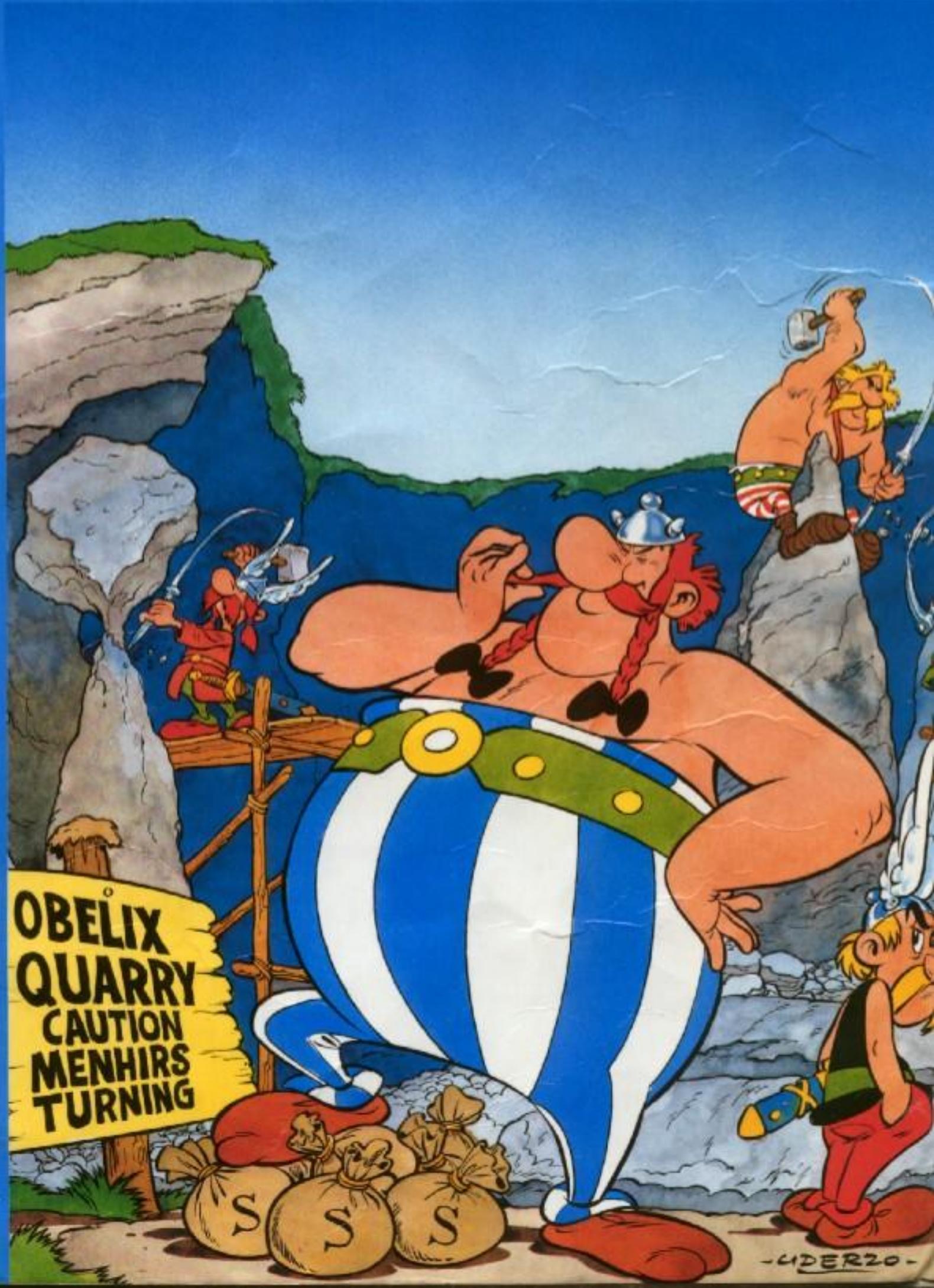
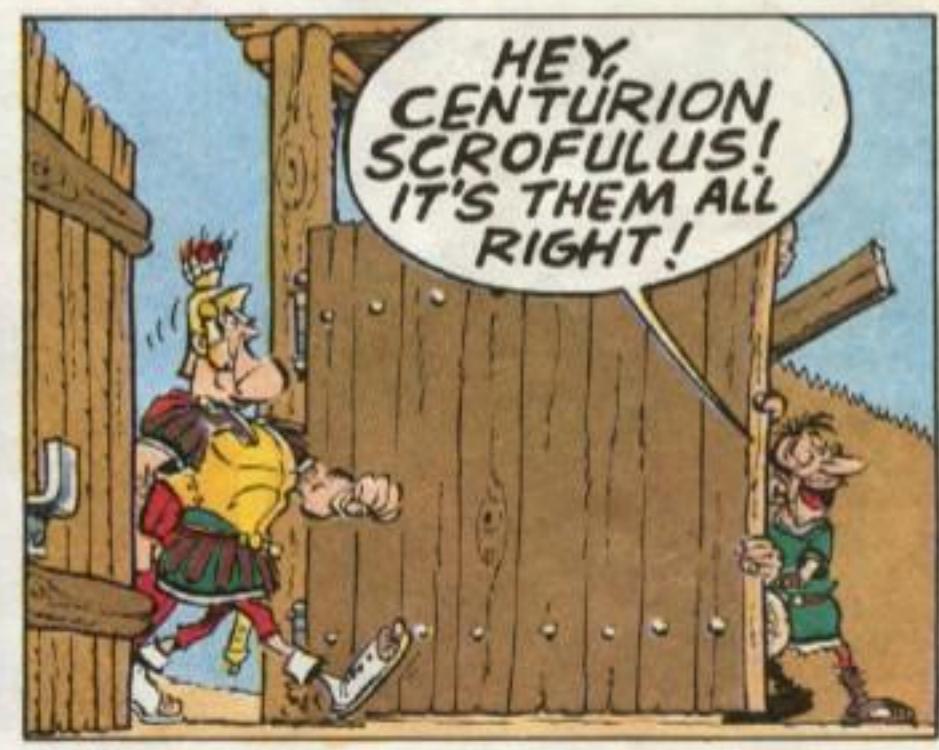


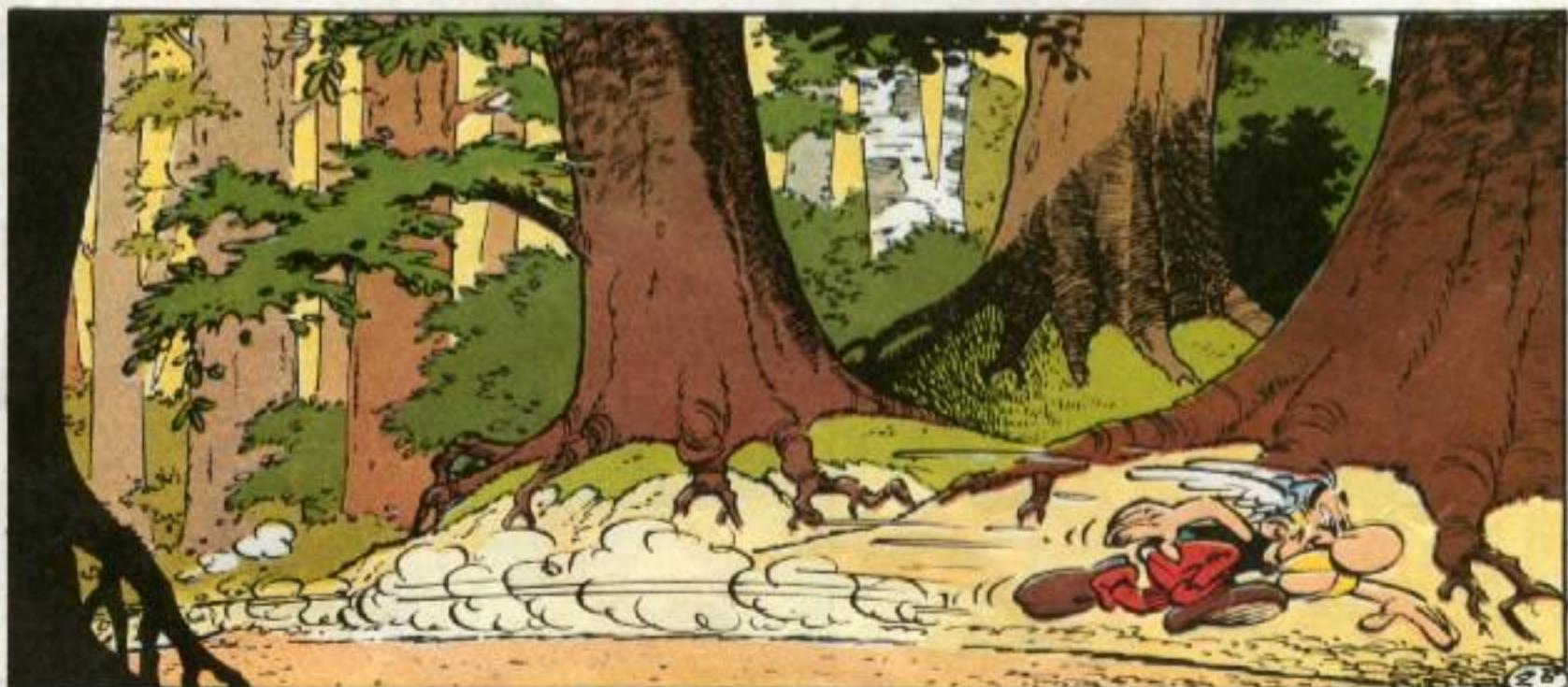
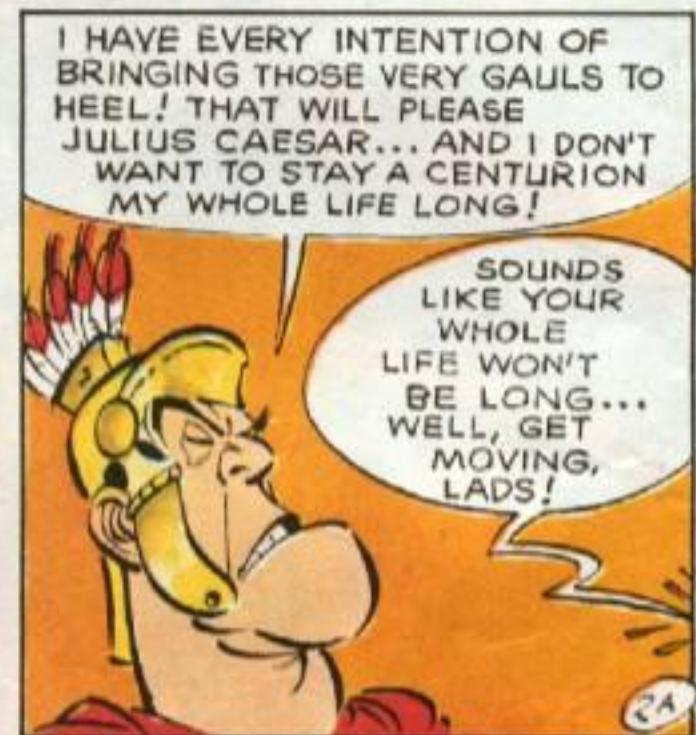
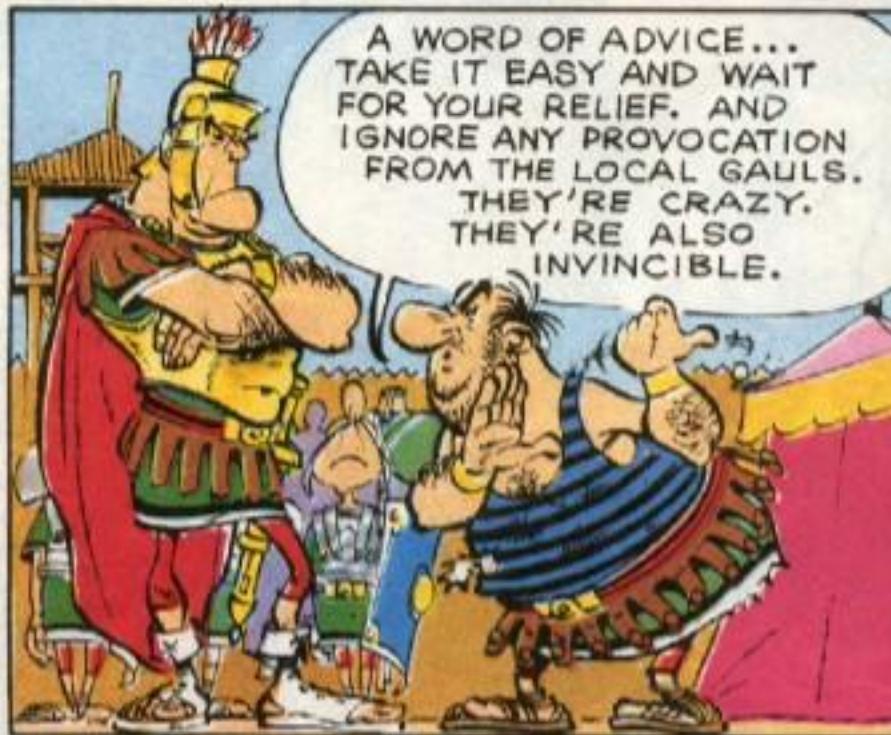
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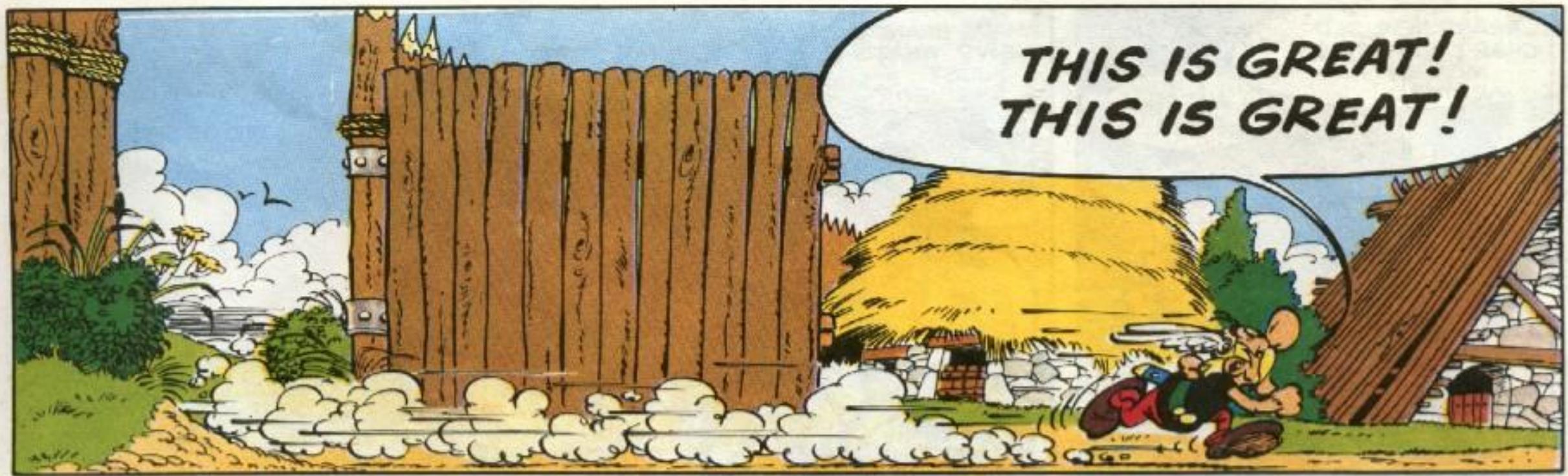
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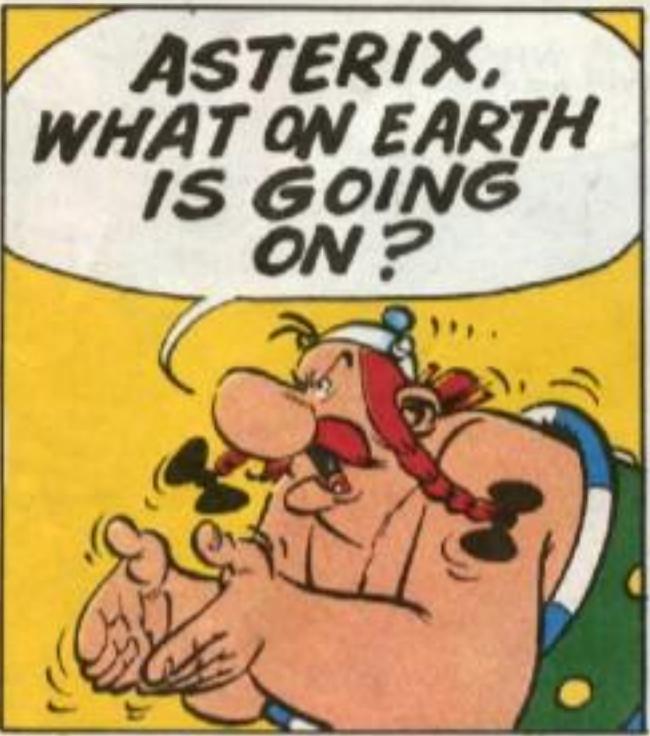
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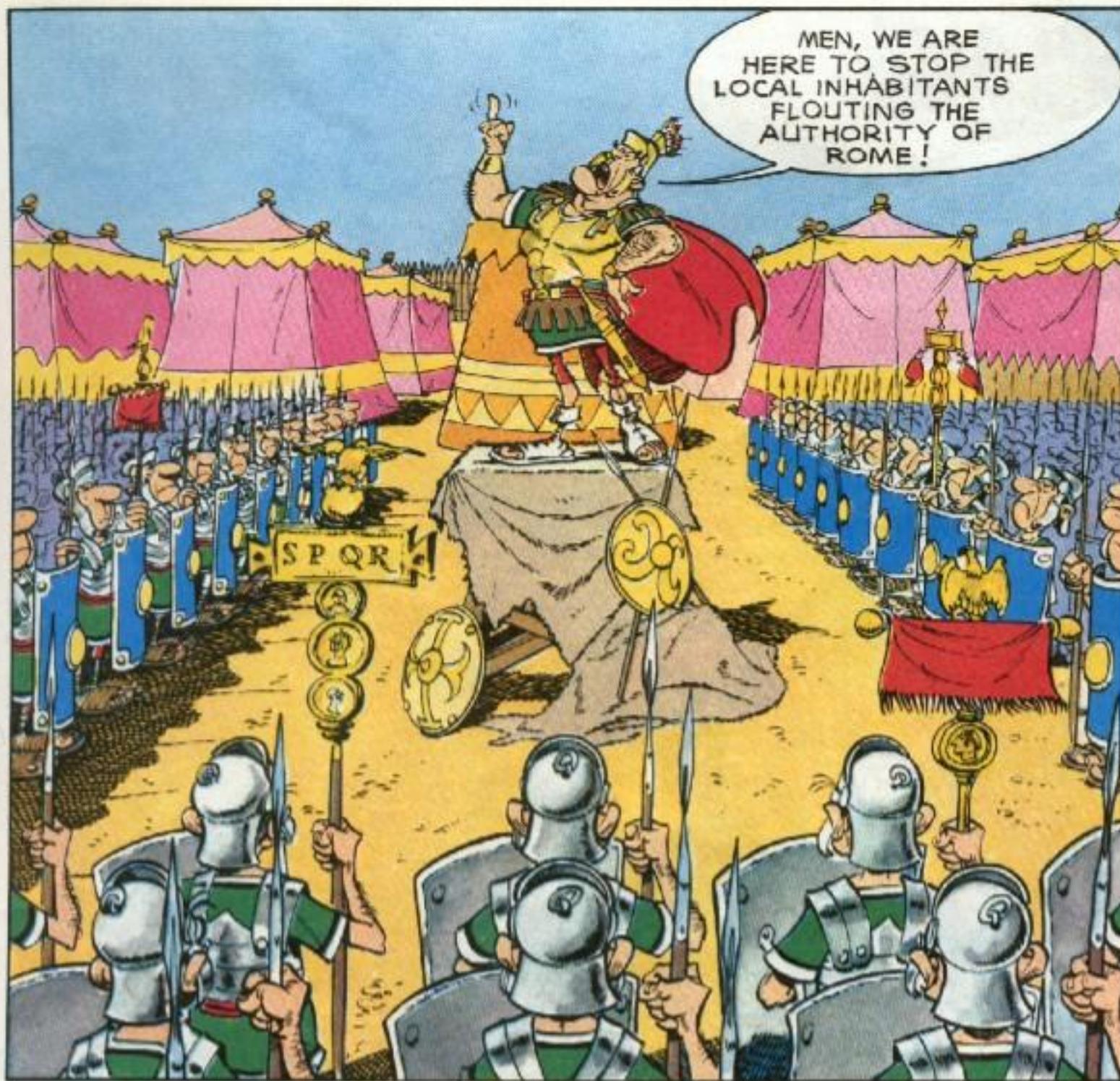


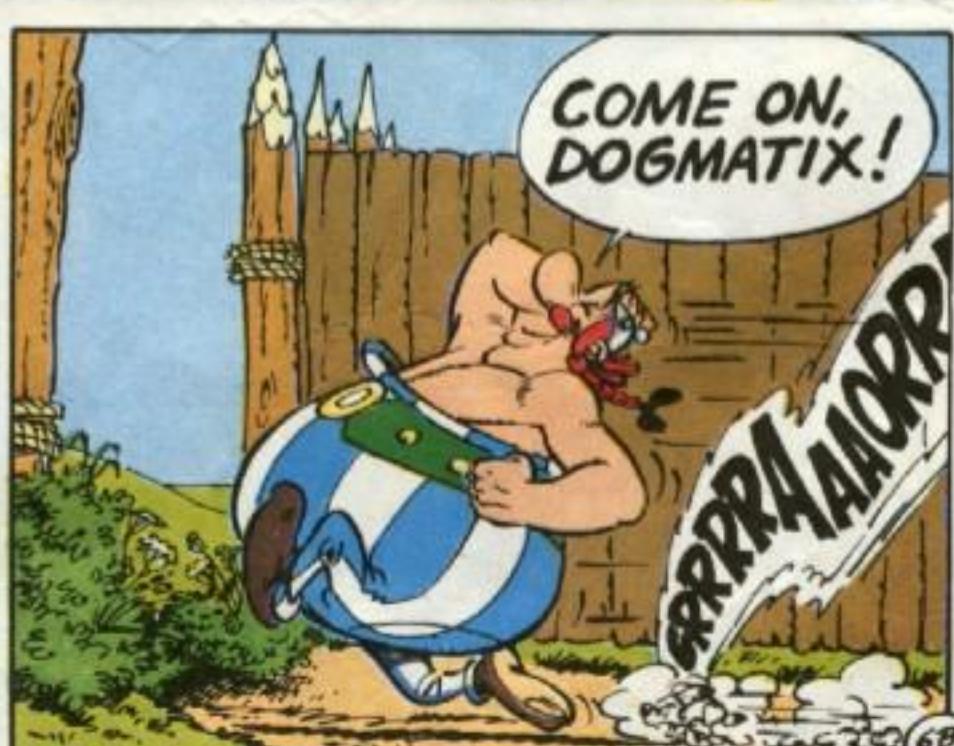
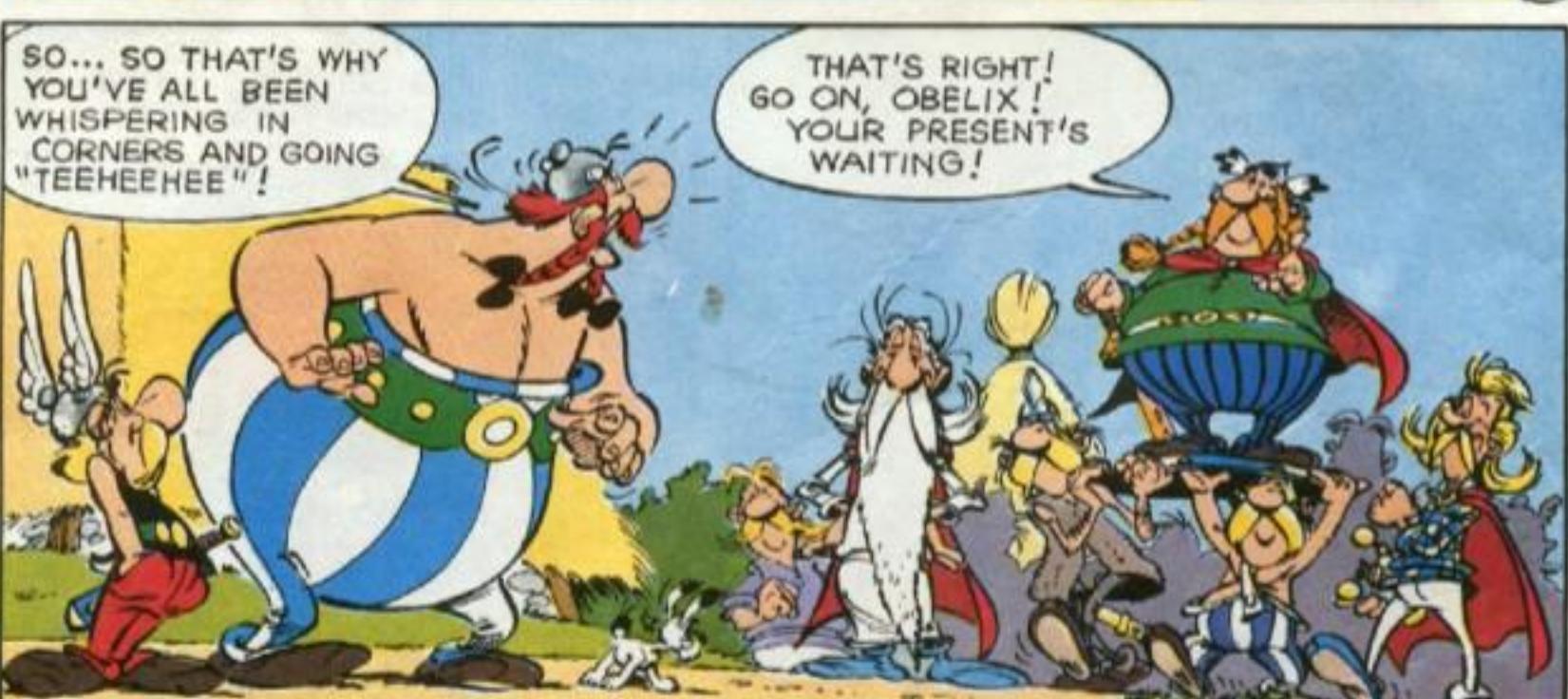
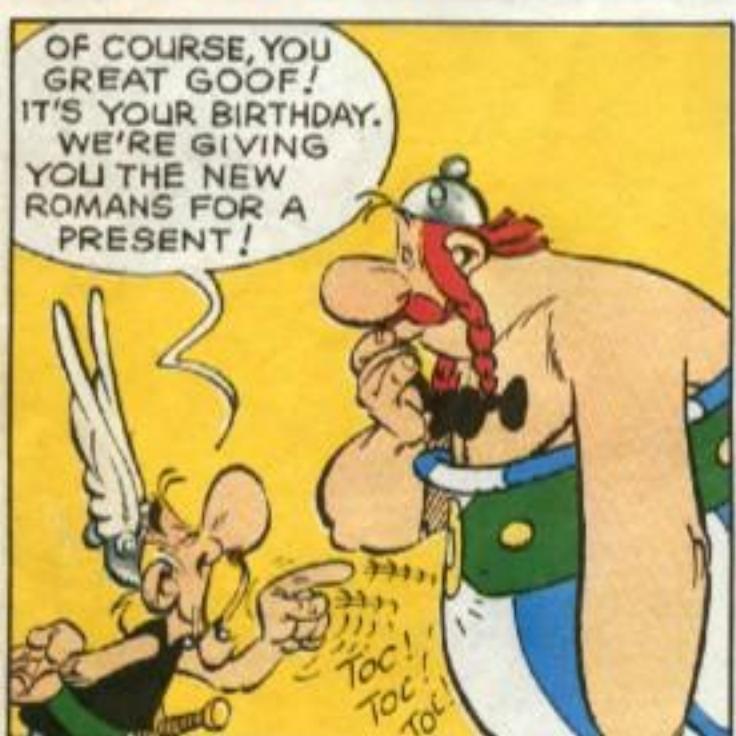
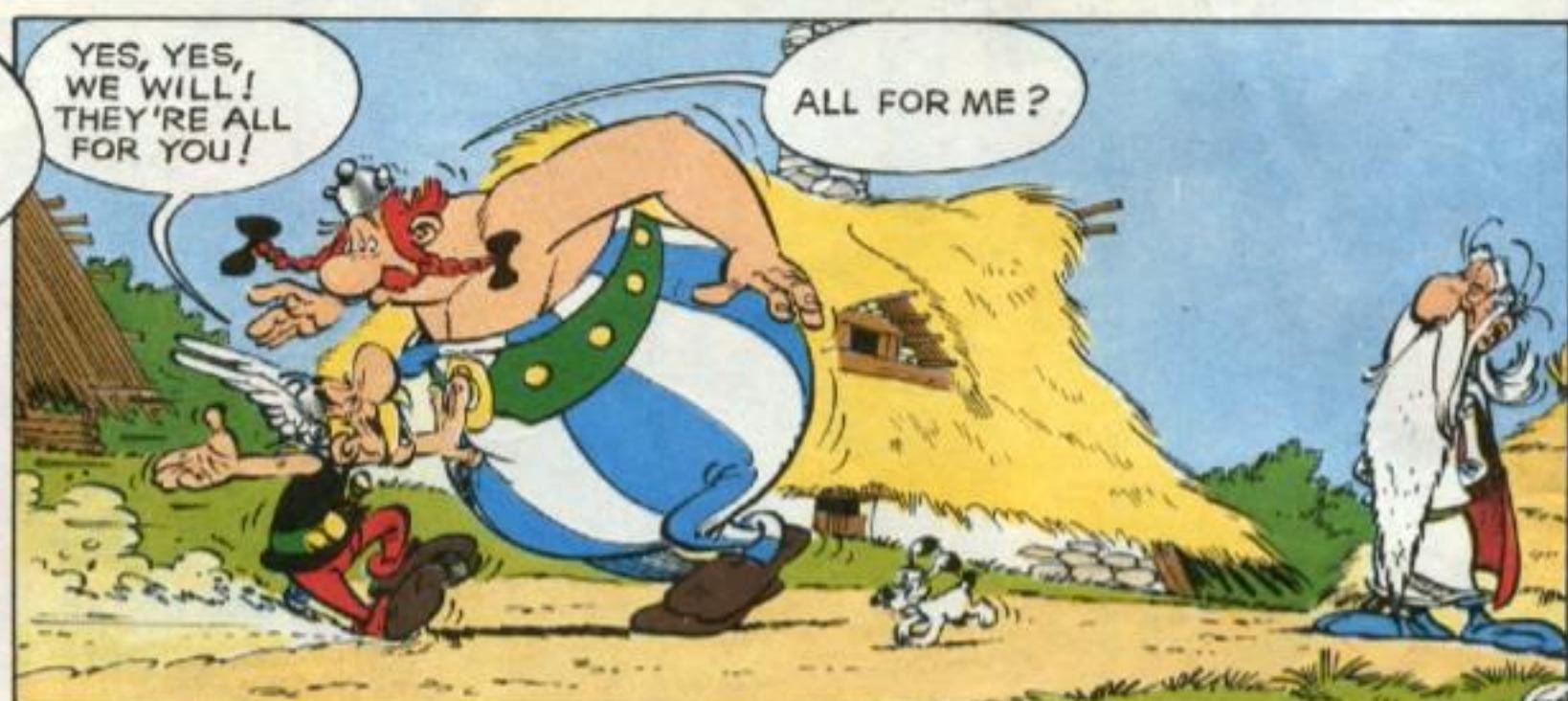


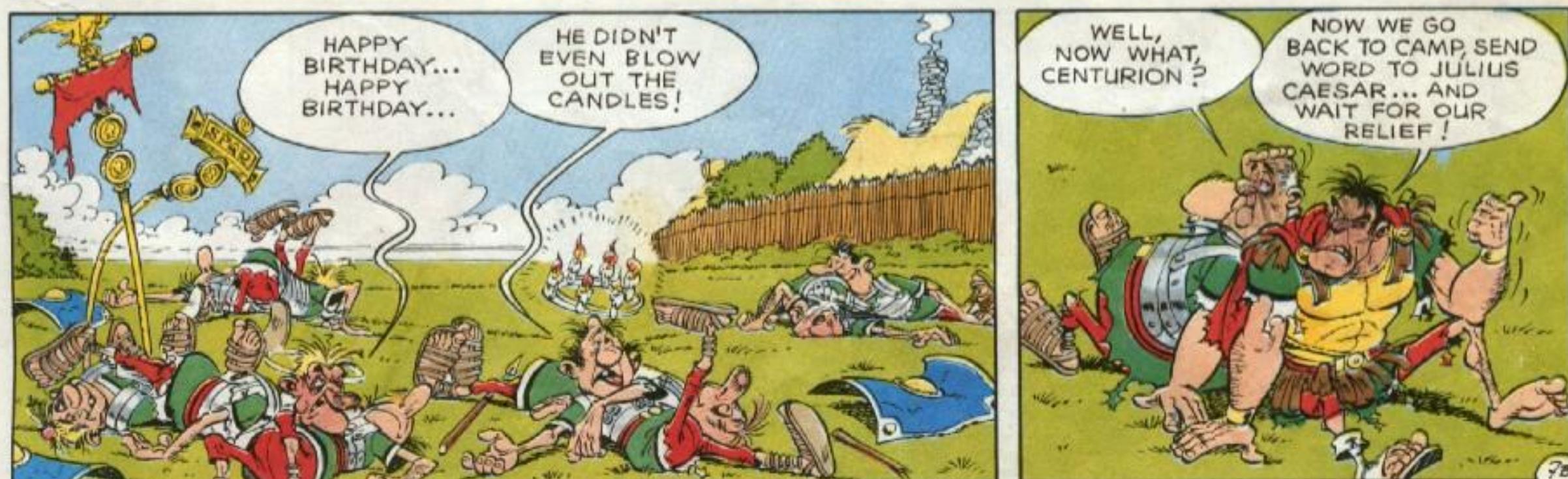
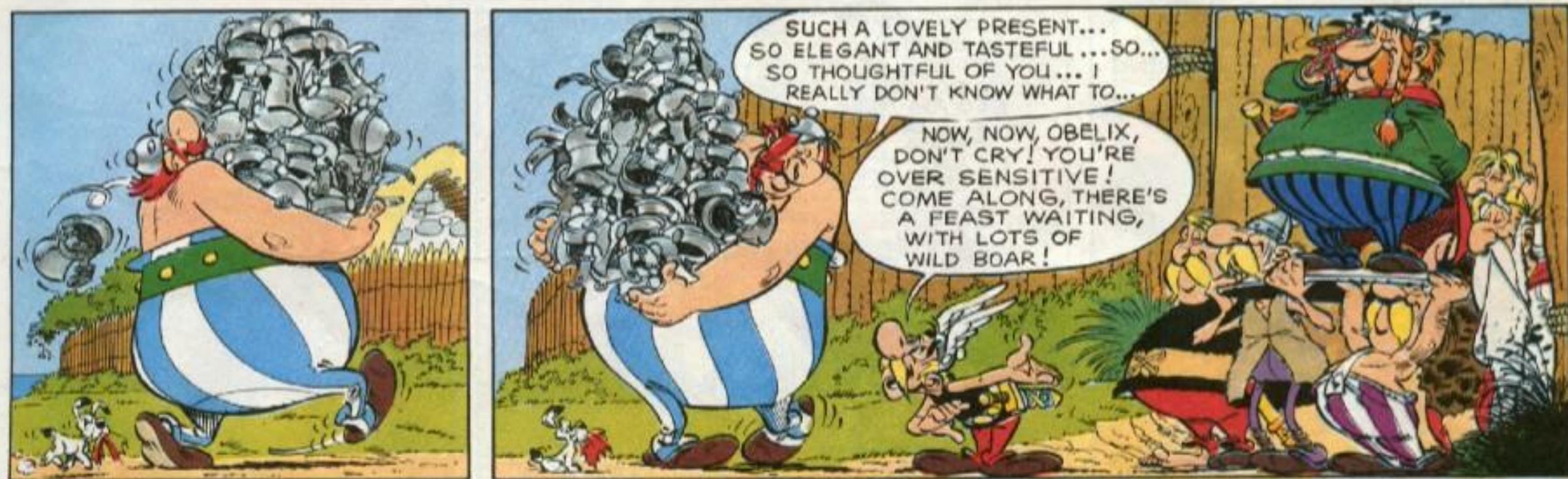
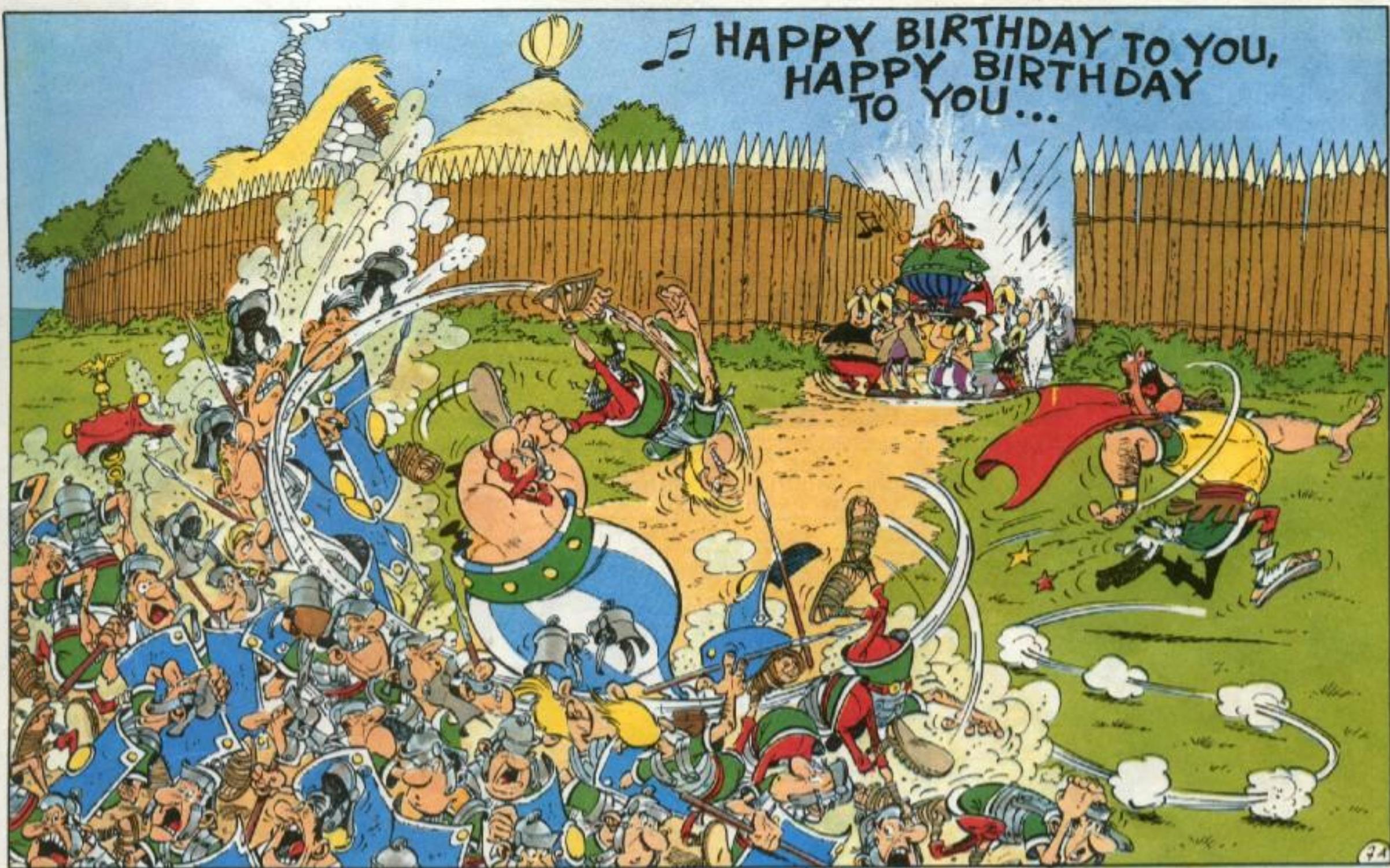






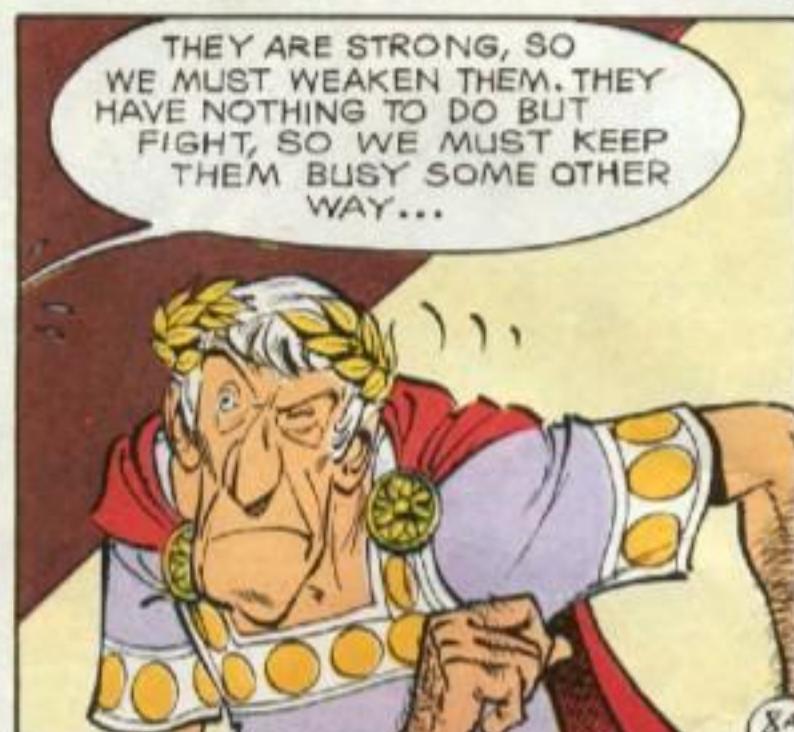


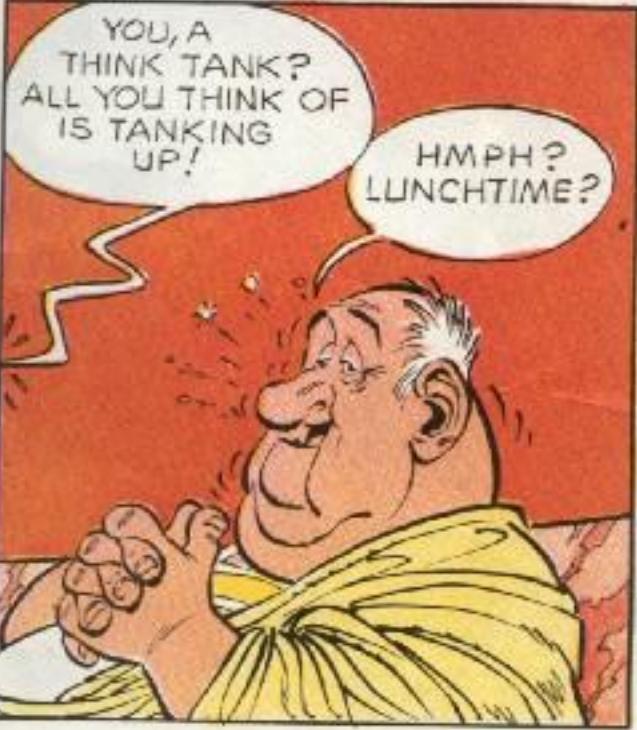


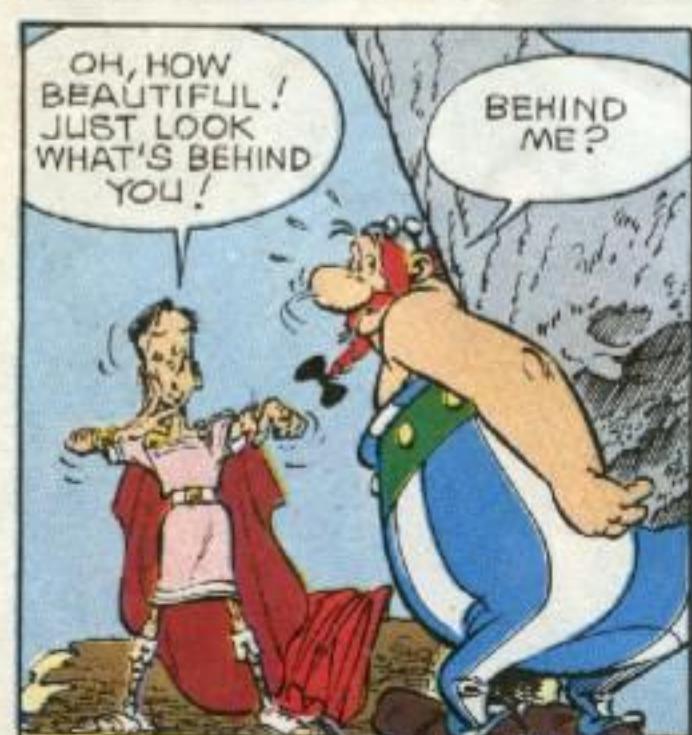
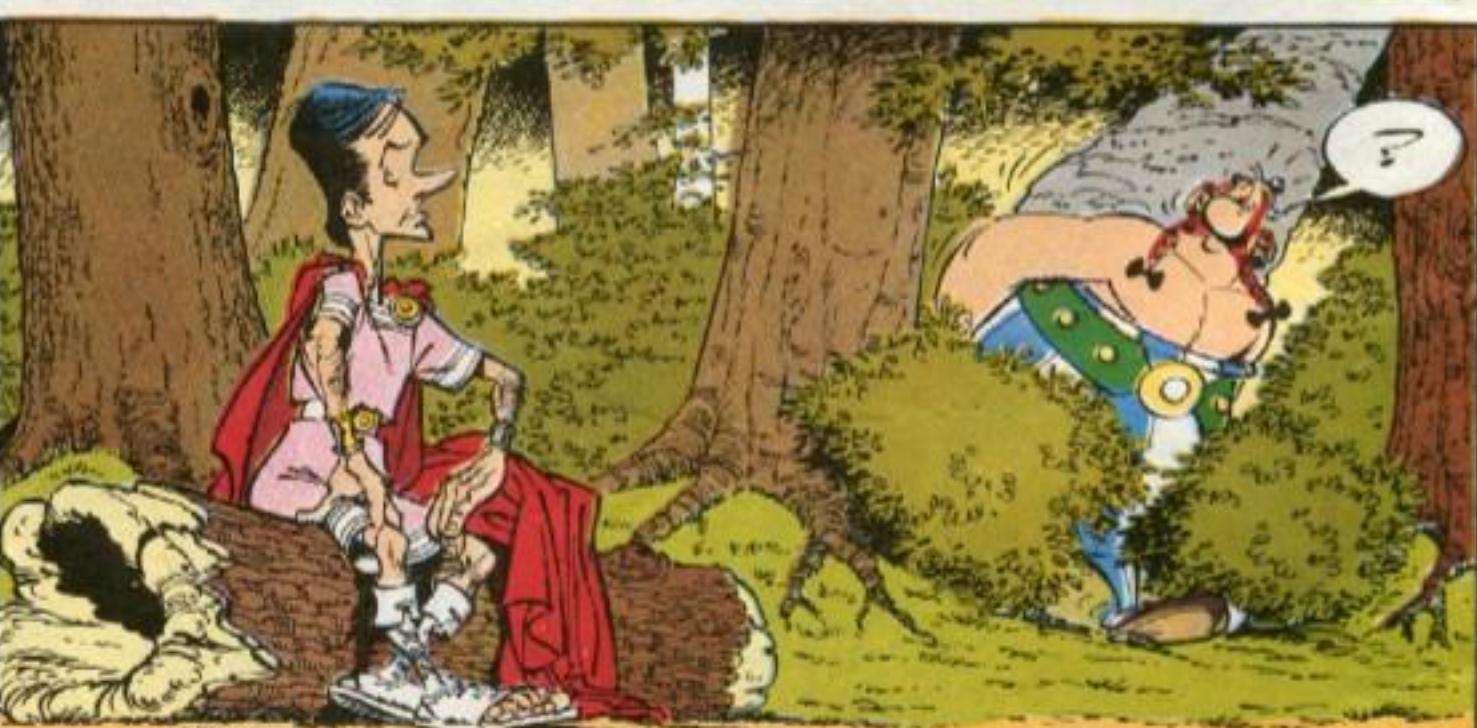
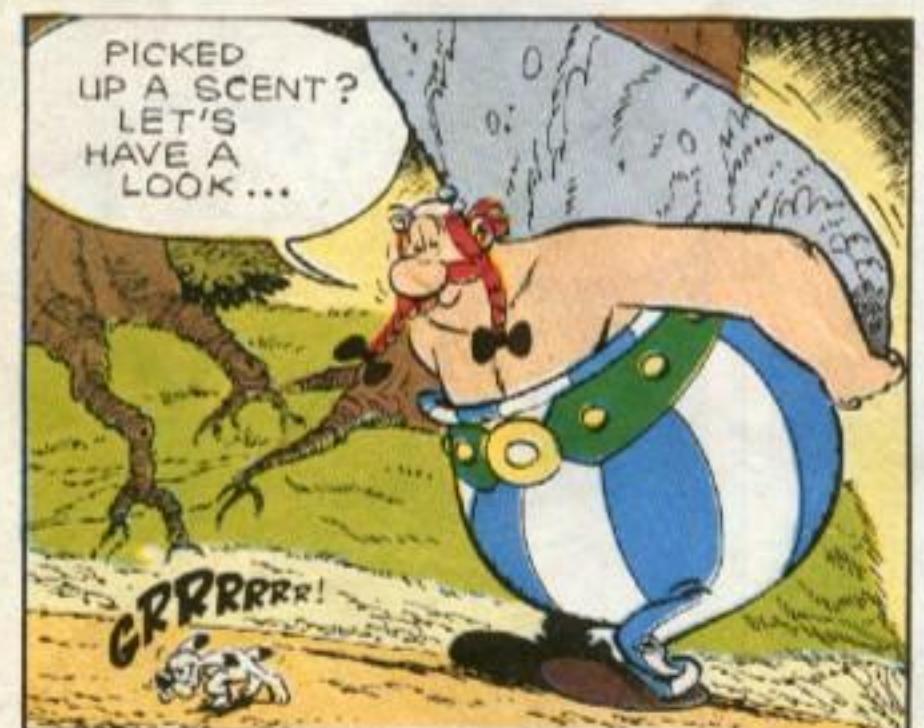
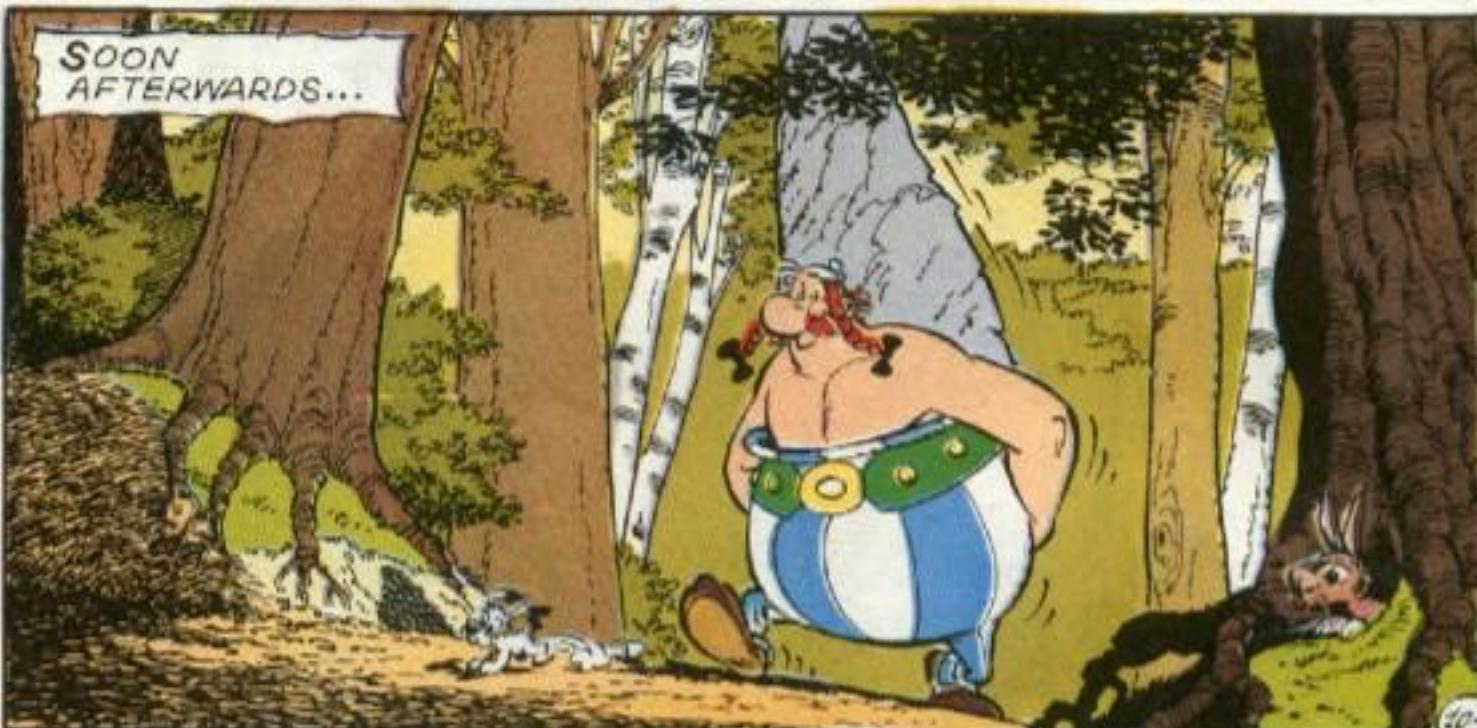
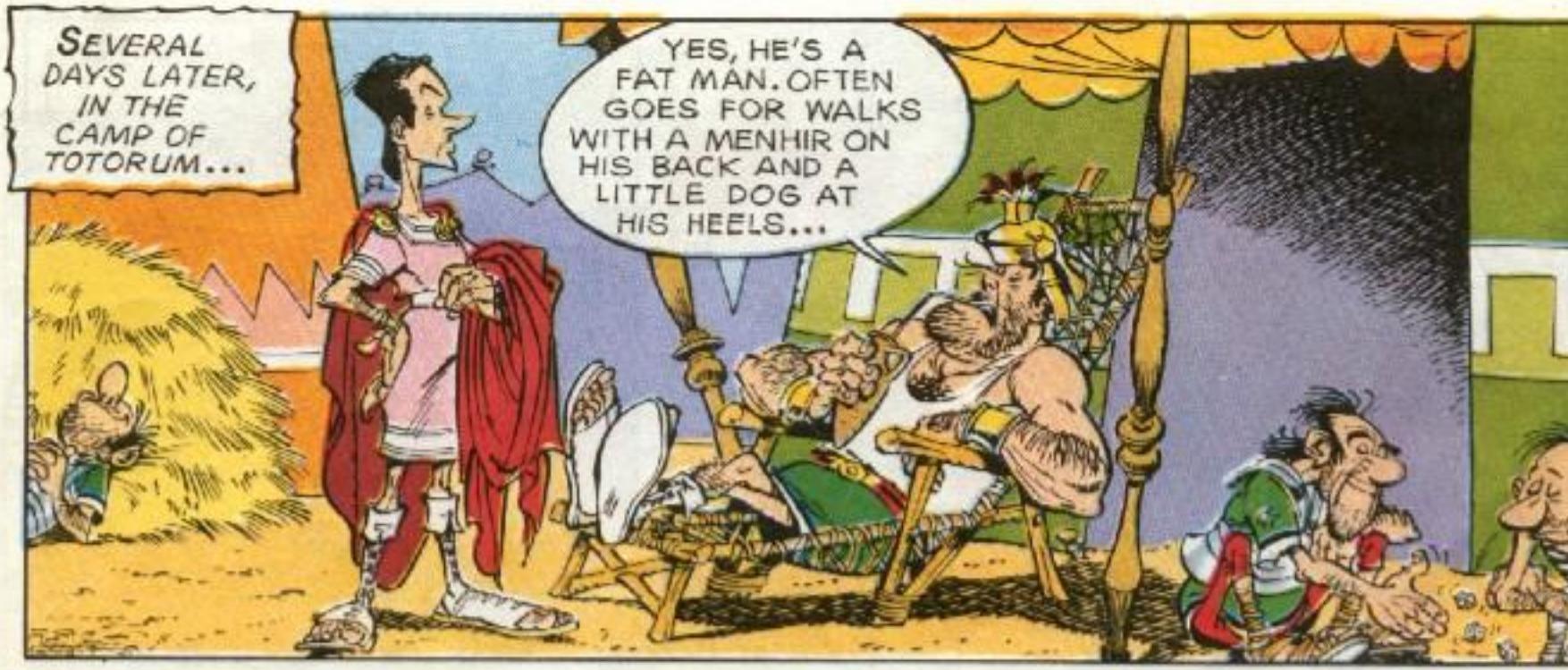


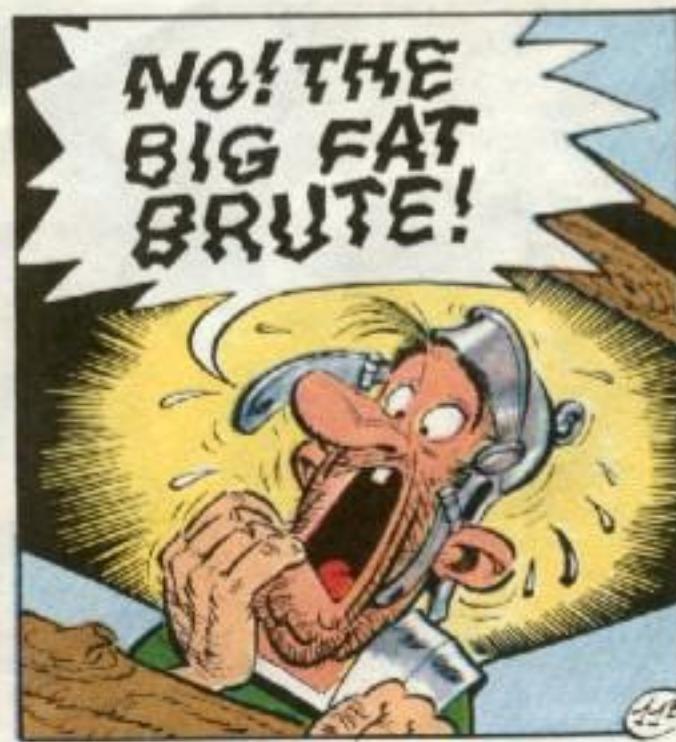
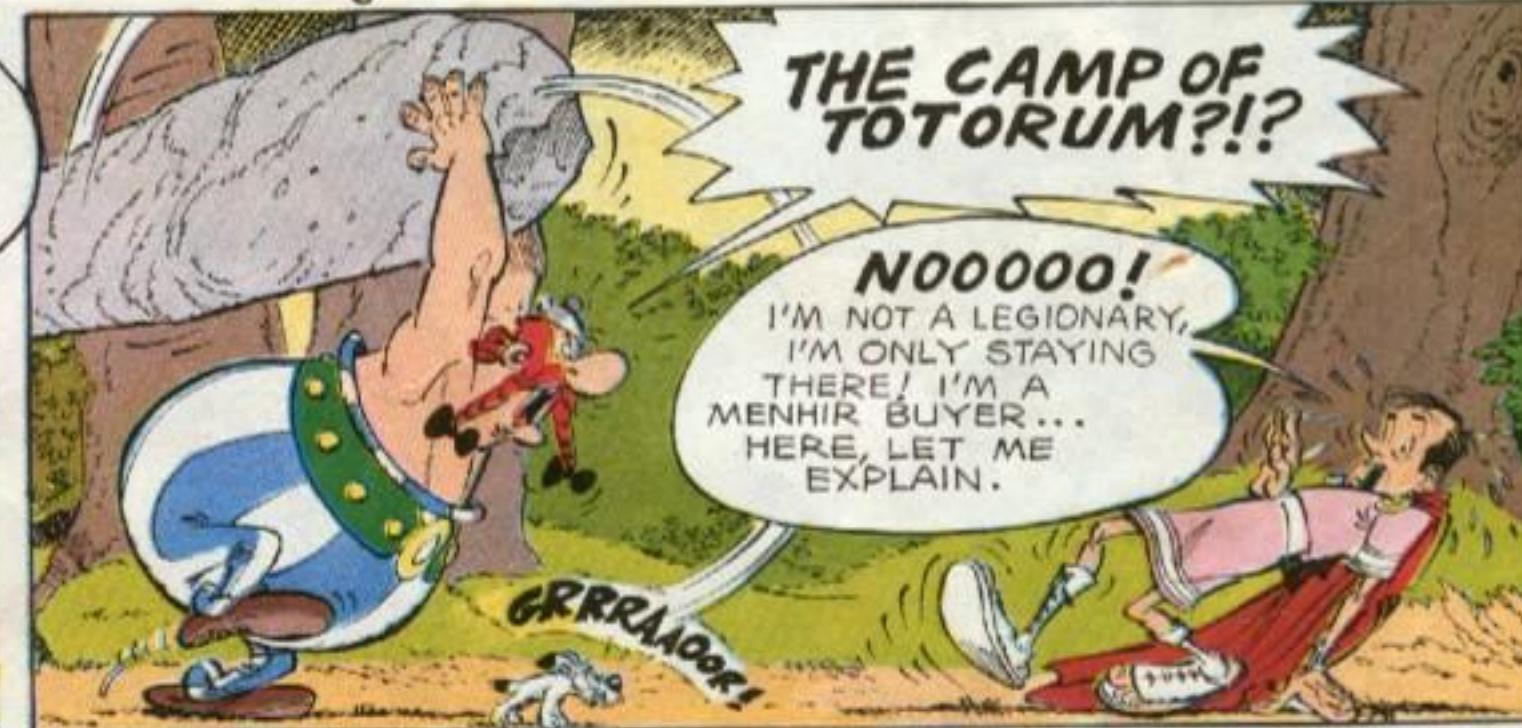
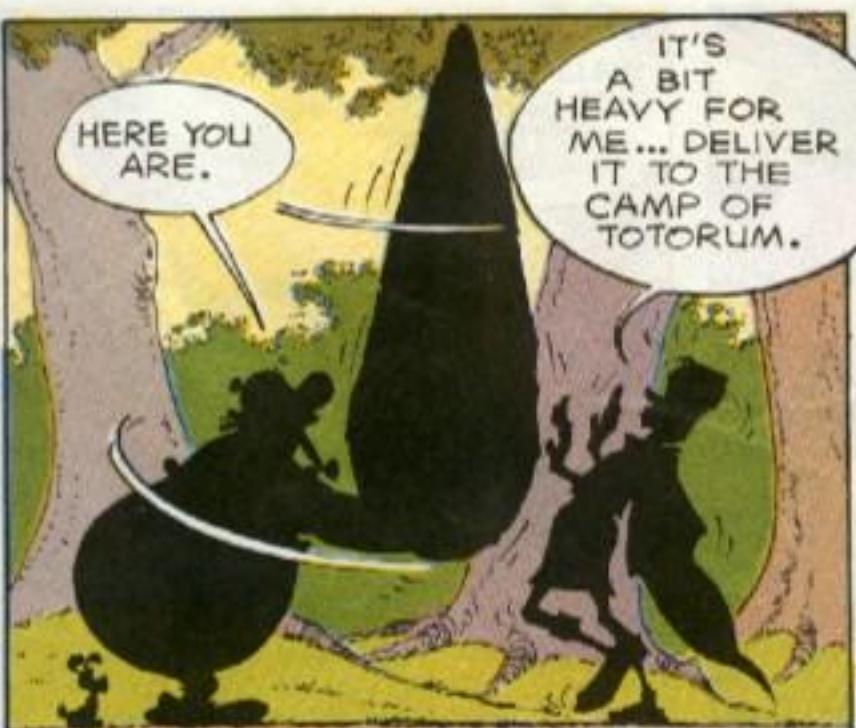
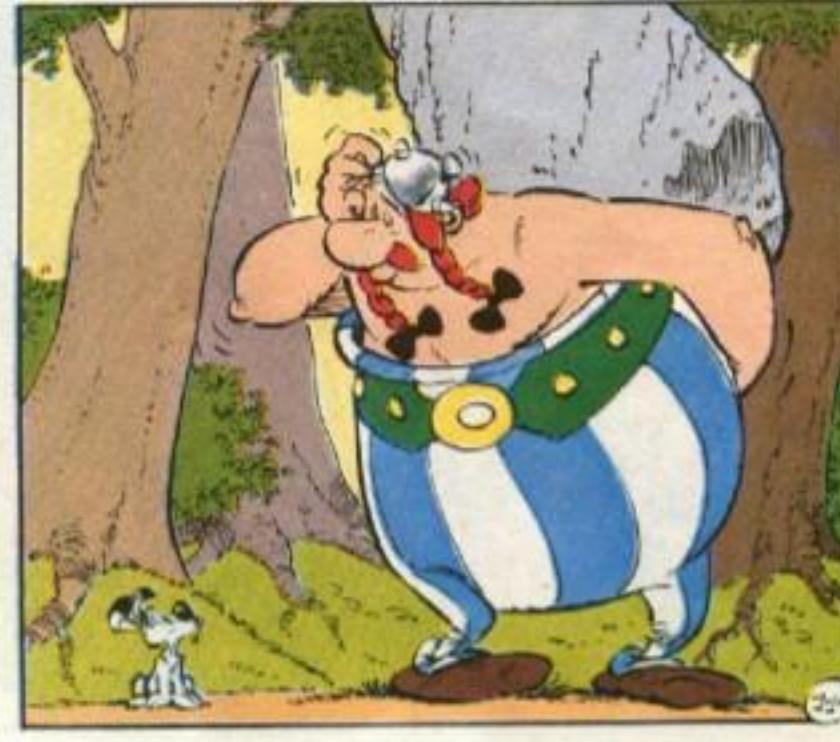
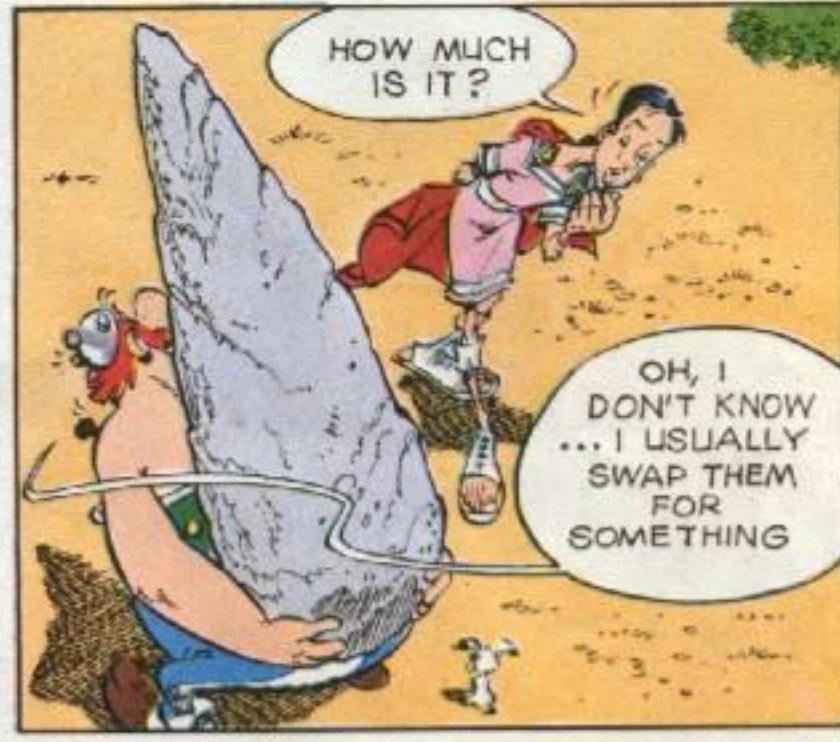
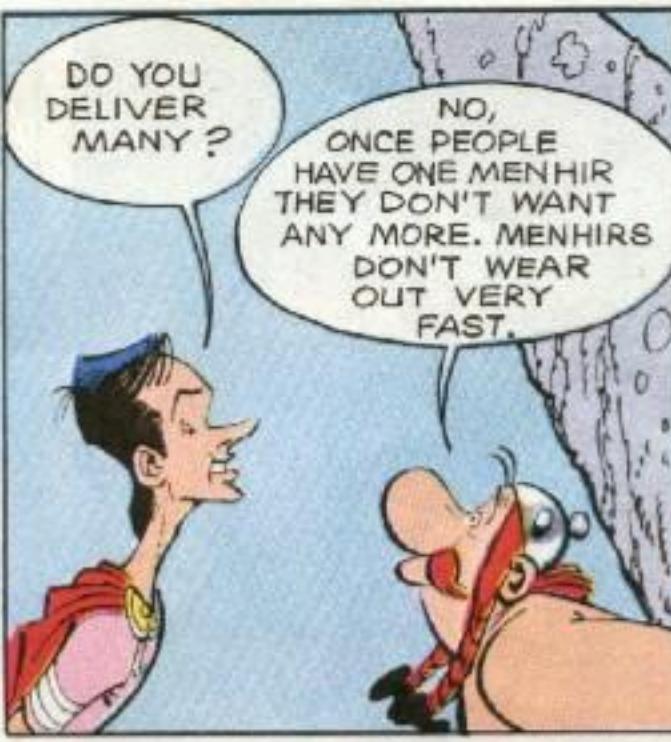


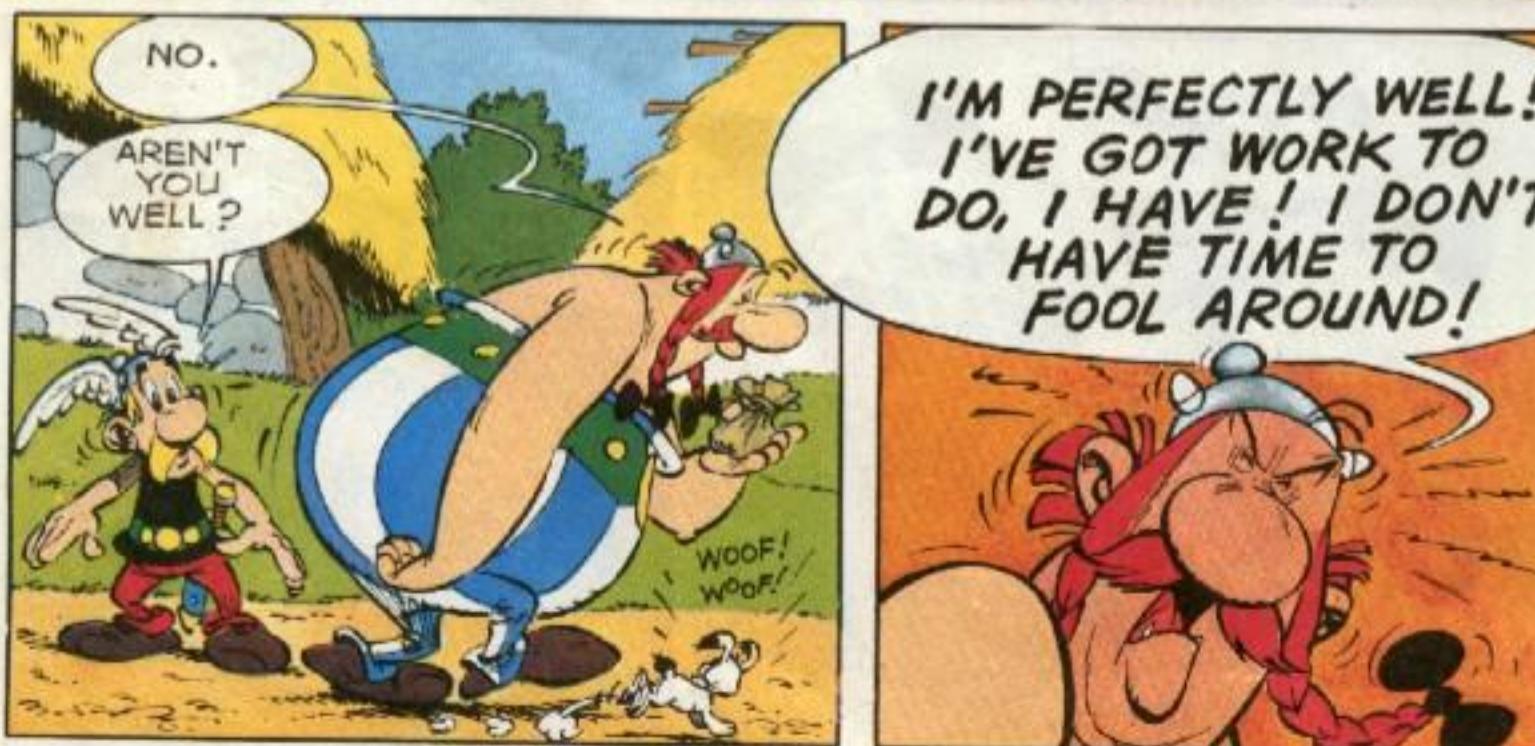
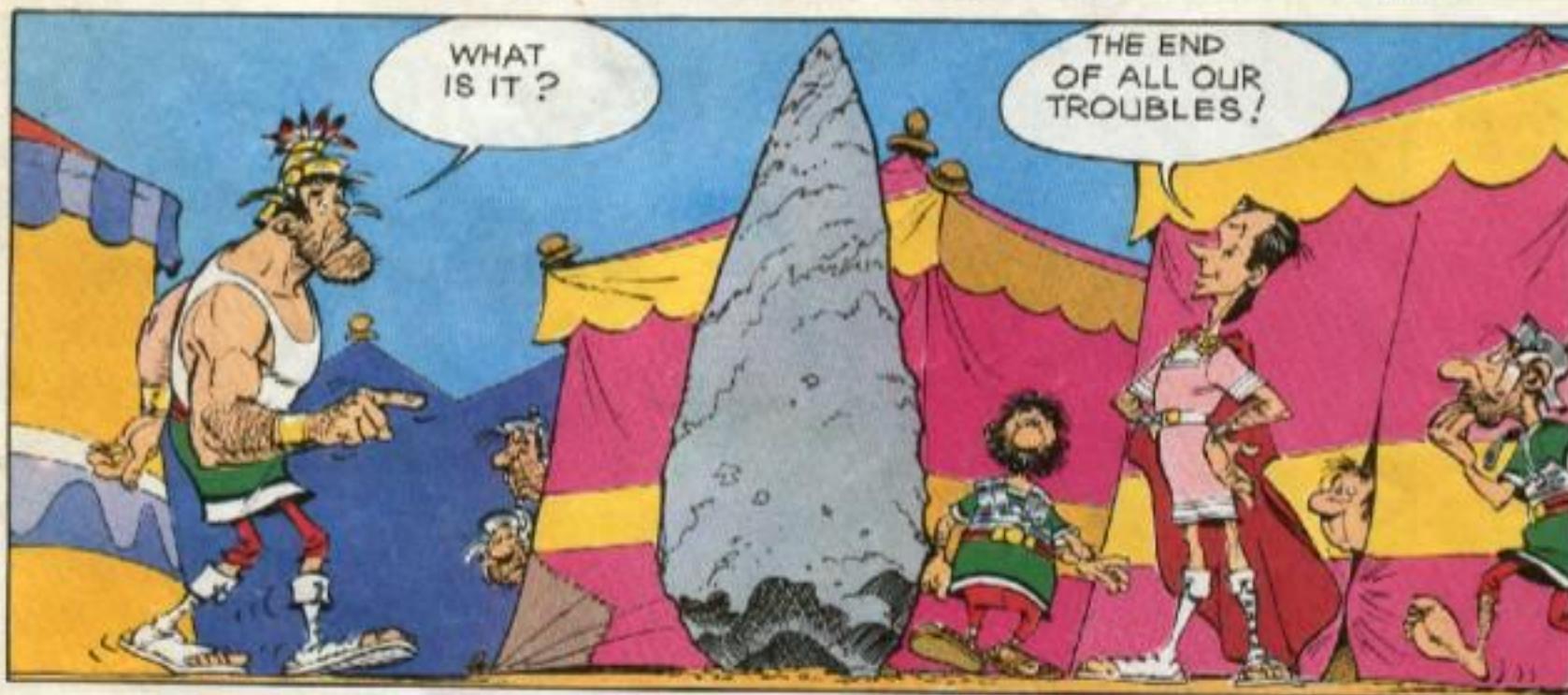
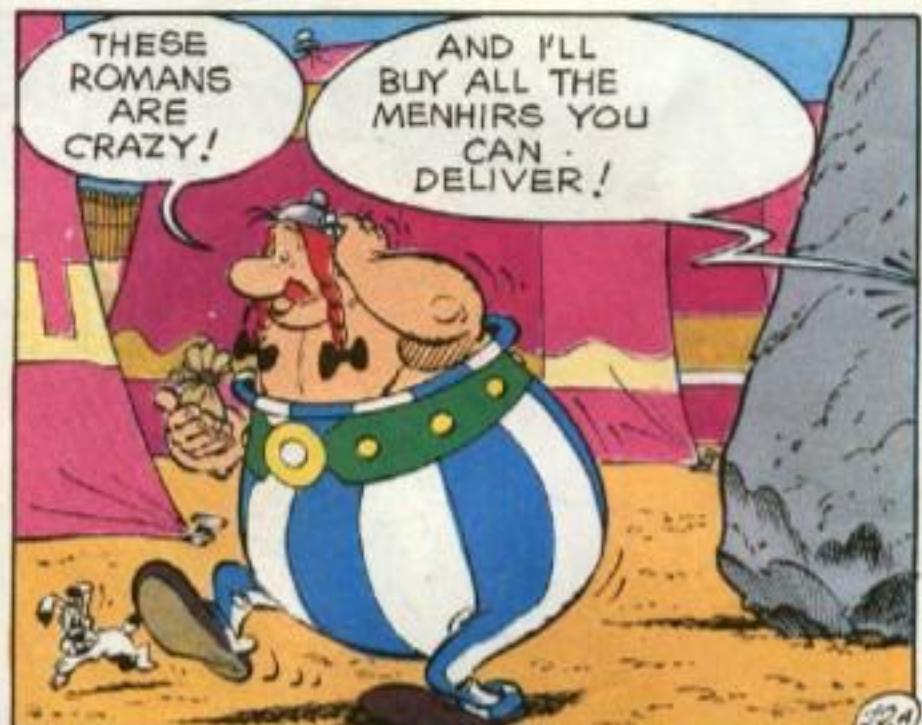
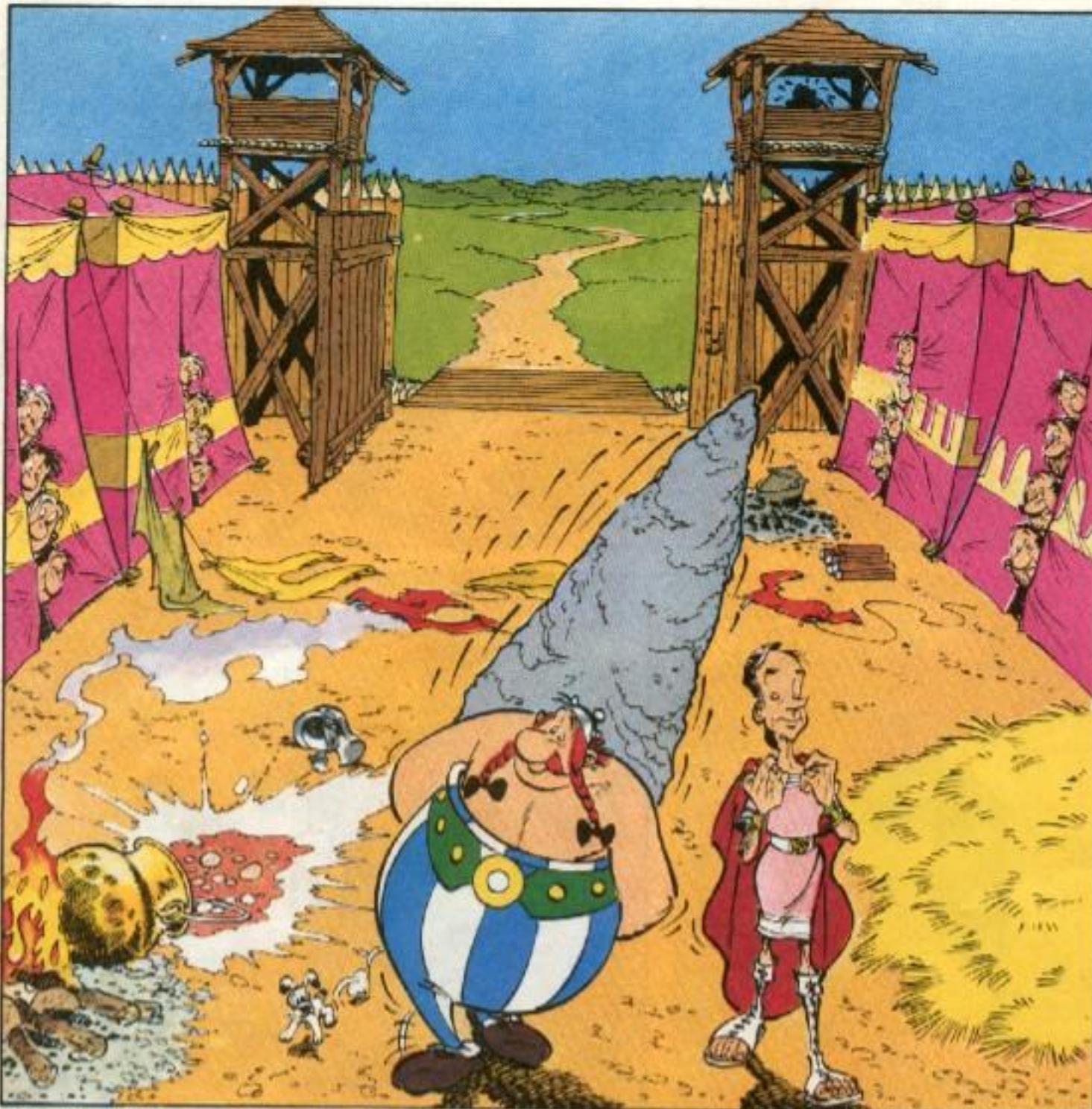
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MAKE ME LOOK RIDICULOUS. WE
CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS, BY
JUPITER! WELL? I'M WAITING
FOR SUGGESTIONS!





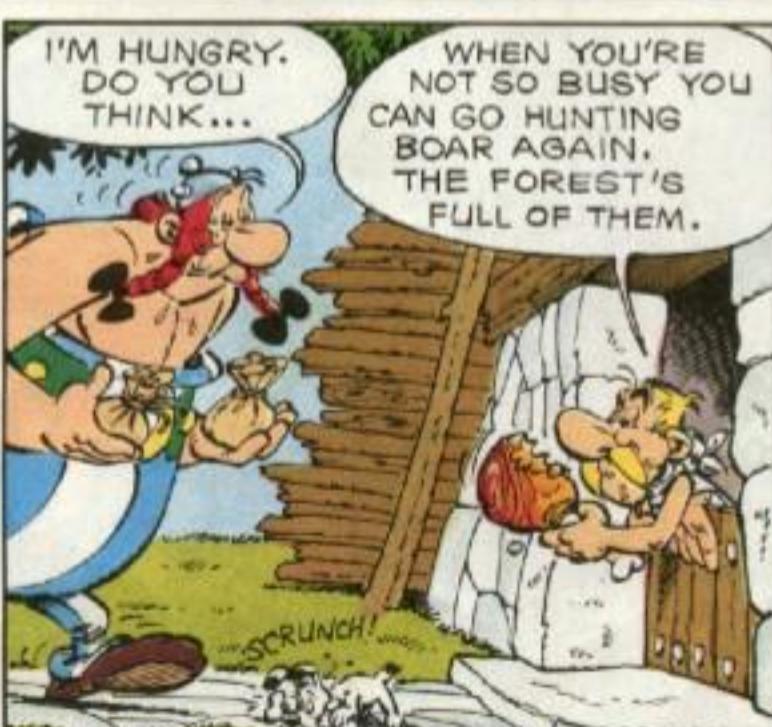
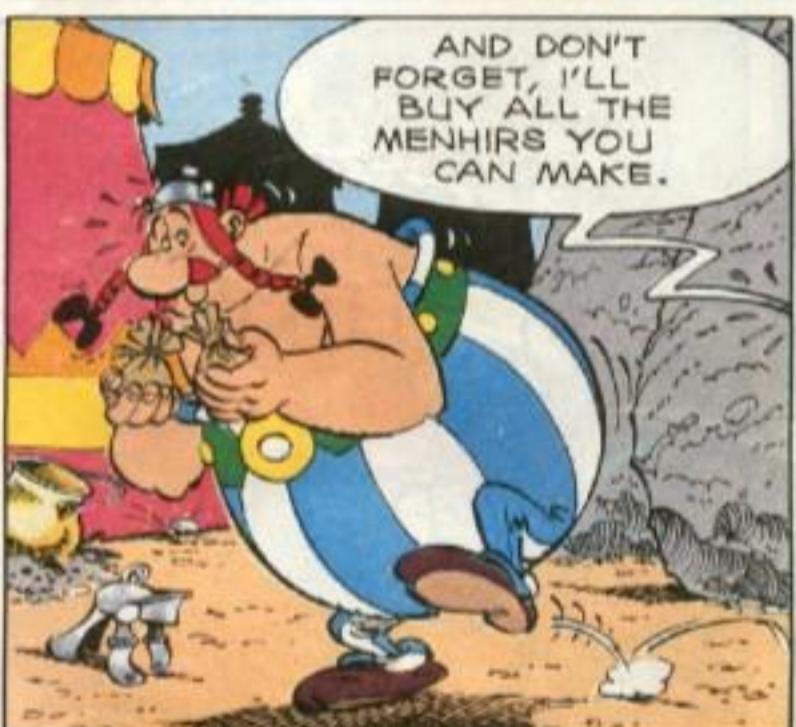
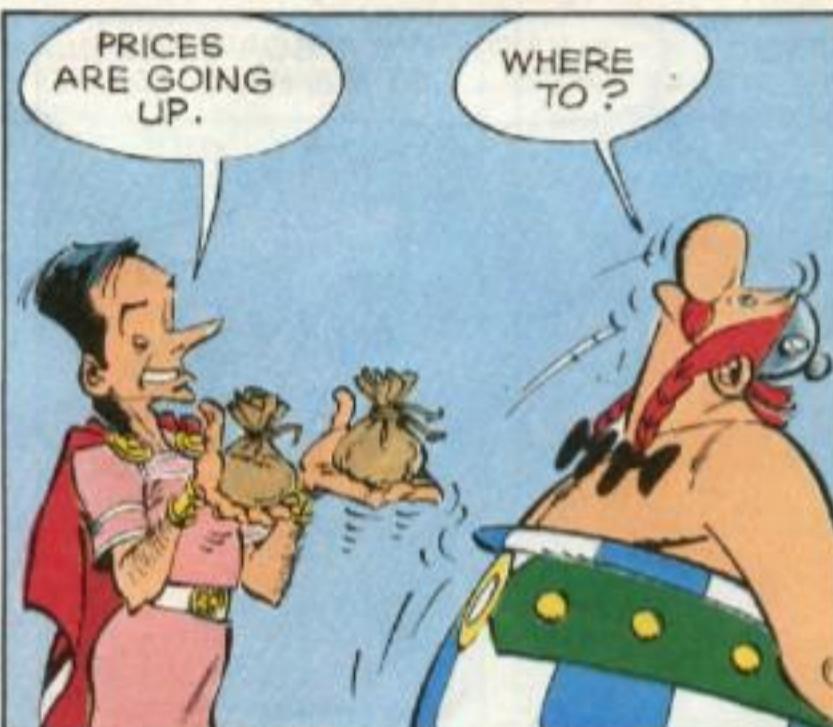


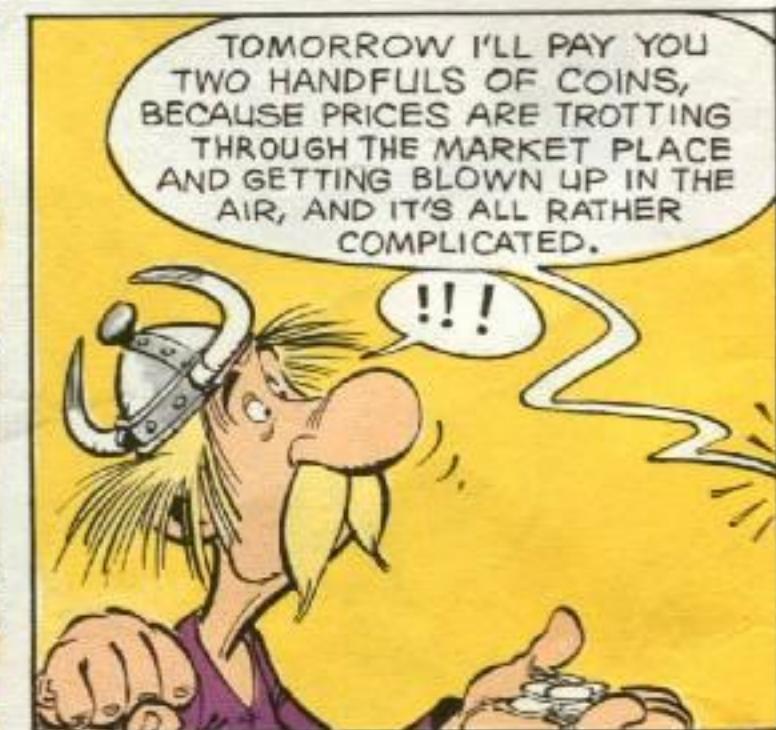
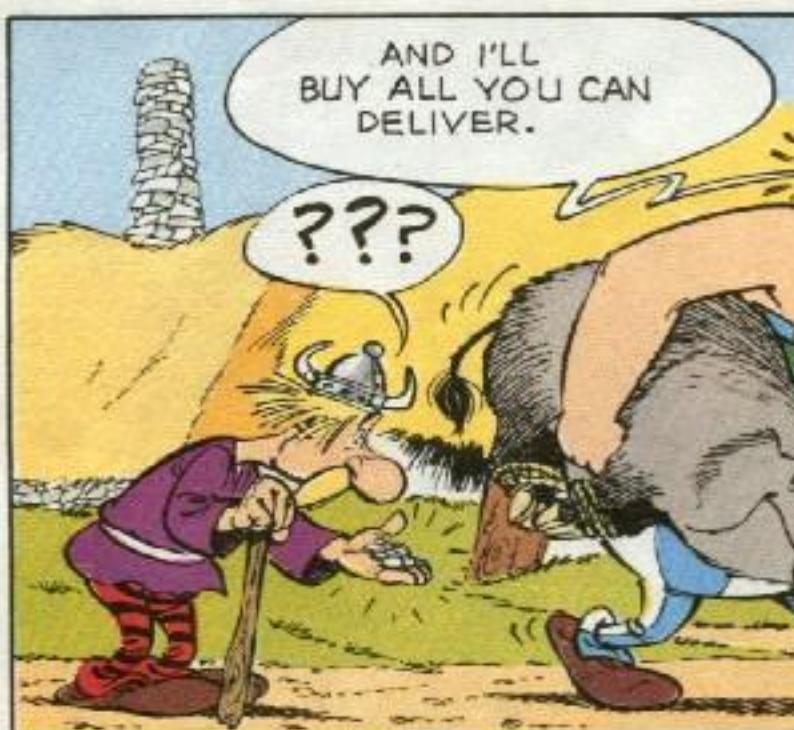
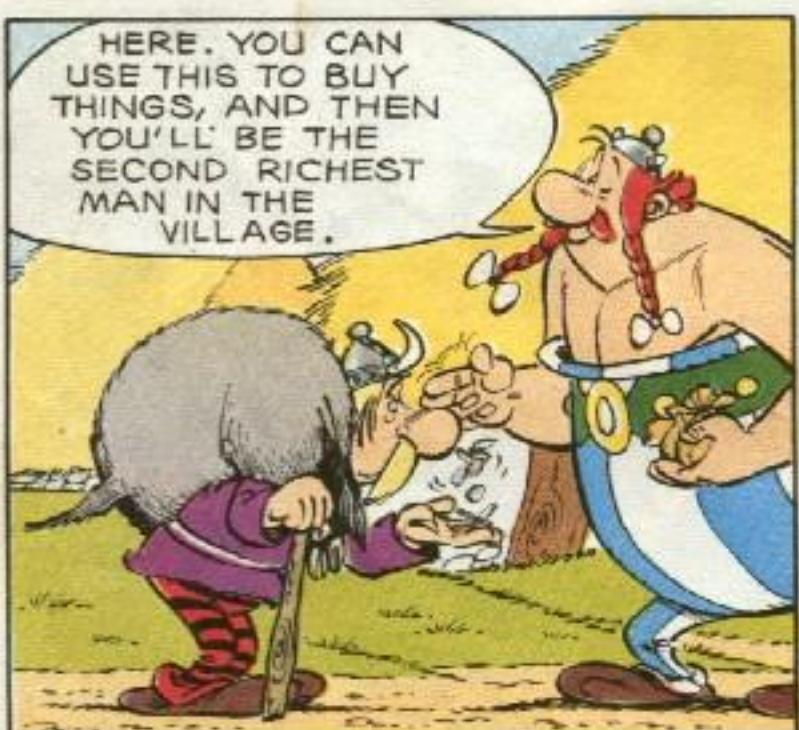
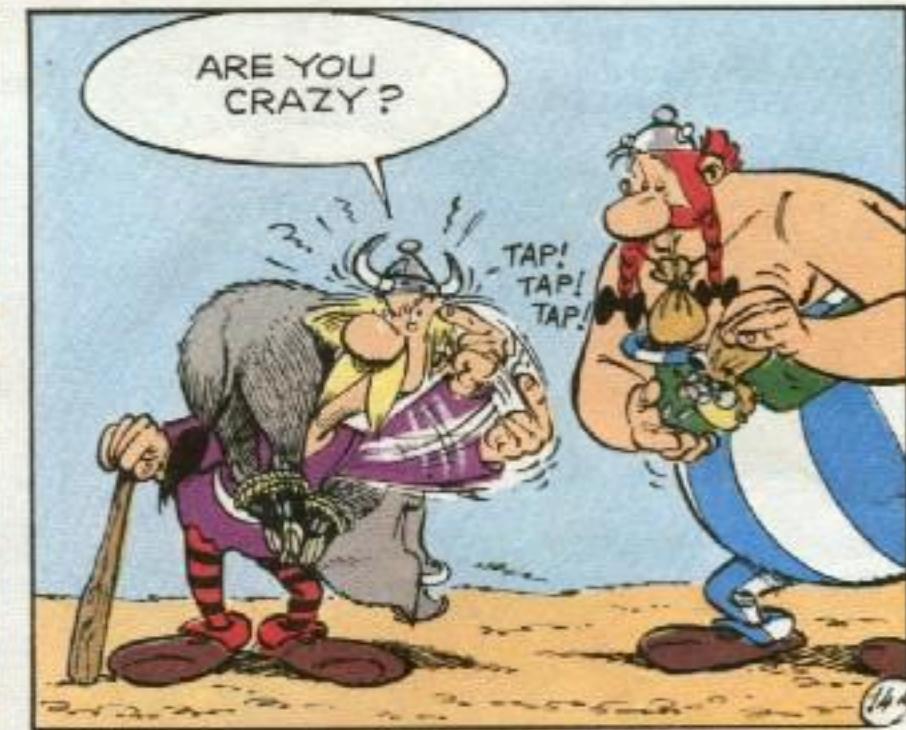
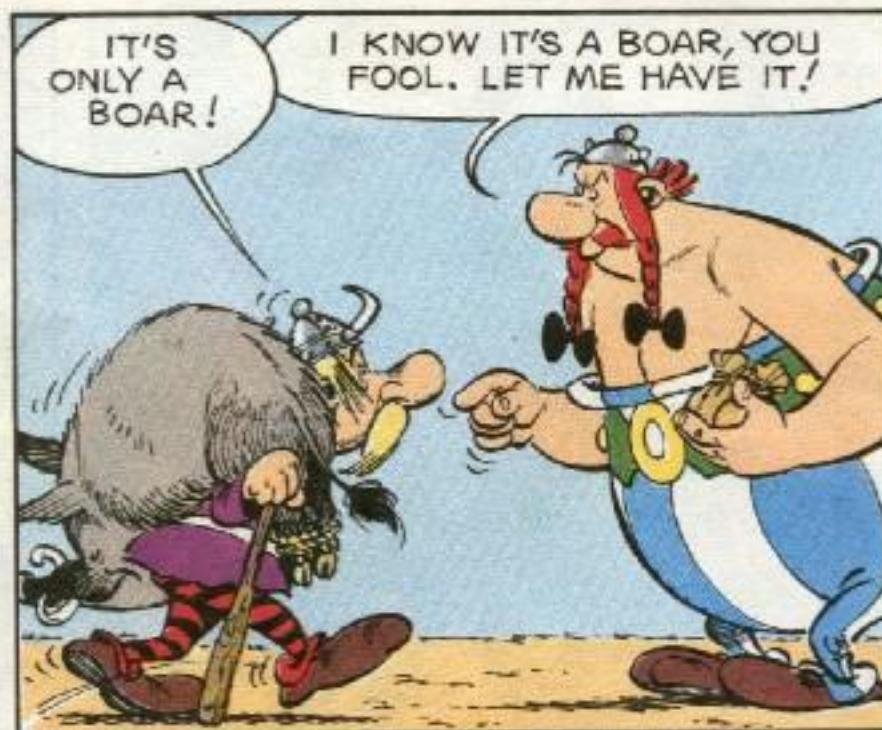
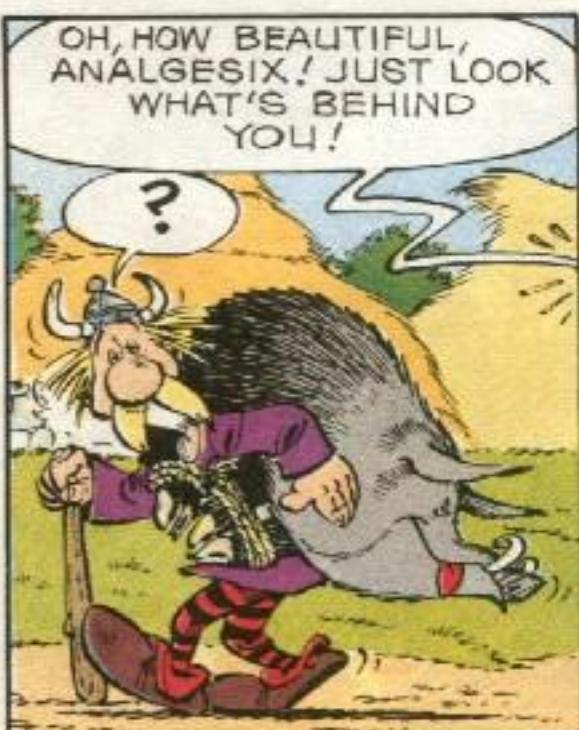
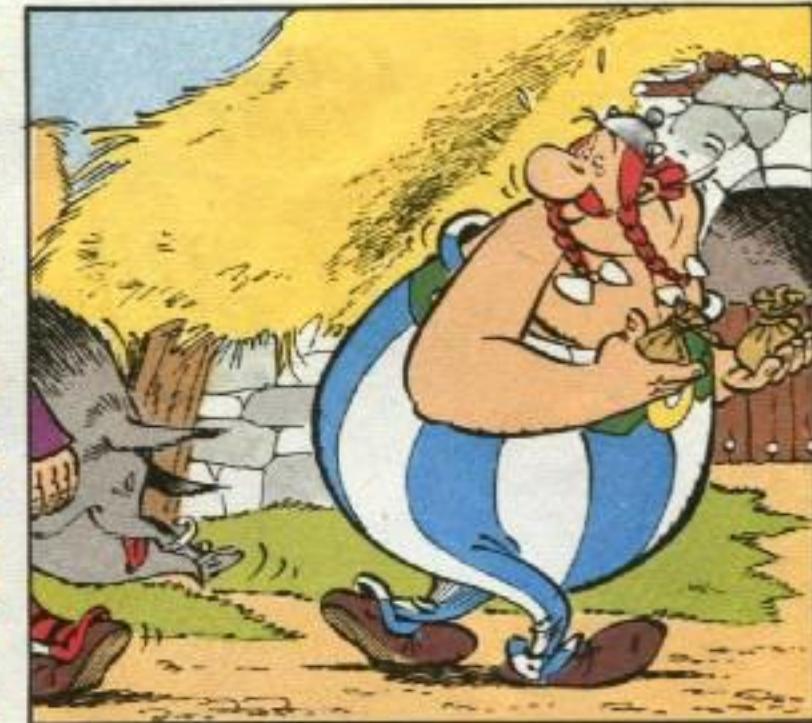
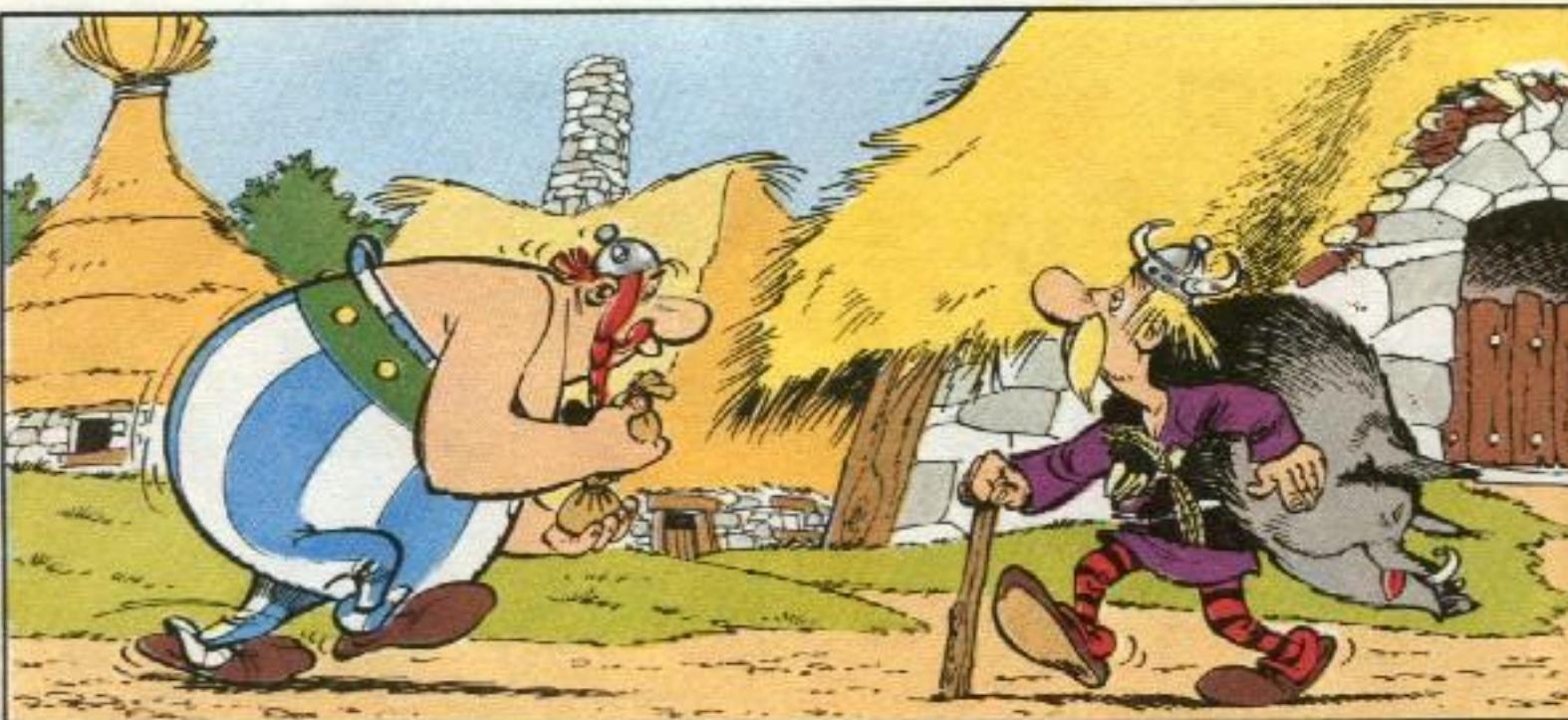


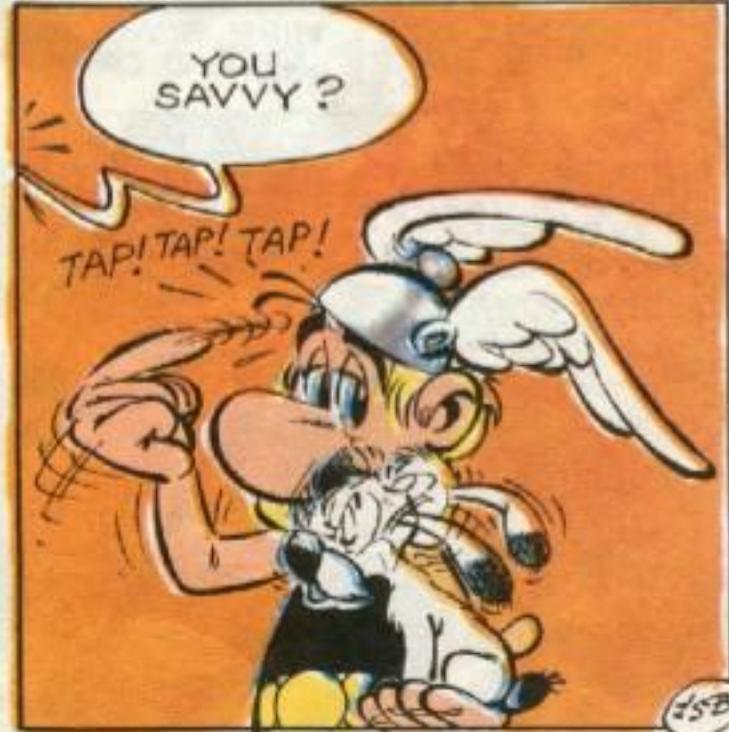
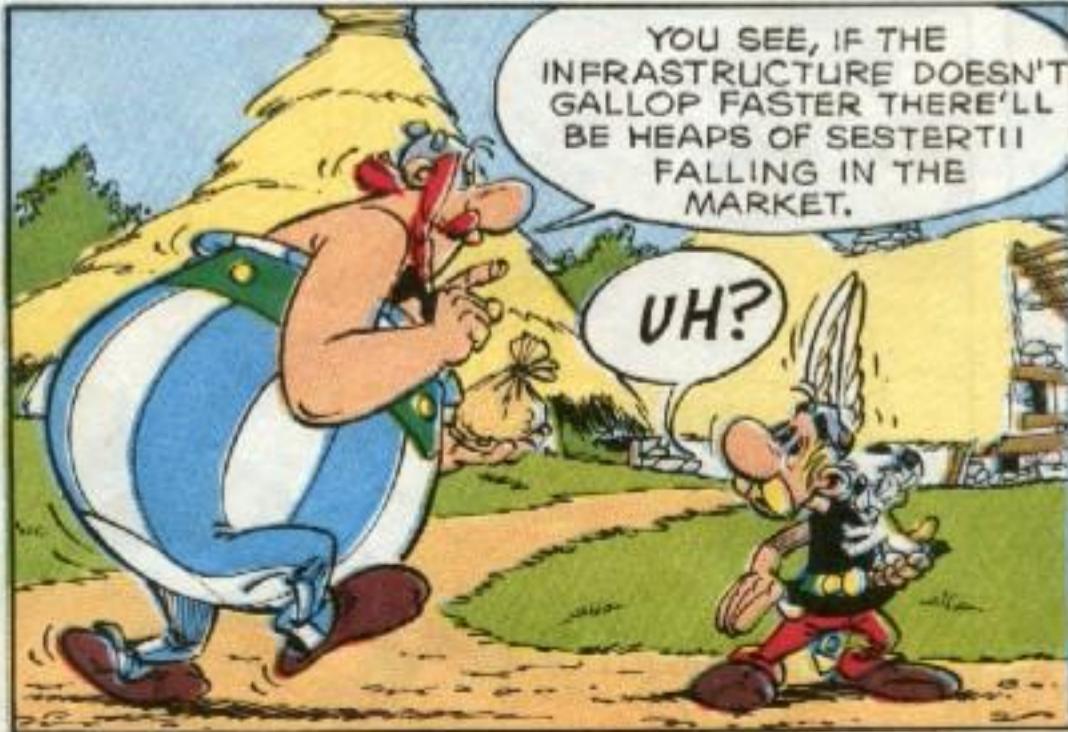
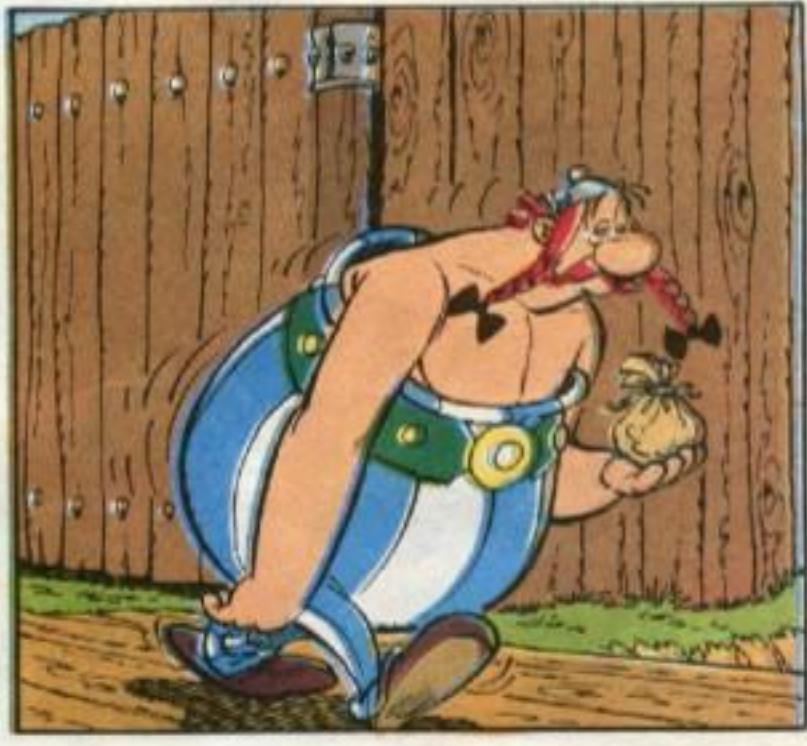
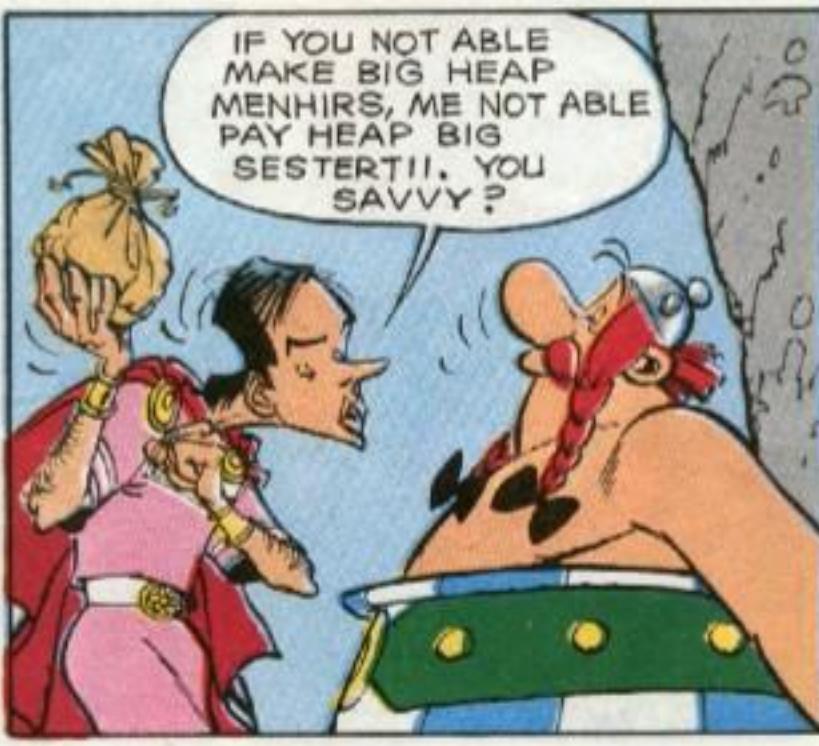
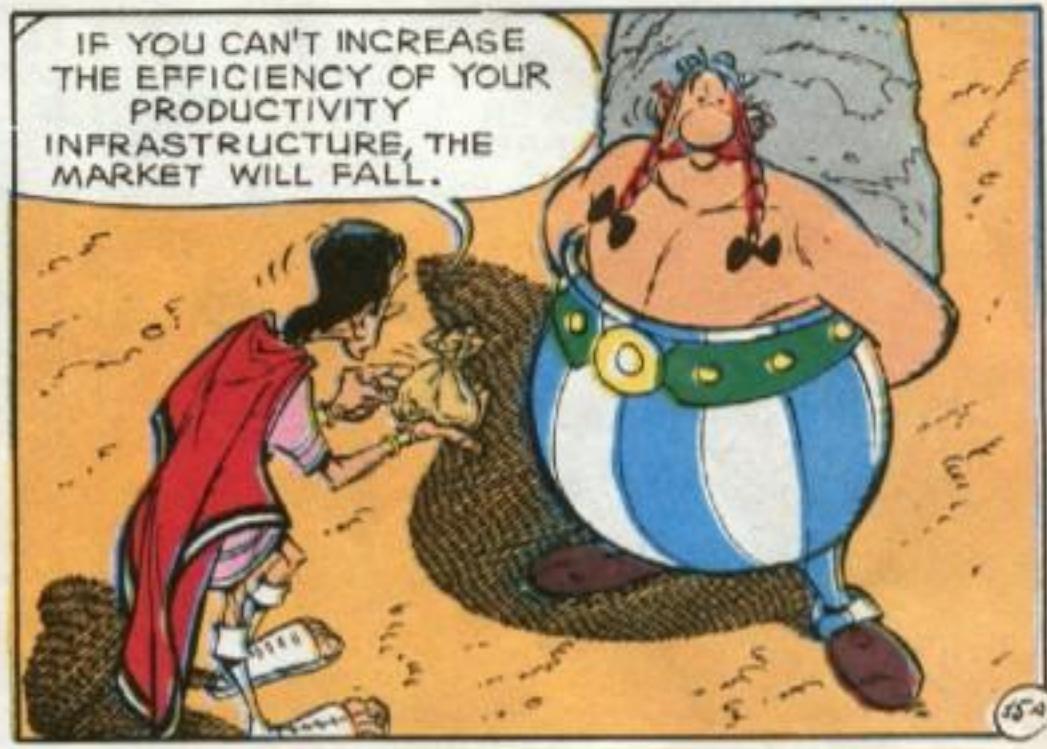
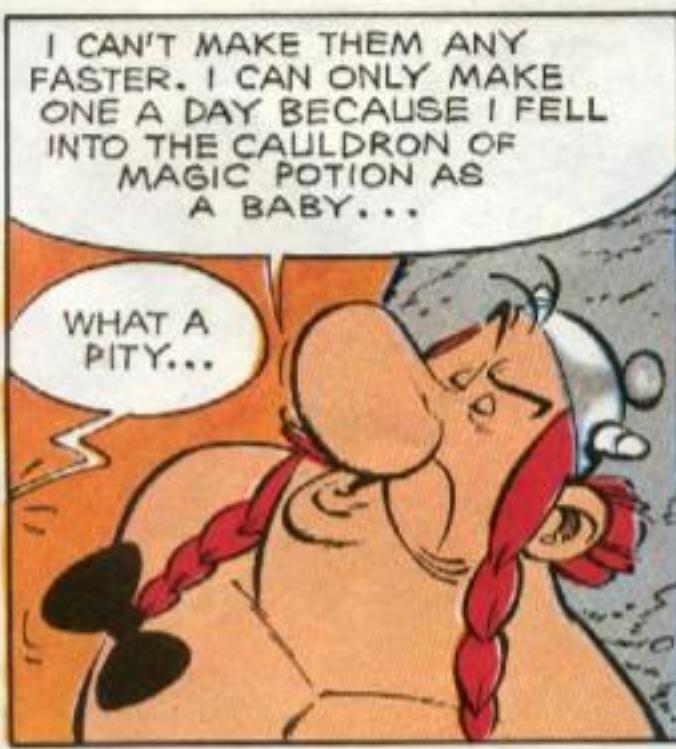
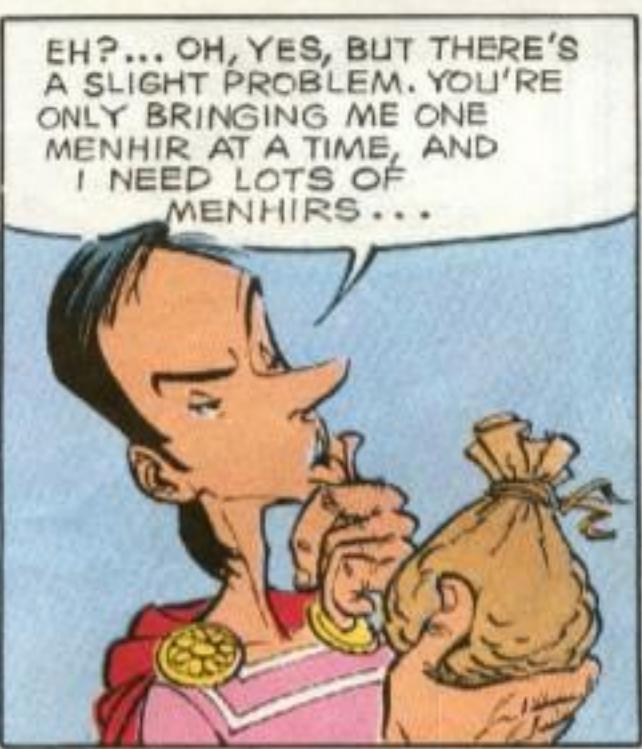
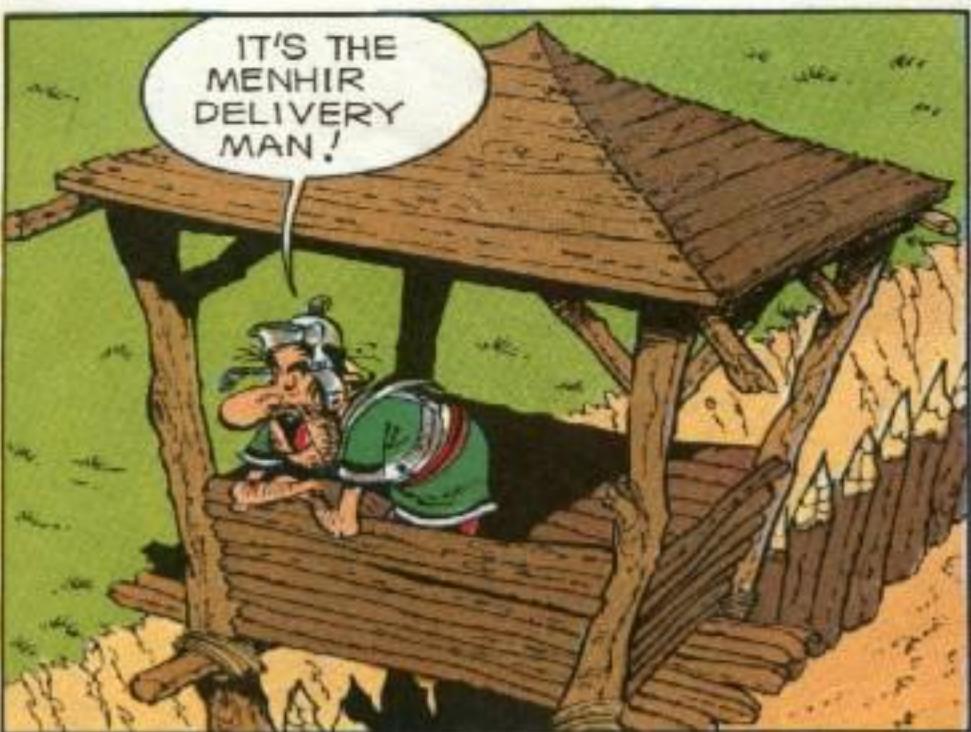


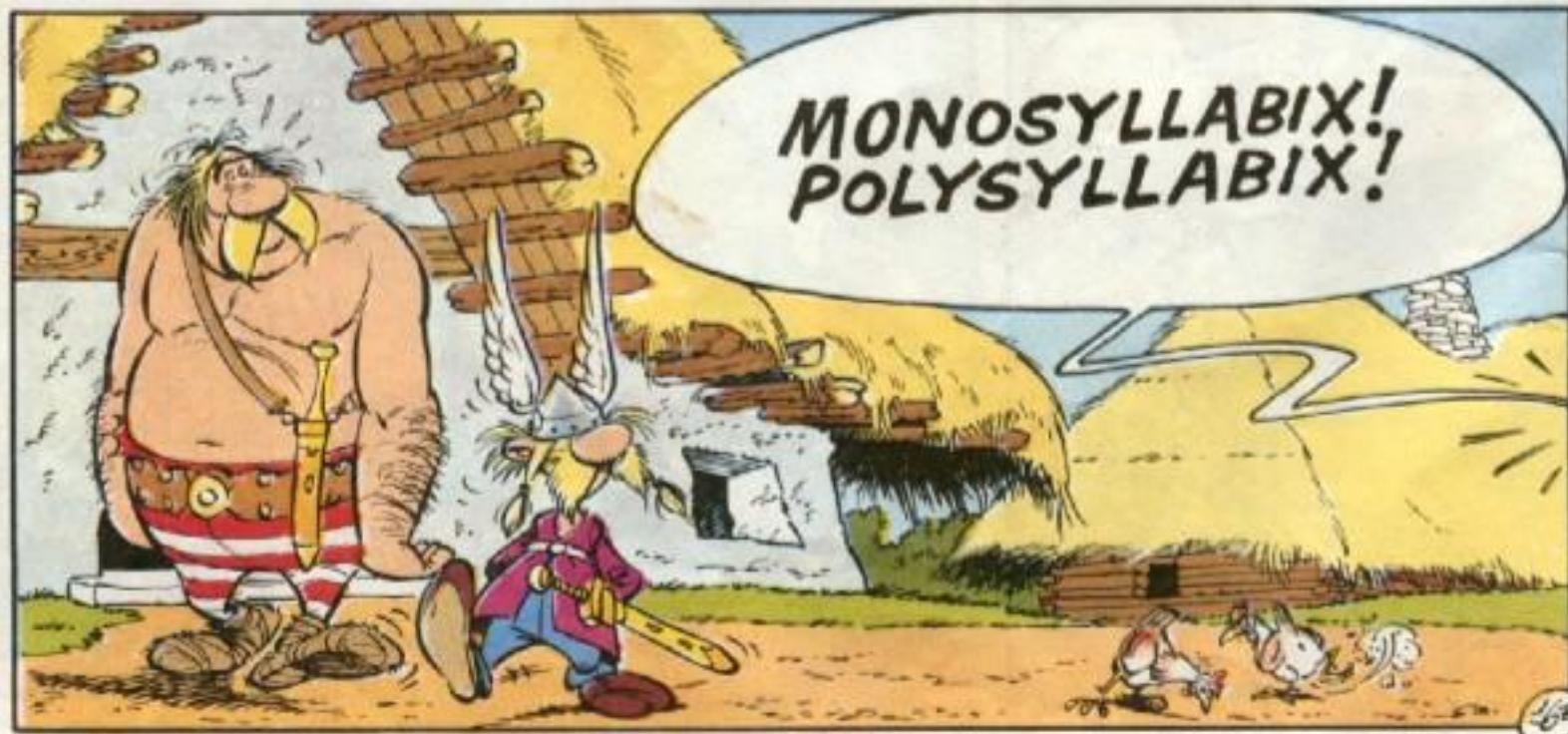
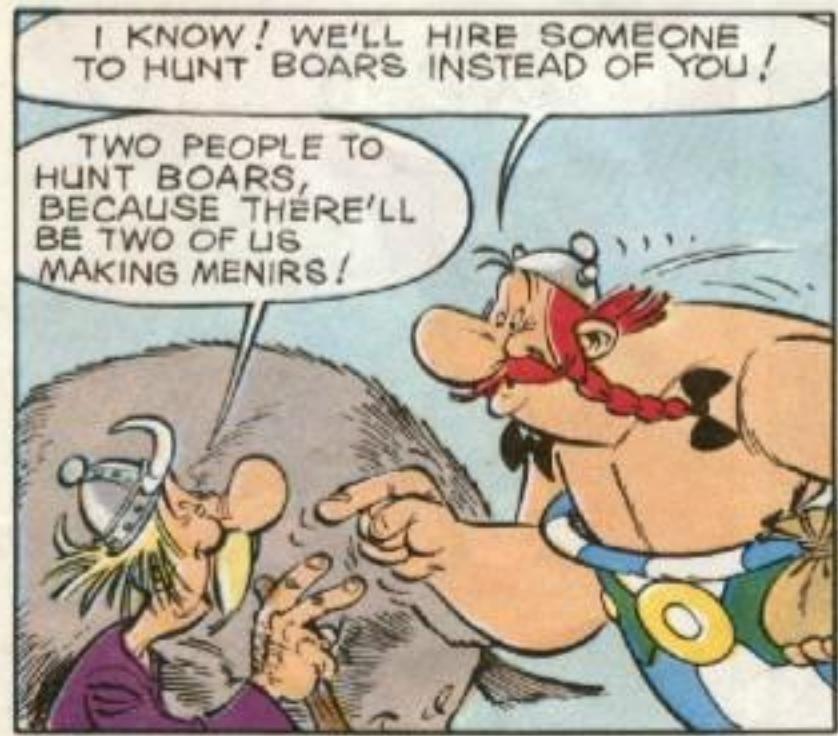
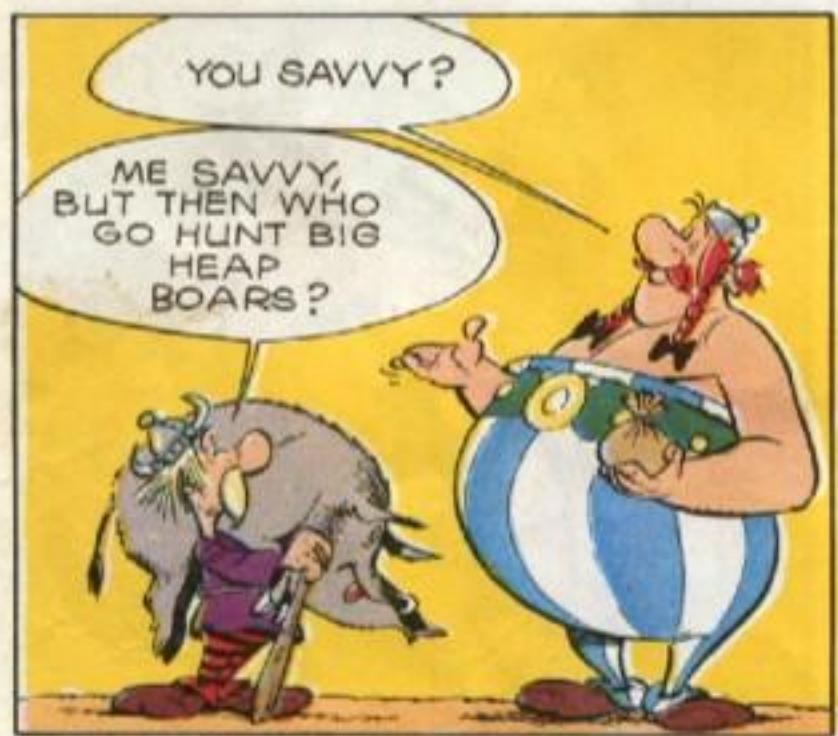
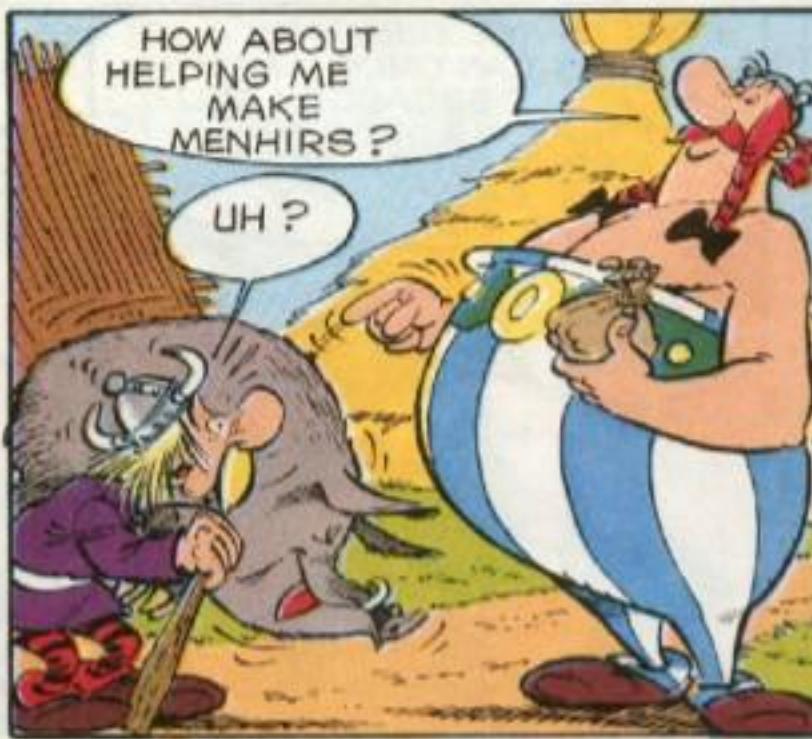
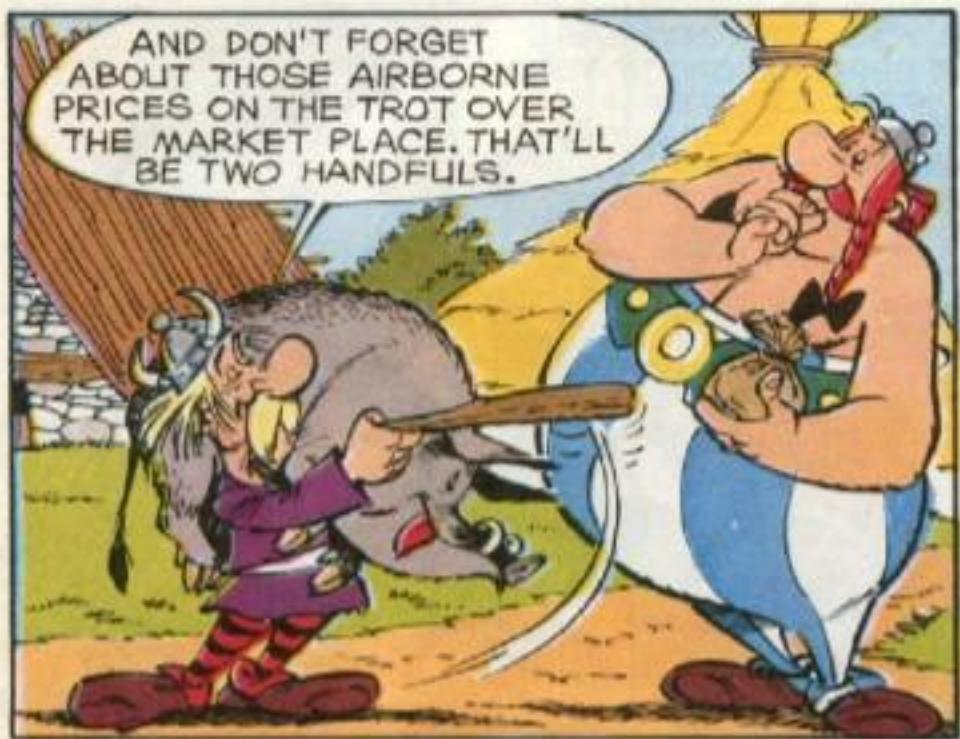
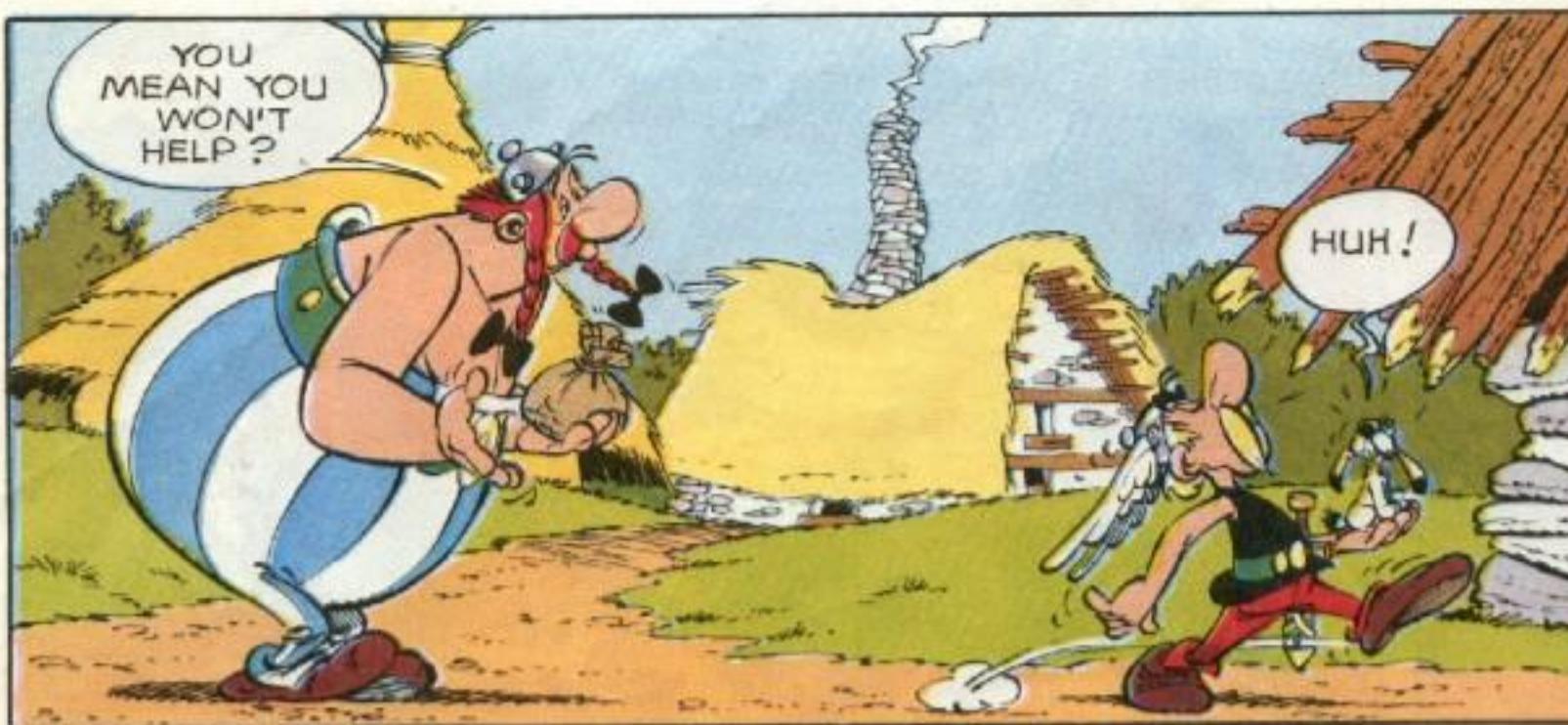
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I'VE GOT WORK TO
DO, I HAVE! I DON'T
HAVE TIME TO
FOOL AROUND!

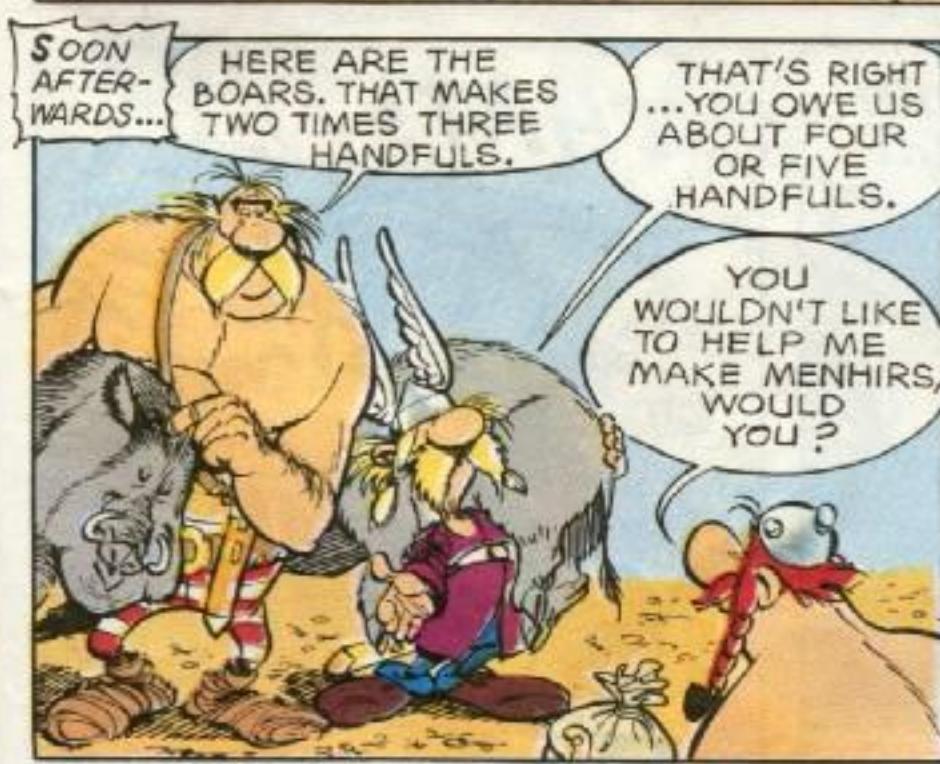
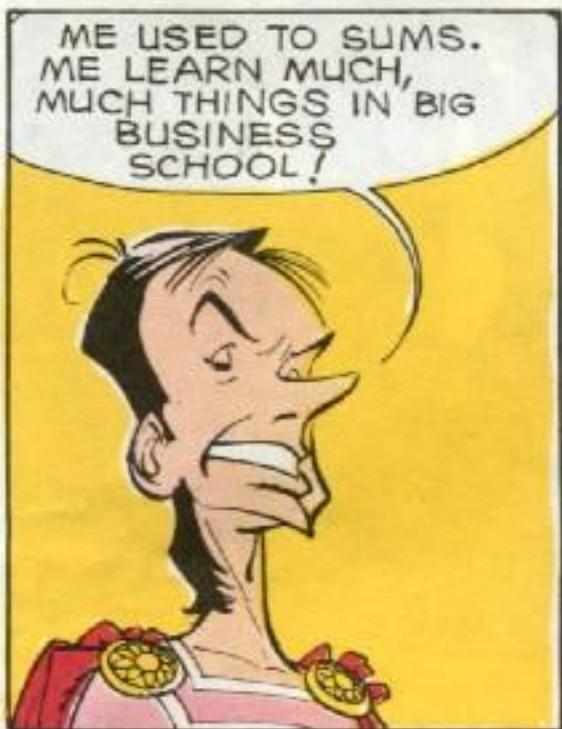
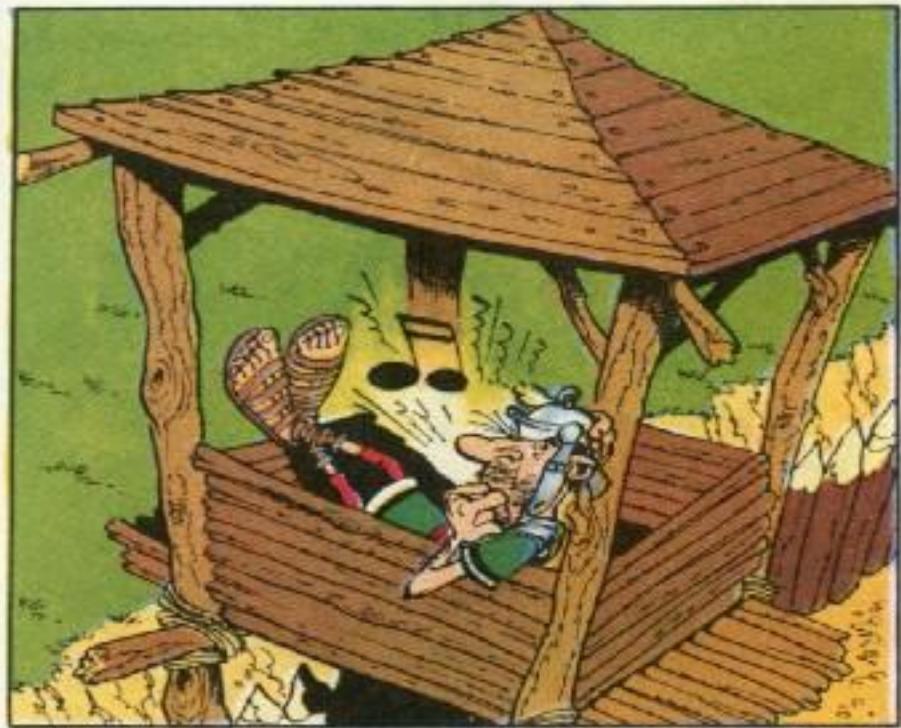


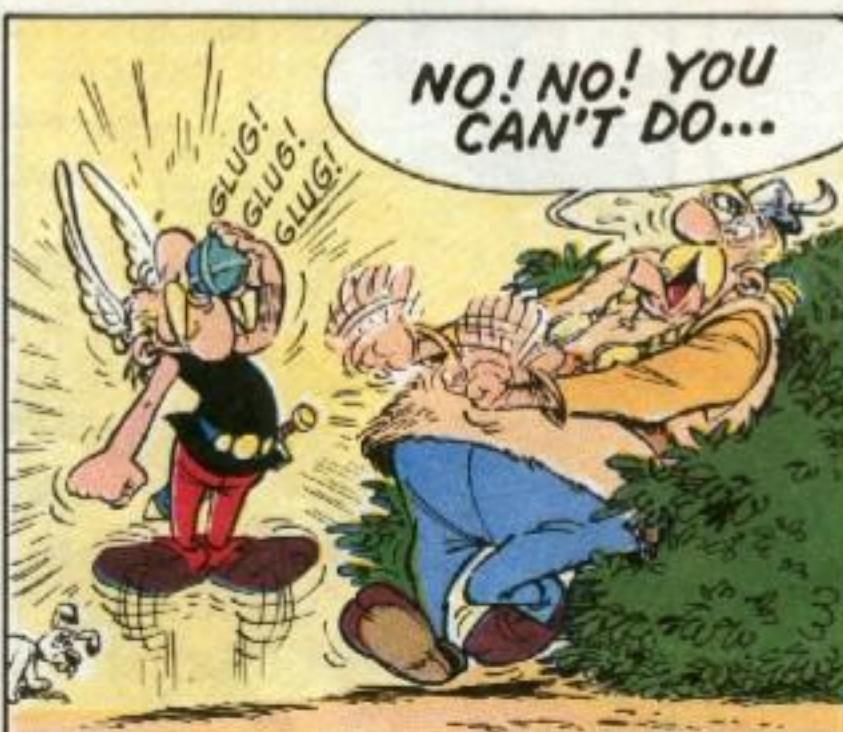
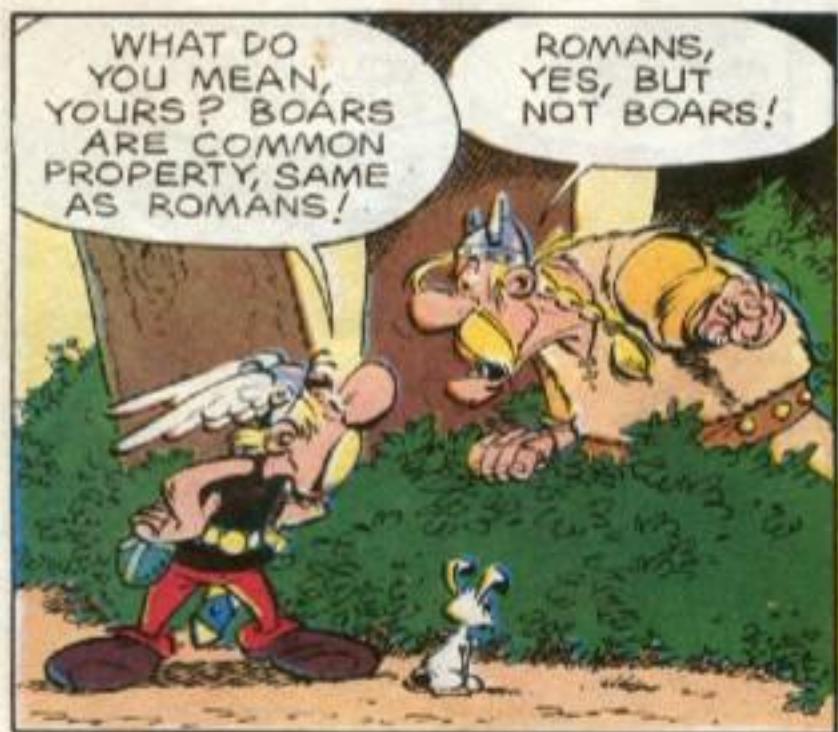
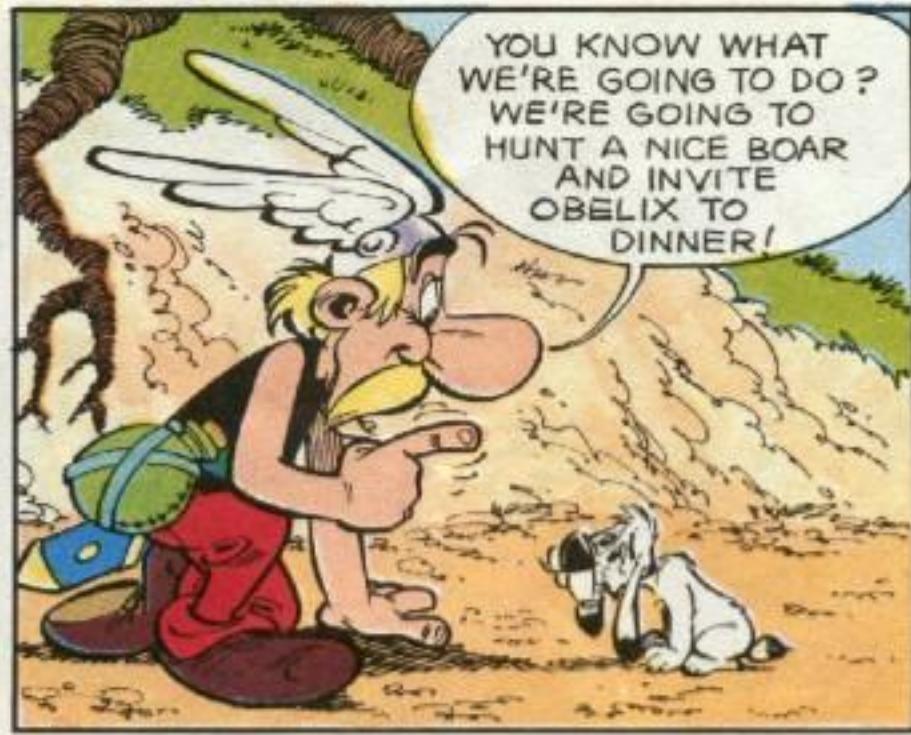
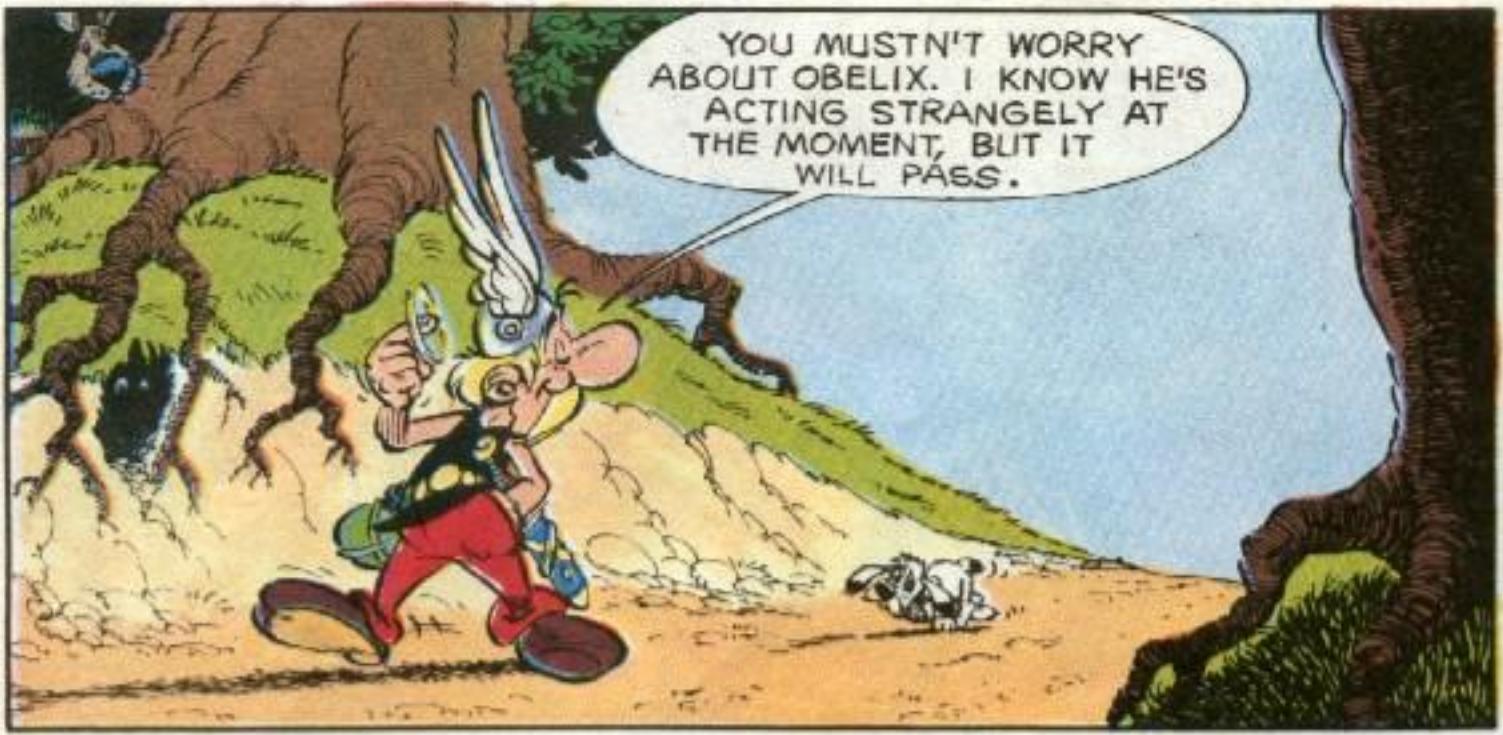


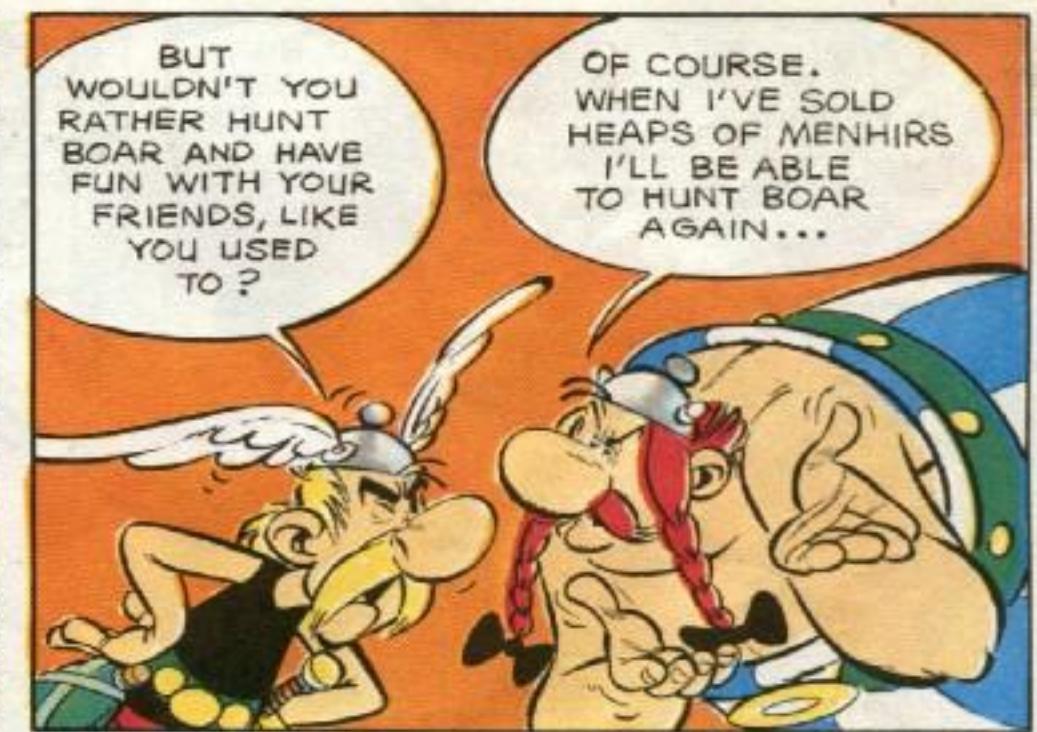
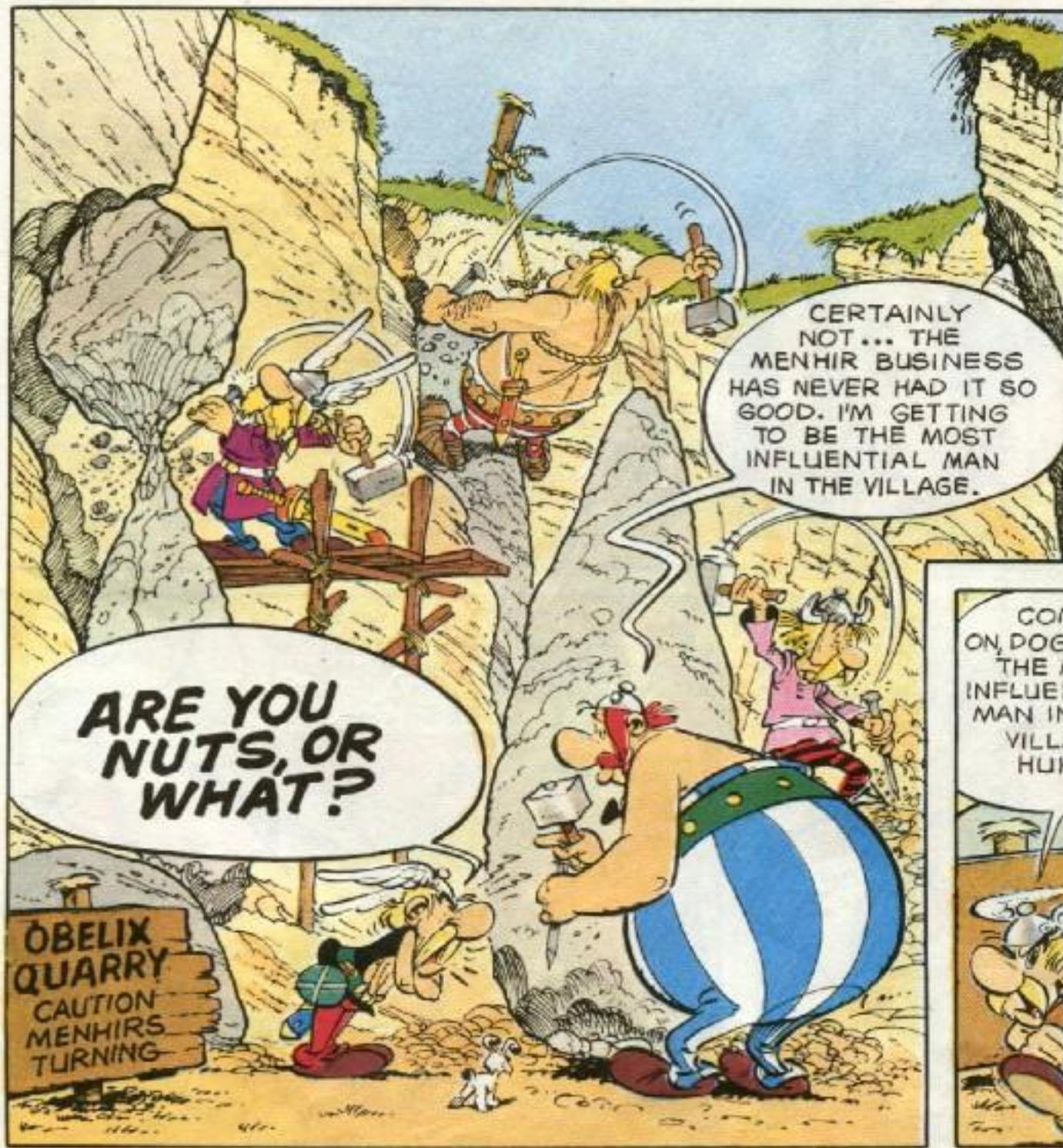
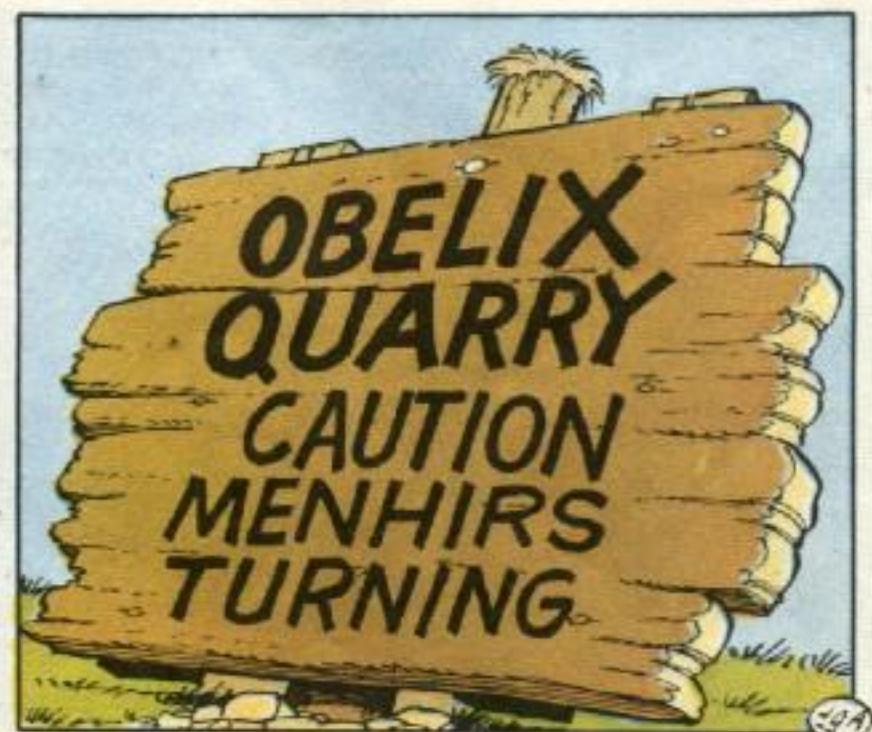
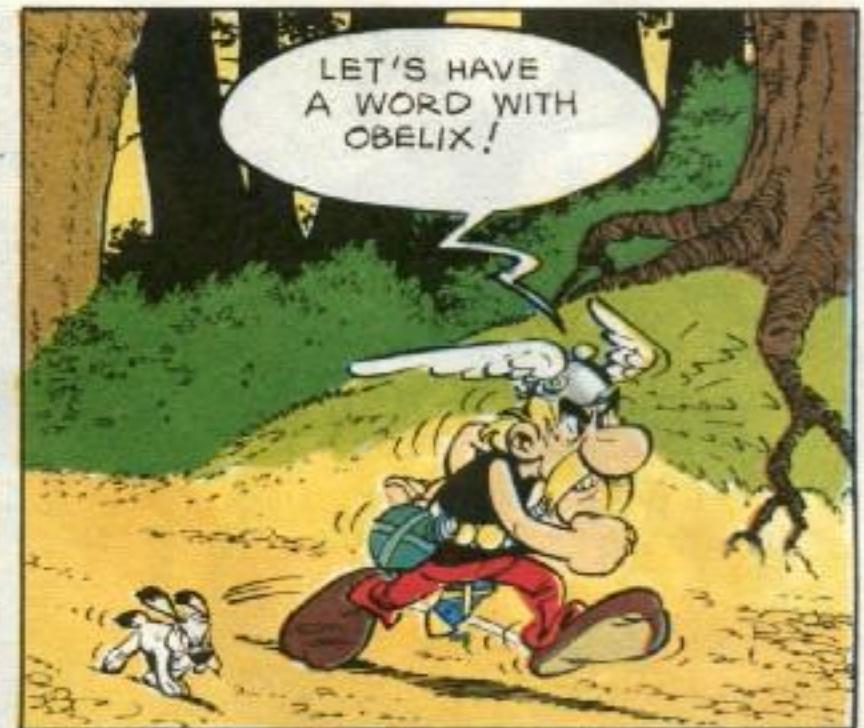


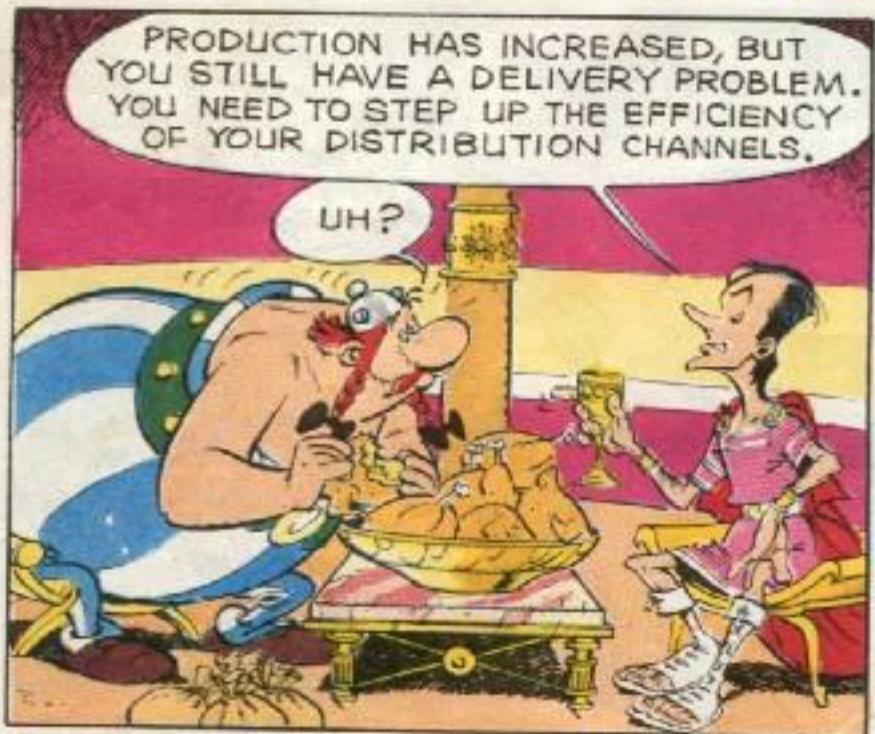
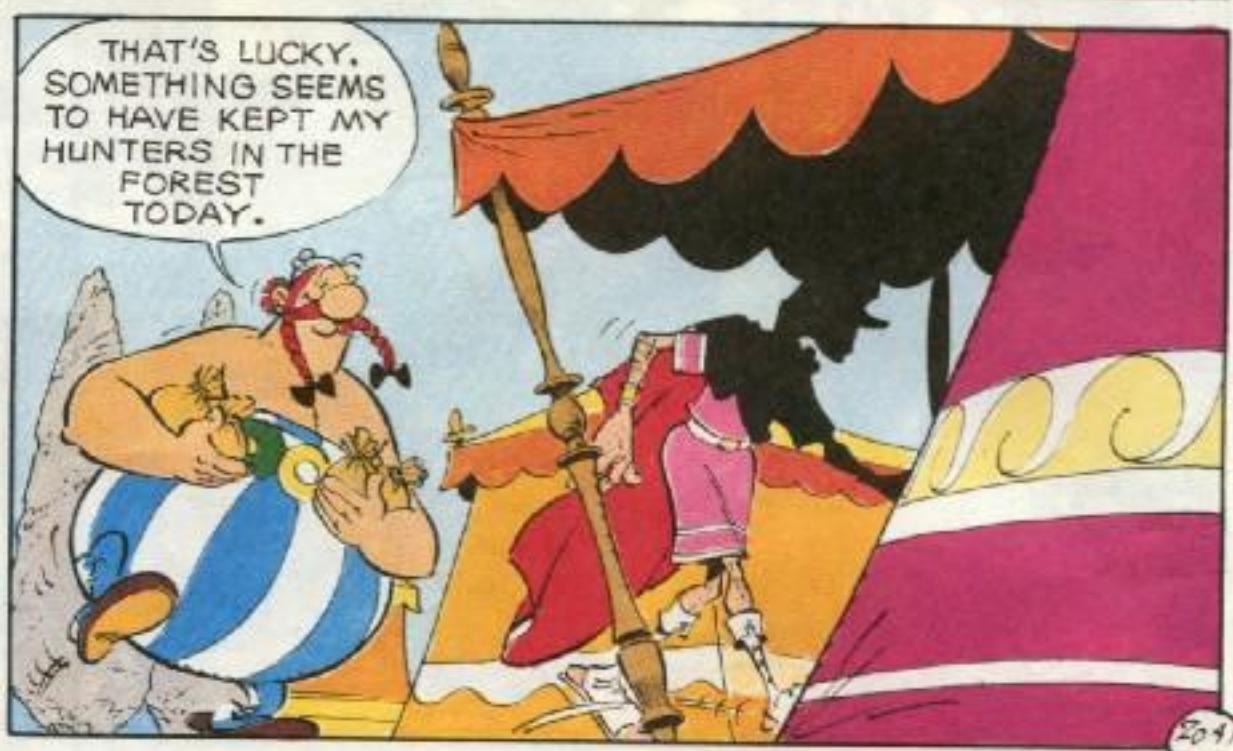
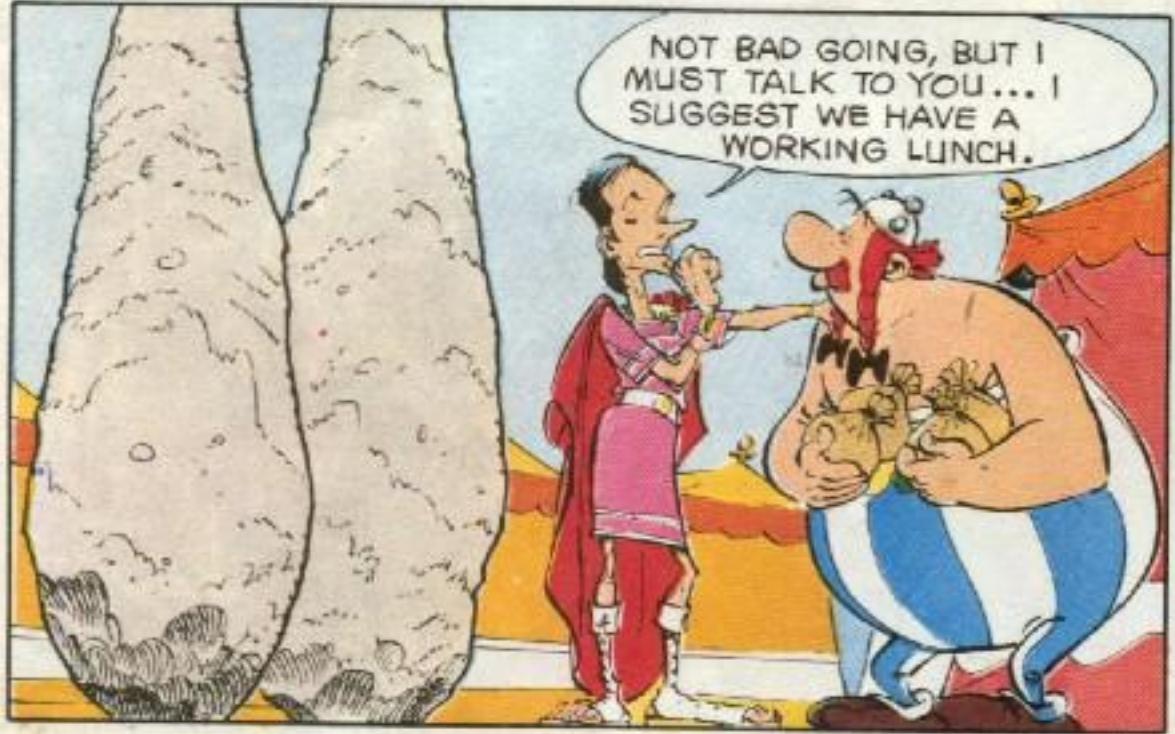




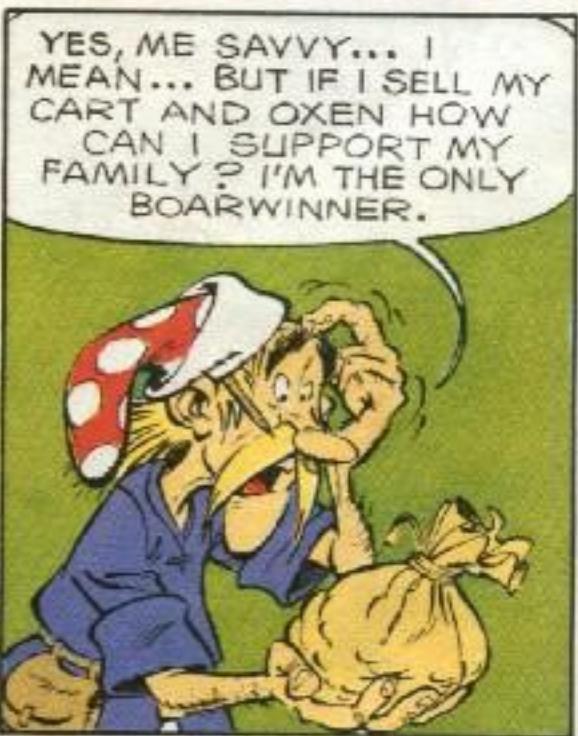




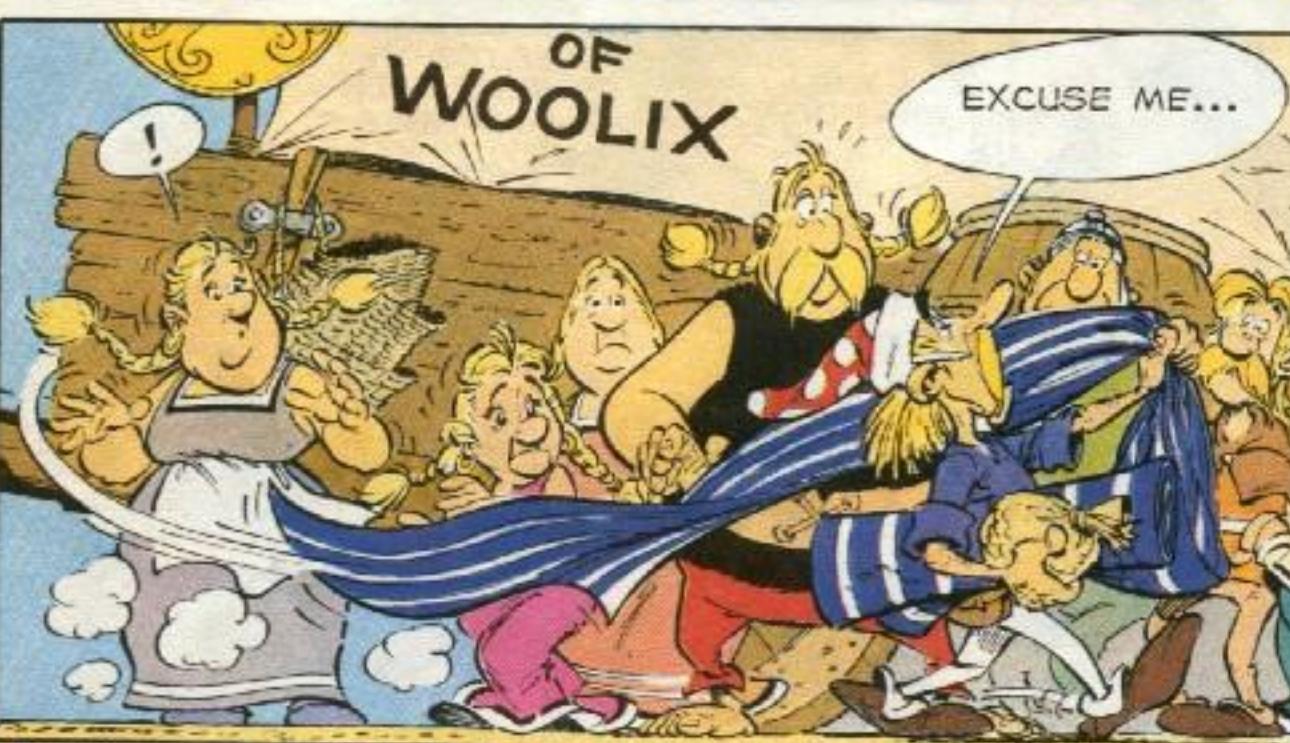








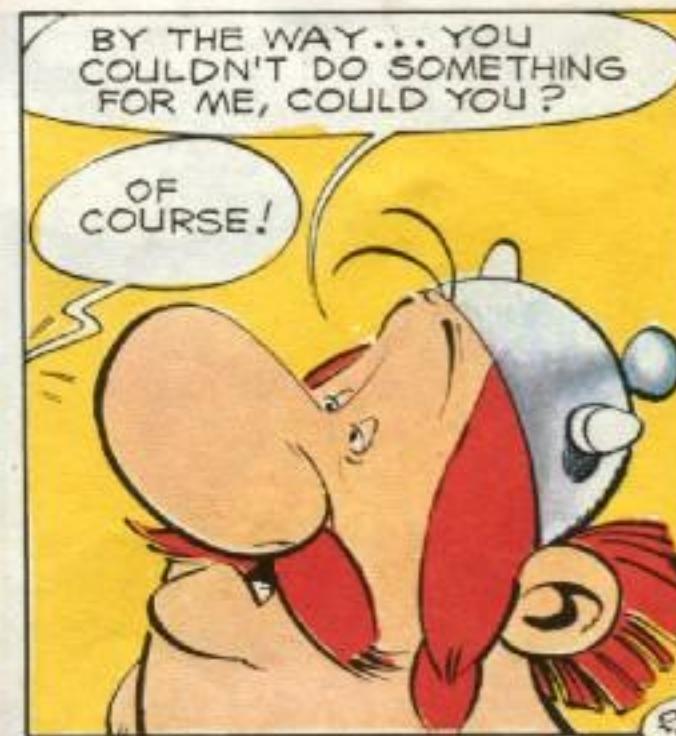
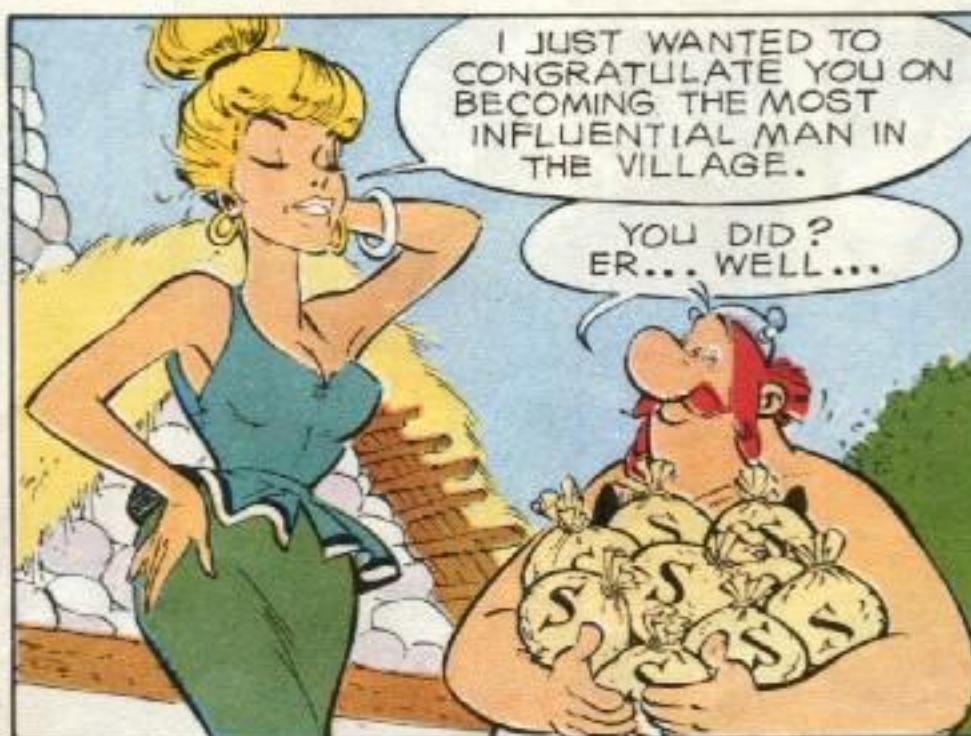
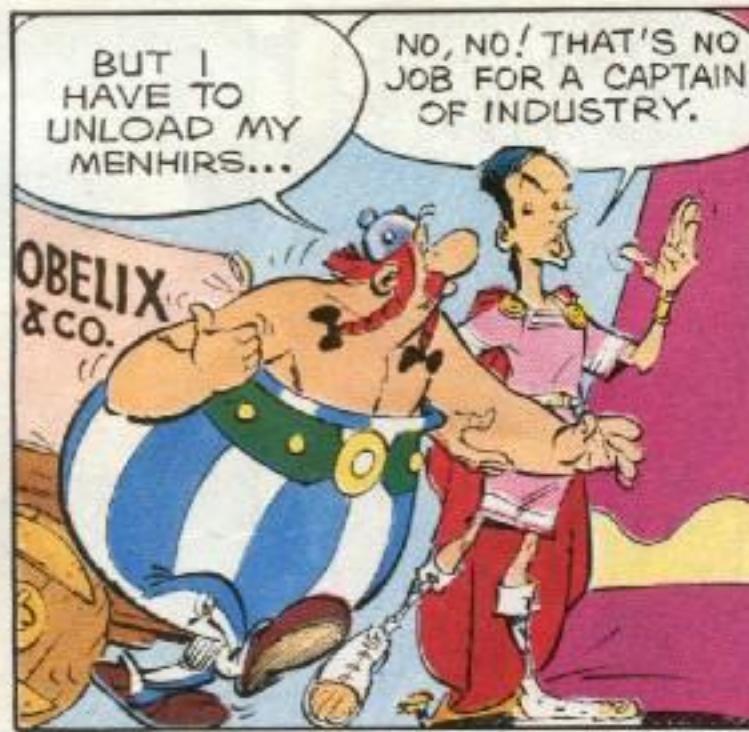
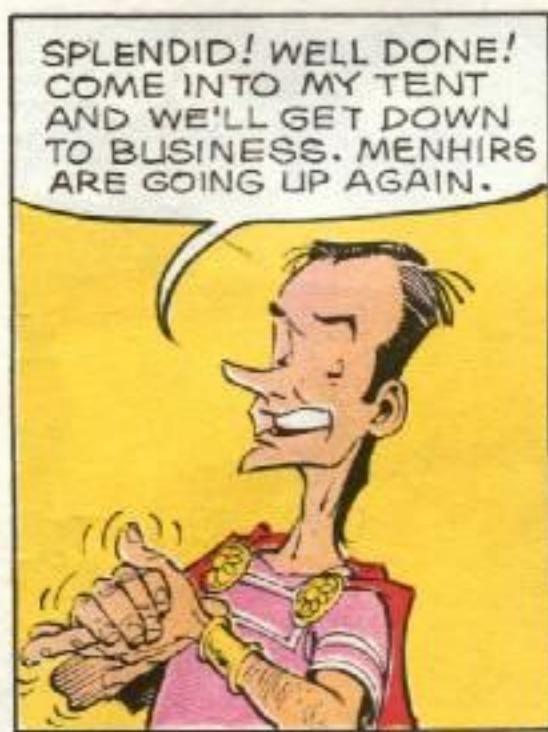
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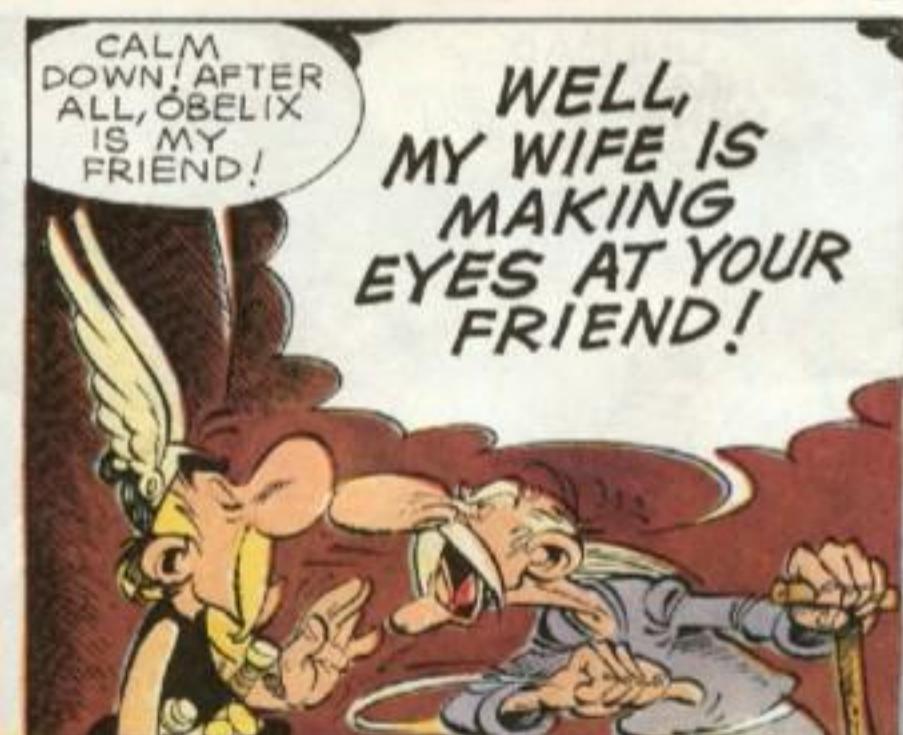
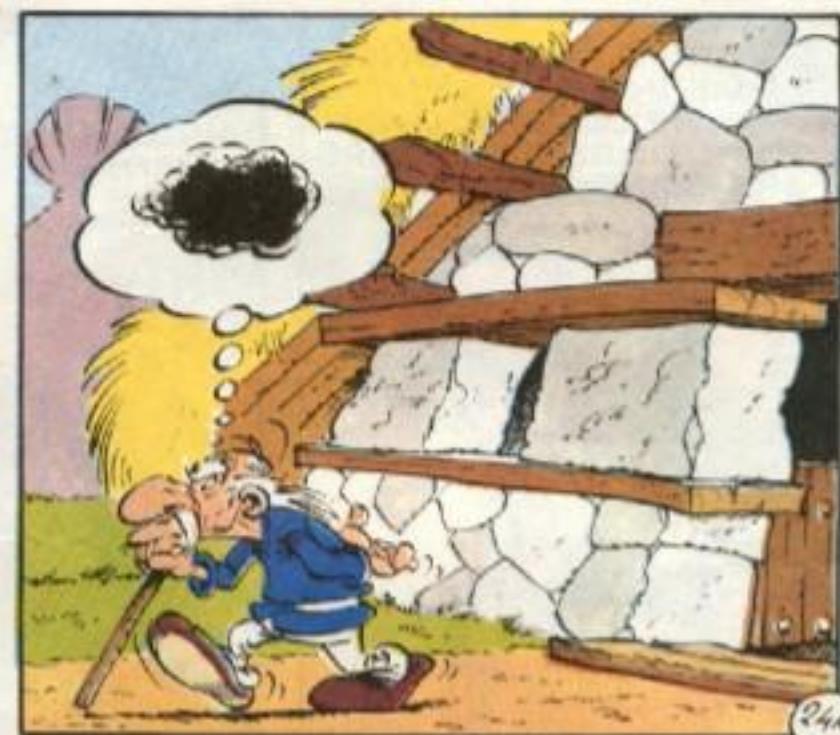


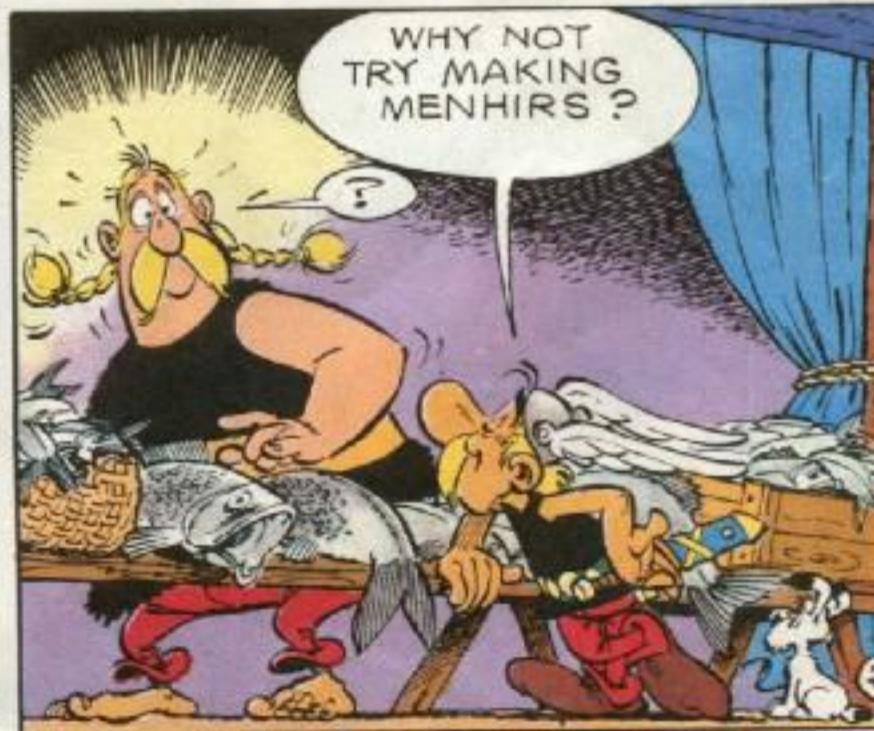
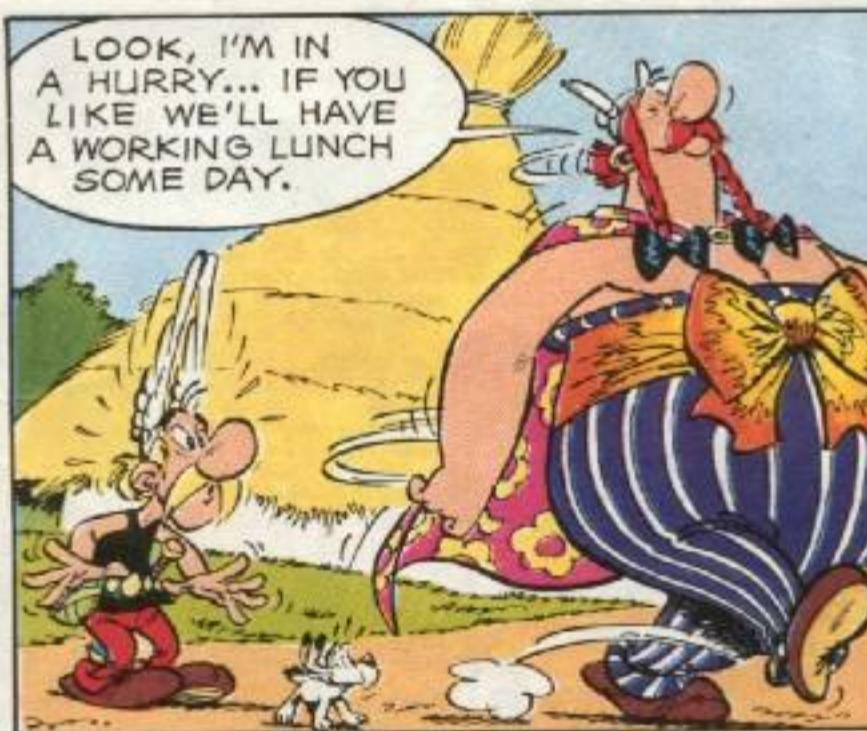
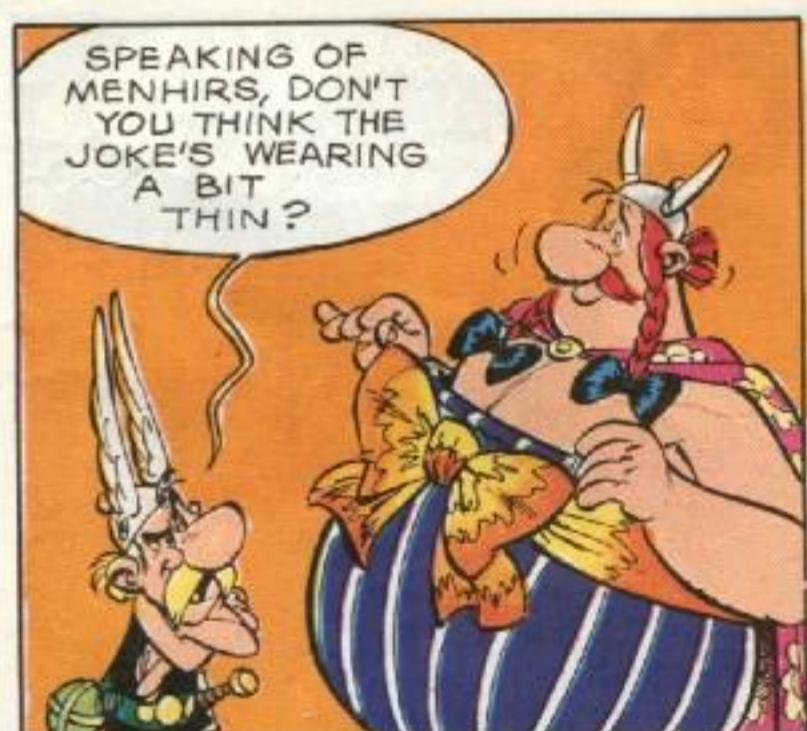
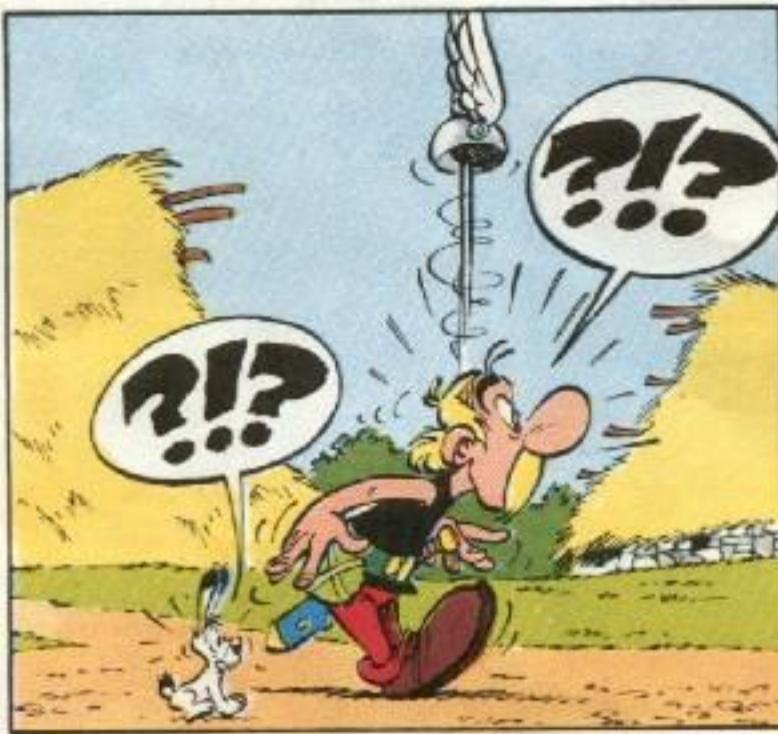
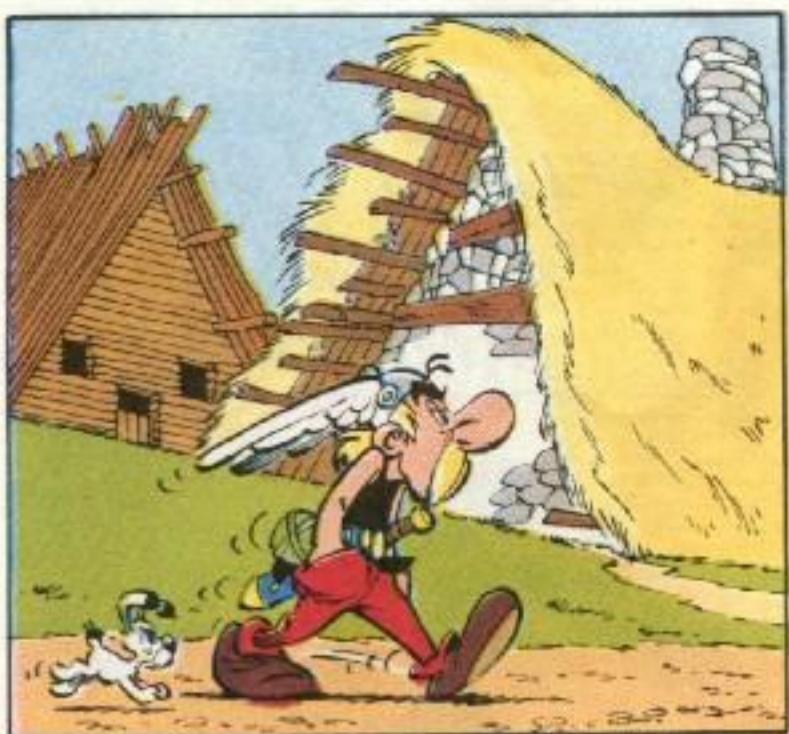
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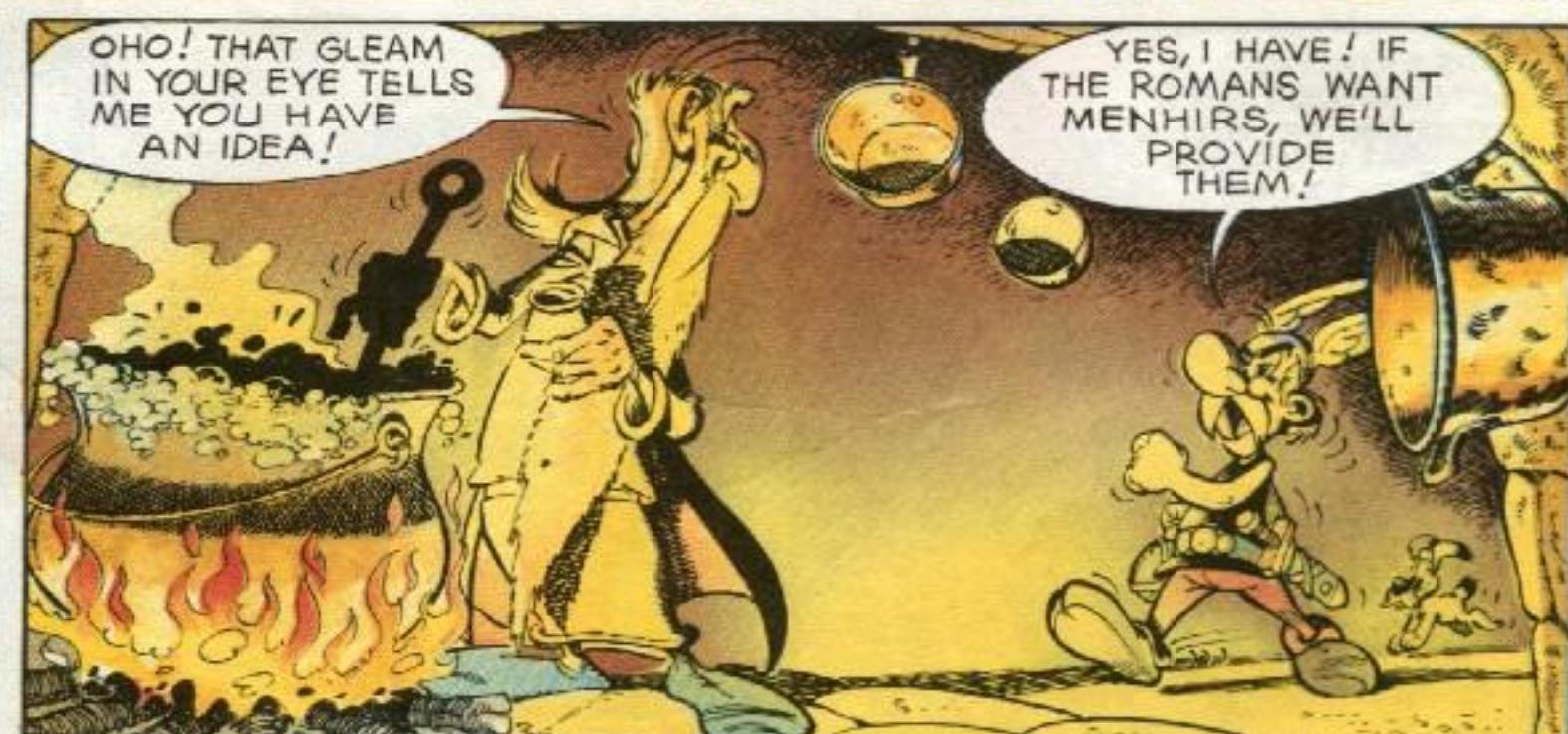
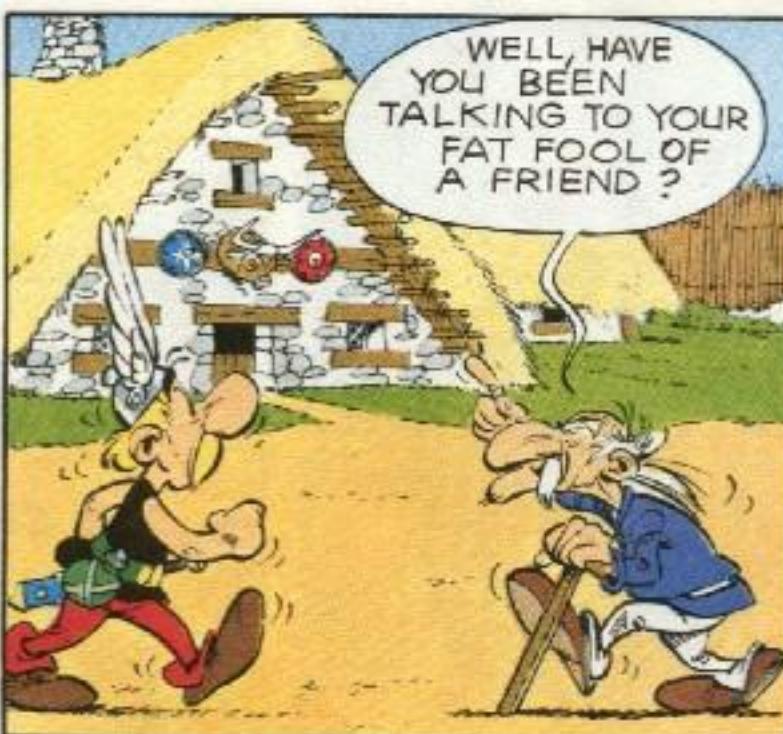
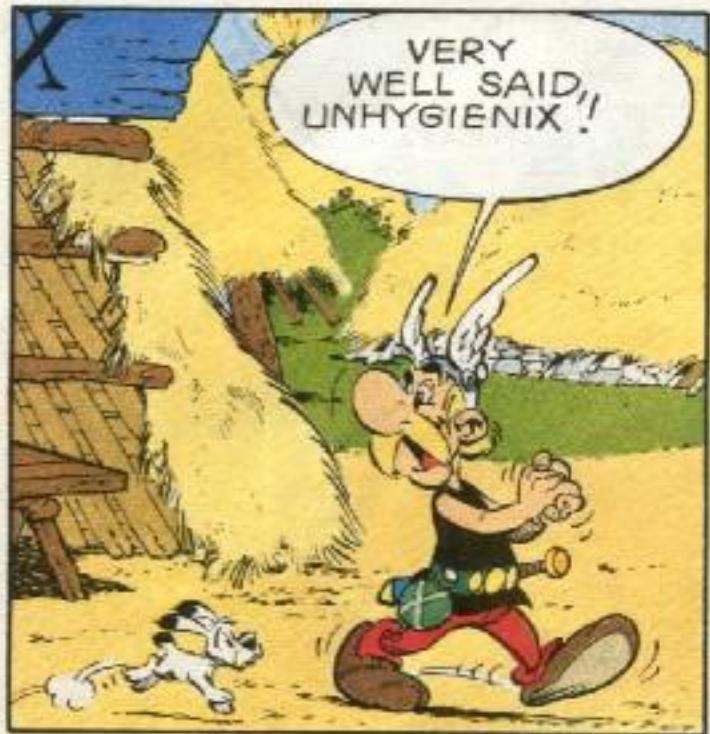
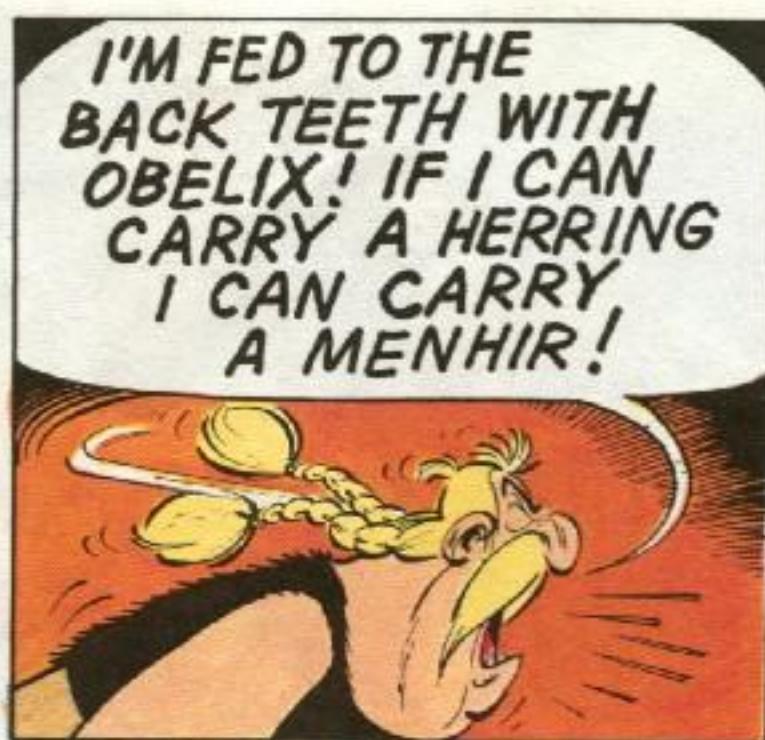


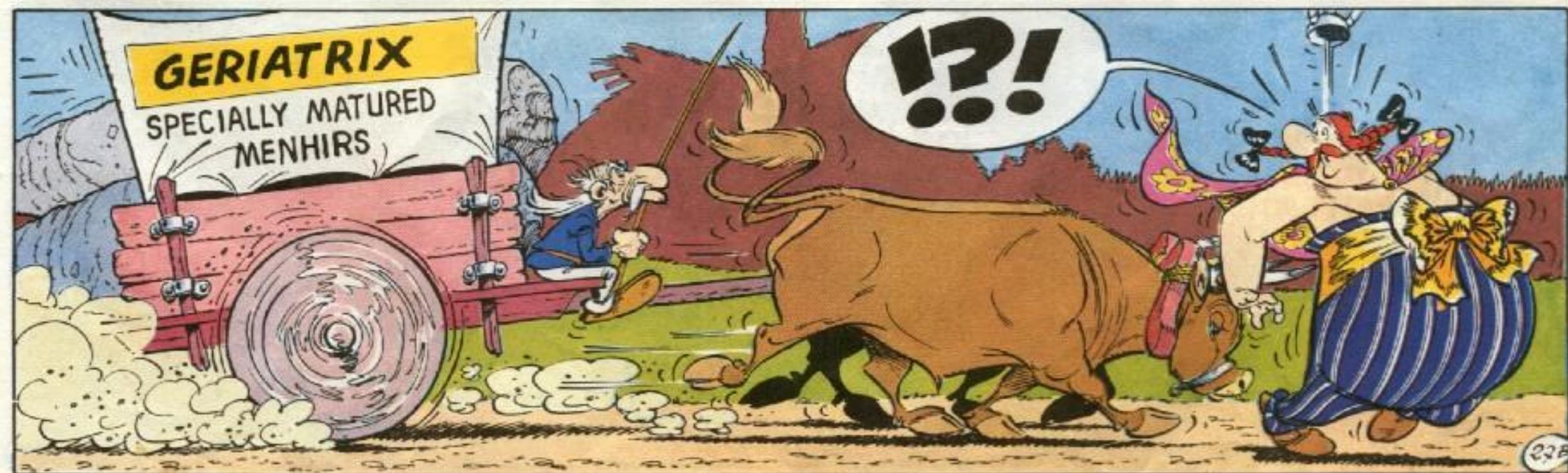
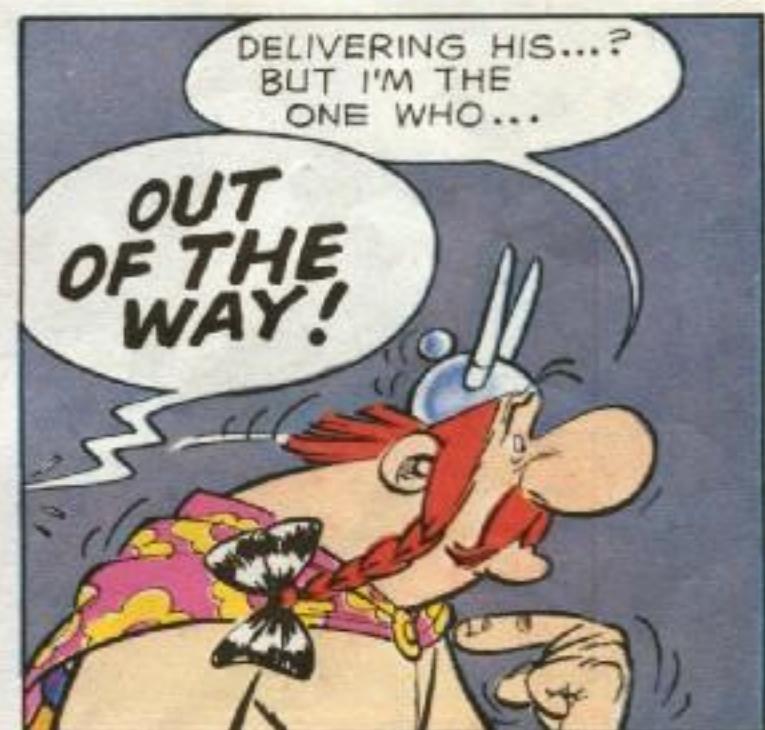
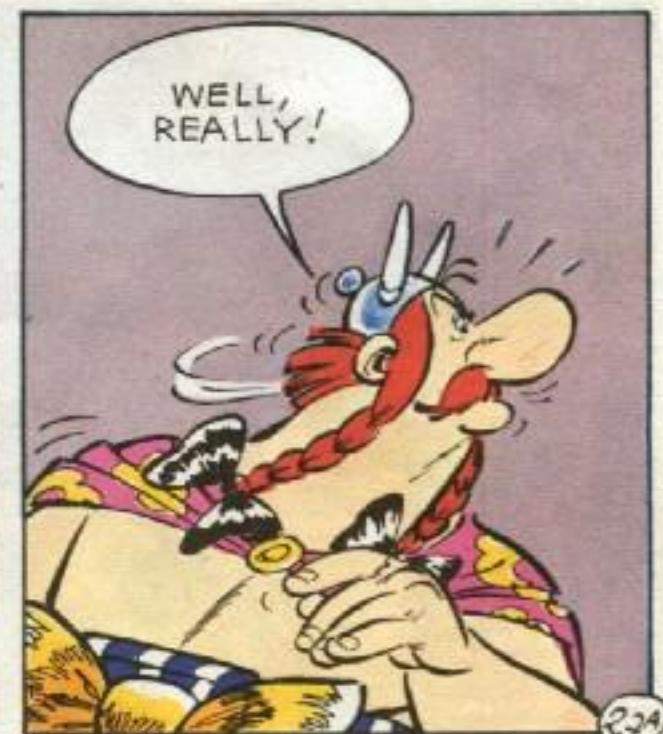
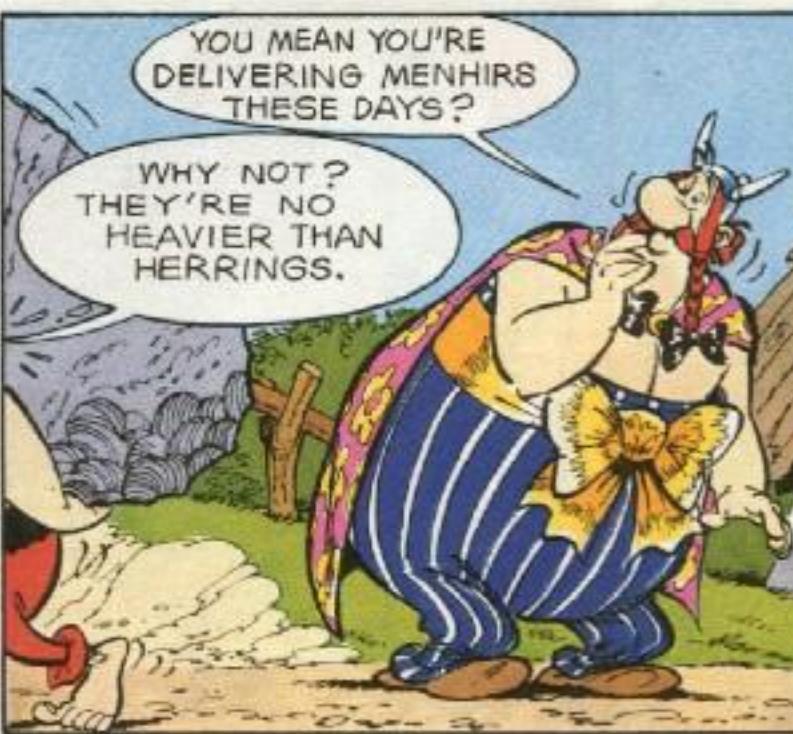
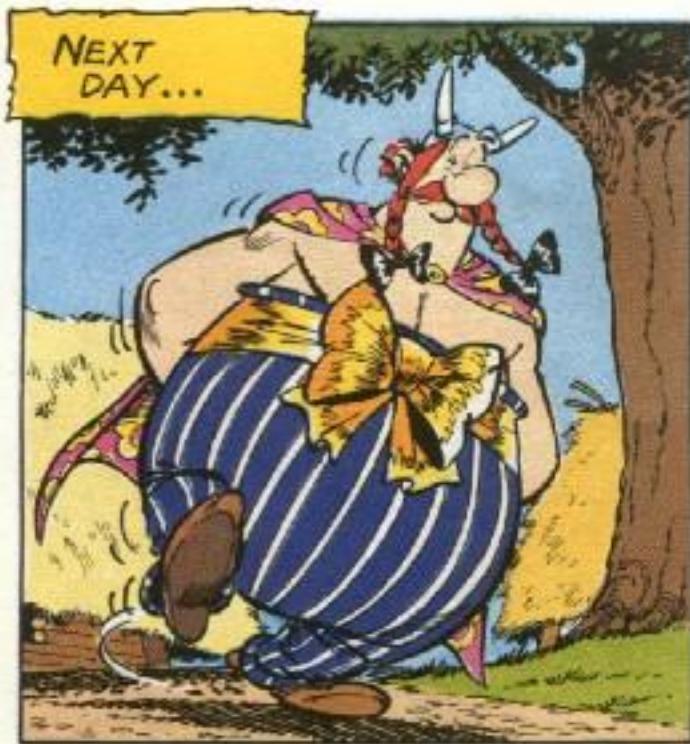
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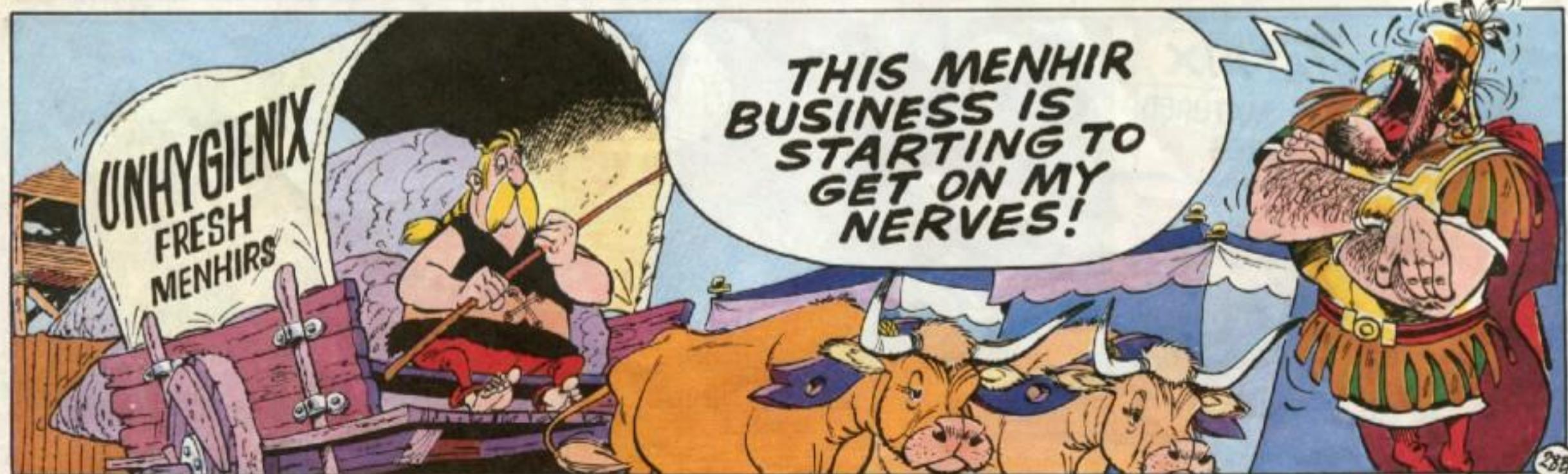
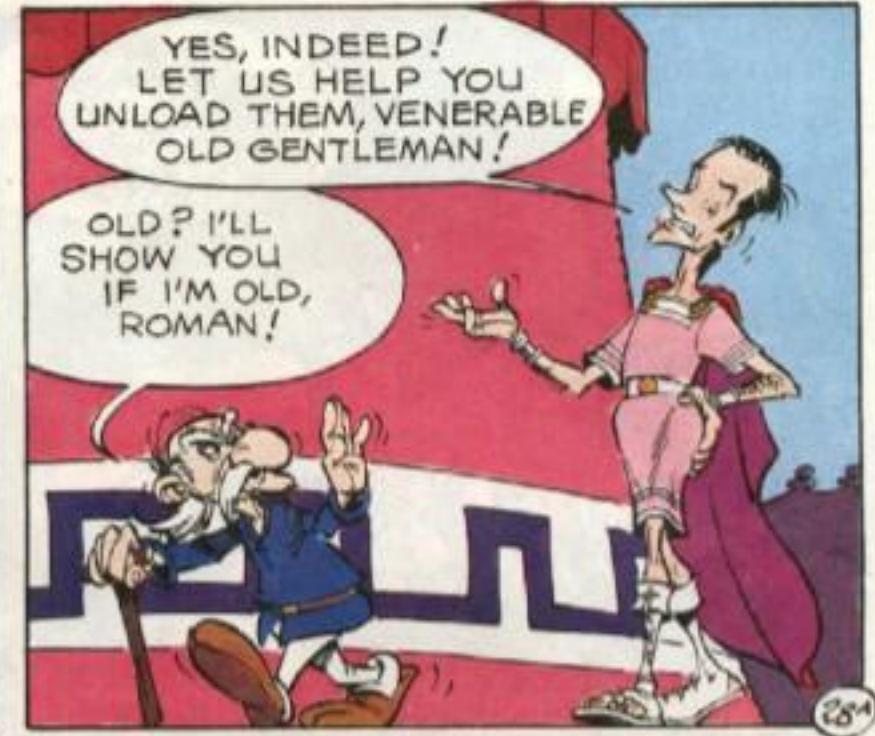
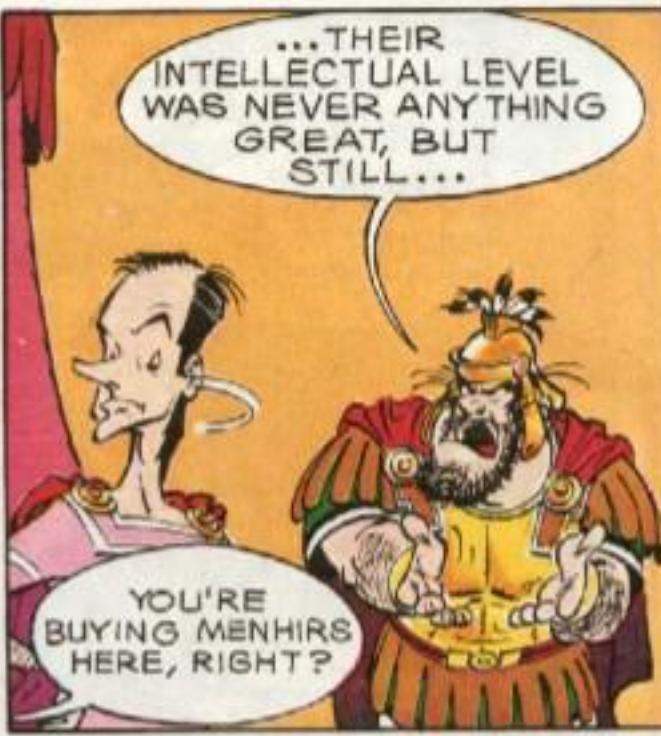
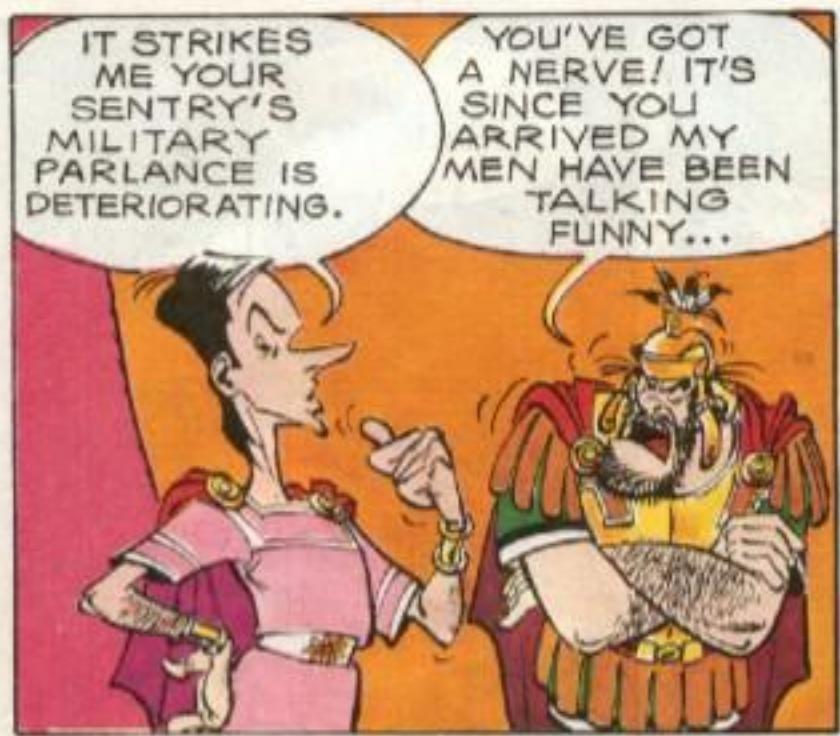
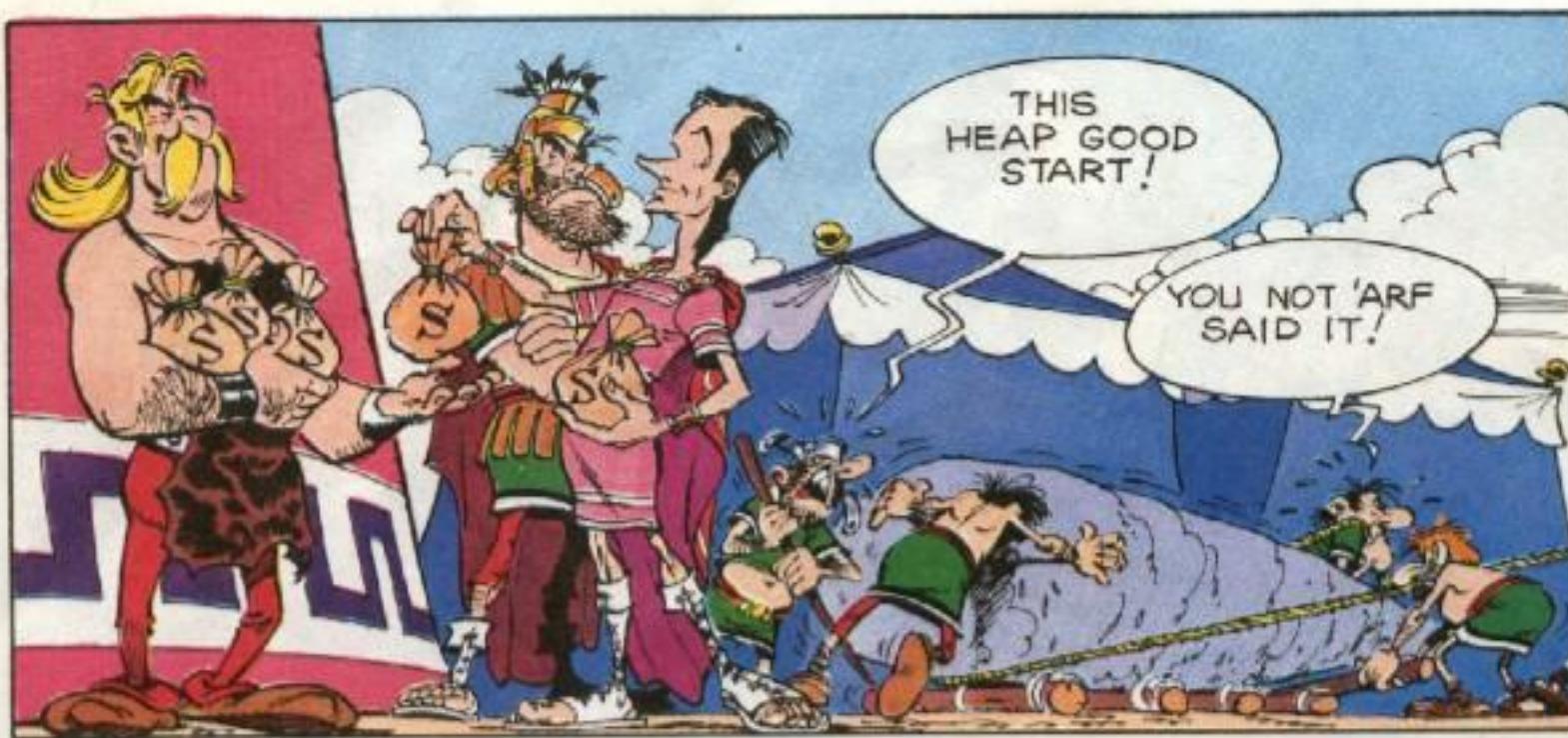


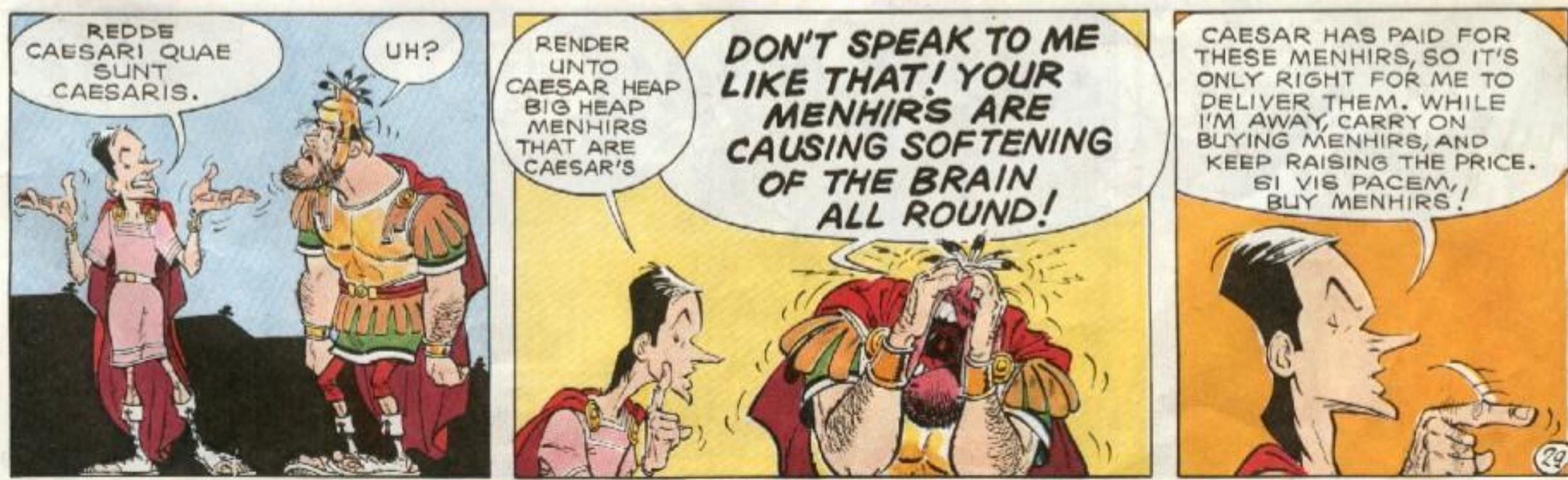


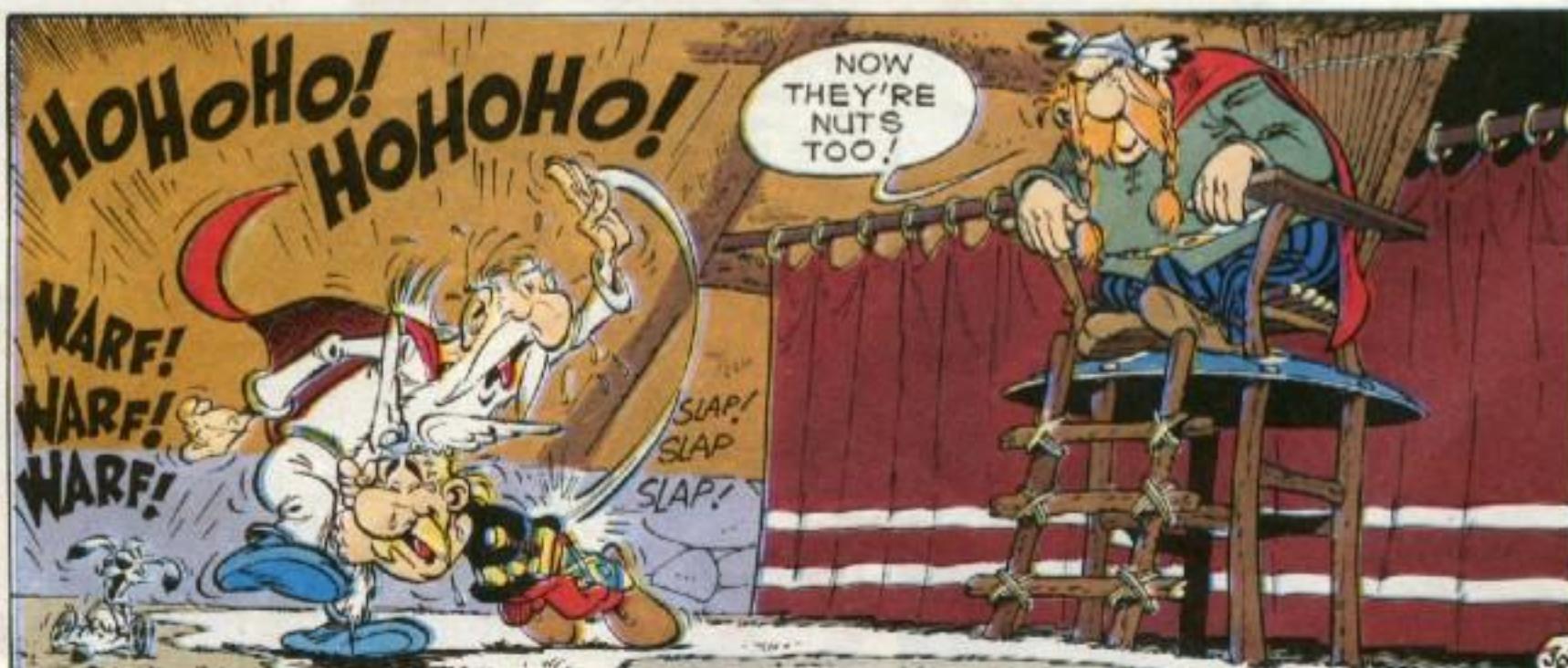
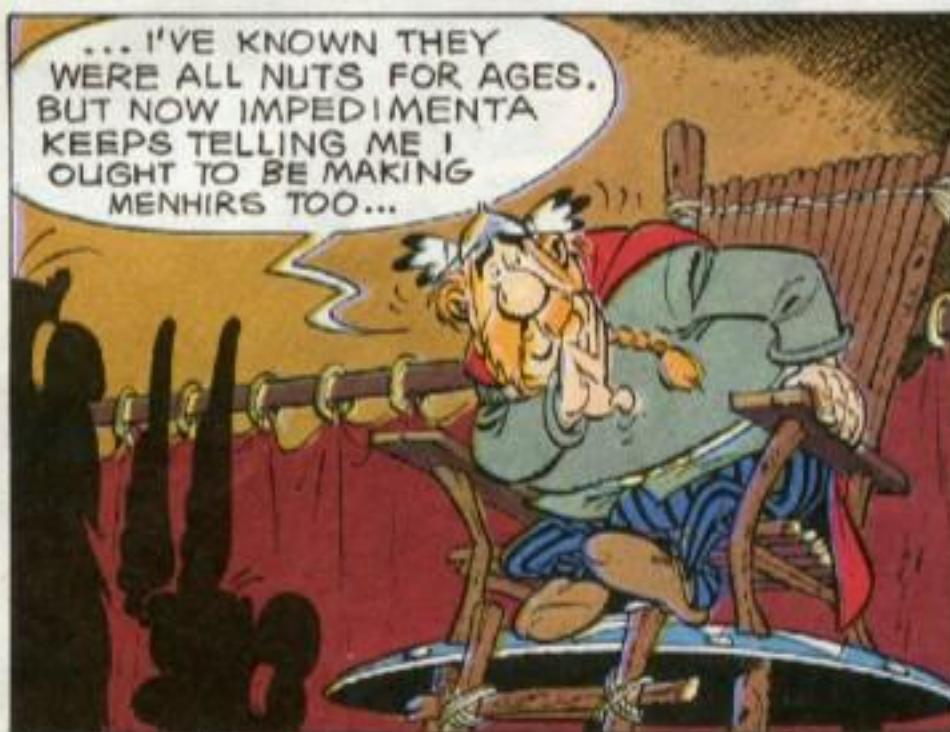
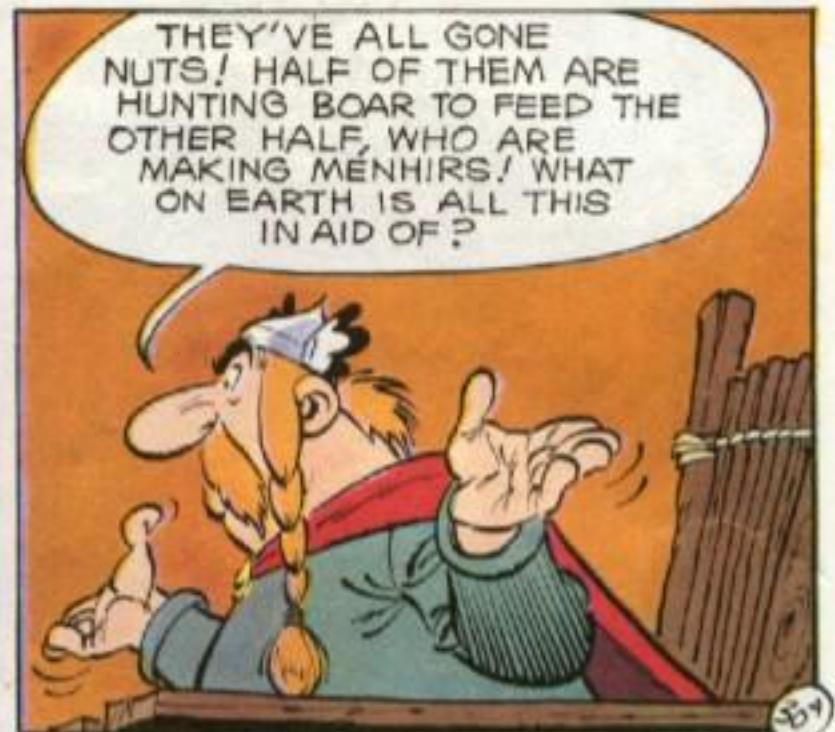


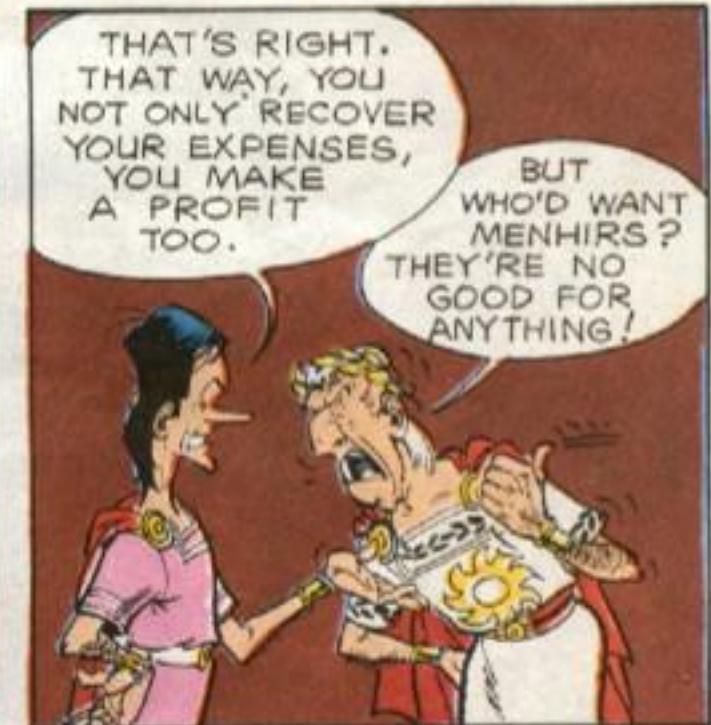
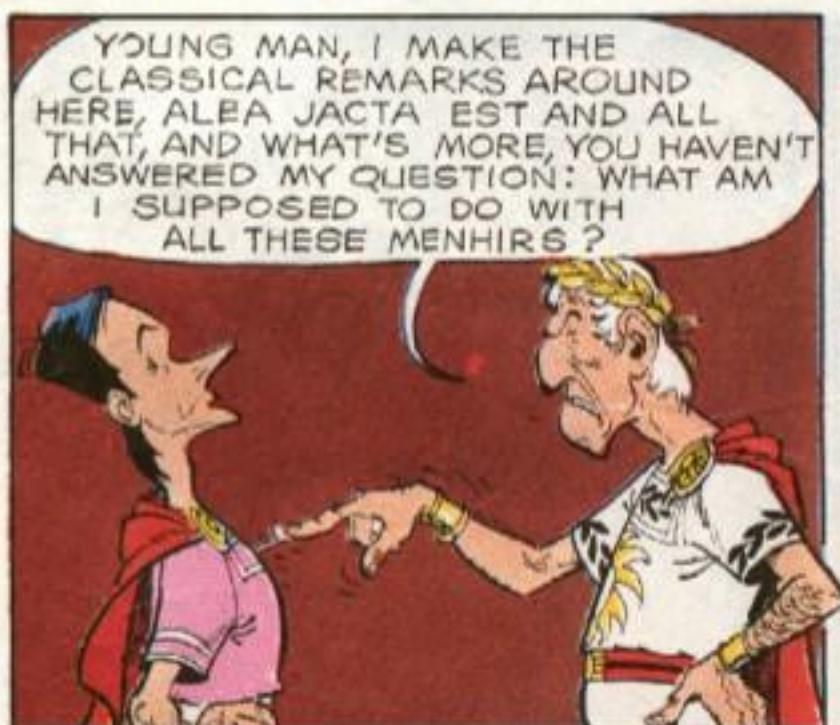
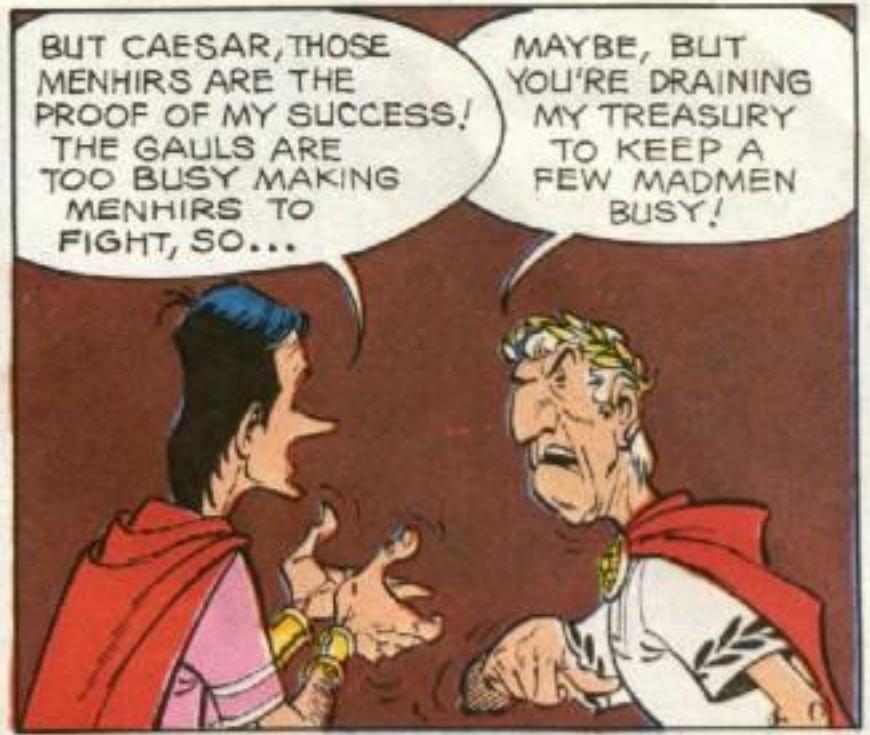
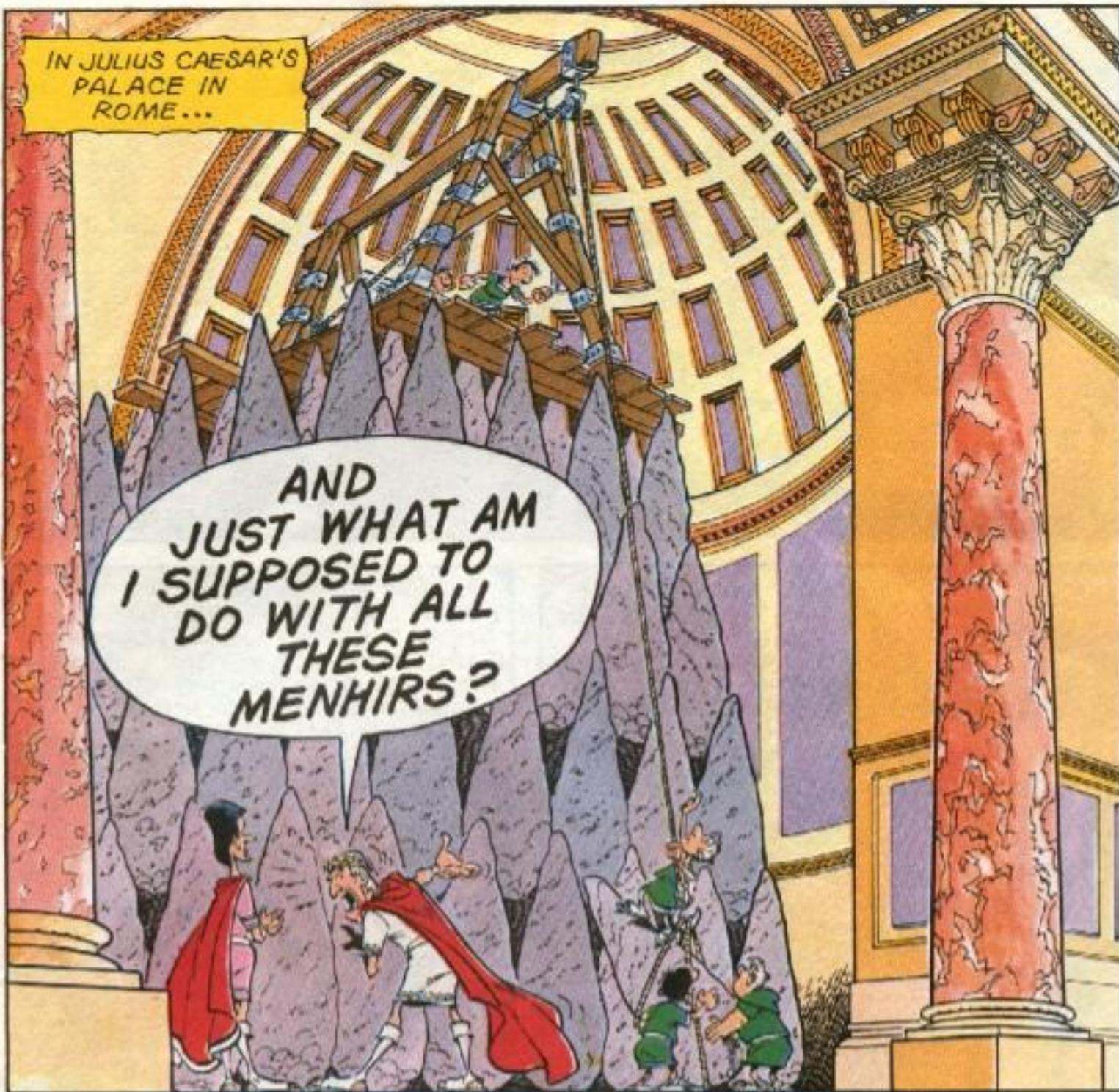




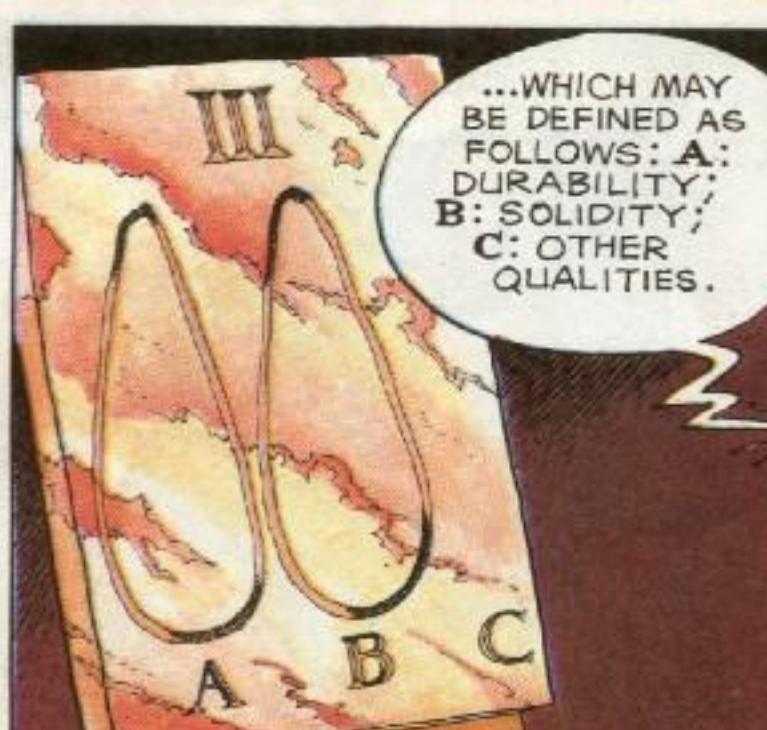
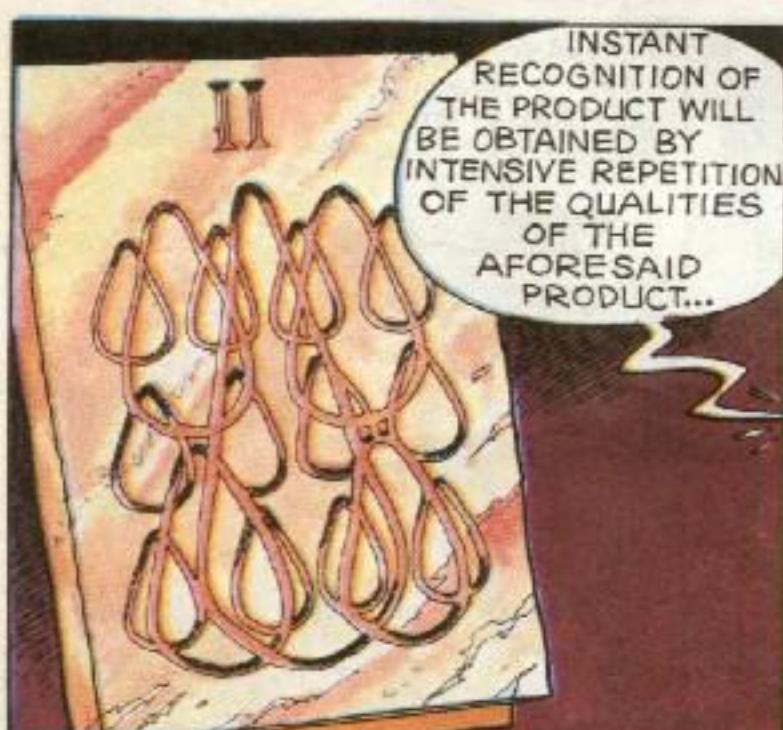
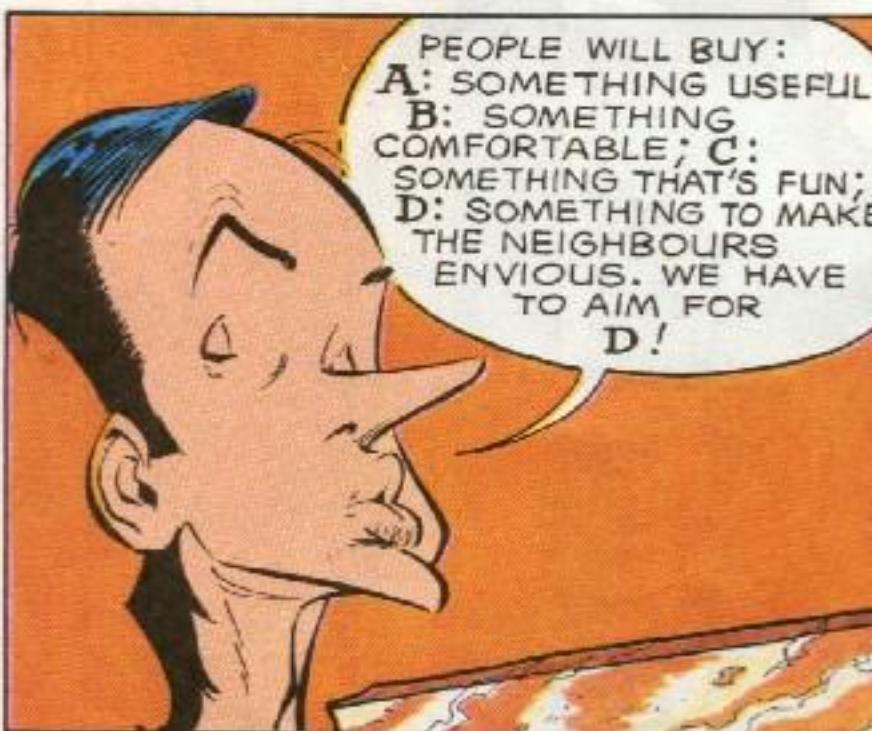








THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THOSE OF YOU UNACQUAINTED WITH THE ANCIENT BUSINESS WORLD TO UNDERSTAND, ESPECIALLY AS, THESE DAYS, SUCH A STATE OF AFFAIRS COULD NEVER EXIST, SINCE NO ONE WOULD DREAM OF TRYING TO SELL SOMETHING UTTERLY USELESS ...



A FEW DAYS LATER,
ON EVERY WALL
IN ROME...

YOUR DEAREST WISH...

A MENHIR

IT'S BIG, IT'S
BEAUTIFUL,
IT'S A
MENHIR

ON SALE IN ALL THE BEST
TEMPLES, BATHS AND FORUMS

YOU OWN A VILLA, A
CHARIOT, SLAVES...
BUT...

DO YOU OWN A MENHIR?

AND NOW, FOLKS, AS WE
WAIT FOR THE NEXT ACT,
THERE WILL BE A SHORT
INTERLUDE...

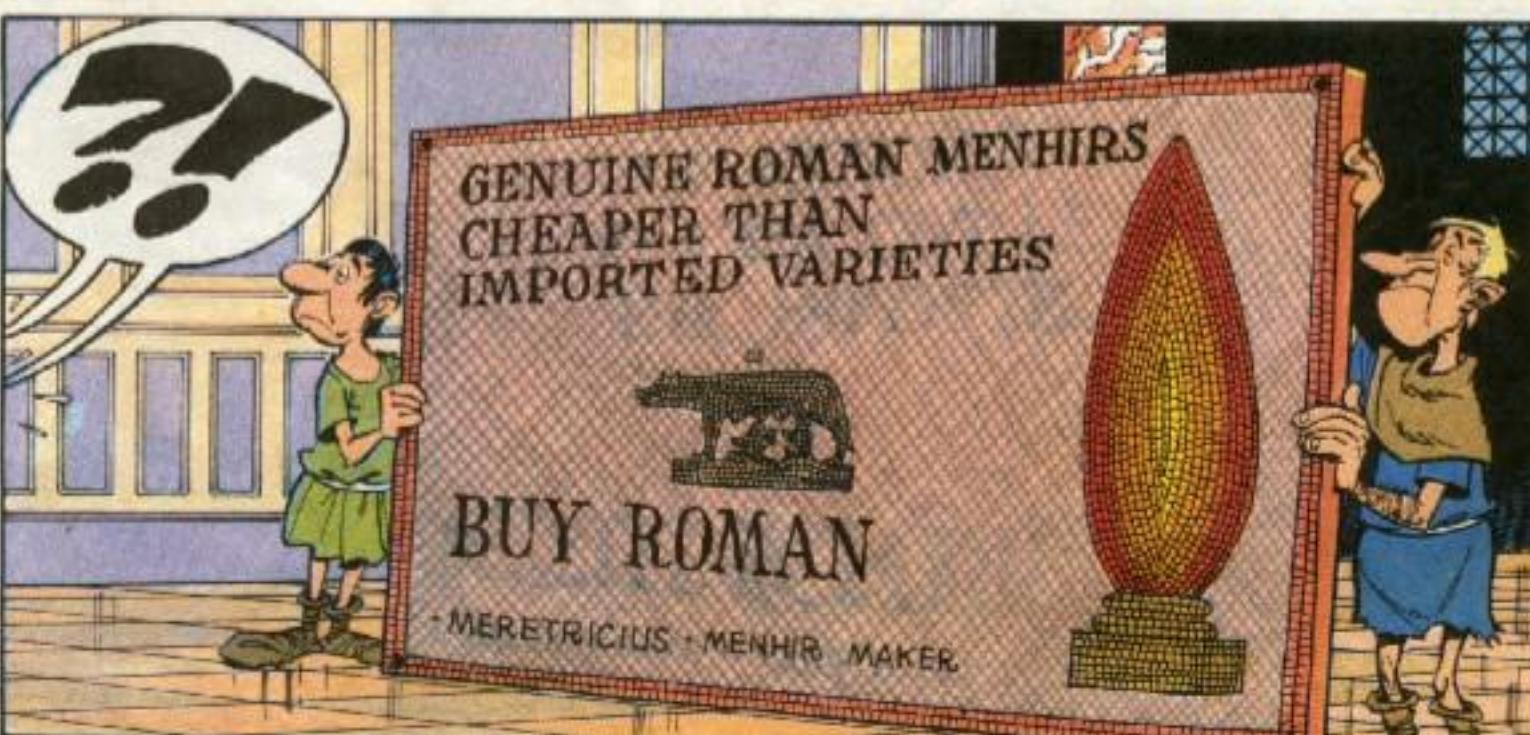
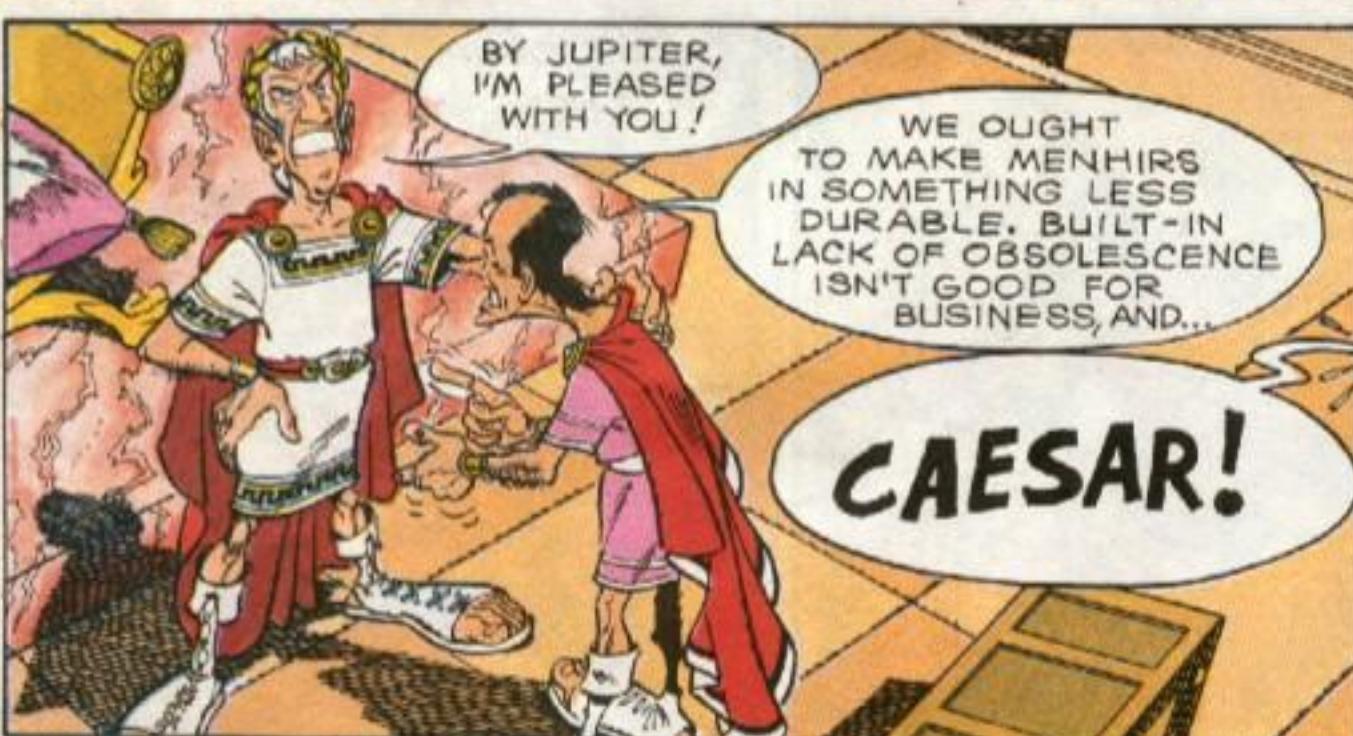
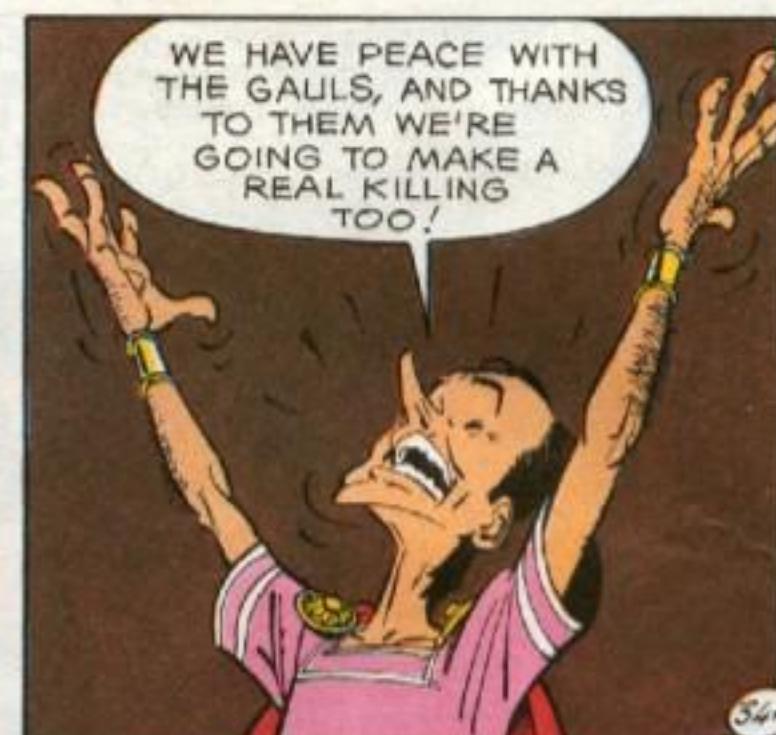
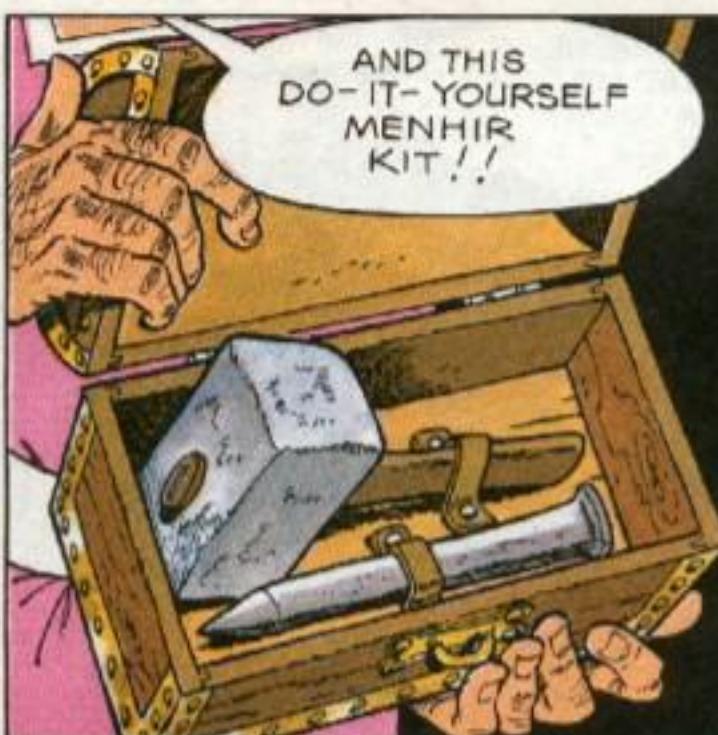
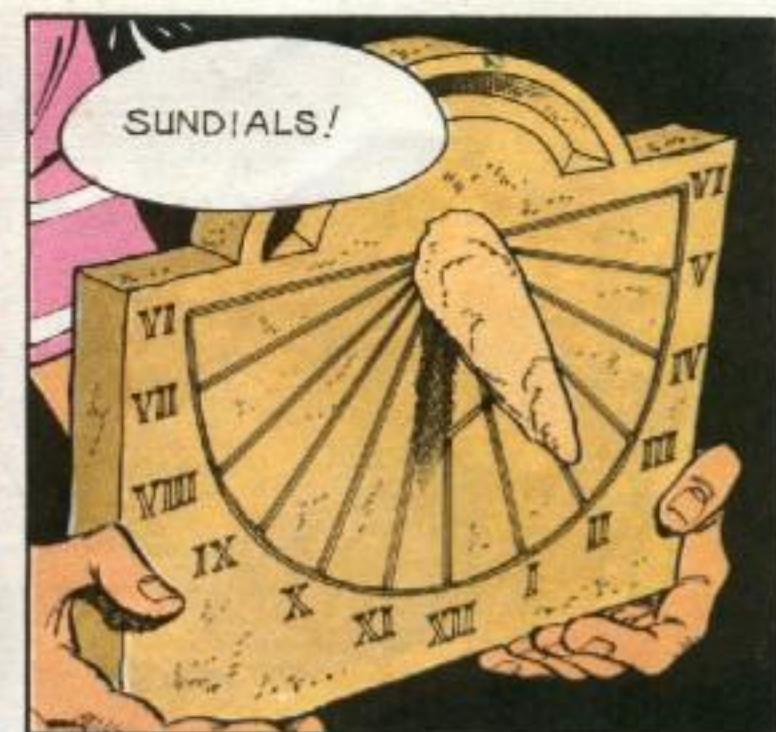
IT'S THE RIGHT ONE,
IT'S NOT THE LIGHT ONE,
IT'S A MENHIR...

AND THE RESULTS OF THE
PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ARE
NOT LONG COMING IN...

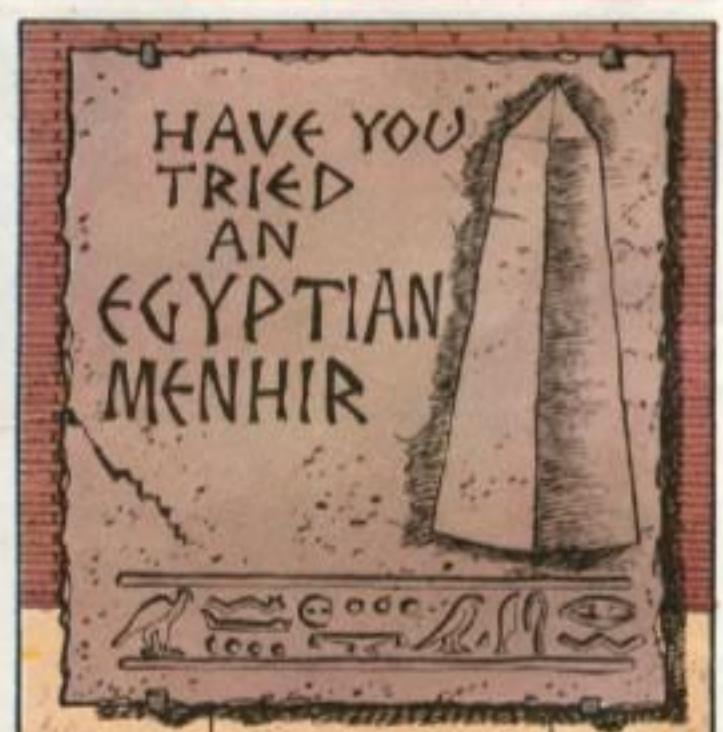
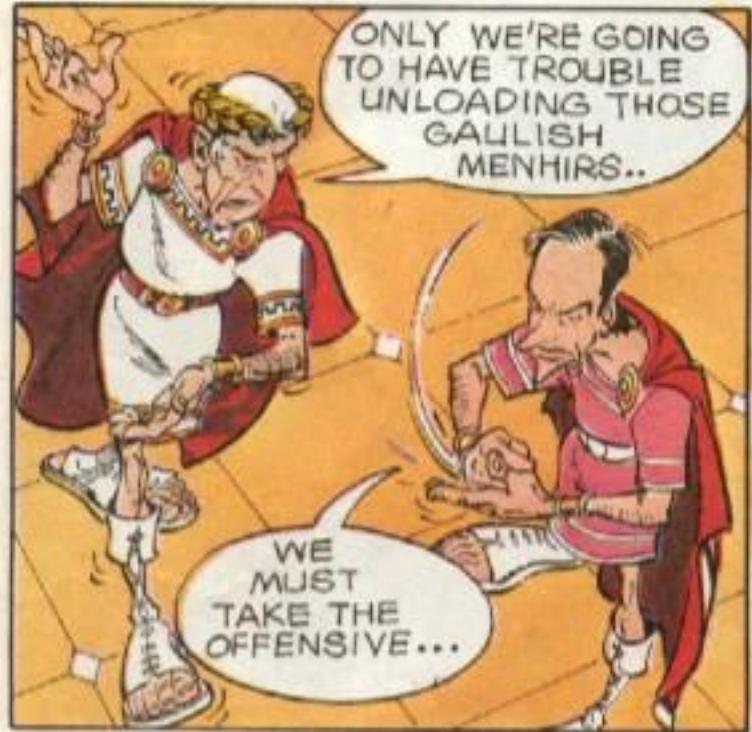
IT'S A KNOCKOUT!
MENHIRS ARE
SELLING LIKE
HOT CAKES!

YOU KNOW, INCONGRUOUS AND
HIS WIFE NEXT DOOR BOUGHT A
MENHIR. THEY'RE VERY
PLEASED WITH IT!

A MENHIIIR!







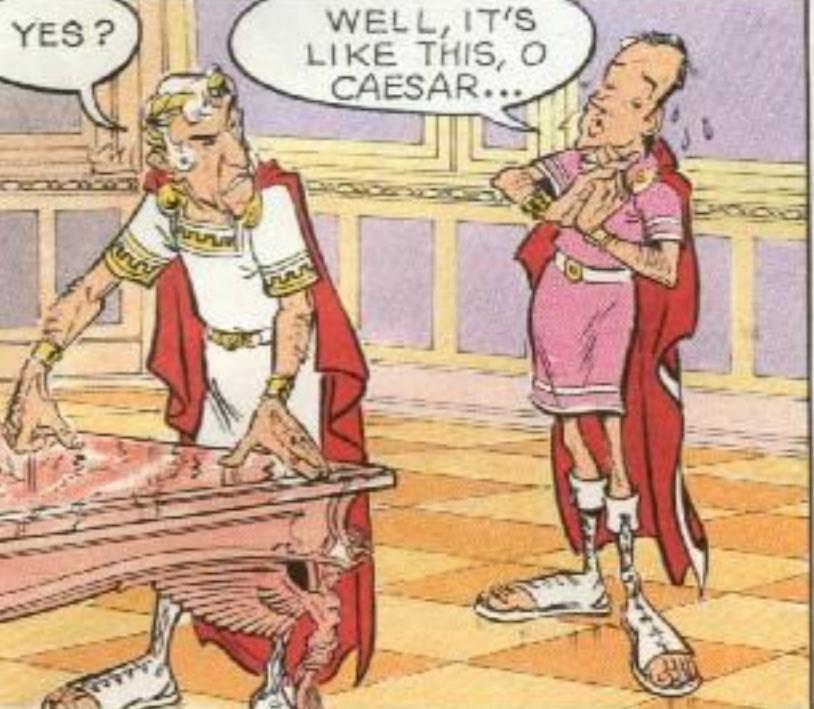
IN ROME, THE BOTTOM IS DROPPING OUT OF THE MENHIR MARKET.

FREE GIFT OF 11 BLUE SHIELD MENHIRS WITH EVERY SLAVE PURCHASED



PEOPLE DON'T EVEN WANT THEM AS A GIFT... WELL, THAT'S TOO BAD! I'VE LOST A FORTUNE, BUT LET'S FORGET IT...

THE THING IS...



YES?
WELL, IT'S LIKE THIS, O CAESAR...

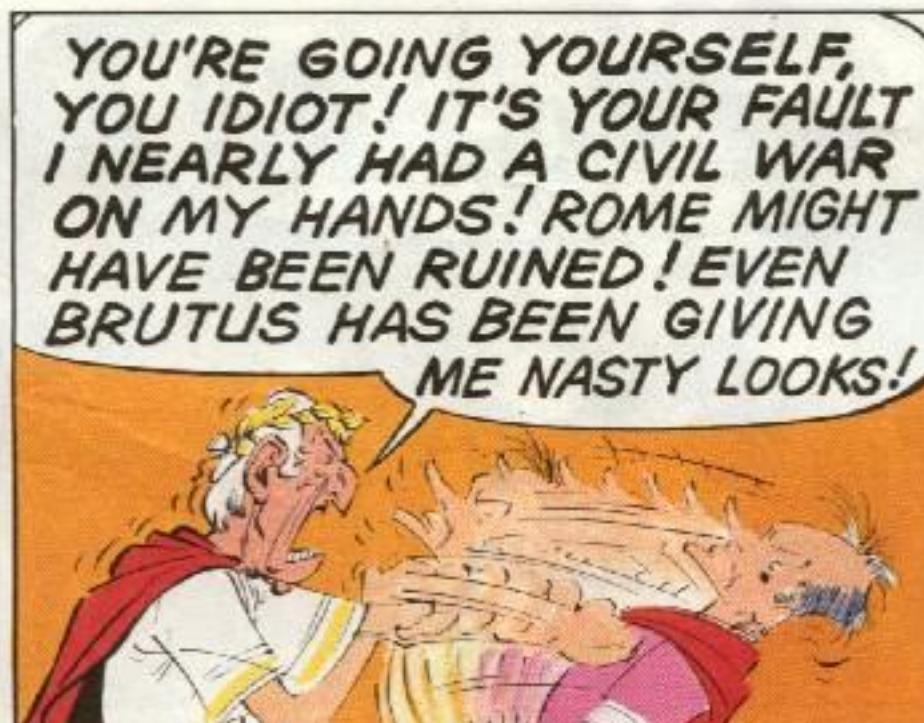


I WANTED TO KEEP THE PEACE IN GAUL, SO BEFORE I LEFT I GAVE ORDERS FOR THEM TO GO ON BUYING MENHIRS... AND RAISING THE PRICE.

WHAT? YOU KNOW THE STATE OF MY FINANCES? AND YOU SAID WE'D MAKE A KILLING! GET BACK TO GAUL AND STOP IT!!!



ER... YOU WOULDN'T LIKE TO SEND SOMEONE ELSE, WOULD YOU? I HAVE A FRIEND WHO WAS AT BUSINESS SCHOOL WITH ME. HE...



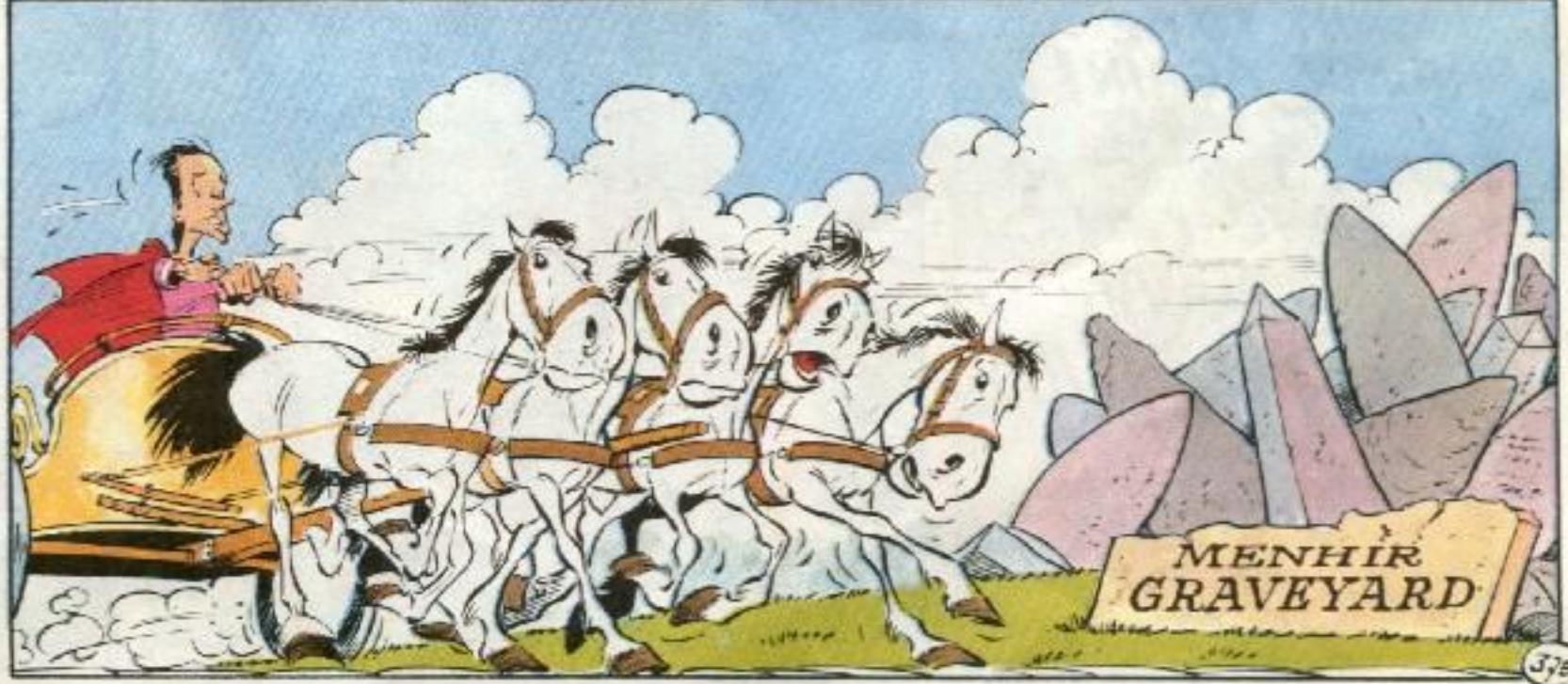
YOU'RE GOING YOURSELF, YOU IDIOT! IT'S YOUR FAULT I NEARLY HAD A CIVIL WAR ON MY HANDS! ROME MIGHT HAVE BEEN RUINED! EVEN BRUTUS HAS BEEN GIVING ME NASTY LOOKS!



BUT... BUT THEY'LL KILL ME!

THAT PARTICULAR KILLING WOULDN'T WORRY ME!

ANYWAY, IF YOU DON'T GO I'LL HAVE YOU THROWN TO THE LIONS!!



MENHIR GRAVEYARD

