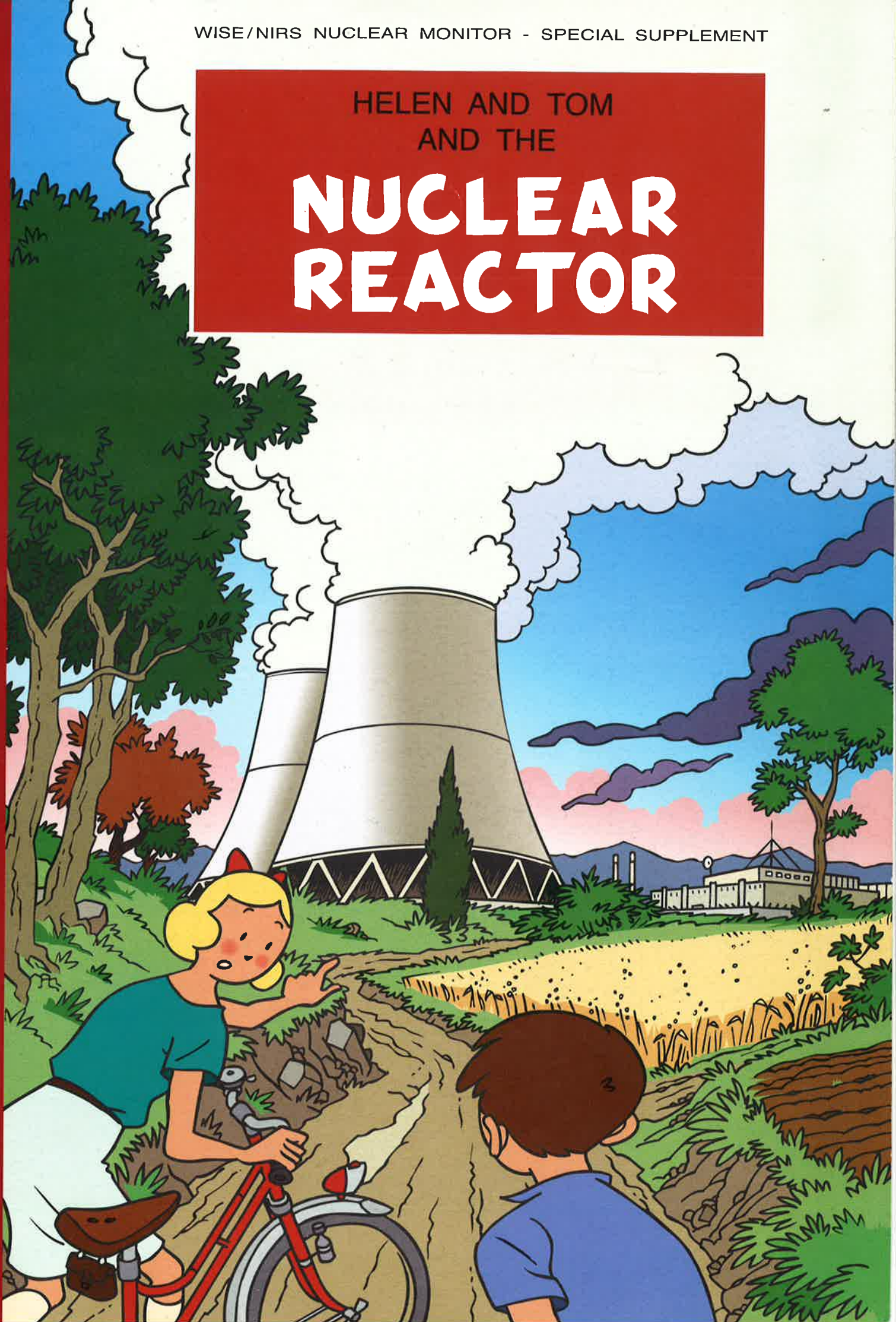
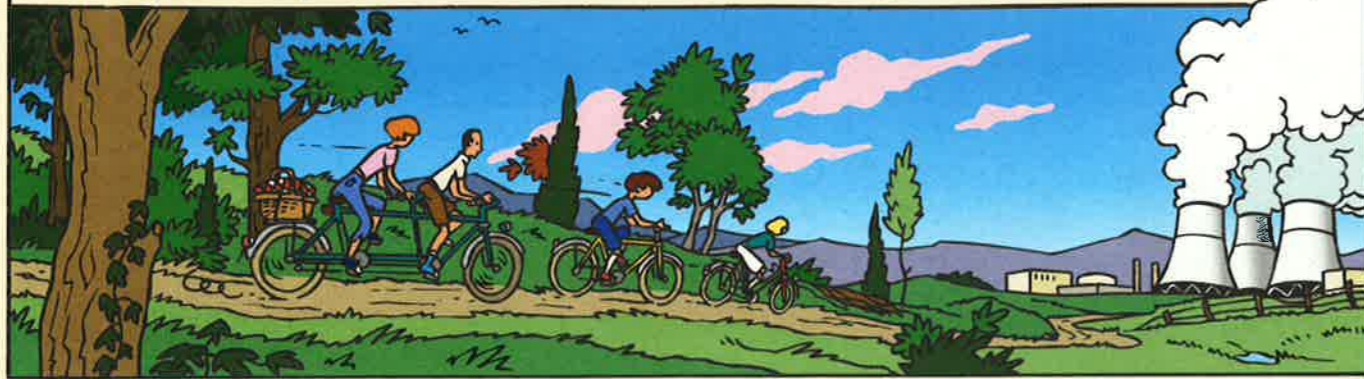


HELEN AND TOM  
AND THE  
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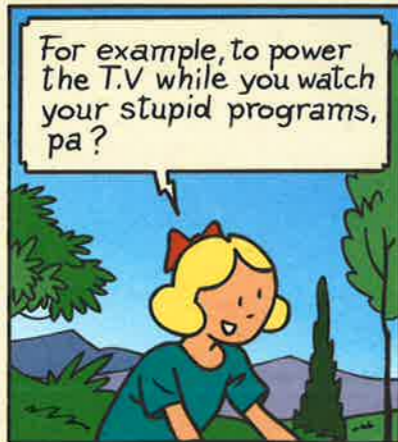




1963. One fine Sunday, Helen and Tom go with their parents to the open day at "BRIGHTWELL," a new nuclear power station.



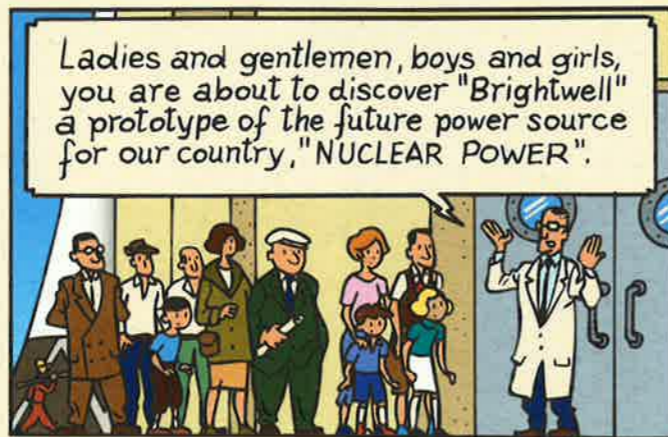
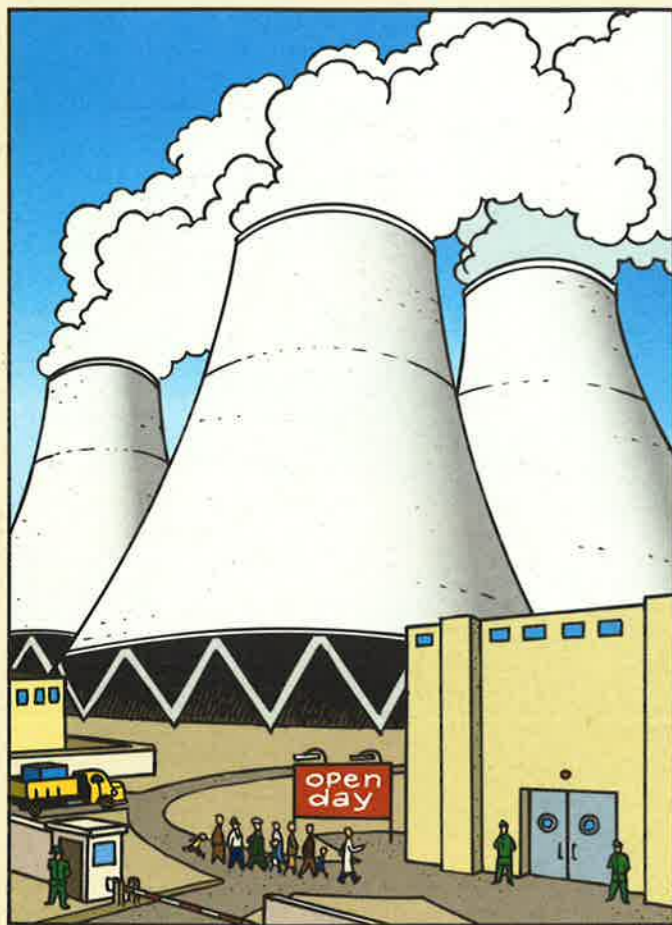
Children, you are about to discover the marvels of human ingenuity. Thanks to nuclear power, we will soon be able to make use of enormous quantities of energy.



For example, to power the T.V. while you watch your stupid programs, pa?



Helen, if you start acting up, I'll take you straight home!



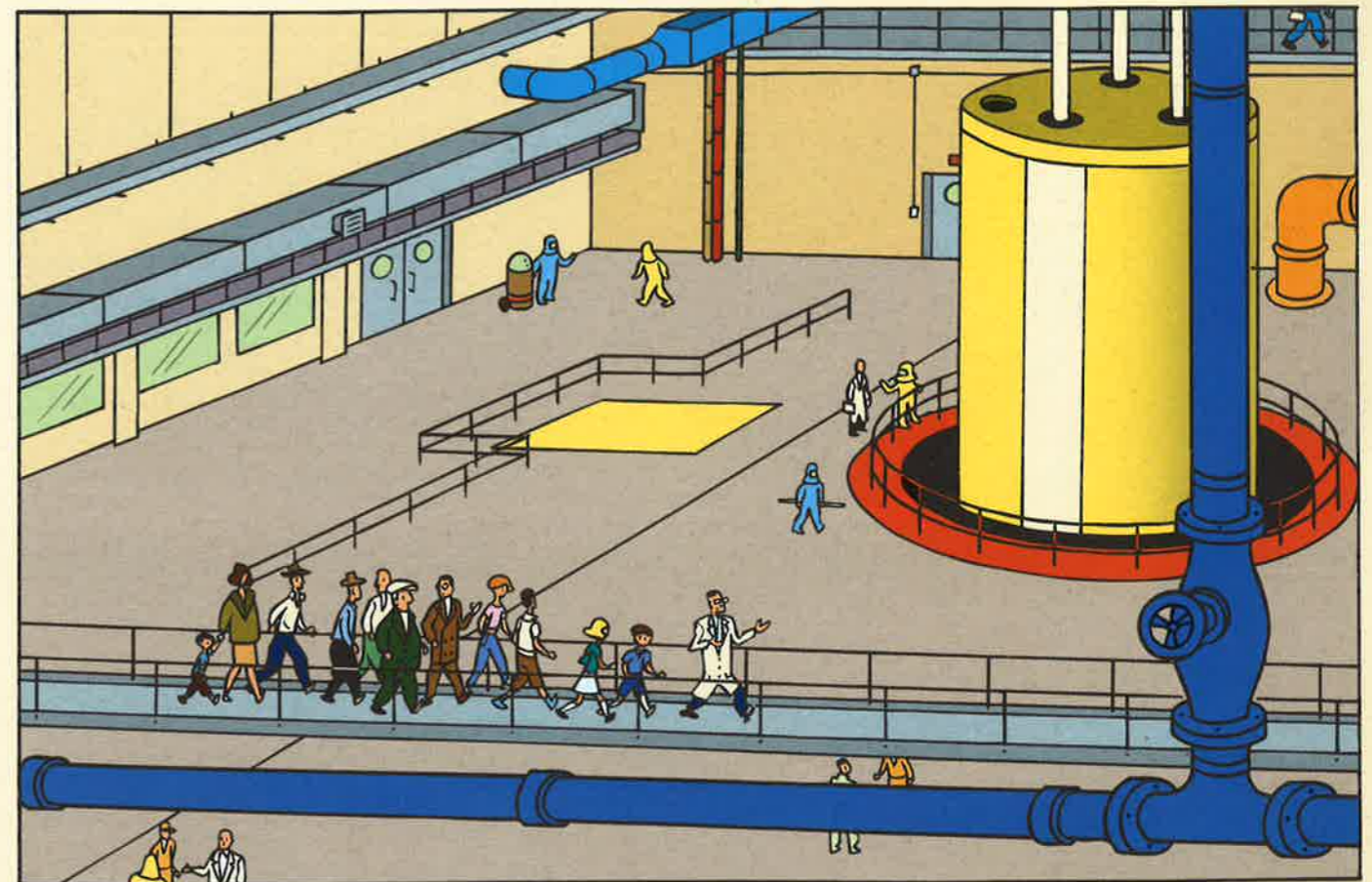
Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, you are about to discover "Brightwell" a prototype of the future power source for our country, "NUCLEAR POWER".



Nuclear power is a safe, non-polluting, infinite source of energy!



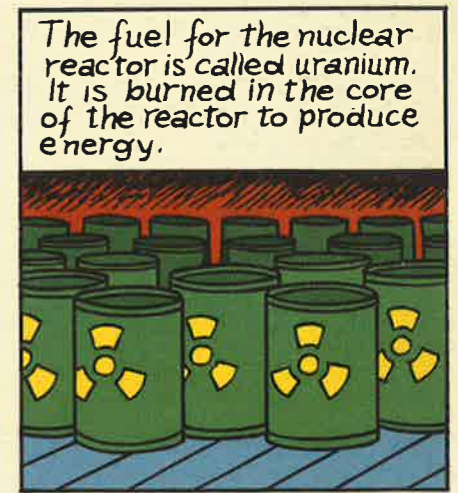
Follow me and watch in wonder as you discover the miracles of science.



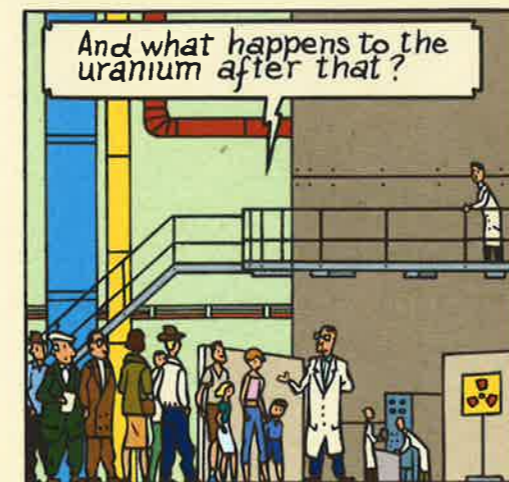
Hey, what about those pipes? Isn't there a risk they might explode one day?



Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! That's impossible. It's totally fail-safe. There will never be a serious accident anywhere in the world.



The fuel for the nuclear reactor is called uranium. It is burned in the core of the reactor to produce energy.



And what happens to the uranium after that?

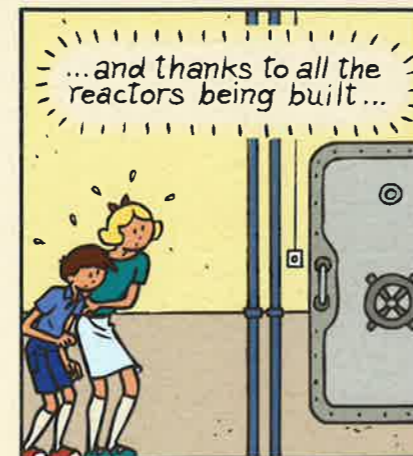
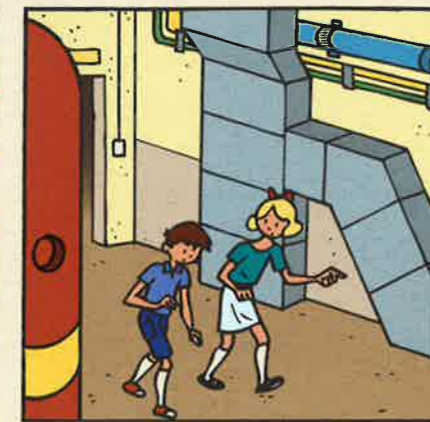
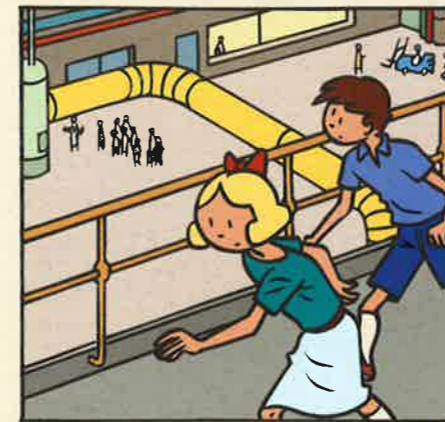
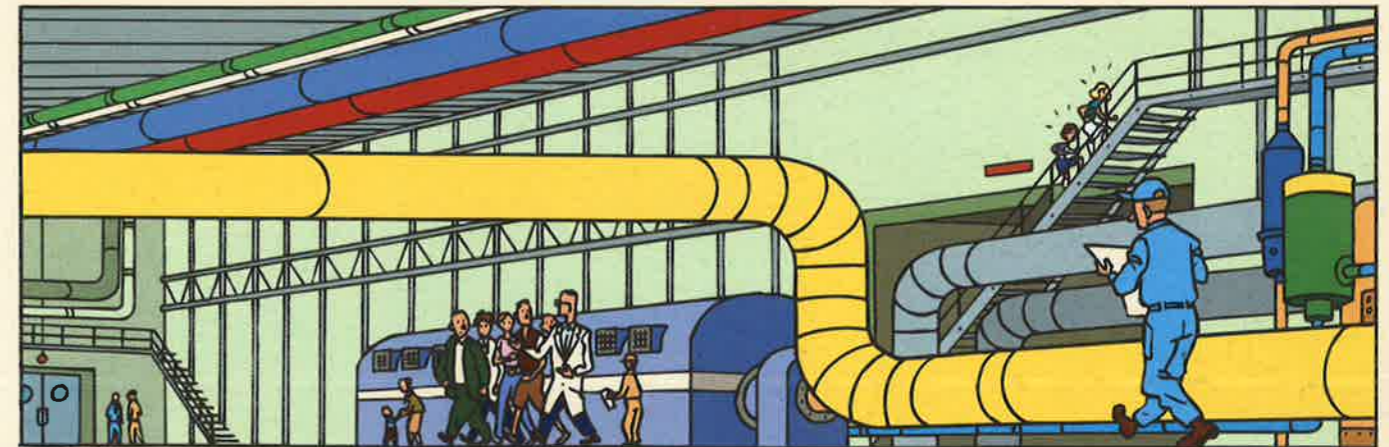
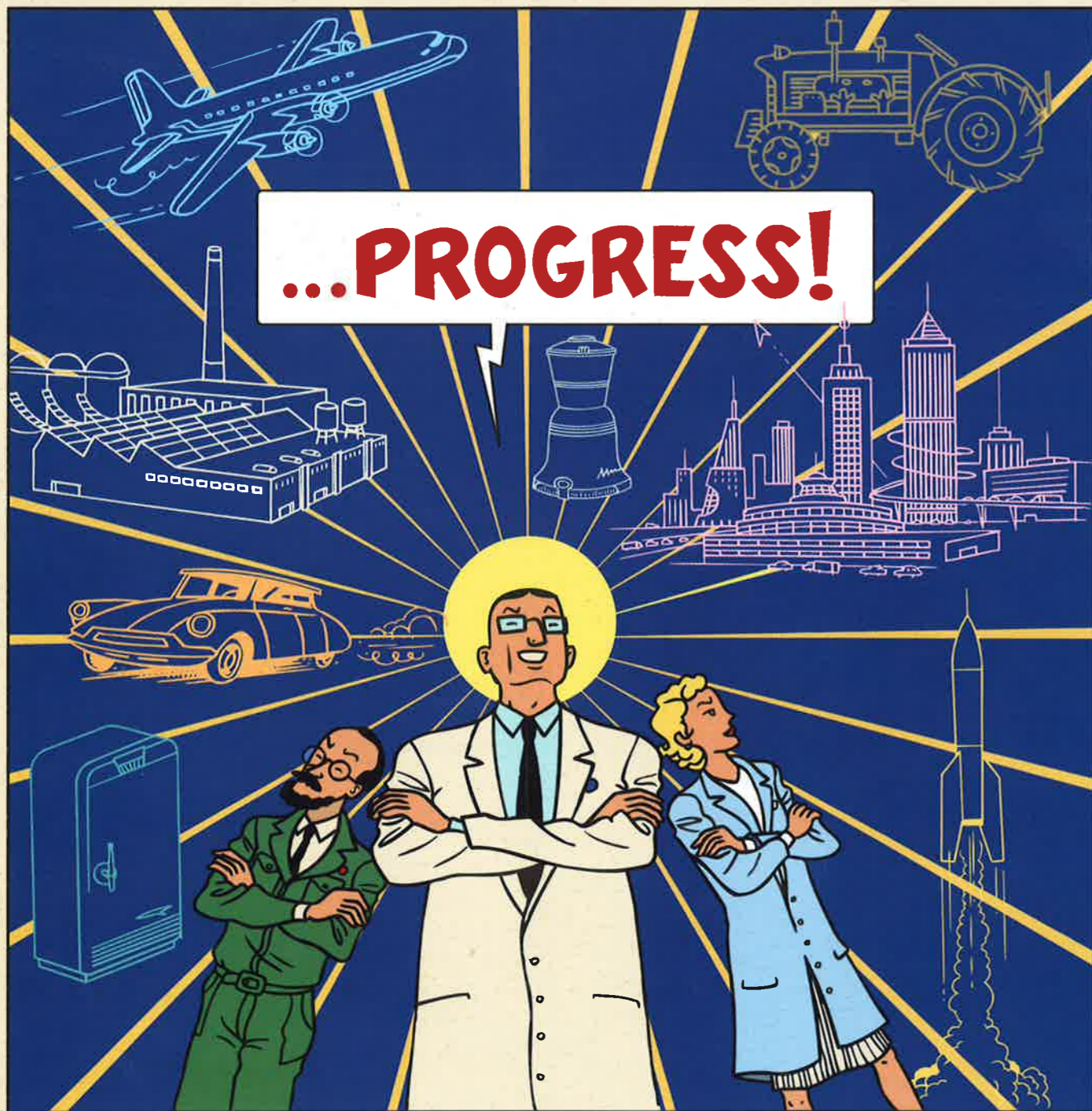
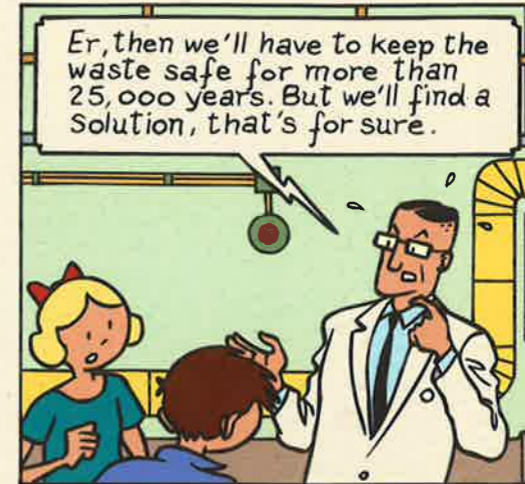


Er... Then it becomes nuclear waste and is stored until it loses its radioactivity

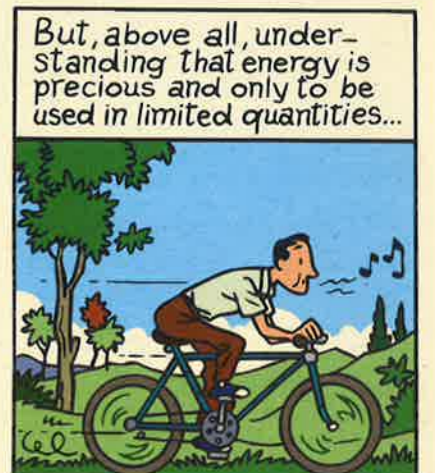
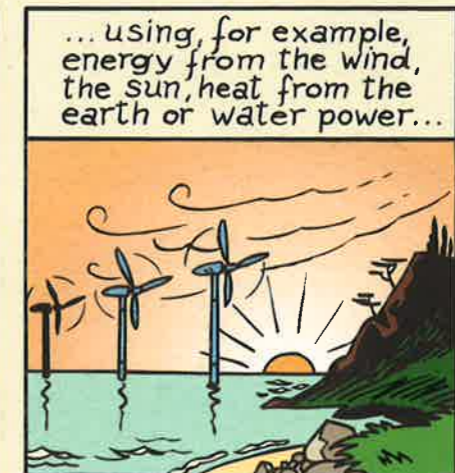
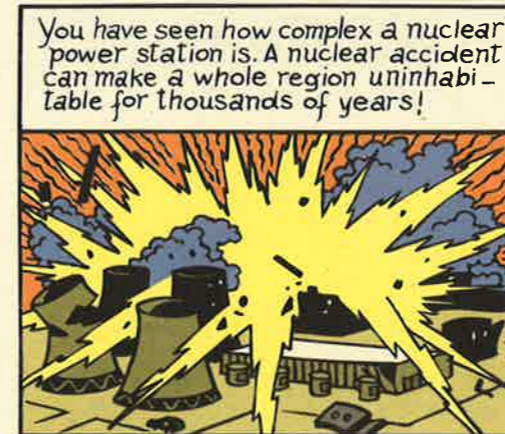
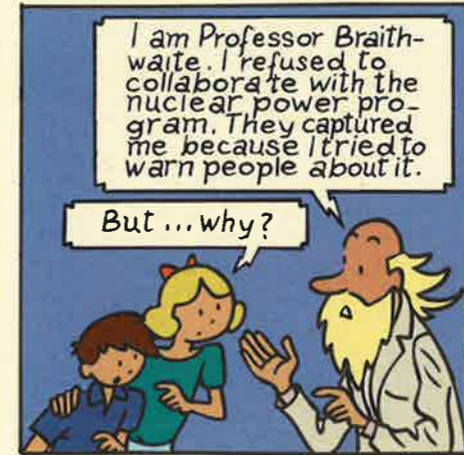
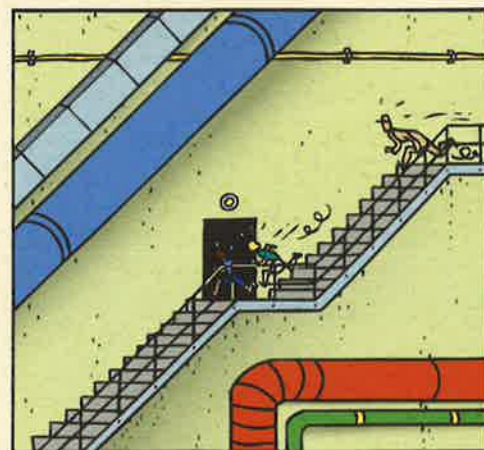
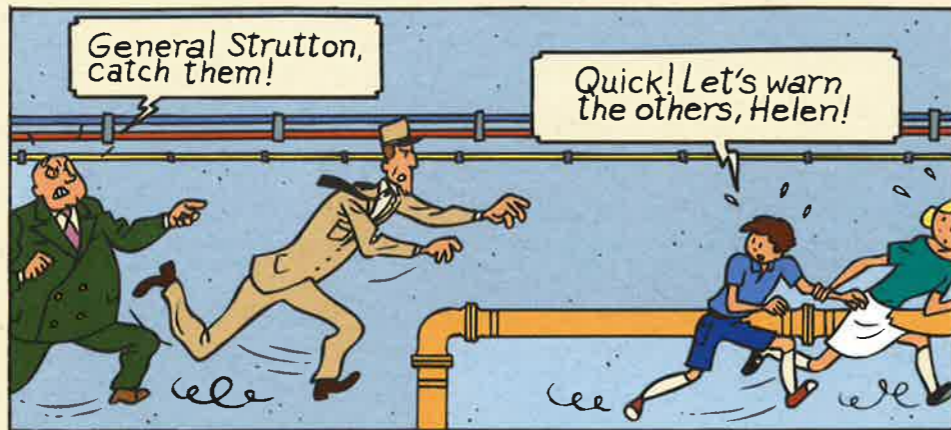
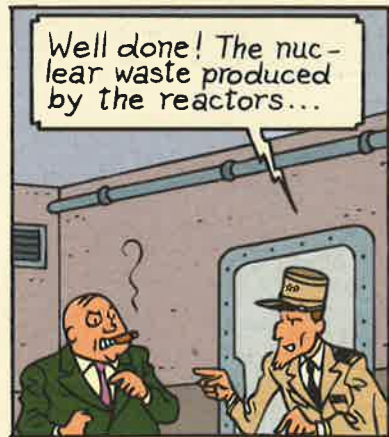


And does that take a long time?











Hey kids, we don't need to poison the earth with nuclear power. We have a responsibility to all the Earth's inhabitants. We must look after our small blue planet, which is so beautiful but at same time so fragile.



What will happen to Helen and Tom and professor Braithwaite?



Dear readers, the next part of the story is up to you. Thanks to the actions of people like you we can make our country and our planet nuclear-free. Helen and Tom, Professor Braithwaite and all of us, we're counting on you!



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