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AND THE LAKE OF SHARKS



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SHARKS**

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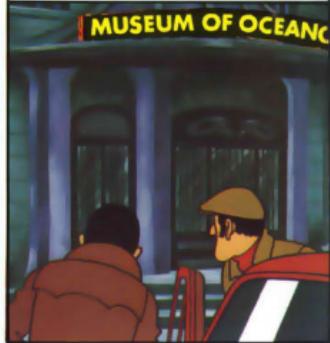
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Lamplight gleams on the rain-washed streets. All is quiet: the city sleeps. Only a car moves in the night, creeping silently into the square...



... stopping in front of the Museum of Oceanography. Two men get out ...



... and slip cautiously into a narrow alley beside the building.



No problem to break into the showcase, lift the marvellous jewel from its shell ... Then, suddenly ...

Lights! ... A guard on his rounds!... Get out of sight, quick!



STOP THIEF!

Quick, Joe. Shove in the fake pearl
and let's get out of here ...

That'll fox 'em,
and no
mistake!

Back to the car now ...
don't hang around!



A close shave. Seconds later the guards rush back, with the Director of the Museum ...

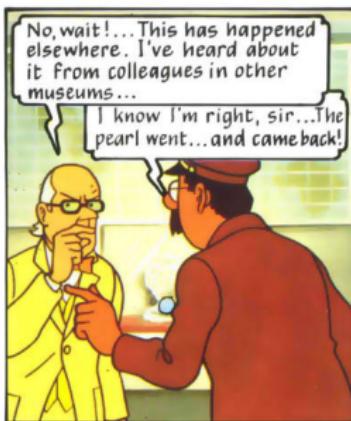
What sort of tomfoolery is this? There's
the pearl, perfectly safe ...

What the...? I could have sworn ...



No, wait!... This has happened
elsewhere. I've heard about
it from colleagues in other
museums ...

I know I'm right, sir... The
pearl went... and came back!



These are the only witnesses! If only they could talk ...



Next day, at Klown airport in Syldavia,
a B714 comes in to land...



Among the passengers are Tintin, Snowy and Captain Haddock.

Here we are, Captain. Out we get!



But the Customs are waiting. The Captain's golf bag gets a thorough search.

Golf! ... Nothing to declare!... You compris? ... Golf club... hit, hit... little ball... Understand?

Naturally, sir. You may proceed. Welcome to Syldavia.



Blistering barnacles! Idiots! Just a few harmless golf clubs!

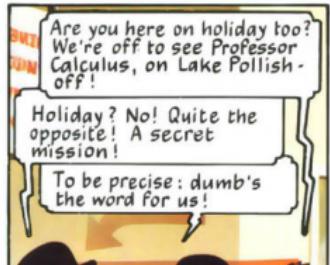


Oh! So sorry!



Great snakes! Thomson and Thompson! What on earth are they doing in Syldavia?





The starboard engine begins to splutter... coughs... and finally ... dies

We're done for!... Engine's kaput! ... Jump!



The passengers watch dumb-founded as the pilot, his parachute ready, leaps from the plane.



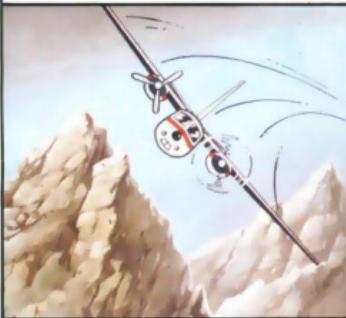
Tintin keeps his head. In a flash he is in the pilot's seat ...

Jump ? Us ? Without parachutes? ... You're crazy! ... Hi! You! ... Come back here!



Tintin fights desperately to regain control ... and dodges between huge mountain peaks... Lower and lower, past towering crags ...

I'm going to try to land her in that valley... Undercarriage down... Hang on, here we go!



Wheels slam into the rocky ground, tyres scream and burst. One wing torn away, the plane hurtles on to destruction ...



Skidding wildly towards a precipice... it stops, poised over the abyss ...



No! Two well-aimed ropes are suddenly flung over the battered tail...



In the nick of time!
Two children, passing in a donkey-cart, have spotted the damaged aircraft and come to the rescue.



Tintin, Snowy and Captain Haddock are safely out... Now only the Thompsons are left on board...



Suddenly...



The plane plunges forward... As it goes, the detectives are flung through the door...



The aircraft smashes into the ravine and explodes... Debris scatters in all directions.



Lucky for us you were here! My name is Tintin. These are my friends: Captain Haddock, Mr Thompson and Mr Thomson. And this is Snowy.

I am called Niko, and this is my sister, Nushka.



We were on our way to visit a friend... Cuthbert Calculus... He lives in the Villa Sprog, by the lake.

The Villa Sprog!... You mustn't go!... The lake is a bad place!



Despite the warning the travellers climb into the cart and set off with the children towards the Villa Sprog... But, high on a cliff, someone is watching them... Their pilot!

Vulture Four calling Neptune... Operation Sardine unsuccessful Customers heading for rendezvous two... Over and out!



Winding their way through the hills the travellers come at last to the Villa Sprog, built on the lakeside.



Here you are at last! I was getting quite worried!

Dear old Cuthbert! Blistering barnacles, it's good to see you!

Thank you again for everything... We'll see you tomorrow?



The Captain doesn't waste time: he heads for the bar...

I'm dry as a bone after all that cliff hanging! I need a whisky...



YOW!



Billions of bilious blue blistering barnacles... What's this?... An indoor mirage??!

The bar was just a three-dimensional image. I'm trying out this machine... I'll explain everything while we have supper. Madame Flik, my house-keeper, has prepared a special savoury szlaszek ... So come and sit down.



Now, Professor, tell us about your phantom furniture.

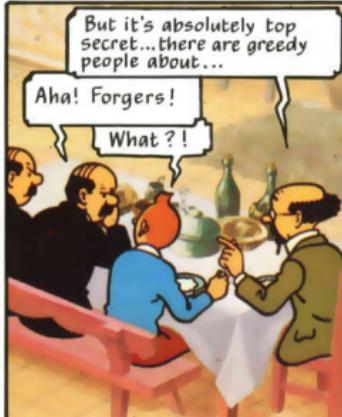
Certainly not... just simple diapositives. What I'm trying to create are sort of photocopies in relief.



But it's absolutely top secret... there are greedy people about...

Aha! Forgers!

What??



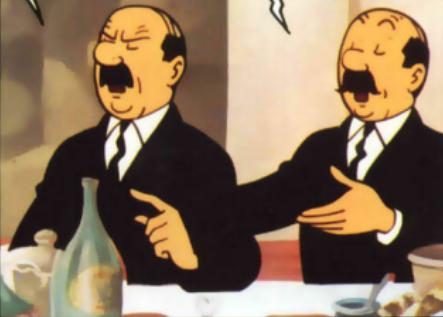
What forgers?

More and more works of art are being stolen, all over the world... Thieves take an original, and leave behind a forgery...



At first, they used nothing but crude copies...

But in recent months it's taken an expert to spot the fakes, they're so good.



Anyway, Professor, let's enjoy our holiday with you, in spite of the journey!

You must be very tired. Madame Flik will show you your rooms.



Captain Haddock and the Thompsons are soon asleep, but Tintin lies awake puzzling over the day's events.

Oh well, it's no good worrying ourselves... Good night, Snowy, sleep well.



All is quiet...



...when... suddenly...

KRIIK-KRIIK
KRIIK-KRIIK

Hello!... What's that noise?... Some sort of night owl, I suppose ...



But the sound is coming from the well-head, where someone is turning the handle ... Madame Flik!



The bucket brings up a strange load ... a walkie-talkie!

Agent Rameses calling King Shark!... Calling King Shark!...



Agent Rameses reporting... Customers have arrived after all...

King Shark receiving you, Rameses. Vulture reported arrival. Operation Crab will commence tomorrow. Proceed as arranged... Over and out!



Madame Flik signs off.
She has her orders!

Next morning Niko and Nushka come to the villa, to take Tintin exploring.



It's very peaceful here.

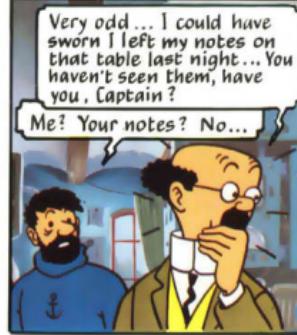
Oh, yes. No one ever comes this way.



Laughing and talking, Tintin and the children make their way along a path leading to the cliff top. Snowy and Gustav prefer to go down to the lake.



Meanwhile, at the Villa Sprog, Captain Haddock visits the professor in his laboratory.



But in another room, downstairs...

Ha! ha! Our clever professor shouldn't leave things lying about! I'll hide the bottle here, with his papers inside... Crab will soon take care of them...



Scarcely has Madame Flik turned her back, before the bottle, papers and all, vanishes into thin air!



But it soon reappears... in the hands of a frogman climbing out of the well...



But suddenly...



Thundering typhoons! What's going on down there?...



Blue blistering barnacles! ... It's Snowy, Fighting with a frogman! ...

GRRR!

Hang on, Snowy! I'm coming!
Look out, Captain!



Thundering typhoons! What was the pirate up to?

A pirate? ... I thought he was a frogman.



He's dropped a kipper ... er, flopped a slipper ... no, slopped a ...

... a flipper!



In the meantime, Tintin, Niko and Nushka wander along the cliff...

Whatever makes you say the lake is evil? It's beautiful!

Don't be too sure, Tintin! It's beautiful, and dangerous!



RRRRR Hello! ... What can that be?



Target in view! ... O.K. ... Shooting now!



Meanwhile, not very far away ...

Ah! Excellent camera-work! ... So there you are, my dear Tintin! ... If only you knew what lies in store for you! ... Ha! ha! ha!



KLOWKA-KOLA

Why an advertising plane in this outlandish spot?



Beside the mysterious observer two frogmen wait ...

You saw them?... The one with the tuft of hair is Tintin... He is extremely dangerous! ... Operation Crab goes ahead. You have your orders. Use the new laughing gas!



Tintin returns to the Villa Sprop. Immediately Captain Haddock tells him of the morning's events. Tintin listens carefully.

Part of a flipper torn off by Snowy... The professor's lost papers... It all begins to make sense...



Now we've got this bit of rubber, perhaps the dogs can track the frogman's route ...



Tintin follows Snowy, leaving the Thompsons to guard the villa. The Captain goes after Gustav, who also seems to have picked up a trail... Snowy makes the first discovery: a metal ring half buried in the ground. Tense with excitement, Tintin pulls. Slowly, quietly, a section of rock slides open, to reveal the entrance to a cave...

Great snakes! A secret passage ... with a staircase... All right, let's go!



Down the first few steps, then suddenly ...

Oh!! The door's shut! ... I can't get out! ... But Snowy managed to escape... I'll have to go on... nothing else I can do...



At the foot of the staircase, an amazing sight greets Tintin ...

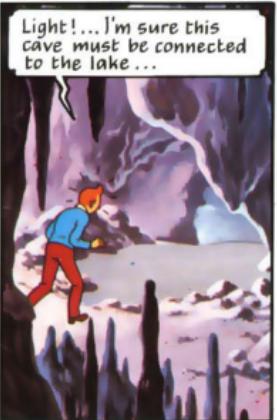
What in the world?! Treasures!! Can they be... stolen from museums, like the Thompsons said?



That's up to the Syldavian police... I must find a way out...



Light!... I'm sure this cave must be connected to the lake...



Taking a deep breath, Tintin dives ...



!! Help!... A wire grille! I'm trapped!!!



Tintin wrestles desperately with the metal strands, the air draining slowly from his lungs. Just in time Snowy sees bubbles on the lake surface and dives to the rescue.



At last the wires give way!



Meanwhile, at the villa ...

Professor, what does your funny machine make?

Cream cake? No, it's a special paste, which I put there, with the detectives' hats there on the other side.



I switch on the current, and ... hey presto!



There! Duplicate hats! Absolutely indistinguishable... You may try them on, gentlemen.



But... I... it's all sticky! ...

To be precise: we're all stuck up!

Yes, I'm afraid you are. I haven't yet discovered how to stabilize the reproductions, but...



... it's only a matter of days ...



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The laughing gas is working! ... Quick, grab the children and get out ... Hurry!



Tintin and Snowy are on the way home ...

Look! Someone's attacking the house!



They're kidnapping Niko and Nushka!...Quick, Snowy!

HAI! HAI!
HI! HI!

Ah, there you are, Captain. I'm afraid we're too late.

Yes, by thunder! Their launch is already well offshore.

Greetings, my dear Tintin. Your young friends will come to no harm, provided of course you obey my orders precisely!

It's a taped message from the kidnappers!

I know the Professor's machine is nearly completed. I want that machine, Tintin... and you are going to hand it over to me!



We have a powerful adversary...and I'm sure we're being watched! We must comb the house from top to bottom. There's bound to be a secret passage somewhere.



A frantic search begins... all join in the hunt...

WOOAH! WOOAH!

The clock, Snowy? You think so?



Let's try this knob ... OH !!



Here, Captain! ... This is certainly how the kidnappers got in!



Meanwhile, from high on the mountainside two spies have the Villa Sprox under observation...

It's almost reporting time for Rameses.



Our visitors are getting too inquisitive. I must warn King Shark.



Meanwhile ...

... A door? ... Where does it lead?



Great snakes! The bottom of the well! ... With a transmitter sitting in the water-bucket!



Now what's old Mother Flik up to, I wonder?



HOOO!

Spies have changed quite a bit since the days of Mata Hari, eh Madame Flik? ... Come on! Back to the villa!



Can't raise a cheep out of Rameses ... I wonder what's going on? ...



Madame Flik? A spy? ... I can't believe it's true.

Now then, who do you work for? ... Spill the beans, you snooping old sea-trout, or you'll ...

It's no good, Captain. Madame Flik certainly won't know her boss's real name. There's only one thing to do ...



We must call in the police ... But how can we leave the villa without being seen? ... Let me think ... Aha!



And while Tintin outlines his plan, Niko and Nushka are taken by their captors before King Shark.

Don't you dare lay a finger on my sister!

Big words!... A proper little Tintin!... All right ... out! Throw them in the cooler!



The frogmen drag the children to a damp cellar and lock them in. No escape!

Boohoo!... No one... sniff... will ever find us... sniff... in this awful place !...

Ssh, Nushka. Don't cry. Trust Tintin. He'll save us, you'll see.



Sitting in the control room, King Shark issues his orders...



This is King Shark. Keep your eyes skinned!

Sever their communications!

We'd better get busy: we must cut the telephone wires.



Meanwhile ...

Take care of your self, Tintin.

Provided the Thompsons keep things rolling, it'll go like clockwork!



On the hill, the observers maintain their watch...



Tell the boss they're still there, marching up and down like toy soldiers.



Phew!... So, this is what he meant by "Get down to it!"

To be precise, he certainly meant to get us down!



I must get word to the police somehow !



Ah! A farm. Let's hope there's someone at home!



Hello! Hello! Please open the door! I need to use the telephone!

Be off with you! If you don't go away ...



... I'll blow you to bits !

Not the friendliest farmer I've known ...

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That tramp is still outside, Ladislas ...

Yes... I shall telephone the politzskiaia,



Hello?...Hello, politzski?...
Hello?...Hello?...



But not far away ...



Hello?...Hello?...
By Ottokar! The telephone is dead!

They've cut the wires, that's for sure... Come on, Snowy, we must move!



Before long, Tintin and Snowy reach the main road to Klow.

A car's coming...
Snowy, we're saved!



Hi! Stop!... Good heavens!...
It can't be true!



Signora Bianca Castafiore!!

My dear young friend! What are you doing, all by yourself in the middle of nowhere?

I need your help, Signora. I must get to the nearest police station.

Then jump in! ... Avanti!

Speeding along with the opera star, Tintin soon reaches the town. Ever cautious, he suggests parking in a side street near the police station.

I just want to make sure the coast's clear...

As I thought... Two men watching the entrance ... I'll never get past them.

What can we do? I simply must get in!

Wait, I have an idea... My accompanist, Mr Wagner, will help you out ...

A few minutes later...

That's him! ... Look at the shape... And the dog! ... Come on, Dumkuk, let's tail him!

Such silly men! Completely fooled by my little Mr Wagner in disguise! ... Now, off you go, caro mio.

Tintin is soon telling his story to the police chief, who listens carefully ...

Everything centres on the lake... All your discoveries point to it ...

But half the water lies within the frontiers of Borduria... So unfortunately...

I see: possible diplomatic complications... Look, give me a free hand, and a little practical support... This is what I plan to do ...



My friend Professor Calculus once made a pocket-submarine: we used it to hunt for sunken treasure ...



Two days later, at King Shark's headquarters ...



No, no, let it go. It'll be equipment for Calculus ... and for us! Ha! ha! ha!



Inside the villa, the Captain is worried ...



Captain! ... Come quickly!
That's Calculus!... What!?



This truck ... it just appeared ...



... with me inside! Hello!

Tintin! Am I glad to see you!

Look! ... My submarine!



Tintin explains his plan to save Niko and Nushka ... He'll keep the rendezvous with the kidnappers, while the Captain follows secretly underwater.

At last, preparations are complete ... Is it all ready, Professor?

No, it's all ready. It's a scale model of my machine.



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Taking the box, Tintin sets off for the prearranged meeting-place.

They'll be here soon ... Which way will they come?



He's there... alone!



Calling King Shark!
Calling King Shark!
Tintin is at the rendezvous. Taking him aboard immediately...Over and out!

A submarine!
Just as I thought!

Meanwhile, in a nearby cove ...

All right...You understand? I'll be back as soon as I've found their hideout. Wait for me here!



As soon as Tintin has embarked, the submarine disappears beneath the waters of the lake.

Full ahead!



The Captain follows the mysterious submarine, taking care not to be observed. But he loses his quarry among the ruins of the drowned village.

The Captain's manner can sometimes be a trifle...er ...

...Dry?



Blistering barnacles! Where's that bashibazouk gone to? There are dozens of hiding places down here!

But the submarine has already reached its destination.

Quite a set-up! You gangsters are obviously on to a good racket ... for the moment!



Tintin is escorted to the control room... A shock awaits him. From the depths of an armchair comes an unexpected greeting.

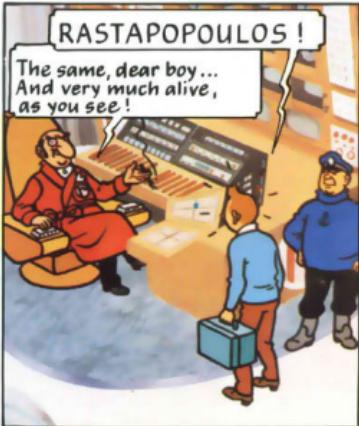
So, my dear Tintin!
We meet again!

!!! YOU!



RASTAPOPOULOS !

The same, dear boy...
And very much alive,
as you see!



So that is the famous duplicate - maker... Excellent! ...Just place it on the tray, will you, my dear fellow.



All right, you've got
the machine... Where
are the children?

Yes, indeed, those
charming children
... Fetch them here, Ralph.



Meanwhile...

I think I can get us out of here, Nushka
... Listen: this is what we'll do ...



... Hey!

Got him! Quick, Nushka!
I'll hold him while you
grab his keys!

Let me go, you
little fiend!



As you wish!... WHOOPS!

I've opened the door!
Come, quickly!



Hi!... You!... STOP!

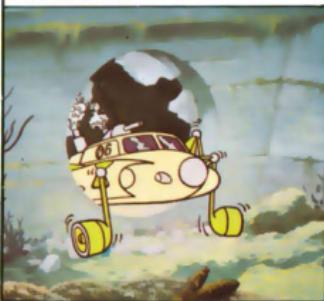




The porthole's given way!
Close the watertight
doors! Hurry!



With a frightening crack the glass
dissolves in smichereens. The
lake floods in. More by luck than
judgement, Niko pilots the tank
out of its dock.



Yes, boss... With
the tank...
through the port-
hole... Yes, boss...
your unbreakable
glass... Yes, boss
...they broke it!



Rastapopoulos monitors the
movements of the underwater
tank from the control room ...

Look, Nushka, we're in the
old village under the lake!



What's happen-
ing? The tank
won't steer
any more...
It's turning
round... as if
someone's
taken control
...

I'm Fright-
ened, Niko!



Ha! ha! ha!
Rastapopoulos
always has the
last word, my
little kiddywinks!
... Home you
come!



Diavolo! Where did that
come from?



Captain Haddock, cruising down a street,
almost collides with the tank...

Road-hogs! ... It's my
right of way!



It's Captain
Haddock! ...
Captain,
Captain, it's
us!



Aaghrr! A couple of salvoes will
settle his hash! ... Four, three,
two ...

Stop! You can't do
that!



Hi! hi! hi! I'm going to enjoy this... too good a chance to miss!... Curtains for our bold sea-dog!

Merciless swine!



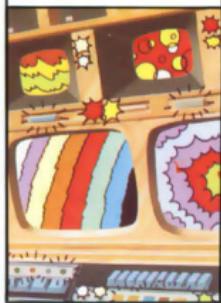
Grabbing the submarine captain, Tintin hurls him over his shoulder...



The gangster lands with a crash on the control panel...



Dozens of light signals whirl on dials... With a single flash the pictures vanish from the television screens.



All King Shark's mechanical marvels suddenly go mad ... Chaos reigns ...



A second gangster aims his gun at Tintin ...



The weapon sails away... and lands on the controls...



... automatically the tank fires a salvo of torpedoes...



Thundering typhoons! I'm being attacked!



We simply must stop the shooting !



But the torpedoes still come. A distinguished general is rudely unhorsed!



Blistering barnacles ! They'll finish up bending my bodywork !



Meanwhile, in the control room ...



Aha ! All is well. Now let me just get a bearing on that tiresome submarine !



Ha ! ha ! There she is...Now, steer the tank...ju-u-u-u-st so-o-o-o-o ! ... Bang on target ... FIRE!!!



Quick, into the ruins...out of the line of fire...It's the only way ...



Too late!! ...



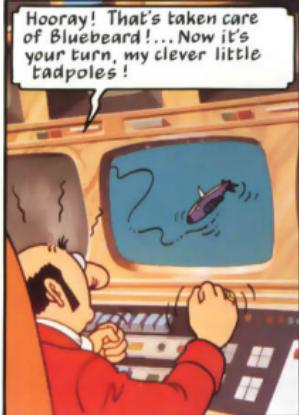
Help! The submarine's been hit... and I can't stop us firing these beastly torpedoes!



Disabled, the submarine settles helplessly on the bed of the lake.



Hooray! That's taken care of Bluebeard!... Now it's your turn, my clever little tadpoles!



There you are!... Good! Come along now... He! he! Our little game is over!



While we wait for our bold buccaneer and his sister, I want to show you my little collection. Come, my dear Tintin!



Closely guarded by the Rastapopoulos thugs, Tintin is taken to a vast gallery.

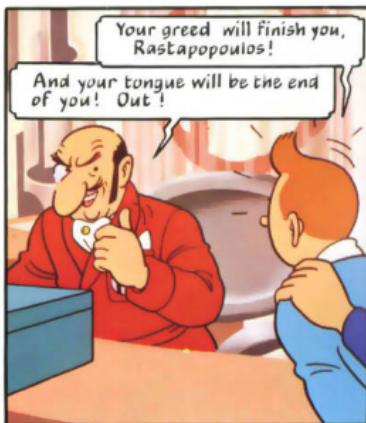


... to make thousands more authentic originals! Ha! ha! ha!



Your greed will finish you, Rastapopoulos!

And your tongue will be the end of you! Out!



At that moment, the underwater tank returns to its hangar.



We've failed!

Oh, poor Captain Haddock!... Whatever will Tintin say?...



Meanwhile...

Boss, the children have been recaptured.

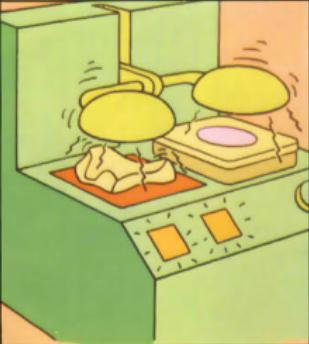
Not now... I want to try out this lovely, lovely machine!



Let's start with something simple: a box of cigars, for example. I put it here... On the other side, some of the special paste...



Rastapopoulos presses a button... and the rays begin to do their work.



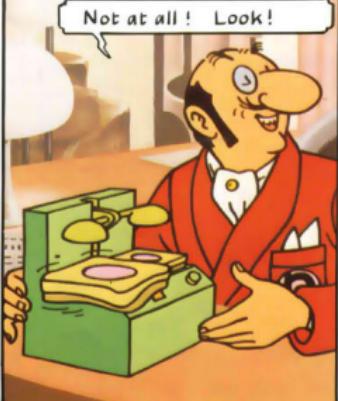
Ha! ha! Success! A perfect reproduction!



Er... the copy seems a bit big, to me...



Not at all! Look!



But... BUT... EEEEEEEK!



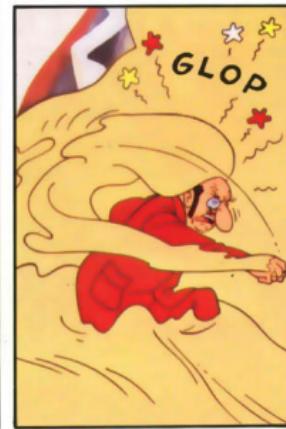
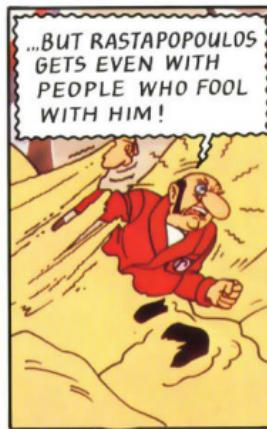
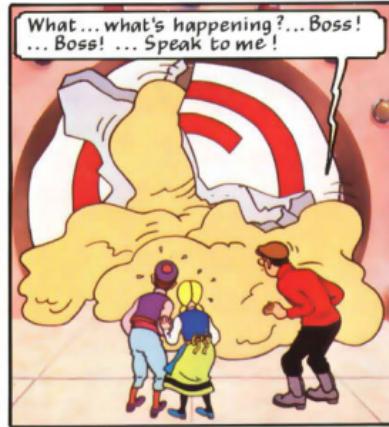
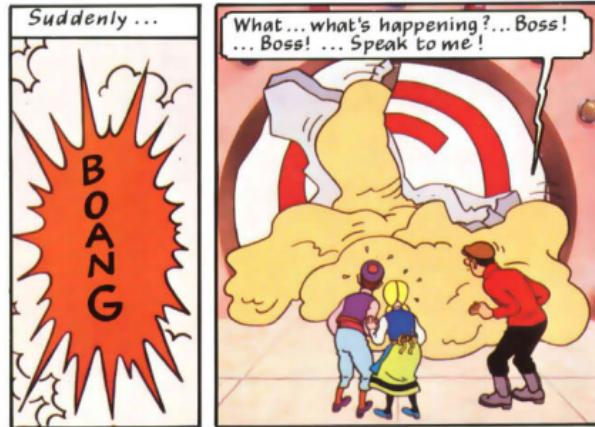
The box is growing bigger and bigger!

Help!! It's black magic! Sorcery!

We're cut off from the door!

This devilish paste! We're being swamped!





What's that?...
The police?...
Where?

On the lake, boss.
Police launches...
they're patrolling the
surface!

Diavolo!... Doppio
diavolo!!

Ha! ha! The sharks are about to
be fished from their lake!



Rastapopoulos is not disposed of so easily! I've plenty of time to slip through the net. But before I do that, I have a little surprise, especially for you!

The gangster returns to his control panel, presses hard on a button ...

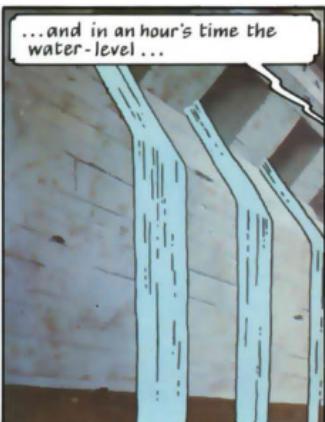
...and returns to the cellar.



...and in an hour's time the water-level ...

...will reach that switch and... BOOM!

... and I'll be far away, laughing!



You call yourself King Shark, Rastapopoulos! Lord of the rats, more likely! You promised to free the children!

Yes, but in exchange for the genuine invention!



You thought you could fool me, eh? ... How wrong you were! ... Goodbye!... And don't forget: in an hour's time ... BOOM!



My poor young friends; I think we're done for. We can't reach the switch, or immobilise the ball-cock...



Meanwhile ...



You understand? Swimming in pairs, take the treasures back to the cave.



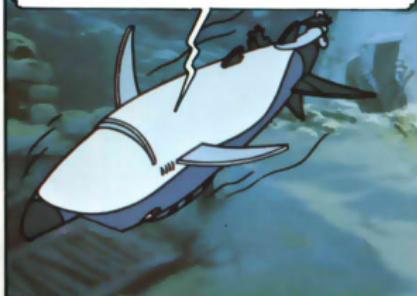
O.K., boss!

Rastapopoulos's orders are swiftly carried out. The Frogmen go to work, leaving the secret lair with their precious cargo.



Not far away ...

Ten thousand thundering typhoons! The confounded engine won't go!... What's to become of us now, Snowy, old fellow?!



I'll have one more try ...

The Captain pushes the starter desperately. The propeller, jammed by the damaged rudder, shakes violently but refuses to budge.

Suddenly, the twisted metal breaks loose and the propeller whirls into action.

Hooray! Up she rises! ... We're sailing upside-down, but never mind!

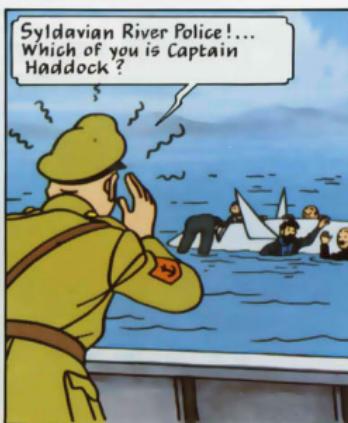
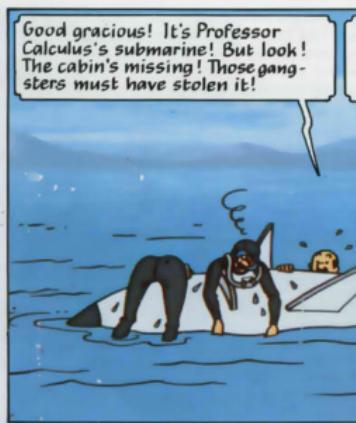
?? Blistering barnacles! What are those sea-gherkins doing? ... Out of my way, you duck-billed platypuses, you!

OOOPS!

Meanwhile ...

Can you see the Captain?

Not a sign... He's drunk without a face ... er ... funked without a race ... er ... bunked to outer space ...



Tintin, Niko and Nushka are being held prisoner by a gang of sharks! The pirates... they've got a secret lair in the sunken village... You'll need divers to rescue them. But you'll have to be quick, by thunder!



Right, Captain! ... Piotr, send out a red alert!... And Igor, help these men aboard ...



Meanwhile...



O-o-o-h!... It's no good! The chains won't break!

Try to pull the pipe away!



In the control room, Rastapopoulos waits ...

That's it, boss. Our men have shifted all the treasures. It's time we were going. A signal's come through: the police are mounting a tremendous operation.



Good, good... I'm coming at once. But first I must change ...

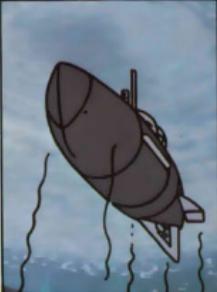
In the submarine dock the sluices are opened ...



Ship ready to depart, boss.



The dock fills with water. A lock-gate opens, and the submarine slinks out into the depths of the lake ...



Once more... All together ... One... two...

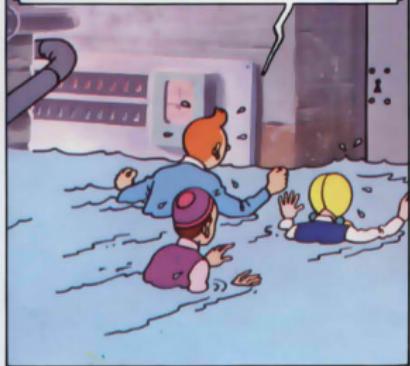


Hooray! ... Tintin, you're free!

Yes!!! ...
But, quick... we must get out of here before the whole place blows up!



We must hurry! Rastapopoulos wasn't bluffing, that's for sure!



He's locked the door... I should have guessed !... But we must get out of the cellar. We'll be blown to bits if we don't !



In the submarine ...

Ha! ha! Just a few minutes more for our clever little friend and ... WHOOOSH! Hundreds of tons of water down on that smart little head!



...Nushka, I need a hairpin!



Done it! I've picked the lock! ... Out we go, quick ...



There... near the jetty where the submarine brought me in... there's an air-lock.



That's our only way out to the surface of the lake.



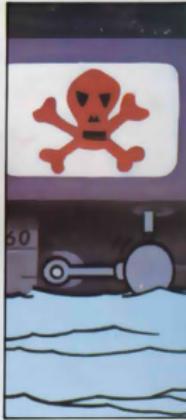
We'll never make it, Tintin!



There's the air-lock! Put on life-jackets, quickly... and in we go!



The heavy door sealed behind them,
Tintin starts to open the sluices ...
the chamber floods rapidly ...



Now, take a deep breath. I'm going to open the gates!



At that moment...



A tremendous explosion rocks every corner of the secret hide-out ...



An enormous waterspout pours skywards!



HA ! HA !
Rastapopoulos,
you have your
revenge!
Three jolly
prisoners,
high in the
sky !



OWW!



Dia-vo-lo!... What... ?!

The blast of the explosion, boss... I've righted the submarine. Everything's O.K. now.



Huge waves lash the surface of the lake. The water boils in a sudden storm... Then, three heads are bobbing in the water...



Look!!... Tintin! Niko! Nushka!... They're alive!... Quick! The rubber dinghy!



Hang on! I'm coming!... Captain Haddock to the rescue, blistering barnacles! ...



A second explosion, more violent than the first, shatters the waters of the lake...



A monstrous wave, a wall of water, looms before the horrified eyes of the swimmers ...



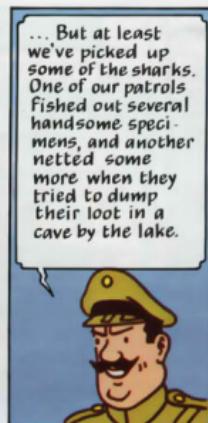
... sucking them under...



... and with a deafening roar breaks over the helpless police launch ...



For what seems a lifetime, the tiny vessel is buried beneath the churning water ... then, miraculously, she shakes herself free.



Rastapopoulos has made a getaway in his submarine. His boat's been seen near the Bordurian shore.

Szplug! Legally, I can't go after him there!

What?! Let him go?! That slippery, slimy, slithering, slubberde-gillion son of a sea-serpent?! Never!

No question of that! We aren't Syl davians are we? Will you lend us a fast motorboat, Inspector?

Gladly!

A short while afterwards...

Boat away! Cast off!

We're castaways!



Full ahead!
Happy landings!



Hey!... Wait!

Not so fast!



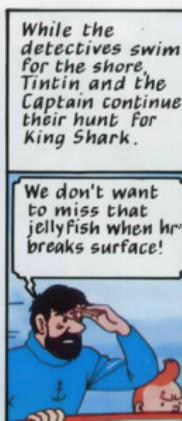
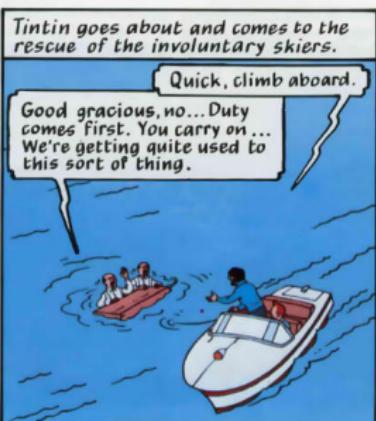
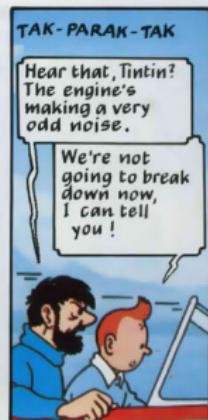
AHOY!... STOP!

STOP!... WAIT!!... WHOA!!!



OOOH!... ROCKS!

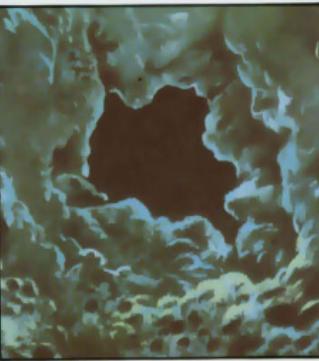




Yes. I know all about the reefs... and we'll go under them. I worked it all out beforehand, of course! Keep going!



At reduced speed, the submarine crawls into the passage...



I'm sure I've forgotten something... But what can it be?



THE PERISCOPE!!
I've forgotten to lower the periscope!



CRACK



AAH! The hull is fractured! Quick! Take her up!



Meanwhile...

Not a sign... I... Wait... There, beyond the reef!... A patch of oil!



...It's the submarine!... She must be damaged!



They're going to beach her! Quick, Tintin, they mustn't get away!



In the submarine, the atmosphere is distinctly tense...

Idiot! It's all your fault! Why didn't you tell me sooner about the periscope, eh?!

But, boss... It was you who...

Shut up! ...You're a fool! And what's more, you're fired!

What's happened now?

CRACK



Hooray! They're stranded! Now we've got them!



So that's how it is, eh?... O.K., you get yourself out of this mess! I'm off!



Stand by to board, by thunder!



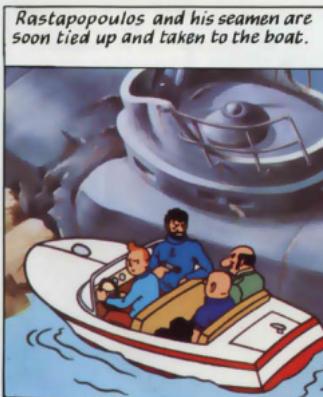
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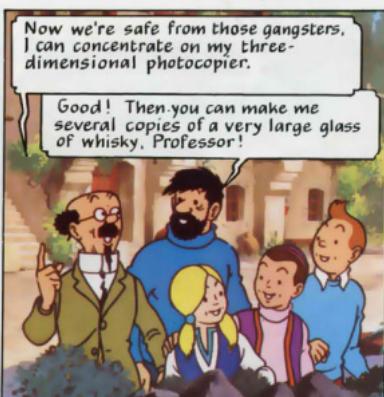
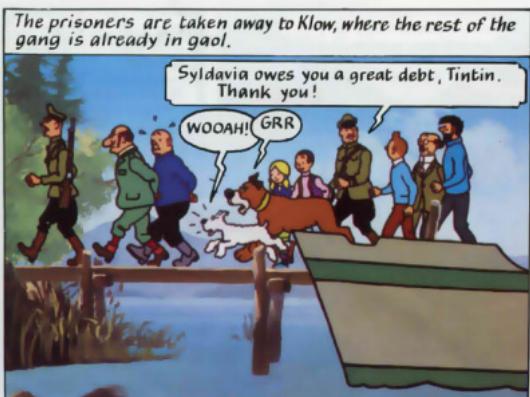
Oh...oh...b-b-boss... H-h-help... A g-g-g-ghost!

What sort of ghost?!





Heading across the lake, Tintin and the Captain are met by a Syldavian police launch. They and their prisoners are taken aboard. The police convey them safely to the jetty at the Villa Sprox. On shore, a warm reception awaits them! The inspector, Niko, Nushka, the Thompsons, Professor Calculus and of course Gustav and Snowy...



The village people are coming, sir. They wish to hold a festival in your honour!

News travels fast in these parts, eh?



Thundering typhoons! They're coming from all quarters!



You come and dance a blushtika!

The blushtika?! I... er... don't know these new-fangled dances!

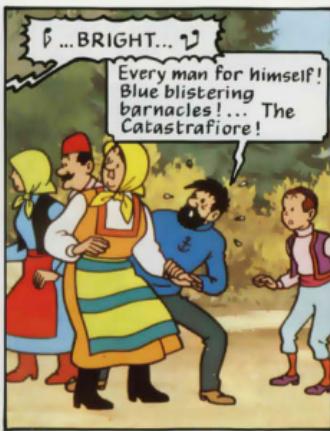


Come, Tintin. I will teach you. It is very easy!



AAAAAAH!!!





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