

# Discover the masterpieces of the Belgian Comic Strip Center

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# 1 INTRODUCTION



## **The masterpieces of the Belgian Comic Strip Centre**

The Belgian Comic Strip Centre is an institution that archives the most precious treasures of Belgian comic strip history and presents them in the framework of various exhibitions. For the most part, these treasures are original drawings of comic book and comic strip authors. But it is the avid comic book readers who make the comics come to life... Without the imagination of the readers, the comic book culture would not be that vibrant and alive!

This questionnaire will help you discover Belgian comic classics, but also other, less well known comics, that are all the more surprising! Without fantasy, there would not be any comic books!

## 2 QUESTIONS



### Question 1

Now, have a look at the exhibition 'The art of the comic', where you can admire many original drawings of comic book artists. You can also see some working documents and drafts. Do you know, what a completed comic book drawing is officially called?

- a. spread
- b. gutter
- c. panel
- d. splash



### Question 2

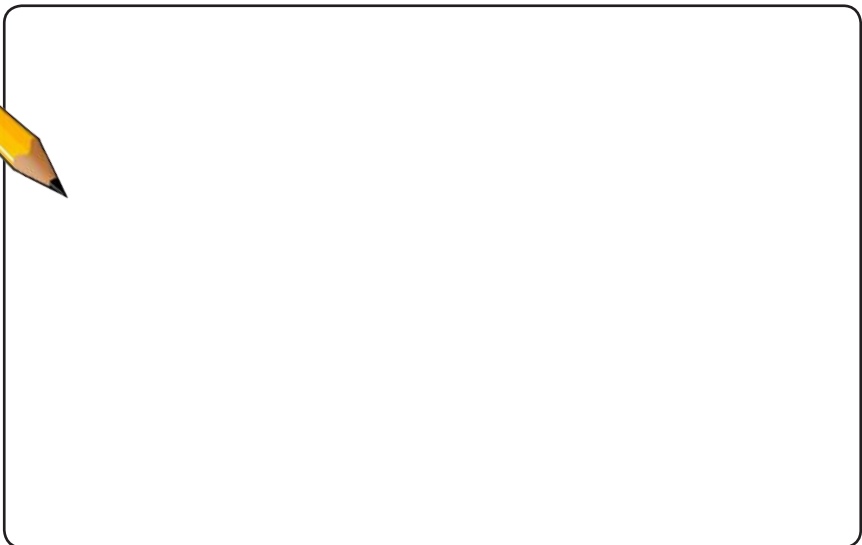
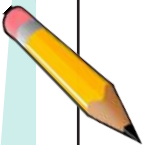
In the same exhibition, you will also find plenty of different working documents, representing the different steps in the process of producing a finished comic book. Can you sort them into the correct order?

coloring – plot – inking – script – cover - pencilling

### Question 3

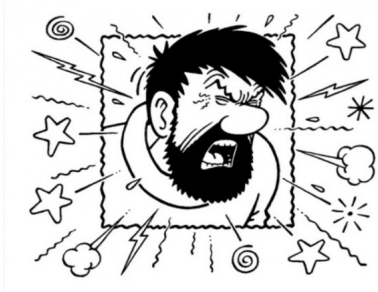
An experience of Professor Calculus has gone awfully awry and detectives Thomson and Thompson lost their moustaches! How can you tell these two apart? Try to draw them.

Little hint: One of them had a droopy and the other had a pointy moustache.



#### Question 4

When Captain Haddock becomes angry, this always results in unequalled confrontations and vivid name-calling. The expressions below went haywire. Can you put them together again?

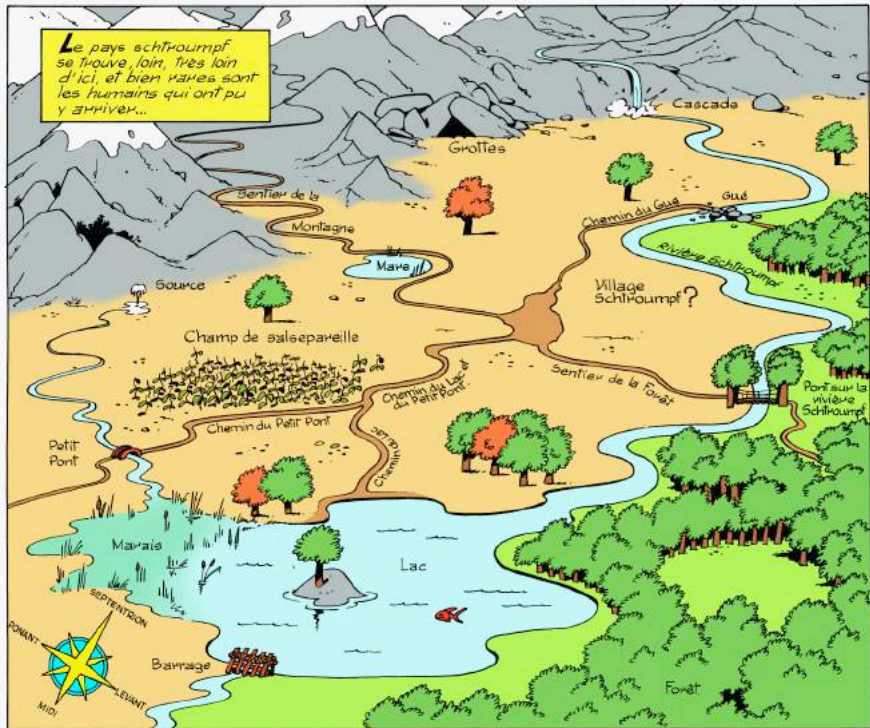


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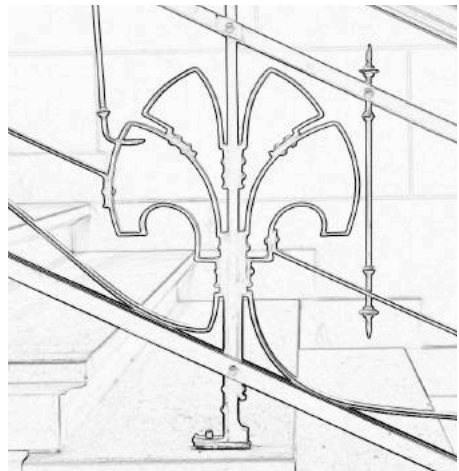
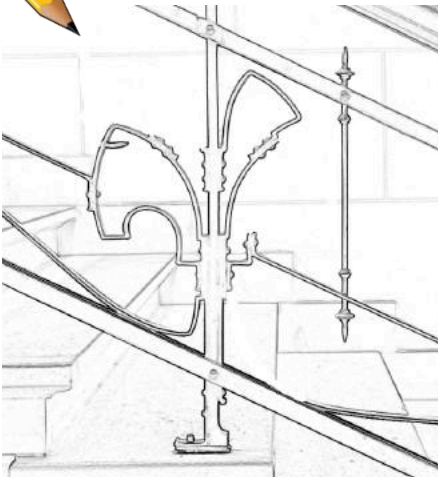
Gargamel has laid a curse on the Smurf village. Now the homes of the Smurfs have vanished into thin air. In order to rebuild their village, the Smurfs need your help. Can you draw new houses for them?



### Question 6



The architect of our building, the famous Victor Horta, also is the designer of the staircase railing on the different floors. He was inspired by a flower. On the image below, the flower has been partially erased. Can you complete the image?



## Question 7

Here you can see four different original cover pictures of the most beloved Spike and Suzy-comic 'An Island called Hoboken'. Can you bring them into the right chronological order?

For specialists, original editions of comic books are the most valuable ones. You can tell on first sight how the cover-drawing has changed with time. However, some elements can be found on each of the images... Which ones ?



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## Question 8

Allright, now you can immerse yourself in the lecture of comic books! Go downstairs to the reading room, where you can admire the beautiful bookshelves... They already were here when the building, designed by Victor Horta, still was a fabric shop. In the reading room, you can also find translations of our Belgian comic books into many different languages. Can you find out how Gaston Lagaffe is called in Danish?

Good luck.



### Colophon

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