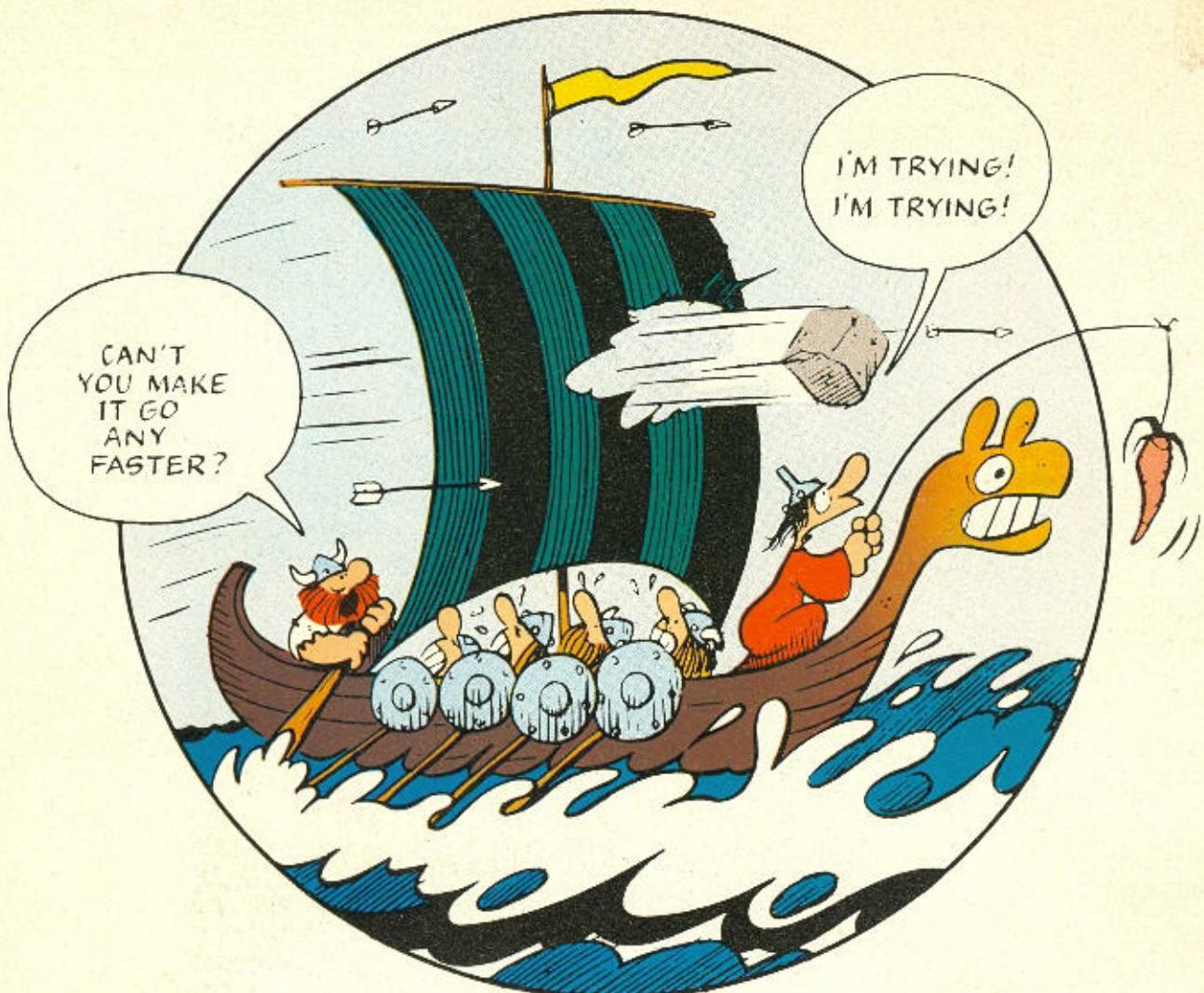


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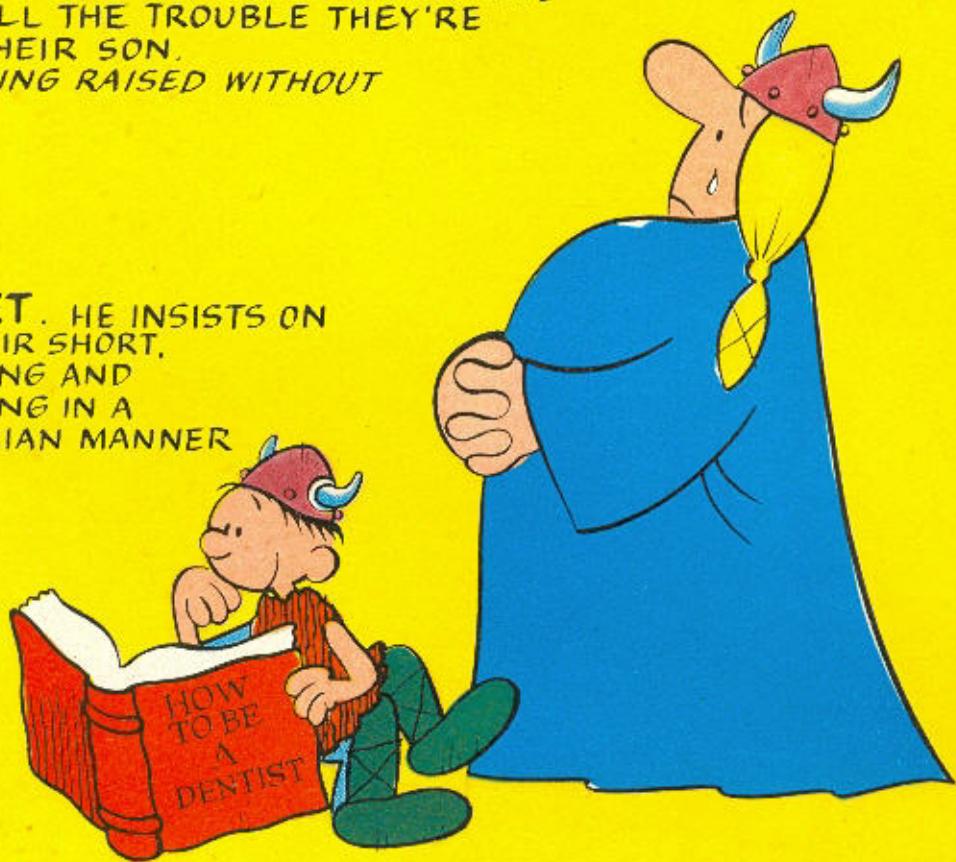
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MEET HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE
A HARD WORKING BARBARIAN
BUSINESSMAN. HE'S IN SACKING
AND LOOTING. (A VERY COMPETITIVE
FIELD THAT KEEPS HIM AWAY
FROM HOME FOR LONG PERIODS)

AND THIS IS HIS WIFE **HELGA**. SHE'S NOT
VERY HAPPY. SHE BLAMES HÄGAR'S BUSINESS
TRAVELS FOR ALL THE TROUBLE THEY'RE
HAVING WITH THEIR SON.
("THE BOY IS BEING RAISED WITHOUT
A FATHER")

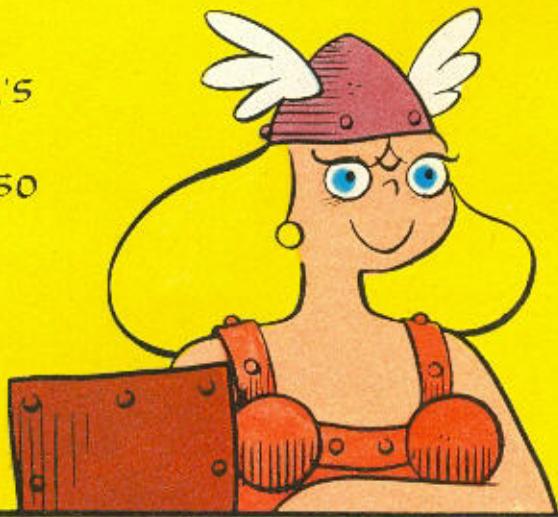
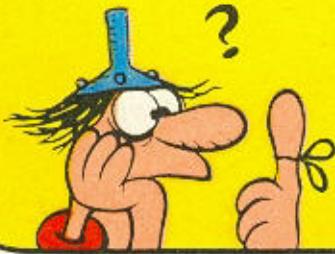
THIS IS **HAMLET**. HE INSISTS ON
WEARING HIS HAIR SHORT,
BATHING, READING AND
OTHERWISE ACTING IN A
VERY UNBARBARIAN MANNER



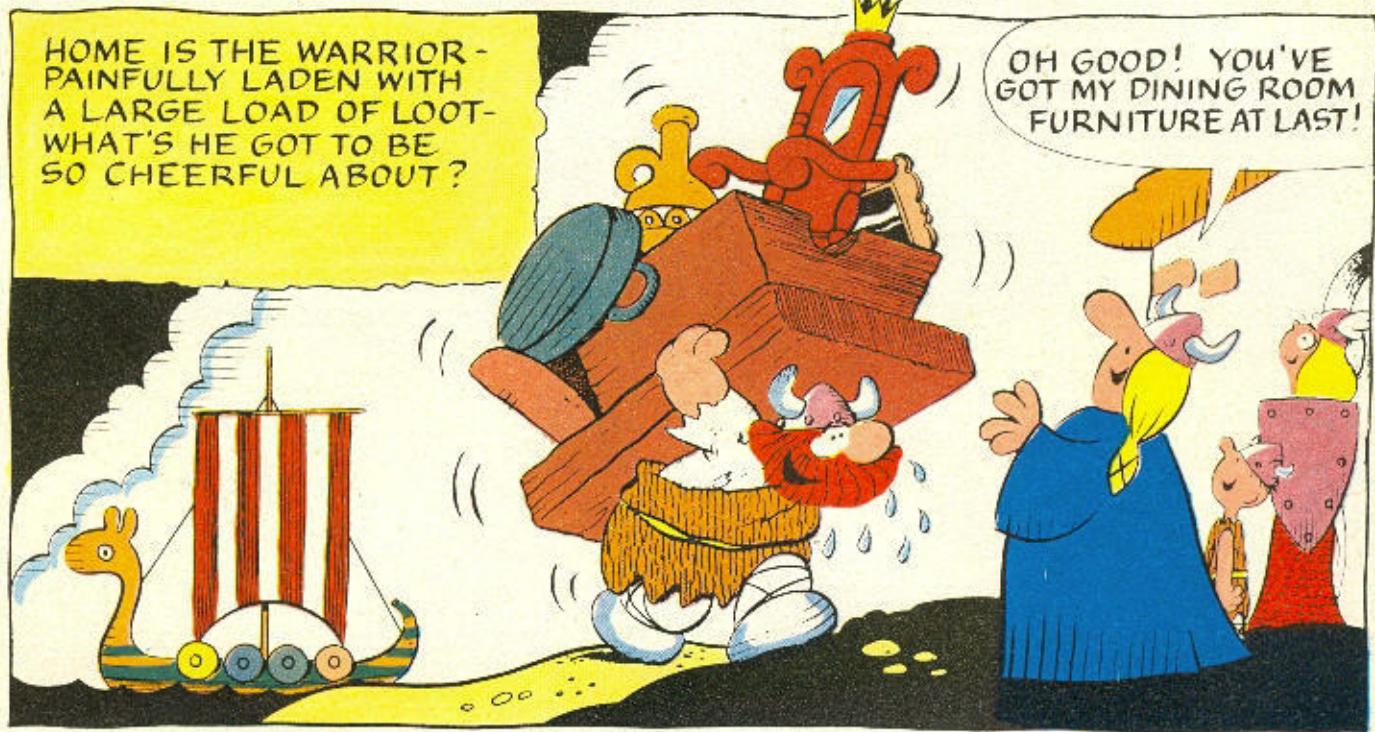
THEN THERE IS THEIR DAUGHTER **HONI**, SIXTEEN
YEARS OLD AND STILL NOT MARRIED

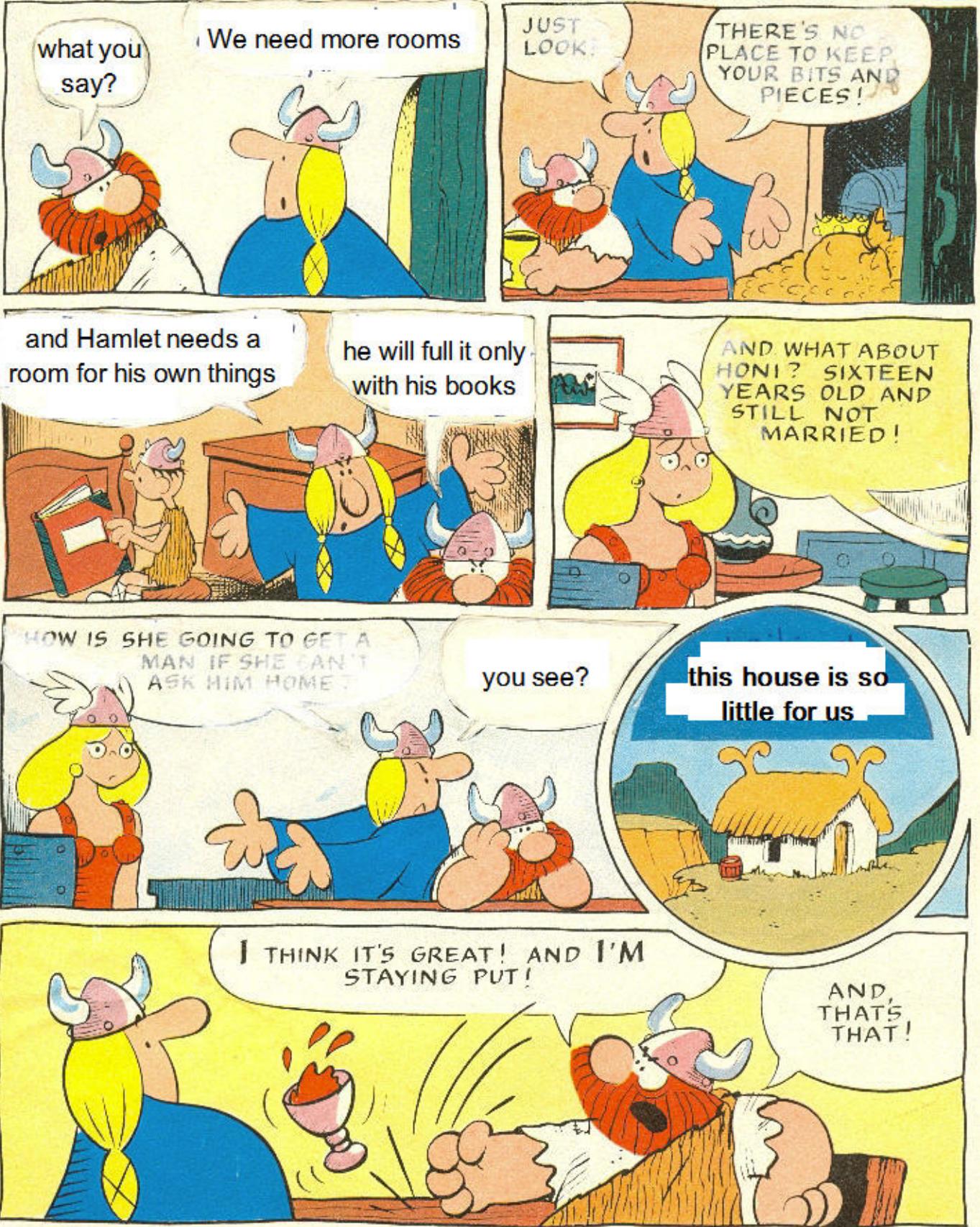
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TROUBLES ...

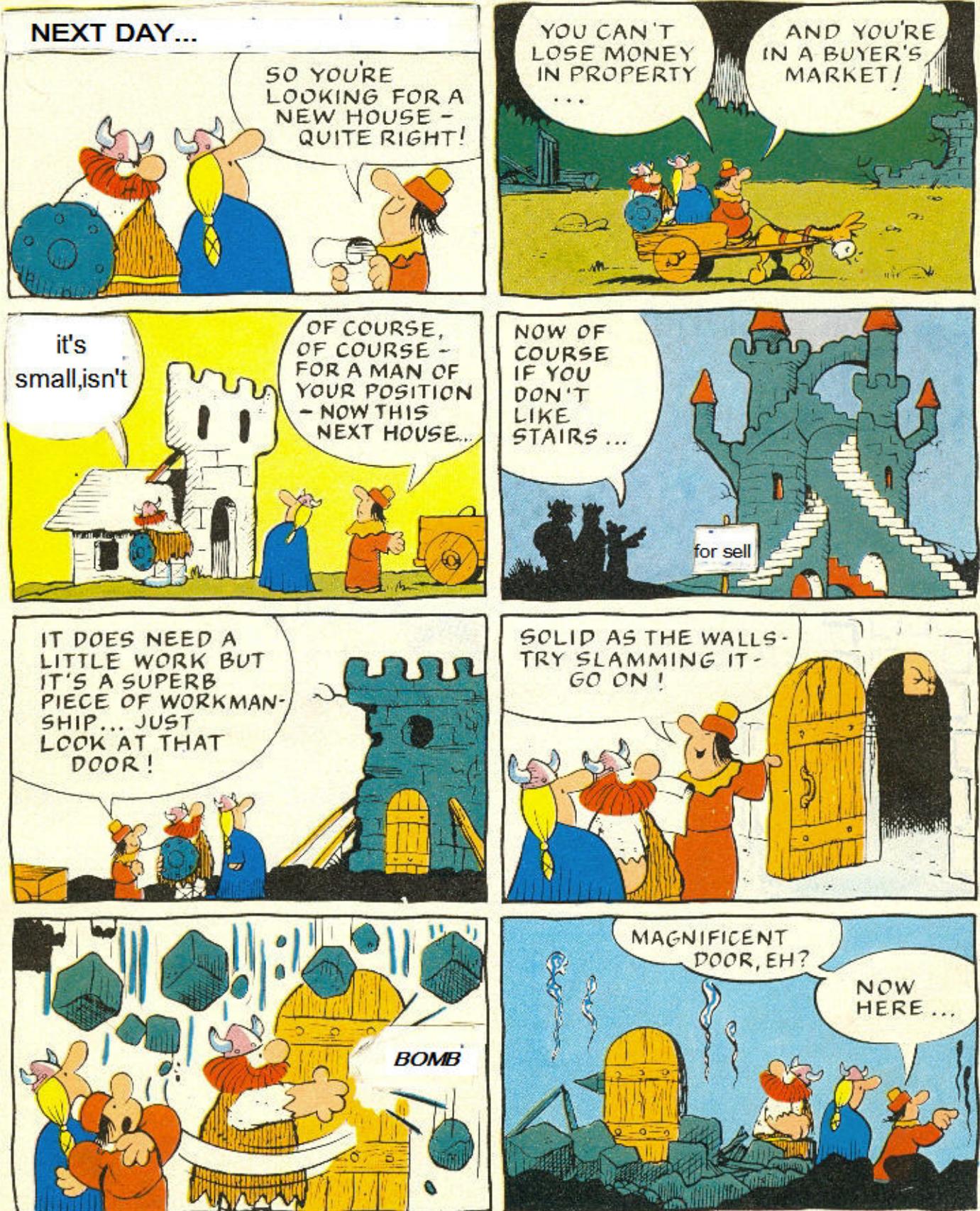
FOR THERE'S ALSO
LUCKY EDDIE
HIS
ASSISTANT



Helga's Dream Castle







AND SO IT WENT ON,
HOUSE AFTER HOUSE...
UNTIL HELGA BEGAN
TO DESPAIR...



WOULD SHE NEVER
FIND HER NEW HOUSE?
AND THEN...



SHE SAW IT!



HER DREAM CASTLE!
IT WAS BIG - IT WAS BROAD
AND IT WAS BEAUTIFUL!
AND SHE SAID:

WE'LL
TAKE
IT!



AND SO THEY LEFT
THEIR LITTLE COTTAGE
TO LIVE IN A CASTLE...

IT TOOK SOME
TIME TO GET
USED TO ALL
THAT SPACE...

HELGA!

WHERE IS
EVERYONE
?

MUMMY!

HÄGAR!
WHERE ARE
YOU?

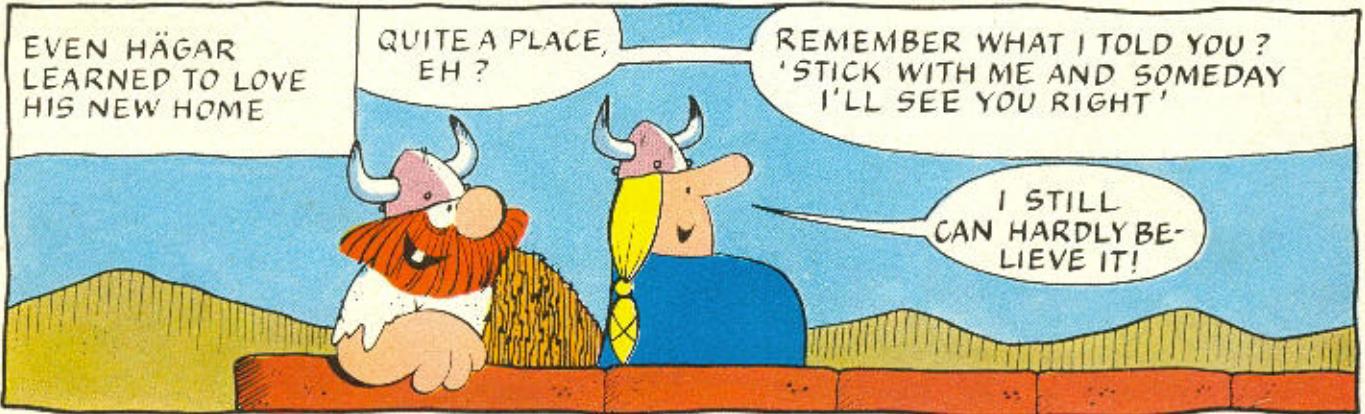
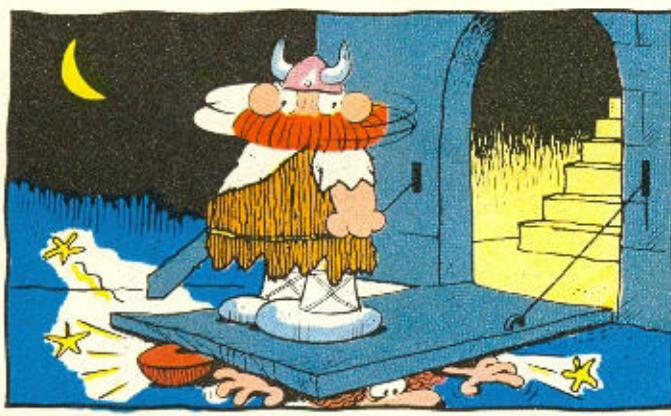
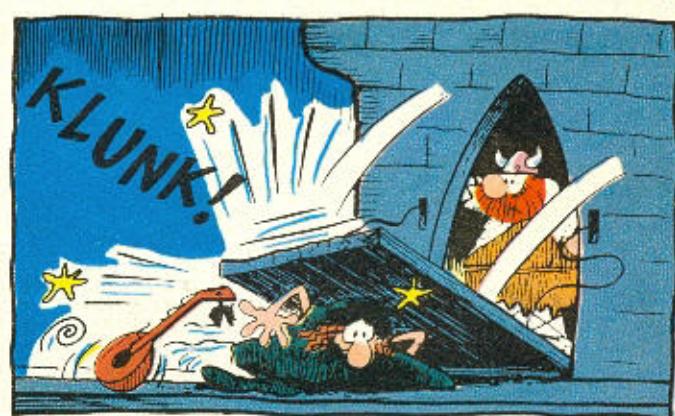
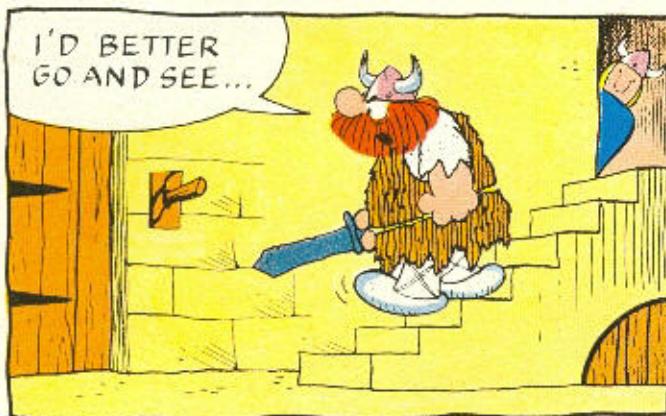
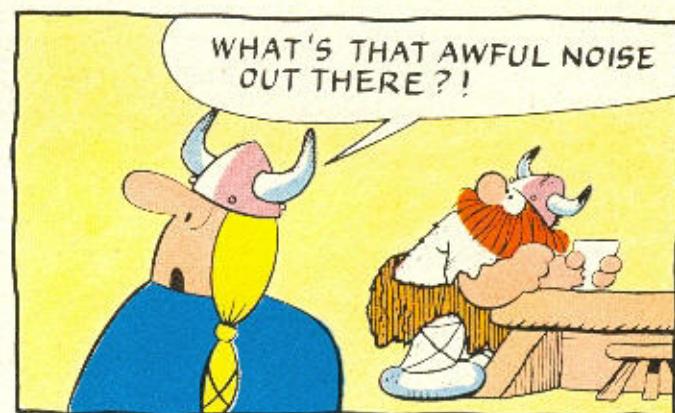
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WAS TREMENDOUS!

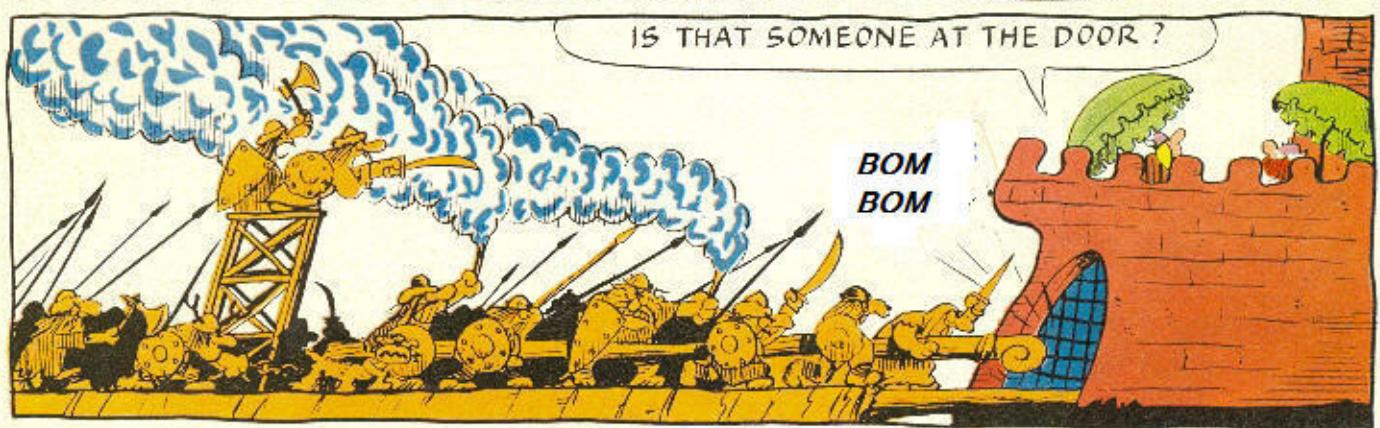
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FAMILY!

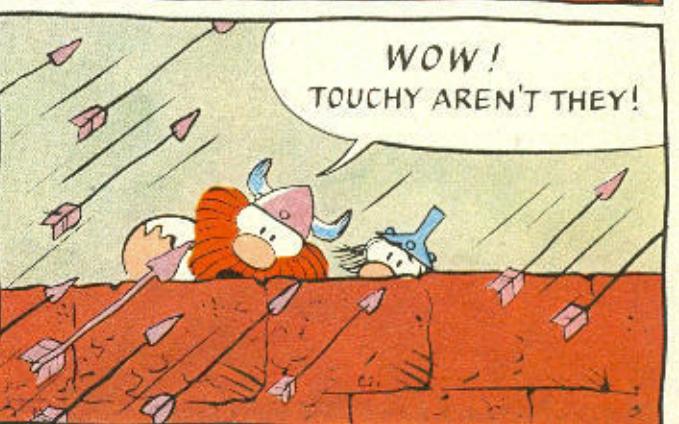
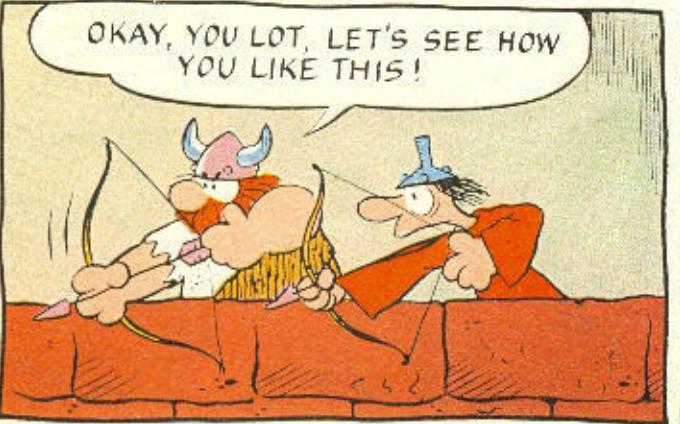
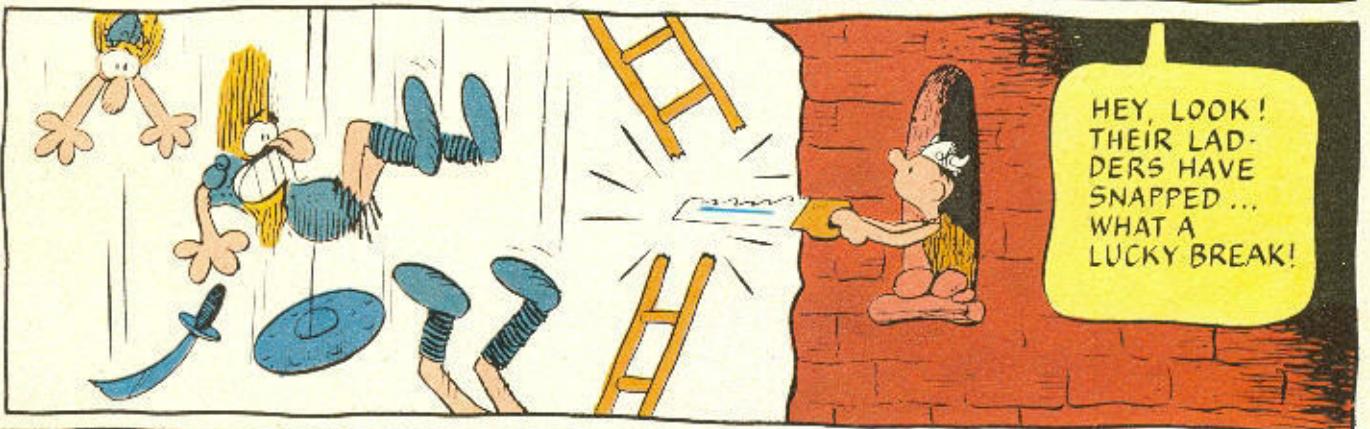
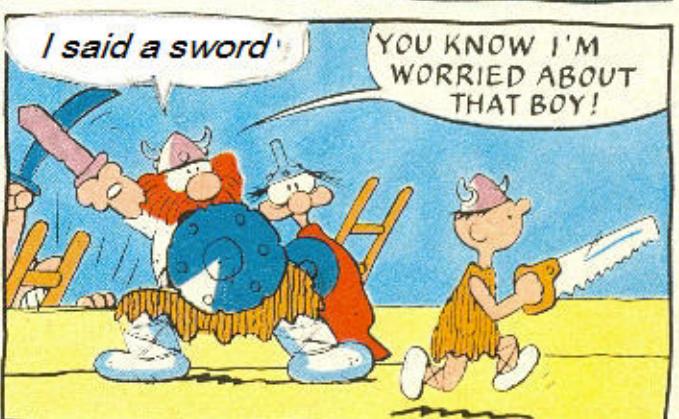
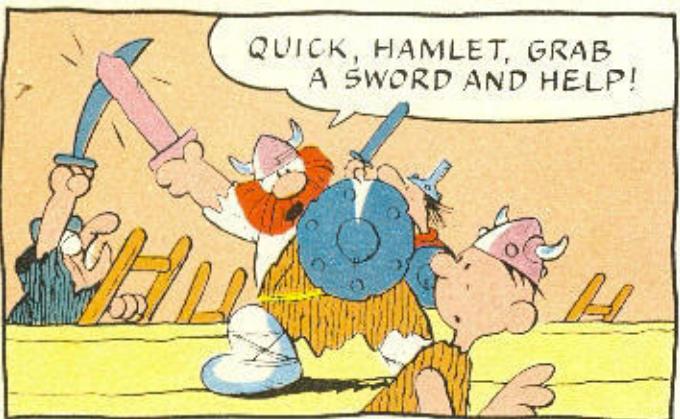
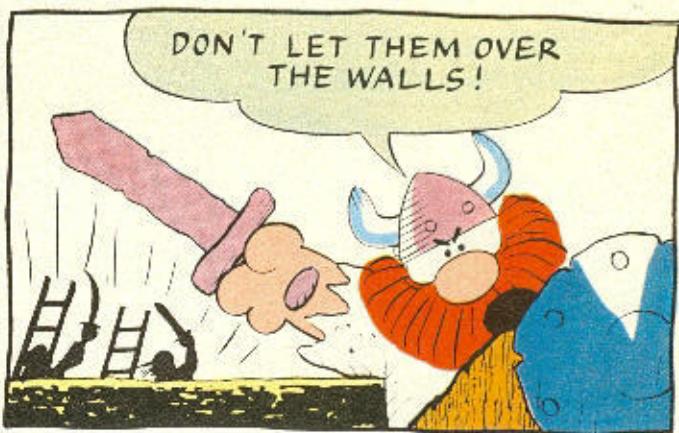
THEY'RE TOO
LAZY TO TURN
OUT THE LIGHTS
WHEN THEY
LEAVE A ROOM!

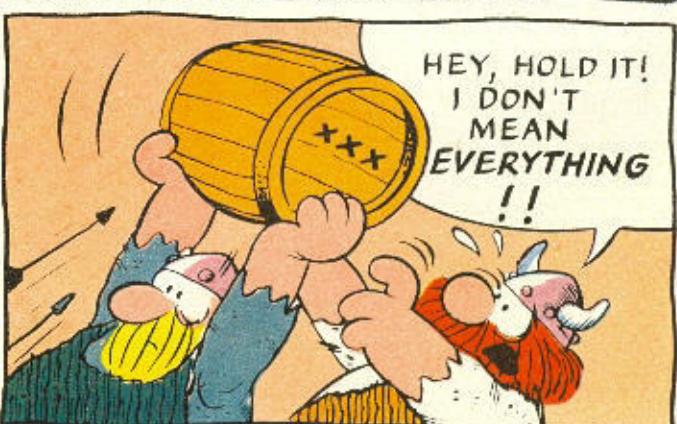
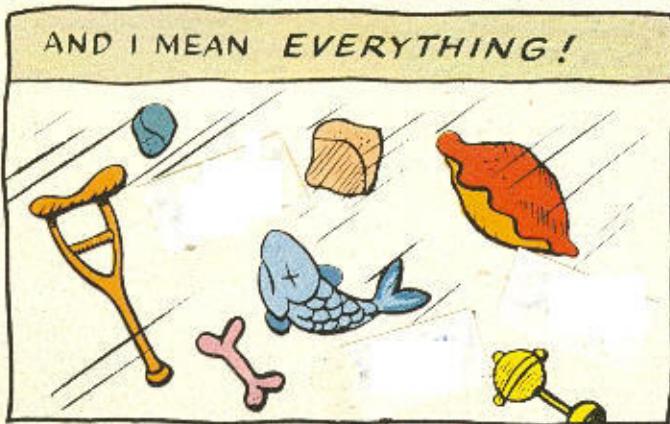
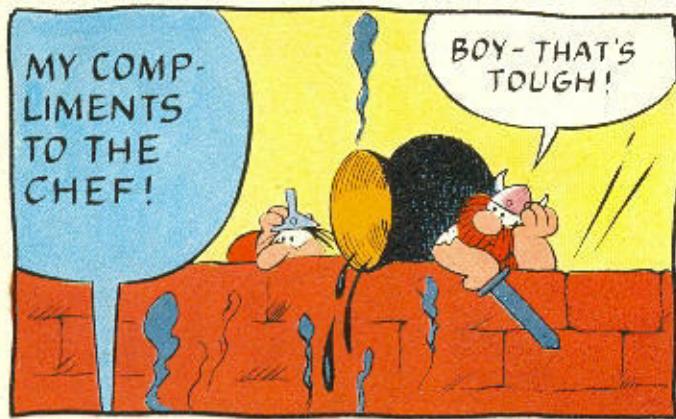
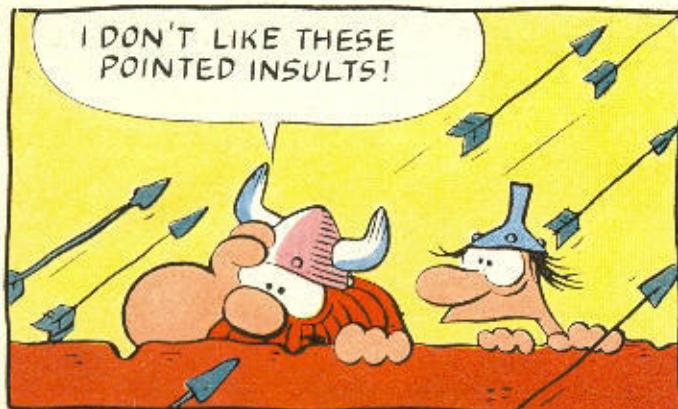
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AND HONI FOUND IT VERY
ROMANTIC...

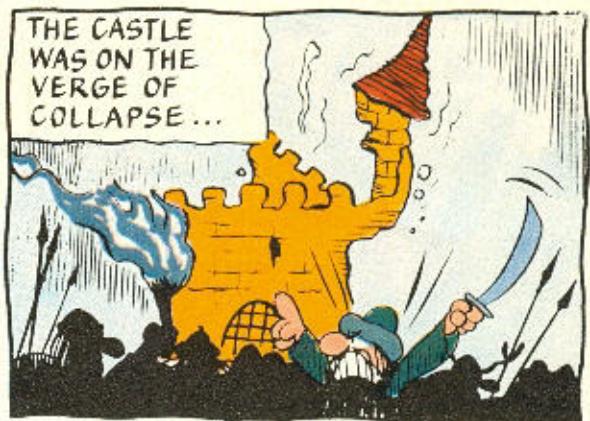






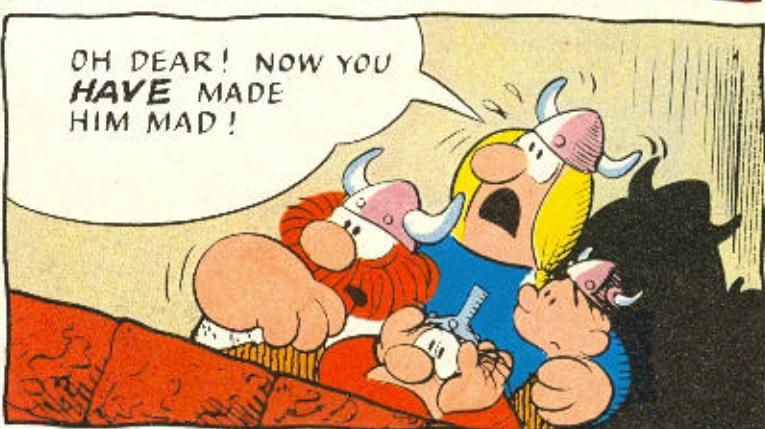
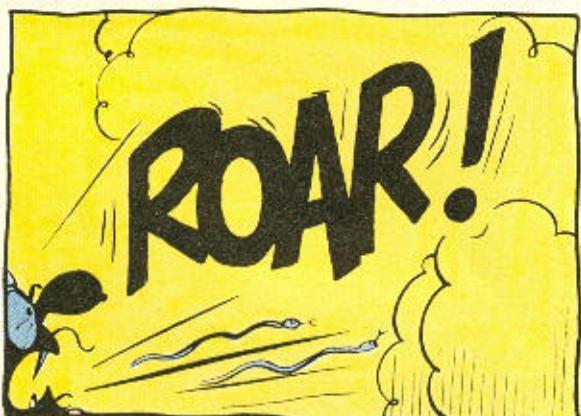


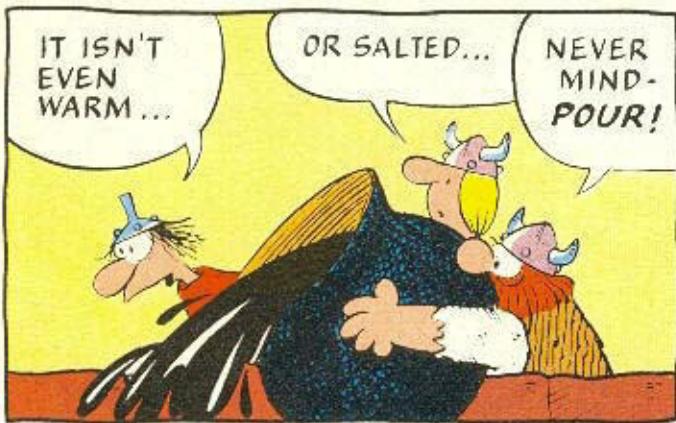
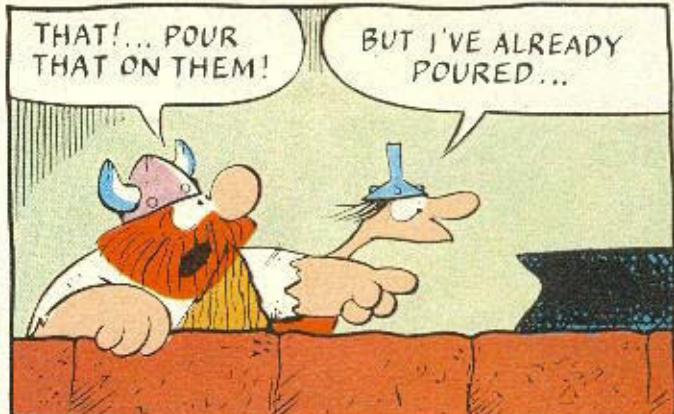




AND NOW
ONE MOMENT
PLEASE
WHILE
ATTILA THE
HUN
DELIVERS...

THE FINAL INSULT!







ON THEY CAME... CRUEL AND
CUNNING... AT THE SIGHT OF THEM
HÄGAR'S BLOOD RAN COLD!

RELATIONS!

HI, UNCLE
HÄGAR - WE
HEARD YOU HAD
A CASTLE!

WE CAN
ONLY STAY
A FEW
WEEKS

HI,
AUNT
HELGA!

WHAT
TIME IS
DINNER?

FLEE!
FLEE!
YOU CAN GET
LUCKY WITH
A HUN FROM
TIME TO TIME -
BUT NEVER
WITH
RELATIONS -
NEVER!

And the members of the family returned to their little cottage, too

ALL IT REALLY NEEDS
IS ...

DON'T
TELL ME -
LET ME
GUESS ...

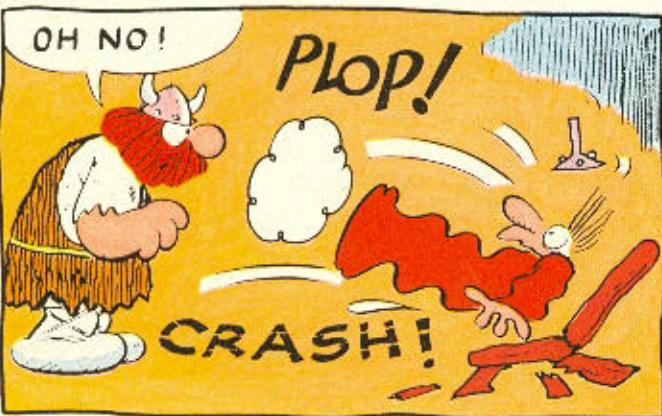
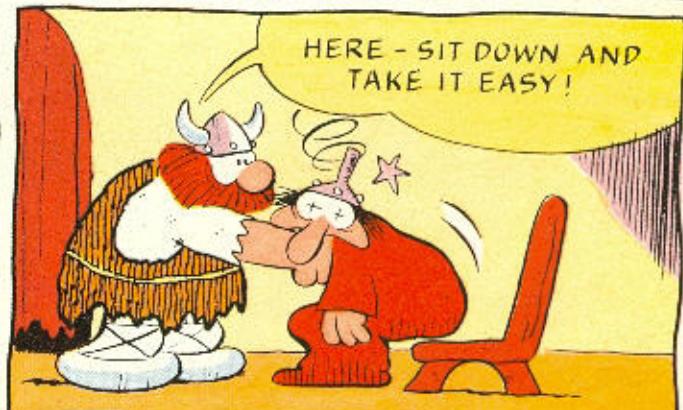
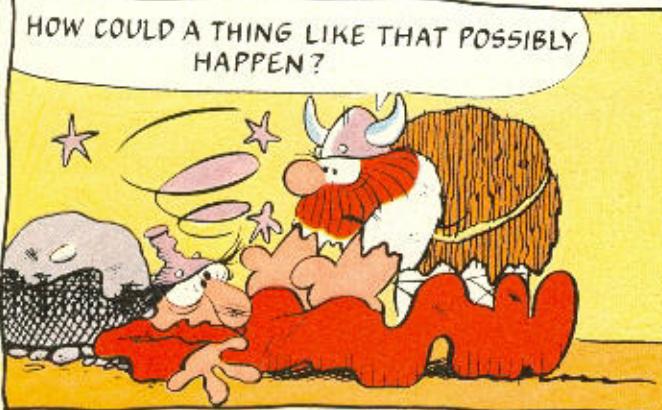
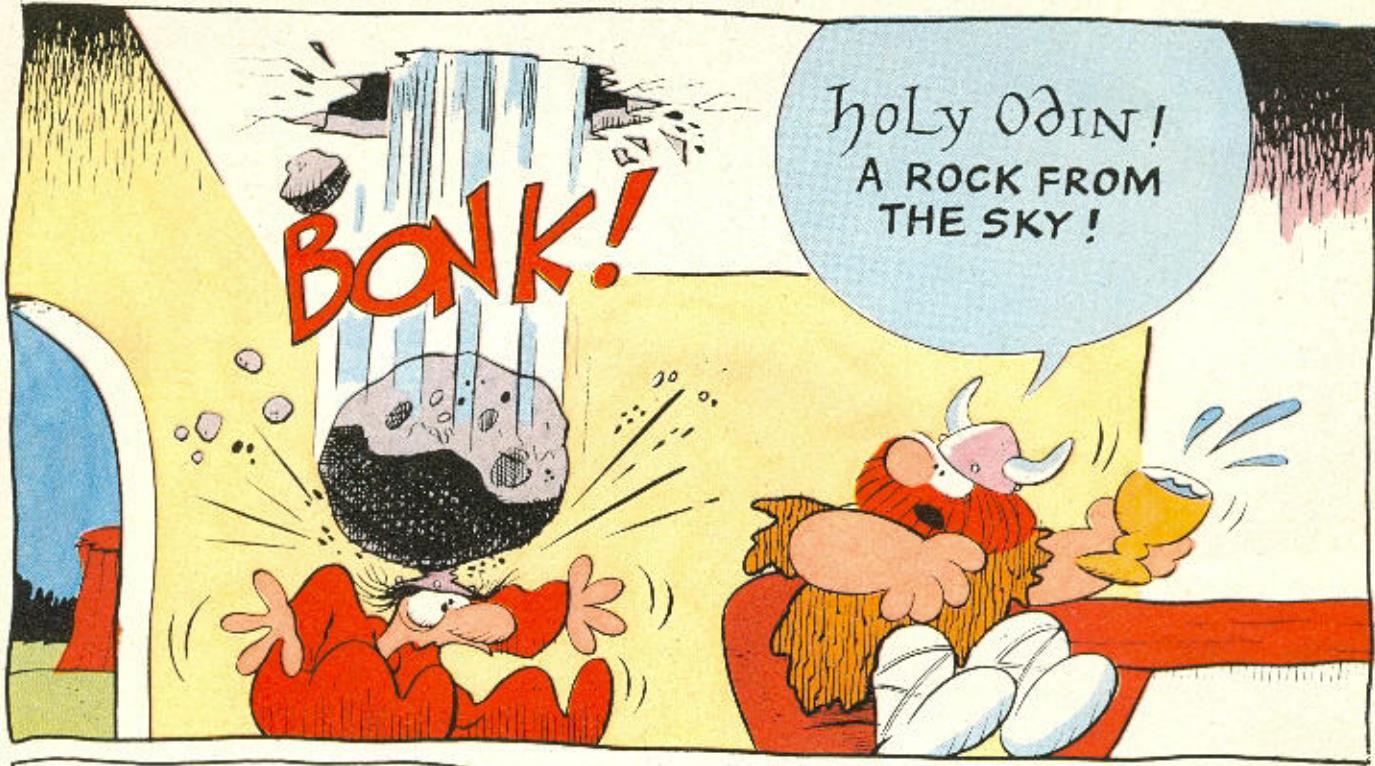
TRY TO GET THE BEDROOM FURNITURE IN
DANISH MODERN OR MEDITERRANEAN
OR ...

I know
I know

I'LL
SAY!!

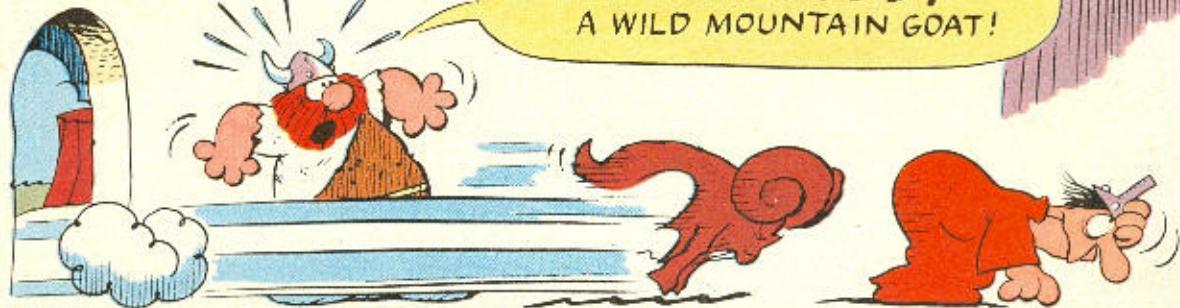
THE END

A Change of Luck



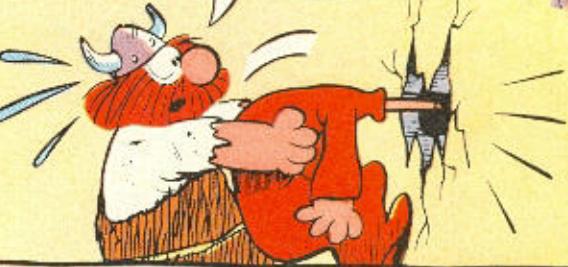
And at that very moment...

BY THE GODS!
A WILD MOUNTAIN GOAT!

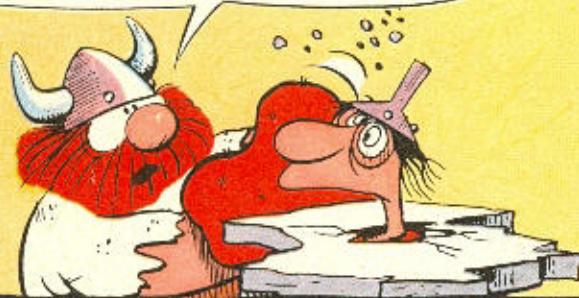


POW!

WHY IS IT, EDDIE, THAT EVERY-
THING HAPPENS TO YOU?



I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE
WITH SUCH BAD LUCK!



I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHERE
YOU GOT THE NAME
"LUCKY EDDIE"



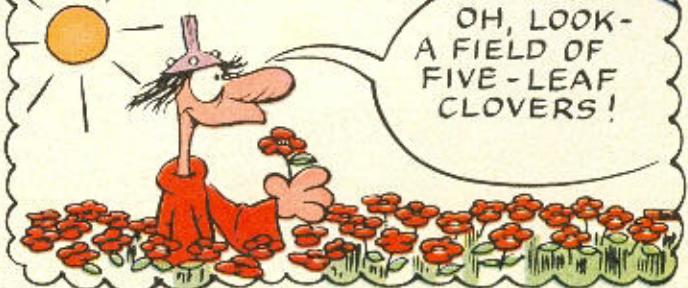
WERE YOU
ALWAYS SO
UNFORTUNATE?

NO - NOT AT
ALL ...



ONCE I WAS CONSIDERED A VERY
FORTUNATE YOUNG MAN...

OH, LOOK -
A FIELD OF
FIVE-LEAF
CLOVERS!



PEOPLE WERE ALWAYS ASKING ME
TO FIND THINGS...

I'VE LOST MY
NEEDLE IN THAT
HAYSTACK...

WAIT...
I'LL JUST
TAKE A
SECOND

I CAUGHT A FISH WHERE NOBODY
ELSE COULD...

THAT BOY'S A
NATURAL!

AND WHEN EVERYBODY GOT SICK,
I NEVER DID

SNIFF

ACHOOO

AND I WAS TAKING OUT THE
PRETTIEST GIRL IN TOWN

HI!!

THE TROUBLE WAS SHE WAS ALSO
DATING A WIZARD NAMED ROTTEN
ROLF...

AND SHE COULDN'T DECIDE WHICH
OF US SHE PREFERRED

YOU'RE
SWEET

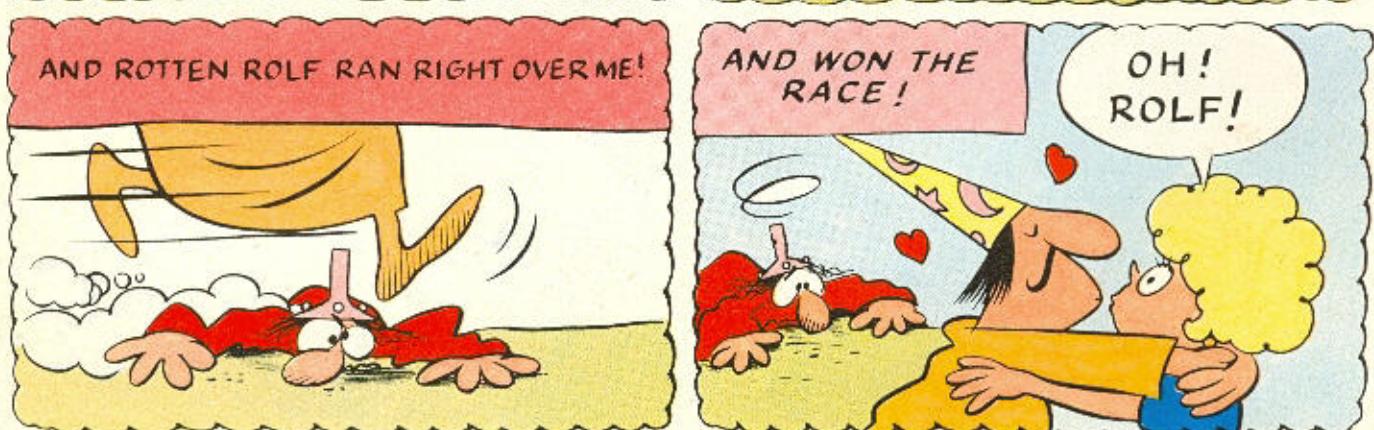
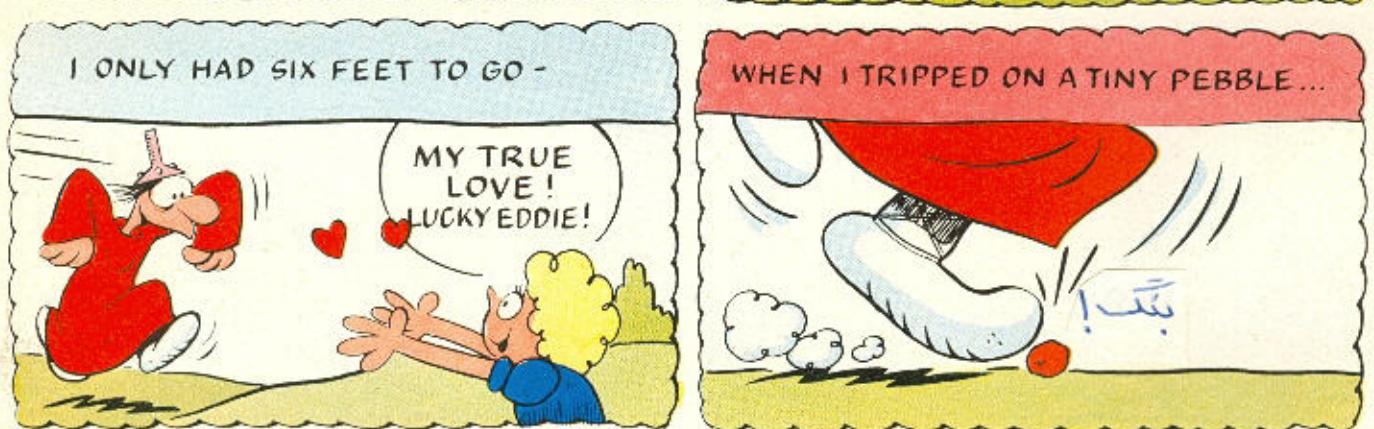
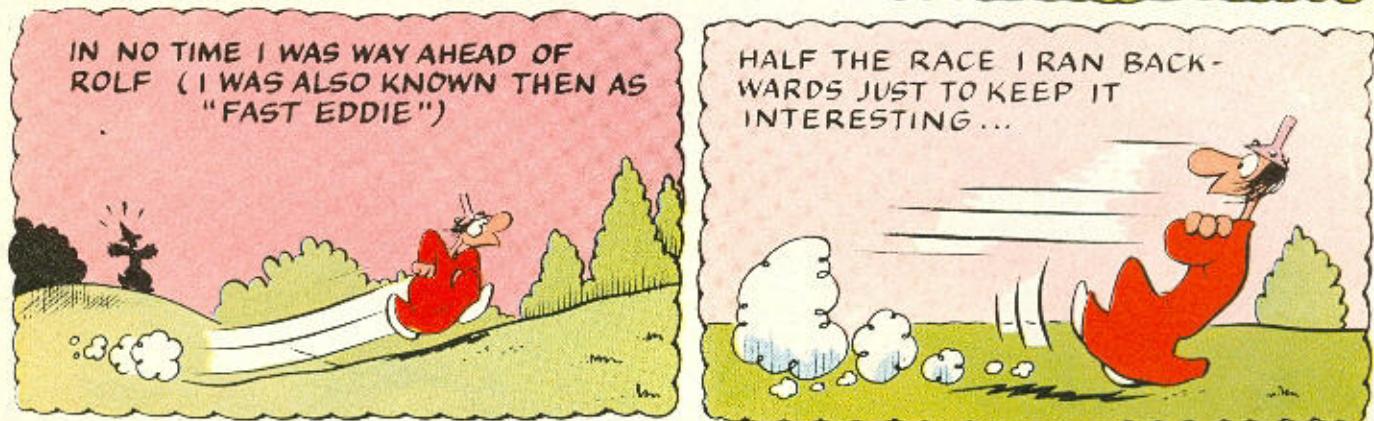
YOU'RE
NICE TOO!

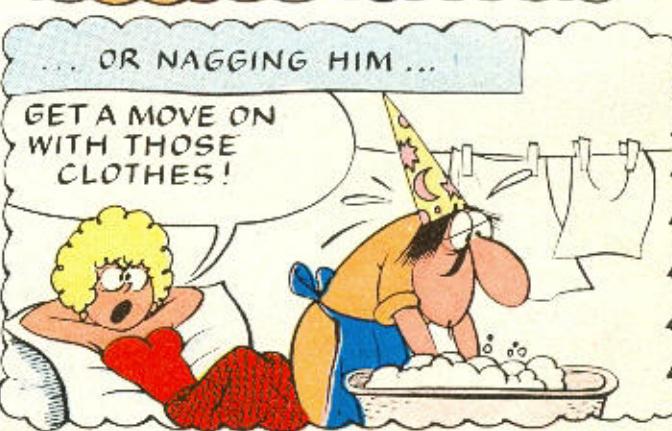
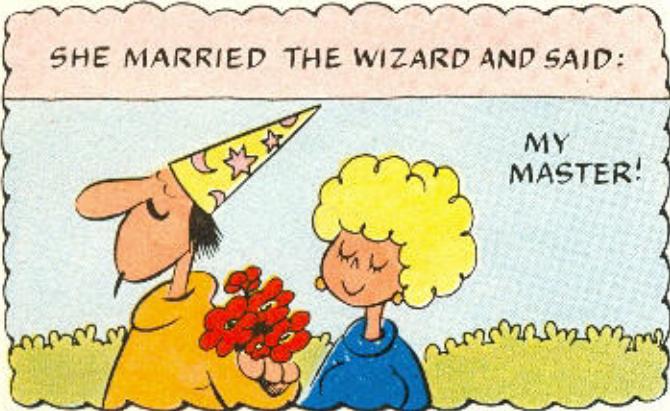
FINALLY I SAID:

EITHER CHOOSE
ONE OF US OR GET
A BIGGER SOFA!

AND SHE SAID:

I KNOW!
LET'S HAVE
A RACE!





FINALLY THE WIZARD
COULDN'T TAKE
ANY MORE...



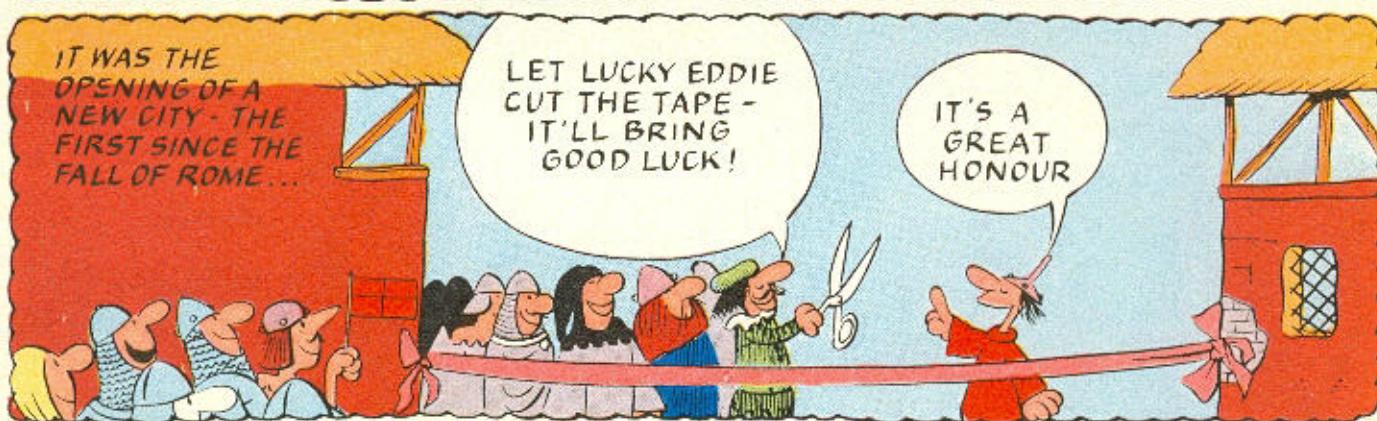
I REMEMBER THE VERY MOMENT
THE CURSE TOOK EFFECT...



IT WAS THE
OPENING OF A
NEW CITY - THE
FIRST SINCE THE
FALL OF ROME...

LET LUCKY EDDIE
CUT THE TAPE -
IT'LL BRING
GOOD LUCK!

IT'S A
GREAT
HONOUR

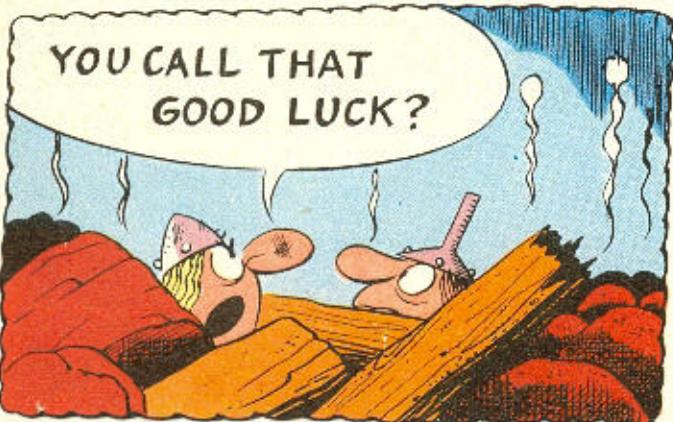


AND THEN IT HAPPENED...

WHAT DID
YOU DO?

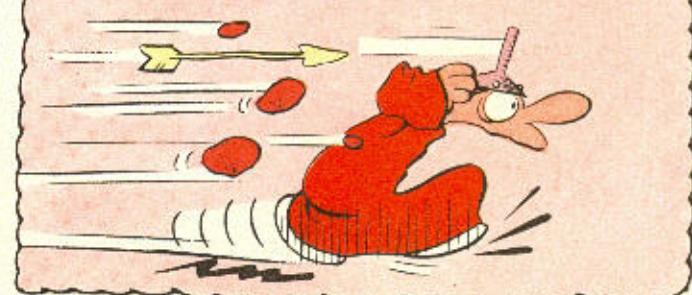
THE WHOLE CITY
IS FALLING
DOWN!

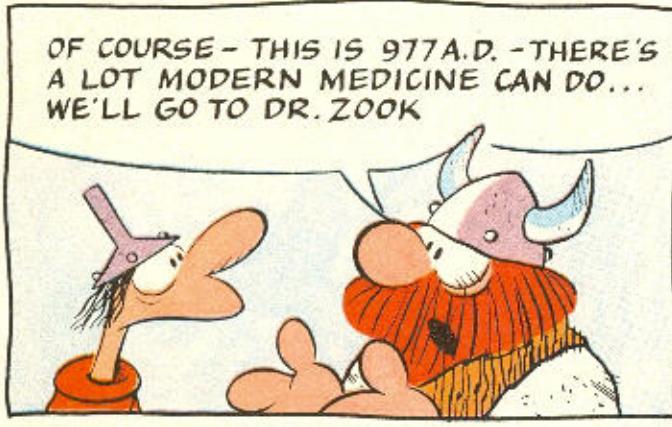
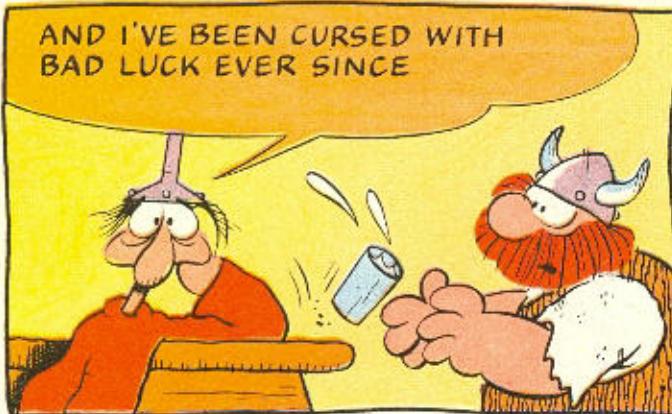
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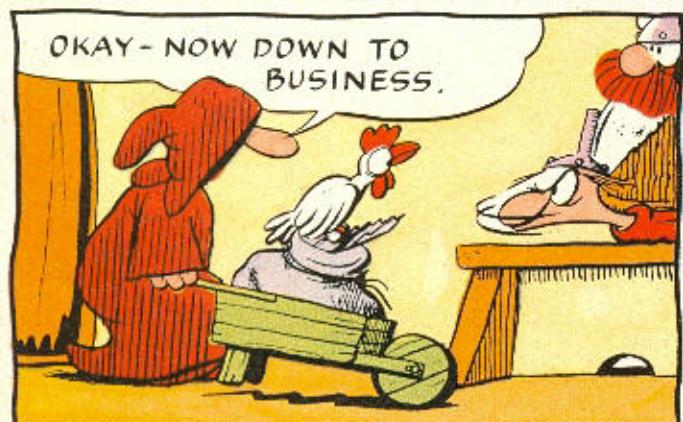
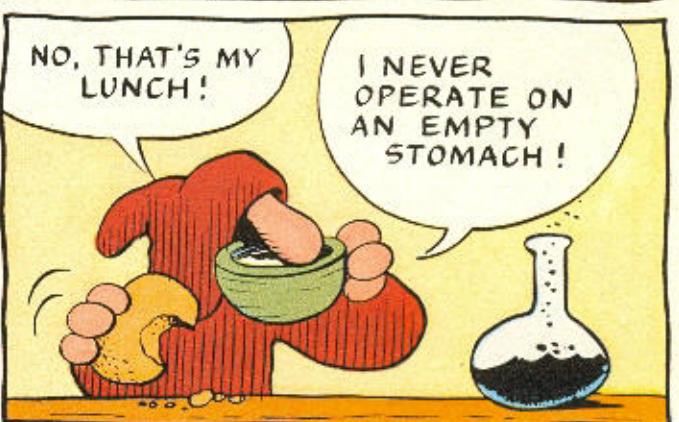
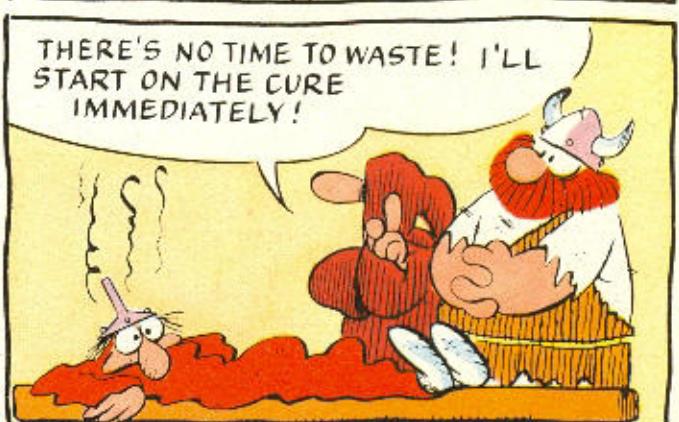
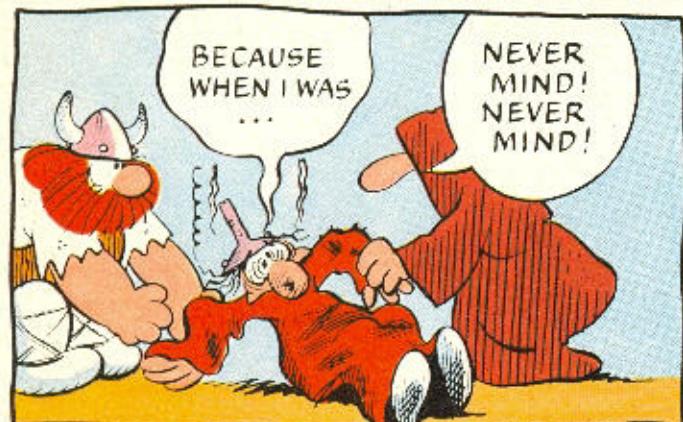
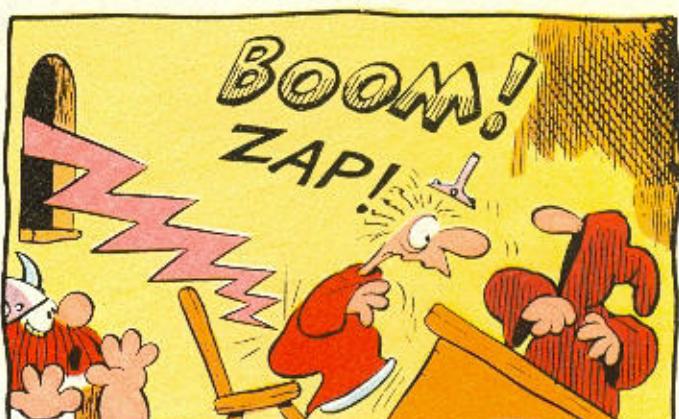
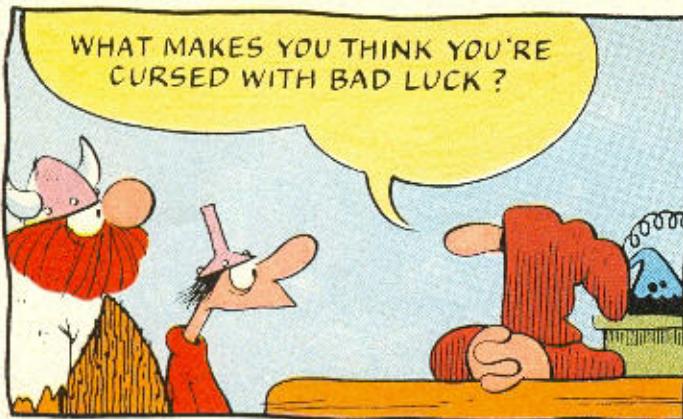


YOU CALL THAT
GOOD LUCK?

AND THAT IS HOW I WENT TO SEA...

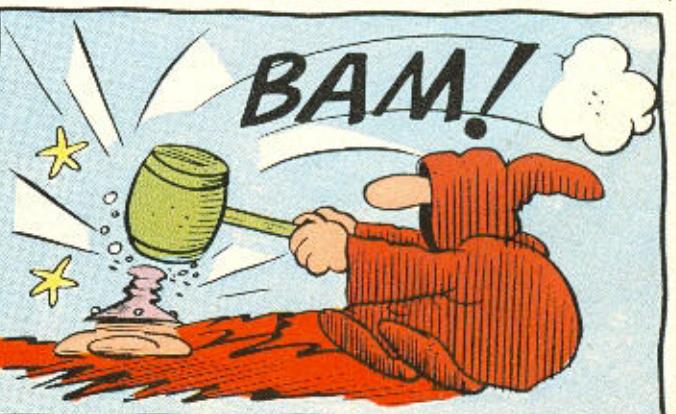
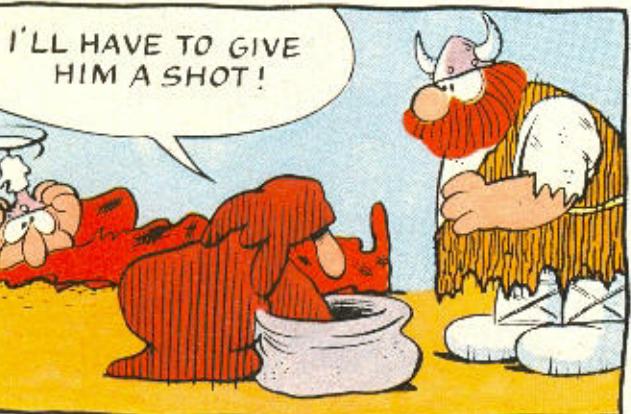
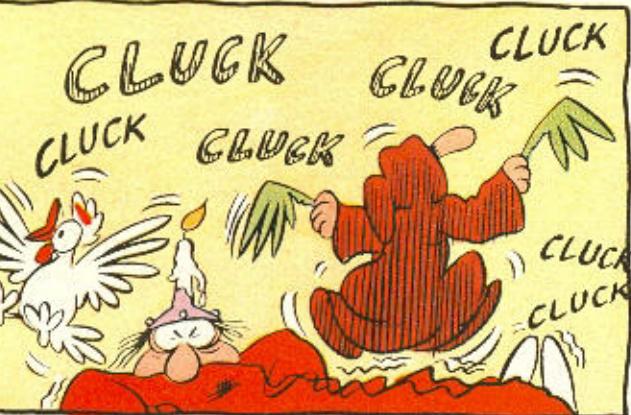
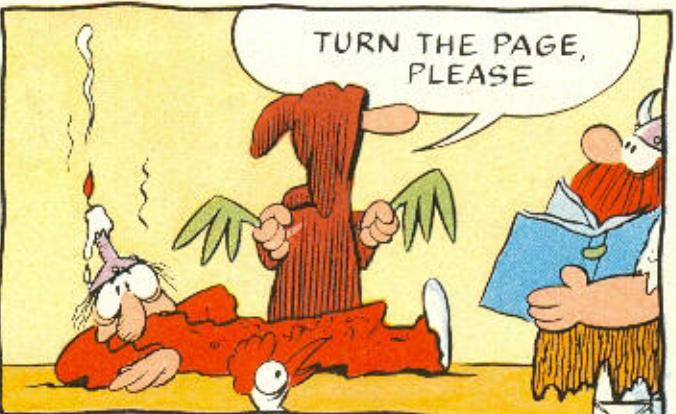
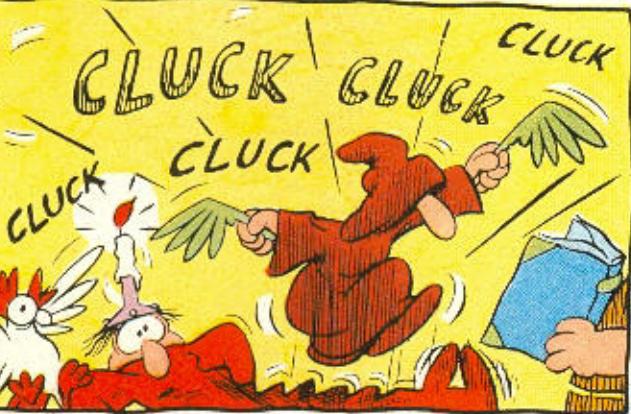




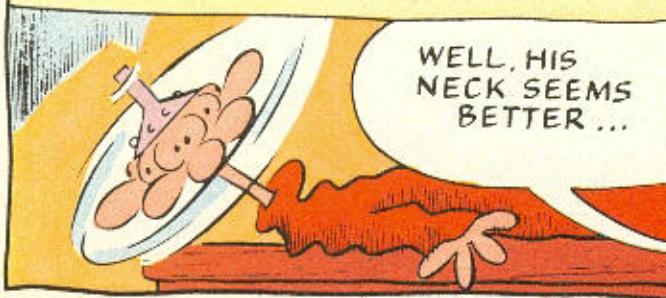


LET'S HAVE A LITTLE LIGHT
ON THE SUBJECT!

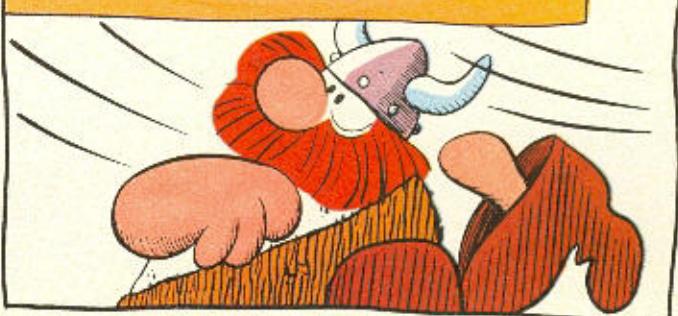
NOW, IF YOU'RE READY,
WE'LL BEGIN ...



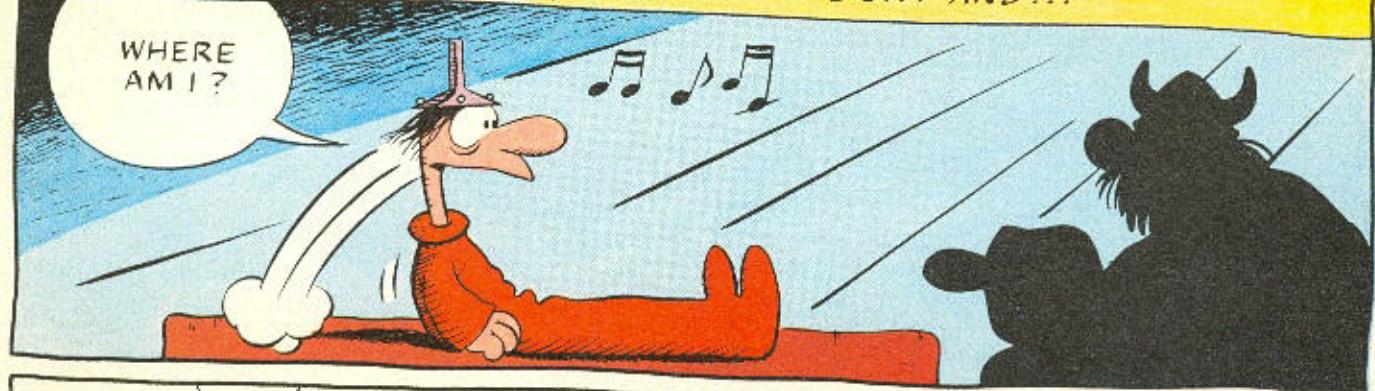
SLOWLY - THEN FASTER - LUCKY
EDDIE'S HEAD BEGAN TO TURN...



A COLD WIND BLEW
THROUGH THE ROOM...

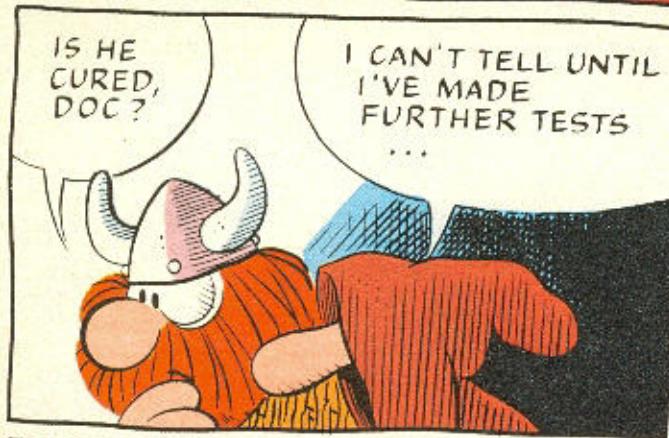


AND THE HOUSE FILLED WITH A STRANGE LIGHT AND...



IS HE
CURED,
DOC?

I CAN'T TELL UNTIL
I'VE MADE
FURTHER TESTS
...



TEST No 1

THE PEA IS
UNDER THE
MIDDLE ONE

CHECK

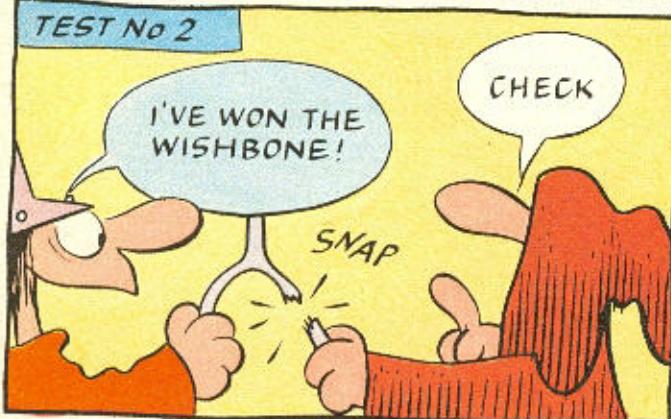


TEST No 2

I'VE WON THE
WISHBONE!

CHECK

SNAP

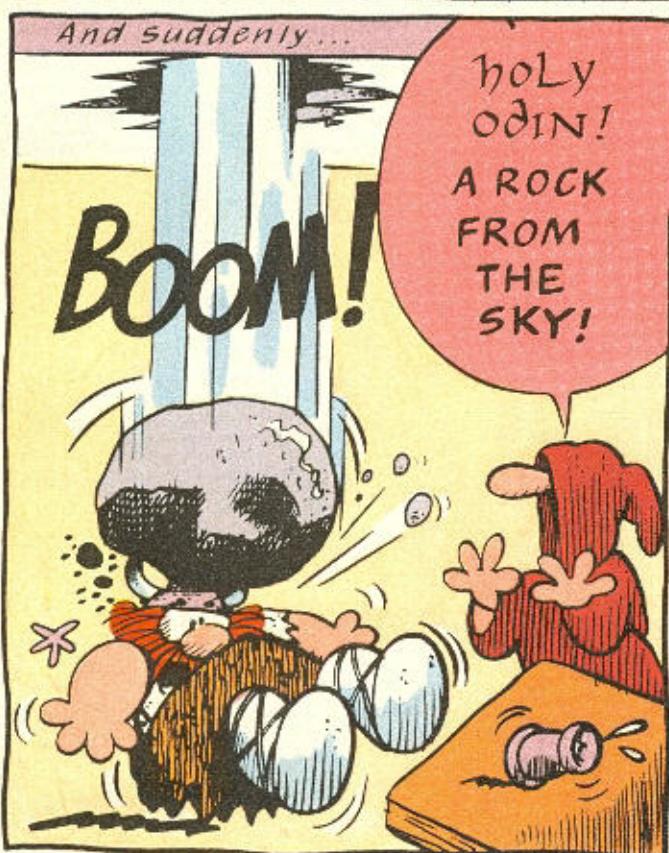
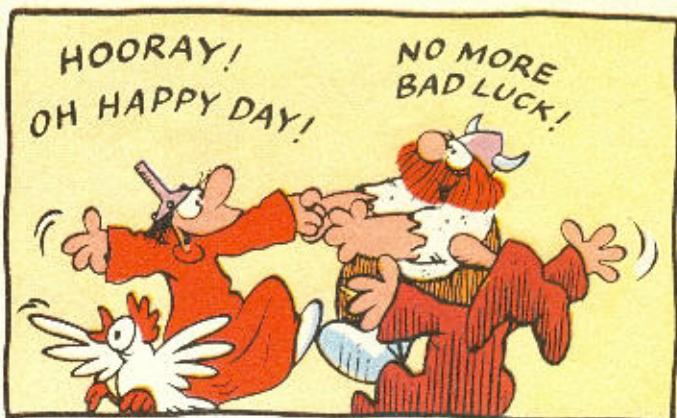


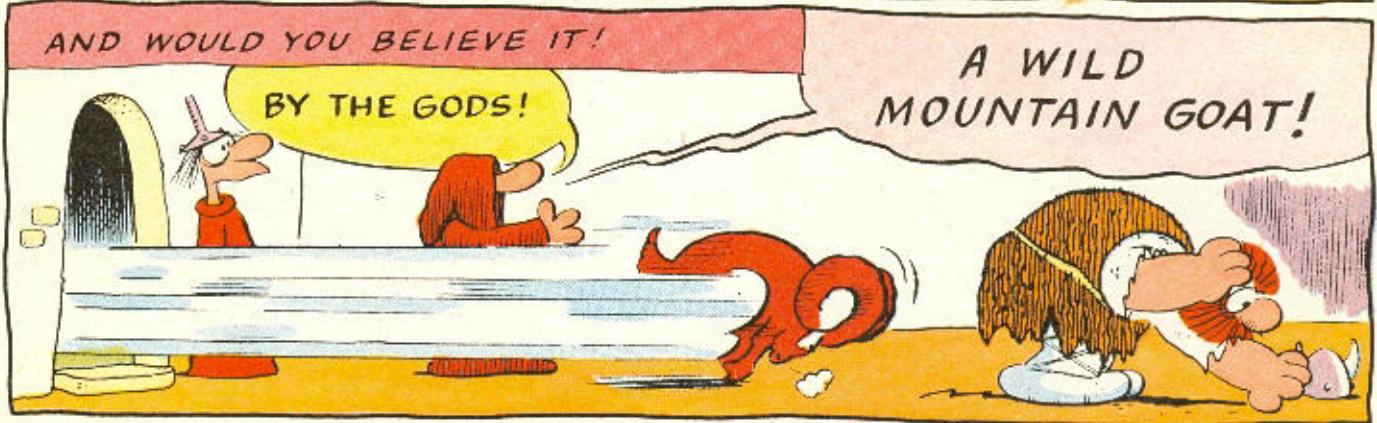
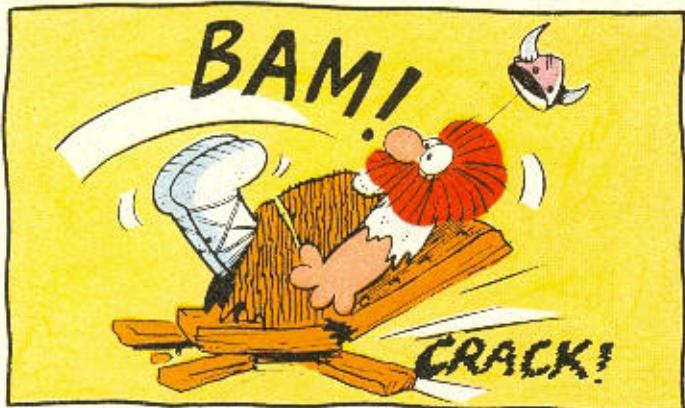
TEST No 3

I WIN! I HAVE
THE ACE!

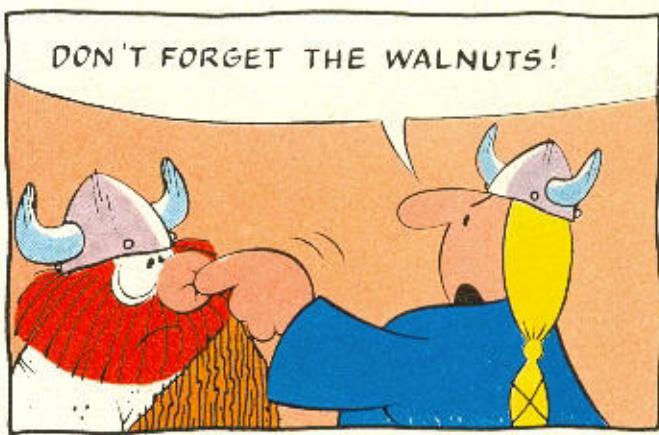
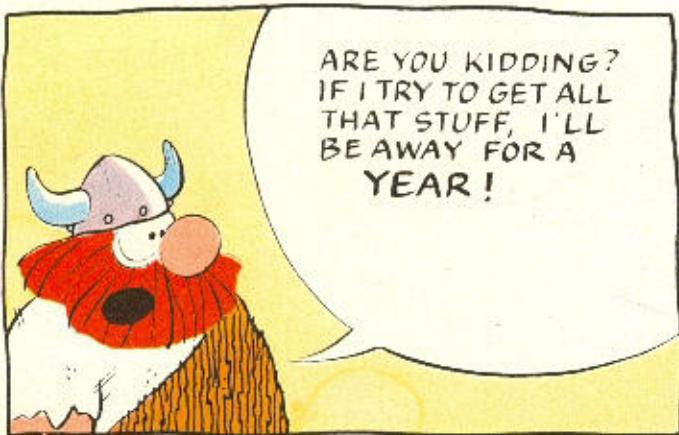
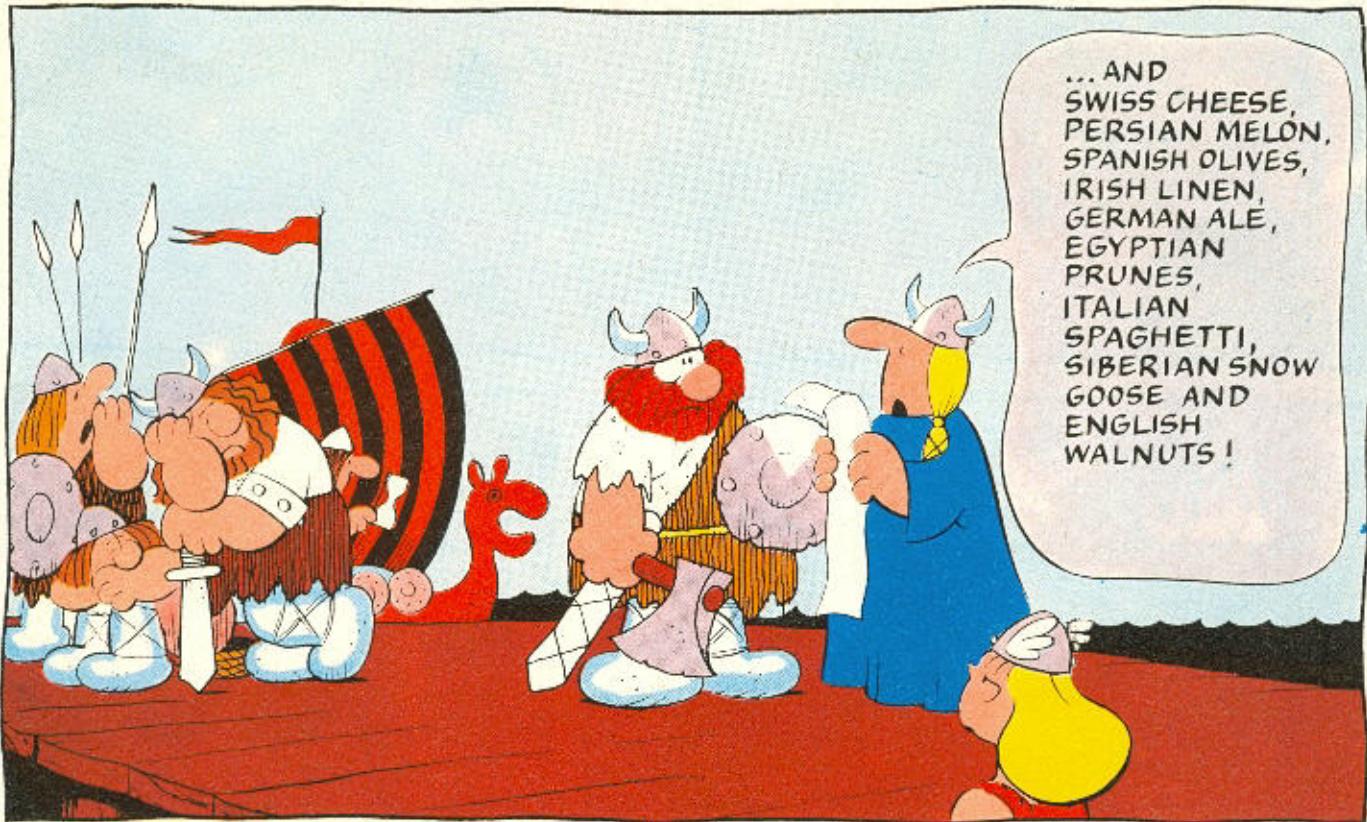
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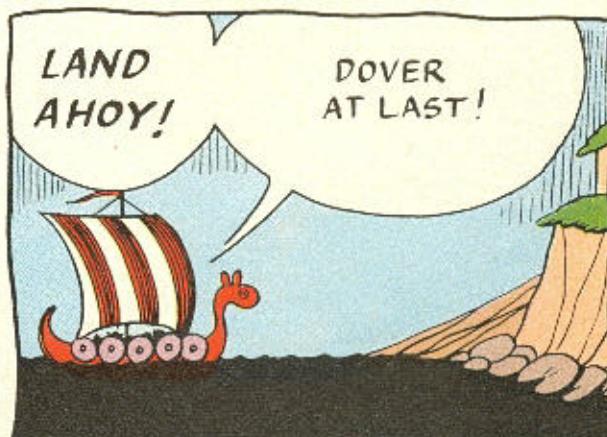
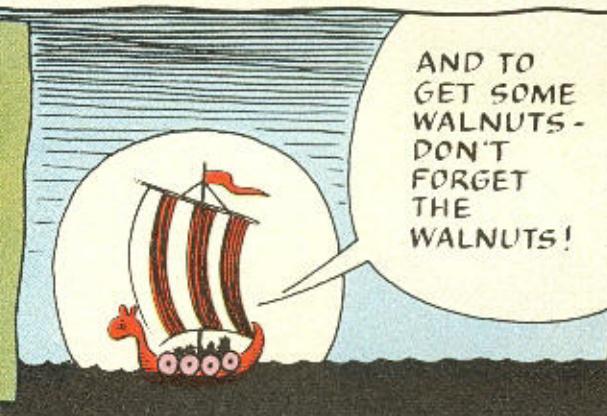
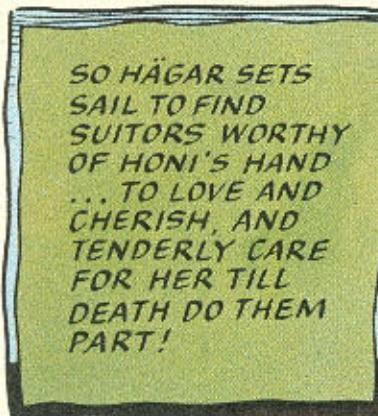
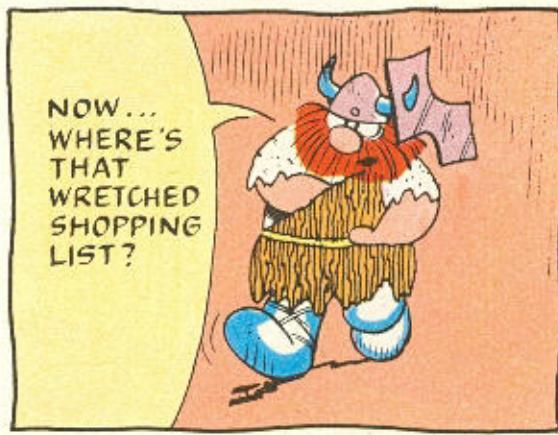


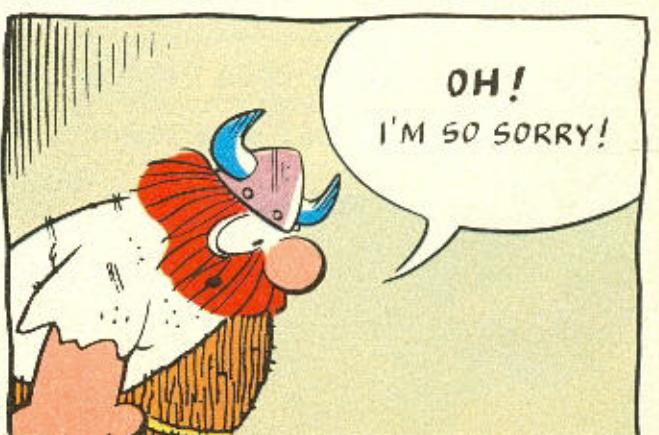
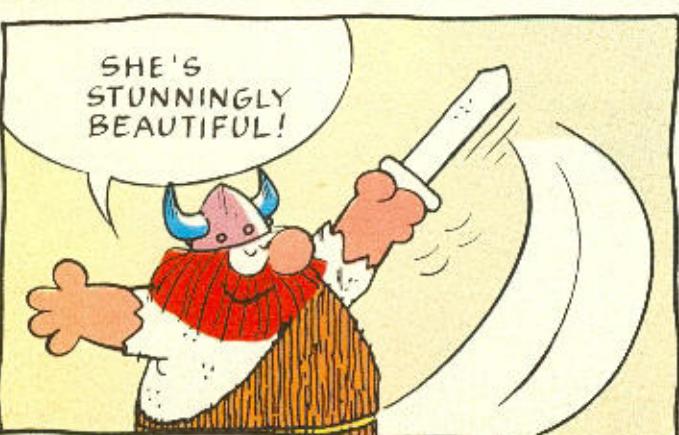
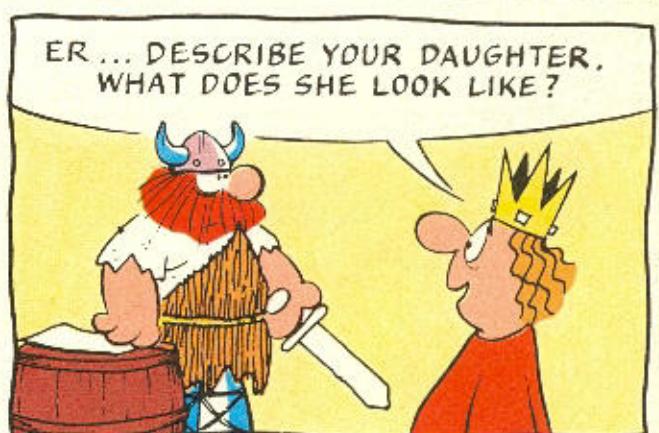
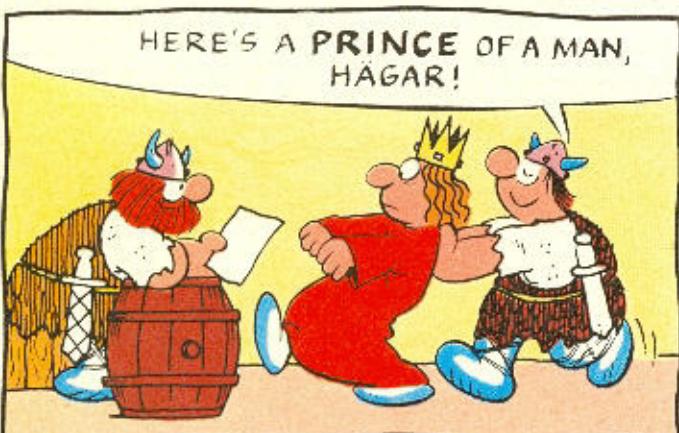
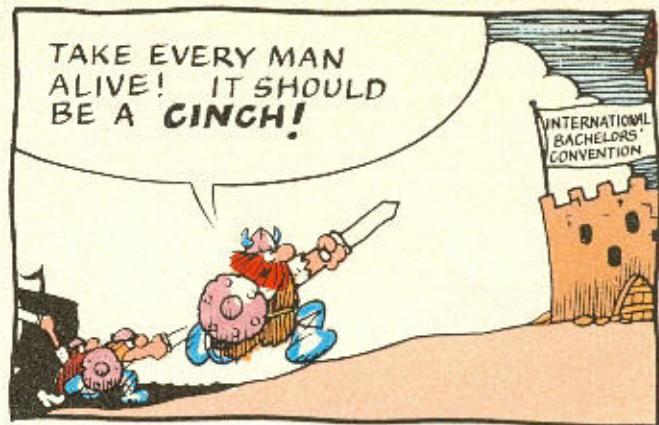


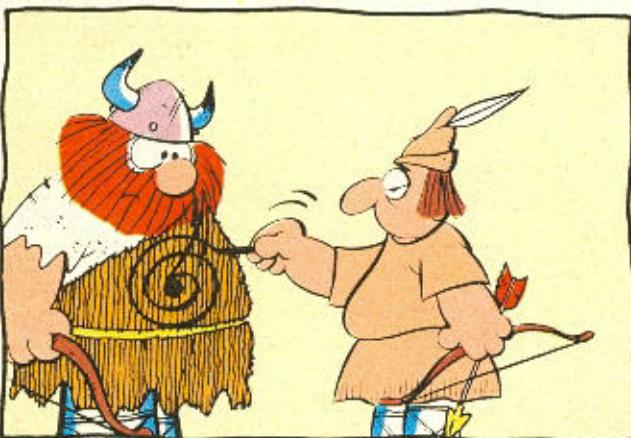
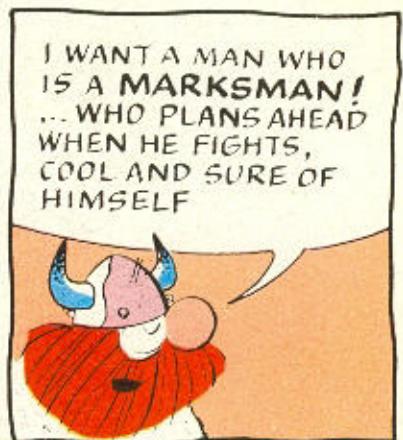
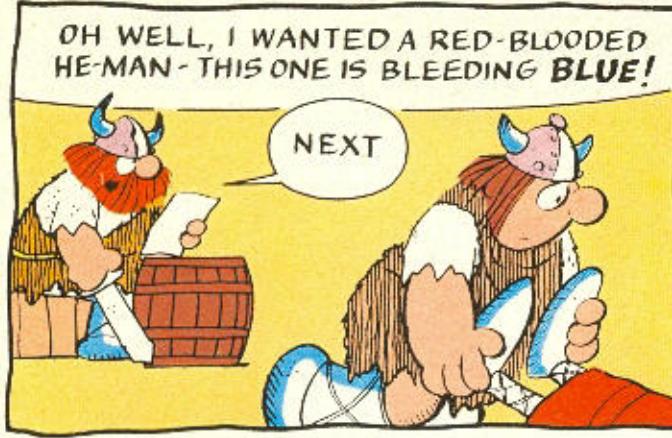


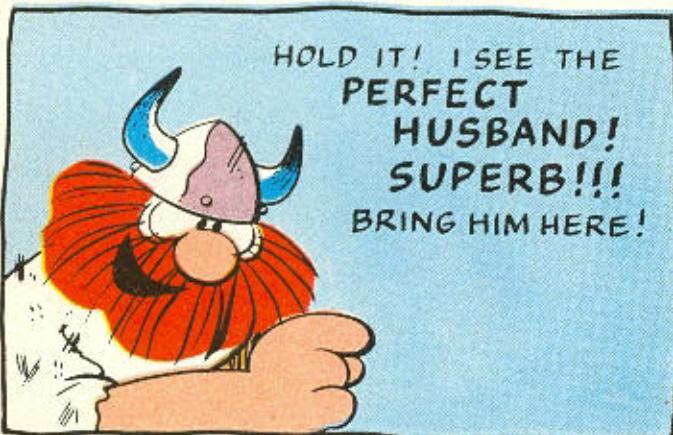
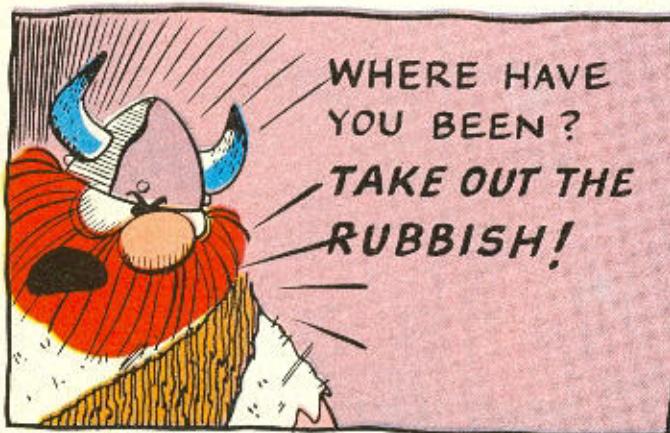
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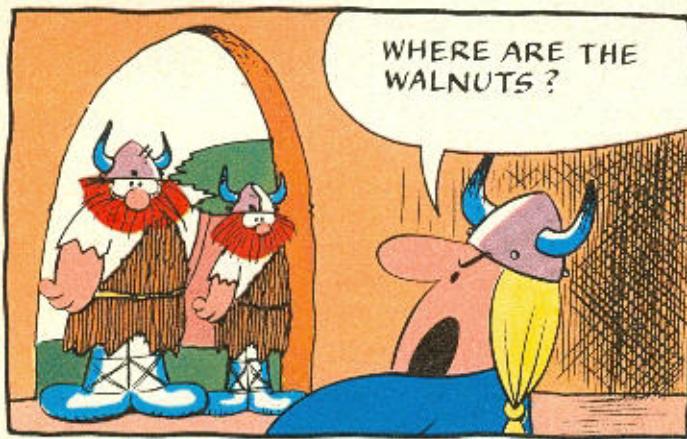




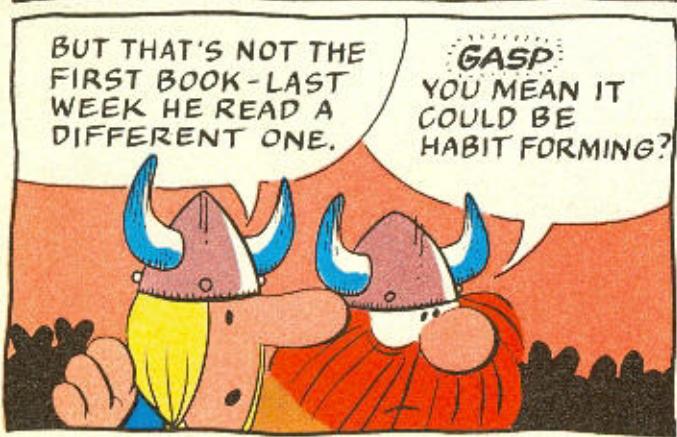
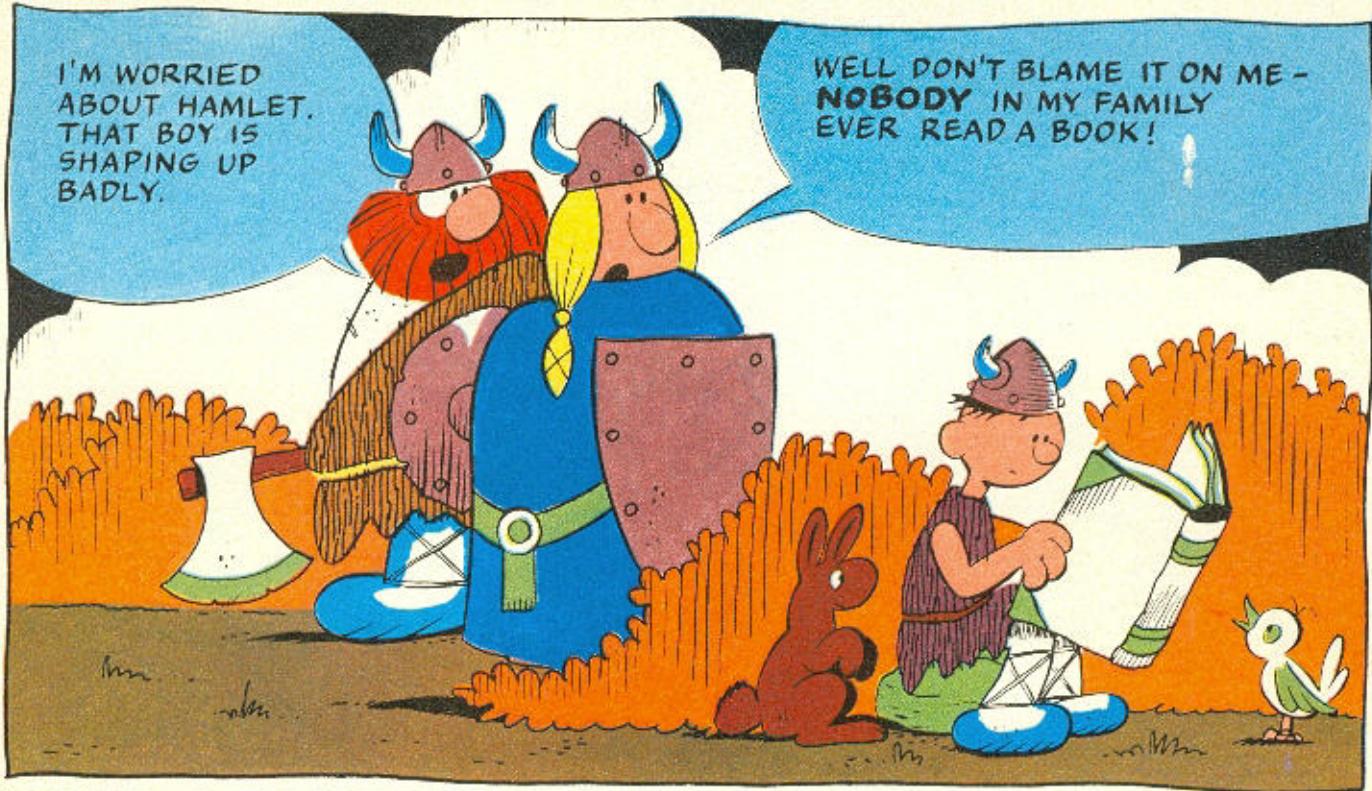


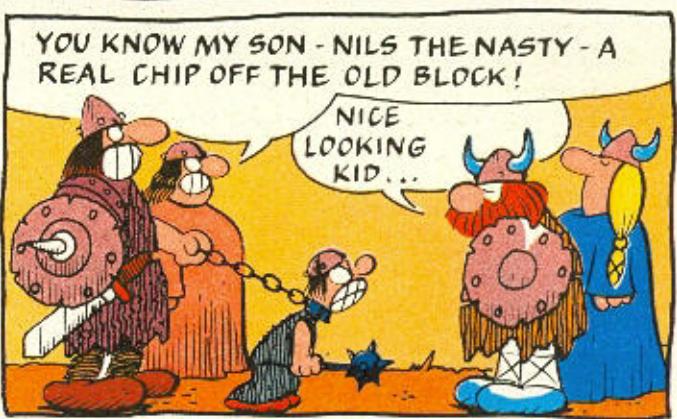
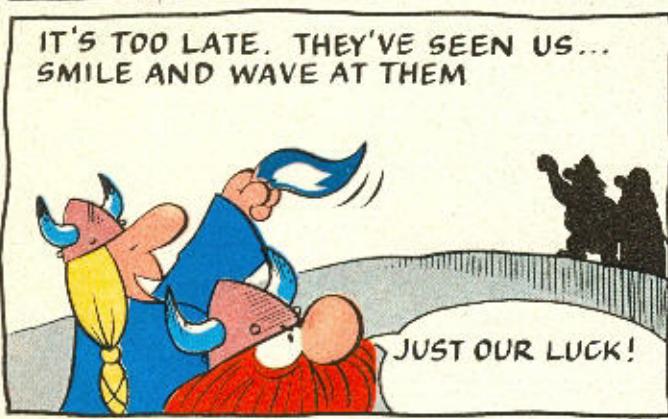
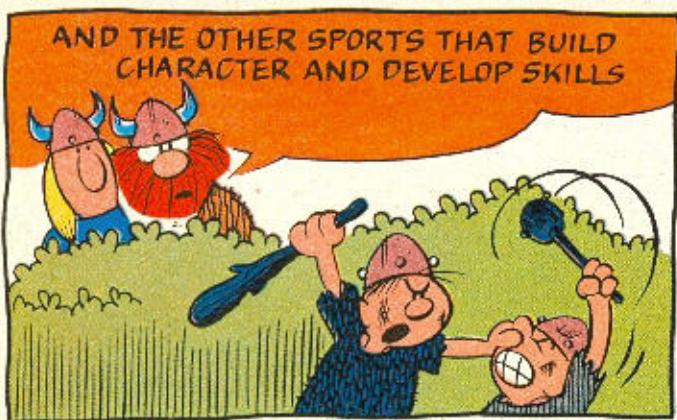
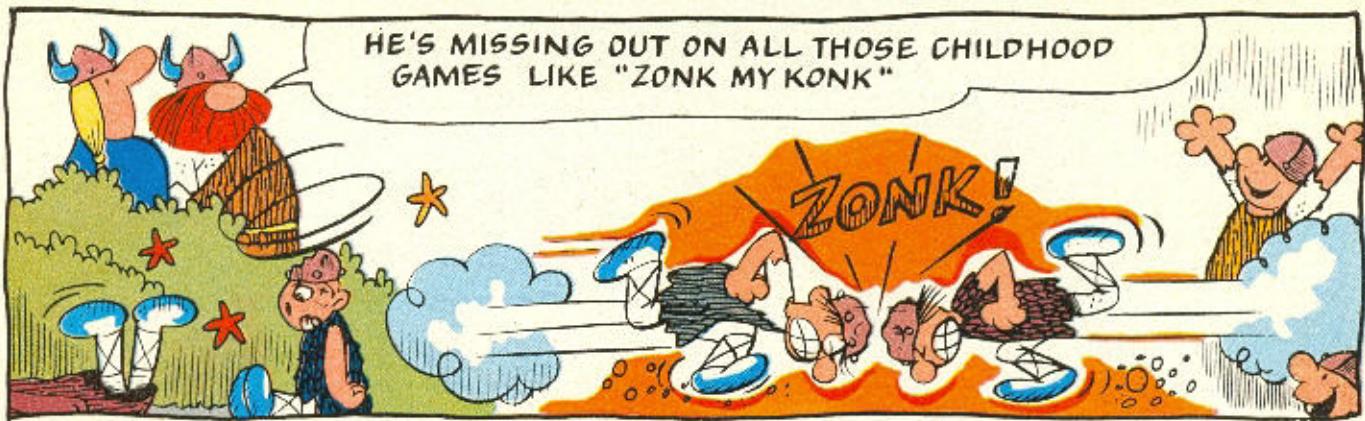


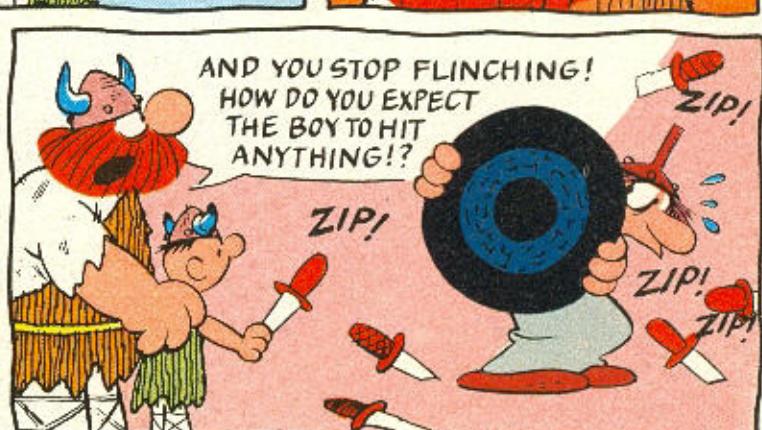
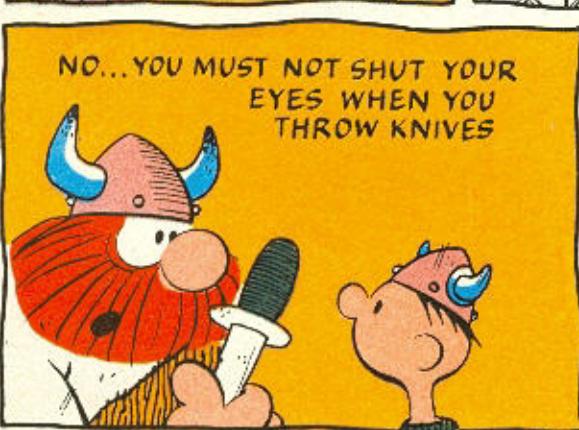
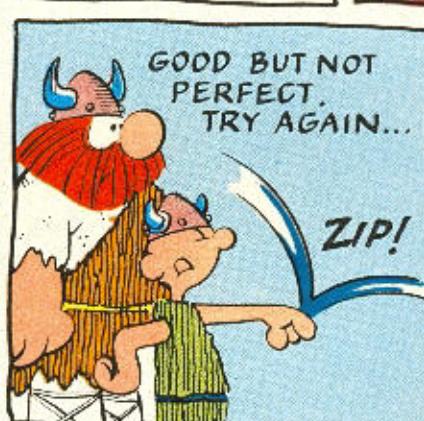
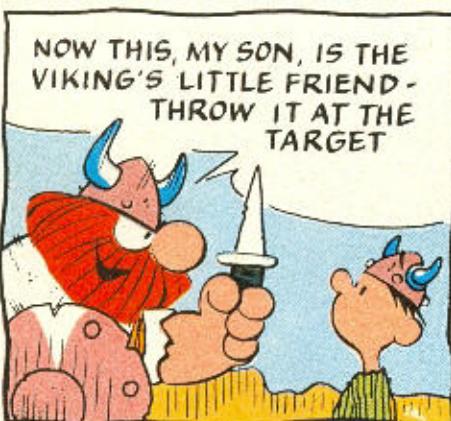
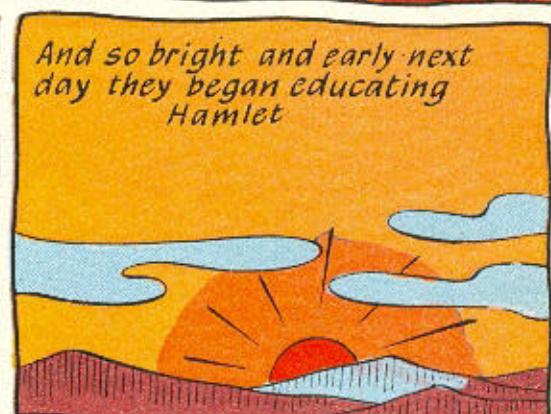
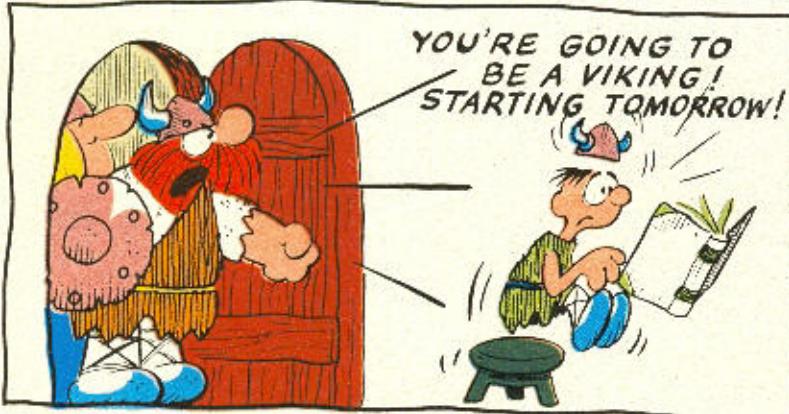




Educating Hamlet







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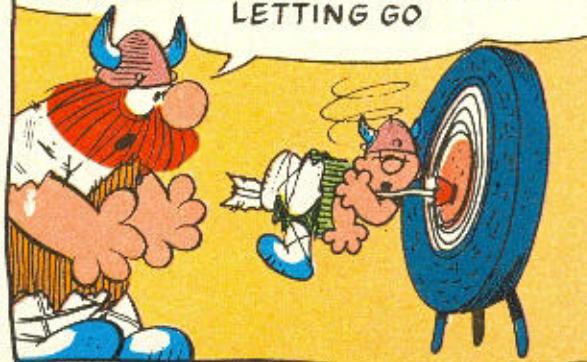


PULL BACK SLOW AND STEADY AND RELEASE!



ZITCH!

NO... YOU WERE A LITTLE SLOW
LETTING GO



NOW DON'T WORRY
- IT TAKES TIME
TO MAKE A
VIKING!



ZAP!

YOU
DID
IT!

OKAY... DO IT AGAIN TO GET THE
FEELING!



NOW FOR THE
GREAT SWORD...

THE
VIKING'S
RIGHT ARM

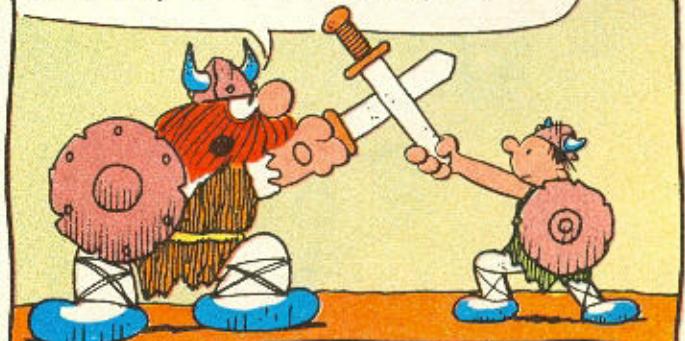


AND TAKE MY WORD FOR IT - I'M NOT IN
THE LEAST BIT WORRIED THAT YOU
WON'T MAKE A REAL
VIKING! RIGHT?



RIGHT!

RIGHT... NOW I'M WORRIED!



BUT AFTER A LOT OF TIME
PROGRESS WAS MADE ...

YOU'RE READY
FOR THE NEXT
STEP ...

WOW!
THANKS

THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE
REAL THING - SO YOU'RE COMING
ON MY NEXT
EXPEDITION ...

IT WON'T BE ANYTHING TOO
BIG OF COURSE... MAYBE
SACK LONDON OR LOOT
PARIS ...

JUST TO
GIVE YOU
THE FEEL
OF IT ...

THERE
WERE
HURRIED
PREP-
ARATIONS
FOR HIS DEPART-
URE ...

HELGA! THE BOY'S GOING TO
SEA TO BE A BLOODTHIRSTY
VIKING!

I KNOW

BLOODTHIRSTY VIKINGS
DON'T HAVE NAME TAGS
IN THEIR CLOTHING!

THIS ONE
DOES.

THERE WAS OF COURSE, LAST
MINUTE ADVICE ...

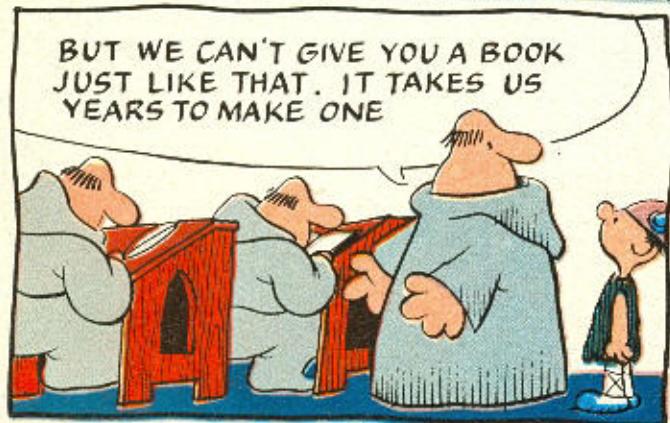
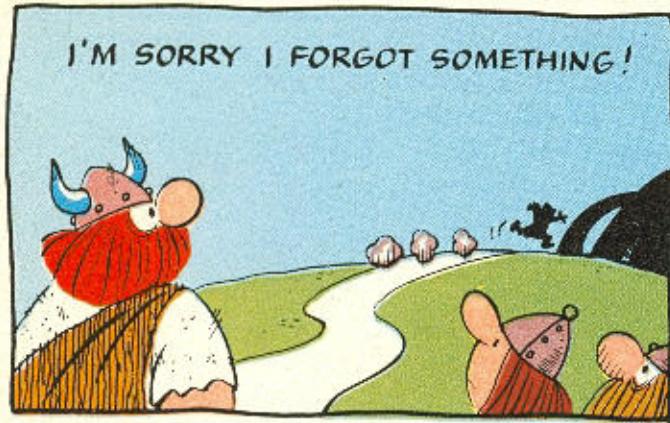
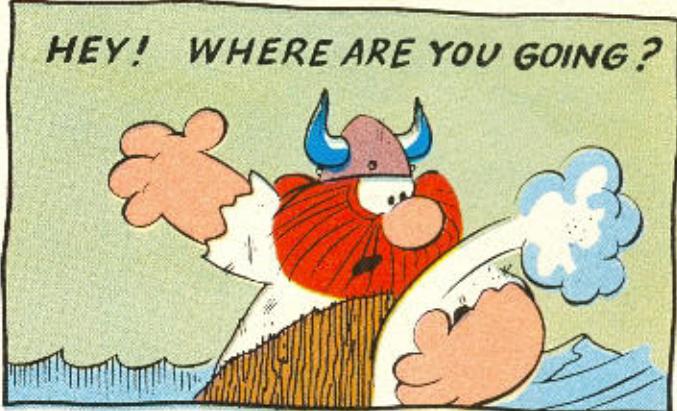
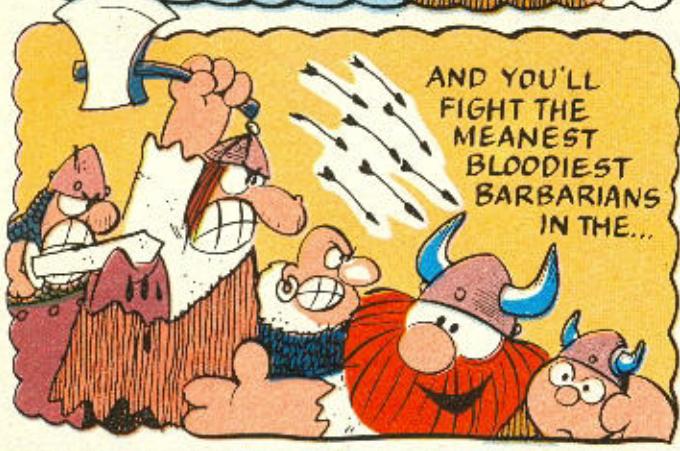
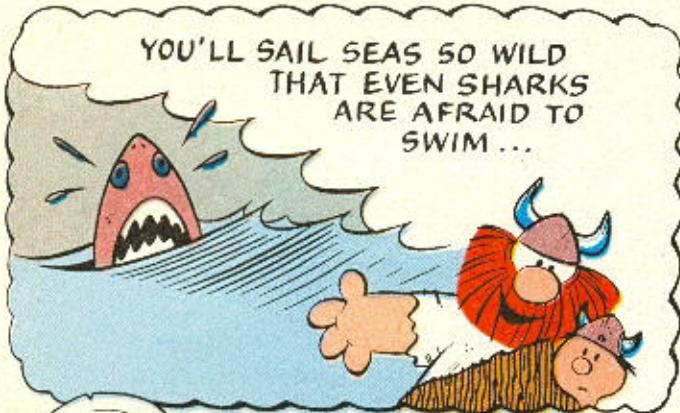
WASH YOUR EARS... CHANGE YOUR
UNDERWEAR EACH DAY, AND
SAY "SIR" AND
"MAM"

AND THE DAY AND
HOUR ARRIVED!

TIDE'S
UP!

AND NOW, HAMLET - THE FUN PART
OF YOUR EDUCATION BEGINS...

OH
GOOD!

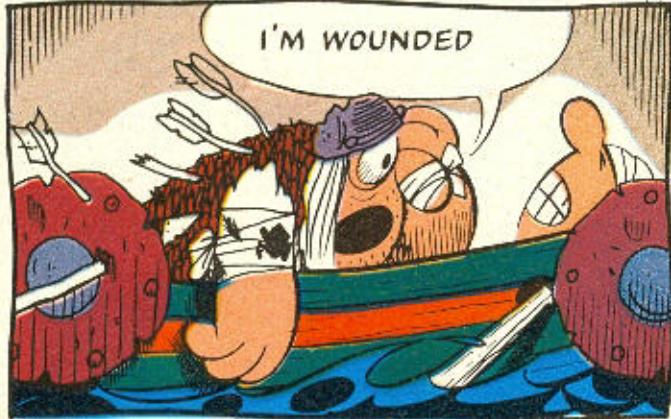


Home is the Hero

VOWING NEVER
TO WAR
AGAIN
HÄGAR'S
VIKINGS
SAIL FOR
HOME -
WOUNDED
AND
WEARY ...



I'M WOUNDED



I'M WEARY

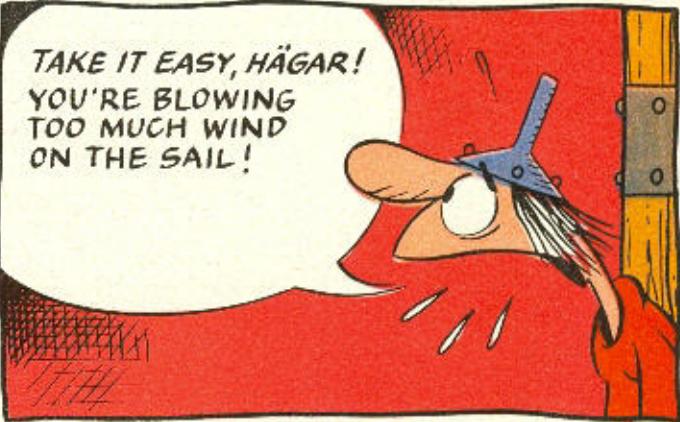


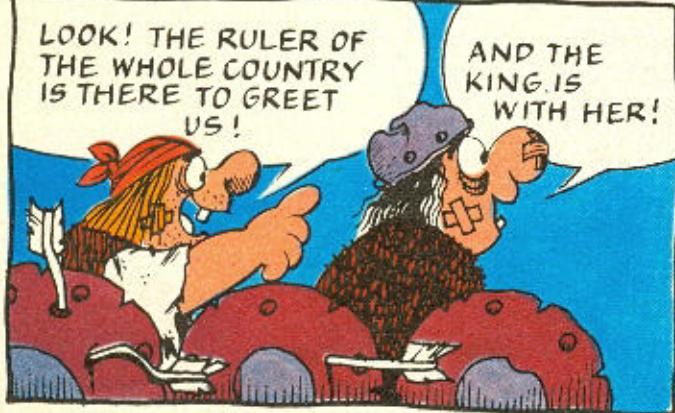
I'M HÄGAR!

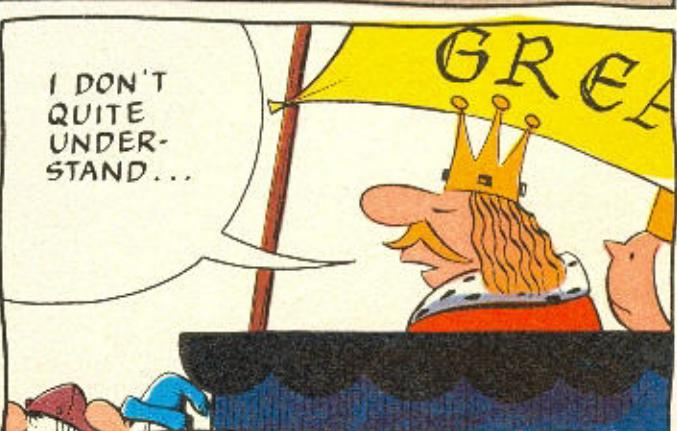
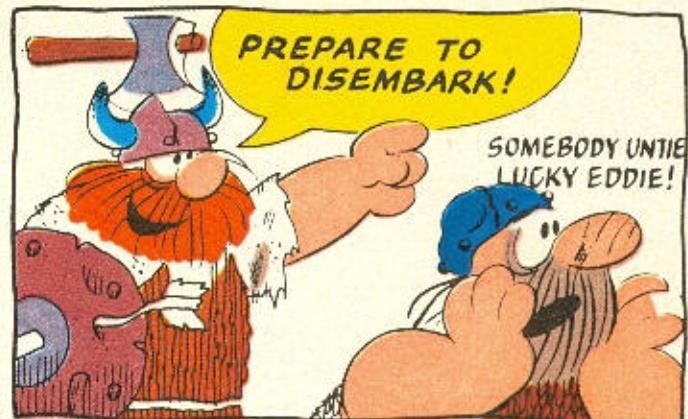
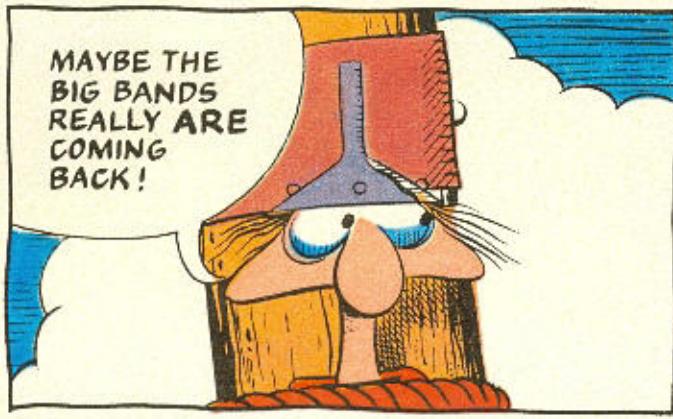
- AND I WANT
MORE ROWING
AND LESS
COMPLAINING!

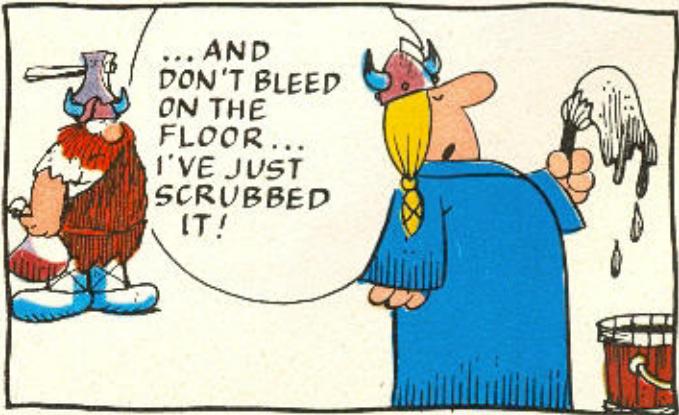
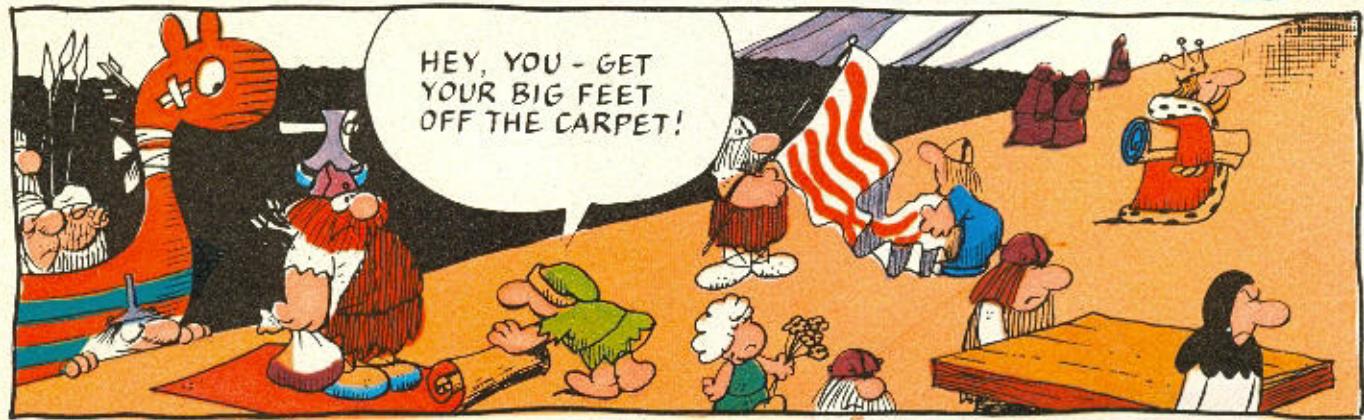
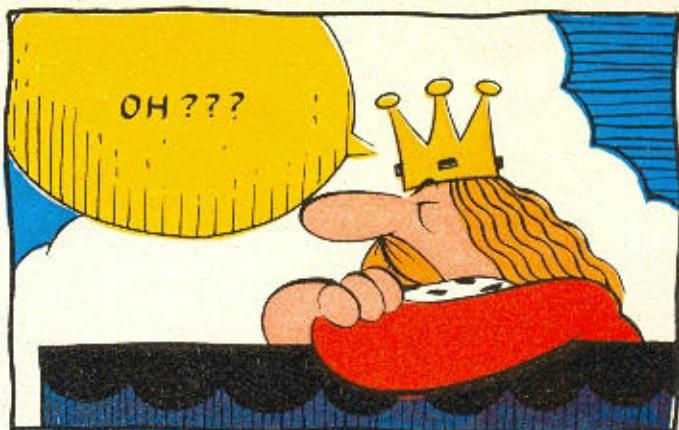


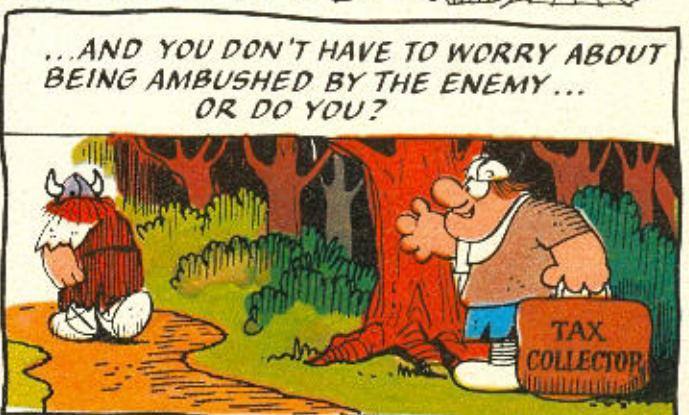
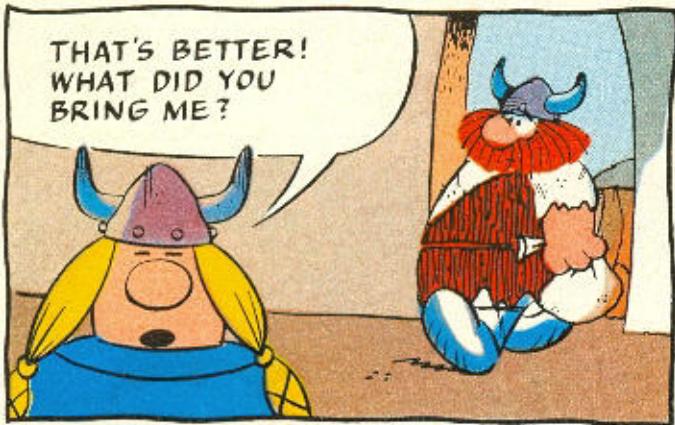
TAKE IT EASY, HÄGAR!
YOU'RE BLOWING
TOO MUCH WIND
ON THE SAIL!

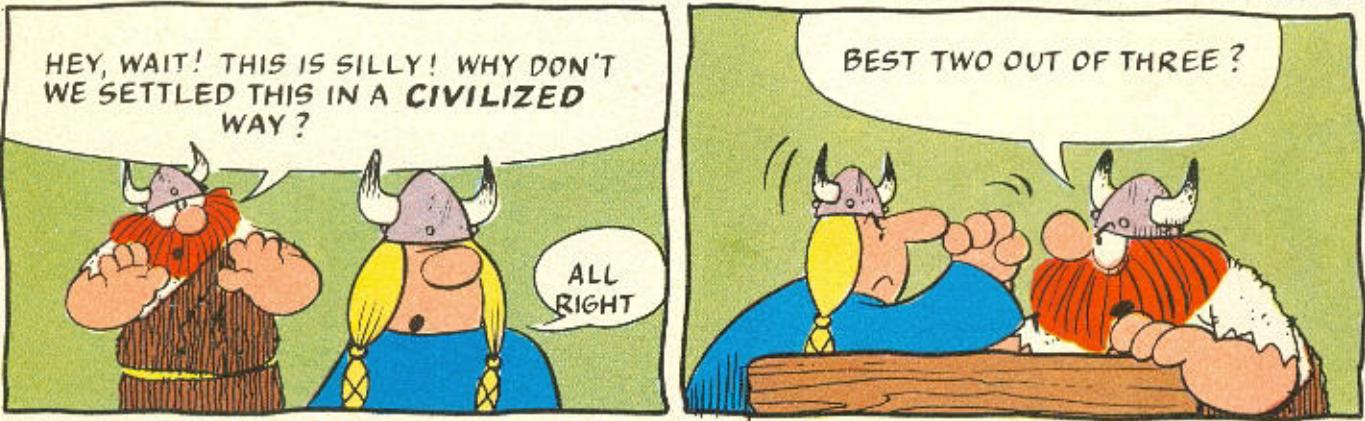
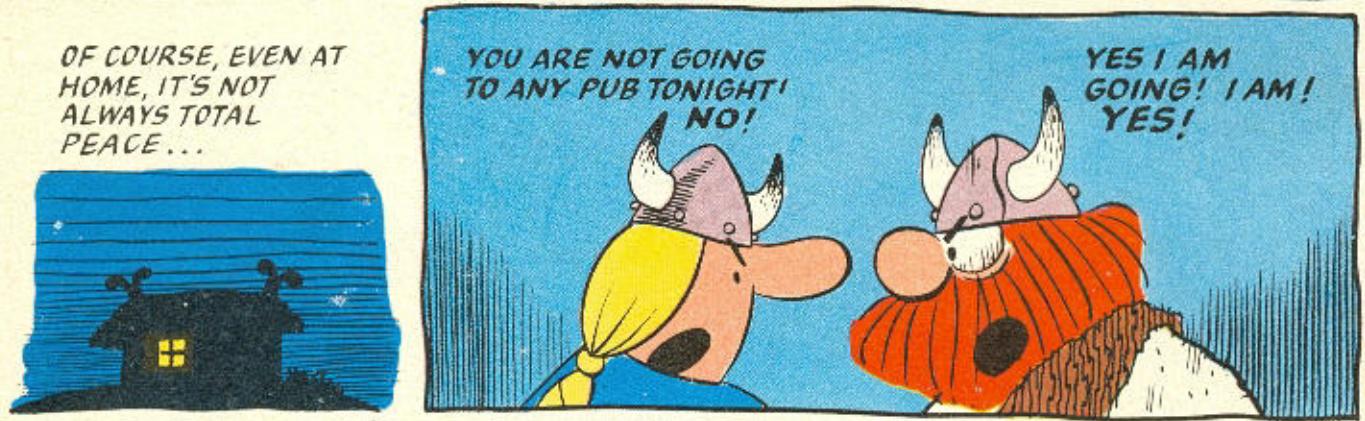
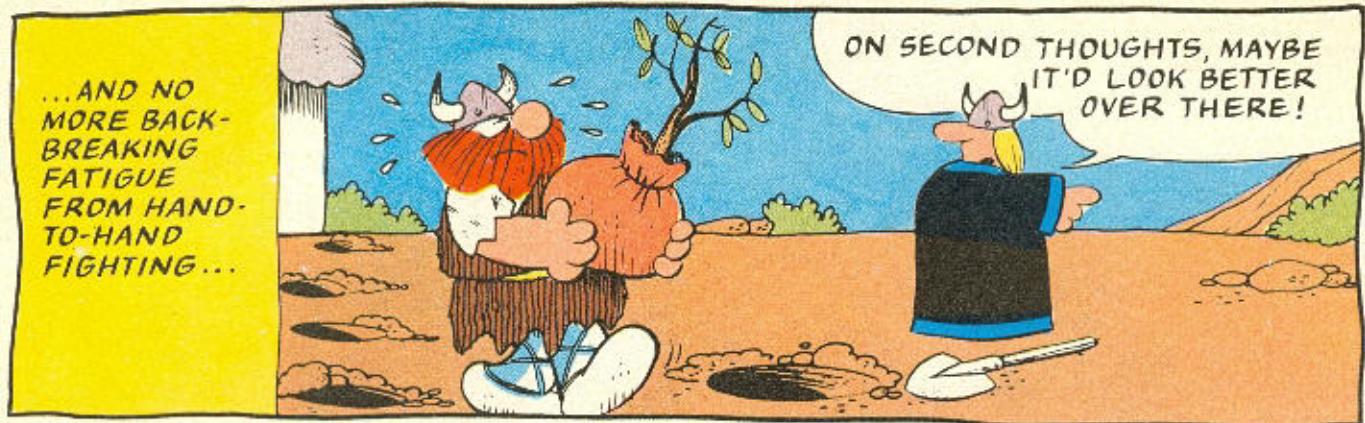


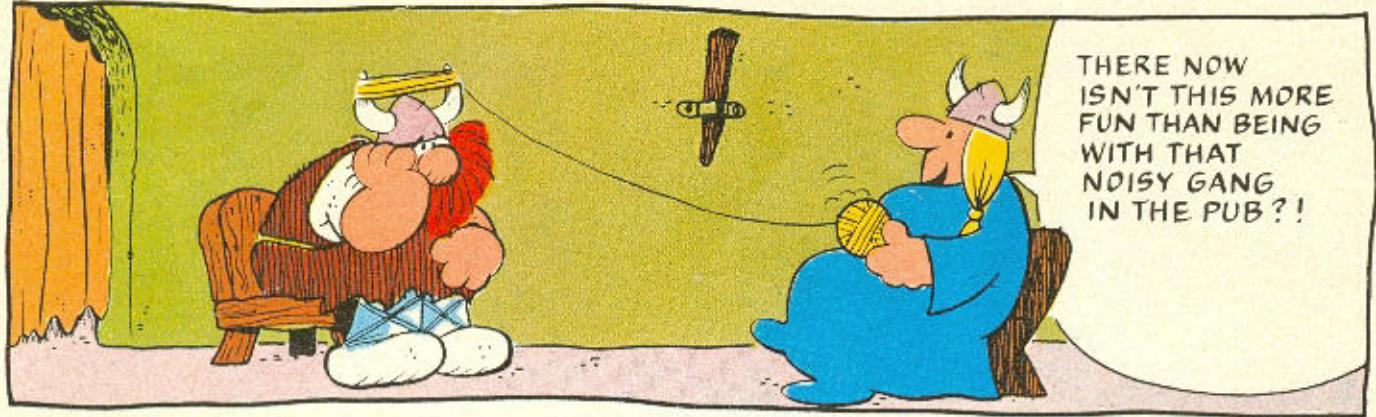












AH, HOME! THERE'S
ALWAYS PLENTY TO
DO AROUND THE
HOUSE ...

THE WELL IS FROZEN - THE
ROOF IS LEAKING AND
THE FIRE IS OUT!

THANKS FOR THE TIP -
I'LL SEE YOU
TOMORROW!



GREAT!

AH!
PEACE AT
LAST!

PEACE IS
GREAT, ISN'T
IT?

NO!
WHERE?
WHEN?

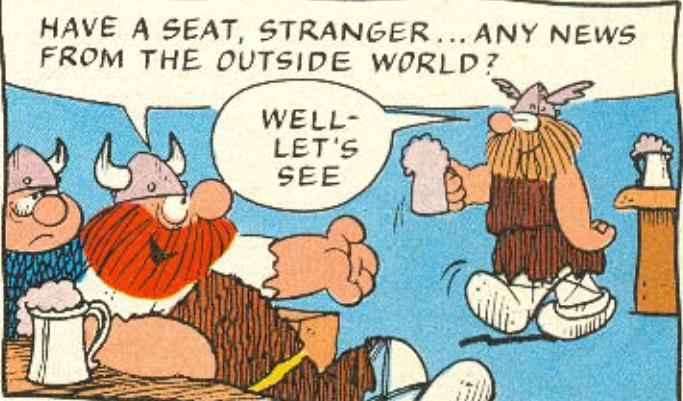
ANY RUMOUR
ABOUT A WAR?

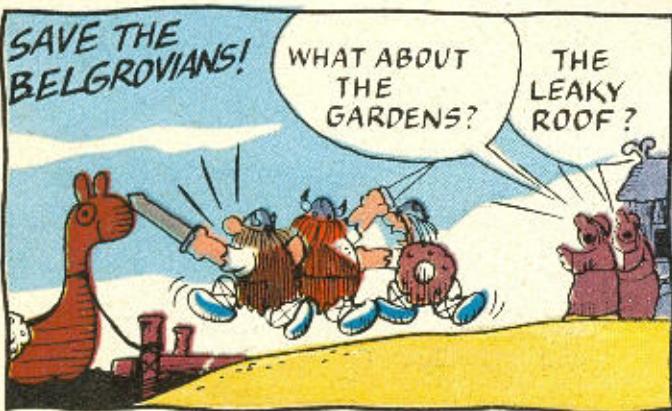
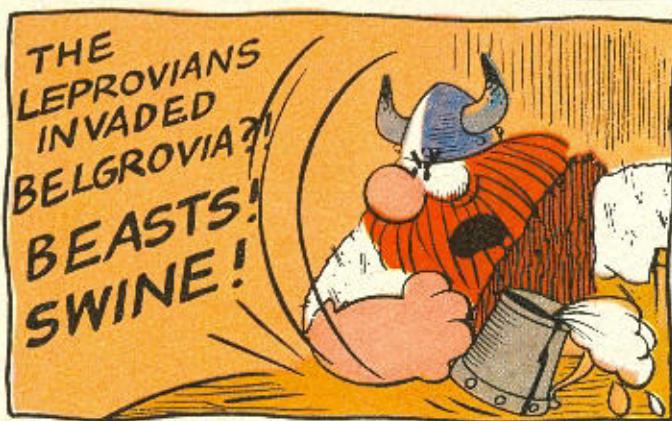
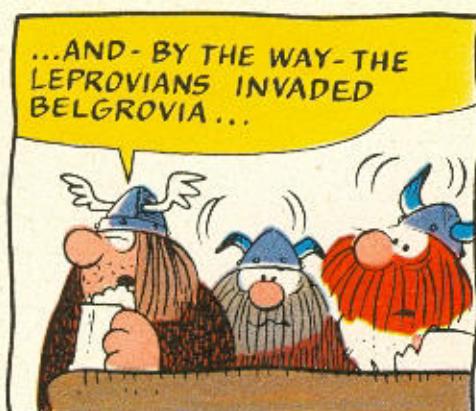
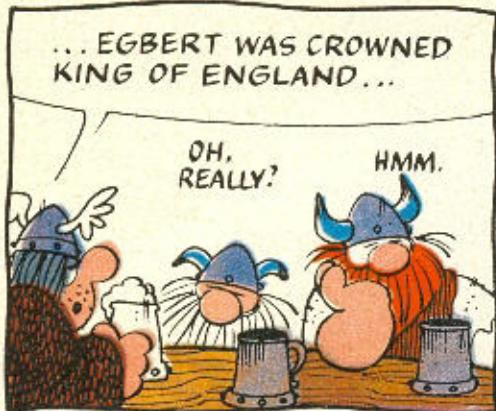


WHAT A
STREAK OF
PEACE!

NOT EVEN A
SKIRMISH!

NOT
EVEN A
FIST
FIGHT!





MEET HÄGAR . . .

THE WORLD'S FAVOURITE BARBARIAN

