



THE BEGINNING OF THE
FRENCH REVOLUTION.
IT WAS THE START OF A
VERY DISTURBED TIME.

PRIESTS HAD TO SWEAR
AN OATH TO THE CIVIL
CONSTITUTION OF
THE CLERGY.

IN ALL HONESTY
I CANNOT SWEAR
THIS OATH.



THE PARISH PRIEST
HAD TO RUN AWAY.

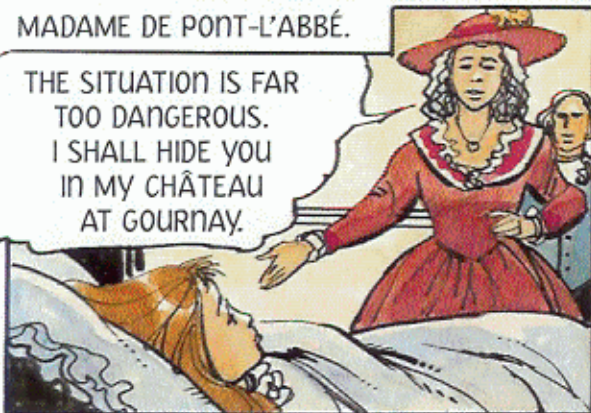


KEEP AN EYE ON THAT
RELIGIOUS FANATIC.*
I'M SURE
SHE'S HIDING
PRIESTS!!



MADAME DE PONT-L'ABBÉ.

THE SITUATION IS FAR
TOO DANGEROUS.
I SHALL HIDE YOU
IN MY CHÂTEAU
AT GOURNAY.



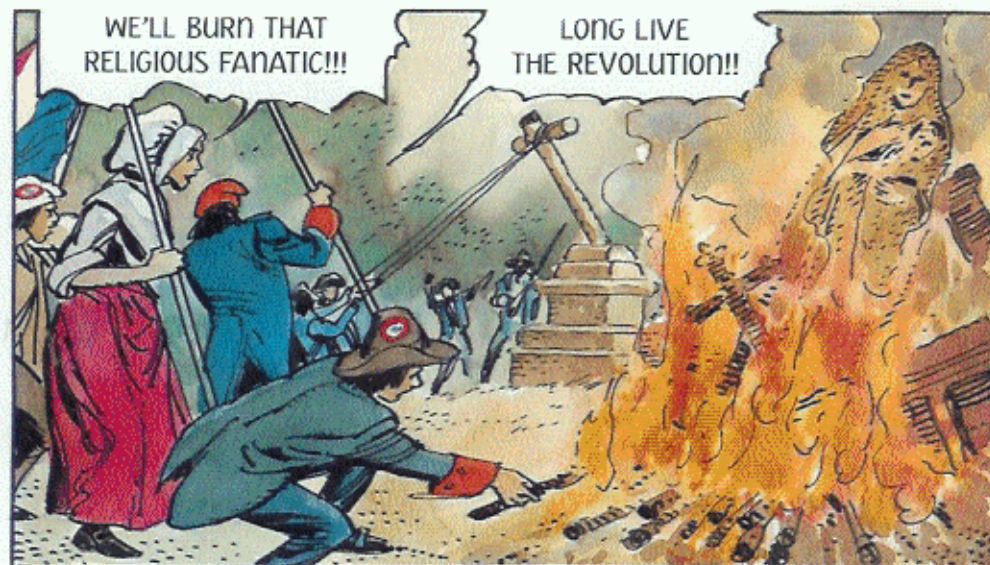
THAT'S WHERE
THEY'RE HIDING THAT
RELIGIOUS FANATIC*.

THERE ARE PRIESTS
AS WELL,
I'LL BE BOUND.



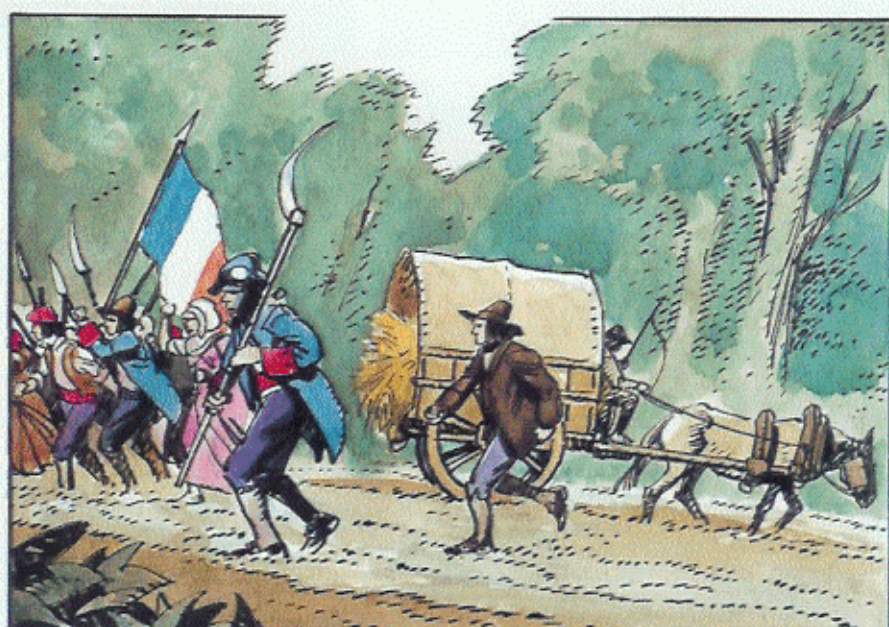
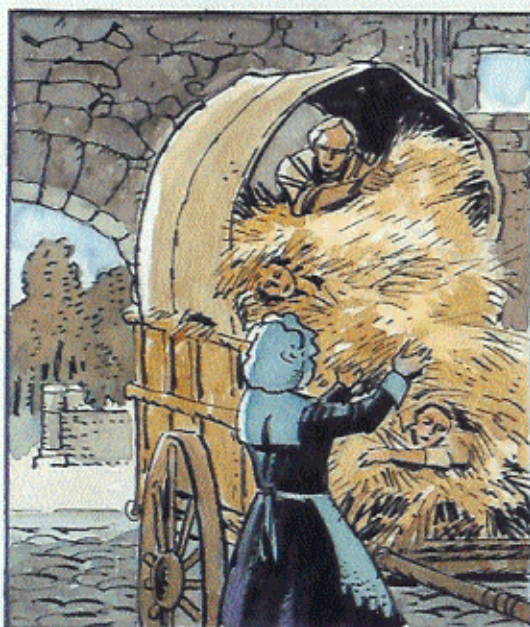
IT IS NOT WORTHY OF
NOBLE CITIZENS TO ATTACK
A POOR PARALYSED GIRL!!





THE SERVANTS HIDE JULIE...

...WHO LEFT FOR COMPIÈGNE.



AS THEY COULD NOT FIND JULIE,
THE REVOLUTIONARIES TOOK THEIR VENGEANCE.



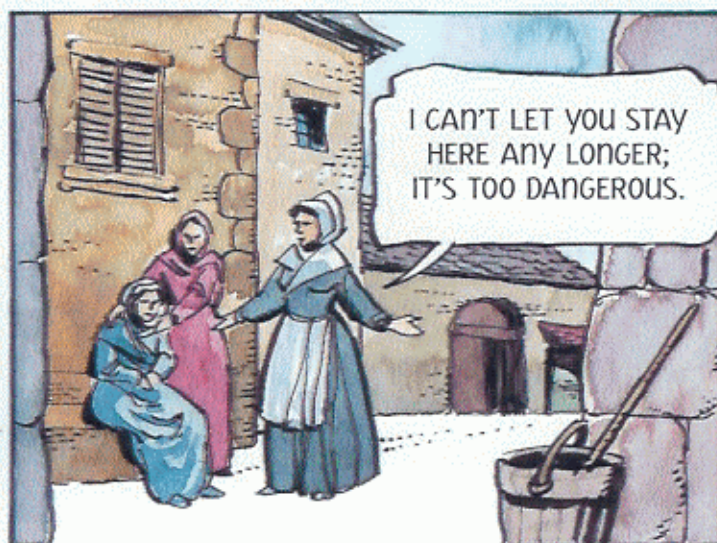
THE SERVANTS ABANDONED JULIE
AND HER NIECE FÉLICITÉ.





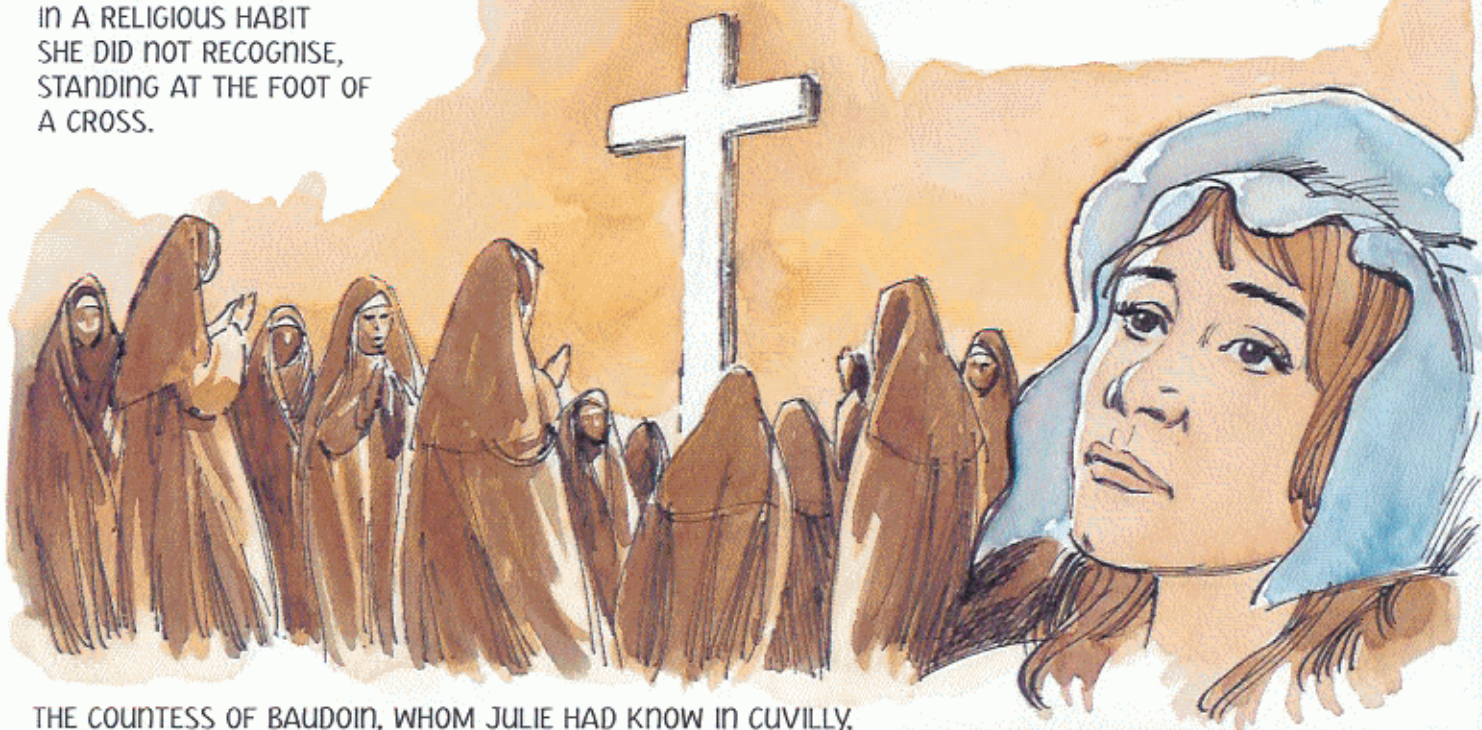
THE PAIR HAD TO MOVE FIVE TIMES IN THE THREE AND A HALF YEARS THEY STAYED IN COMPIÈGNE.

JULIE'S CONDITION BECAME WORSE. SHE COULD NO LONGER SPEAK.

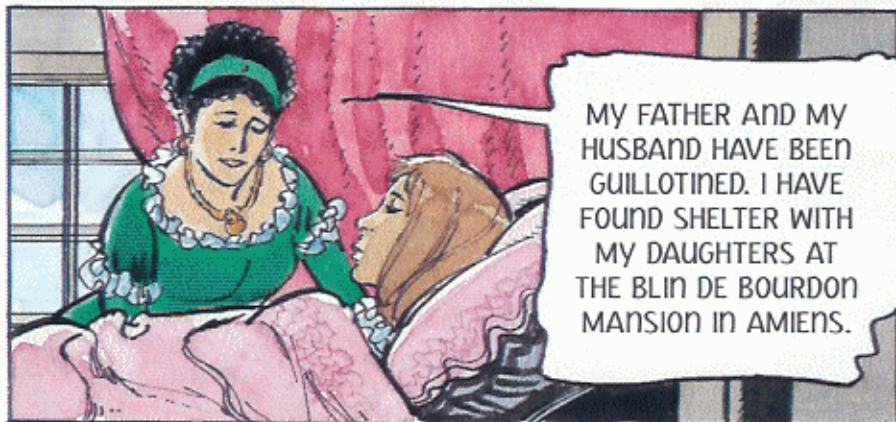


IN 1793, SHE HAD A VISION OF HER FUTURE WORK. SHE SAW A GROUP OF WOMEN IN A RELIGIOUS HABIT SHE DID NOT RECOGNISE, STANDING AT THE FOOT OF A CROSS.

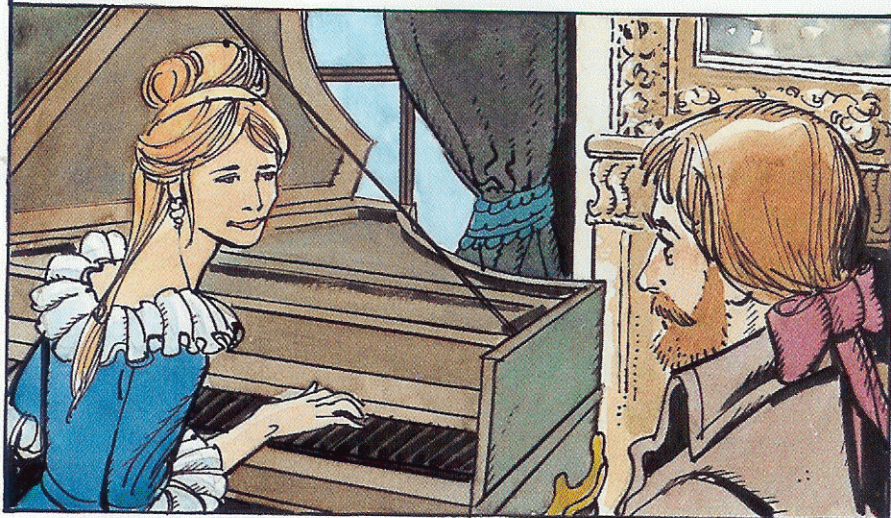
"THESE ARE THE DAUGHTERS I GIVE YOU, WHICH SHALL BE MARKED WITH MY CROSS".



THE COUNTESS OF BAUDOIN, WHOM JULIE HAD KNOWN IN CUVILLY, CAME TO SEE HER IN COMPIÈGNE.



FRANÇOISE BLIN DE BOURDON WAS AN ARISTOCRAT. HER FAMILY HAD SUFFERED UNDER THE REVOLUTION. SHE HAD BEEN IMPRISONED. ONCE FREED, SHE HAD RETURNED TO HER BROTHER AT HIS MANSION IN AMIENS.



AT FIRST, THE MEETING WAS DIFFICULT.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE SAYS.

SHE HAS SUFFERED MUCH; SHE HAS BEEN SORELY TRIED THESE RECENT YEARS.

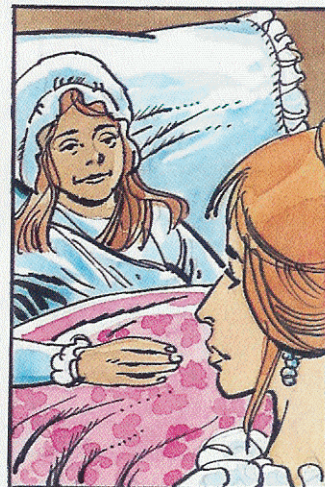


JULIE'S ROOM BECAME A PLACE FOR GATHERING AND FOR PRAYER. FATHER THOMAS SOMETIMES CELEBRATED THE EUCHARIST THERE.



THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH.

JULIE AND FRANÇOISE SOON BECAME FRIENDS.

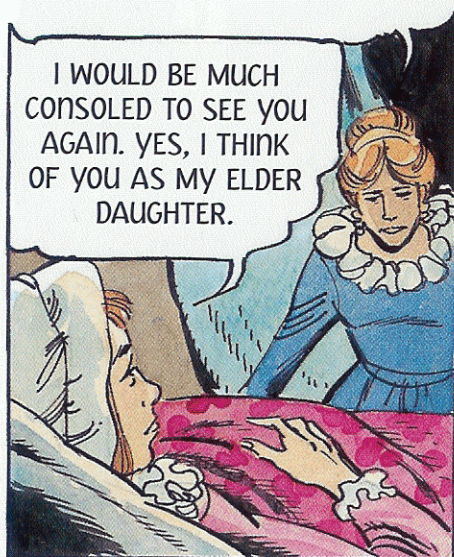


MY FATHER IS ILL. I MUST GO TO BOURDON TO LOOK AFTER HIM.

IS THAT YOU WRITING TO JULIE AGAIN?

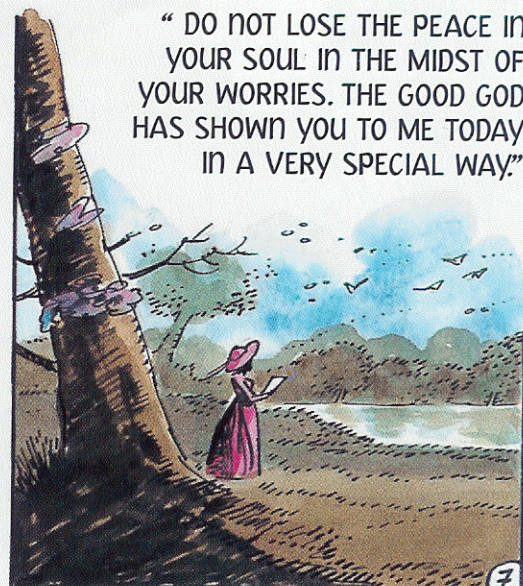
I AM TELLING HER ABOUT MY LIFE HERE.

I WOULD BE MUCH CONSOLED TO SEE YOU AGAIN. YES, I THINK OF YOU AS MY ELDER DAUGHTER.



AND JULIE ANSWERED HER LETTERS.

"DO NOT LOSE THE PEACE IN YOUR SOUL IN THE MIDST OF YOUR WORRIES. THE GOOD GOD HAS SHOWN YOU TO ME TODAY IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY."



BECAUSE OF THE REVOLUTION, FRANÇOISE AND JULIE WITHDREW TO BETTENCOURT WITH FATHER THOMAS.



COME TO
THE CHATEAU!!

WHAT FOR?

TO LEARN HOW
TO READ AND WRITE,
AND TO LEARN
YOUR CATECHISM.

JULIE'S HEALTH IMPROVED.



THE GOOD GOD
IS OUR
GOOD FATHER.

FATHER VARIN, A FRIEND OF FATHER THOMAS,
CAME TO VISIT THEM.

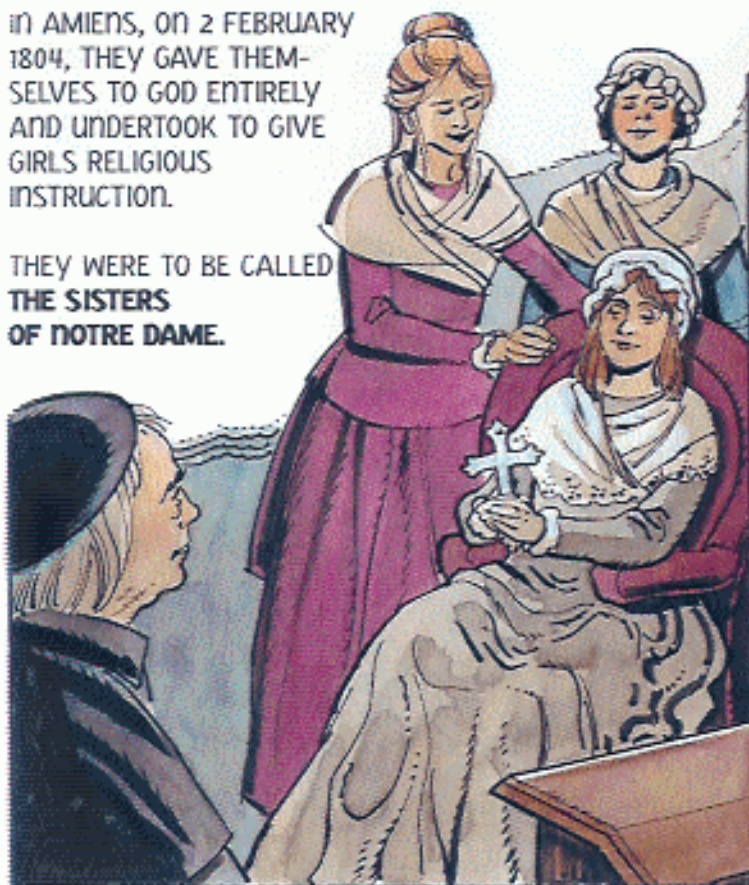
YOU SHOULD DEVOTE
YOURSELF TO
THE EDUCATION
OF YOUNG PEOPLE.



BUT HOW
COULD THAT
BE DONE?

IN AMIENS, ON 2 FEBRUARY
1804, THEY GAVE THEM-
SELVES TO GOD ENTIRELY
AND UNDERTOOK TO GIVE
GIRLS RELIGIOUS
INSTRUCTION.

THEY WERE TO BE CALLED
**THE SISTERS
OF NOTRE DAME.**



DURING A NOVENA...



IT'S MOTHER JULIE
COMING DOWN!!

IT'S A REAL
MIRACLE!!

ON MISSION IN
SAINT-VALÉRY-
SUR-SOMME.

LET'S DO EVERYTHING WE CAN
SO THAT THOSE AROUND US CAN
KNOW AND LOVE OUR GOD.



LET US PRAY TOGETHER...
I BELIEVE IN GOD.

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IN GOD.



DID YOU
HEAR THAT?

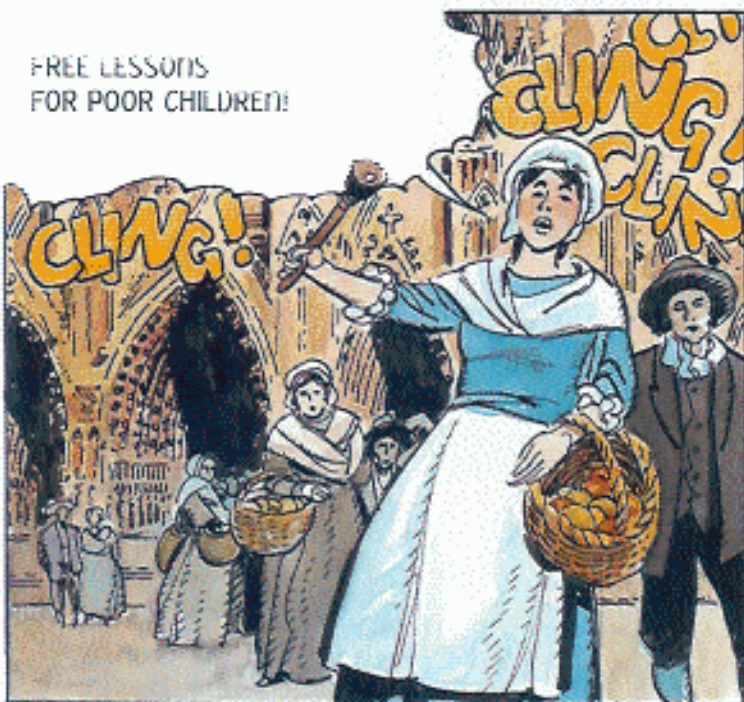
WE ARE ALL
GOD'S
CHILDREN.



IN AMIENS, ON 21 FEBRUARY 1806, MOTHER JULIE
WAS STRUCK WITH THE VISION OF
HER DAUGHTERS CROSSING THE SEAS
TO BEAR THE LIGHT OF
THE GOSPEL.



FREE LESSONS
FOR POOR CHILDREN!



HOW GLAD
WE ARE TO BELONG
TO THE GOOD GOD AND
TO SERVE THESE POOR GIRLS!

