNING!!!



Auf  
wiederschen!

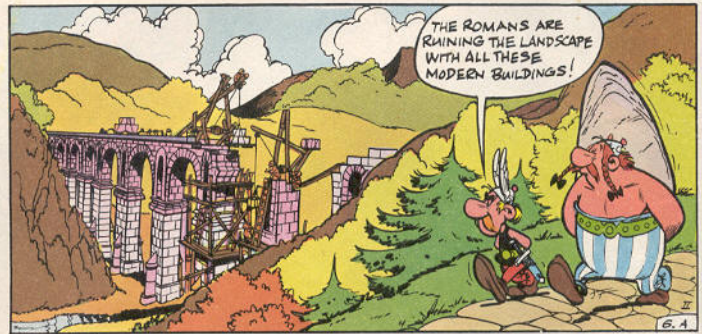


HEY, ASTERIX, WHY DO YOU THINK THAT TRAVELLER TOLD US SICKLES WERE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN LUTETIA?

NO IDEA, OBELIX.

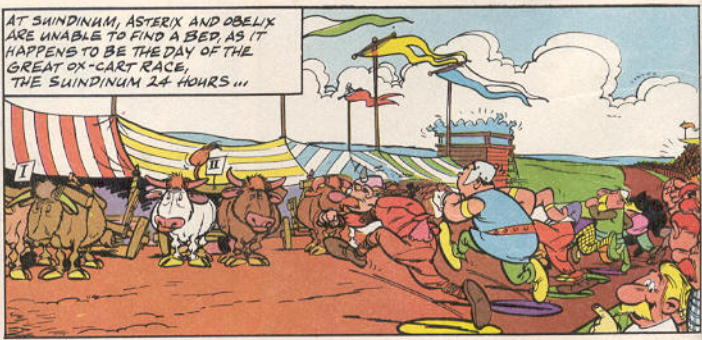
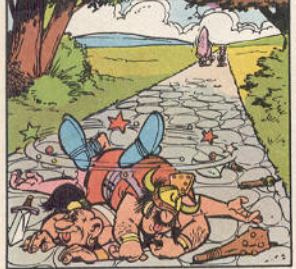


LET'S ENJOY OUR JOURNEY; WE CAN WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER!!!



THE ROMANS ARE RUINING THE LANDSCAPE WITH ALL THESE MODERN BUILDINGS!

OUR FRIENDS' JOURNEY PROCEEDS WITHOUT MUCH INCIDENT, APART FROM A FEW SCUFFLES WITH BANDITS!!!

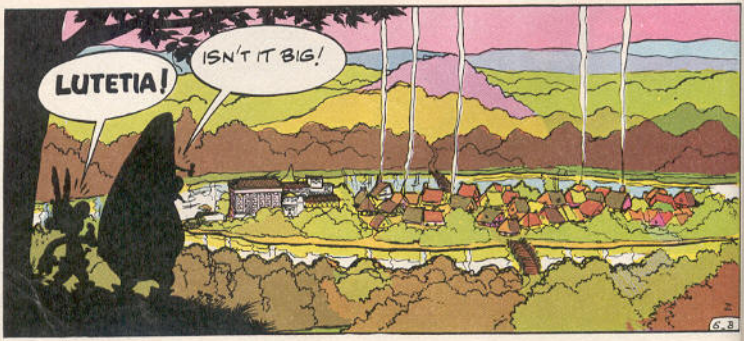


AT SWINDINUM, ASTERIX AND OBELIX ARE UNABLE TO FIND A BED AS IT HAPPENS TO BE THE DAY OF THE GREAT OX-CART RACE, THE SWINDINUM 24 HOURS!!!

BUT AT LAST, ONE DAY!!!

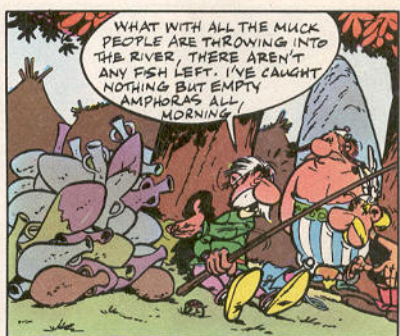
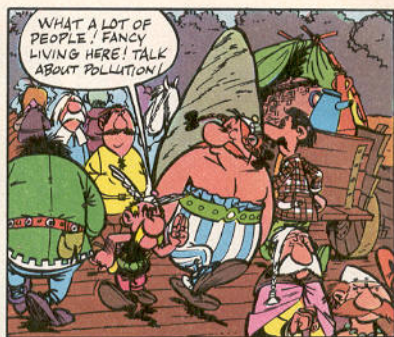


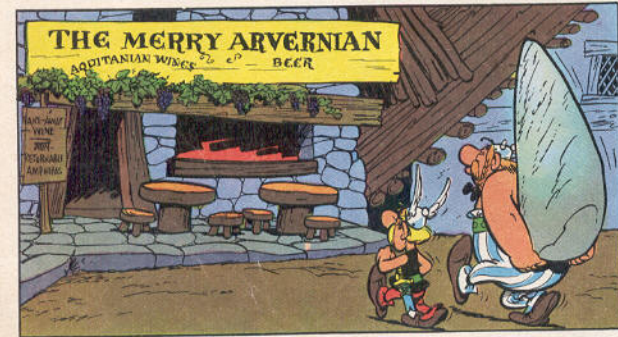
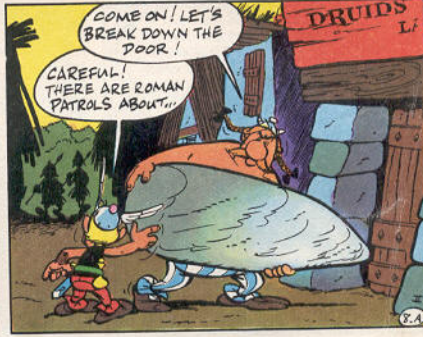
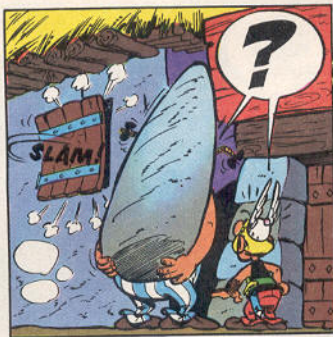
LOOK!  
OBELIX!

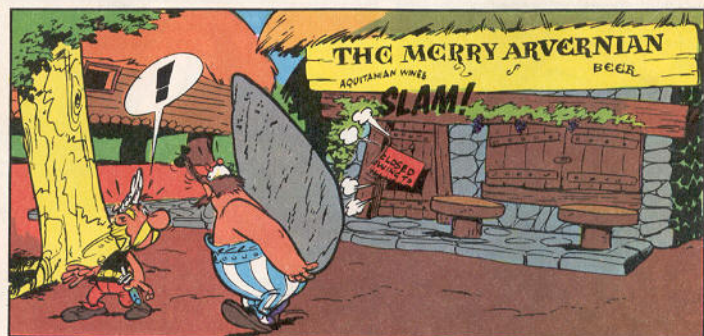


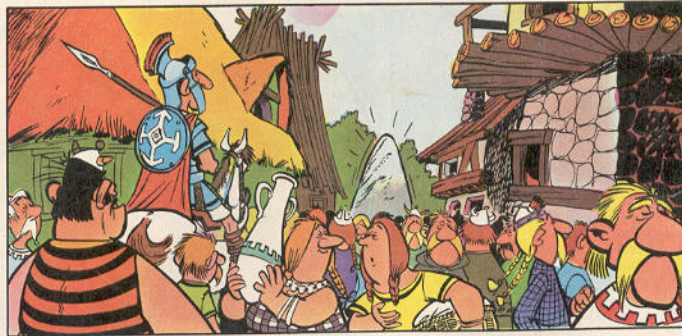
LUTETIA!

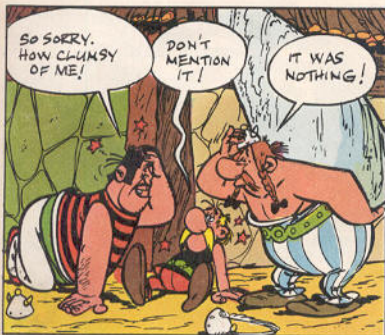
ISN'T IT BIG!

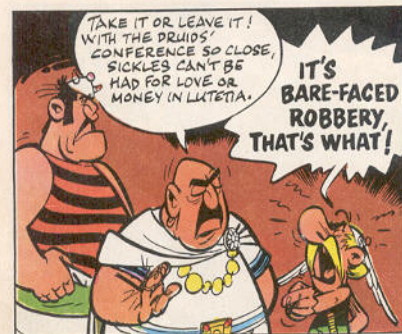
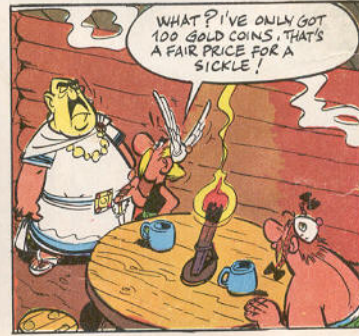


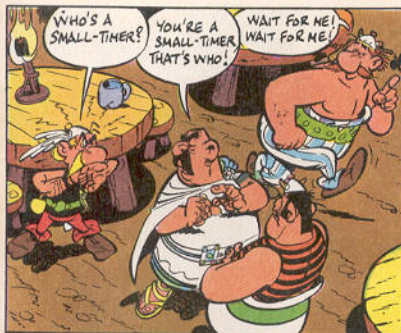


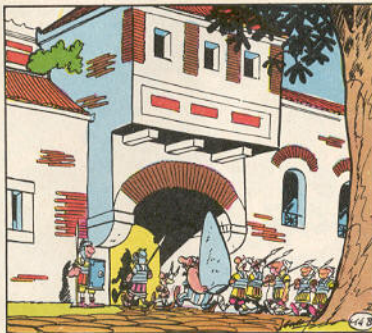


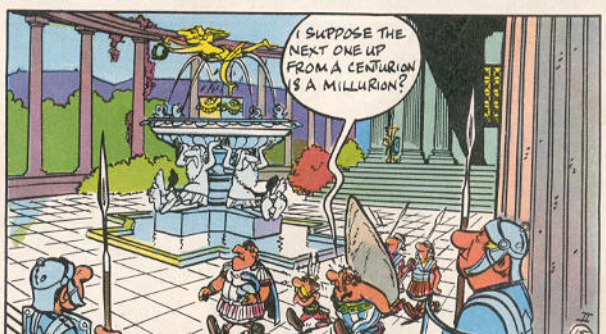
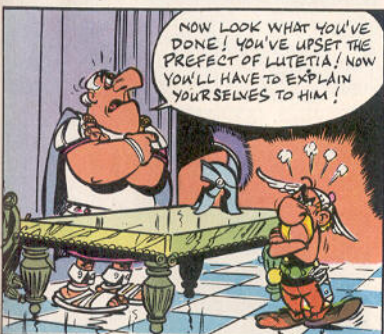
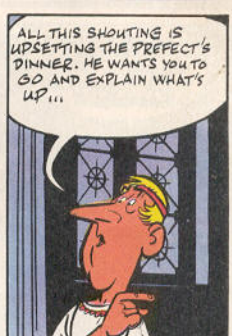
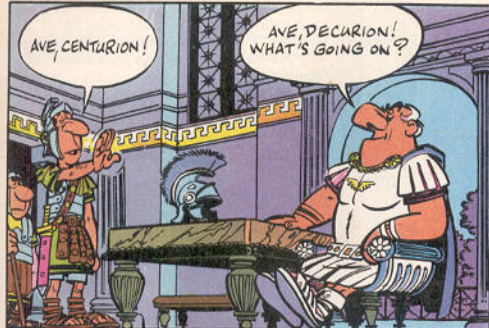


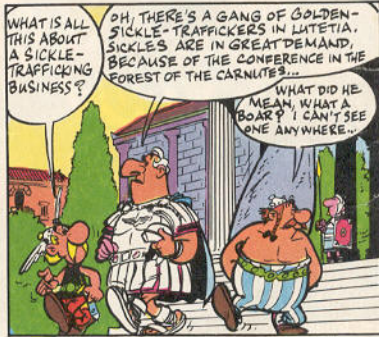
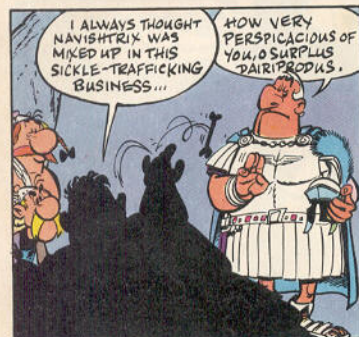
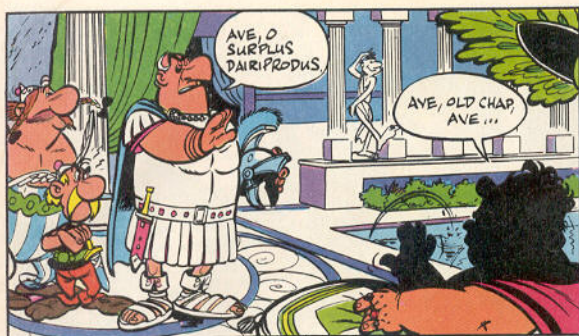












**BOOHOO!**  
POOR COUSIN  
METALLURGIX!



WE'LL FIND HIM,  
OBELIX. FOR A START,  
WHAT DOES YOUR  
COUSIN LOOK LIKE?

WHAT DOES HE LOOK  
LIKE? I'VE NO IDEA.  
I'VE NEVER SET  
EYES ON HIM.



LET'S GO BACK  
TO HIS HOUSE.  
WE MIGHT FIND A  
CLUE THERE...



SO WE MIGHT, NOW  
CAN I BE EXPECTED TO  
KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS  
LIKE WHEN I'VE NEVER  
SEEN HIM...?  
SOMETIMES ASTERIX  
JUST DOESN'T STOP  
TO THINK!

THE DOORS LOCKED,  
OF COURSE...

LEAVE IT TO ME.  
I'LL OPEN IT...

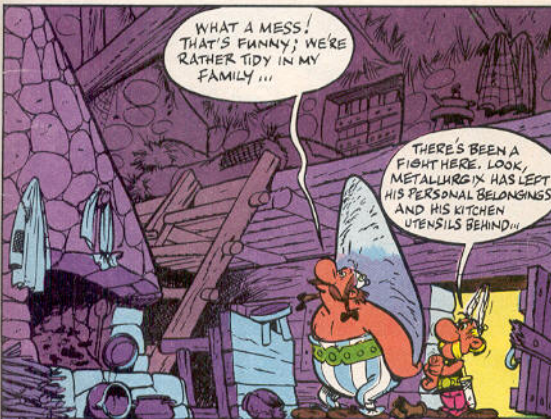


THERE YOU ARE!



WHAT A MESS!  
THAT'S FUNNY; WE'RE  
RATHER TIDY IN MY  
FAMILY...

THERE'S BEEN A  
FIGHT HERE, LOOK,  
METALLURGIX HAS LEFT  
HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS  
AND HIS KITCHEN  
UTENSILS BEHIND...



BUT HIS TOOLS, HIS  
SICKLES AND HIS  
MONEY ARE ALL  
MISSING. OBELIX,  
YOUR COUSIN'S BEEN  
KIDNAPPED BY THE  
SICKLE-  
TRAFFICKERS!

**BOOHOOO!**  
POOR  
METALLURGIX!



LATER...

WHAT A PRICE BOAR IS  
IN LUTETIA!

AND THE BUTCHER SAID  
PRICES WERE GOING TO  
RISE EVEN HIGHER. IT'S  
A POOR LOOKOUT FOR  
GAIL!



WELL, THIS PROVES  
METALLURGIX IS  
STILL ALIVE. WE'LL  
FIND HIM, BY  
TOUTATIS!

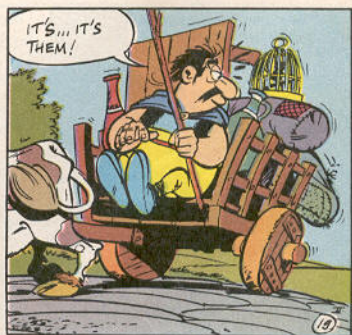
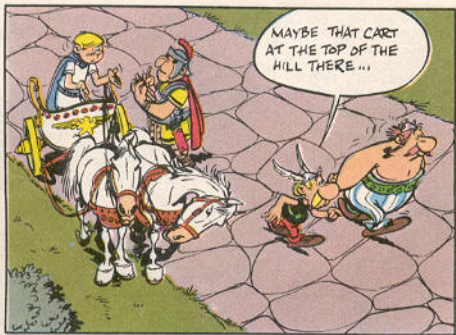
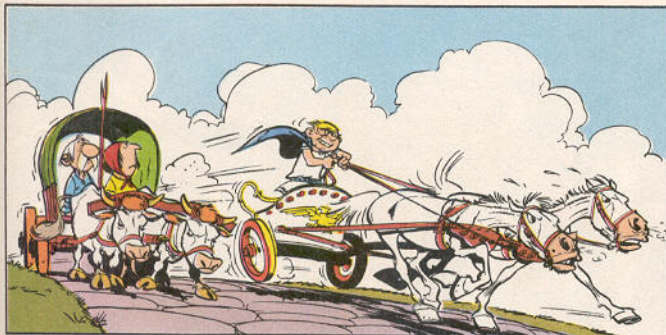
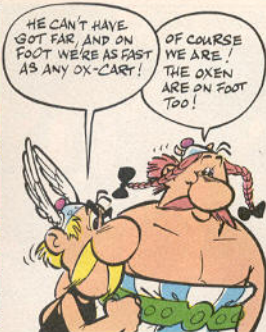
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GOODY!

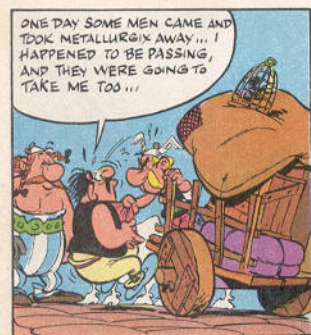
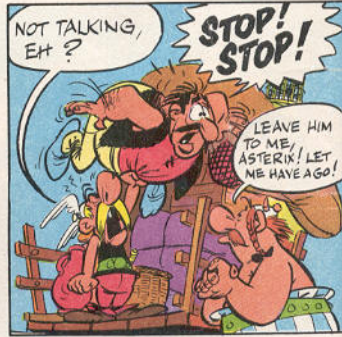
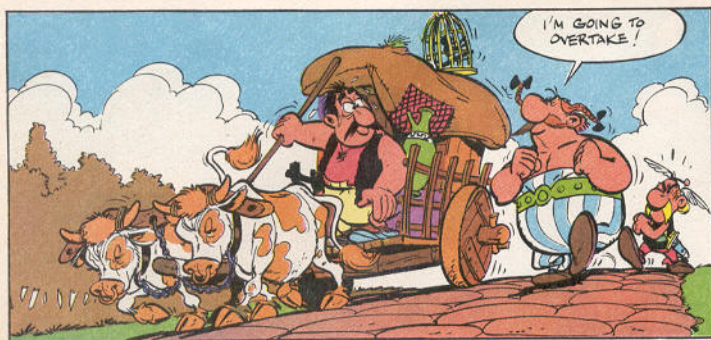
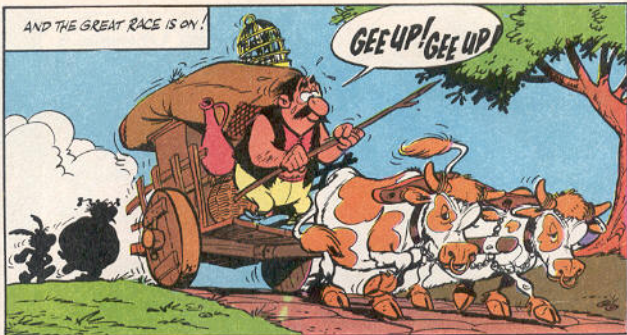


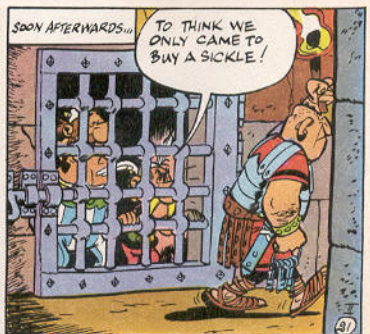
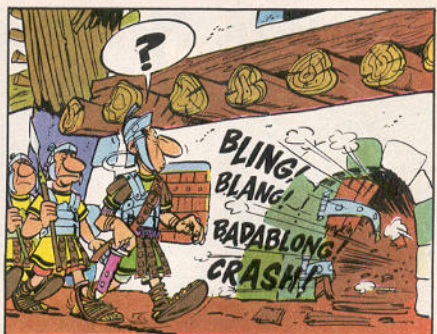
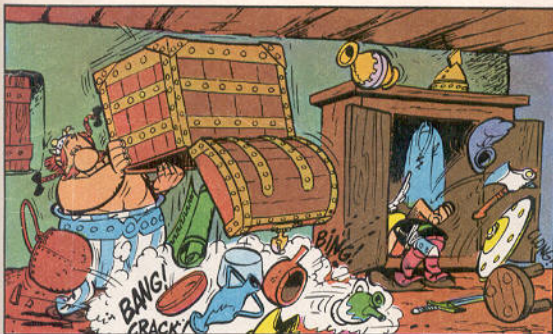
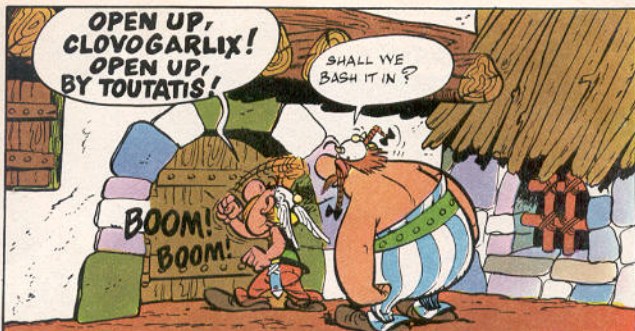
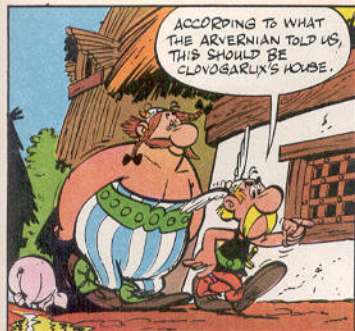
LET'S MOVE IN  
HERE, AND FIRST,  
LET'S GO AND DO  
SOME SHOPPING.

GOOD IDEA!









LONG LIVE VERGINCE !!!  
-HIC!... TORIX!



HULLO. WHAT ARE YOU  
INSIDE FOR?  
-HIC!



WE'RE LOOKING  
FOR A MAN CALLED  
CLOYOGARLIX ...

I KNOW HIM. HE ... HIC!  
... WISHED TO WORK AT  
NAVISHTRIX'S PLACE!



NAVISHTRIX HAD A LOVELY  
LITTLE WINE FROM GALLIA  
NARBONENSIS ... HIC! ... LOVELY  
LITTLE WINE ... ALL DONE FOR  
NOW ... HIC! ... ALL OVER!



IT'SH SAD ...  
SAAAAP!  
BOOHOO ... HIC!  
... HOOOOO ...

ANY IDEA WHERE  
NAVISHTRIX AND  
CLOYOGARLIX MIGHT  
HAVE GONE?



NO ... SNIFF! ... BUT I OFTEN  
HEARD THEM ARRANGING TO MEET  
UNDER THE DOLMEN  
... HIC!

UNDER THE  
DOLMEN?



IT'S A CLUE. ONLY A SLIGHT  
CLUE, BUT A CLUE! LET'S GET OUT  
OF HERE!

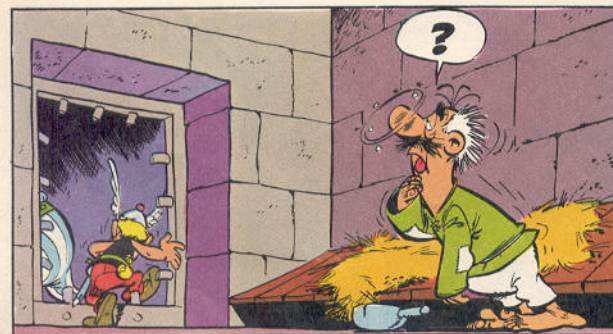
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CRAASH!

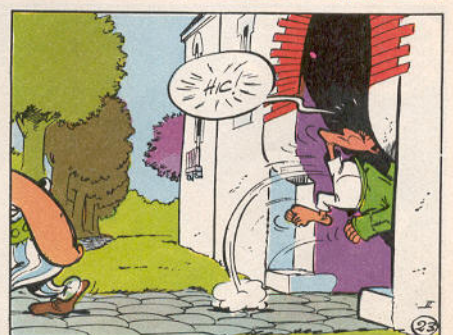
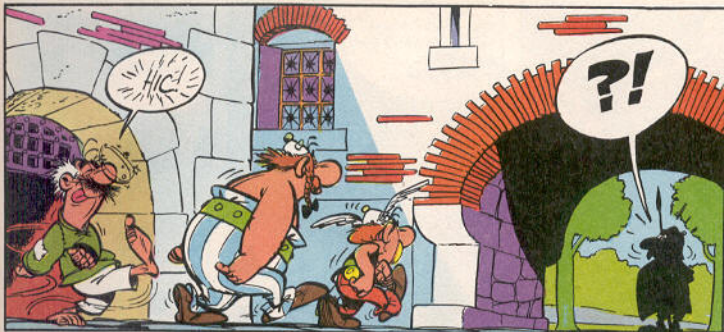


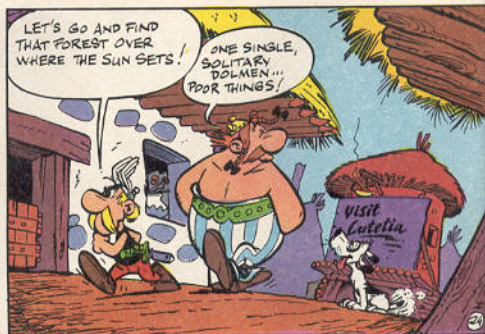
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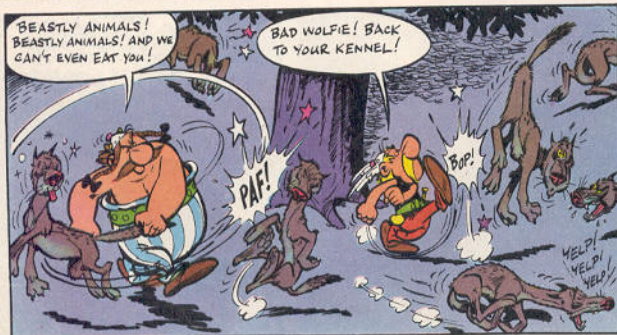
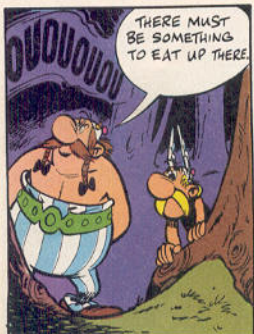
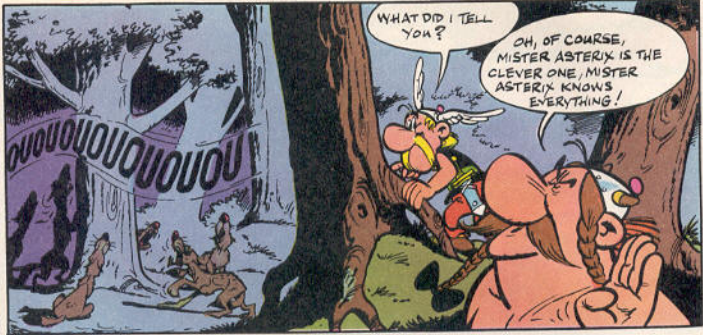
LONG LIVE VERGINCE...VERCEGIN...  
-Hic!...VERCEGINTORIX!

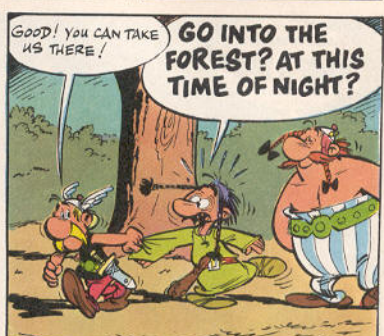
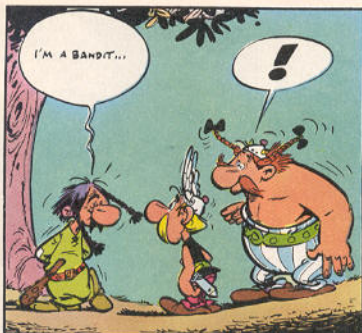


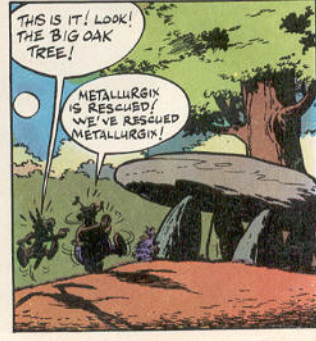




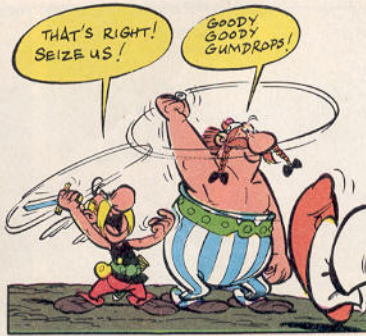
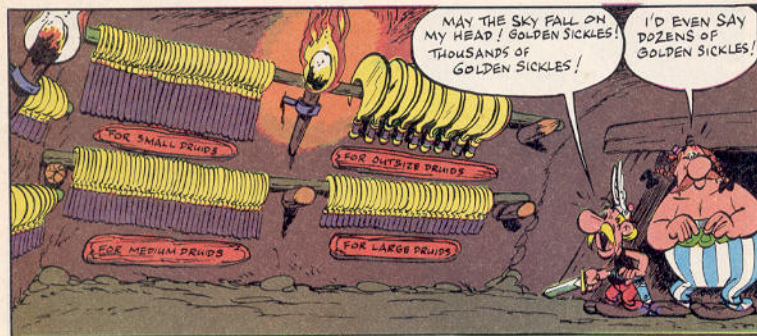




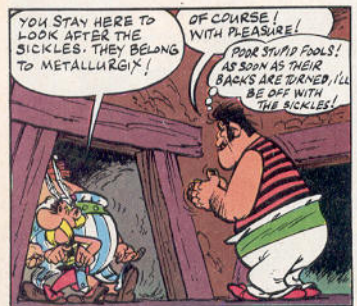
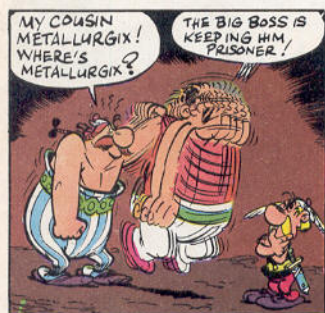
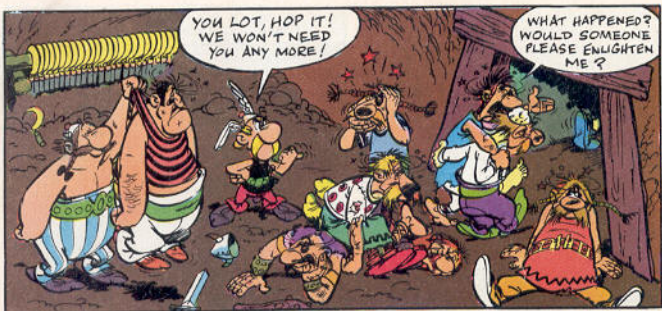


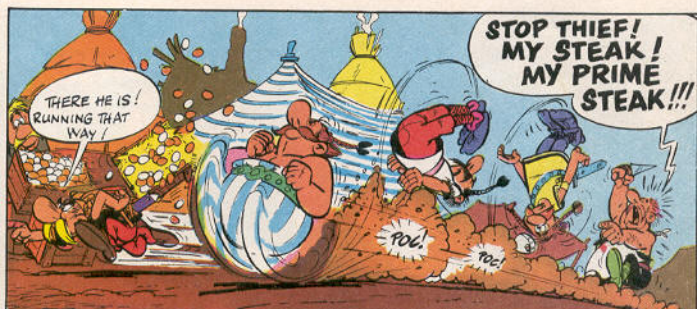
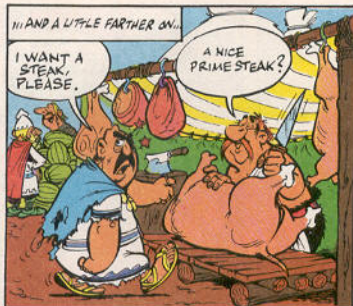


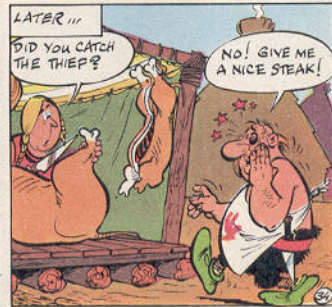
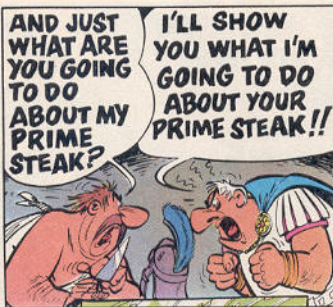
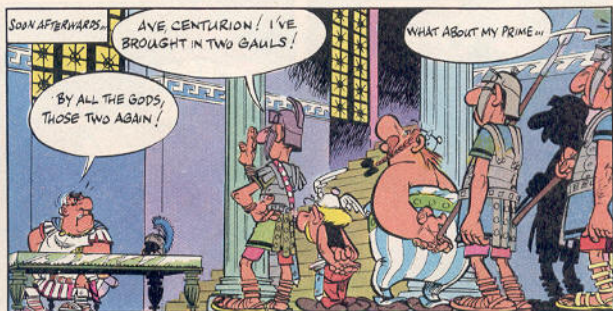
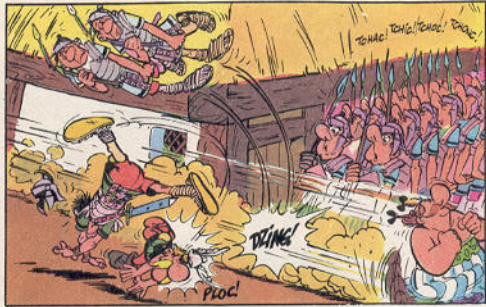


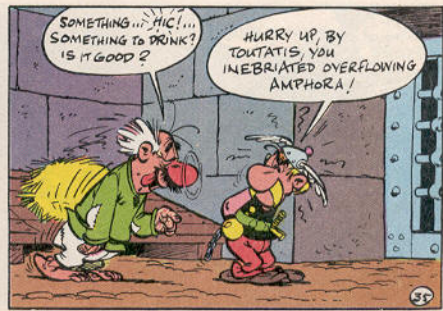
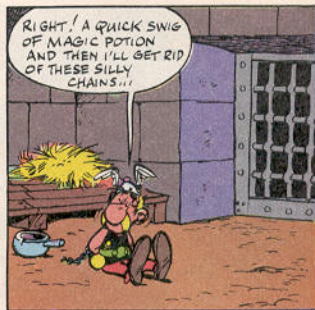
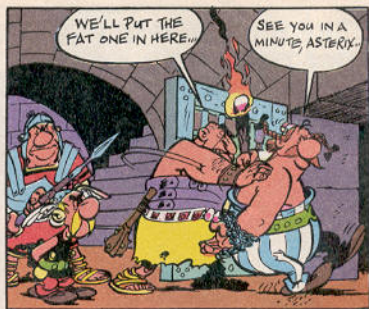
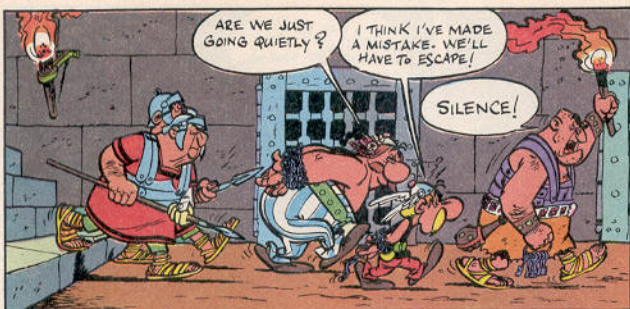


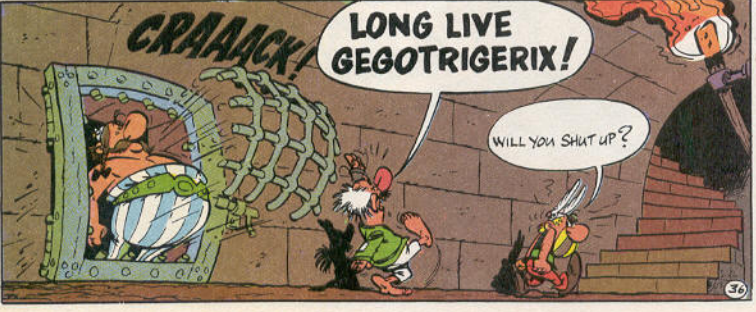
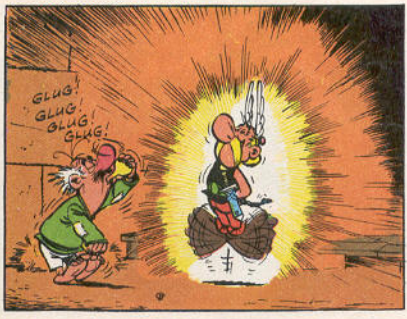


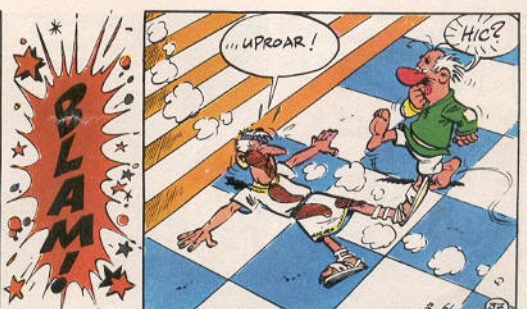
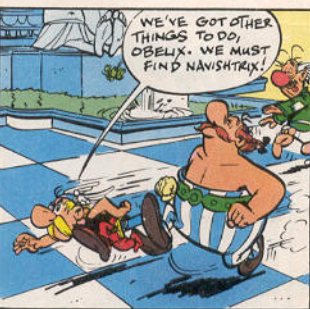


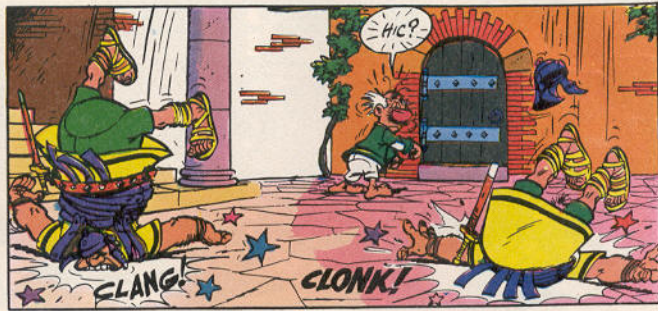


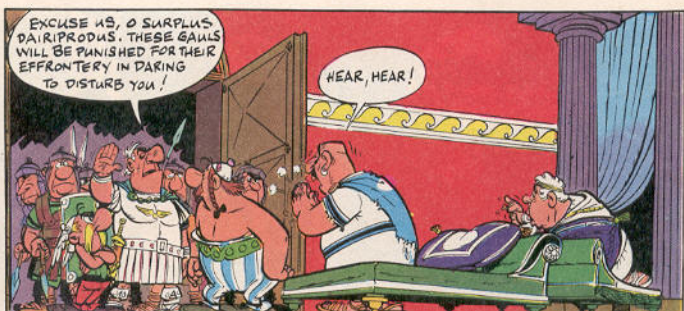
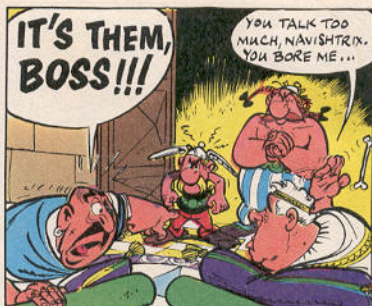
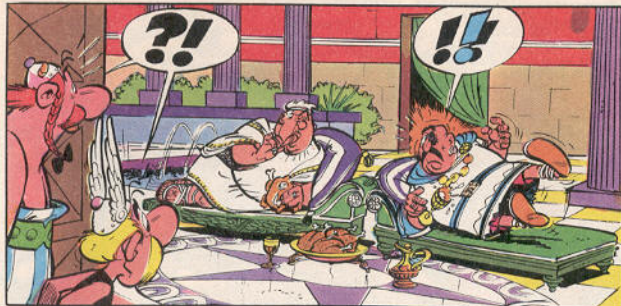


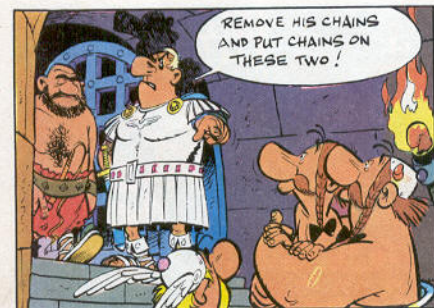
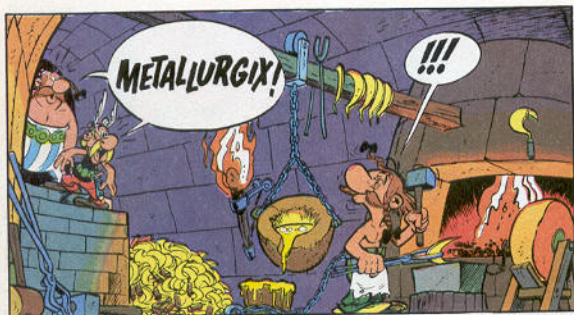














WITH THEIR GOLDEN SICKLE AT LAST, OUR TWO FRIENDS LEAVE LUTETIA FOR AN UNEVENTFUL JOURNEY...



APART FROM A FEW RASH BANDITS...



... A FEW FOOLHARDY BARBARIANS ...



COME ALONG, OBELIX! DON'T PAWDLÉ!

... AND SEVERAL CARELESS WILD BOAR ...



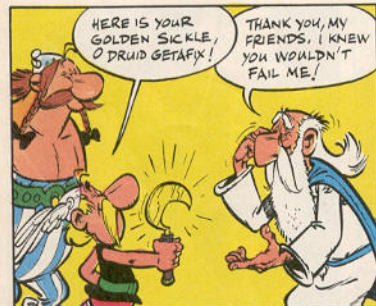
... THEIR JOURNEY, AS WE SAID, WAS ANEVENFUL!



COME ON, EVERYONE! ASTERIX AND OBELIX ARE BACK!



WELCOME BACK, BRAVE WARRIORS!



ALL OUR FRIENDS GATHER TOGETHER FOR A GREAT FEAST TO CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF THE HEROES WITH THE BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN SICKLE WHICH WILL BRING GLORY AND FAME TO THE VILLAGE...

THAT'S FUNNY, OUR BARD CACOPHONIX HASN'T TURNED UP TO SING HIS ONE OF HIS ODES!



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