

THE CURTAIN FALLS

A LUPIN III COMIC



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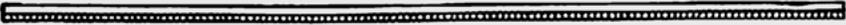
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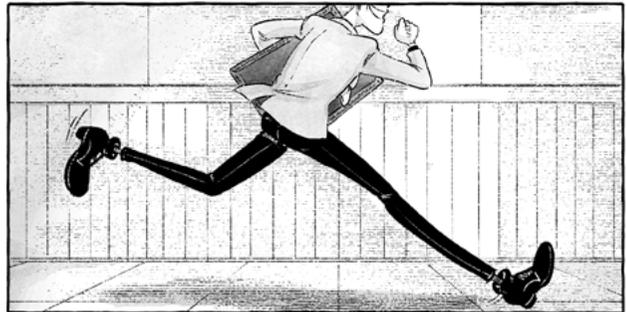
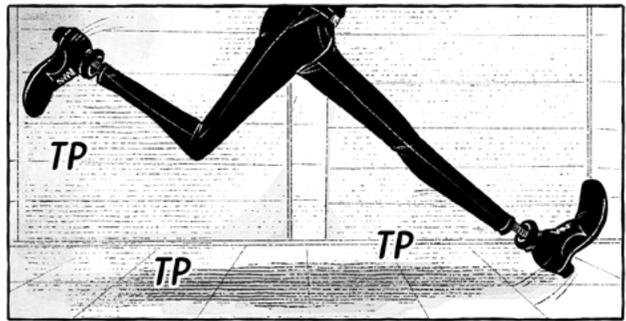
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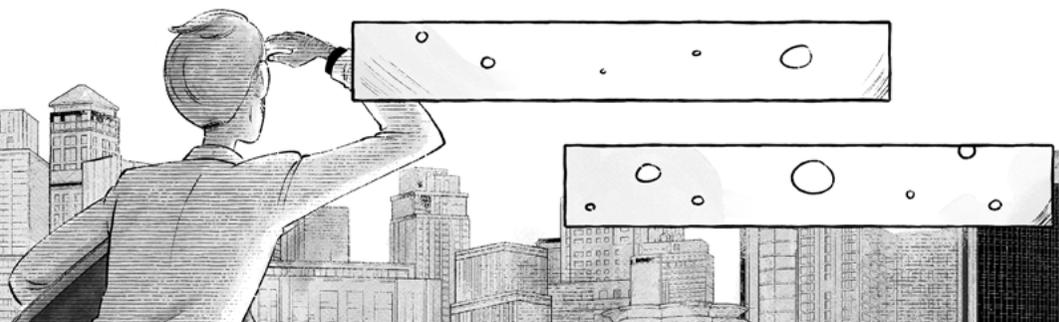
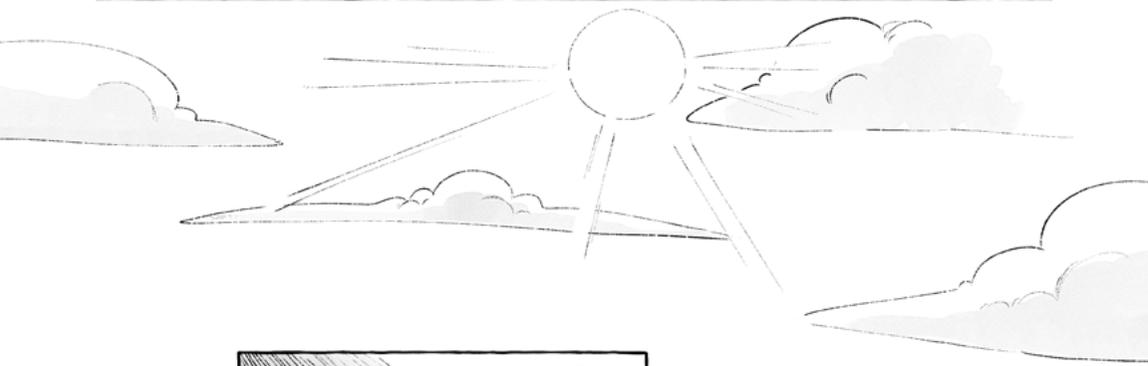
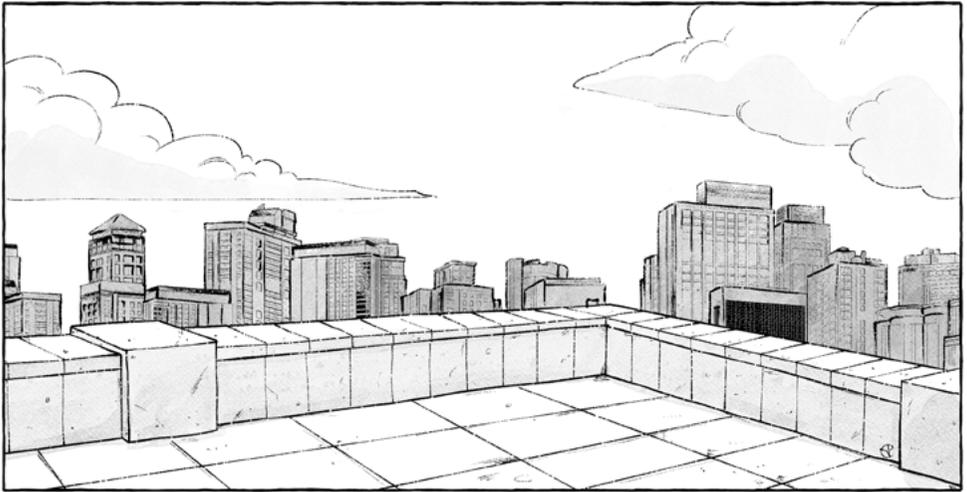
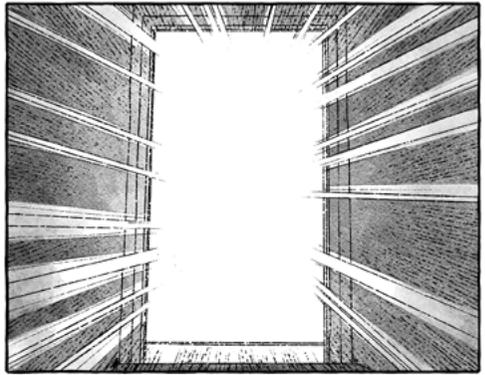
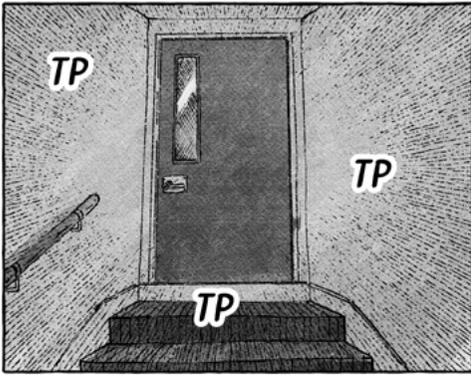
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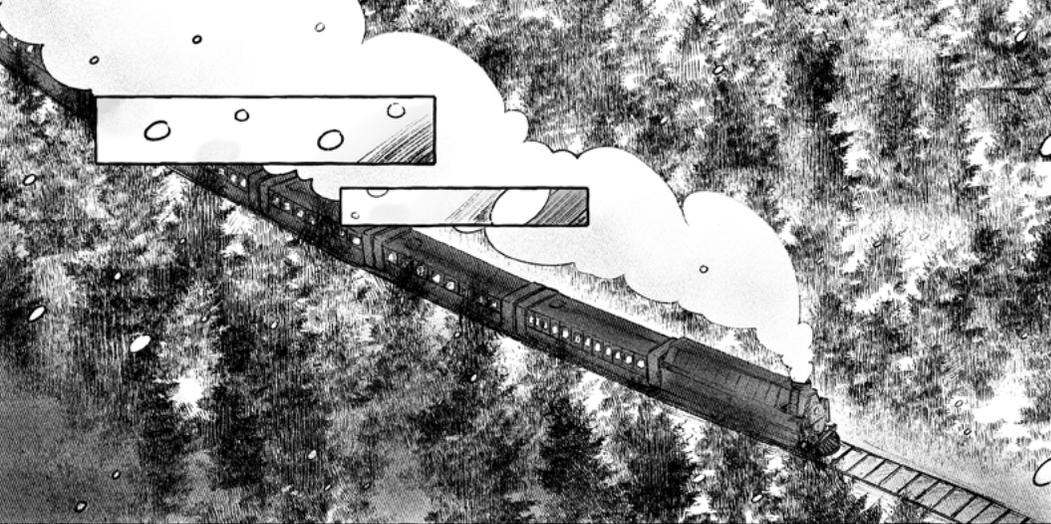
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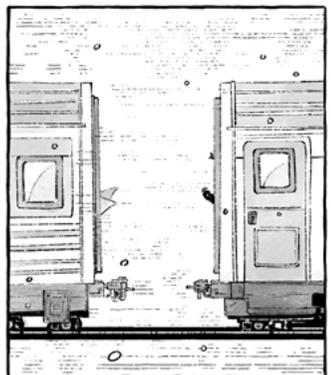
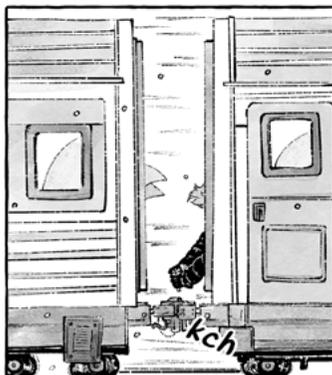
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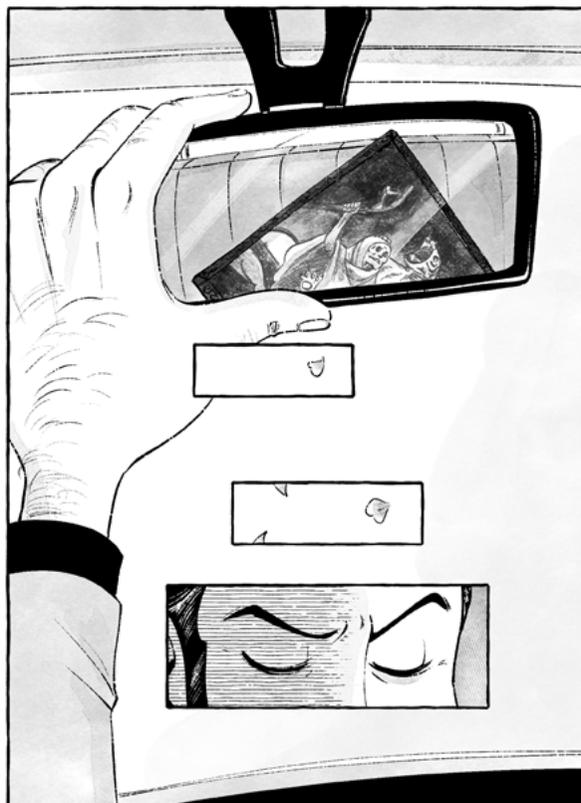
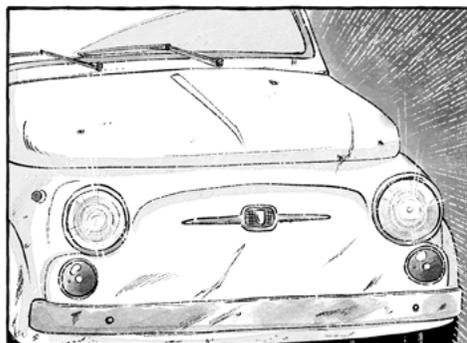
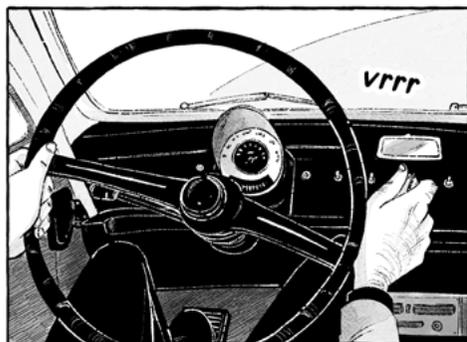
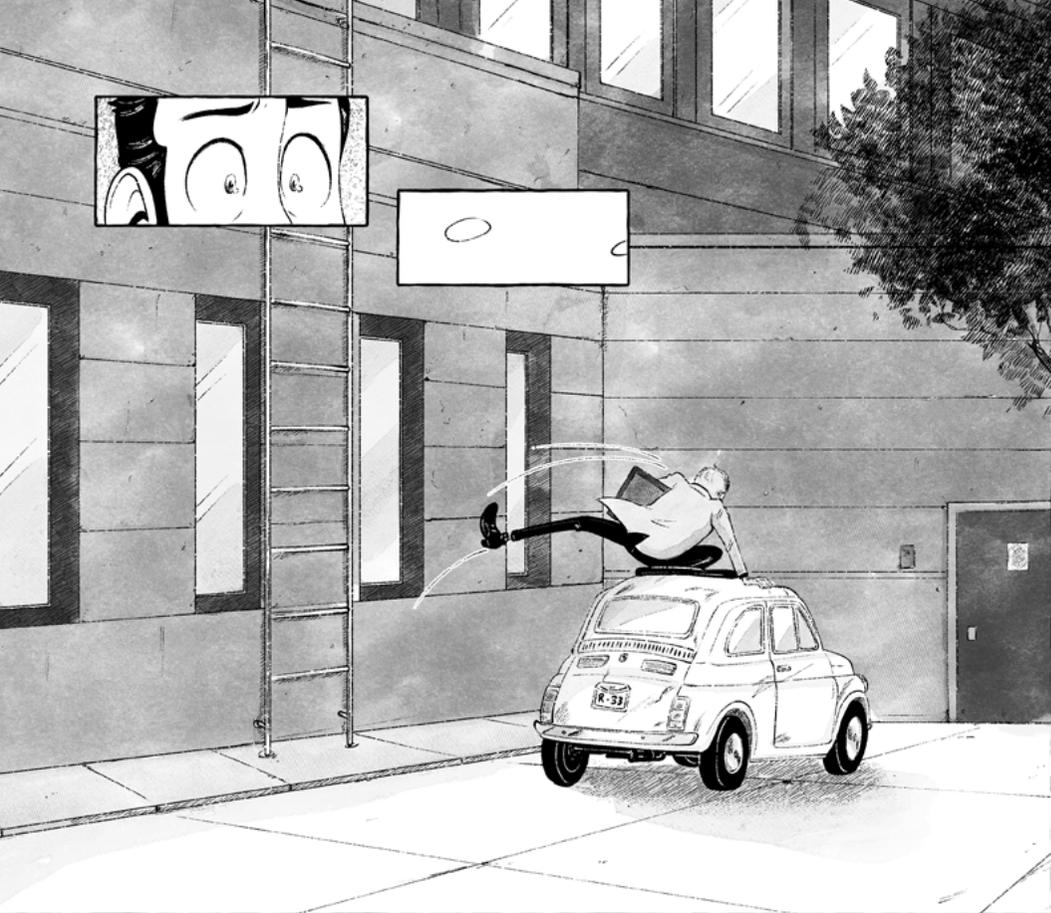


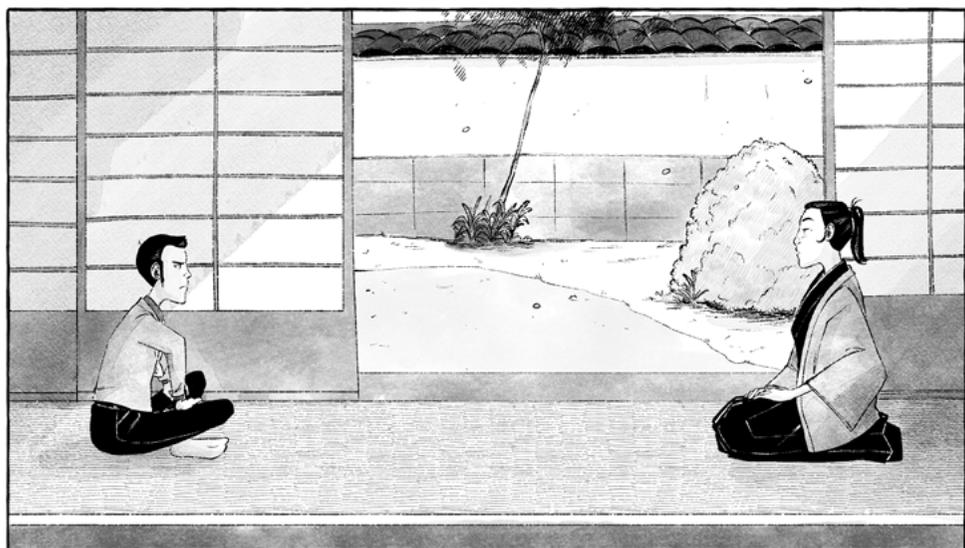


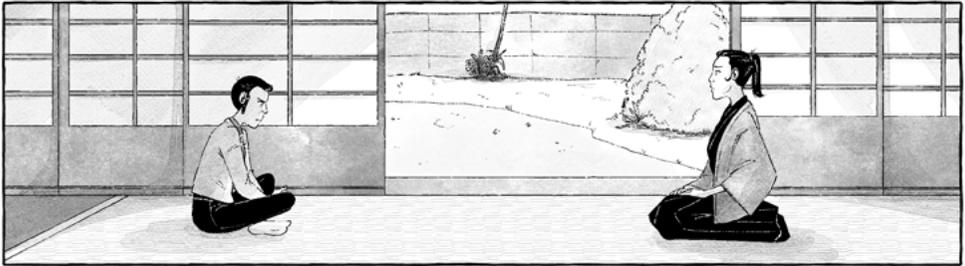








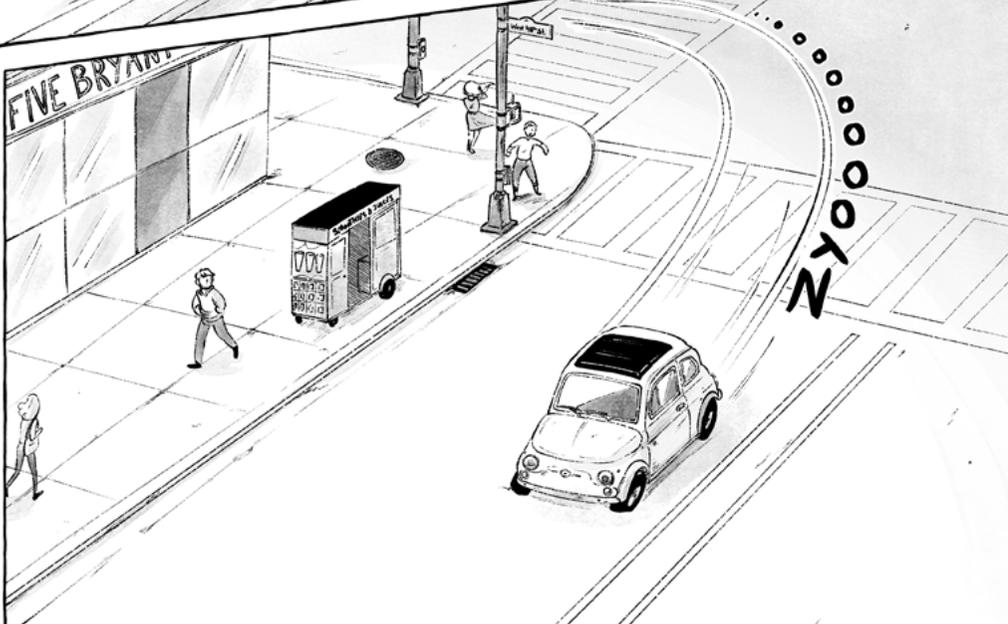
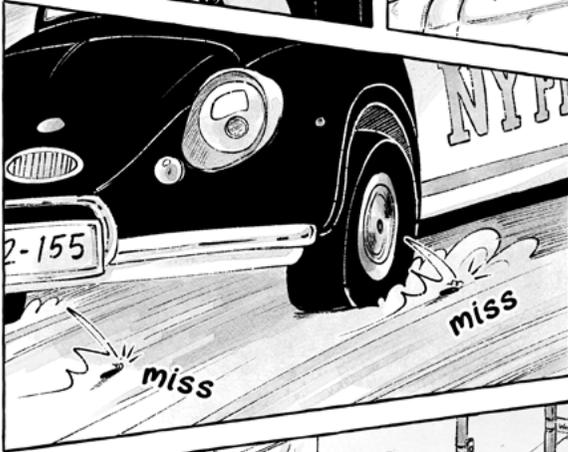
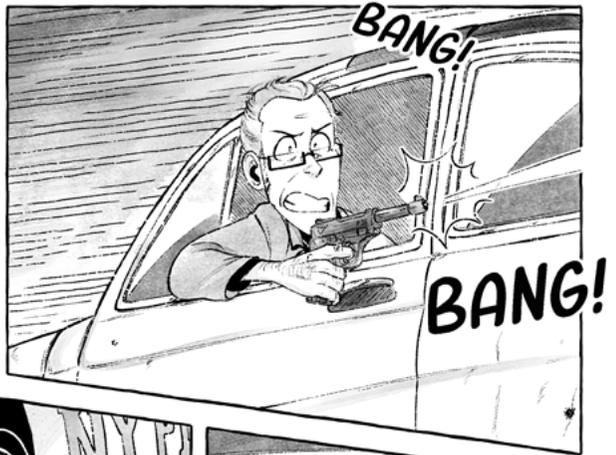




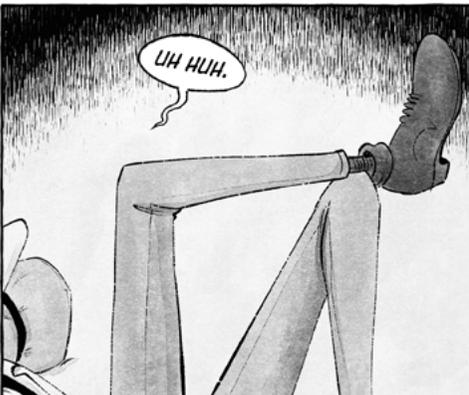
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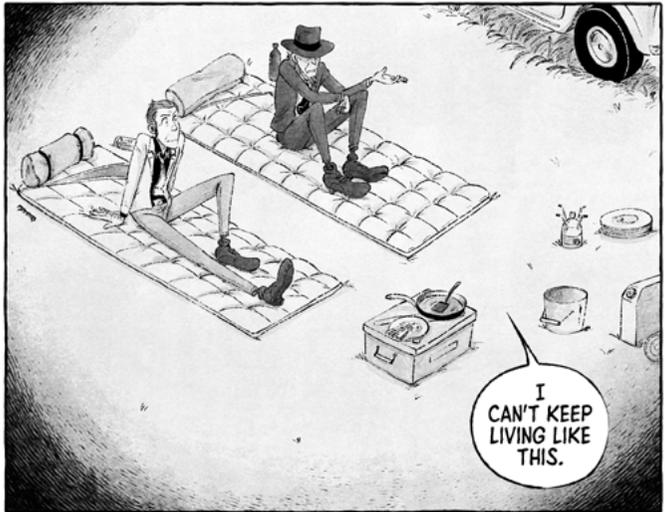






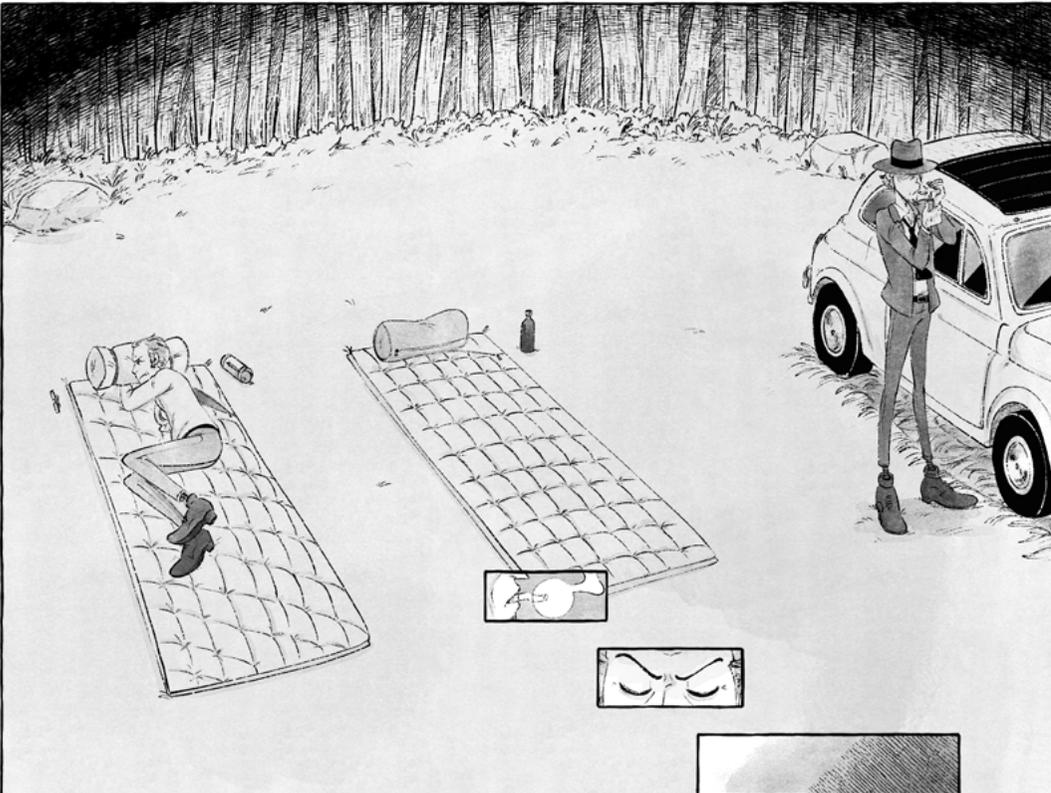
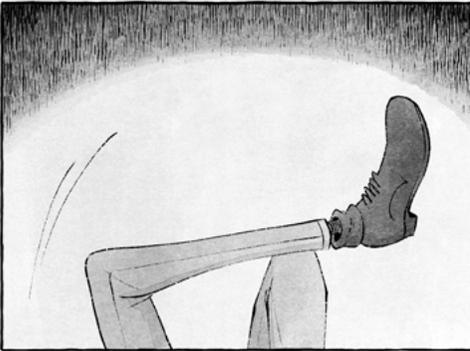
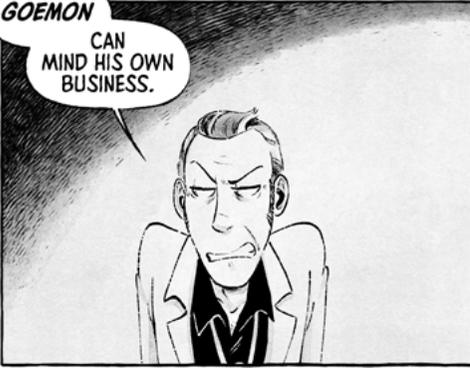


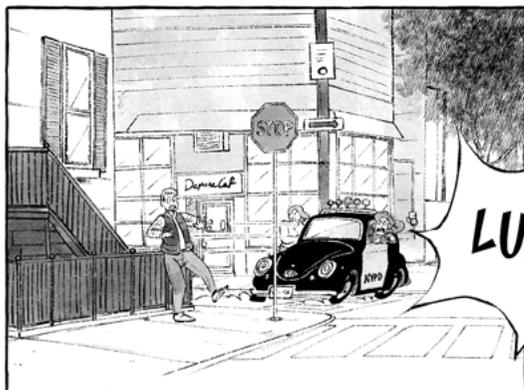
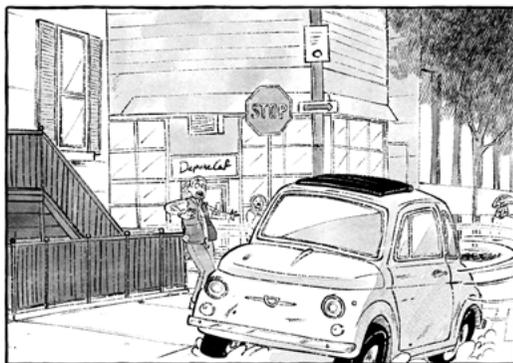




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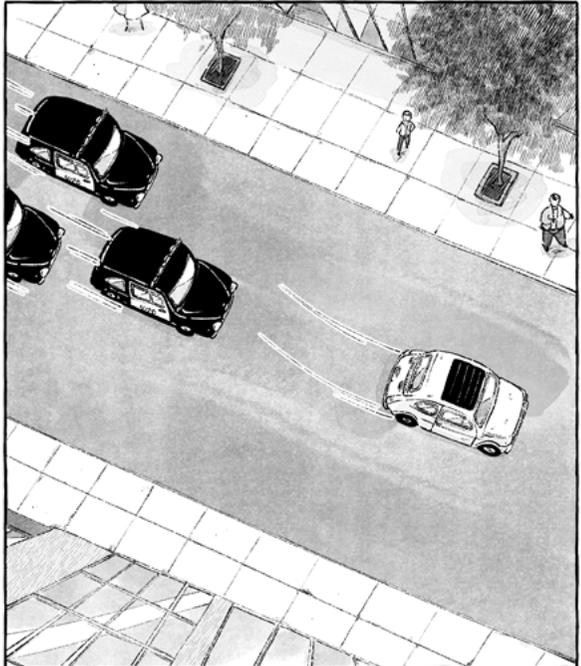
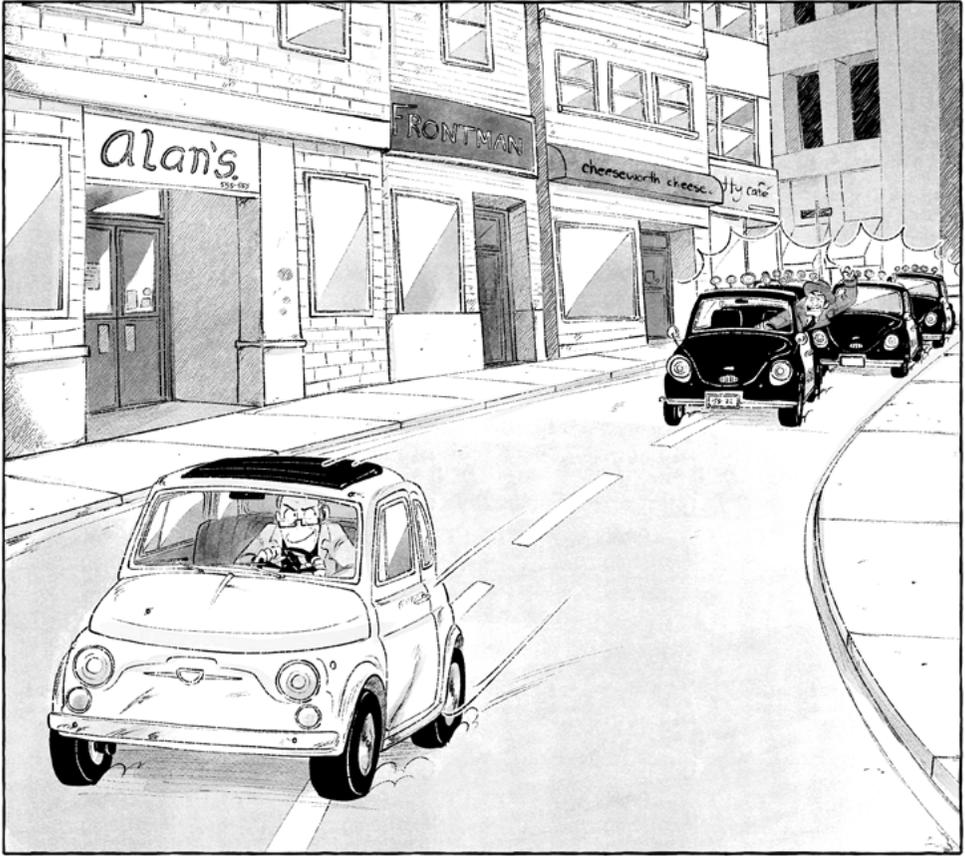
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MIND HIS OWN
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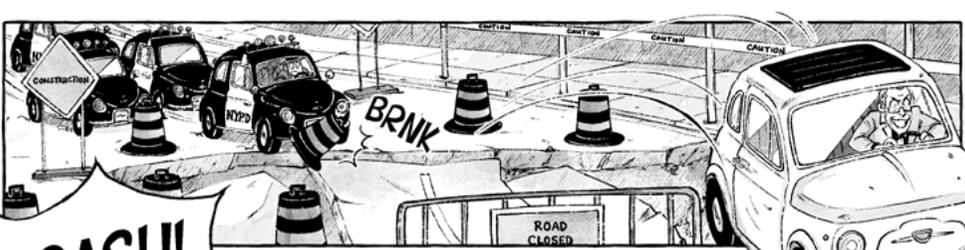
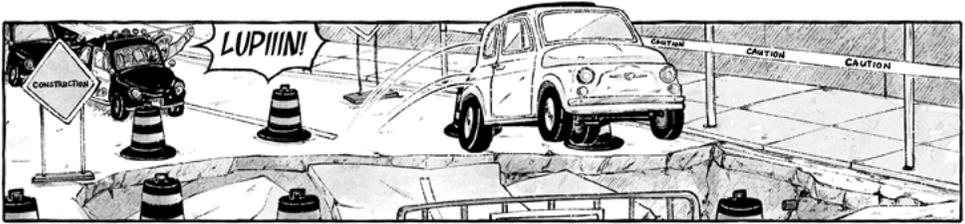
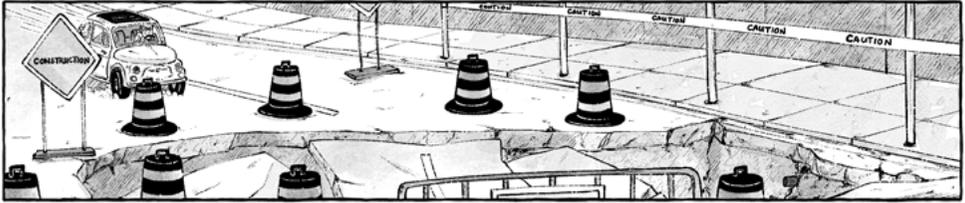




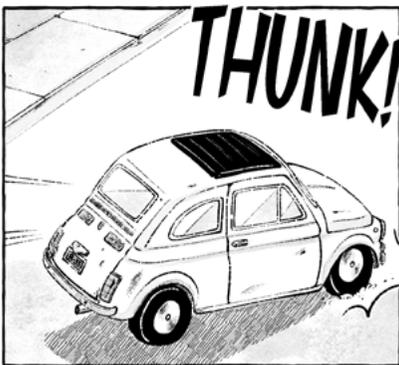
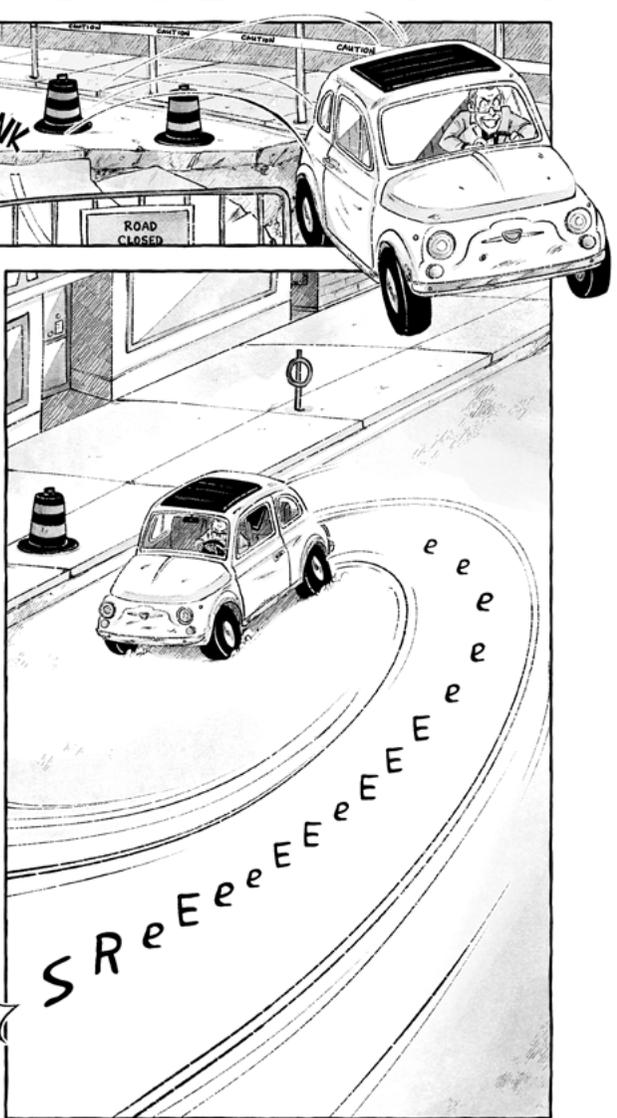
LUPIIIN!

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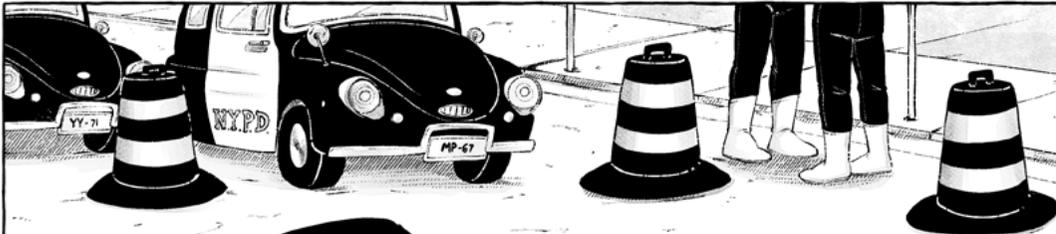


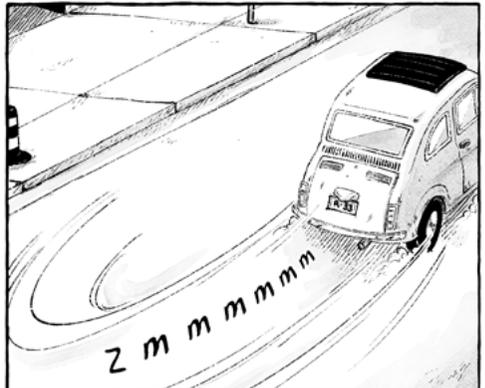
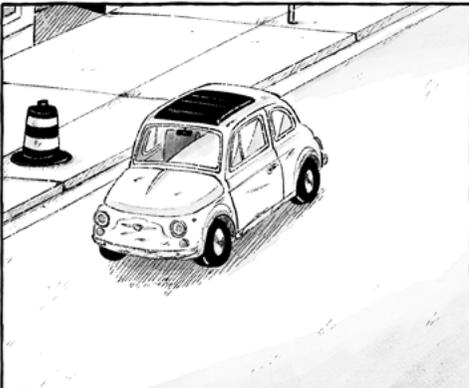


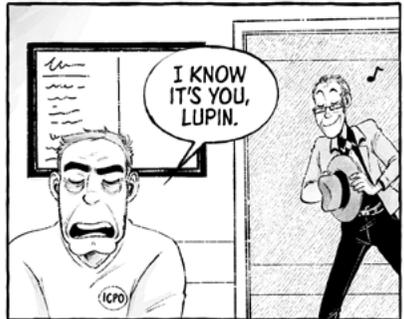
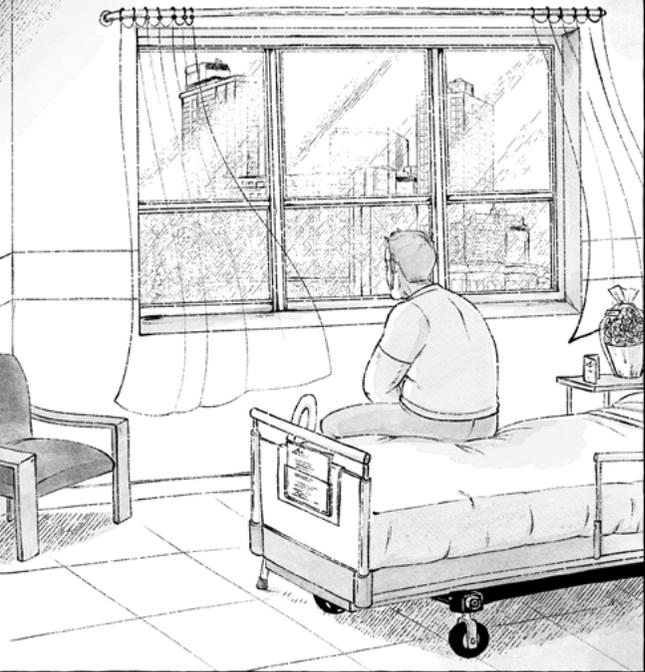
CRASH!



THUNK!









LUPIN...

...I'VE
DECIDED TO
RETIRE.





I *AM* OLD, AND THAT'S WHY I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE.



I JUST CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU.

I'M LUCKY I EVEN SURVIVED THAT CRASH.



N-NO.

YOU CAN'T BE--



THIS IS NOTHING.



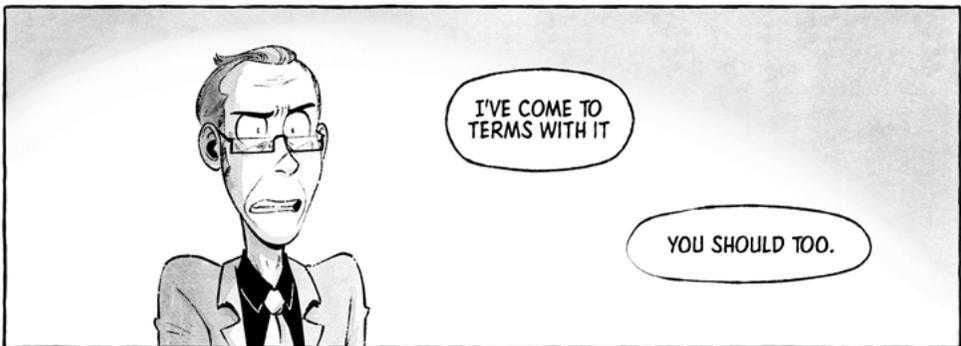
YOU'LL BE BACK ON YOUR FEET IN A WEEK!



LUPIN STOP IT.



I WASTED MY WHOLE LIFE CHASING YOU AND I HAVE *NOTHING* TO SHOW FOR IT.



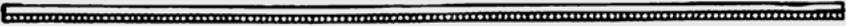
I'VE COME TO TERMS WITH IT

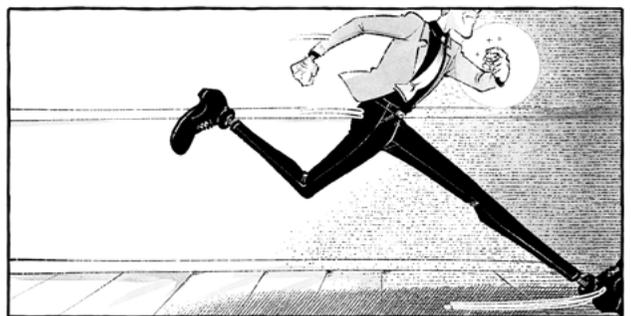
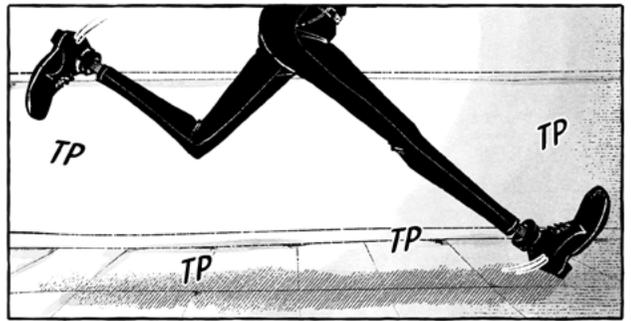
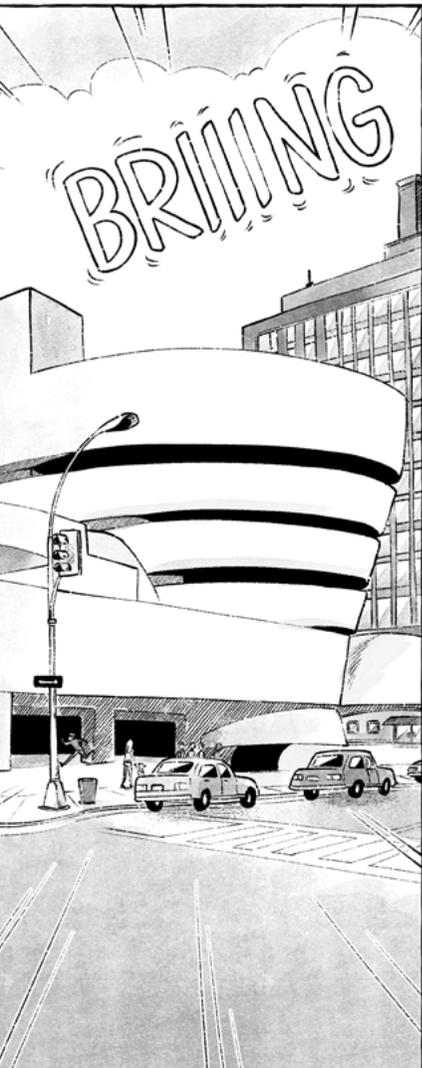
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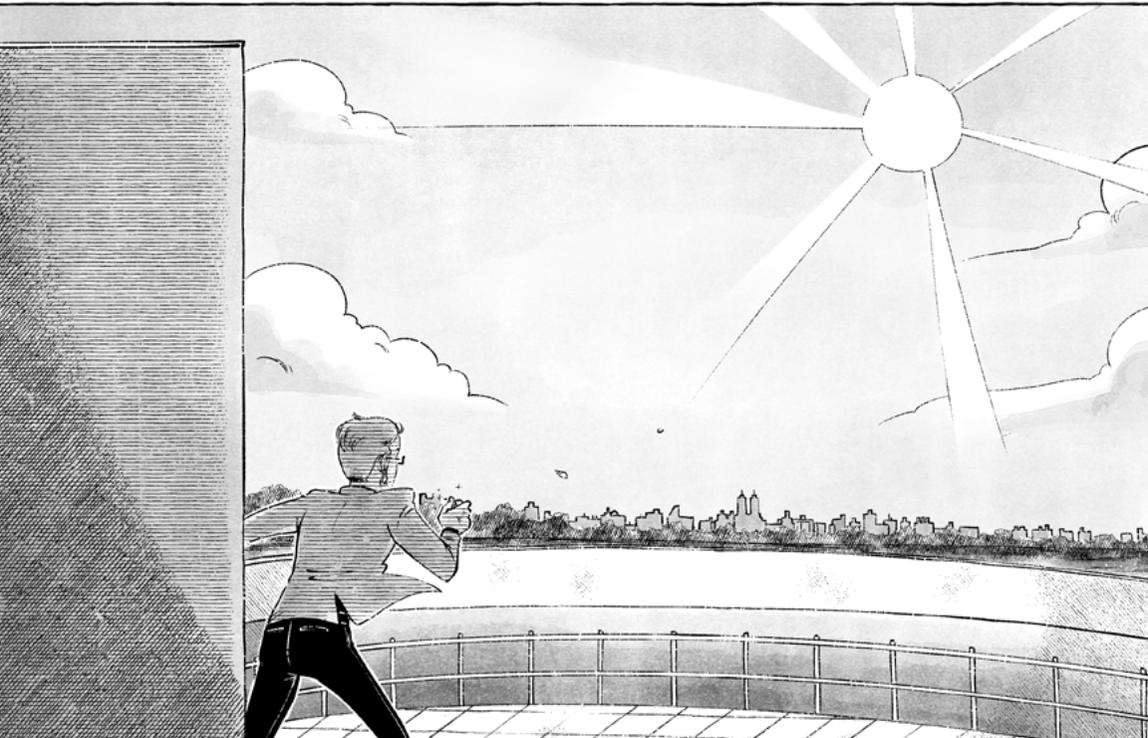
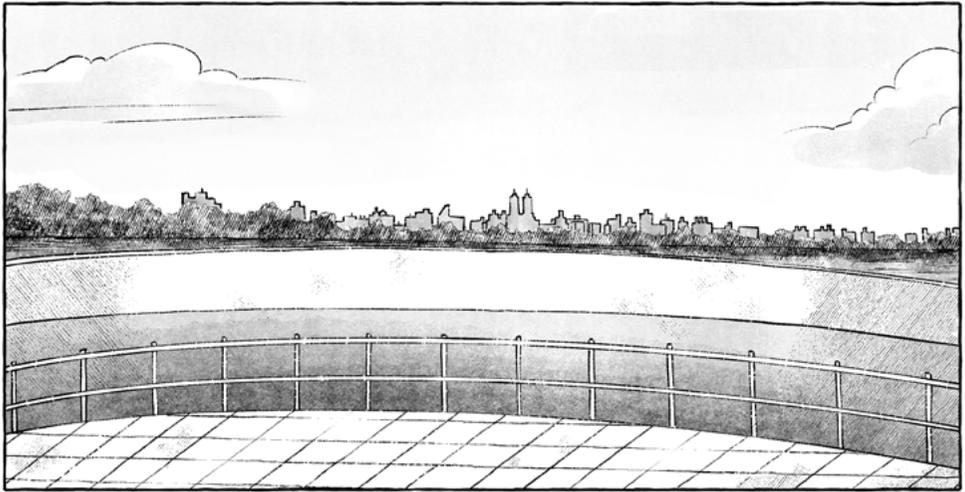
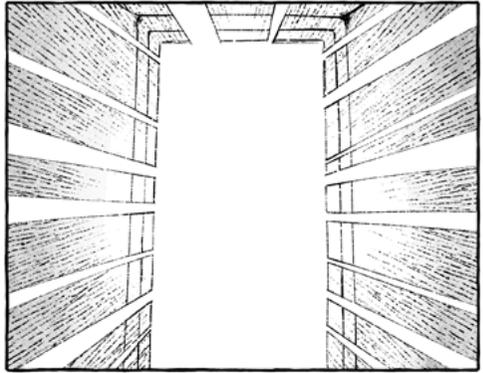


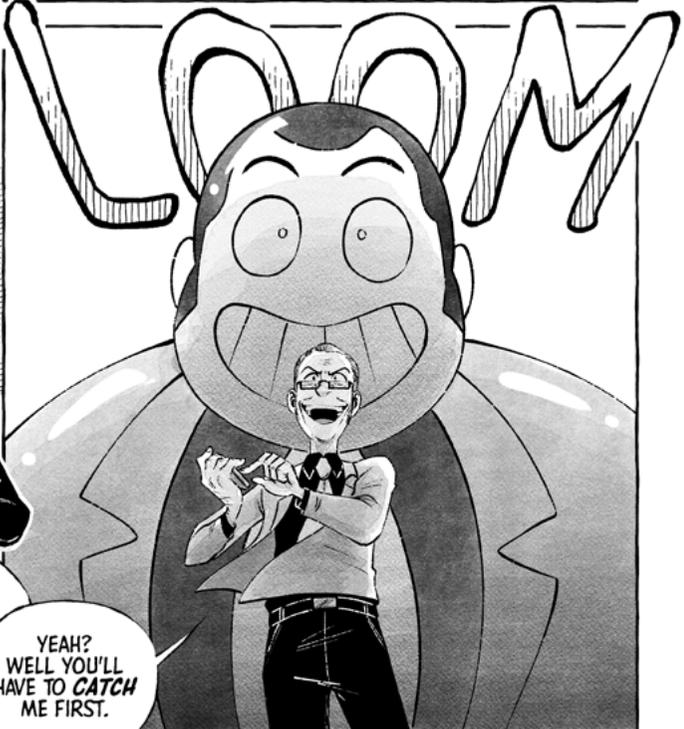
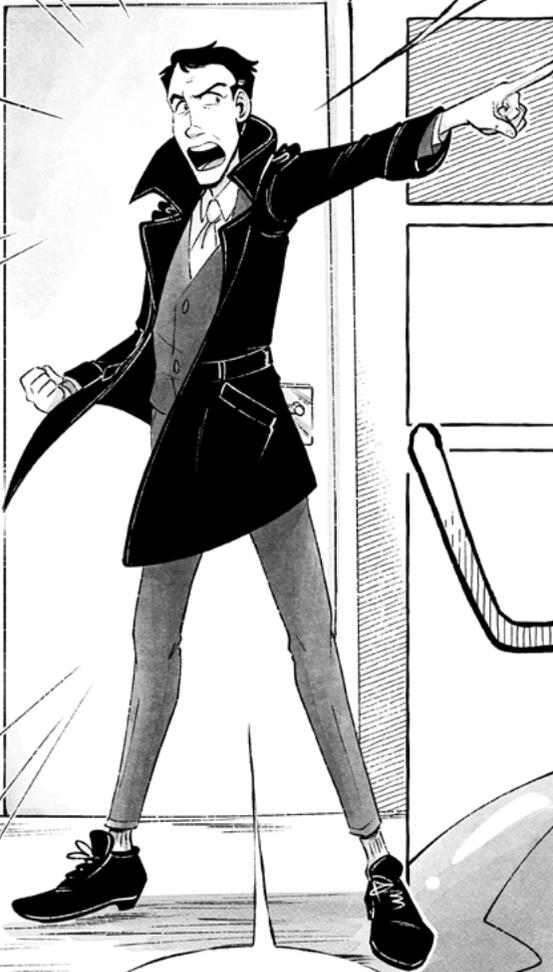
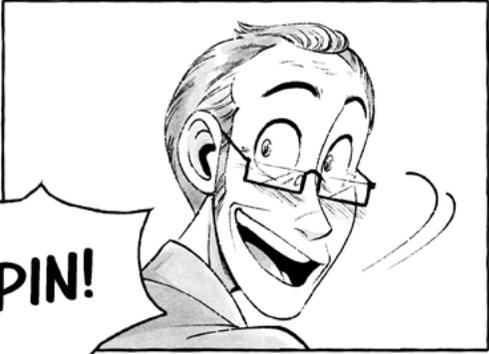
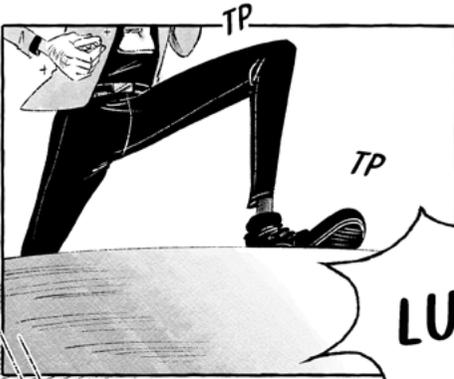


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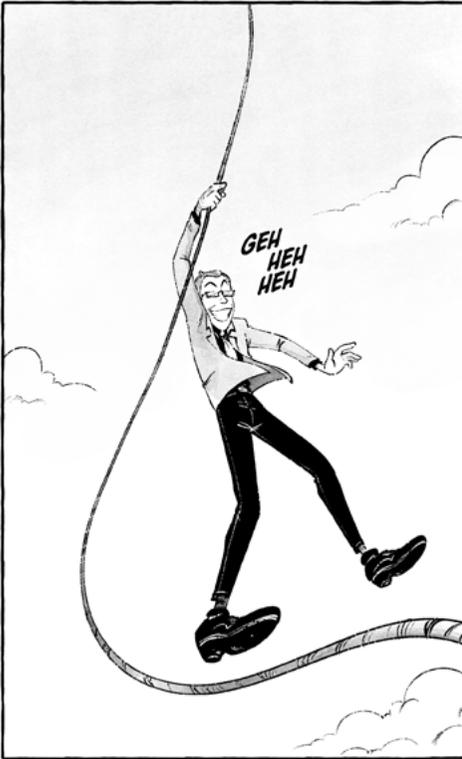


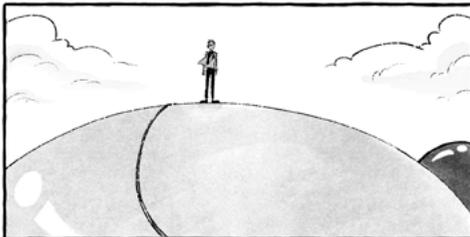
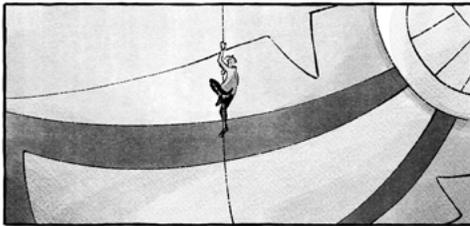
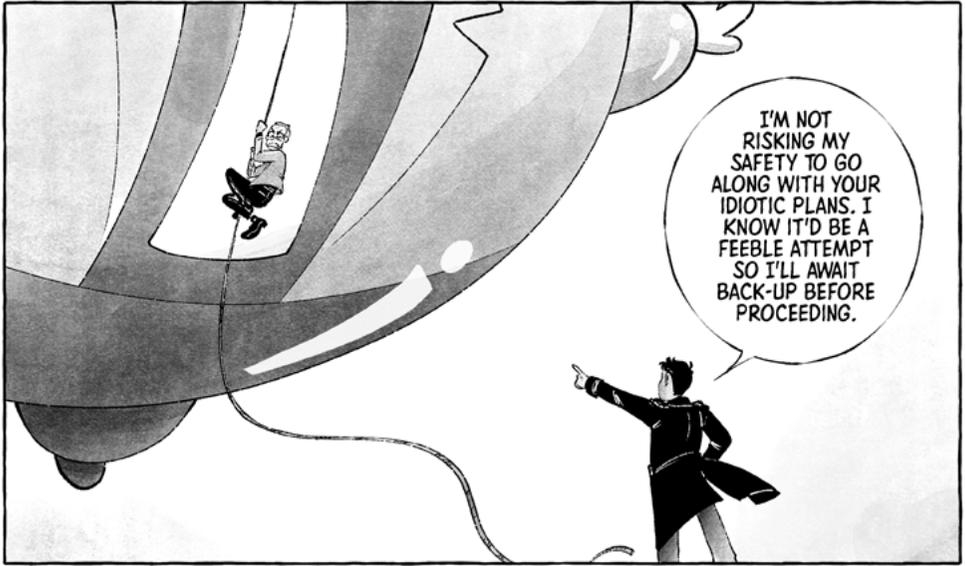


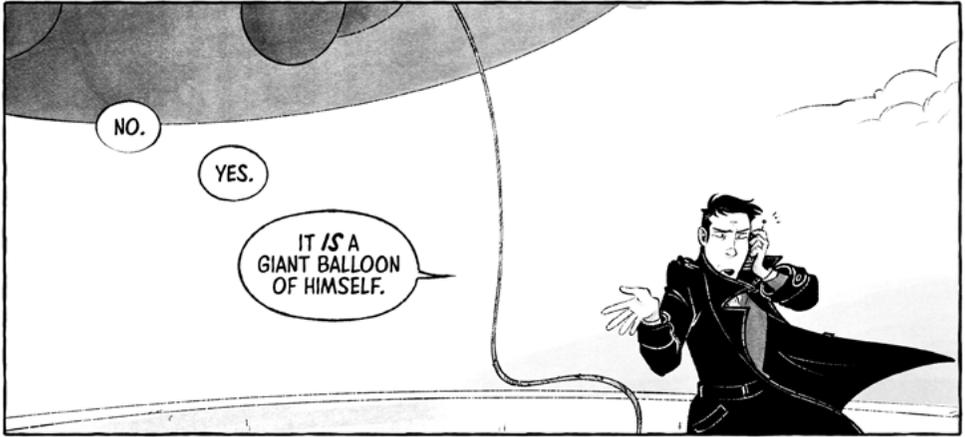


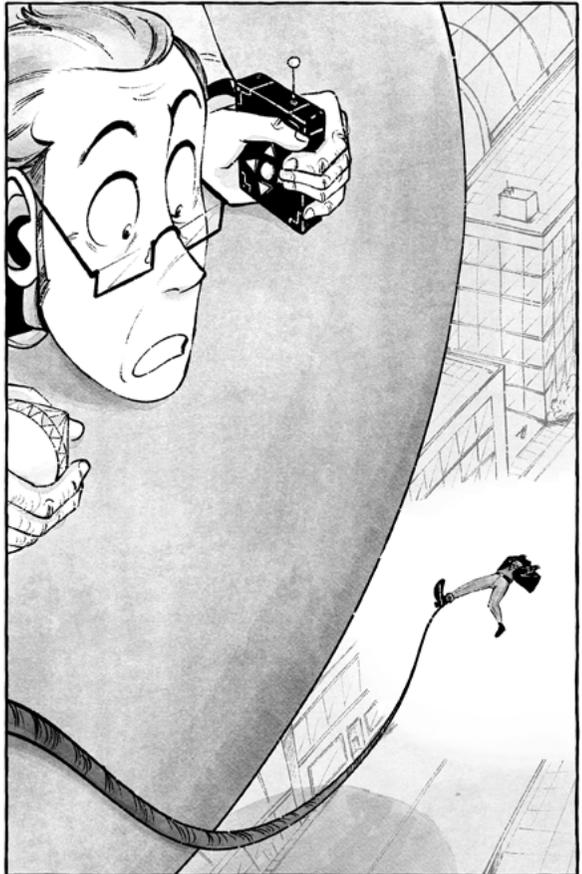
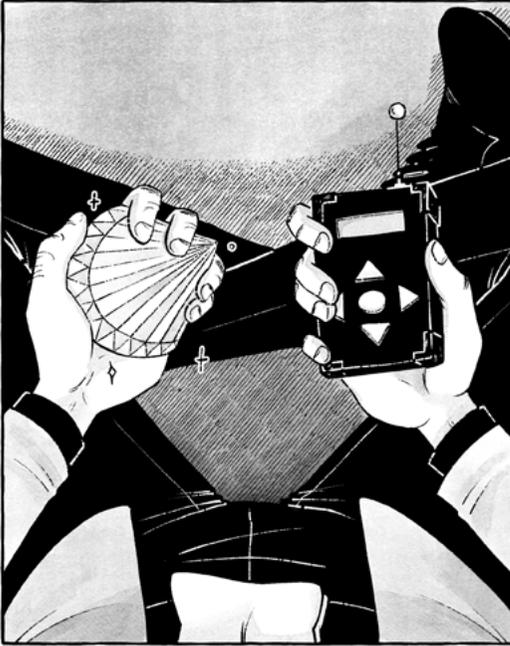
ARSÈNE LUPIN THE THIRD, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR MULTIPLE CRIMES OF THEFT, VANDALISM OF PUBLIC PROPERTY--

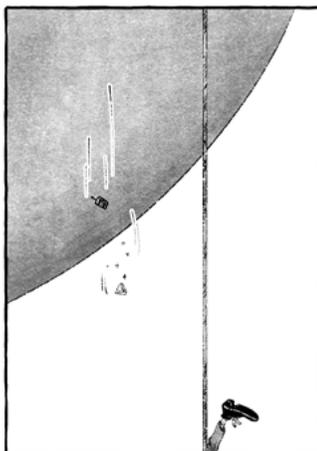
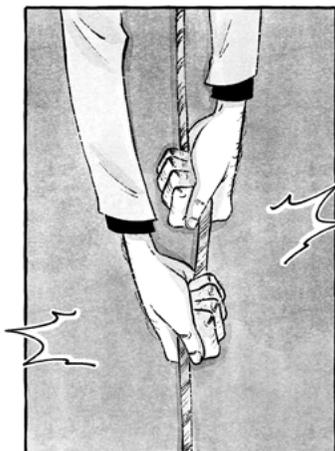
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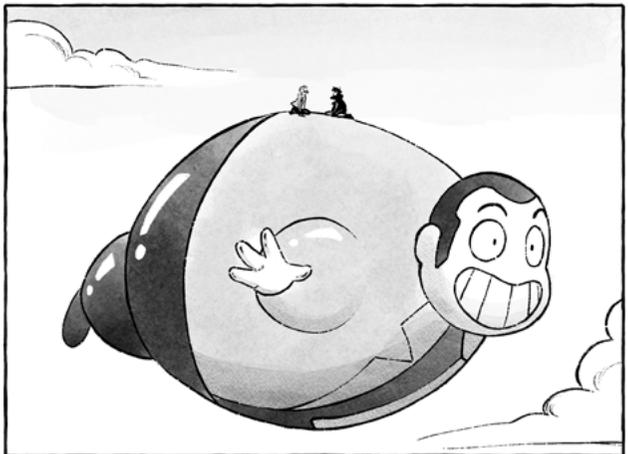
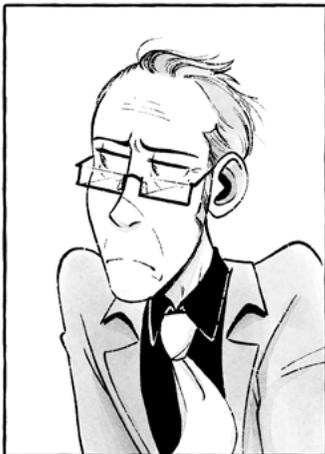
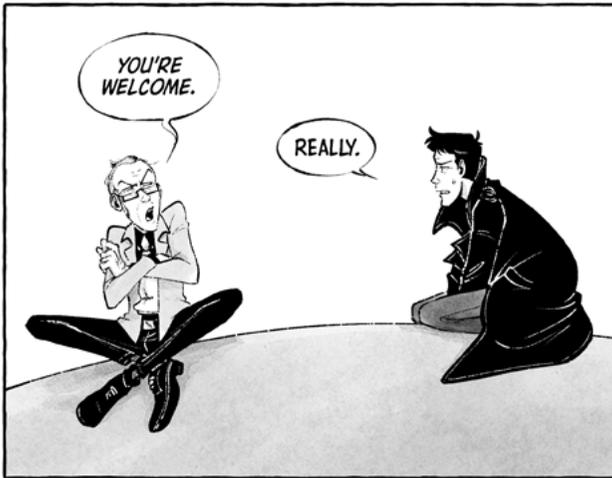


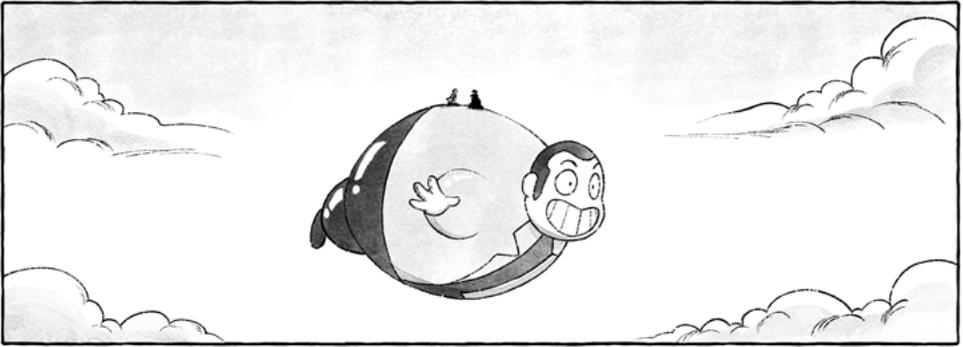


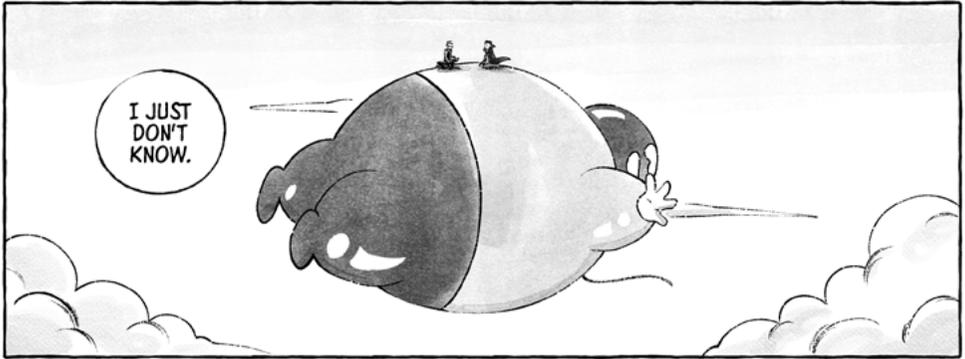


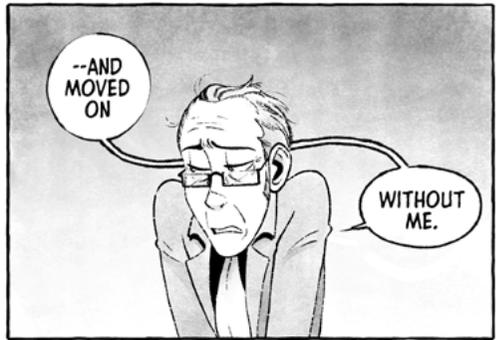
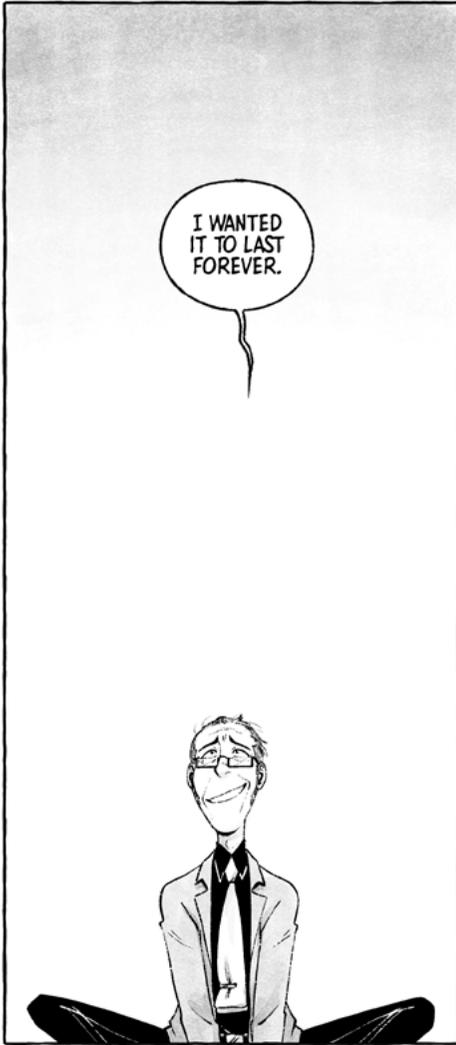


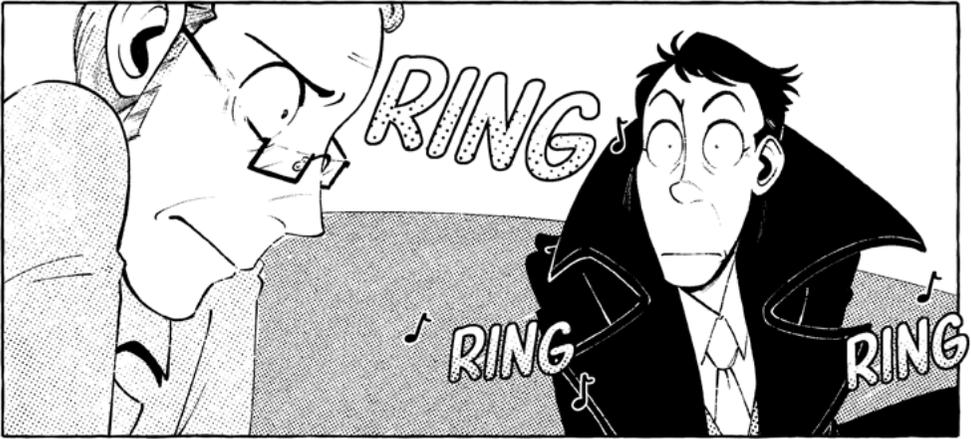


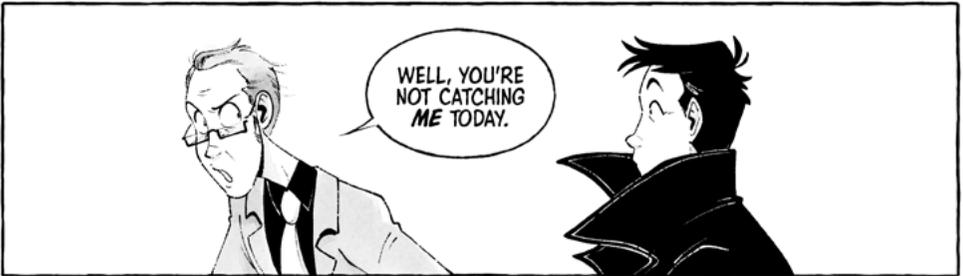
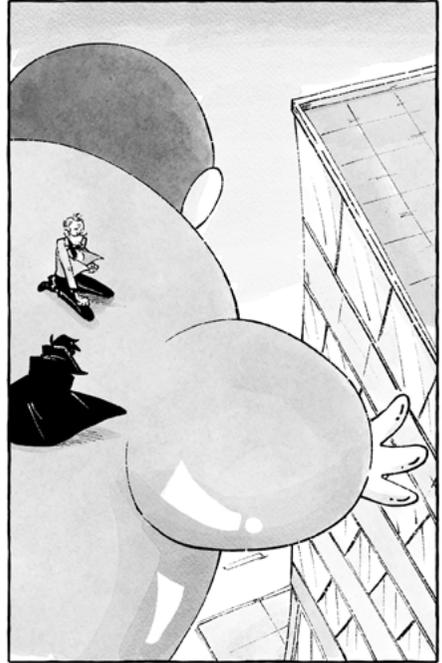




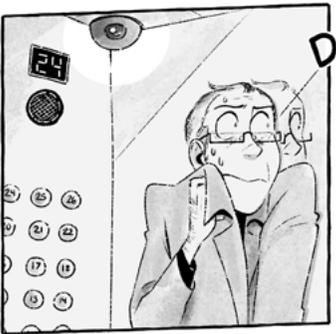
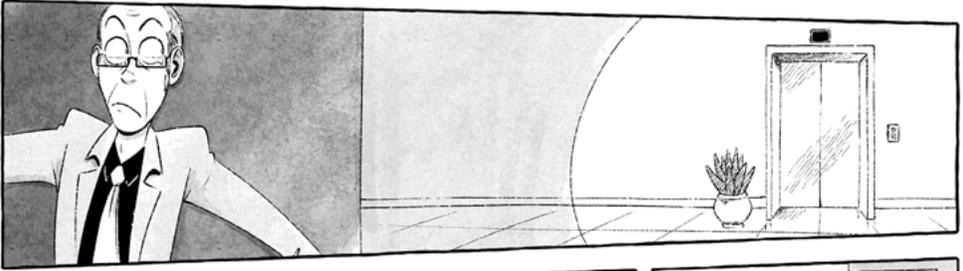




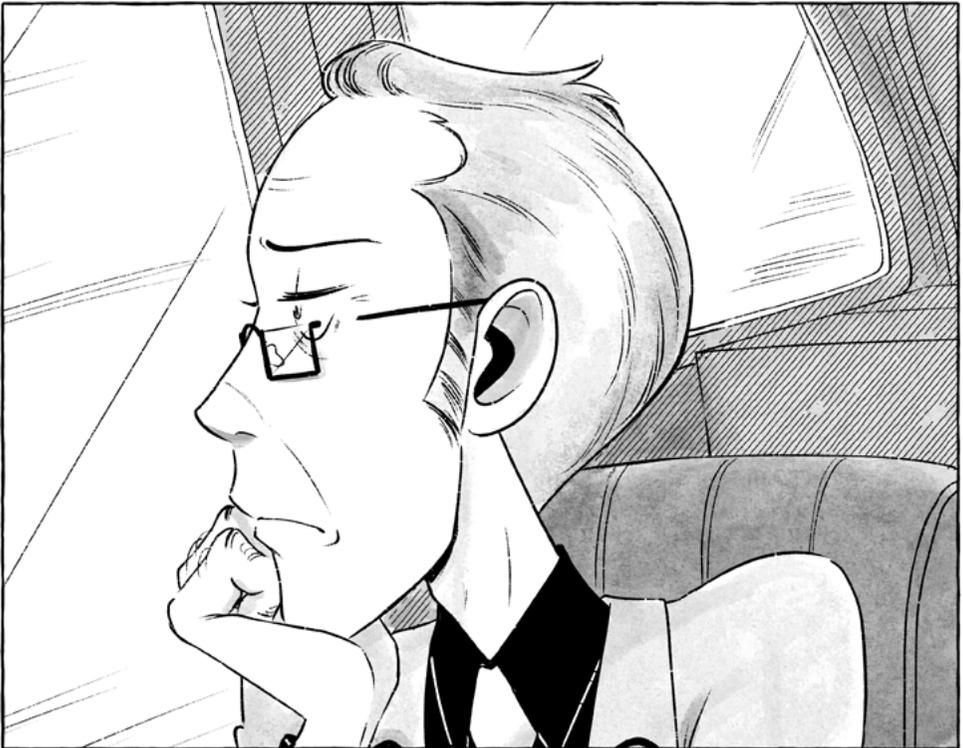
















I DON'T KNOW.
I PUSHED EVERYONE
AWAY AND I'M...



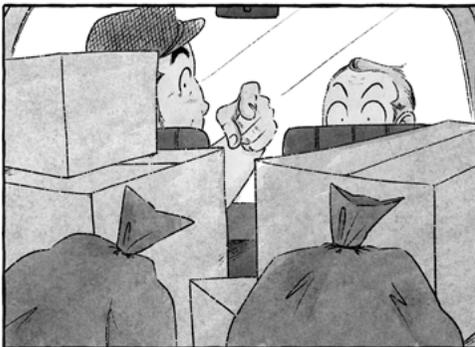
I DON'T KNOW
WHO LUPIN THE
THIRD IS IF HE'S
NOT A THIEF.

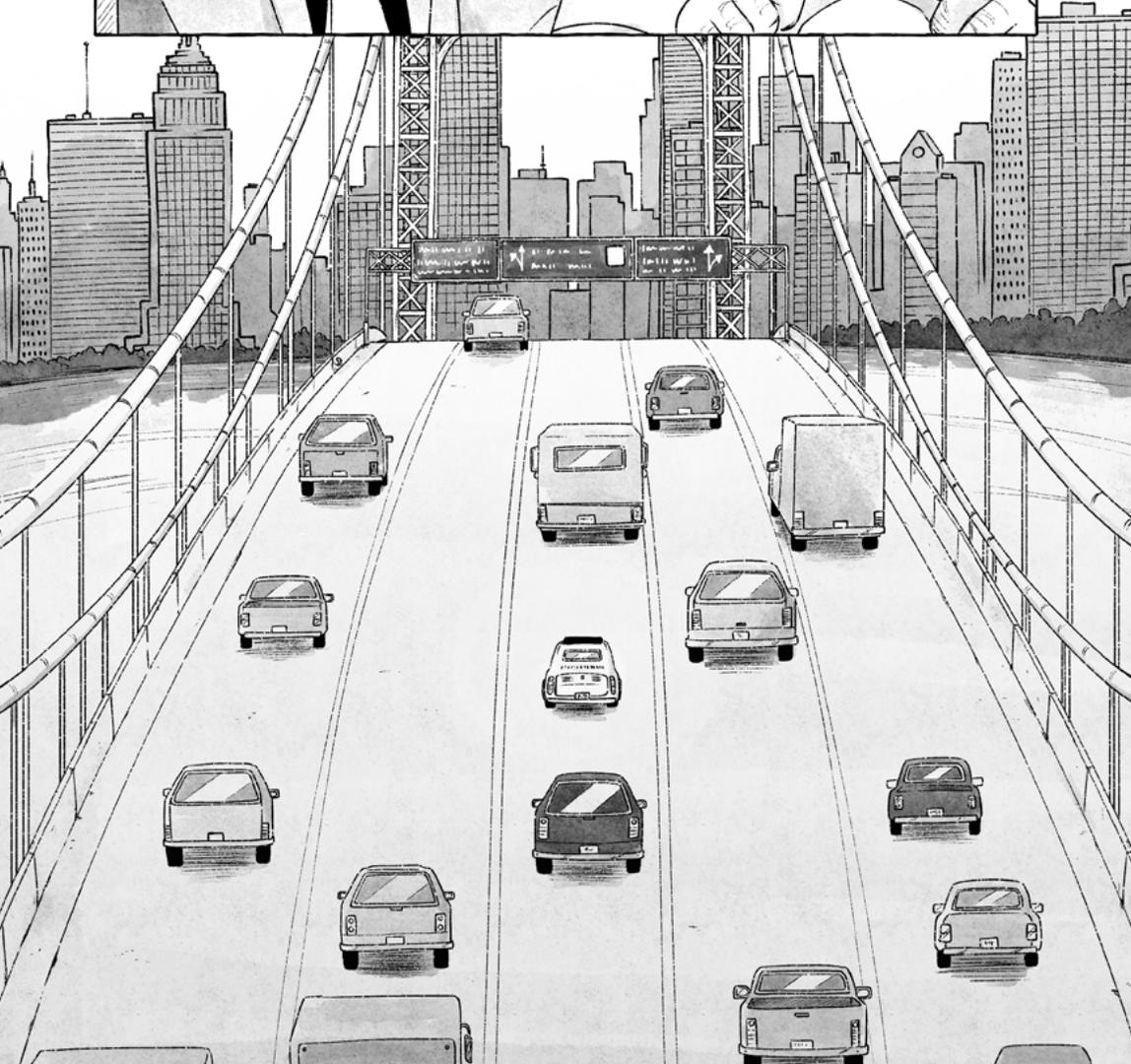


WELL



HE COULD RETIRE,
TAKE SOME TIME OFF
TO EXPLORE WHO HE IS
WHILE MAYBE SEEING
THE WORLD.









Wish you were here!

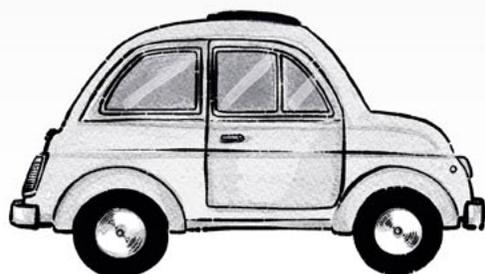
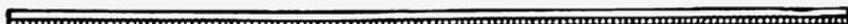
Heya,
It's a bit late but retirement might not be so bad after all.
After we finish up in France we'll be heading your way.
See you soon!
Lupin



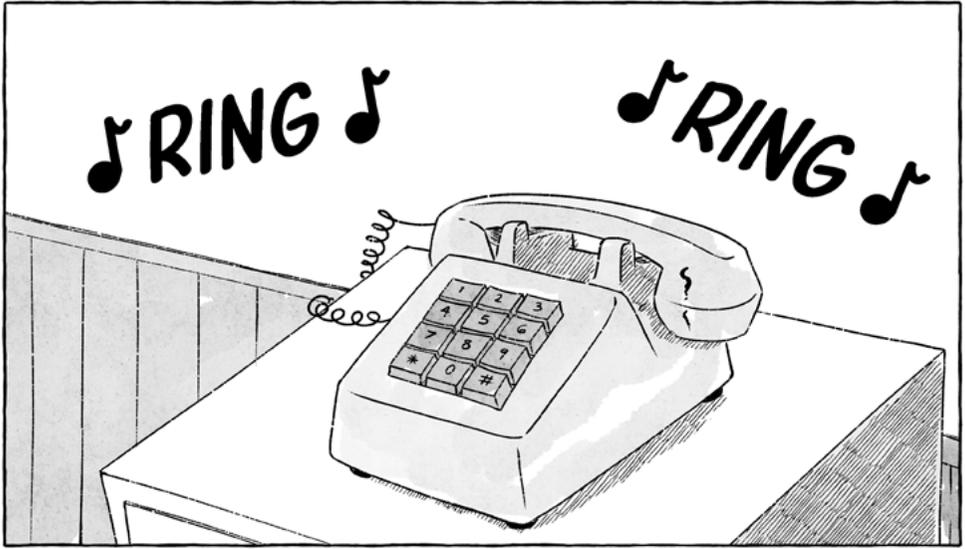
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Thanks for reading

Encore!



The In-Between



JIGEN?!
WOW~!! IS
THAT YOU?

HOW'RE
YOU
DOING?

F-FUJIKO--

HEY, I'M
GLAD YOU FINALLY
RETIRED!

ARE YOU
LIVING WITH
GOEMON

OR JUST
VISITING?

IS
LUPIN
THERE
TOO?





I THOUGHT--

--I
THOUGHT
WE WERE
FRIENDS!

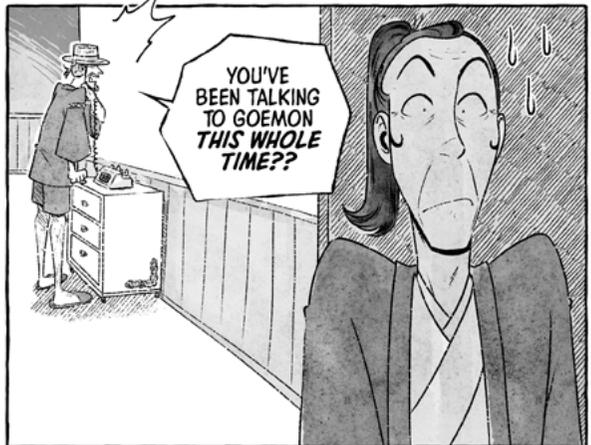


YOU JUST LEFT

WITHOUT
A WORD.

WE HAD NO
IDEA WHERE
YOU WERE

OR IF YOU
WERE EVEN
STILL ALIVE.





The After Effects

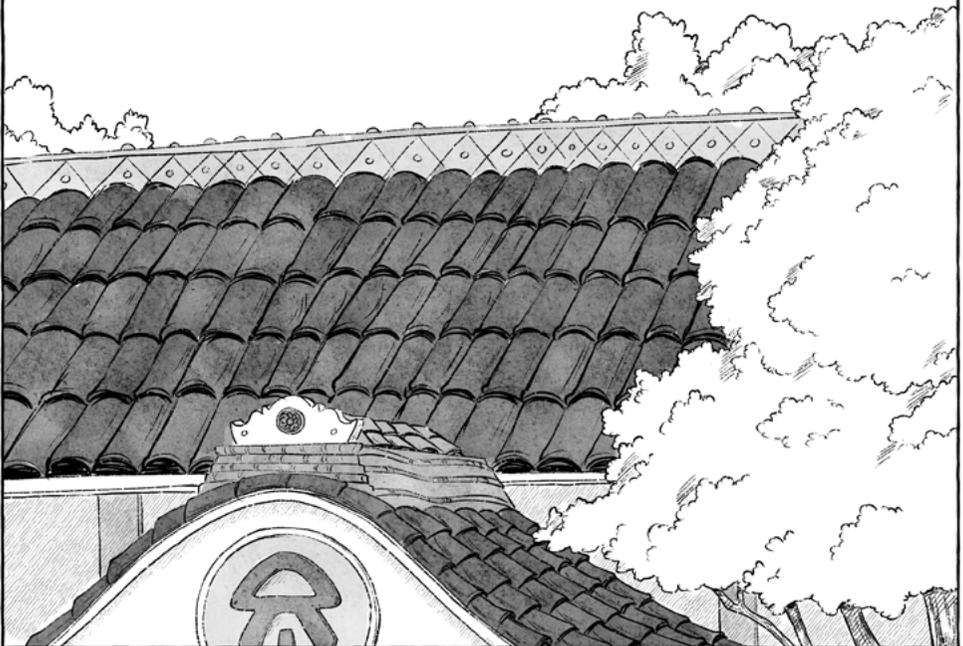
I DON'T
KNOW. MAYBE
I SHOULDN'T
BE HERE.

THEY'RE
NOT GOING
TO BE HAPPY
TO SEE ME.

WE DID TELL
THEM WE WERE
COMING THOUGH.

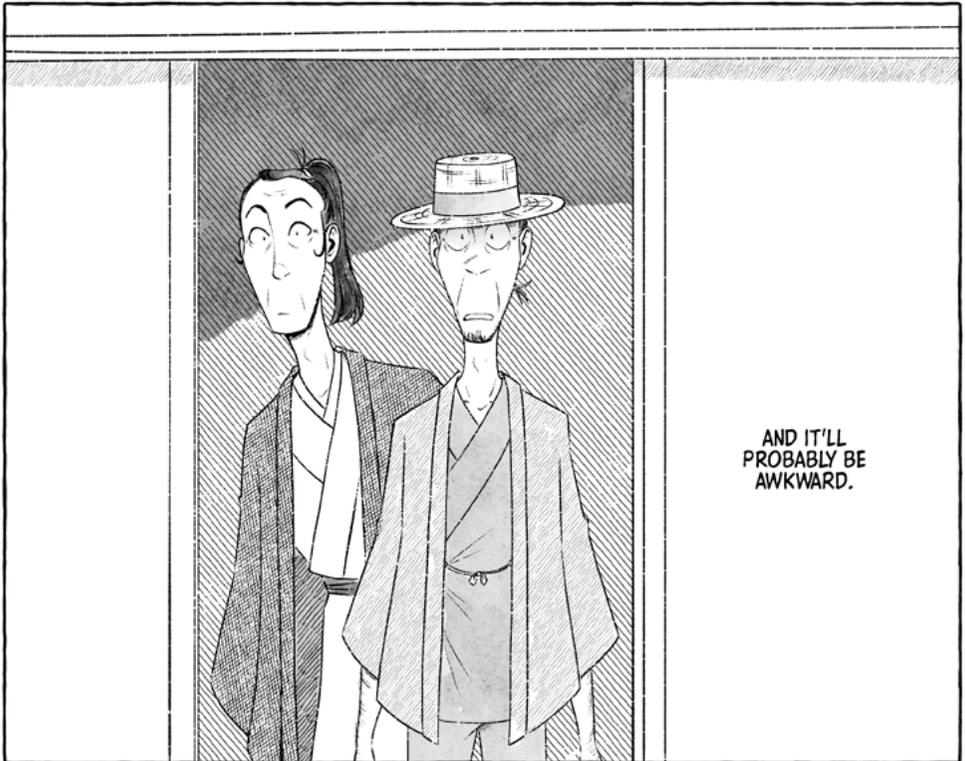
YEAH, BUT IT'S
GOING TO BE *HARD*.
IT'S GOING TO BE
AWKWARD.

WELL SURE





IT MAY
BE HARD

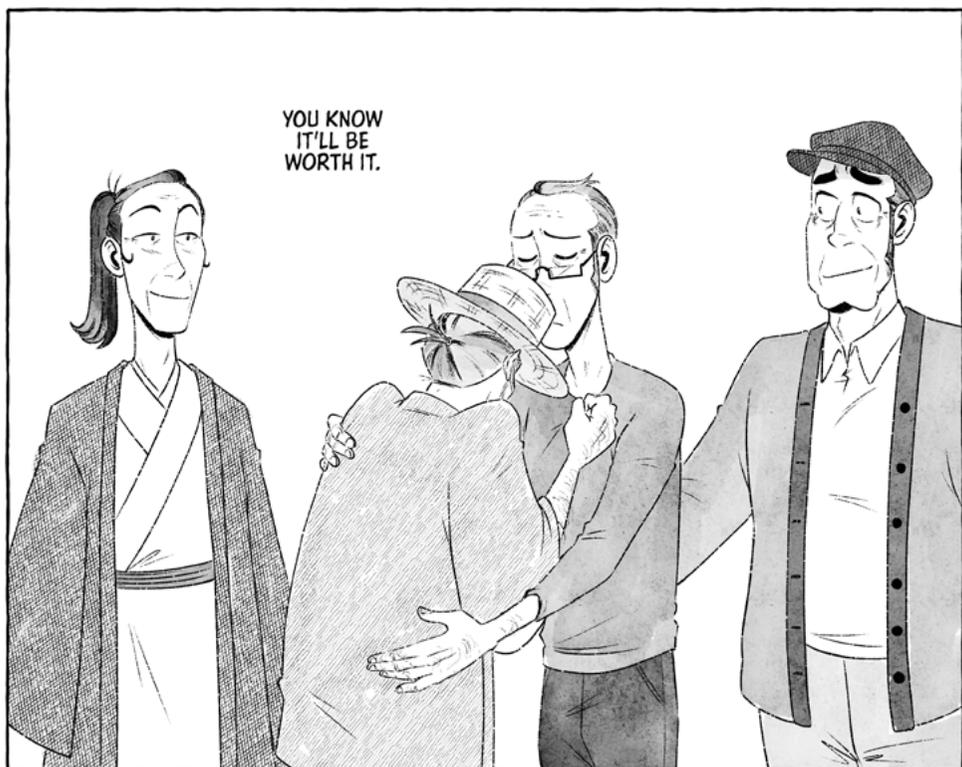


AND IT'LL
PROBABLY BE
AWKWARD.

BUT IF YOU
FACE THEM



YOU KNOW
IT'LL BE
WORTH IT.





Outline/Script

Zenigata (present)

Zenigata is in a hospital room, it's temporary and he's sitting up. He's sitting looking out the window and there's a cane next to him. We see a nurse enter and Zenigata immediately outs the nurse as Lupin. Lupin's smile shows and he saunters the rest of the way in so he's standing facing Zeni. He throws Zeni's hat into his lap. "You dropped this(?)" Lupin congratulates him while kicking off the outfit. But Zeni doesn't smile.

Side view and a splash page of Lupin standing in front of Zeni who's looking down. Dramatic shading. "I'm retiring."

Lupin is shocked for a beat before he pushes those emotions down. "Retiring? But you're not done yet! What about your dream? Your goal?" Lupin is being fake dramatic here and swinging his arms around.

"Yata will be taking over after me." Zeni ignores Lupin's dramatic speech.

Lupin recoils. "Not Yata. It's gotta be you, old man." he pleads.

Zeni clenches his fists on his lap. "I AM old and that's why I can't do this anymore. I can't keep up with you and I'm lucky I even survived that." We focus on his leg and cane.

Lupin looks offended. "N-no. You can't be- This is nothing. You'll be back at it in a week!" he's fighting his emotions.

Zeni is still very serious. "Stop being selfish! I wasted my whole life chasing you and I have nothing to show for it." he might be crying. "I've come to terms with it, so you should too."

Lupin is getting more agitated by the minute.

Zeni looks up at Lupin, he's clearly worried about him. "I know I can't stop you. I just hope you'll be careful. One wrong move and--"

Lupin huffs like a pouting kid. "You don't know what you're talking about." he's not looking at Zeni anymore.

"You're the only one left, Lupin." Lupin begins walk out of the room. "Who are you even doing this for?"

Lupin leaves down the hospital hall hunched, we only see his back.

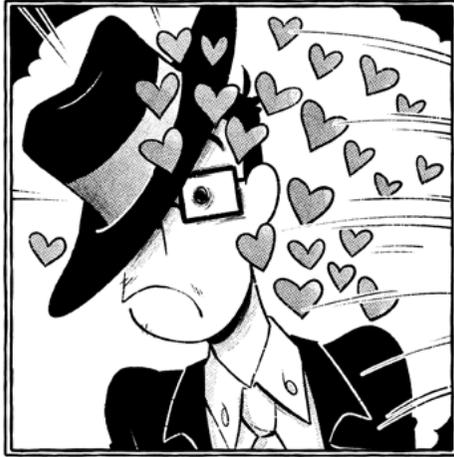
Cut to Lupin's apartment as a splash page. It's messy and dark, there's a mish-mash of treasures strewn about haphazardly. We still only see Lupin's back, he's in his undershirt with a smoke in his fingers. His head is in his hands.

Concepts

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THE FIRST DOODLES







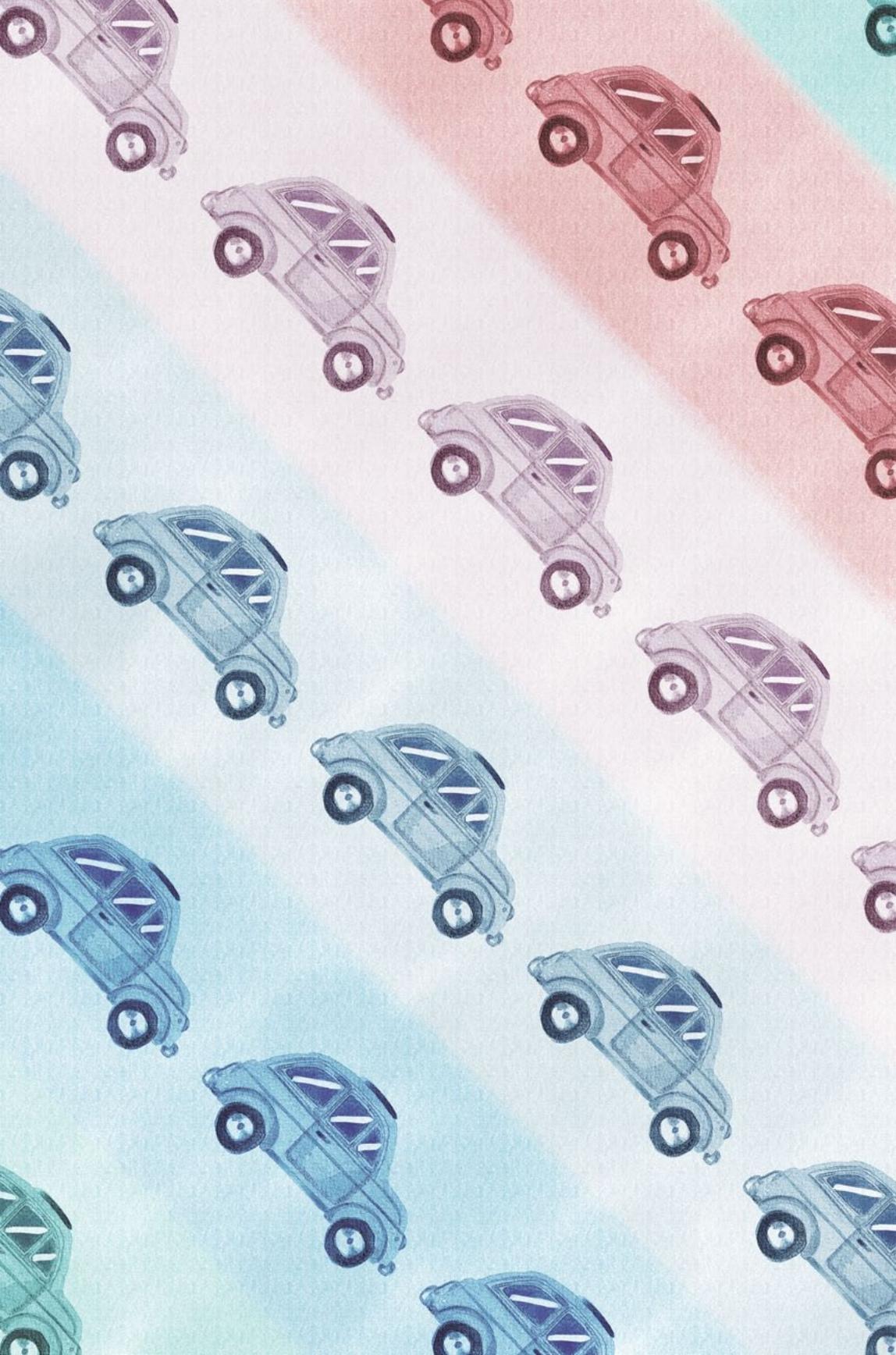
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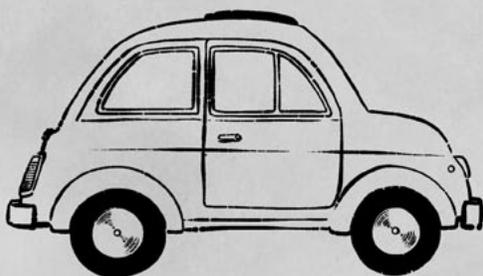


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