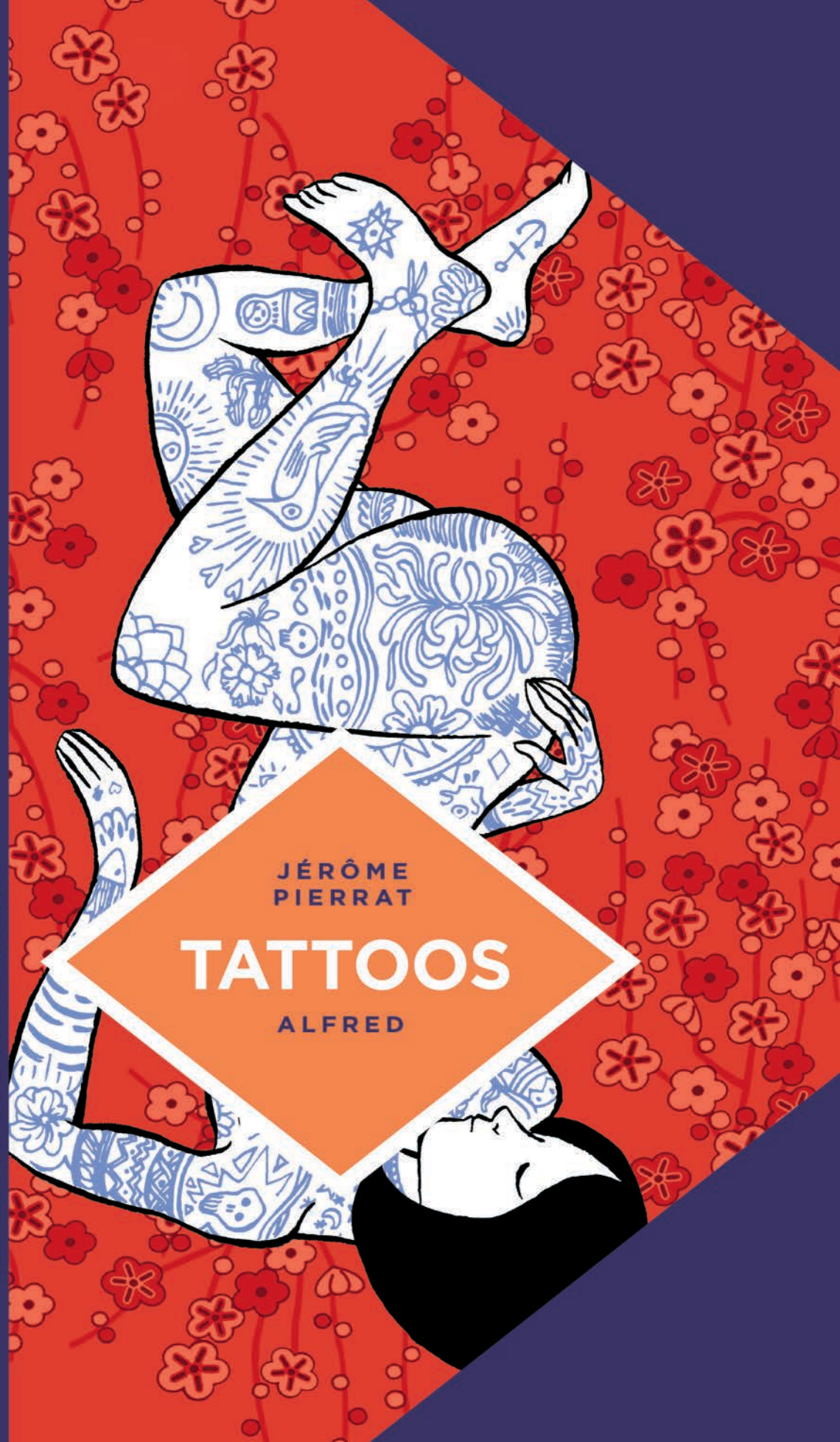


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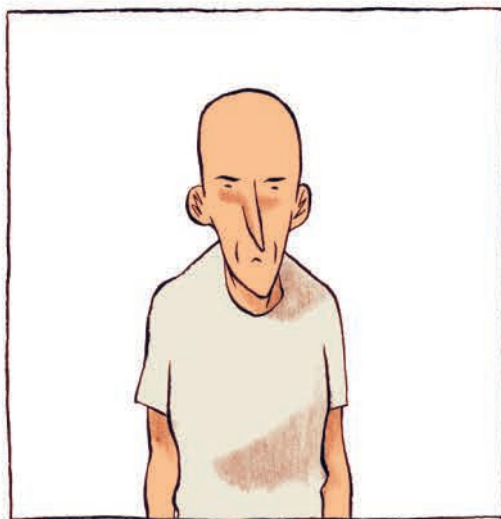
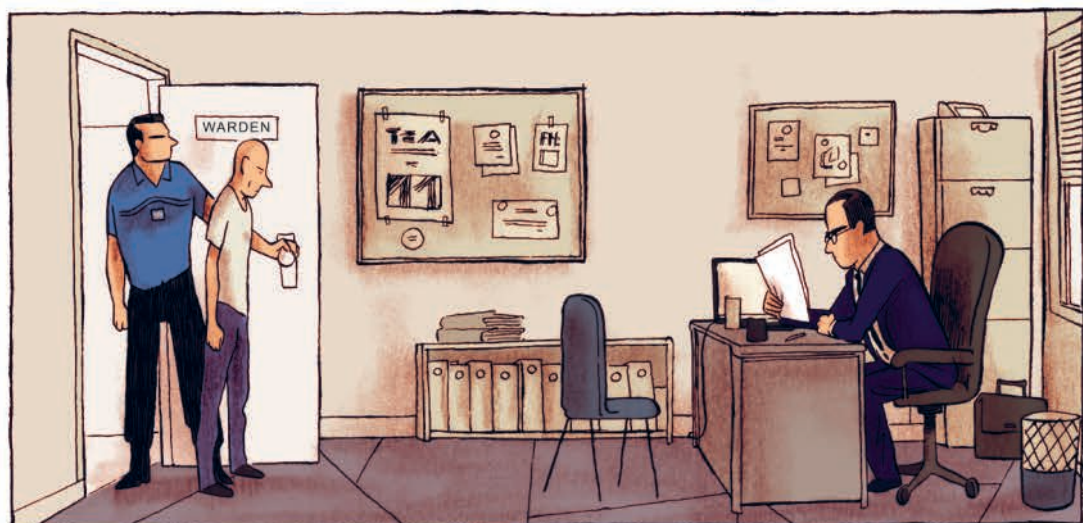
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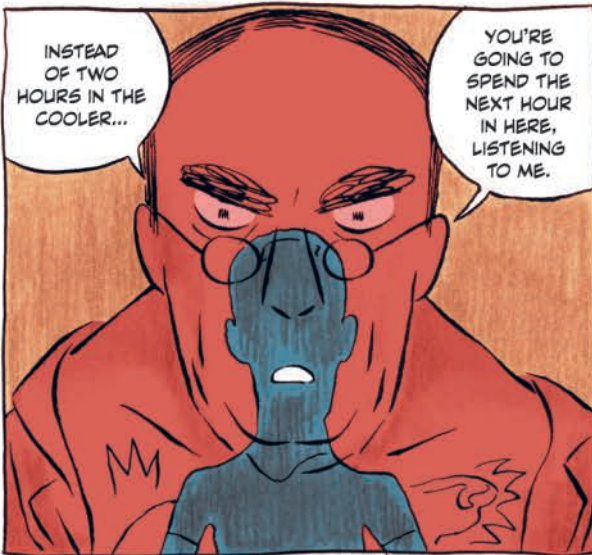
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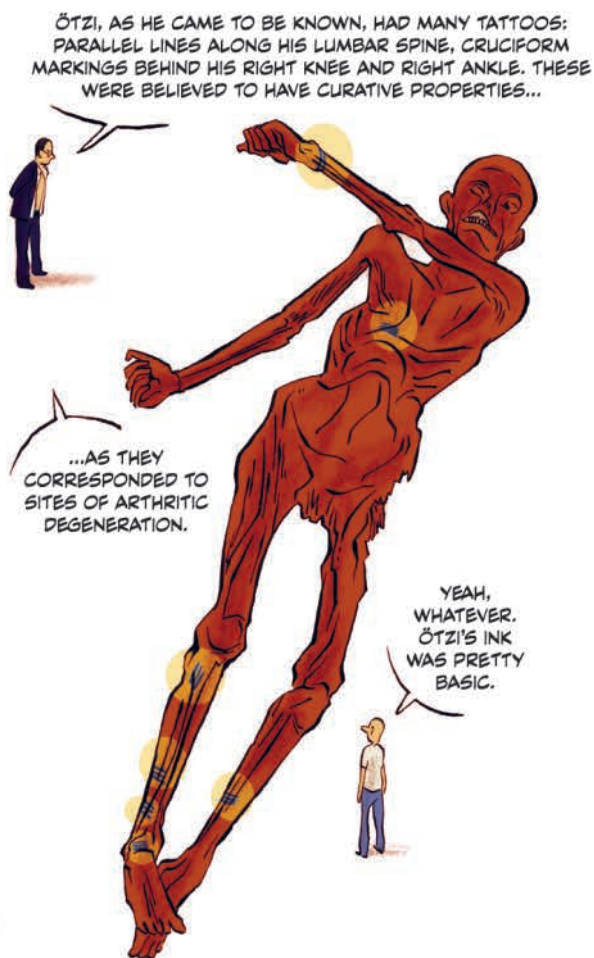
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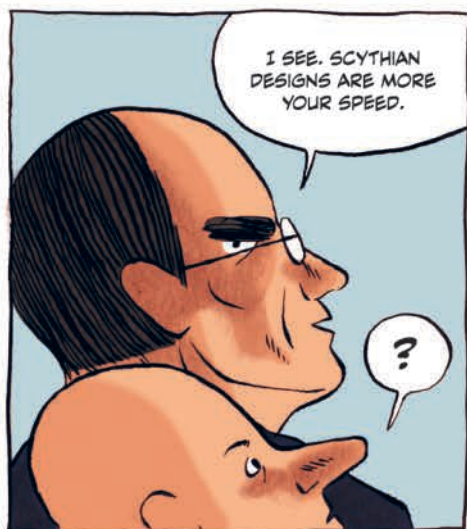
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THE SCYTHIANS WERE NOMADIC WARRIORS WHO LIVED IN THE HIGH ALTAI PART OF SIBERIA, 500 BCE.

THEIR KINGS BOASTED FANTASTICAL CREATURES IN OUTLANDISH POSTURES ON THEIR BODIES-AND IN COLOR, TOO!



ACCORDING TO HERODOTUS, THEIR INTENSE USE OF CANNABIS AND OTHER HALLUCINATORY DRUGS HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.



TATTOOS WERE FASHIONABLE IN ANTIQUITY. THE SCYTHIANS WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES TO INK THEMSELVES. AMONG THE TWO HUNDRED CELTIC TRIBES IN EUROPE, MANY PRACTICED TATTOOING.

THE BEST-KNOWN ARE THE PICTS-FROM THE LATIN FOR "PAINTED"-AND THEIR NEIGHBORS THE SCOTS. THEY USED THEIR TATTOOS TO FRIGHTEN THE ROMAN LEGIONARIES WHO TURNED UP THERE IN 55 BCE.

NOT TO MENTION THE GERMANS. IN 98 BCE, THE HISTORIAN TACITUS WROTE THAT THEY HAD A "V" TATTOOED ON THEIR FOREHEAD, AS OPPOSED TO THEIR SAXON NEIGHBORS, WHO WORE AN "I."

