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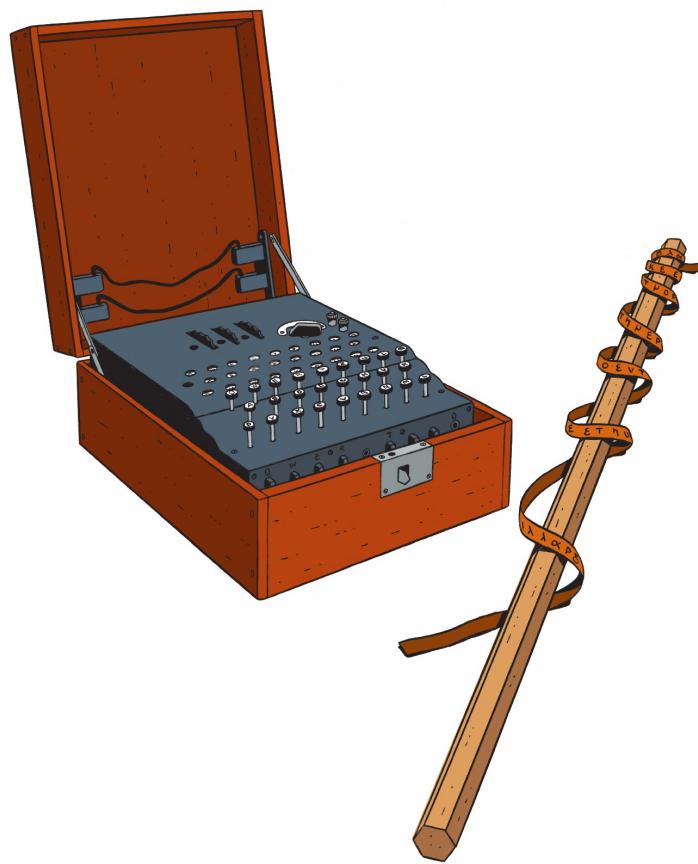




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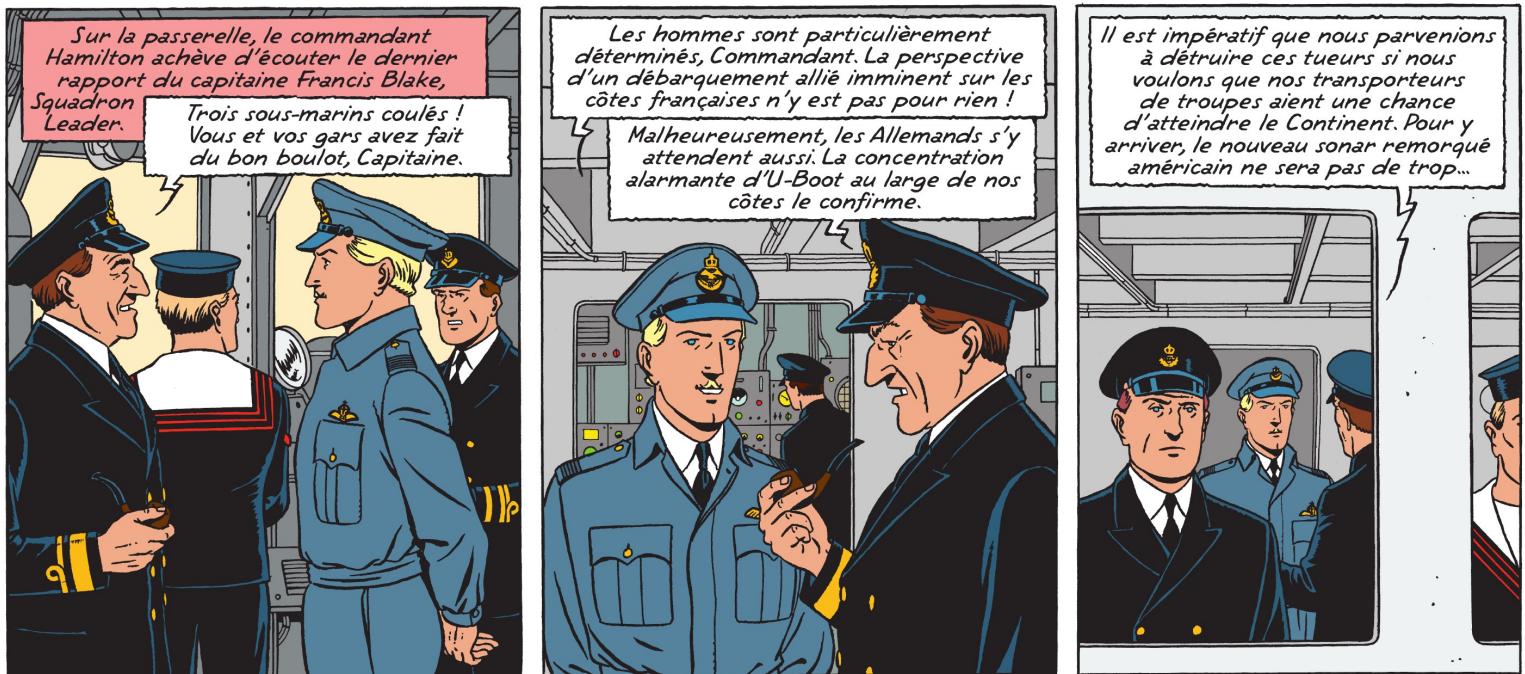
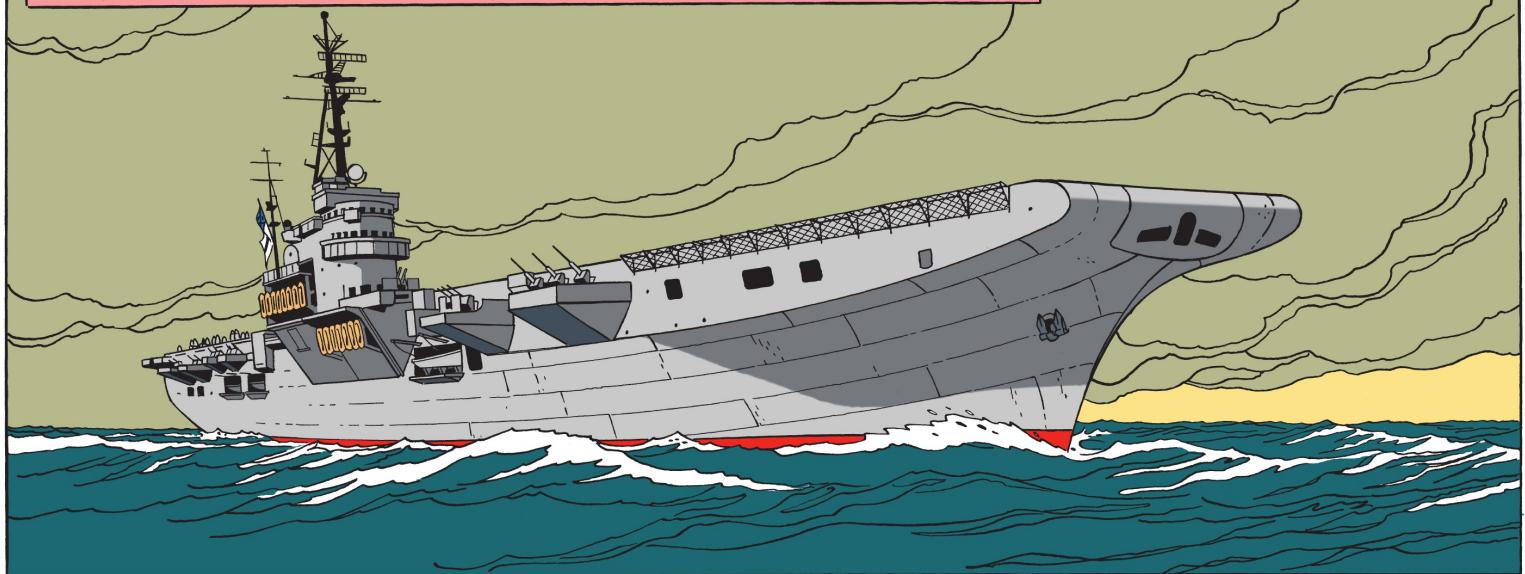
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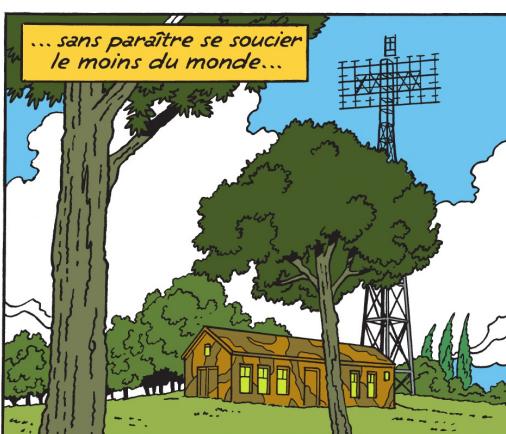
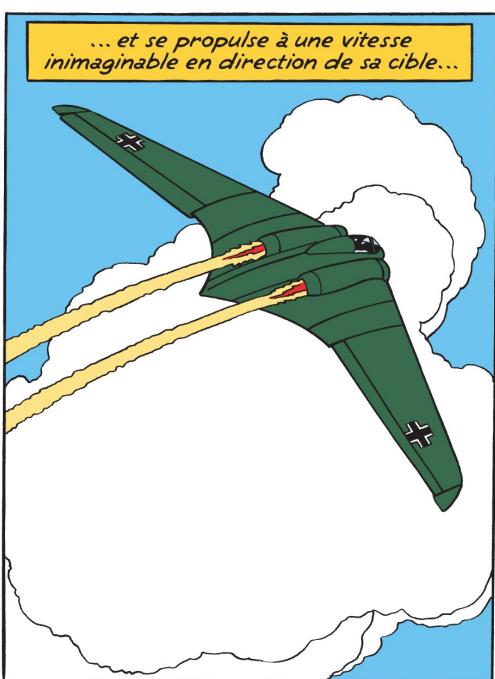
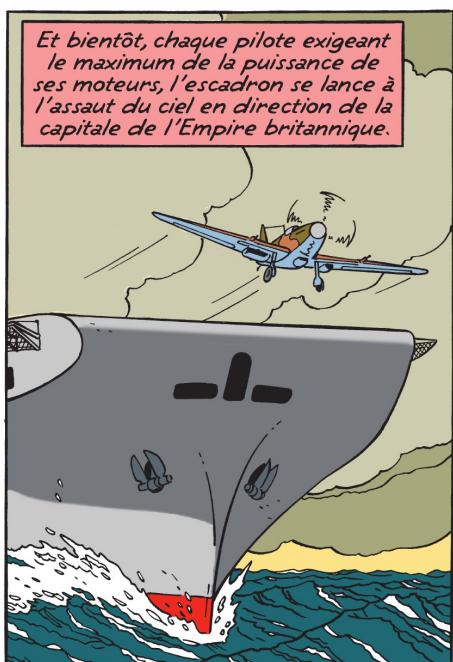
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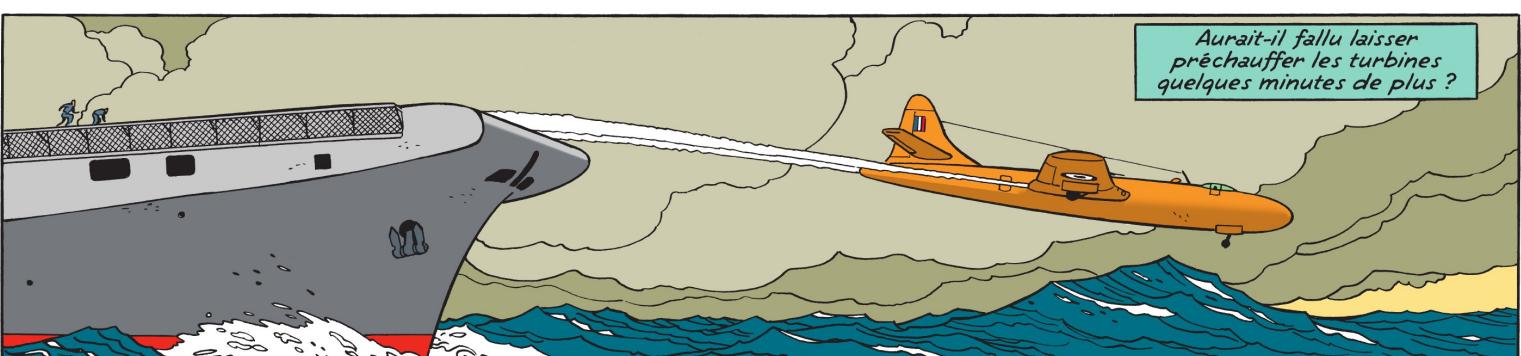
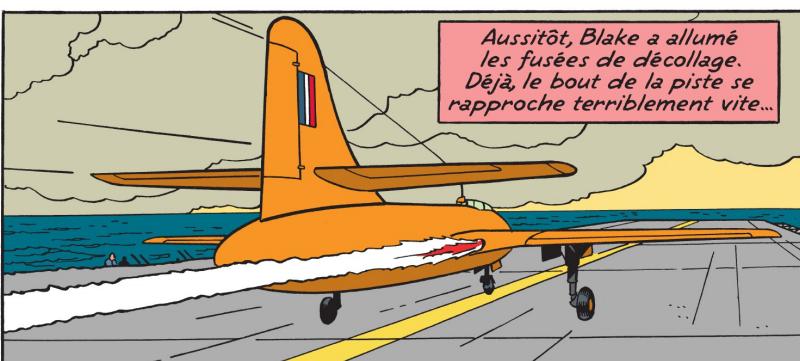
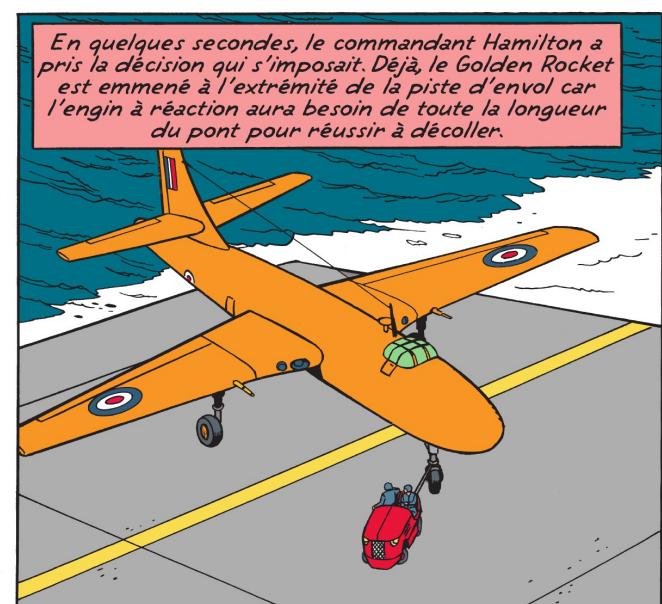
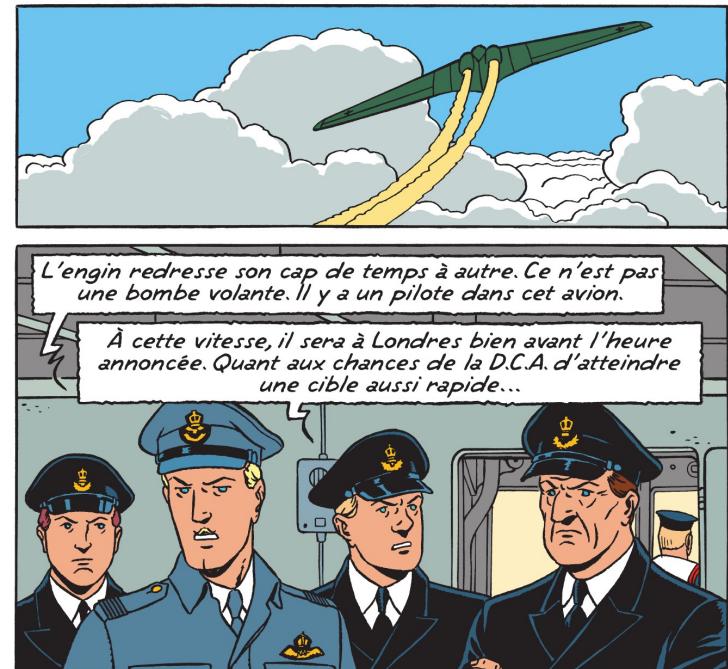
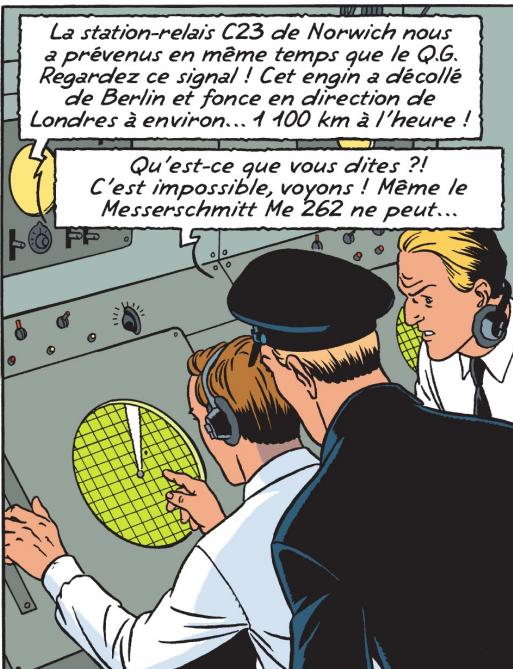
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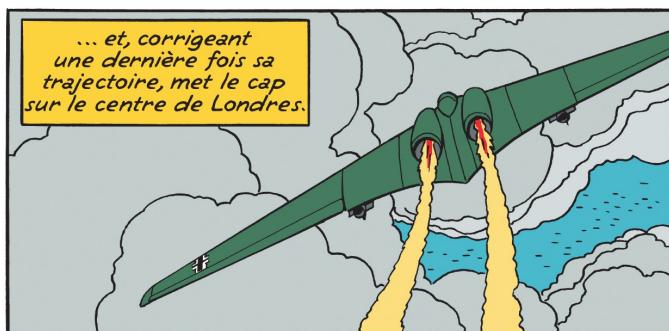
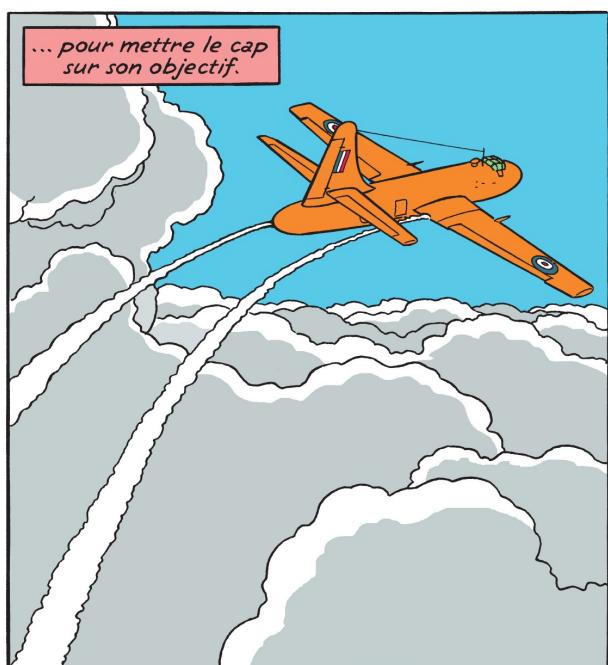
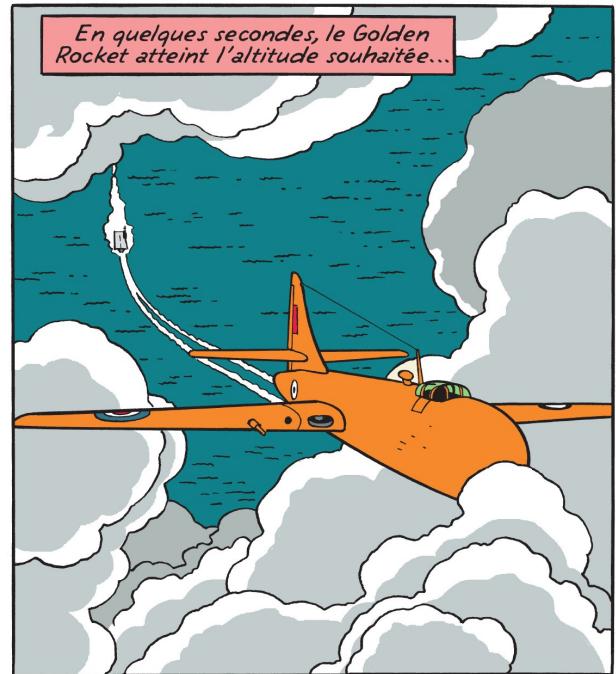
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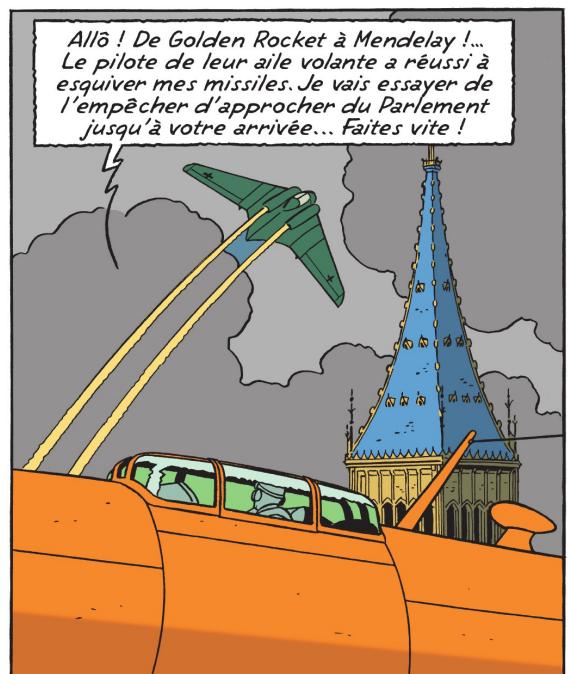
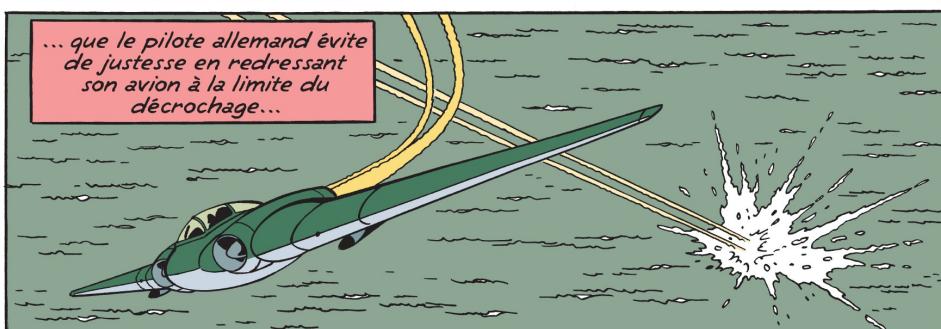
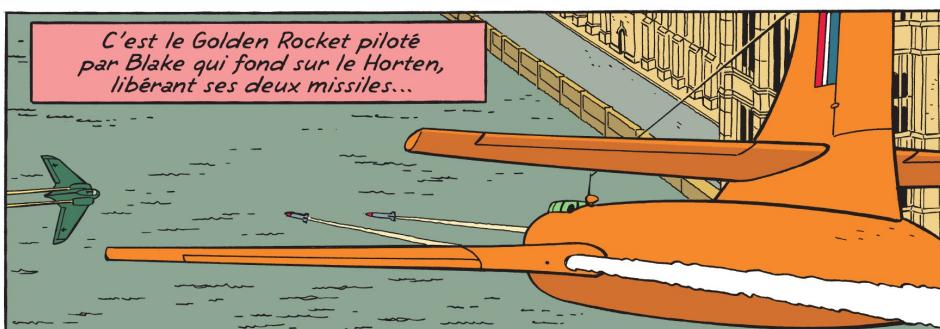
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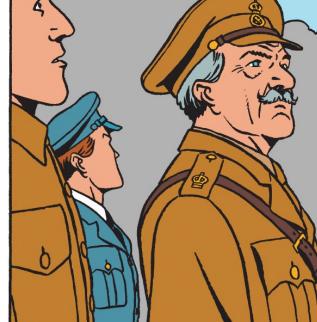
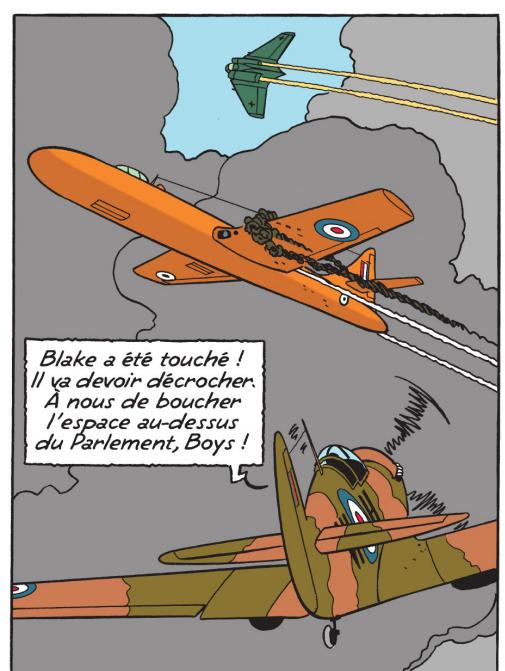
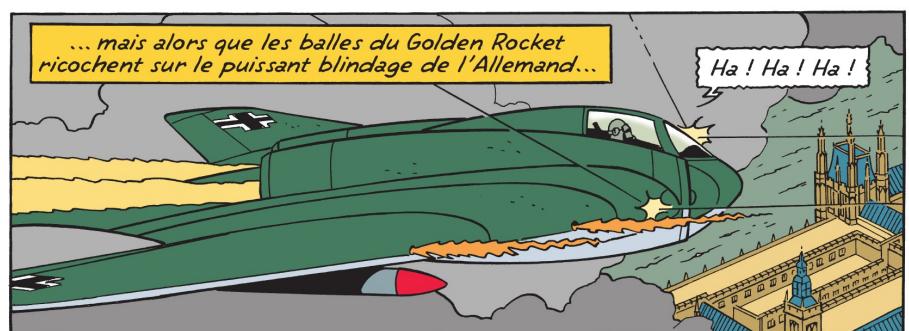
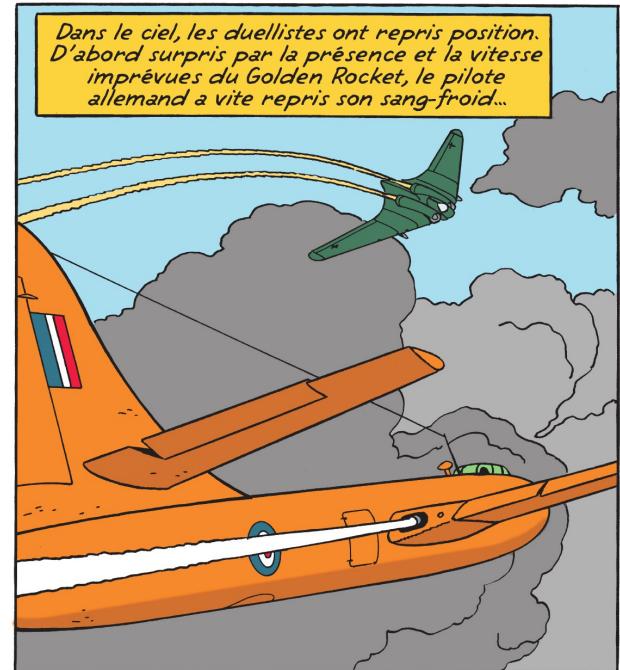


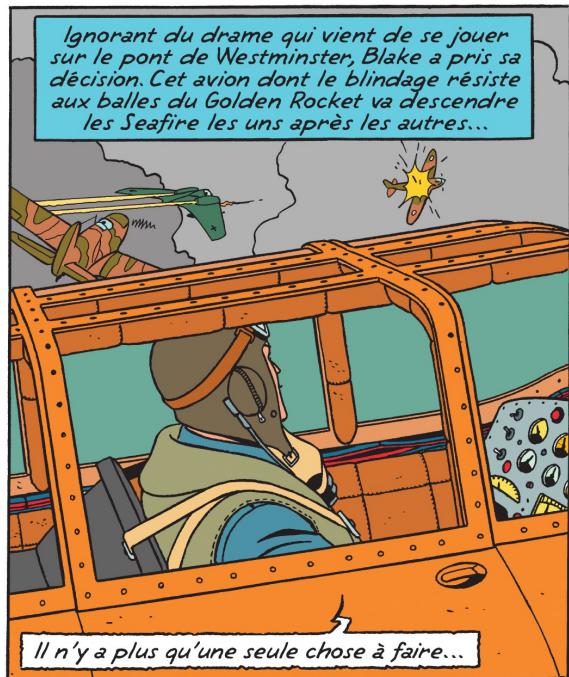
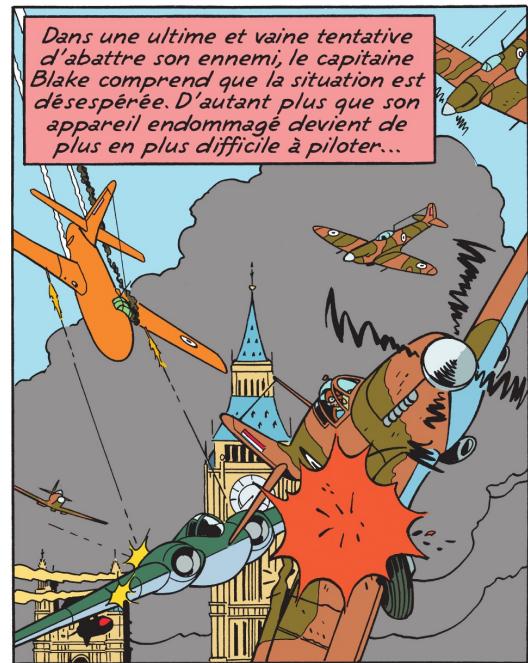
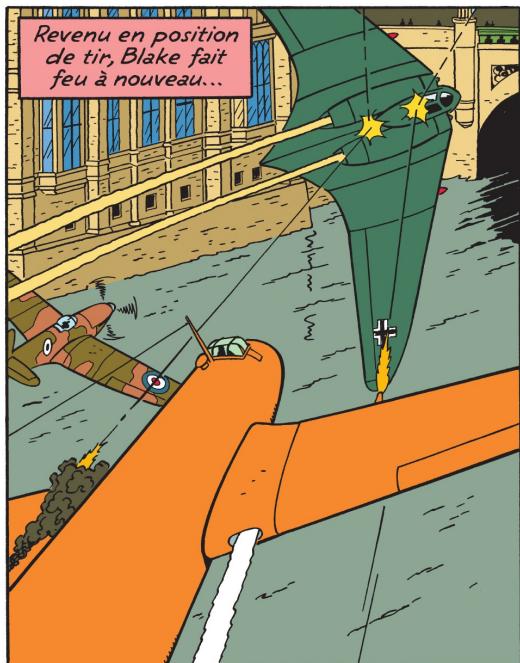
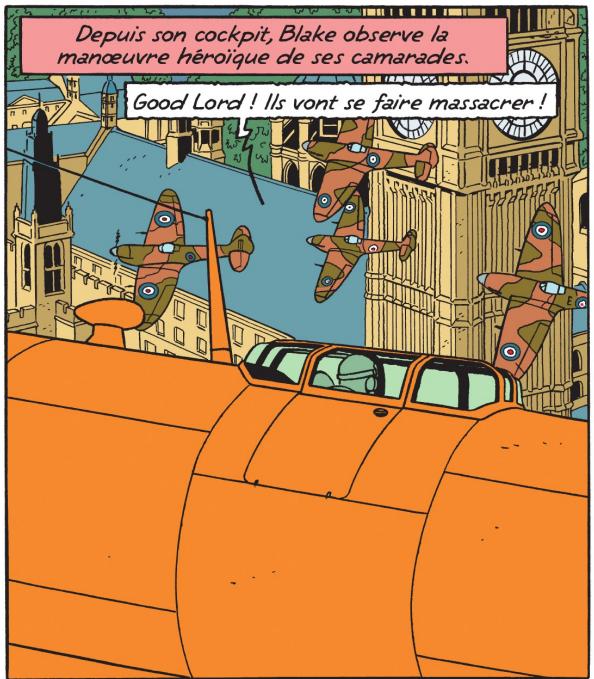


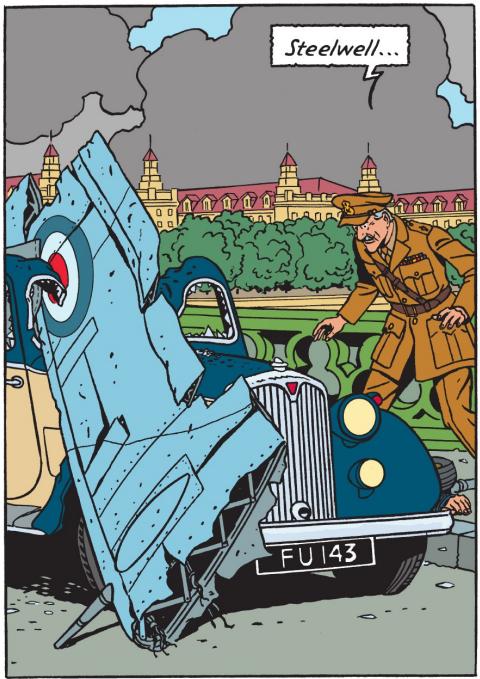






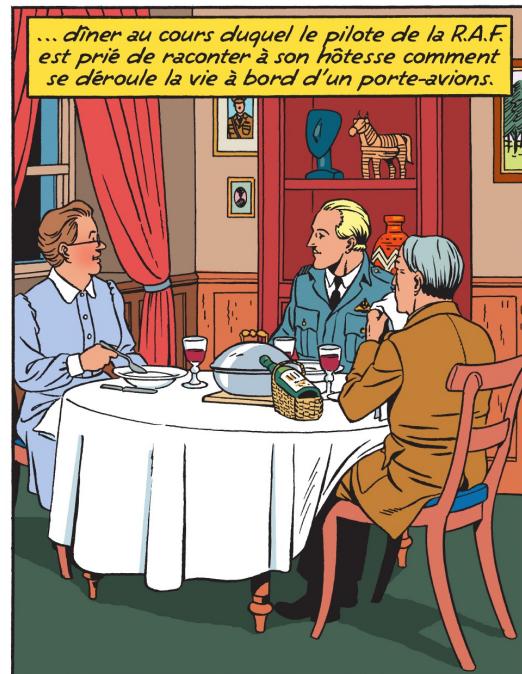
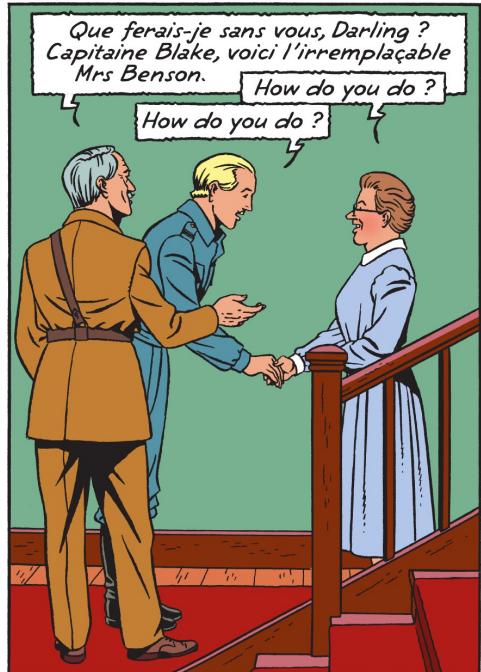


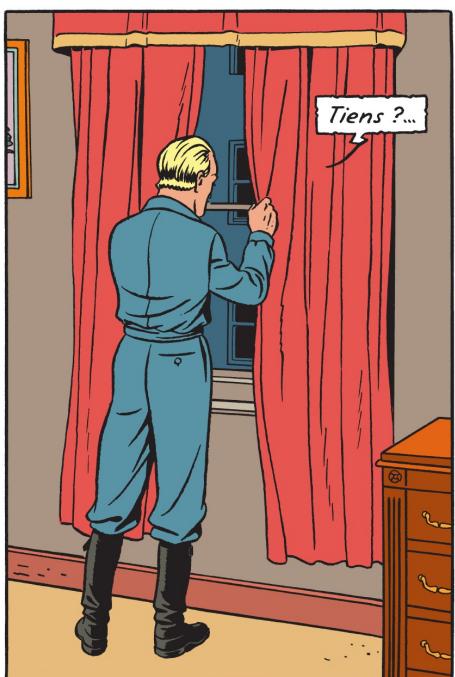
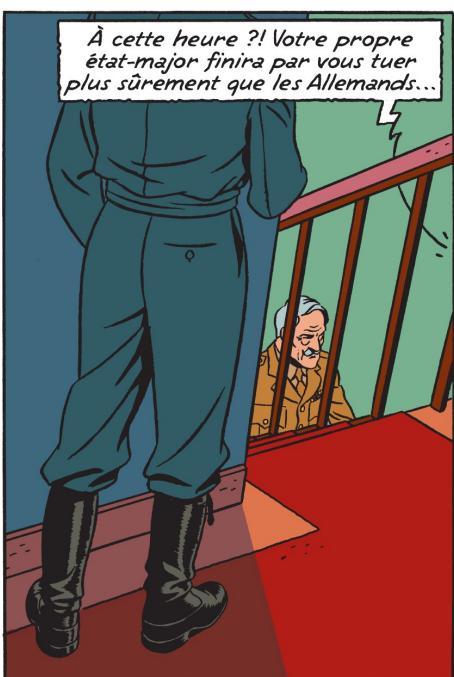
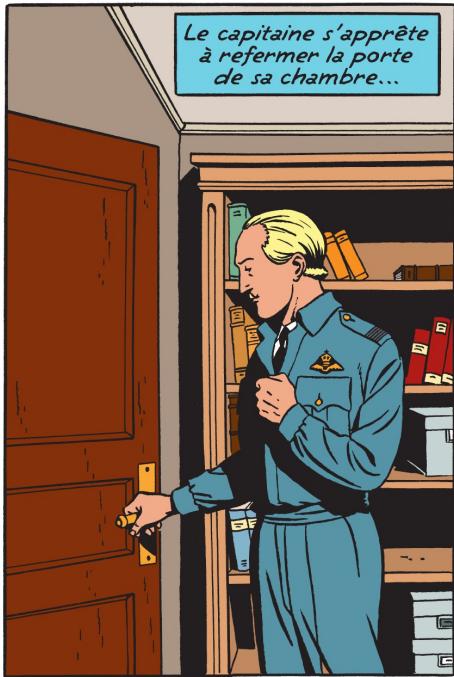


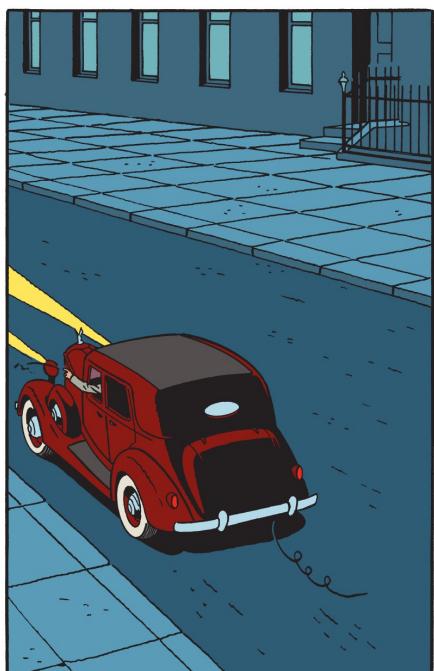


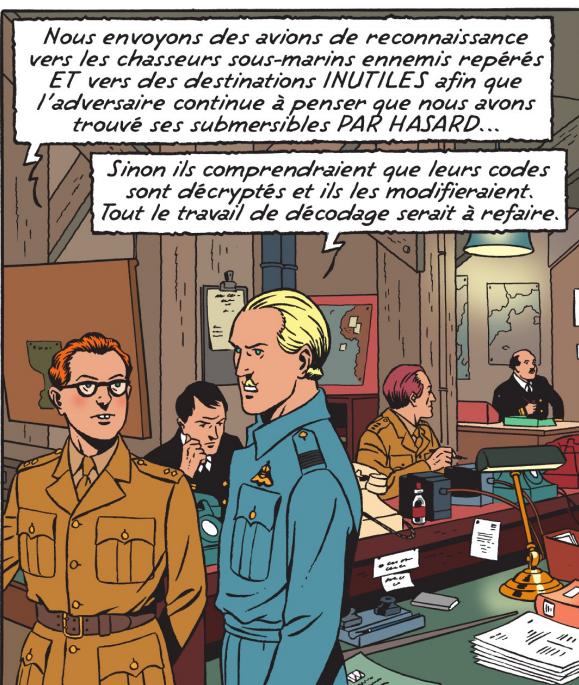


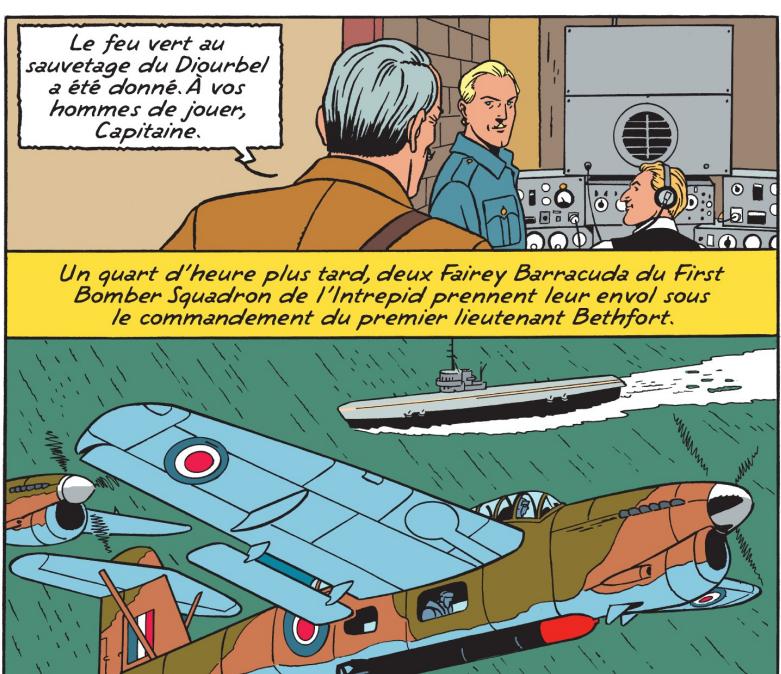
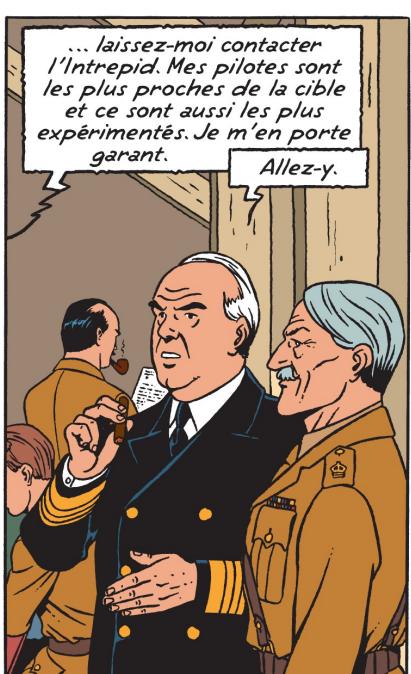
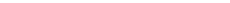
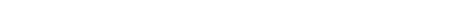


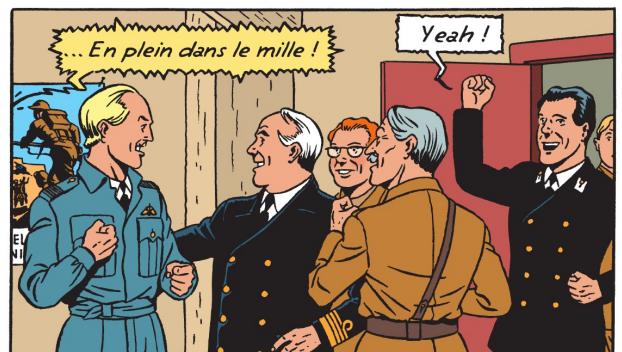
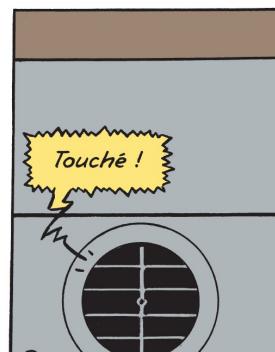
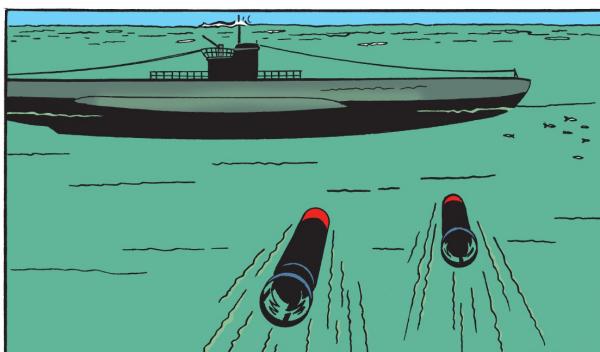
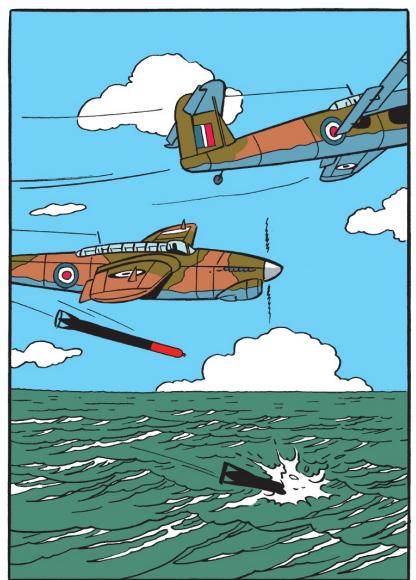
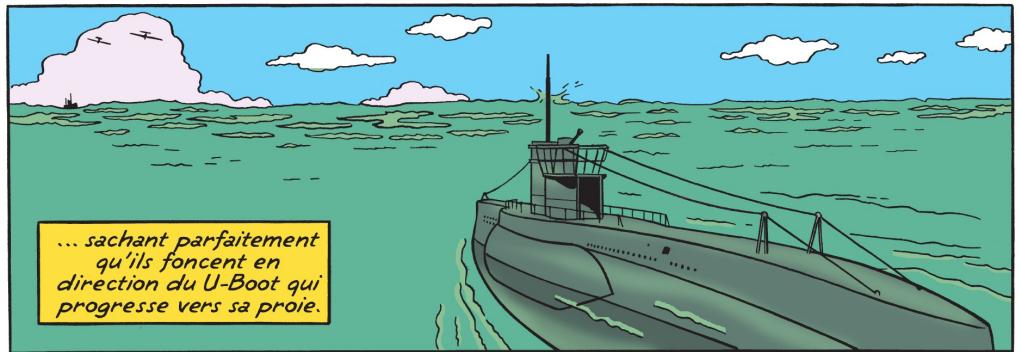
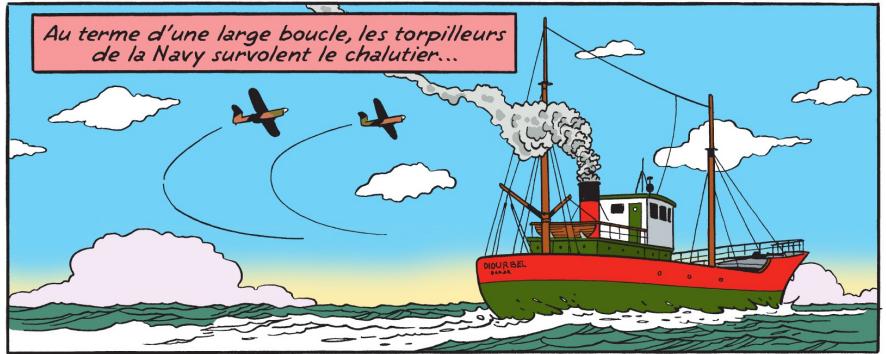
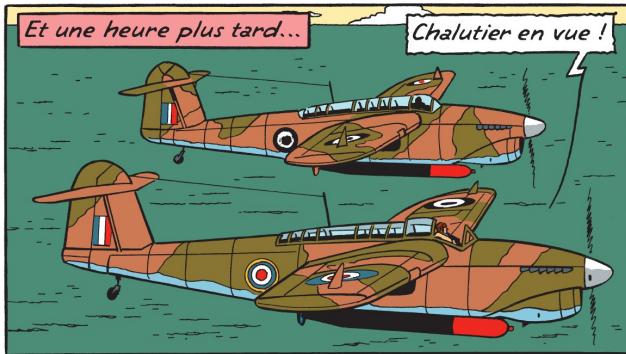


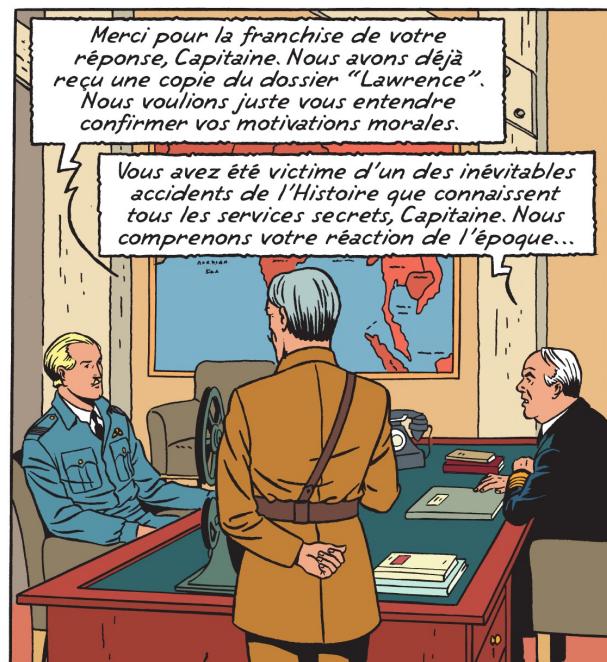




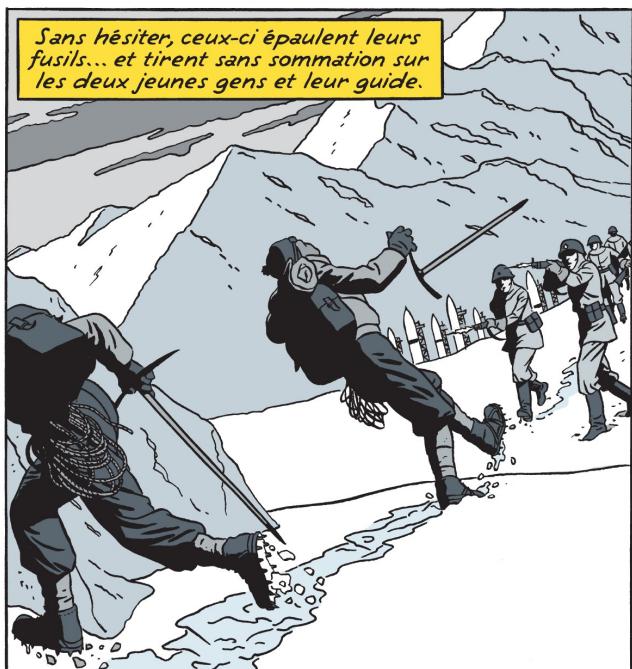
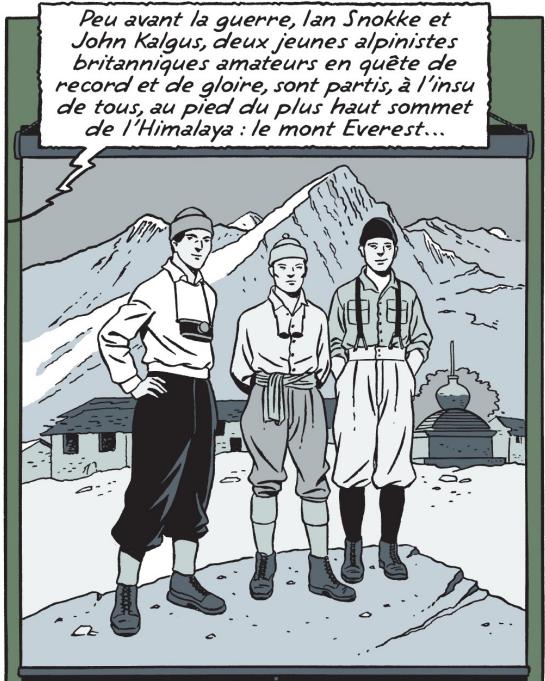


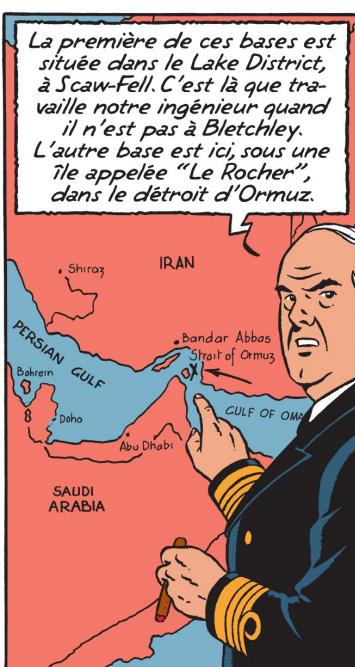




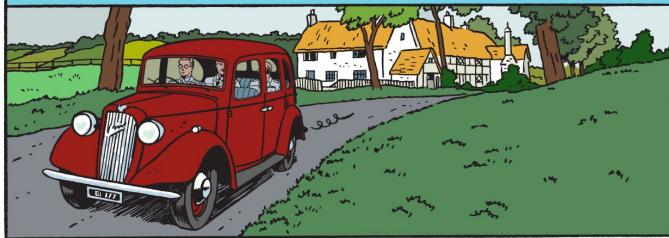


\* Voir "Le Serment des cinq Lords".

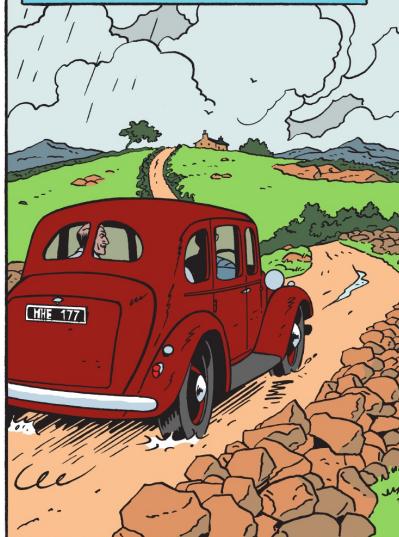




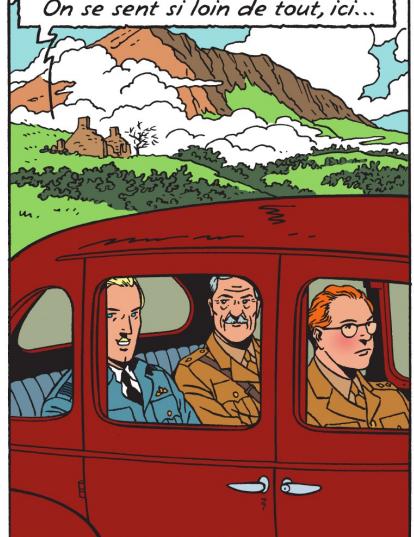
Le lendemain, le capitaine Blake et le major Benson ont pris la route pour deux des sites parmi les plus secrets du pays, la base de Scaw-fell et le centre de décryptage du MI 6, à Bletchley.



... pour se lancer ensuite sur les petites routes désertes du nord-ouest de l'Angleterre qui mènent à la région des lacs.



Je connais le Lake District pour l'avoir souvent survolé, mais j'avoue que, depuis le sol, je redécouvre sa beauté sauvage. On se sent si loin de tout, ici...

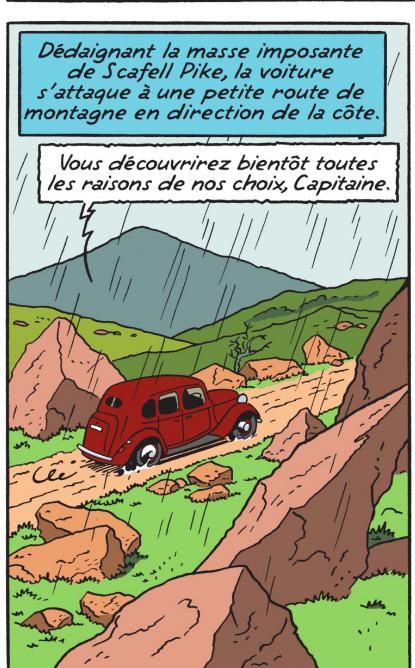


Le secrétaire du major, devant également se rendre à Bletchley, s'est proposé pour les conduire. Suivant les instructions de son supérieur, il a pris la route principale en direction de Glasgow...

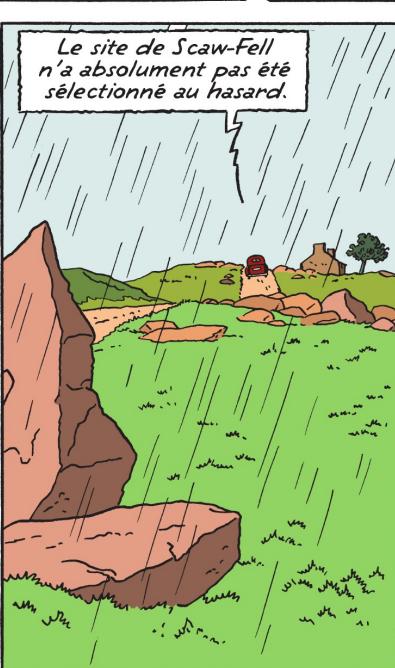


Dédaignant la masse imposante de Scafell Pike, la voiture s'attaque à une petite route de montagne en direction de la côte.

Vous découvrirez bientôt toutes les raisons de nos choix, Capitaine.

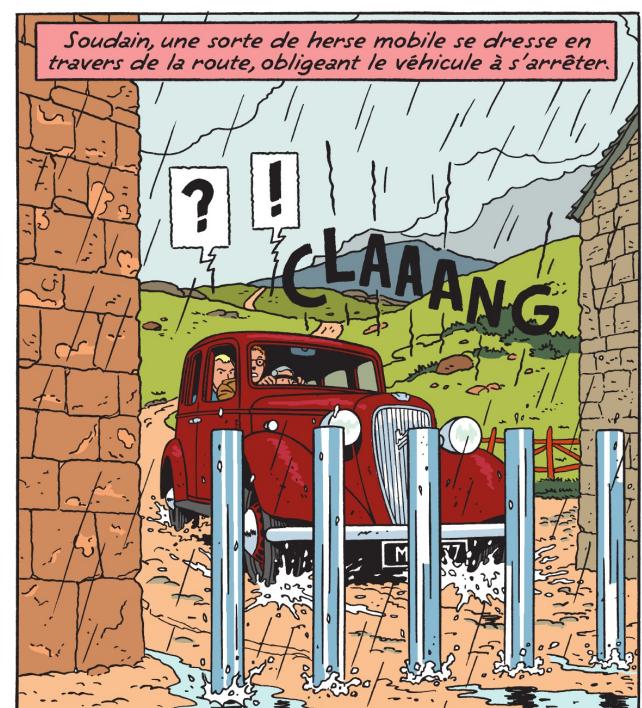


Le site de Scaw-Fell n'a absolument pas été sélectionné au hasard.



Avez-vous vu ces deux hommes qui nous observaient dans la cour de cette ferme ?

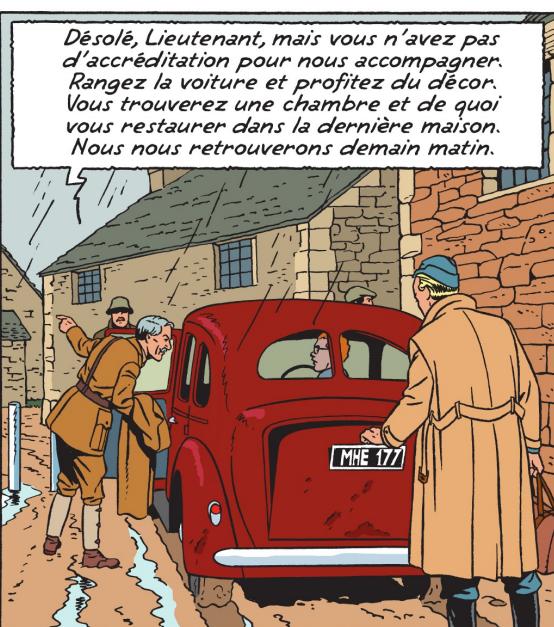
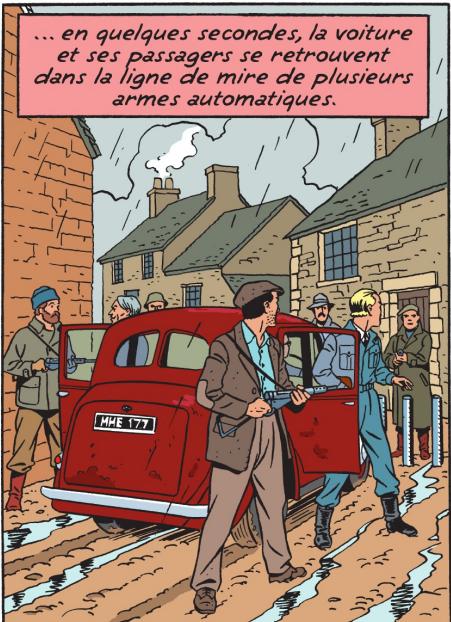
Oui, et c'est regrettable...

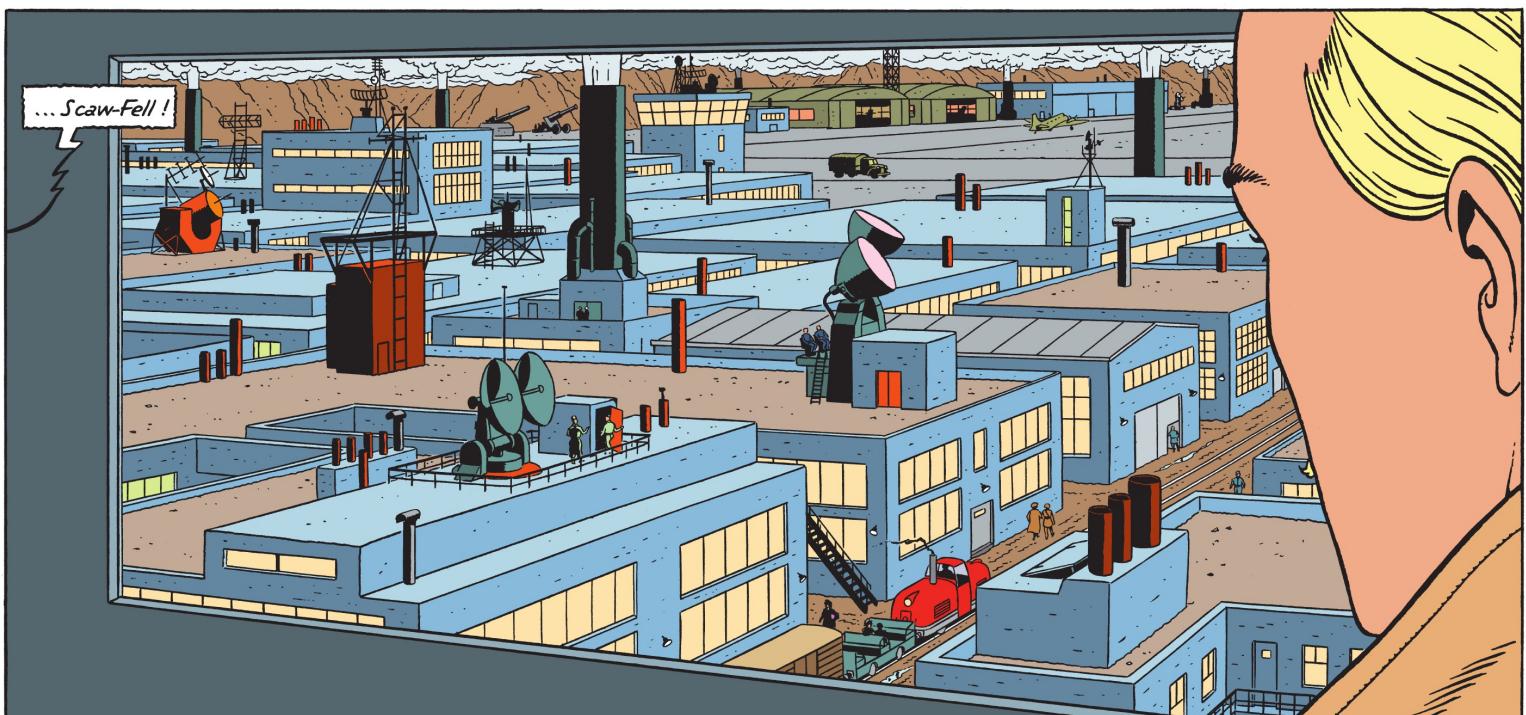
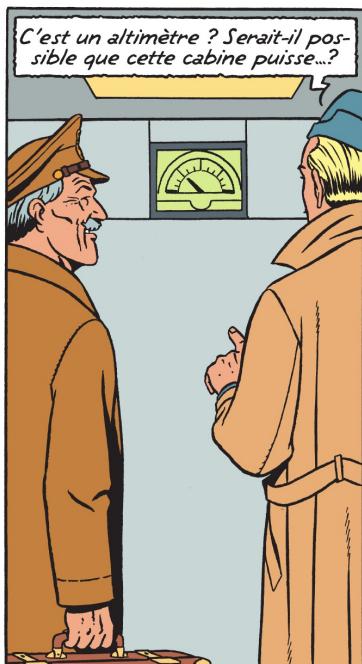


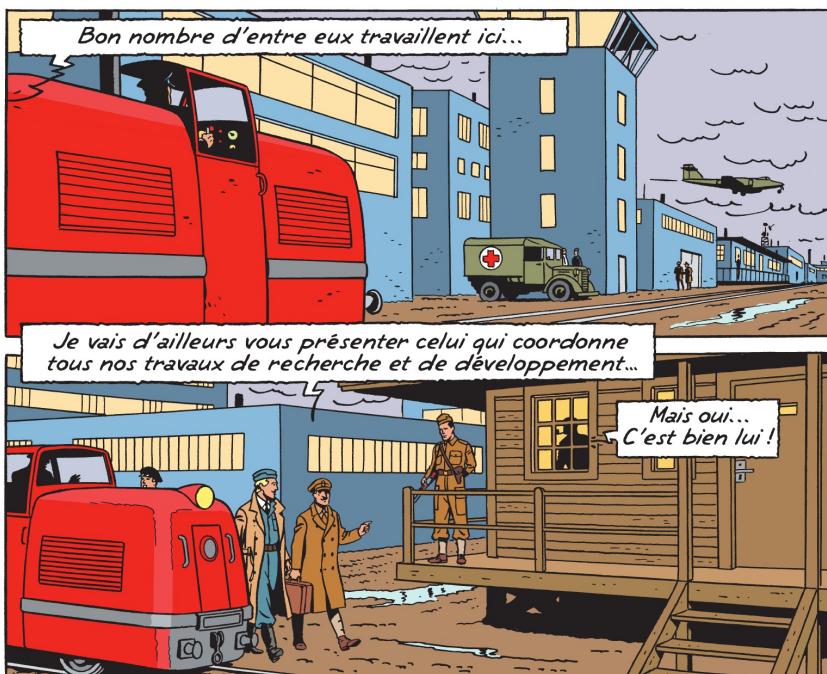
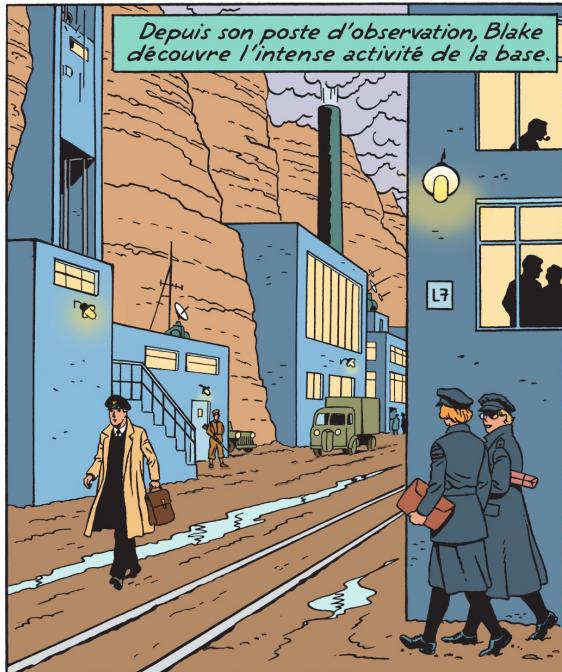
Il faudra que je fasse un rapport. Personne n'est supposé les remarquer... Continuez, Lieutenant, nous arrivons.

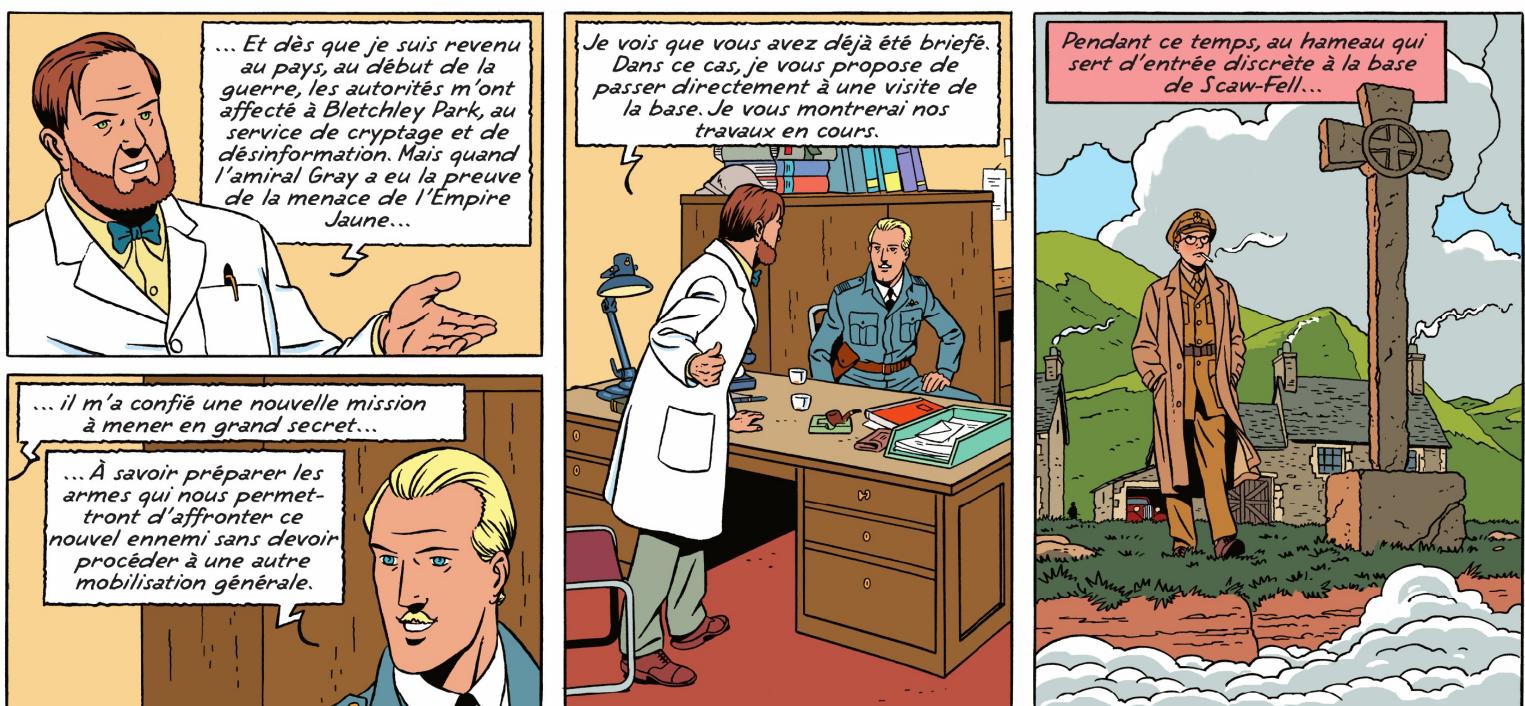
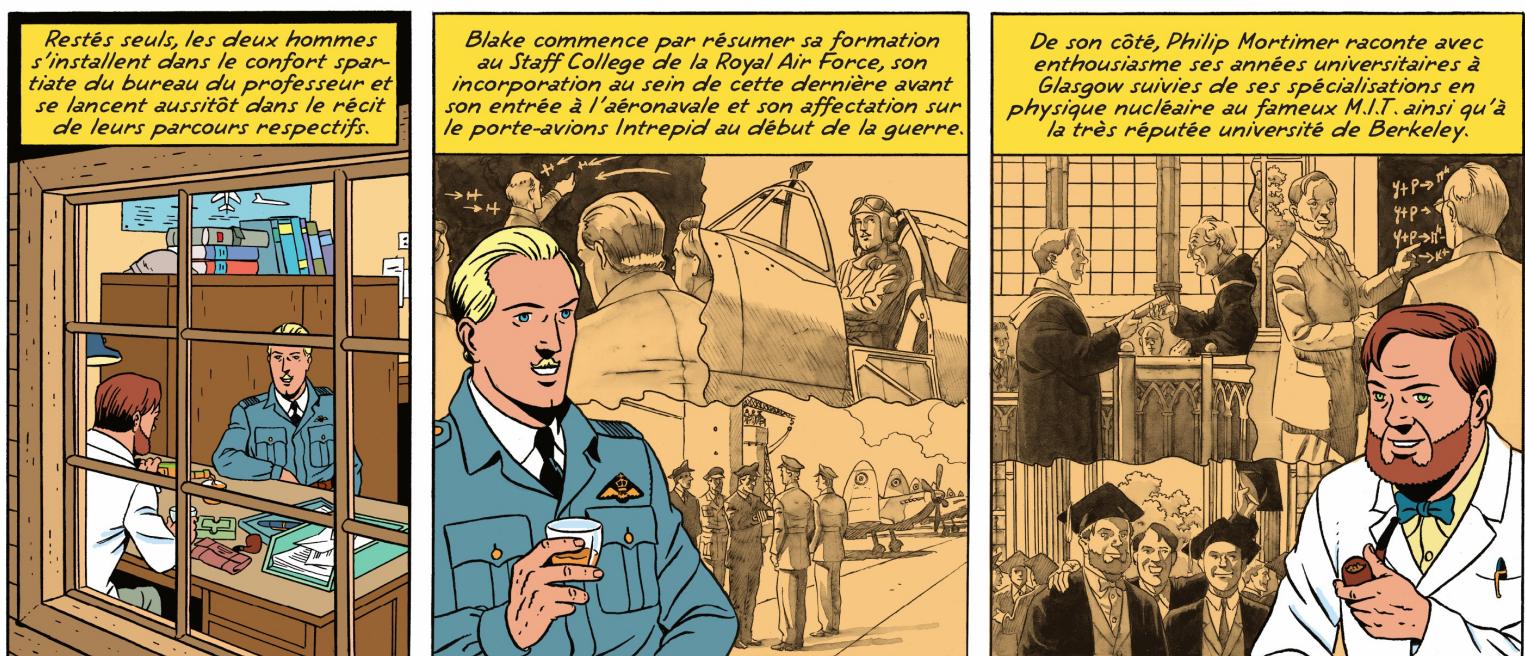
Se gardant de tout commentaire, le capitaine ne peut s'empêcher de se demander où peut bien mener cette route. Il n'y a rien, dans cet univers désertique, qui puisse annoncer une base militaire d'envergure...

Soudain, une sorte de herse mobile se dresse en travers de la route, obligeant le véhicule à s'arrêter.

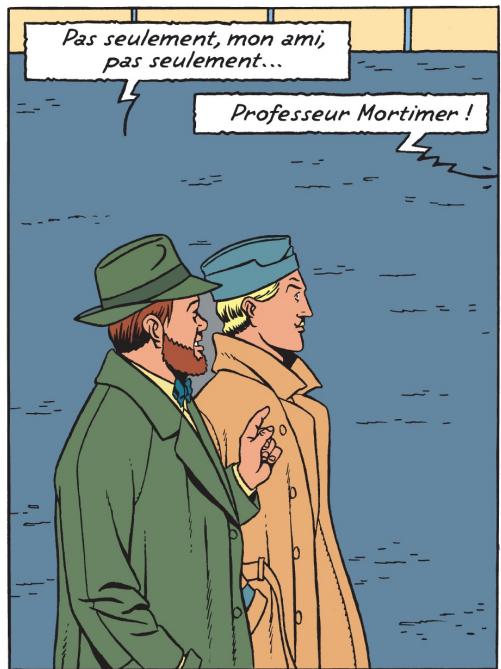
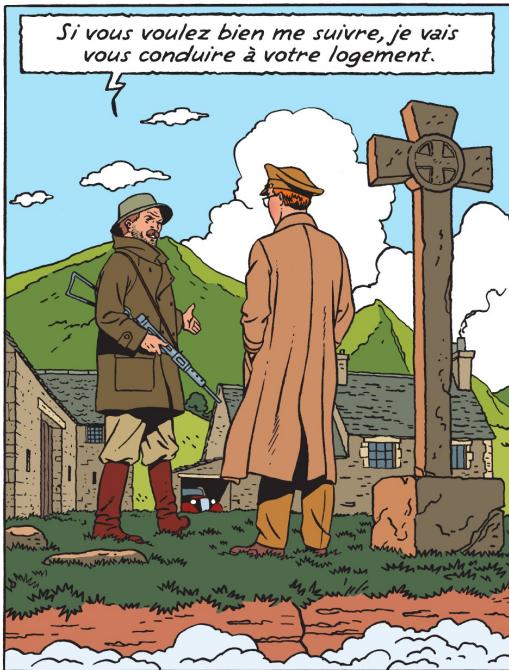
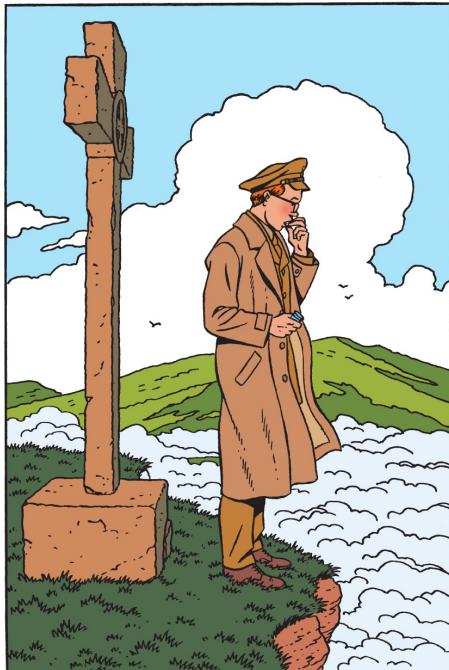


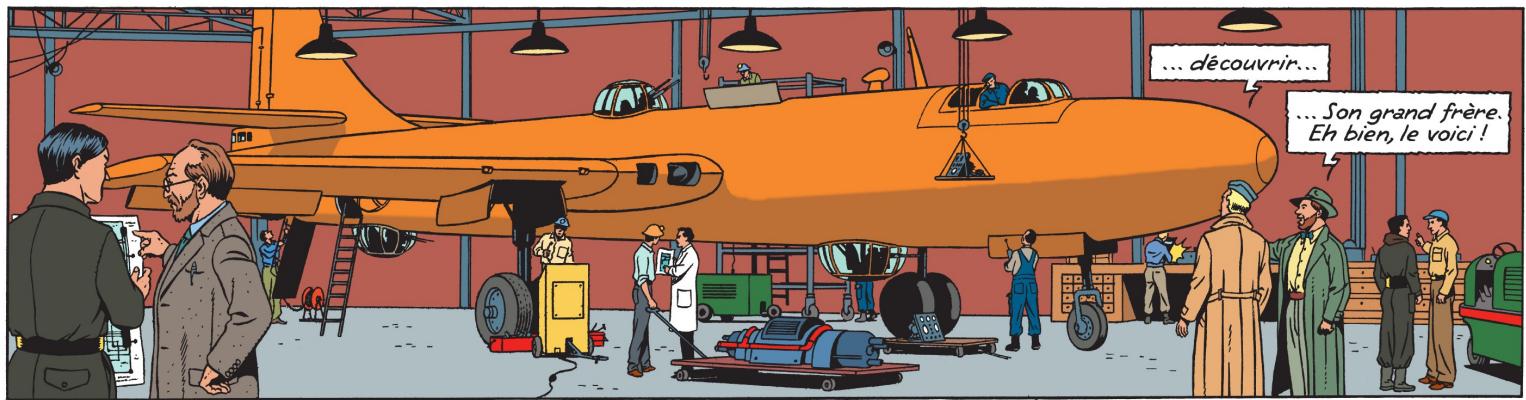
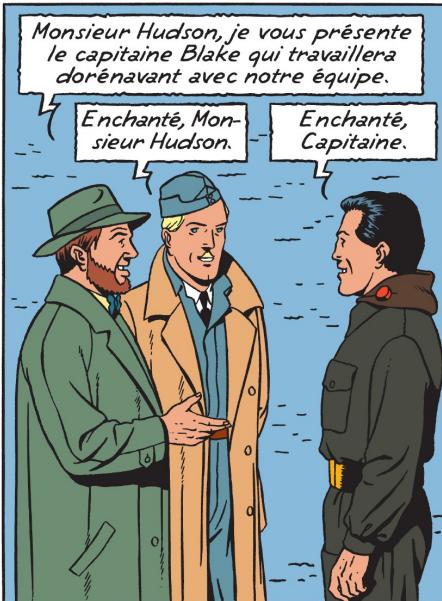


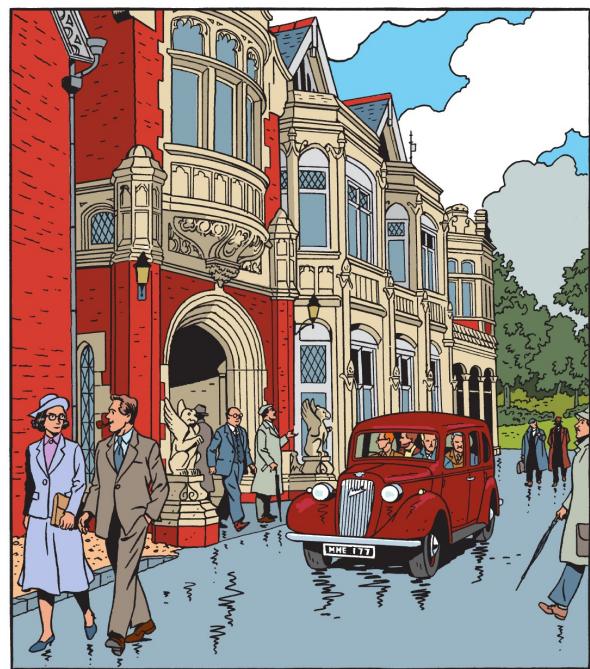
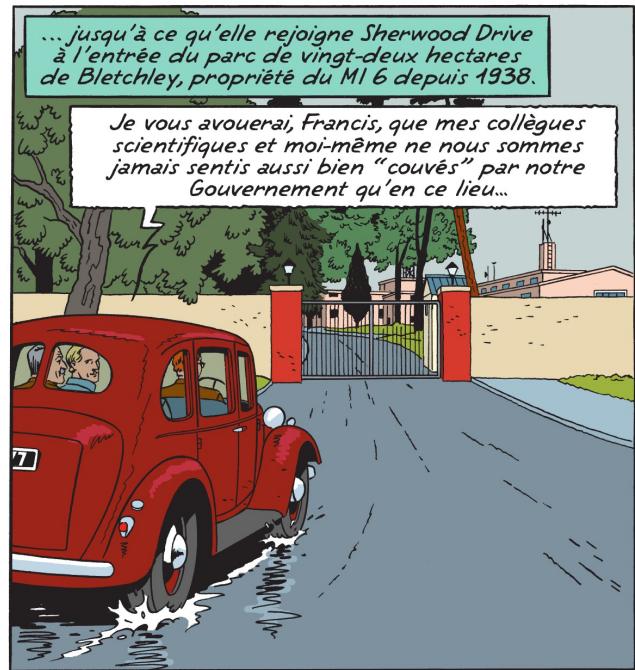
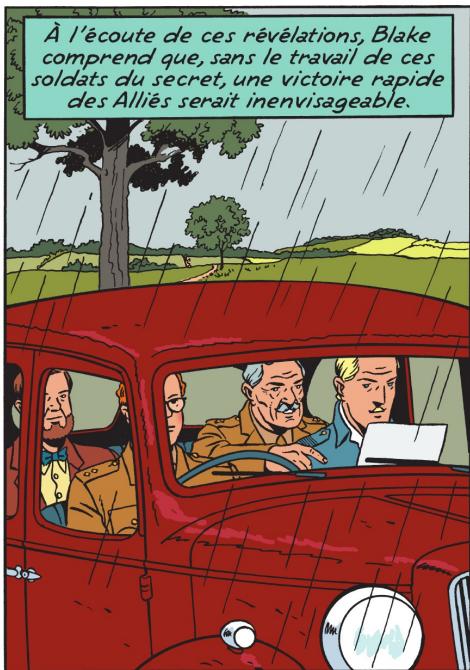
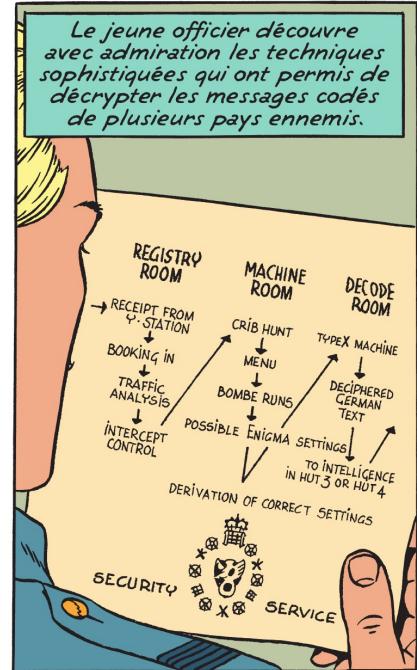
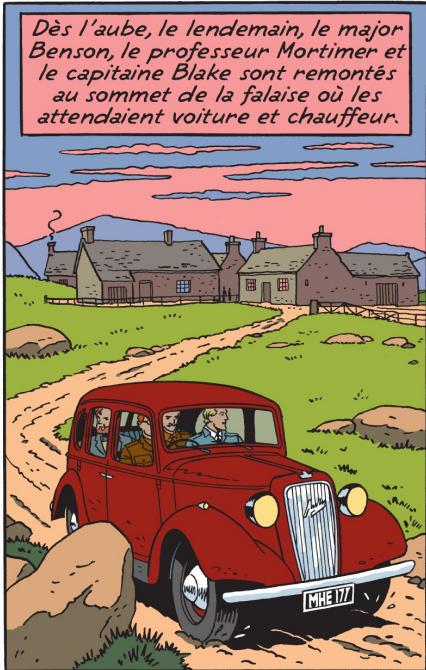


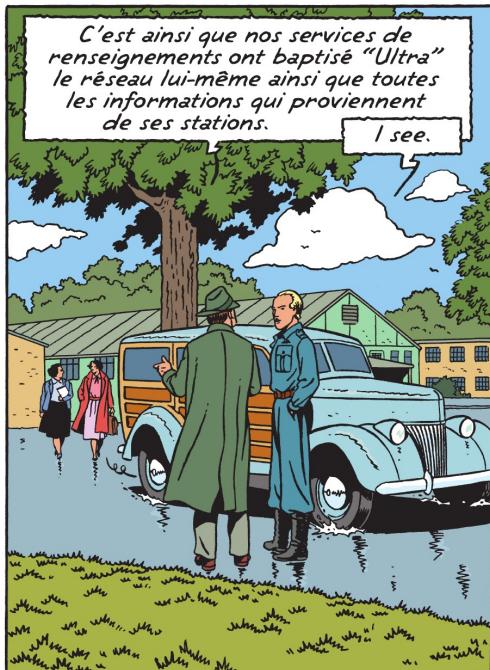
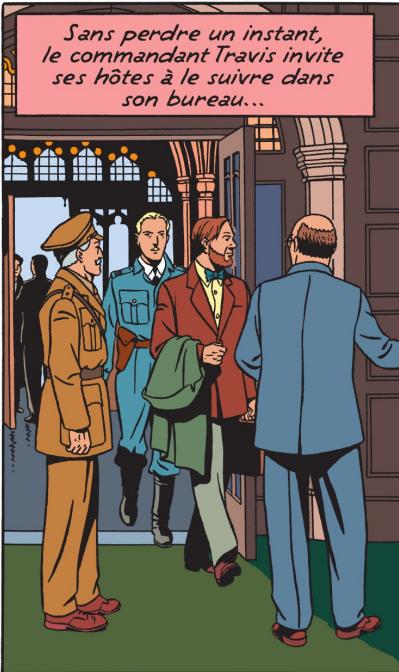


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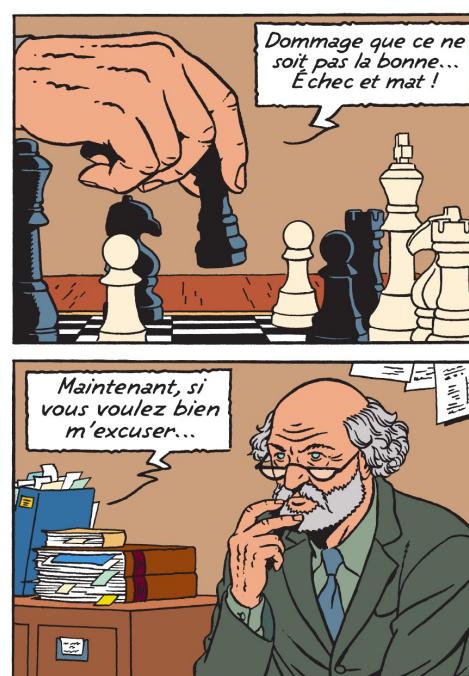
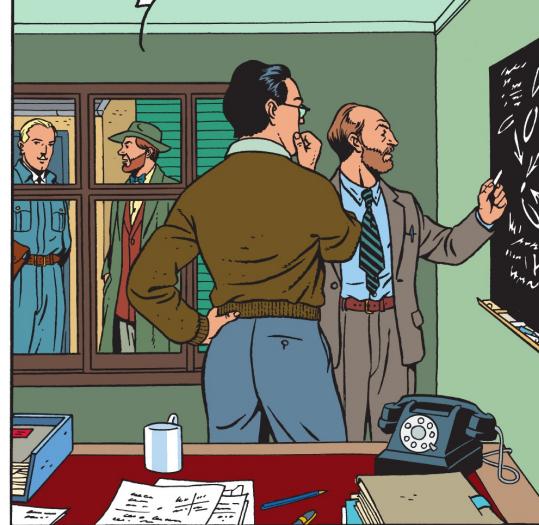




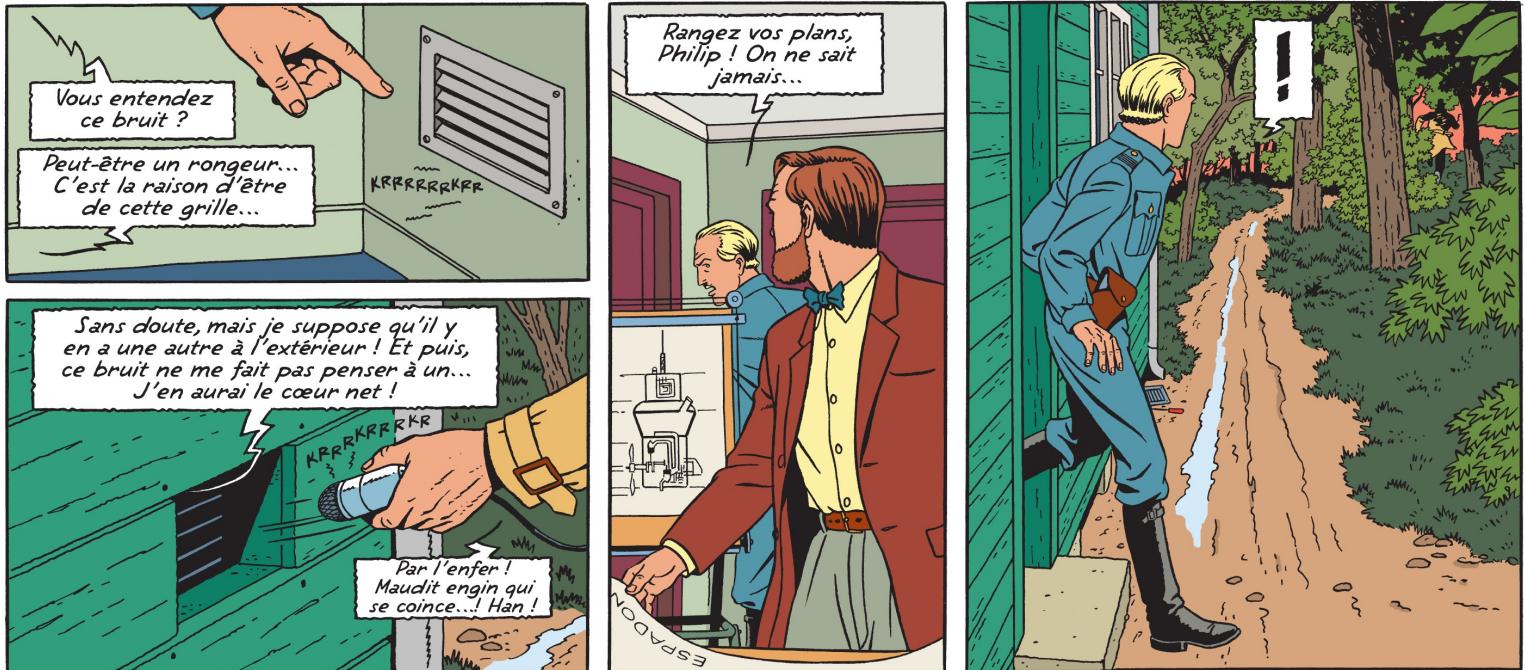


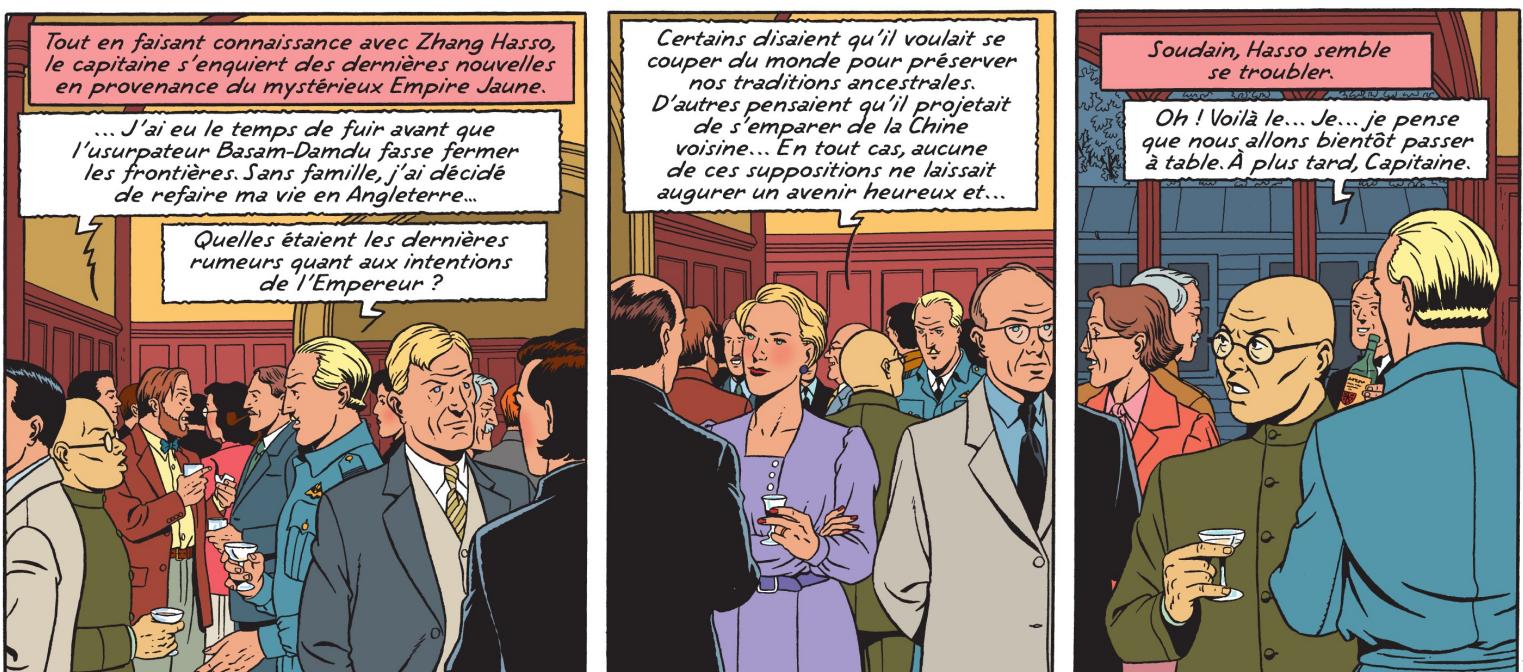
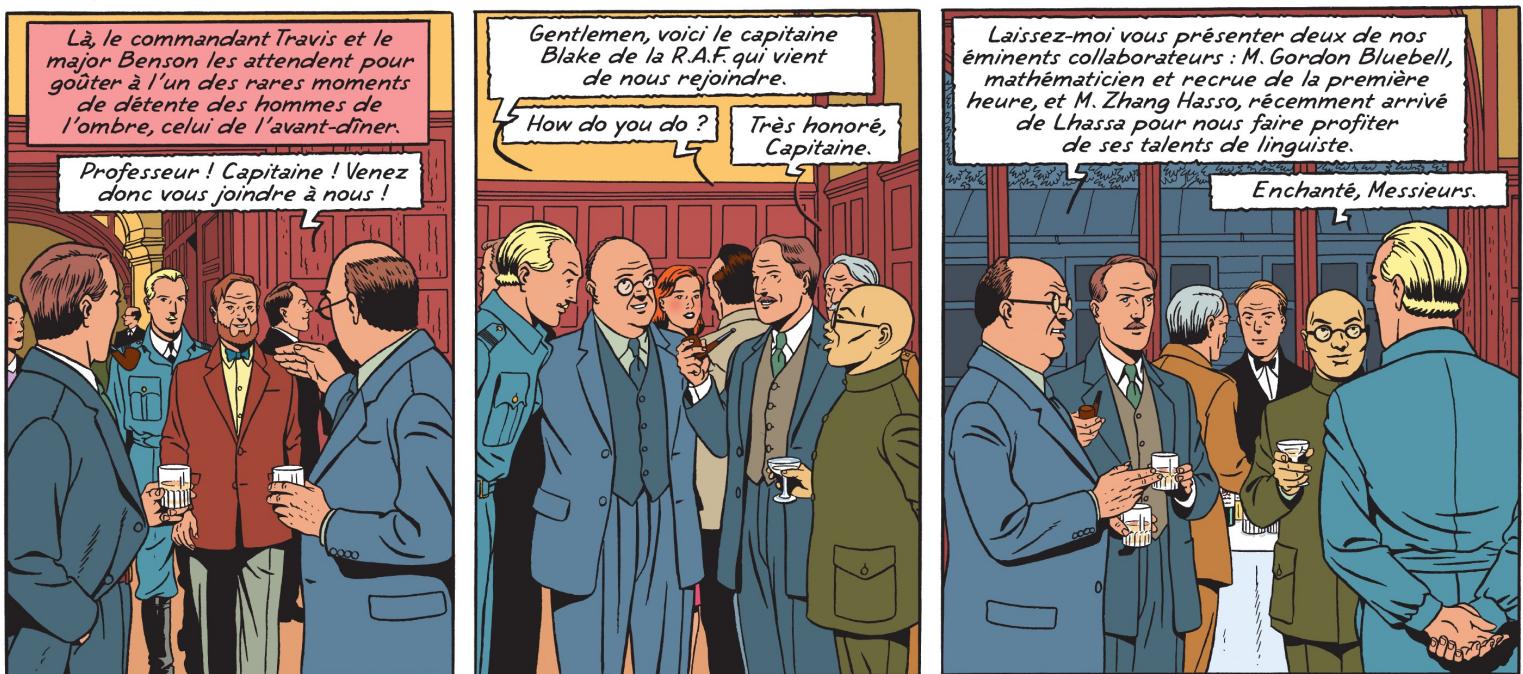
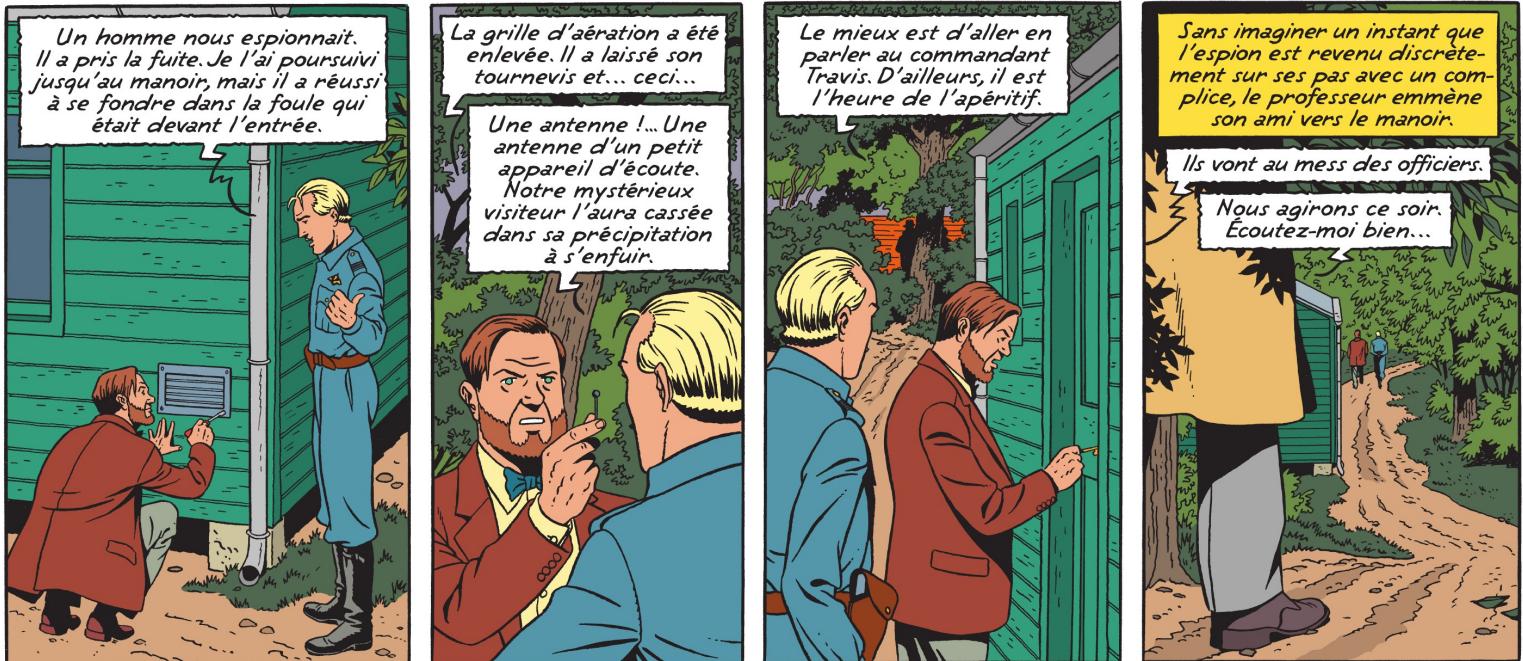


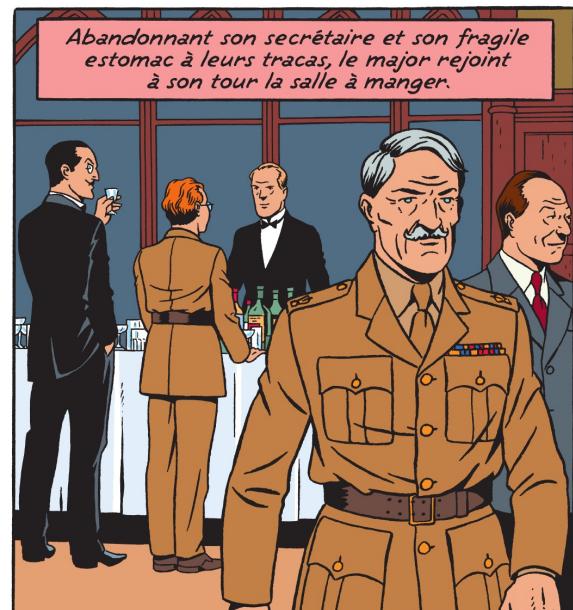
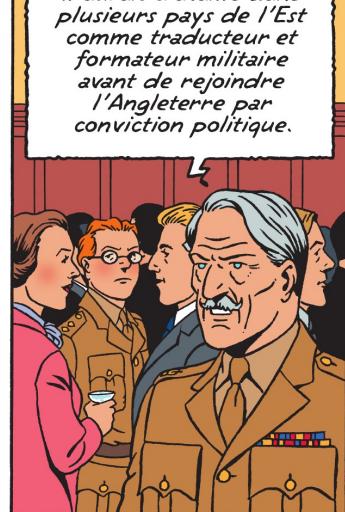
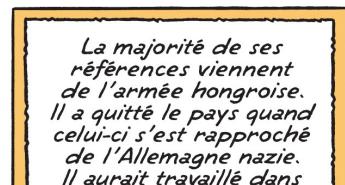
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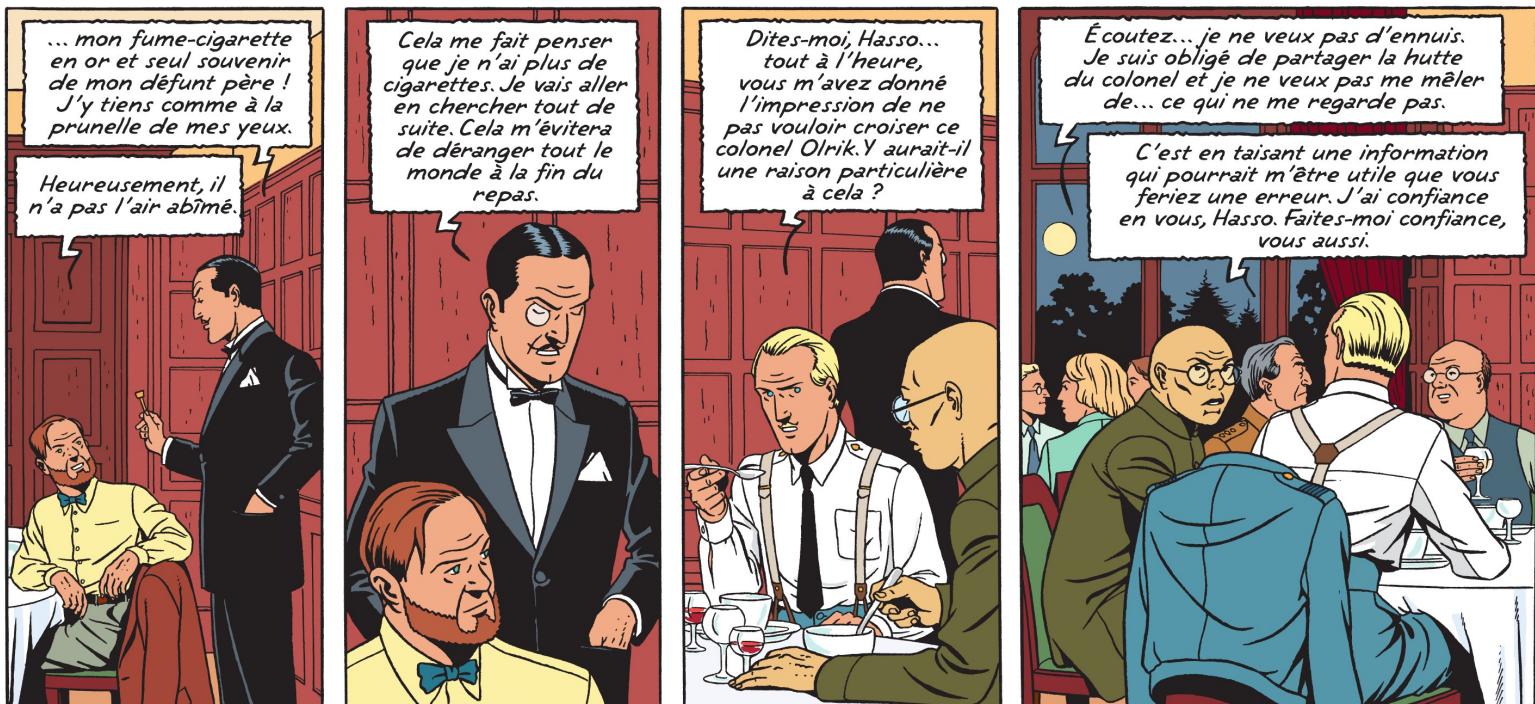


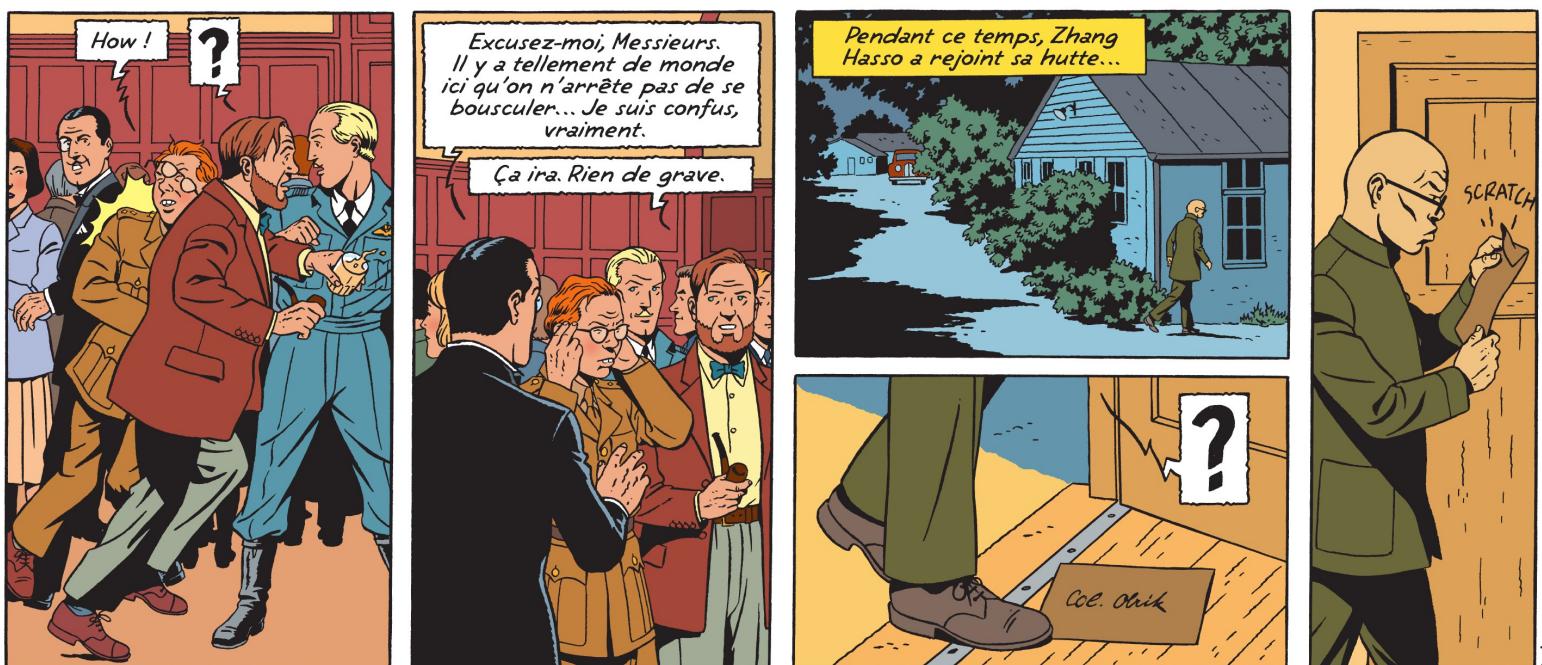
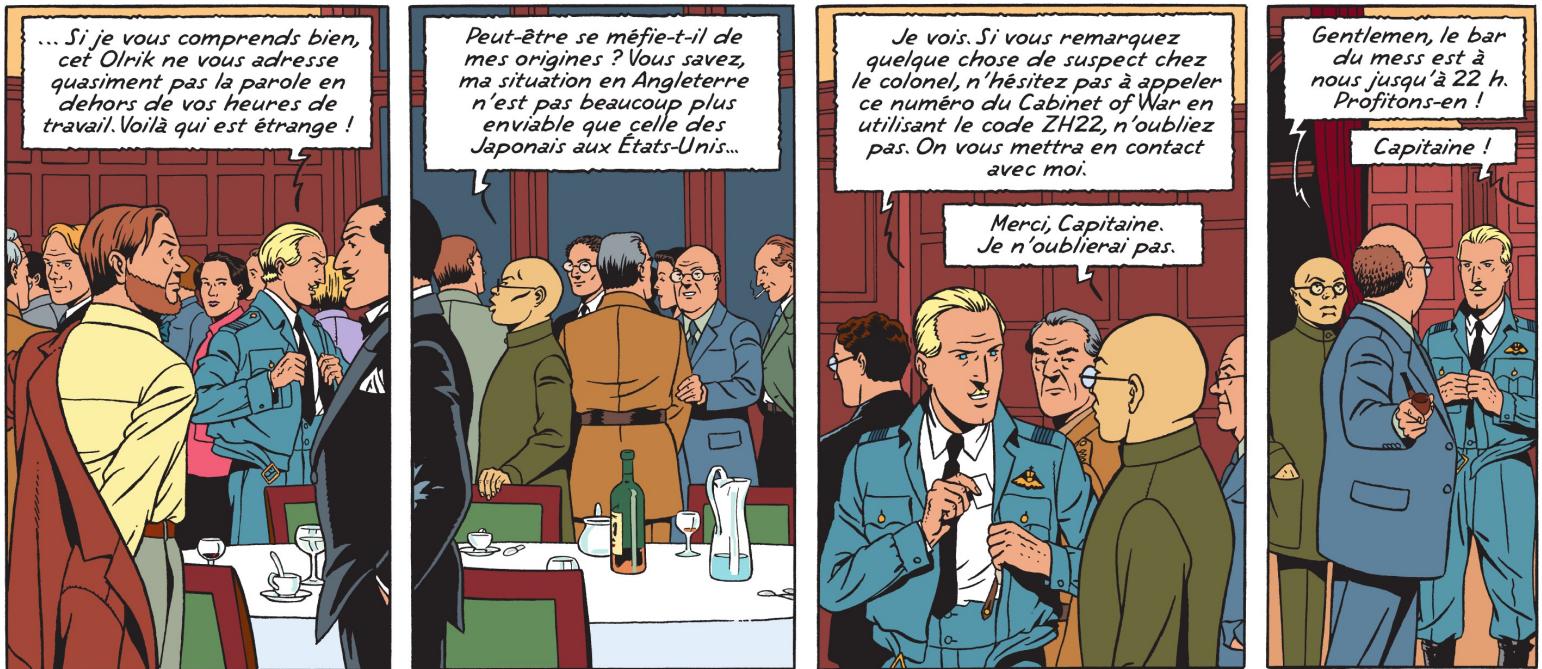


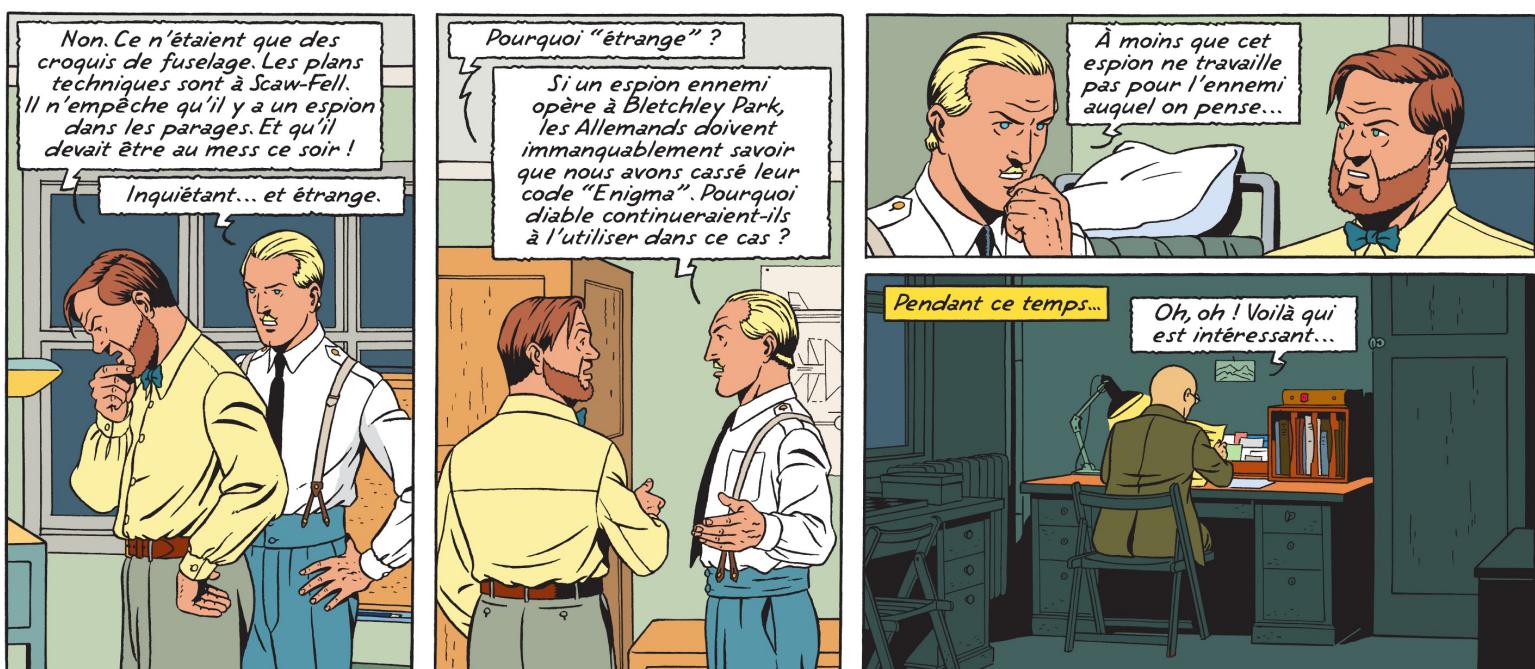
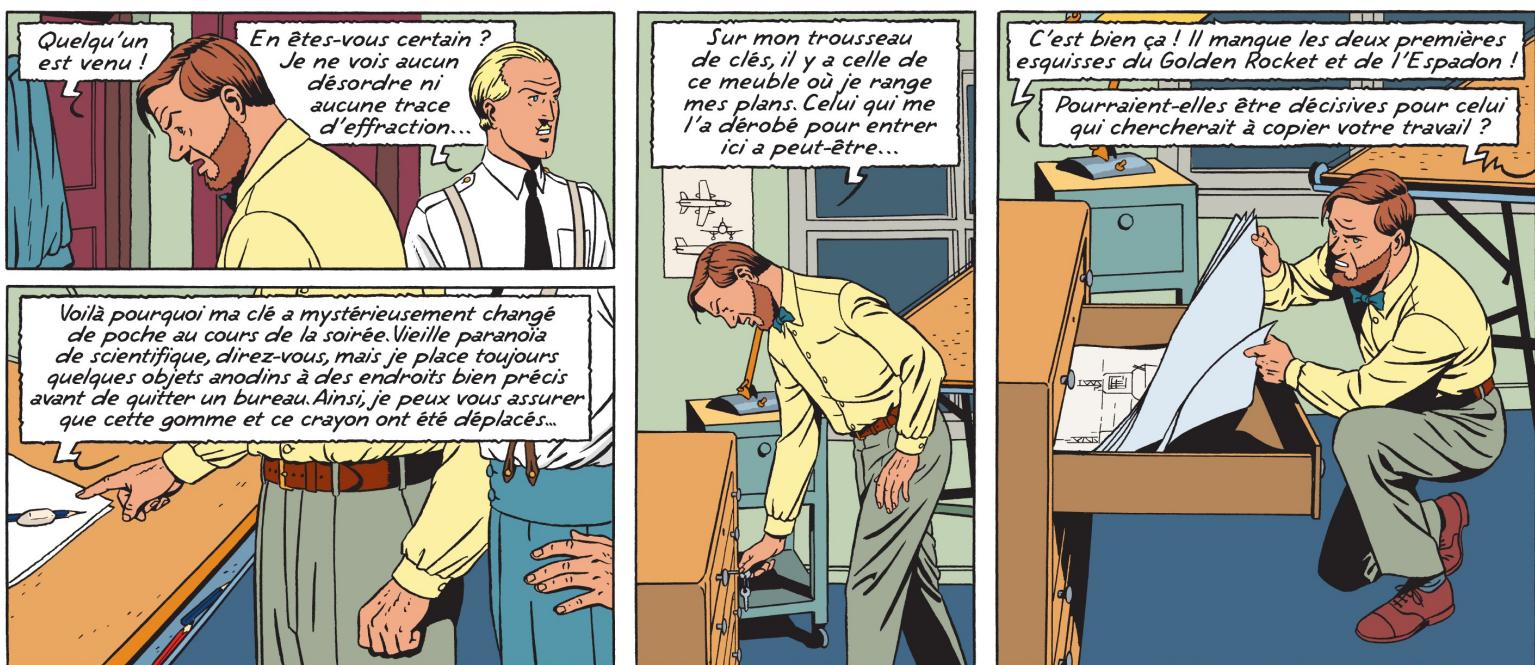








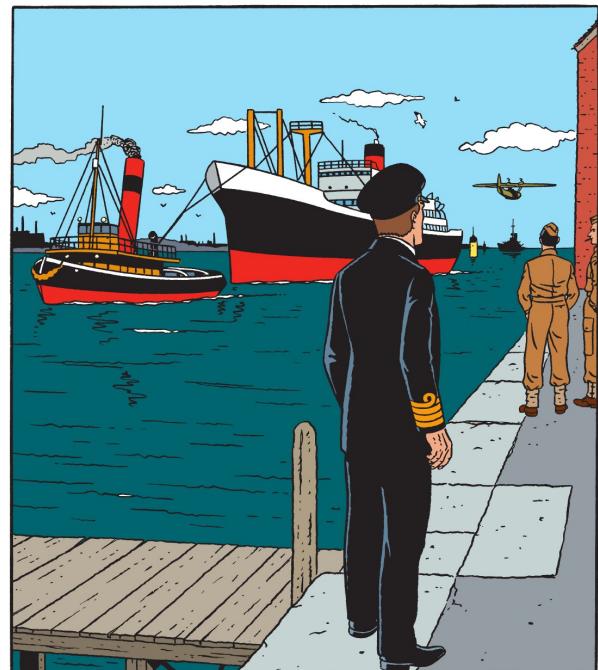
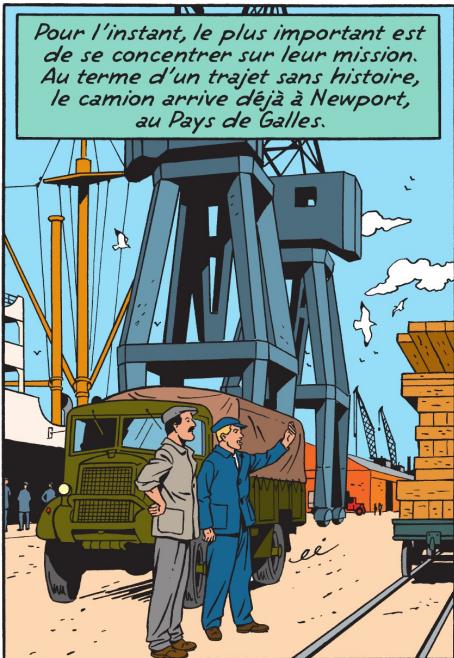
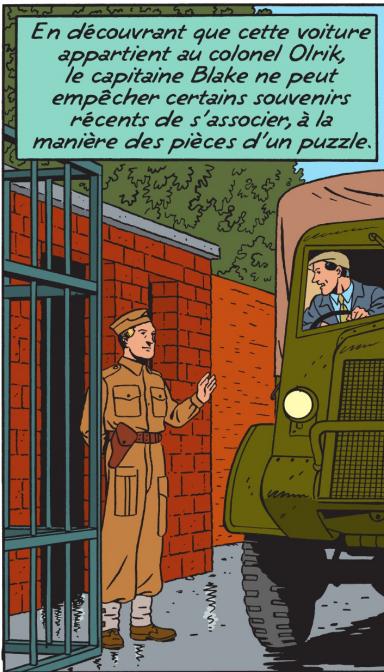




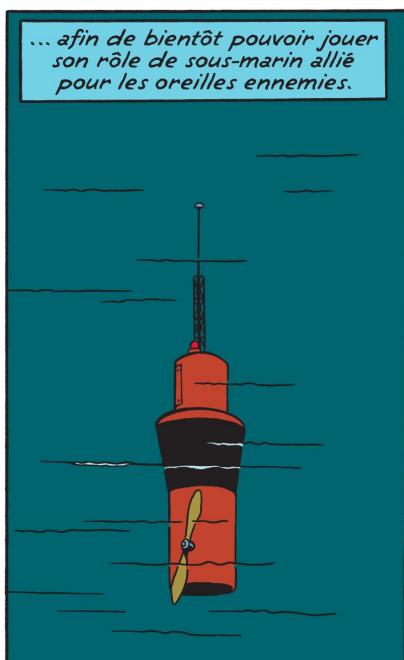
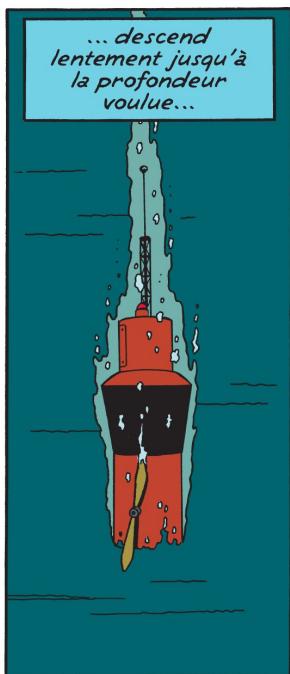


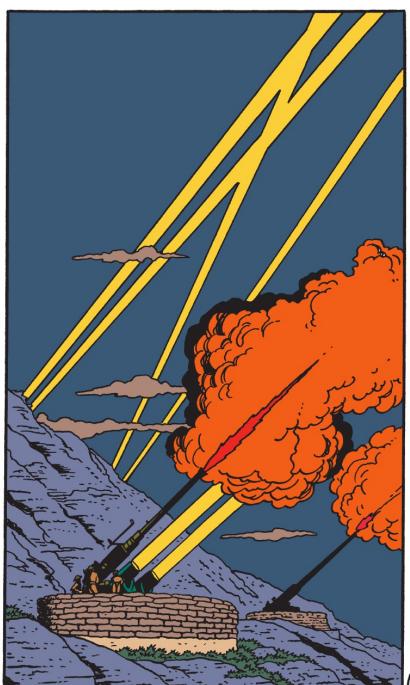
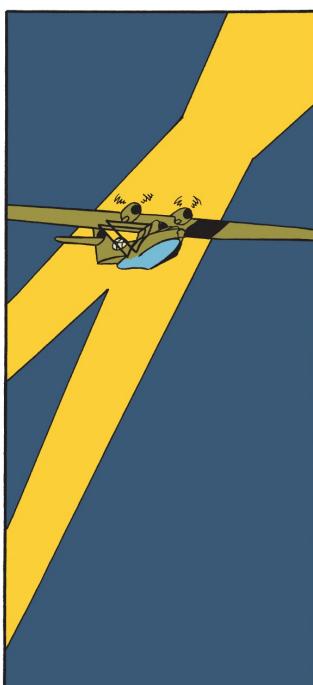
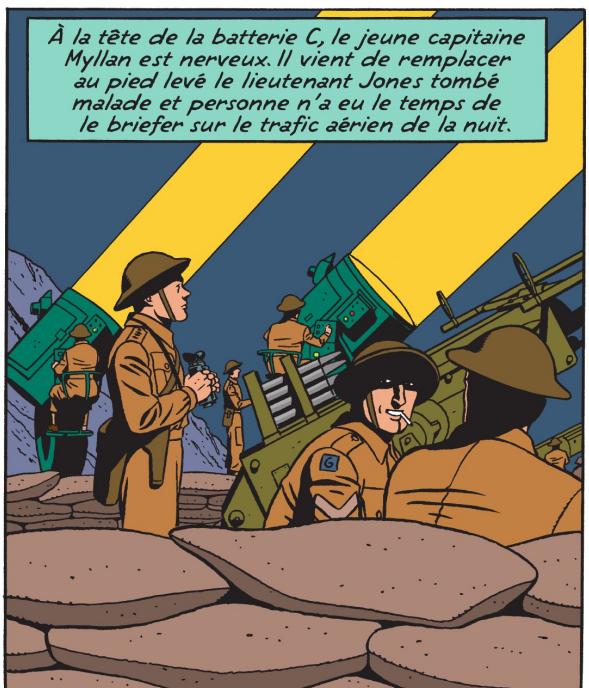
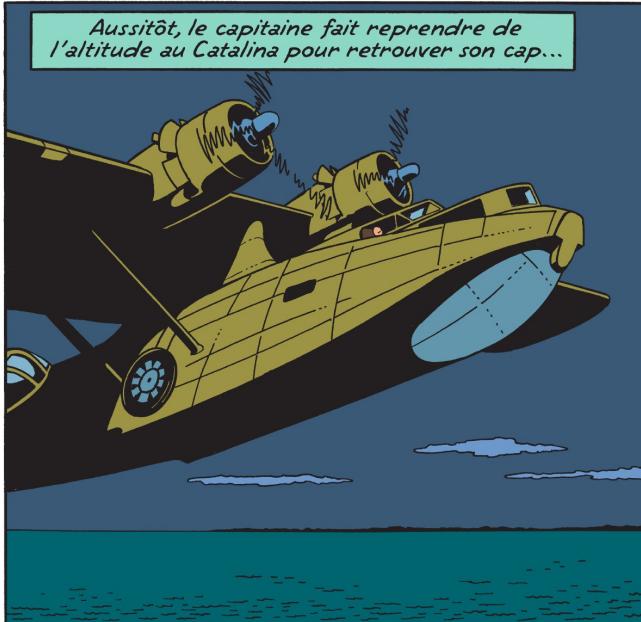


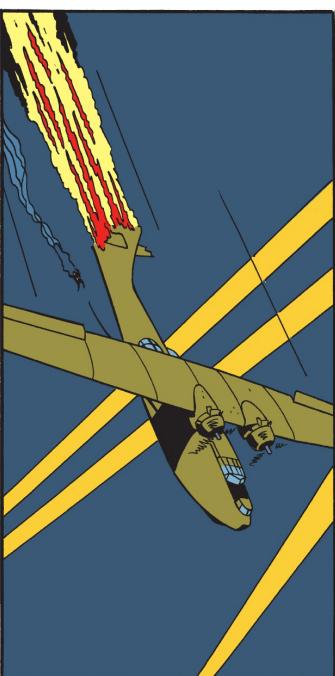
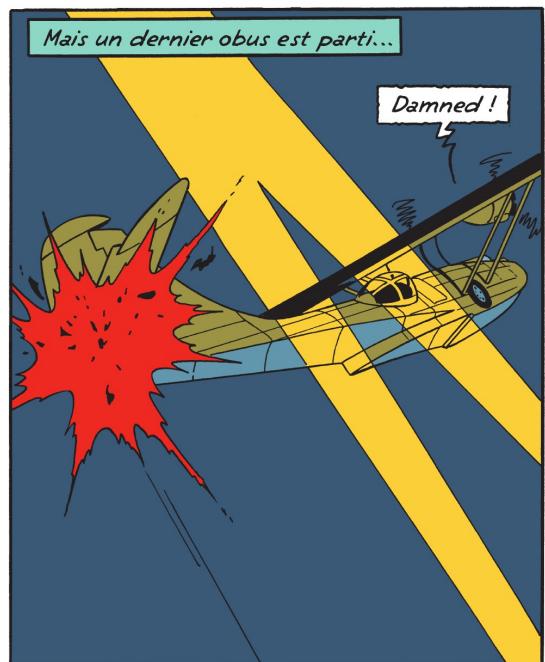
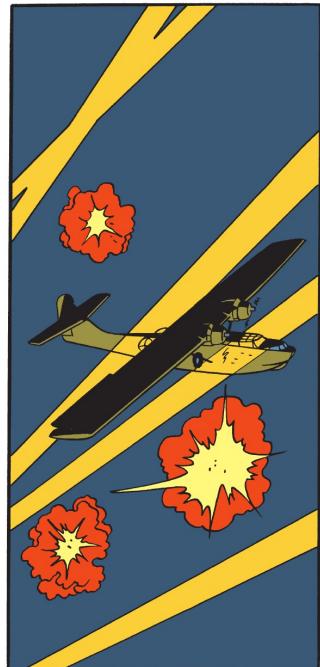
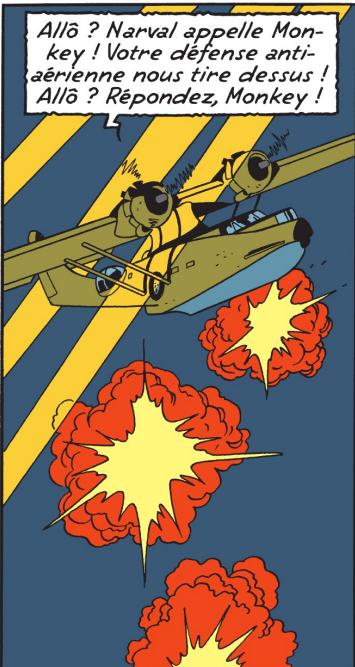
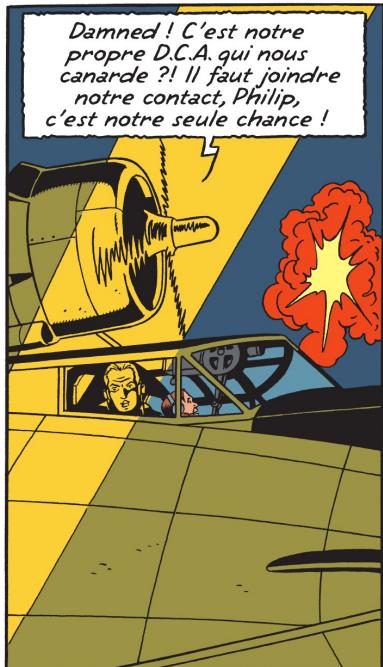




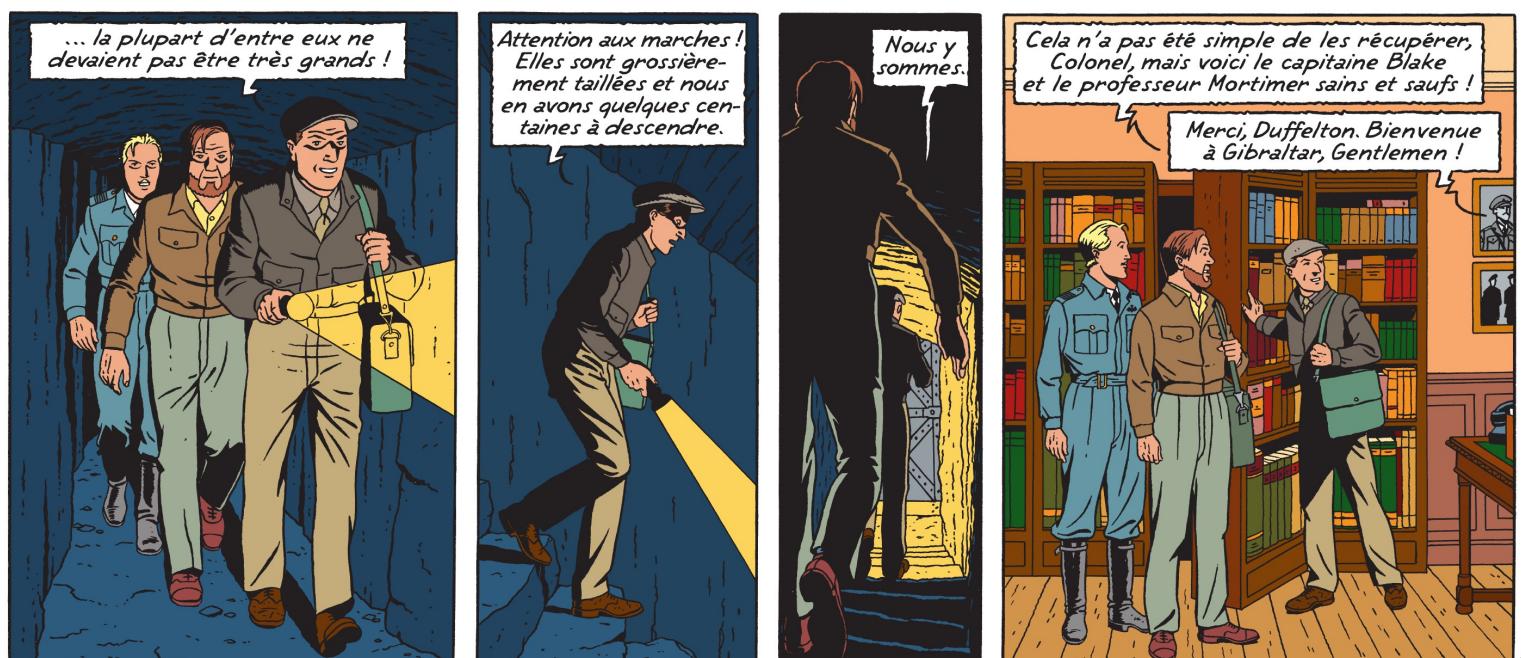
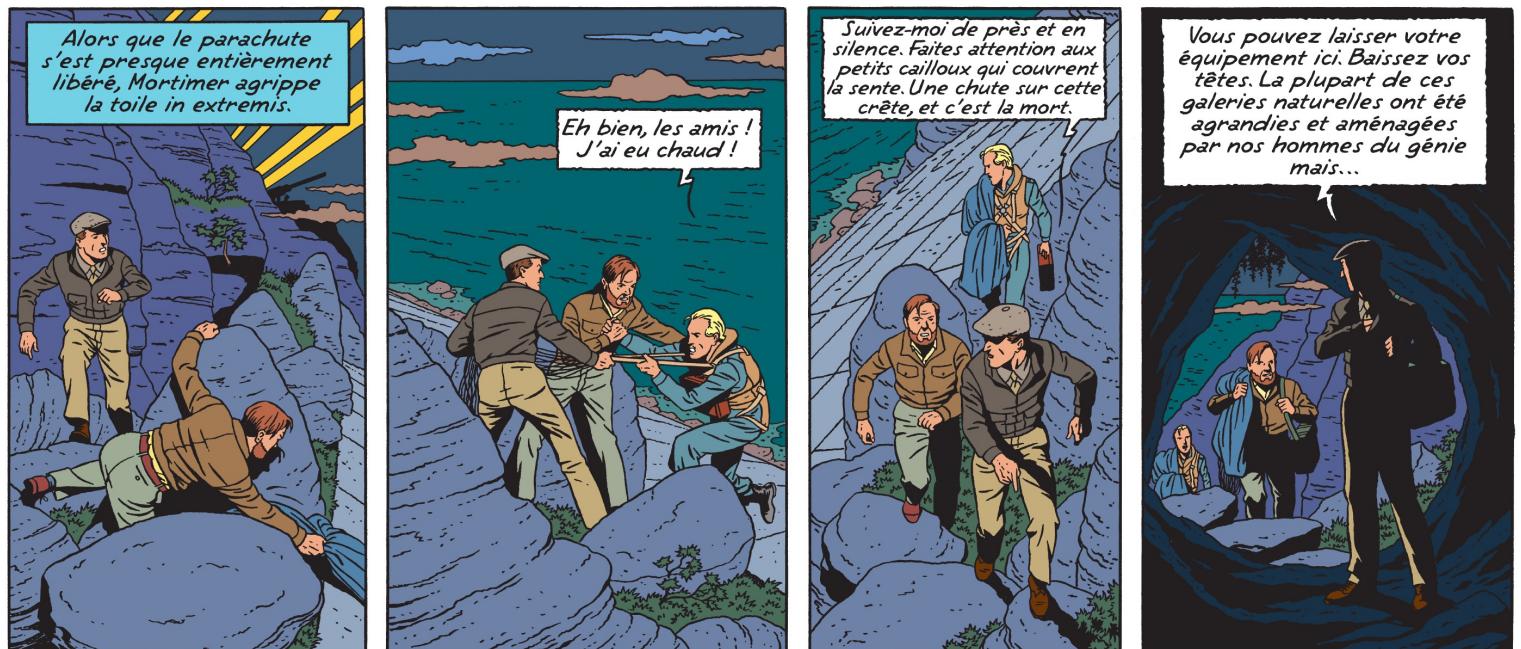
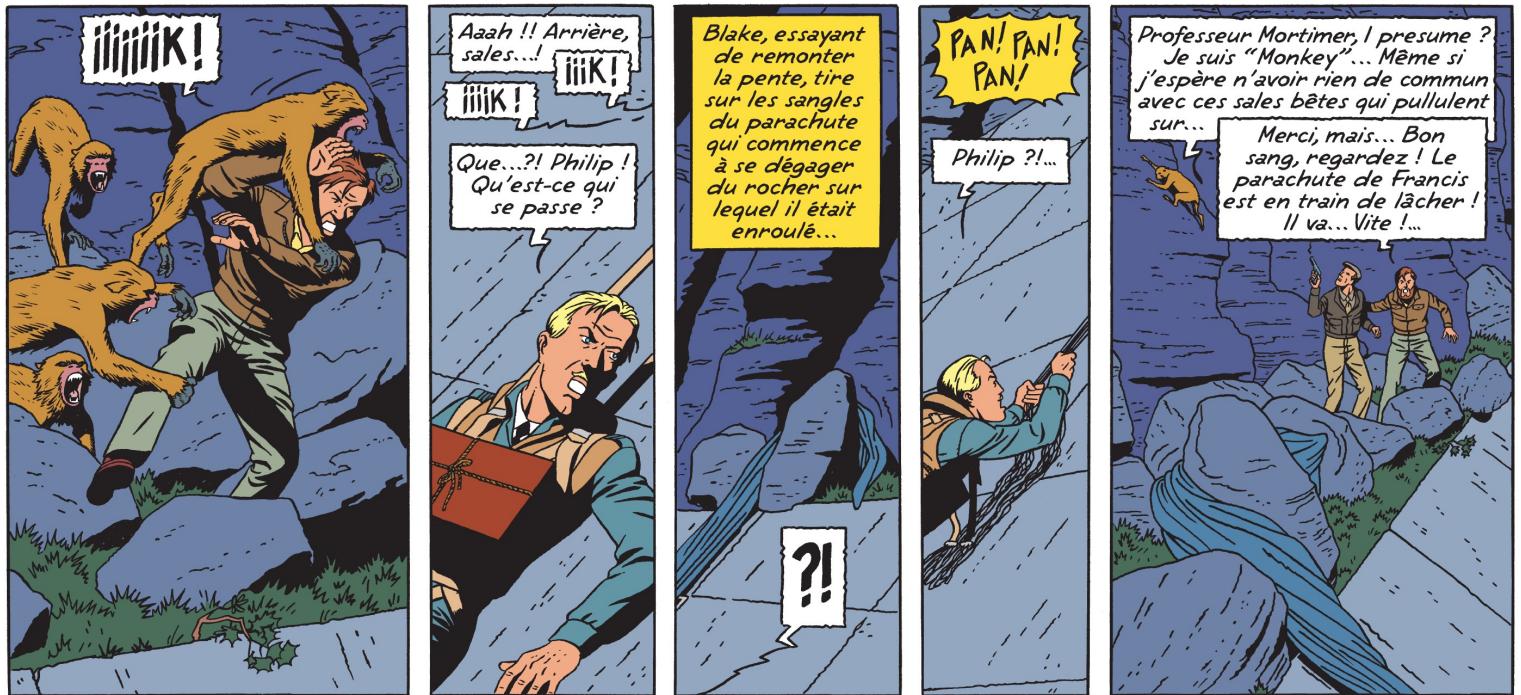


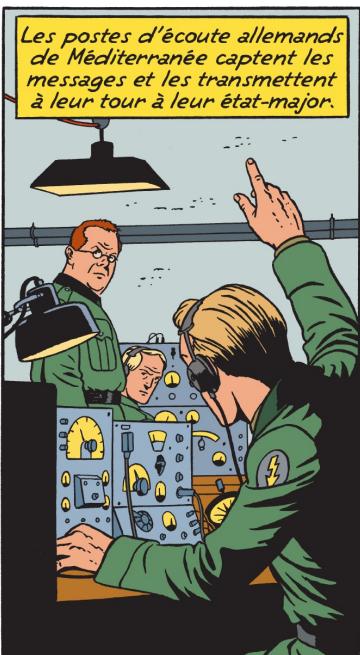
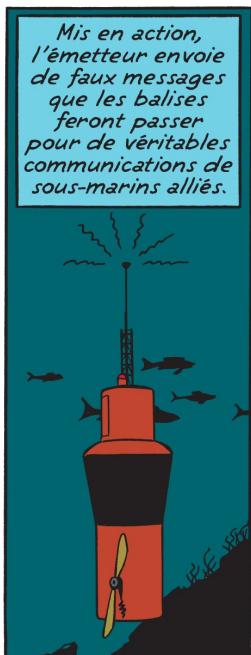


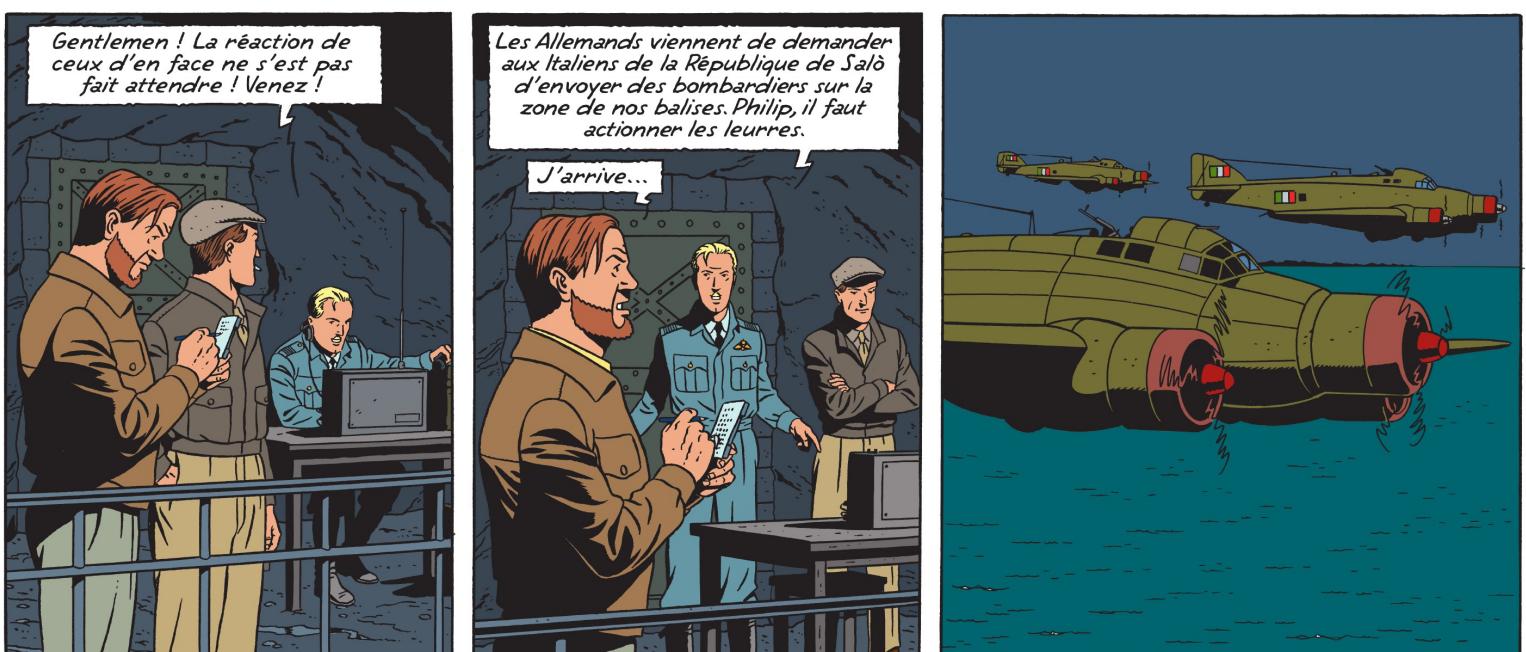


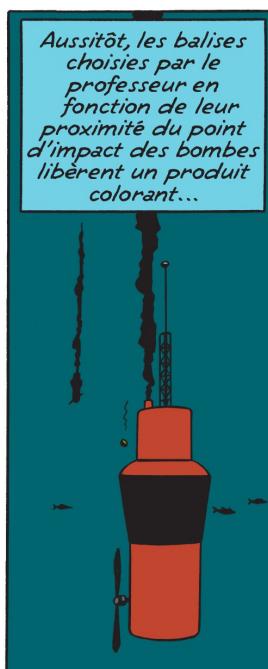
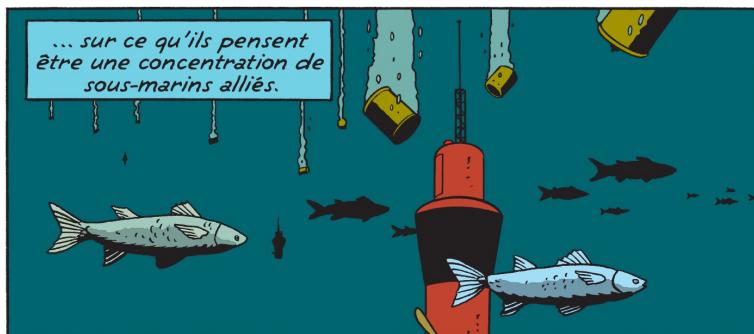


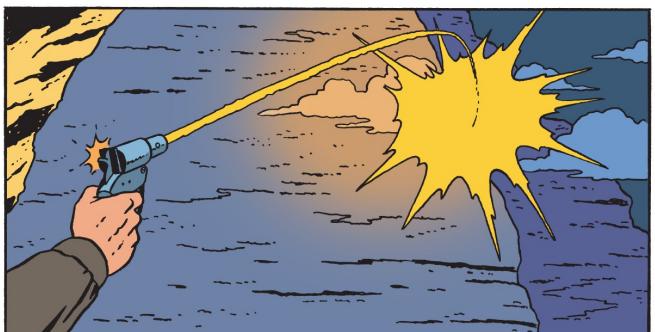






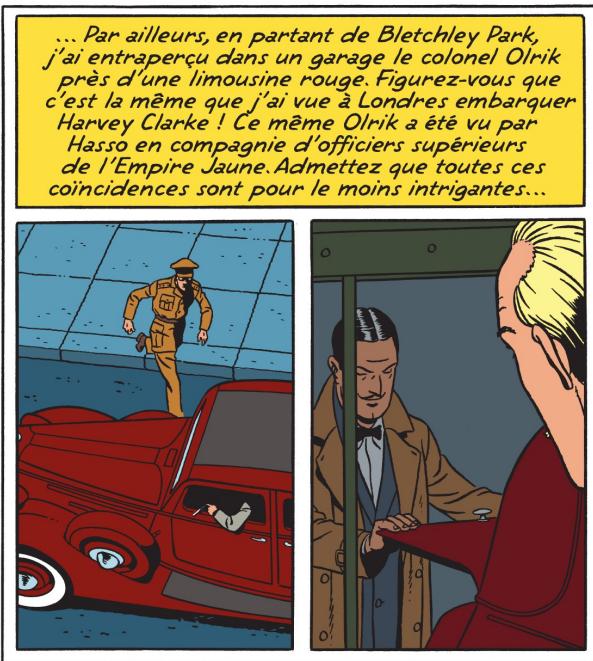


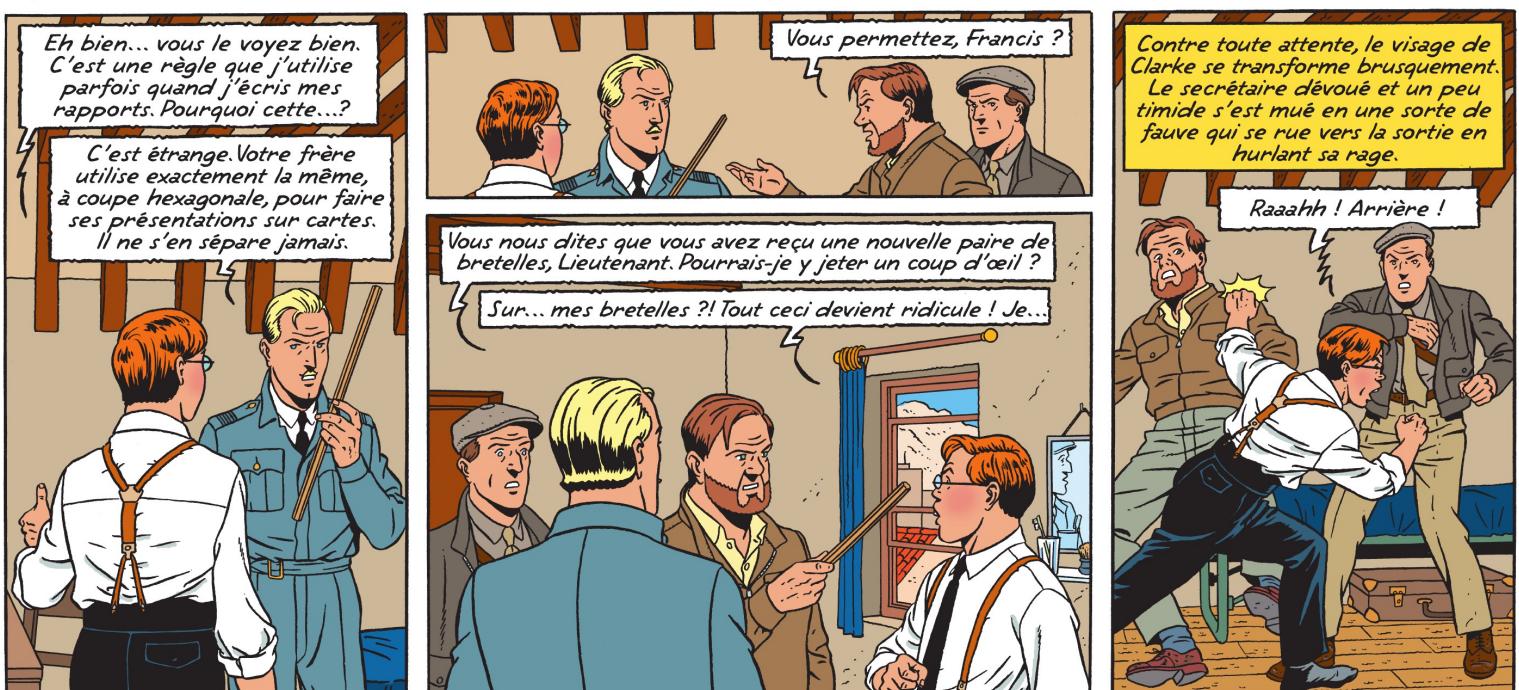
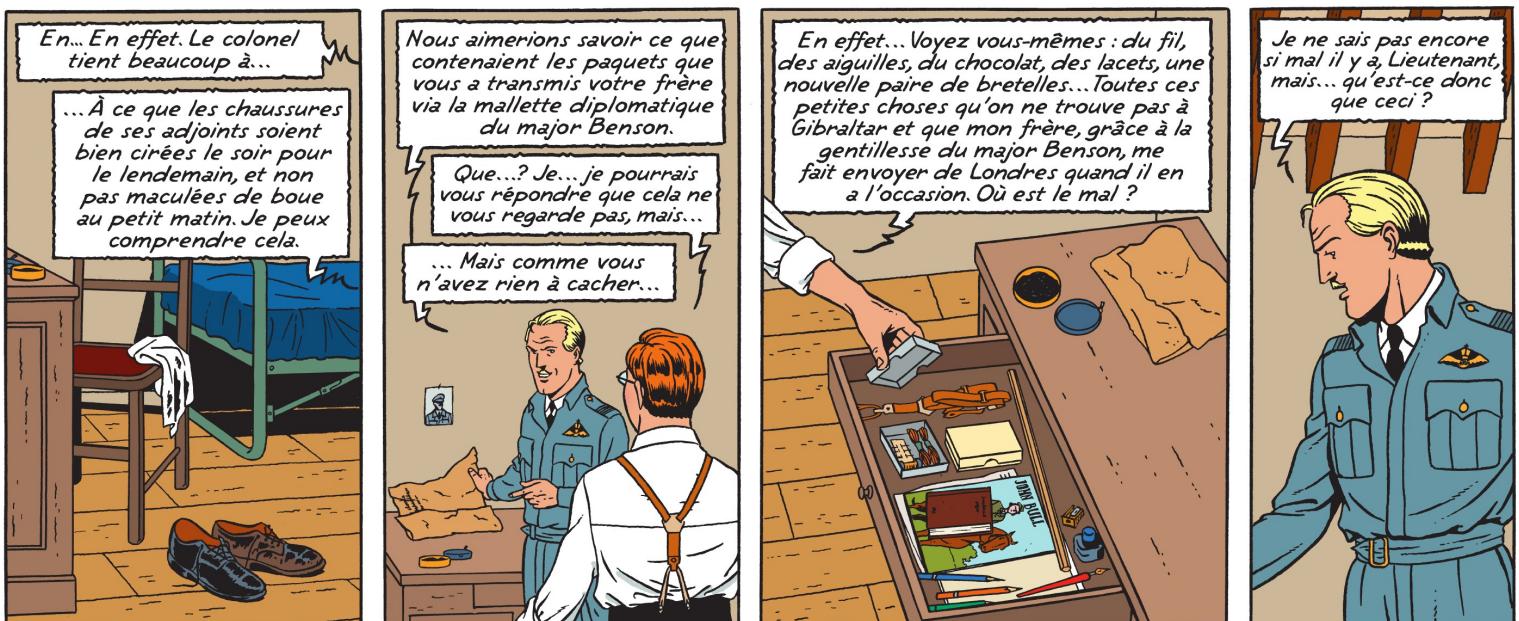
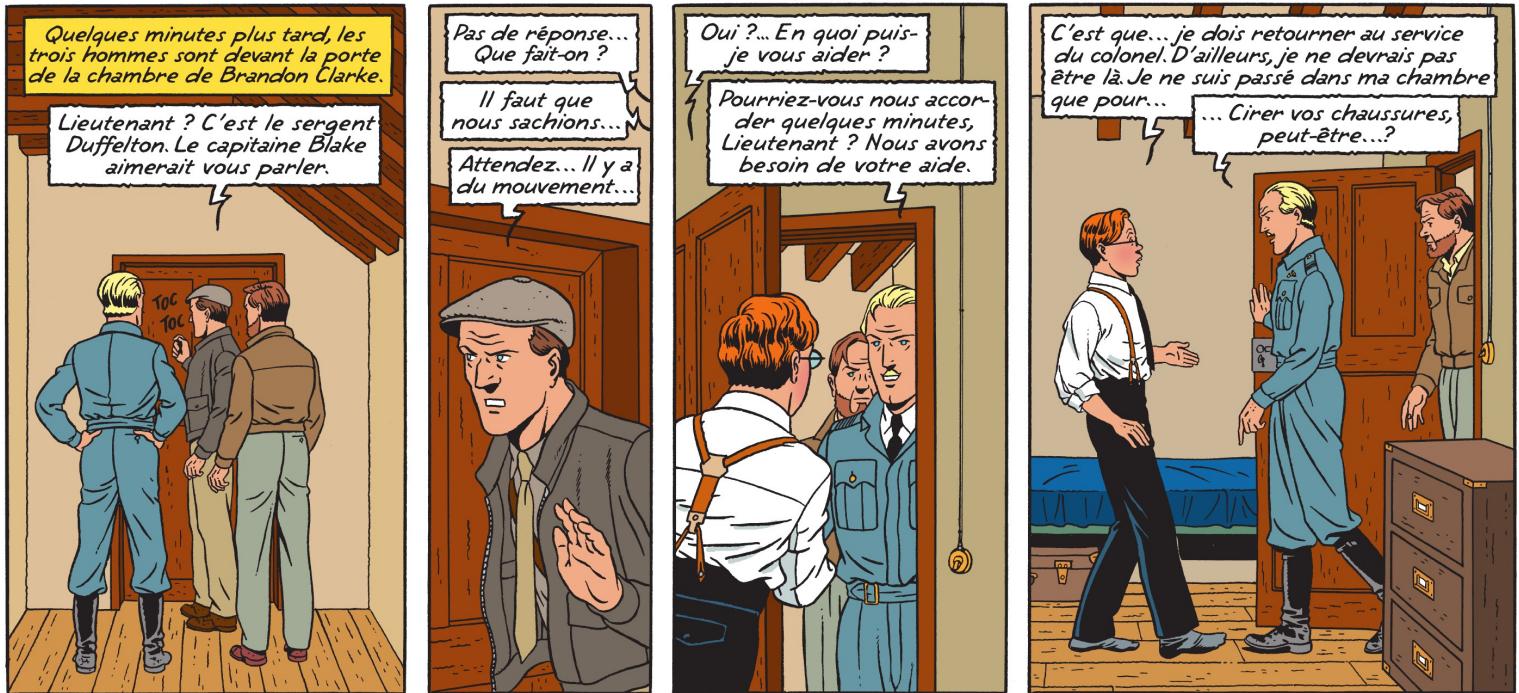


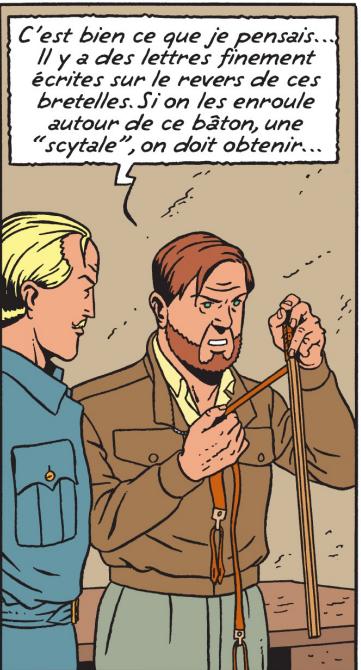
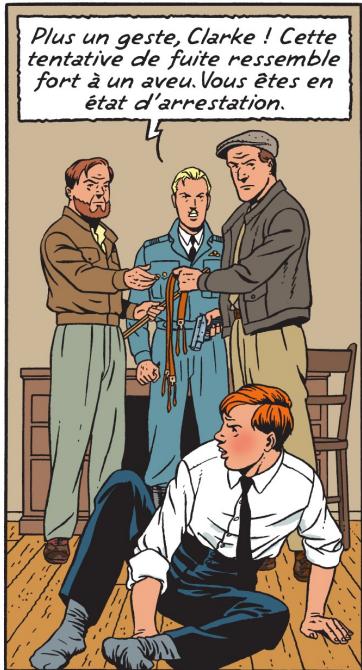


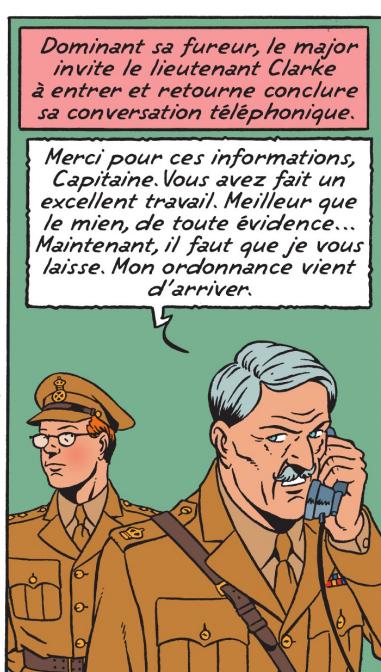


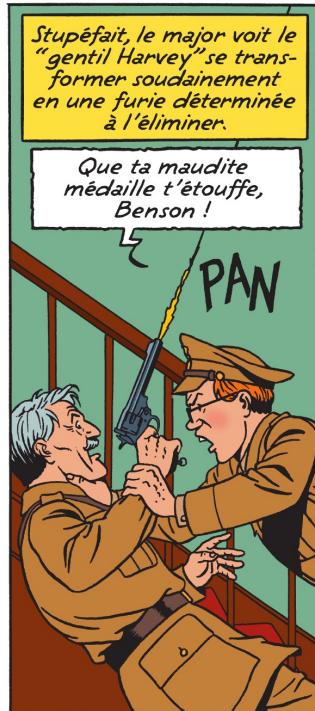


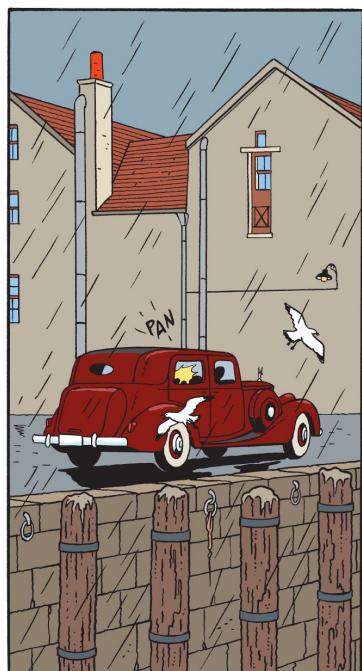
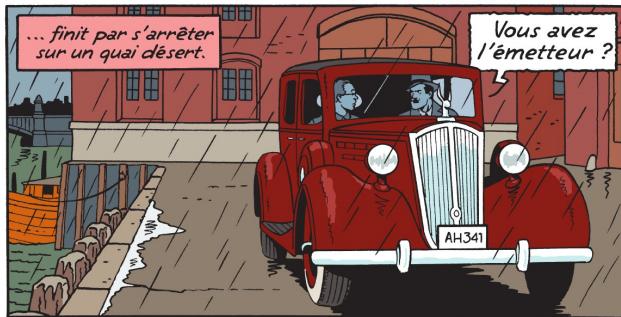








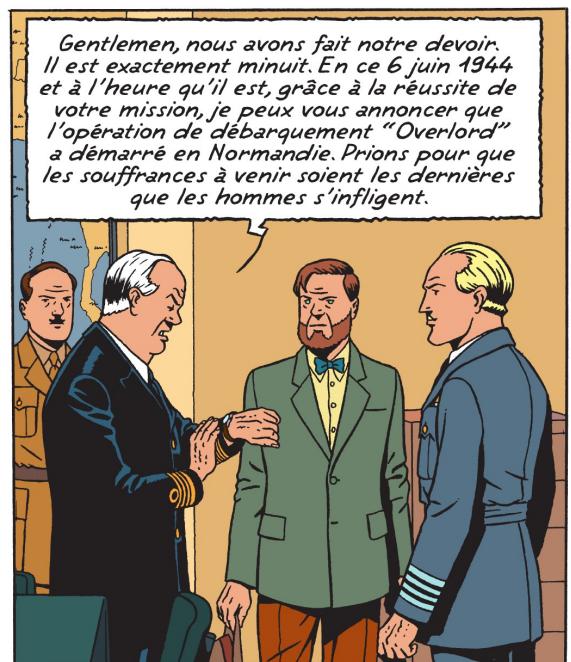






L'agent Hasso a réussi à cacher cette lettre dans sa hutte de Bletchley Park avant de disparaître. Il explique qu'il s'est fait surprendre par Olrik qui l'a menacé de son arme. Il n'a pu sauver sa peau qu'en se faisant passer pour un fidèle de Basam-Damdu.

Le jour où la police londonienne a repêché le corps de Harvey Clarke, mortellement touché par une balle de Nagant M1895 - d'après Hasso, l'arme d'Olrik - le colonel a appelé notre agent pour lui annoncer leur départ pour Lhassa. Hasso a écrit son dernier rapport dans lequel il m'annonce qu'il continuera à nous informer avec le code ZH22 que je lui avais donné à Bletchley Park.





Un peu plus de deux longues années s'écoulent entre le jour J du débarquement en Normandie...

ONE PENNY FOR KING AND EMPIRE 8 MAI 1945

# AUJOURD'HUI EST LE JOUR DE LA VICTOIRE !

Le Premier ministre parlera à 3 p.m. et le Roi à 9 p.m.

NO. 15,364 ONE PENNY FOR KING AND EMPIRE 26 JUILLET 1945

# CLEMENT ATTLEE ET LE PARTI TRAVAILLISTE REMPORTENT LES ELECTIONS !

Clement Attlee devient Premier ministre !

NO. 15,375 ONE PENNY FOR KING AND EMPIRE 6 AOUT 1945

# LES ETATS-UNIS LACHENT UNE BOMBE ATOMIQUE SUR HIROSHIMA, AU JAPON !

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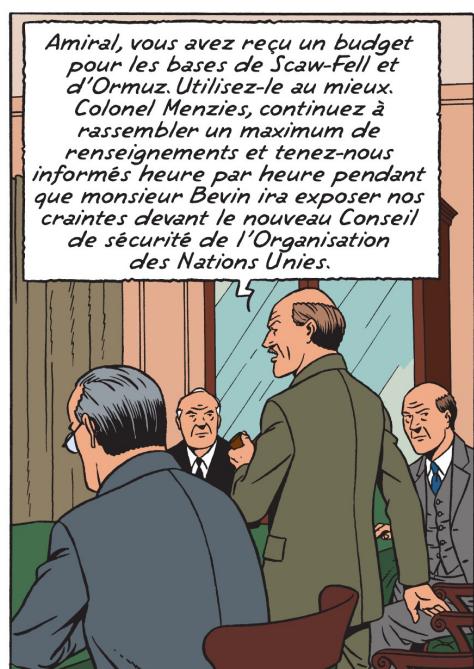
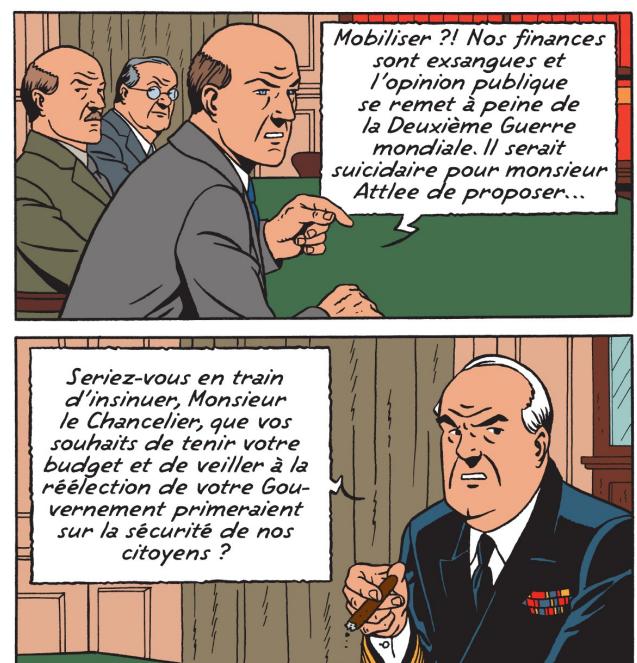
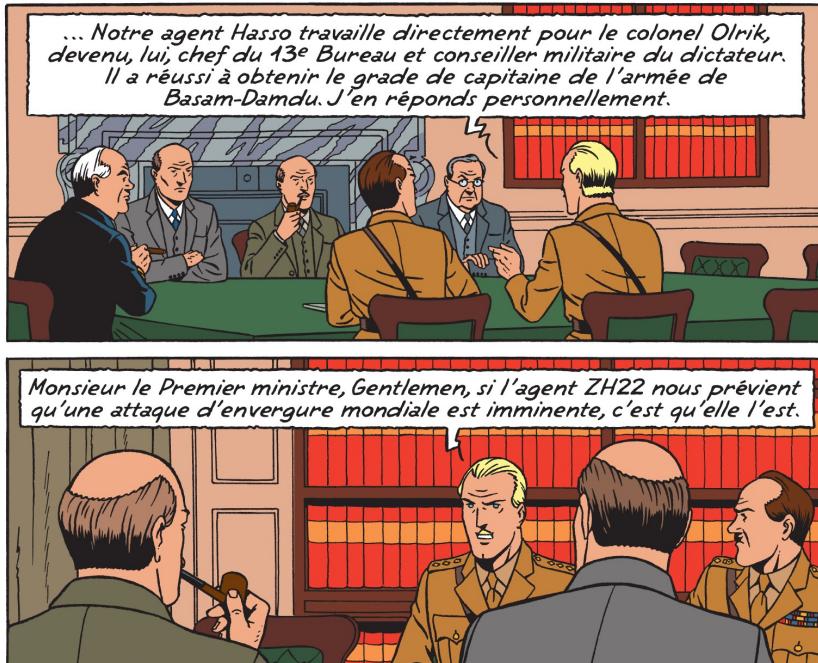
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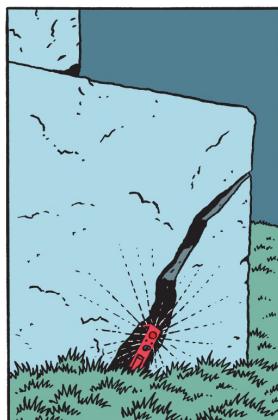
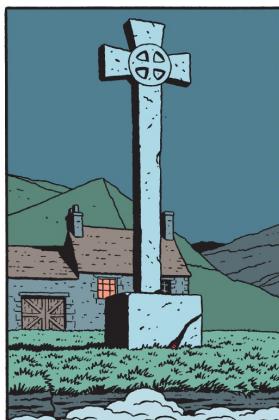
# L'USURPATEUR BASAM-DAMDU, EMPEREUR AUTOPROCLAME DU TIBET, REFUSE LE DESARMEMENT EXIGÉ PAR LA COMMUNAUTÉ INTERNATIONALE !





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Les craintes du capitaine Blake se révéleront-elles fondées ? L'Empire Jaune s'apprête-t-il à mettre le monde occidental à feu et à sang ?...



**FiN**

Vous le saurez bientôt, chers lecteurs, en lisant la suite de ce récit dans "Le Secret de l'Espadon" !

# LES AVENTURES DE BLAKE ET MORTIMER



D'après les personnages d'  
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