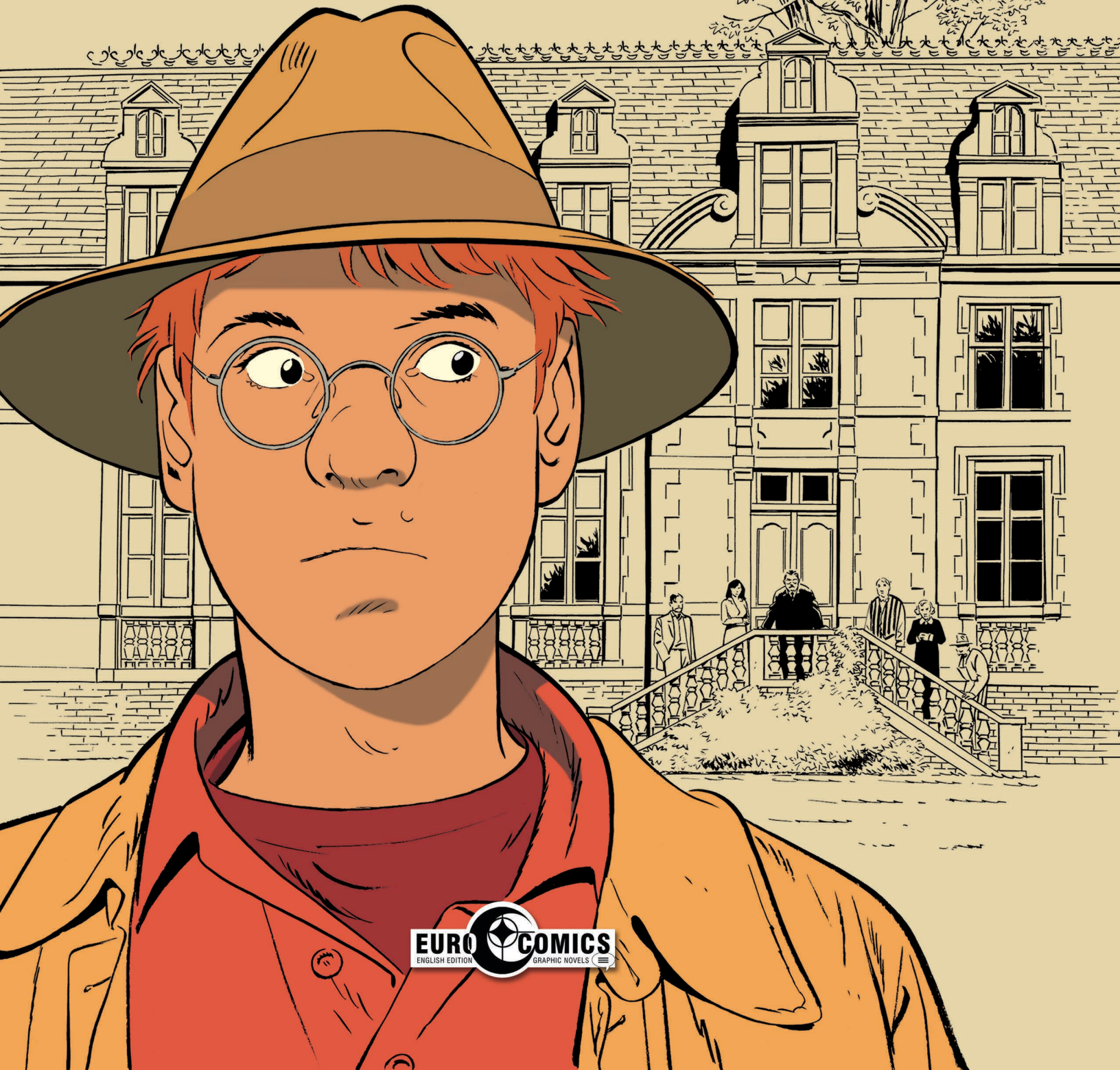


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THE PAPER PEOPLE



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Editor's note: *Jerome K. Jerome Bloche* has thrilled European readers since 1982 and has been collected in twenty-five graphic novels that have been translated into eleven languages. This is the first time this story has been available in English. We ask that readers bear in mind that in these earlier years smoking was a more prevalent practice in society, and that we present these stories as originally written.

THERE! THE SCENE IS SET.



THE CHARACTERS IN PLACE.



LET'S SEE, THE ONLY THING MISSING
IS THE MAIN CHARACTER!



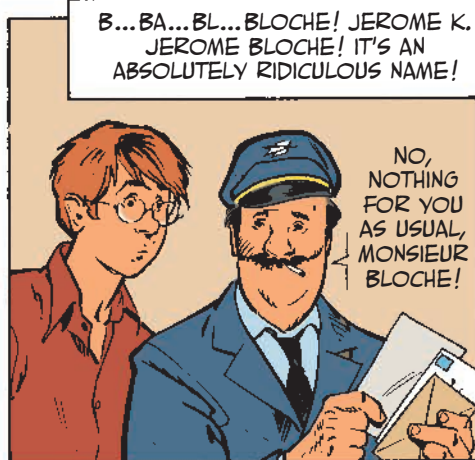
HE'LL BE A PRIVATE EYE,
BUT HE NEEDS A NAME...



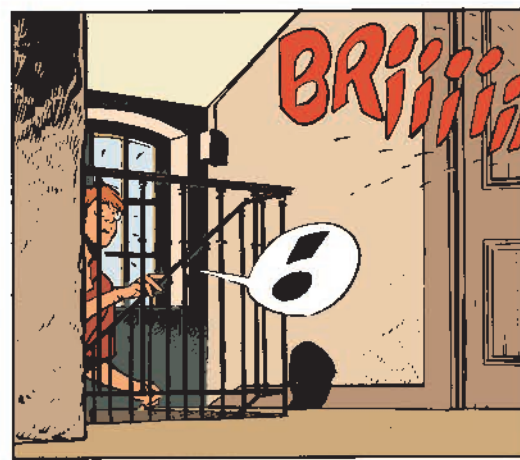
ANYTHING FOR
ME IN THE MAIL
TODAY?



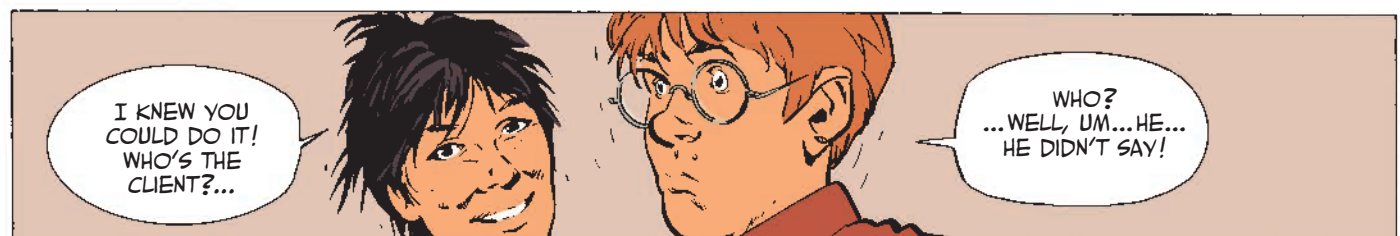
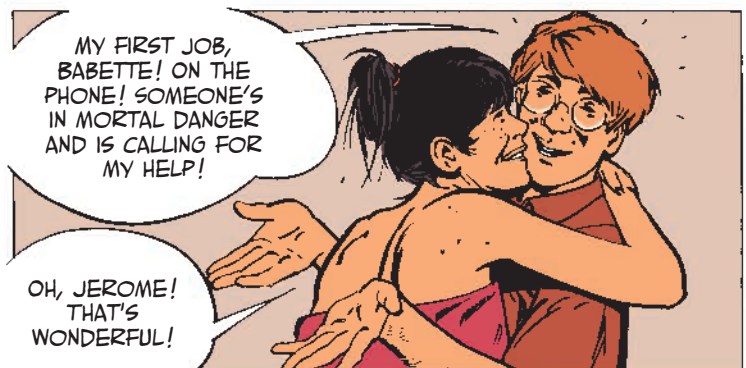
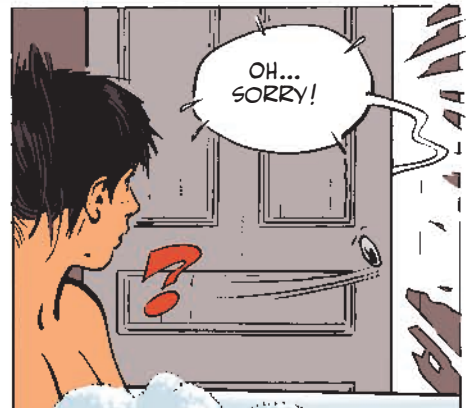
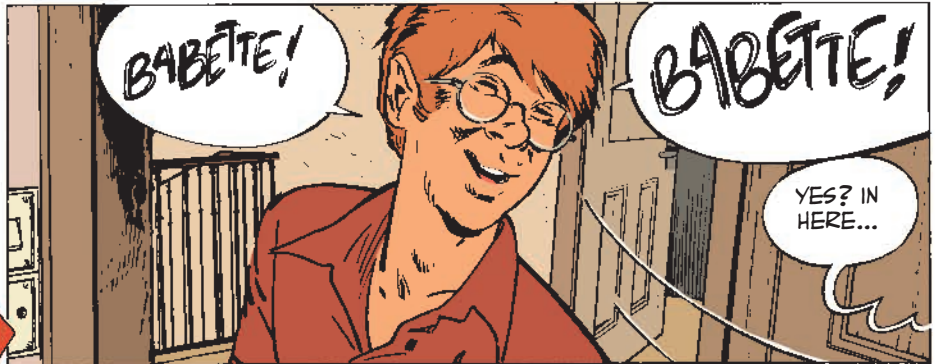
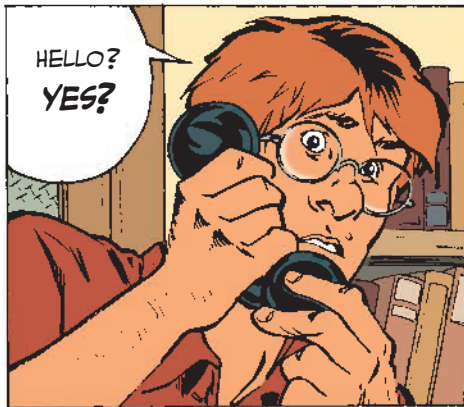
B...BA...BL...BLOCHE! JEROME K.
JEROME BLOCHE! IT'S AN
ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS NAME!

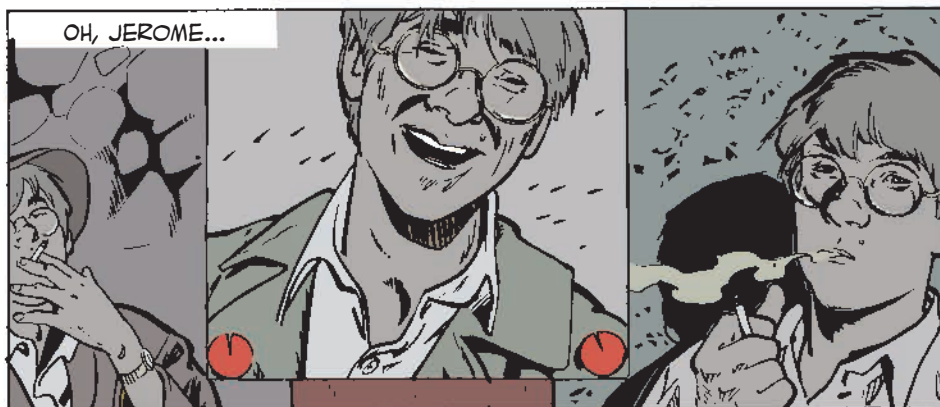


I'LL CALL HIM...



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OH, JEROME...



WILL YOU EVER
CHANGE?

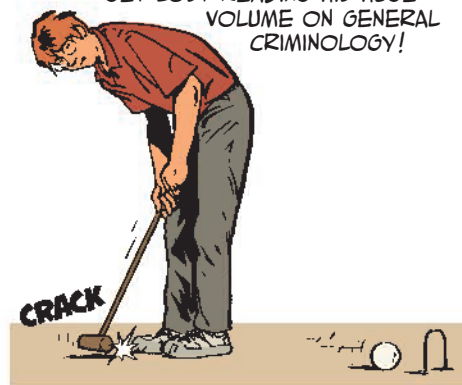


STILL AS SHY AS
EVER.

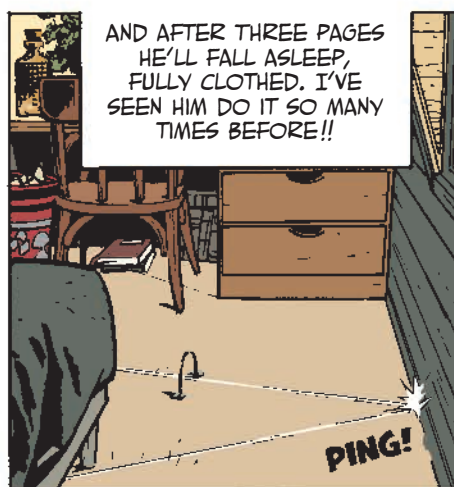
KNOWING HIM, HE'S GOING TO SPEND
THE DAY SHUT UP IN HIS APARTMENT,
ANALYZING THE CALL OVER AND OVER.



AND IF THE CLIENT DOESN'T
CALL BACK BY TONIGHT, HE'LL
DO WHAT HE ALWAYS DOES --
GET LOST READING HIS HUGE
VOLUME ON GENERAL
CRIMINOLOGY!

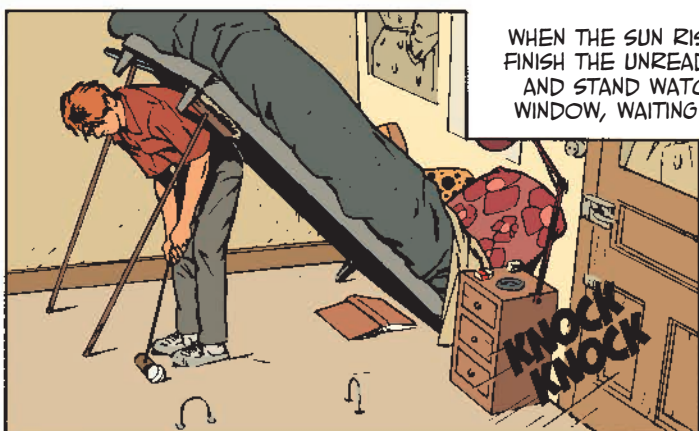


CRACK



AND AFTER THREE PAGES
HE'LL FALL ASLEEP,
FULLY CLOTHED. I'VE
SEEN HIM DO IT SO MANY
TIMES BEFORE!!

PING!



WHEN THE SUN RISES, HE'LL
FINISH THE UNREAD CHAPTER
AND STAND WATCH AT HIS
WINDOW, WAITING FOR THE

POSTMAN.
TO SHOW
UP. MAYBE
TODAY THAT
LETTER
WILL
FINALLY
COME!

KNOCK
KNOCK



GOOD NEWS,
MONSIEUR!
YOU'VE GOT
MAIL!

