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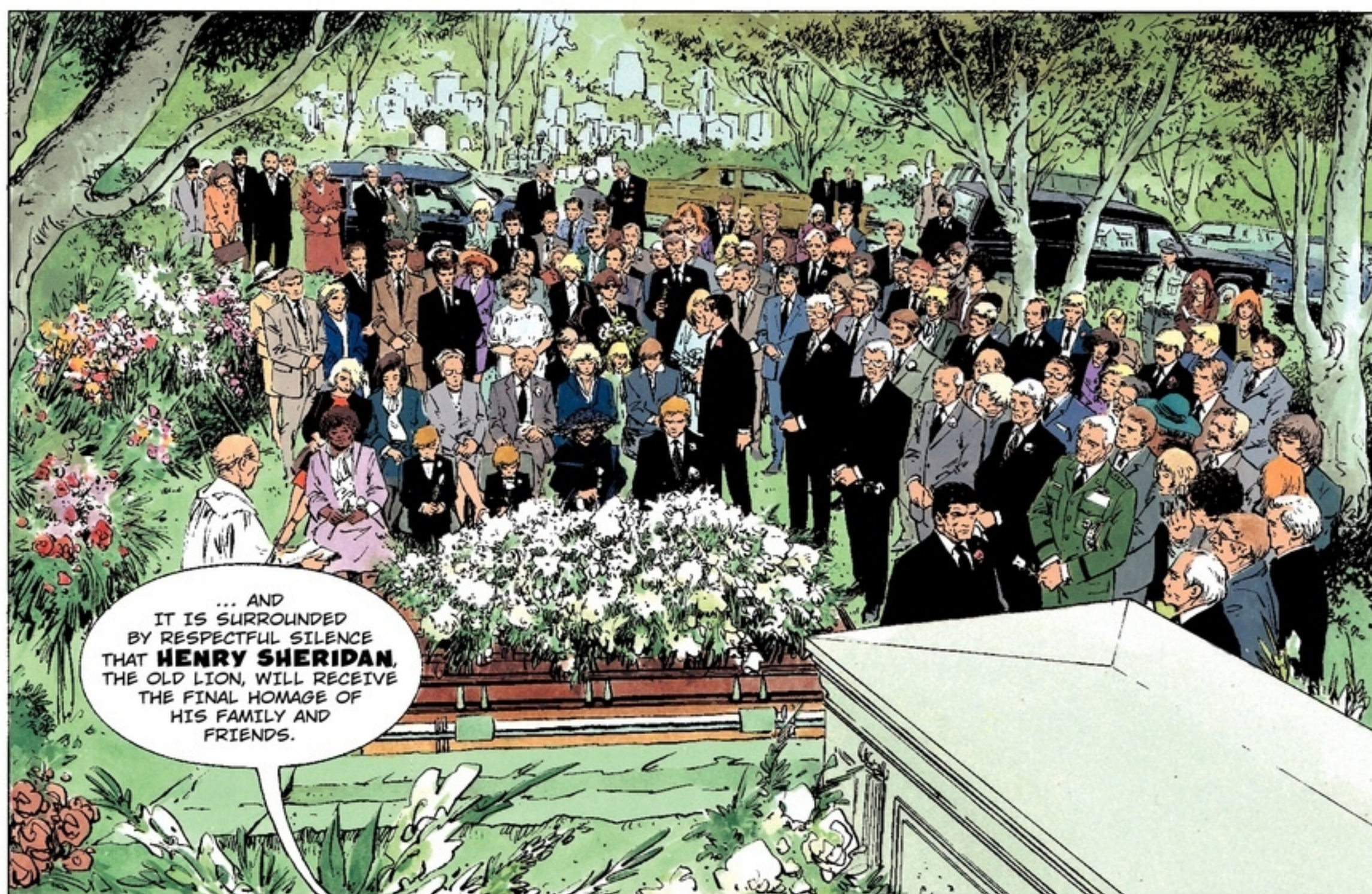
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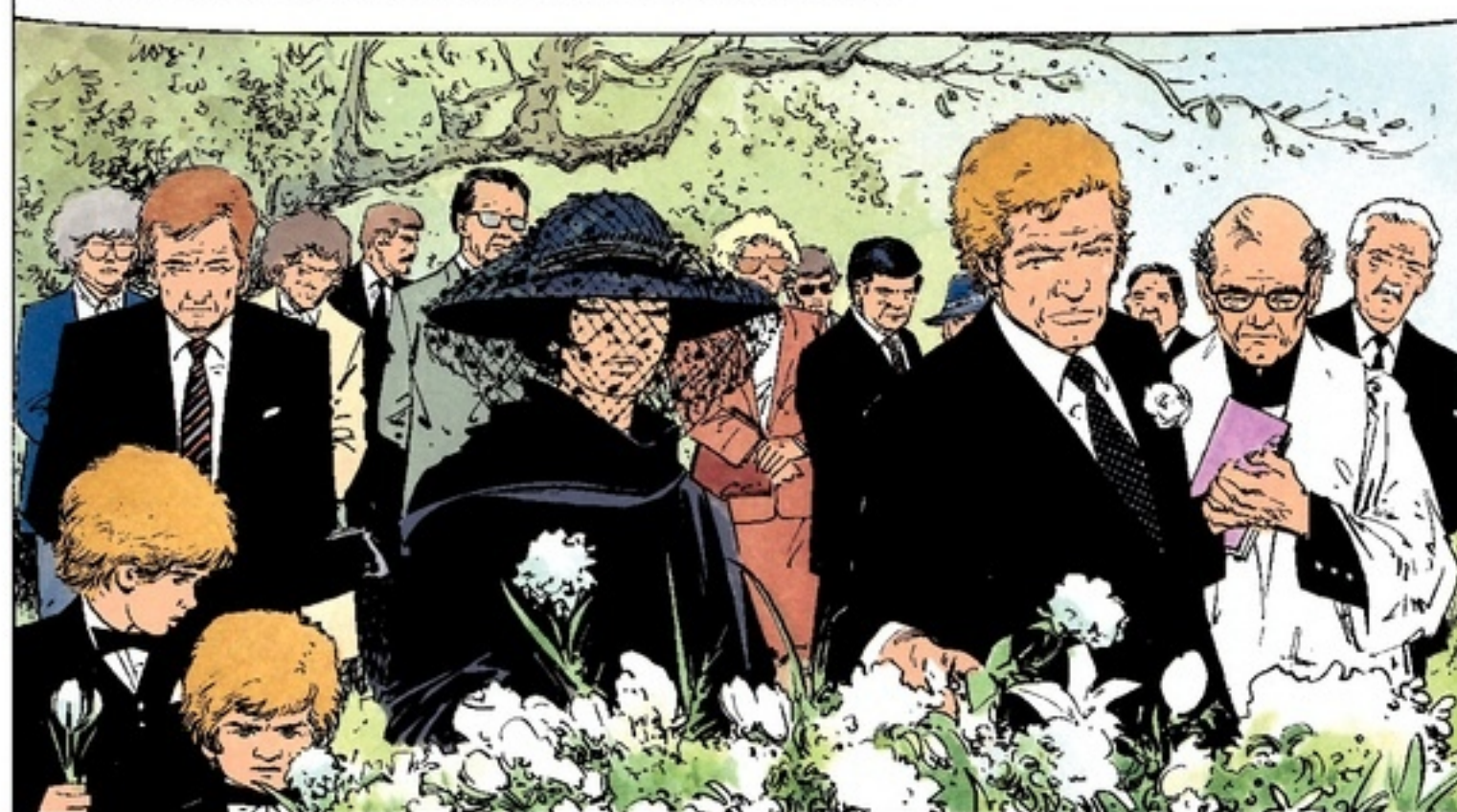
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YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, THAT SENATOR **WALTER "WALLY" SHERIDAN**, THE HEIR TO THE DYNASTY, IS CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HIS OWN MURDERED BROTHER. WALLY SHERIDAN, WHOM EVERY POLL GIVES AS THE WINNER.



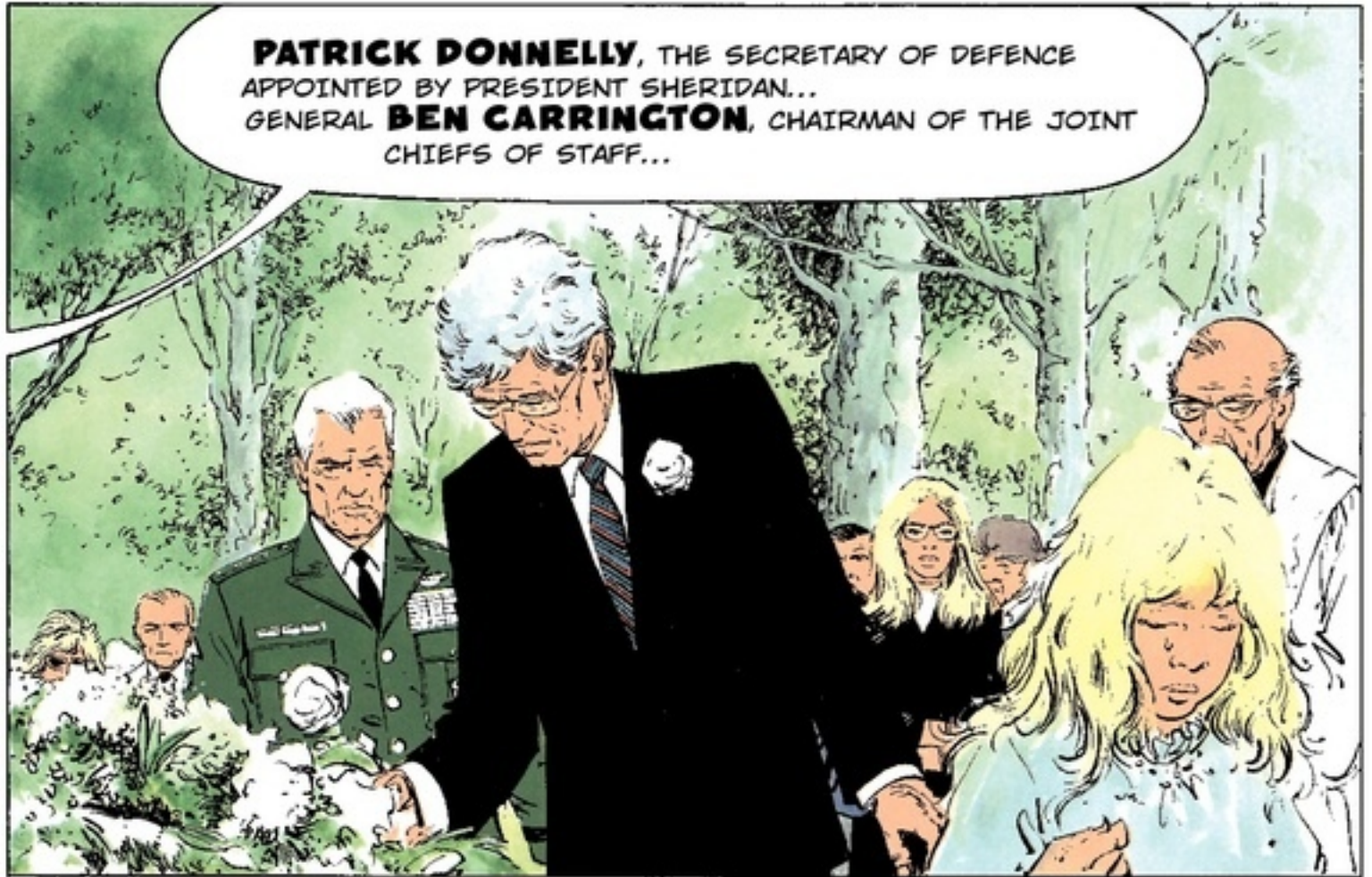
HIS OPPONENT IN THIS RACE, CURRENT PRESIDENT **JOSEPH GALBRAIN**, SENT HIS PERSONAL ADVISOR TO EXPRESS HIS SYMPATHY TO HIS YOUNG CHALLENGER. A MAN LITTLE KNOWN TO THE PEOPLE AT LARGE, THE HONOURABLE **CALVIN WAX**.



EVEN THOUGH HE HAD BECOME A NATIONAL FIGURE, HENRY SHERIDAN REQUESTED A STRICTLY INTIMATE BURIAL CEREMONY. BUT NUMEROUS PERSONALITIES, WHO WERE ALSO HIS FRIENDS, CAME TO PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS TO HIM...



PATRICK DONNELLY, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENCE APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT SHERIDAN...
GENERAL **BEN CARRINGTON**, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF...



ADMIRAL **CARL HEIDEGER**, DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE...
CHIEF JUSTICE **ART LONGMAN**, HEAD OF THE SUPREME COURT...



WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THERE?... IT LOOKS LIKE A REPORTER IS ATTEMPTING TO FORCE HIS WAY THROUGH THE SECURITY SURROUNDING THE SHERIDAN FAMILY...



I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS COLLEAGUE IS, BUT I THINK HE OUGHT TO RESPECT...
WHAT?!...



OH, MY GOD!!

BANG BANG



**THIS IS TERRIBLE... THIS IS A TRAGEDY...
WALLY SHERIDAN HAS JUST BEEN MURDERED
BEFORE OUR VERY EYES!...**



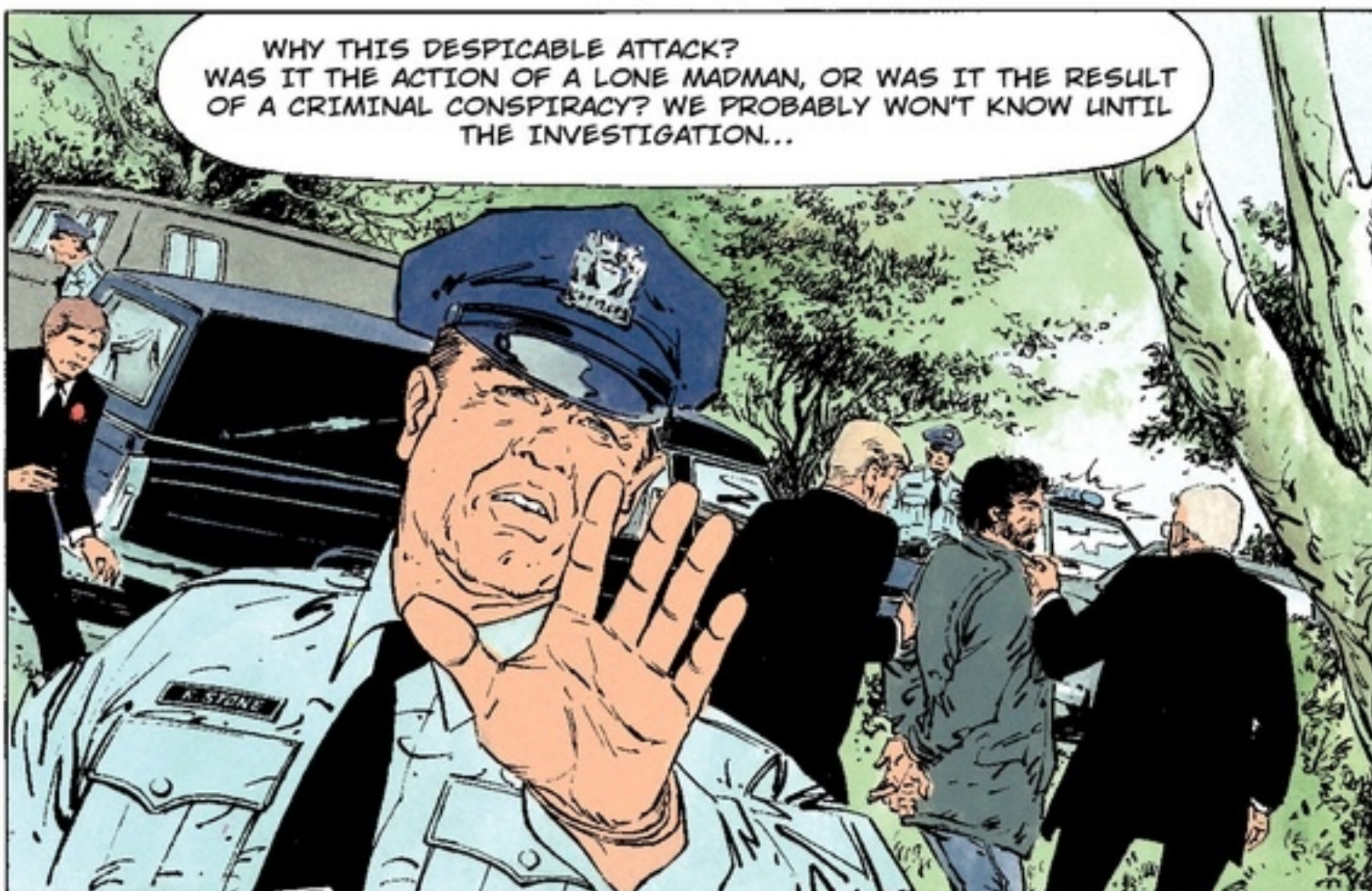
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?
ZOOM IN ON WALLY, DAMMIT!
ZOOM IN!



NO, HE OPENED HIS EYES. HE'S ALIVE!...
**WALLY SHERIDAN'S
ALIVE!...**



WHY THIS DESPICABLE ATTACK?
WAS IT THE ACTION OF A LONE MADMAN, OR WAS IT THE RESULT
OF A CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY? WE PROBABLY WON'T KNOW UNTIL
THE INVESTIGATION...





FEELS
LIKE WE'RE IN
"AFRICAN QUEEN."

WHAT'S
THAT?

AN OLD MOVIE WITH HUMPHREY BOGART.
YOU'VE PROBABLY SEEN IT, ONLY YOU
FORGOT IT LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE.
ANYWAY, I LOOK NOTHING LIKE KATHERINE
HEPBURN.



COULDN'T TELL YOU.
LISTEN, LIEUTENANT, DON'T YOU THINK
WE'VE BEEN VERY LUCKY?



TO HAVE BEEN
PICKED UP BY GOOD
OLD EMILIANO HERE?

THAT TOO, YES.
BUT EVEN MORE SO FOR NOT CATCHING A
SINGLE GLIMPSE OF THE SPADS THAT
MCCALL COULDN'T HAVE FAILED TO SEND
AFTER US.*



DAMNED MOSQUITOES!...
YES, I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT'S
STRANGE.

BUT WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET.
AND MCCALL COULD STILL PULL ONE
OF HIS DIRTY TRICKS ON US.



SPEAKING OF LEAVING
THE WOODS, ARE WE THERE YET?
I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH
PLAYING JUNGLE JANE IN
MY BABYDOLL PJS.

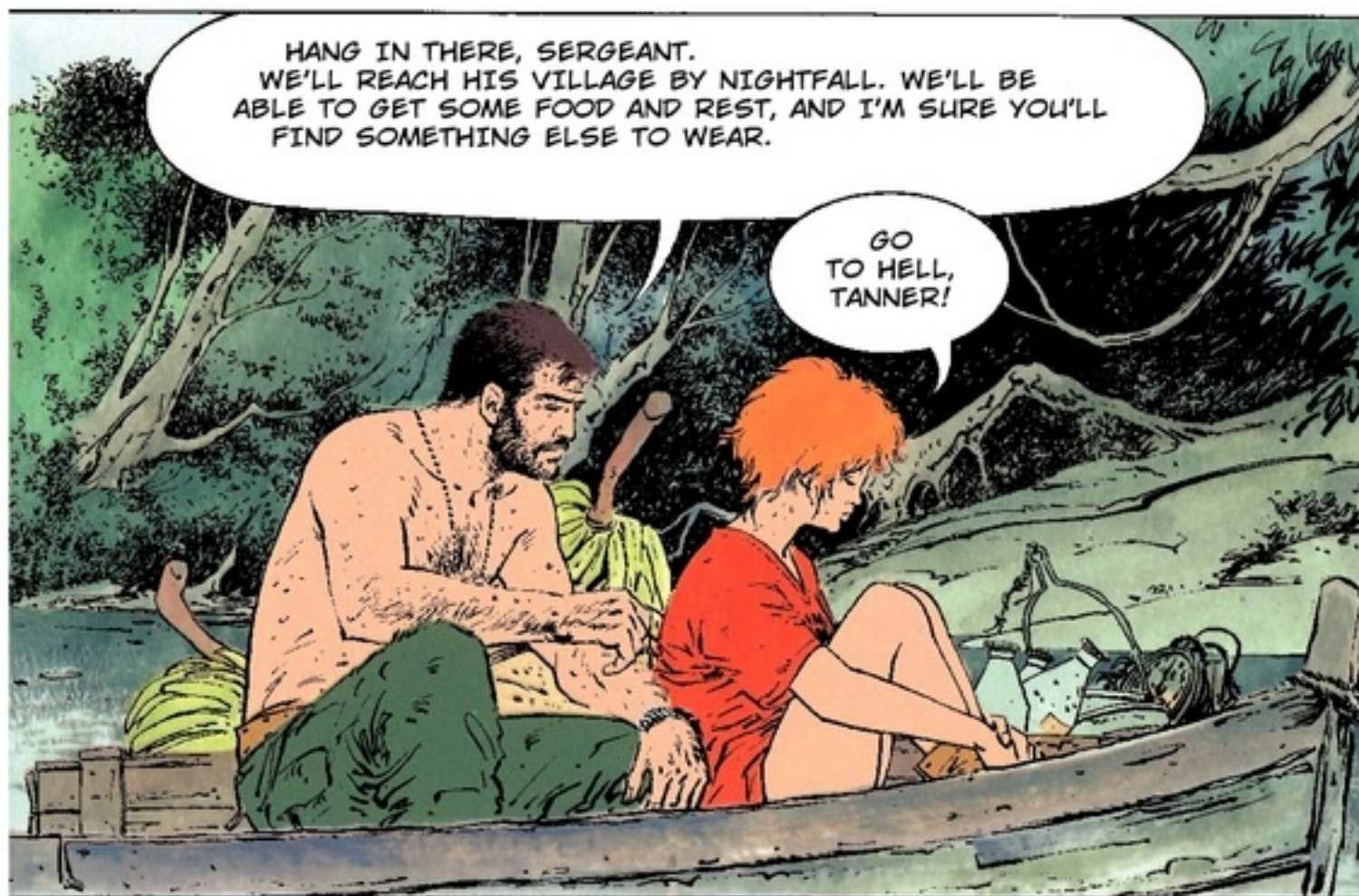


¿CUANDO LLEGAREMOS A TU
ALDEA, EMILIANO?

DESPUÉS DE
ANOCHECER, SEÑOR.
SI DIOS
QUIERE.**

*SEE SPADS.

***"WHEN WILL WE GET TO YOUR VILLAGE, EMILIANO?" "AFTER NIGHTFALL, SIR. IF GOD WILLS IT."



HANG IN THERE, SERGEANT. WE'LL REACH HIS VILLAGE BY NIGHTFALL. WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME FOOD AND REST, AND I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO WEAR.

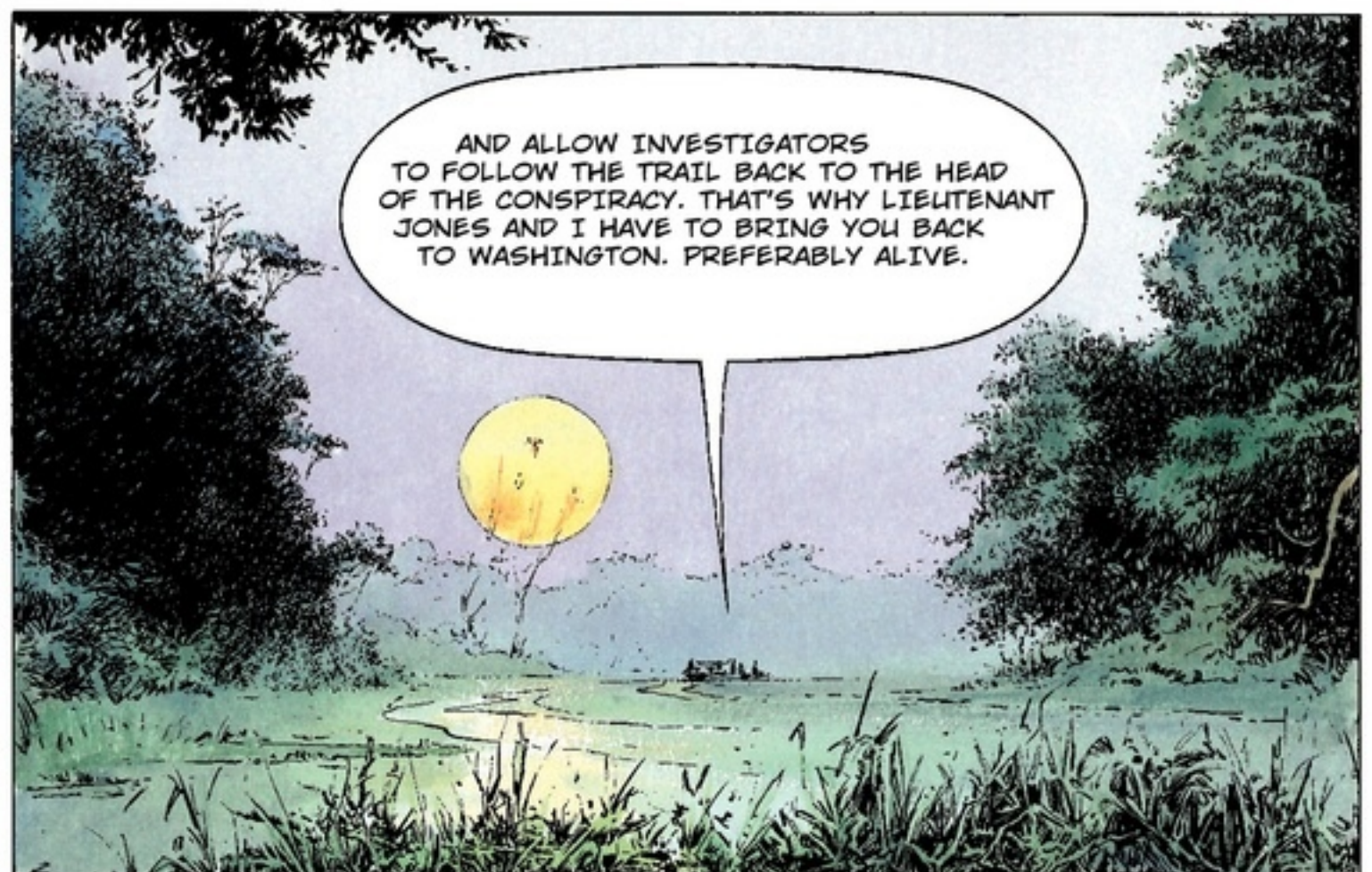
GO TO HELL, TANNER!

OR FLY, OR WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS, YOU SON OF A GUN! BEFORE YOU ARRIVED, I HAD IT MADE: HEALTHY LIFE, GOOD FOOD, HOT GUYS AND NO PROBLEMS. NOW, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A JUNGLE, HUNTED, EXHAUSTED, STARVING AND PRACTICALLY STARK NAKED... AND NOT EVEN SURE THAT I CHOSE THE RIGHT SIDE!



I FEEL... RIDICULOUS.

I'M SORRY, BETTY. BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO CAN TESTIFY TO COLONEL MCCALL'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SHERIDAN.*



AND ALLOW INVESTIGATORS TO FOLLOW THE TRAIL BACK TO THE HEAD OF THE CONSPIRACY. THAT'S WHY LIEUTENANT JONES AND I HAVE TO BRING YOU BACK TO WASHINGTON. PREFERABLY ALIVE.



POOR KID. I HOPE SHE CAN KEEP IT TOGETHER.

SHE MIGHT BE IN NEED OF SOME MORE... TANGIBLE COMFORT. LIKE YOU ALREADY GAVE HER SO SELFLESSLY.*



WAS THAT JEALOUSY, JONES?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, XIII. AND LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR A WHILE...



THERE'S NO MENTION OF IT IN THE JASON FLY FILE. SO, **WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO SPEAK SPANISH?**

*SEE SPADS.