

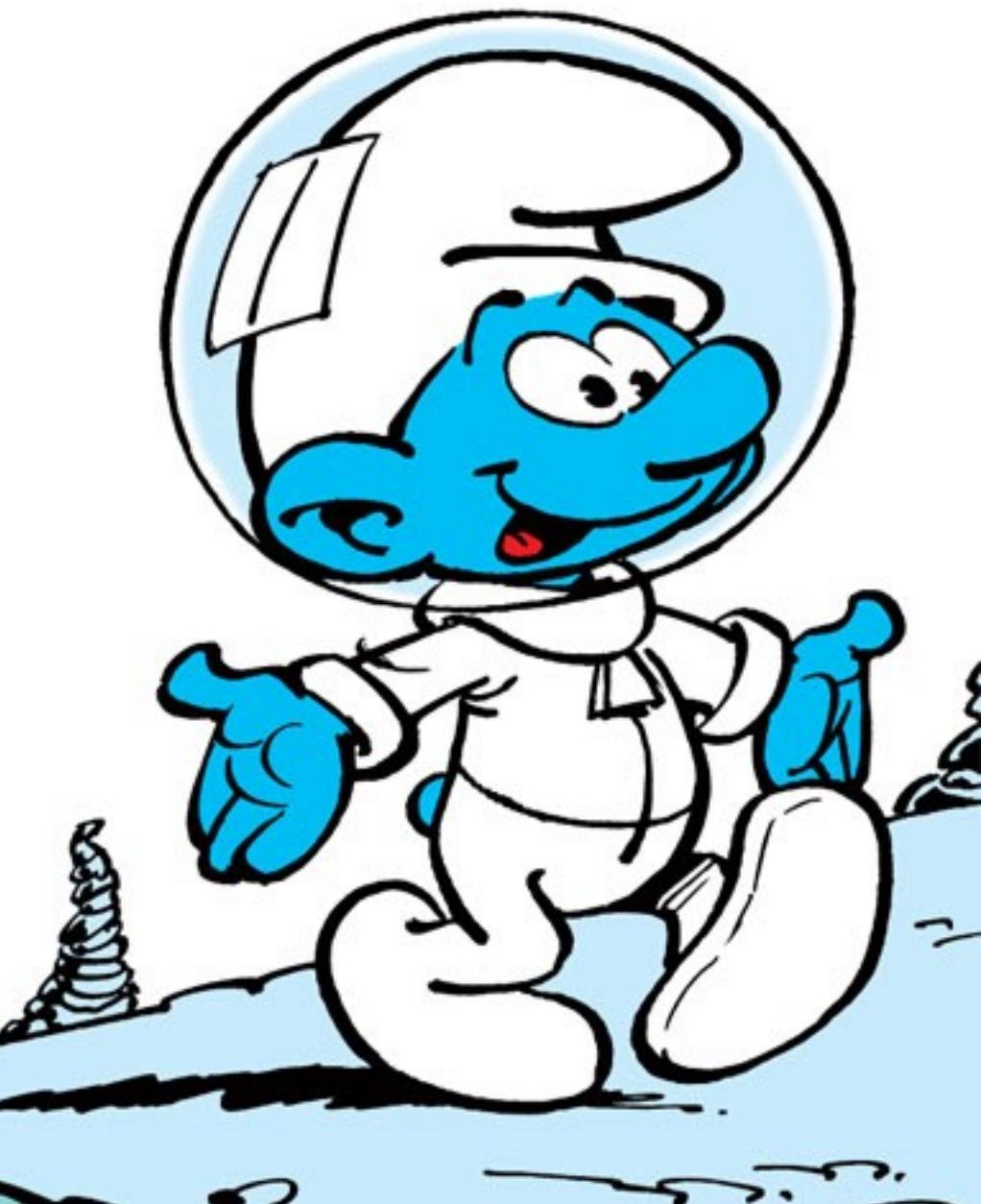
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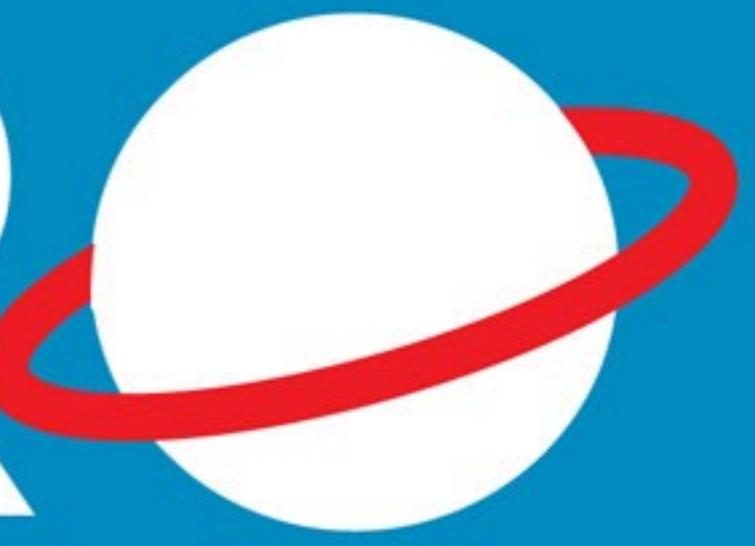
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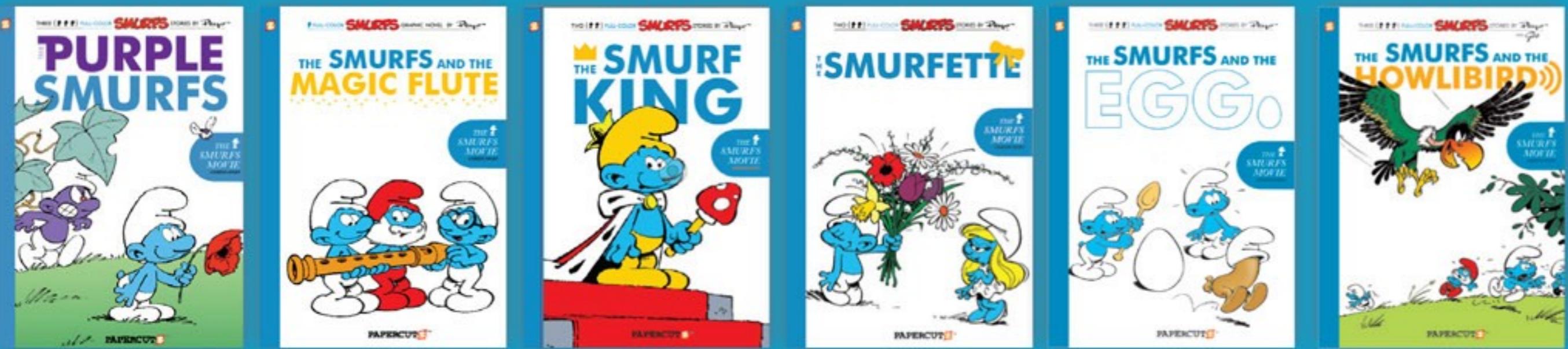
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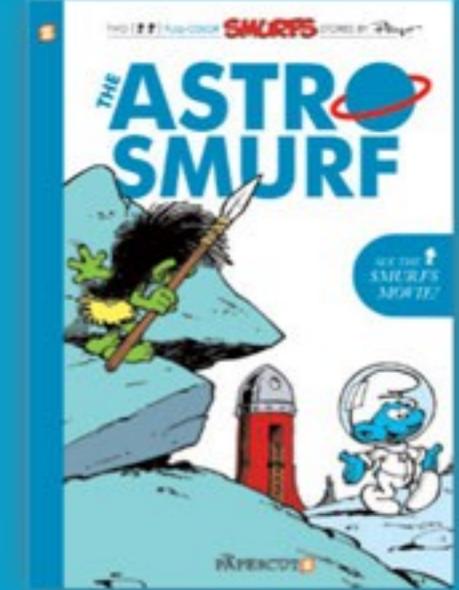
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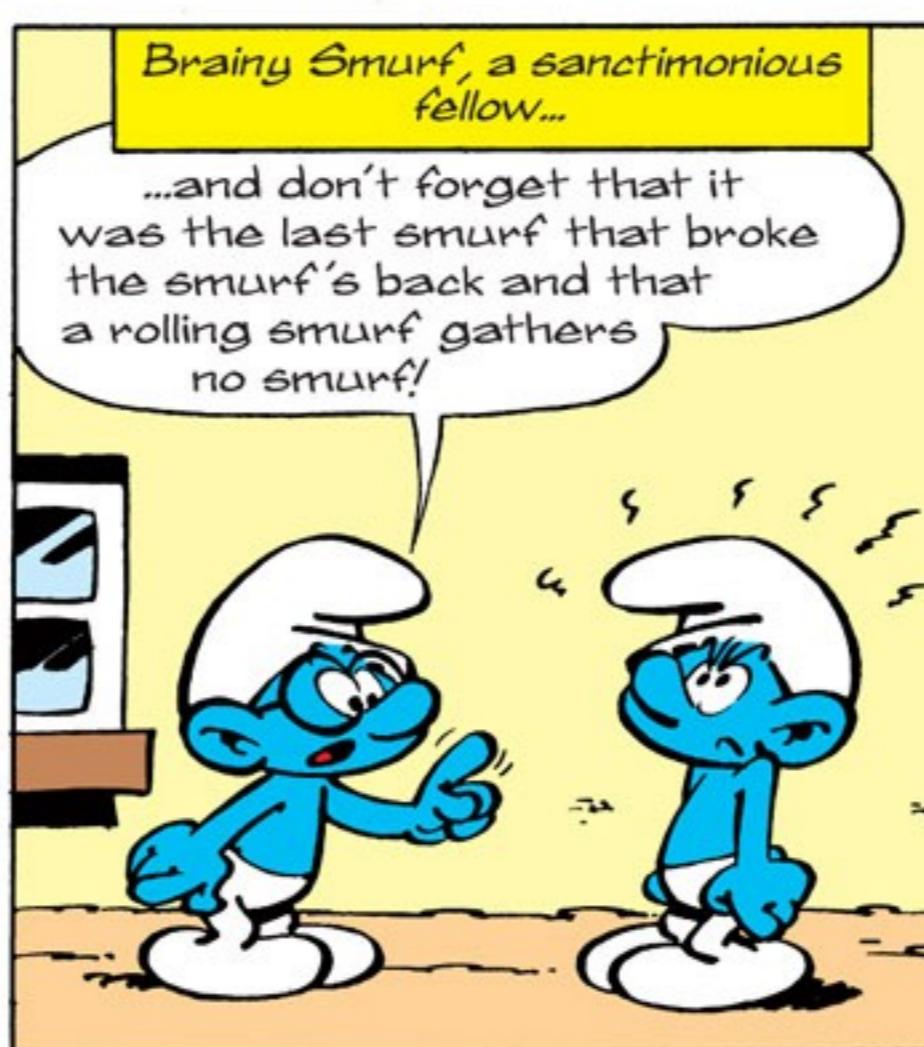
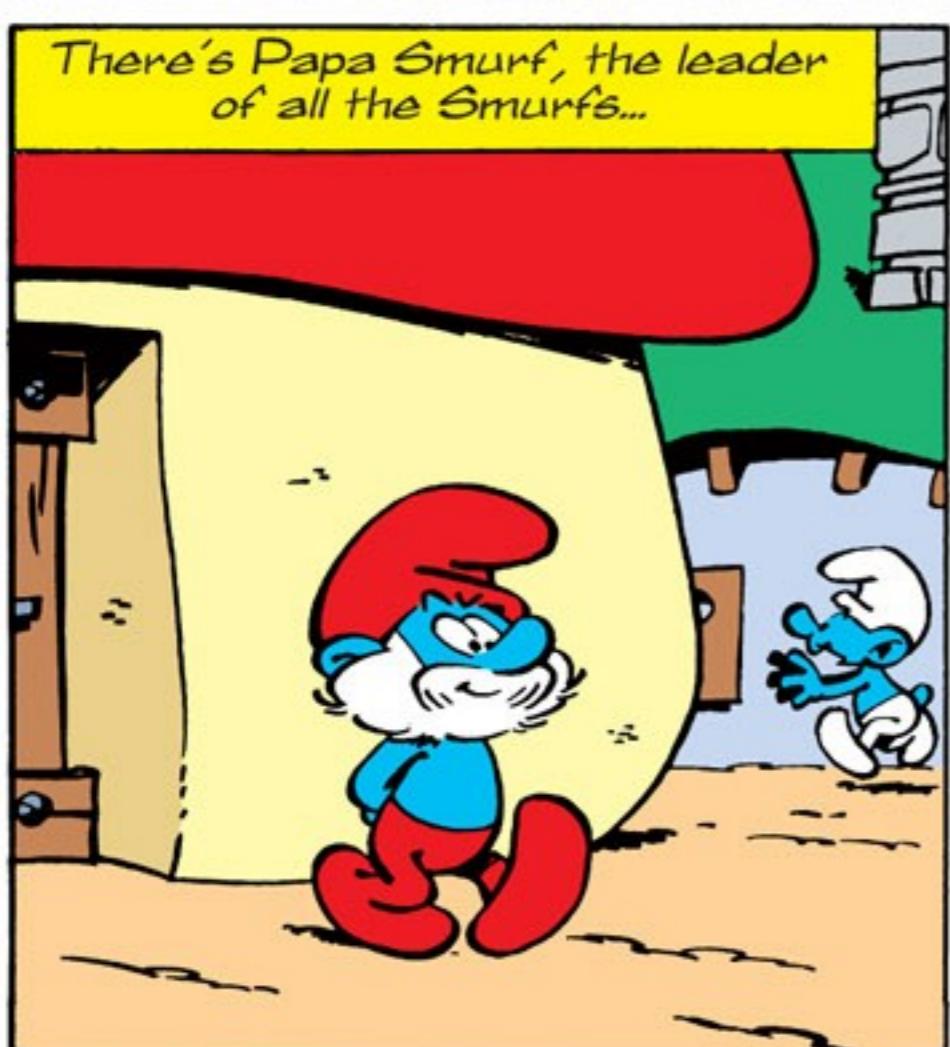
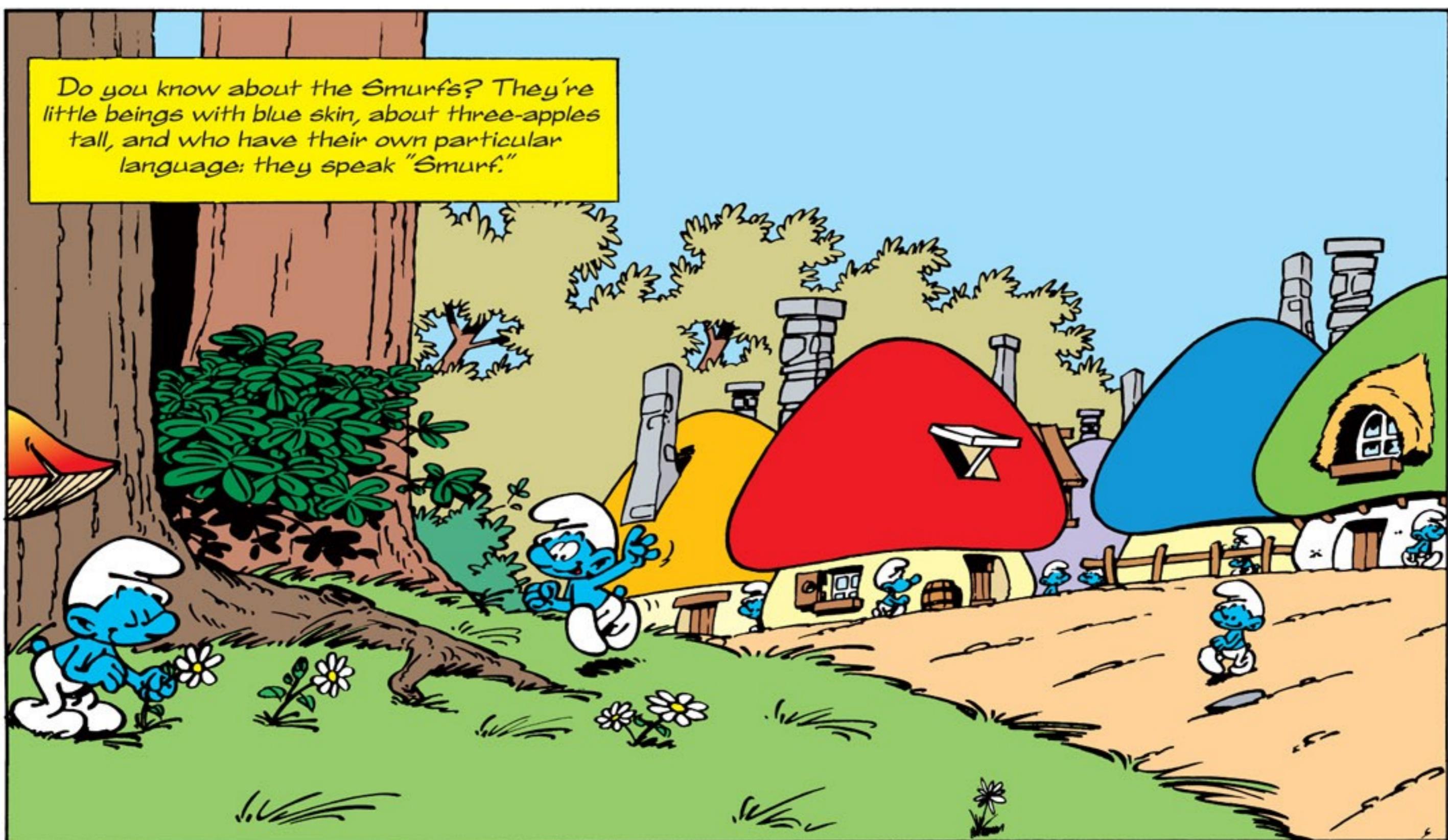
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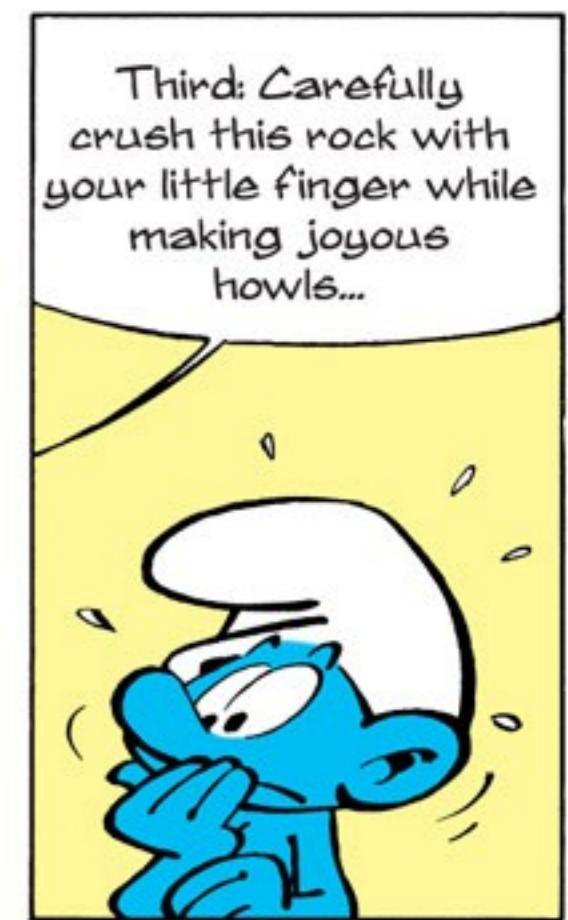
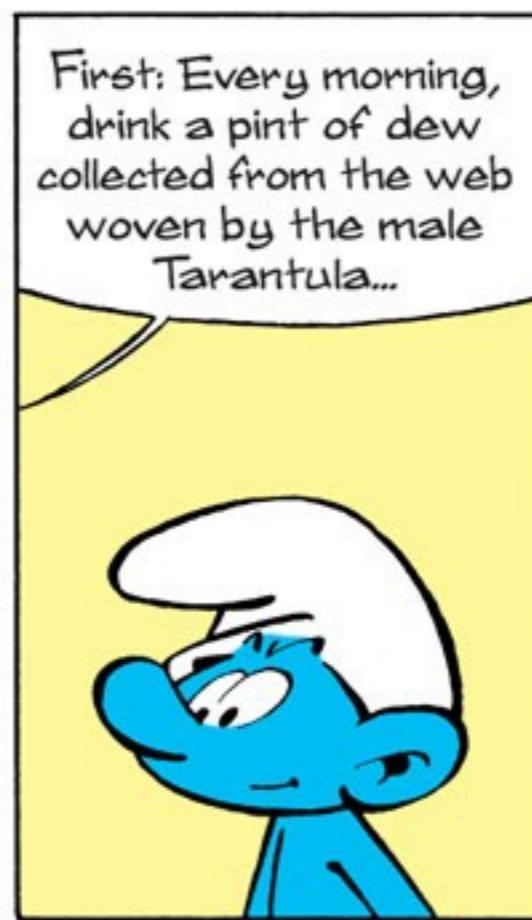
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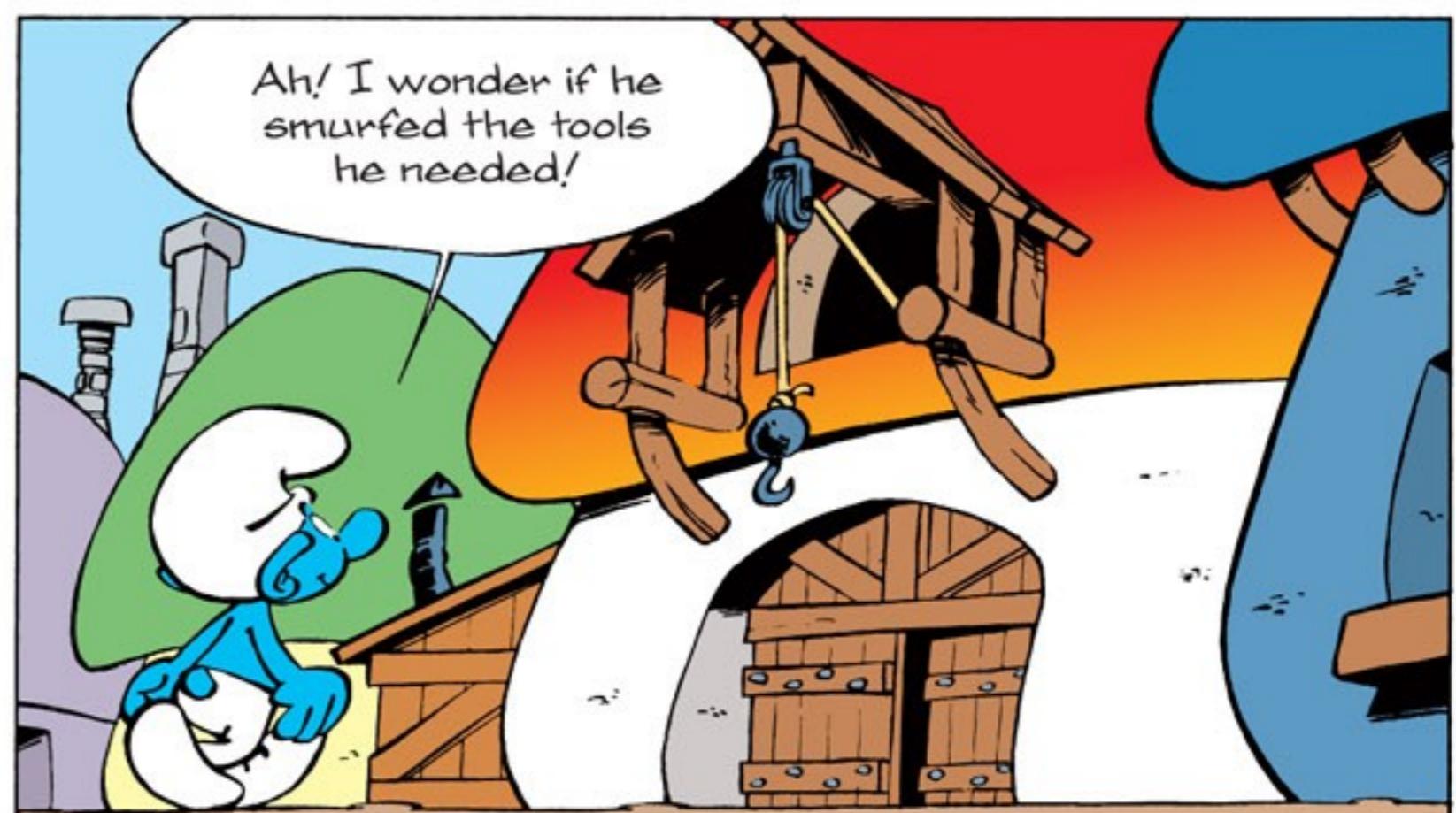




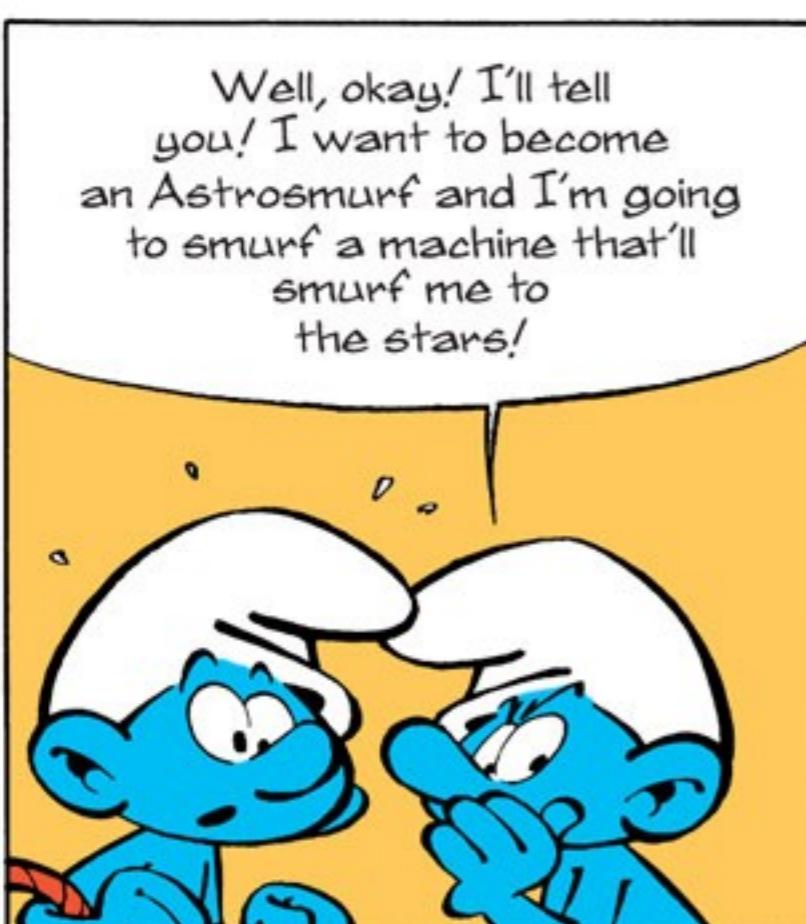
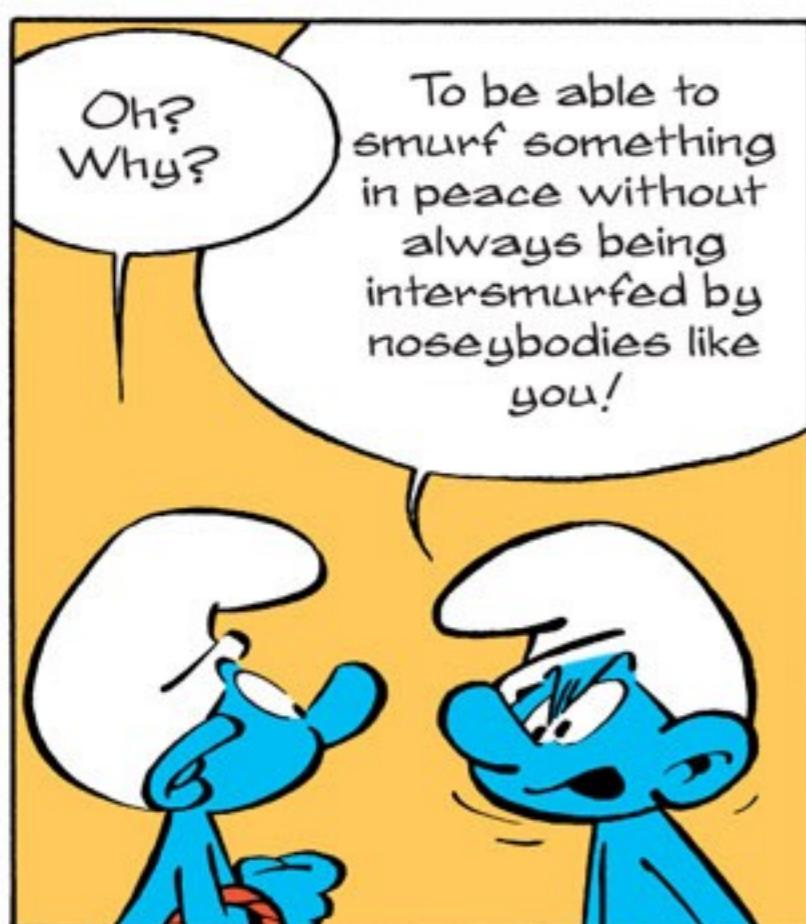


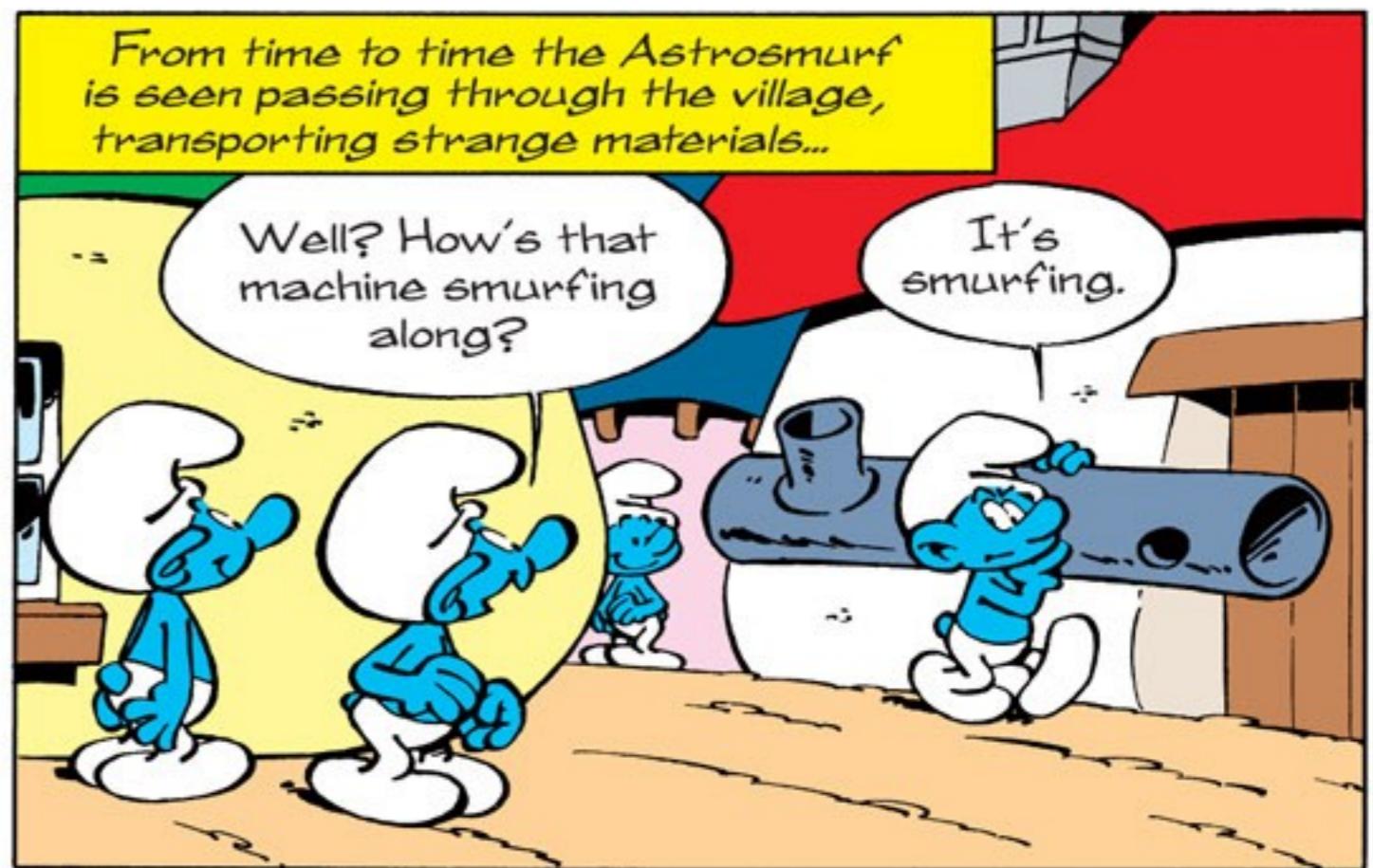
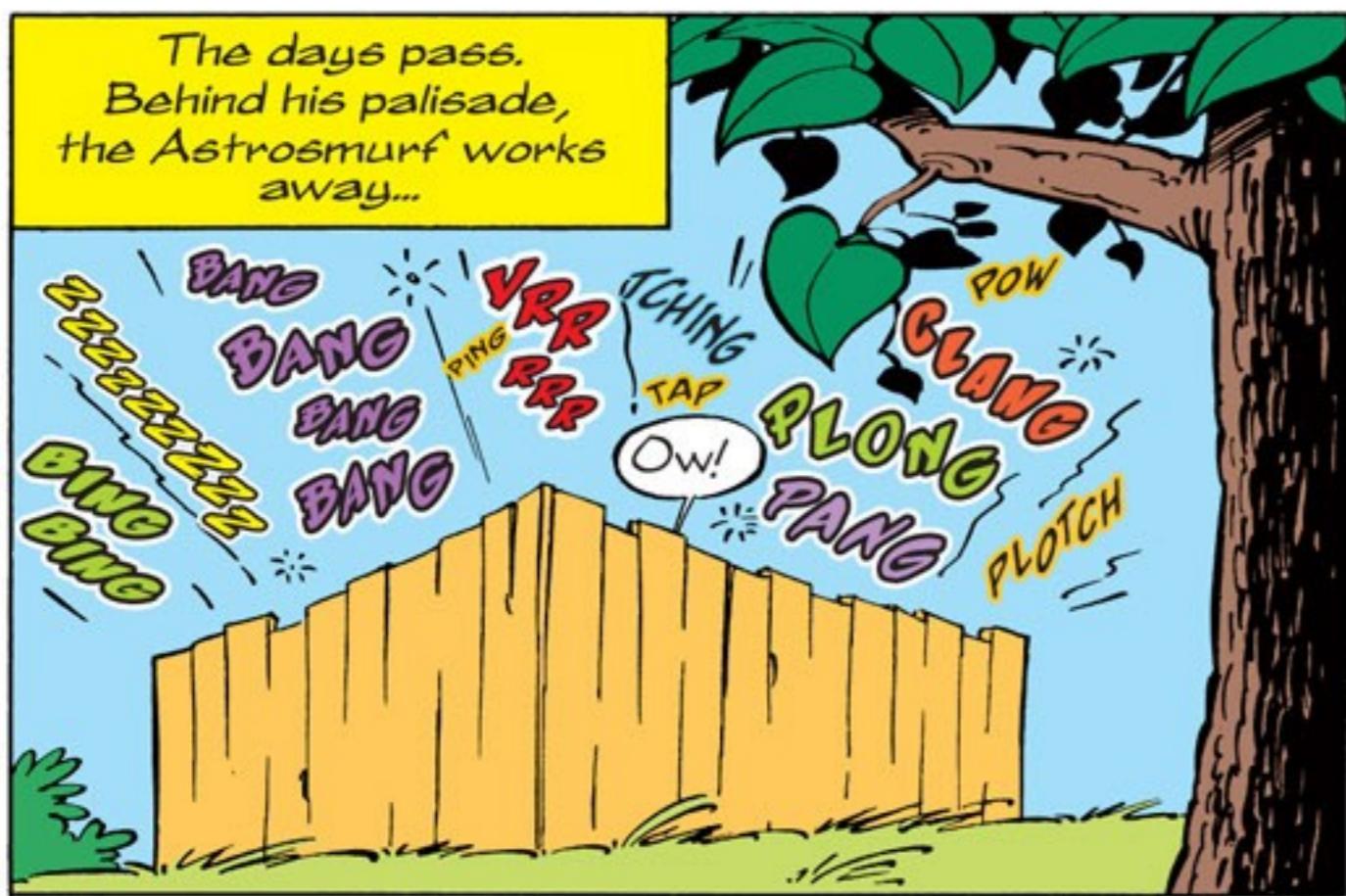


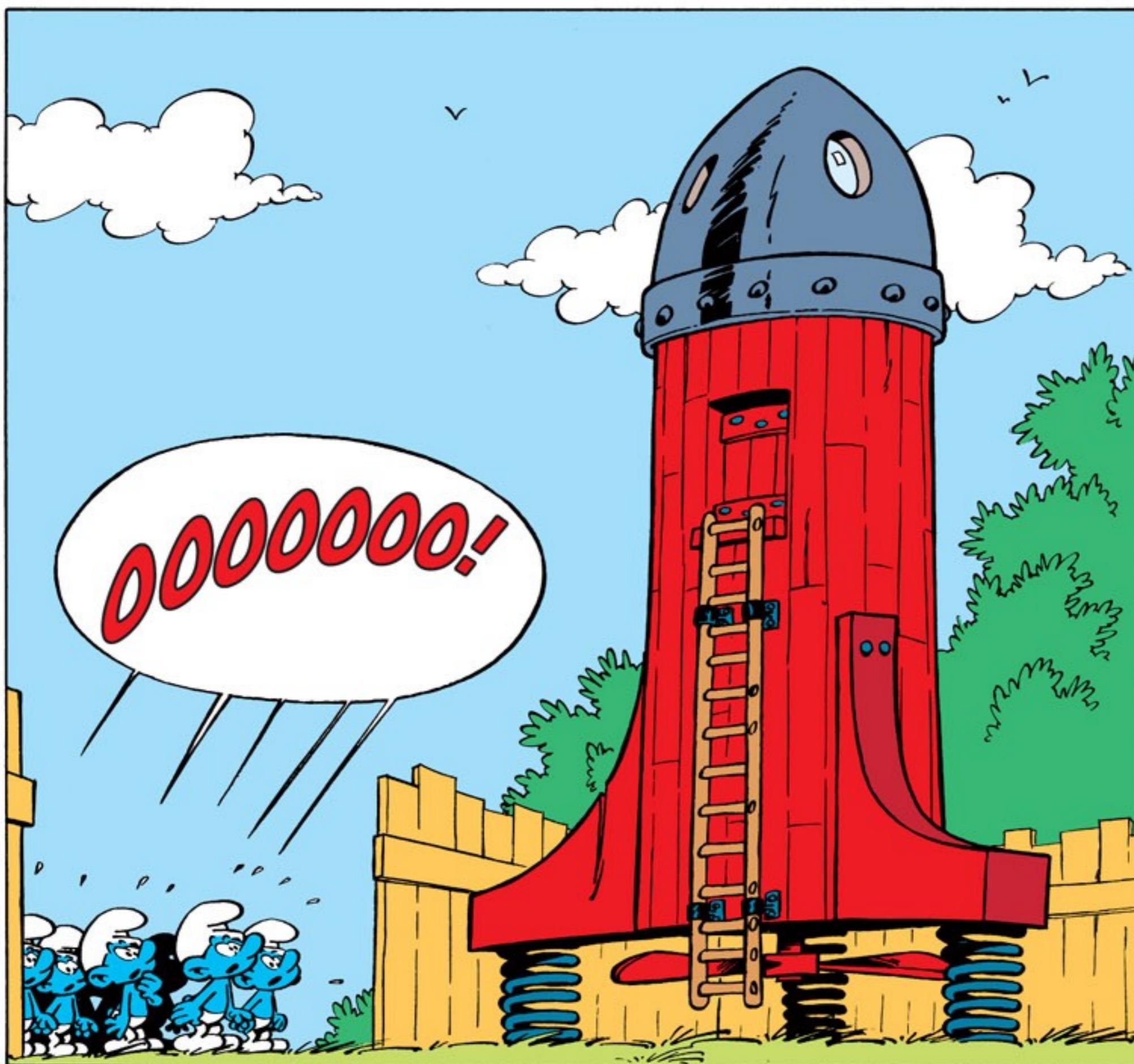
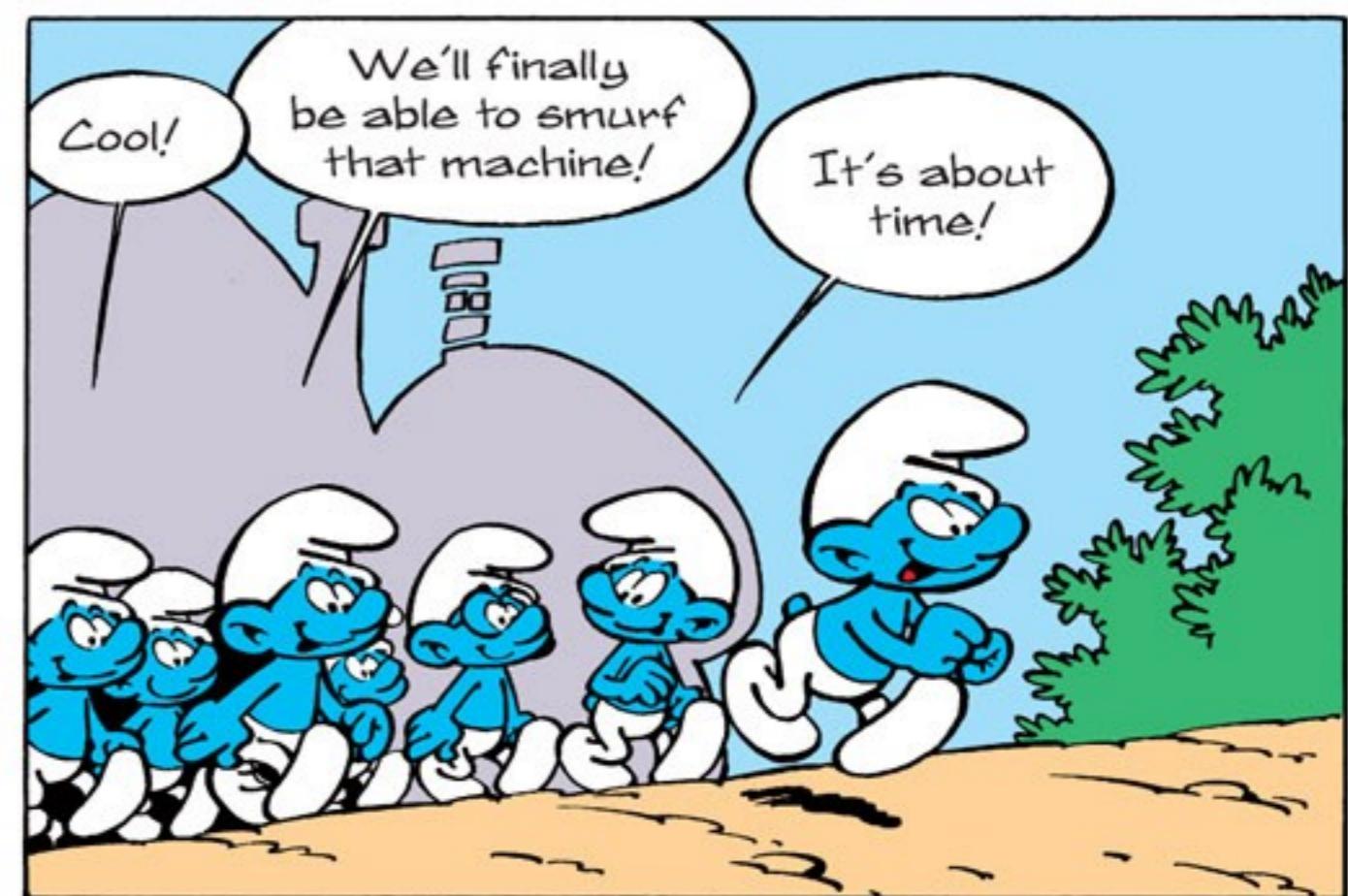
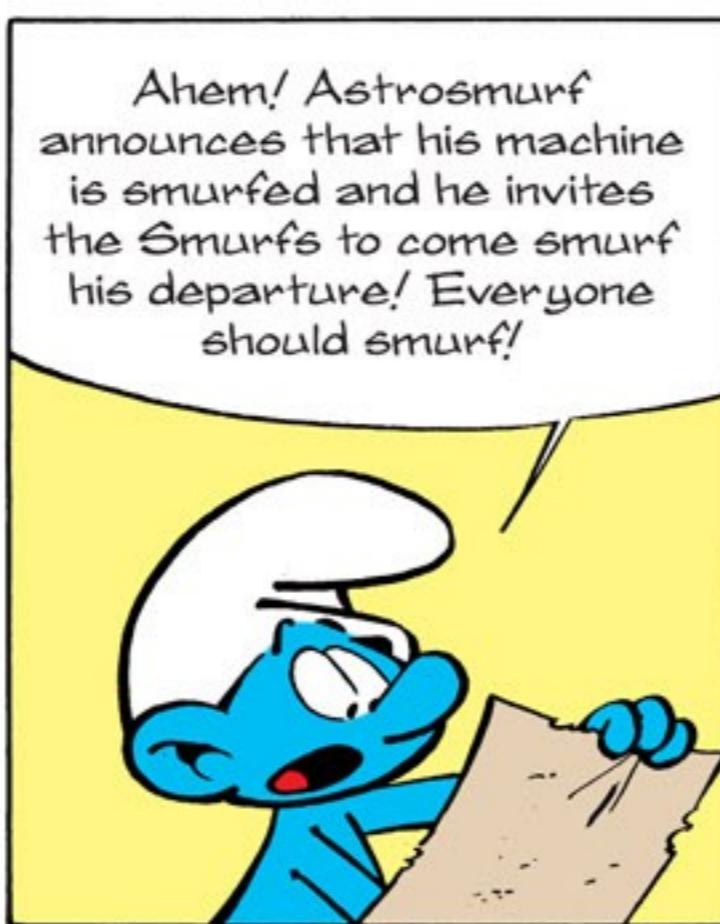
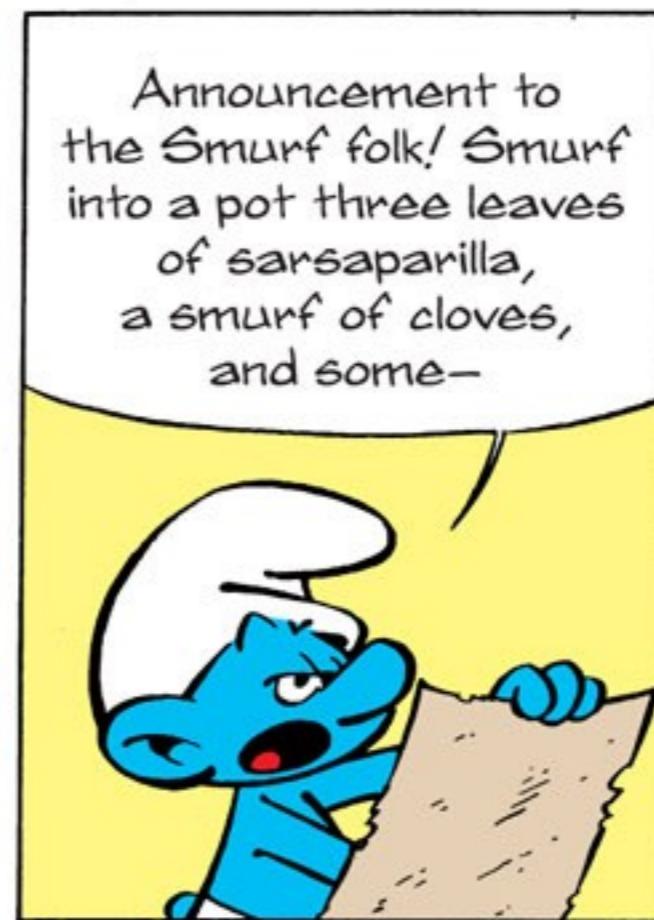
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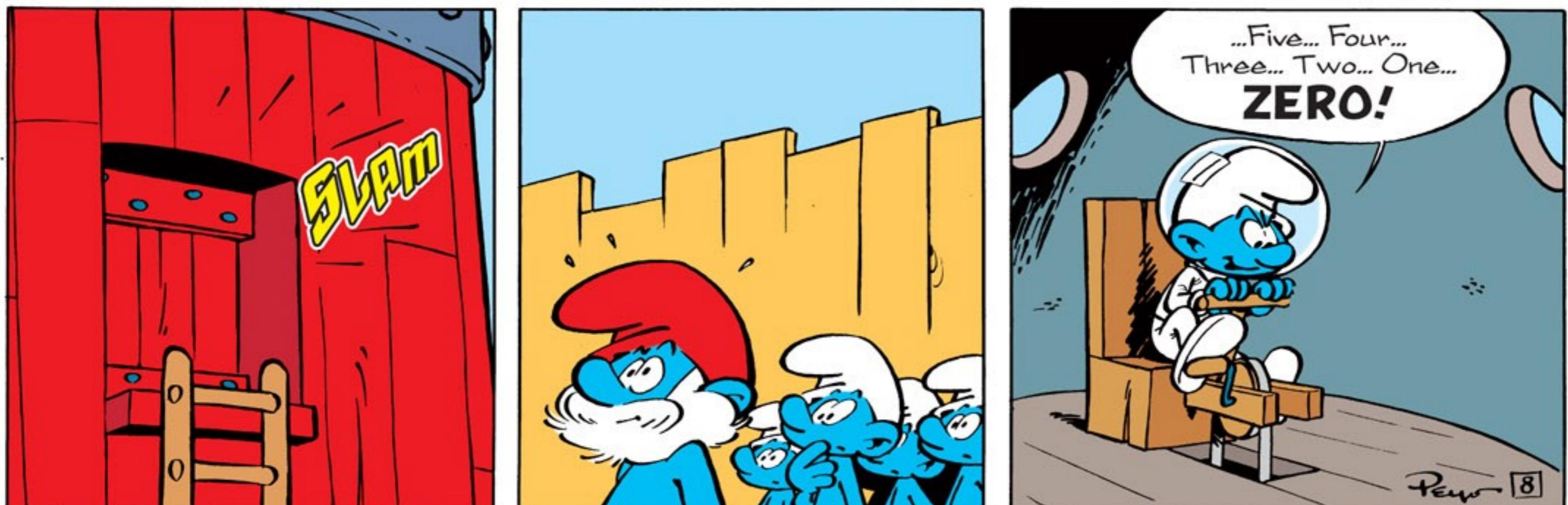
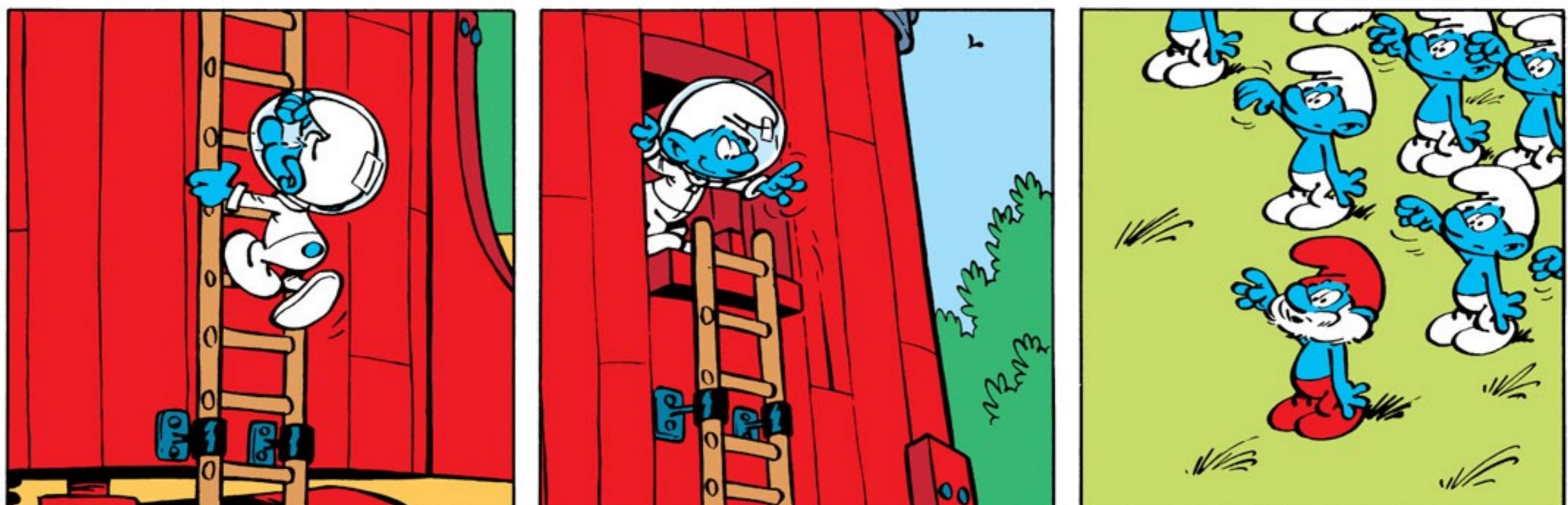
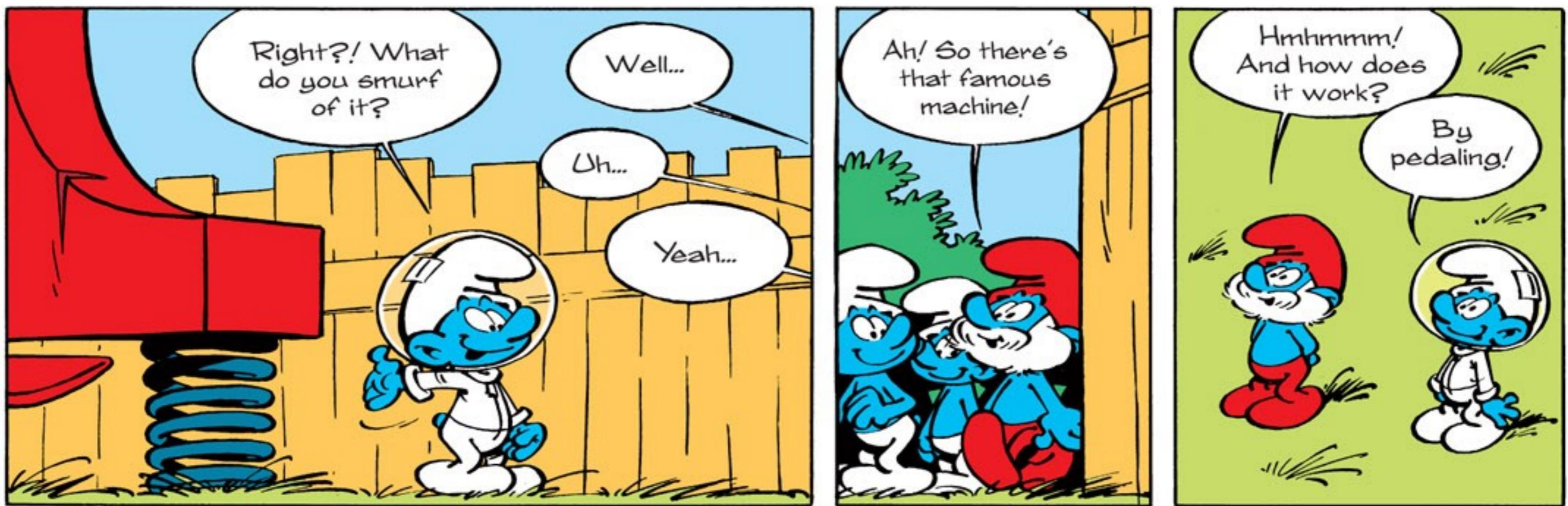


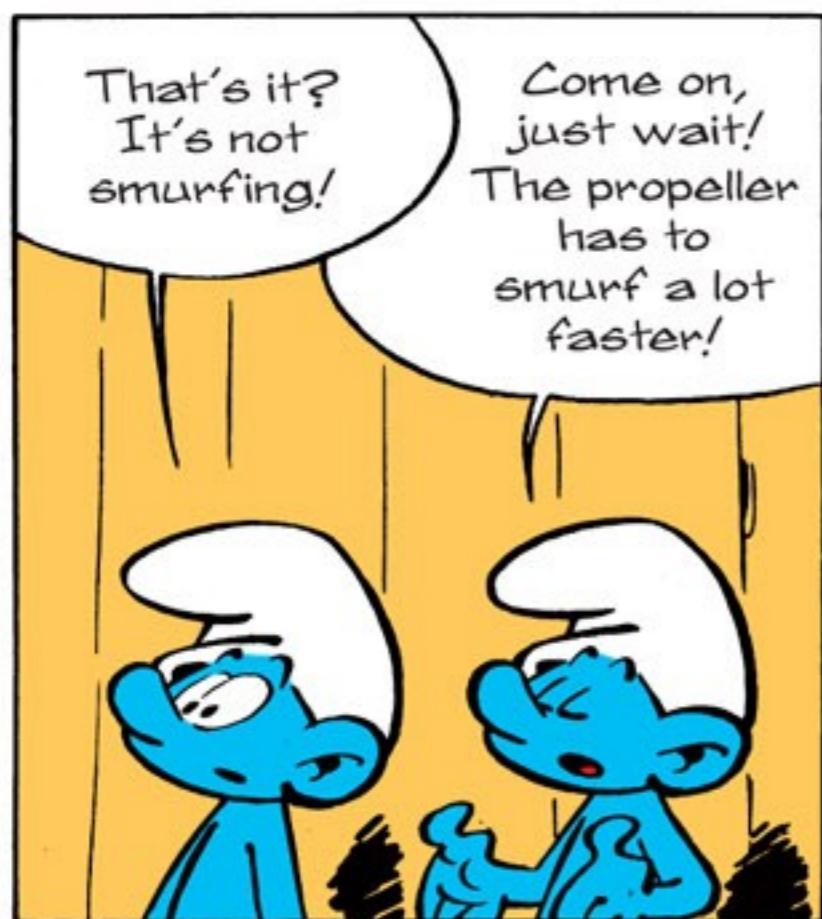
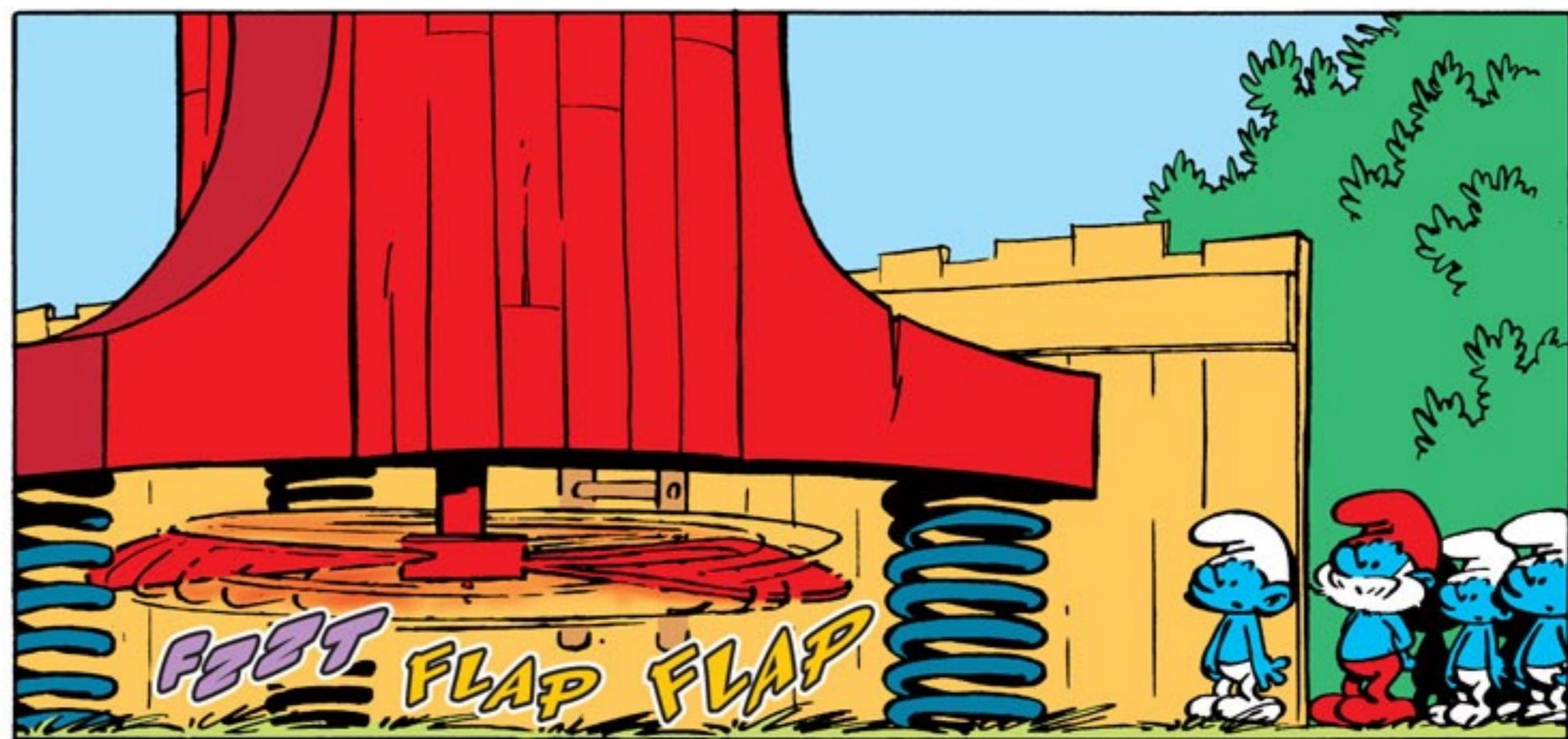
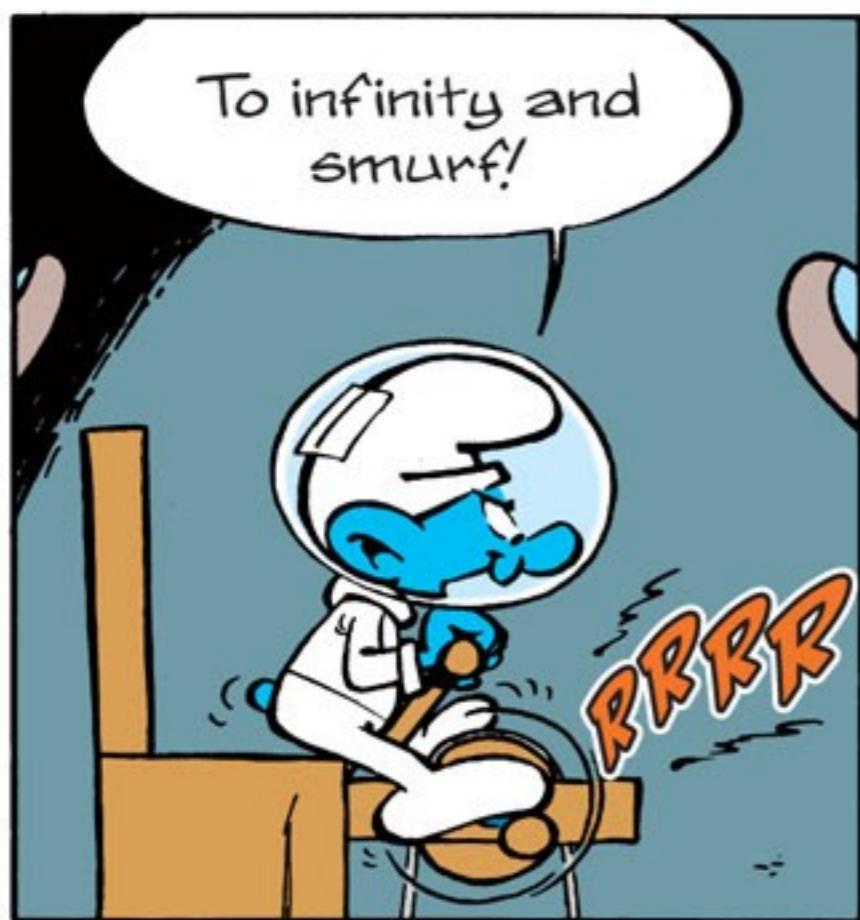
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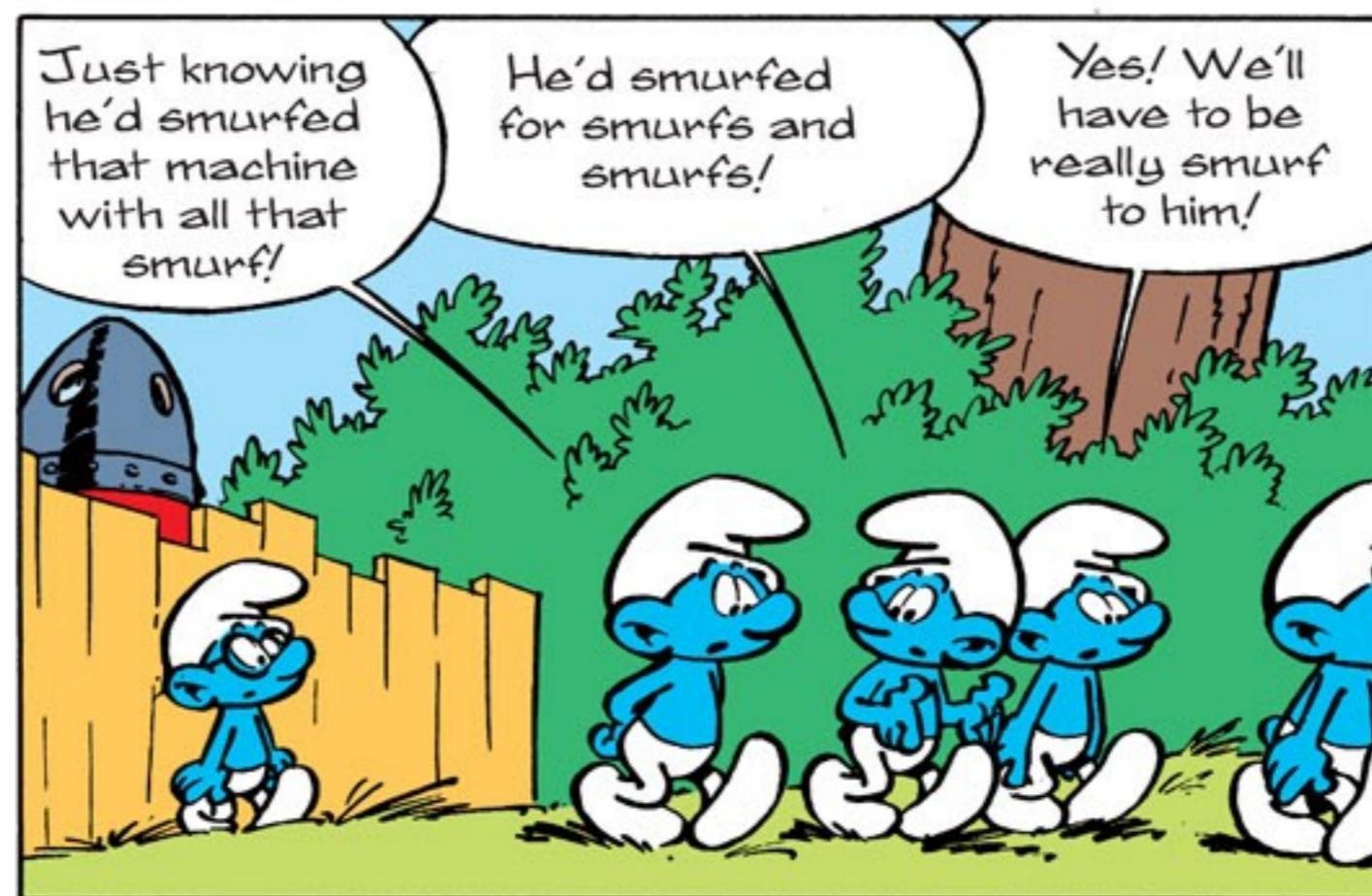
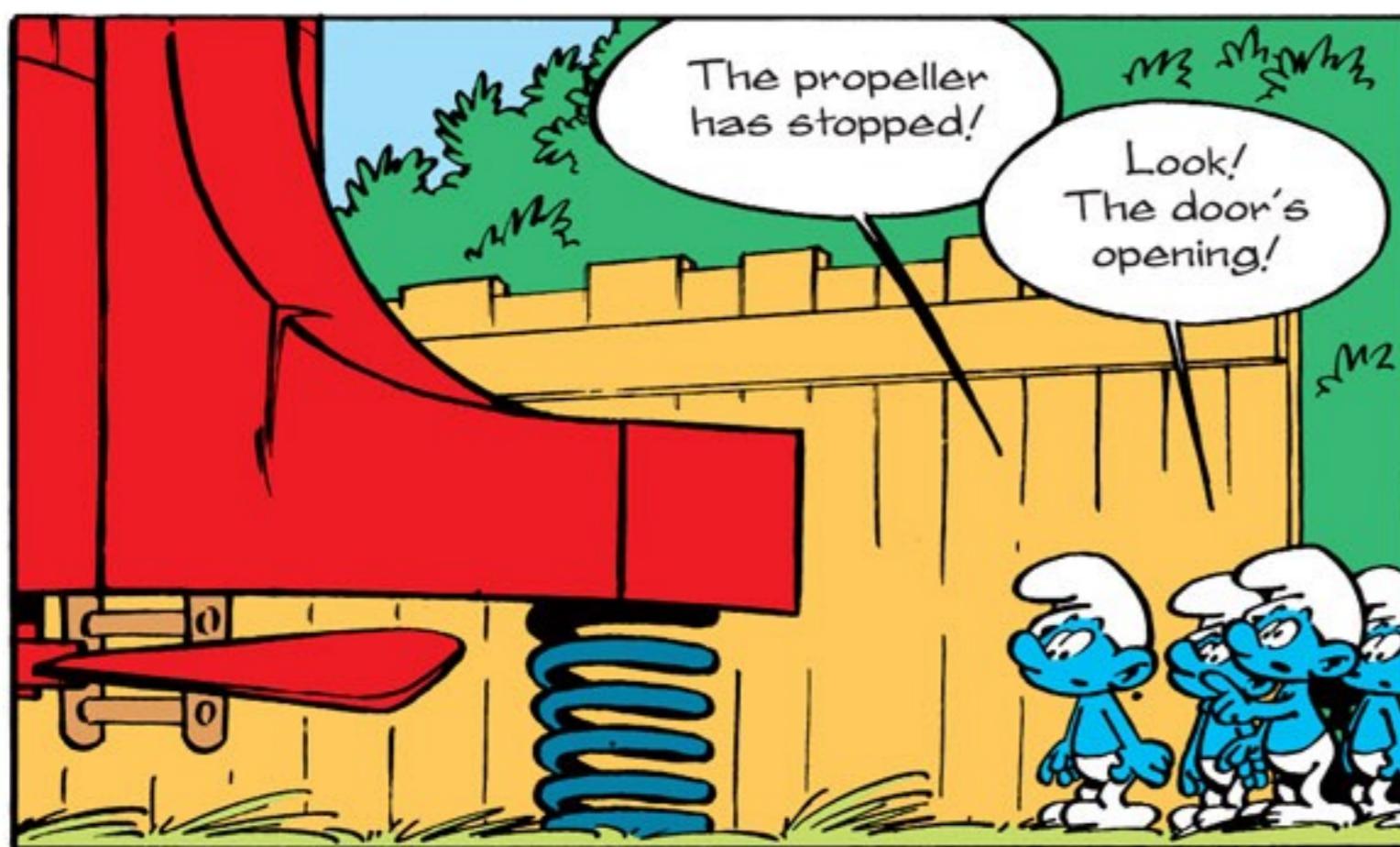


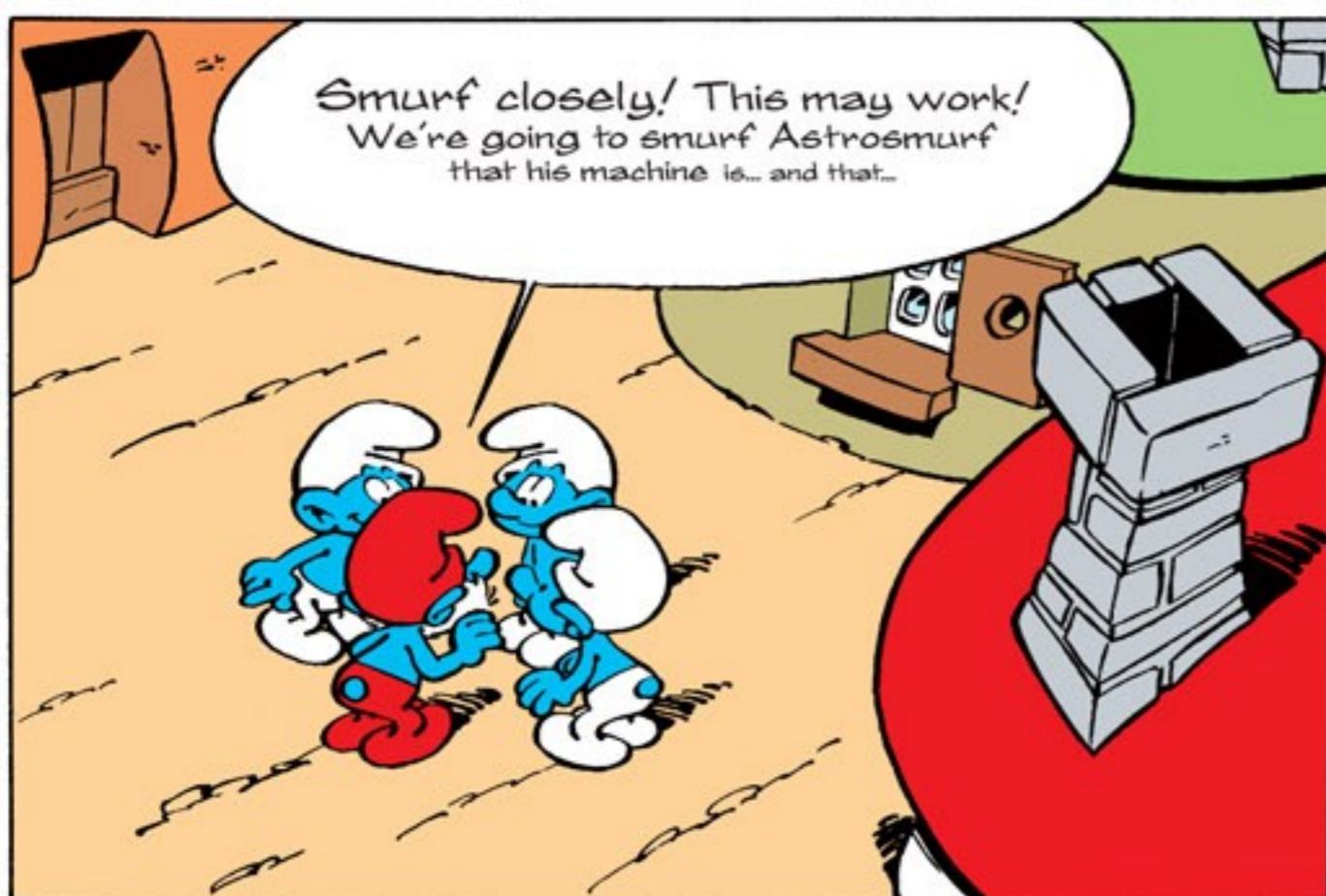
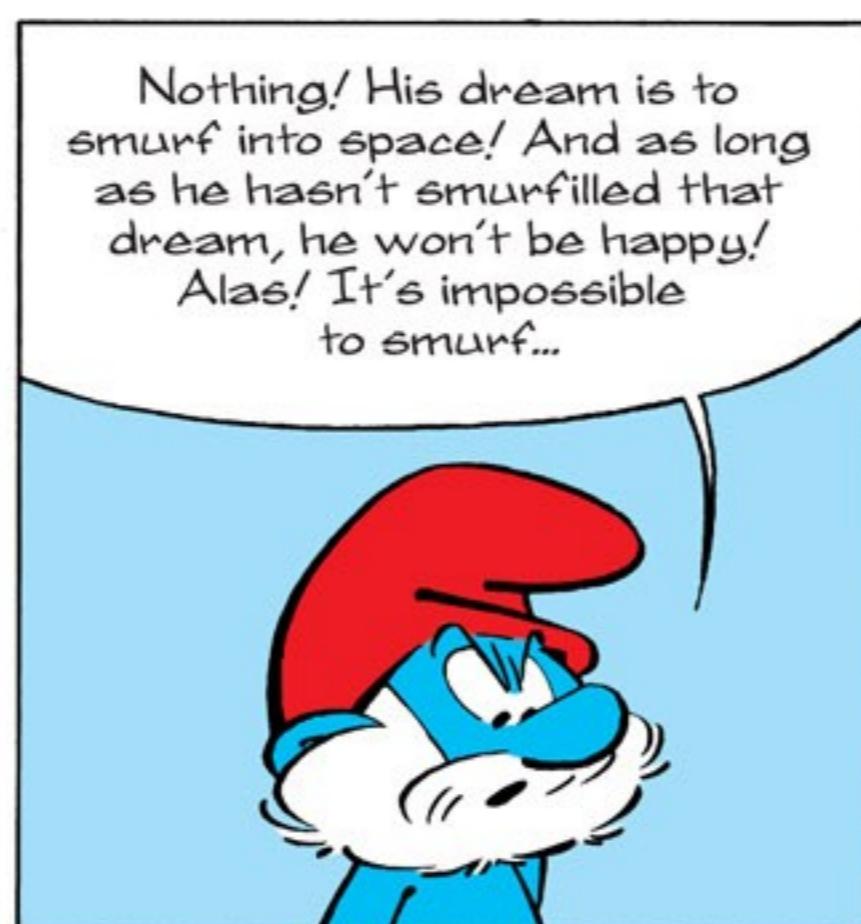
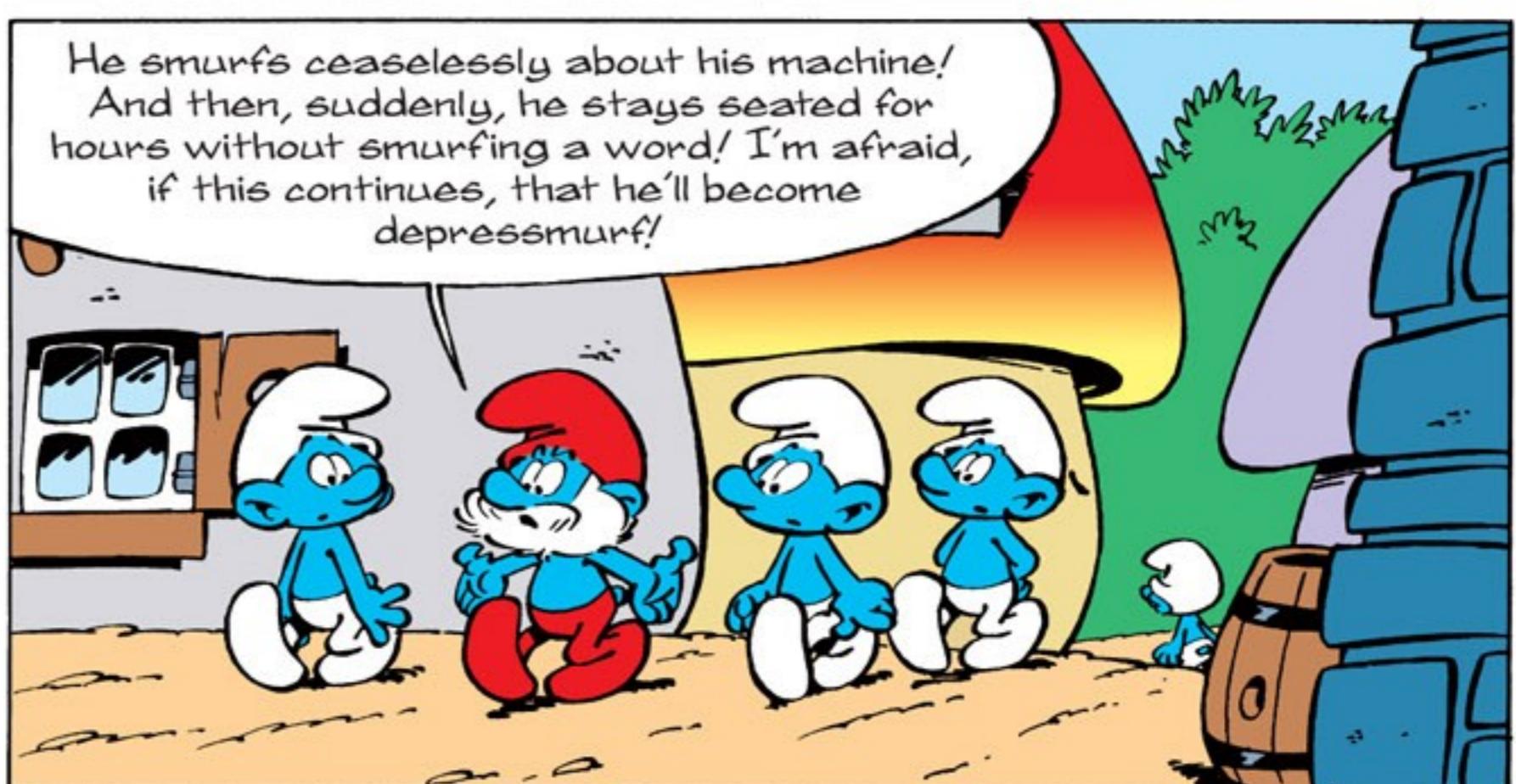
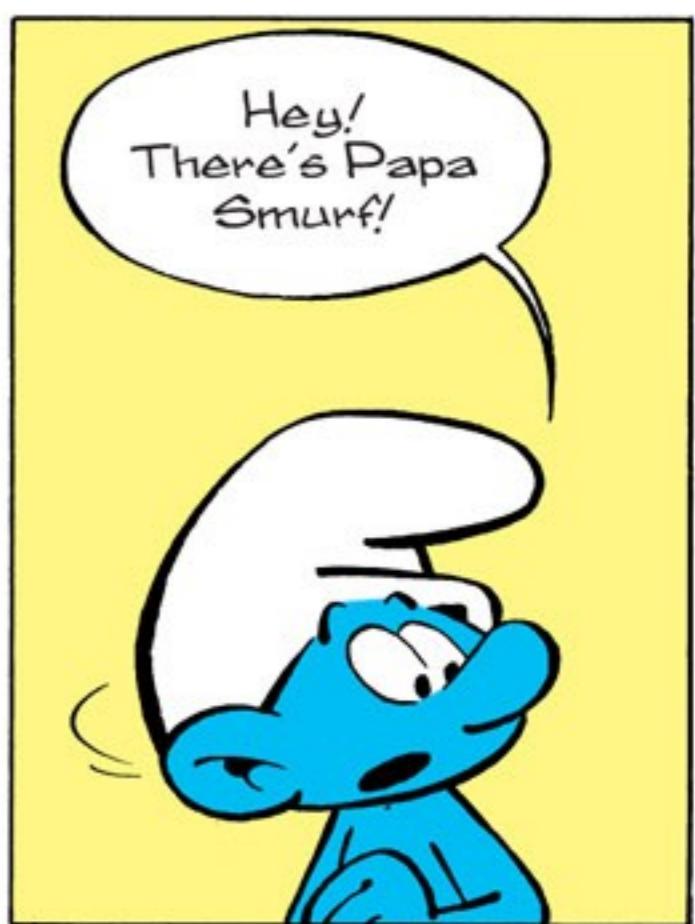


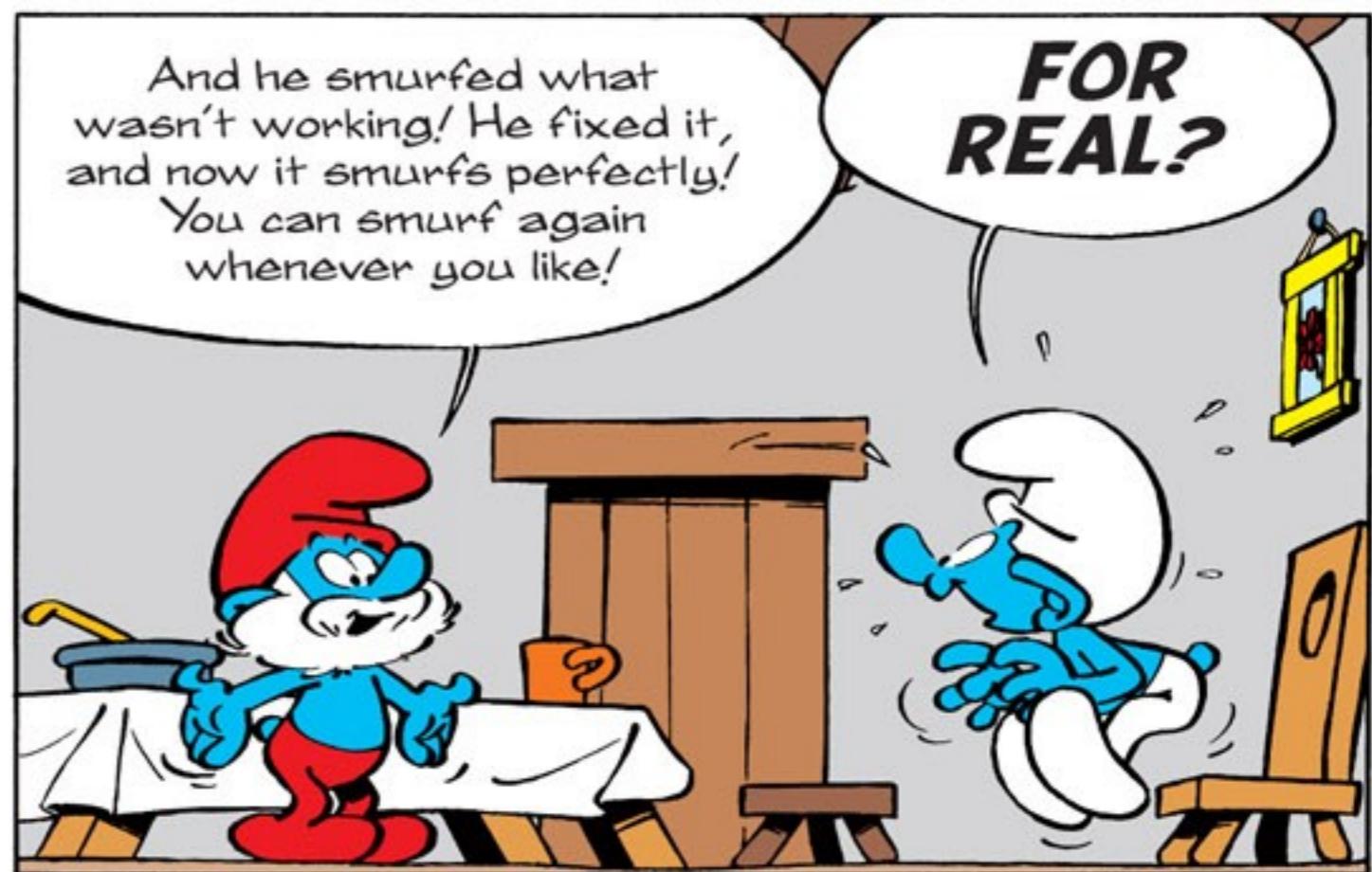
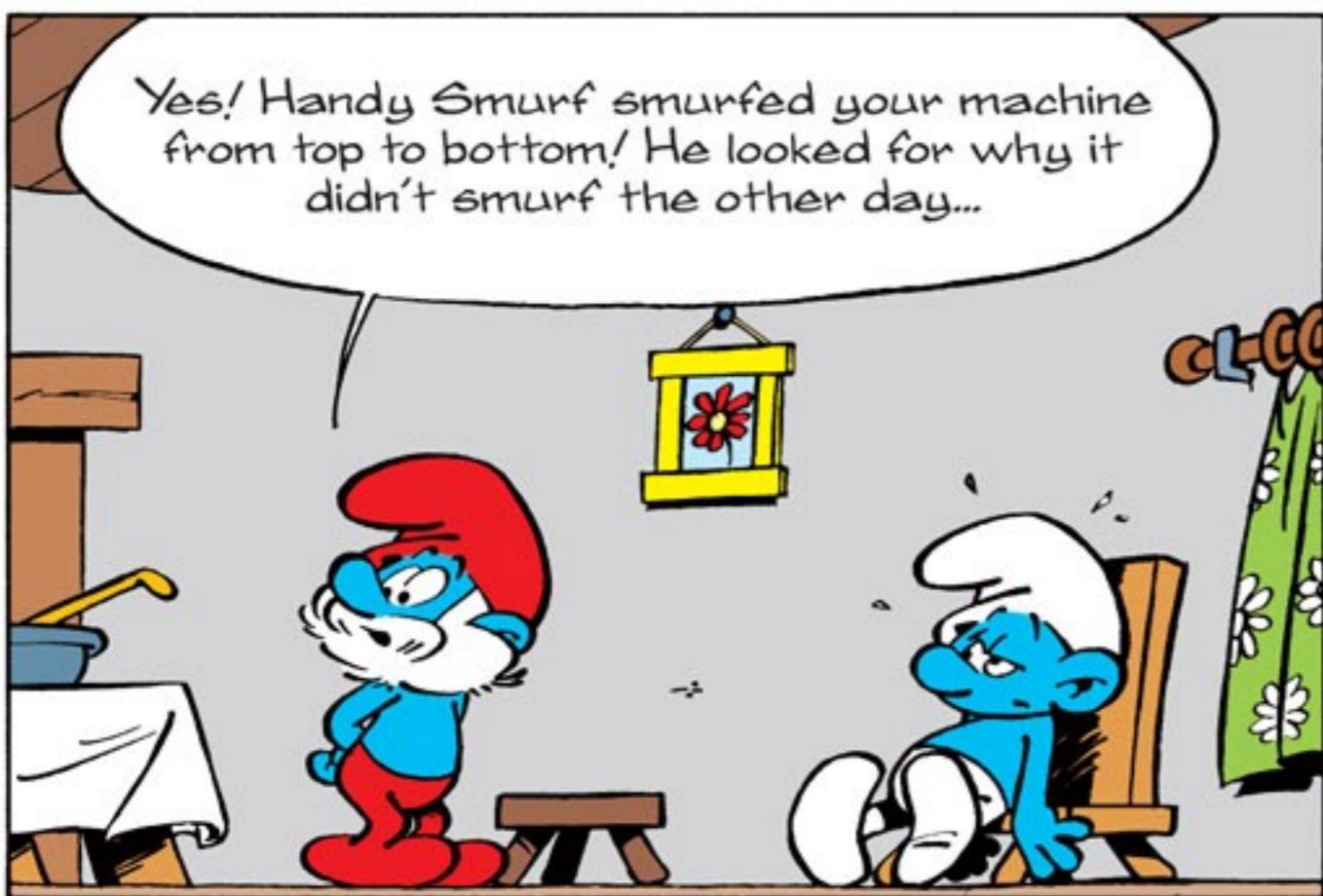


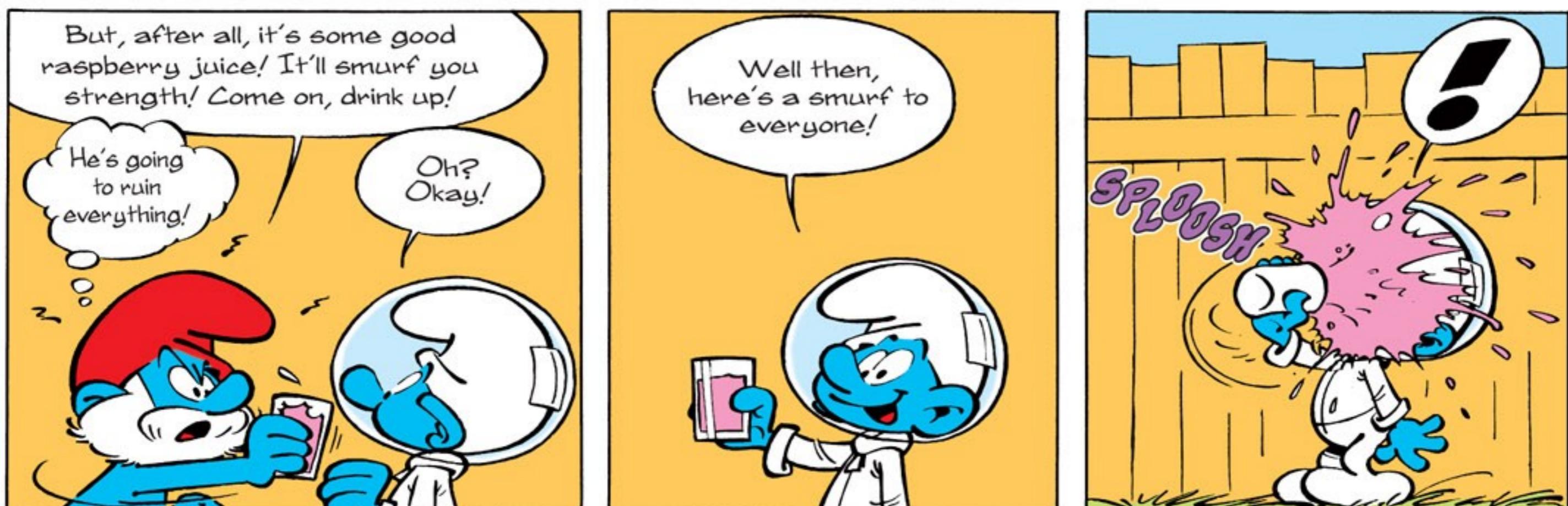
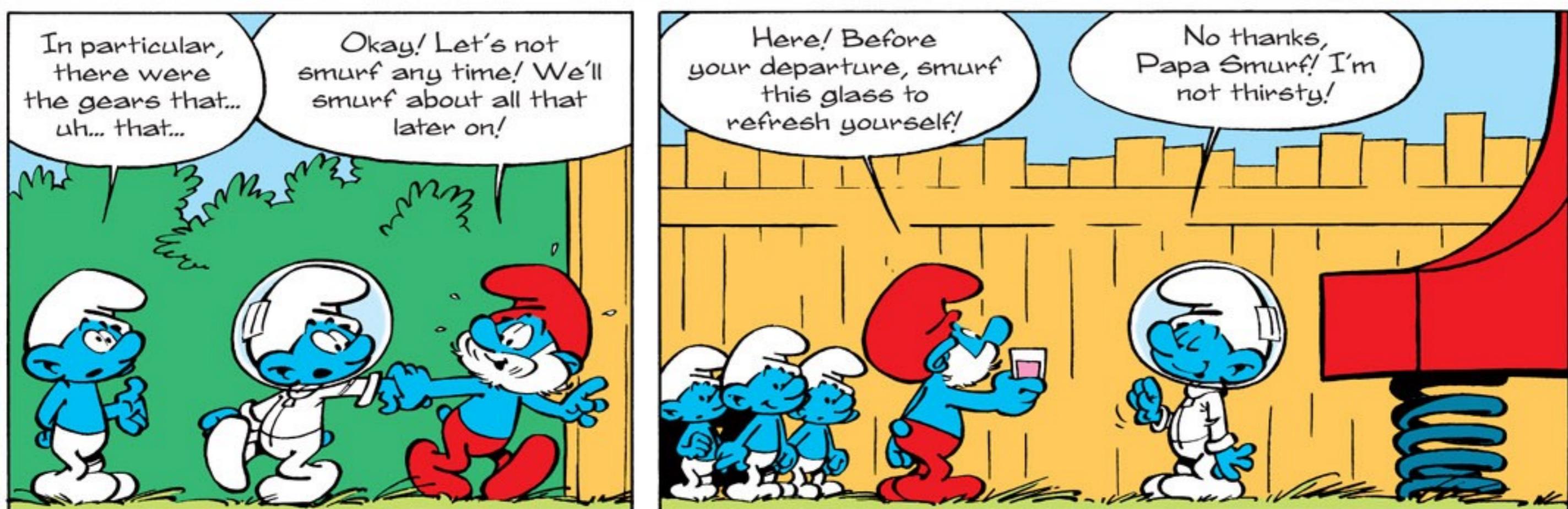
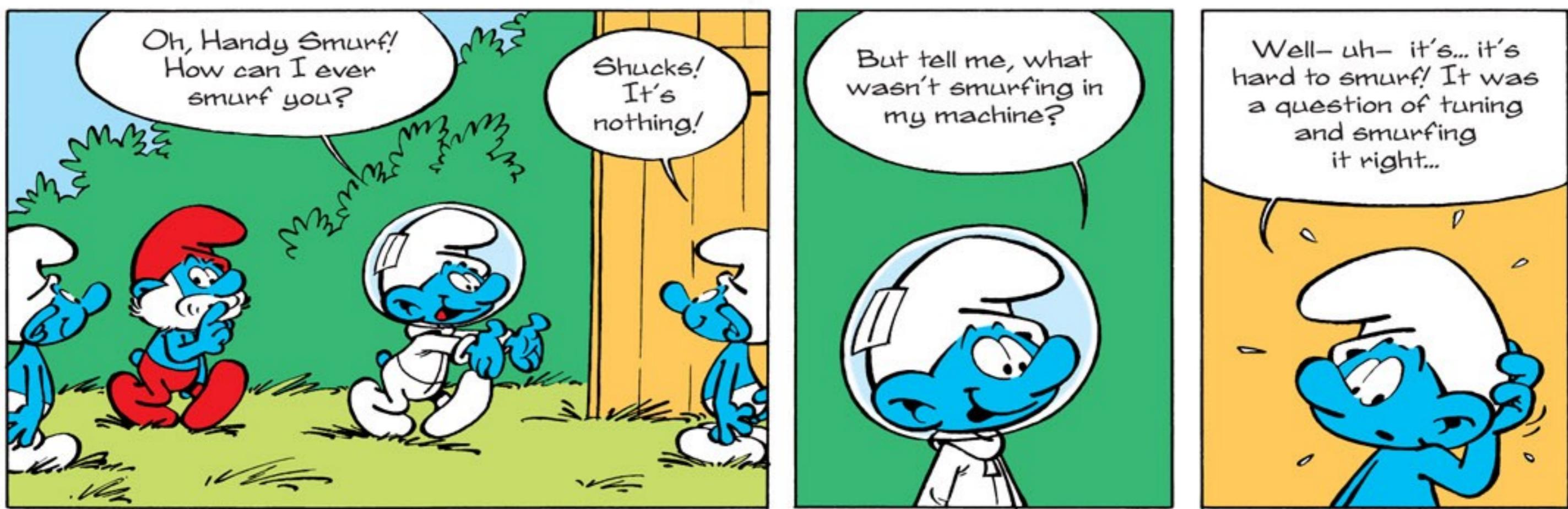


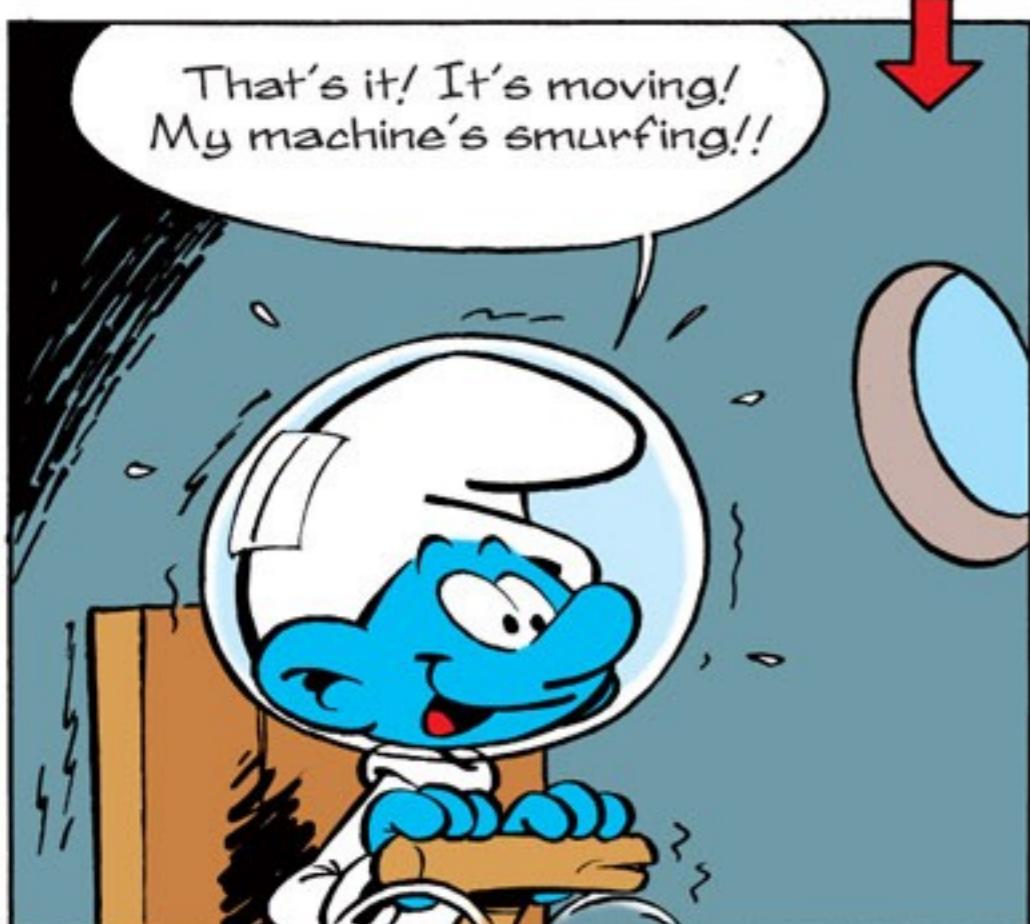
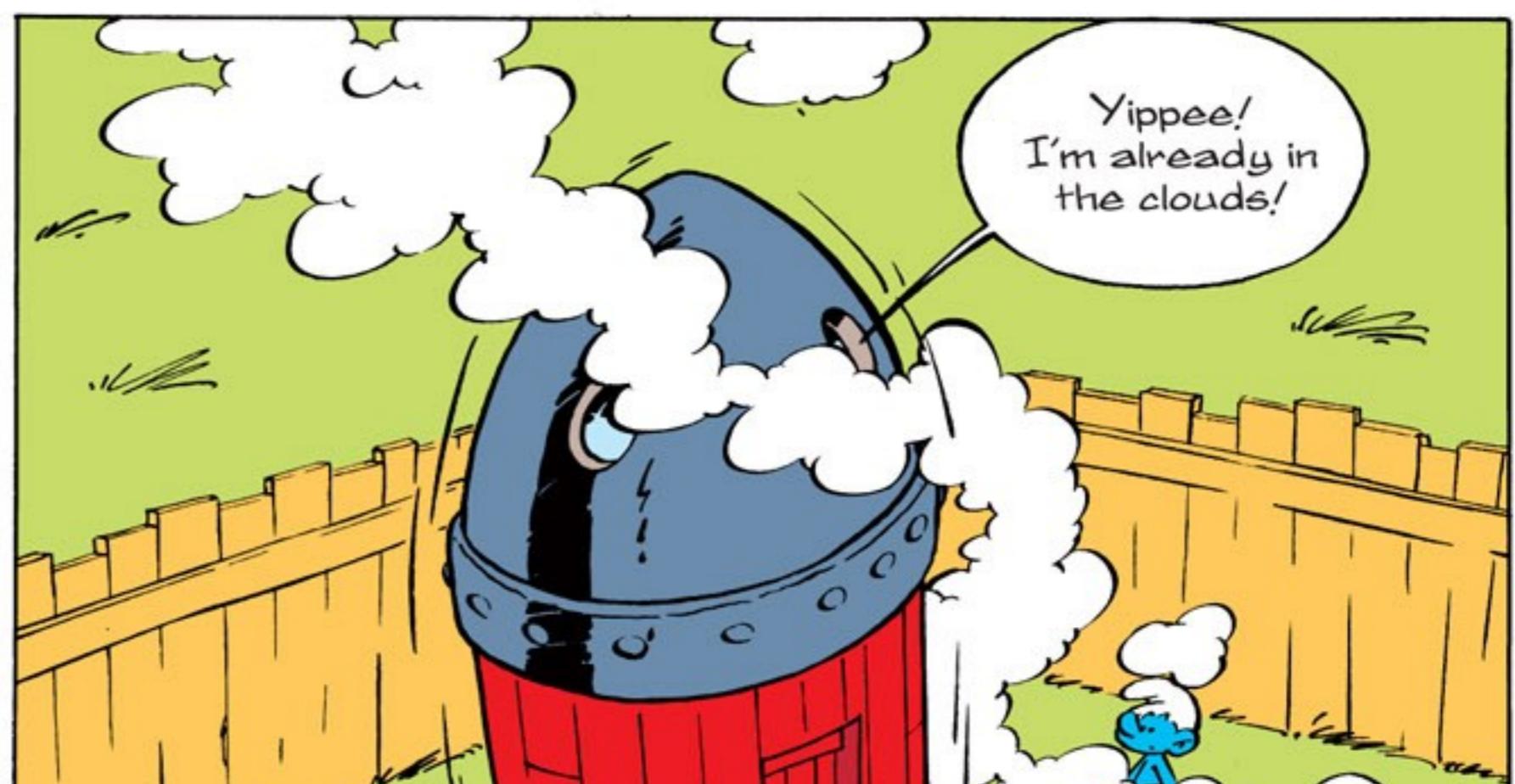


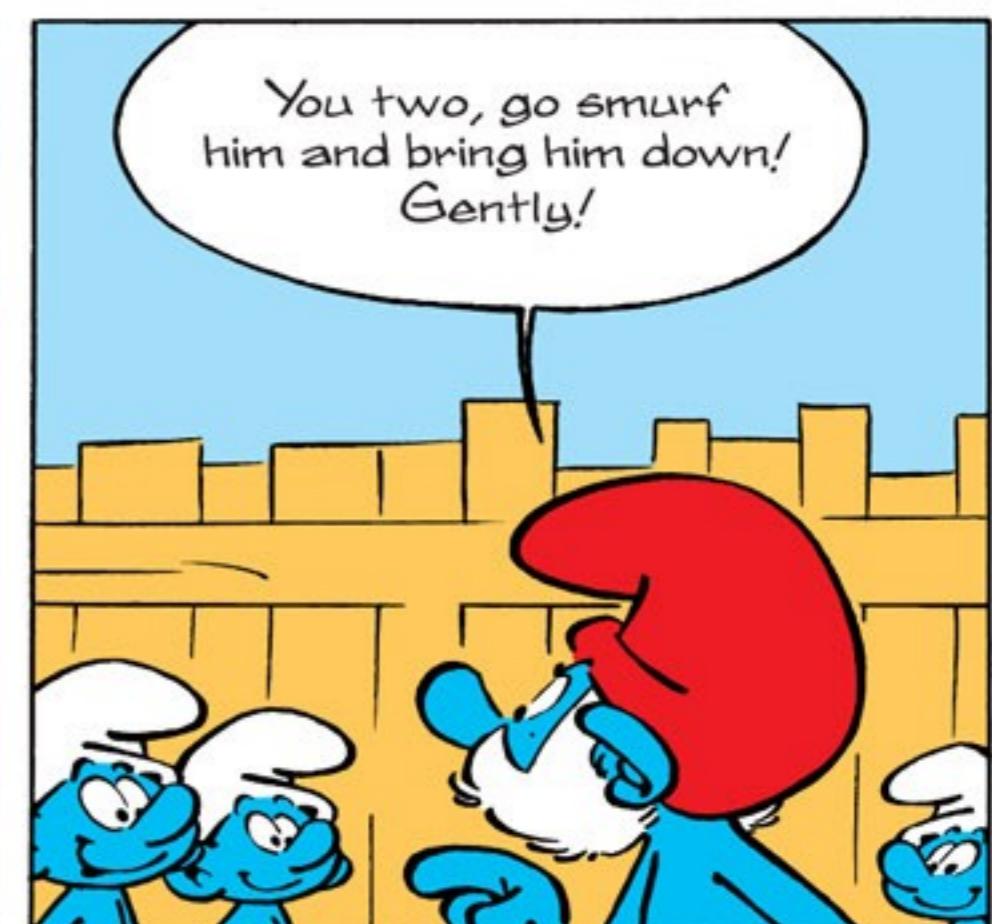
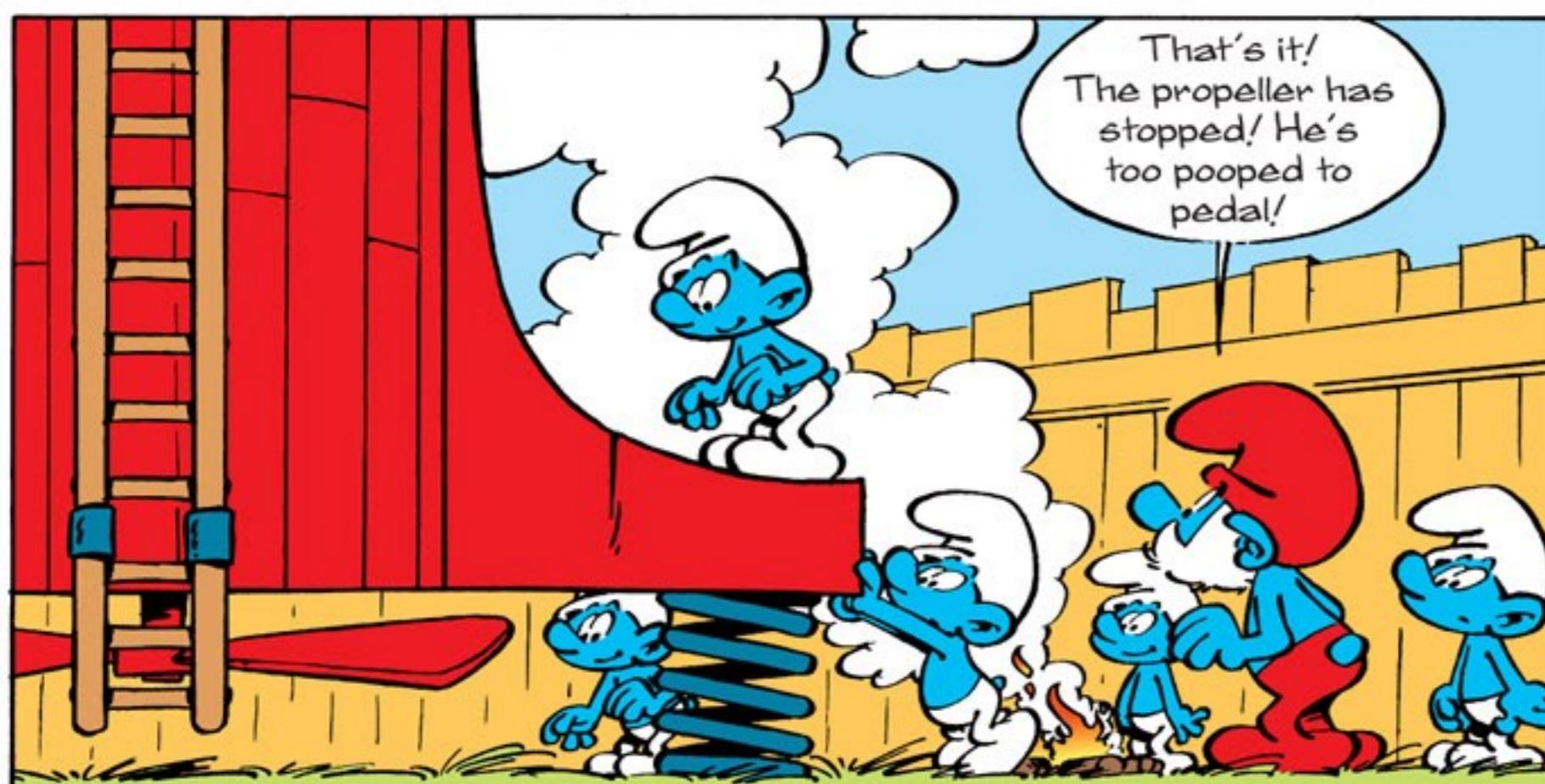


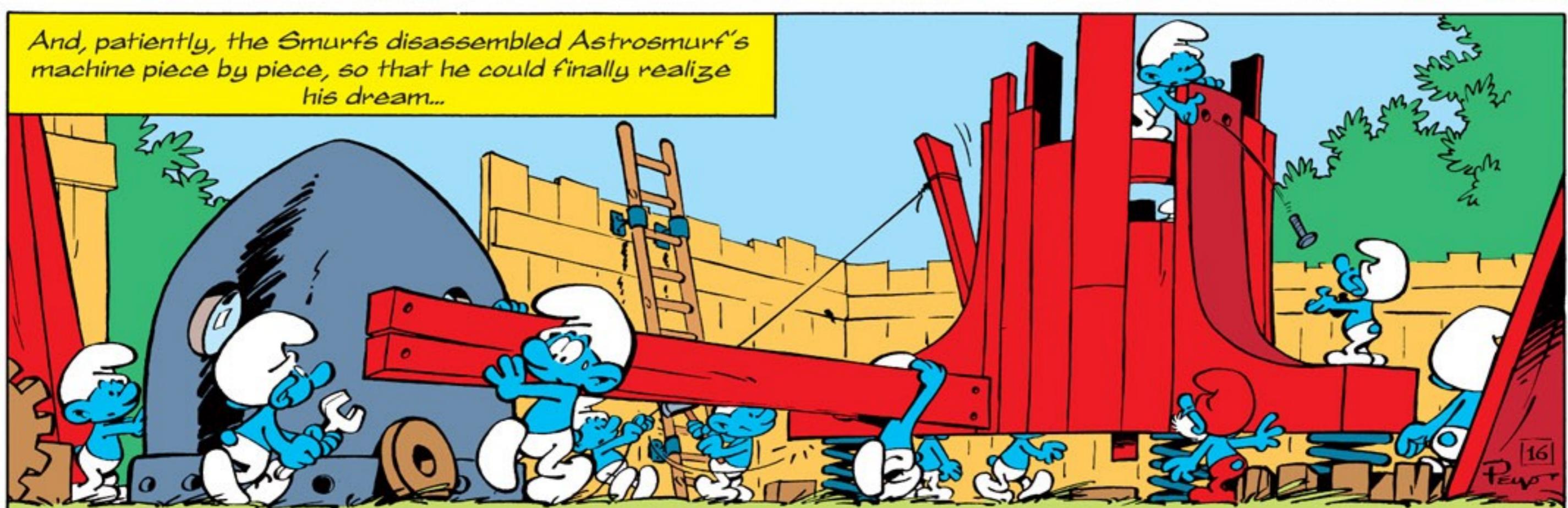
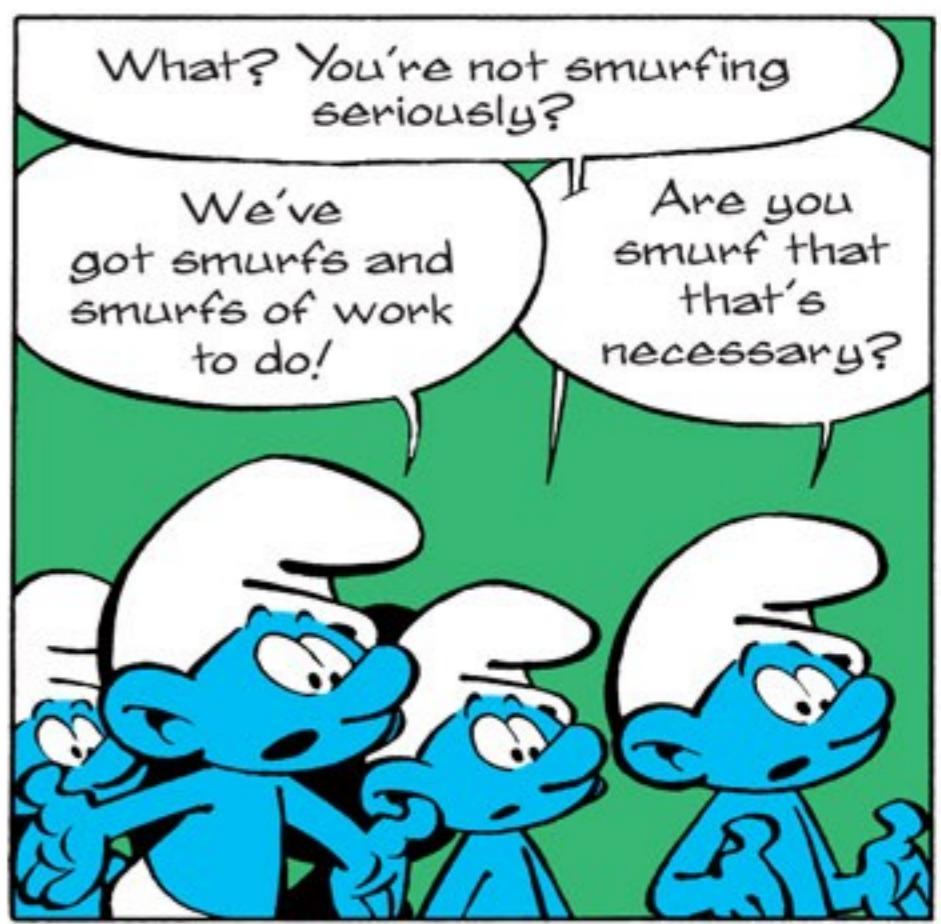
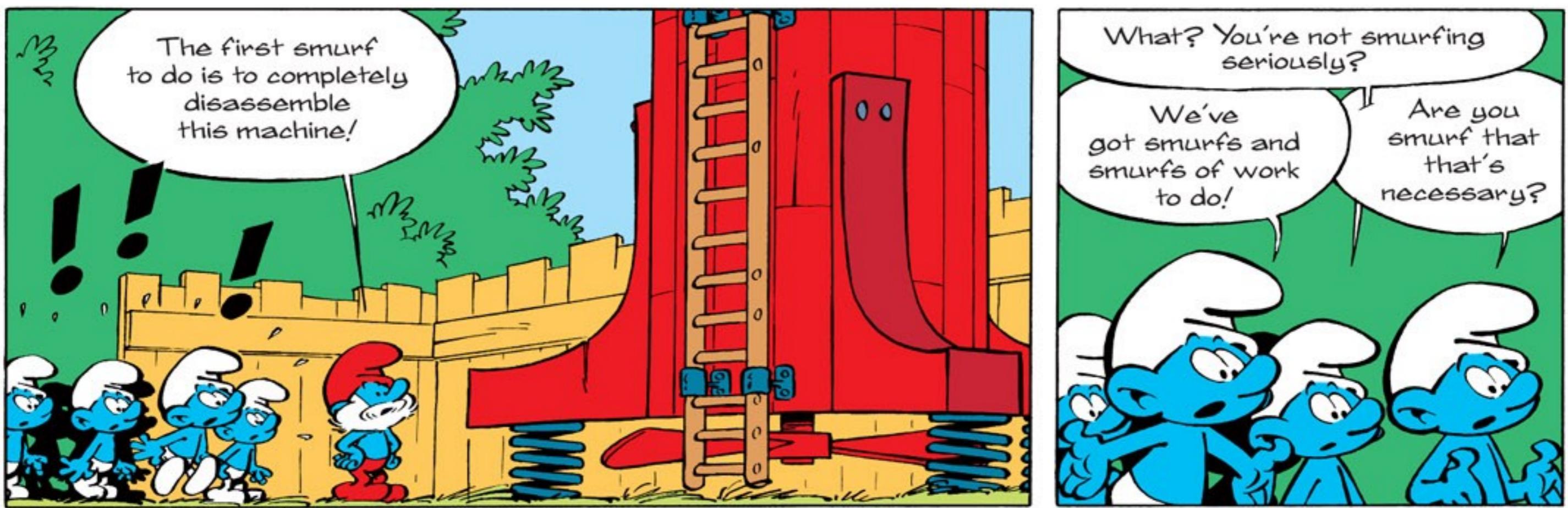


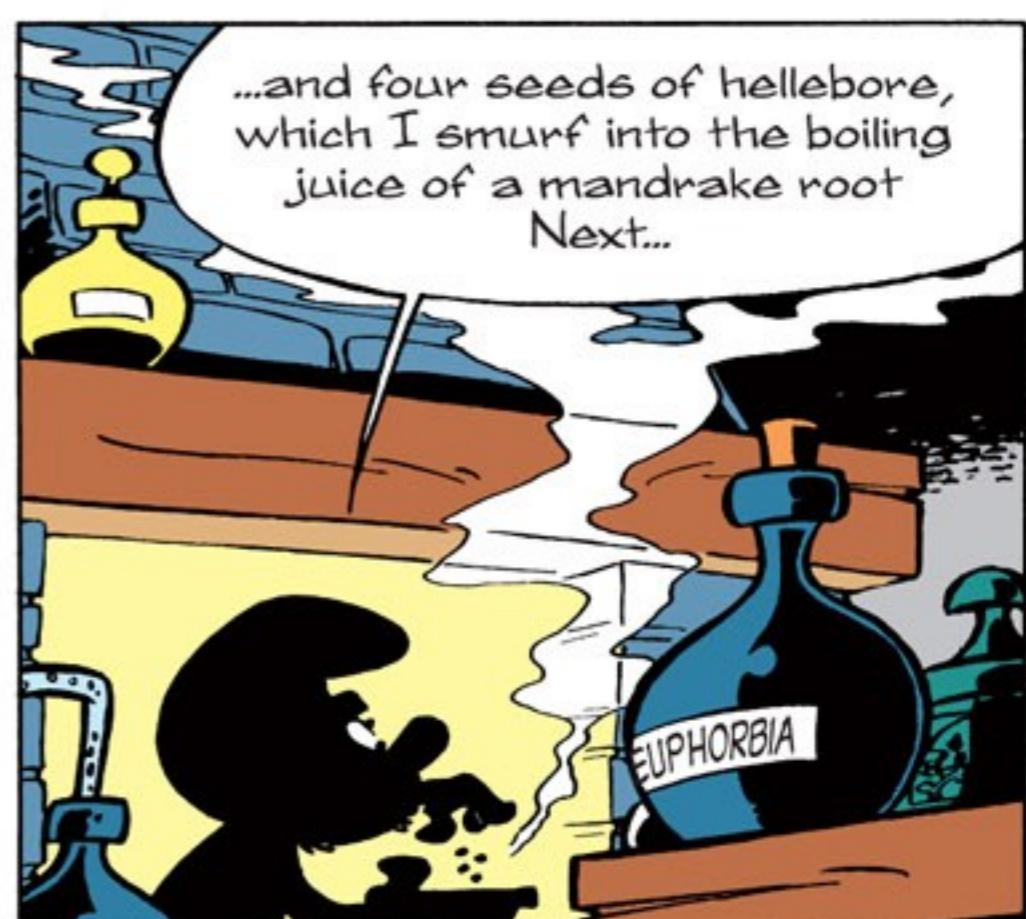
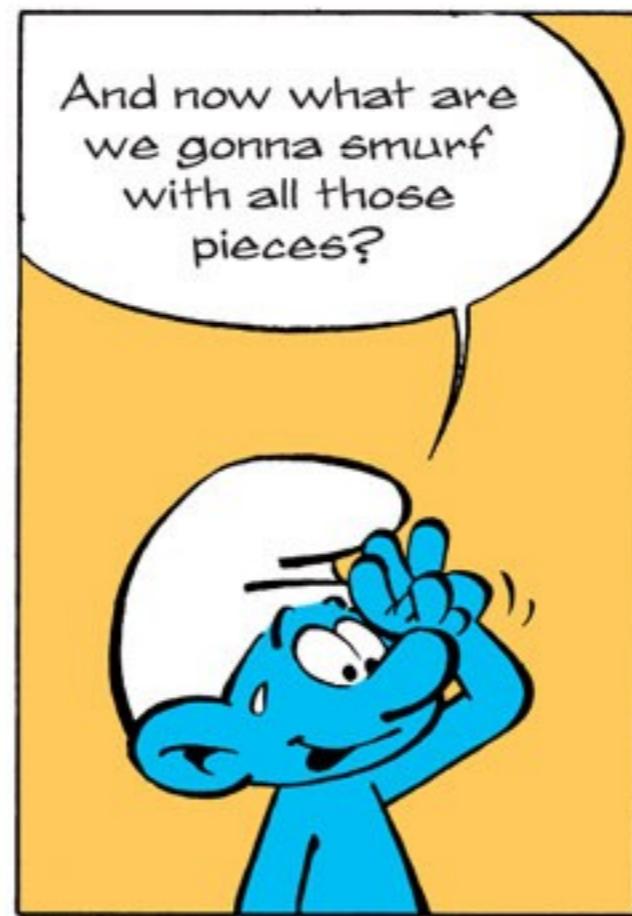




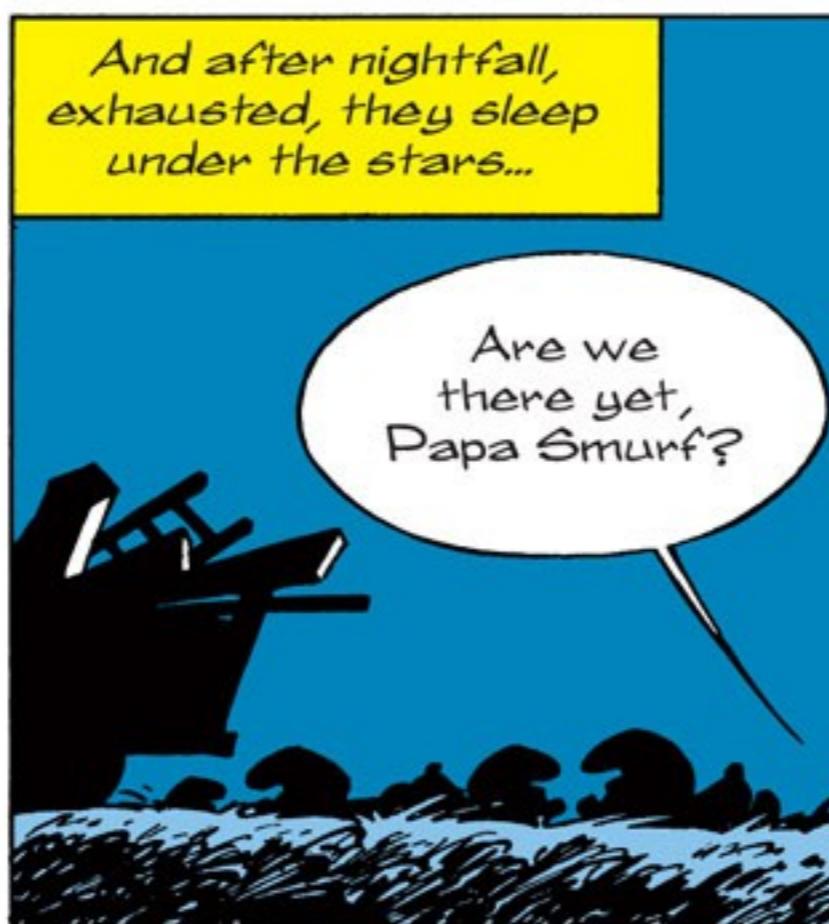
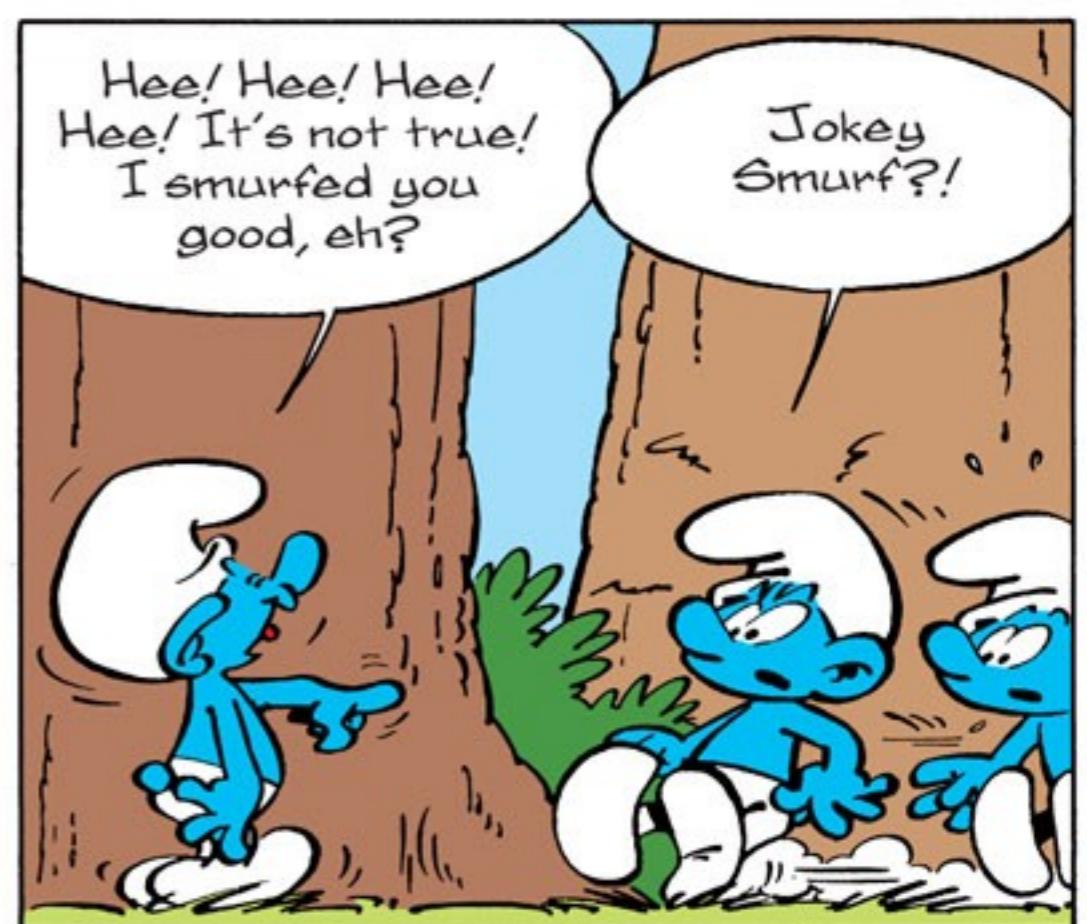
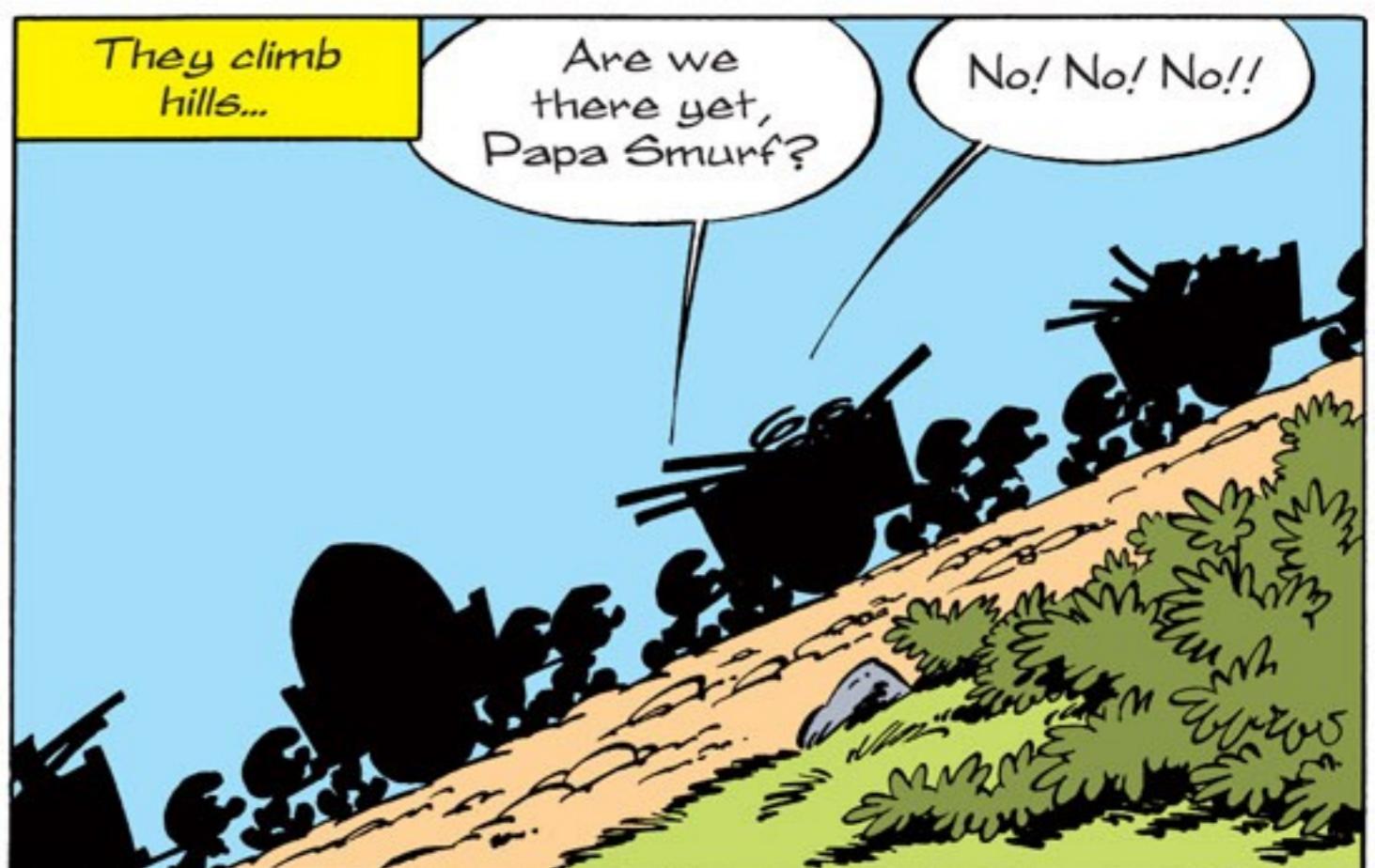
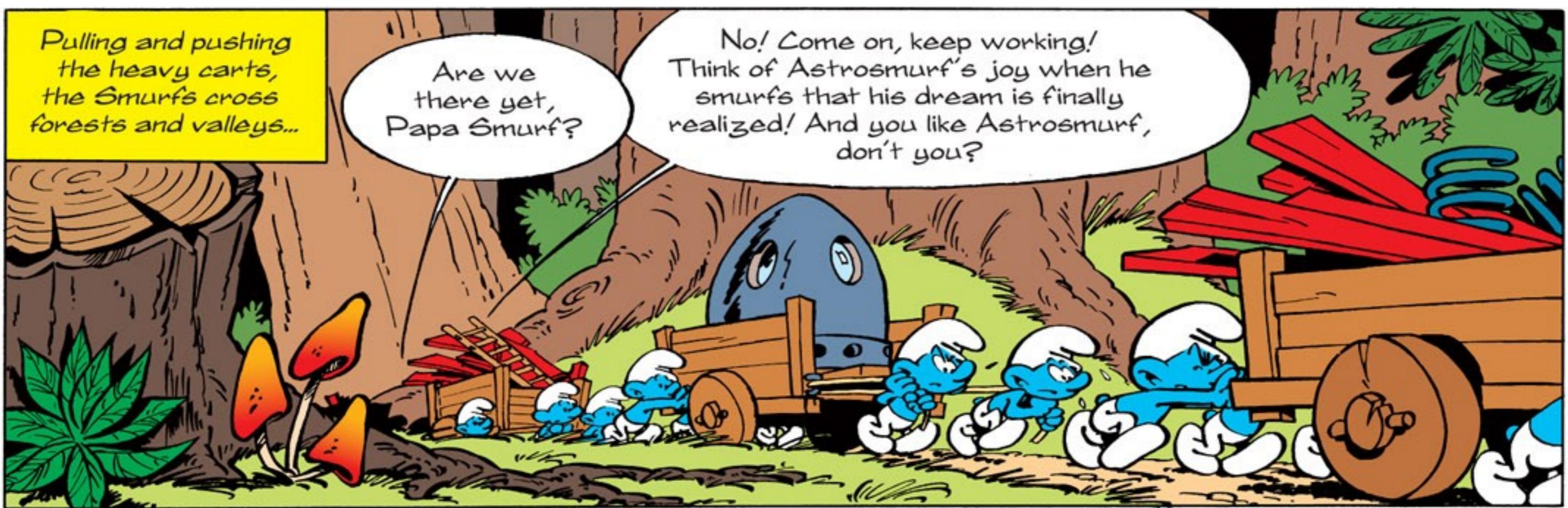


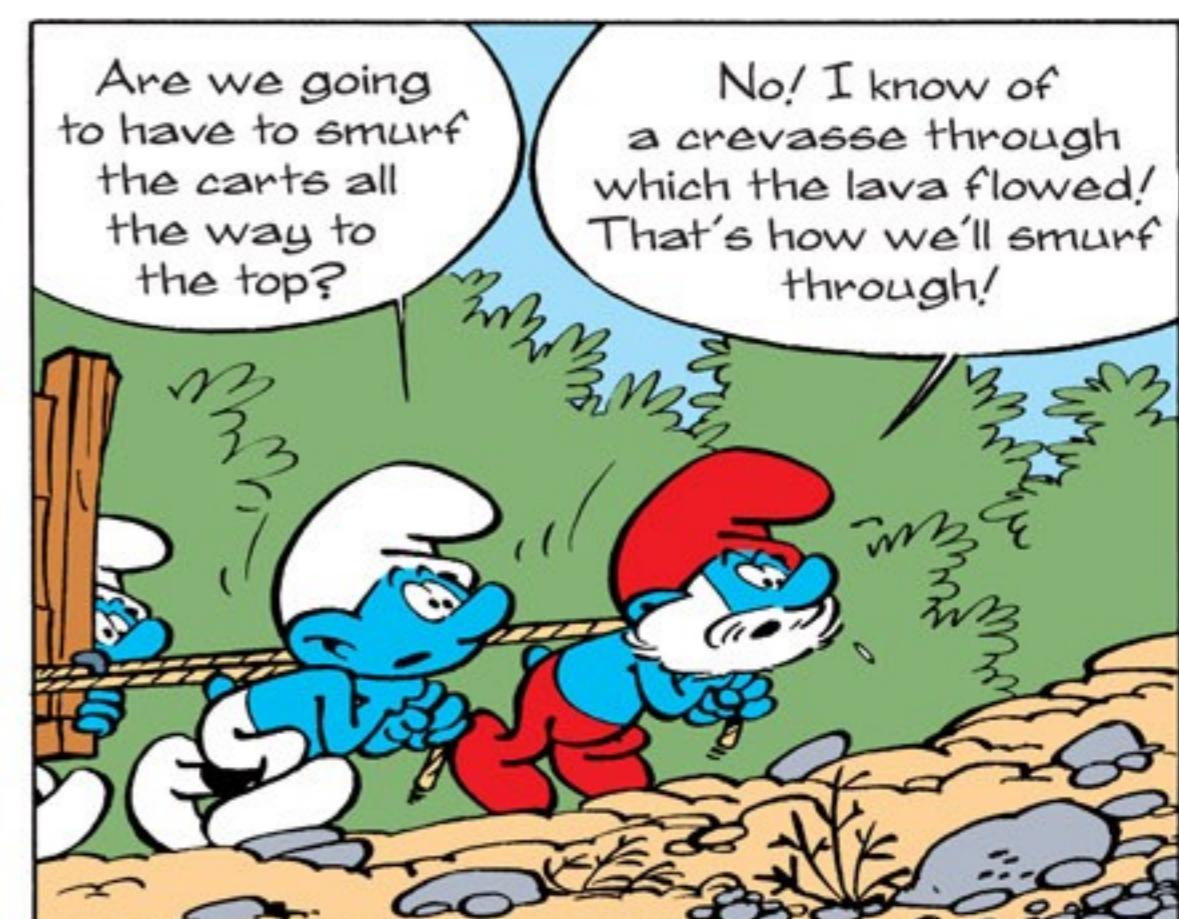
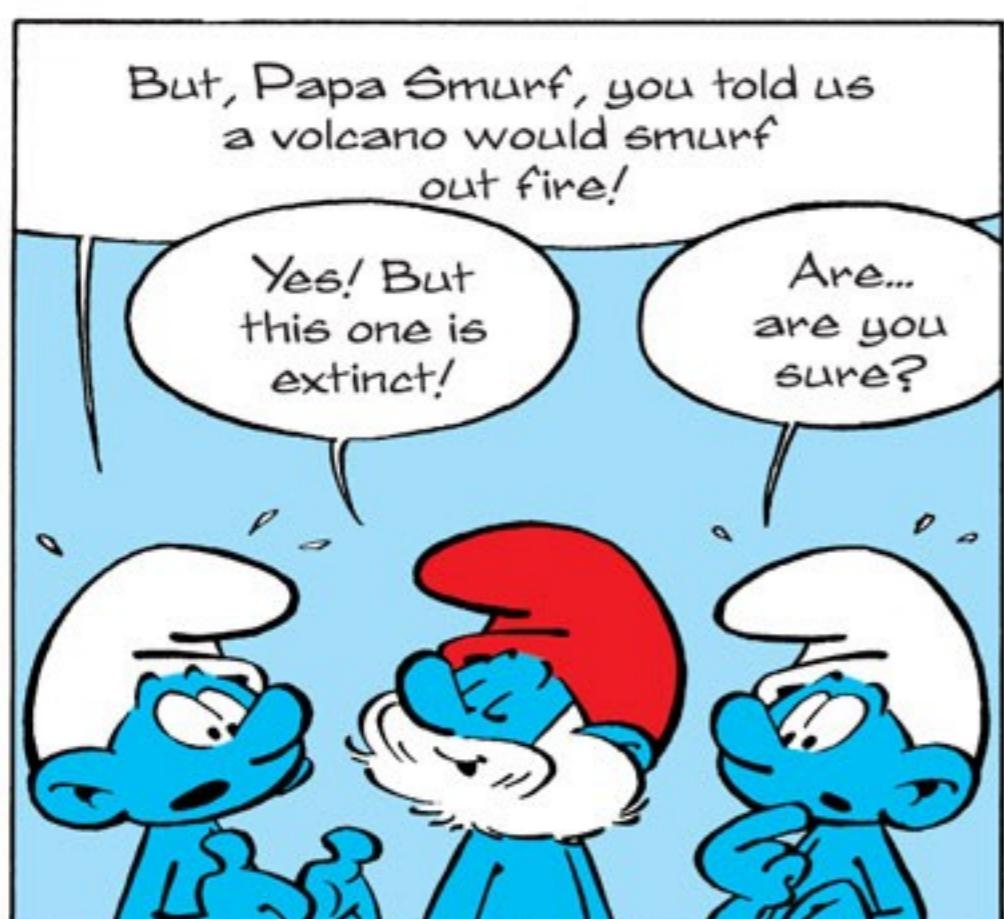
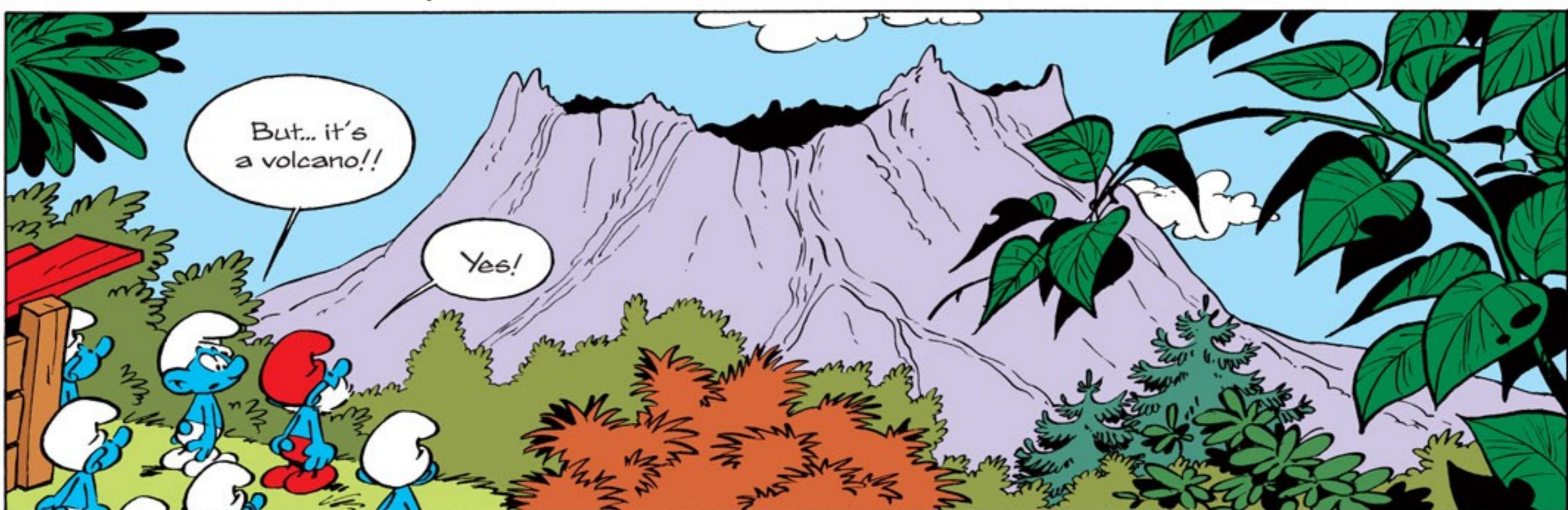
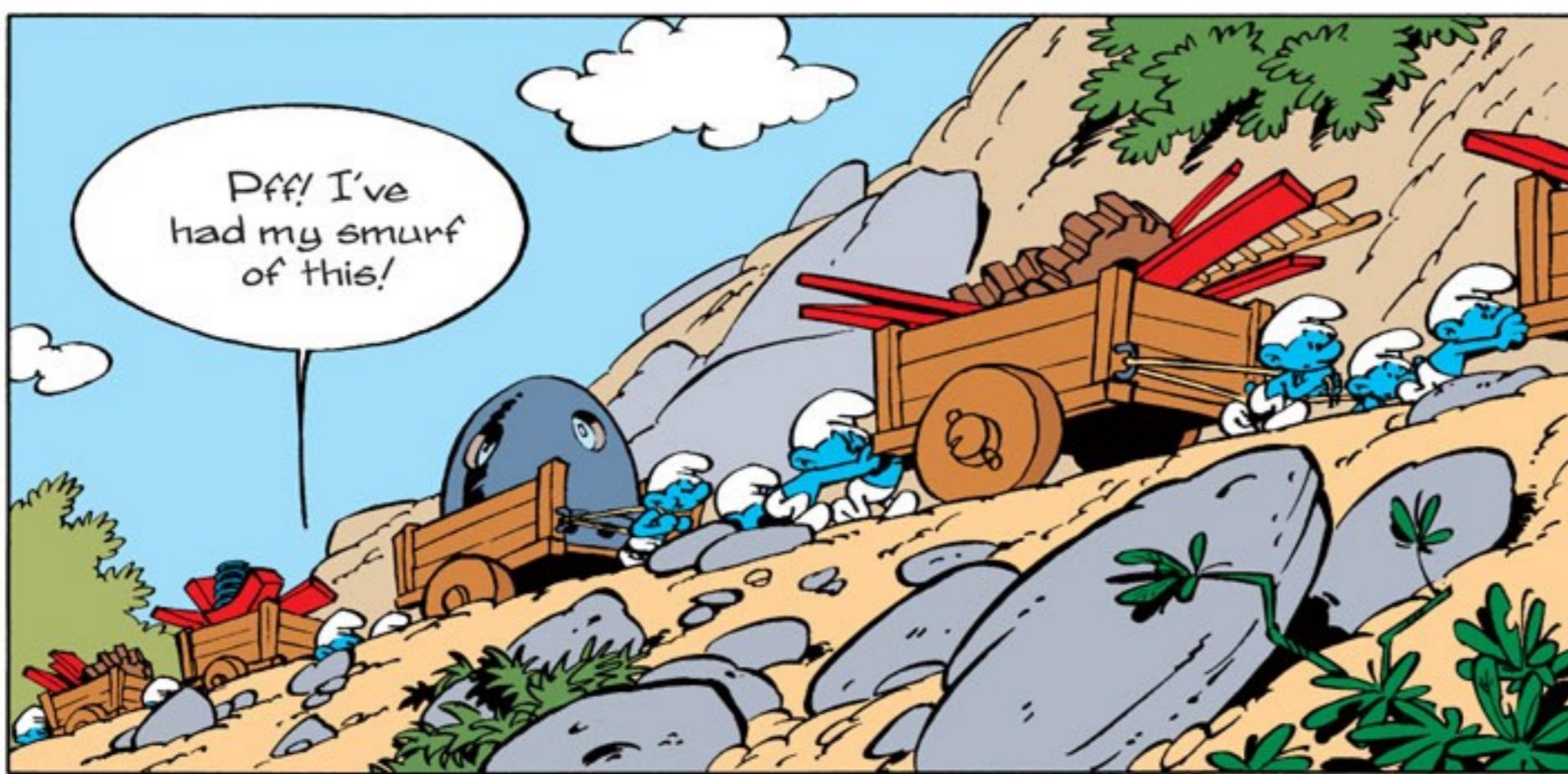


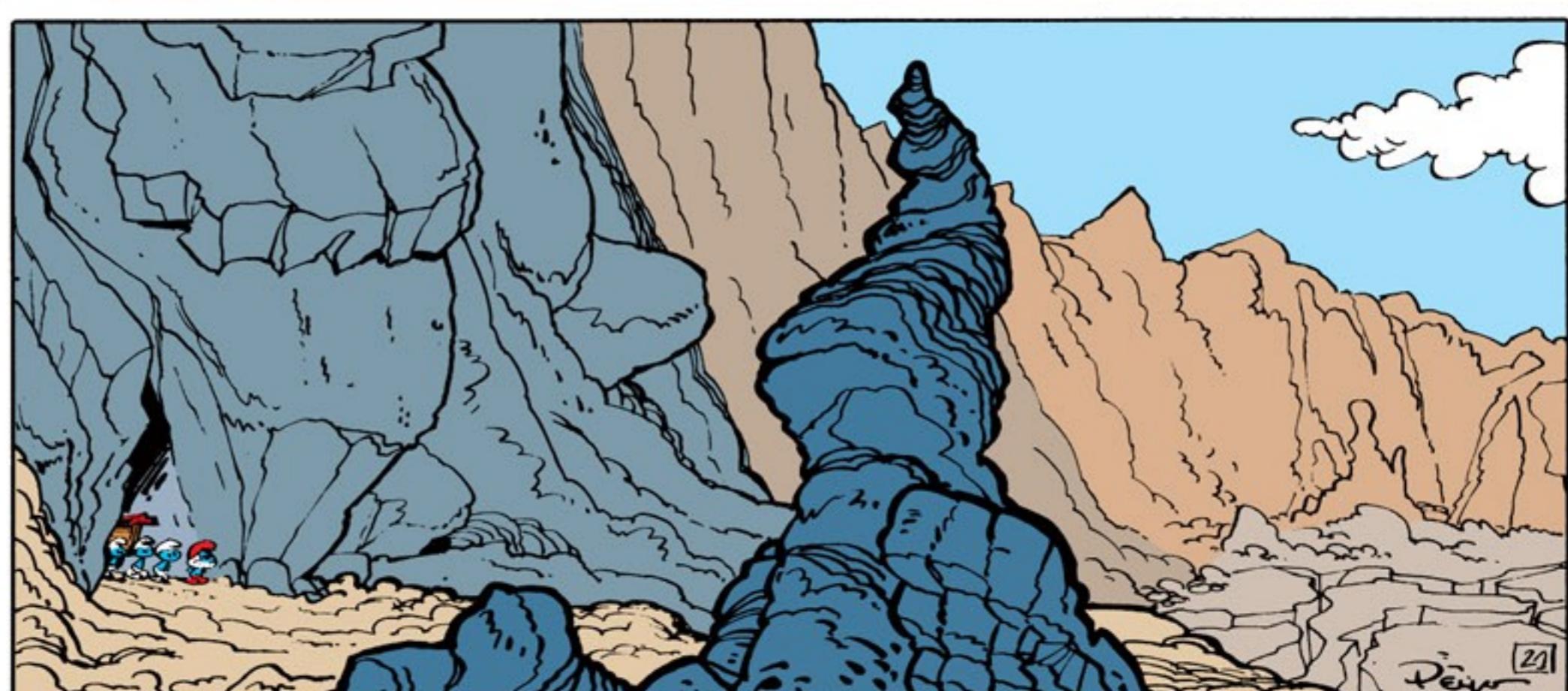
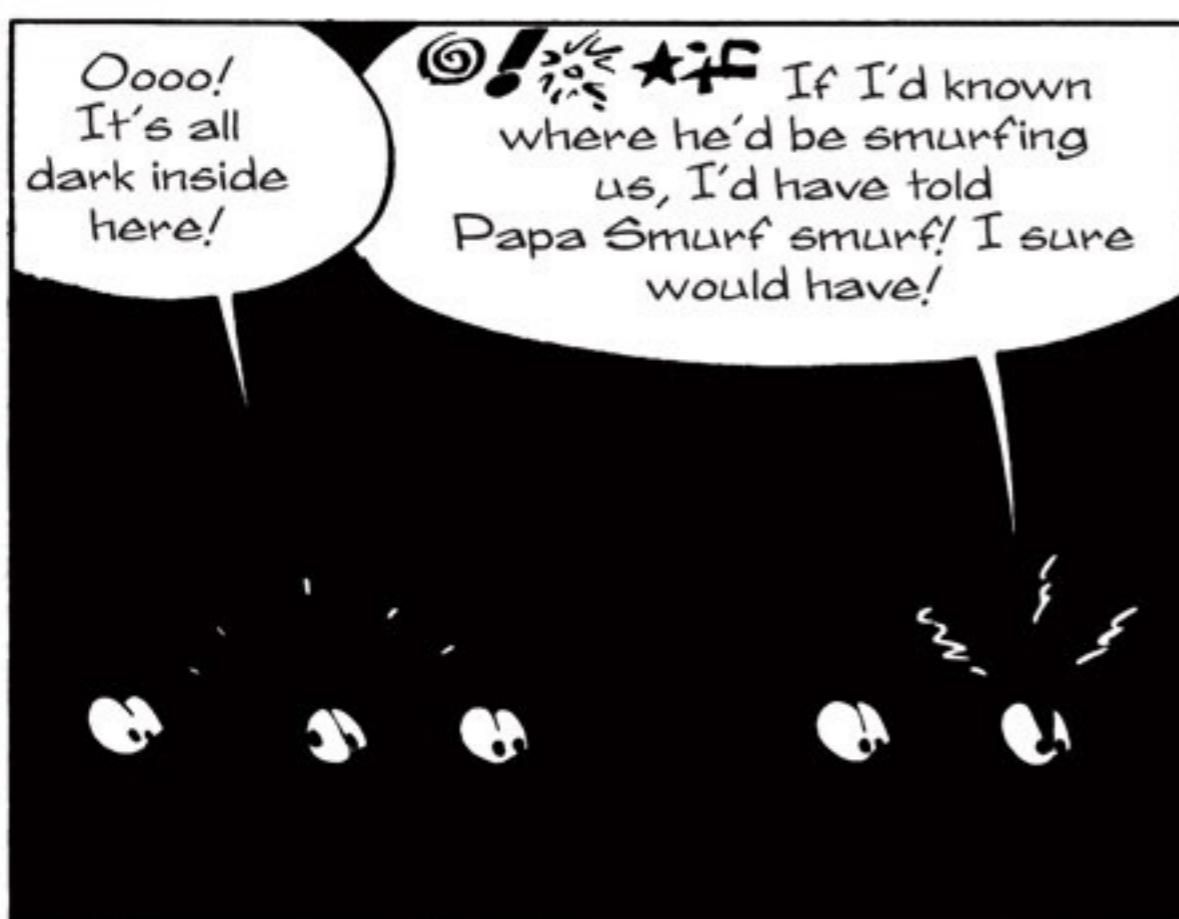


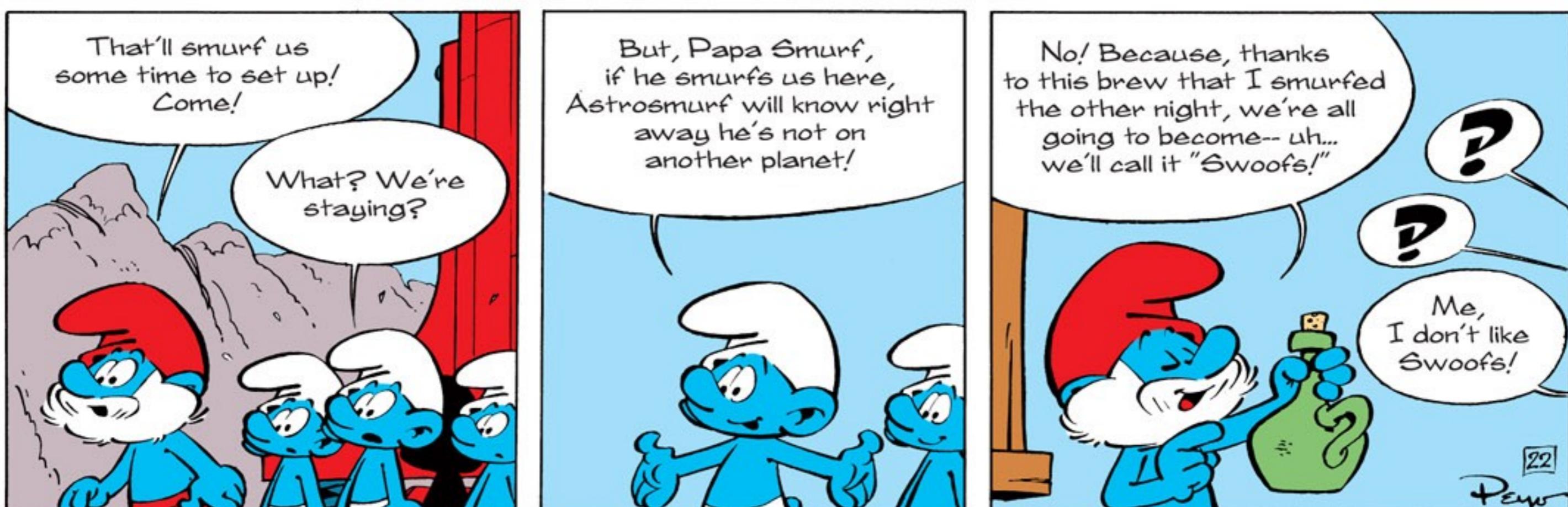
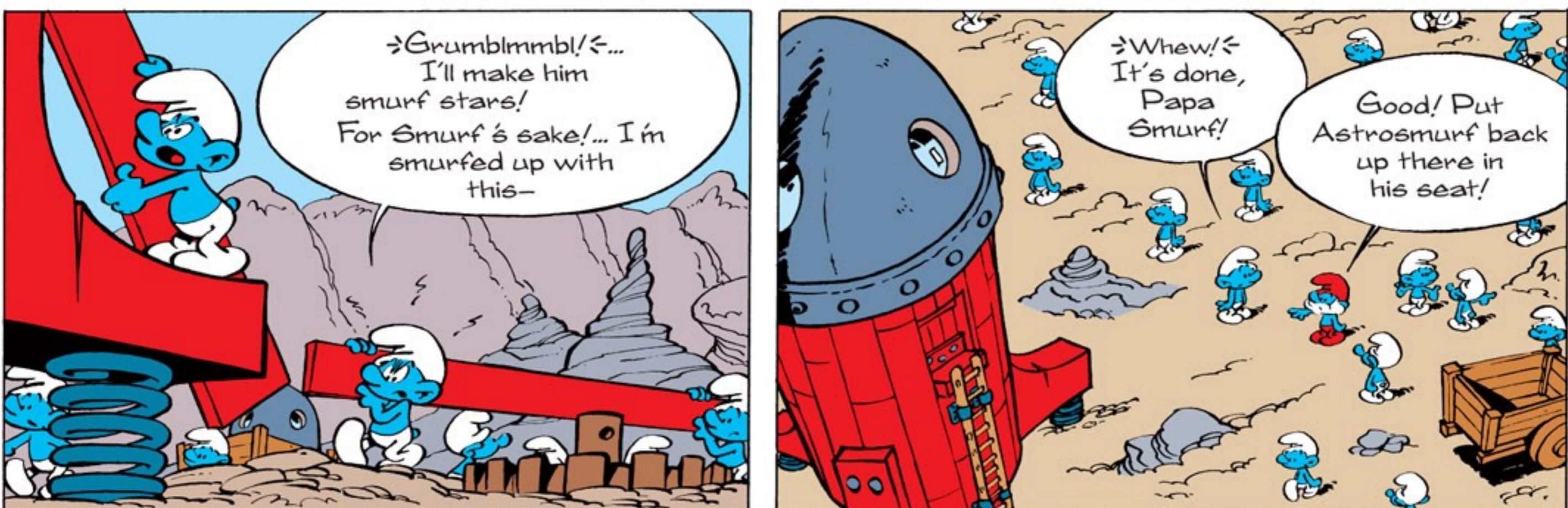


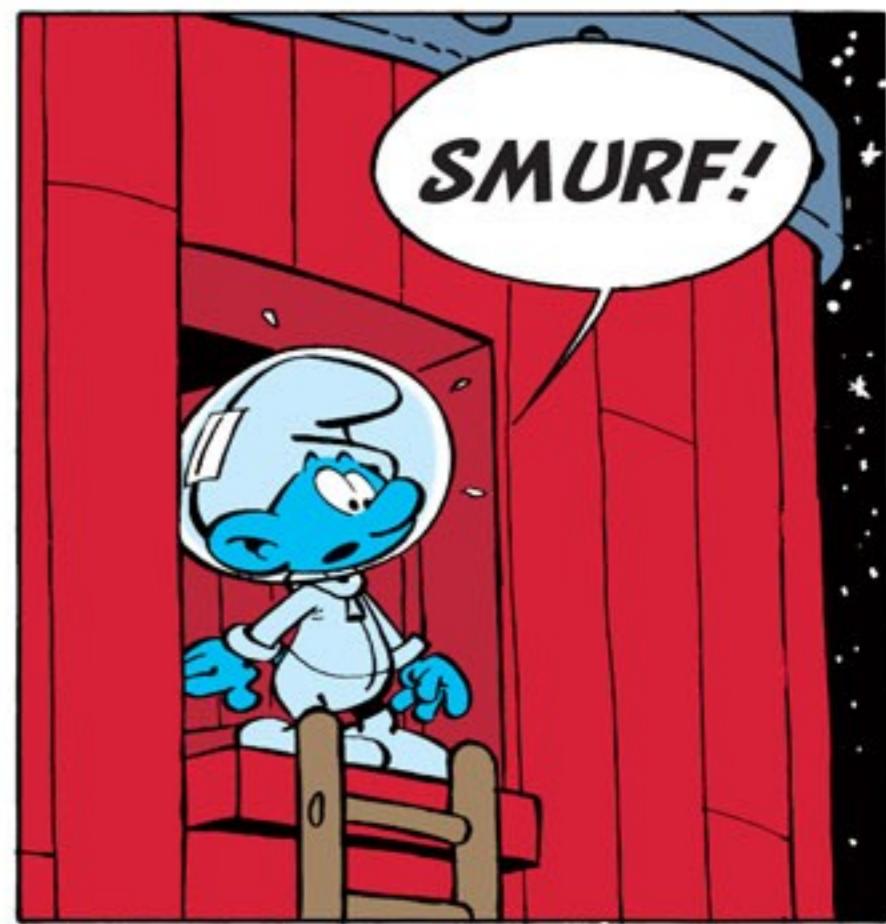
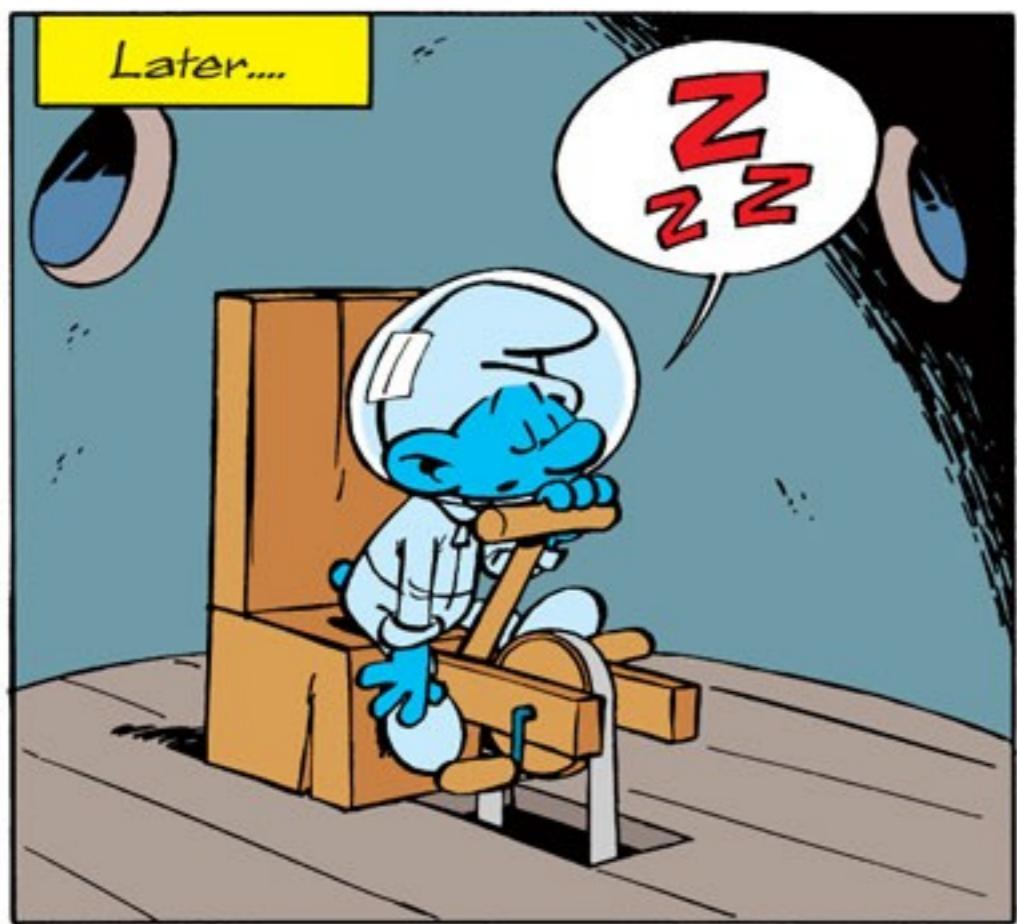


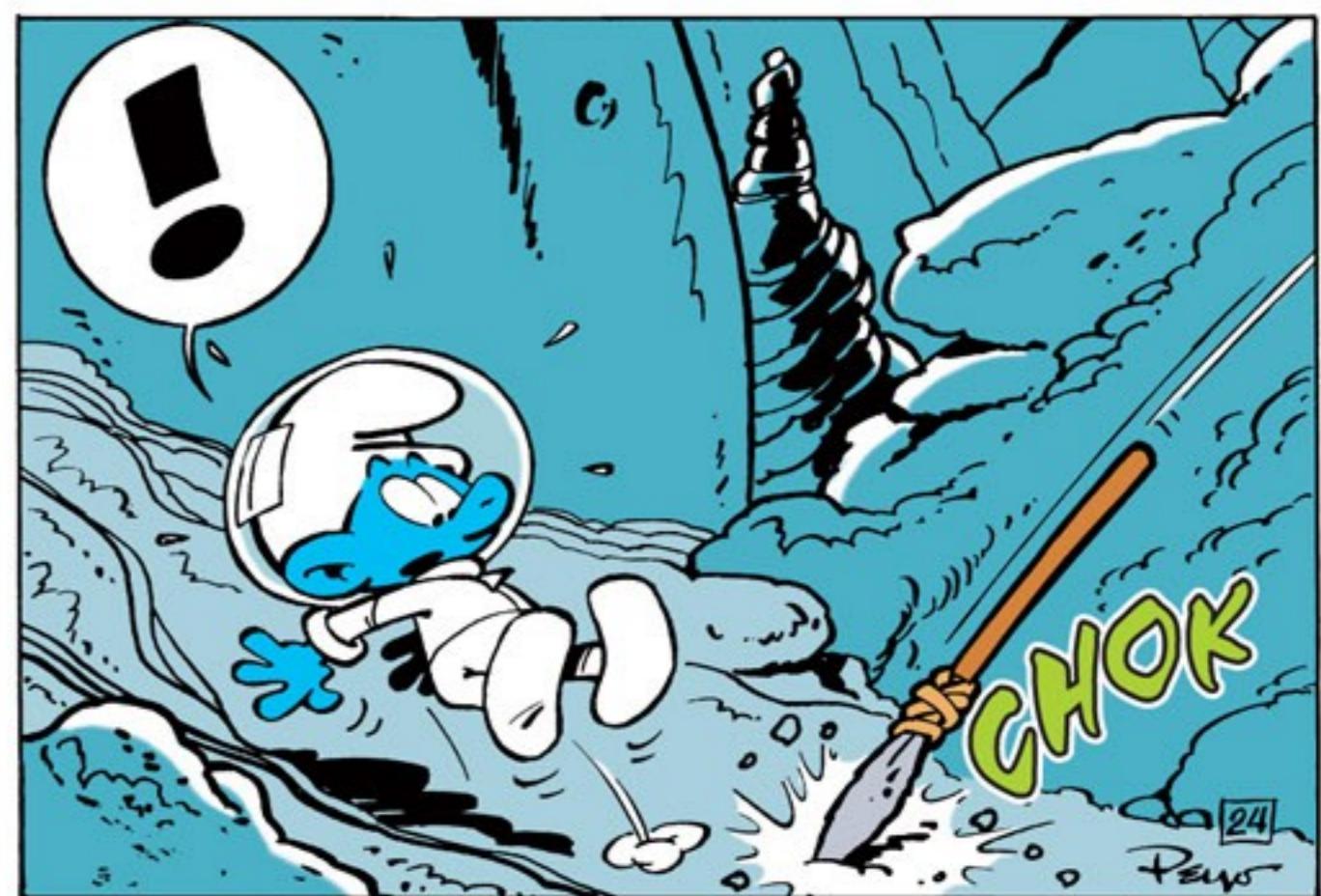
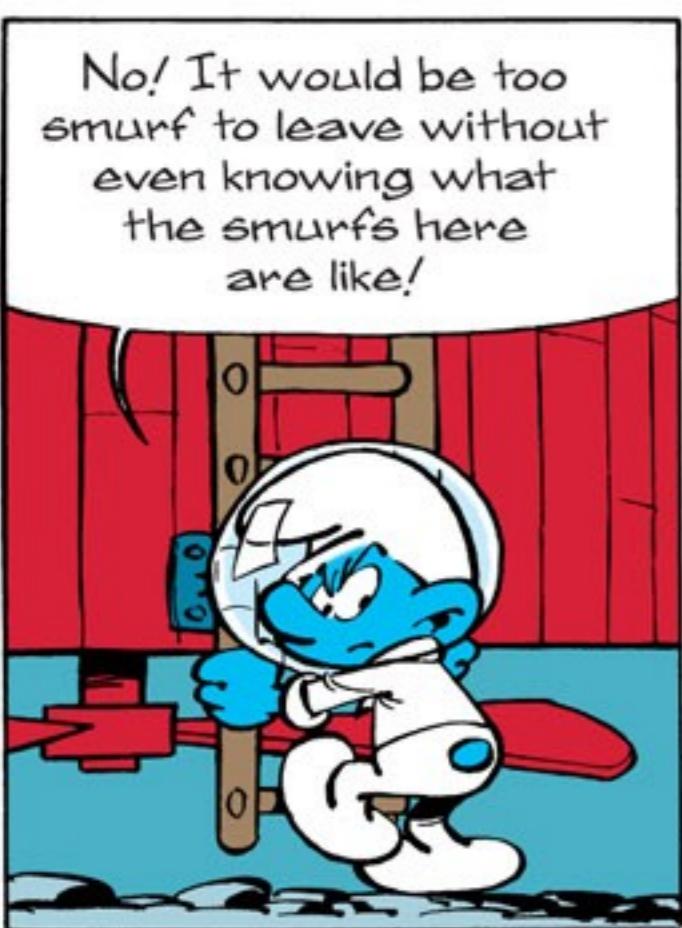
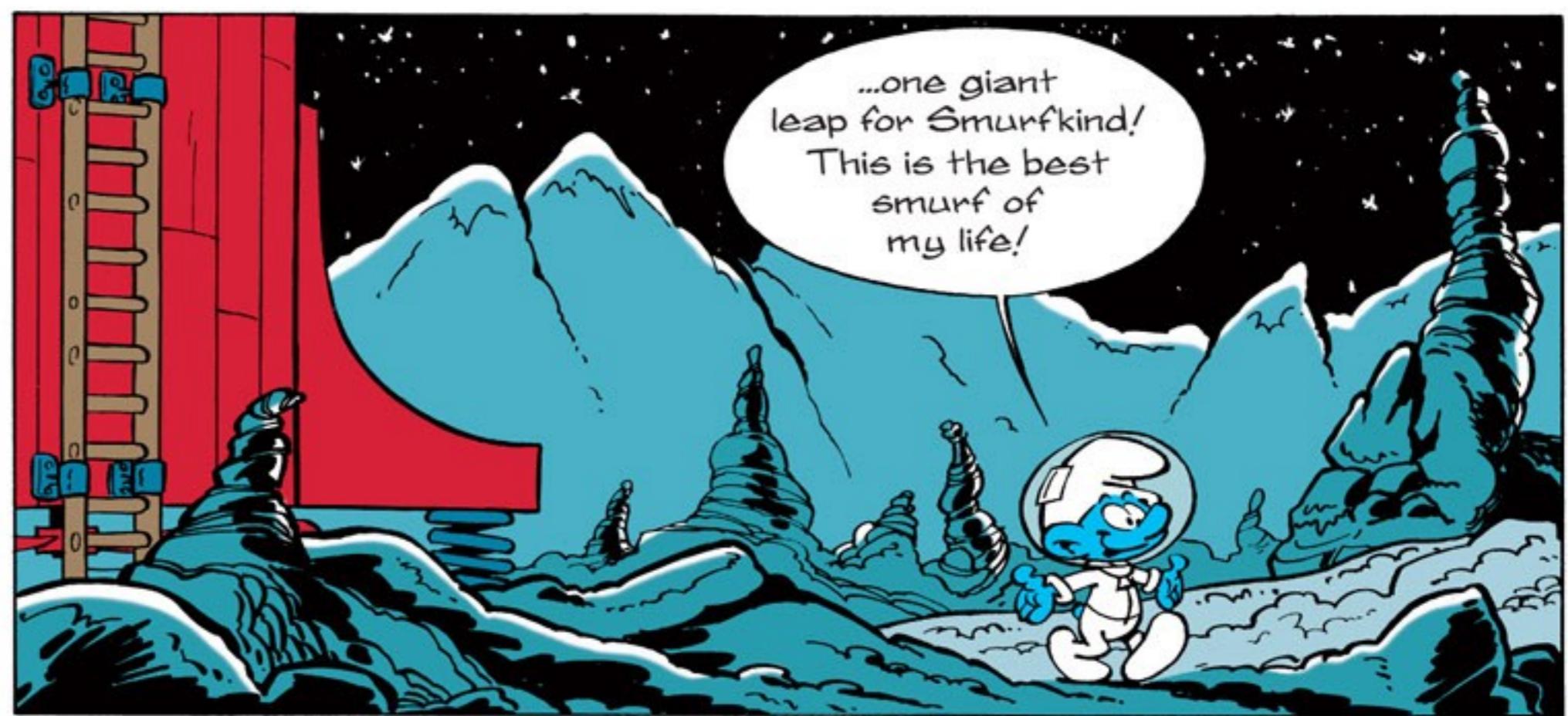


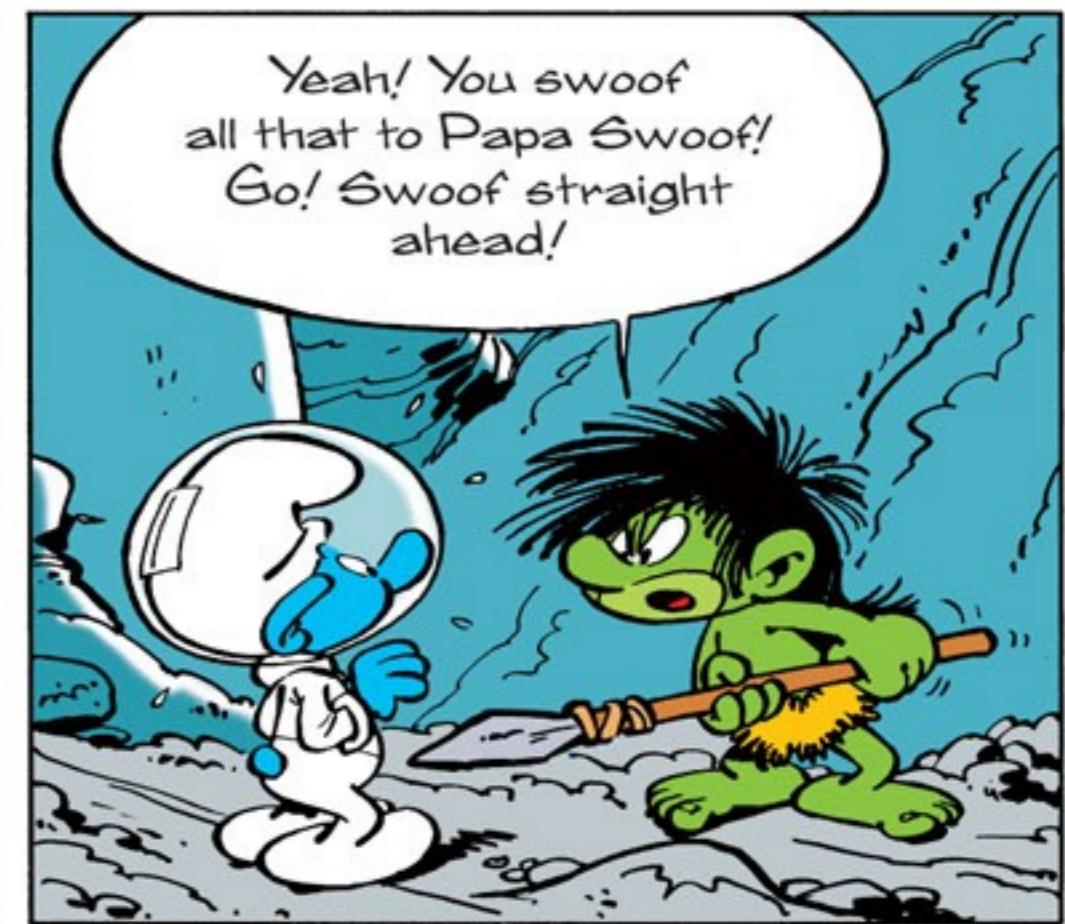
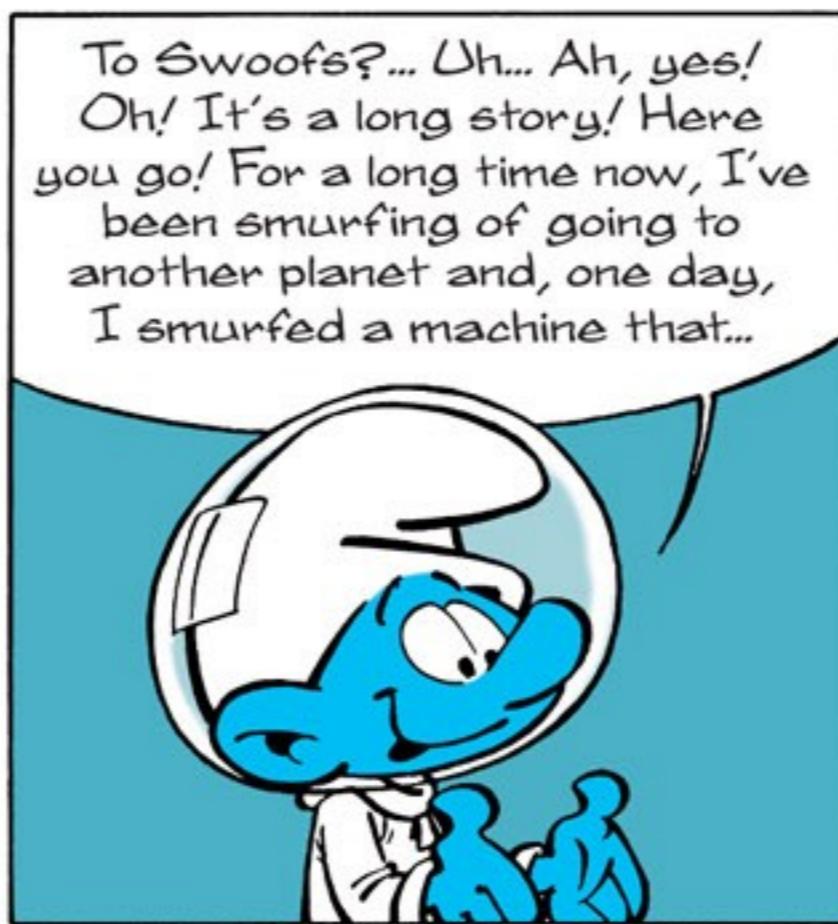


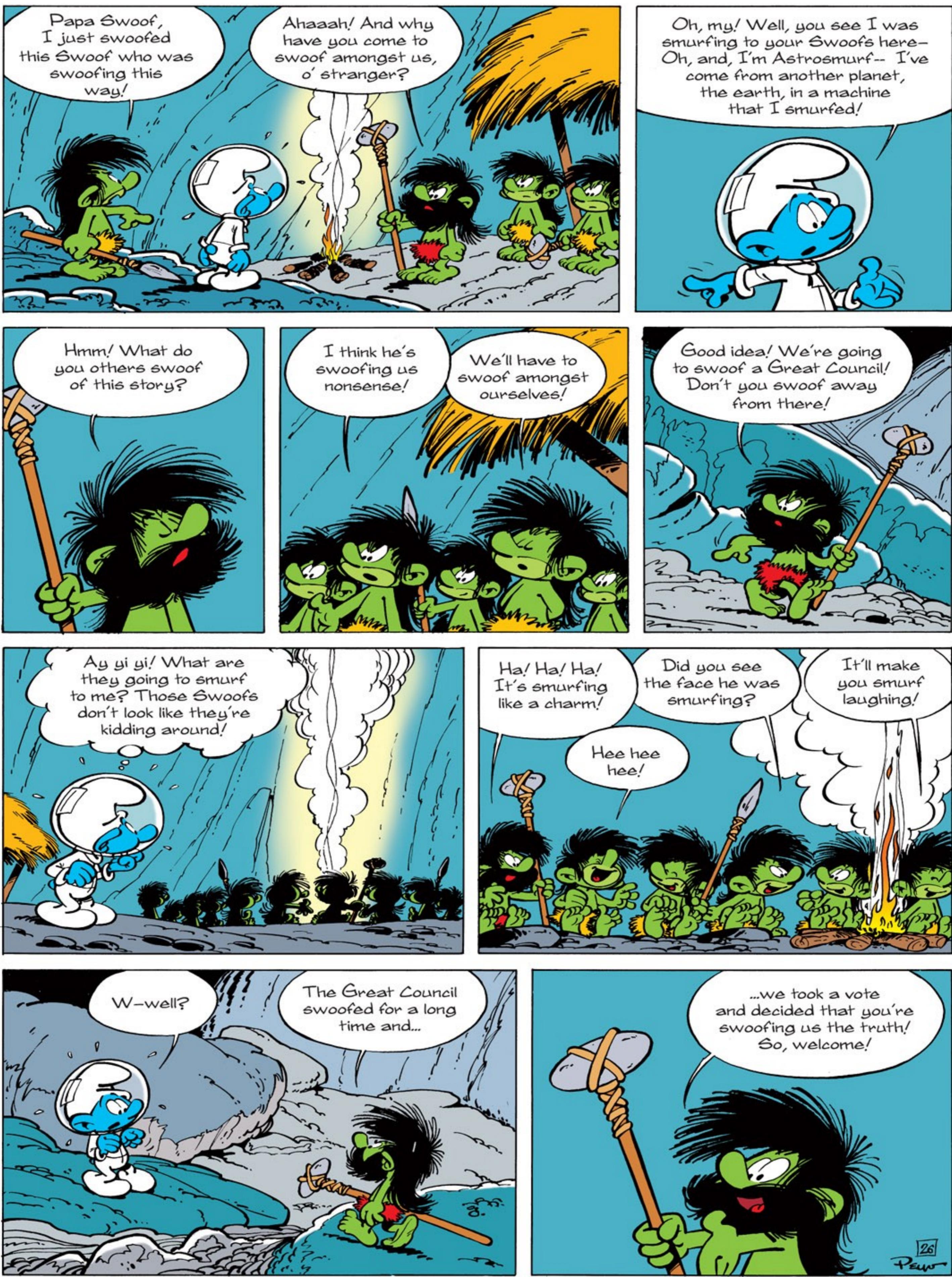


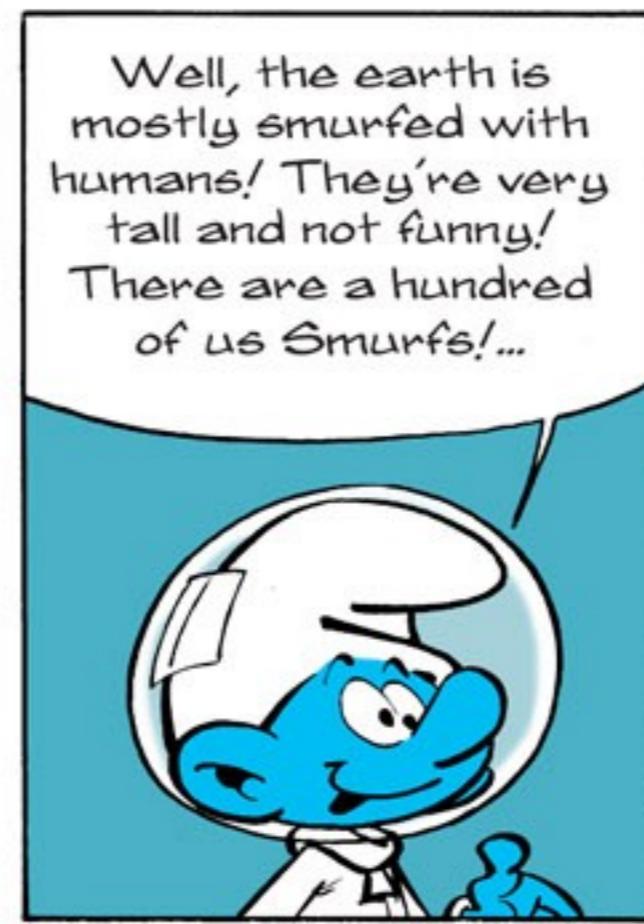




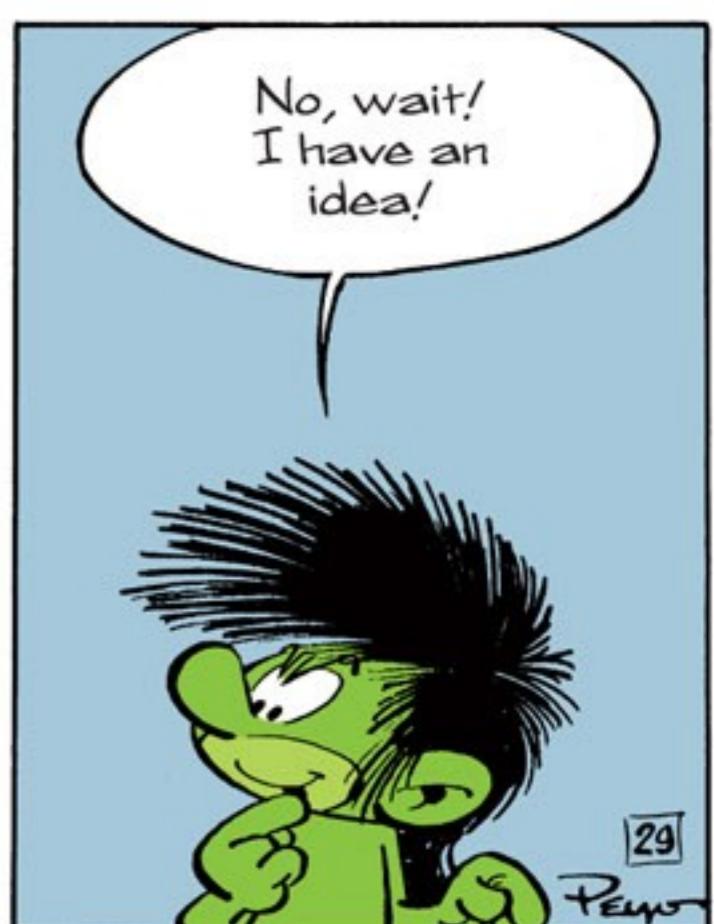
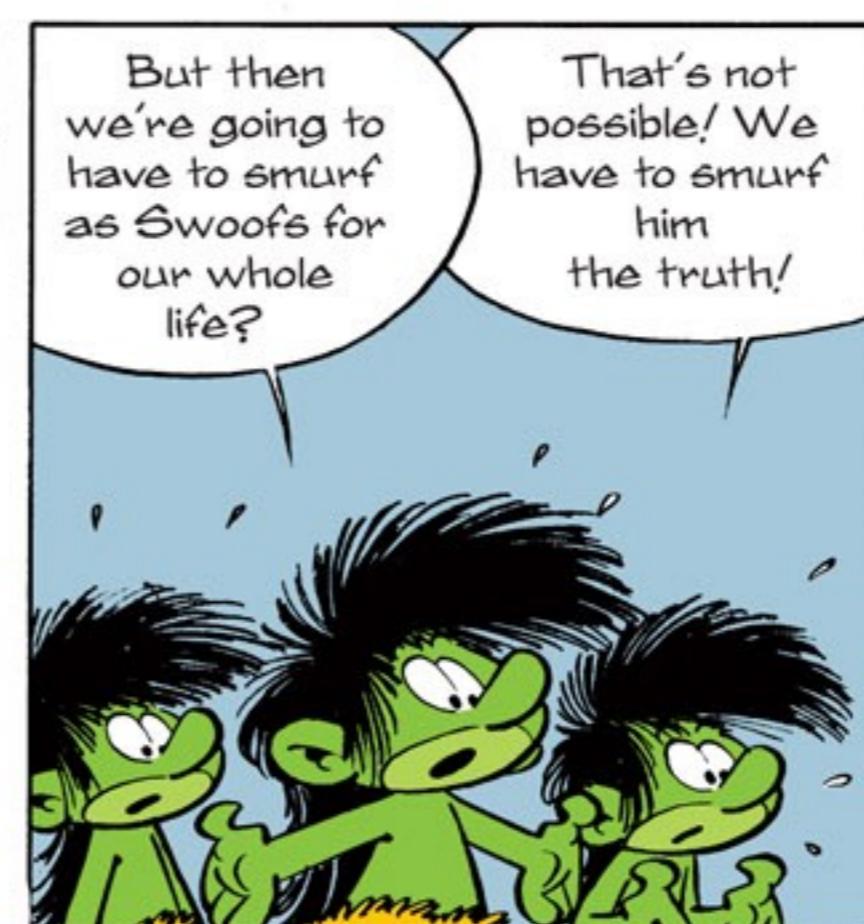


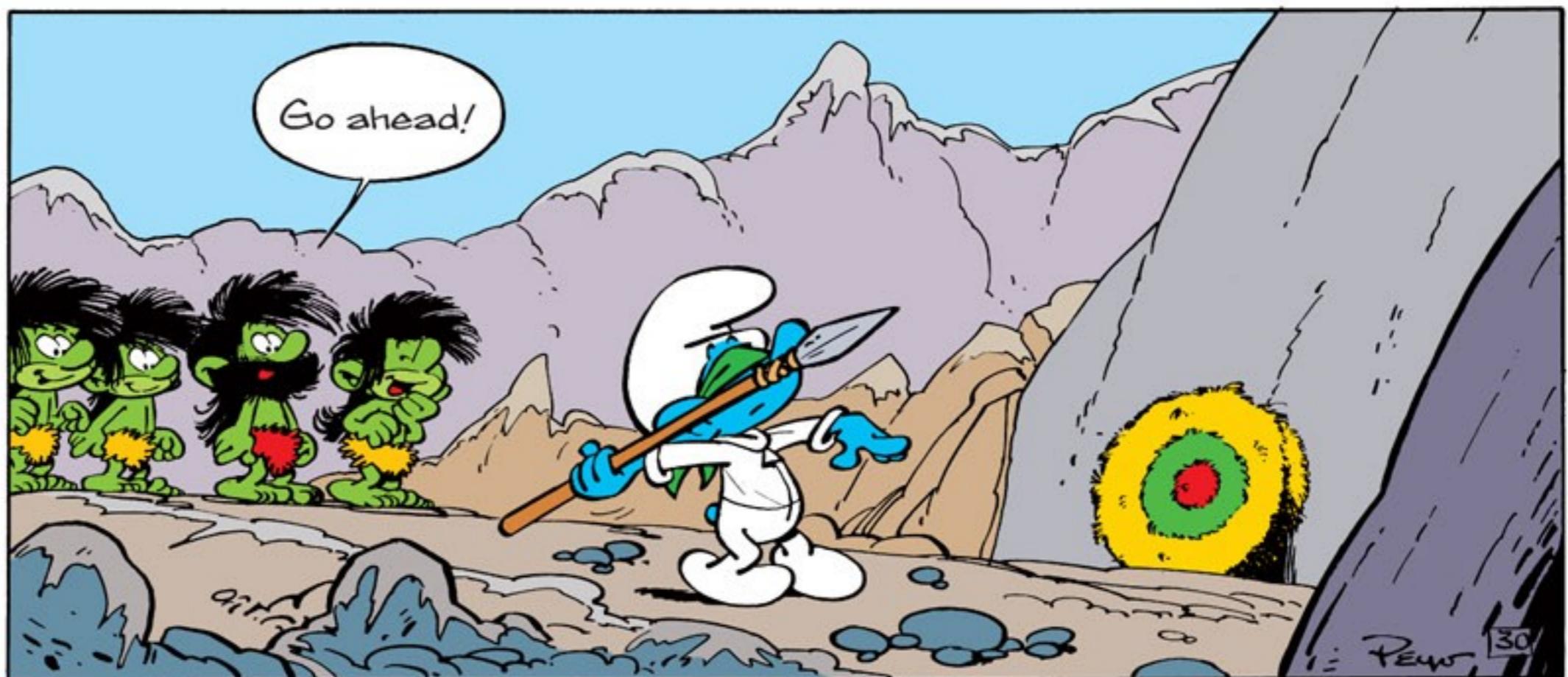
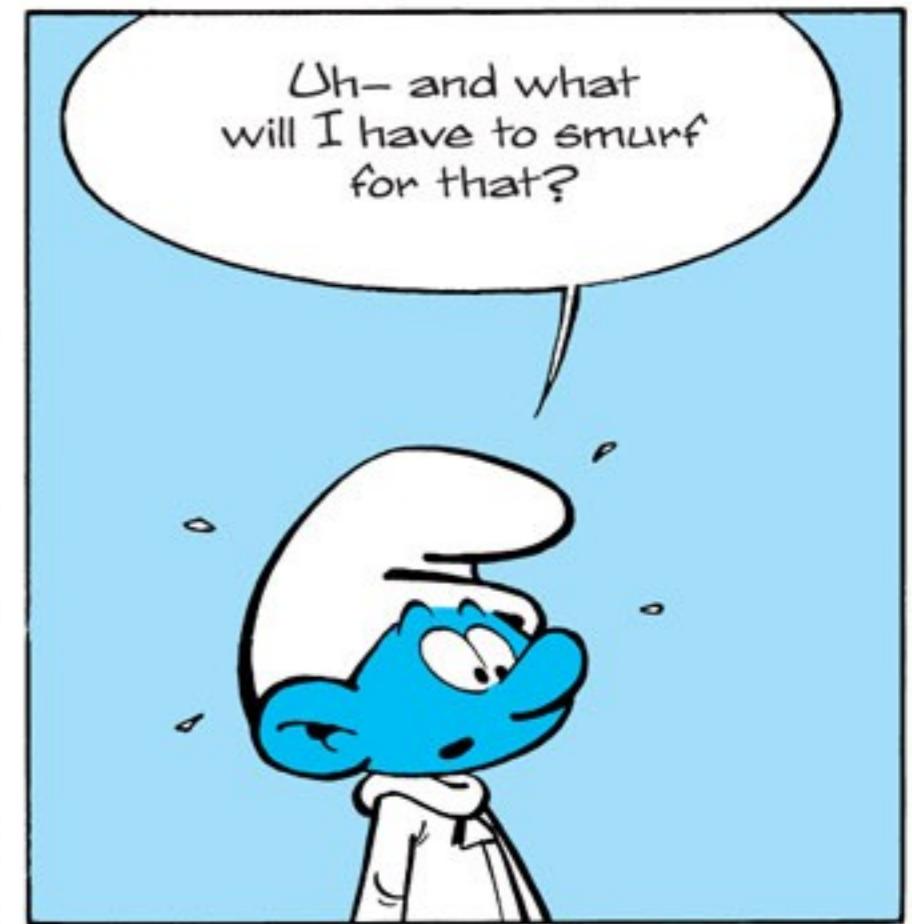


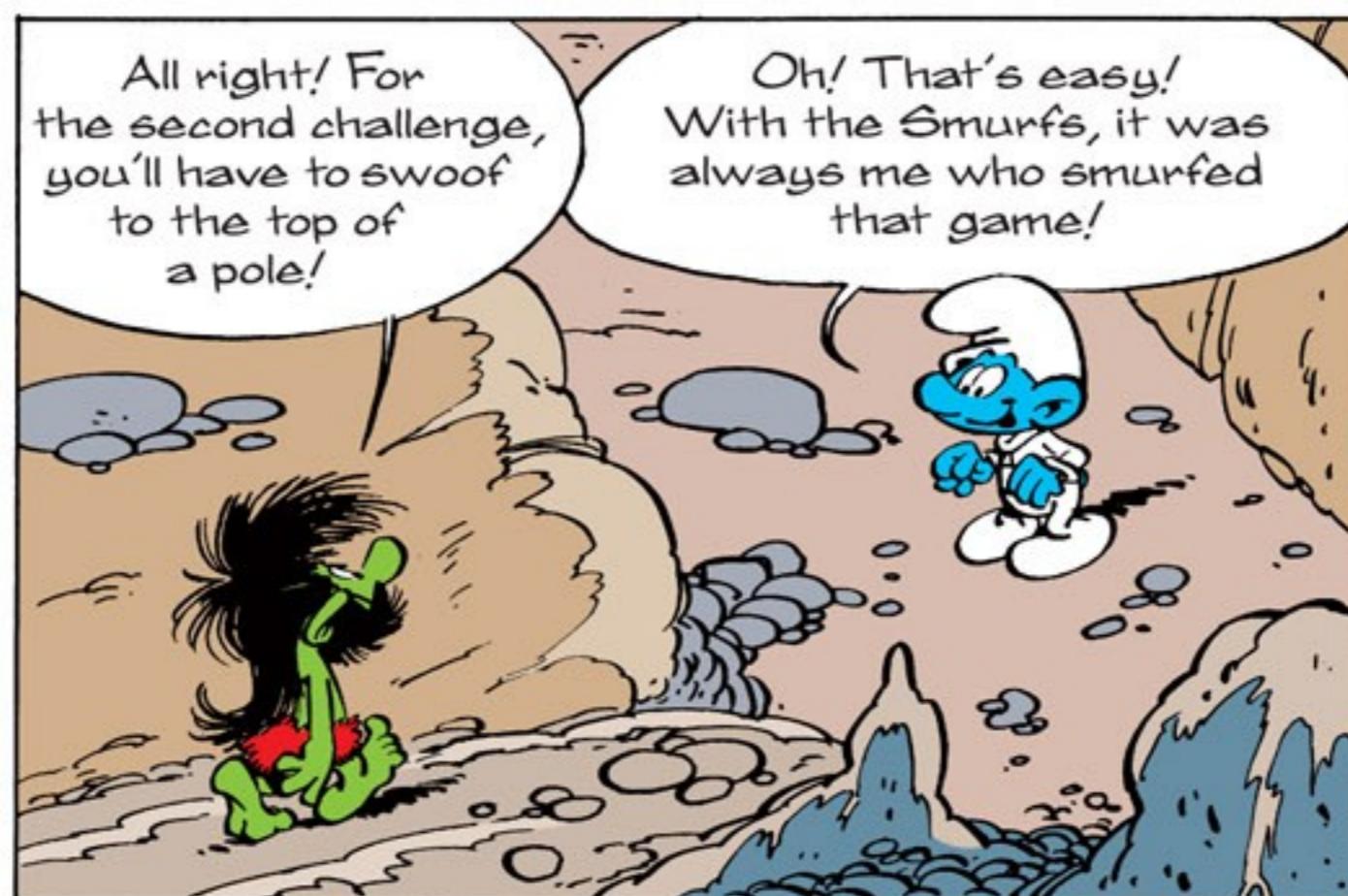
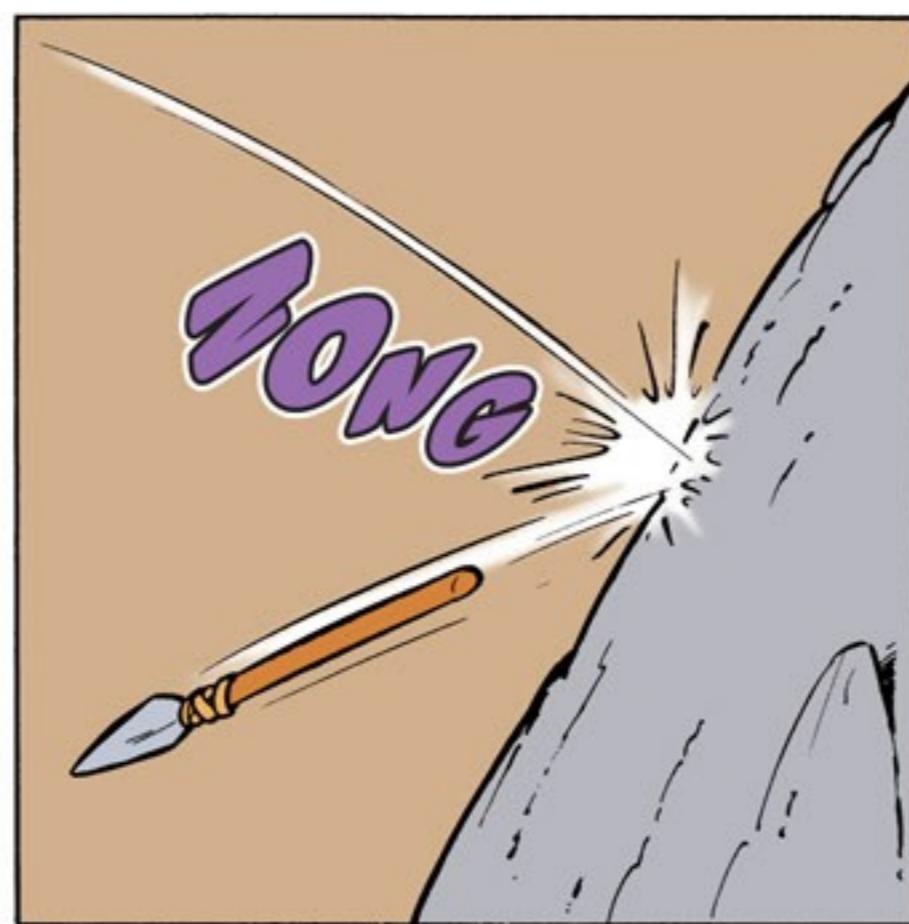


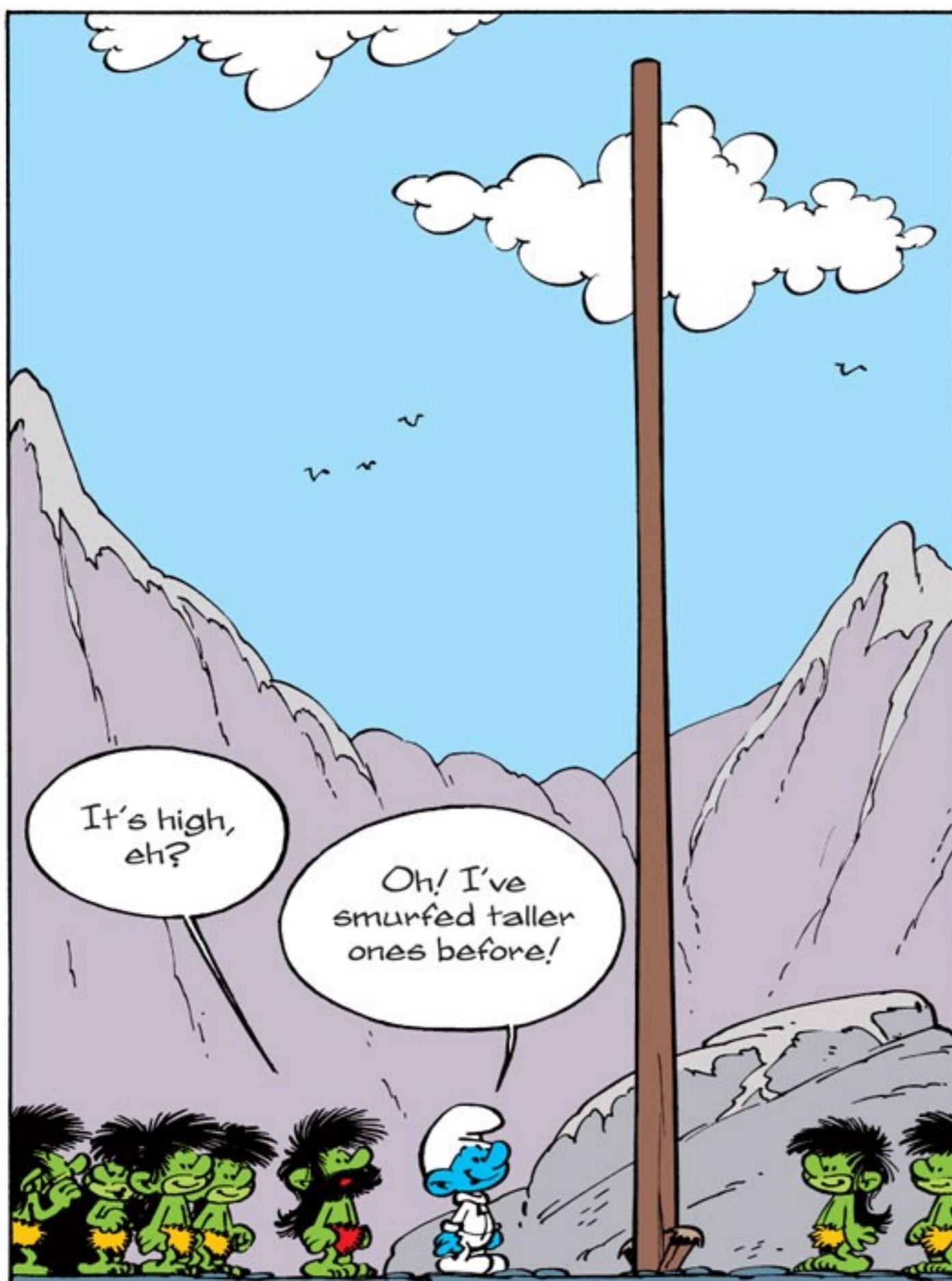




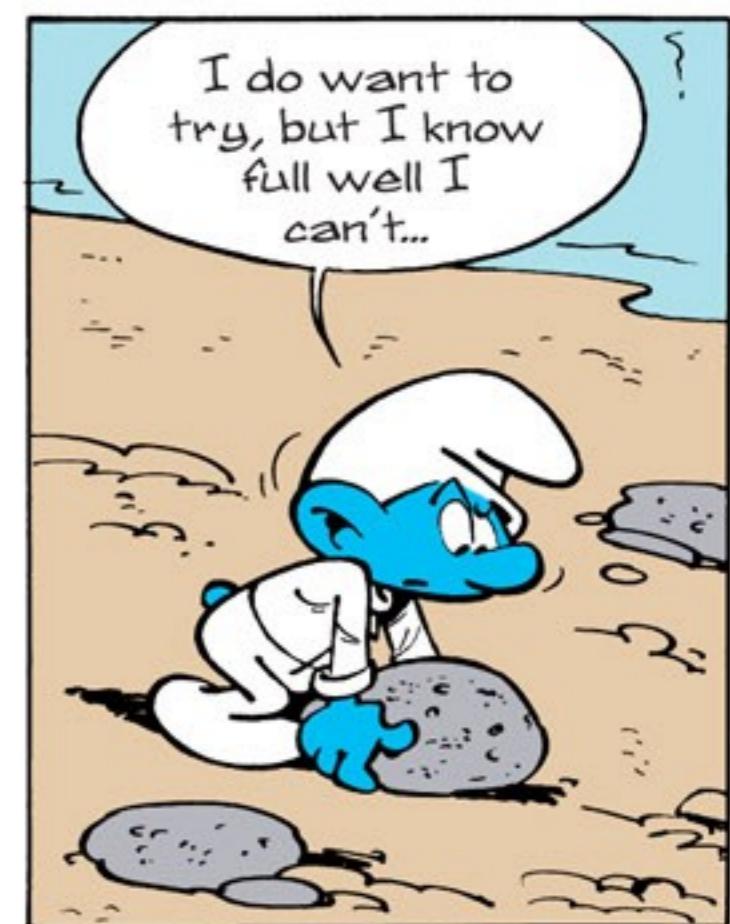
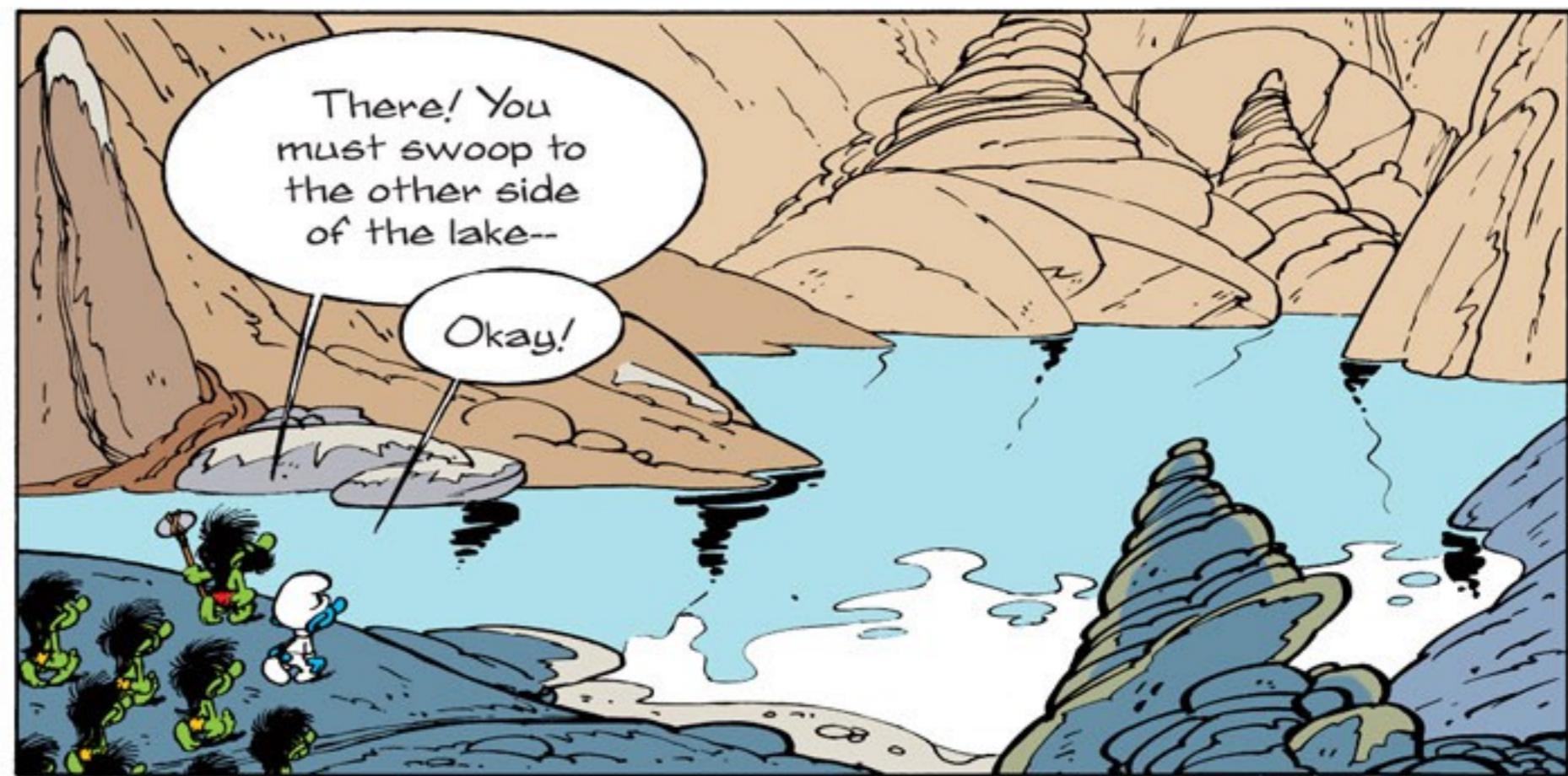


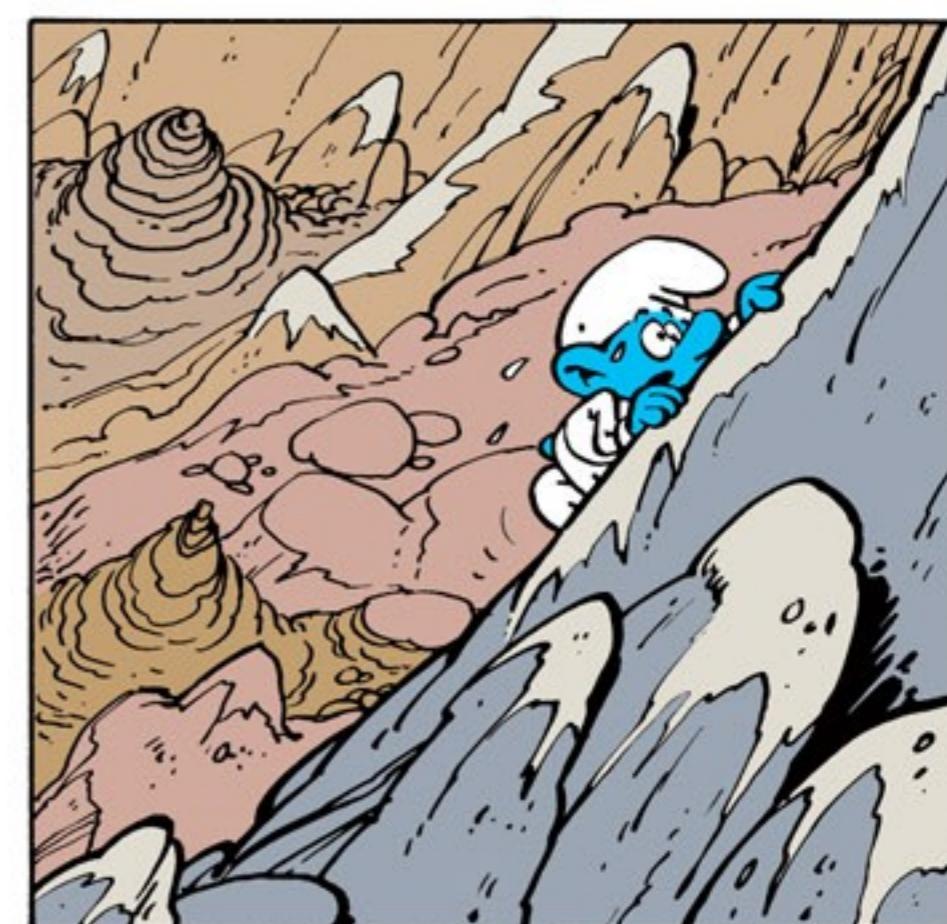
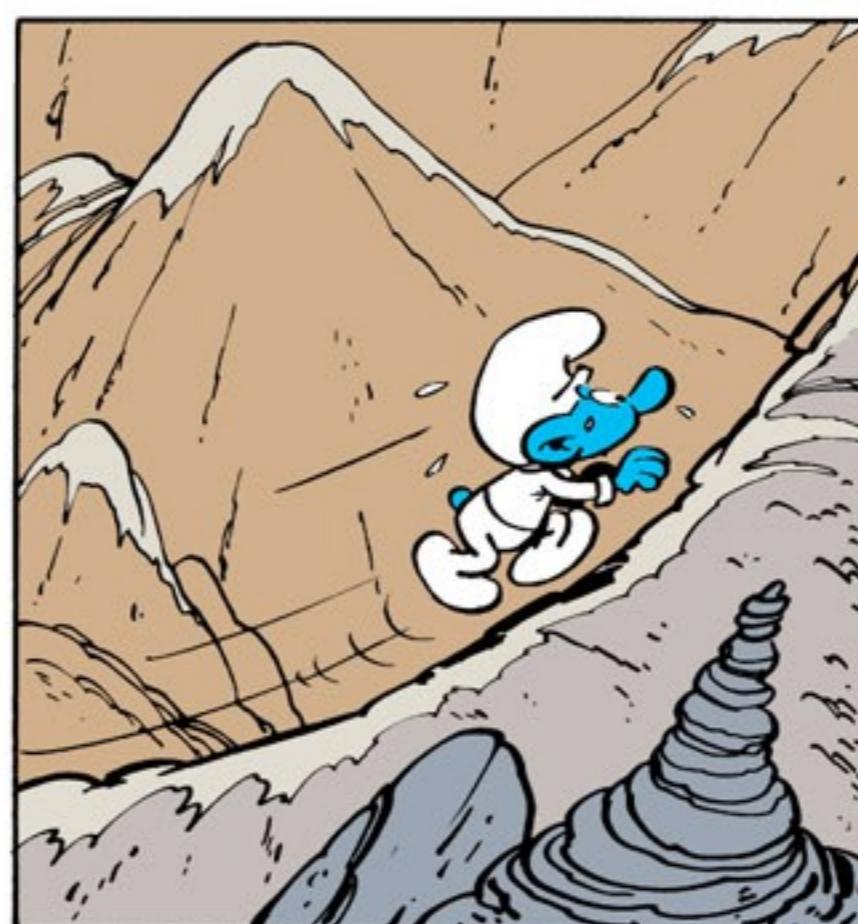
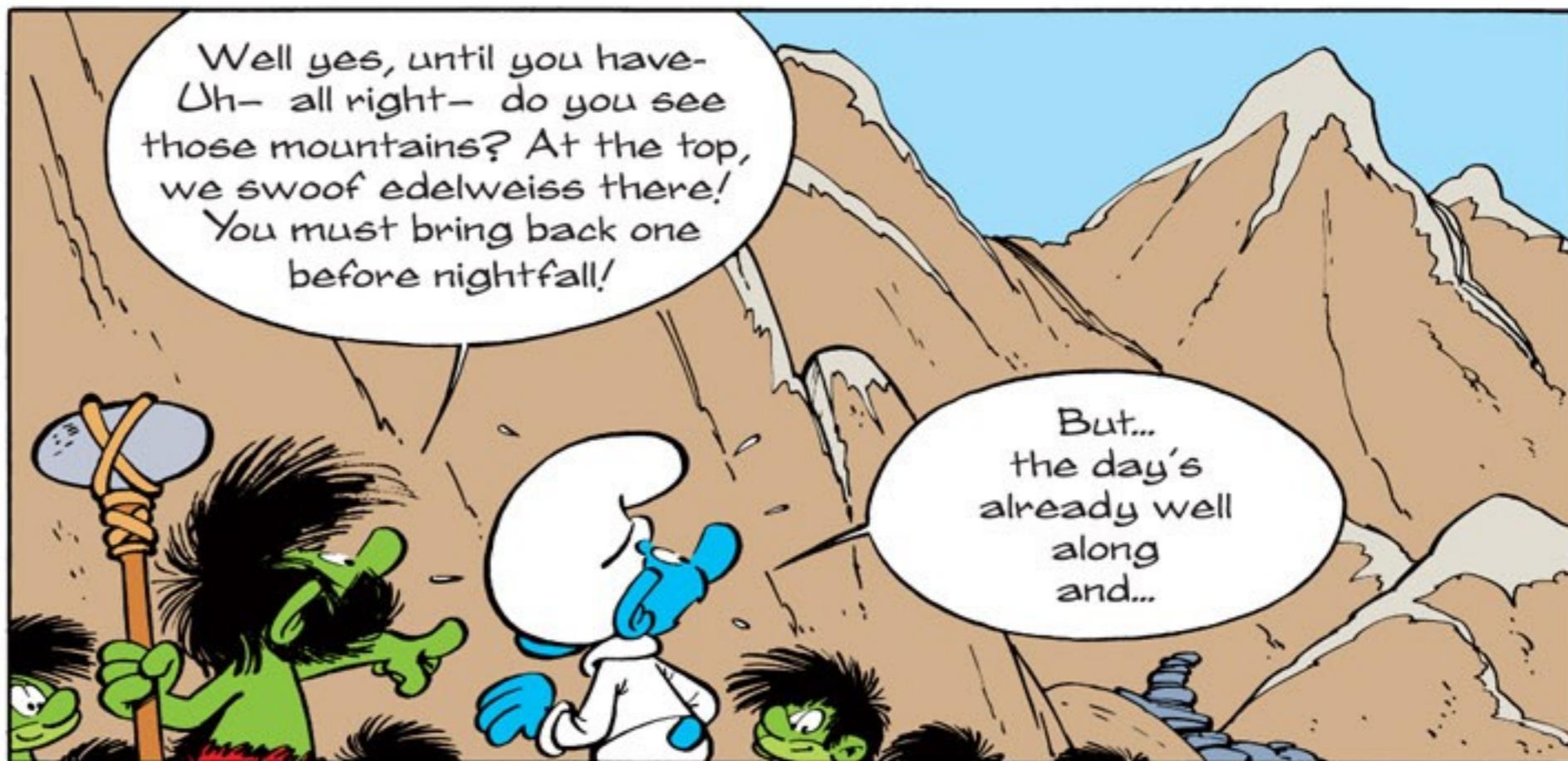


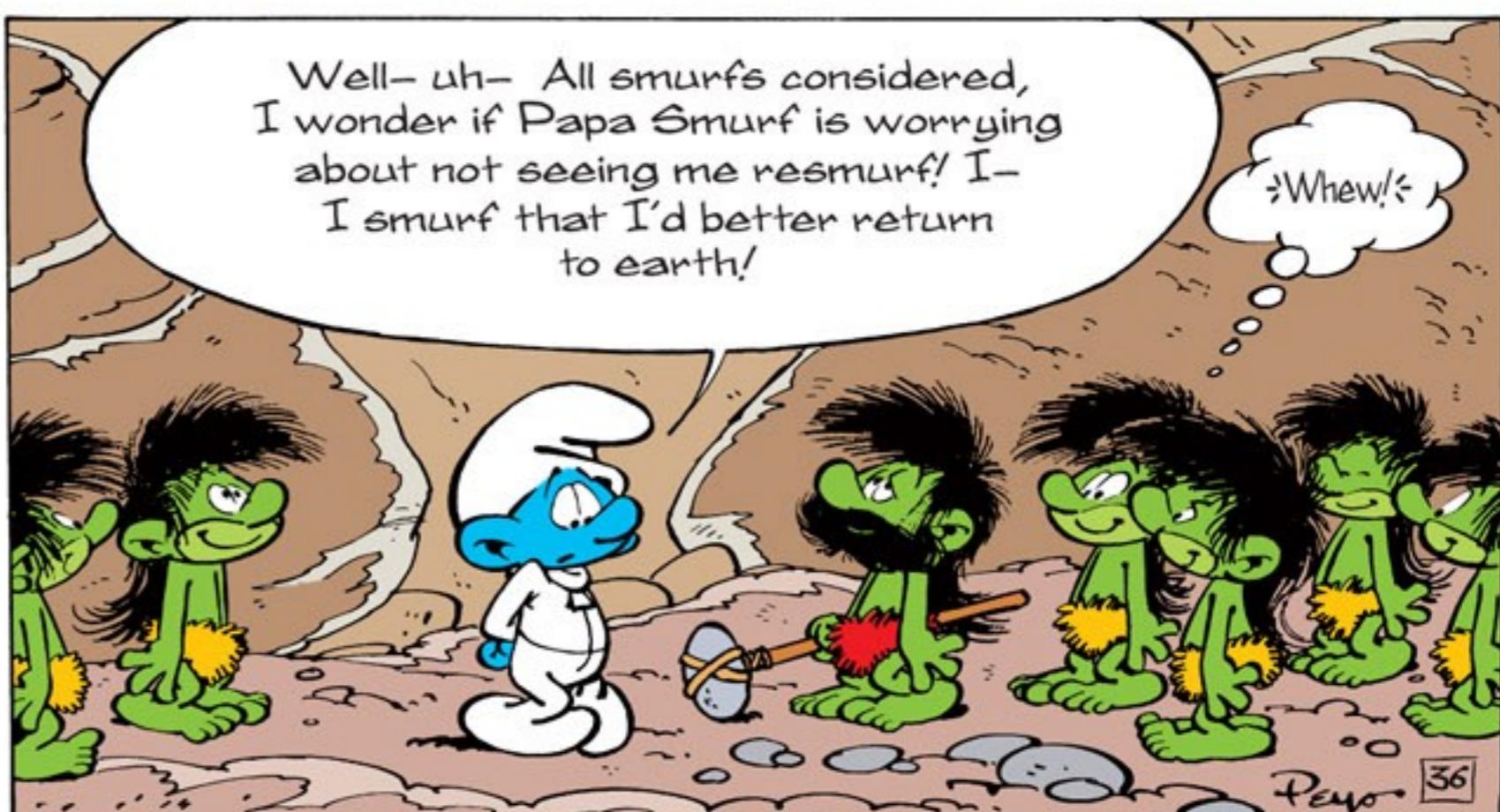
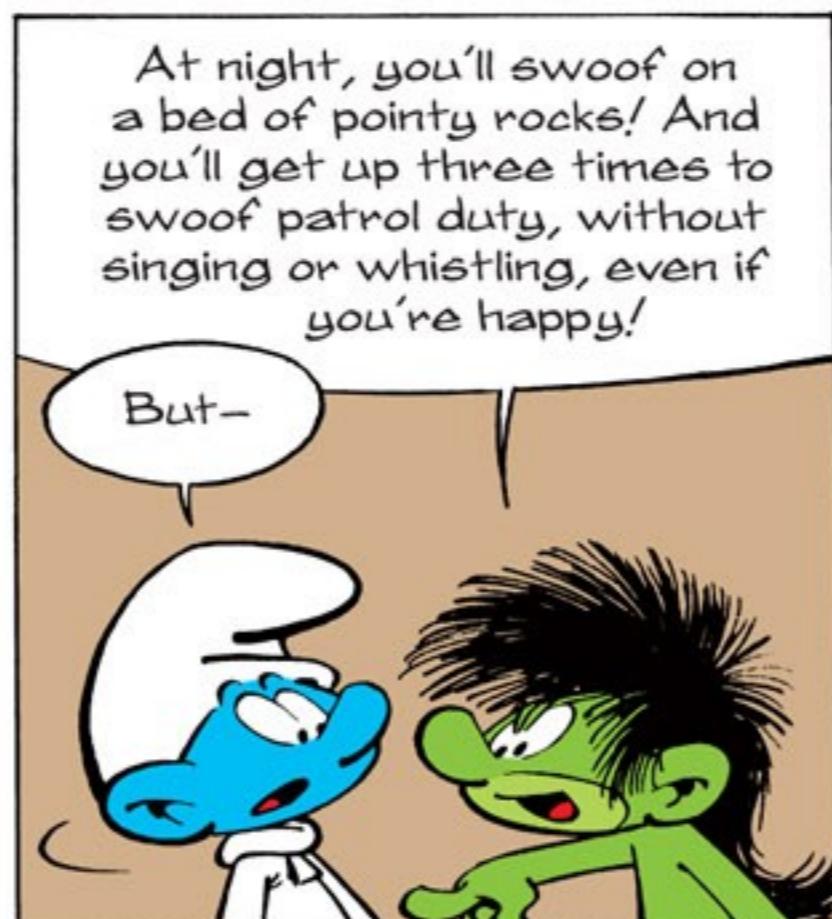
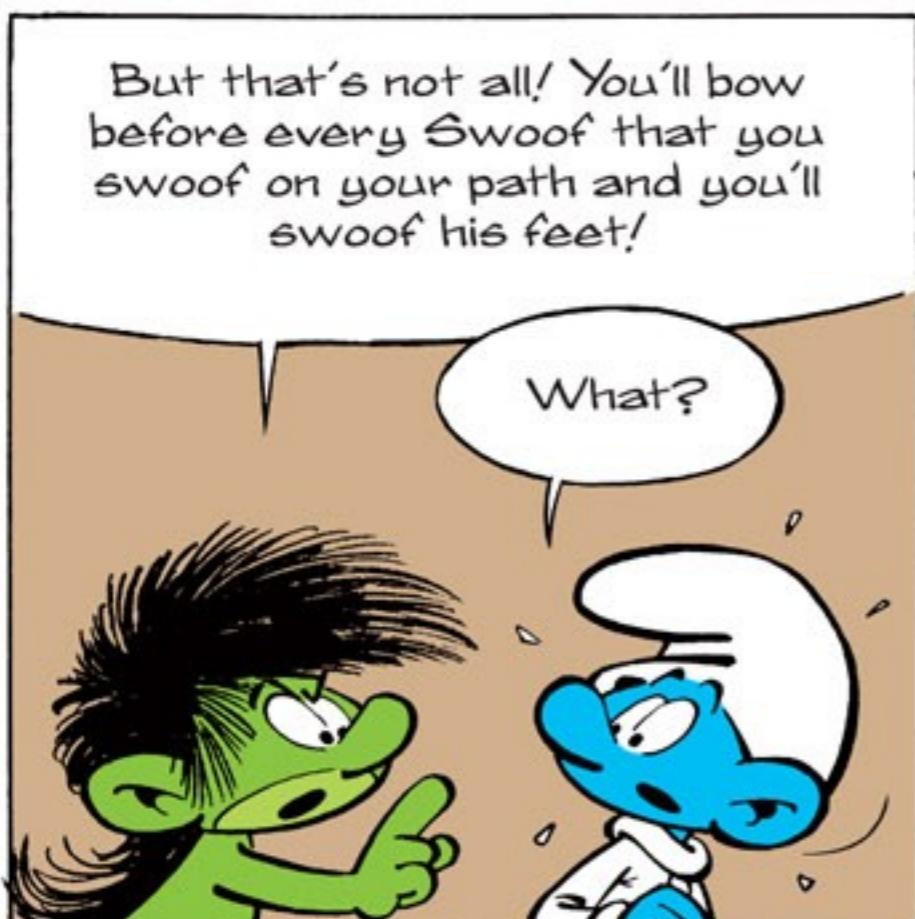
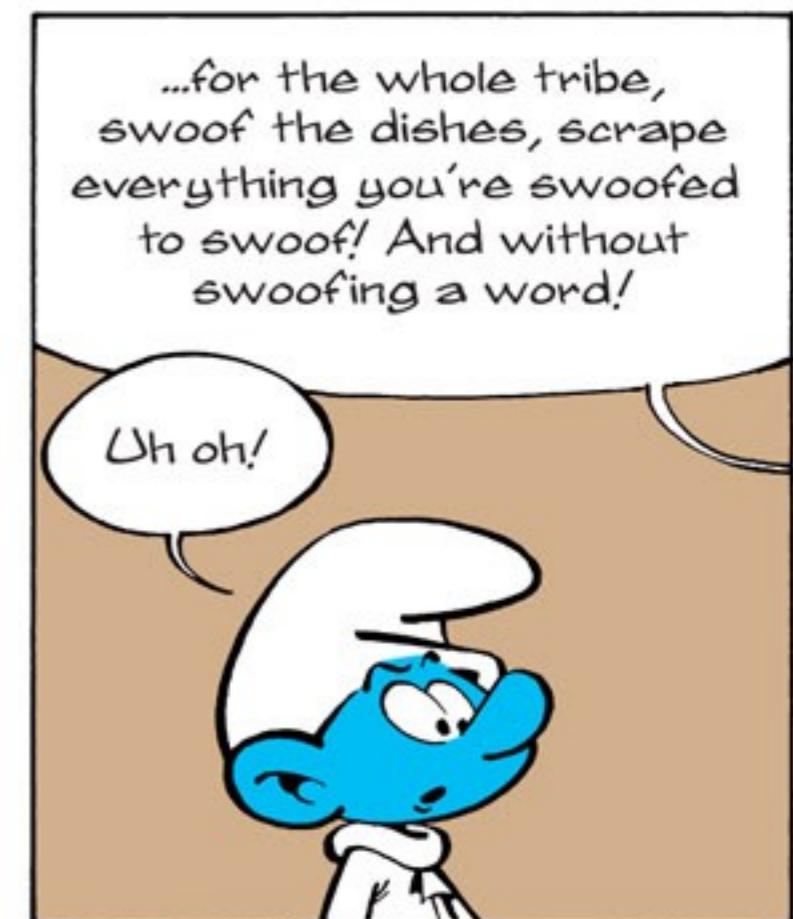
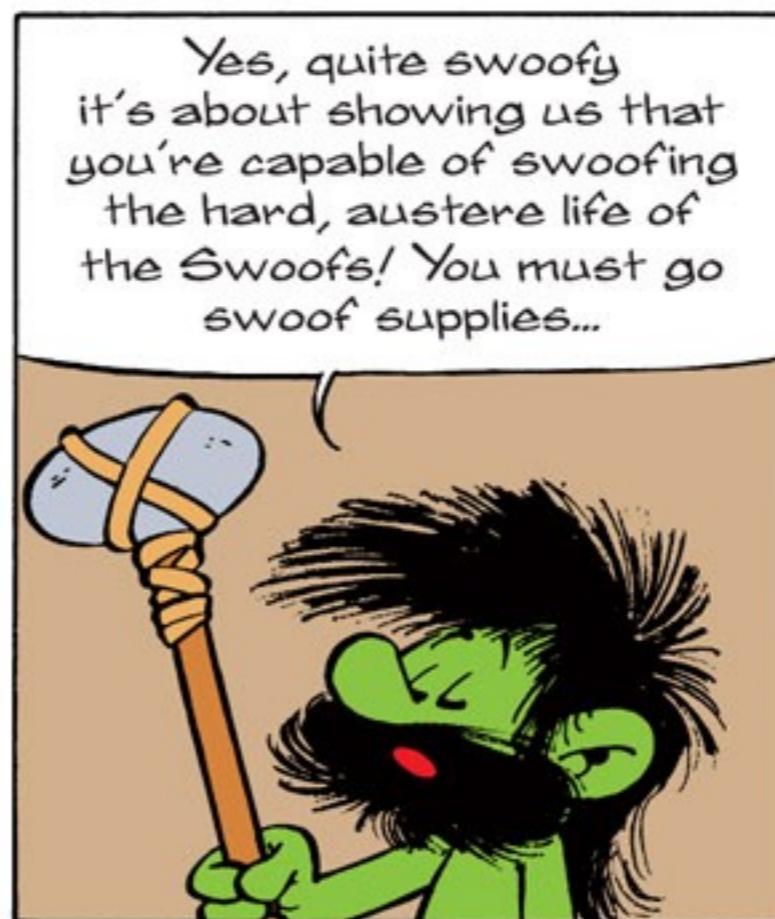
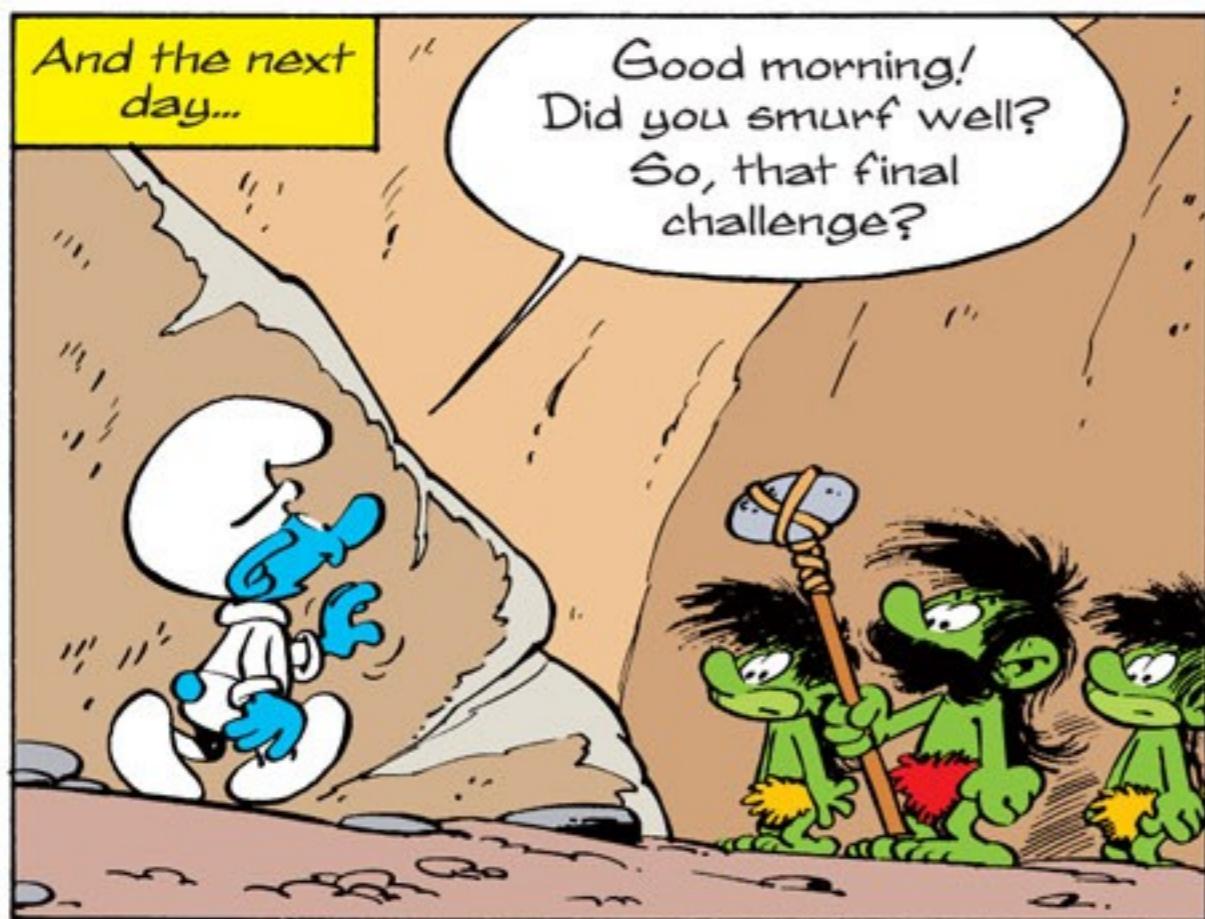
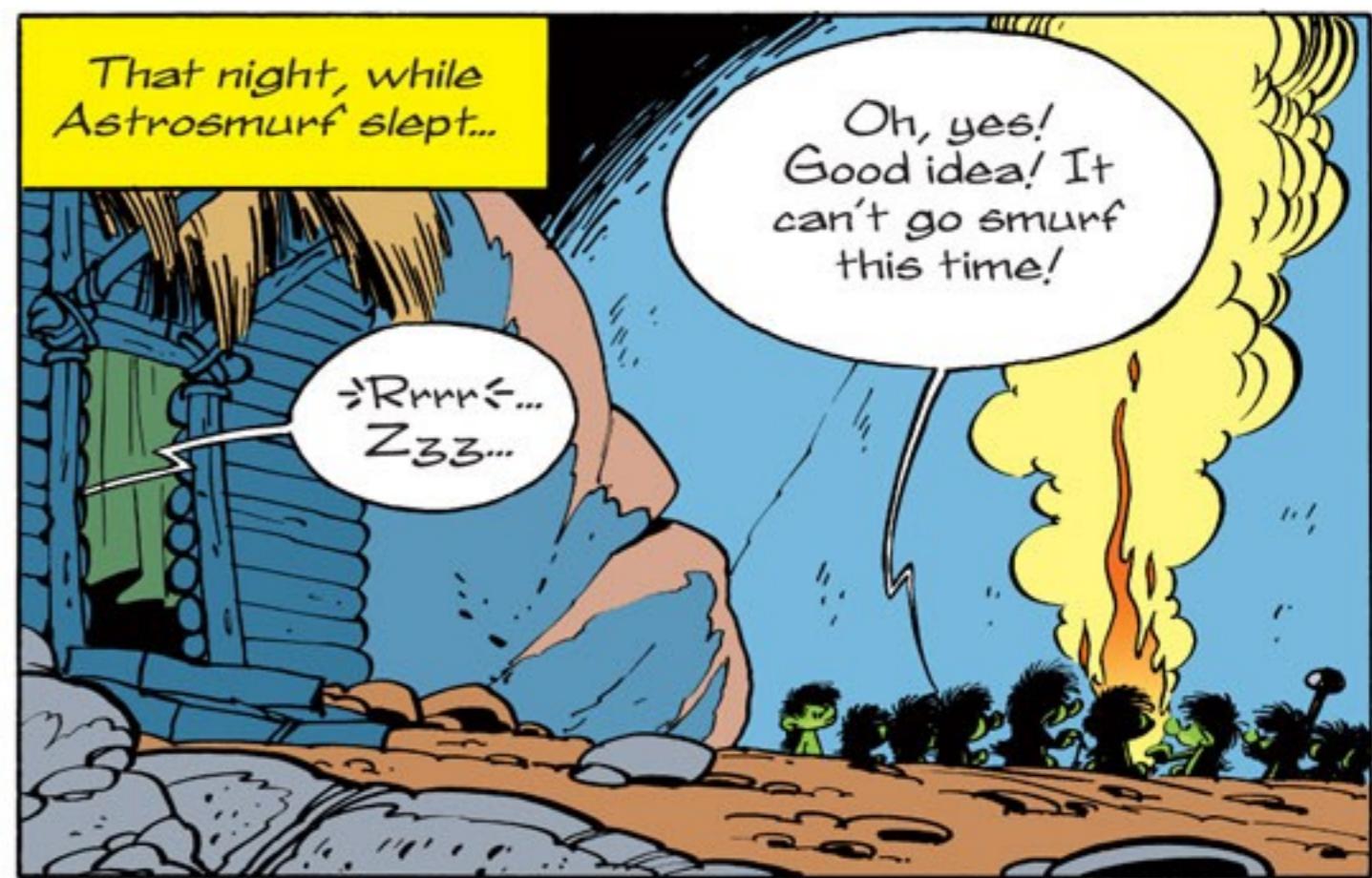


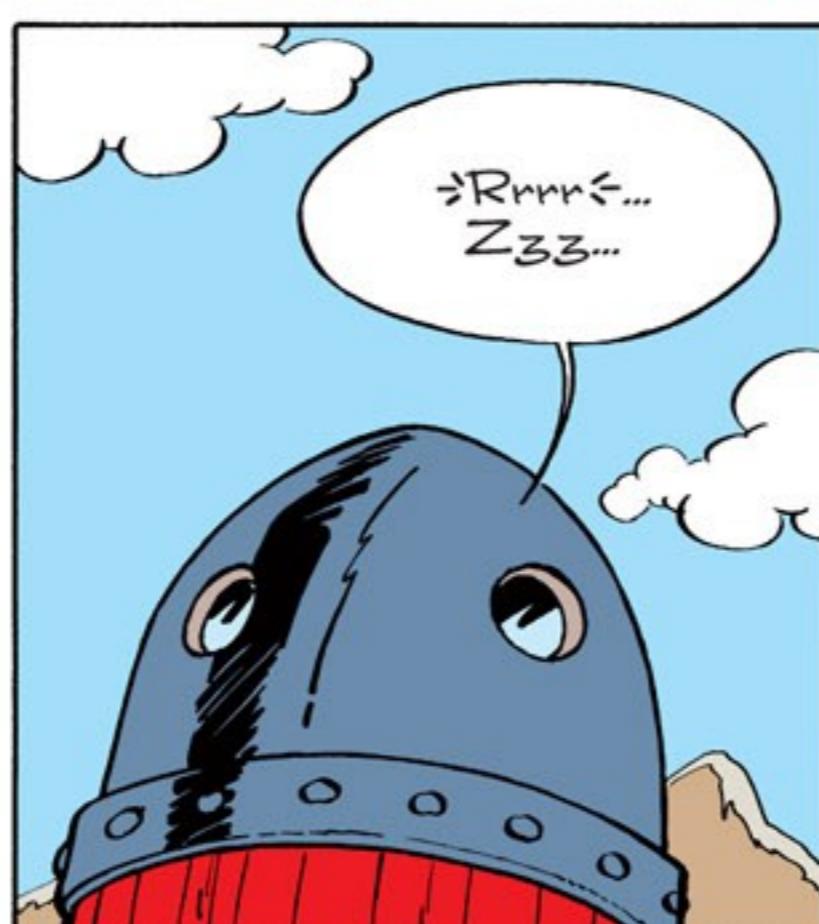
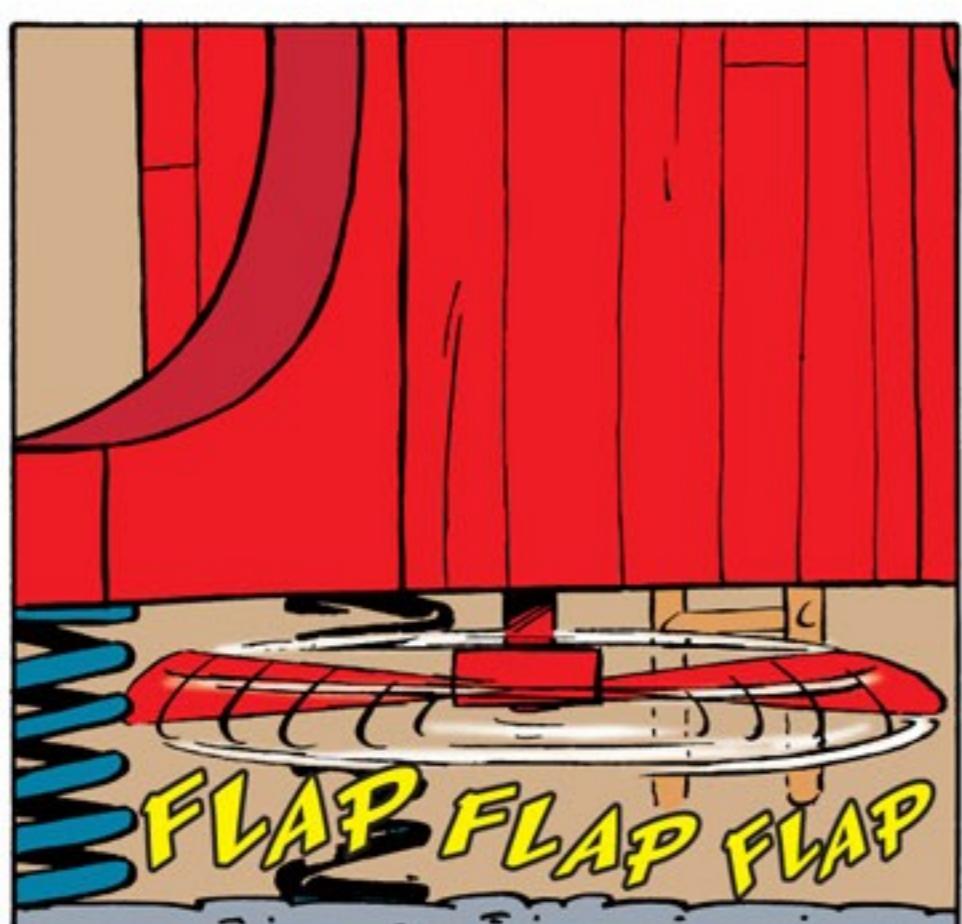
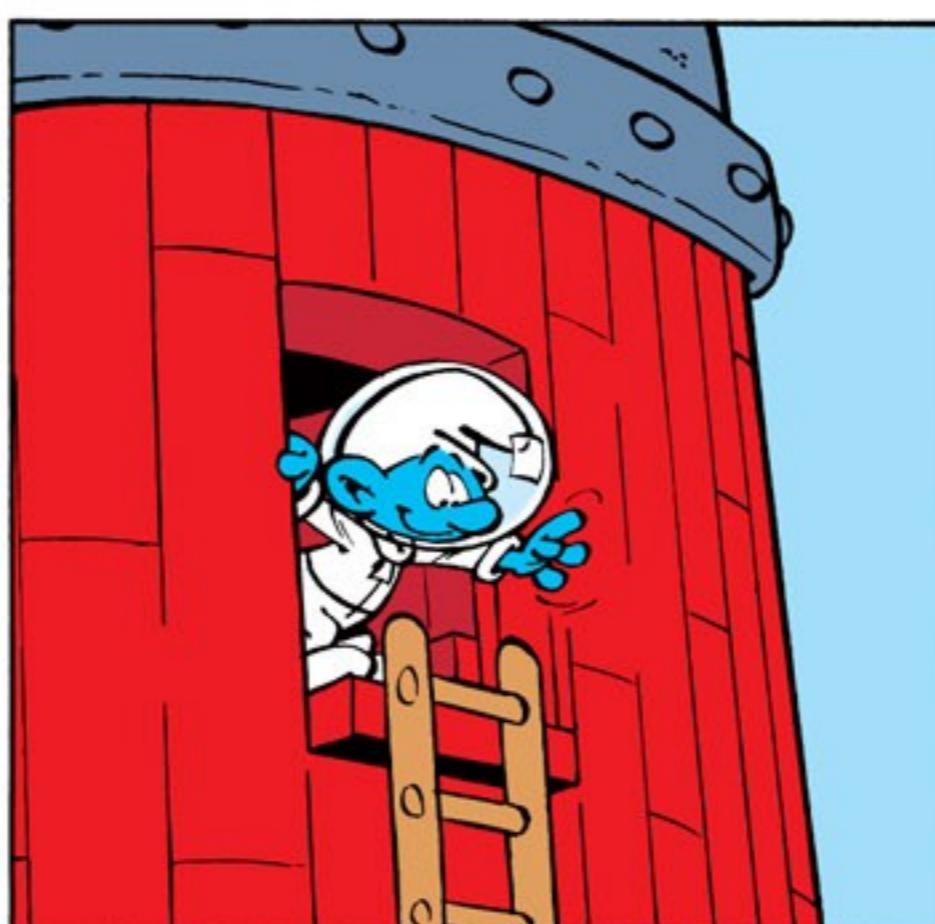
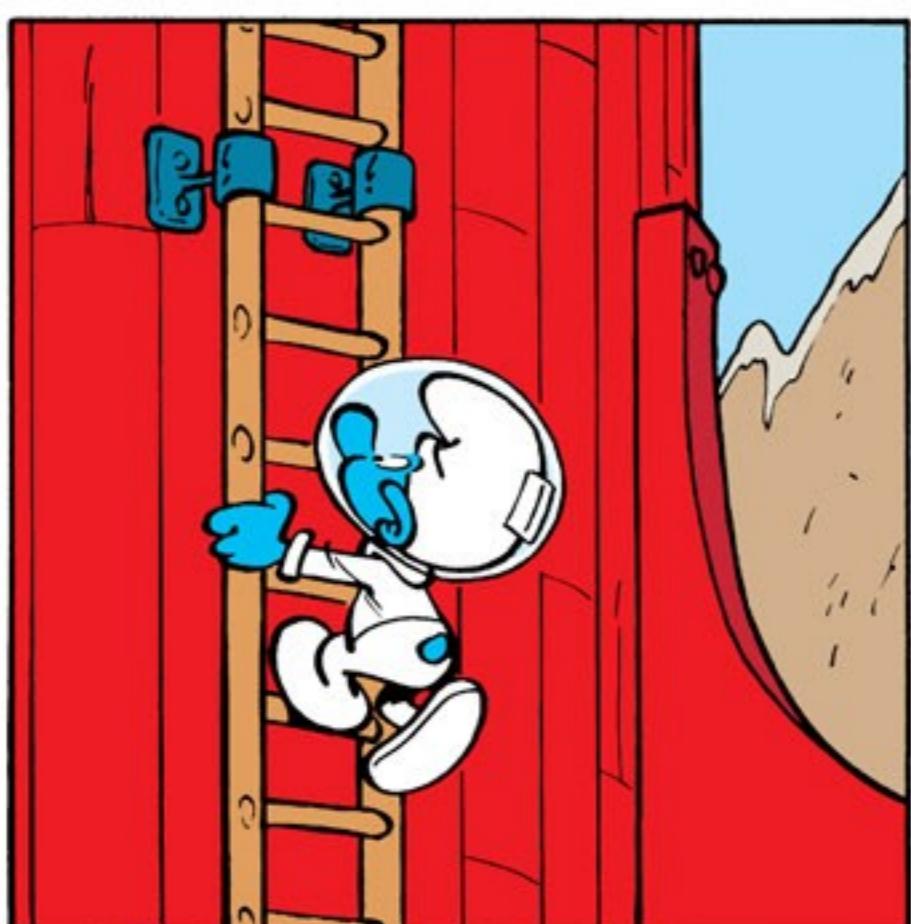
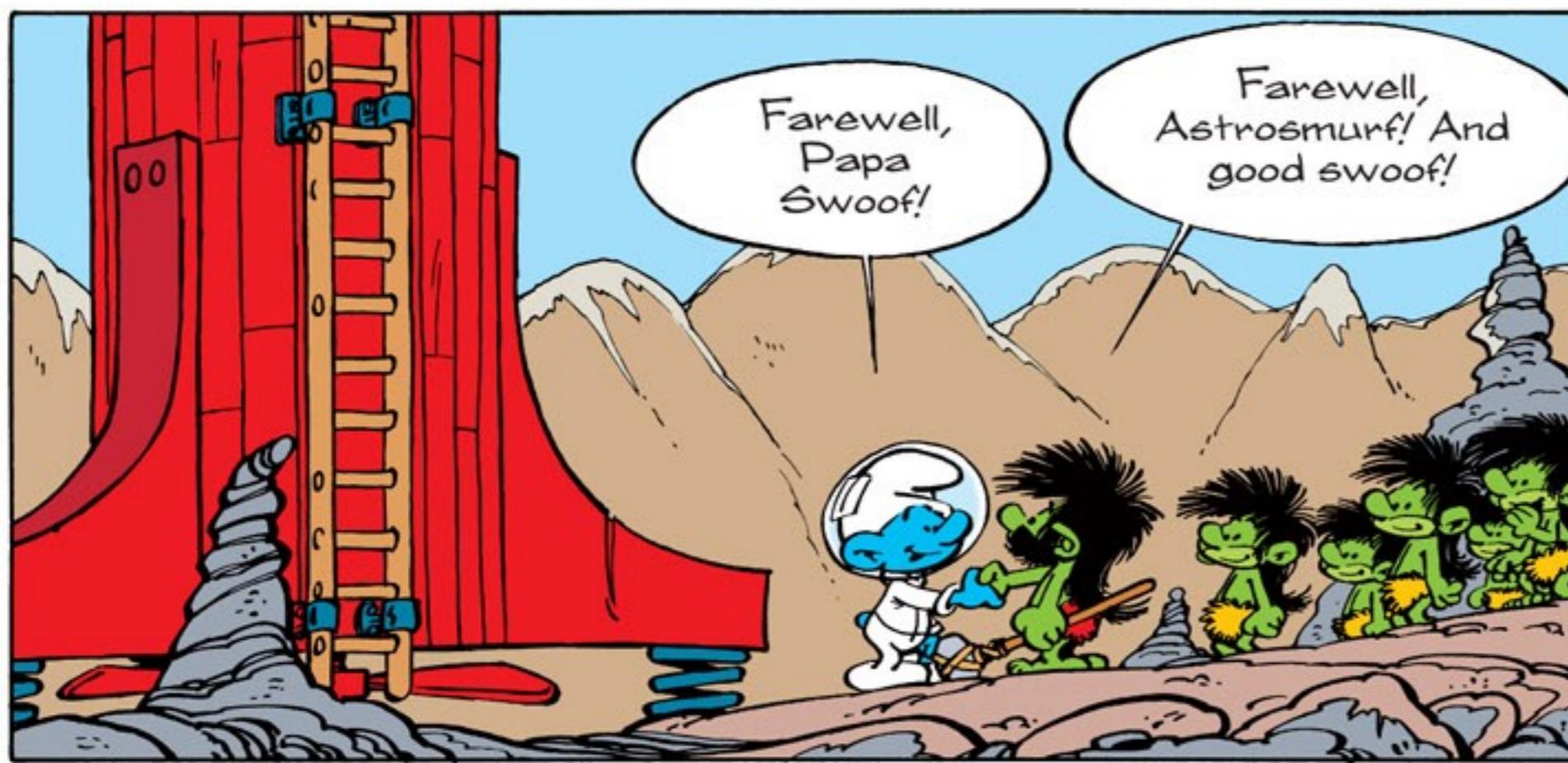


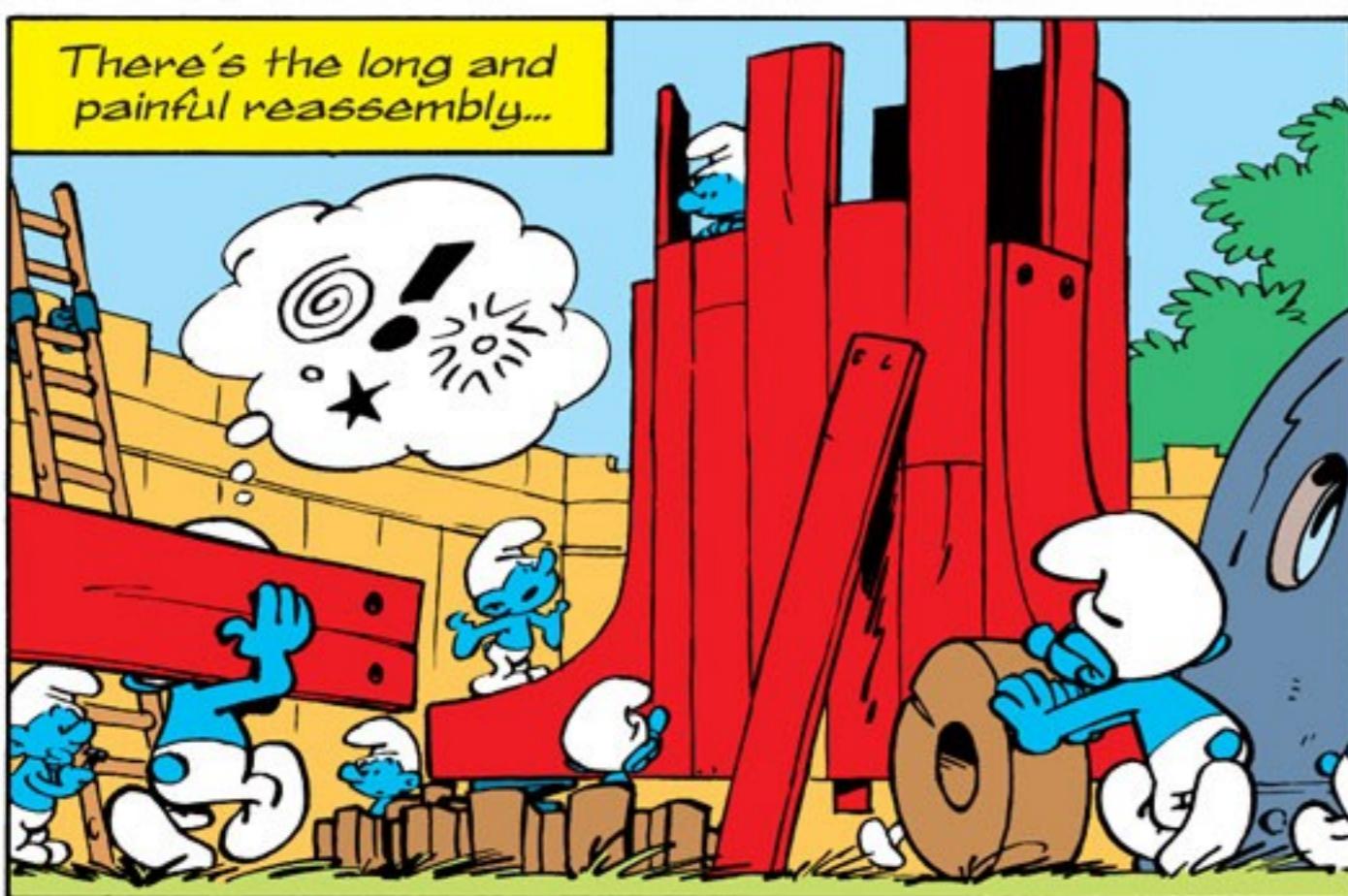
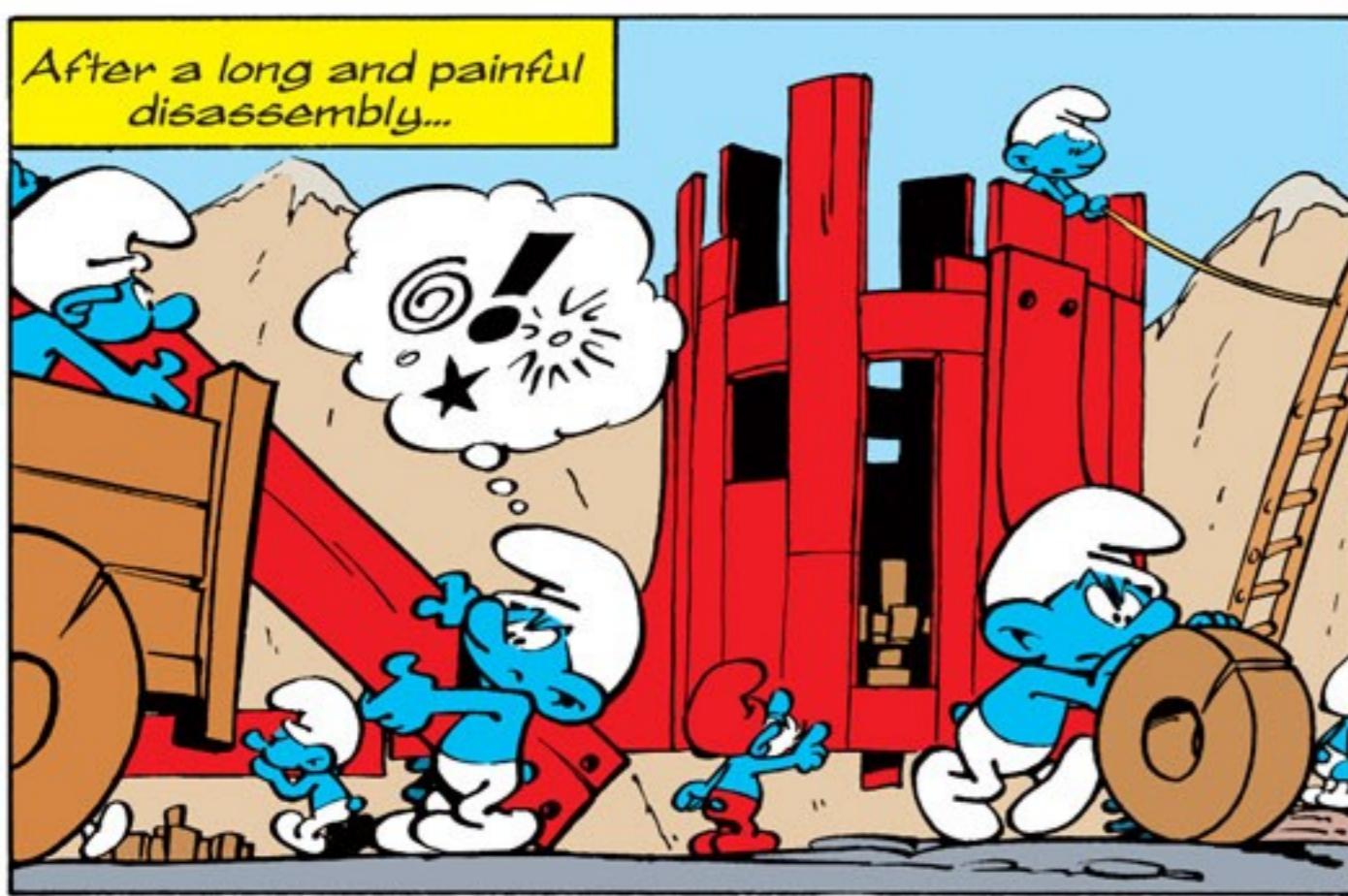


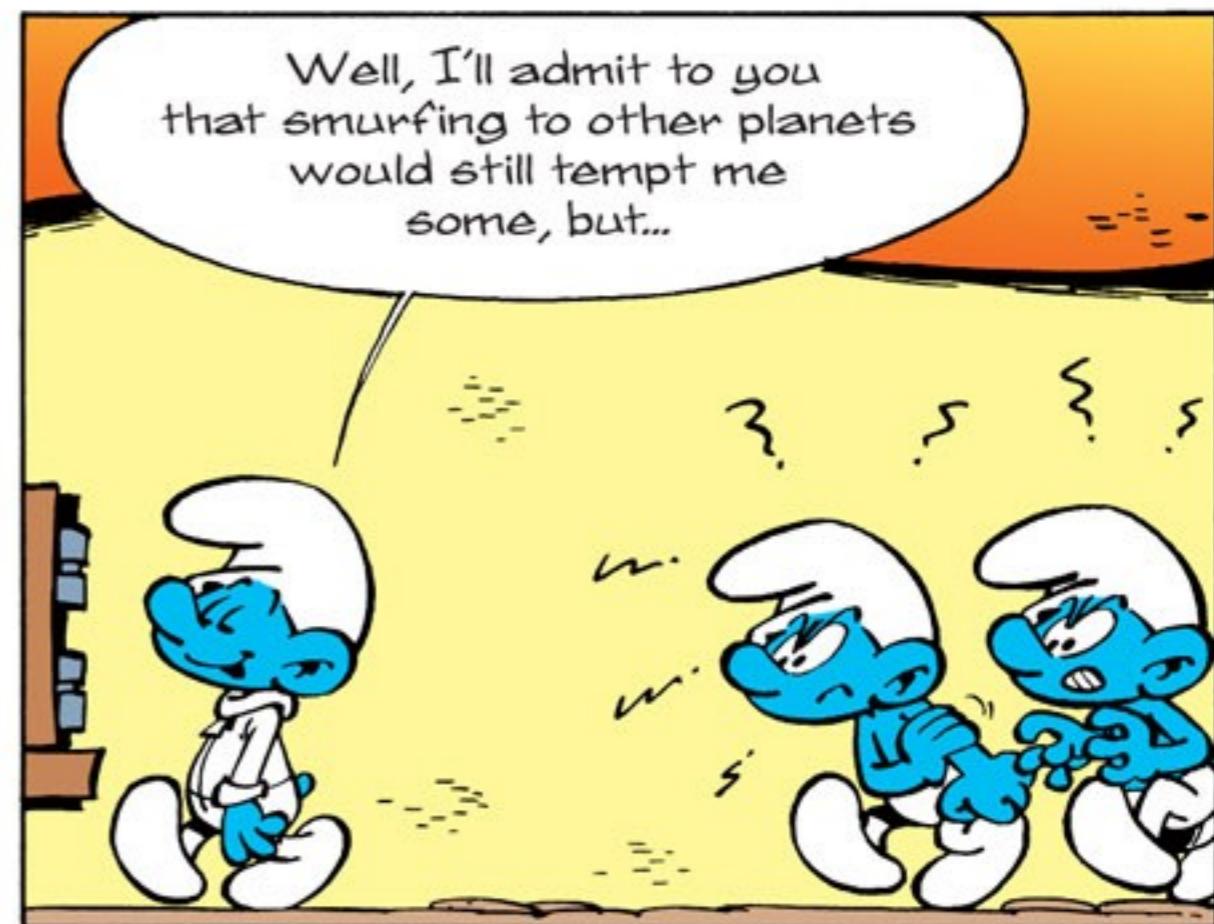
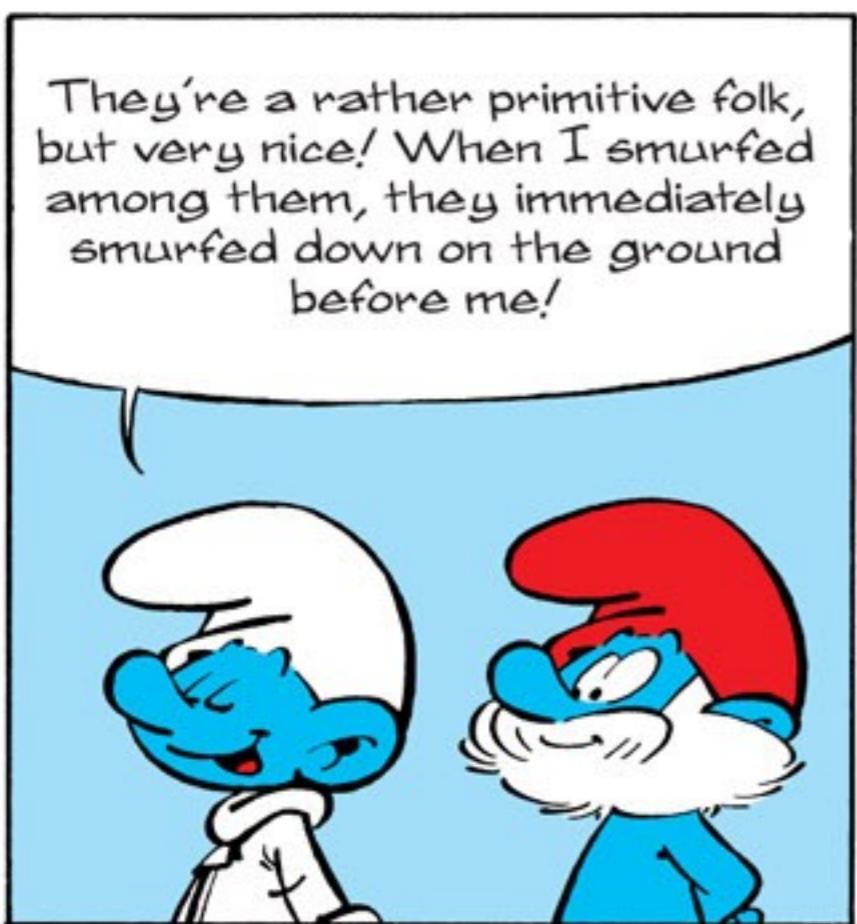
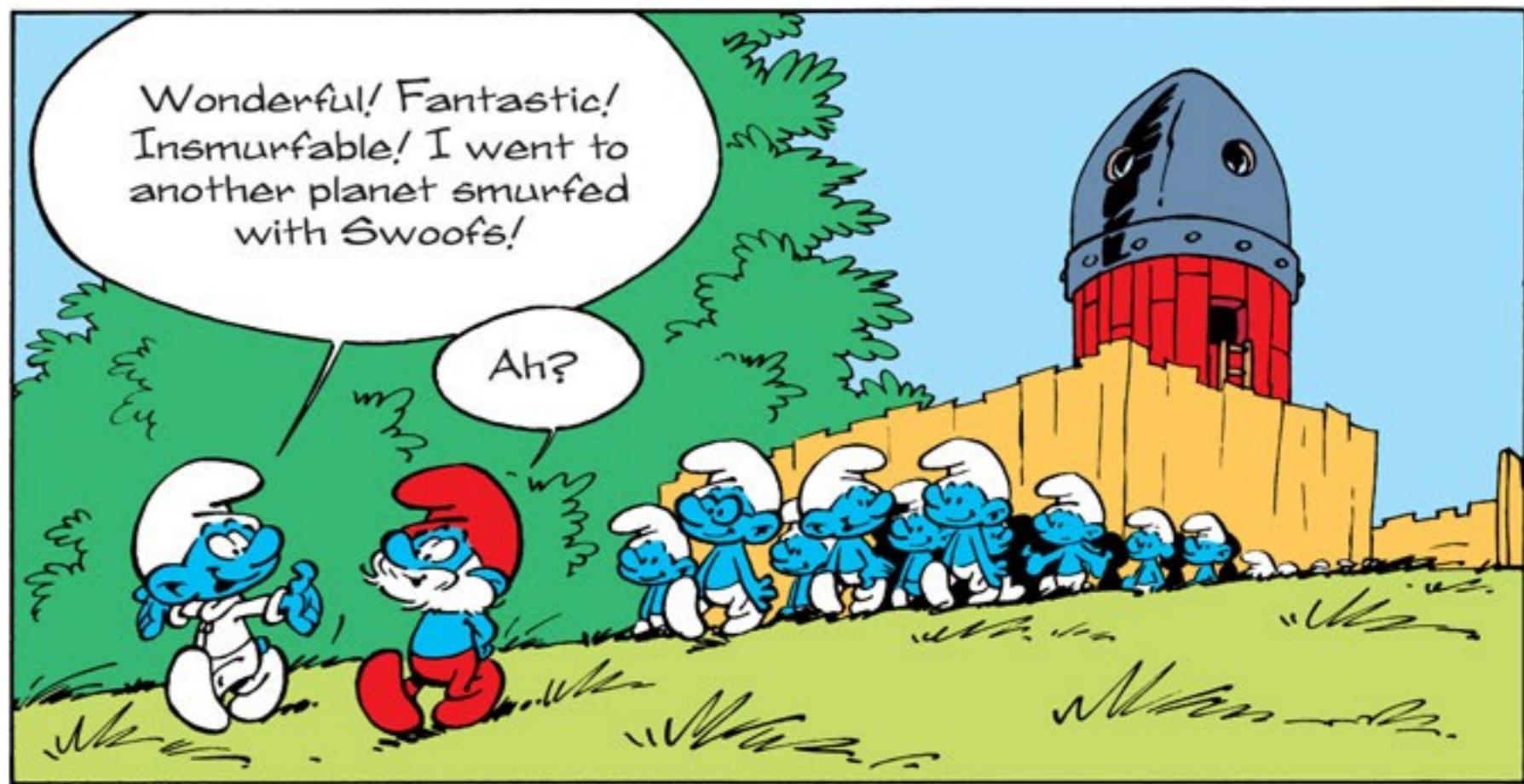
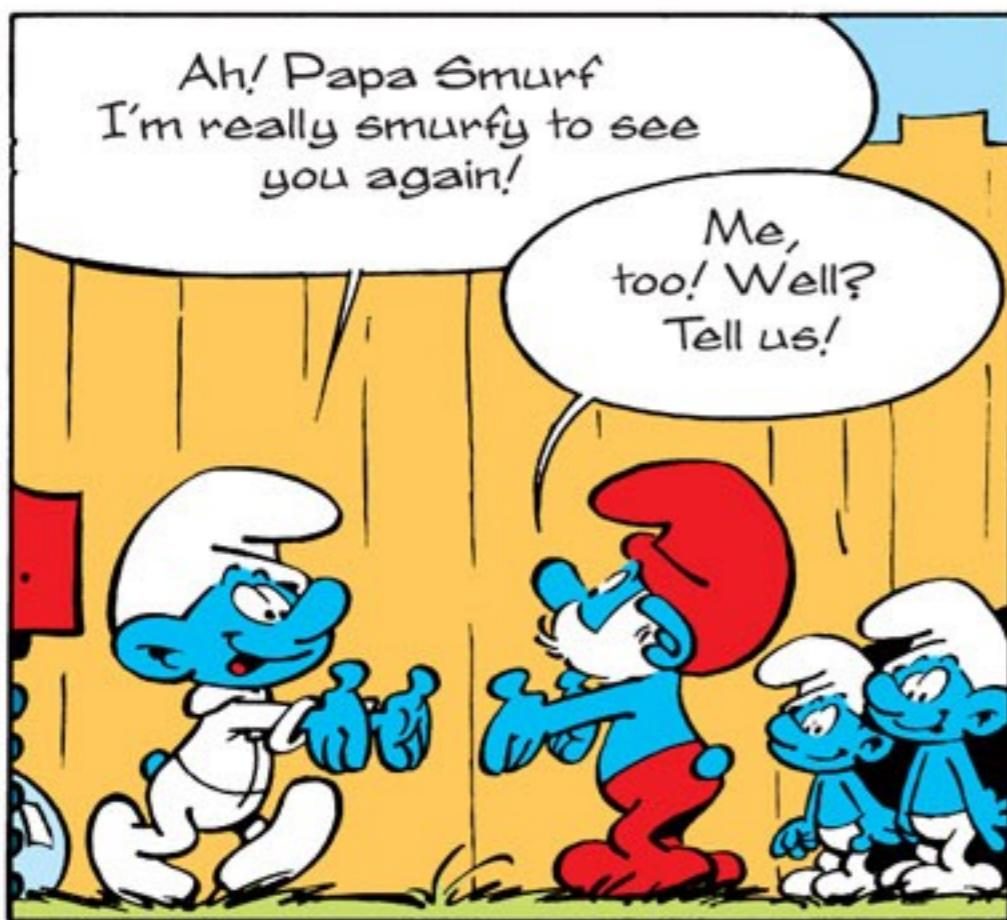


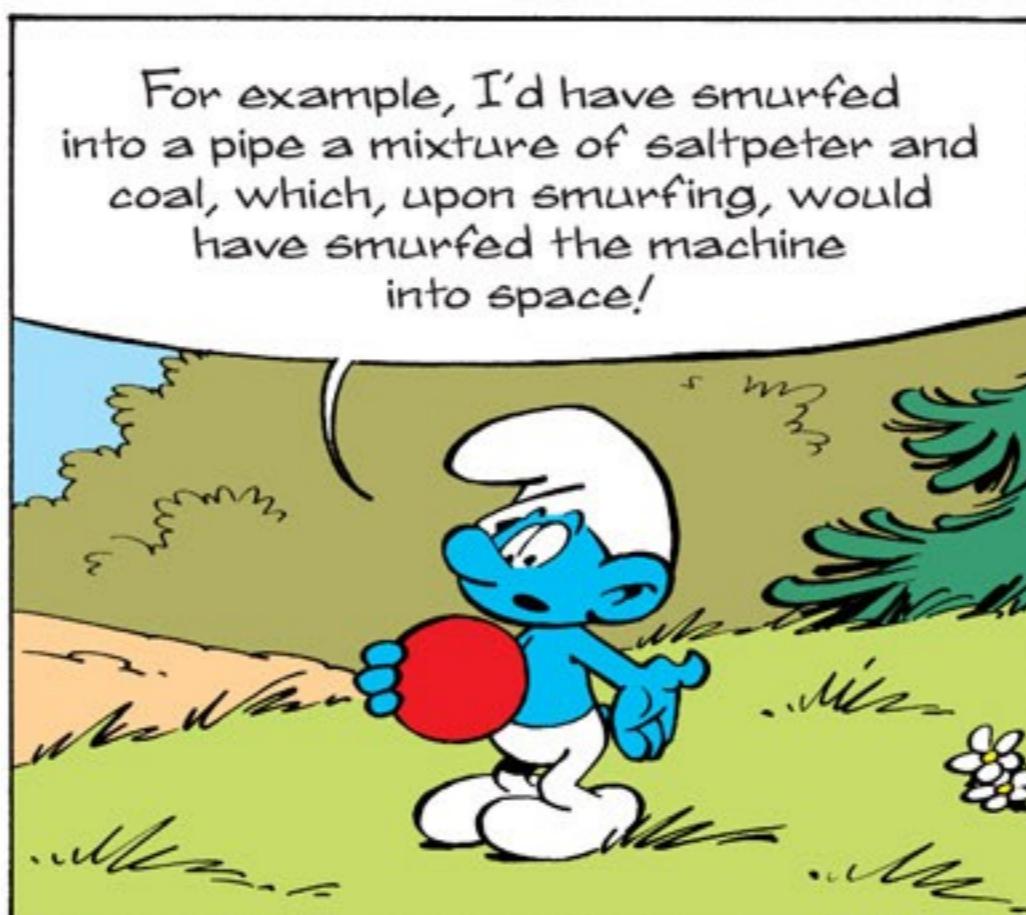
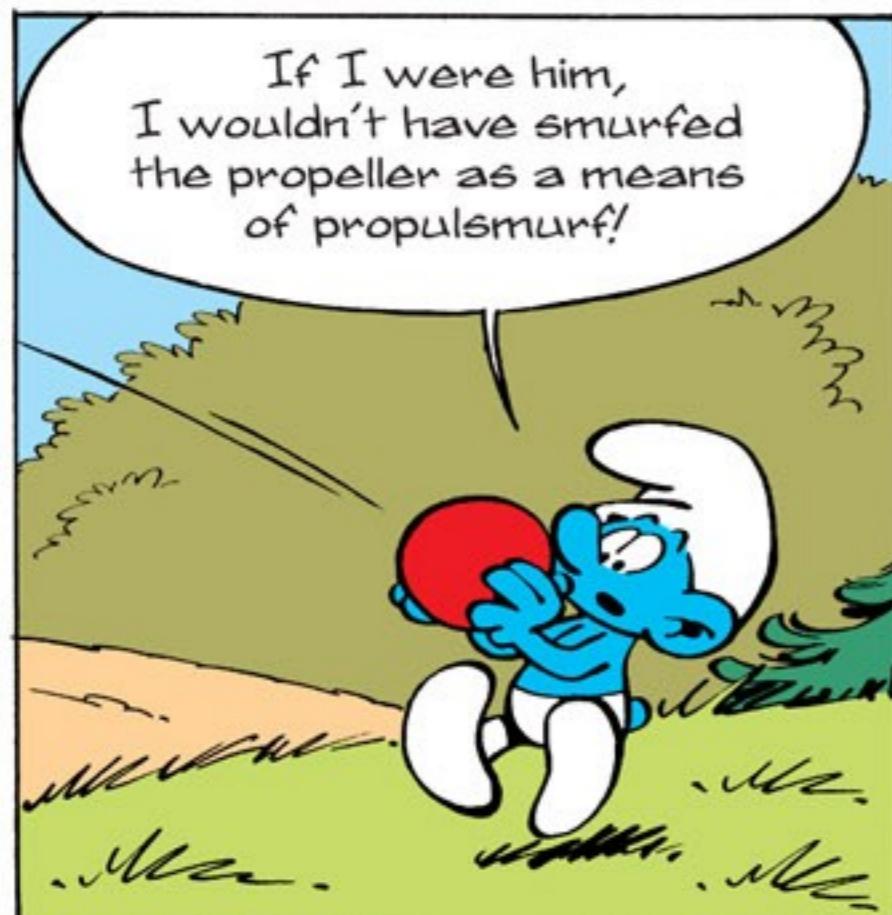
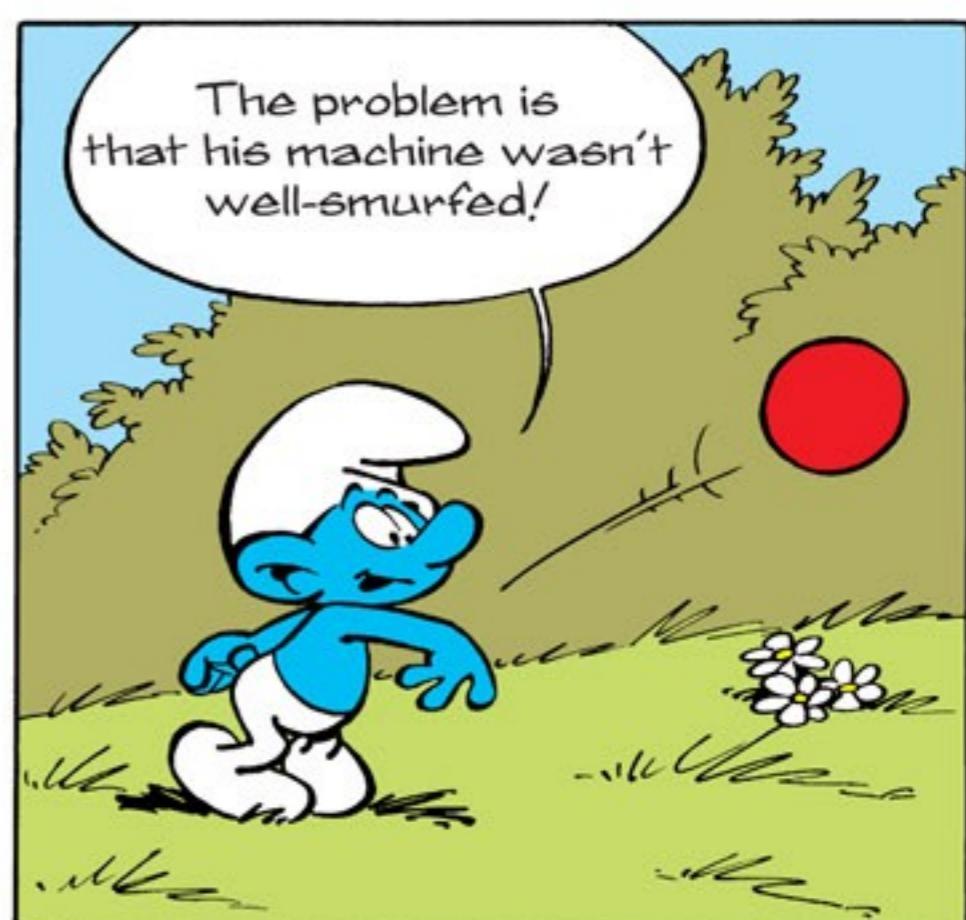
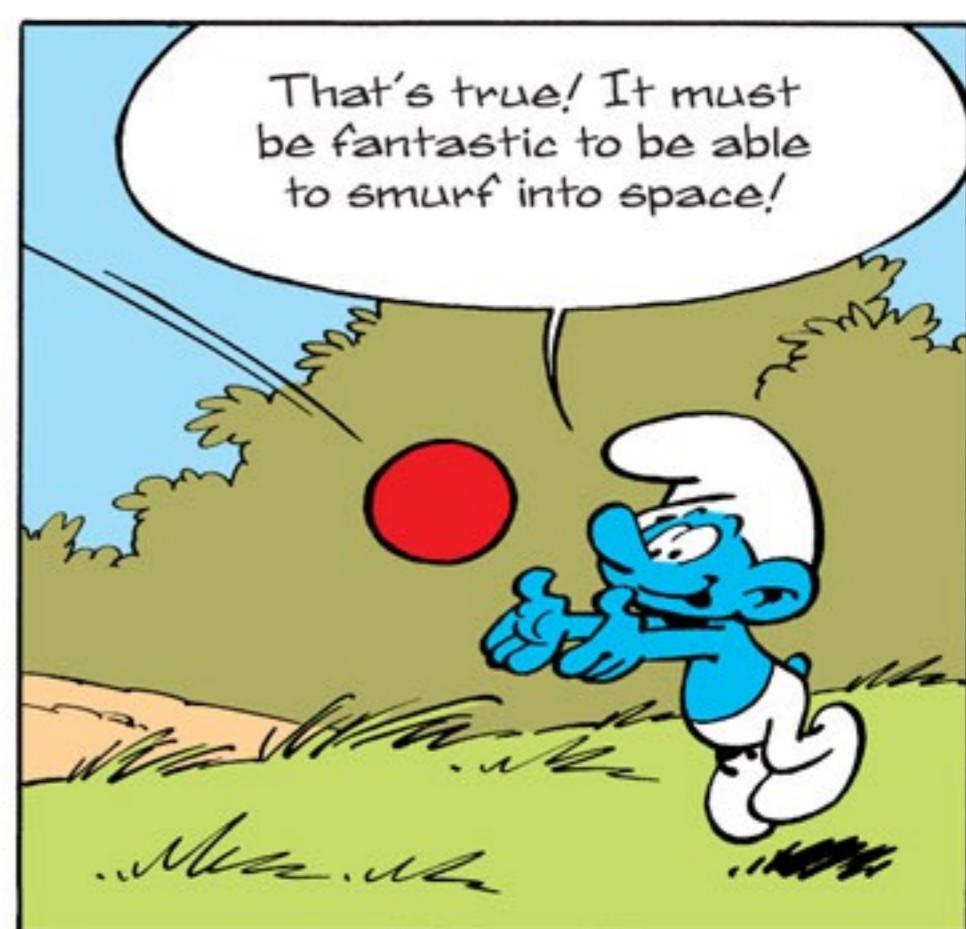








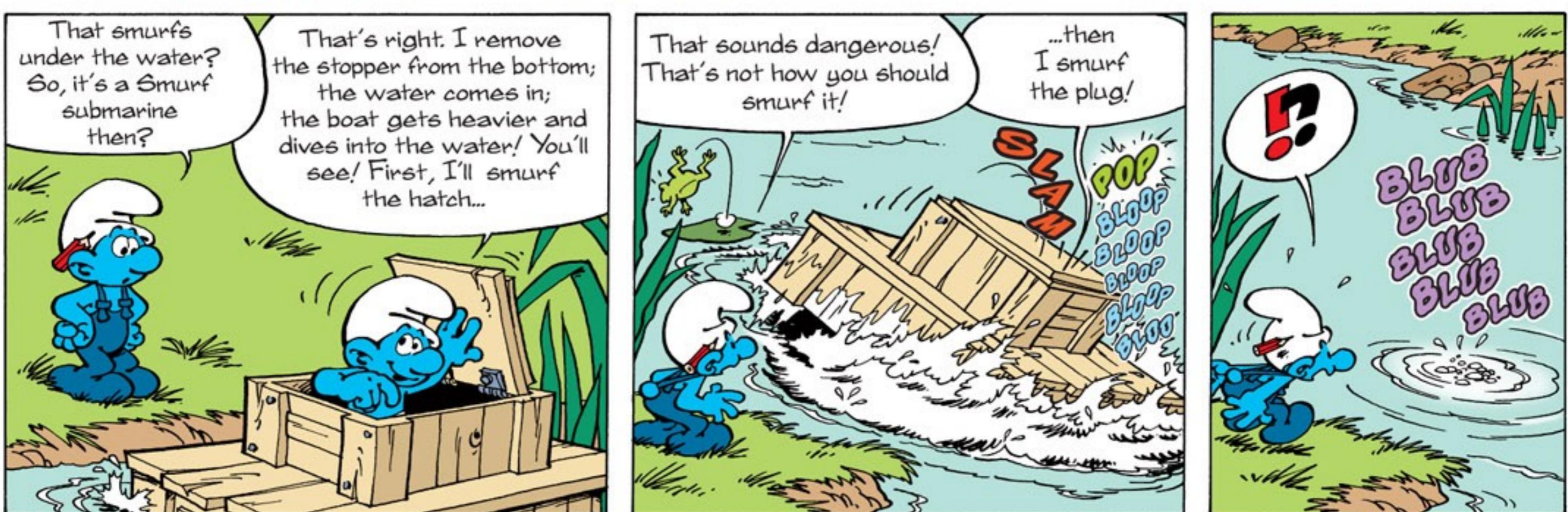


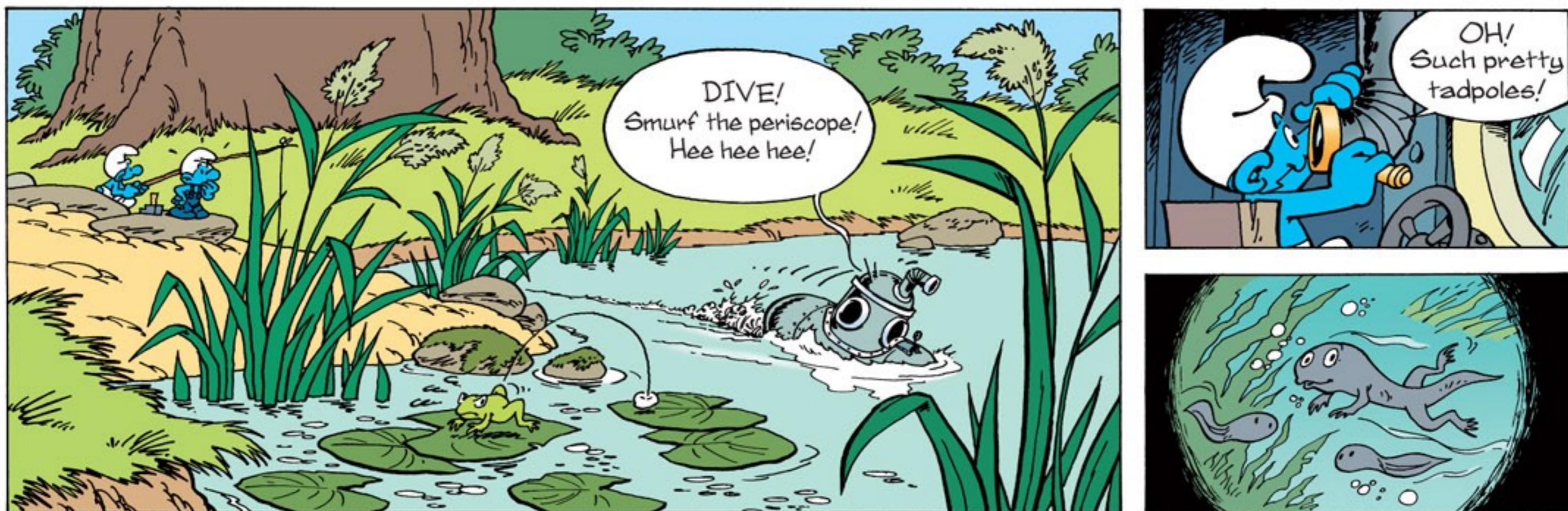
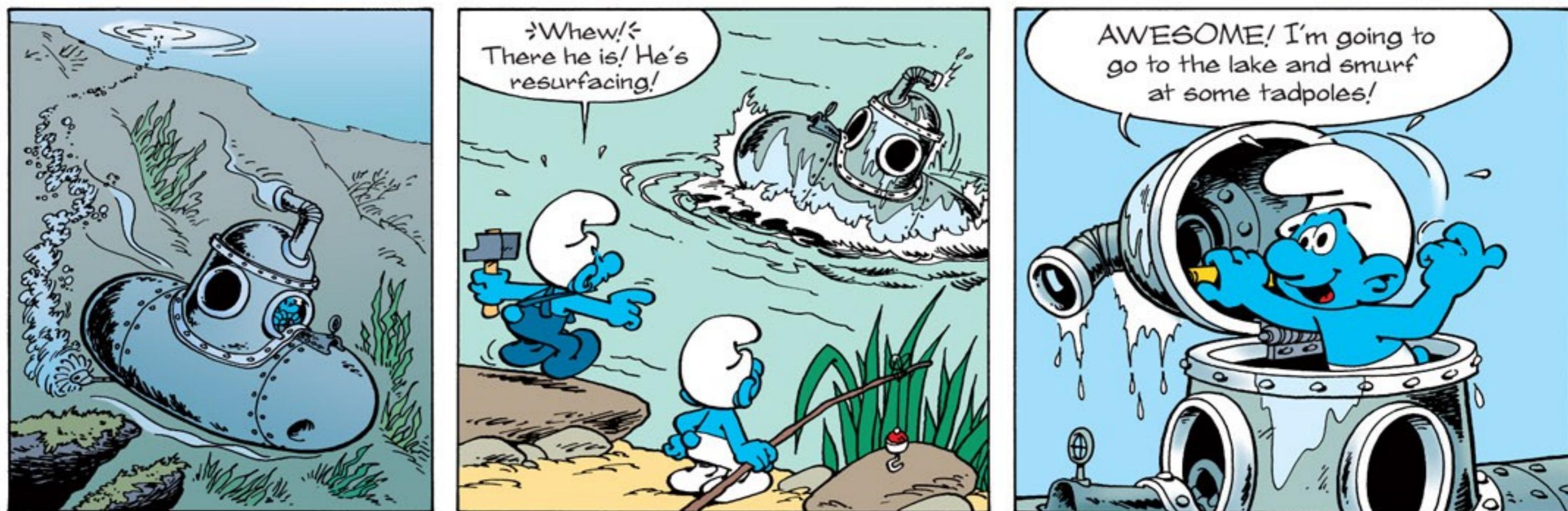
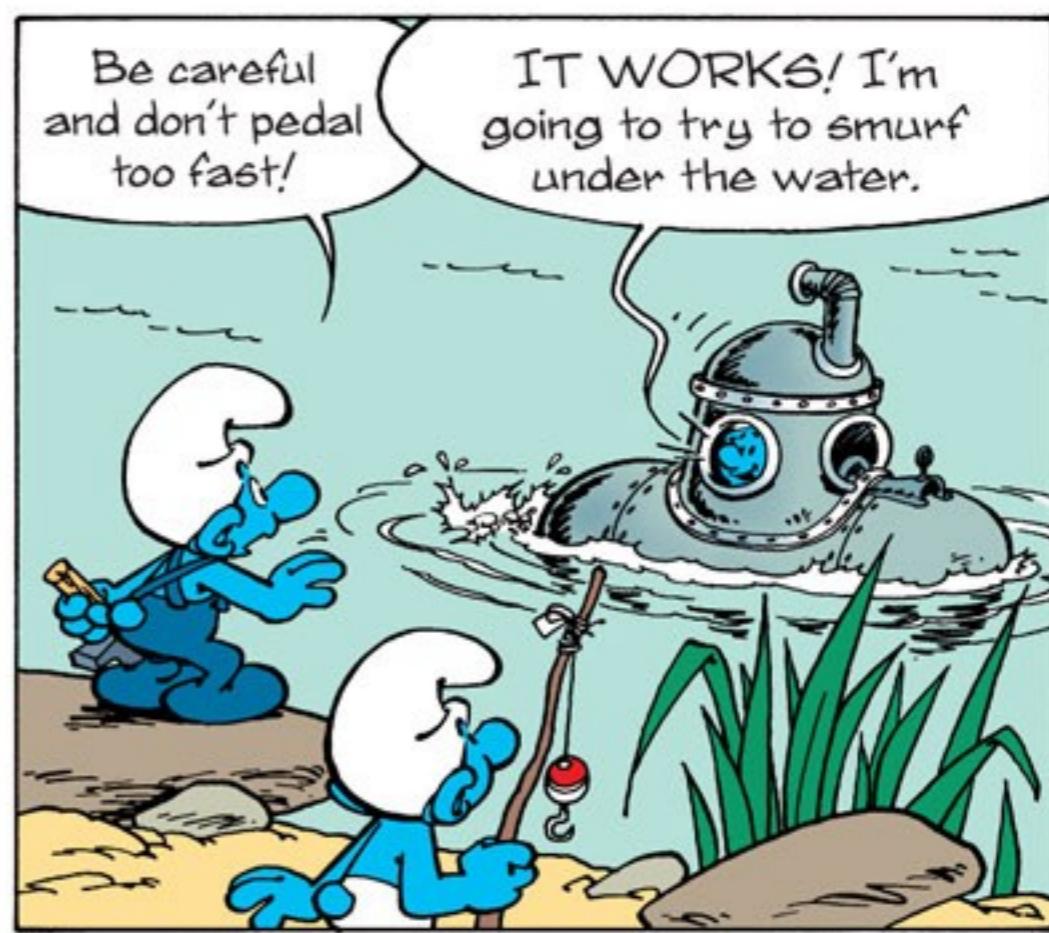
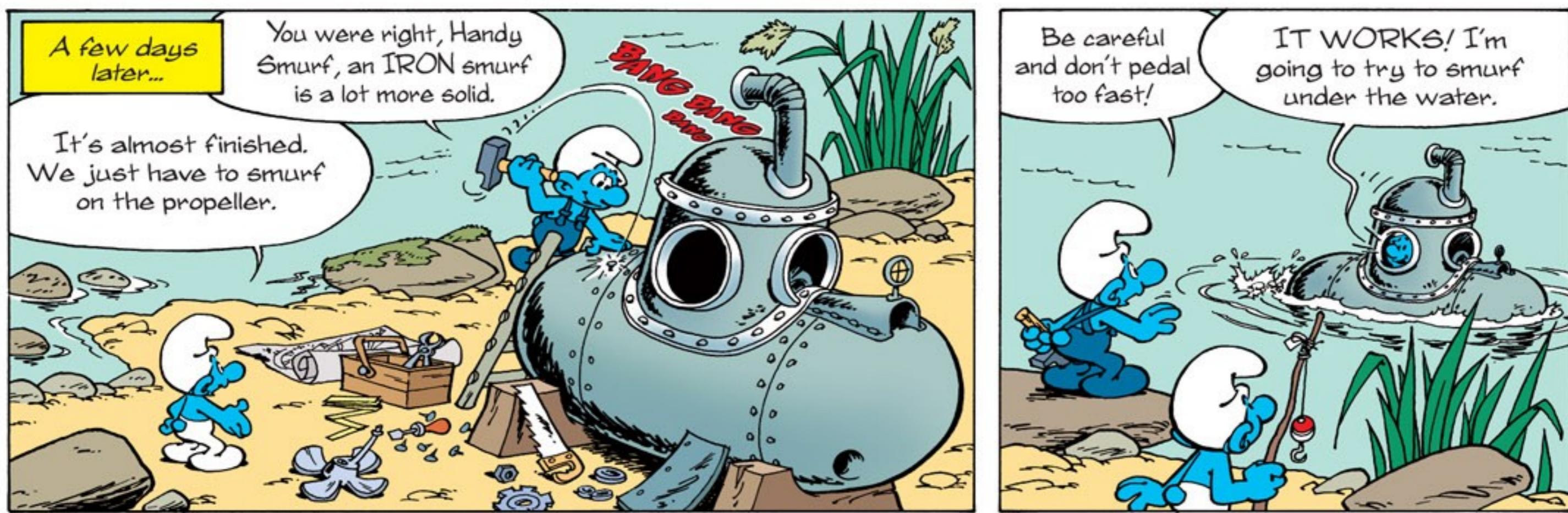


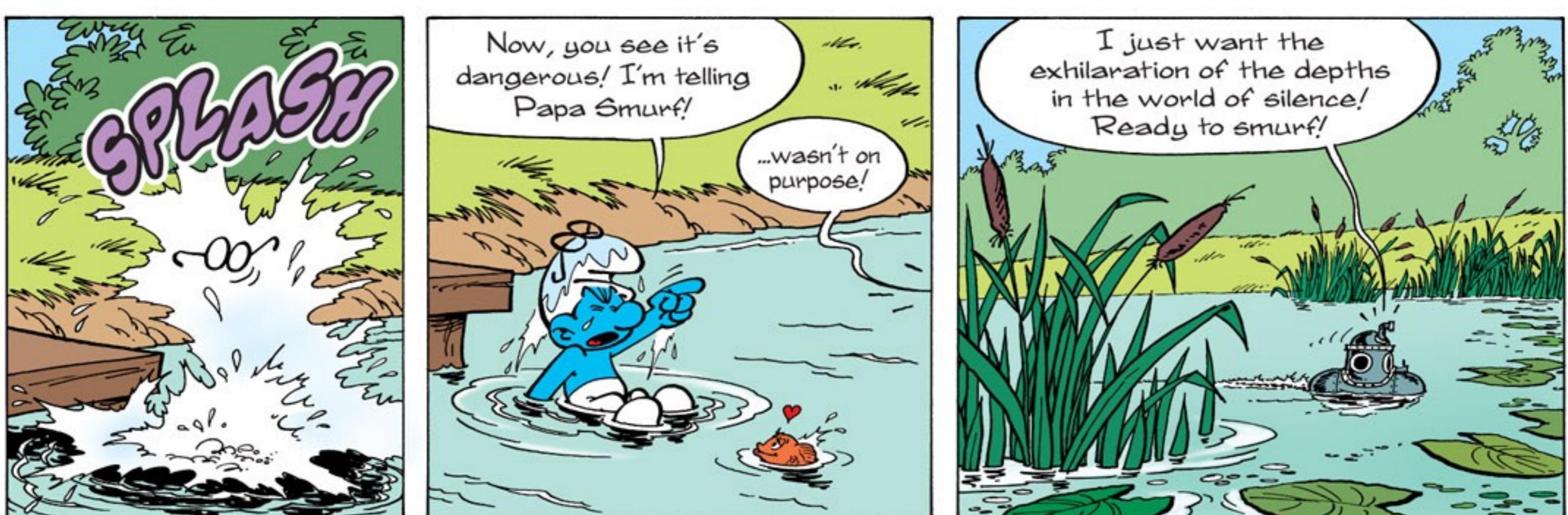
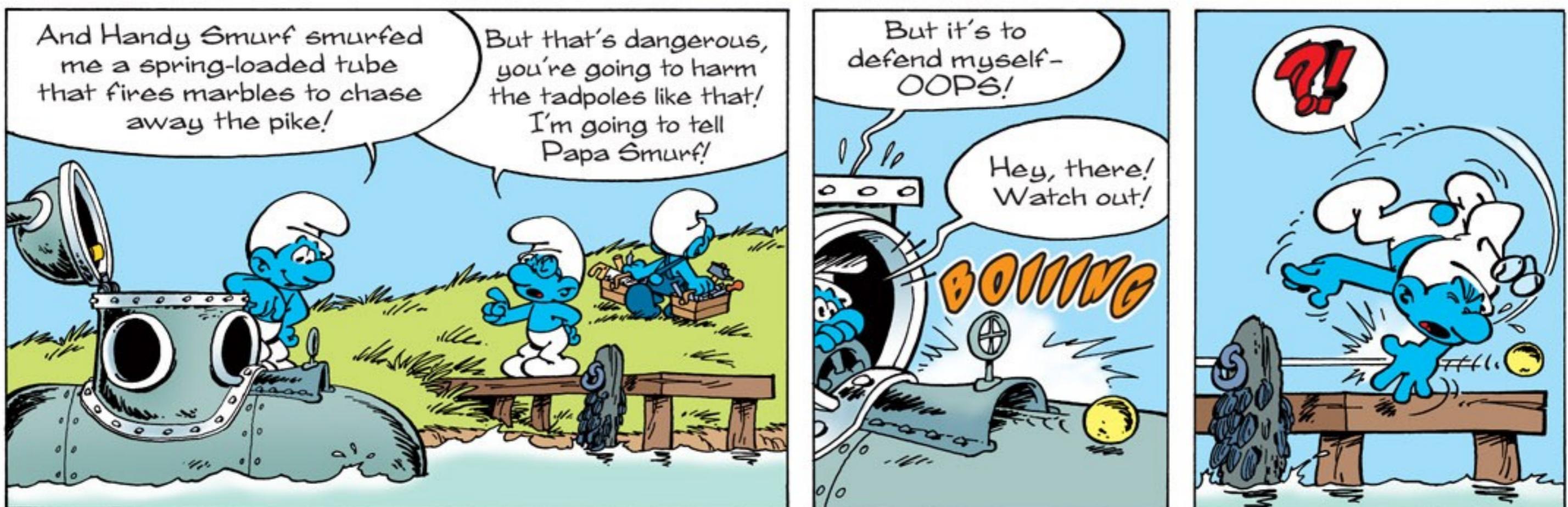
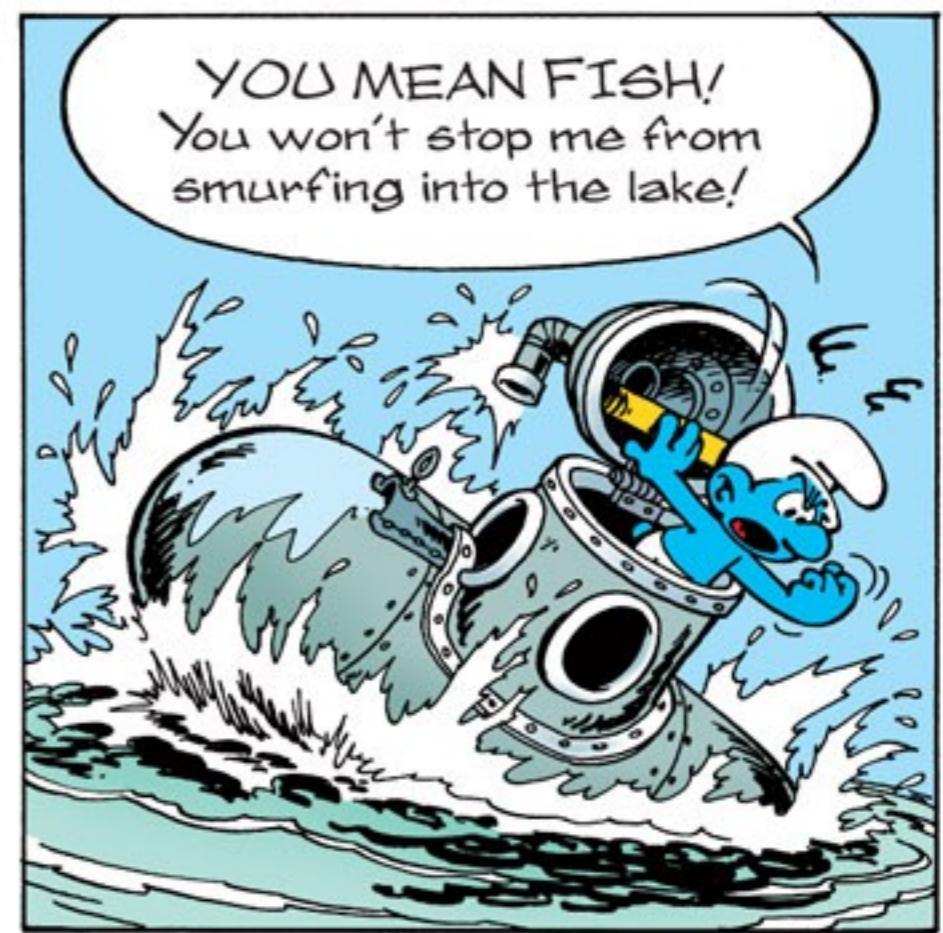
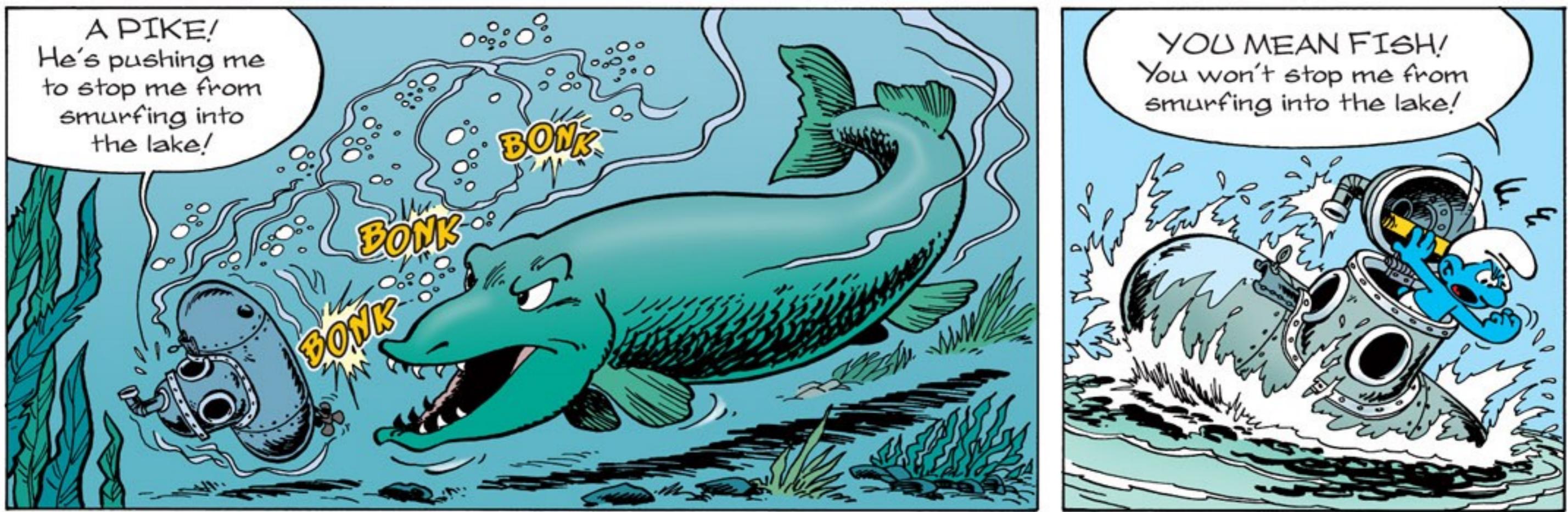
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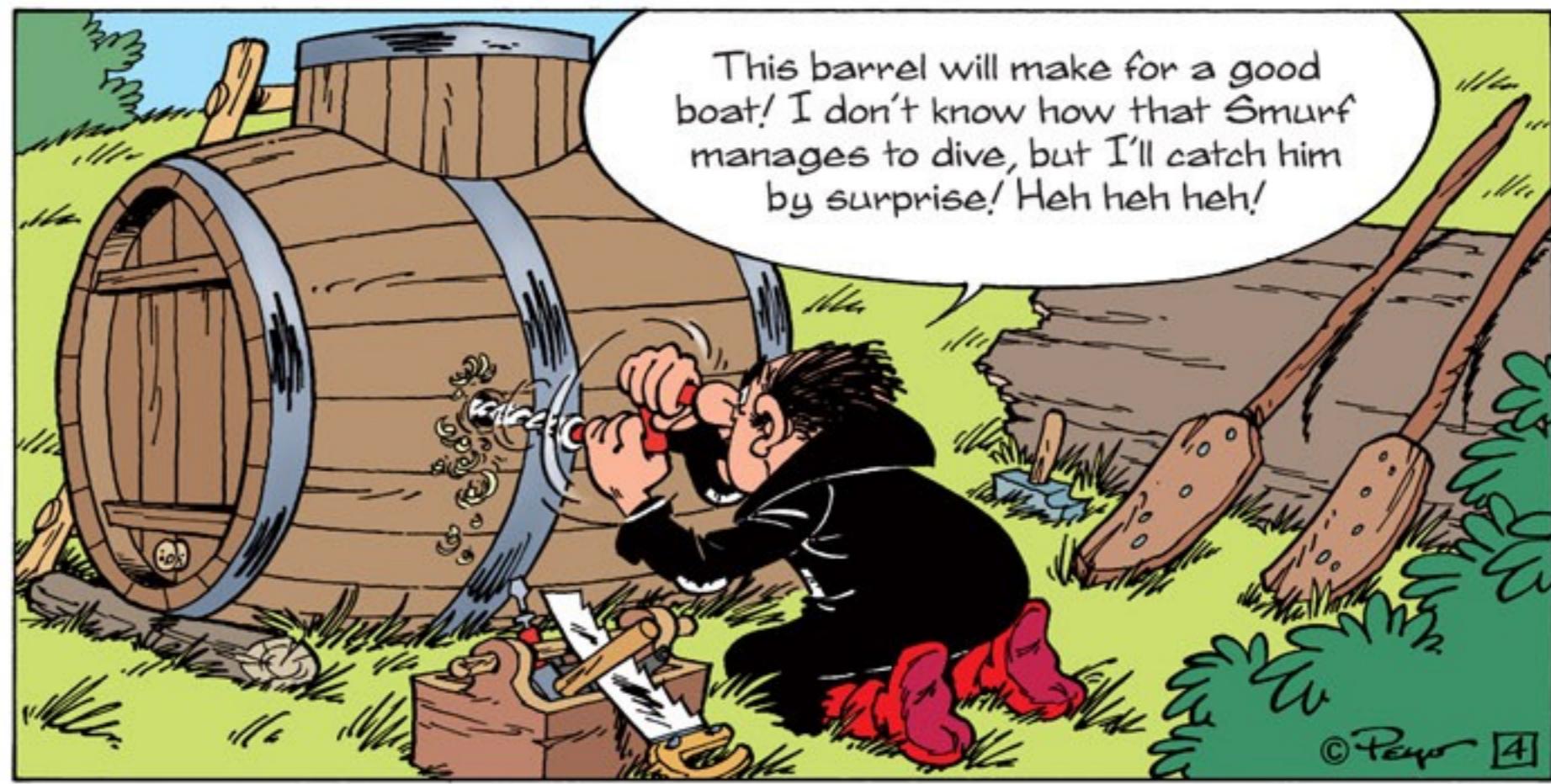
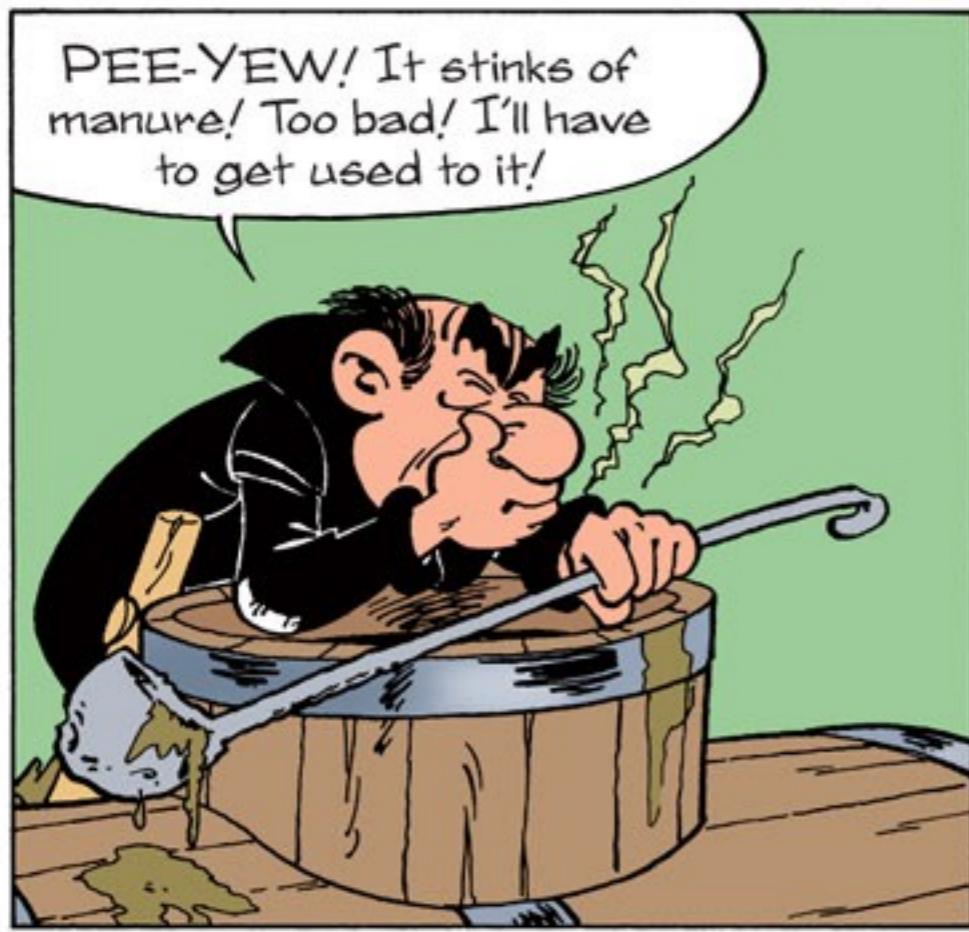
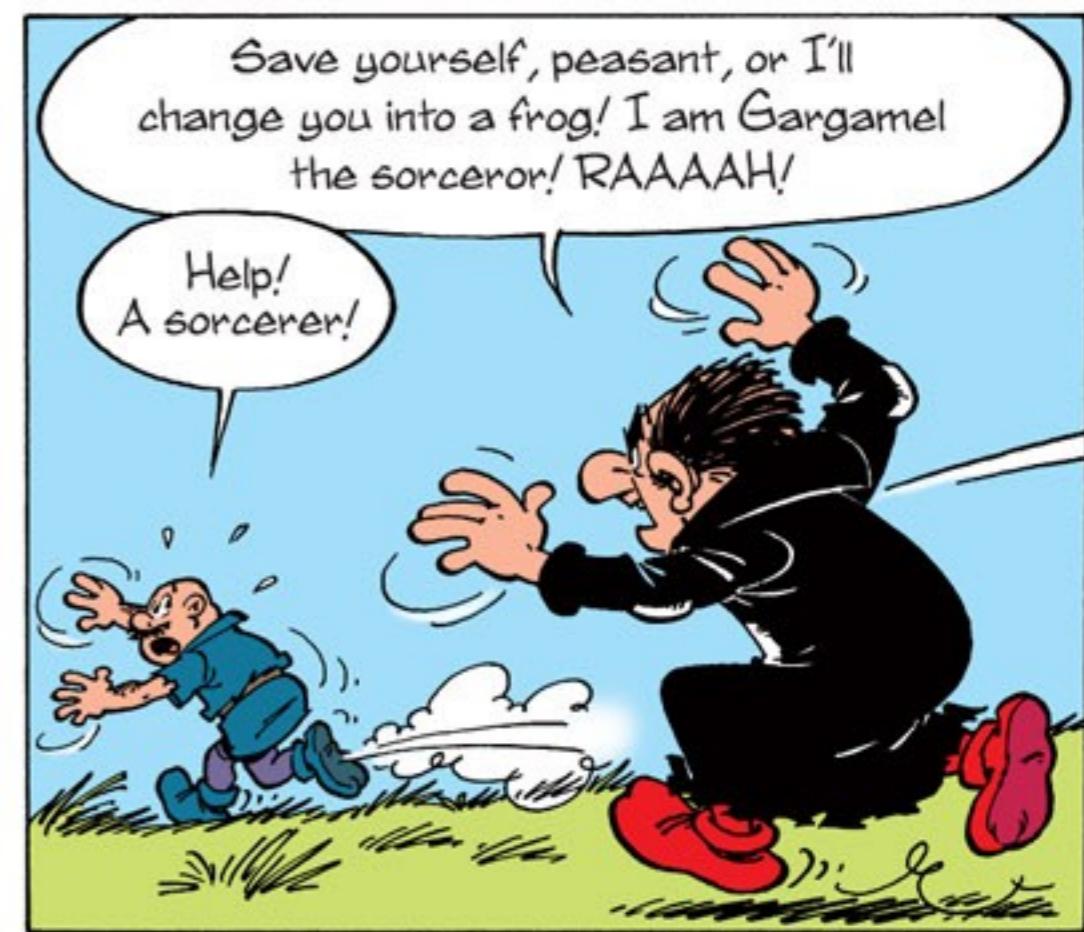
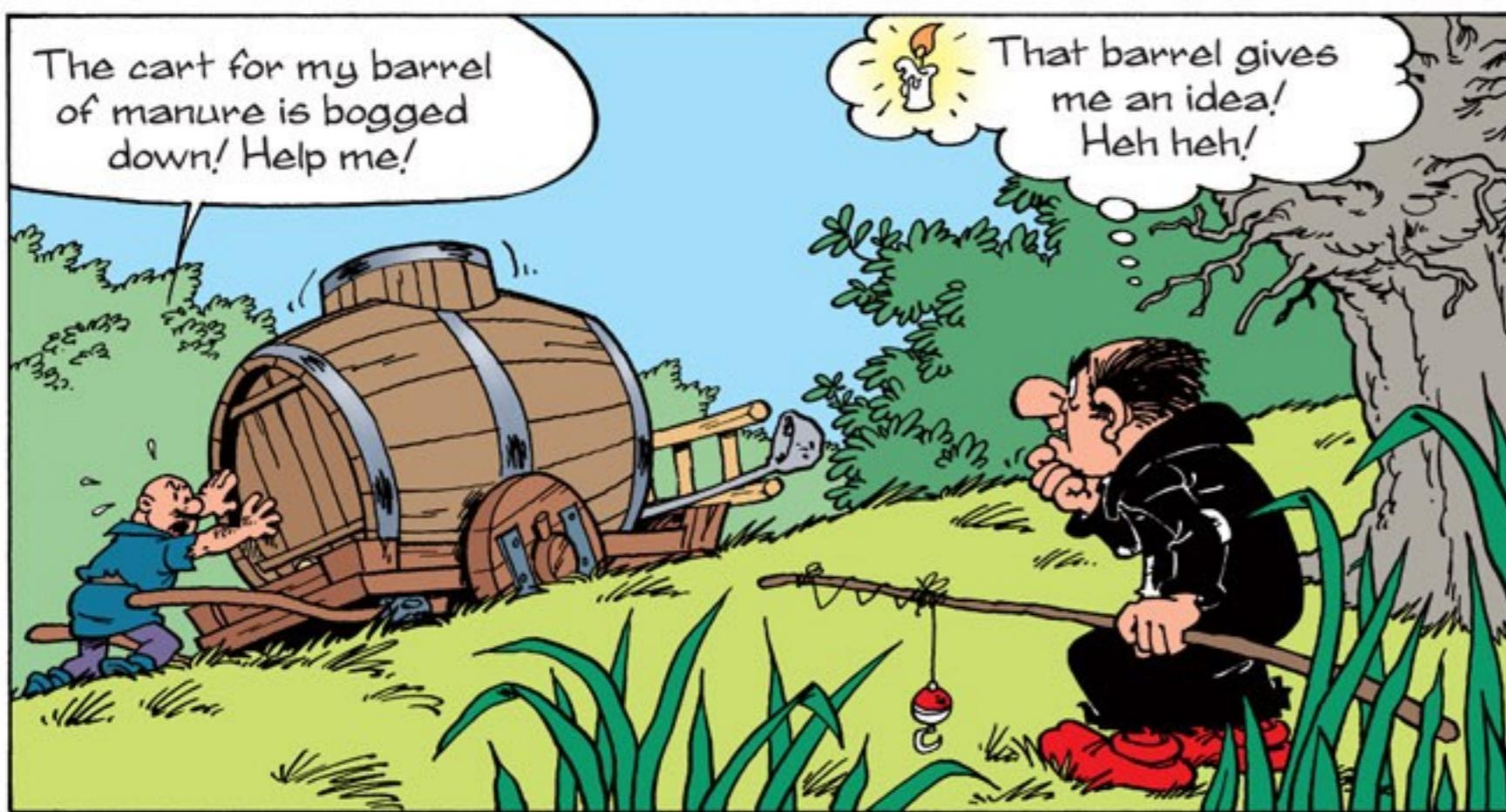
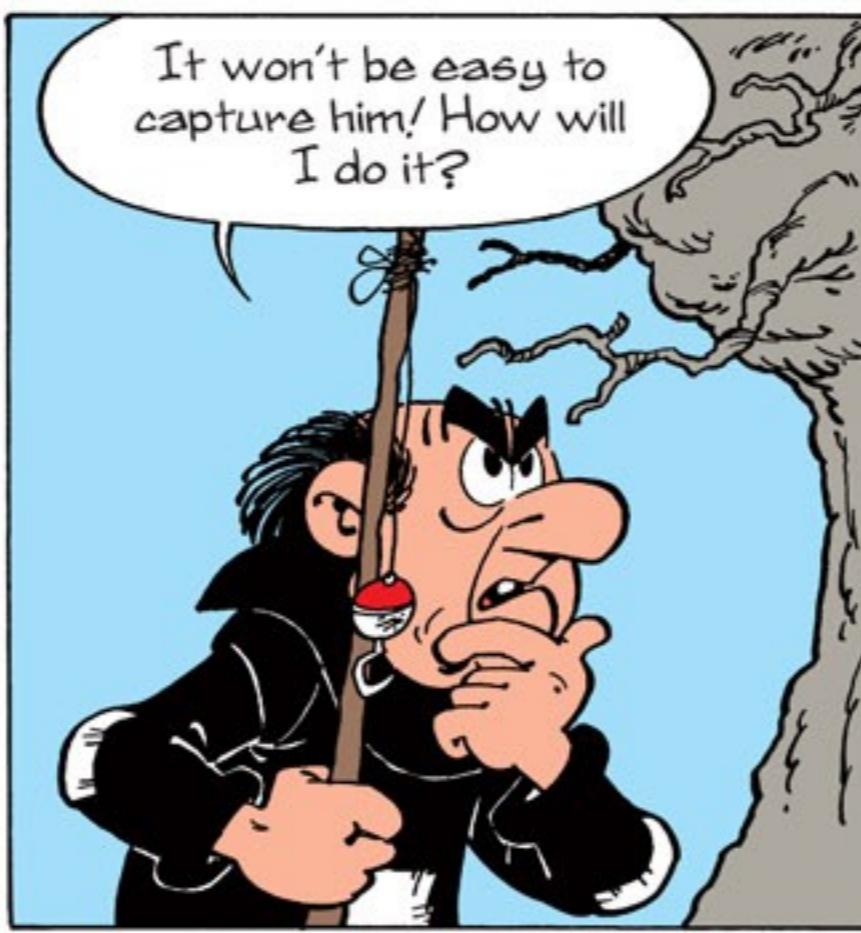
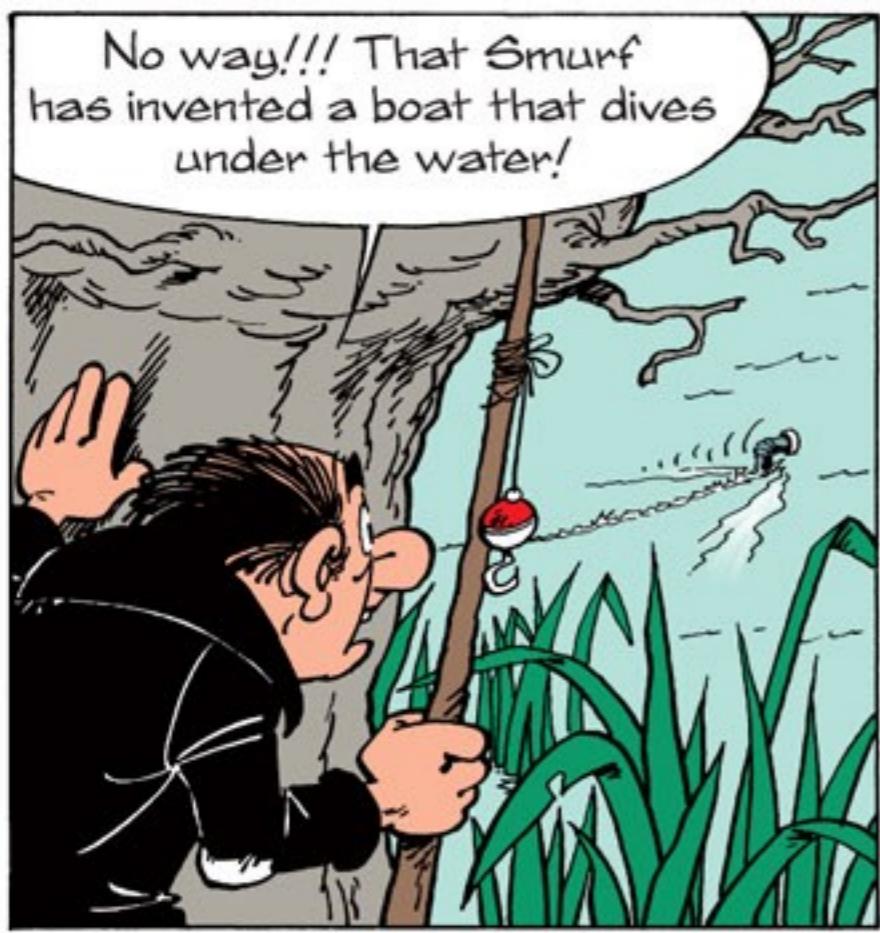
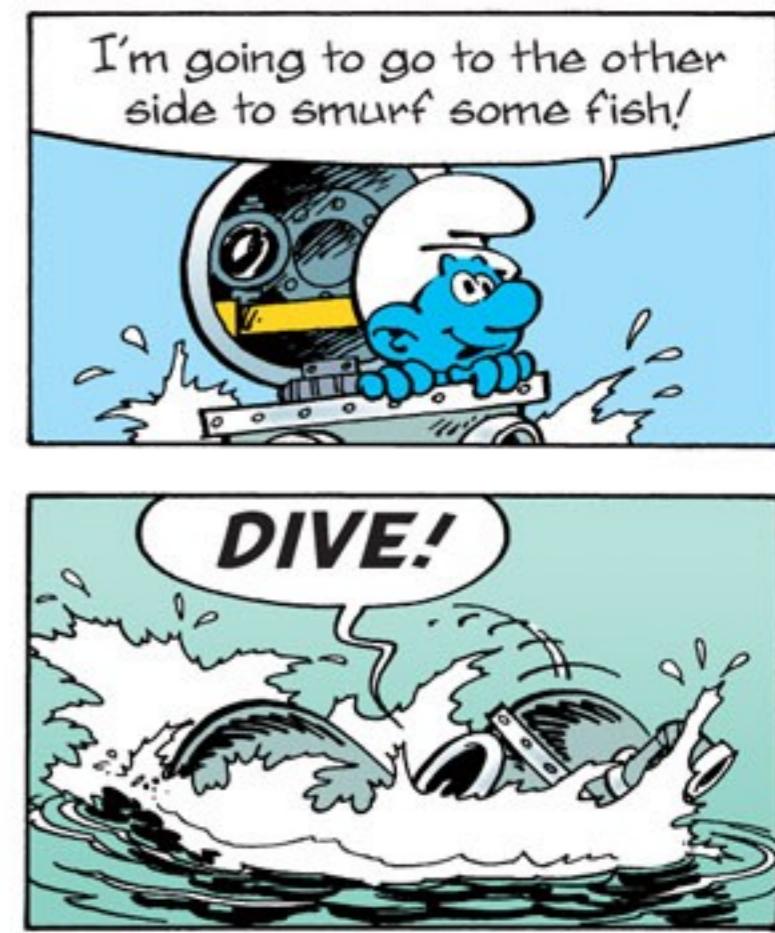


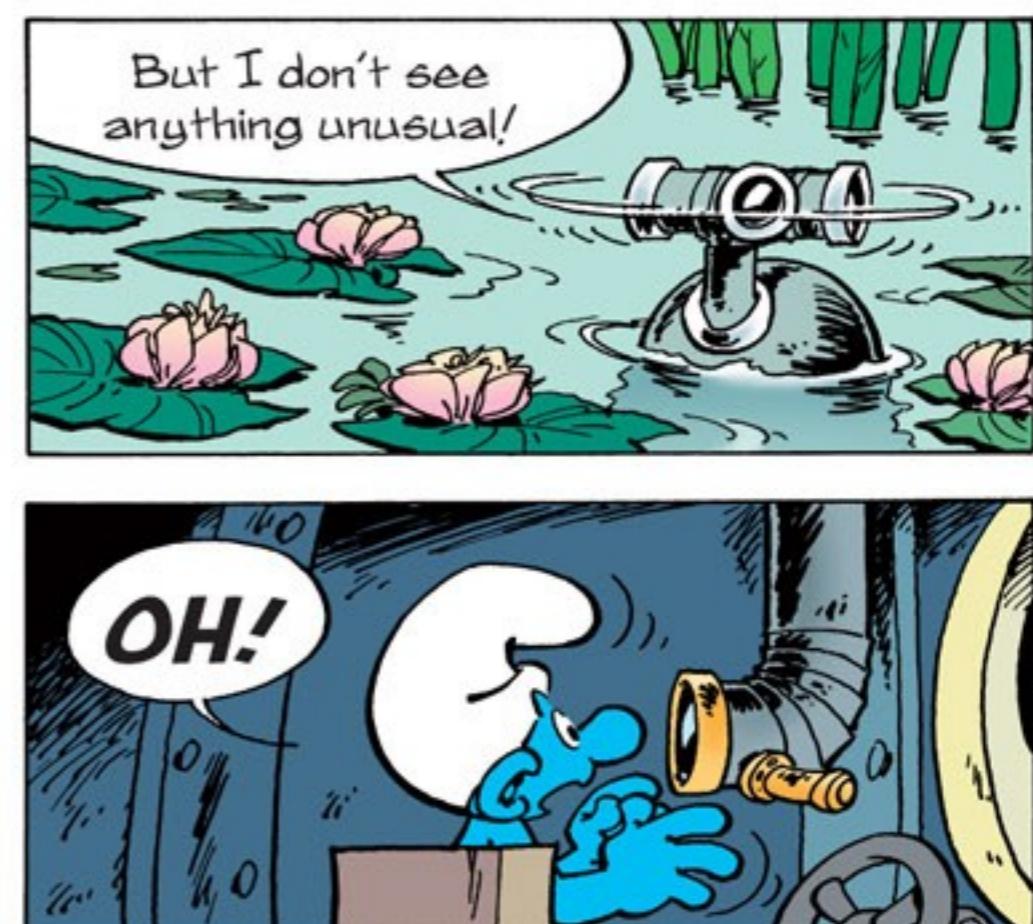
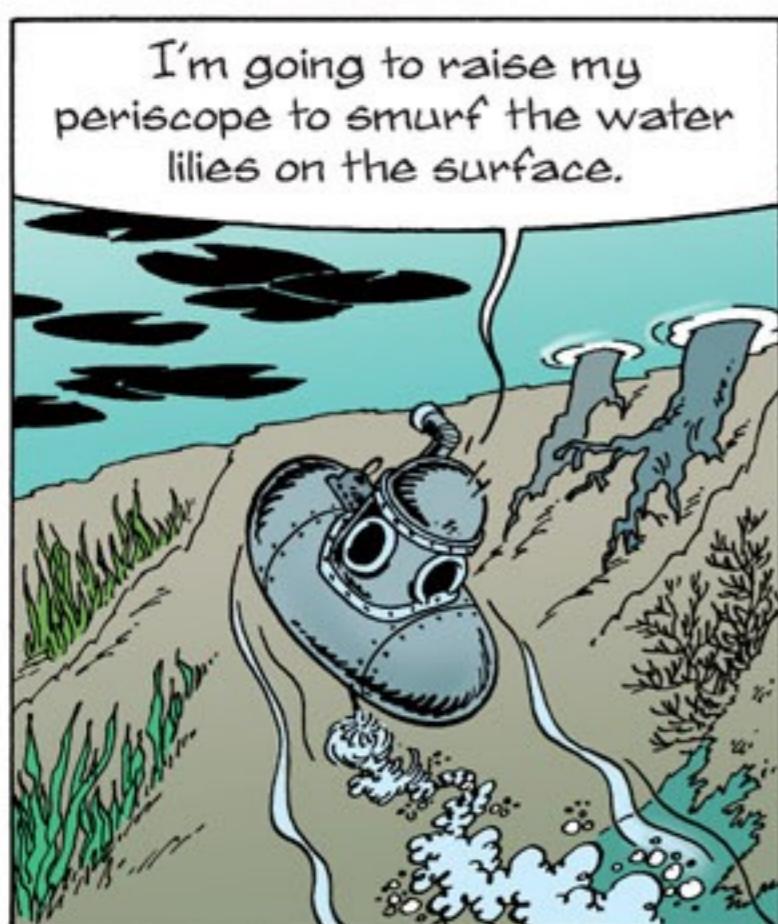
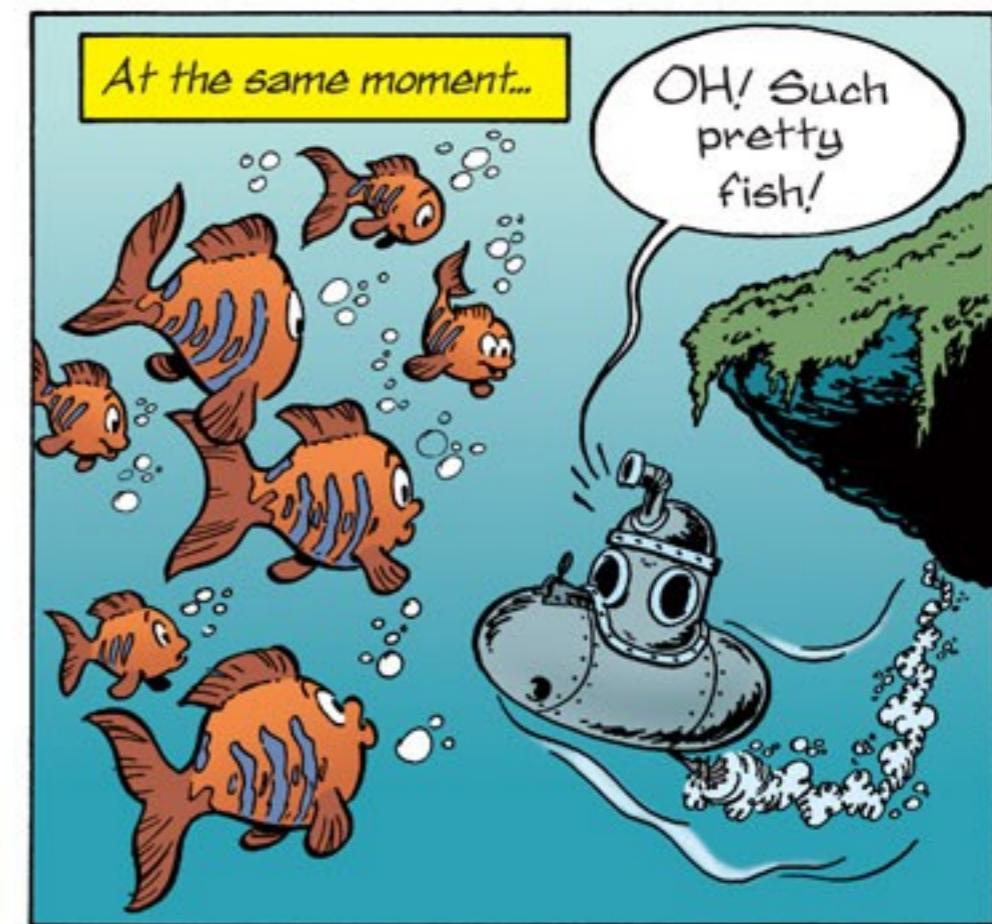
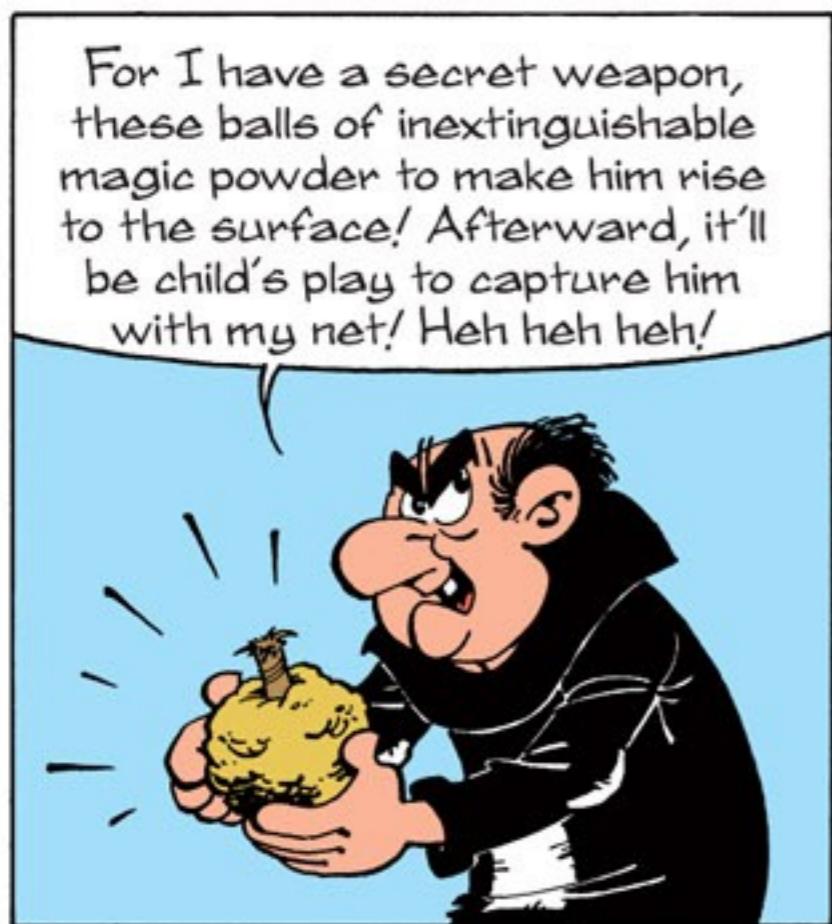
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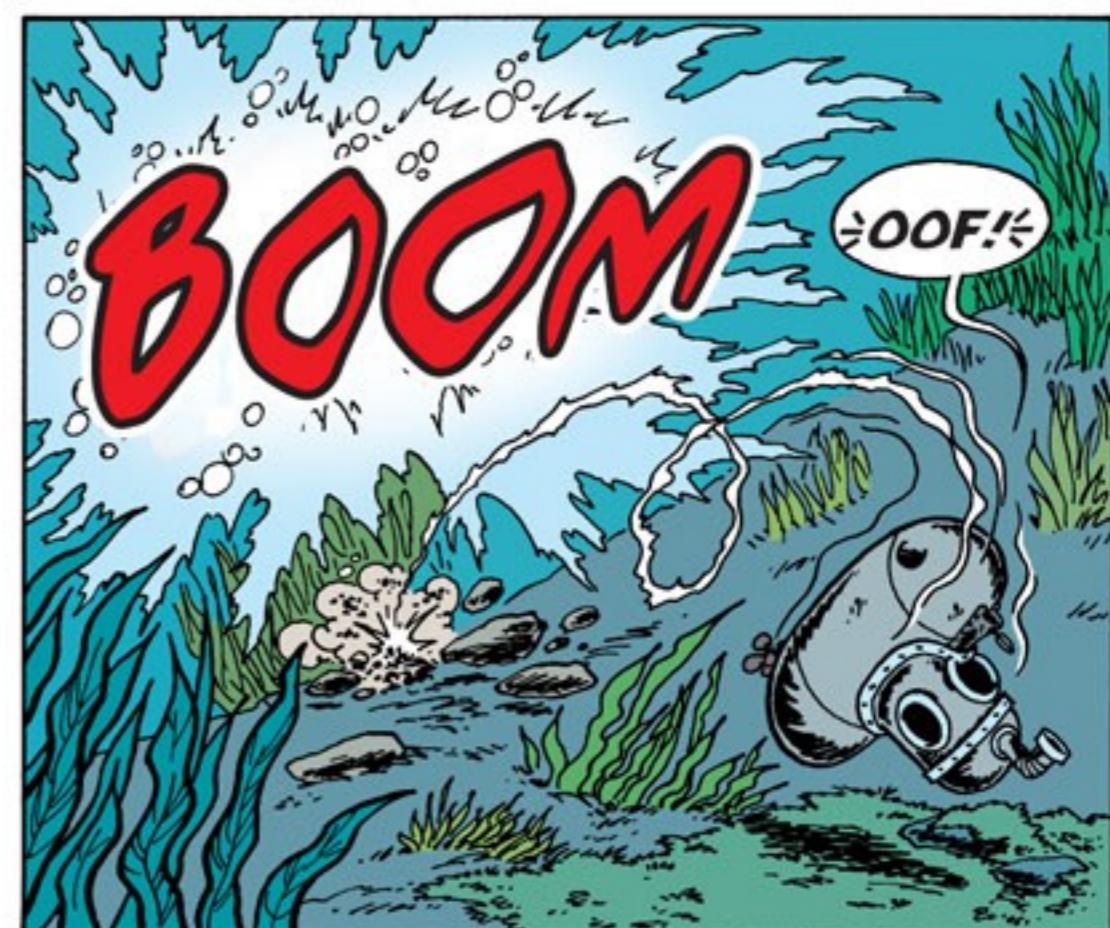
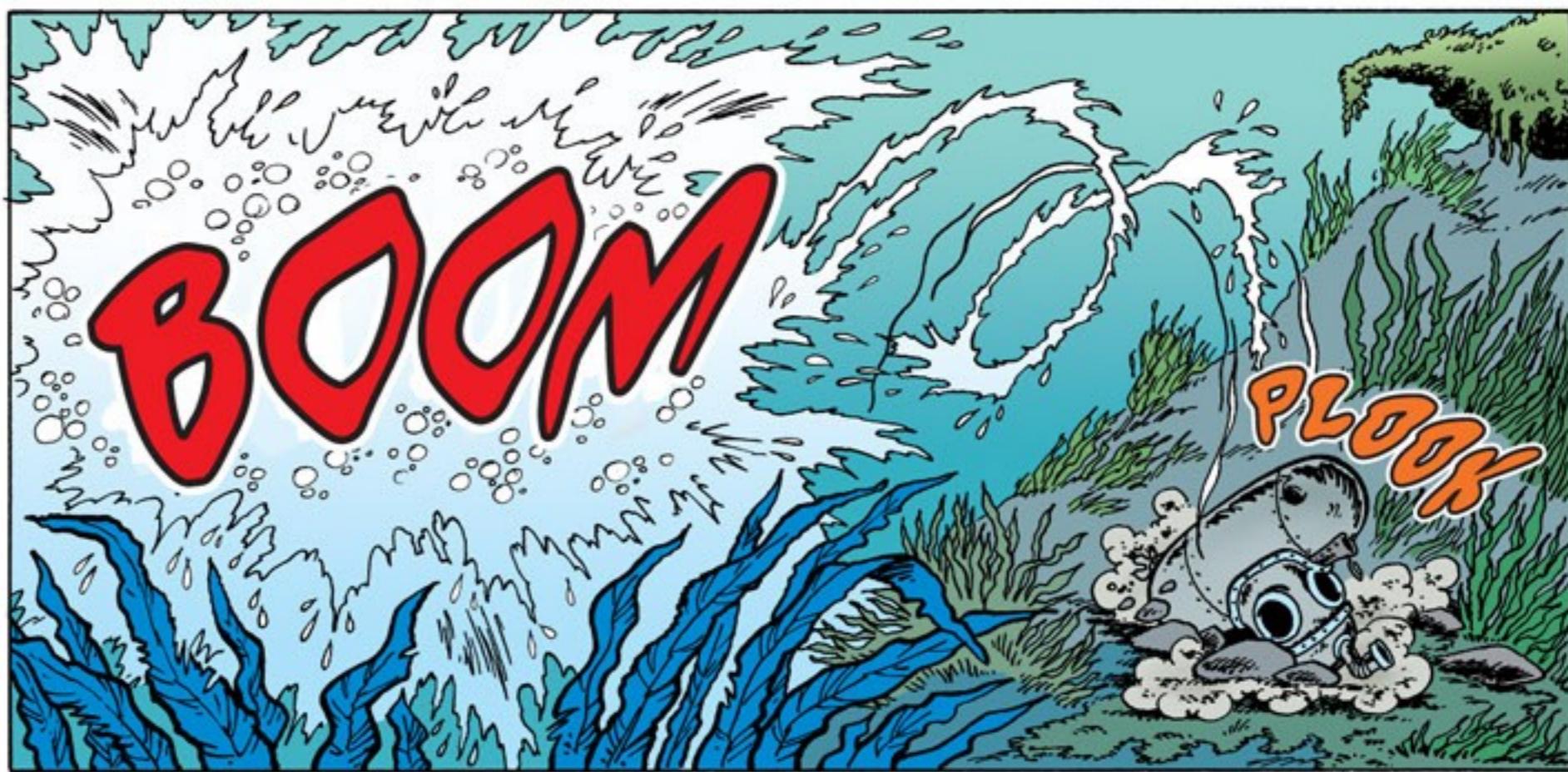
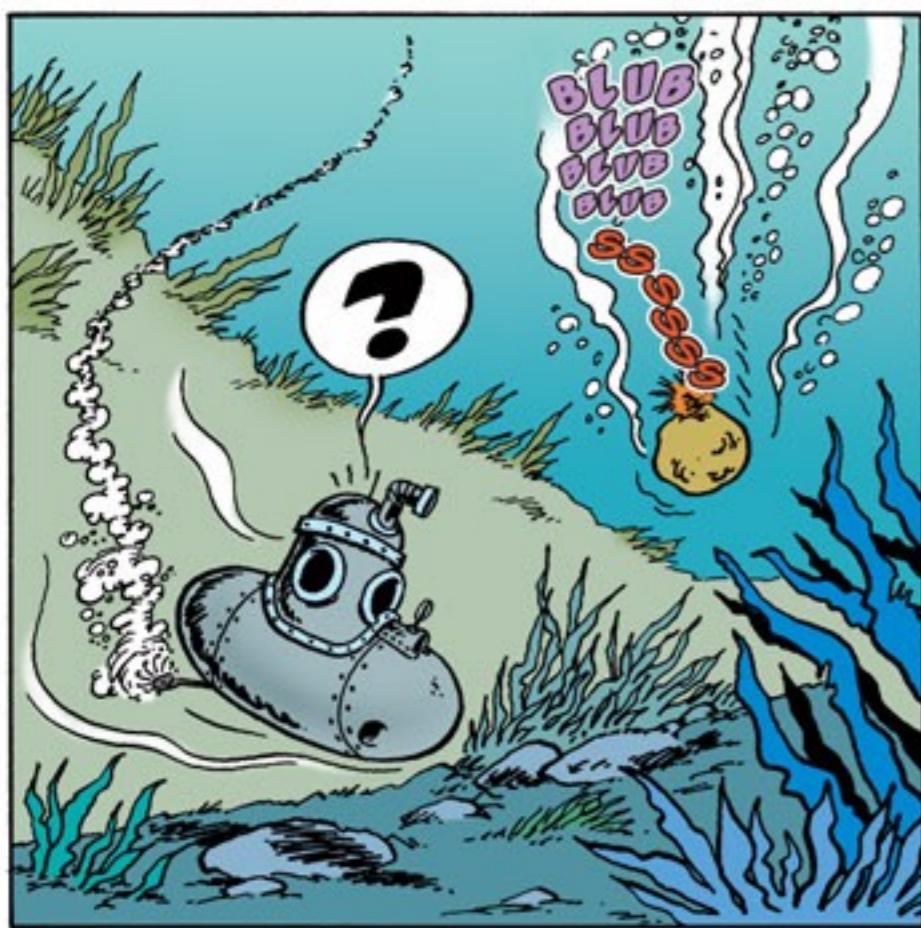


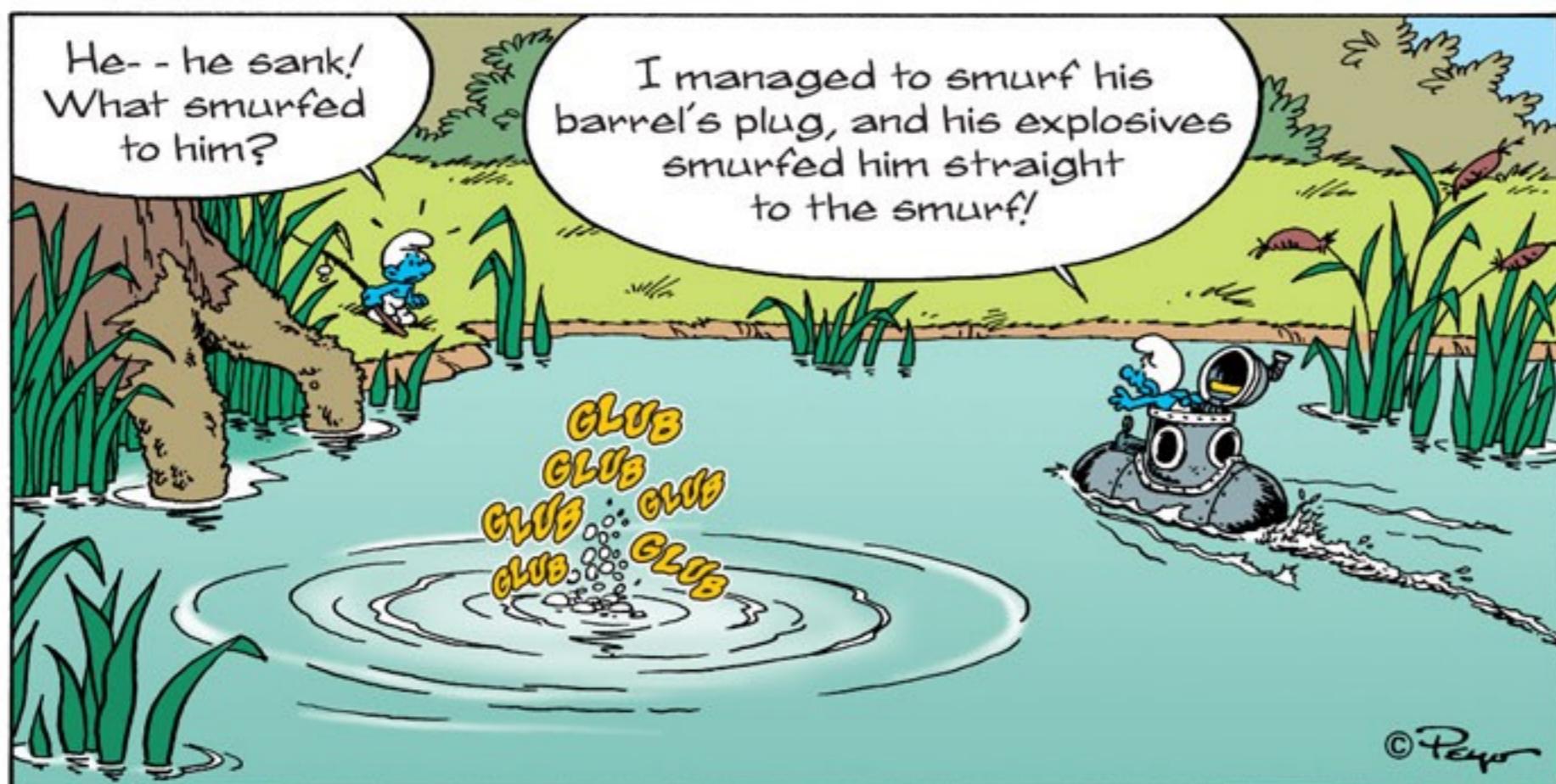
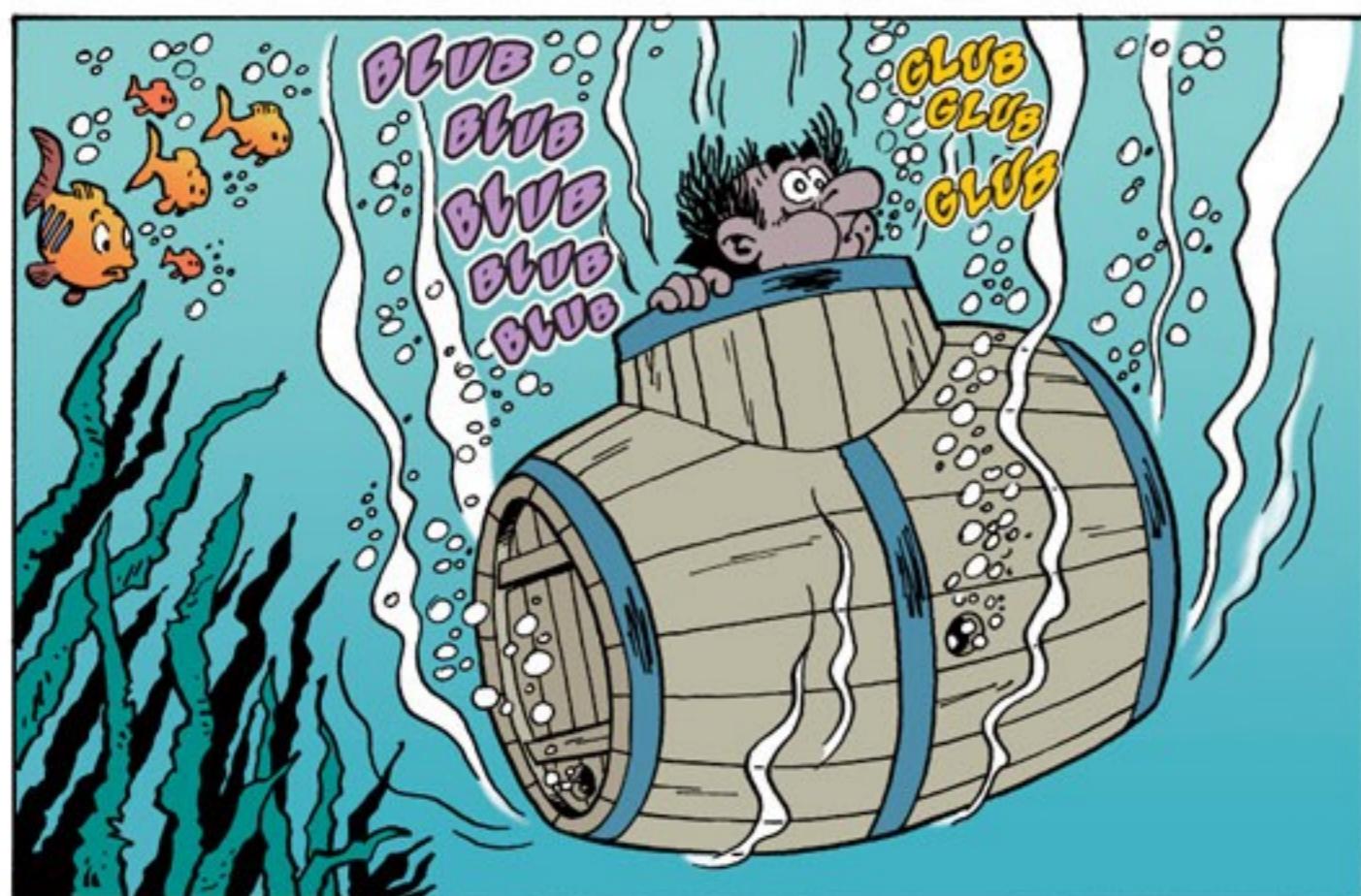
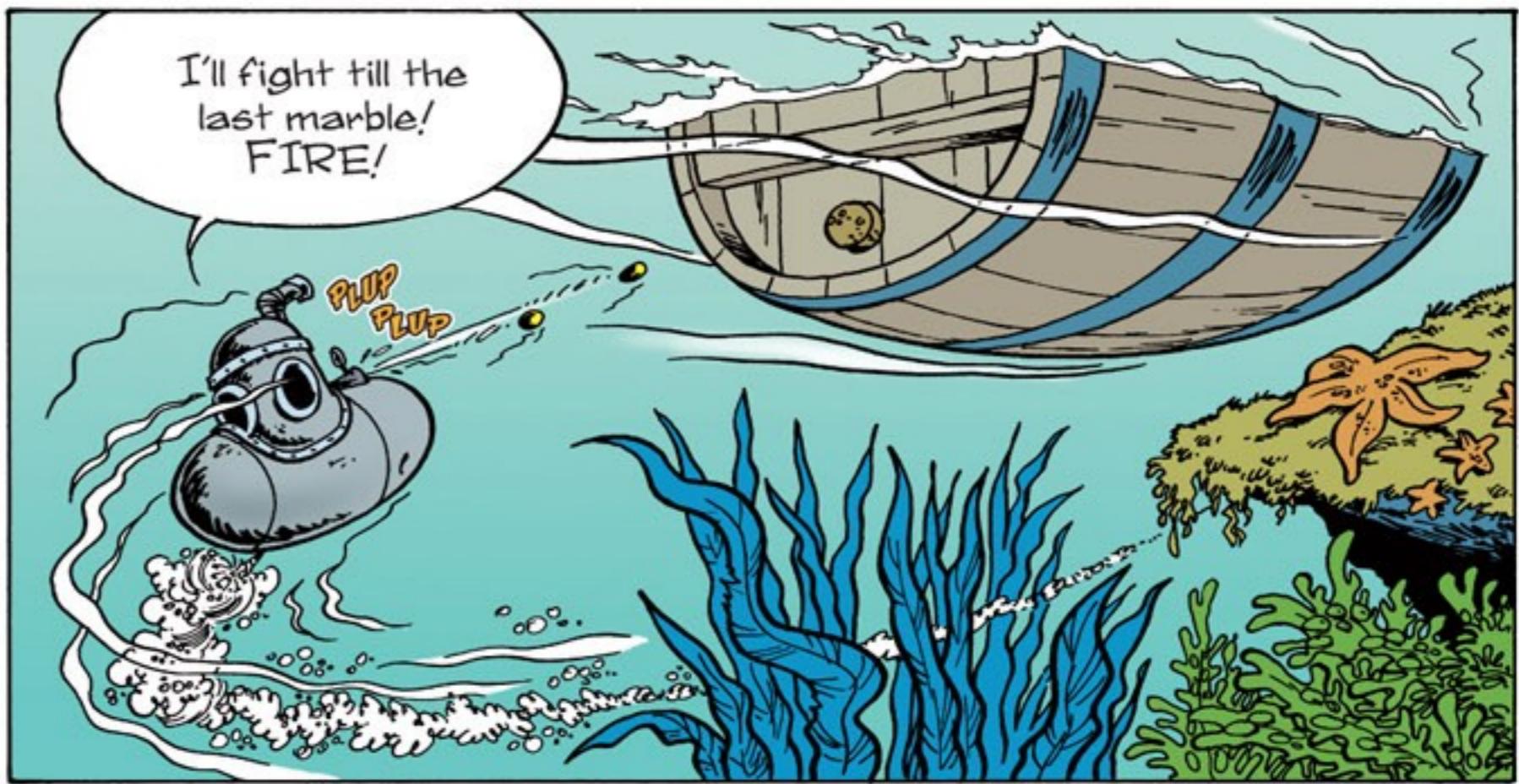
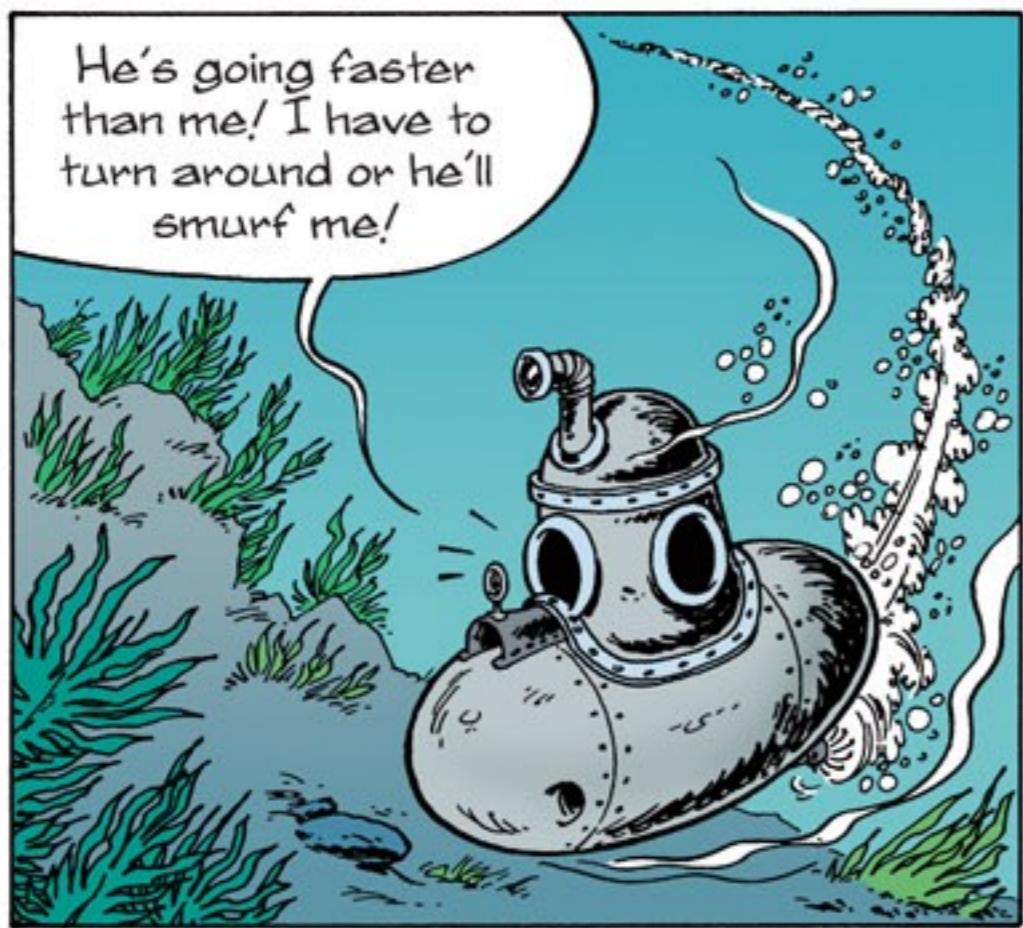


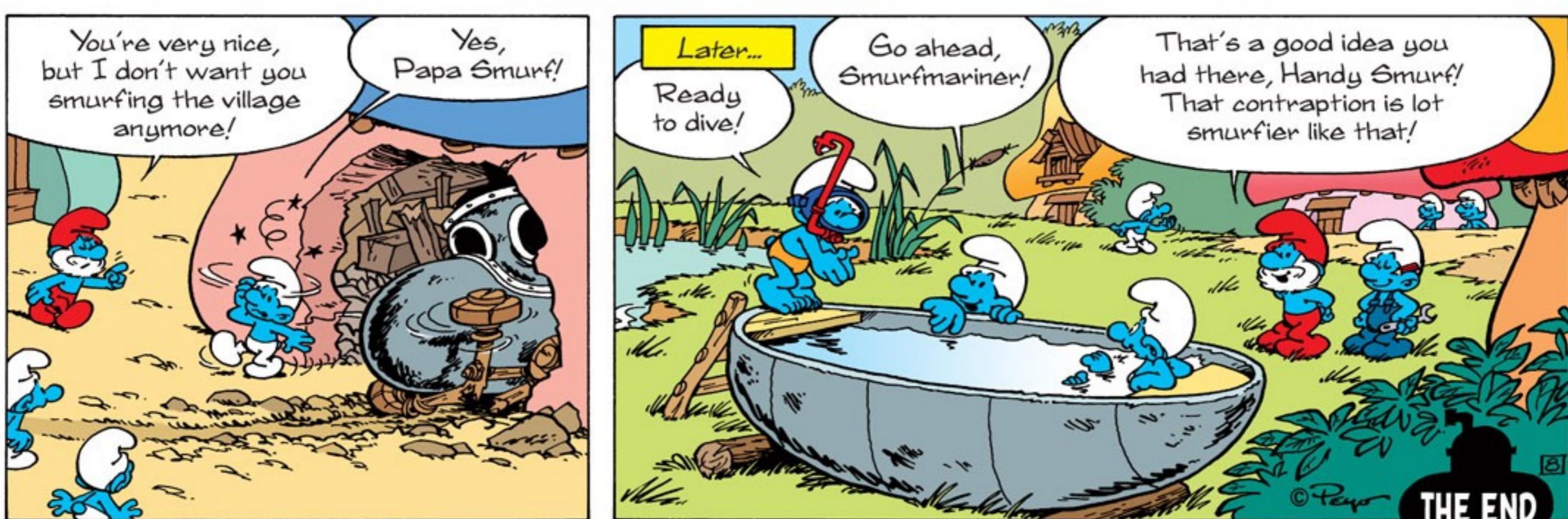
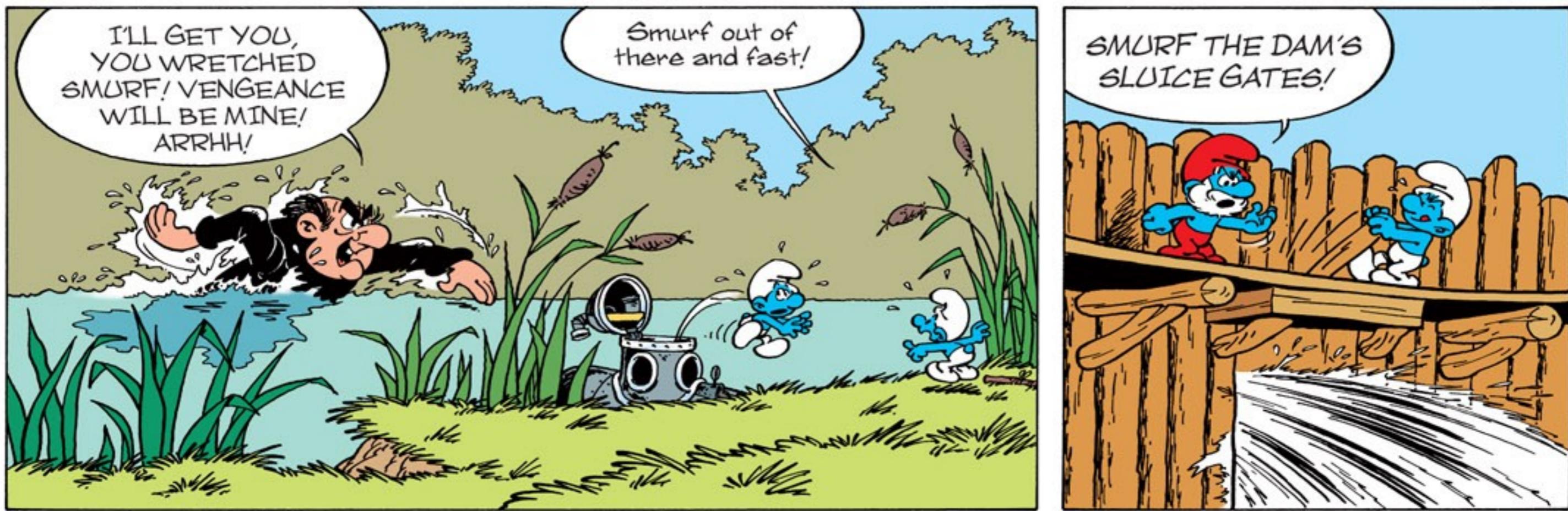


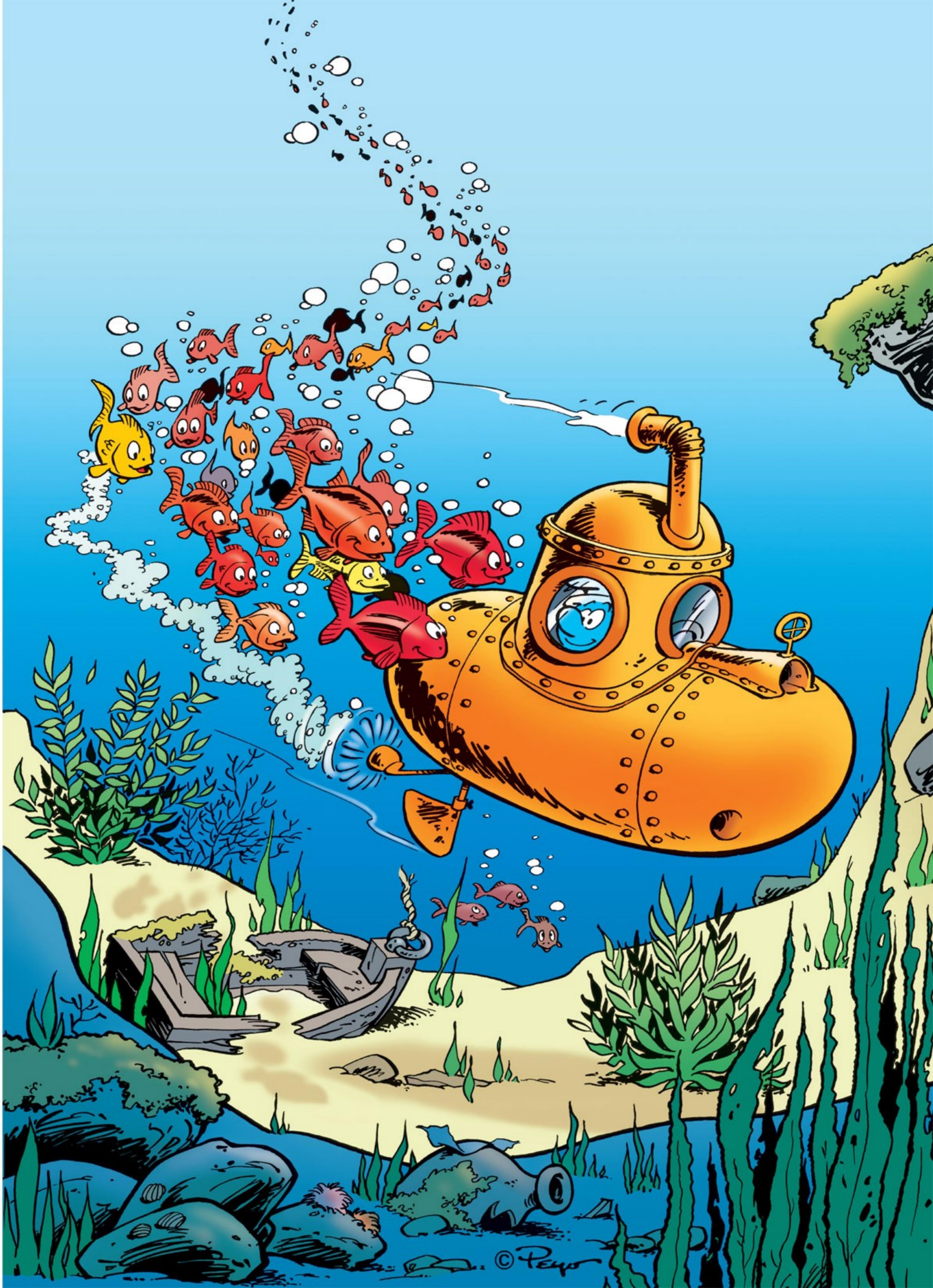






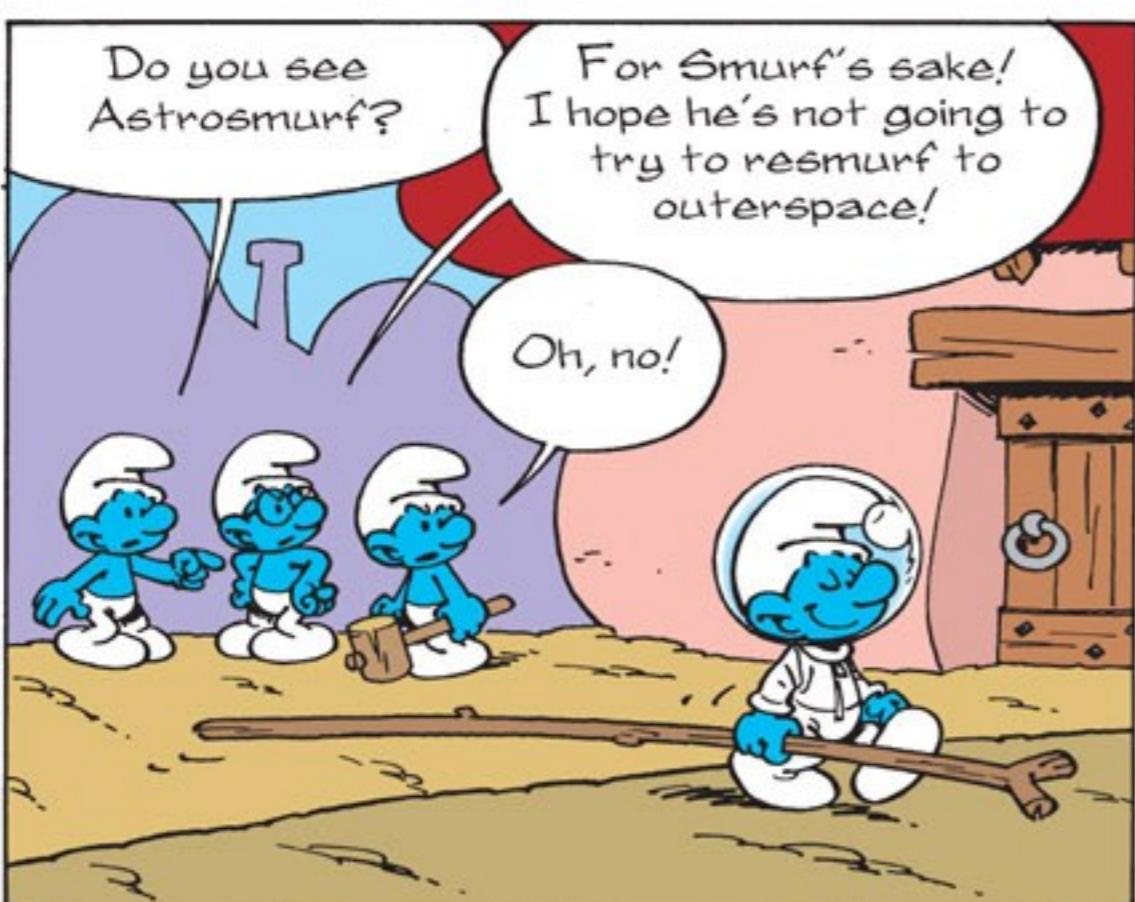
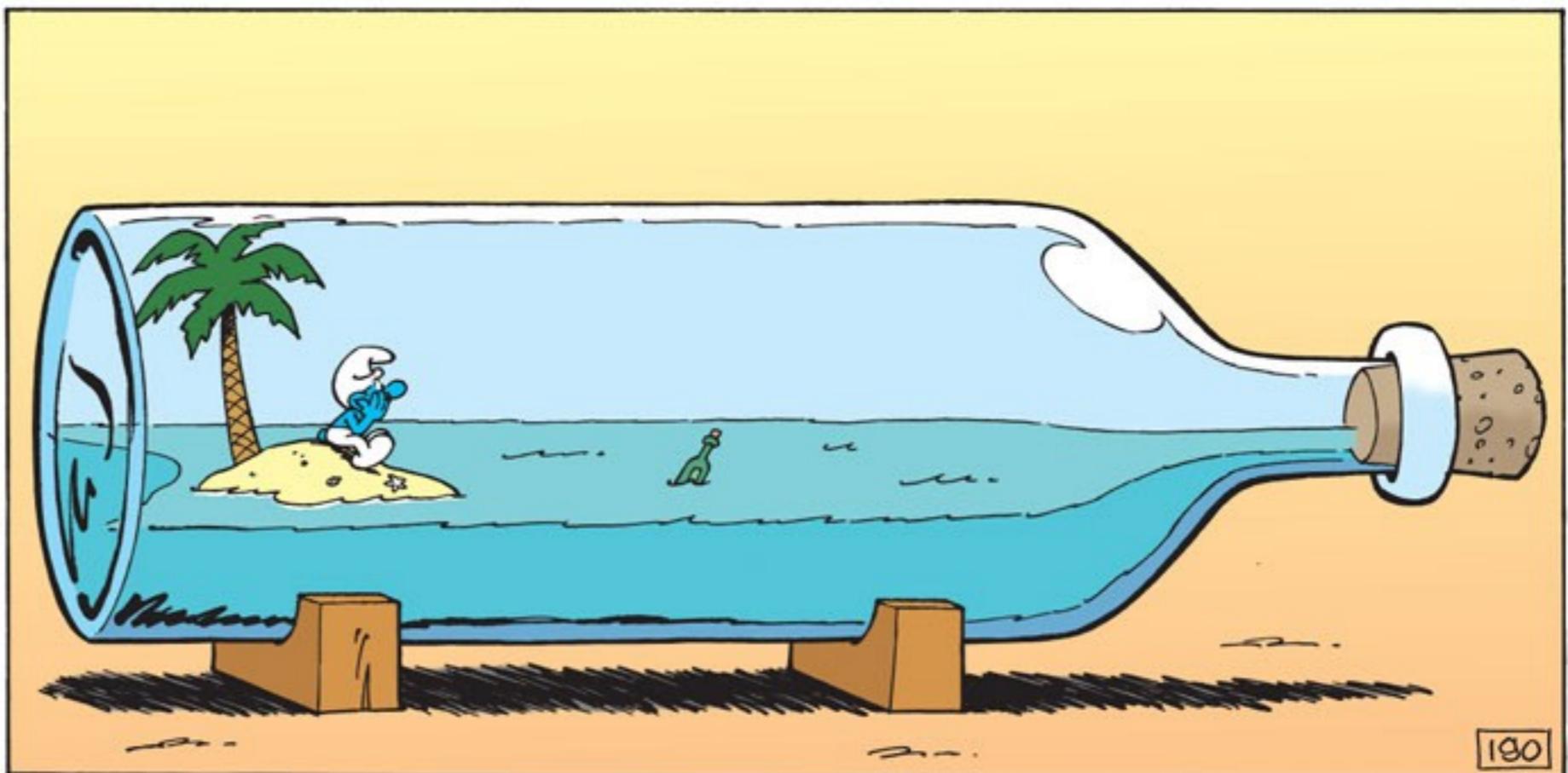








THE SMURFS COMIC STRIPS





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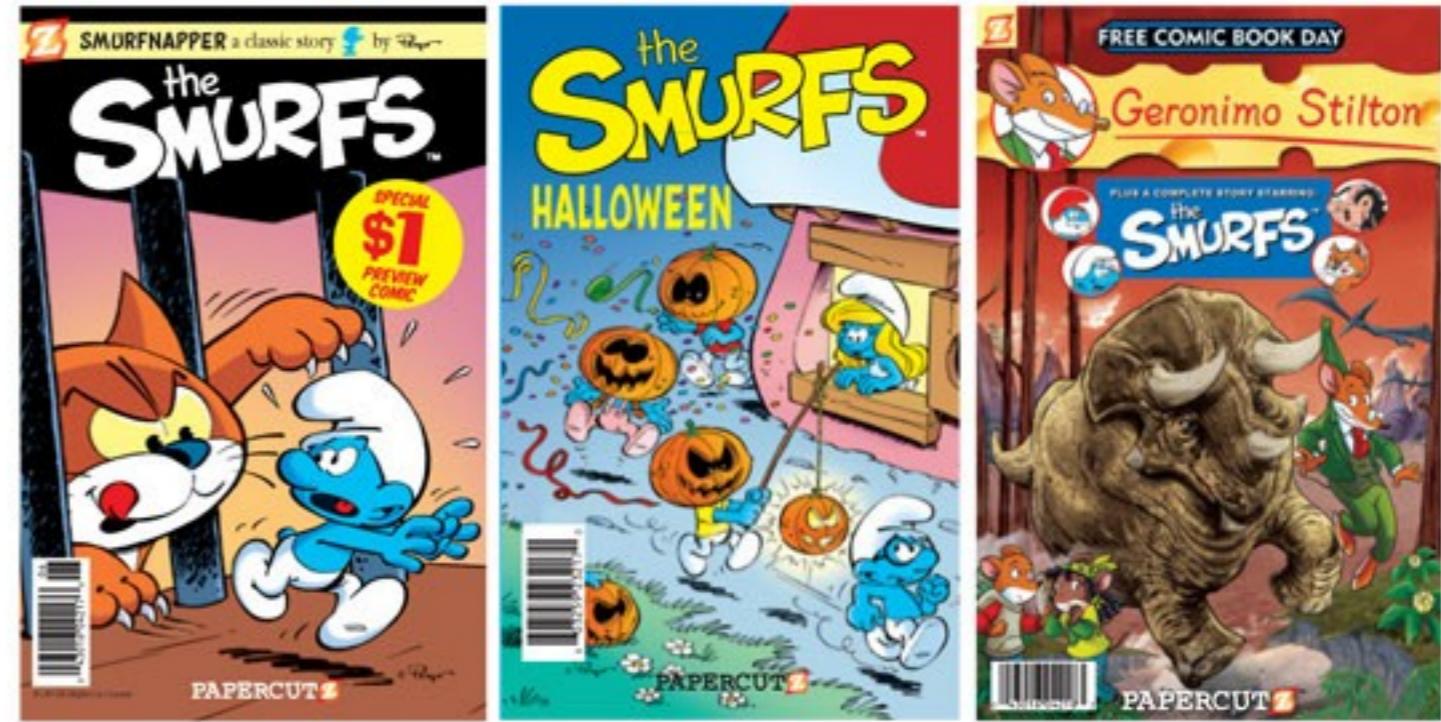


Welcome to the star-spanning, under-sea-faring, seventh SMURFS graphic novel from Papercutz, the scrappy, yet earthbound publisher of great graphic novels for all ages. I'm Jim Salicrup, your somewhat soggy Smurf-in-Chief, who is looking more and more like Gargamel as time goes on! Or, in other words, we're the folks who proudly publish Peyo's comic art masterpiece —THE SMURFS—in all-new editions.

If you're the curious type and you're wondering "who is this mysterious person known as Peyo?", then may I suggest you pick up Matt Murray's new book, "The World of Smurfs," a celebration of tiny blue proportions? Not only is Mr. Murray our Smurfs Consultant, he's also America's leading Smurfologist—his blog (<http://smurfology.blogspot.com/>) is a great source of Smurfs-related news and trivia. But if you really want an informative overview of the entire history of the Smurfs—from the original comics by Peyo to the new 3D motion picture—then "The World of Smurfs" is the book for you!

Speaking of history, for all THE SMURFS comicbook completists, we should mention the special edition comicbooks that we published to help generate excitement for THE SMURFS graphic novel series. First, we published, a special preview comic for just one dollar—THE SMURFS Vol. 2, No. 1¹ in May 2010. Featuring an all-new cover, the special comicbook featured the very first appearances of Gargamel and Azrael in "The Smurfnapper," by Y. Delporte and Peyo. (Don't worry if you missed the comicbook, we'll be publishing "The Smurfnapper" in the Smurfs graphic novel #9 "Gargamel and the Smurfs!") Reaction at comicbook stores across America to the specially priced comicbook was predictably super-positive! Diamond Comics Distributors made the comic a special "Featured Item of the Month," which helped get comic shops excited about it. THE SMURFS were back, and fans wanted more, more, MORE!

Working with Sarah Martinez and our friends at Diamond Comic Distributors, we also produced



a very special SMURFS comicbook for Halloween 2010. Cleverly titled THE SMURFS HALLOWEEN, this mini-comic featured two Smurfs stories "Halloween" and "The Smurfs and the Little Ghost." These comics were designed to be given away at Halloween as special treats, and most comicbook stores gave them away for free.

Speaking of free, Papercutz was invited to participate in this year's Free Comic Book Day, which took place May 7th. We decided to go all out and create a special comic featuring a preview of our incredibly popular GERONIMO STILTON graphic novels, and as an extra-special bonus, we also included "The Smurf Submarine," which as sharp-eyed Smurf-fans already noticed, is also featured in this very graphic novel. Plus we threw in a sampling of the rarely-seen-in-America Smurfs comic strips (see page 54 for a few examples).

If you're really lucky, and you really, really want to include these comics in your collection, you can check with your favorite comicbook store to see if they still have any copies available, or if they can order some for you. To find the comicbook shop nearest you, call toll free 888 COMIC BOOK. But don't smurf it if you can't find 'em! All the Smurf stories in the comicbooks will be collected in the graphic novels sooner or later.

That's about all the Smurfiness we have room for this time around. Don't miss THE SMURFS graphic novel #8 "The Smurf Apprentice," coming soon! Stay Smurfy!

Smurfily yours,

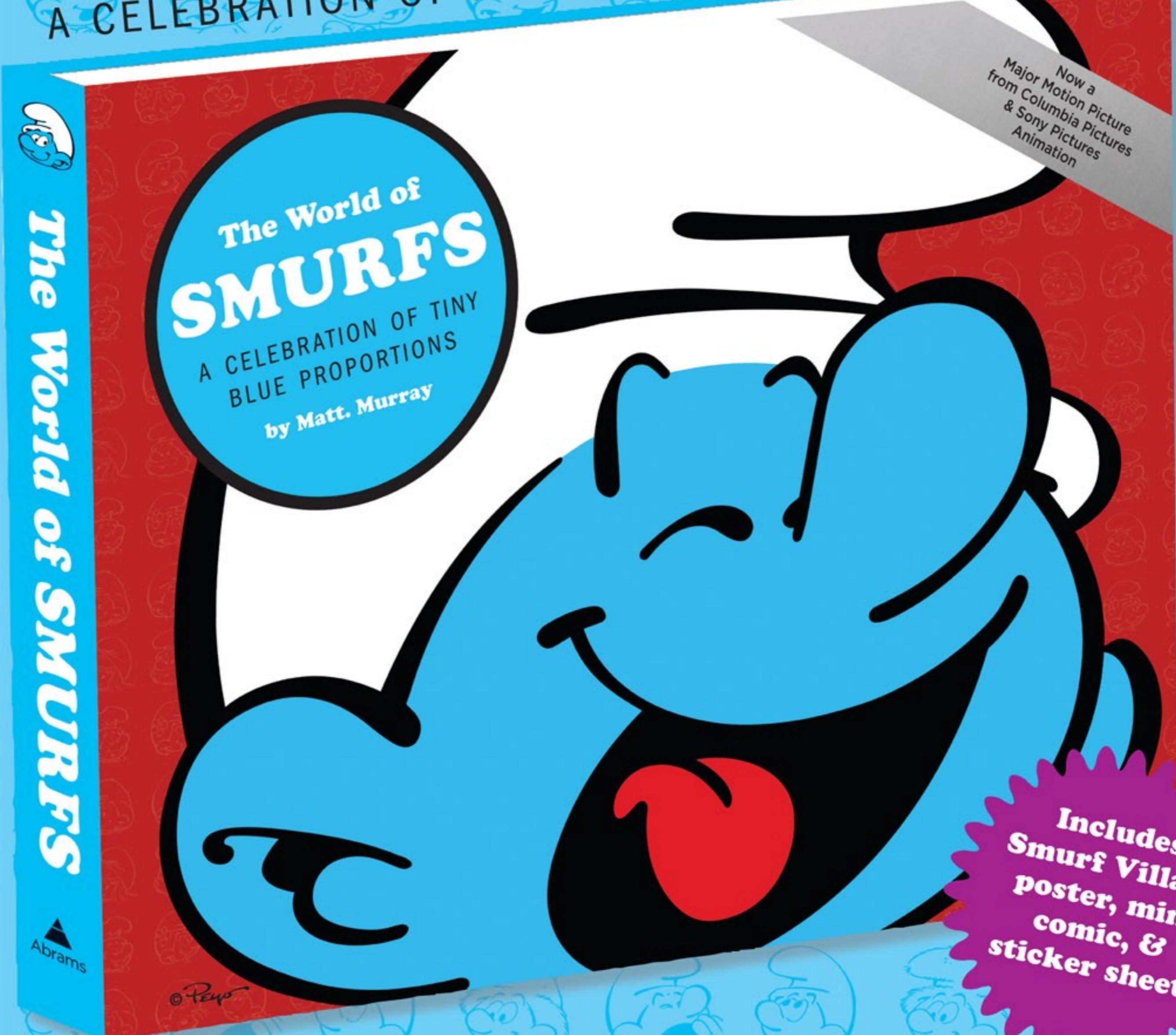
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¹ If you're a true SMURFS comicbook completist, we don't have to tell you that Marvel Comics published SMURFS Vol. 1, Nos. 1-3. As well as a SMURFS TREASURY EDITION, and a set of all new SMURFS mini-comics, back in 1983.

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