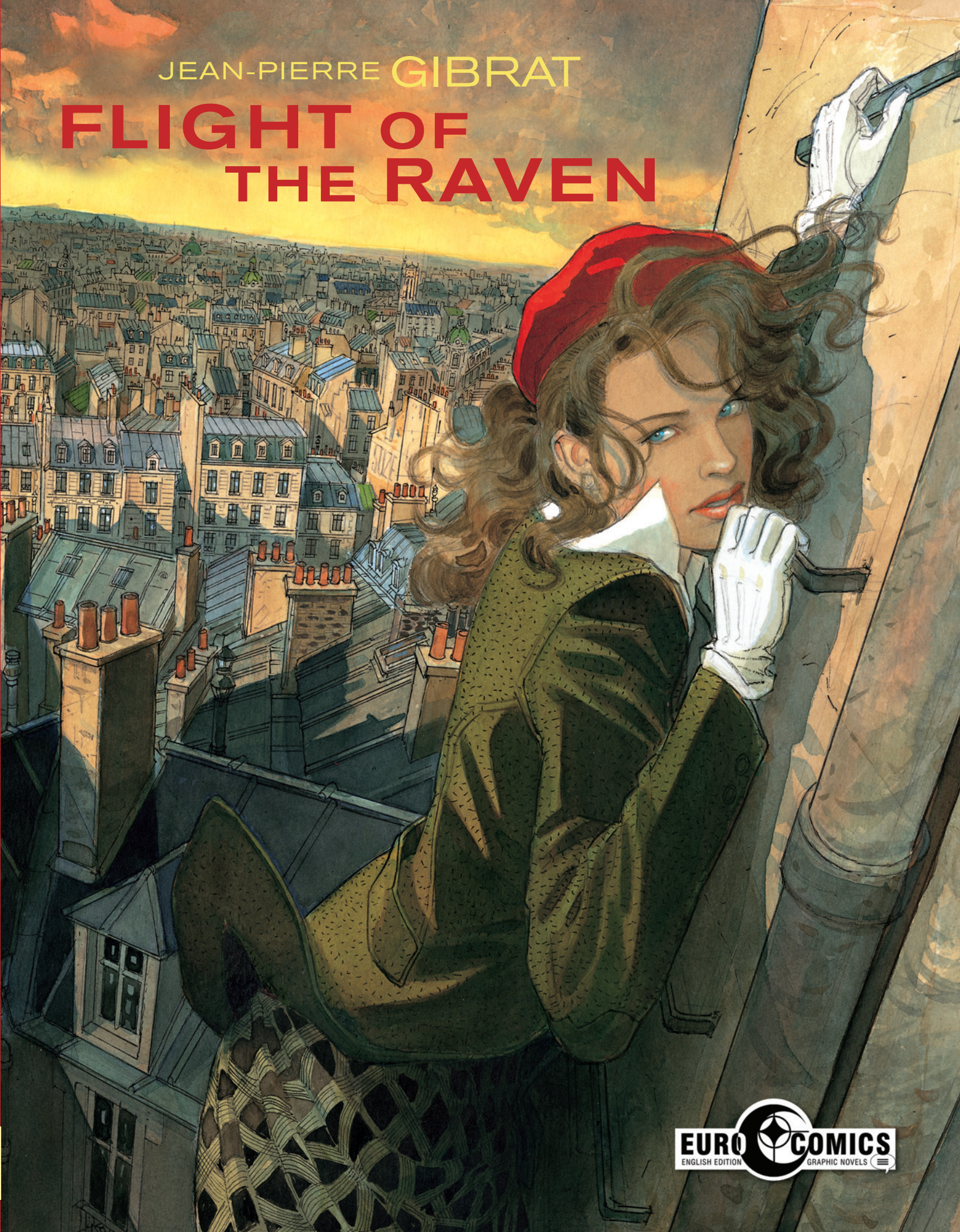


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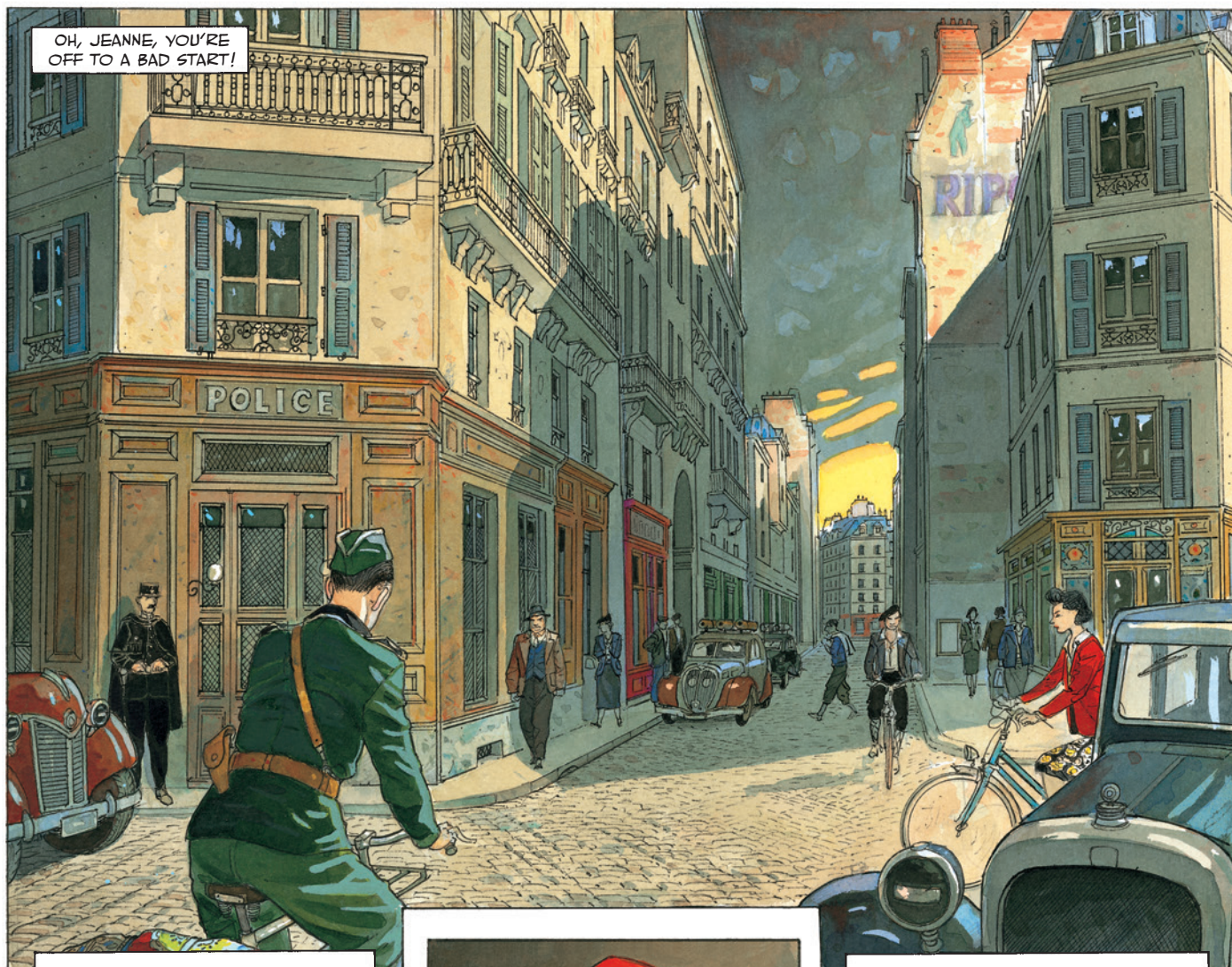
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OH, JEANNE, YOU'RE  
OFF TO A BAD START!

MY FIRST NIGHT IN JAIL... AND I'M  
HOPING THEY **KEEP** ME HERE.

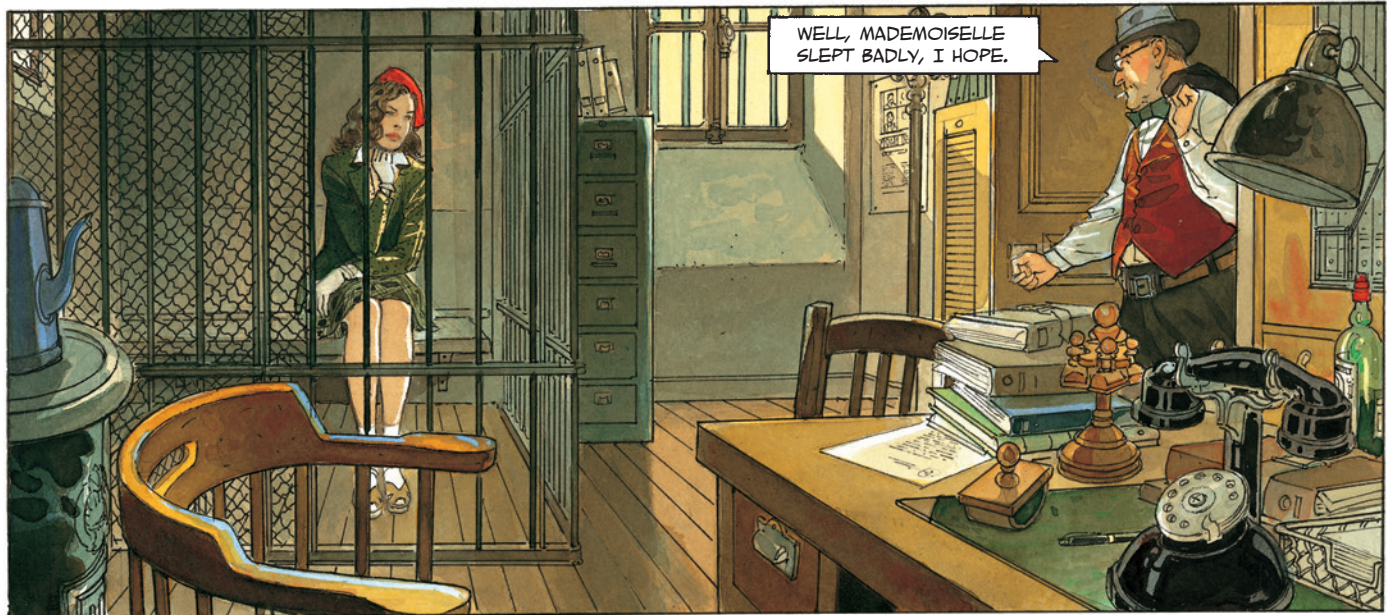


IF I'D BEEN PINCHED BY THE KRAUTS,  
I MIGHT BE DEAD ALREADY.



LUCKY IT WAS THE FRENCH GENDARMES  
WHO PICKED ME UP! THAT GIVES ME A  
CHANCE...A VERY SLIGHT CHANCE!

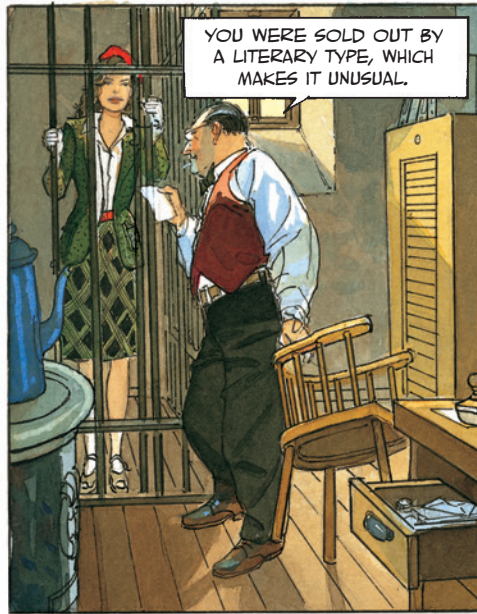




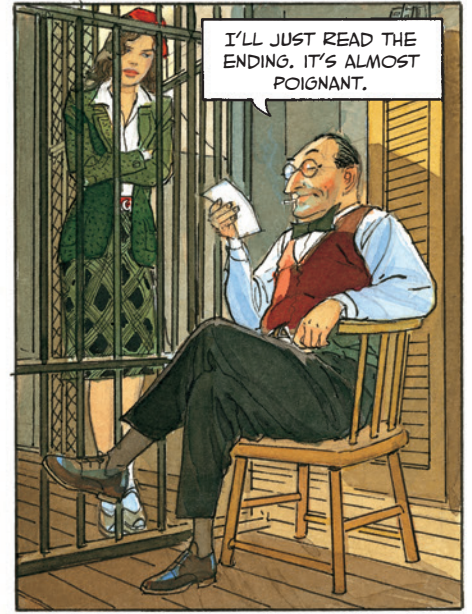




THESE DENUNCIATION LETTERS ARE COMING INTO THE STATION BY THE BUSHEL...BUT YOURS IS ESPECIALLY CHARMING!



YOU WERE SOLD OUT BY A LITERARY TYPE, WHICH MAKES IT UNUSUAL.



I'LL JUST READ THE ENDING. IT'S ALMOST POIGNANT.



"MY DEAR COMMISSIONER, I REALIZE THIS SNITCHING DEBASES ME SOMEWHAT, AND, LIKE THE DUKE OF GUICHE AT DEATH'S DOOR, I'LL RISK FEELING THOSE 'THOUSAND SELF-DISGUSTS, OF WHICH THE SUM ...IS NOT REMORSE, BUT A DIM, VAGUE UNREST.' UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS THE PRICE OF FIGHTING THE BLACK MARKET!"



AH, MADEMOISELLE! I SWEAR I WISH WE HAD FOUND ONLY SAUSAGES AND CHEESE AT YOUR PLACE, RATHER THAN THREE REVOLVERS AND A BAG OF GRENADES!...



...NOT TO MENTION FORGED RATION CARDS AND PHONY I.D.S!



IT'S JUST NOT PRUDENT TO STASH GUNS UNDER YOUR MATTRESS THESE DAYS.

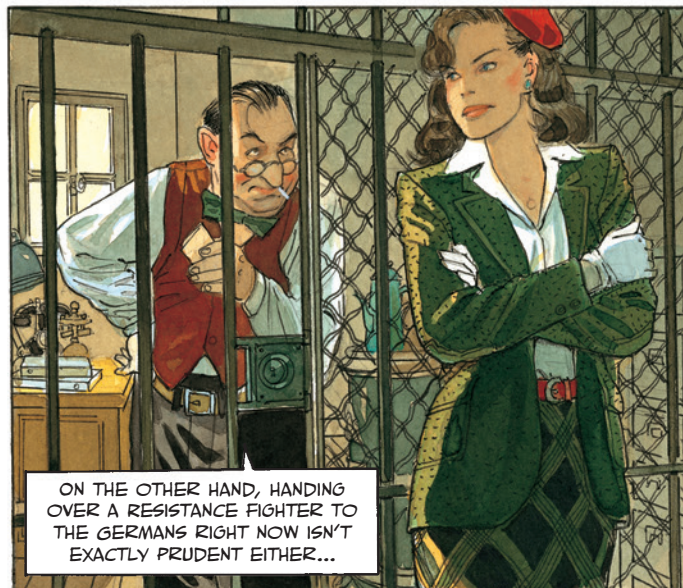




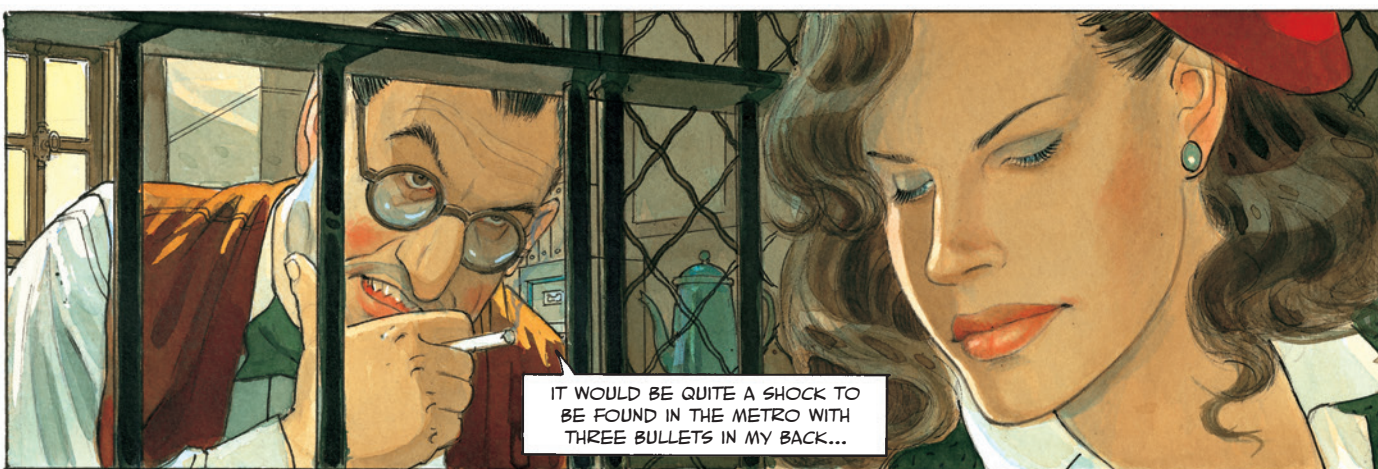
YOU DO KNOW WHAT THE GESTAPO DOES TO PEOPLE LIKE YOU?



YES, IT'S PRETTY UGLY...IT MIGHT EVEN WEIGH ON MY HEART.



ON THE OTHER HAND, HANDING OVER A RESISTANCE FIGHTER TO THE GERMANS RIGHT NOW ISN'T EXACTLY PRUDENT EITHER...



IT WOULD BE QUITE A SHOCK TO BE FOUND IN THE METRO WITH THREE BULLETS IN MY BACK...



YES, YOU CERTAINLY ARE A PROBLEM, MADEMOISELLE!



