

THE  
MADAME PAUL  
AFFAIR



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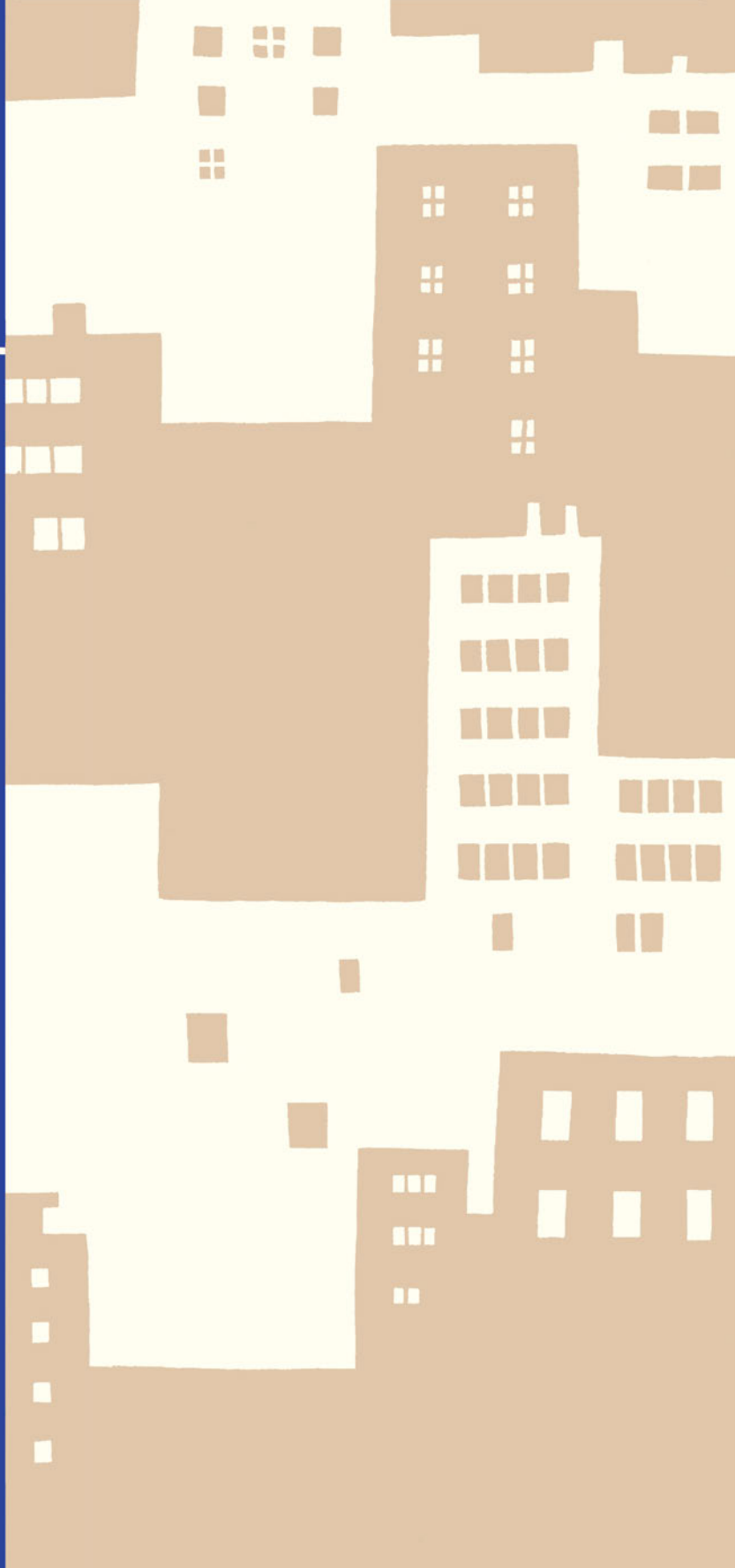
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JULIE  
DOUCET'S  
NEW STORY BE-  
GINS AS SHE AND HER BOY-

FRIEND MOVE INTO A ROOMING HOUSE FILLED WITH A STRING OF ODDBALL NEIGHBORS. ONE PERSON TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF AND ANOTHER TRIES TO "ESCAPE" BY SMASHING THROUGH HIS KITCHEN WINDOW, BUT PERHAPS THE STRANGEST PERSON OF ALL IS THE LANDLADY HERSELF, MADAME PAUL, WHO ONE DAY MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS...





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**PAUL**  
*affair*

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HAPPY

A COMIC-SERIAL  
IN 40 EPISODES  
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PREVIOUSLY: JULIE AND ANDRÉ JUST FOUND THEMSELVES A NEW APARTMENT.

I AM REALLY NOT SO SURE WE'RE MAKING A GOOD DEAL WITH THIS APARTMENT



OH BUT WHY? IT'S BIG ENOUGH NOT TOO EXPENSIVE, AND...

DON'T YOU THINK THIS MADAME PAUL IS A BIT OF A FUNNY BIRD? WHAT ABOUT THE FACT THAT IT IS A ROOMING HOUSE? WHAT KIND OF WEIRDOS WILL BE LIVING ON TOP OF US?



I DUNNO JULIE...

YEAH BUT ANDRÉ...

HEY ANDRÉ, IT'S CHEAP RENT, IT'S NOT TOO FAR FROM THE CENTER AND SCHOOL... WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR SUCH A LONG TIME!!



YEAH WELL ANYWAY... IT WILL BE JUST AS YOU LIKE

..EVEN THOUGH I THINK WE WILL BE SORRY



OH COME ON ANDRÉ, IT JUST CAN'T BE PERFECT!.. WE WILL BE ALL RIGHT!

YEAH YEAH...

LATER, AT THE UNIVERSITY...  
LOGAN STREET? WHERE'S THAT?



IT'S IN THE SOUTH-EAST PART. BUT ANDRÉ THINKS WE'RE MAKING A MISTAKE WITH IT

AH?

YEAH, BECAUSE OF MADAME PAUL...

(ANYWAY, YOUR BOY-FRIEND, HE'S NEVER HOME, SO WHAT!



YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT MAN!!

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PREVIOUSLY: JULIE AND ANDRÉ EVENTUALLY MOVED IN THEIR NEW APARTMENT.

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A MONTH LATER...

AAH, AT LAST, WE'RE AT HOME!.. WE WILL BE FINE HERE DON'T YOU THINK NOW?

GOING OUT?

I'LL GO WITH YOU.

YEAH, I'VE GOT TO GO BUY SOME CAT FOOD



YOOHOOOO! JULIE! DÉDÉ!



HEY, HOW'S IT GOING UP THERE, KIDS?

GOHA GO, REALLY



BYE! BYE DÉDÉ!

SO, TELL ME, SWEETIE, HOW ARE YOU?



AH! UH YES YES FINE THANK YOU!.. AND... YOU?

YOU'RE SO CUTE!.. MY POOR DARLING WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH A CHARACTER LIKE DÉDÉ?? HE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU, GIRL!

UH!?



YOU KNOW, I'D LOVE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY NEPHEW, REMEMBER? THE LANDLORD... HE'S SO GOOD-LOOKING, AND HE IS SO BRIGHT!!

AAAH WELL

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PREVIOUSLY: MADAME PAUL, THE JANITOR OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AND THE LANDLORD'S AUNT, LIKES JULIE VERY MUCH.

...THEN, AFTER, SHE STARTED TO TELL ME ABOUT HER WHOLE LIFE!..

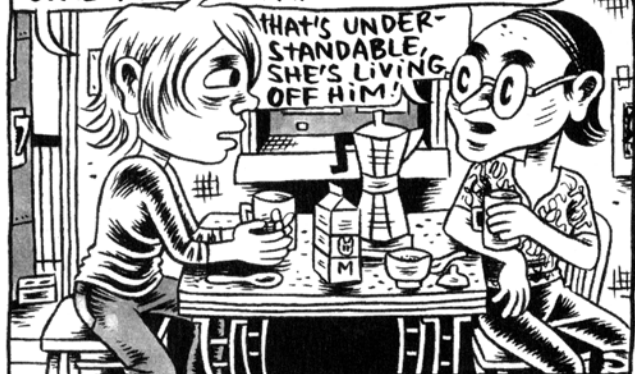
OH YEAH? TELL ME SOME OF IT! DOES IT MAKE A GOOD STORY?



YEAH WELL SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS FROM, UH, LANORAIE, AND THAT HER DAD WAS CULTIVATING TOBACCO ... SO SHE SPENT HER WHOLE CHILDHOOD WORKING HARD IN THE FIELDS... AND THEN REALLY YOUNG SHE RAN AWAY TO THE CITY WITH ONE OF HER COUSIN..



...SHE WORKED HERE AND THERE AT SHITTY JOBS ...UNTIL 2 OR 3 YEARS AGO, SHE THEN BECAME THE JANITOR OF THIS HOUSE FOR HER NEPHEW. I'M TELLING YOU SHE REALLY SEEMS TO LIKE THIS NEPHEW OF HERS!..



WHAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE, SHE'S LIVING OFF HIM!

WAS SHE EVER MARRIED?



NO, I DON'T THINK SO

NO KIDS THEN...

PROBABLY NOT

HM... I'D BE CURIOUS TO SEE THIS MADAME PAUL!..

WELL!!

AND WHERE'S YOUR DEAR DÉDÉ?



MY DEAR DÉDÉ!! SURELY HE IS IN A BAR WHO KNOWS WHERE, DOING WHAT HE ALWAYS DOES...

BUT HEY MAN, SOPHIE! WE WILL BE ON VACATION REAL SOON!



YEAH, FINALLY! TO THE VACATIONS!

JULIE! HEY JULIE!!



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PREVIOUSLY: JULIE AND HER BOYFRIEND ANDRÉ ARE NOW LIVING ON LOGAN STREET. MADAME PAUL IS THE JANITOR...



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 PREVIOUSLY: MADAME PAUL, THE JANITOR WHERE JULIE LIVES, INTRODUCES HER DEAR NEPHEW (WHICH IS THE LANDLORD) TO HER, JULIE.



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PREVIOUSLY: SCHOOL IS OVER. JULIE GOES BACK HOME TO JOIN HER BOYFRIEND... BUT, AS USUAL...



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PREVIOUSLY: MIDNIGHT. FRIGHTFUL THUDS AND CLATTERS ARE COMING FROM THE ROOMS UPSTAIRS.



THE NEXT DAY:



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PREVIOUSLY: ONE NIGHT, ONE OF THE NEIGHBOURS UPSTAIRS JULIE AND ANDRÉ'S PLACE (A FORMER PRISONER), WEND MAD.



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PREVIOUSLY: PROBLEMS KEEP ON COMING FROM THE NEIGHBOURS ON THE THIRD FLOOR.

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YEAH, I'M ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS UPSTAIRS, YOU SEE I JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR

AAH?



...IT'S ABOUT ONE OF THE GUYS UP THERE, HE'S GOT PROBLEMS. AND THIS TIME, HE'S ON HIS WAY TO A PRETTY BIG PROBLEM!

YOU KNOW, IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, I'M A QUIET GUY, I DO MY OWN THINGS AND Y'KNOW,

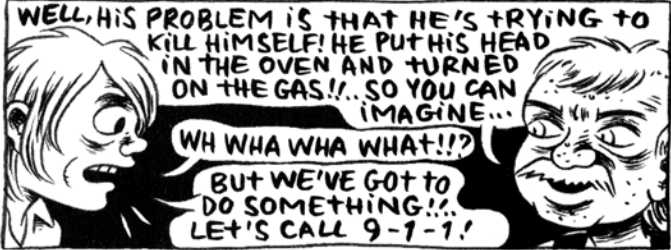
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ONCE IN A WHILE I WILL SMOKE SOME GRASS, NO THING E-VIL, NO THING BAD ...

SO YEAH, YOU UNDERSTAND, I DON'T WANT NO TROUBLE, I'M GOING TO SLEEP AT A FRIEND'S PLACE TONIGHT SO COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF MY T.V. UNTIL TOMORROW?



UH, YEAH, OK BUT WAIT, CAN YOU JUST TELL ME ABOUT THIS GUY'S PROBLEMS



WELL, HIS PROBLEM IS THAT HE'S TRYING TO KILL HIMSELF! HE PUT HIS HEAD IN THE OVEN AND TURNED ON THE GAS!!.. SO YOU CAN IMAGINE...

WH WHA WHA WHAT!?

BUT WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!! LET'S CALL 9-1-1!



NO WAY GIRL, THAT'S NONE OF OUR BUSINESS! FORGET WHAT I TOLD YOU AND GO SLEEP AT YOUR PARENT'S PLACE... ABOUT MY T.V. ...

SURE, IT'S NONE OF OUR BUSINESS BUT GAS, IT'S SUPER DANGEROUS!! WE HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE, THE FIRE MEN, WHATEVER!!

TO CALL THE... NO FUCKING WAY!

LISTEN, YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT, BUT CAN YOU PLEASE KEEP MY T.V. UNTIL...

OH COME ON, IF THE HOUSE BLOWS UP, YOUR T.V. WILL BLOW UP WITH IT!!



...THIS IS TOO SERIOUS, I'M CALLING 9-1-1

HEY! HEY!!



HELLO YES? UH, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM, IT'S THE NEIGHBOUR UPSTAIRS, HE...

JEEZUS FUCKING...

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PREVIOUSLY: ROBERT, A NEIGHBOUR, UPSTAIRS, WANTS JULIE TO TAKE CARE OF HIS T.V. BECAUSE OF A SUICIDAL ROOMMATE.

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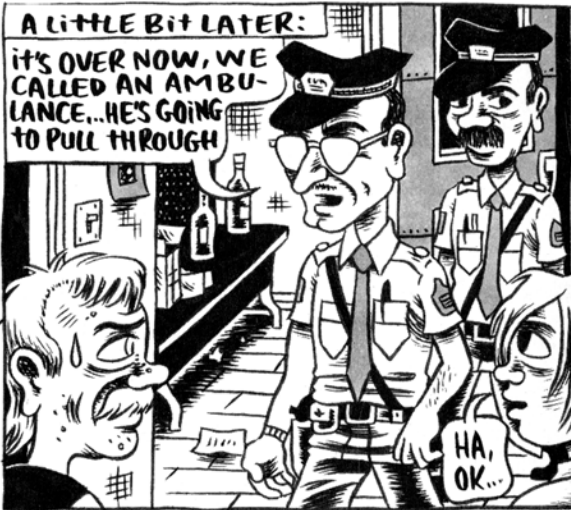


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PREVIOUSLY: A NEIGHBOUR TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF. JULIE IS FORCED TO CALL THE POLICE.

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A LITTLE BIT LATER:  
IT'S OVER NOW, WE CALLED AN AMBULANCE... HE'S GOING TO PULL THROUGH



I KNOW SOMEBODY WHO'S NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY WHEN HE WAKES UP

YEAH



WELL THANKS A LOT GIRL! IT'S ALL GOING TO FALL ON ME! ...HE'S GOING TO THINK I CALLED THE PIGS

JUST TELL HIM I DID IT



DID YOU SEE HOW THEY SNOOPED AROUND YOUR PLACE? I'M A GINE UPSTAIRS!! THANK GOD I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING LEFT TO SMOKE!!!



HI THERE!

HM!...I'M LEAVING, I'M GOING TO SLEEP AT MY BUDDY'S PLACE...

DON'T FORGET YOUR T.V.!!



UNH?! ... WHO THE F...??

But, WHERE WERE YOU!!!

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PREVIOUSLY: A NEIGHBOUR ON THE THIRD FLOOR PUTS HIS HEAD IN THE GAS OVEN. JULIE CALLS THE POLICE, THE GUY IS SAVED.

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PREVIOUSLY: AFTER A COUPLE OF EVENTFUL EPISODES, LIFE IS BACK TO NORMAL... BUT FOR HOW LONG?

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PREVIOUSLY: LATE AT NIGHT, ONE OF MADAME PAUL'S NEPHEW IS PAYING A VISIT TO JULIE. HE'S LOOKING FOR HIS AUNT.

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PREVIOUSLY: DENIS, ONE OF MADAME PAUL'S NEPHEW, IS LOOKING FOR HER, IT'S COMPLETELY ANOTHER VERSION OF HER LIFE THAT HE TELLS TO JULIE

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PREVIOUSLY: BAD NEWS: THE ROOMING HOUSE WHERE JULIE AND ANDRÉ LIVE HAS BEEN SOLD...AND MADAME PAUL VANISHED TO THIN AIR...

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SOME TEN DAYS WENT BY. THEY ALREADY STARTED THE RENOVATIONS IN MADAME PAUL'S APARTMENT... THEY SURE ARE IN A HURRY!



SO THAT'S IT NOW..

...WHEN THAT ONE WILL BE FINISHED, WE WILL MOVE IN DOWNSTAIRS, SO THEY CAN START WORKING ON OUR APARTMENT. THEN OF COURSE THEY WILL RAISE OUR RENT LIKE HELL!!



LOOK! THAT'S HIM, THAT'S THE NEW LANDLORD... THE TALL SKINNY GUY WITH THE WIG AND THE GLASSES OVER THERE...



THAT'S THE PÂQUETTE ENTERPRISES, THEY ARE A BUILDING COMPANY, THAT'S WHY HE'S ACTUALLY HERE



THE OTHER DAY WITH HIS WIFE THEY CAME TO VISIT US TO INFORM US ABOUT THE WHOLE BUSINESS

VERY NICE COUPLE!



ON TOP OF HIS WIG, WHICH LOOKS MORE LIKE A HELMET, I THINK HE'S GOT ONE GLASS EYE!! AND SHE IS JUST A BIG BLEACHED-BLOND-BIMBO, AND LOOKS LIKE SHE'S WEARING THE PANTS AND RUNNING THE COMPANY!!



THEY ARE TRYING HARD TO IMPRESS US, BUT WE HAVE RIGHTS! WE CAN'T JUST WALK AWAY WE HAVE TO RAISE OUR RENT LIKE THAT! WE THERE FIRST WON'T LET GO EASILY!!



I THOUGHT THIS WAS A NICE AND QUIET LITTLE APARTMENT WE FOUND. IN THE END, ANDRÉ WAS RIGHT...IT WAS NOTHING BUT TROUBLE SINCE WE MOVED IN THIS PLACE

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PREVIOUSLY: THE HOUSE WHERE JULIE AND ANDRÉ LIVE HAS BEEN SOLD. THE RENOVATION WORK WAS STARTED IN MADAME PAUL'S APARTMENT, WHO LEFT.

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PREVIOUSLY: THE SUMMER IS OVER. JULIE AND ANDRE MOVED IN MADAME PAUL'S OLD APARTMENT, WHICH IS NOW RENOVATED.

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I WONDER... IF I COULD... SHE'S BEEN GONE FOR 2 WHOLE MONTHS NOW



WELL, I CAN SAY I MADE A MISTAKE THINKING THIS LETTER WAS FOR ME

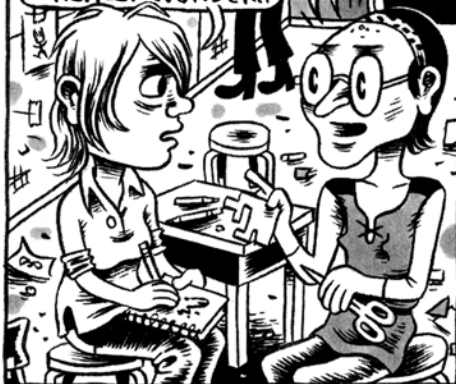


THE NEXT DAY, AT THE UNIVERSITY... ... A \$600 CHECK FROM HER NEPHEW THE LANDLORD YOU KNOW? BACK



MAY BE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER?... OR SHE IS SCARED OF SOMEBODY, OR SOMETHING???

I REALLY WONDER!



THEN WHAT ELSE DID SHE RECEIVE? NOTHING INTERESTING, ALL SORTS OF BILLS, FOR DIFFERENT THINGS... I DIDN'T OPEN THEM ALL!

AND YOU DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING ELSE IN THE APARTMENT?



THE BASEMENT?

THE BASEMENT!! YES!! GOOD IDEA!



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# MADAME PAUL AFFAIR

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PREVIOUSLY: MADAME PAUL LEFT SOME MAIL BEHIND HER. AMONGST THEM, A \$600 CHECK FROM HER NEPHEW. JULIE AND SOPHIE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE OLD LADY.

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PREVIOUSLY: BECAUSE THEY WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MADAME PAUL, JULIE AND SOPHIE DECIDE TO CHECK OUT THE BASEMENT OF THE HOUSE.

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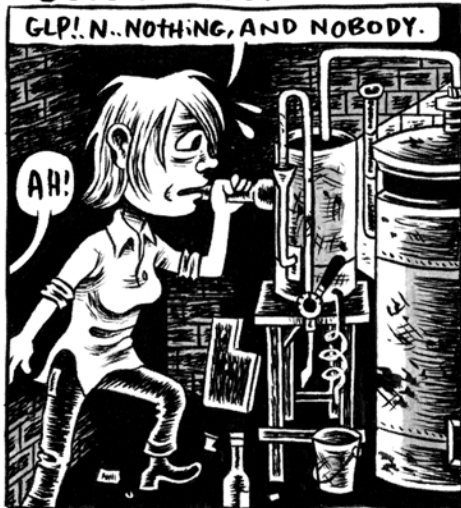


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PREVIOUSLY: IN THE BASEMENT OF HER BUILDING, JULIE AND SOPHIE FOUND SOME FUNNY THINGS: A BED, A TABLE AND LOTS OF EMPTY BOTTLES.

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PREVIOUSLY: IN A BAR DOWNTOWN, JULIE AND SOPHIE HAVE A TALK ABOUT THEIR DISCOVERY IN MADAME PAUL'S BASEMENT... AND THEY MEET SOMEBODY.

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PREVIOUSLY: BY CHANCE, IN A BAR, JULIE AND SOPHIE MET JACQUES PAUL, ONE OF MADAME PAUL'S NEPHEWS... AND ALSO THE FORMER LANDLORD OF THE HOUSE ON LOGAN STREET.

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HALF AN HOUR LATER...

YEAH, FOR SURE IT IS

STRANGE, BUT...



OF COURSE IT IS A HIDING PLACE!!

IT SURE LOOKS LIKE IT, IT SURE DOES!



YES BUT I DON'T SEE HOW MY AUNT COULD BE FRIENDS WITH A GANGSTER!

I SAID GANGSTERS, I DON'T KNOW!!



IT'S PROBABLY ONLY SOME NO GOOD OLD FURNITURE

YES BUT WHAT ABOUT THE LAMP...

WELL...



...JUST TO LIT THE BASEMENT TO COME DOWN HERE I SUPPOSE...

HERE'S MADAME PAUL'S MAIL



UH, I MAY HAVE MADE A MISTAKE, I OPENED ONE OR TWO OF THOSE LETTERS

MM



I THINK I'LL GIVE YOU MY CARD, IN CASE YOU RECEIVE MORE MAIL, OR...IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS FROM AUNT HUGUETTE...

HM...



I MEAN...IT'S BECAUSE...IN FACT I DON'T KNOW EITHER WHERE SHE WENT!

???

# THE MADAME PAUL AFFAIRE

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PREVIOUSLY: JULIE AND SOPHIE WENT BACK DOWN IN THE BASEMENT, AND THIS TIME WITH JACQUES PAUL, WHO ADMITTED LATER HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HIS AUNT WAS. PAUL. © j. doucet



THE NEXT MORNING... MMBL... I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR HIM COME BACK HOME! HE PROBABLY SPENT THE WHOLE NIGHT IN A BAR...



YESTERDAY... AH YES! THE BASEMENT! WHAT A STORY!

ALRIGHT ALREADY!  
MIAW MIAW MIAW



LOOKS LIKE MADAME PAUL DISAPPEARED! JACQUES PAUL DIDN'T SEE HER SINCE THREE DAYS BEFORE THE OFFICIAL SALE OF THE HOUSE...



LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T KNOW MORE THAN WE DO.. HE DOESN'T KNOW AT ALL WHAT TO THINK..

WHATEVER HE SAYS..



...I FIND THE WHOLE SET-UP IN THE BASEMENT PRETTY ODD! IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT MADAME PAUL WAS HIDING SOMEBODY!



MAY BE SHE KNEW WAY TOO MUCH ABOUT THAT PERSON AND SHE GOT SCARED SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN TO HERSELF

DING DONG

OH NO! THAT MUST BE...



GOOD MORNING MISS I'VE GOT TO FINISH A JOB ON YOUR BATHROOM COUNTER Y'KNOW...

YEAH, OK...



HEY, YOU KNOW WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE LEASE

AAH FOR THAT MATTER YOU HAVE TO TALK TO MY WIFE. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT...

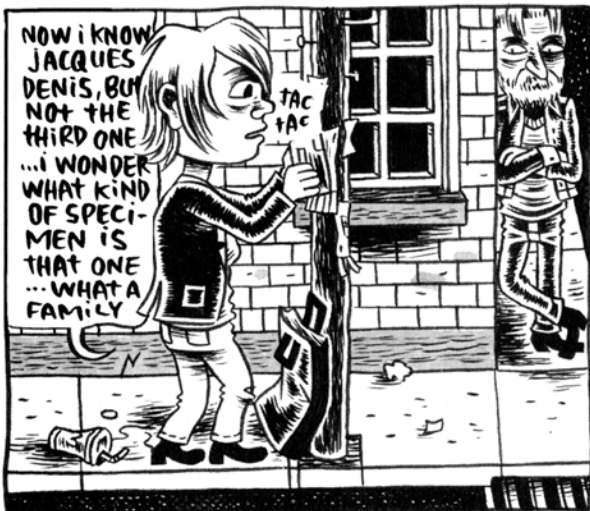
FUCK YOU!!

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PREVIOUSLY: JACQUES PAUL, ONE OF MADAME PAUL'S NEPHEWS, ADMITTED HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HIS AUNT IS. JULIE IS CONVINCED THAT SHE WAS HIDING SOMEBODY IN HER BASEMENT...

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# THE MADAME PAUL AFFAIR

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PREVIOUSLY: WHILE SHE IS WALKING TO THE UNIVERSITY, JULIE IS PUTTING ADS TO GIVE AWAY HER KITTENS. A STRANGER IS FOLLOWING HER.

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PREVIOUSLY: JULIE AND SOPHIE DECIDED TO GO BACK TO THE BASEMENT TO SEARCH IT BUT THIS TIME METICULOUSLY... THEN SOMEBODY DISTURBS THEM.

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# THE MADAME PAUL AFFAIR

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PREVIOUSLY: AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY: WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS AN OLD FURNACE IN THE BASEMENT TURNED OUT TO BE A STILL! THANK YOU ANDRÉ.

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THE NEXT DAY, END OF AFTERNOON... AND NOW IT IS CLEAR WHY MADAME PAUL DISAPPEARED, RIGHT?

YEAH, SHE PROBABLY WASN'T TOO HAPPY WHEN HER NEPHEW DECIDED TO SELL THE HOUSE



THE POOR JACQUES NEVER KNEW NOTHING!

BUT MAY BE HE DID?

HE WOULD BE A DAMN GOOD ACTOR IN THAT CASE!



SHOULD WE TELL HIM?

I DON'T KNOW... MAY BE NOT RIGHT AWAY ANYWAY



BACK HOME...

HELLO HELLO

UHH HELLO...



DID YOU SPEAK TO HIS WIFE? DID SHE COME?

NO, HE SAYS SHE'S SICK IN BED SINCE LAST NIGHT...

YEAH RIGHT MAN!



...SO WHAT'S NEW?

NOTHING

SURE? NO NEWS FROM YOUR FRIEND JACQUES?

MY FRIEND JACQUES!? OH COME ON!



AH YES, BEFORE I FORGET, SOMEBODY CALLED FOR THE KITTENS...

HE'S GOING TO COME BY TONIGHT, I SAID YOU'D BE HERE

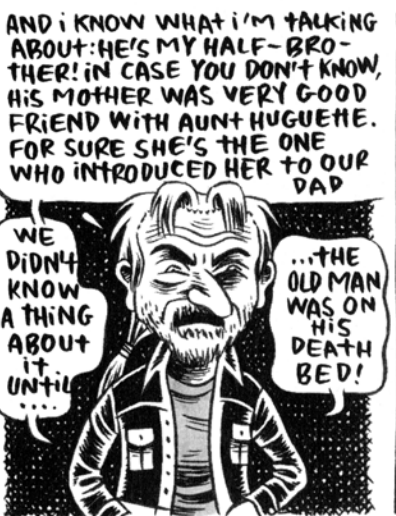
FINE.

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PREVIOUSLY: JULIE AND HER FRIENDS DISCOVERED A STILL INSTALLED IN THE BASEMENT. MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF AN EXPLANATION TO MADAME PAUL'S DISAPPEARANCE?

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PREVIOUSLY: SERGE PAUL, MADAME PAUL'S THIRD NEPHEW, CAME TO VISIT JULIE. THEY TALKED ABOUT HIS DEAR FAMILY.

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PREVIOUSLY: AFTER THE SURPRISING AND THREATENING VISIT OF SERGE PAUL, JULIE CALLED HIS HALF-BROTHER JACQUES, TO TELL HIM ABOUT IT.

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# THE MADAME PAUL AFFAIR

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PREVIOUSLY: JULIE WENT TO MEET JACQUES PAUL IN A BAR DOWNTOWN, TO CHAT. ANDRÉ DIDN'T LIKE IT AT ALL.

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PREVIOUSLY: AFTER HIS MEETING WITH JULIE JACQUES PAUL GOES TO VISIT HIS HALF-BROTHER DENIS IS THERE.

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PREVIOUSLY: AT THE UNIVERSITY, JULIE AND SOPHIE WERE TALKING ABOUT IF JACQUES PAUL WAS INVOLVED WITH THE STILL AFFAIR, WHEN OUTSIDE, THEY DISCOVER SOMEBODY'S FOLLOWING THEM.

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PREVIOUSLY: JUST WHEN THEY COME OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY, JULIE AND SOPHIE FOUND OUT THEY ARE FOLLOWED, AND TRY TO RUN AWAY FROM THE FOLLOWER.

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PREVIOUSLY: JULIE AND SOPHIE WENT IN THE FIRST BAR THEY SAW, TO HIDE FROM A MAN FOLLOWING THEM... WHO TURNED OUT TO BE ANDRÉ AND THEN, THERE IS...

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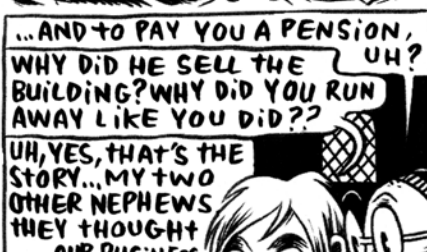
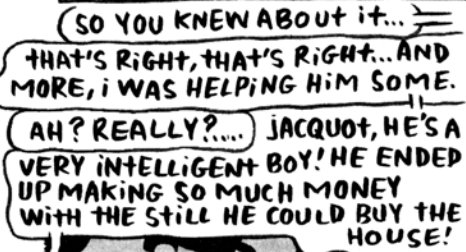


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PREVIOUSLY: JULIE, SOPHIE AND ANDRÉ AND THE WHOLE FAMILY IS REUNITED IN A BAR. IT'S THE BIG FINAL EXPLANATION.

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PREVIOUSLY: THE PAUL FAMILY SETTLED THEIR OWN HASH. ANDRÉ HELPED THEM, WHILE MADAME PAUL TOLD THE WHOLE STORY TO JULIE AND SOPHIE...

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MY BROTHER GILBERT WAS MARRIED, AND HAD TWO SONS. BUT... HE ALSO HAD A GIRLFRIEND...

THAT'S RIGHT! SHE ALSO HAD A BOY FROM HIM... JACQUOT. THE FAMILY LEARNED ABOUT IT ONLY SOME TIME BEFORE GILBERT DIED... AND WHEN...

YOUR FRIEND LOUISE?

... LOUISE DIED, A COUPLE OF YEARS LATER, I WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK CARE OF THE KID... SNIFF! ANYWAY, WHEN DENIS AND SERGE STARTED TO SNOOP AROUND AND ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS...



I GOT SCARED, I THOUGHT THEY KNEW JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING ABOUT THE BUSINESS, AND THAT THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO CATCH US!



AH!.. I FELT SO MUCH LIKE THE MEAT IN THE SANDWICH, I COULDN'T FACE IT ANYMORE!.. I LEFT.

WHEN I THINK THAT THOSE TWO SILLY BOYS THOUGHT THAT WE TOOK AWAY THE INHERITANCE?

HUT WHO ELSE THEN? OH WELL... HAA... THERE WAS NO INHERITANCE AT ALL! MY POOR BROTHER DIDN'T HAVE A PENNY, THAT'S THE WAY IT IS!..



ENOUGH! THE WHOLE FAMILY OUT!!.



OOPS

OK OK...

HEY DID I FINISH MY BEER OR WHAT?



DOES IT HURT?

WE'RE MOVING OUT OF THERE, WE'RE MOVING, AND NOW!!

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PREVIOUSLY: AFTER THE COMPLETE EXPLANATION AND THE FIGHT, EVERYBODY GOES BACK HOME.

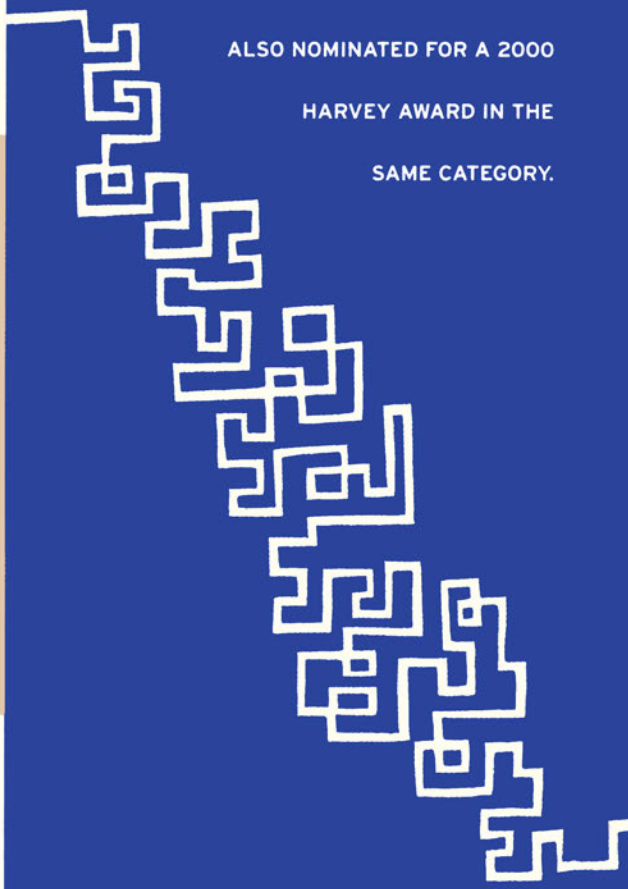
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JULIE DOUCET LIVES IN MONTREAL WHERE SHE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A SERIES OF WOODCUT PRINTS. HER MOST RECENT BOOK, "MY NEW YORK DIARY", WON THE 2000 FIRECRACKER ALTERNATIVE BOOK AWARD FOR BEST GRAPHIC ALBUM AND WAS ALSO NOMINATED FOR A 2000 HARVEY AWARD IN THE SAME CATEGORY.



SOPHIE

JULIE



IN A BAR DOWNTOWN