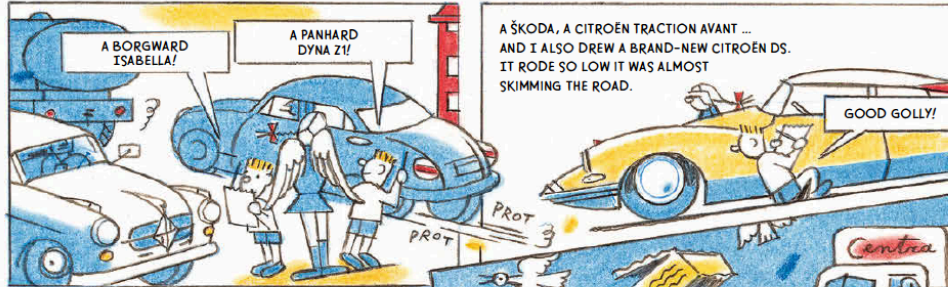
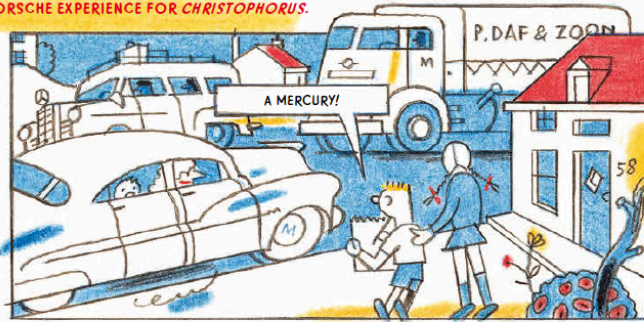


BELGIAN CARICATURIST EVER MEULEN DRAWS HIS FIRST PORSCHE EXPERIENCE FOR CHRISTOPHORUS.

# Porsche Teens

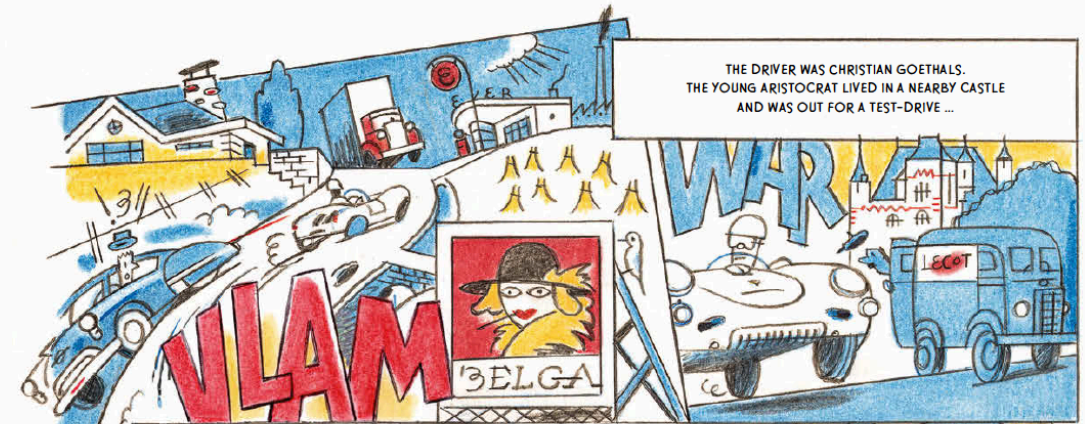
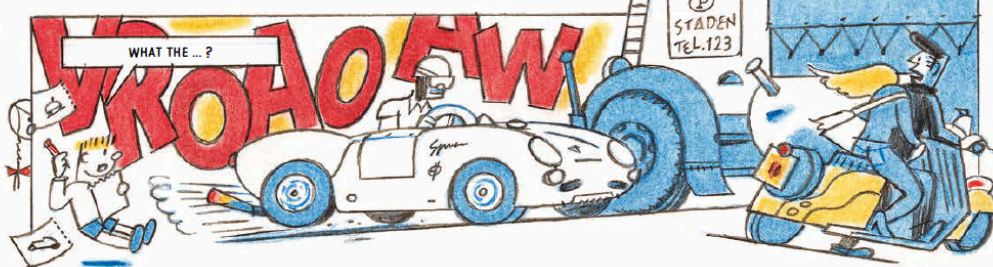
I WAS TEN YEARS OLD IN 1956. MY BIG SISTER ROZA WAS MY GUARDIAN ANGEL WHEN WE PLAYED OUTSIDE. WE LIVED ON A BUSY ROAD JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KORTRIJK (COURTRAI) AND I WAS CRAZY ABOUT CARS! I KNEW EVERY MODEL BY HEART AND DREW THEM ALL.



THERE WASN'T MUCH TRAFFIC BACK THEN. DRIVERS WAVED AT EACH OTHER AND DROVE SLOWLY.

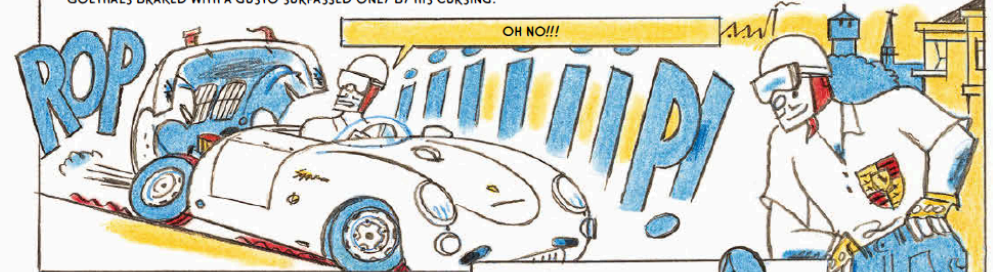


IT WAS SPECTACULAR THE WAY HE CAME OUT OF NOWHERE WITH THAT ROARING ENGINE. YOU COULD SEE THE DRIVER'S WHITE HELMET POKING OUT OF THE SMALL RACE CAR ...

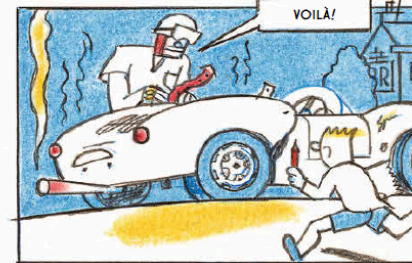


GOETHALS WAS A REAL RACE-CAR DRIVER AND DROVE A PORSCHE. HE WON THE GRAND PRIX DE LEOPOLDVILLE IN THE FORMER BELGIAN CONGO AS WELL AS THE RACES IN CHIMAY, ZANDVOORT, PARIS, AND MORE. HE ALSO SCORED PODIUM FINISHES ON THE AVUS IN BERLIN, IN FRANCORCHAMPS, AND IN ARGENTINA.

ONE DAY HE ZIPPED PAST OUR HOUSE AGAIN AND SUDDENLY THE HOOD FLEW OPEN IN THE REAR. GOETHALS BRAKED WITH A GUSTO SURPASSED ONLY BY HIS CURSING.



BUT IN A FLASH, HE SOLVED THE PROBLEM WITH HIS BELT.



THAT DAY, I DISCOVERED THE SINGULAR BEAUTY OF THIS SMALL SPORTS CAR UP CLOSE AND WROTE THE SUBLIME NAME UNDER MY NEW DRAWING: PORSCHE 550 SPYDER.

RACE CARS LIKE THE PORSCHE 550 SPYDER WERE OFTEN STILL STREET LEGAL IN THOSE DAYS. YOU DROVE TO THE EVENTS YOURSELF, TOOK PART IN THE RACE, AND THEN DROVE HOME AGAIN. NOWADAYS RACE CARS ARE RESTRICTED TO THE RACETRACK.