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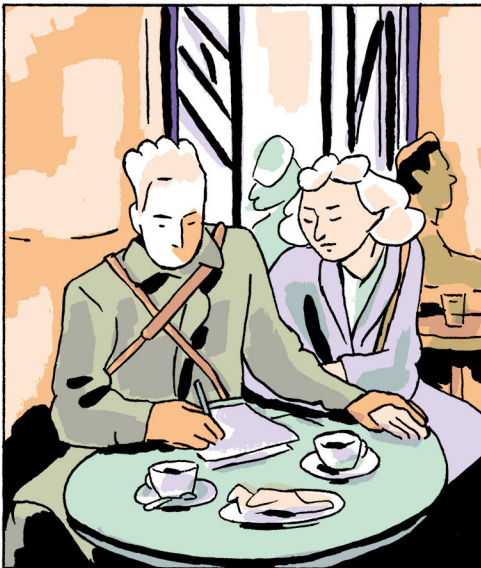




September 2, 1939







WE EUROPEANS MUST GIVE UP THIS QUEST FOR A RACIALLY PURE POPULACE.





"BEWARE! THE FIGHTING MIGHT BEGIN TOMORROW, OR IN THREE MONTHS. WE CANNOT KNOW. WE CANNOT EVEN GUESS. MANY CALL IT A "PHONEY WAR"..."



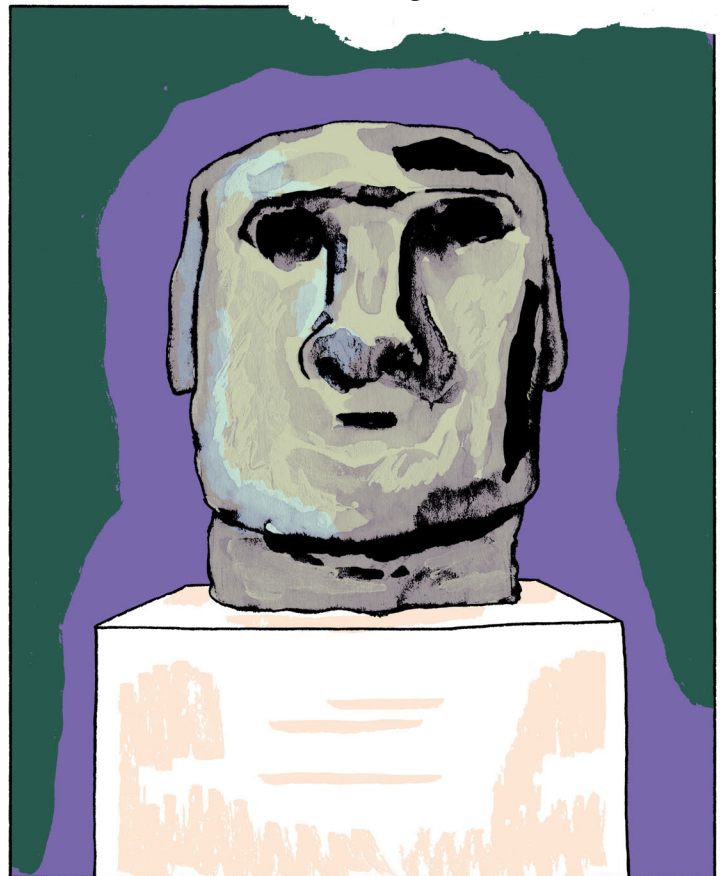
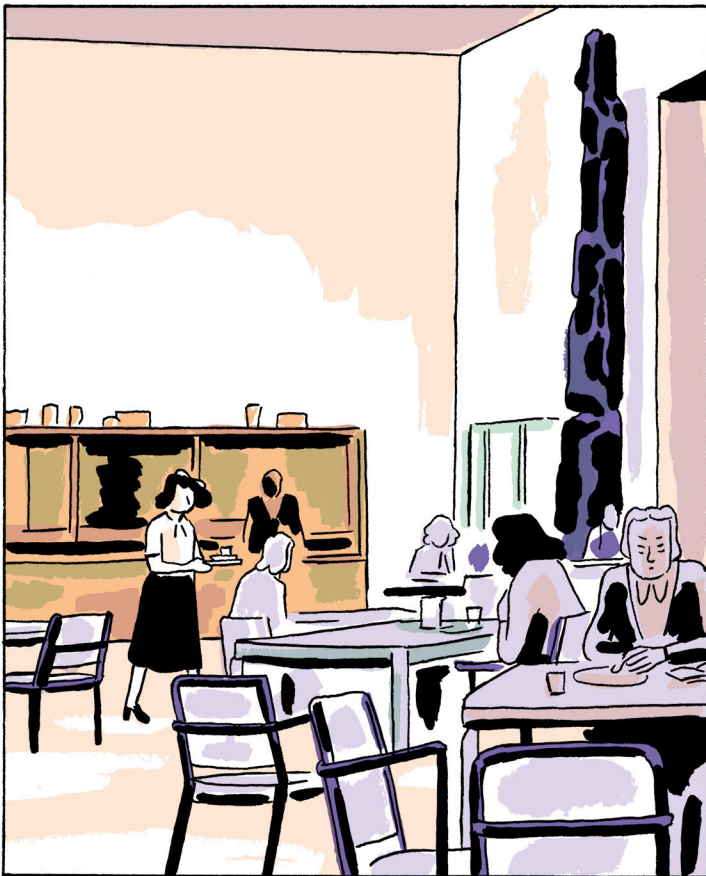
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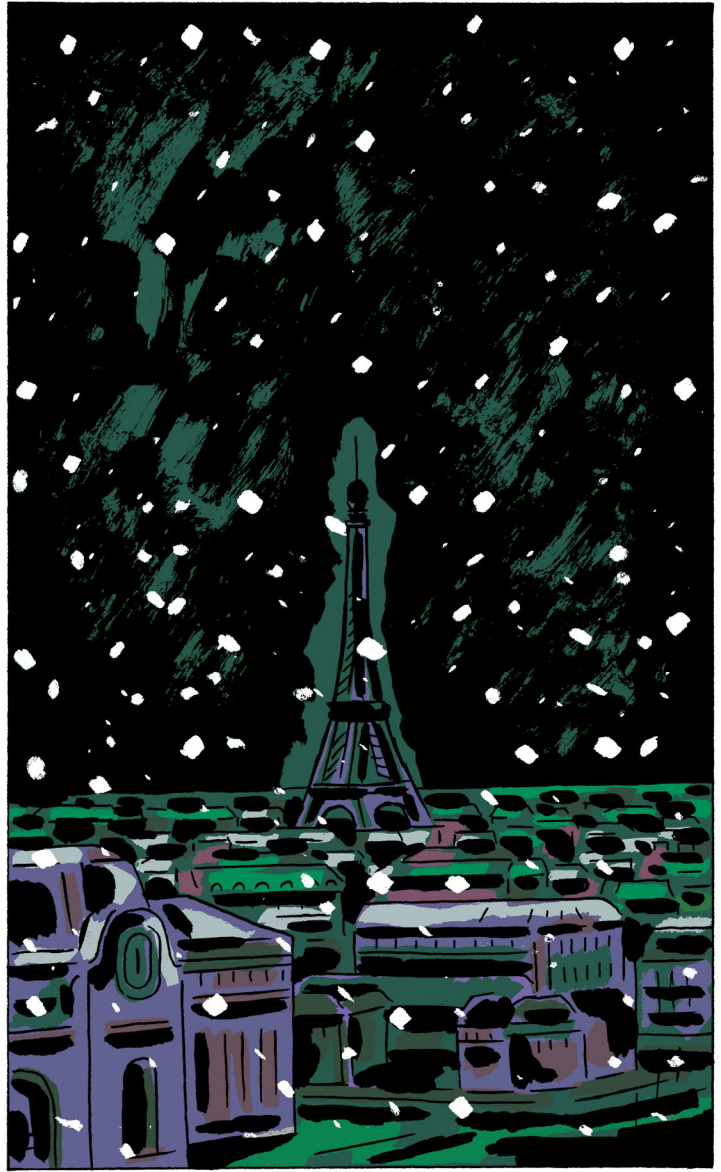
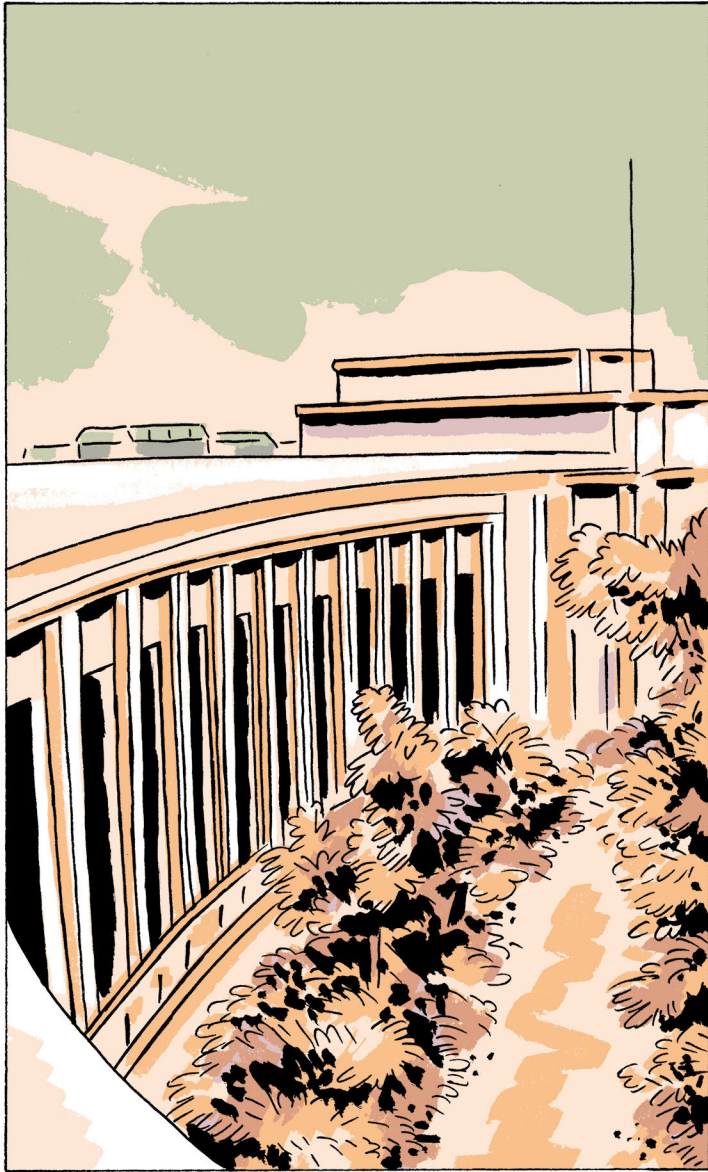
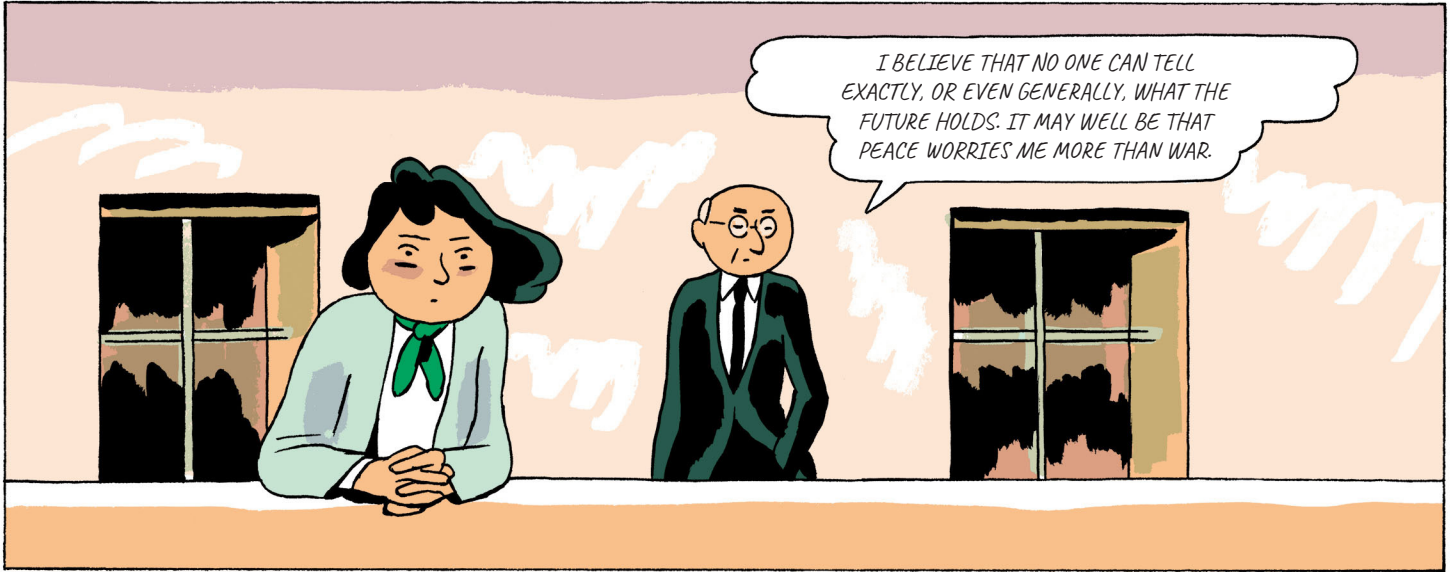


"PHONEY WAR! WHY ISN'T THE ENEMY ATTACKING, IF THEY'VE ASSEMBLED ALL THEIR FORCES? BECAUSE THEY HOPE TO TOY WITH US AS A CAT DOES A MOUSE."



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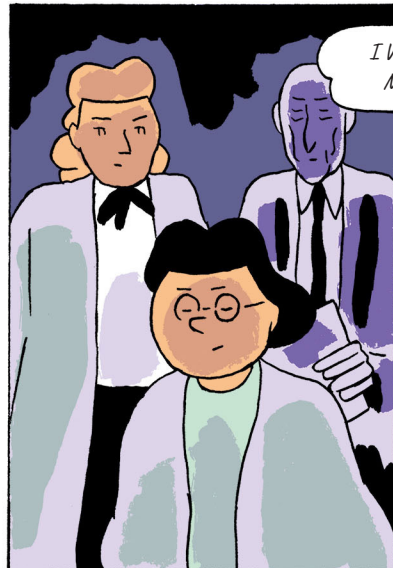




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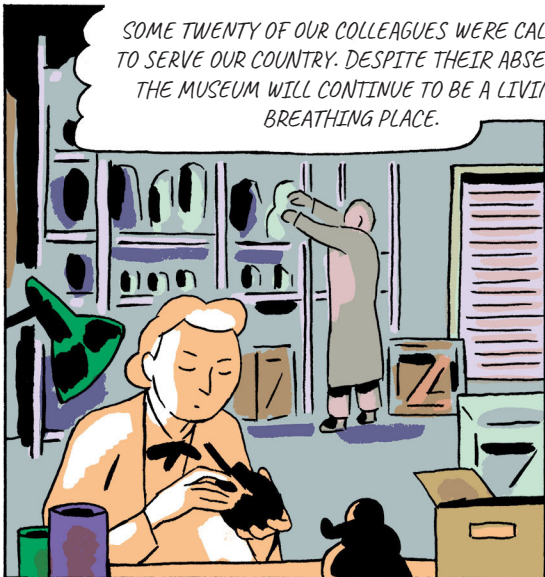
NOW THAT I'VE RETURNED FROM THE STATES, I AM DELIGHTED BY THE COURAGE AND SANGFROID YOU'VE SHOWN IN HANDLING THE DIFFICULT TASK THAT WAS YOURS: SAFELY STORING OUR COLLECTIONS.



I WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO OFFER MY WHOLEHEARTED THANKS.



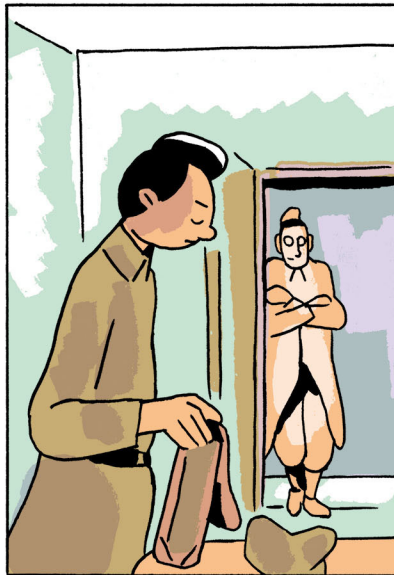
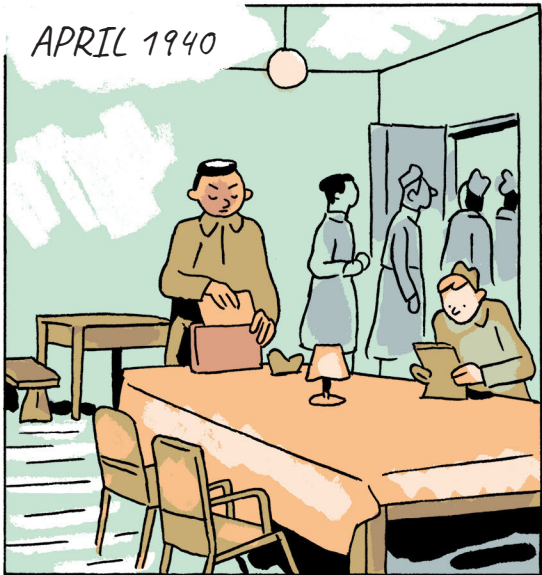
SOME TWENTY OF OUR COLLEAGUES WERE CALLED TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY. DESPITE THEIR ABSENCE, THE MUSEUM WILL CONTINUE TO BE A LIVING, BREATHING PLACE.



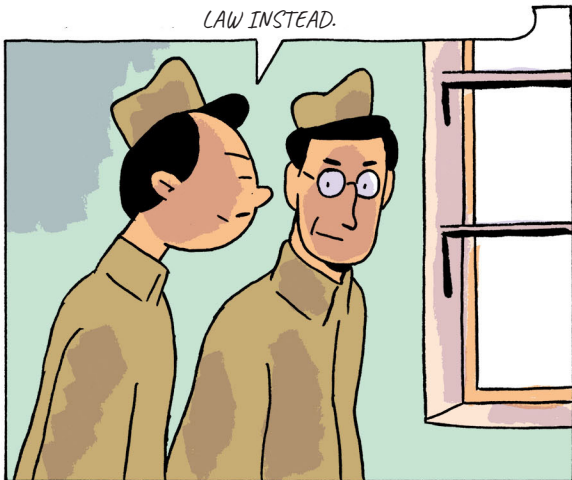
DESPITE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE HALLS OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND PREHISTORY WILL RE-OPEN IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

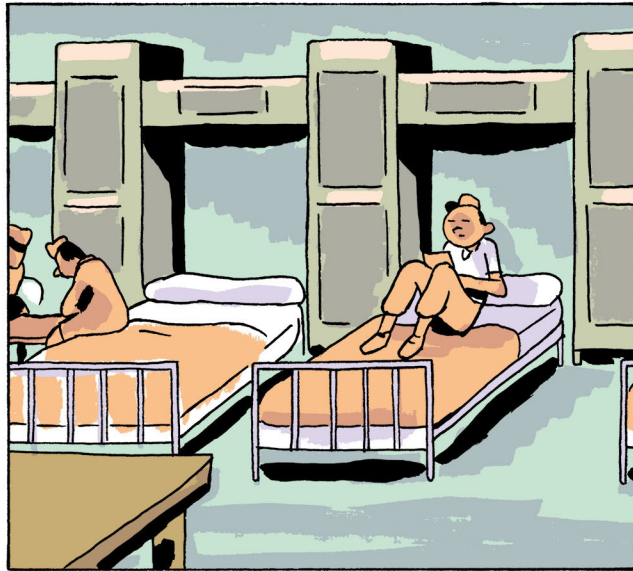
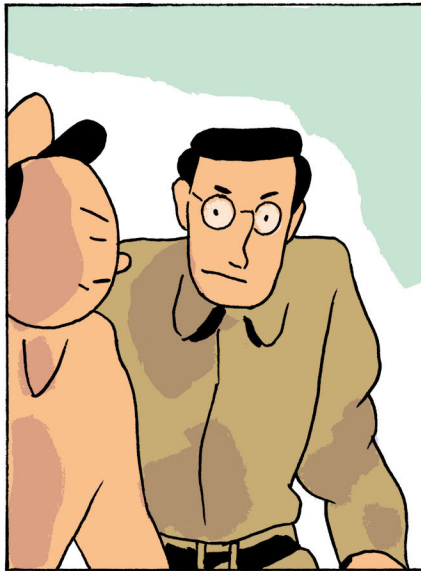
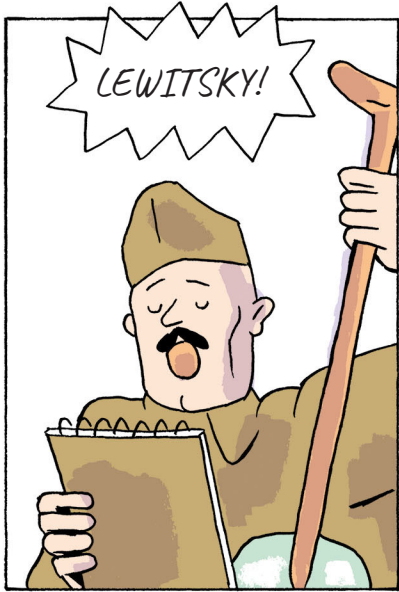


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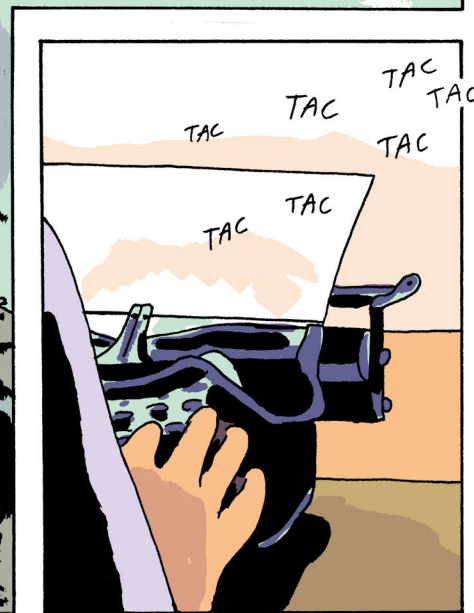
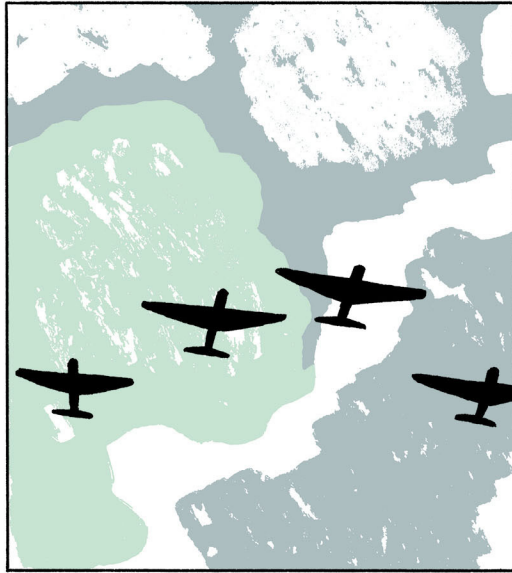
ONE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE CAME UP TO TELL ME MY LECTURE HAD MADE HIM "FEEL BLUE." HE CAN'T FORGIVE HIMSELF FOR PASSING UP ETHNOLOGY IN COLLEGE FOR LAW INSTEAD.



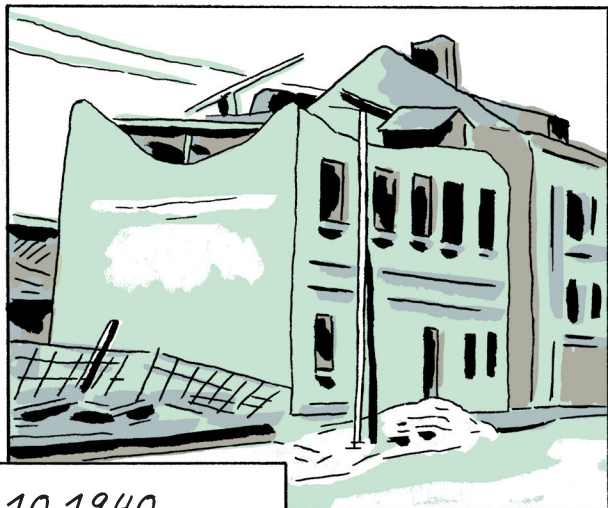
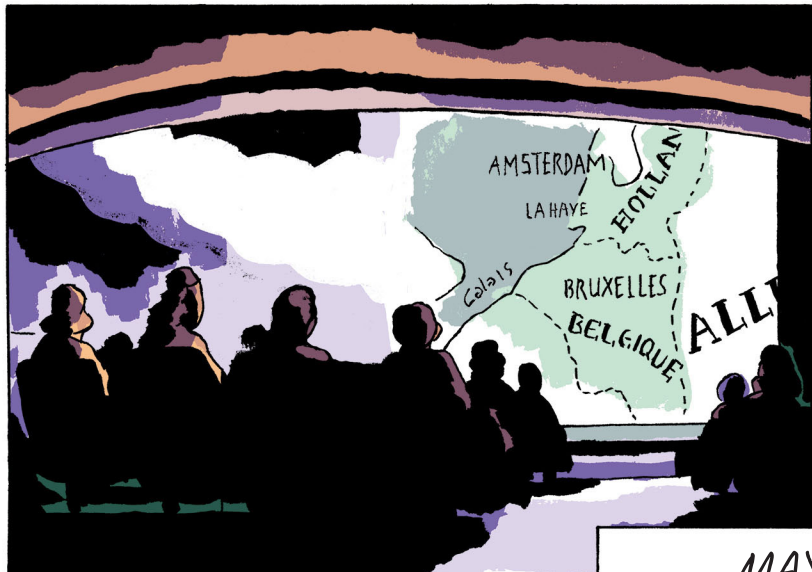








"THE ATTACK IN THE OFFING SINCE LAST OCTOBER  
HIT THIS MORNING."



MAY 10, 1940



"THE GERMAN LUFTWAFFE FLEW OVER FRANCE,  
WOUNDING AND KILLING INNOCENTS."



"A TITANIC STRUGGLE HAS BEGUN."