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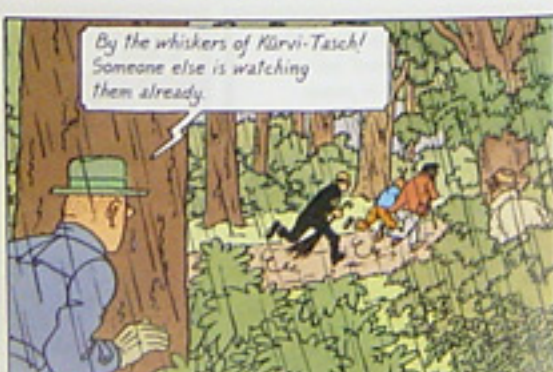
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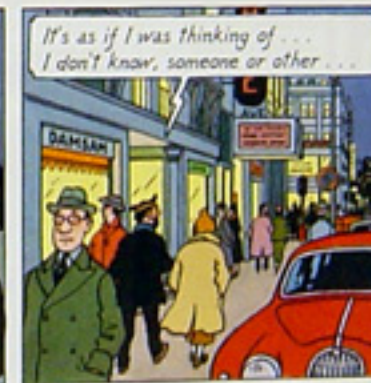
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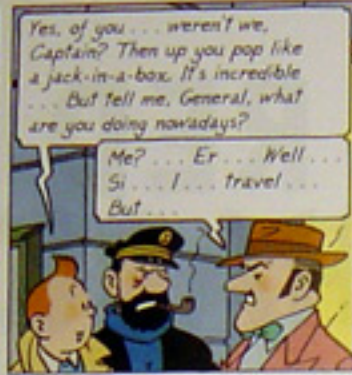
THE RED SEA SHARKS





It's extraordinary! Imagine! The Captain and I were just this moment talking about you!

Que? ... Of me?



Yes, of you ... weren't we, Captain? Then up you pop like a jack-in-a-box. It's incredible ... But tell me, General, what are you doing nowadays?

Me? ... Er ... Well ... Si ... I ... travel ... But ...



Por favor ... excuse please ... In mucho hurry ... Already late for appointment ... I go now.

Oh, what a pity ... At all events, here's my address. And where can we find you, General?



I wonder: perhaps he's registered under another name ... Ramon Zarate?

Ramon Zarate? No, sir. A Spanish gentleman?



South American. Quite well-built. A long chin ... small moustache ... Wait, I'll try to draw him for you.



There ... That's about it ...



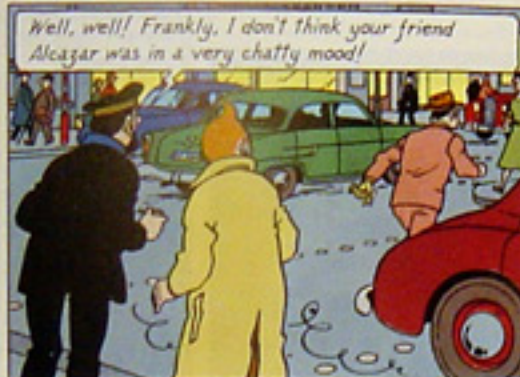
No, sir, I'm terribly sorry, but I don't know the gentleman. Oh? That's odd. Well, thank you.



Er ... Um ... At thees hotel ... er ... thees Hotel Bristol. Good! The Bristol. And when do you ...



Just so ... Now I go ... Adios, amigos! Goodbye, General.



Well, well! Frankly, I don't think your friend Alcazar was in a very chatty mood!



Yes, an odd fellow. Oh well, come on.



OH!



Grumbles! It's the general's wallet. He didn't put it right inside his pocket.



Quick! He can't have got far.



Hello, where's he gone to?



Perhaps he got into a car ... Never mind. The Hotel Bristol is quite near; we'll leave his wallet there.



A few minutes later, at the Bristol. General Alcazar? ... No, Sir, we have no one of that name here.



Now what can we do to return that idiot's wallet to him? That's what I'm wondering.



I say, why shouldn't the wallet itself give us a clue towards finding the general. Come on; we'll go in here.



Bring us ... er ... let's see ... let's see ...

Two glasses of ginger beer.



Now then, let's see what's inside here.



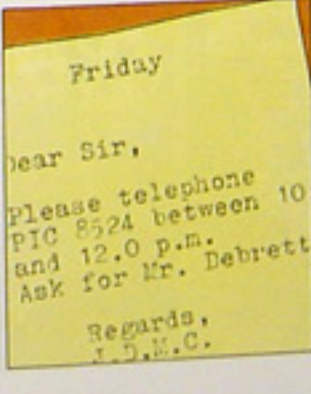
Pound notes, French and Belgian money, a hotel bill, a four-leaf clover, a lottery ticket from San Theodoros ... in fact, nothing to give us a lead.



... And in this envelope, photos of aircraft ... Odd, isn't it, Captain?



Ah, a letter! ... This time I think we're on to something. Look, Captain.



Friday
Dear Sir,
Please telephone PIC 8524 between 10 and 12.0 p.m. Ask for Mr. Debrett
Regards,
J.D.M.C.

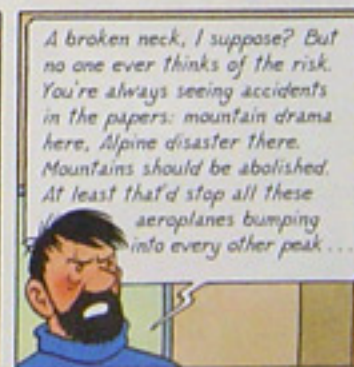
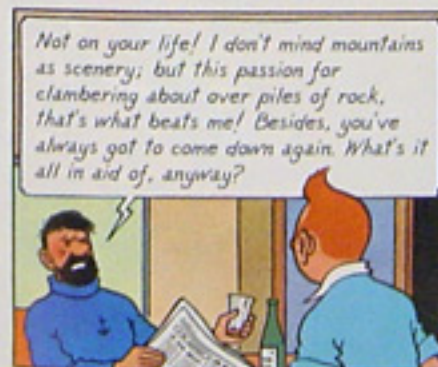
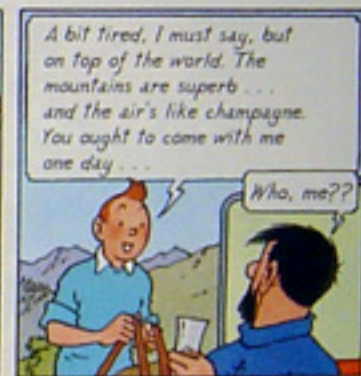


But the general's address isn't here. I know, but I'll ring up the number given in the letter.



Hello, is that PIC 8524? May I speak to Mr. Debrett? ... Who am I? ... A friend of General Alcazar, and I ... Hello? HELLO??

Tintin in Tibet



NEPAL AIR DISASTER

KATMANDU, Wednesday.—The D.C.3 missing since Monday on a flight from Patna to Katmandu is reported to have crashed in the Gosain Than massif. It is believed that the aircraft, belonging to Indian Airways, was driven towards the Himalaya by a violent storm.

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