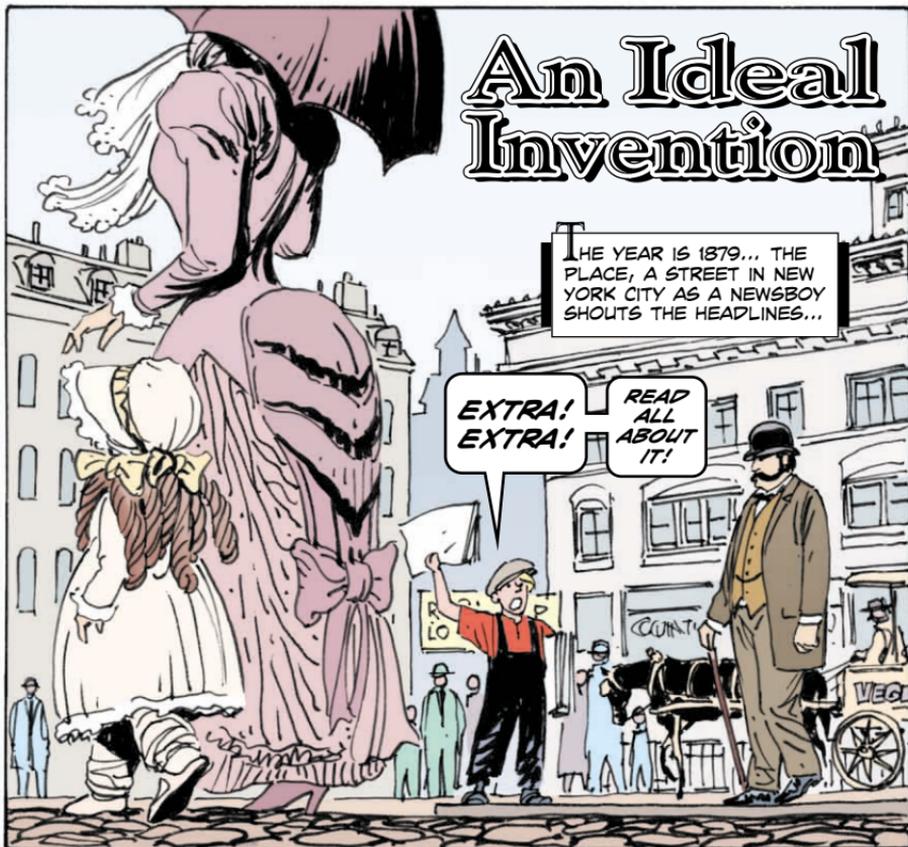


An Ideal Invention

THE YEAR IS 1879... THE PLACE, A STREET IN NEW YORK CITY AS A NEWSBOY SHOUTS THE HEADLINES...

EXTRA!
EXTRA!

READ
ALL
ABOUT
IT!



... THOMAS
EDISON
INVENTS
THE LIGHT
BULB!

HERE,
BOY... LET
ME HAVE
A PAPER.

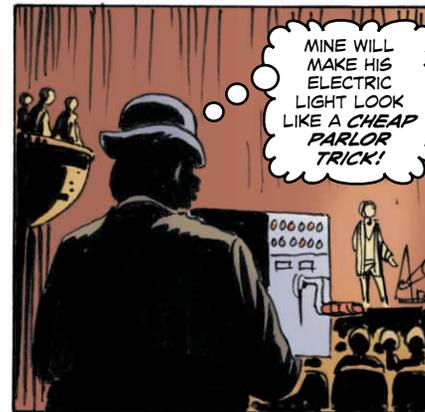


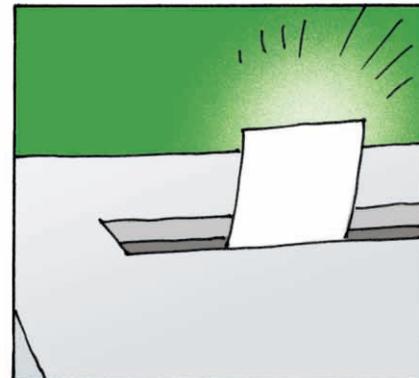
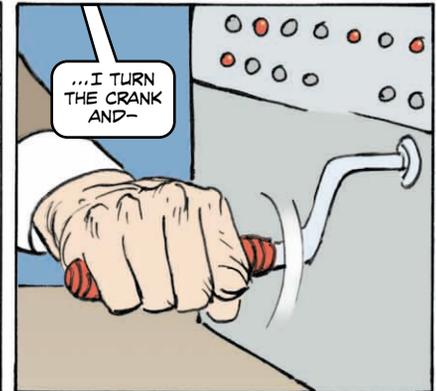
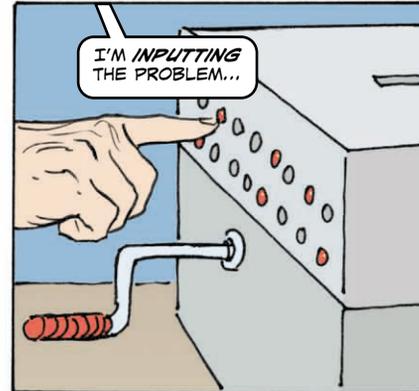
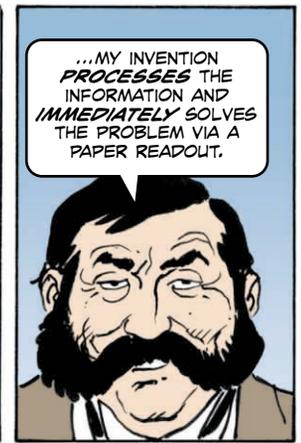
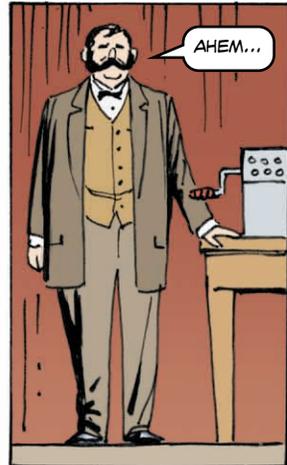
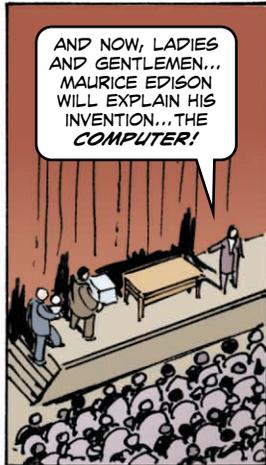
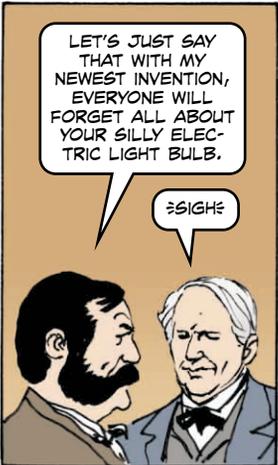
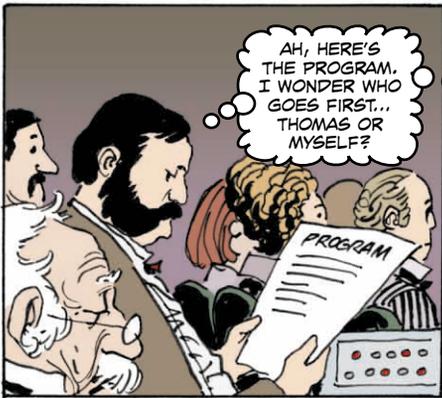
SO... ONCE
AGAIN MY
BROTHER IS
CELEBRATED
FOR ONE OF
HIS BRIGHT
IDEAS...



...AND MY
GENIUS IS
LEFT IN
THE DARK!

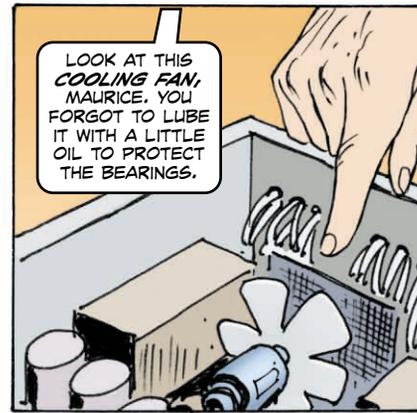




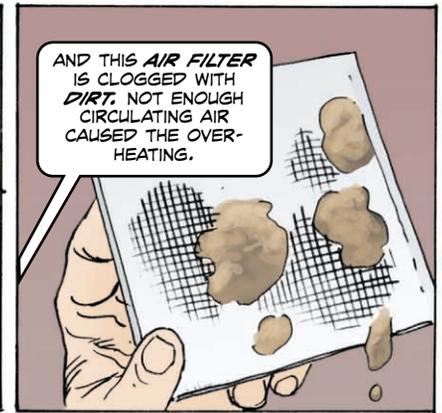




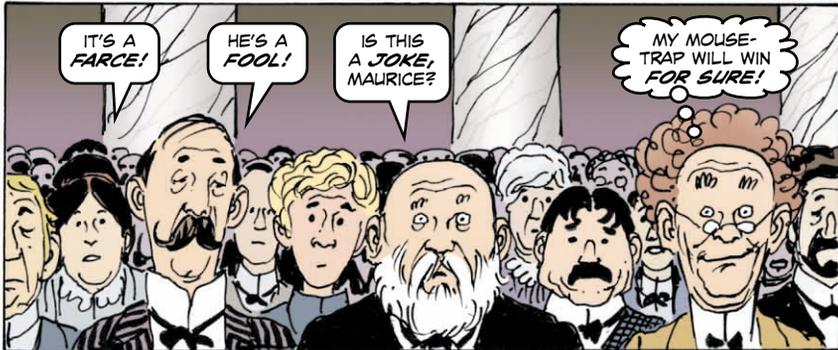
MY INVENTION... IT'S ON FIRE!
HELP! H-



LOOK AT THIS COOLING FAN, MAURICE. YOU FORGOT TO LUBE IT WITH A LITTLE OIL TO PROTECT THE BEARINGS.



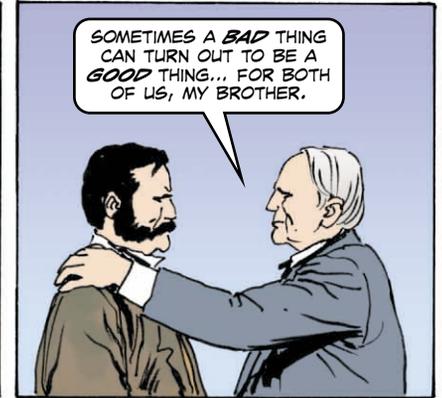
AND THIS AIR FILTER IS CLOGGED WITH DIRT. NOT ENOUGH CIRCULATING AIR CAUSED THE OVER-HEATING.



IT'S A FARCE!
HE'S A FOOL!
IS THIS A JOKE, MAURICE?
MY MOUSE-TRAP WILL WIN FOR SURE!



THANK YOU, THOMAS. LEARNING ABOUT PM HAS REALLY HELPED ME SEE THE LIGHT!



SOMETIMES A BAD THING CAN TURN OUT TO BE A GOOD THING... FOR BOTH OF US, MY BROTHER.



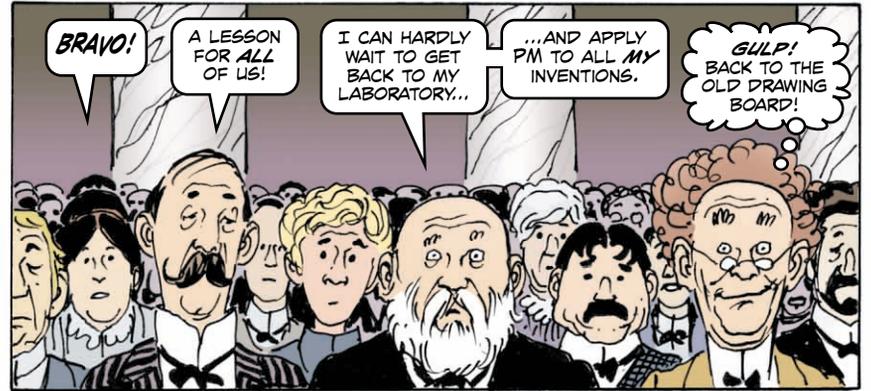
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND, THOMAS. WHAT HAPPENED?
LET'S CHECK IT OUT, MAURICE.



AHH... IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR INVENTION DIED FROM LACK OF PM.
PM? WHAT'S THAT, THOMAS?



PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE, MY DEAR BROTHER... INVENTED BY AN OLD ARMY BUDDY OF MINE.
EVERY MECHANICAL DEVICE, NO MATTER HOW SIMPLE OR COMPLEX, NEEDS PM TO KEEP FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.



BRAVO!
A LESSON FOR ALL OF US!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET BACK TO MY LABORATORY...
...AND APPLY PM TO ALL MY INVENTIONS.
GULP! BACK TO THE OLD DRAWING BOARD!



I AM INDEED GRATEFUL TO YOU, THOMAS. PM WILL BE A BENEFIT TO ME AND TO *ALL* INVENTORS.



IN FACT, I THINK WE SHOULD FORM A *PARTNERSHIP*. WITH *MY* IDEAS AND *YOUR* KNOWLEDGE OF PM, THOMAS, WE COULD DO *WONDERFUL* THINGS.



AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR LIGHT BULB COULD BE USED.



IMAGINE IF IT WERE INSTALLED IN A TOILET!

AT NIGHT, WHEN THE LID IS RAISED, THE BULB LIGHTS UP AND...