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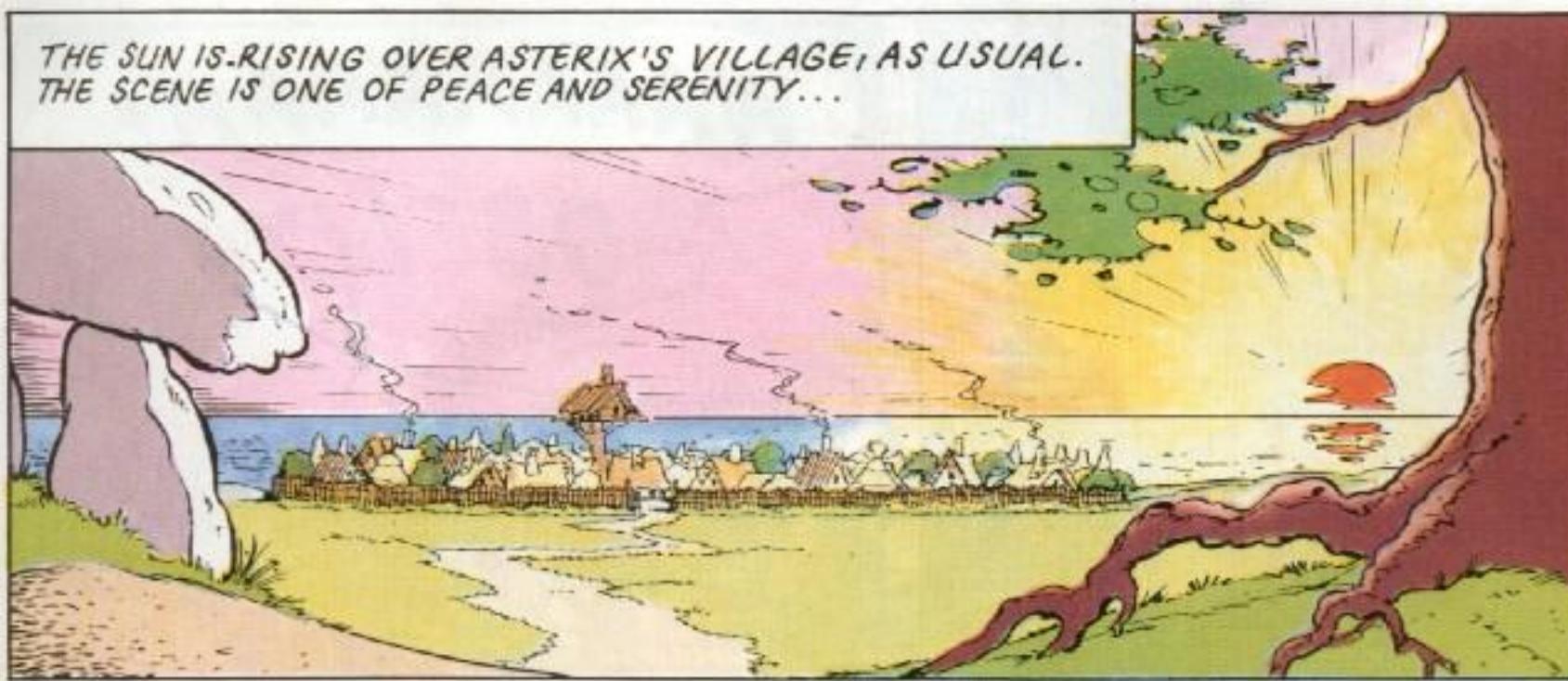
GOSCINNY AND UDERZO

# Asterix

*and SON*



THE SUN IS RISING OVER ASTERIX'S VILLAGE, AS USUAL.  
THE SCENE IS ONE OF PEACE AND SERENITY...



...DISTURBED, DESPITE THE FACT  
THAT DAY IS DAWNING, BY THE  
SNORES OF THE ONLY GAULISH  
ROOSTER WHO HAS ADENOIDS.

SNORT!  
ZZZ!



IT'S  
COCKCROW,  
YOU GOOSE!  
TIME TO TALK  
TURKEY.

YOU'RE IN  
A FOWL MOOD THIS  
MORNING!

TAP!  
TAP!  
TAP!



COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO

YAWN!

COME ON,  
GET UP! IT'S  
GOING TO BE  
A LOVELY  
DAY!



I HAD SUCH A  
FUNNY DREAM LAST  
NIGHT, ASTERIX!

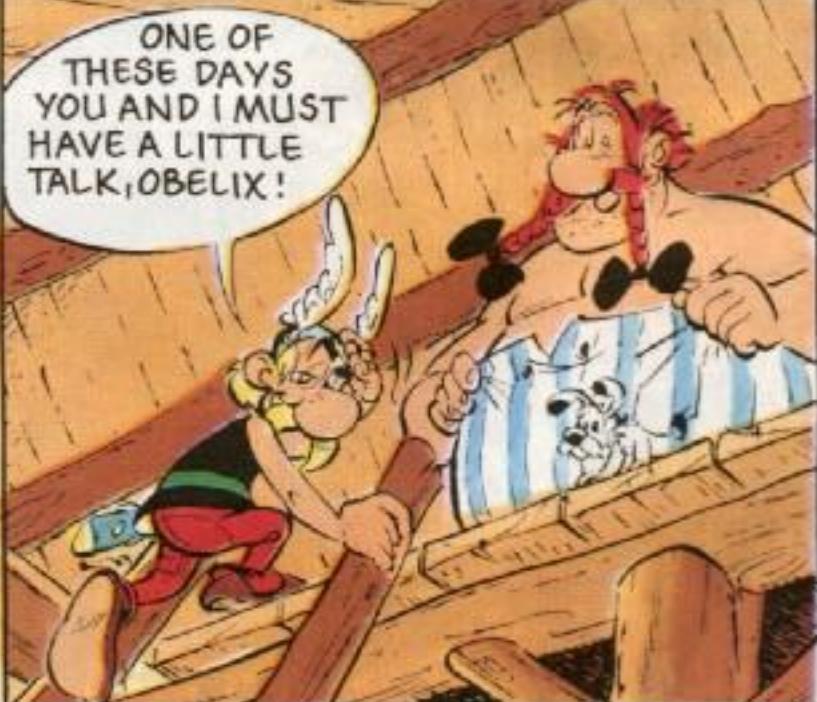
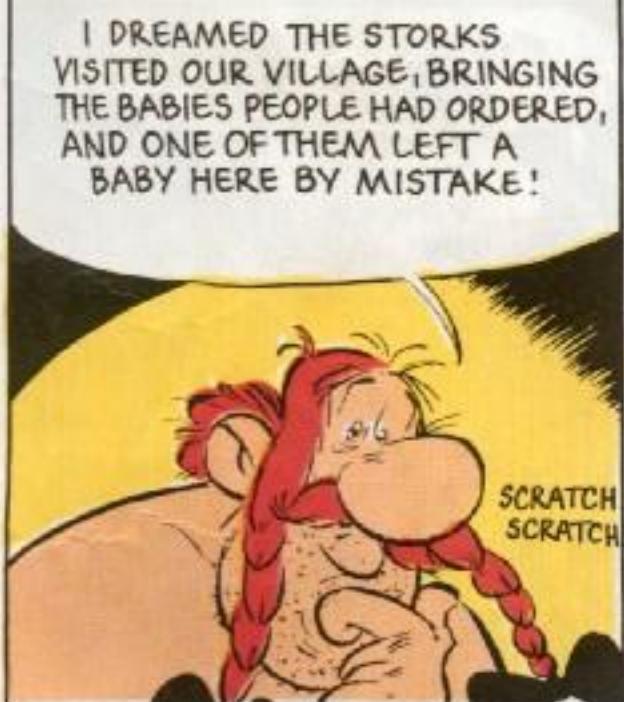
SCRATCH!  
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I DREAMED THE STORKS  
VISITED OUR VILLAGE, BRINGING  
THE BABIES PEOPLE HAD ORDERED,  
AND ONE OF THEM LEFT A  
BABY HERE BY MISTAKE!

DON'T SAY  
YOU STILL  
BELIEVE STORKS  
DELIVER  
BABIES!

WHY NOT?  
I DELIVER MENHIRS,  
DON'T I?



CREEEAK!

GA! GA!

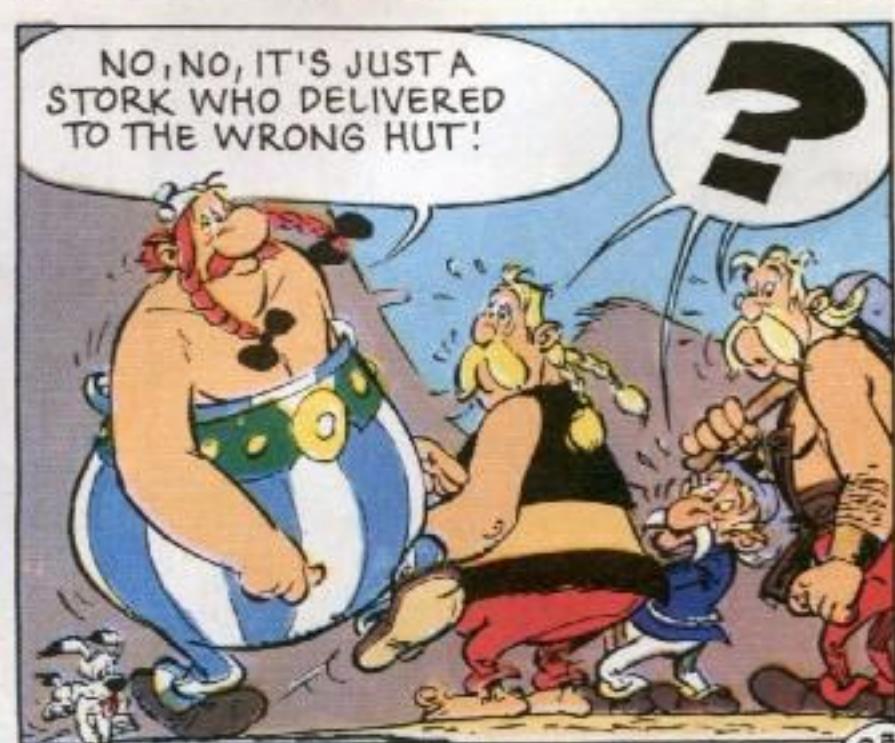
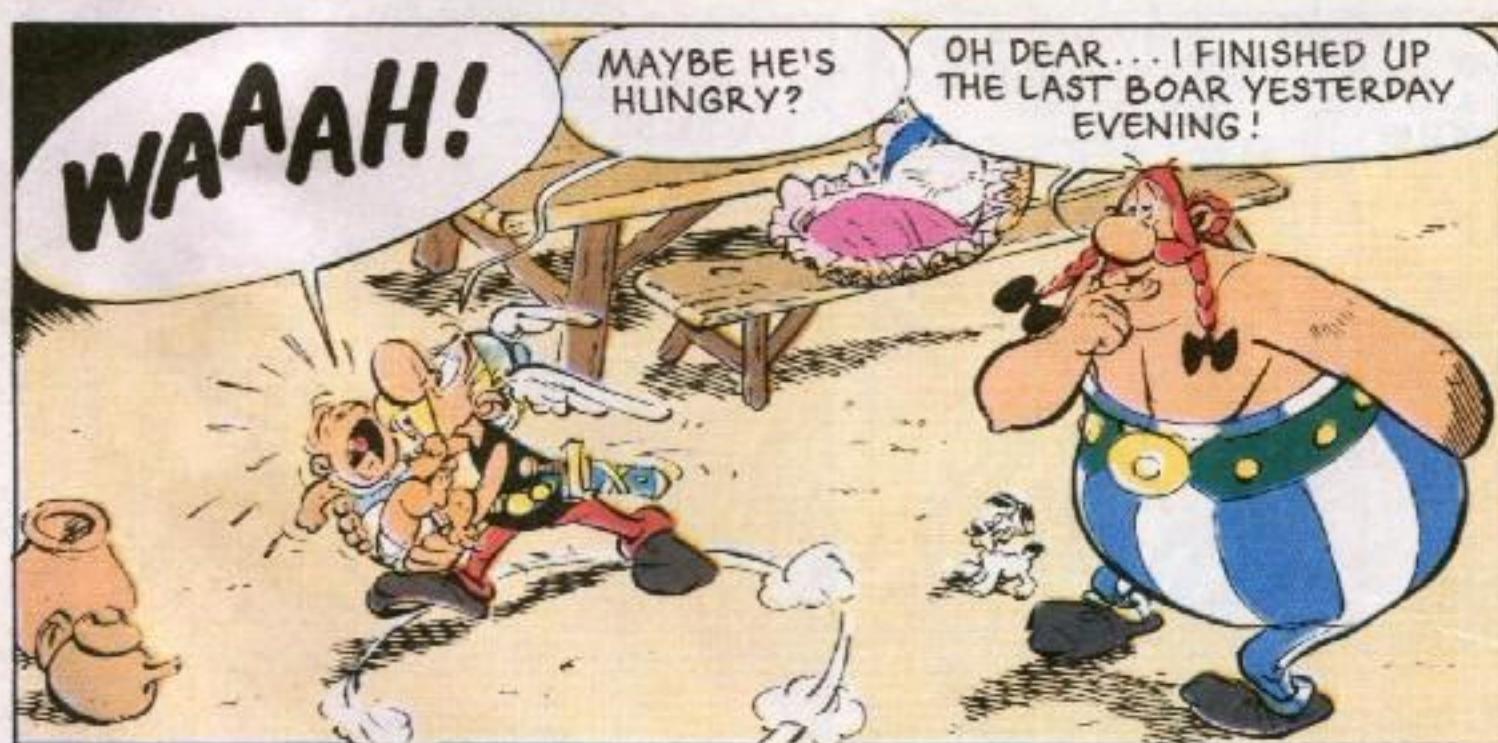
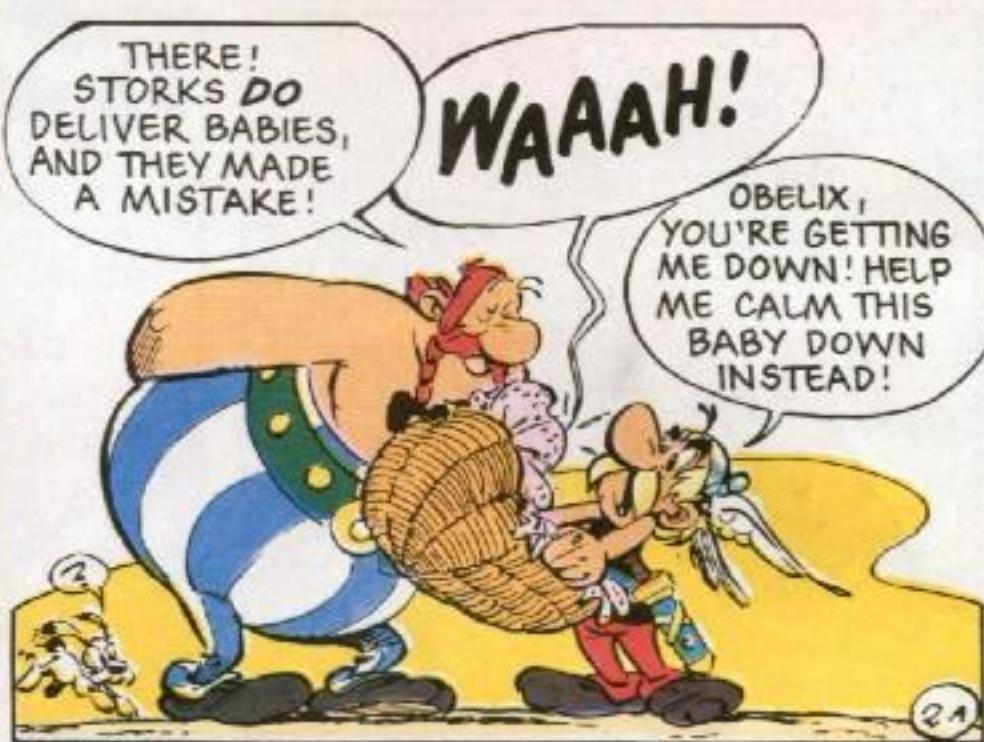


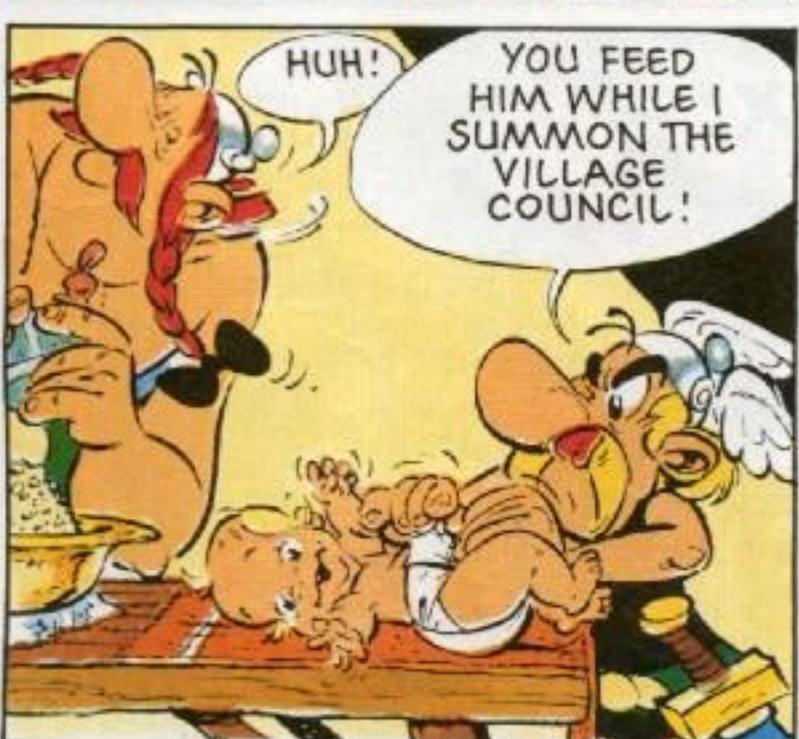
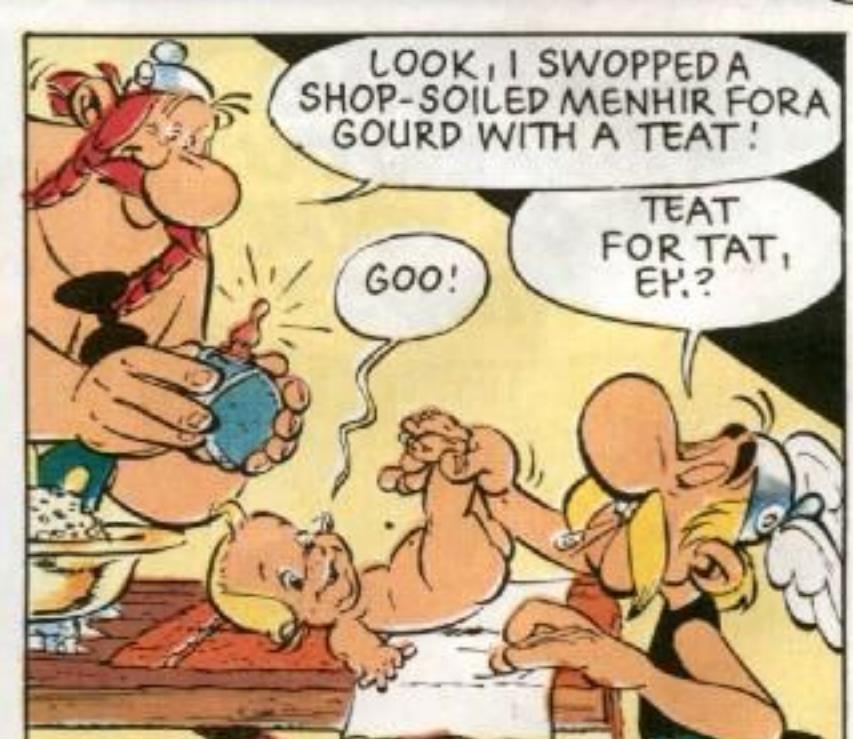
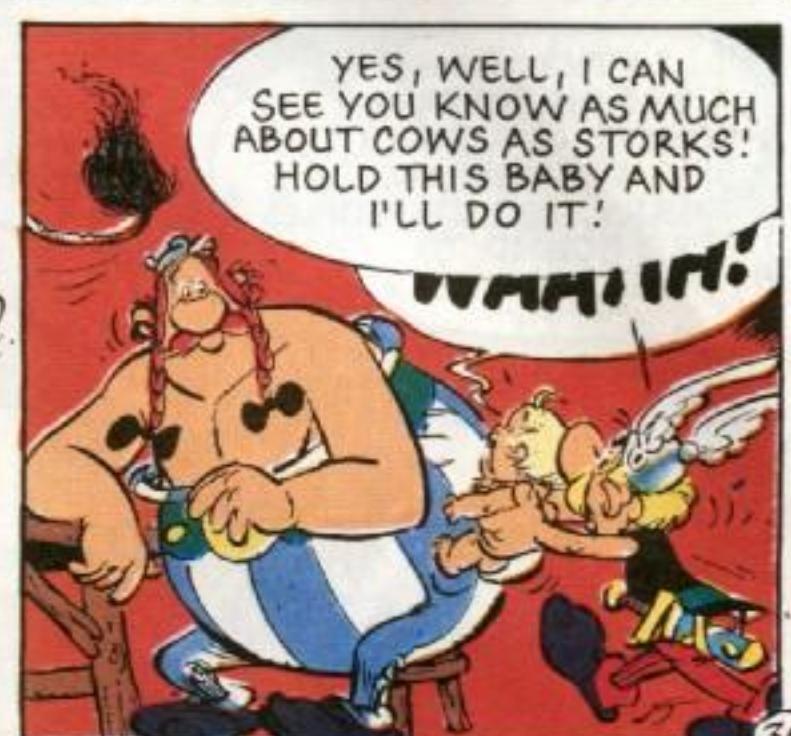
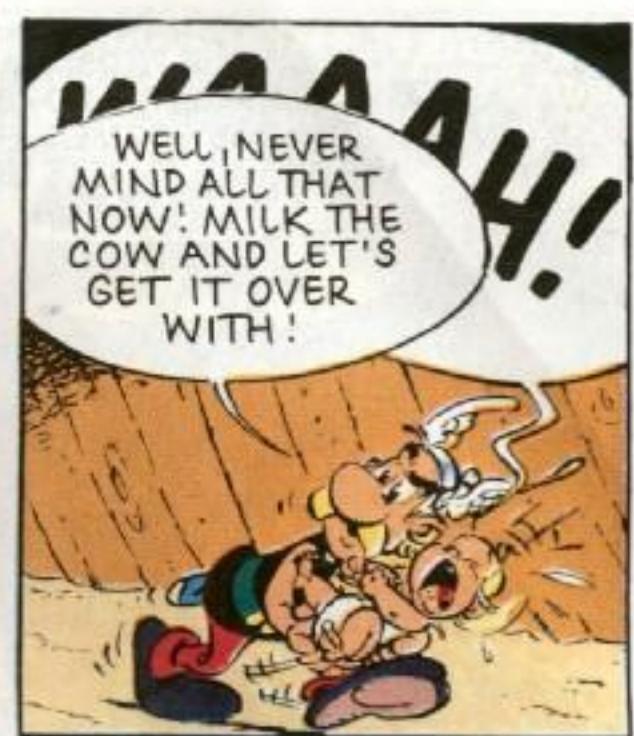
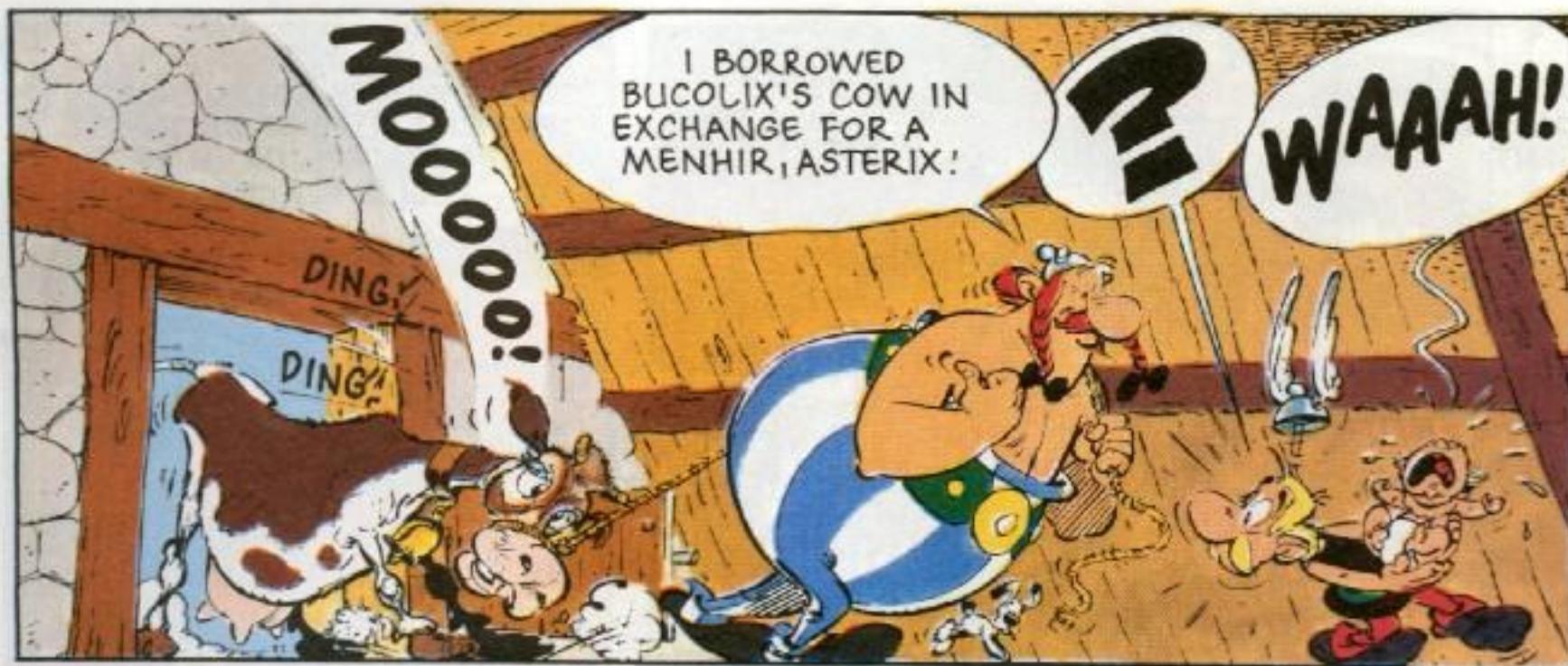
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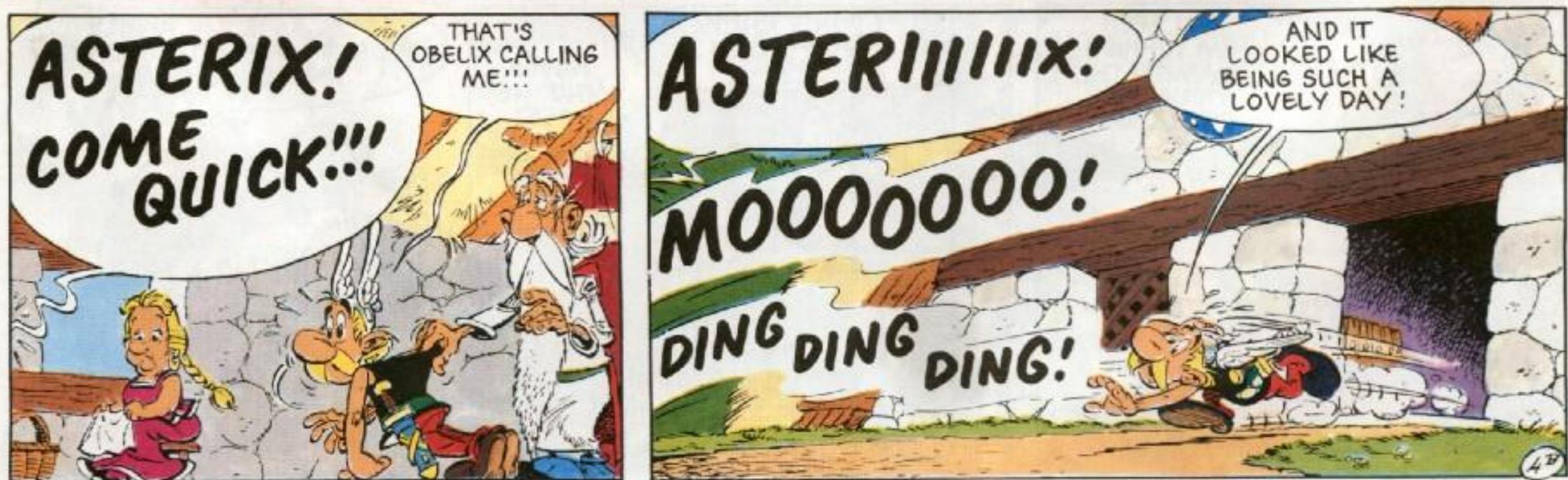
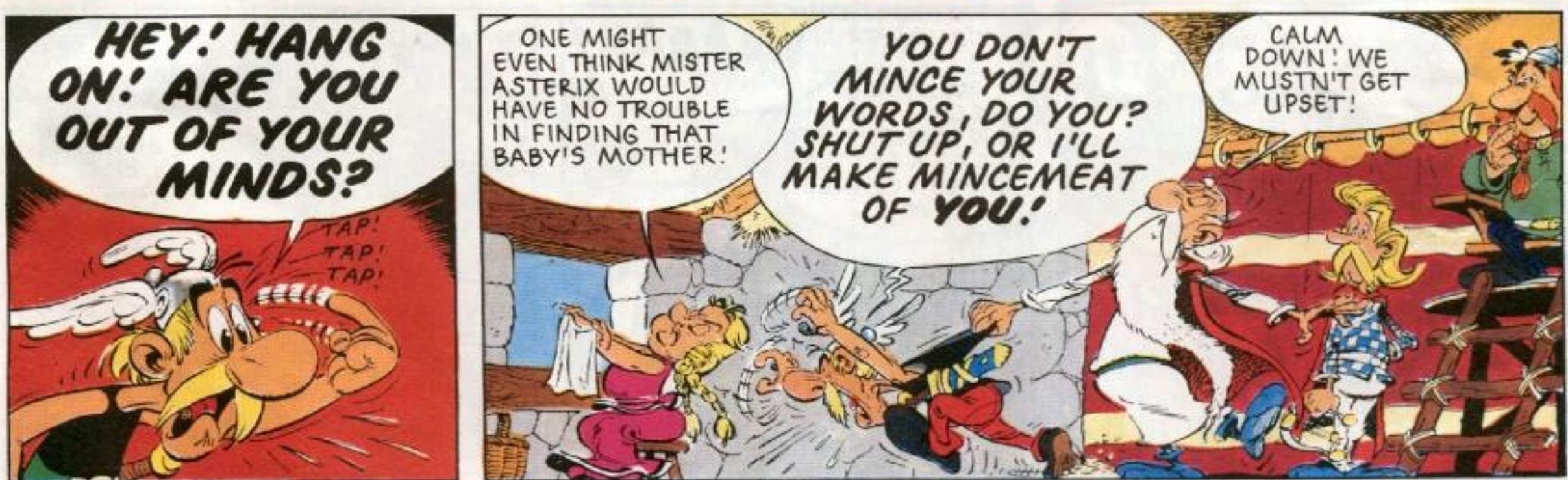
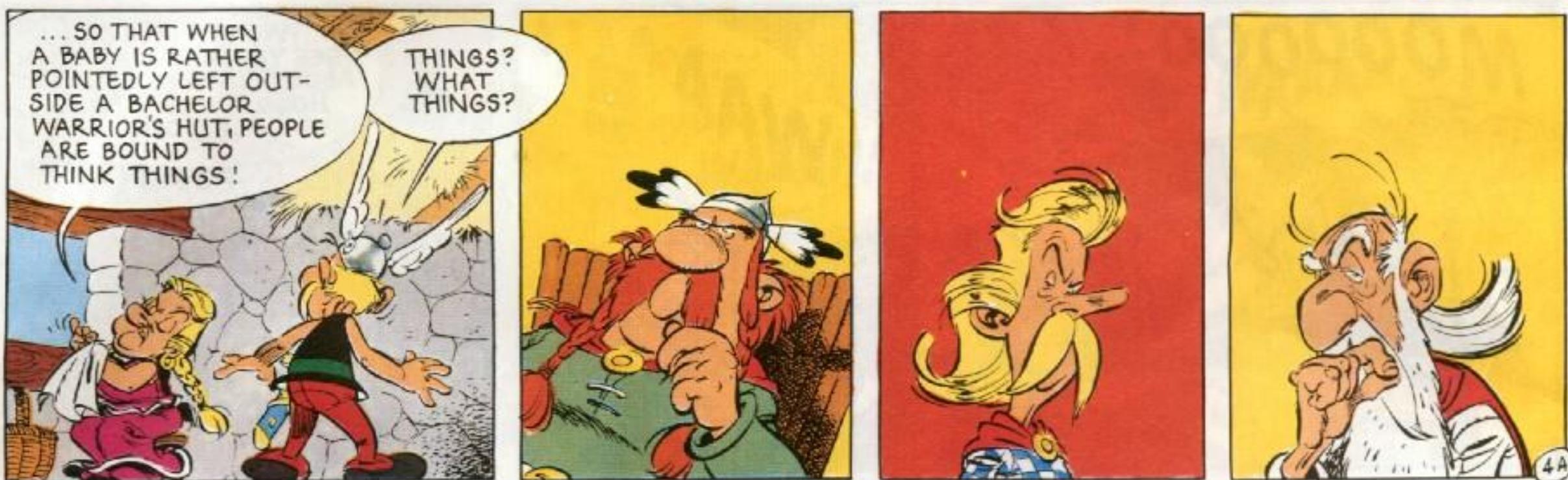


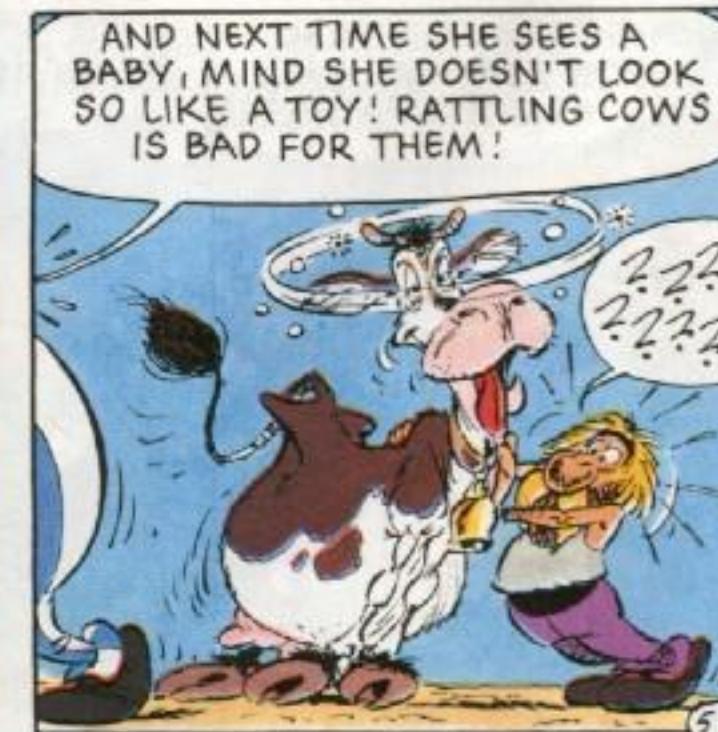
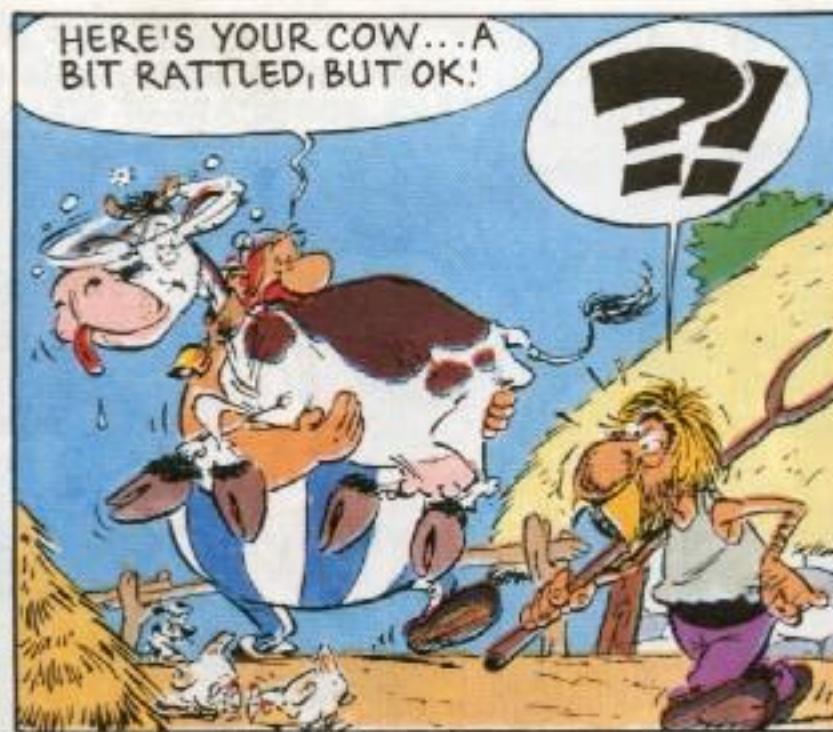
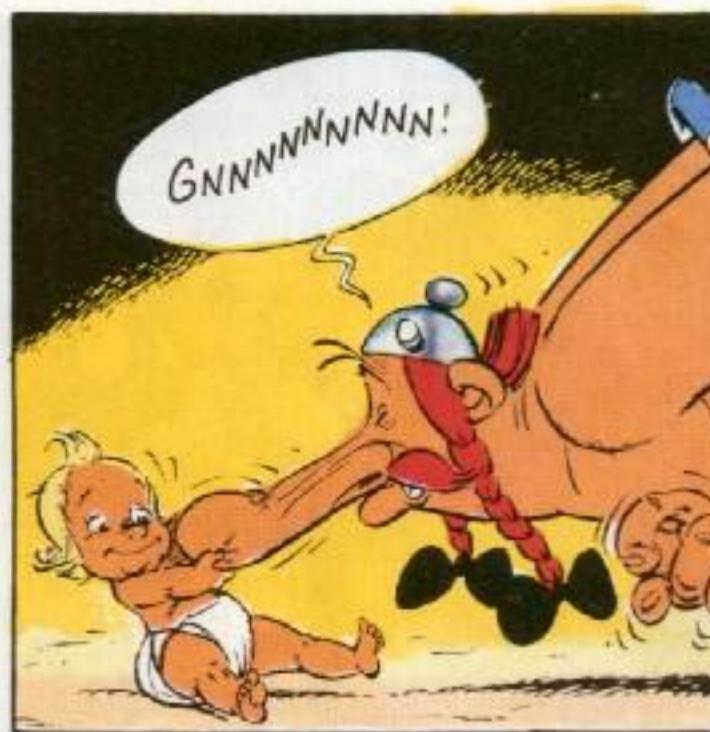
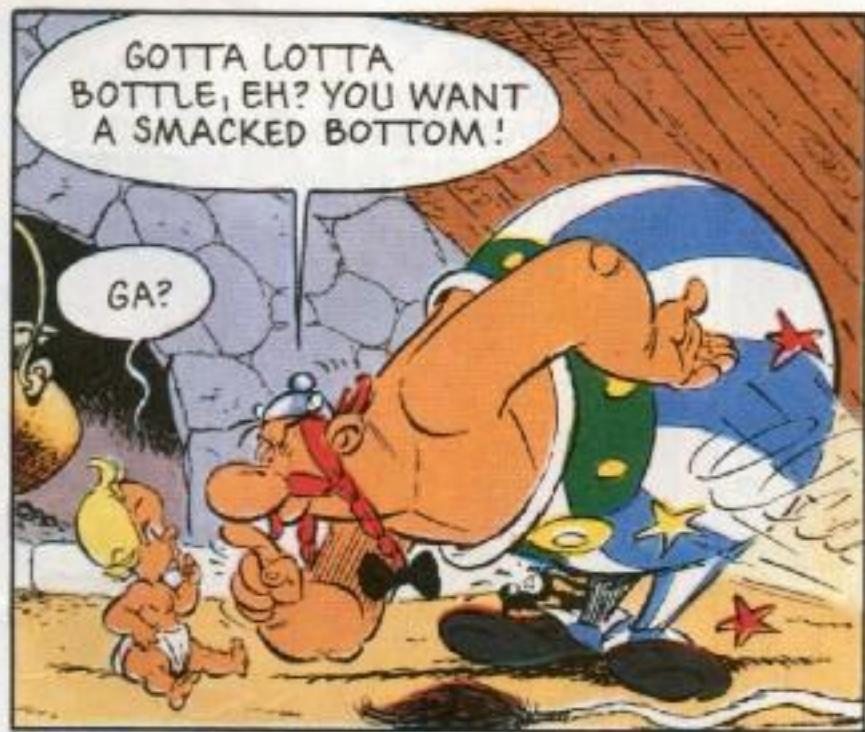
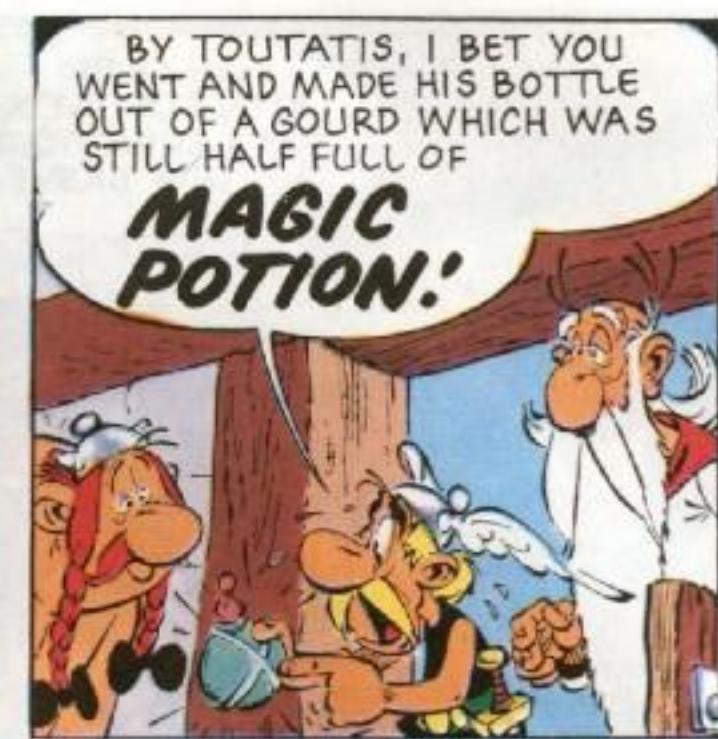
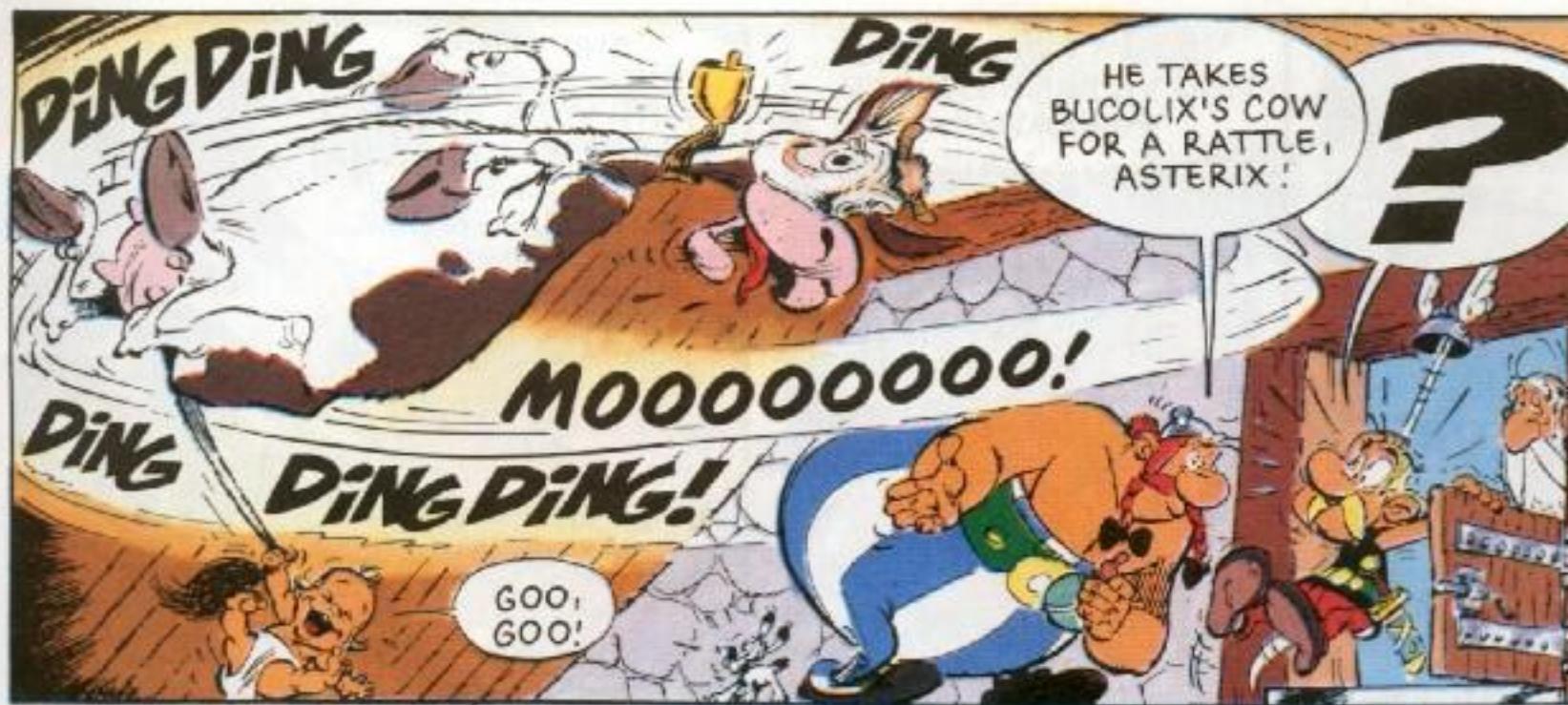
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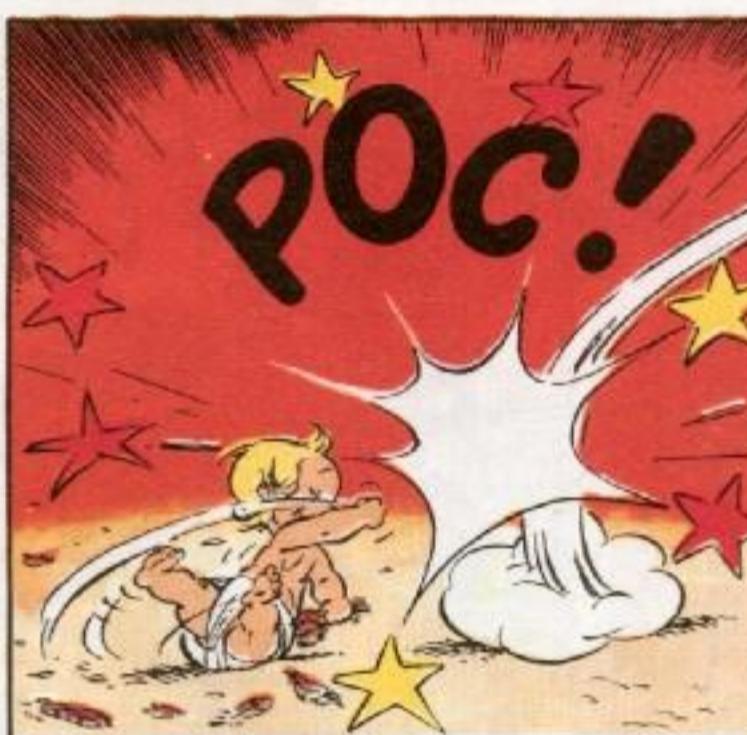
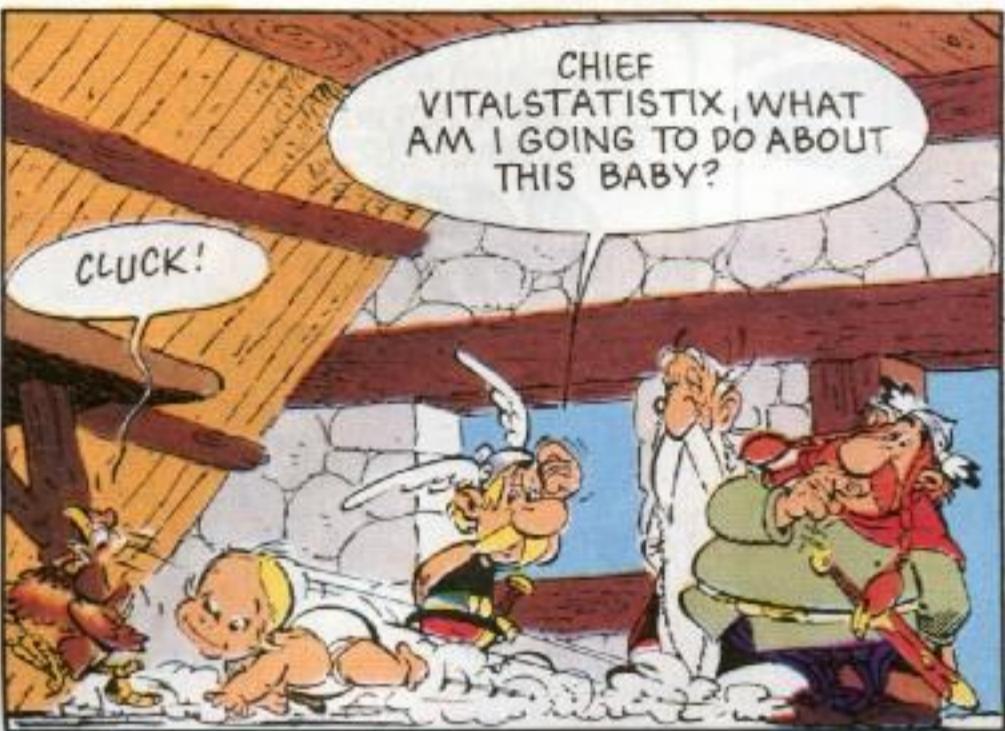


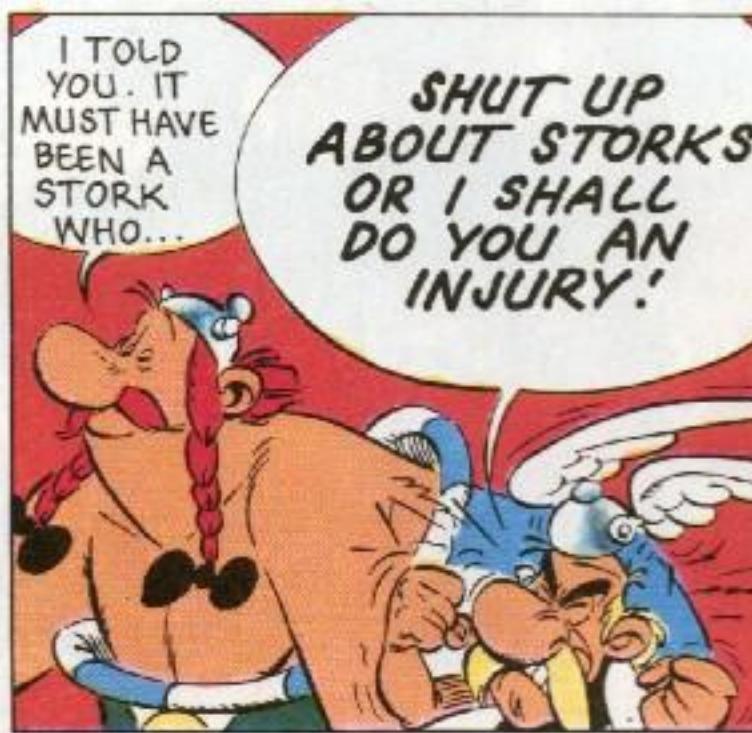
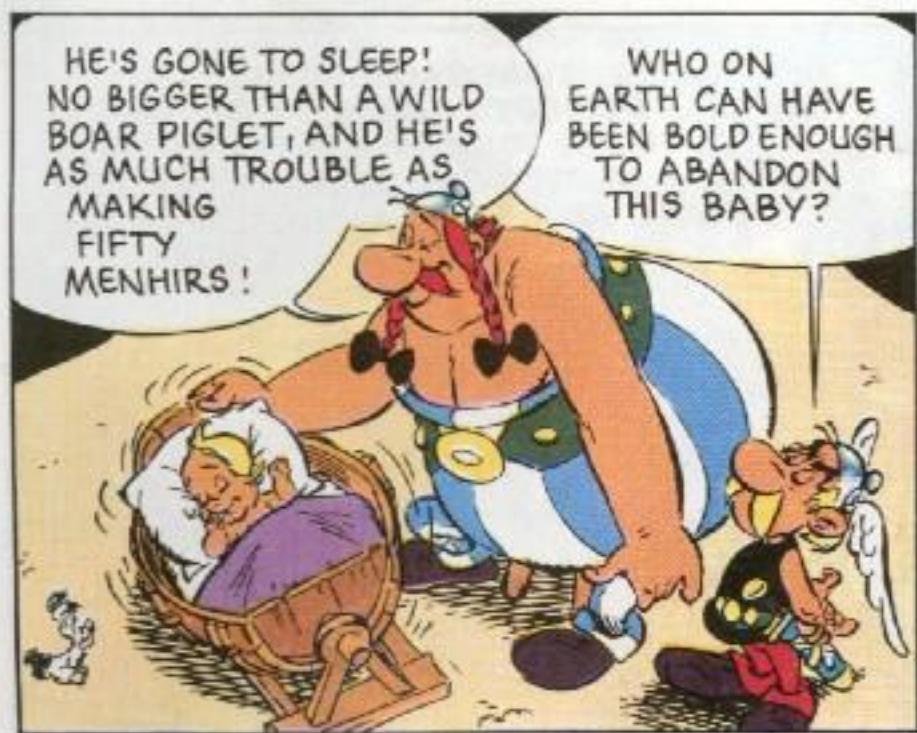


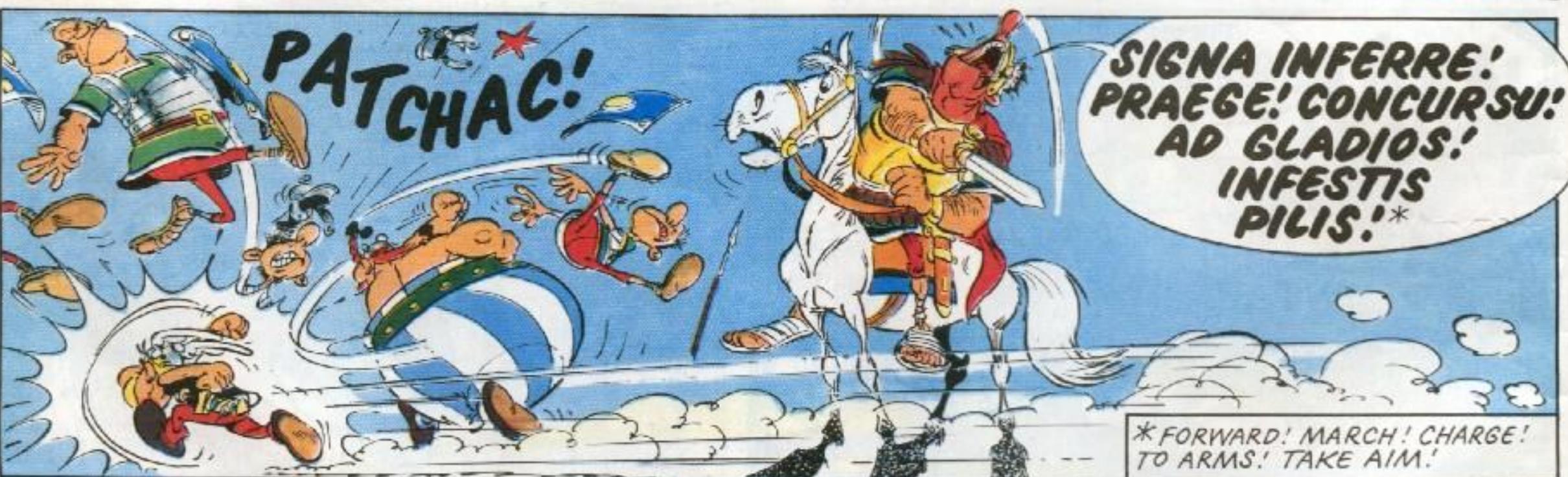
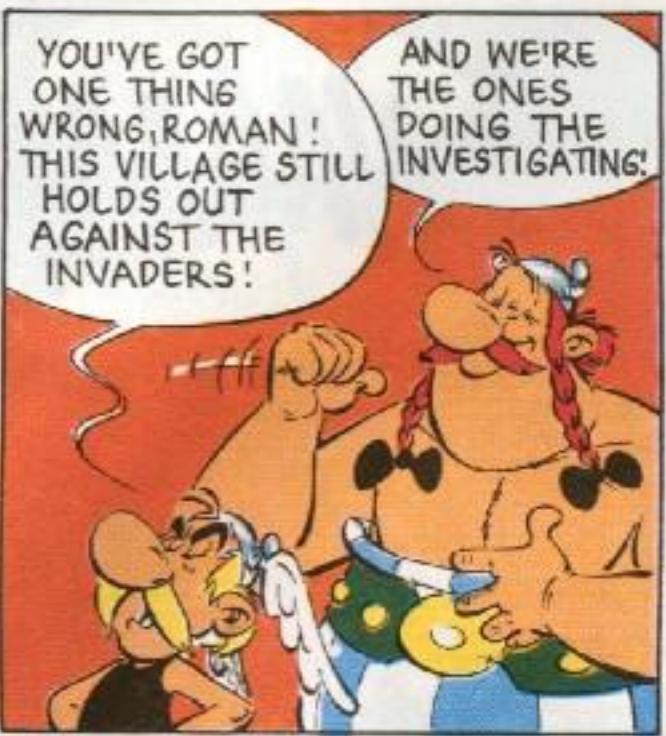
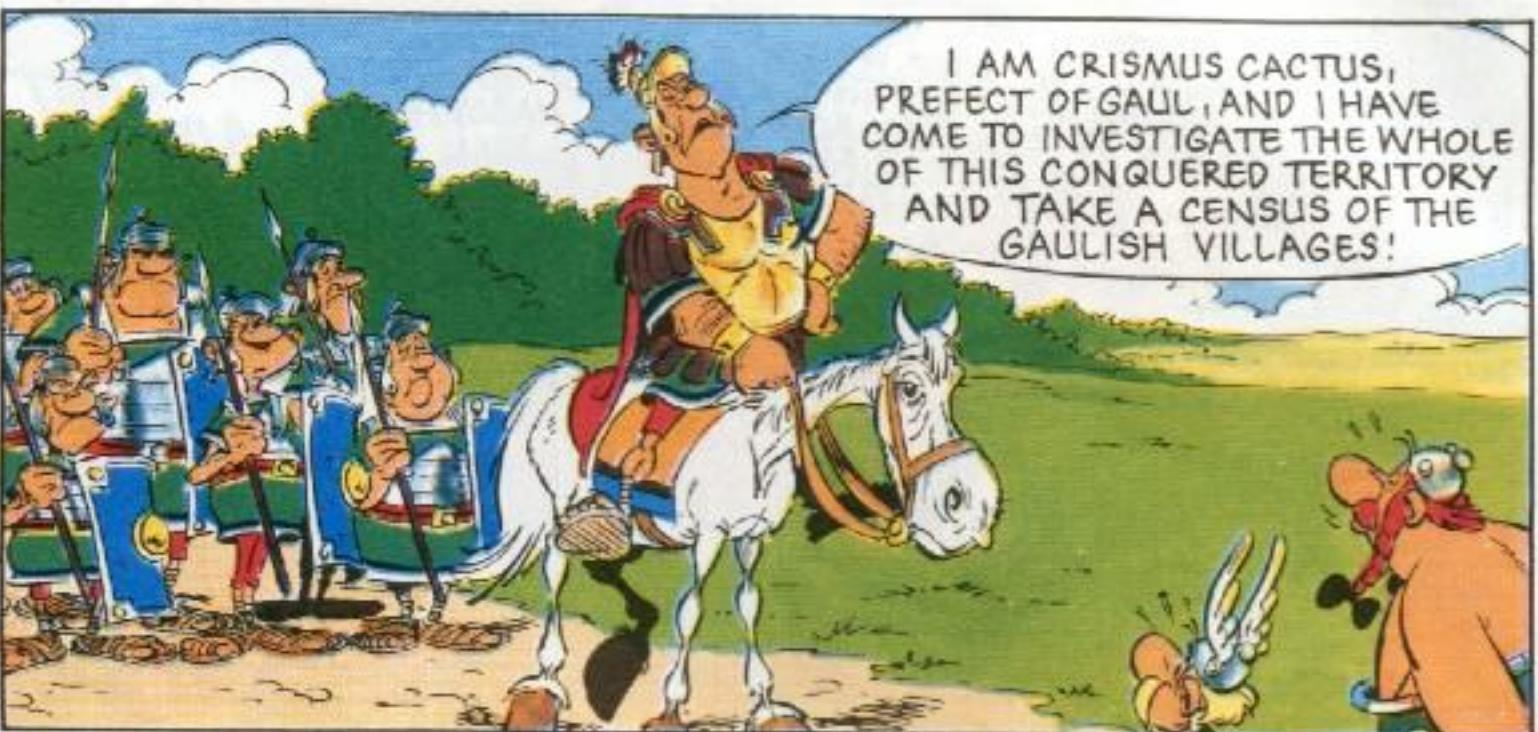


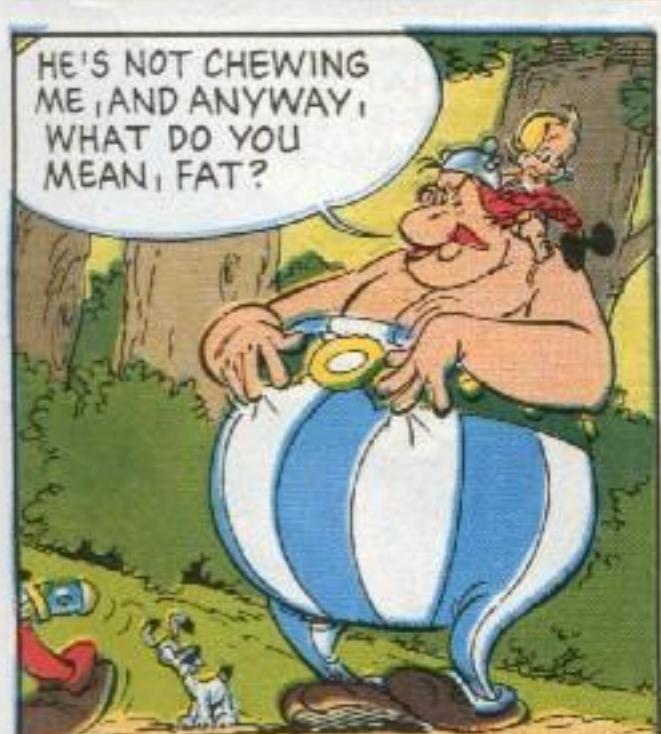
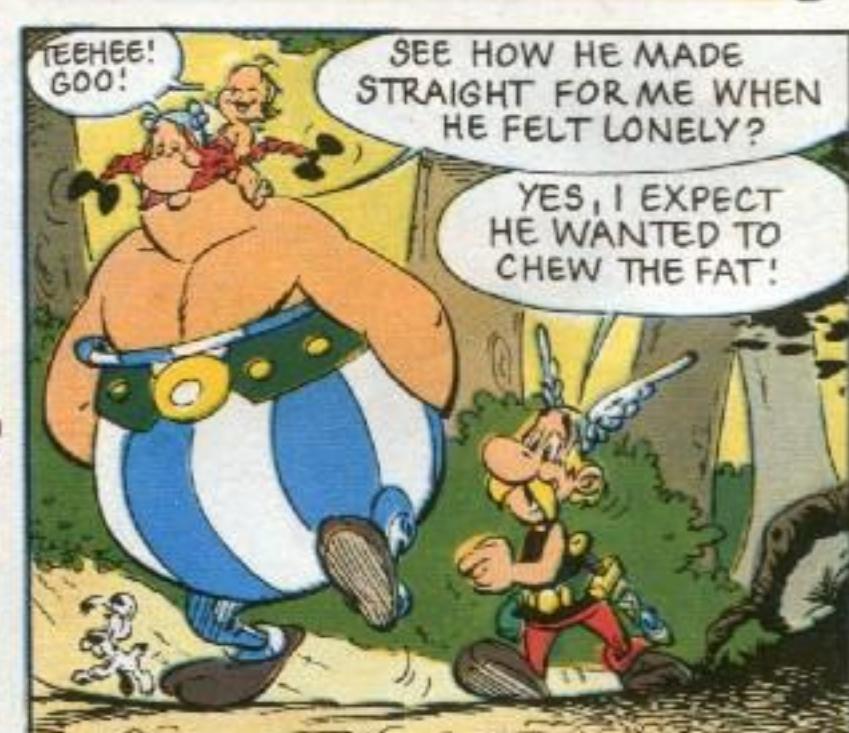
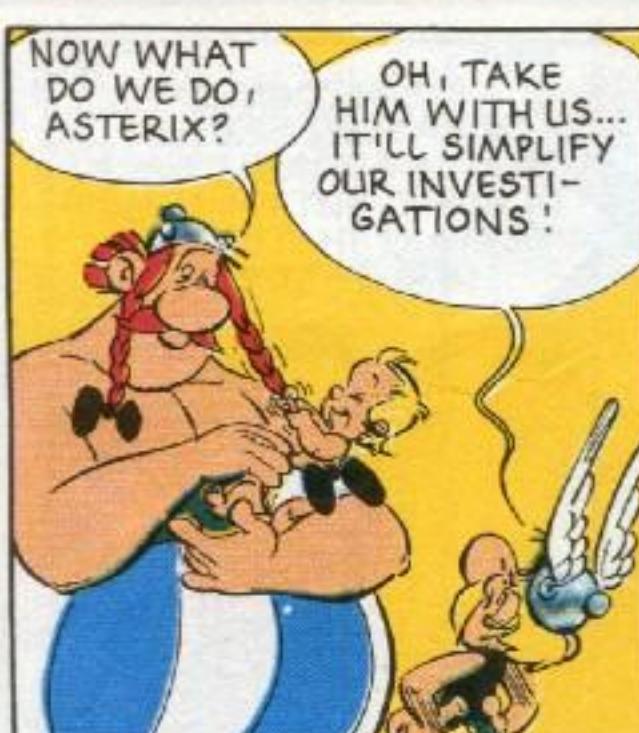
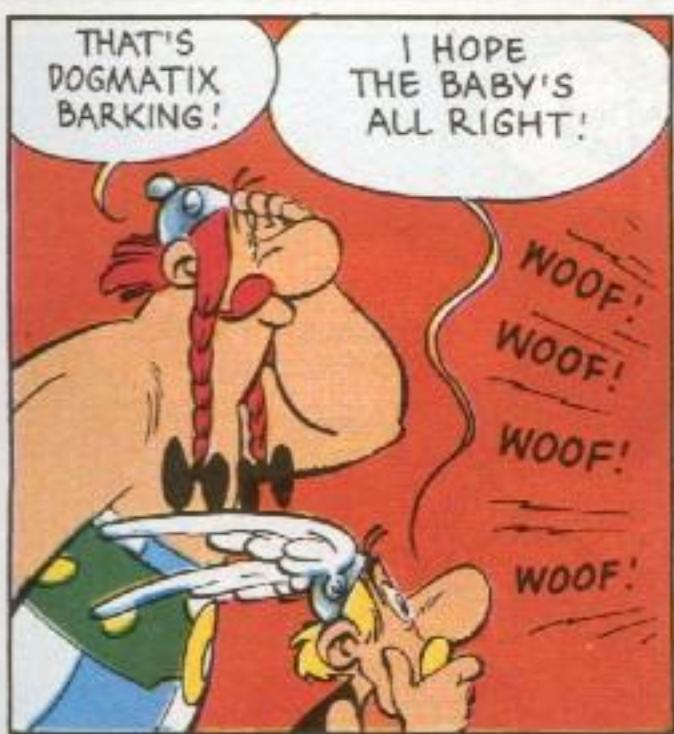
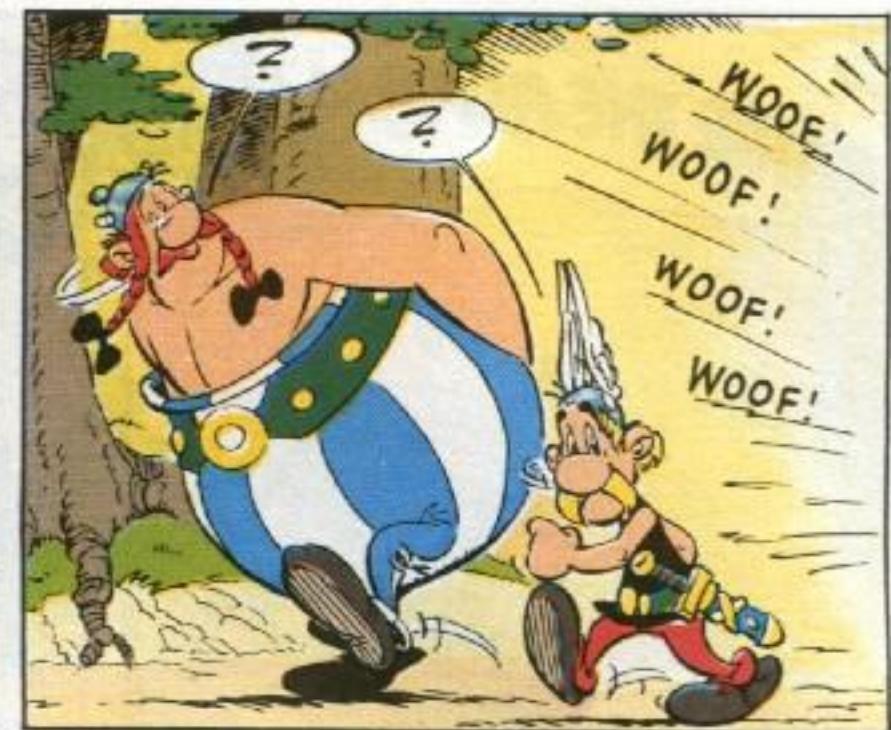
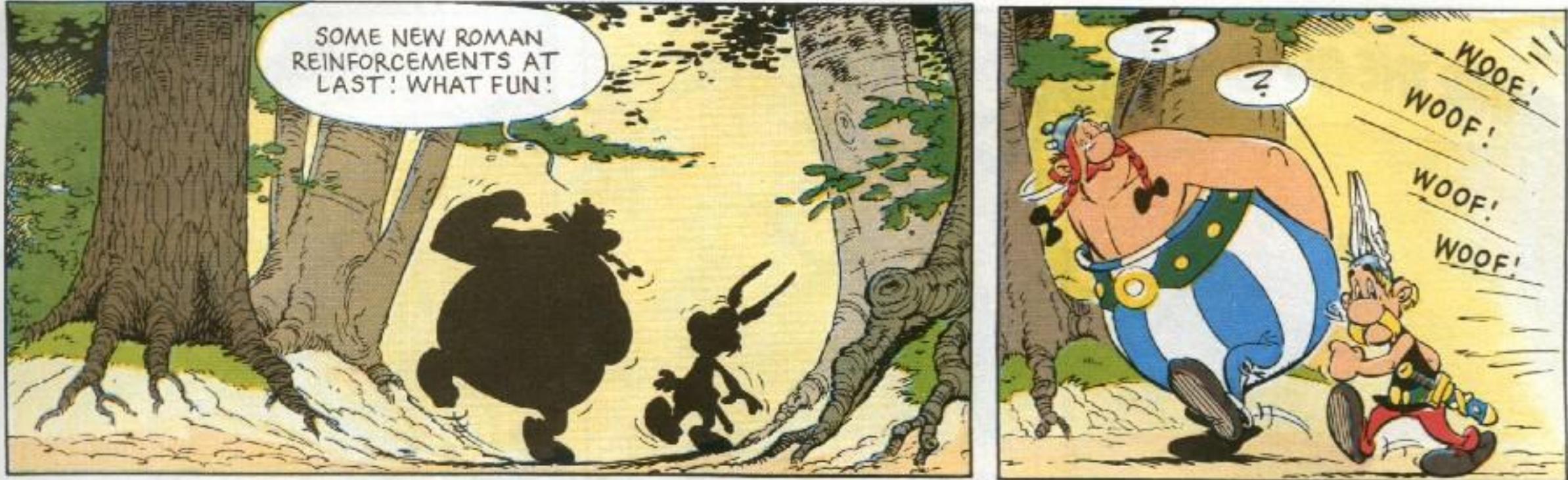


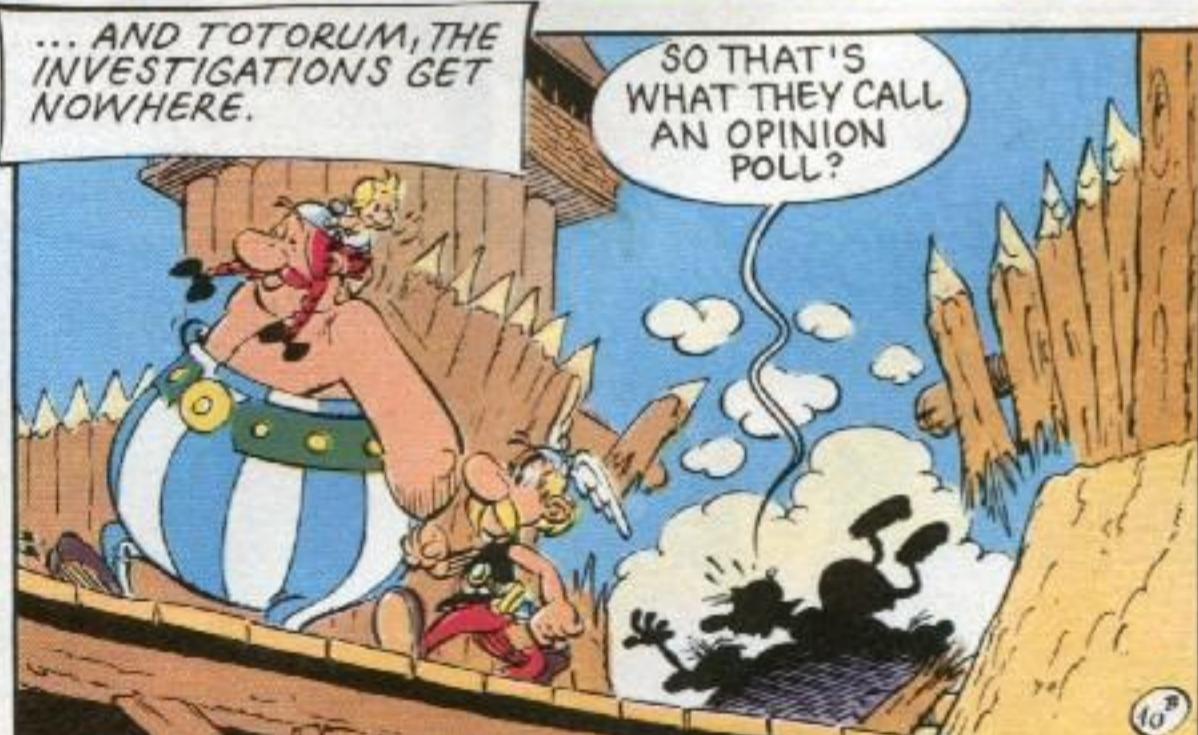
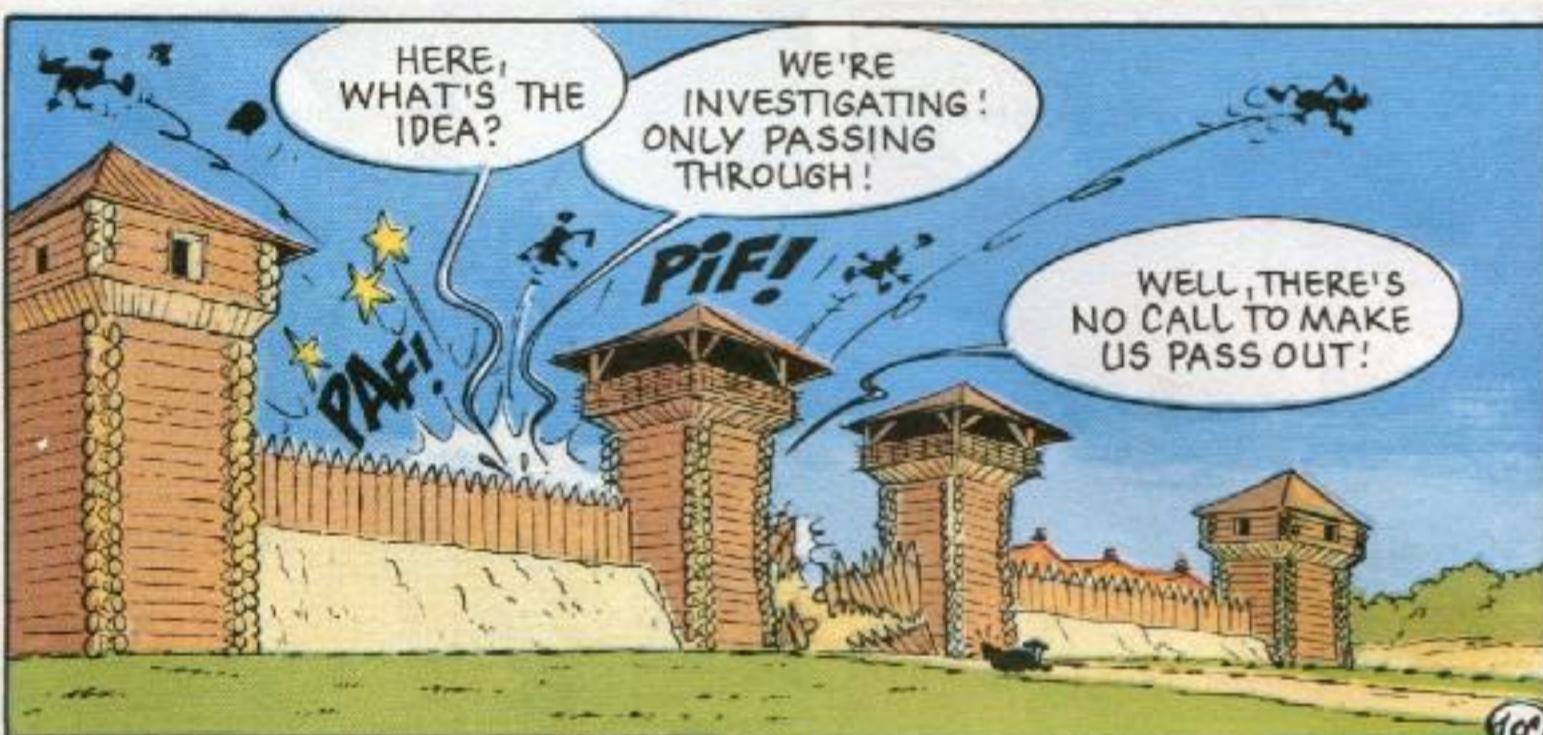
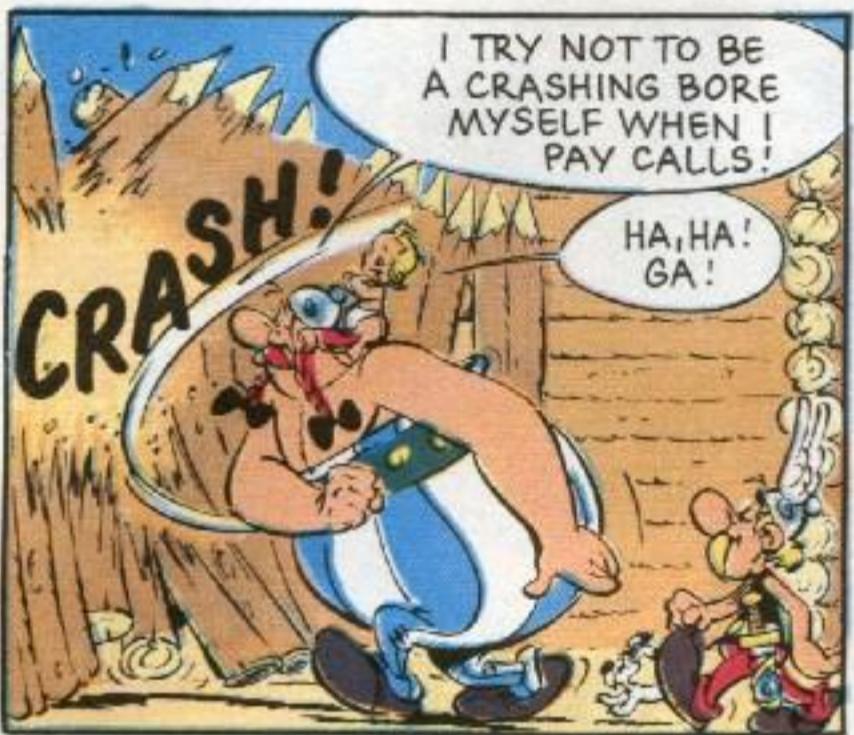
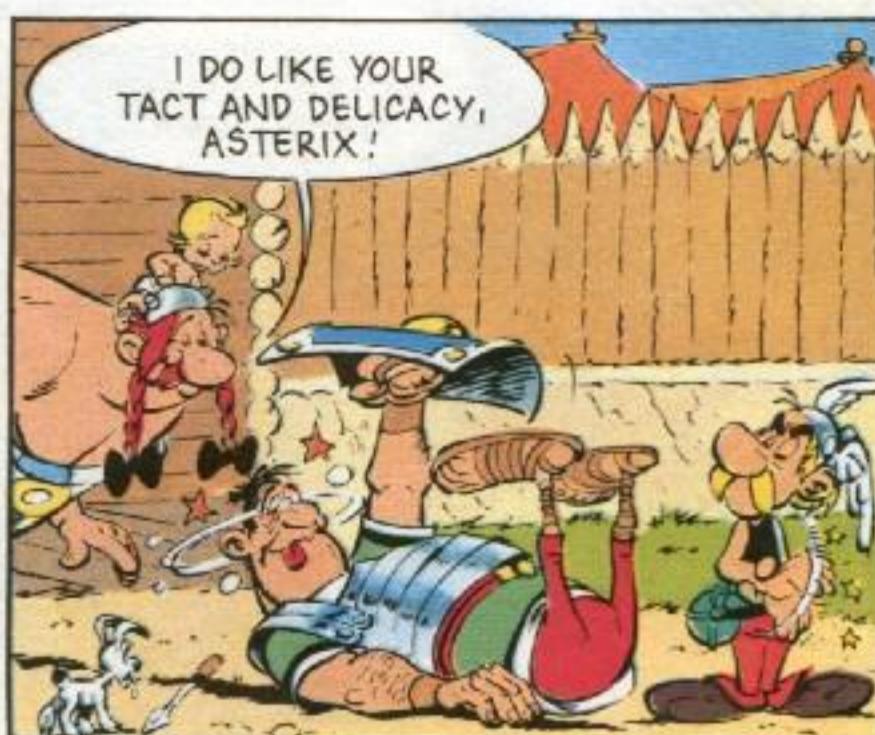
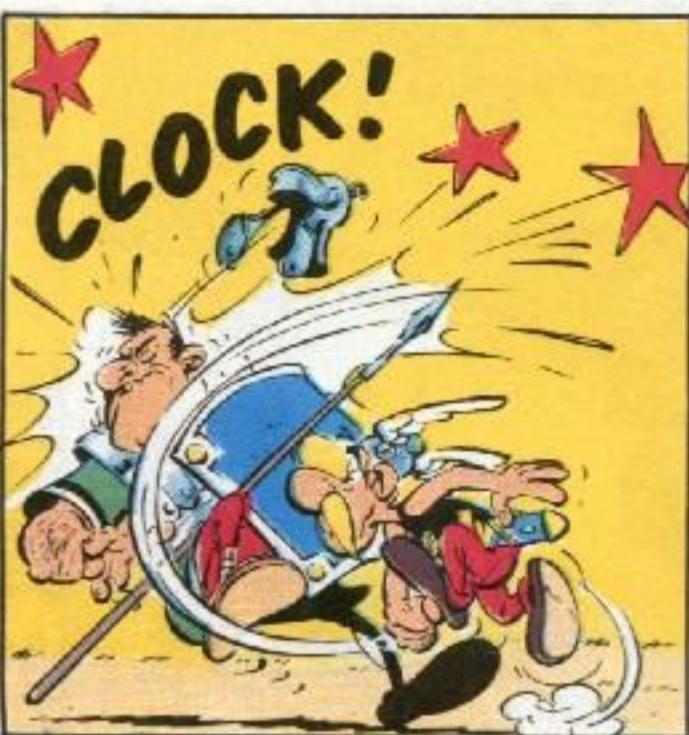
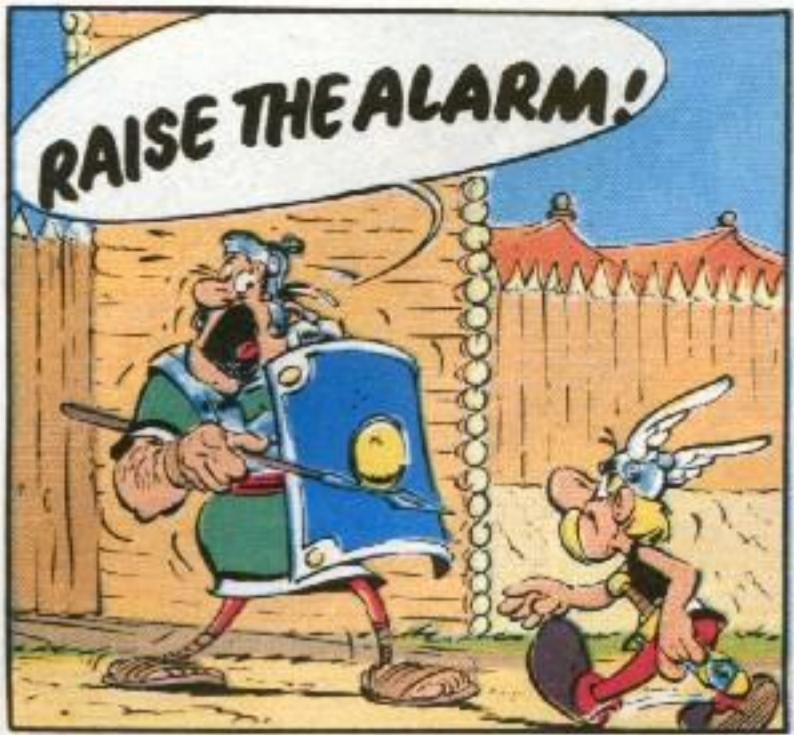


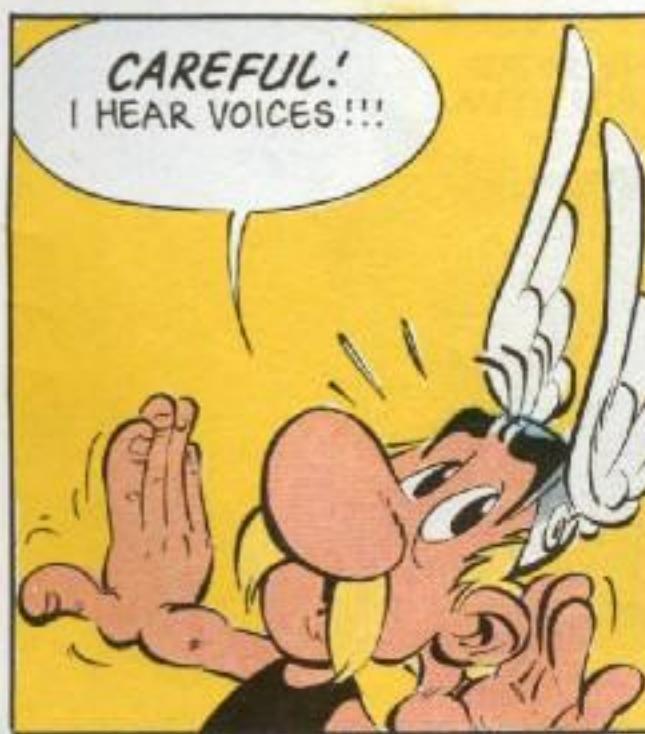
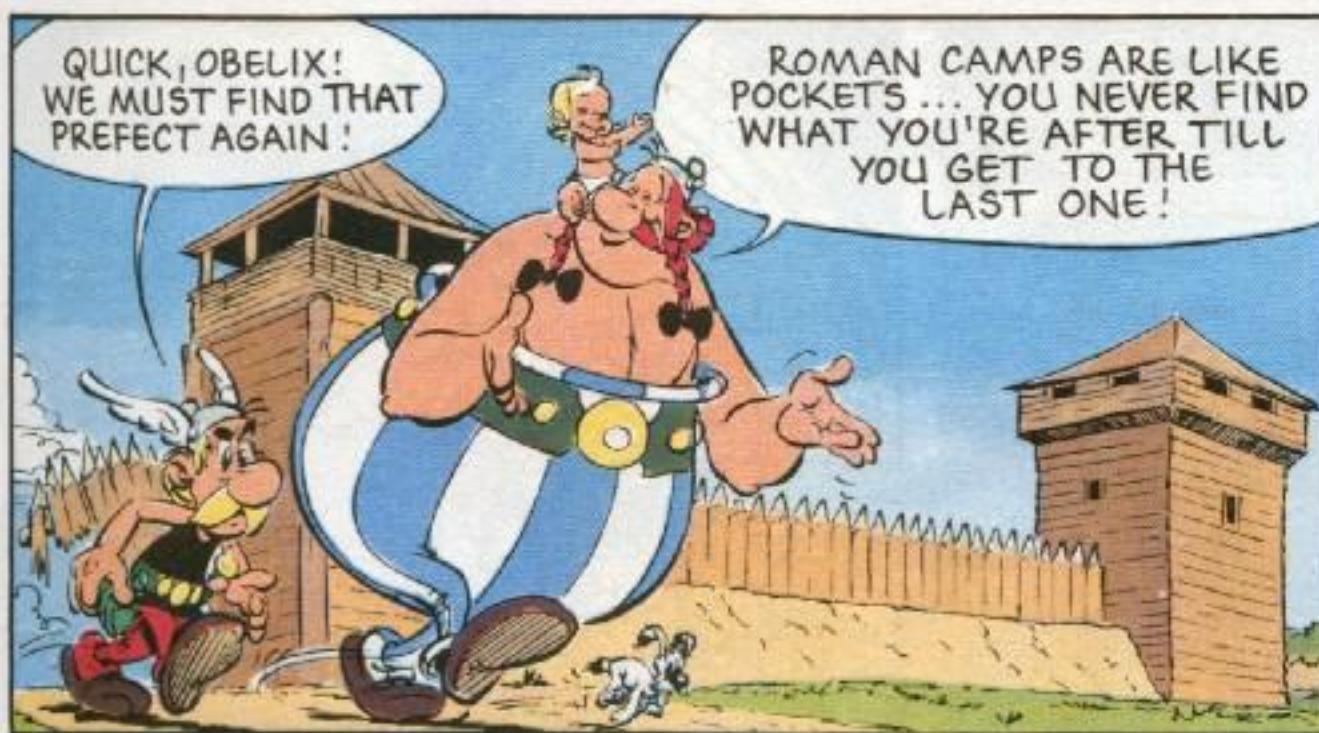
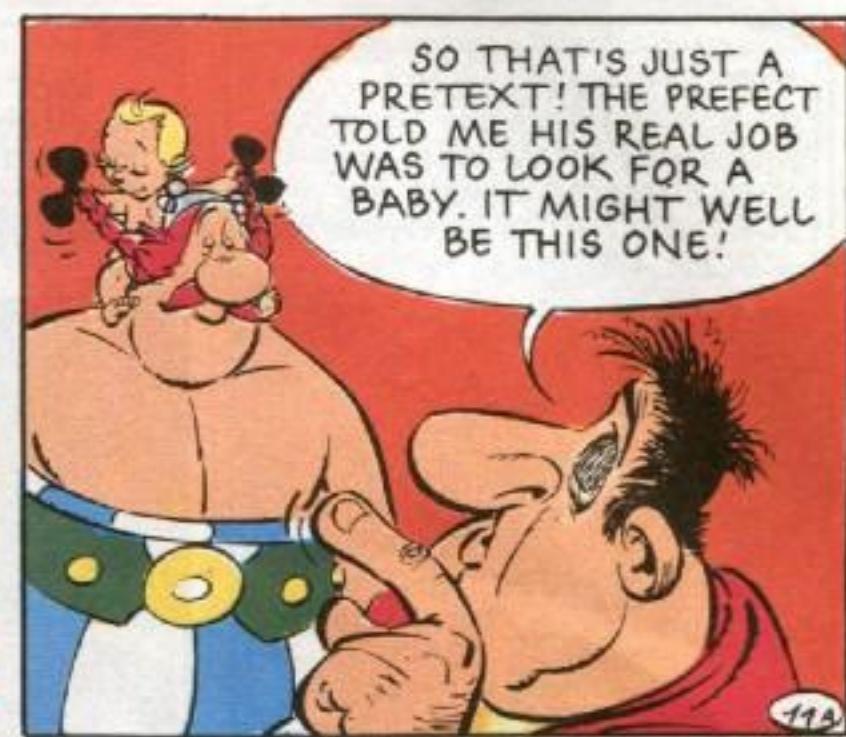
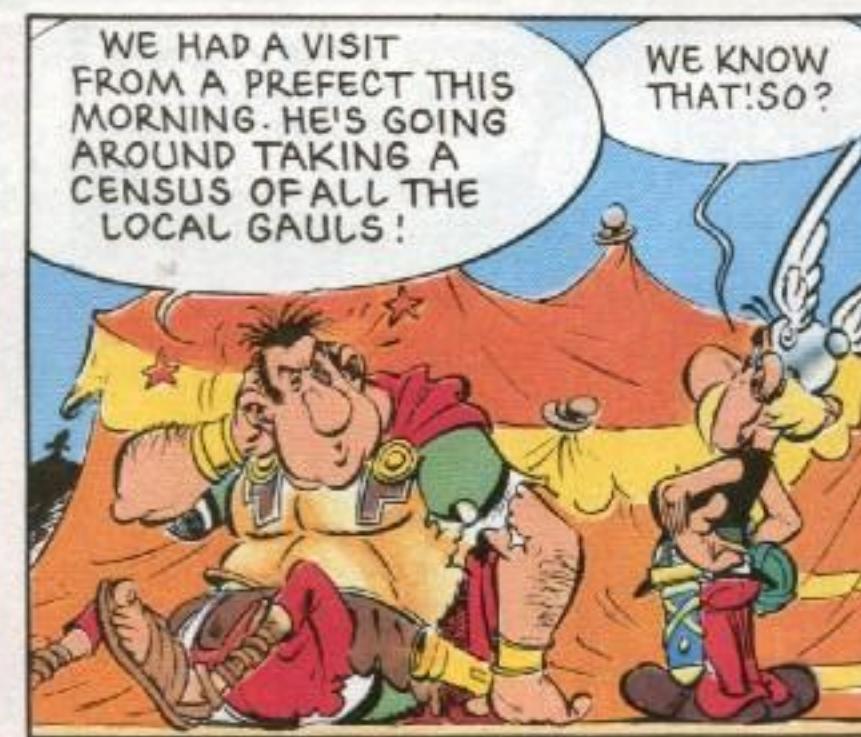
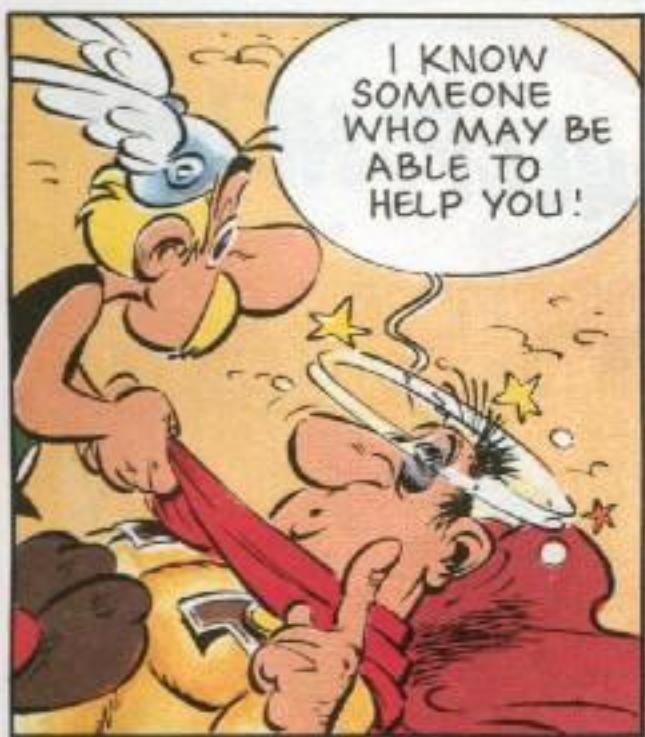
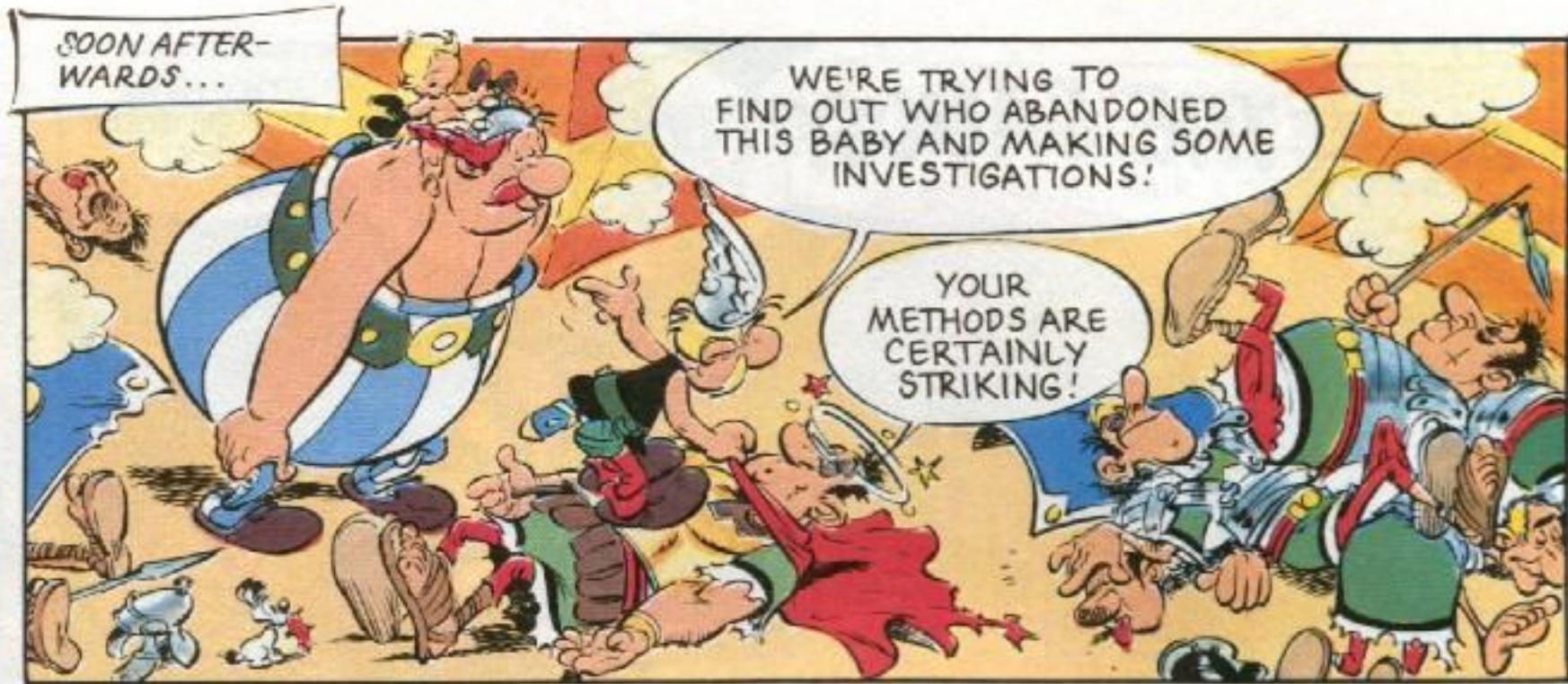
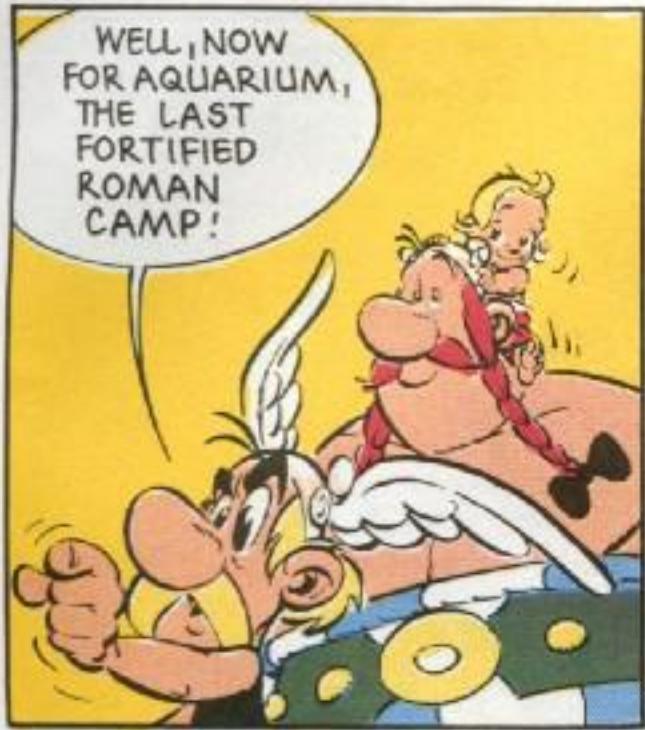


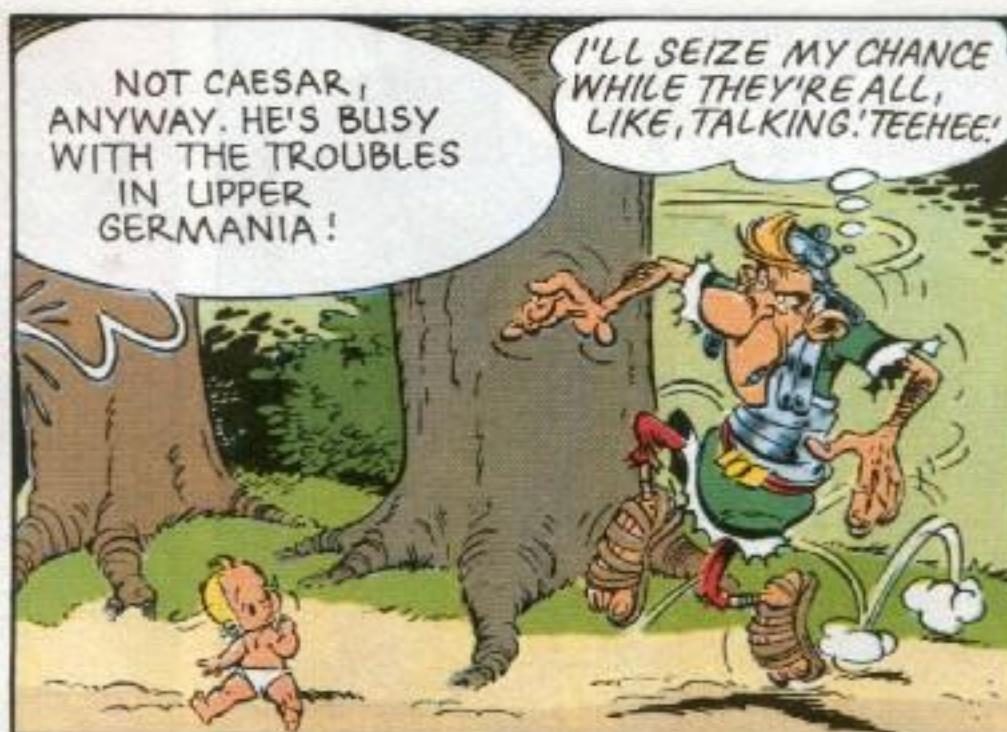
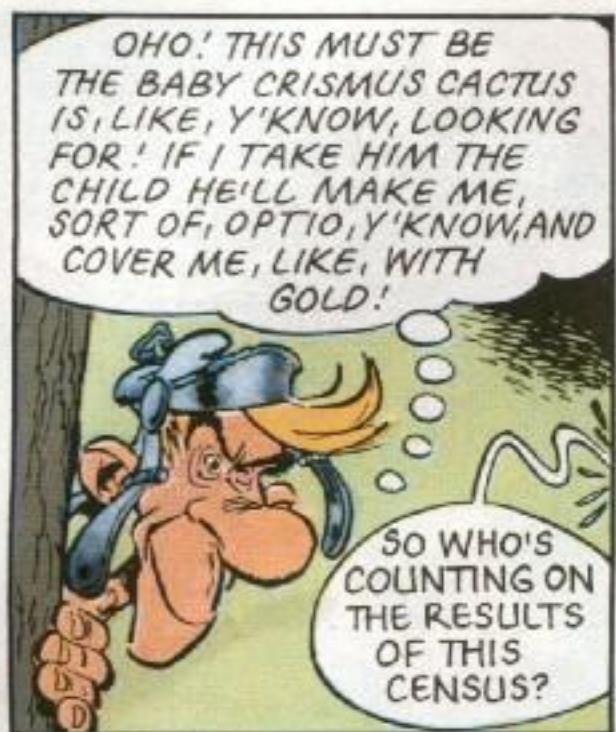












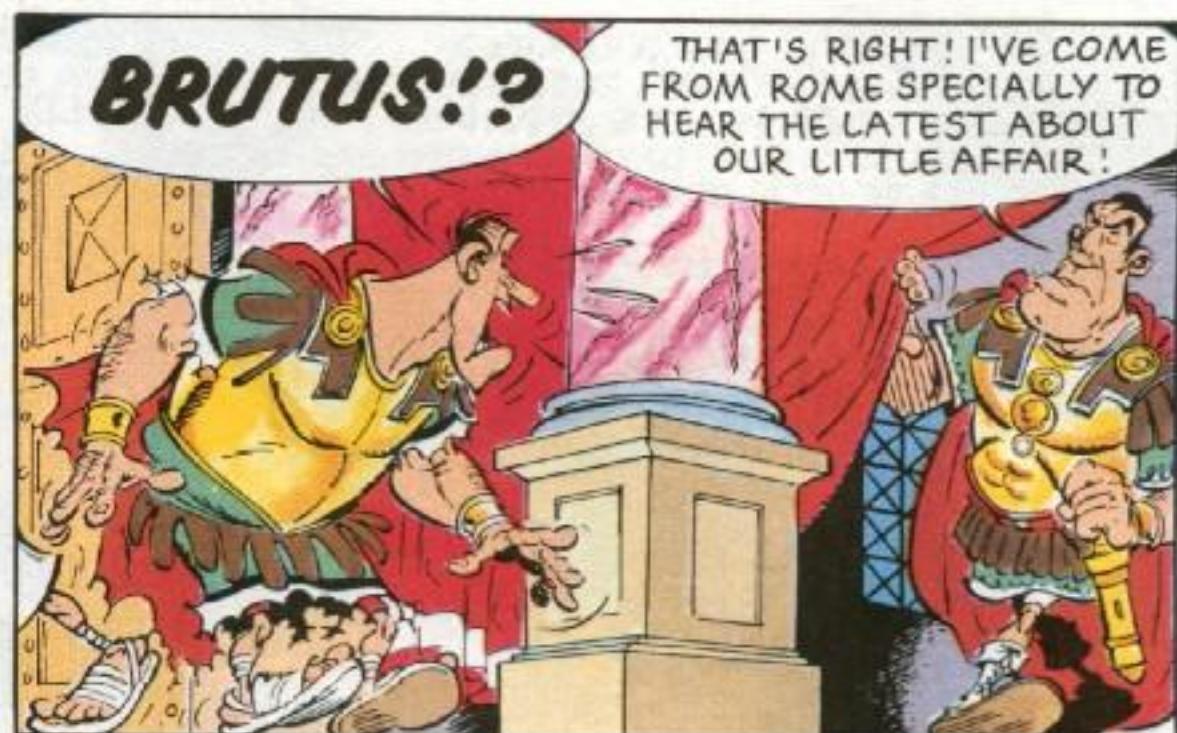
MEANWHILE, AT CONDATUM, IN THE RESIDENCE OF THE PREFECT OF ARMORICA...

QUICK! SEND A MESSENGER OFF TO ROME!

DON'T BOTHER, CACTUS!

**BRUTUS!?**

THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE COME FROM ROME SPECIALLY TO HEAR THE LATEST ABOUT OUR LITTLE AFFAIR!



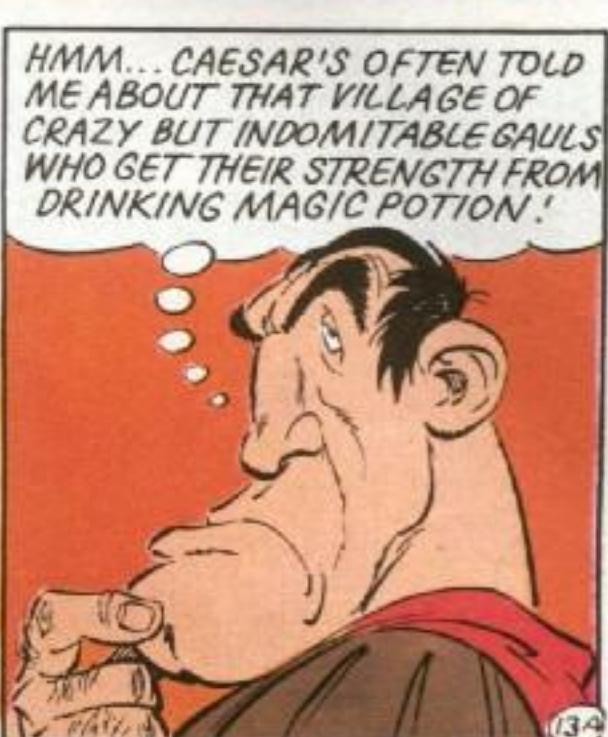
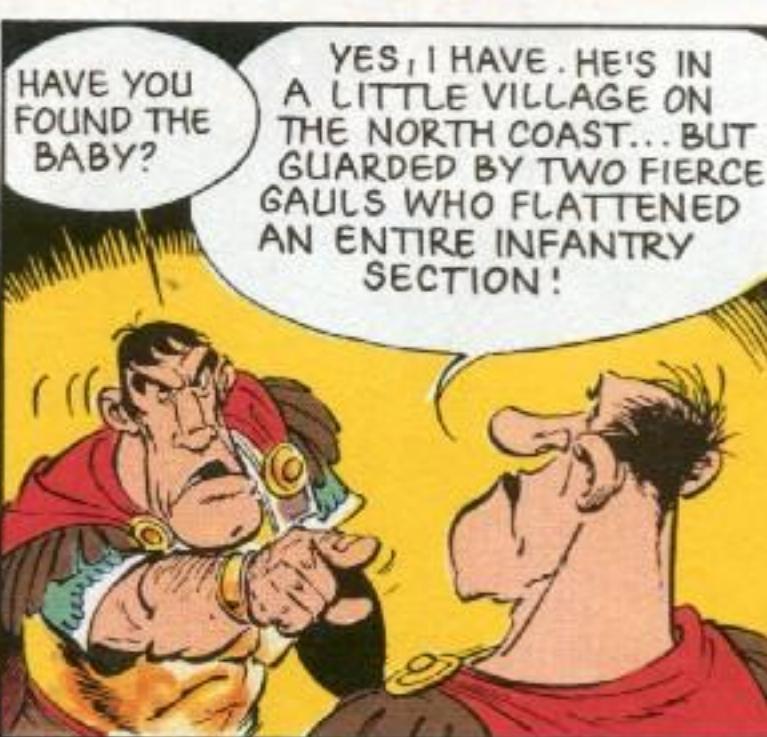
JUDGING BY YOUR SLOVENLY APPEARANCE, CONTACT WITH THE LOCAL BARBARIANS IS BAD FOR YOU!

CONTACT WITH THEIR FISTS IS! THIS INVESTIGATION YOU WANTED MADE IS A RISKY BUSINESS!

HAVE YOU FOUND THE BABY?

YES, I HAVE. HE'S IN A LITTLE VILLAGE ON THE NORTH COAST... BUT GUARDED BY TWO FIERCE GAULS WHO FLATTENED AN ENTIRE INFANTRY SECTION!

HMM... CAESAR'S OFTEN TOLD ME ABOUT THAT VILLAGE OF CRAZY BUT INDOMITABLE GAULS WHO GET THEIR STRENGTH FROM DRINKING MAGIC POTION!



BUT I'LL HAVE THAT BABY EVEN IF I HAVE TO PUT ALL GAUL TO FIRE AND THE SWORD!!!

LUCKILY, SOME WAY OFF...



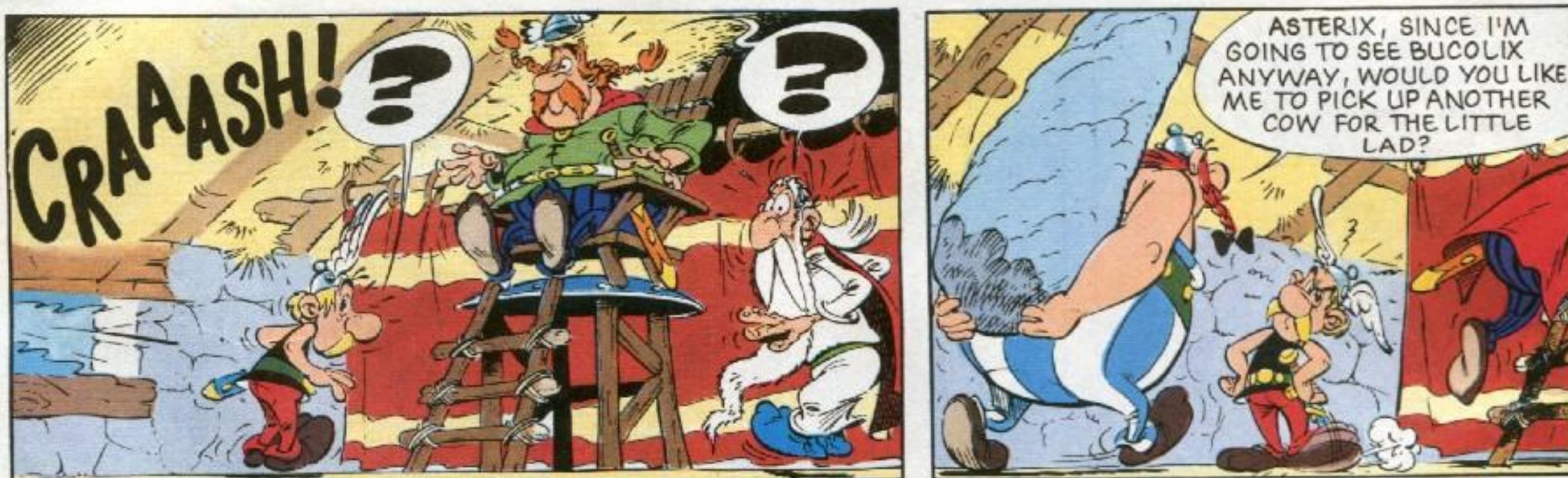
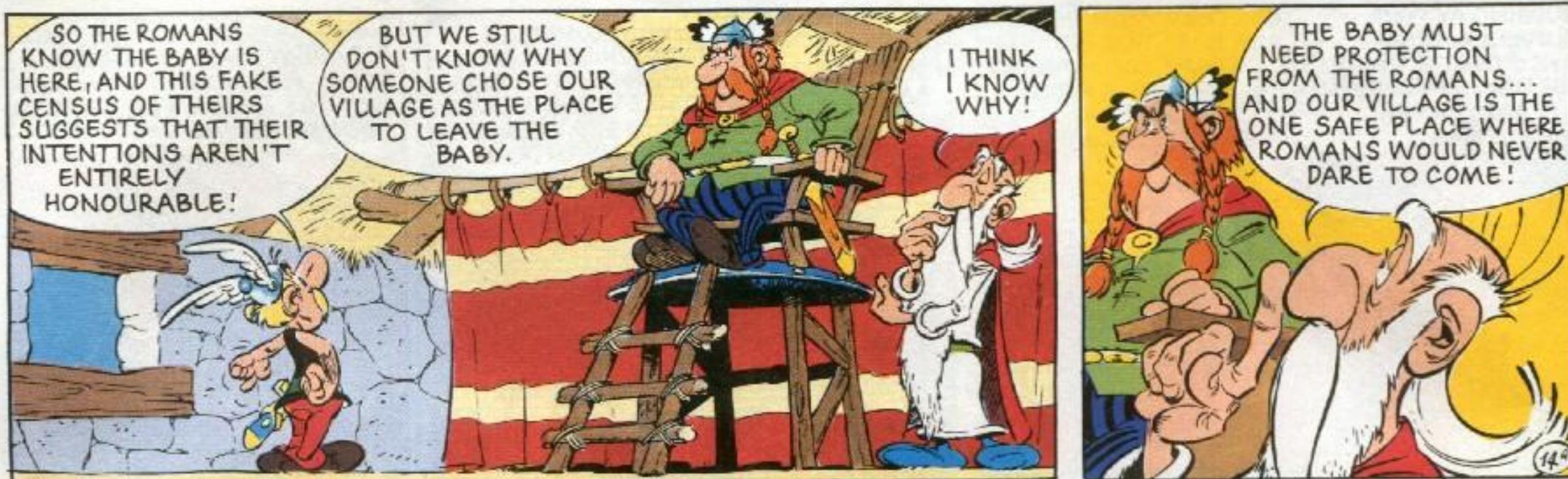
LOOK, ASTERIX! HE KNOWS HIS HOME ALREADY!

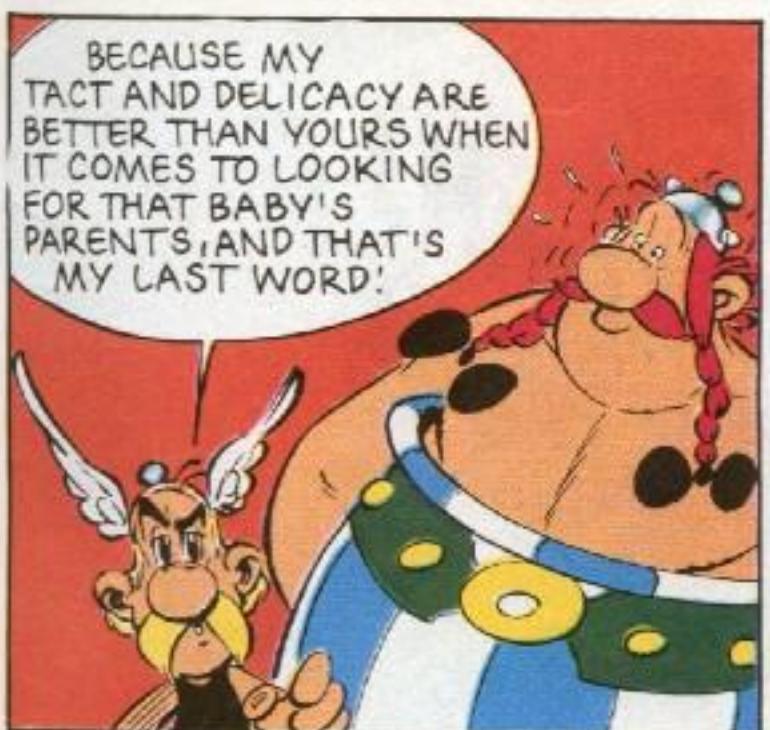
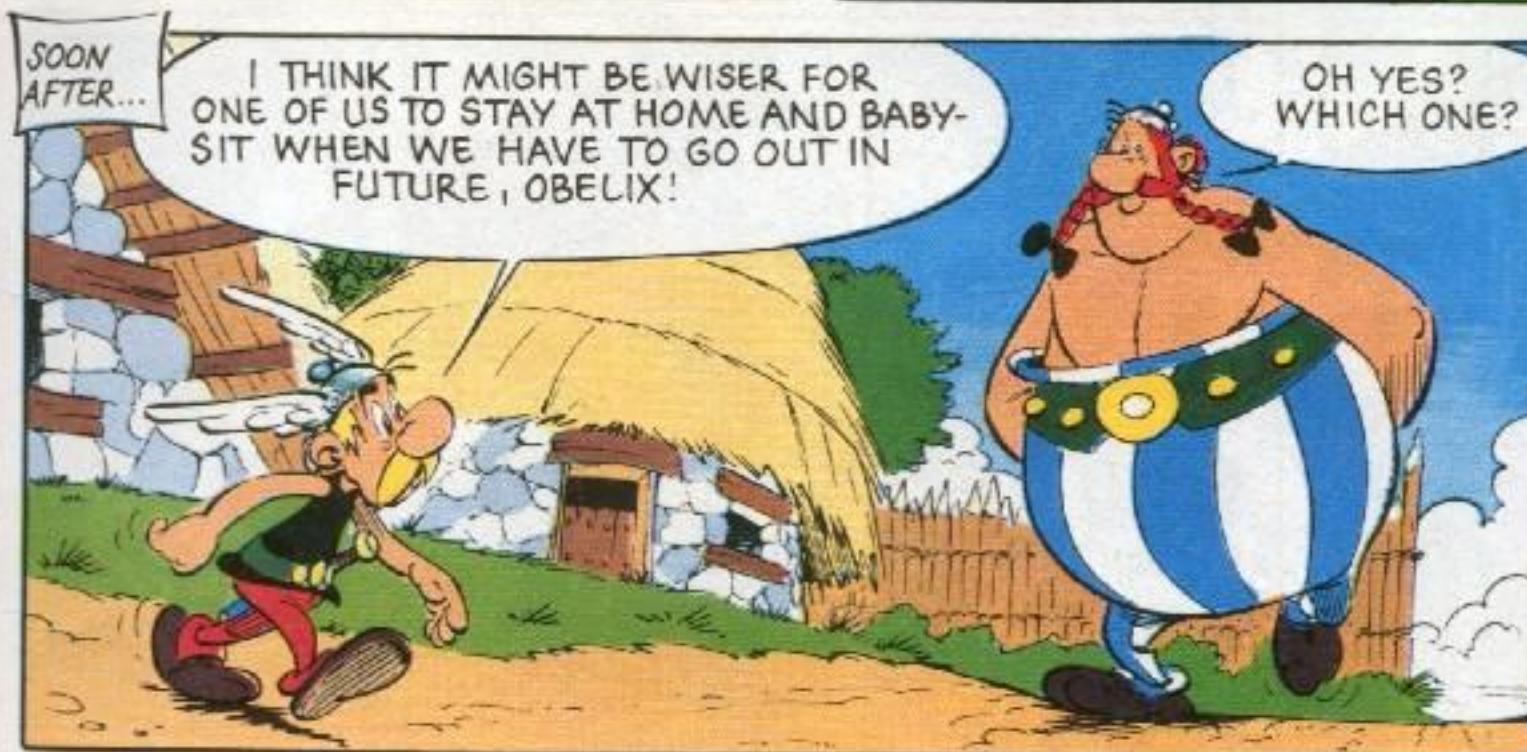
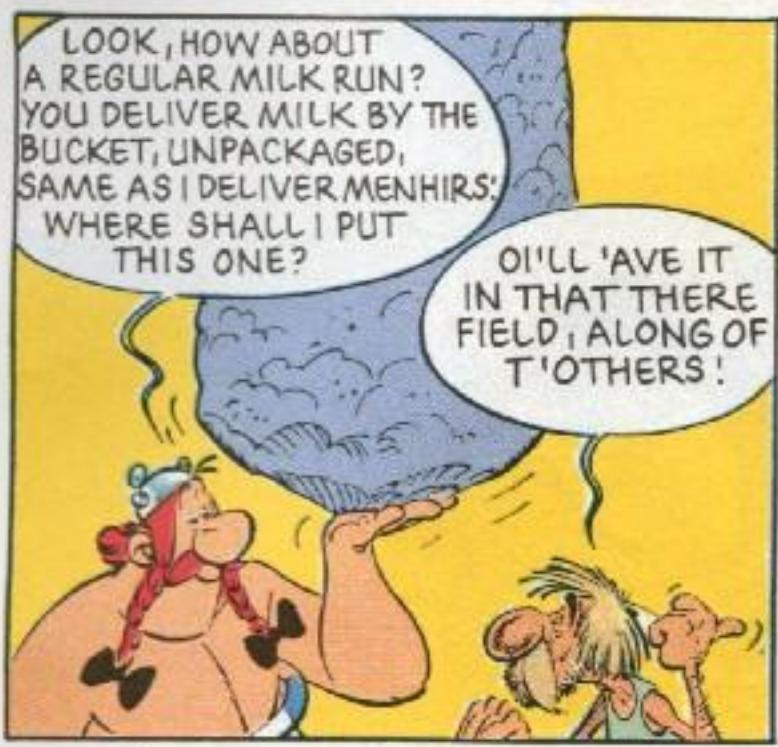


JUST LIKE ME AT HIS AGE!

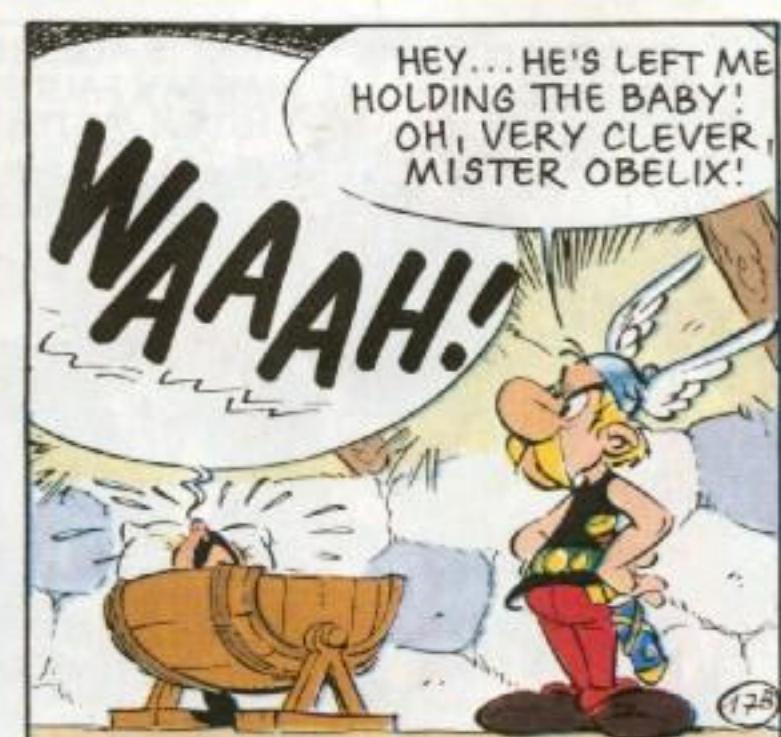
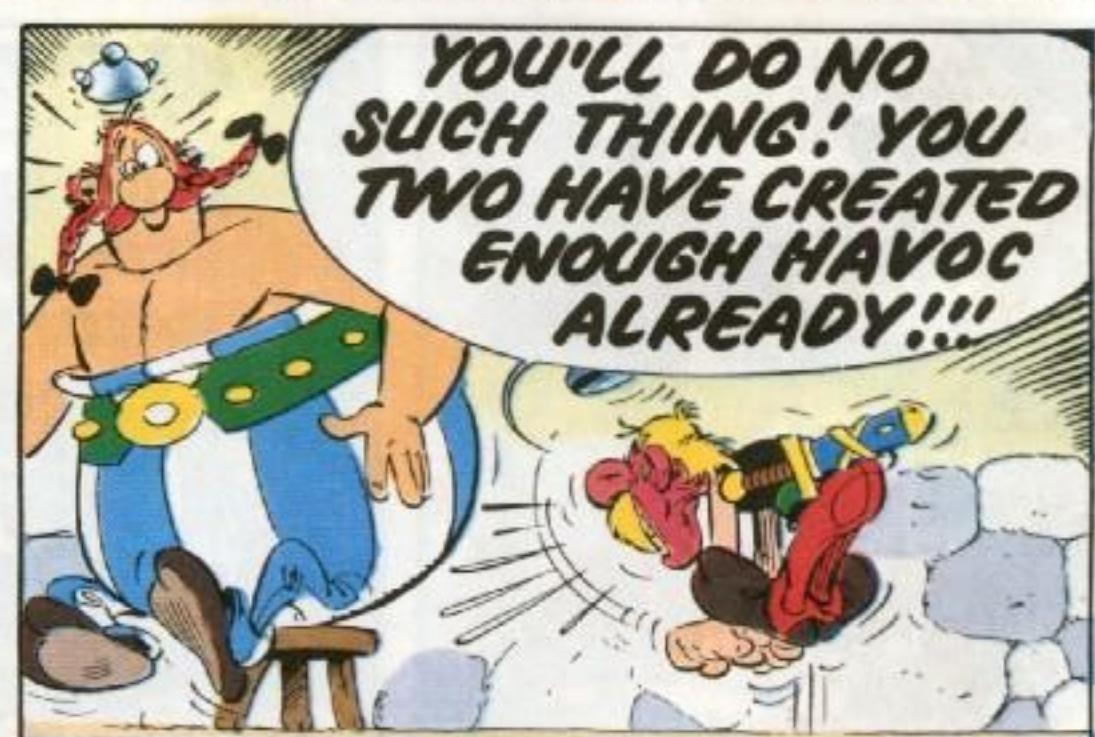
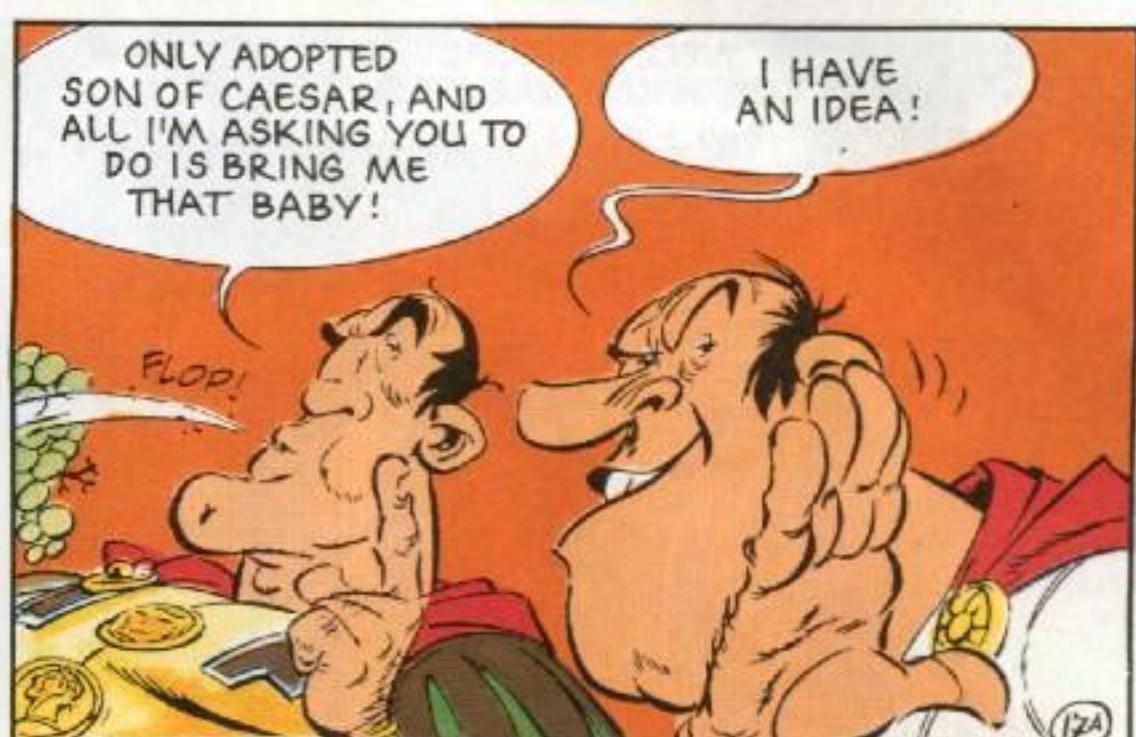
I WONDER IF WE'RE SETTING THAT CHILD A GOOD EXAMPLE?

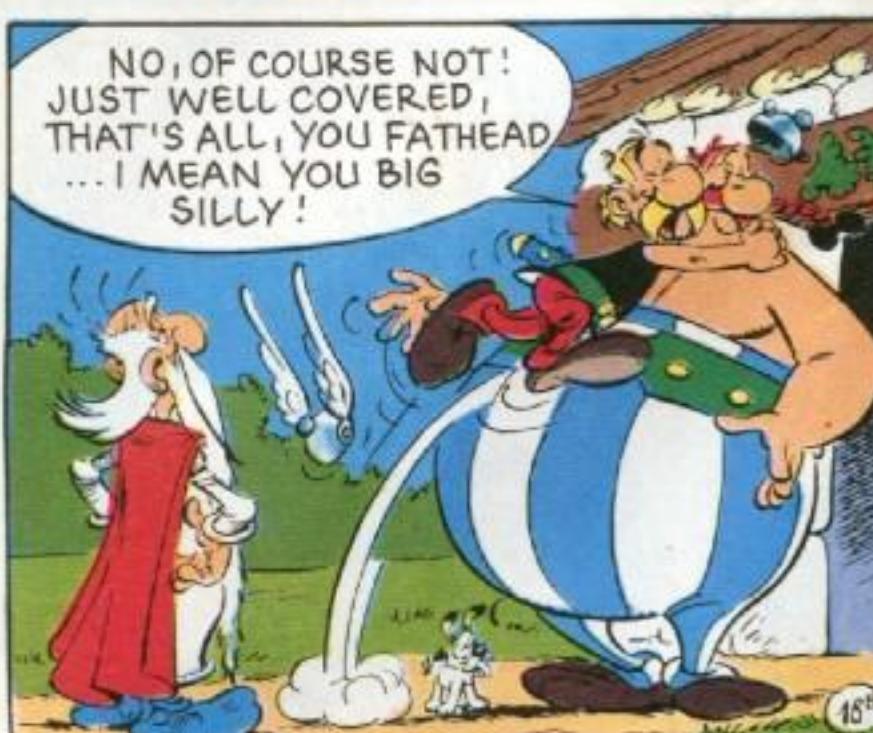
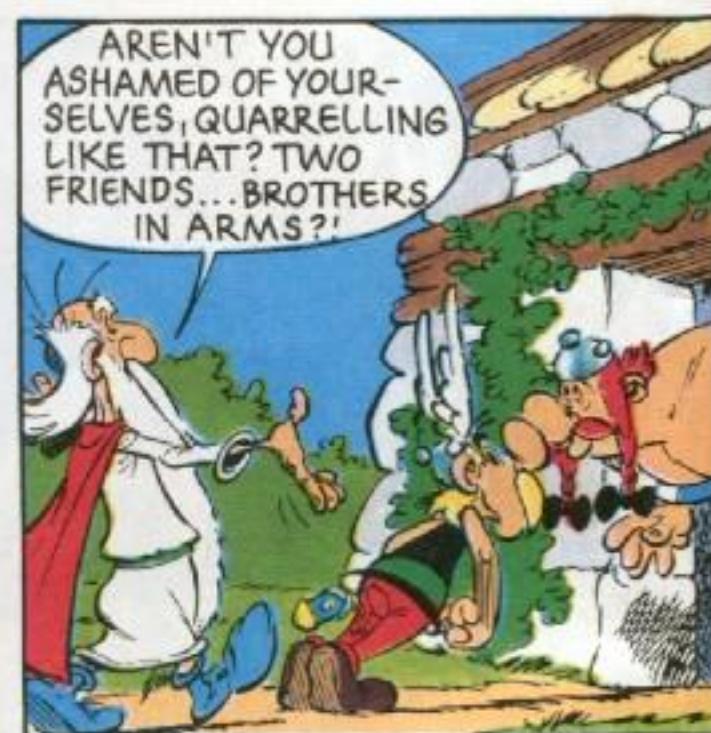
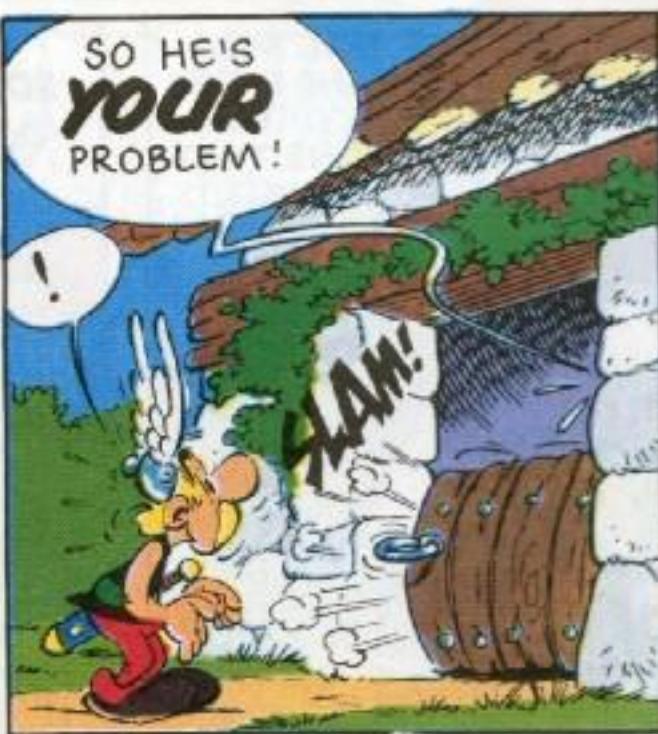
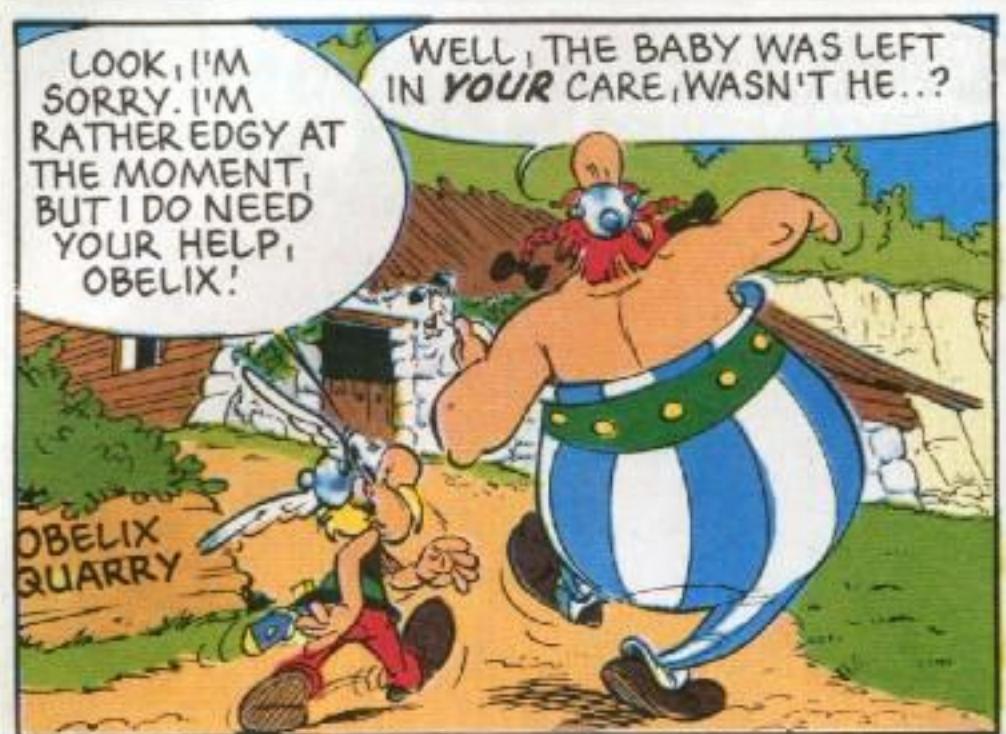


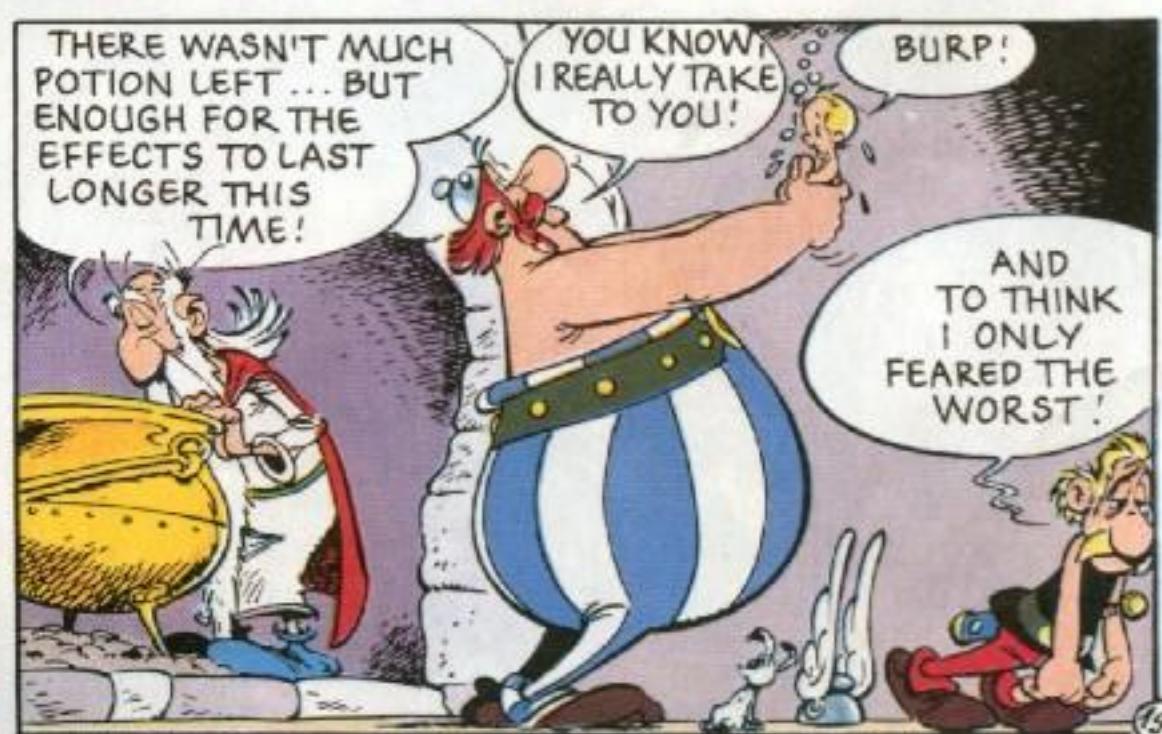
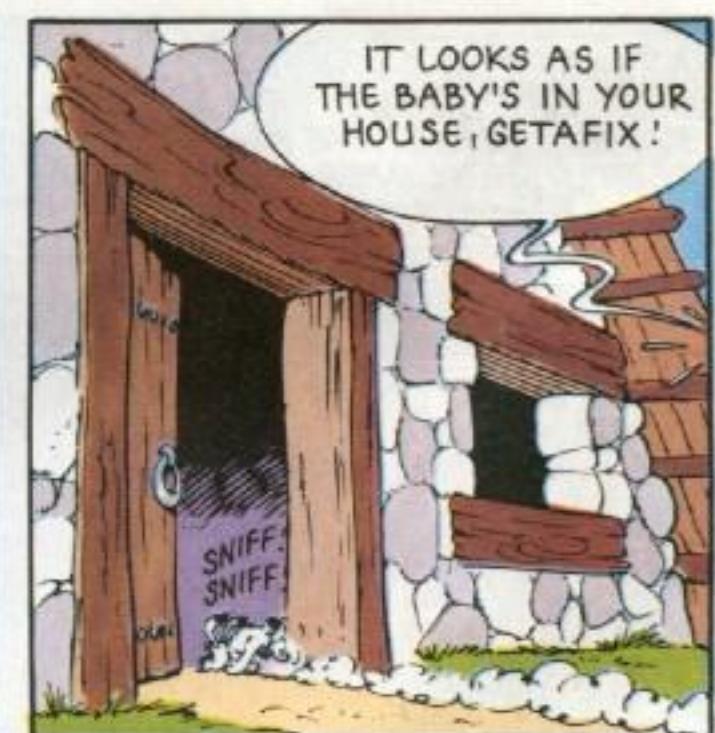
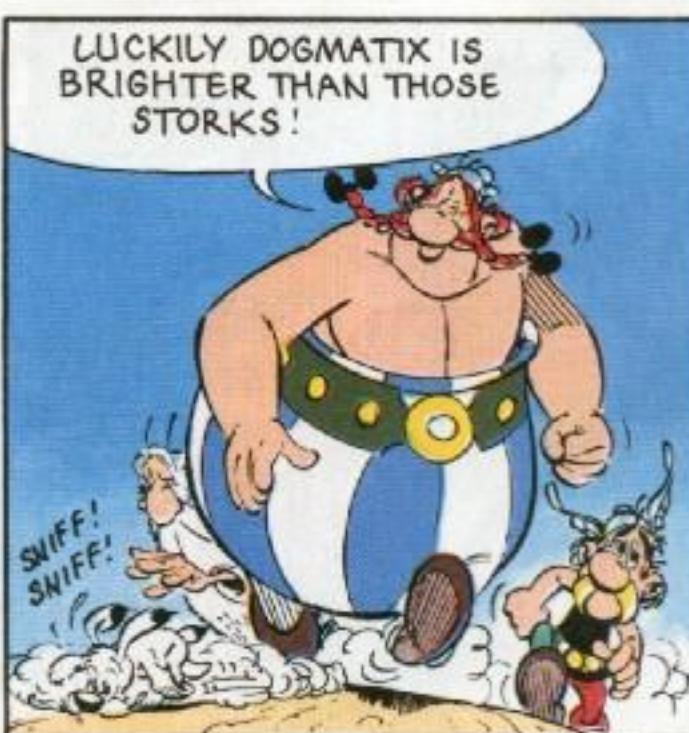
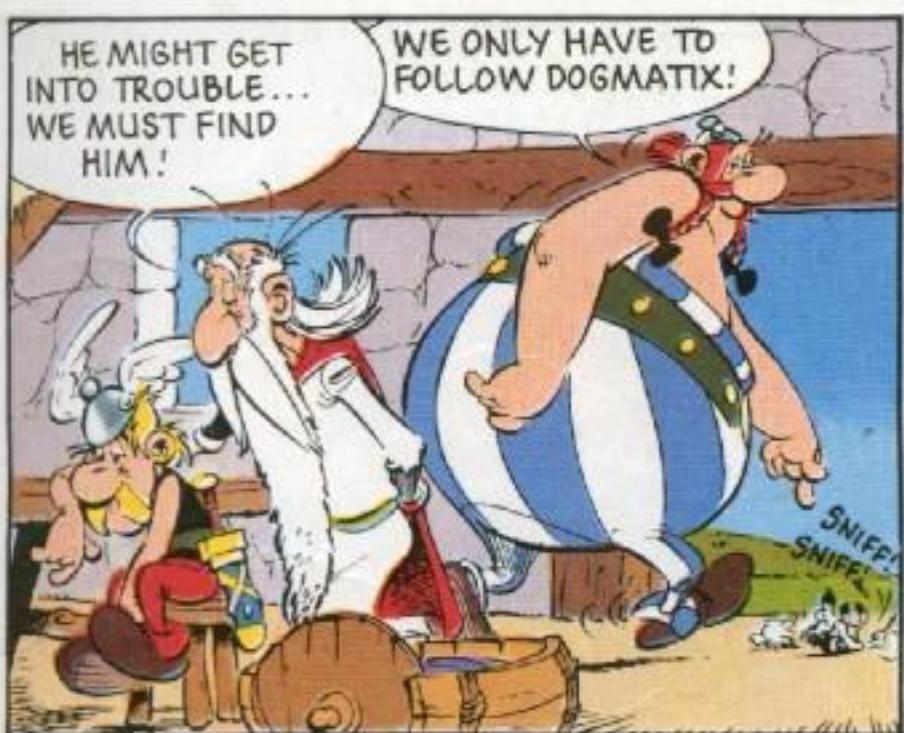
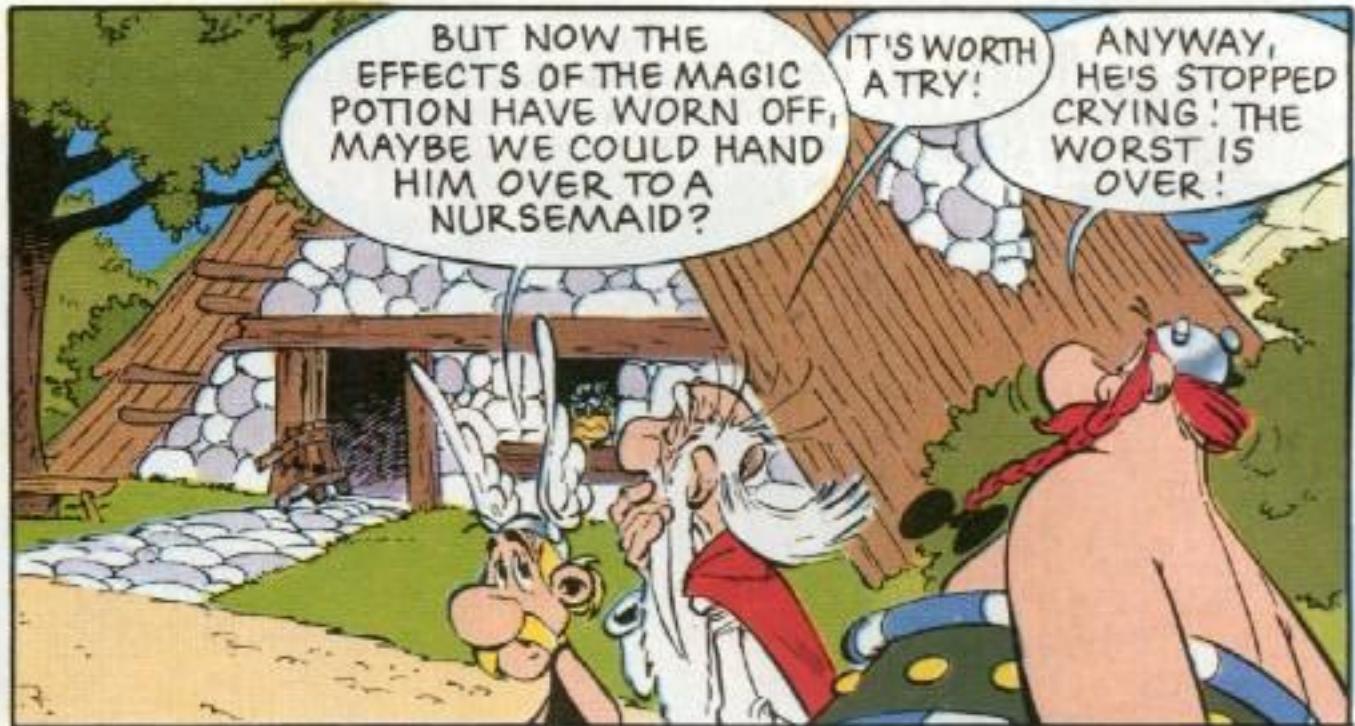
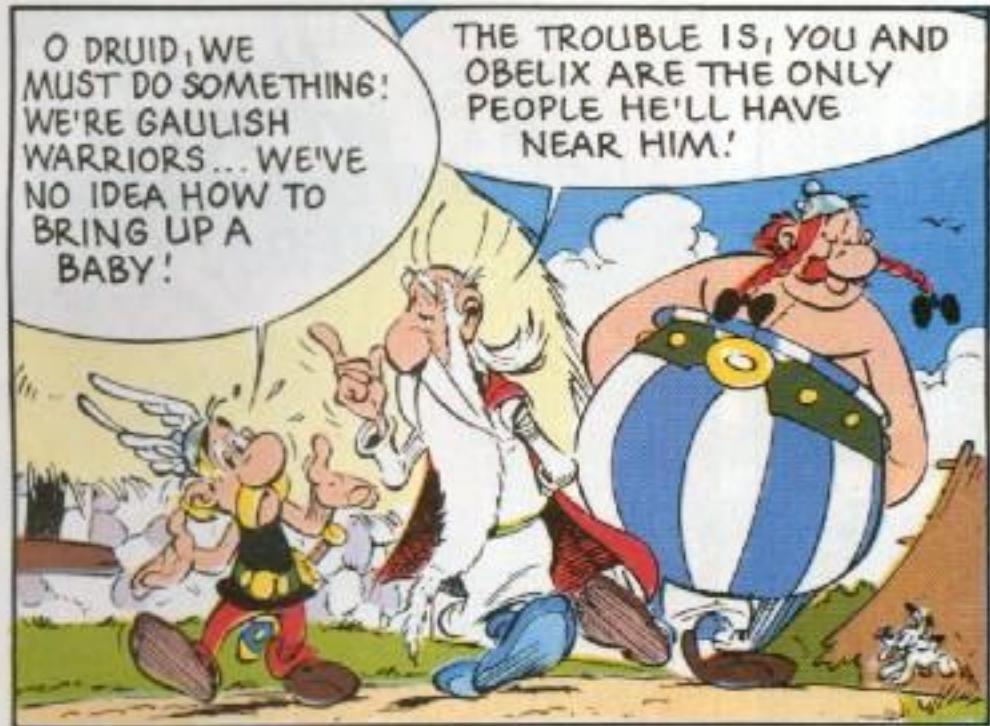












MEANWHILE,  
NOT FAR  
FROM THE  
VILLAGE...

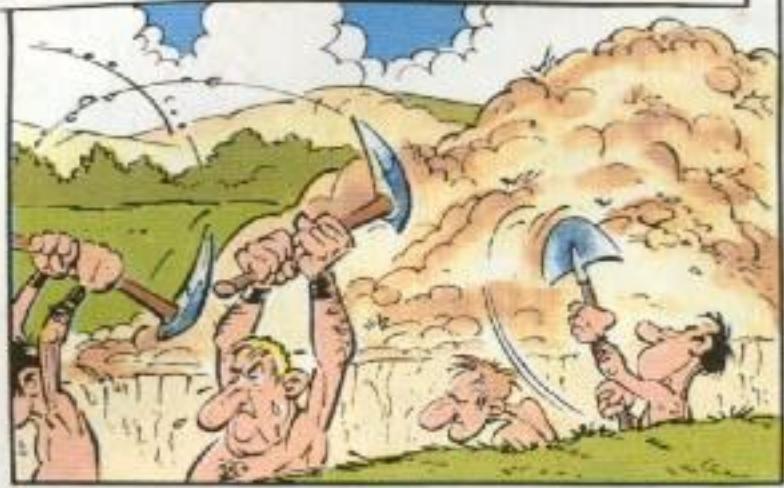
O MARCUS JUNIUS BRUTUS,  
SINCE WE WANT OUR HQ NEAR THE  
INDOMITABLE GAULS, WHY DON'T WE  
USE ONE OF THE FORTIFIED CAMPS  
SURROUNDING THEIR VILLAGE?

BECAUSE CAESAR MIGHT  
GET TO HEAR OF IT, AND  
I'M NONE TOO KEEN TO  
HAVE HIM ASKING ME  
WHAT I'M DOING HERE  
IN ARMORICA!

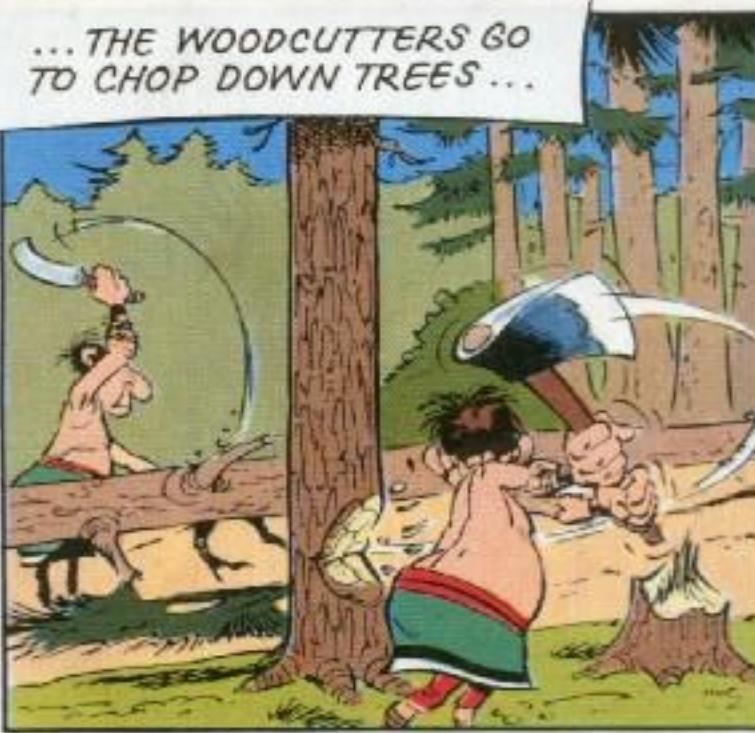


HALT!  
WE WILL  
PITCH CAMP  
HERE!

AND ONCE AGAIN WE ARE  
PRIVILEGED TO WATCH THE  
MANOEUVRES OF THE ROMAN  
ARMY. WHILE THE SAPPERS DIG A  
FOSSA (DITCH) AND RAISE AN  
AGGER (RAMPART)...



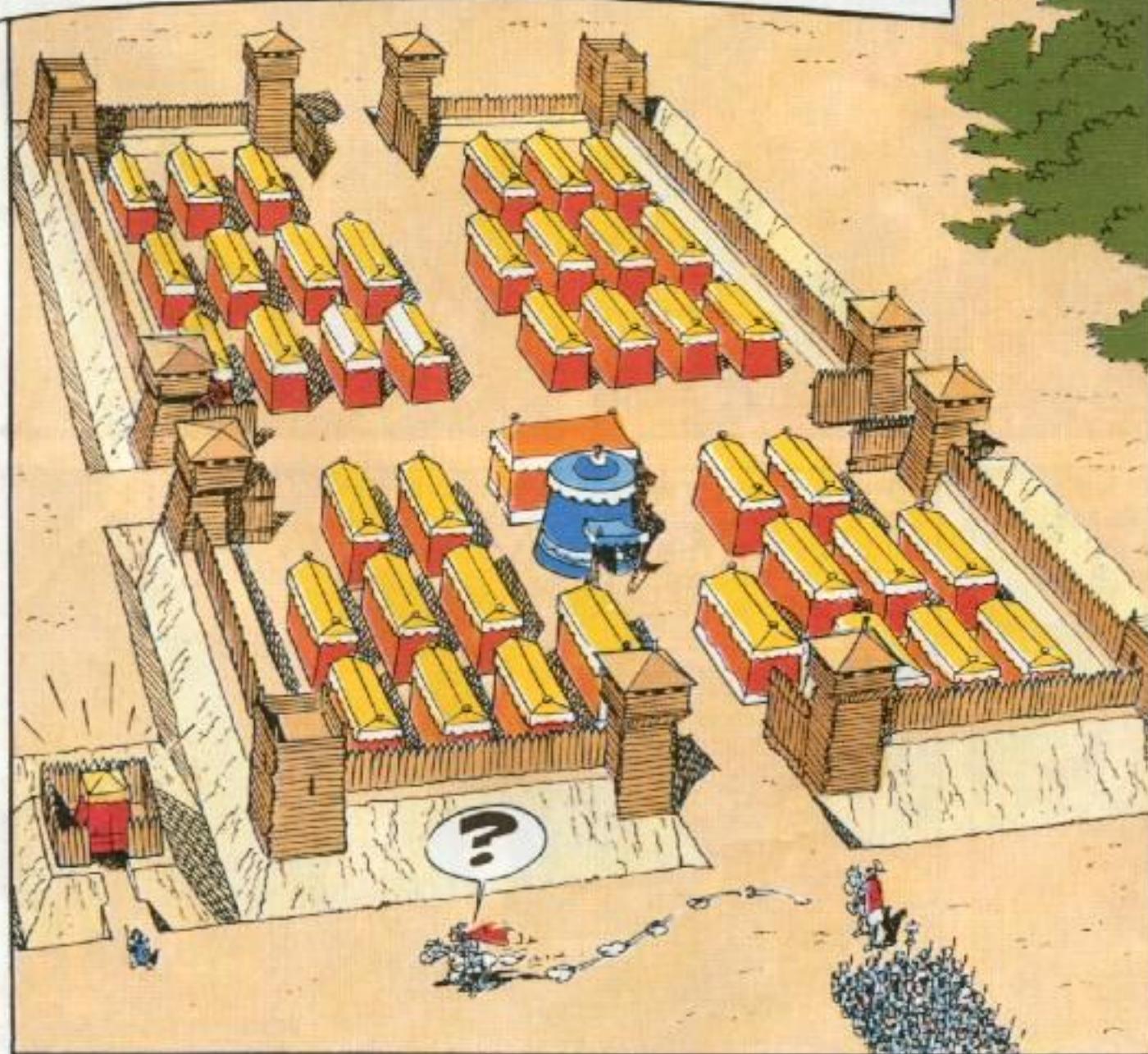
...THE WOODCUTTERS GO  
TO CHOP DOWN TREES...



...FOR THE CARPENTERS TO BUILD  
THE VALLUM (FENCE).

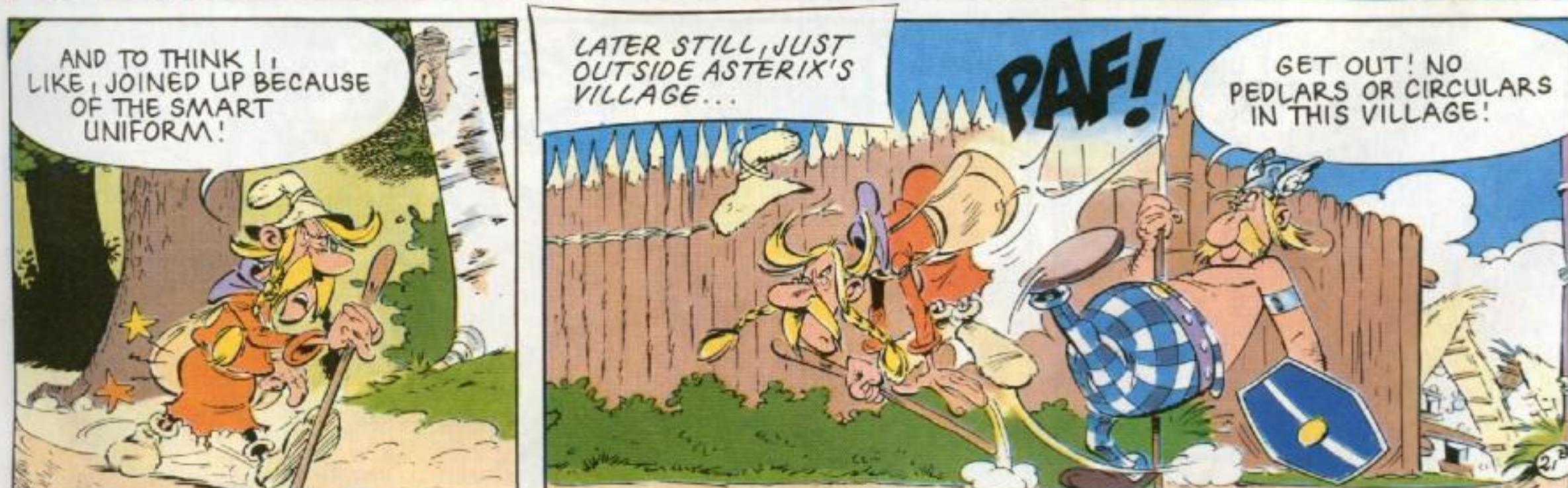
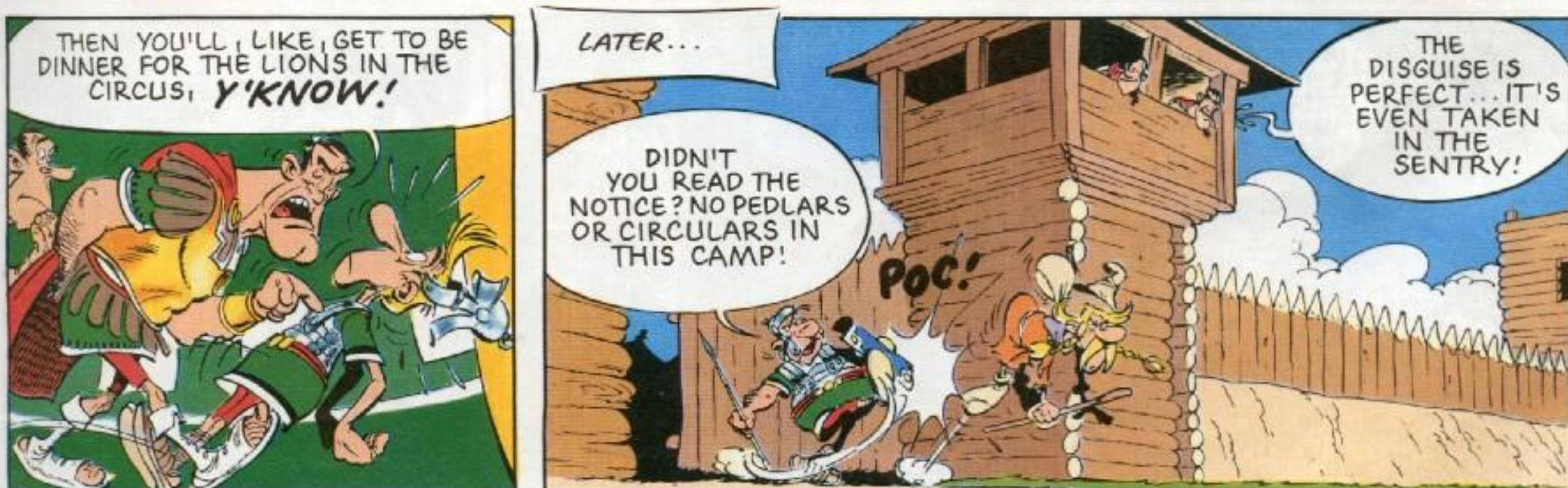
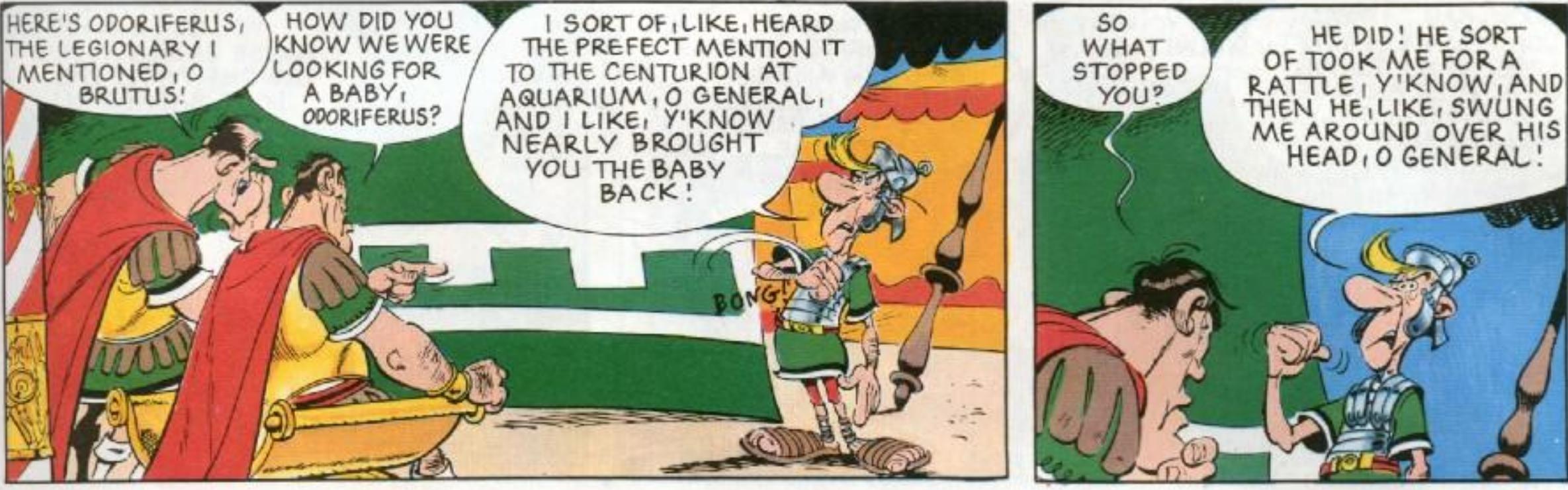


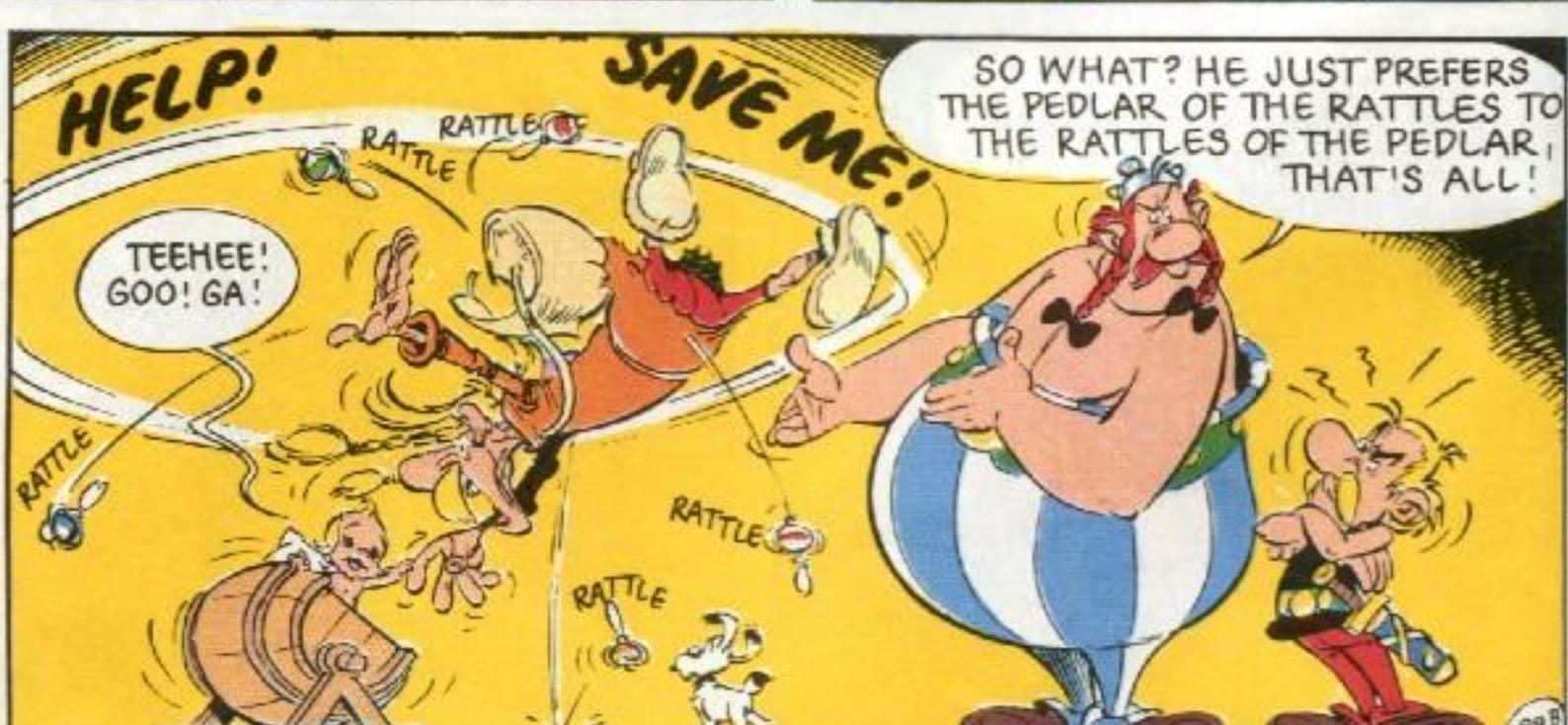
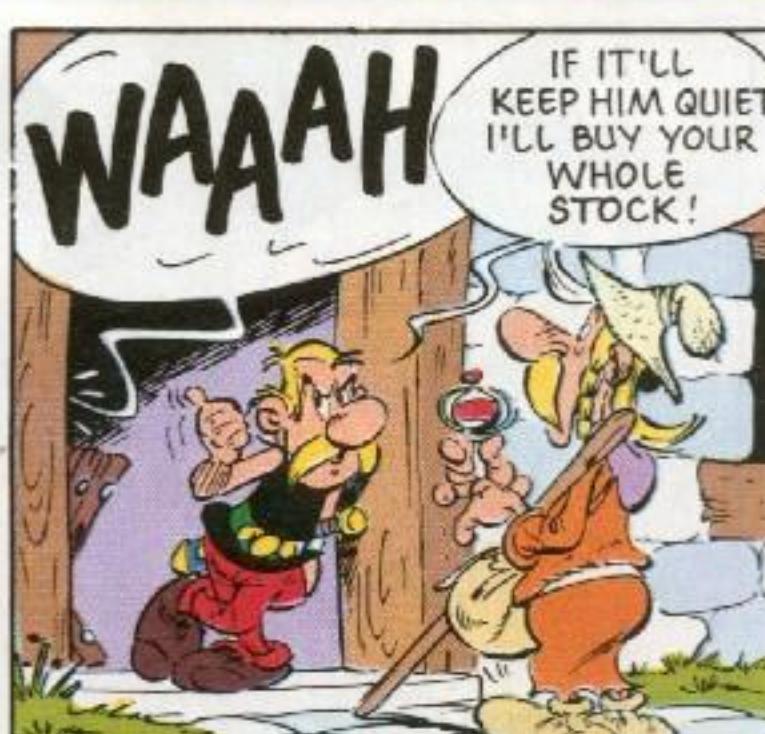
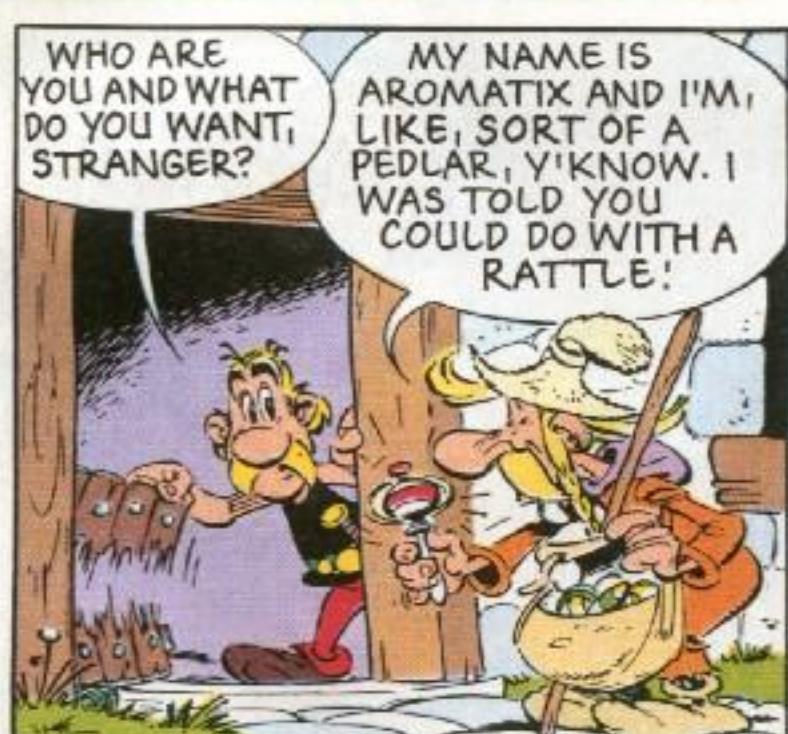
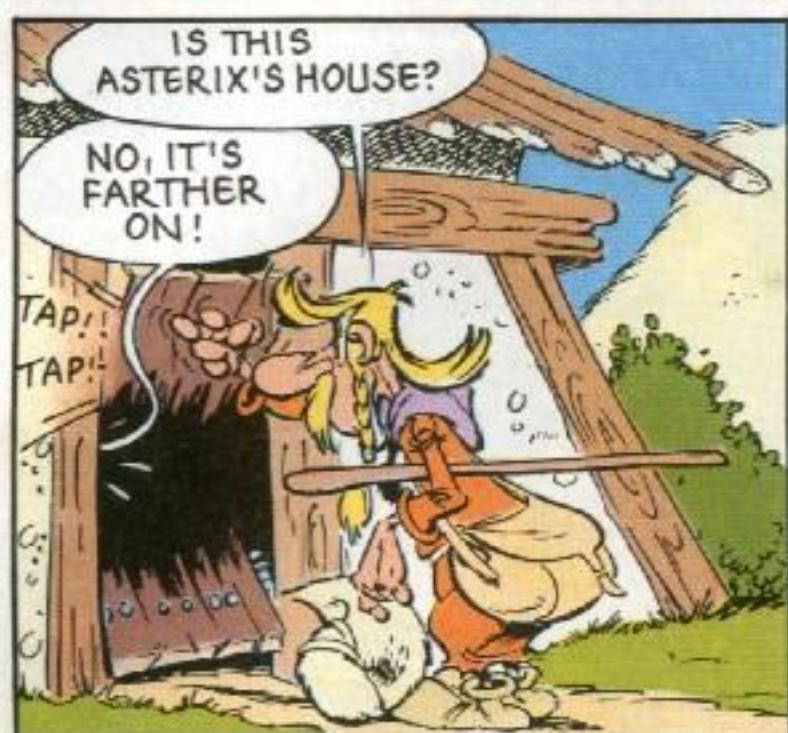
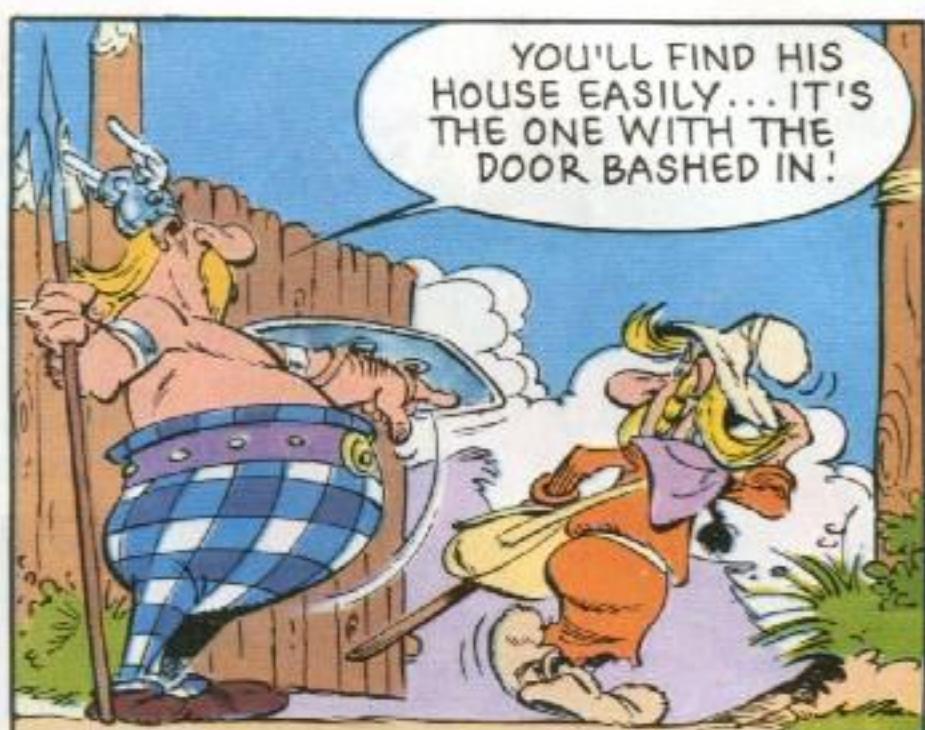
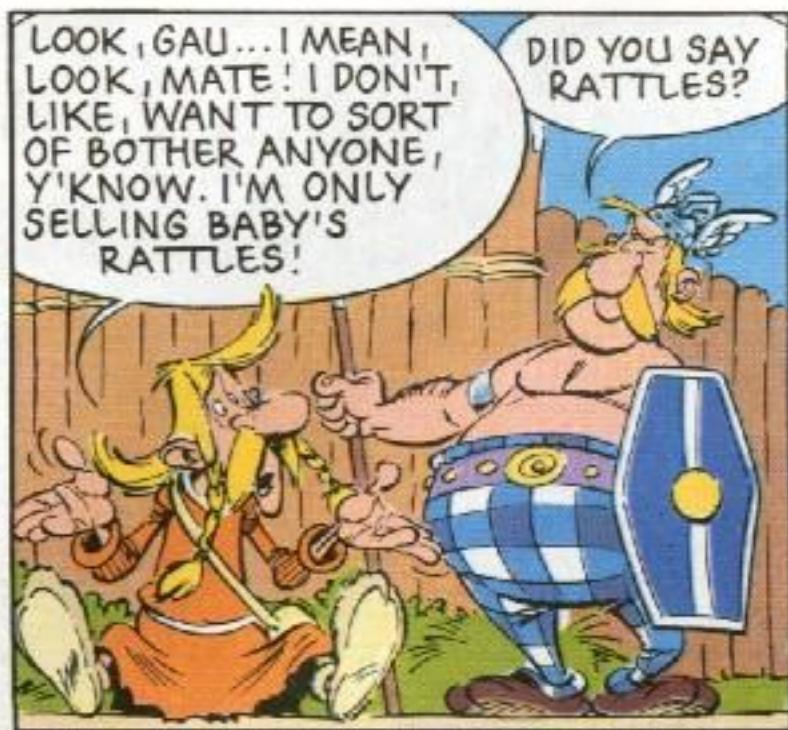
AT LAST THE CAMP IS READY. THE GENERAL AND HIS  
MEN ARE ABOUT TO ENTER IN REVIEW ORDER, THUS  
SYMBOLIZING THE MIGHT OF THE ROMAN ARMY, THE  
BEST-DISCIPLINED FIGHTING FORCE IN THE WORLD...

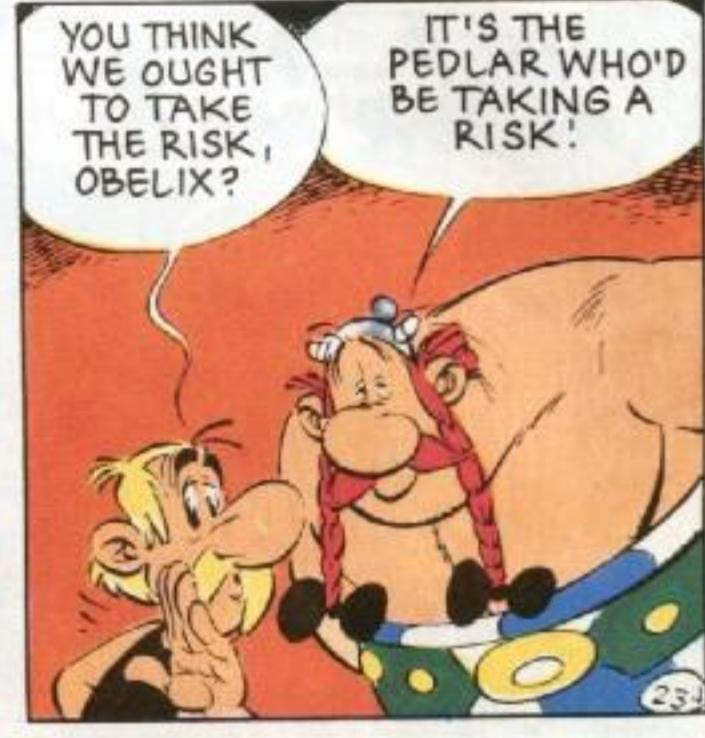
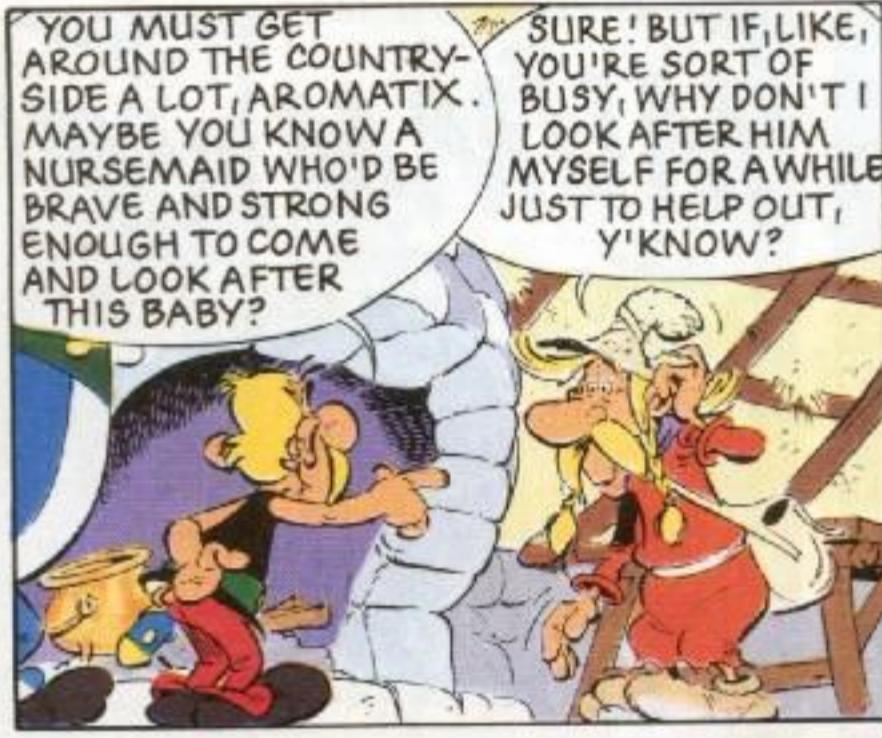
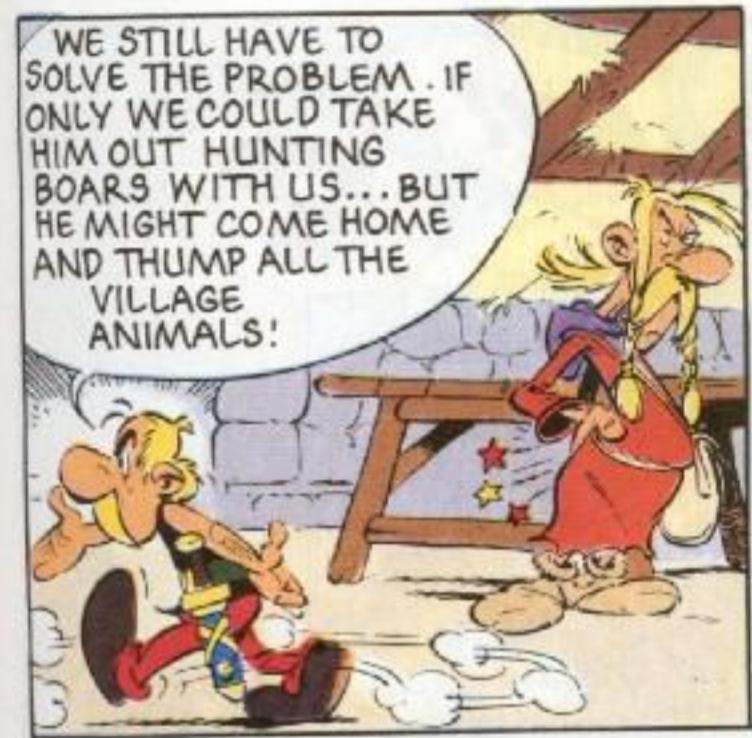


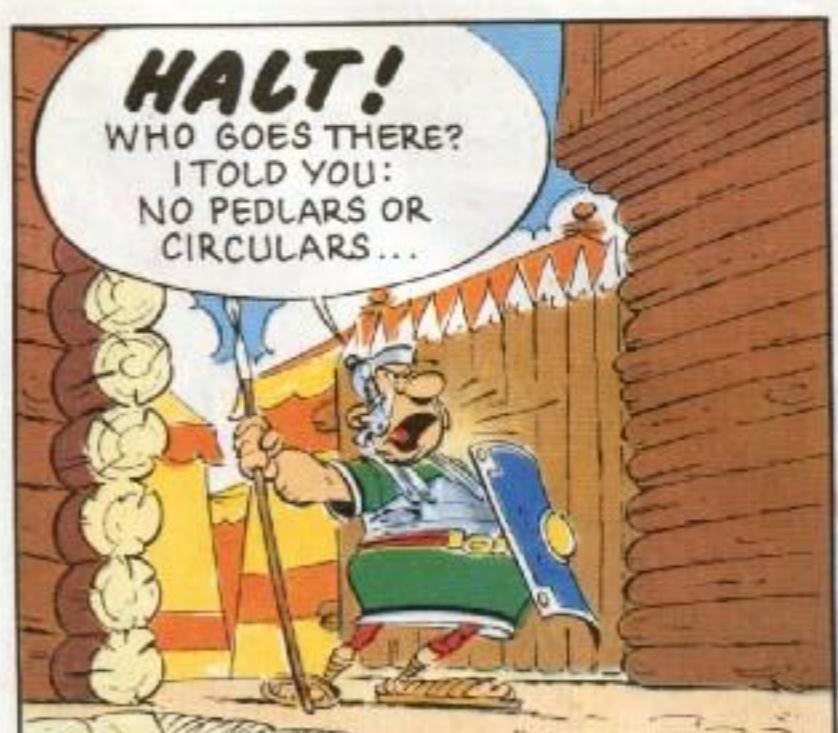
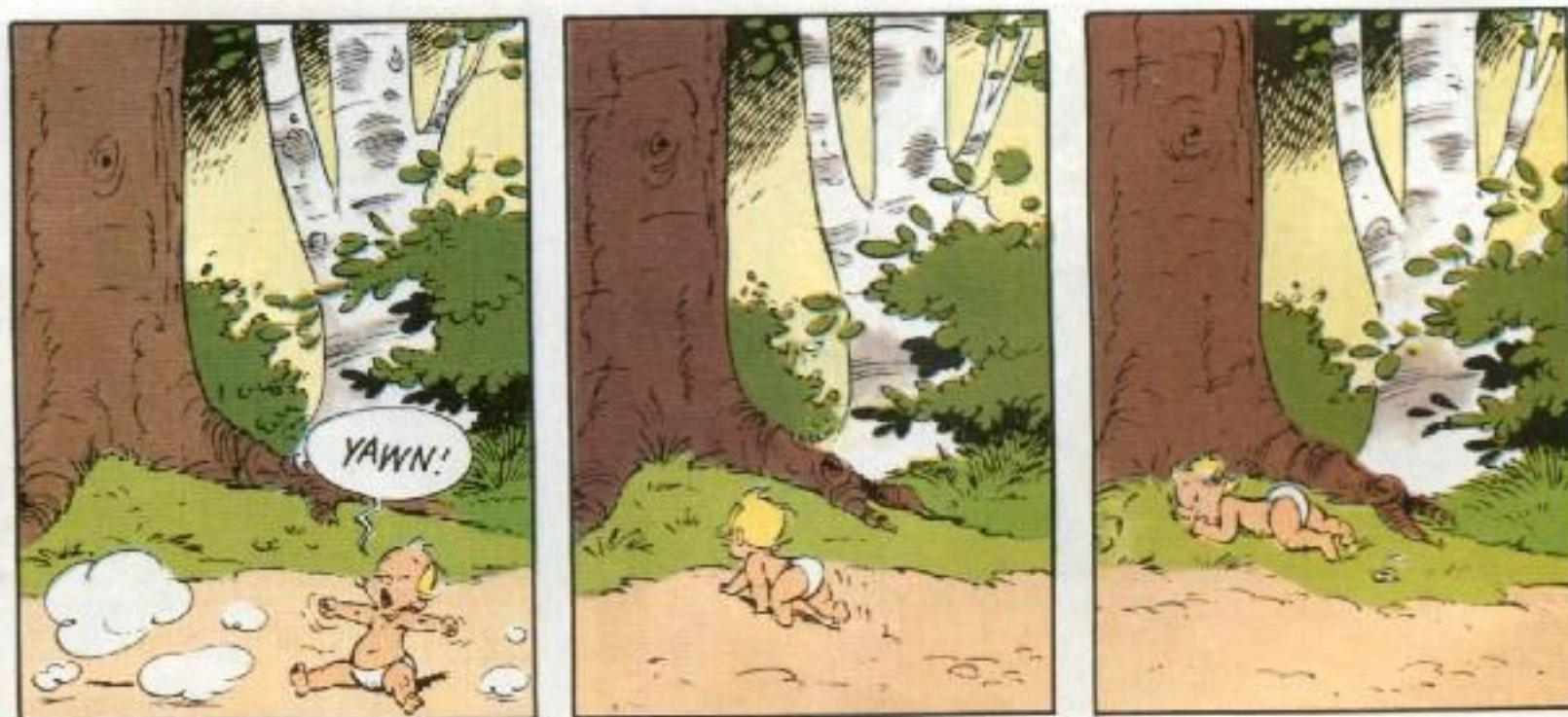
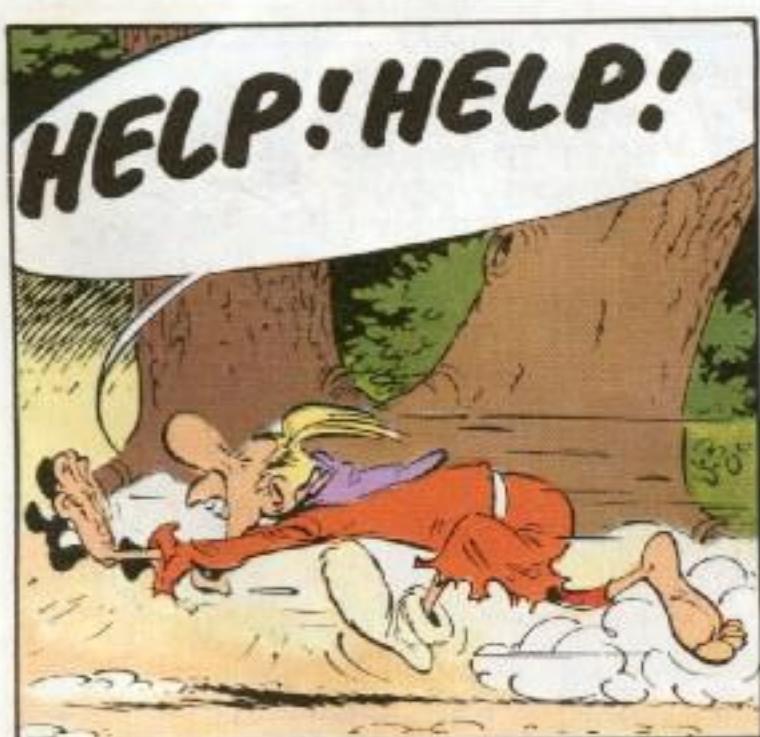
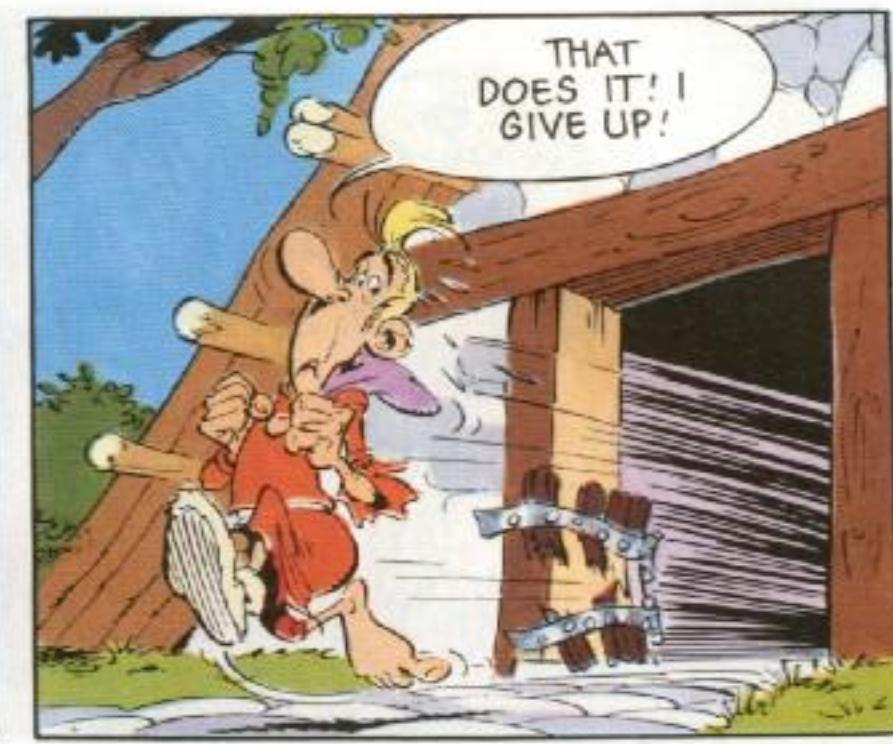
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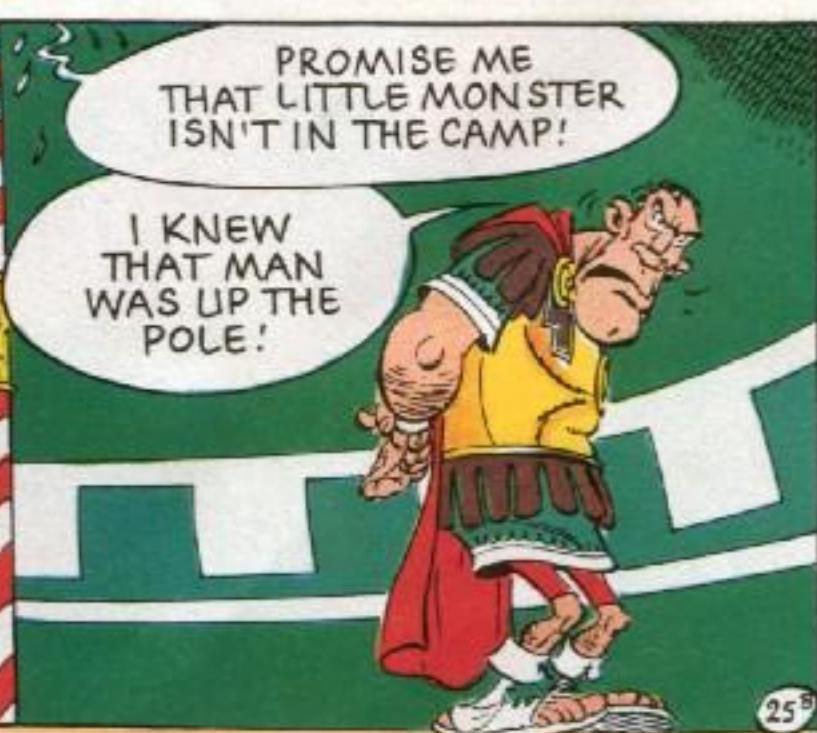
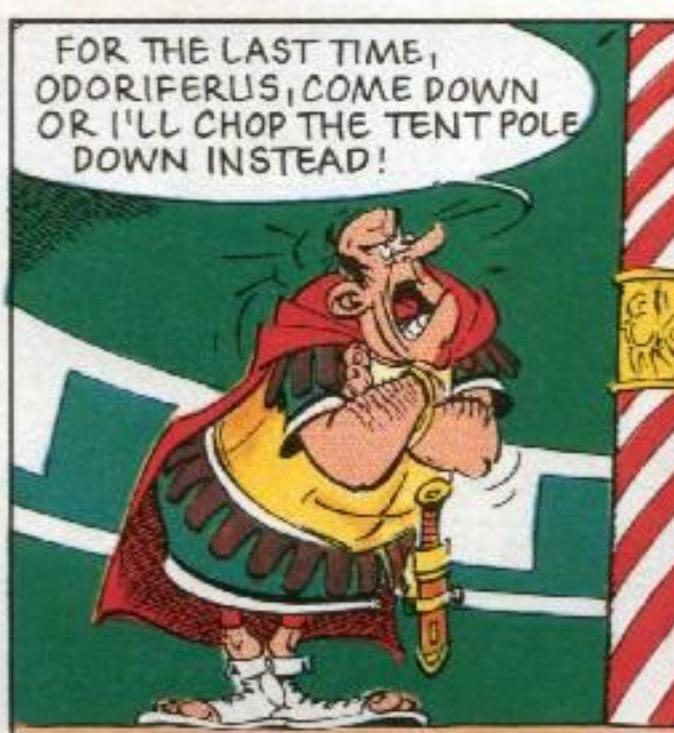
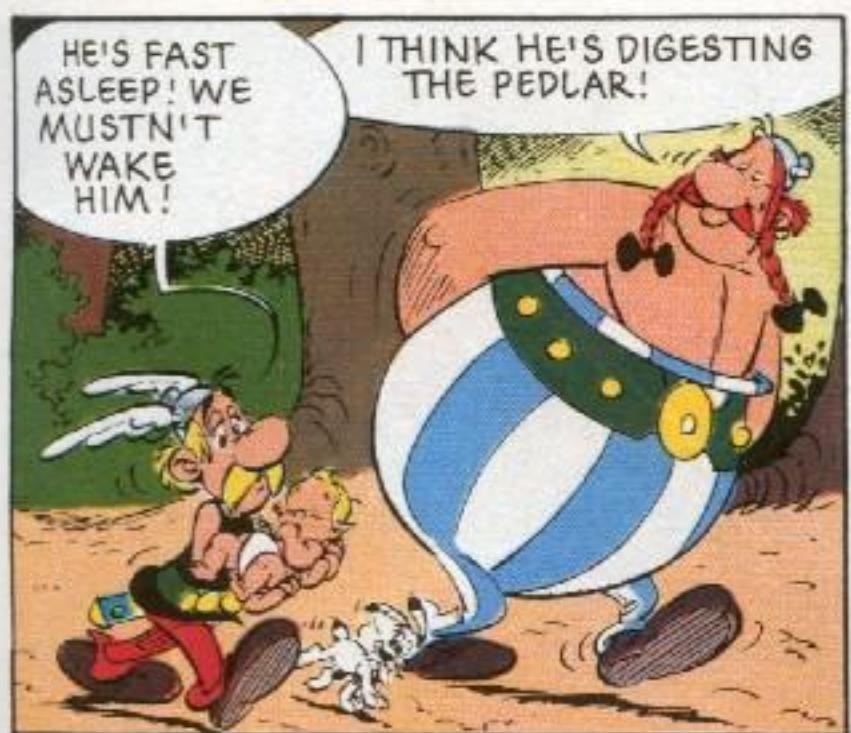
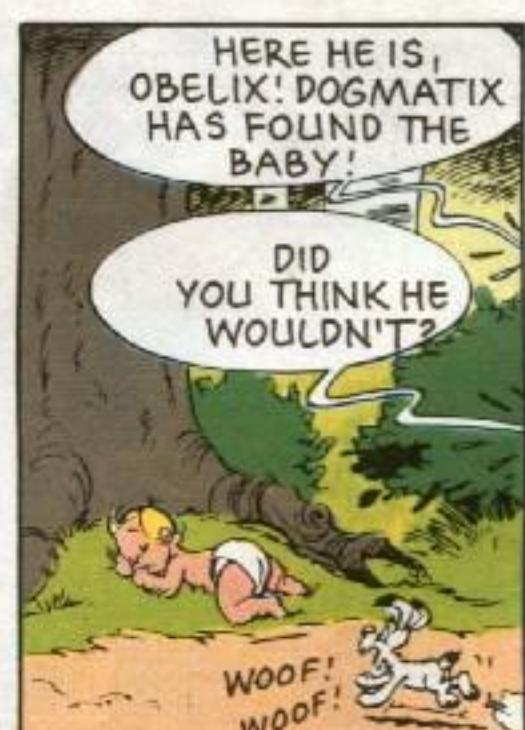
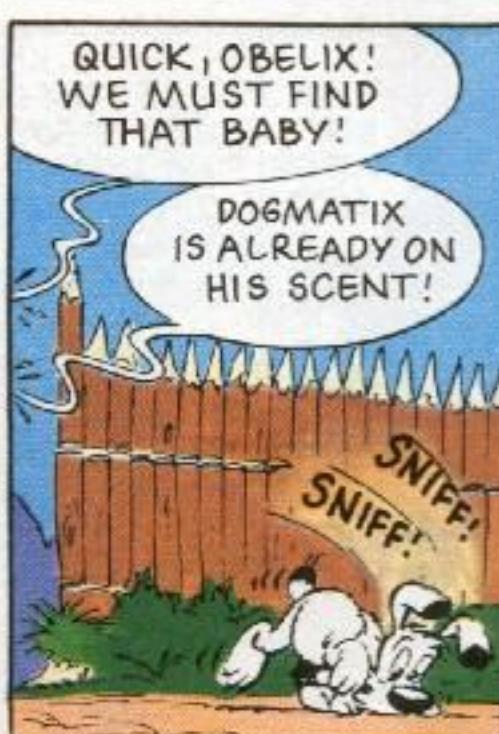
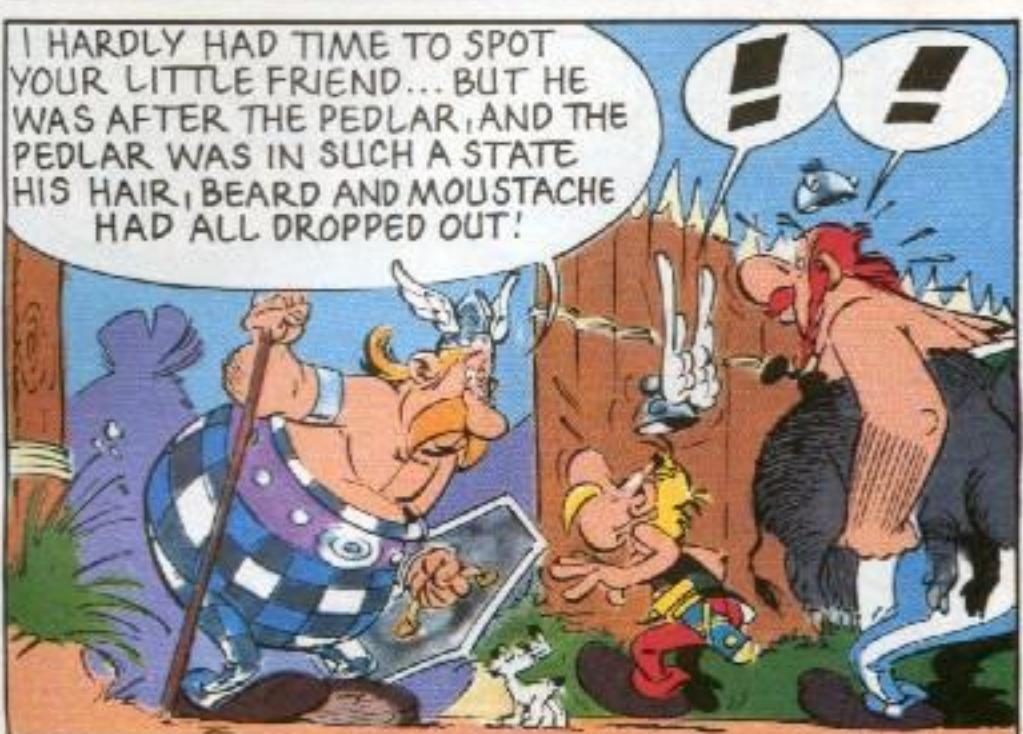


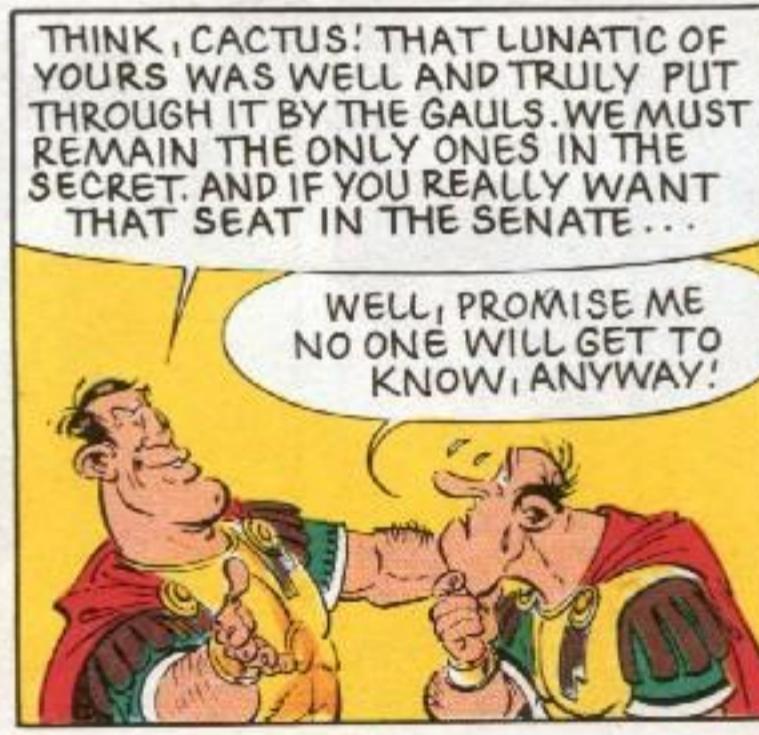
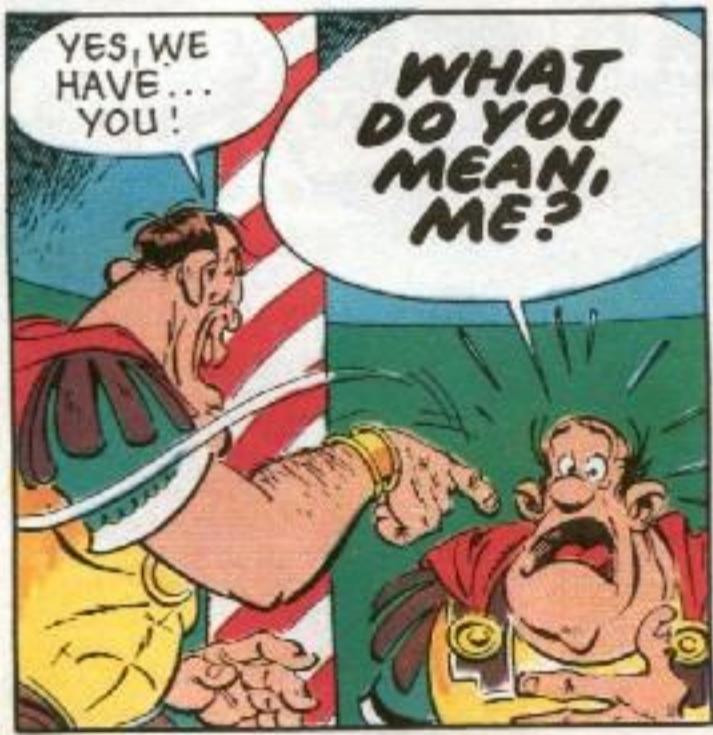
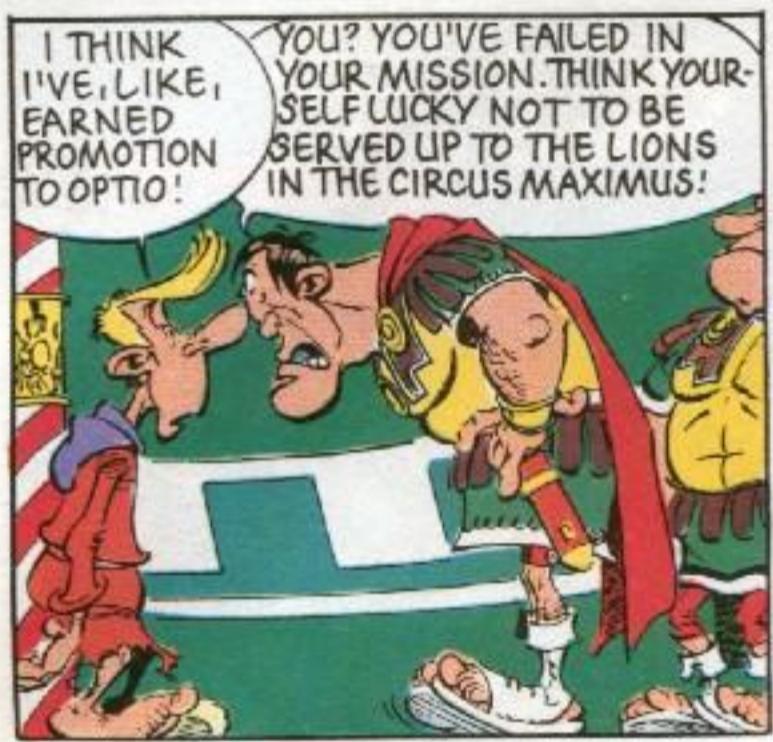
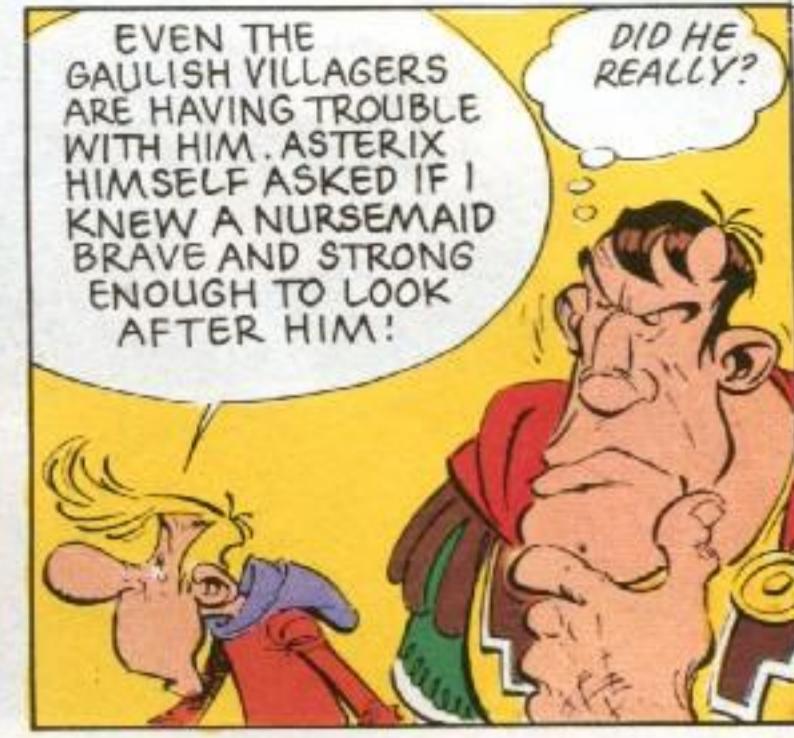
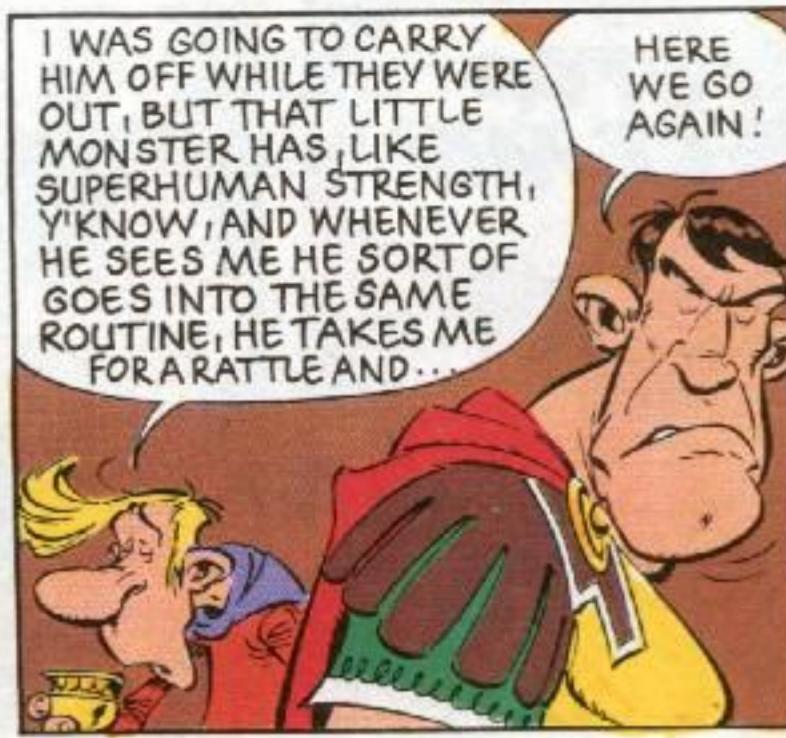
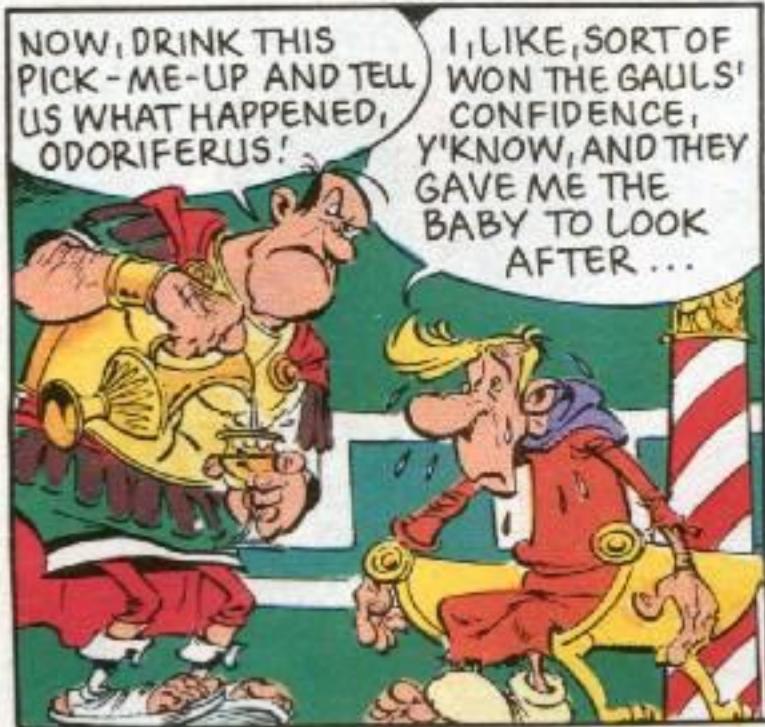


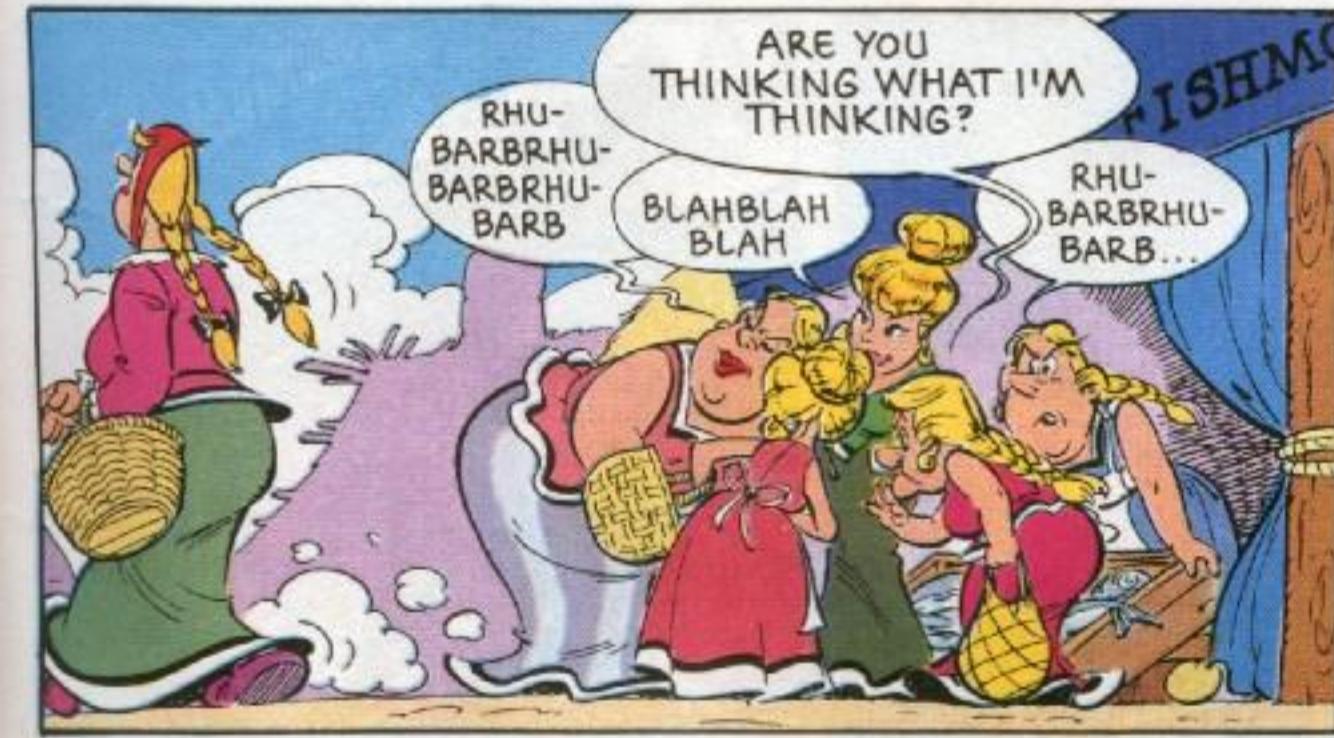
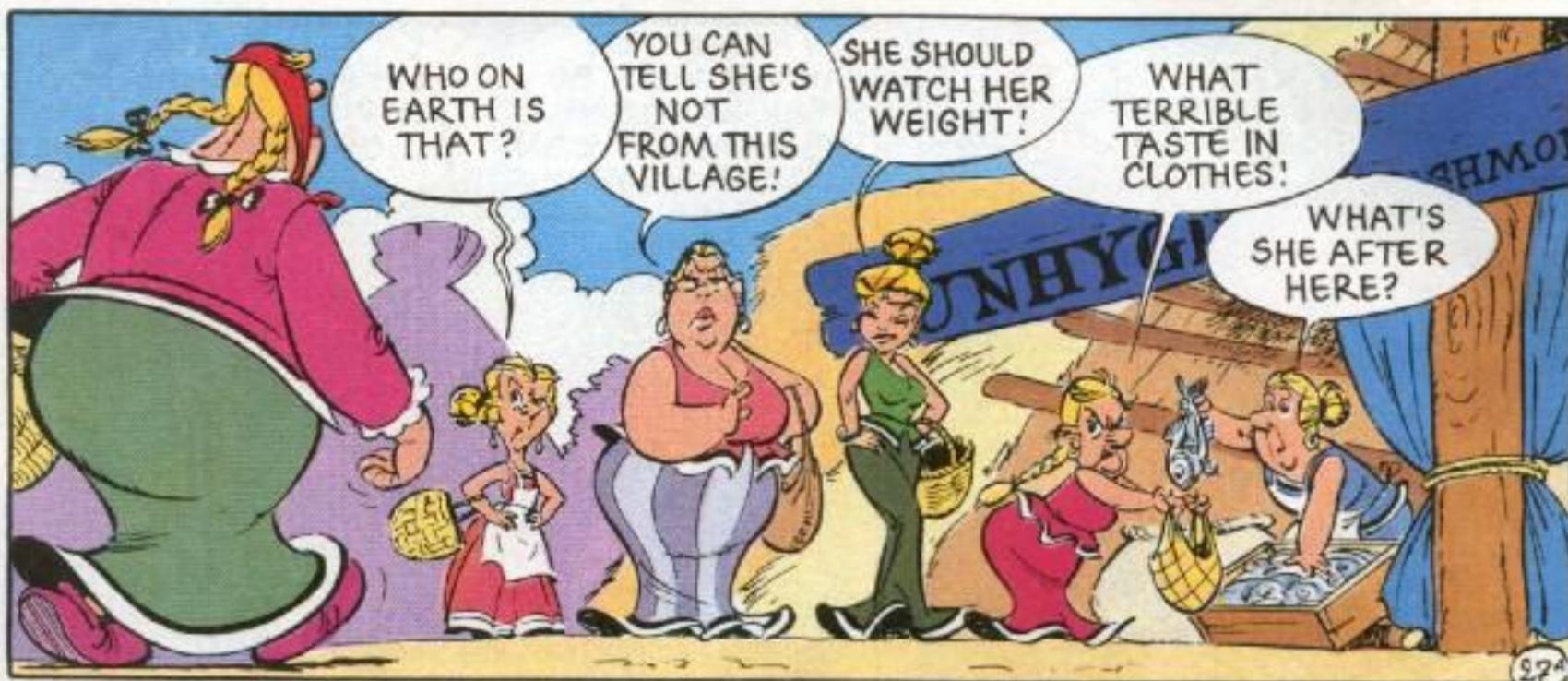


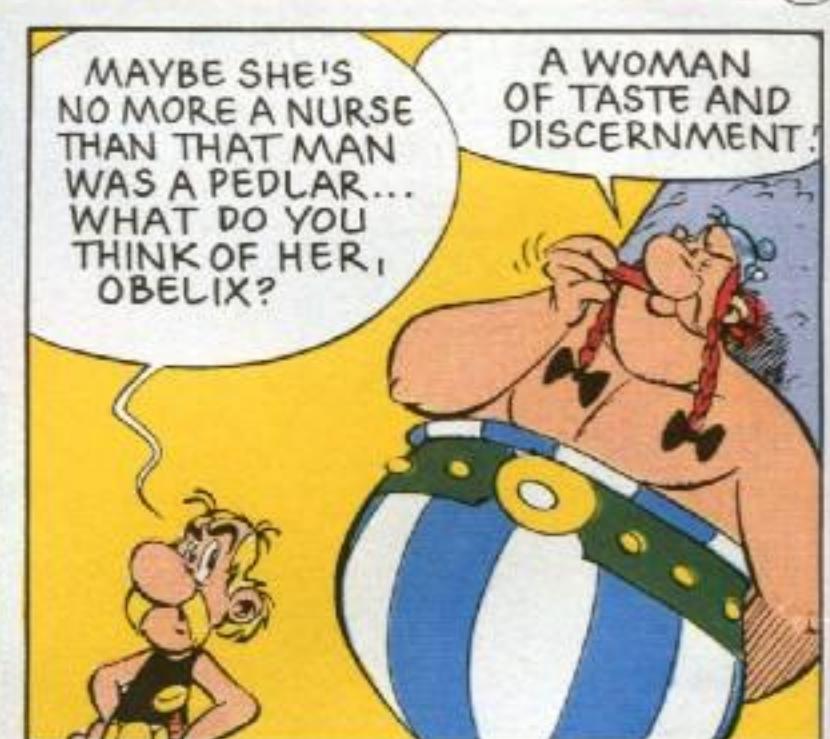
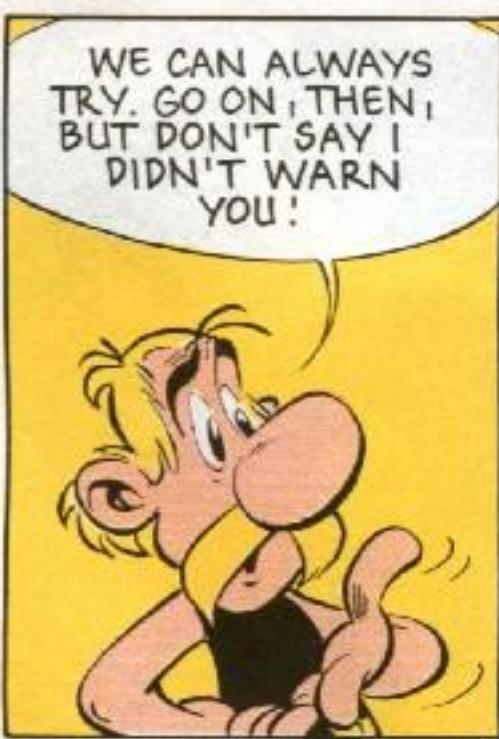
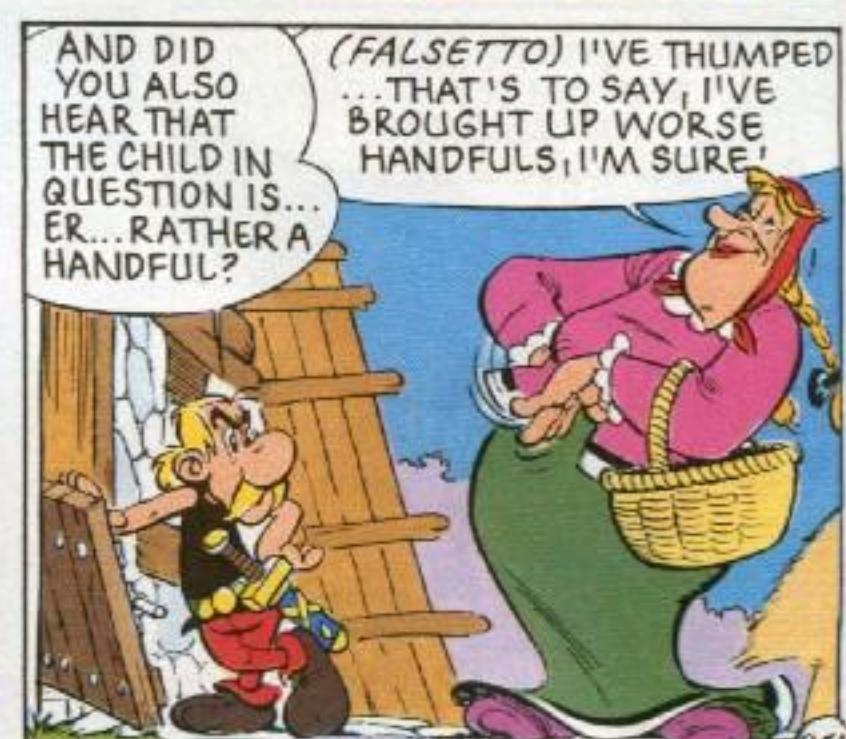
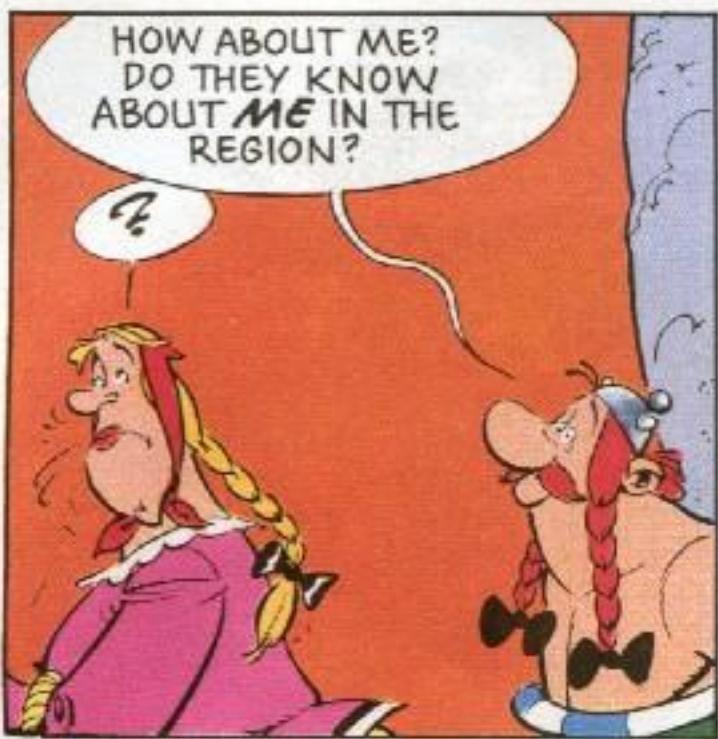


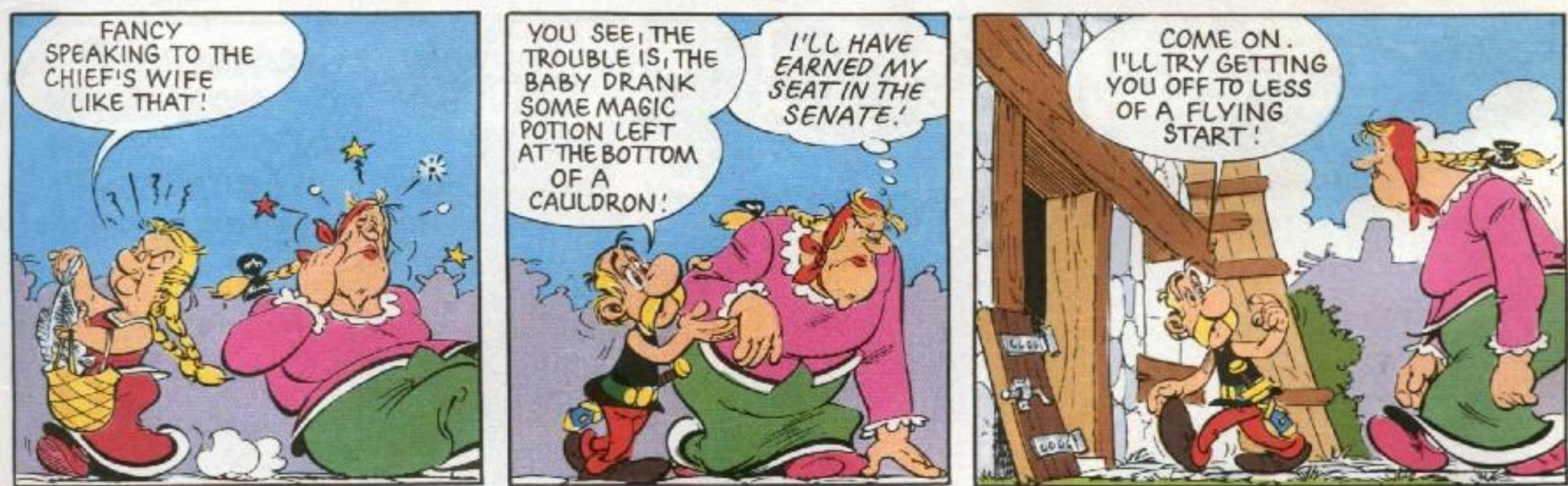
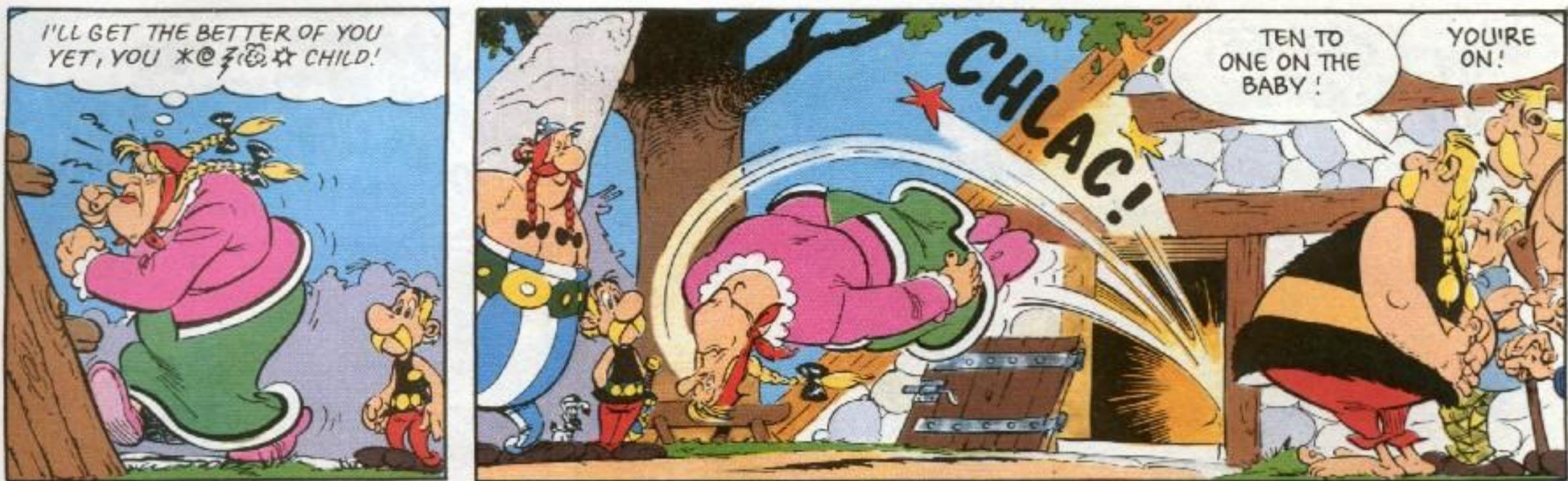


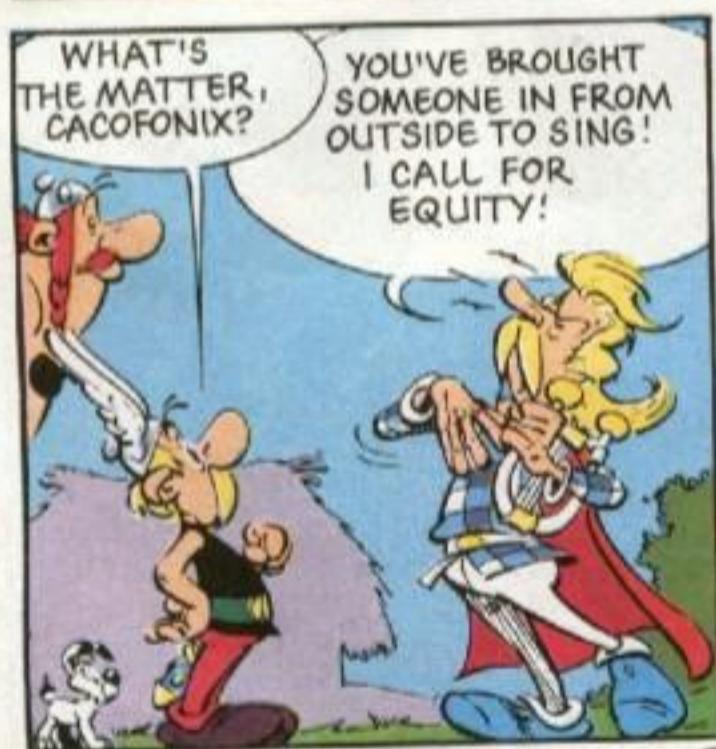








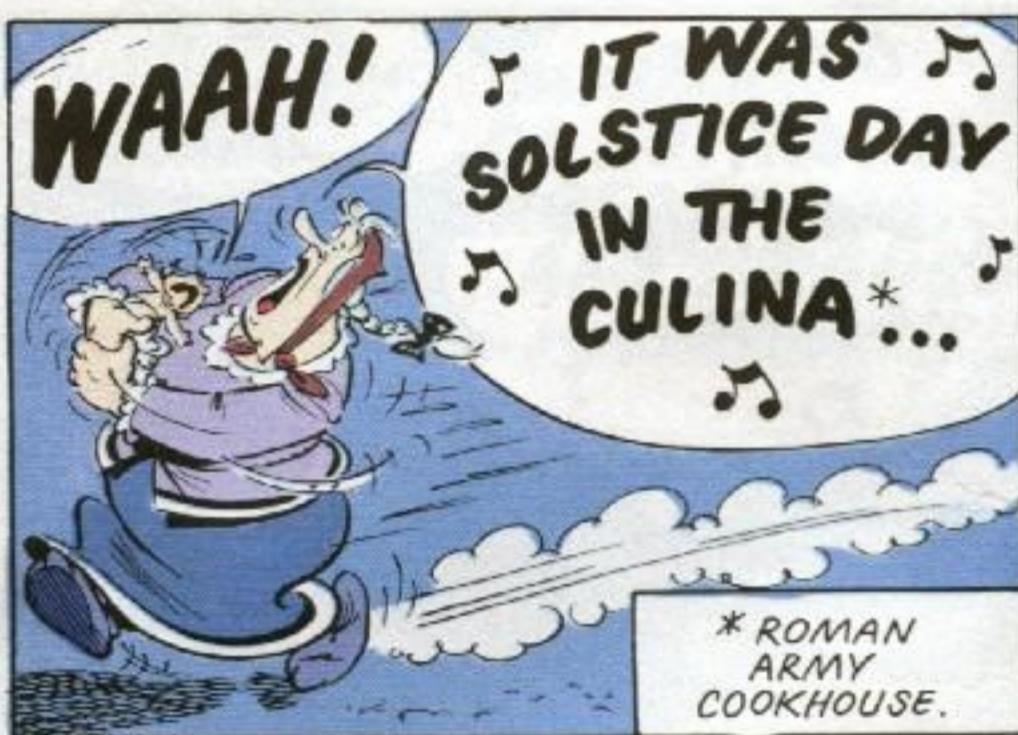
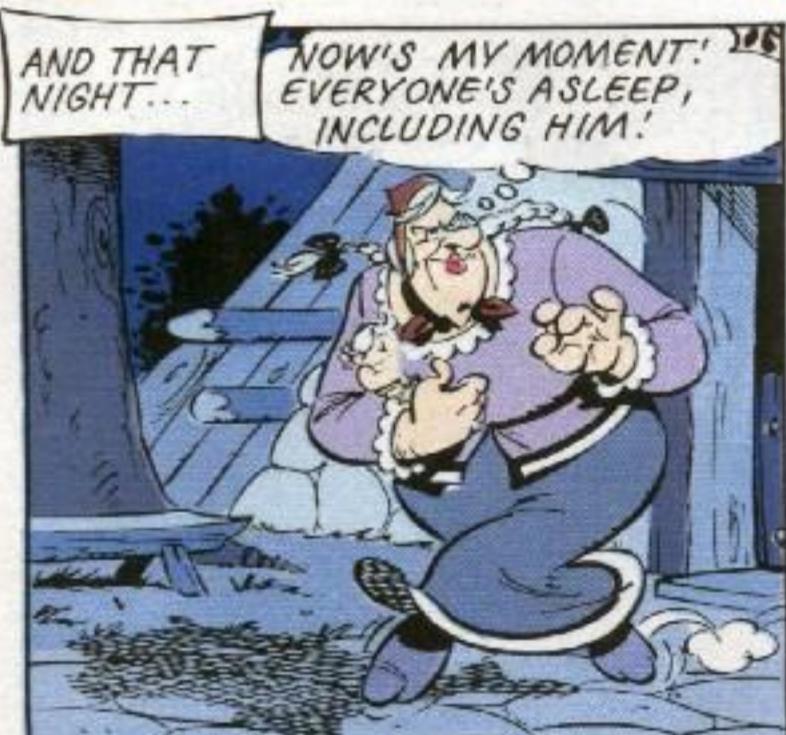
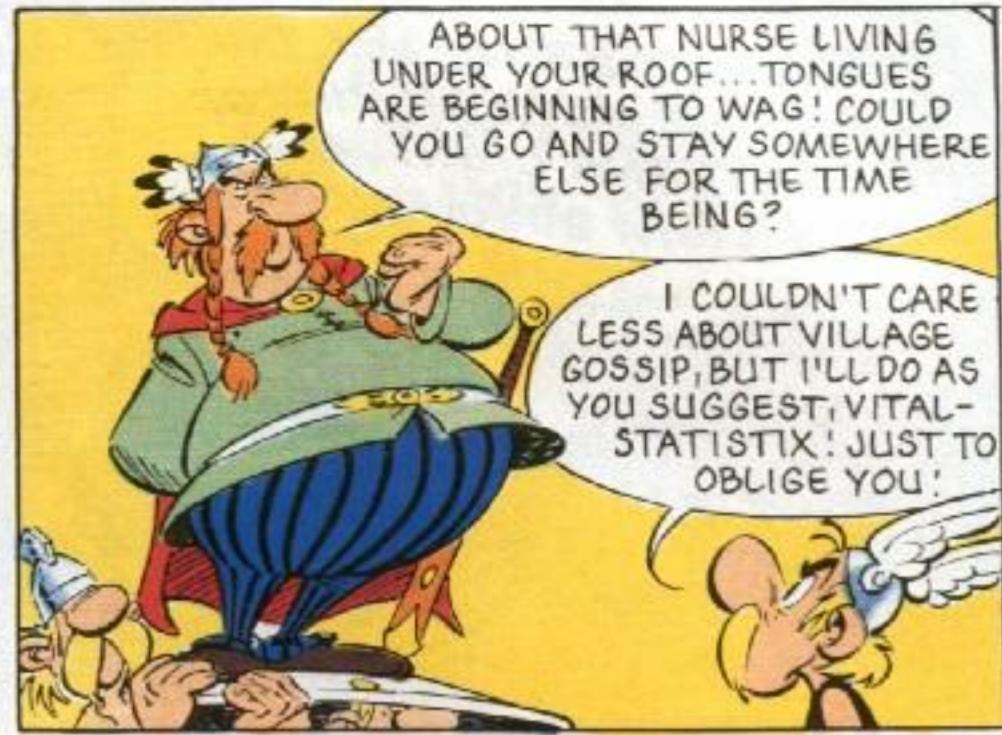
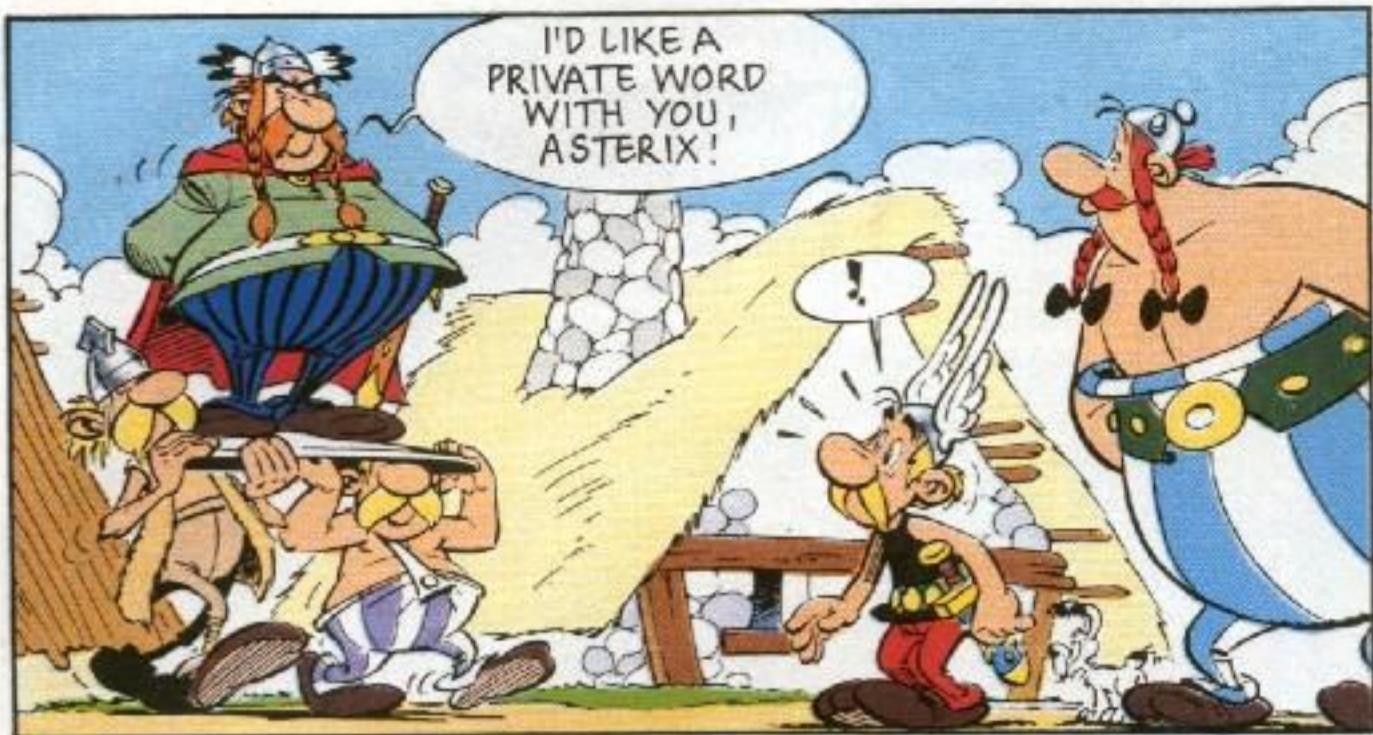






\*LATIN: BARRACKS.





NEXT MORNING...

OH, I WILL HAVE EARNED THAT SEAT IN THE SENATE, AND NO MISTAKE!



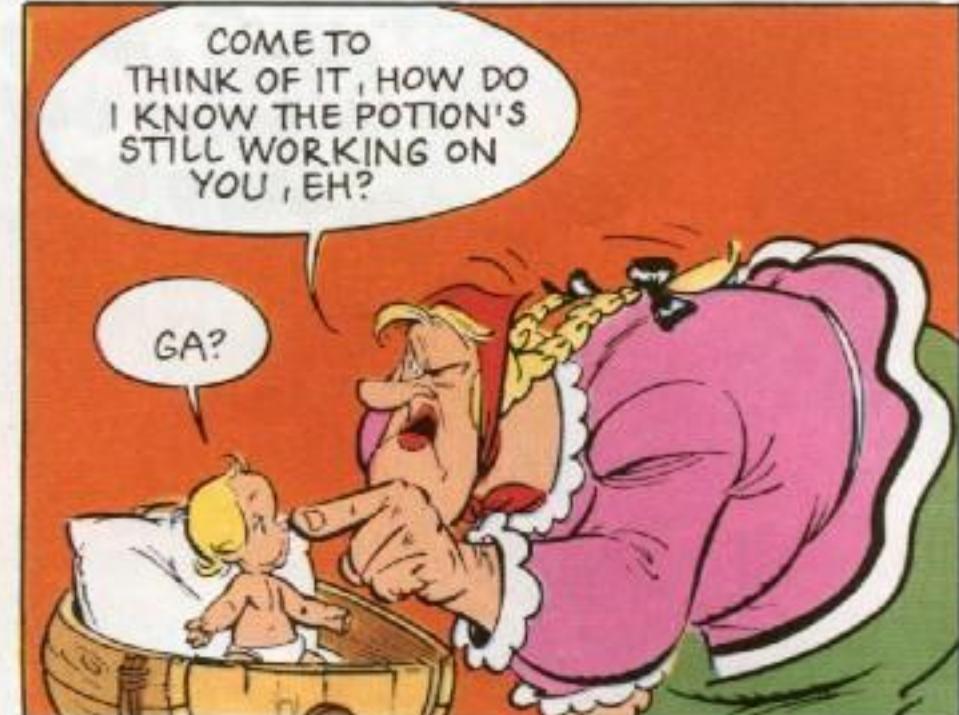
BUT FOR THE EFFECTS OF THAT WRETCHED POTION, I'D TUCK HIM UNDER MY ARM AND MAKE OFF WITH HIM NOW!

BURP!



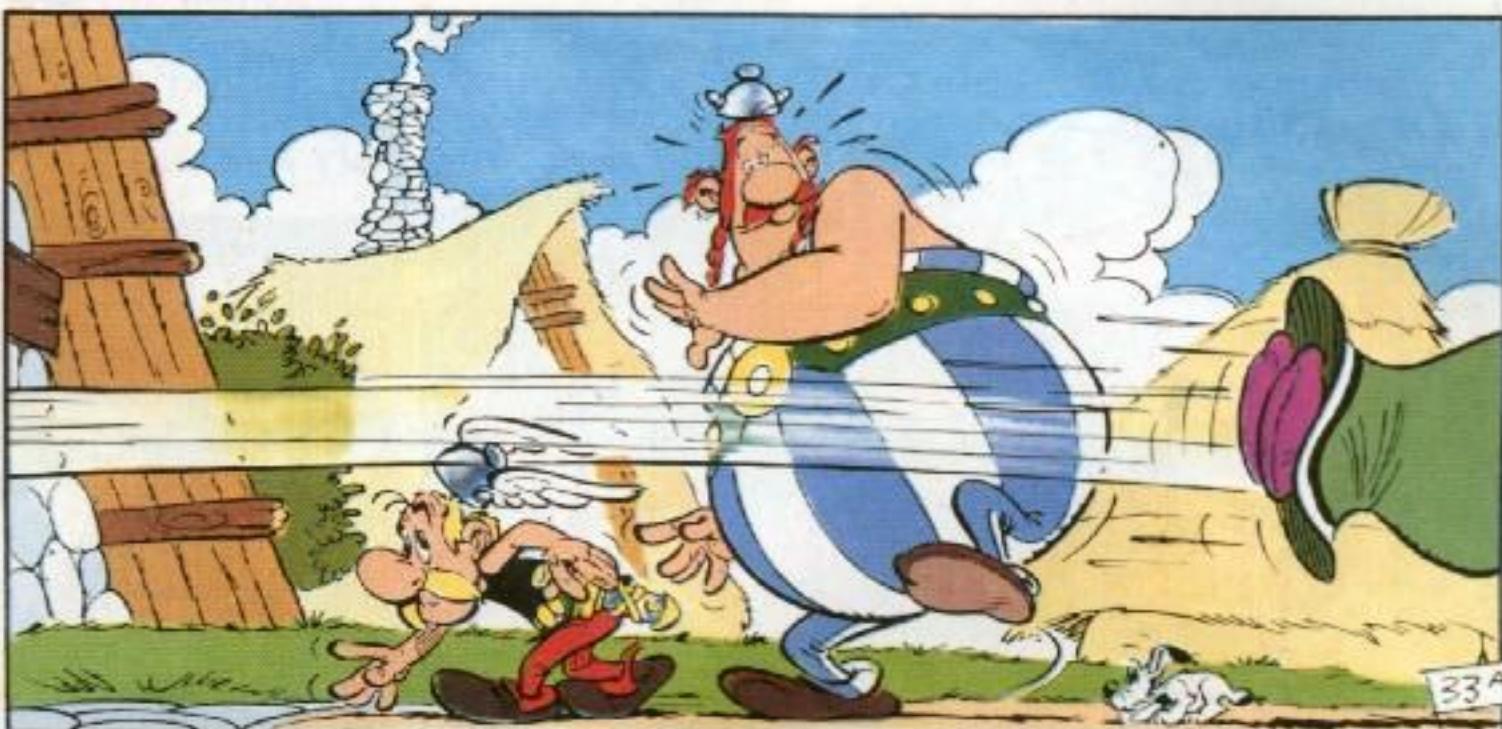
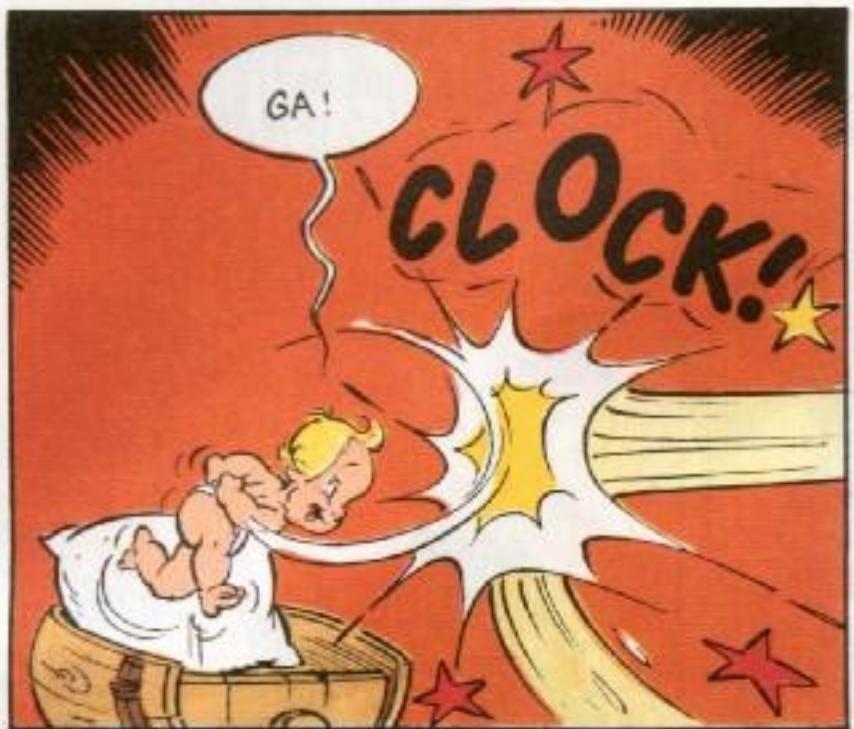
COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW DO I KNOW THE POTION'S STILL WORKING ON YOU, EH?

GA?



GA!

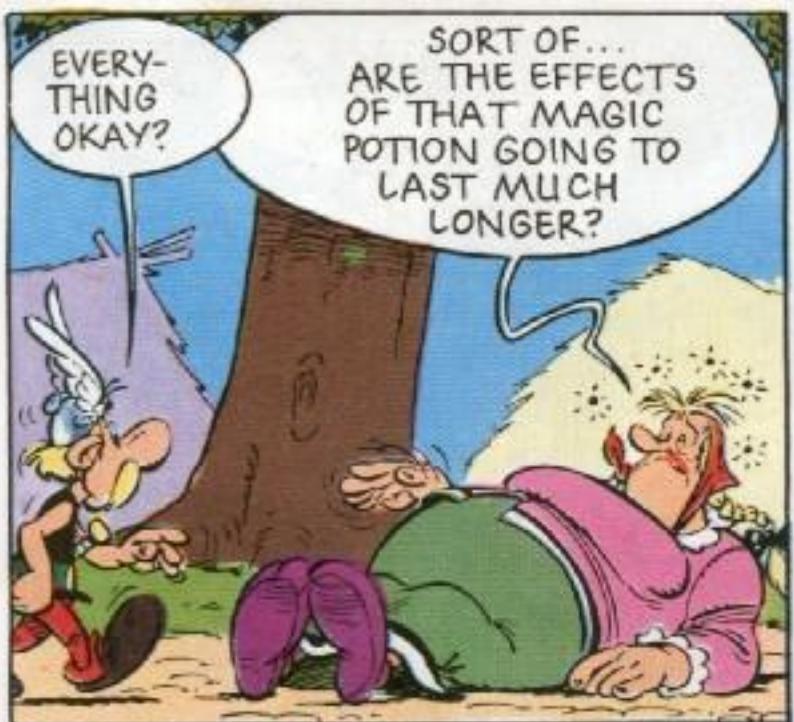
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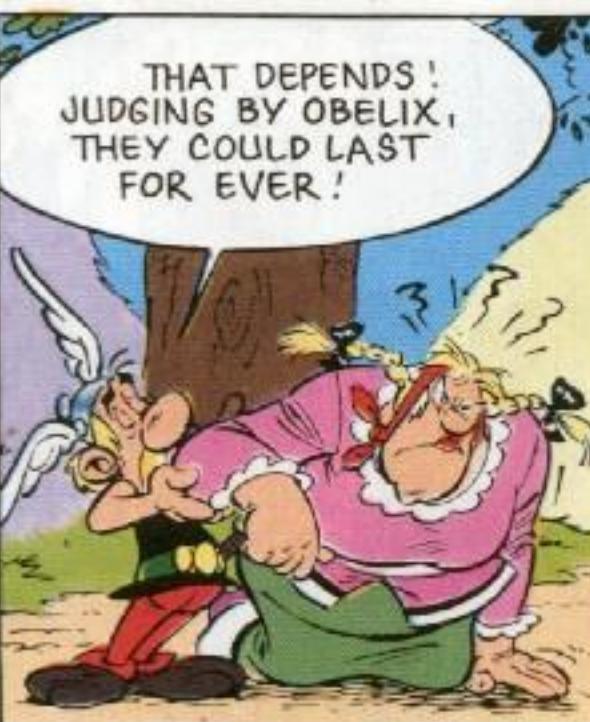
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EVERYTHING OKAY?

SORT OF... ARE THE EFFECTS OF THAT MAGIC POTION GOING TO LAST MUCH LONGER?



THAT DEPENDS! JUDGING BY OBELIX, THEY COULD LAST FOR EVER!



AND SO, A LITTLE LATER...

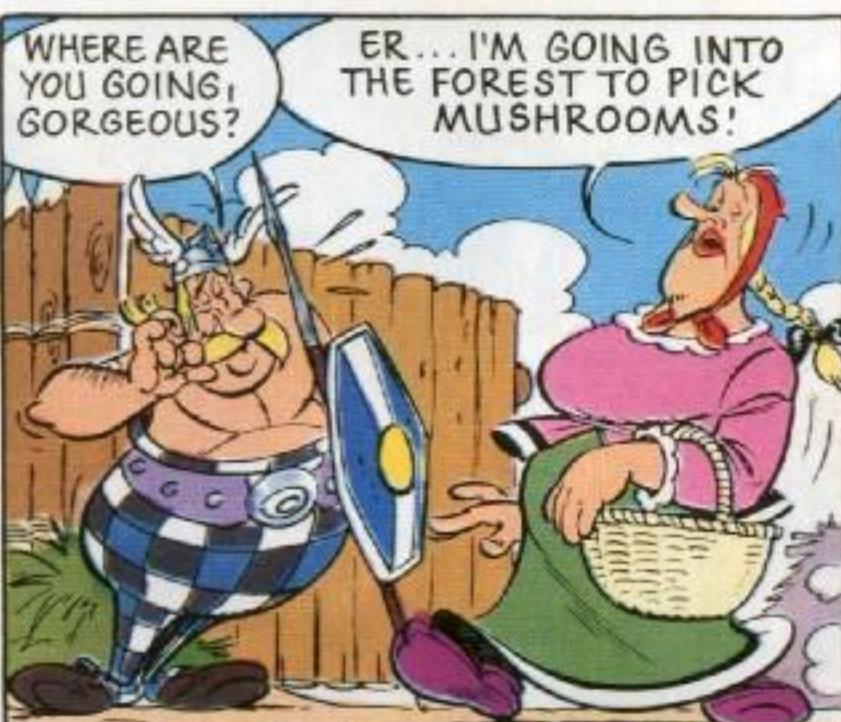
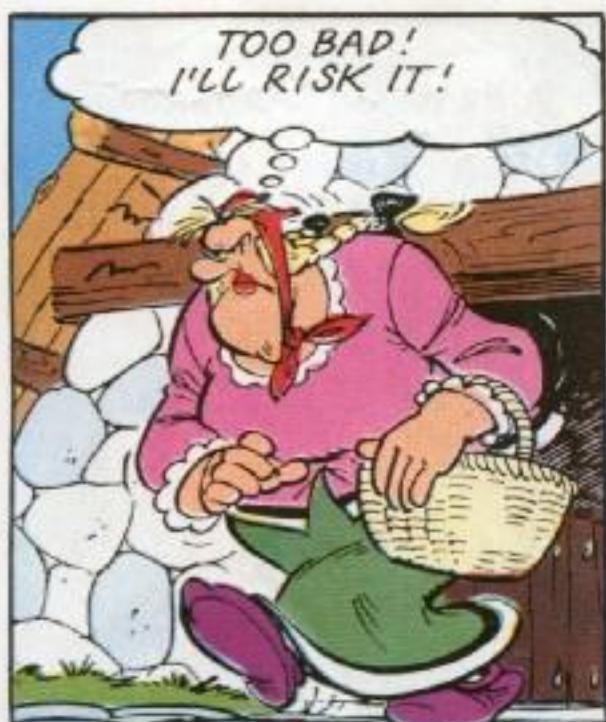
WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO STICK AROUND IN THIS ROTTEN VILLAGE FOR EVER, WEARING THESE ROTTEN CLOTHES AND PLAYING THIS ROTTEN PART!



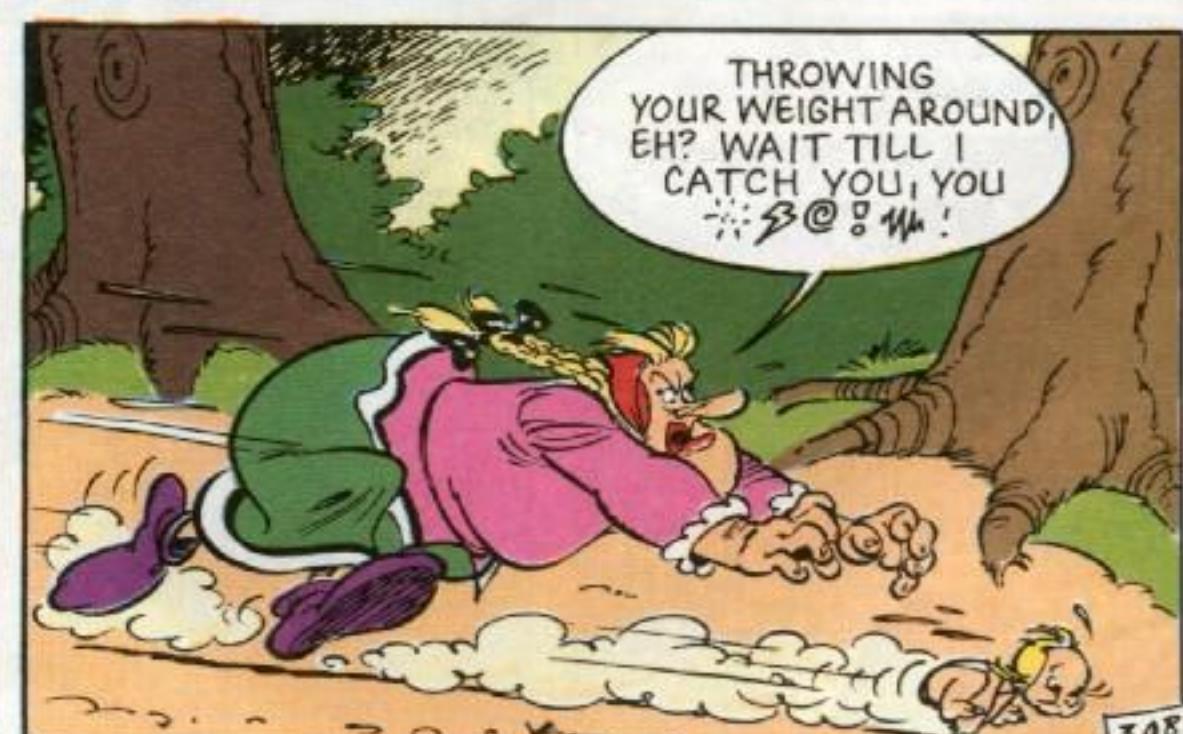
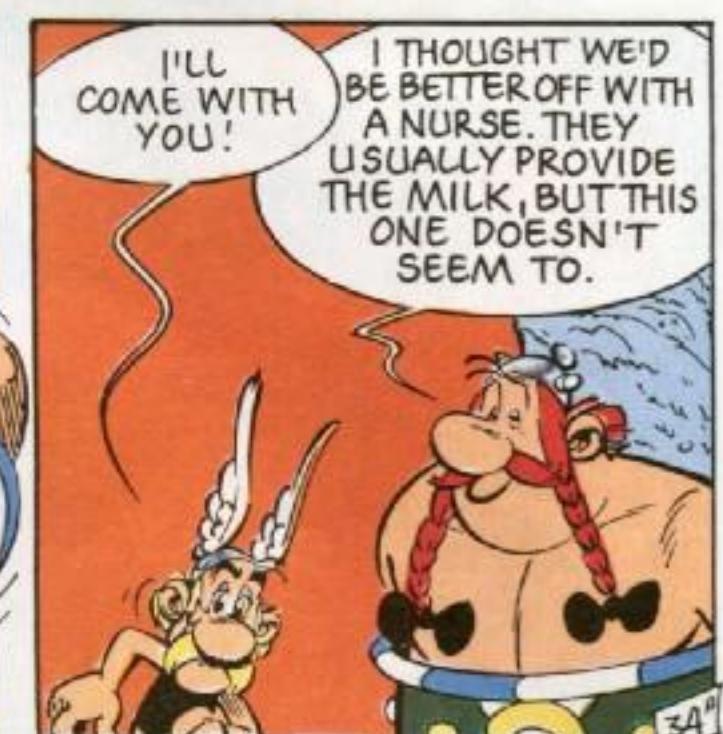
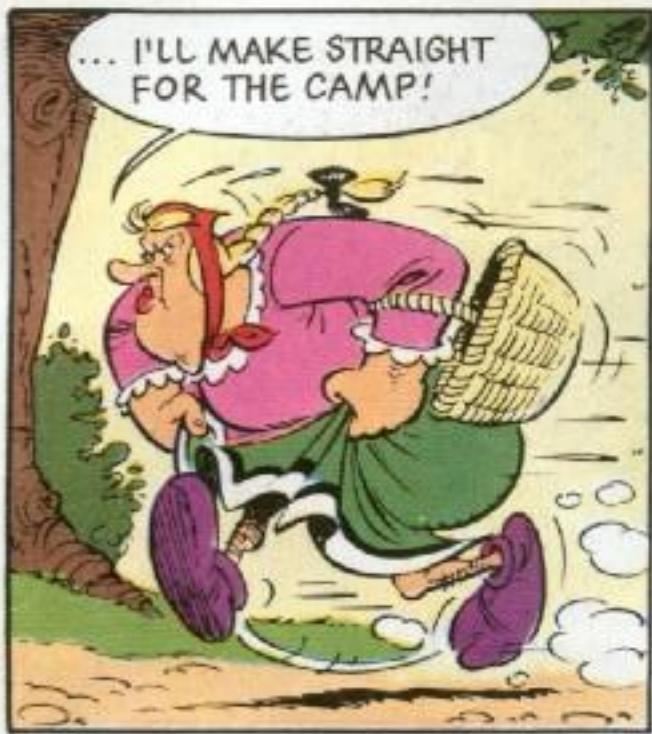
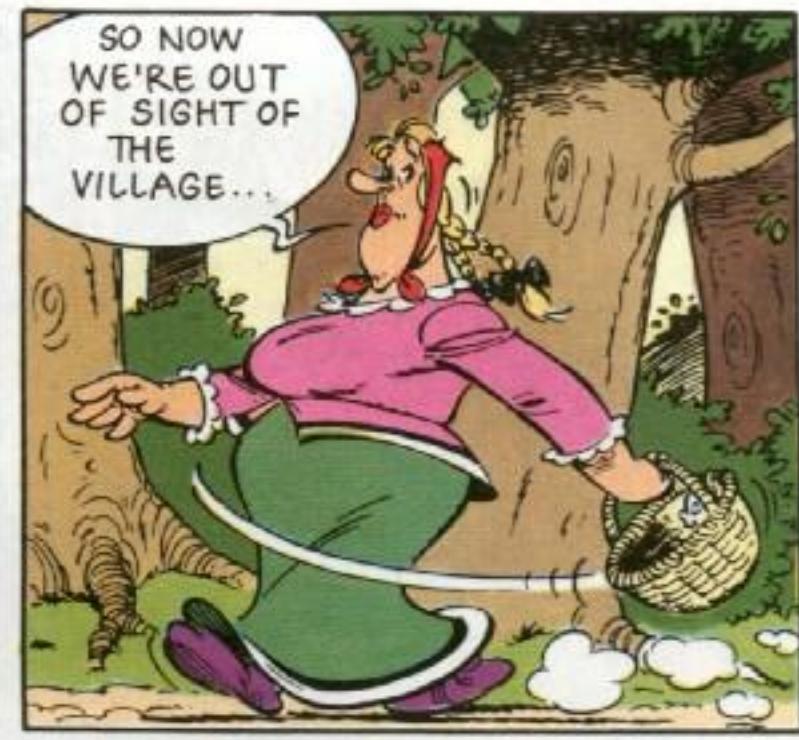
TOO BAD! I'LL RISK IT!

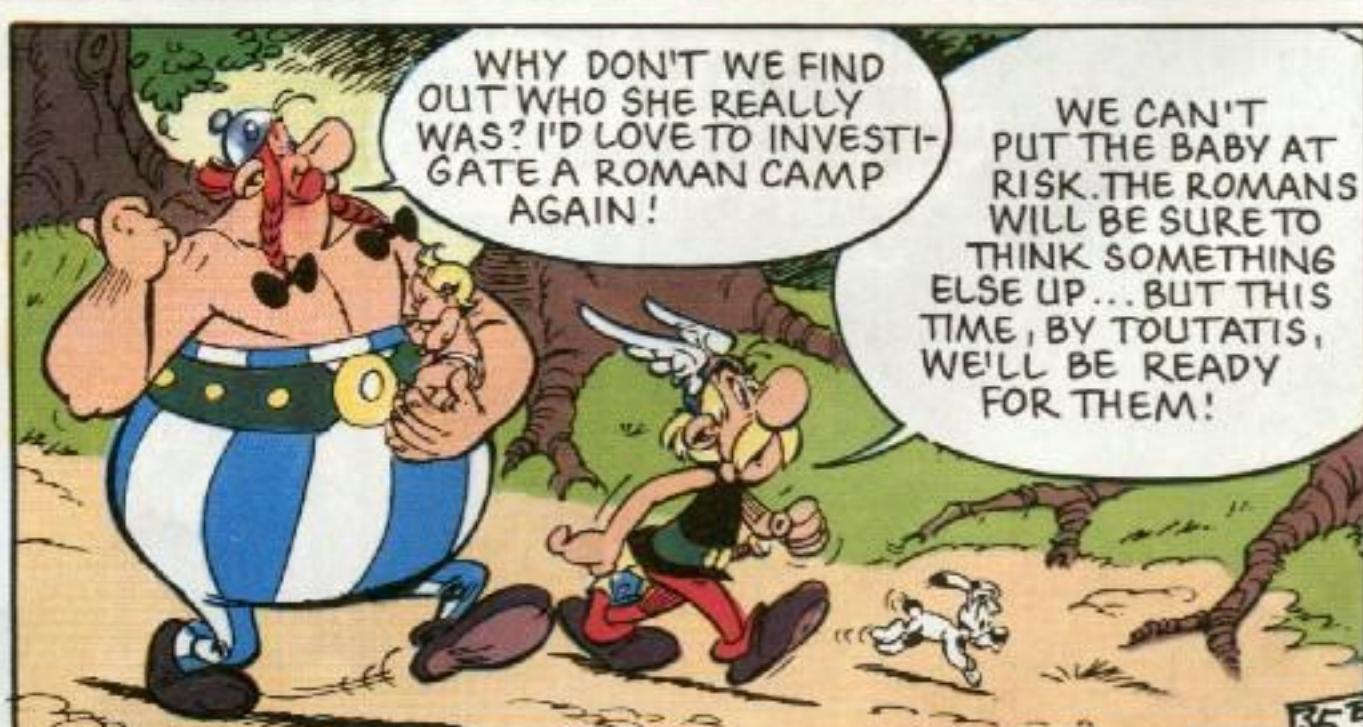
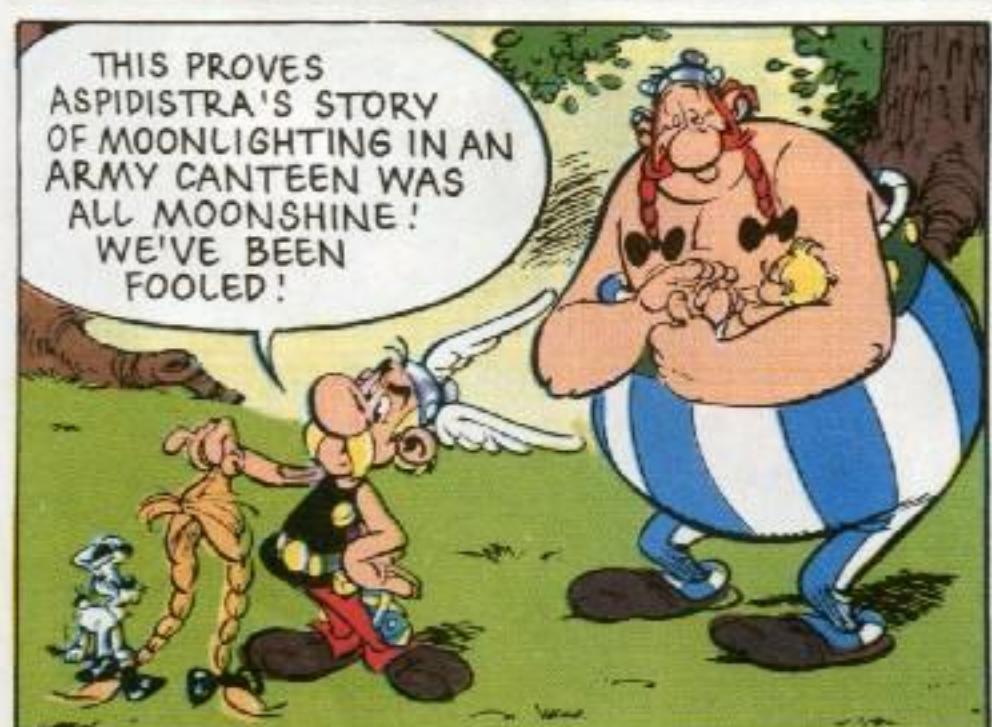
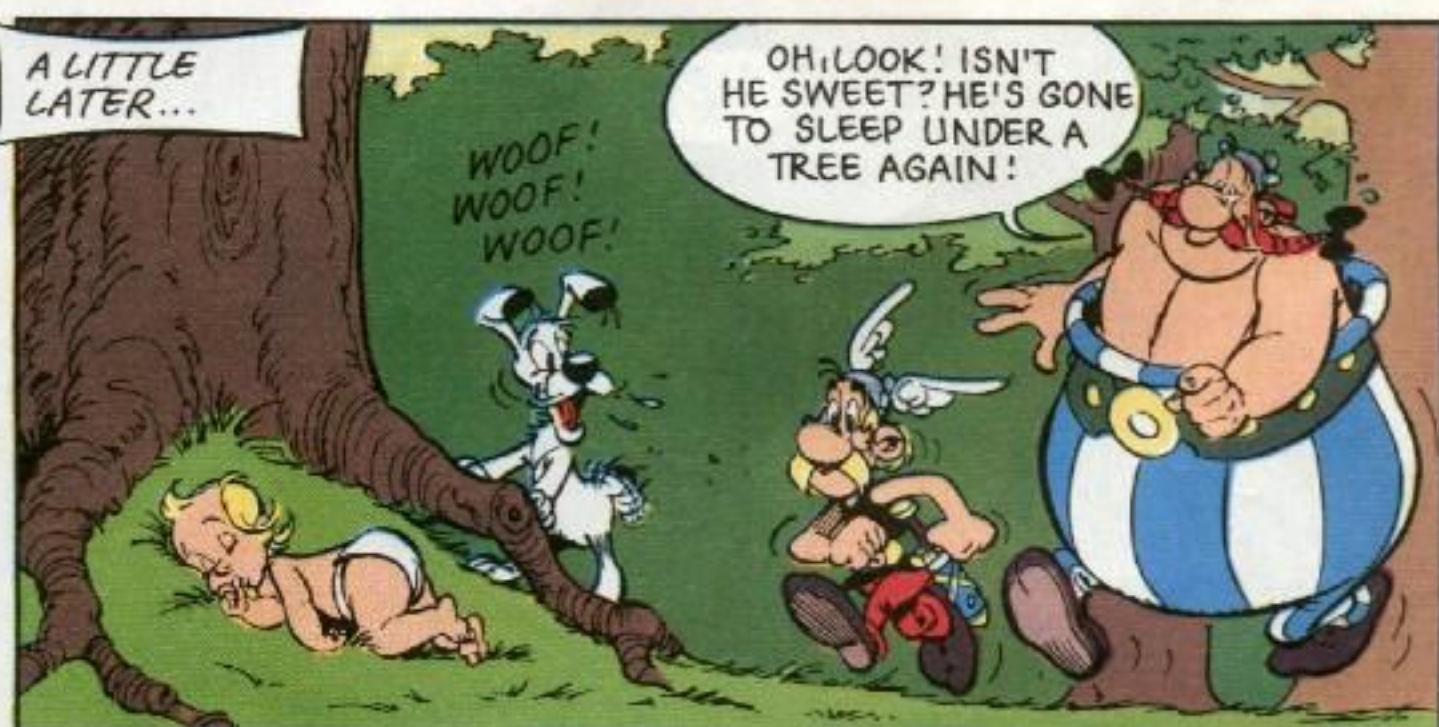
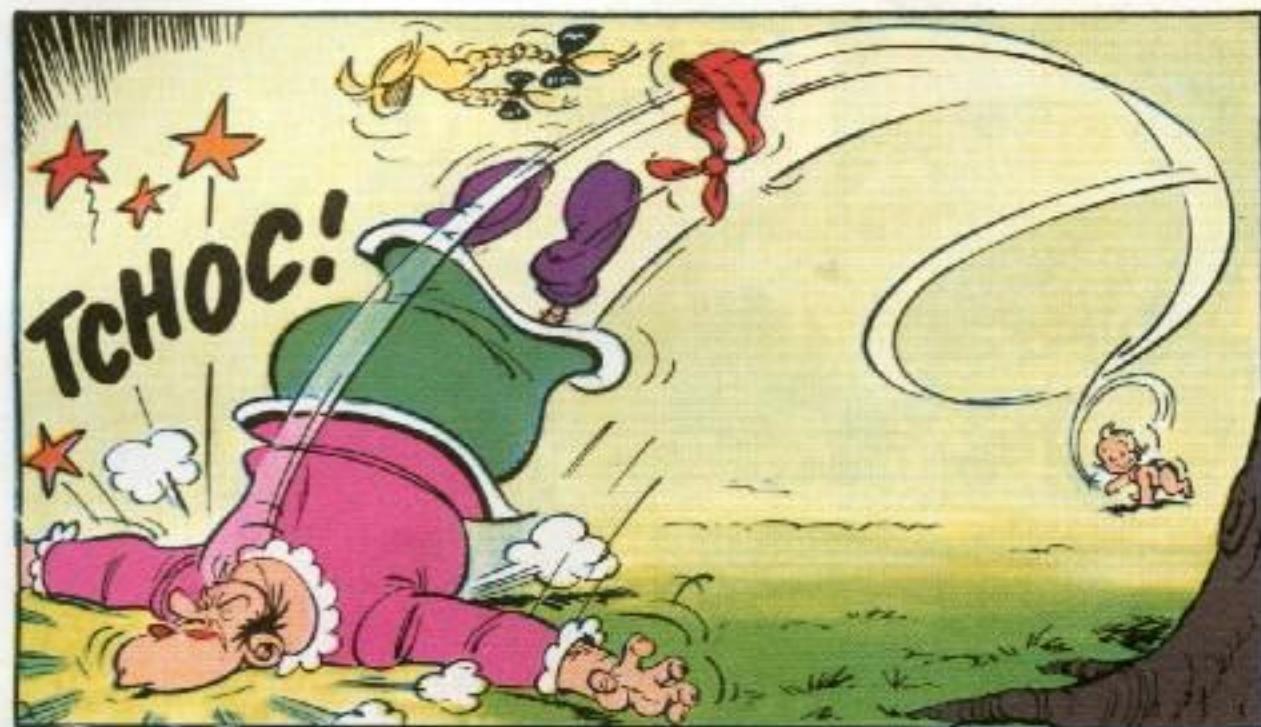
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, GORGEOUS?

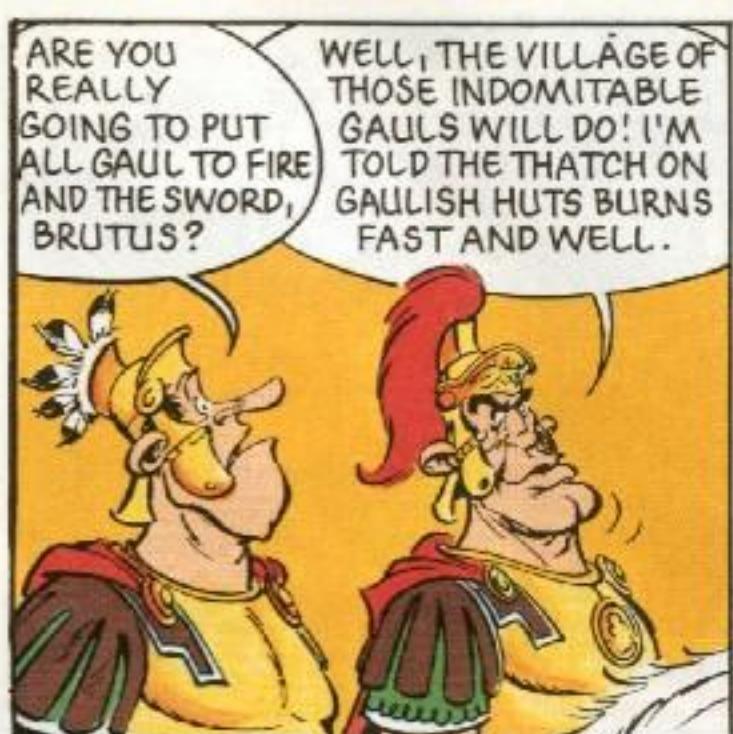
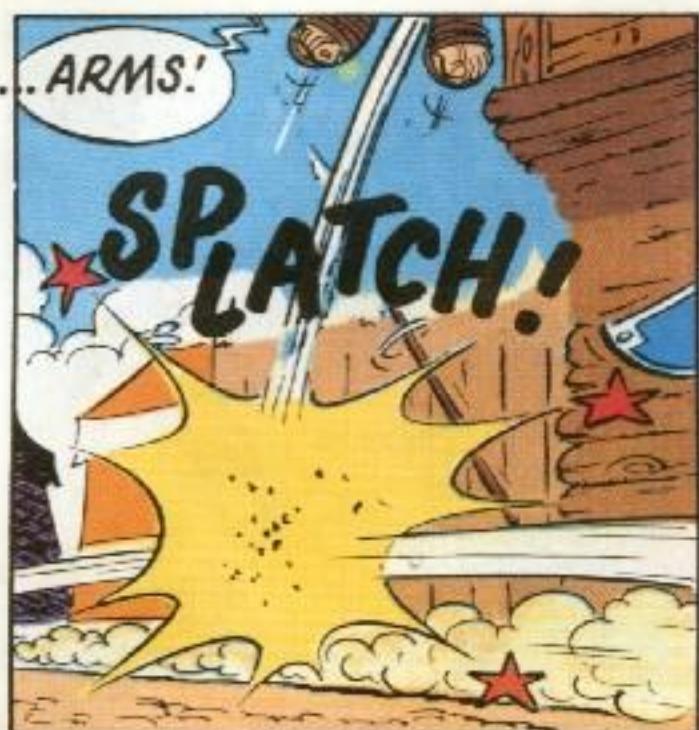
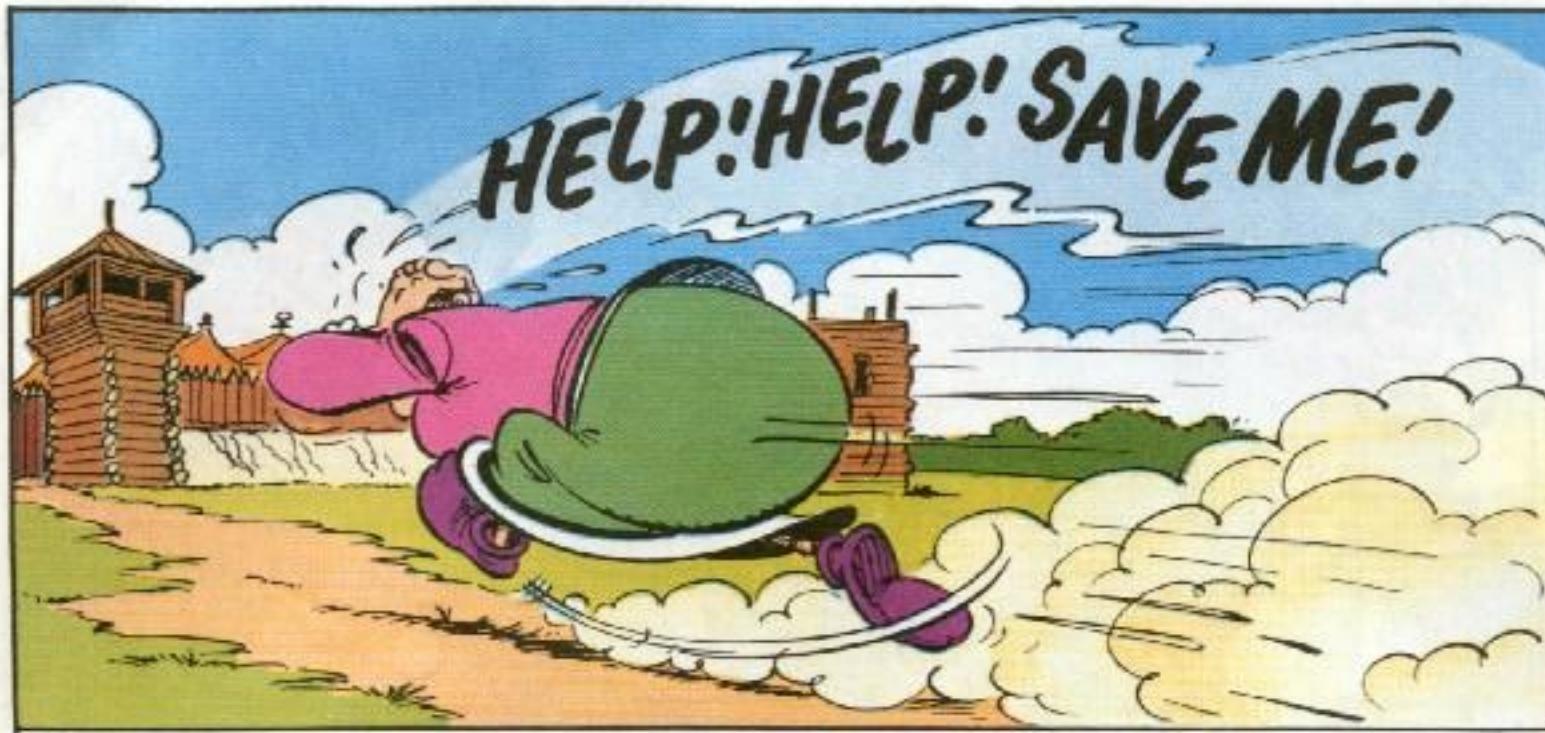
ER... I'M GOING INTO THE FOREST TO PICK MUSHROOMS!



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THAT NIGHT,  
SEVERAL MILIA  
PASSUUM\* FROM  
THE VILLAGE...

GET IT, CACTUS? I'M  
LEAVING YOU IN COMMAND!  
WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL,  
OPEN FIRE!

\*MILLE PASSUS = 1 ROMAN MILE.



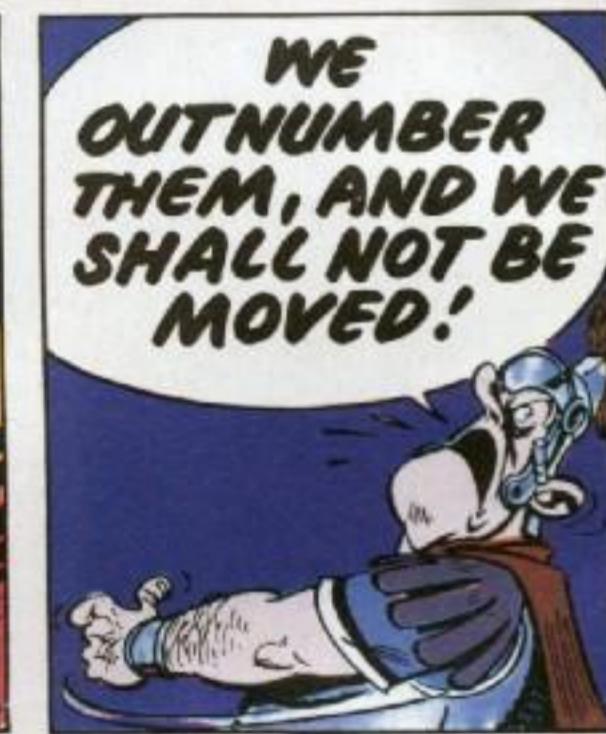
IMPEDIMENTA, YOU TAKE THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN DOWN TO THE BEACH WHILE WE DEAL WITH THE ROMANS!

I'LL LEAVE HIM IN YOUR CARE! I'M SURE HE'LL BE GOOD!

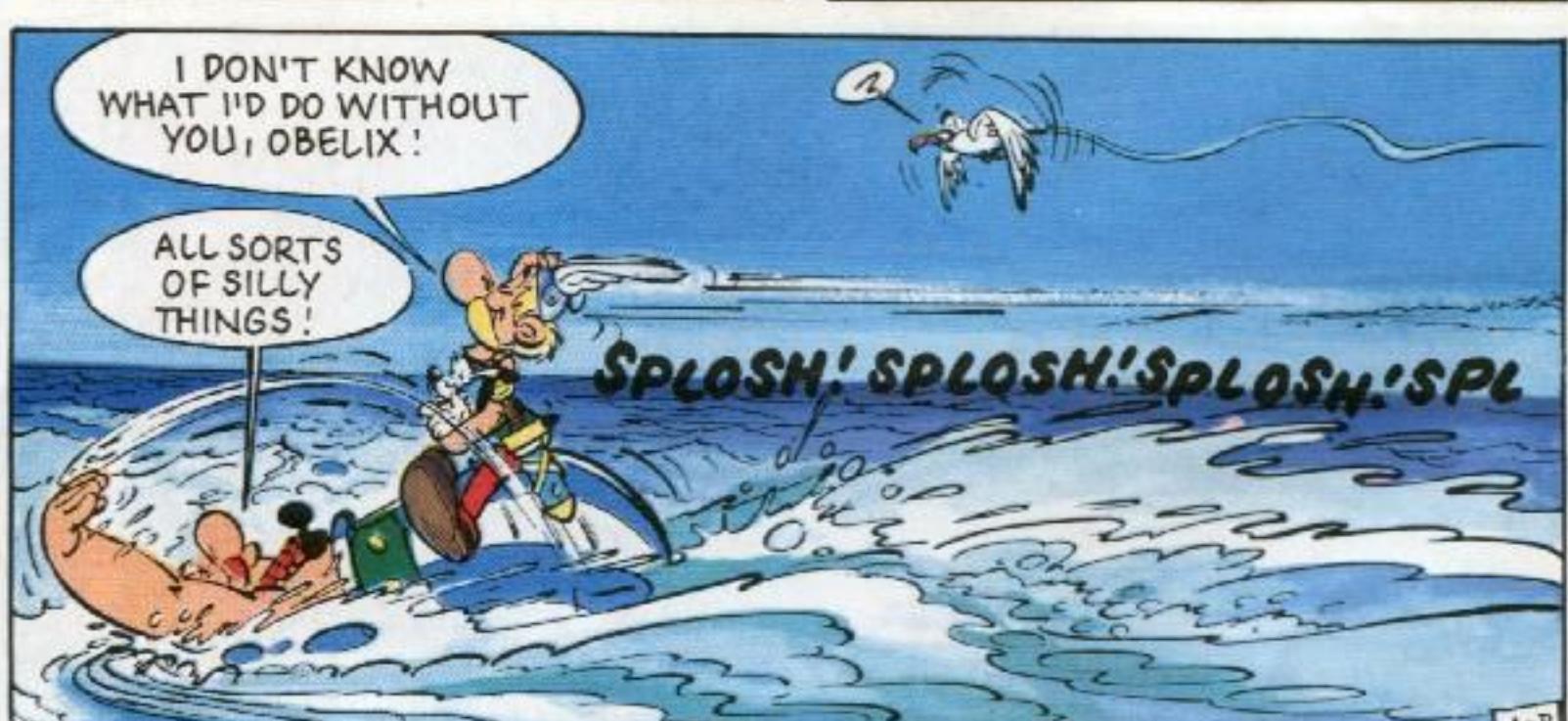
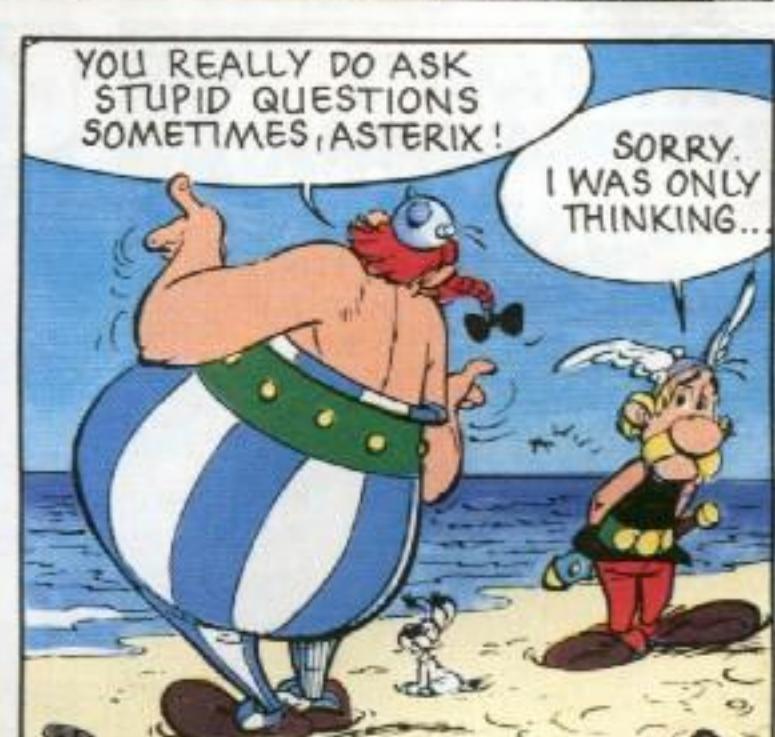
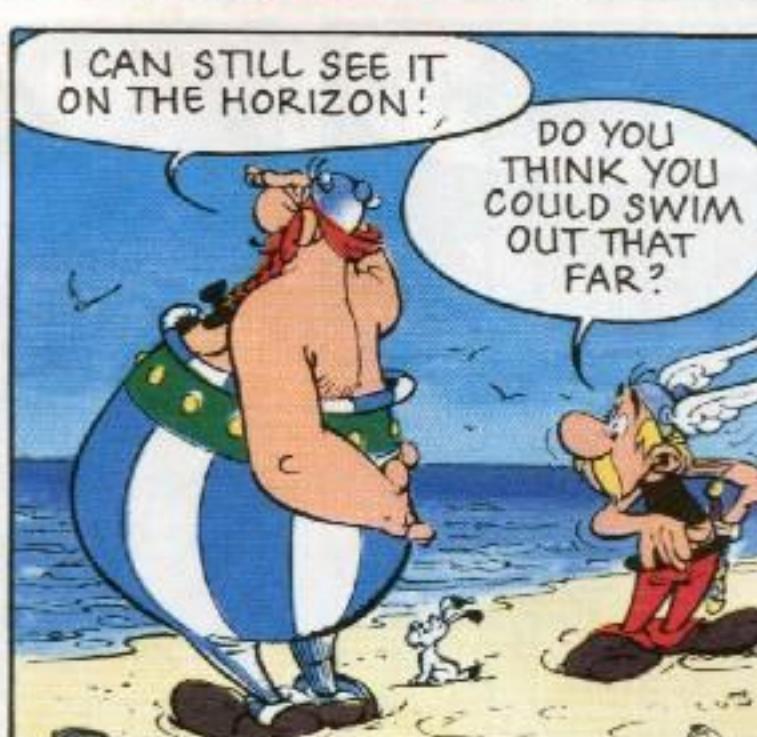
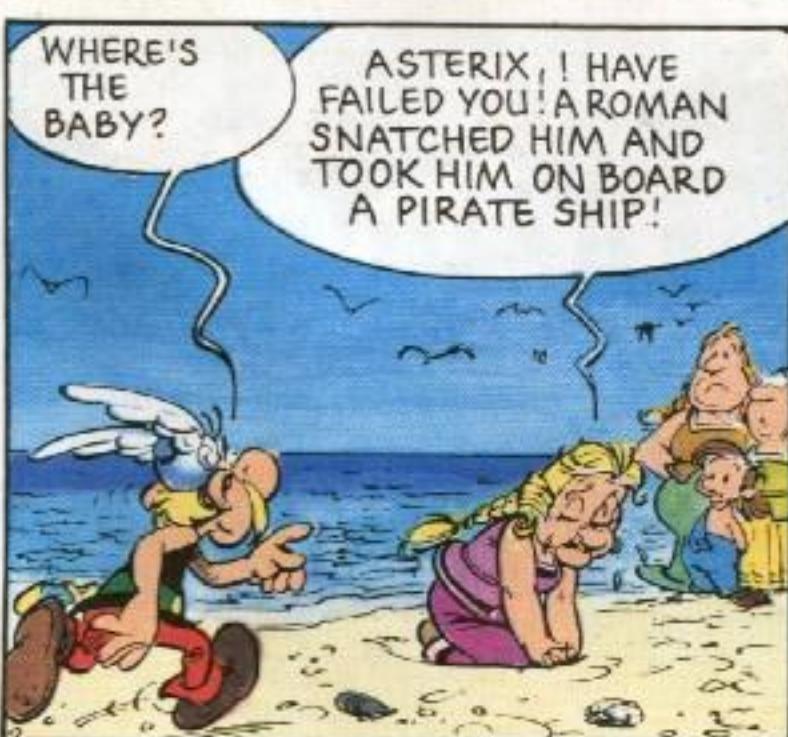
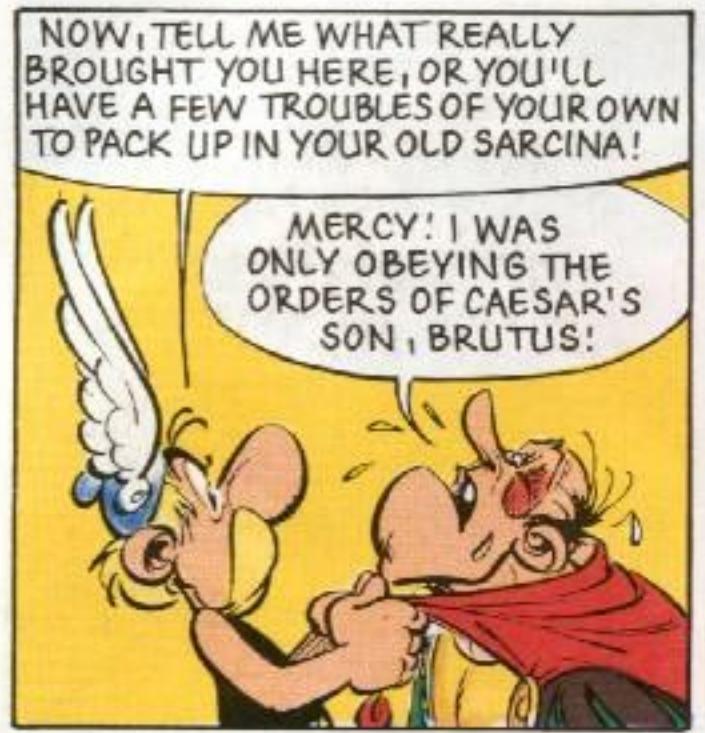
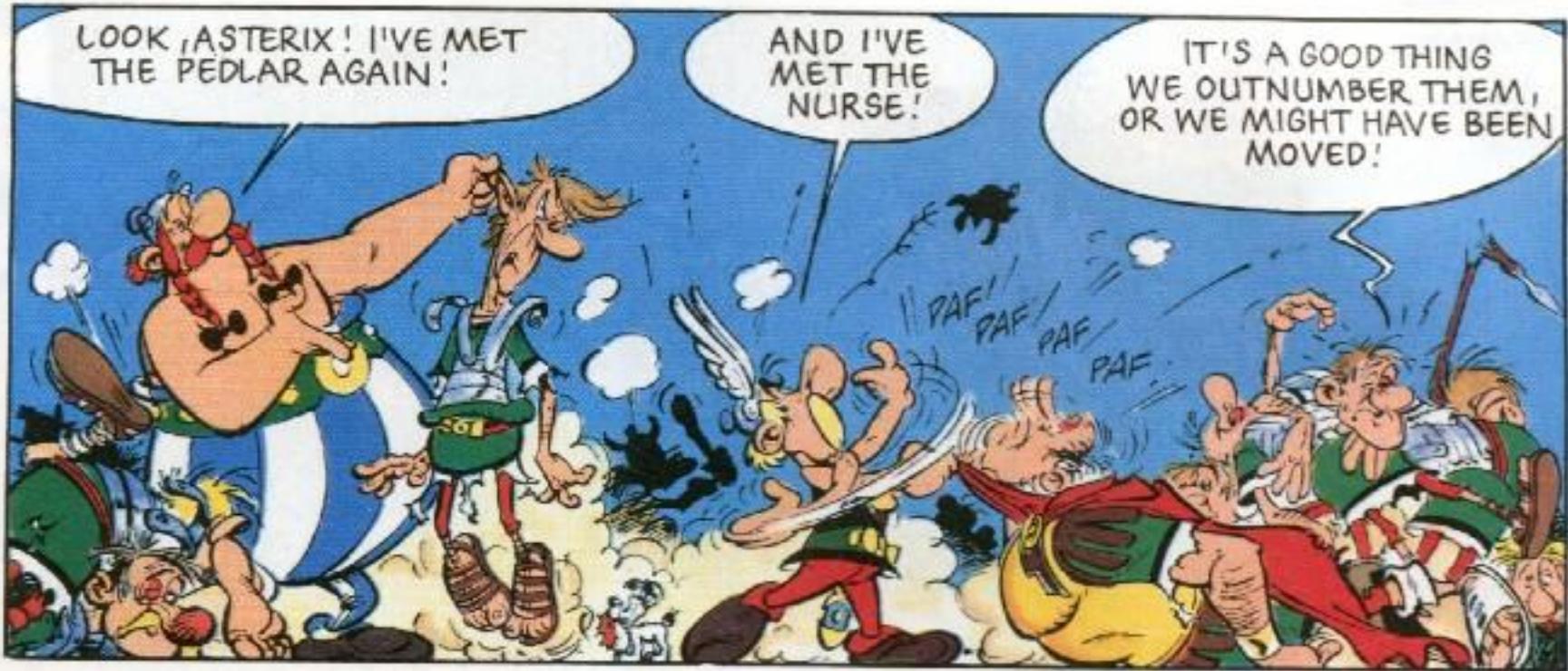
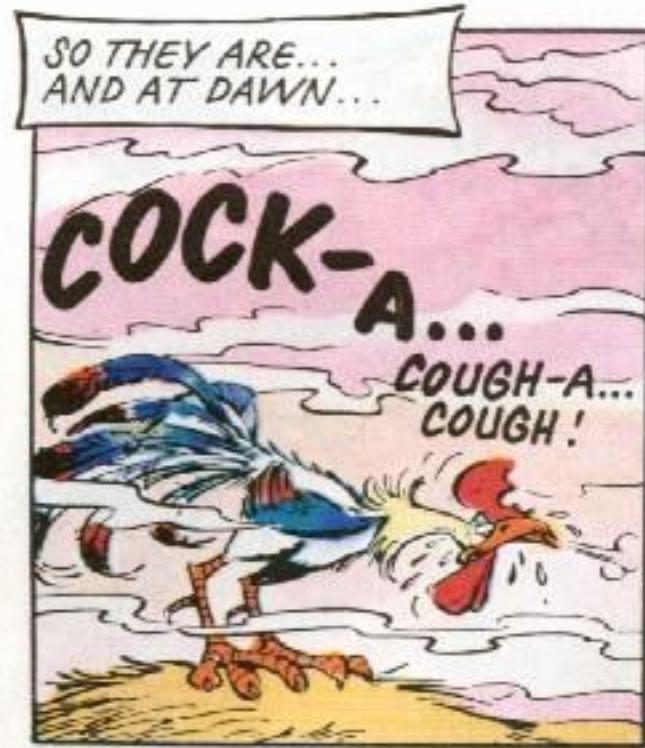
EVERYBODY LINE UP IN SILENCE, AND DON'T PANIC!

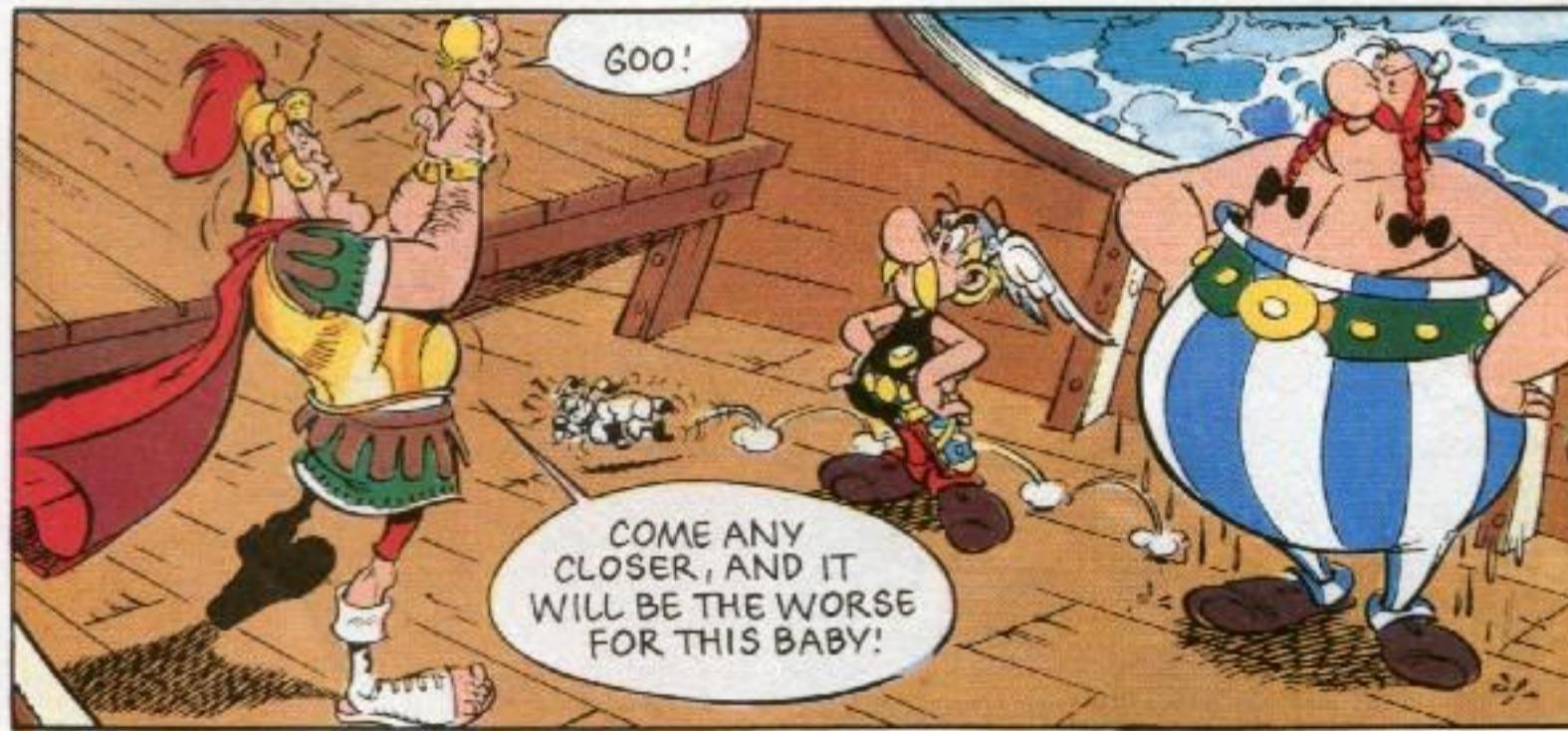
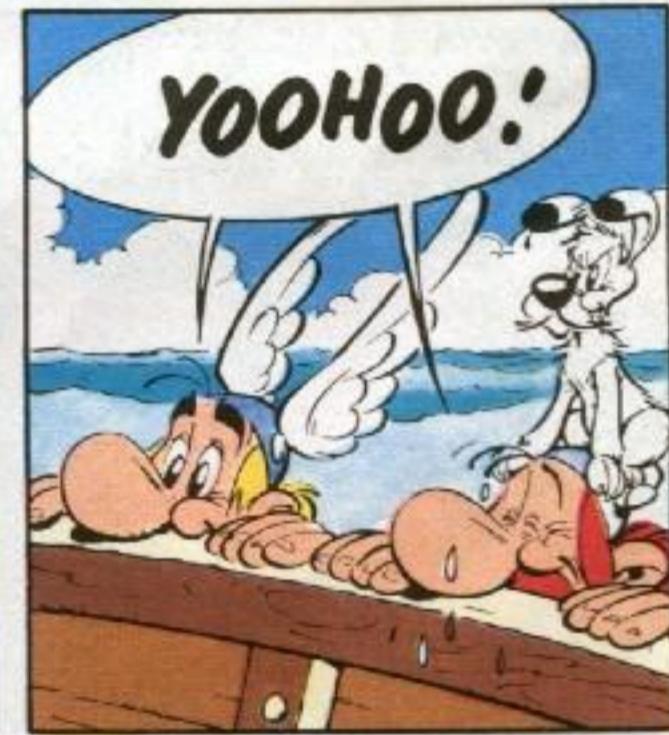
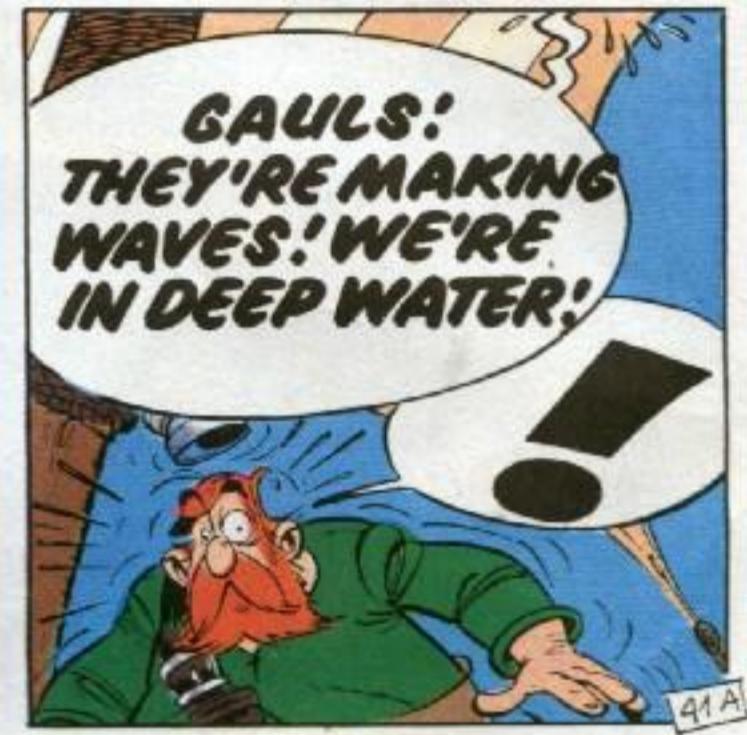
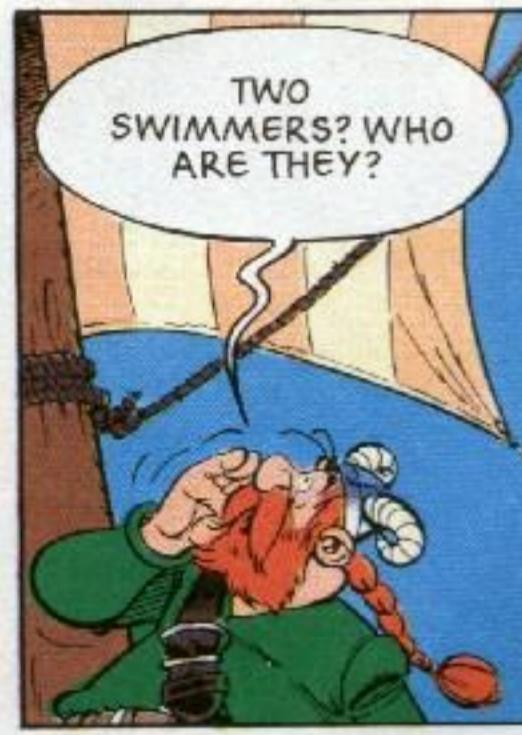
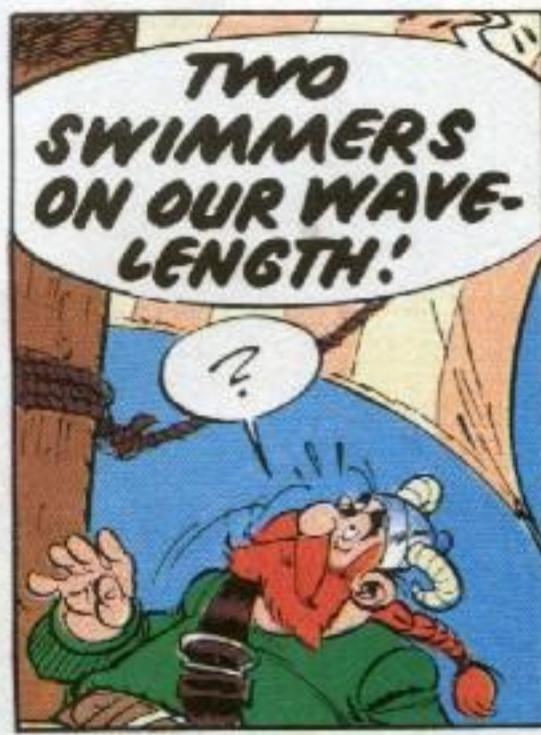
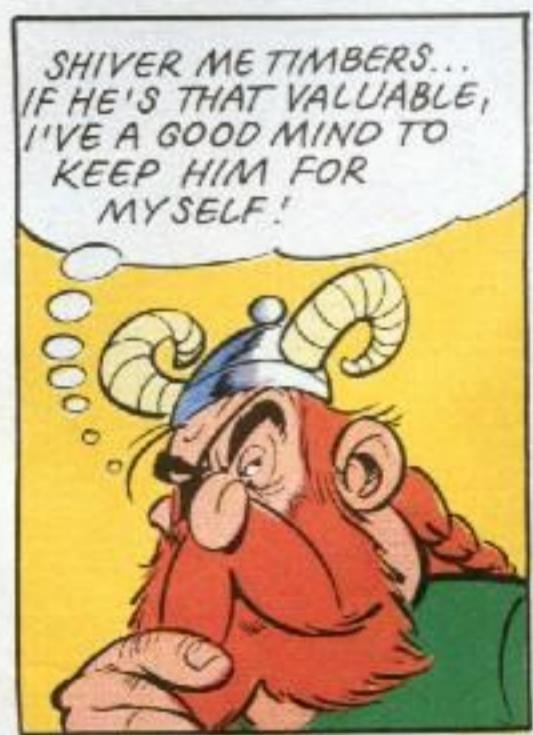
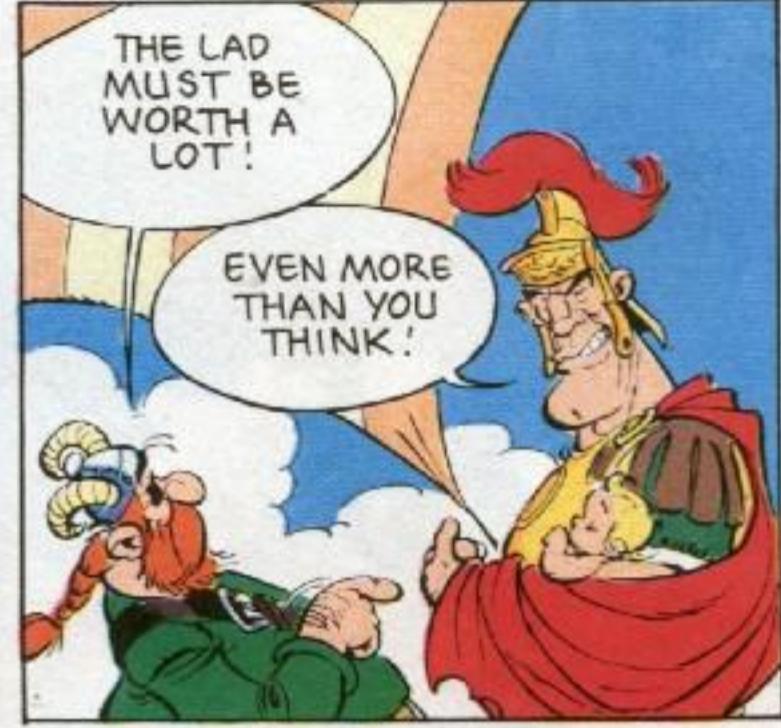
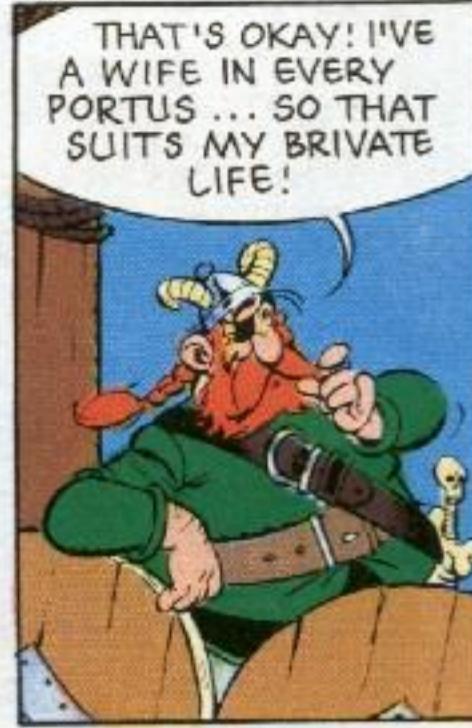
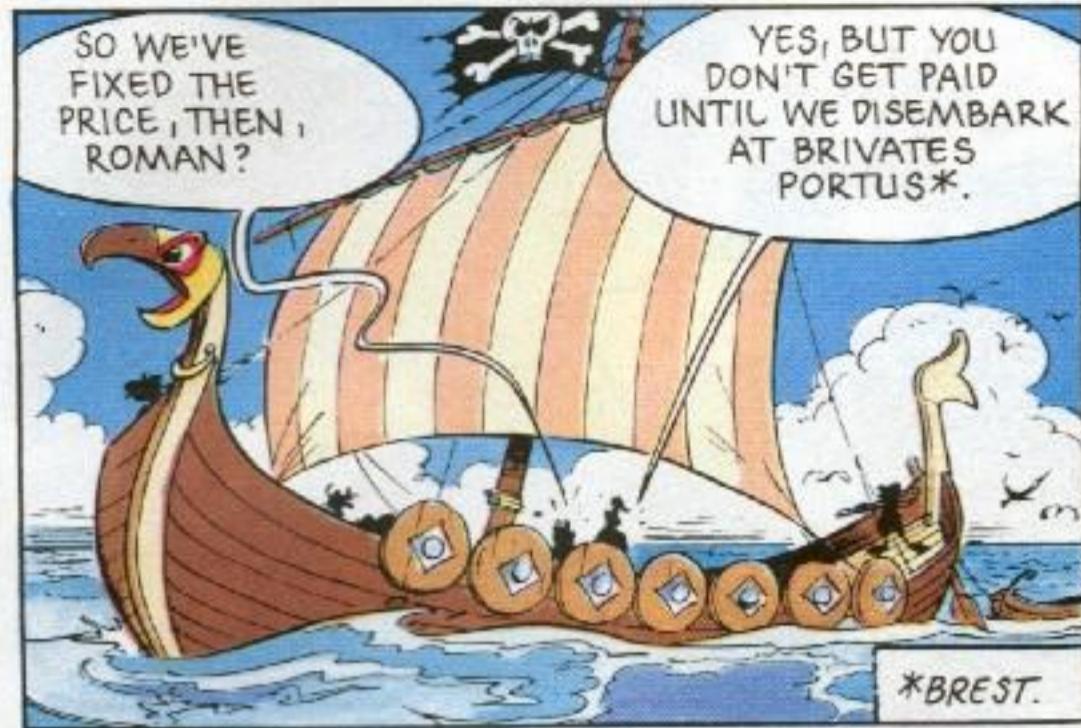


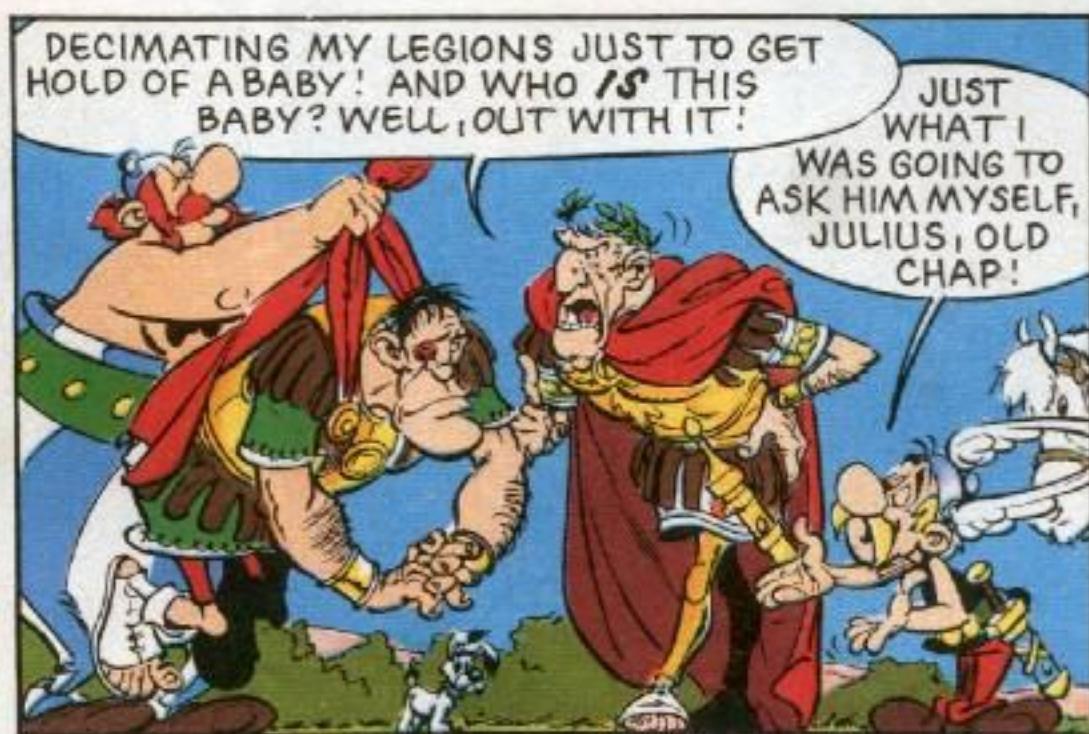
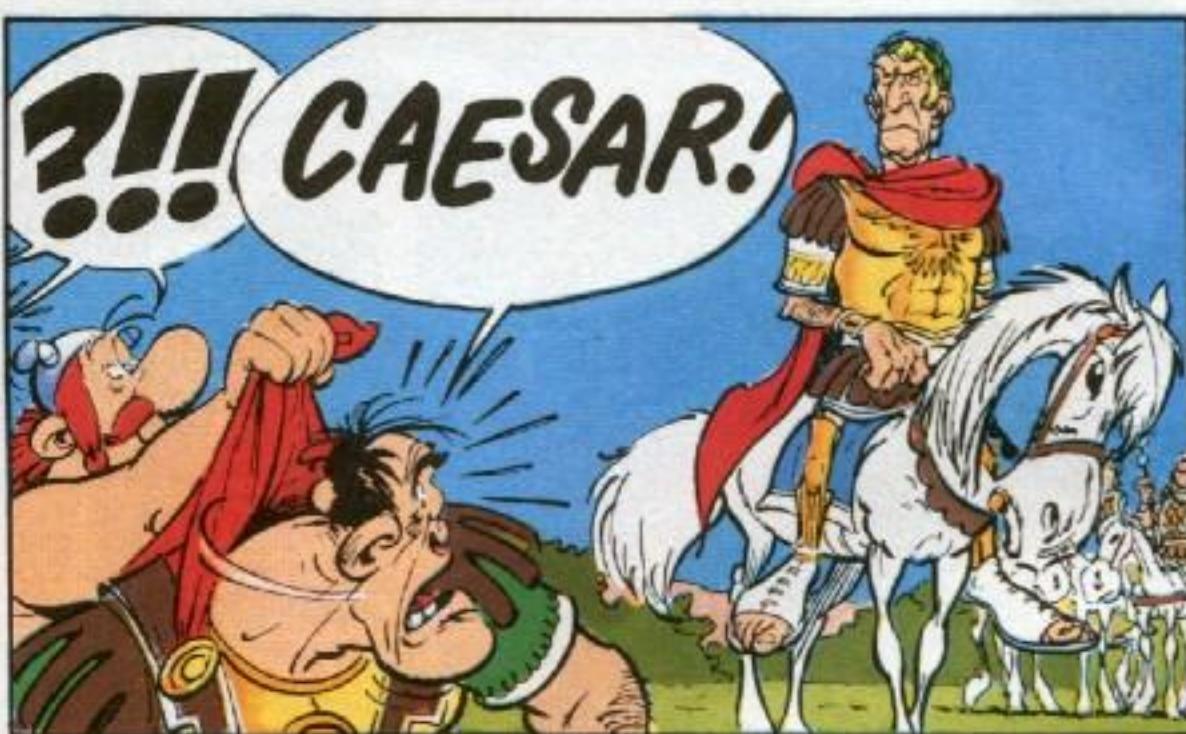
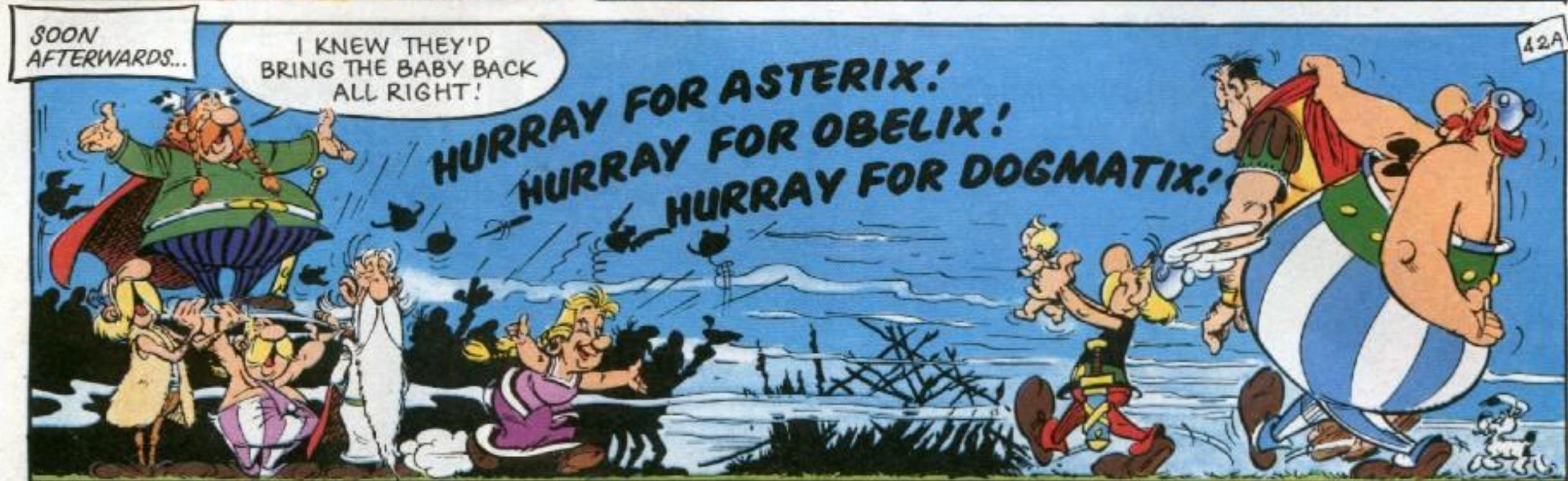
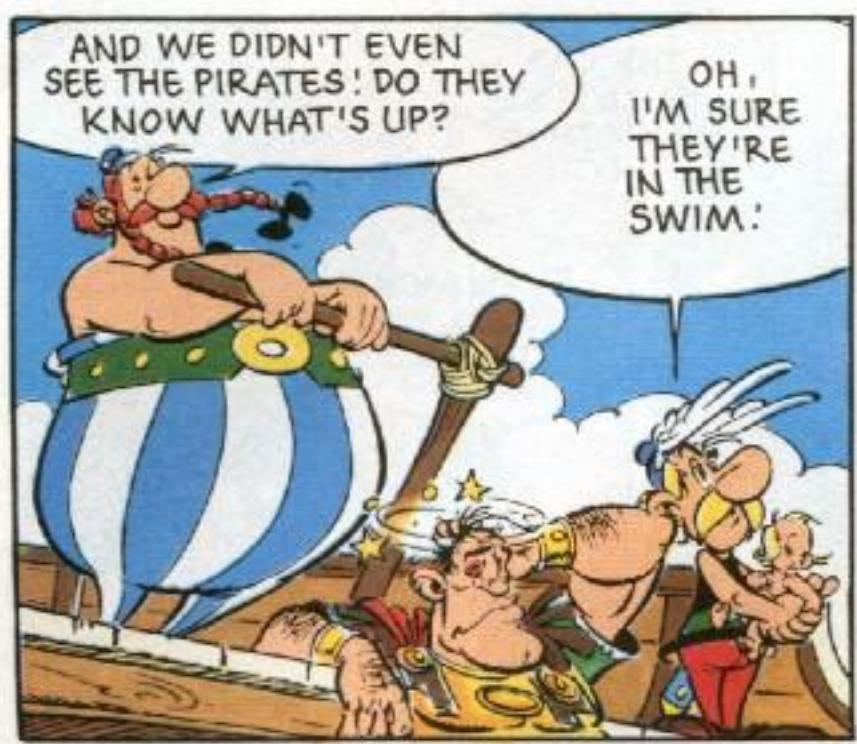
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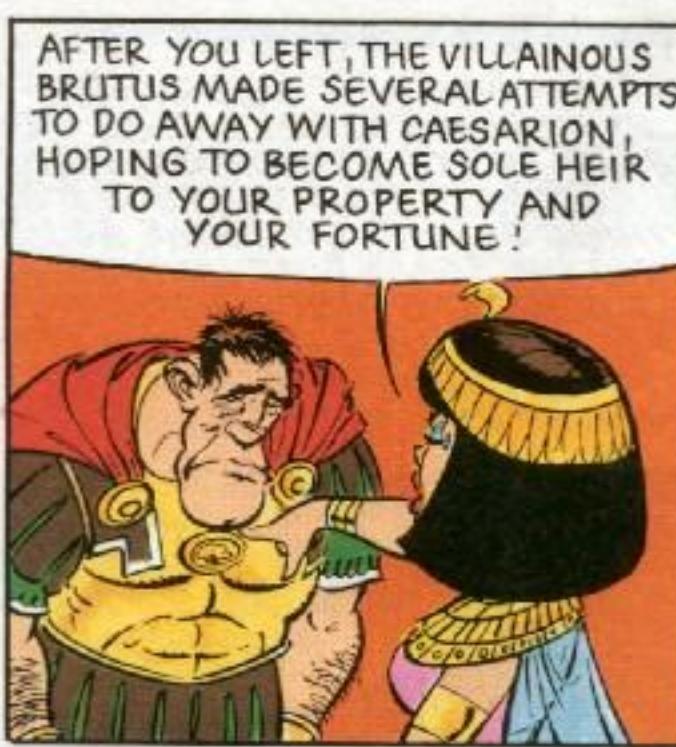
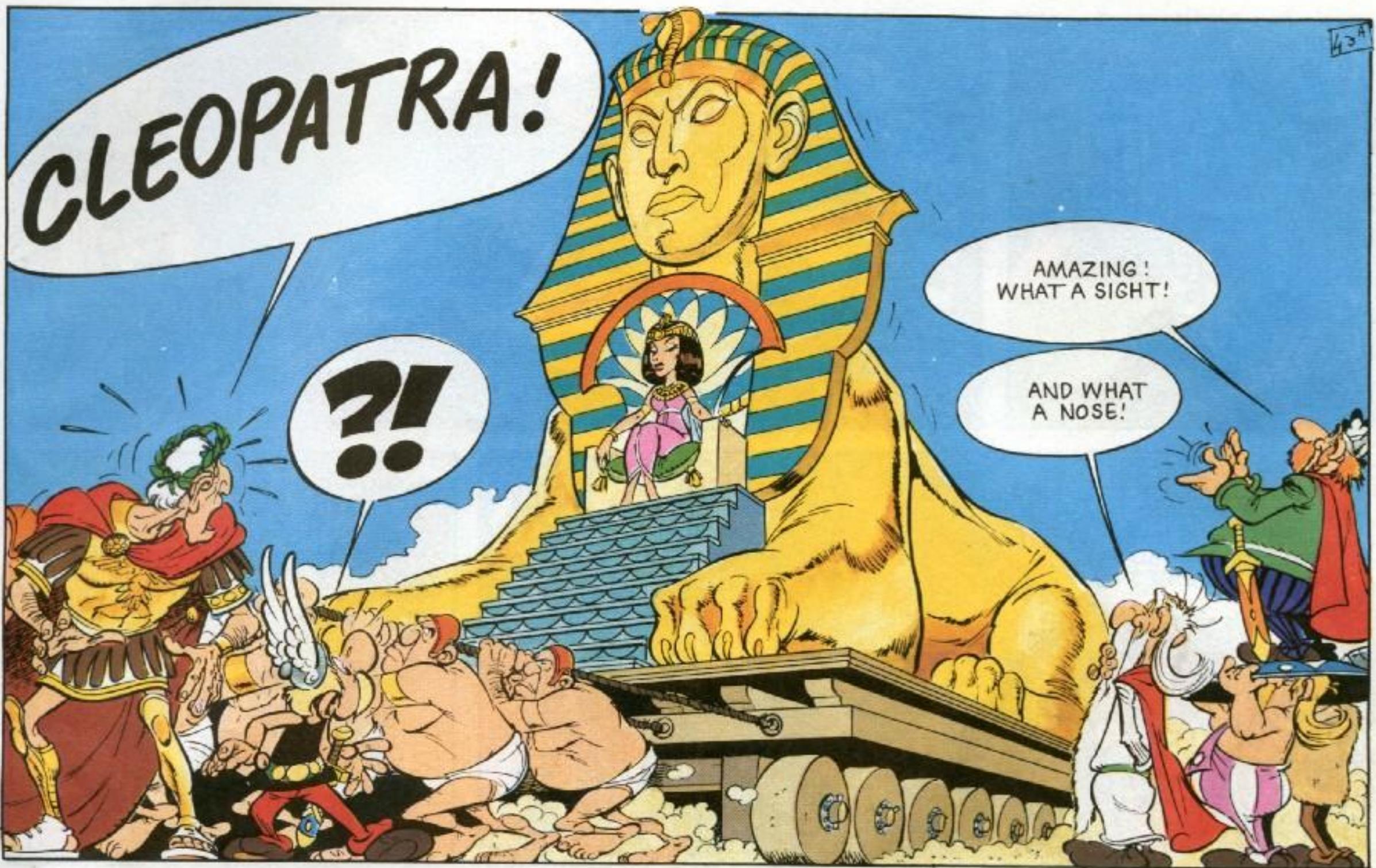












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