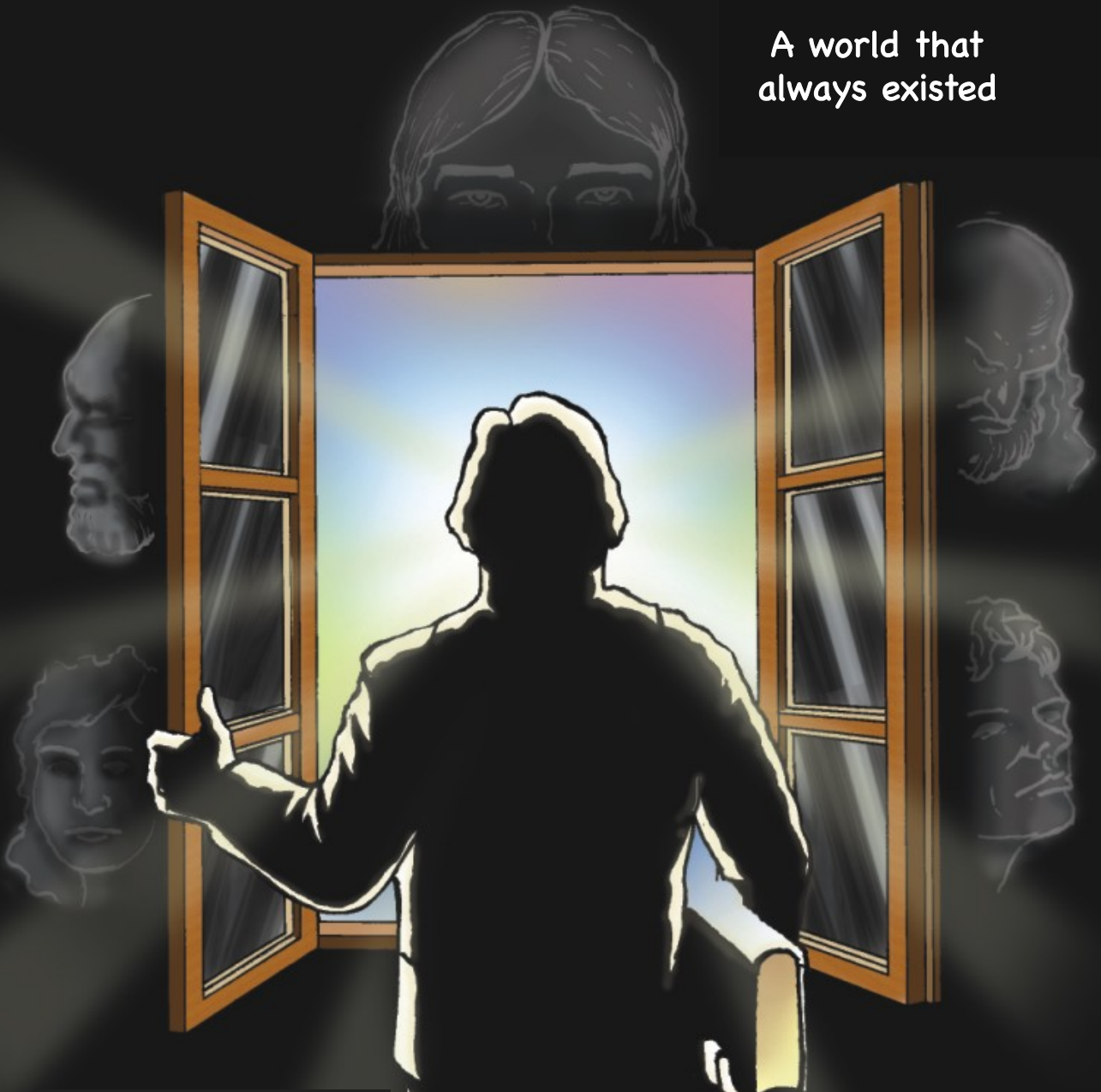


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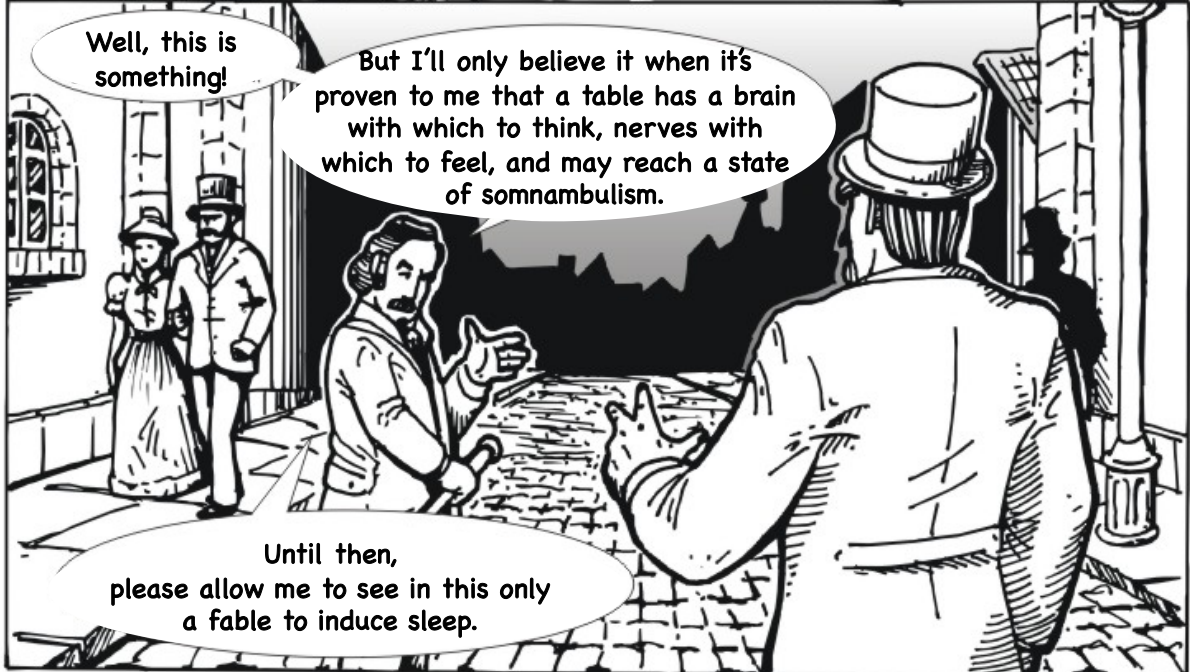
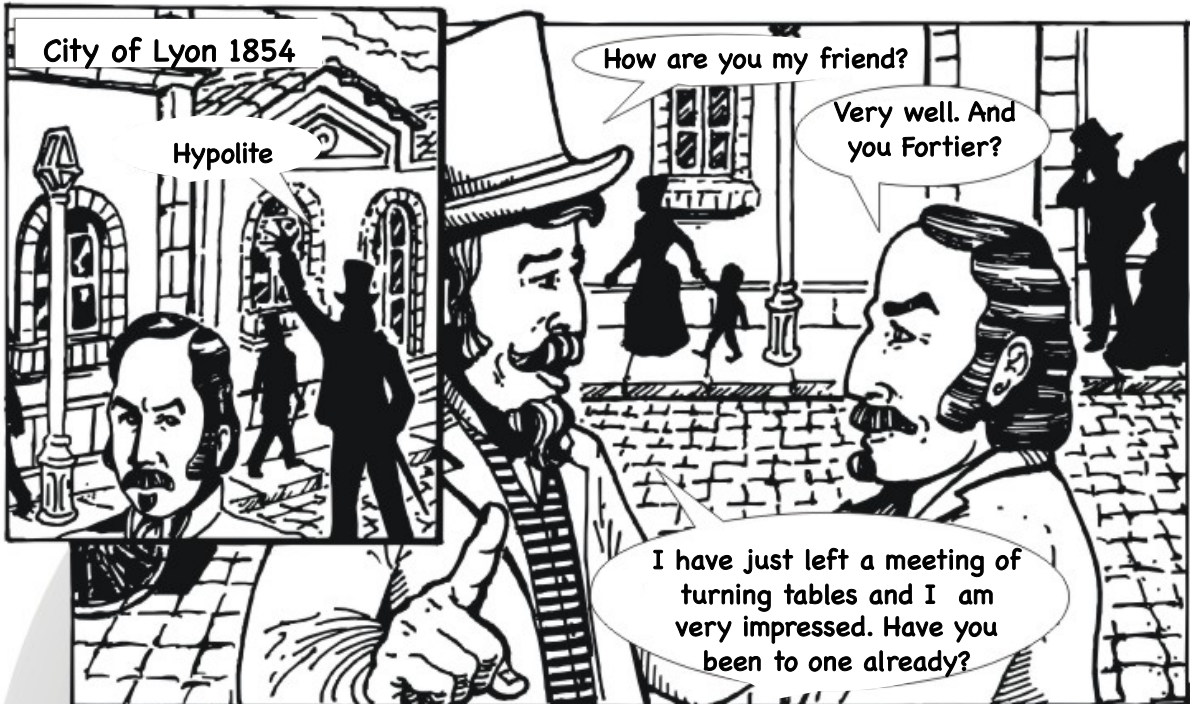
A world that
always existed



Waiting to be
discovered!

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My books and classes don't allow me to waste my time with such foolish matters.

Fortier is too impressionable.

One day... Maybe?

In 1855, I met Mr. Carlotti, who talked for over an hour about the turning tables.

The "spirits" are the ones talking!

You will believe one day!

He spoke with his usual enthusiasm.

but far from convincing me, he increased my doubts.

I can't say no. Well, we'll see.

Months later, Mr. Patier, a well-educated man of serious character, analytical and calm, talked to me about the phenomena. He made a strong impression on me.

We were at the house of Mrs. Rogers, a clairvoyant, talking to Mr. Fortier.

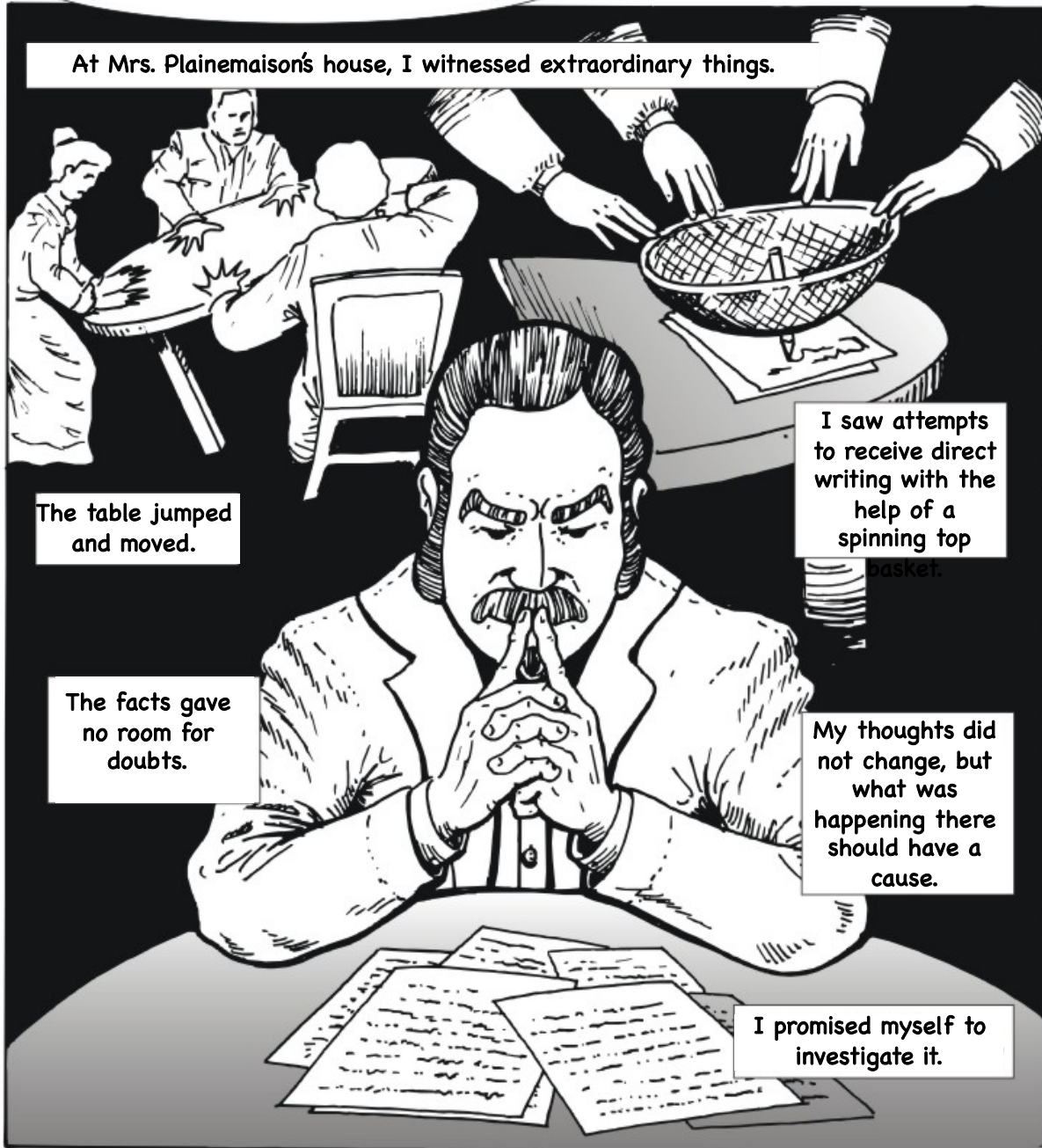




If you like you can come and see for yourself.

Yes, I would like to go.

We will be having a session at Mrs. Plainemaison's house.



At Mrs. Plainemaison's house, I witnessed extraordinary things.

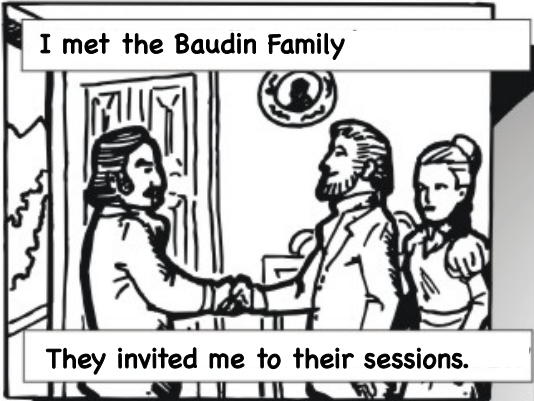
The table jumped and moved.

I saw attempts to receive direct writing with the help of a spinning top basket.

The facts gave no room for doubts.

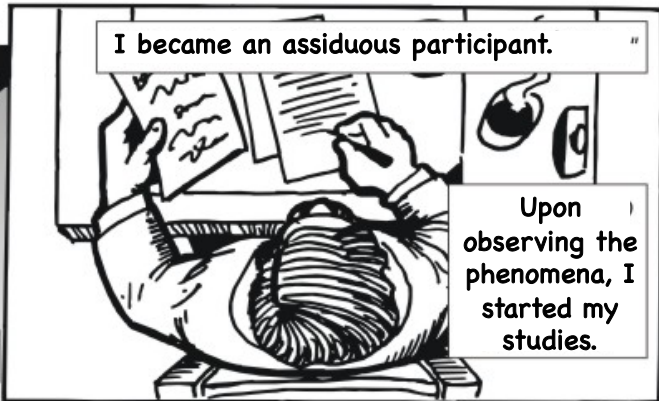
My thoughts did not change, but what was happening there should have a cause.

I promised myself to investigate it.



I met the Baudin Family

They invited me to their sessions.



I became an assiduous participant.

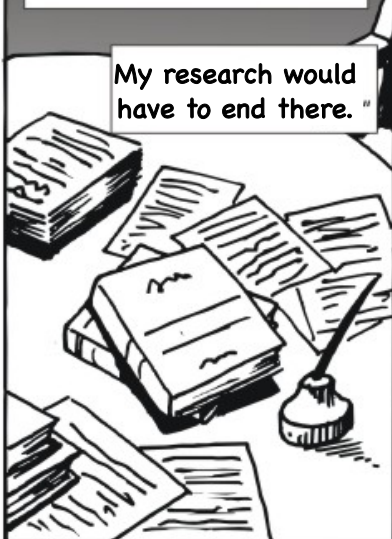
Upon observing the phenomena, I started my studies.

I submitted this new science to an experimental method.

I observed, compared, reached conclusions, always seeking the causes to find the effects.



But the work was too demanding. I could not commit to it.



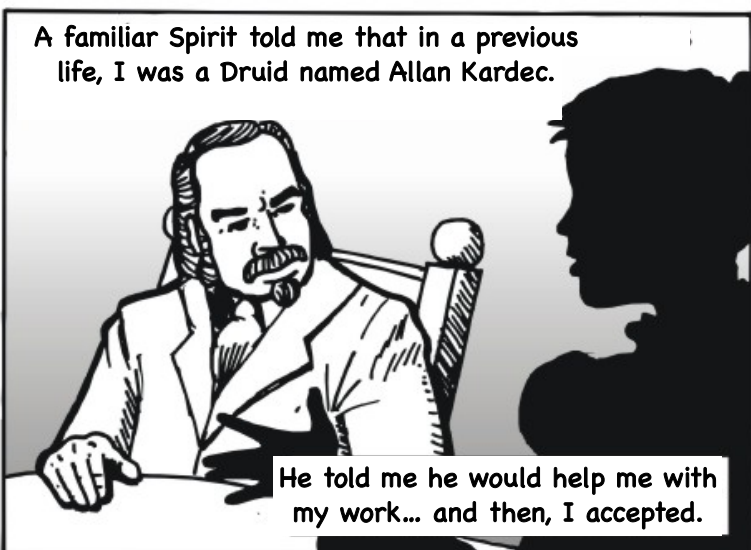
My research would have to end there."



My friends, though, disagreed.

Only you can do it Rivail.

There is much to be organized.



A familiar Spirit told me that in a previous life, I was a Druid named Allan Kardec.

He told me he would help me with my work... and then, I accepted.

I began the work by gathering my friends' notebooks, and after a thorough reading I removed the repetitions.

I organized the messages but noticed there were some points missing.



I realized that in order to prepare a complete body of knowledge it was necessary to methodically prepare questions that would be addressed to spirits every week.

Until then, the meetings at Mrs. Baudin's house had no serious purpose.



I started asking the Spirits questions that I had prepared beforehand about important subjects...

...such as philosophy, psychology, and the nature of the invisible world.



The meetings assumed a serious character and only those interested in a serious work remained there.

At first I was thinking only about understanding the phenomena, but soon I realized that it was assuming the body of a new doctrine.



I decided then to publish the result in order to enlighten all.

On April 18th, 1857, The Spirits' Book was released. Hypolite used the pen name, Allan Kardec, to differentiate this work from his previous ones.



This date officially marked the beginning of Spiritism.

From that day on many researchers began to study the spiritist phenomena. At the end of the 19th Century renowned scientists from different countries, such as Sir William Crookes, Ernesto Bozzano, César Lombroso and Charles Richet, researched the phenomena of physical manifestations more in depth.



In the 20th Century, Spiritism experienced a tremendous growth in Brazil, mainly because of the work of great mediums such as Francisco "Chico" Xavier. Through his mediumship the spirits of the dead dictated more than 400 books. "Chico" Xavier never accepted payment for any of his published books. Brazil becomes one of the main centers of Spiritism in the world, with Spiritist Centers established throughout the country.

In the 21st Century the study of Instrumental Communication (ITC) and Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) becomes more popular. ITC and EVP make it possible to receive communication from spirits through different sorts of electronic devices such as tape recorders, fax machines, television sets or computers. Several scientists throughout the world have been researching this form of communication with the spirits.



Besides the study of the Spirit Realm and its relationship with us, Spiritism demonstrates the moral consequences of this interchange, leading humankind towards righteousness, consolation and hope.

The End

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Spiritism

I prepared this little work aiming to introduce in a brief and attractive way the Spiritist Doctrine and the work of the professor and researcher Hypolite Leon Denizard Rivail, also known as Allan Kardec.

His work and organization enabled the development of one of the most important doctrines that have arisen on the planet.

Showing through philosophical and positive analysis the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, the communication of spirits, the justice of reincarnation and the laws that govern the universe, Allan Kardec managed to codify Spiritism, that if fully understood, may transform humanity.

I thank God for allowing me to live and to know Spiritism, my wife Myrna and my son Mylton who support me in all of my work, and my brother Wendel, who always guides me in my research.

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