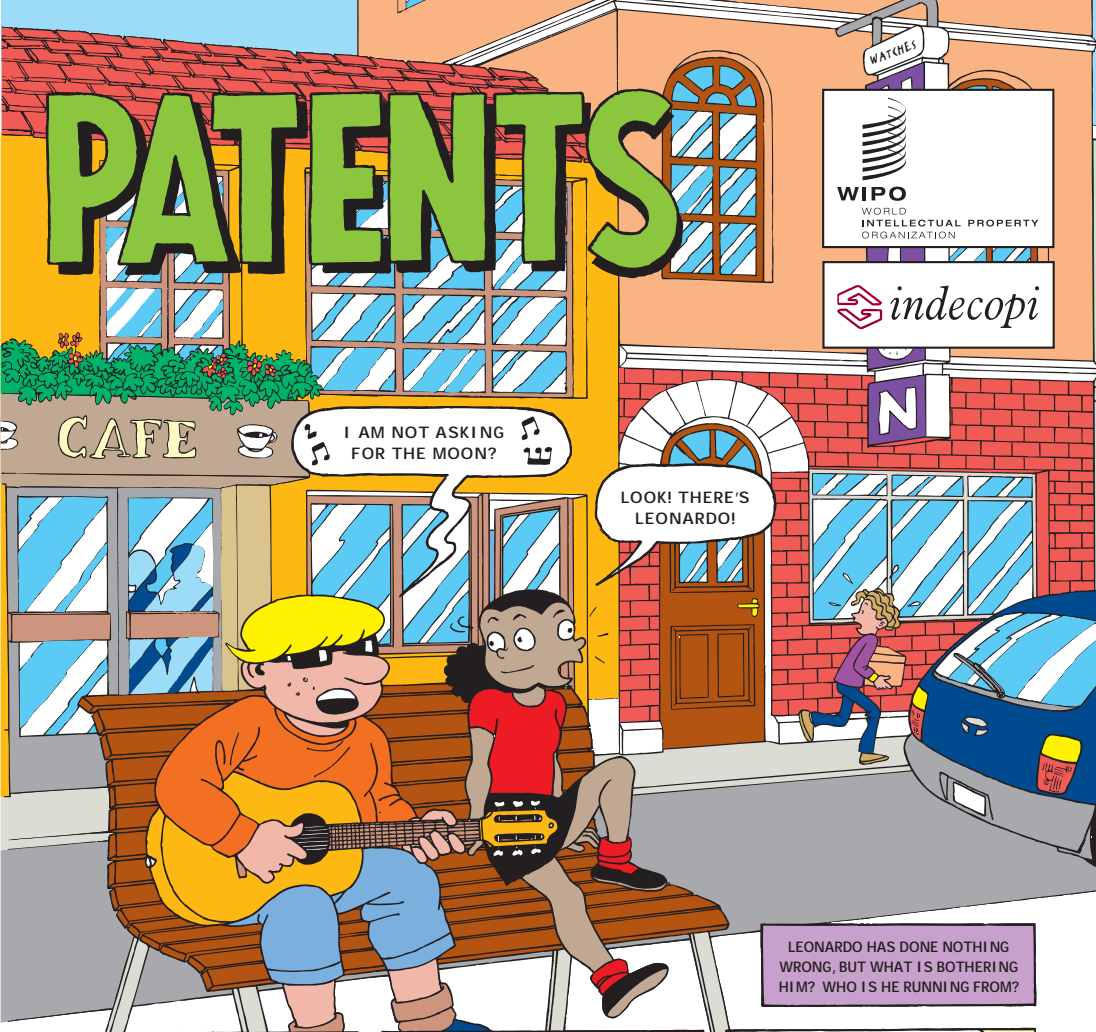


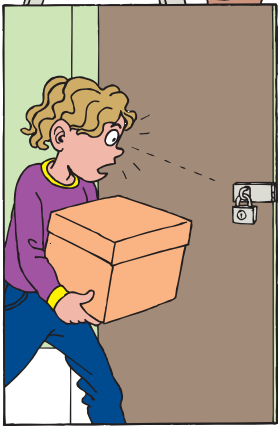
PATENTS



I AM NOT ASKING FOR THE MOON?

LOOK! THERE'S LEONARDO!

LEONARDO HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG, BUT WHAT IS BOTHERING HIM? WHO IS HE RUNNING FROM?



THAT GUY IS CRAZY...

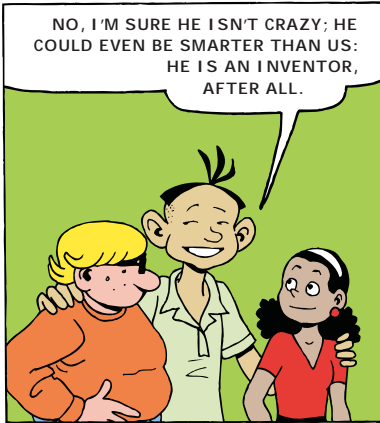
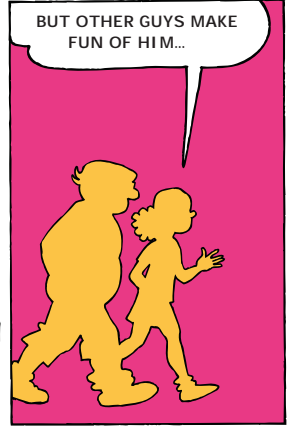
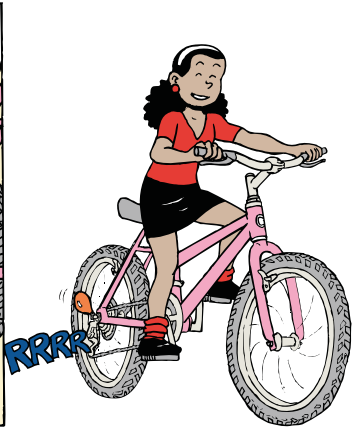
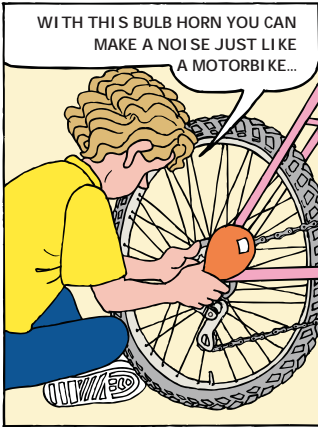
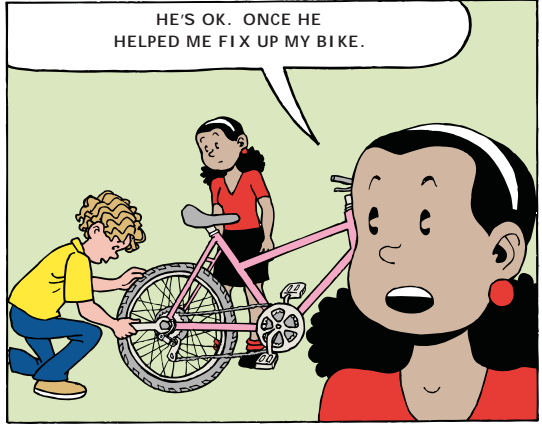
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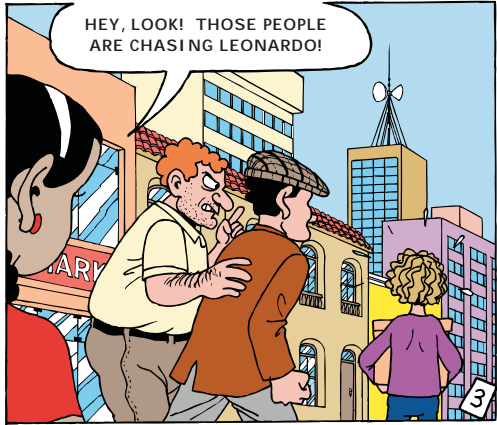
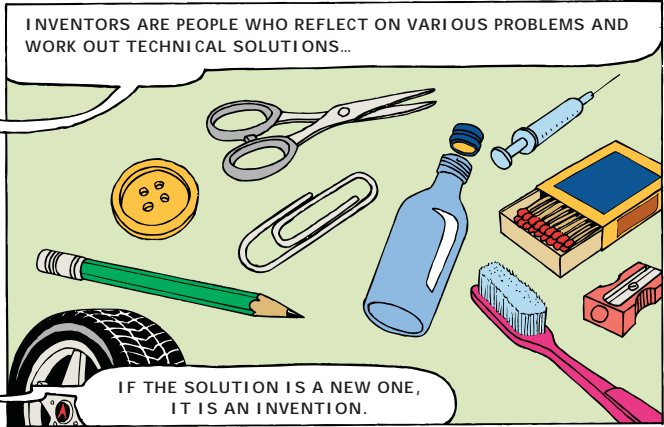
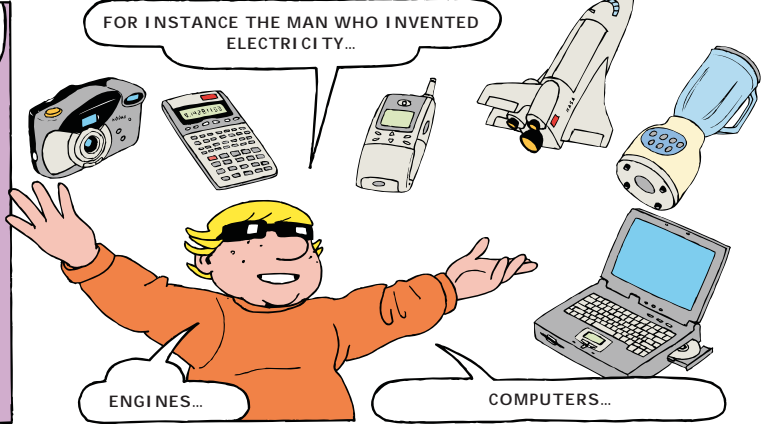
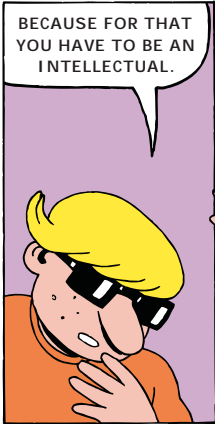


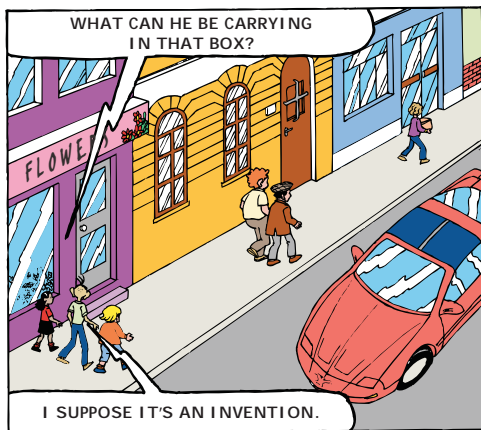
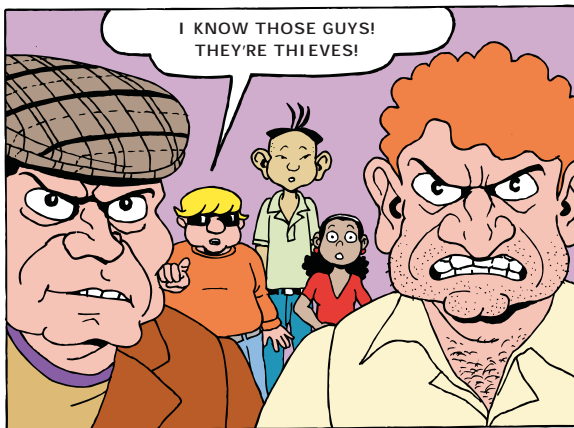
DO YOU WANT SOMETHING?

(GULP) ER, NO...

BUT READ ON!

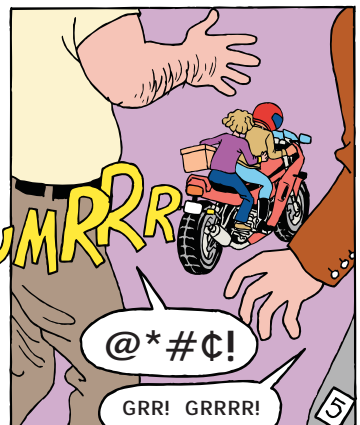
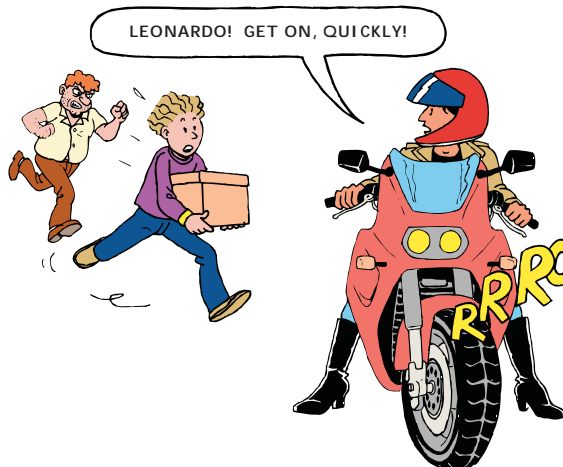
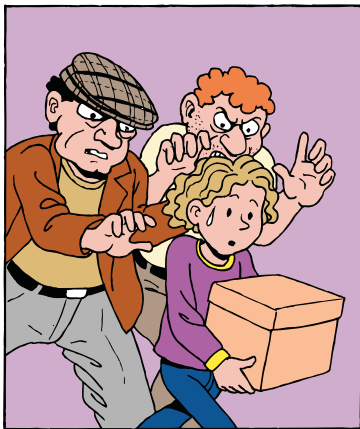
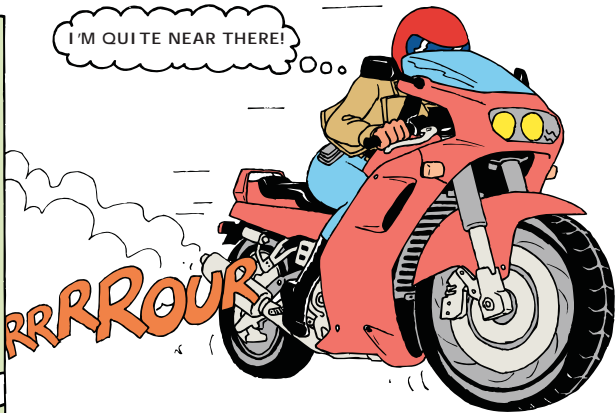


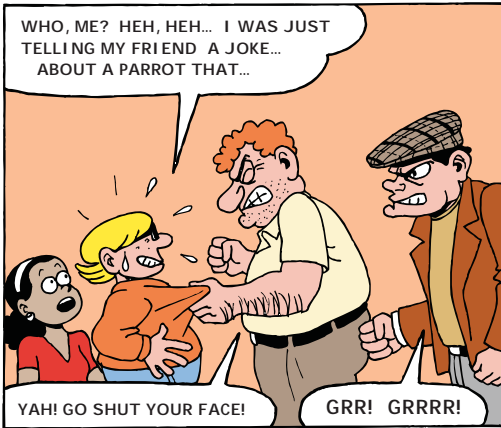
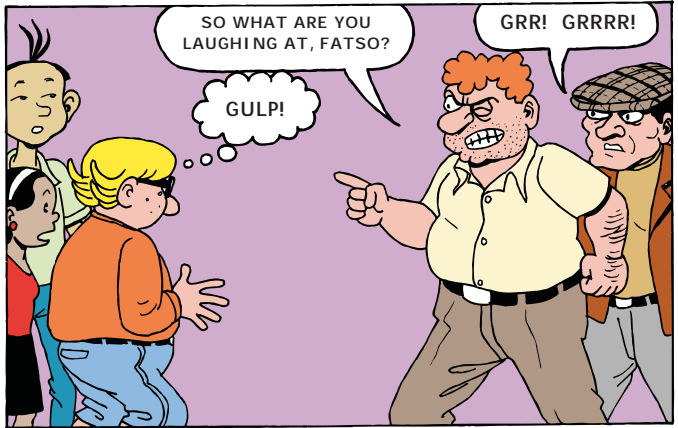
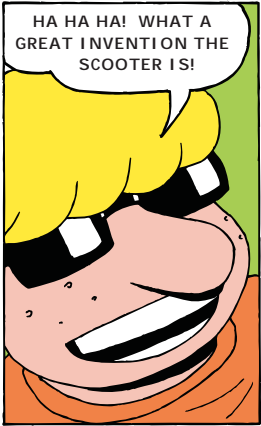


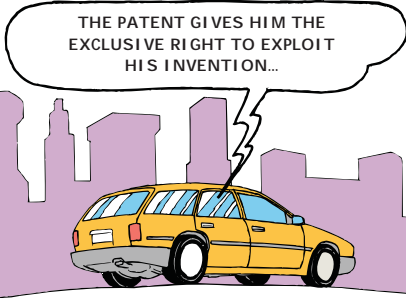
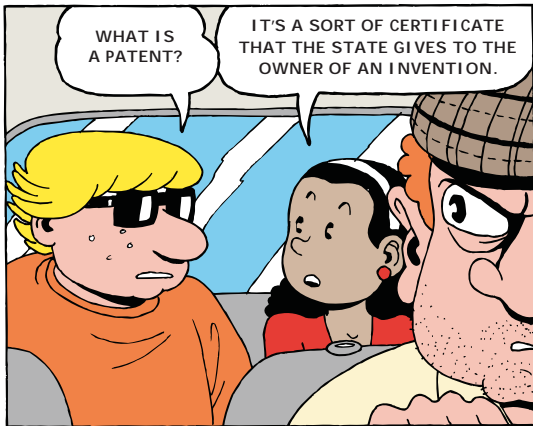


CHULI, IT'S MARCO, LISTEN:
I AM WITH BABI AND PING SONG,
AND WE ARE FOLLOWING
LEONARDO THE INVENTOR,
BECAUSE HE'S BEING CHASED BY
SOME THIEVES WHO SEEM TO BE
AFTER HIS INVENTION, AND...

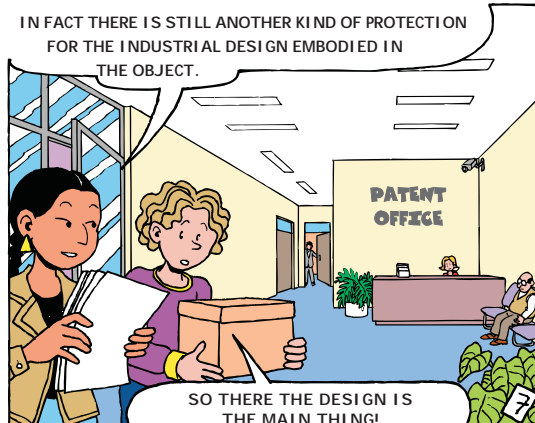
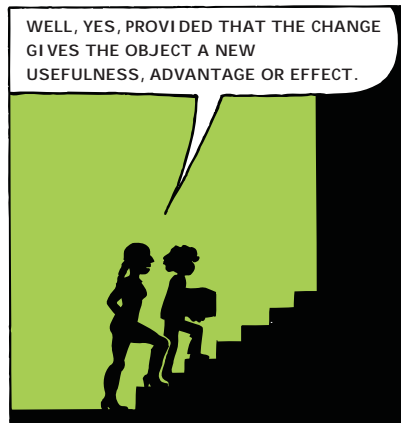
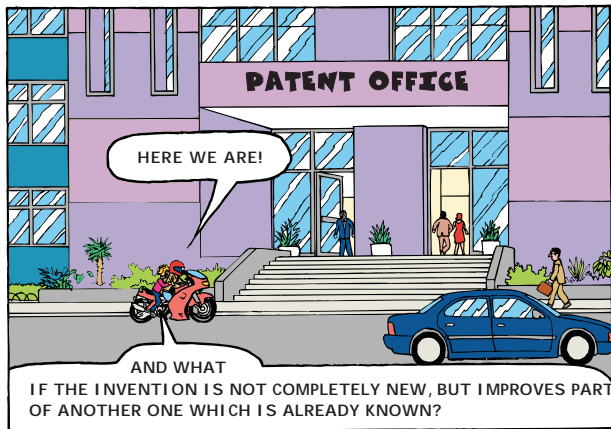


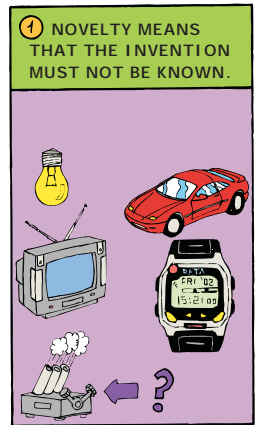
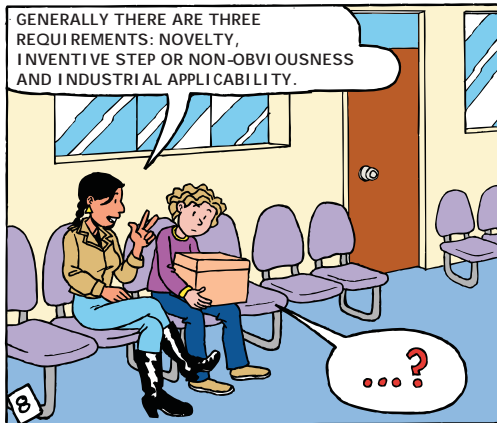
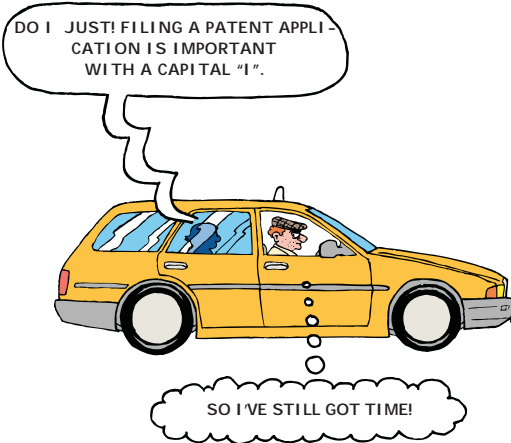
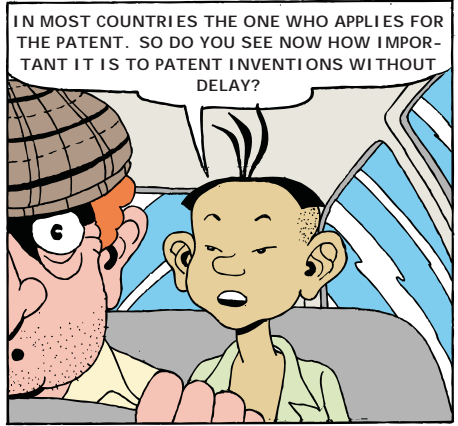
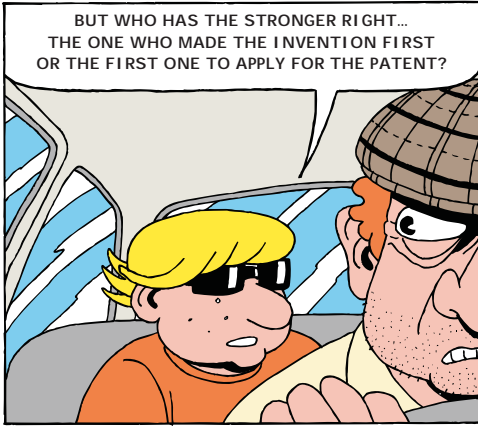




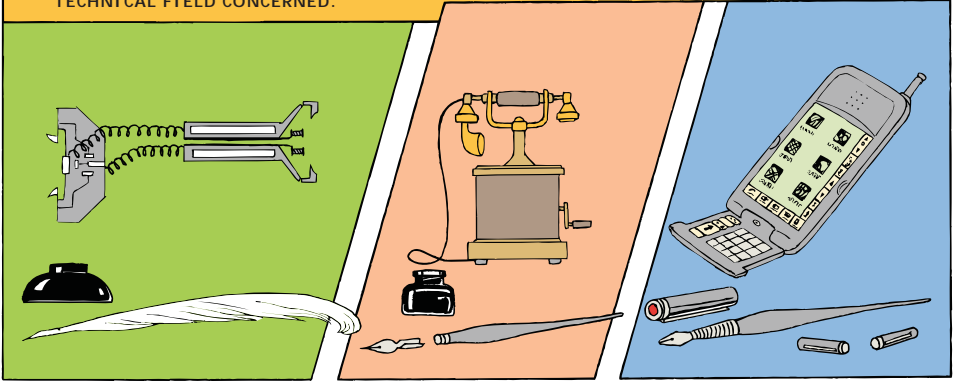


THE TERM OR LIFE OF A PATENT DEPENDS ON THE COUNTRY. IT IS USUALLY 20 YEARS.

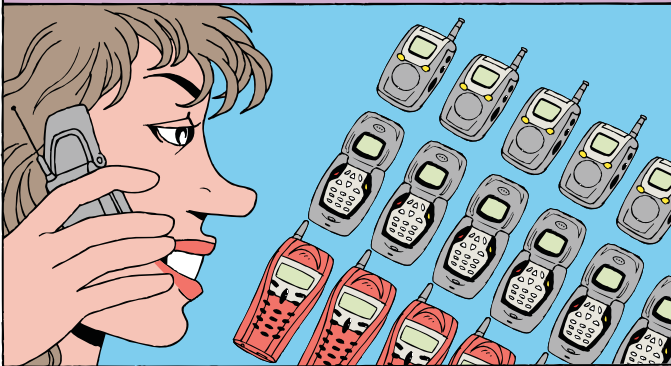




2 INVENTIVE STEP MEANS THAT IT MUST NOT BE OBVIOUS TO PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE TECHNICAL FIELD CONCERNED.



3 INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY MEANS THE INVENTION MUST BE CAPABLE OF BEING PRODUCED OR USED ON AN INDUSTRIAL SCALE.



CHULI... I THINK MY INVENTION MEETS THOSE REQUIREMENTS...



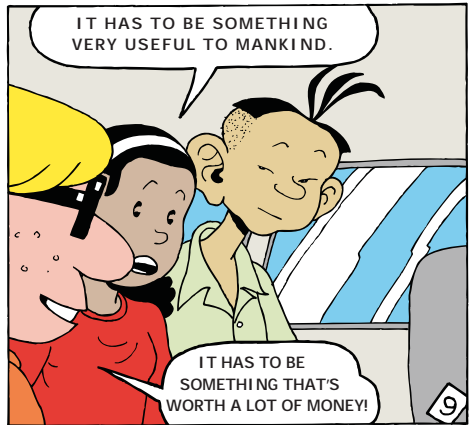
AND WHAT COULD LEONARDO'S INVENTION BE?

I DON'T KNOW.

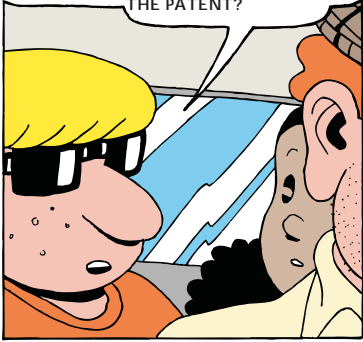


IT HAS TO BE SOMETHING VERY USEFUL TO MANKIND.

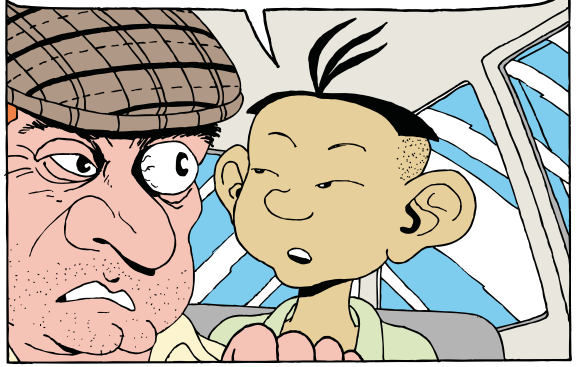
IT HAS TO BE SOMETHING THAT'S WORTH A LOT OF MONEY!



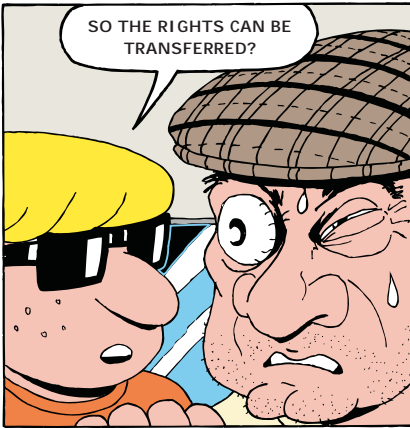
BY THE WAY, WHO DO THE RIGHTS BELONG TO, THE INVENTOR OR THE ONE WHO OWNS THE PATENT?



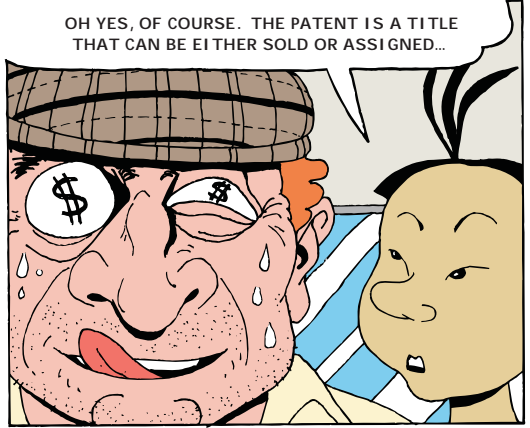
THE ONE WHO OWNS THE PATENT, AS THE INVENTOR MAY HAVE TRANSFERRED HIS RIGHTS.



SO THE RIGHTS CAN BE TRANSFERRED?



OH YES, OF COURSE. THE PATENT IS A TITLE THAT CAN BE EITHER SOLD OR ASSIGNED...

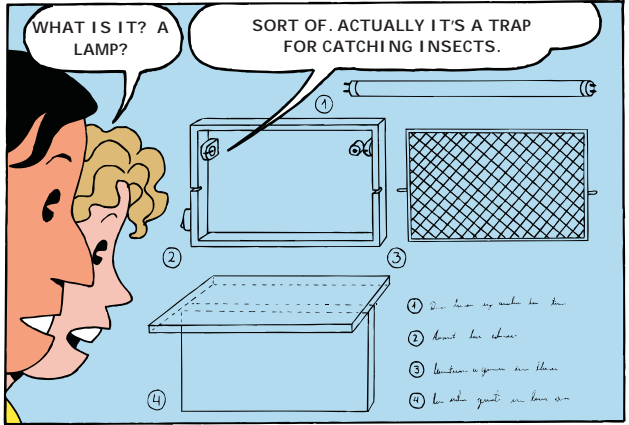


I'LL SHOW YOU MY INVENTION.

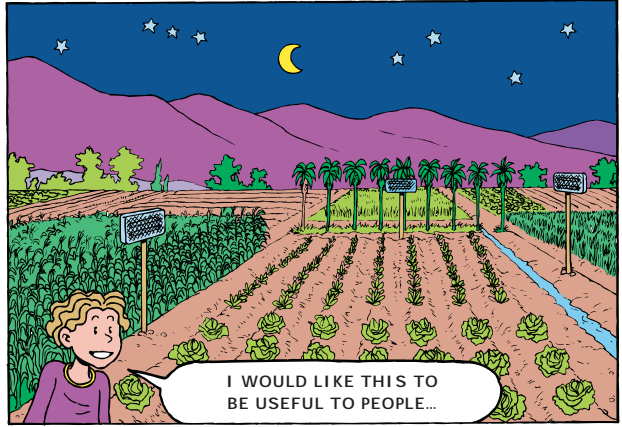


WHAT IS IT? A LAMP?

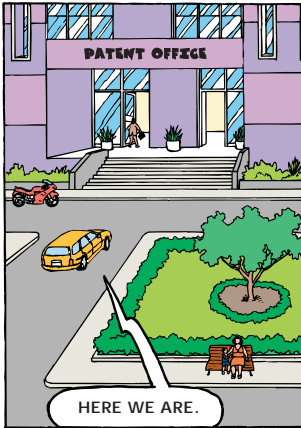
SORT OF. ACTUALLY IT'S A TRAP FOR CATCHING INSECTS.



YOU KNOW, LEONARDO, YOUR INVENTION WILL BE VERY USEFUL IN AGRICULTURE!



I WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE USEFUL TO PEOPLE...



HERE WE ARE.



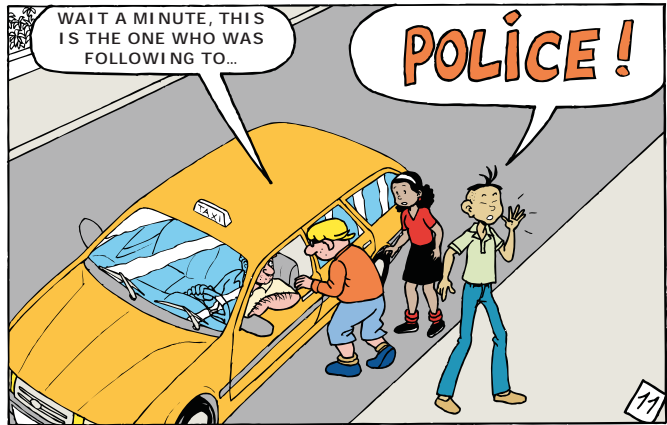
SO NOW I JUST DASH IN AND GRAB THE INVENTION BEFORE IT IS PATENTED...

HERE, THANKS.

SAY, ER... LOOK HERE, I'D LIKE TO GO ALONG WITH YOU ON THIS PATENTING JOB...

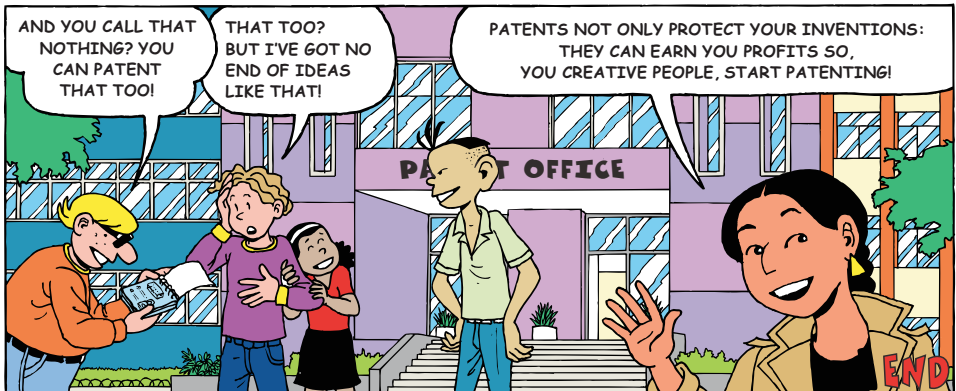
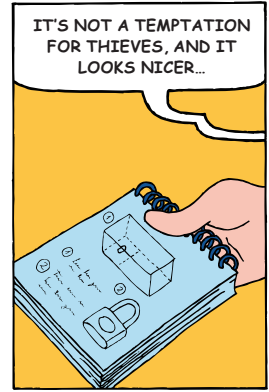
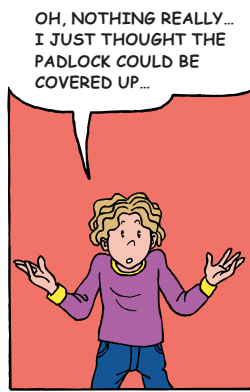
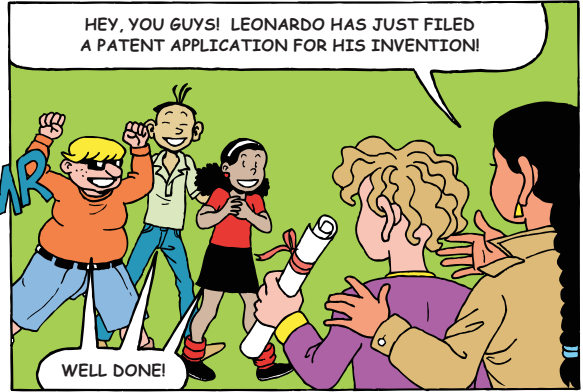
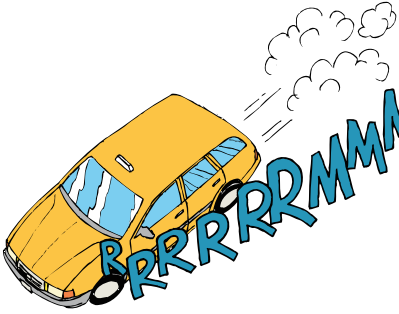


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WAIT A MINUTE, THIS IS THE ONE WHO WAS FOLLOWING TO...

POLICE!



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