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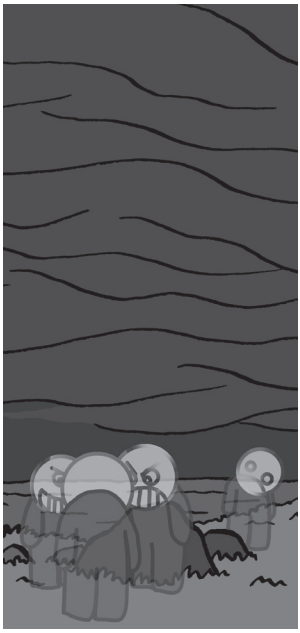

JOHN MELVILLE'S PROFILE

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Gary works in a small detective agency, and they've just hit the jackpot: Jimini, the international consulting firm, has asked them to investigate certain recent acts of sabotage that have affected the global internet. After Jimini Pro, the management and decision-making app for businesses, they are planning on launching Jimini Me, a life coach app that runs on connected glasses. Gary isn't that keen on new technology, but his best friend John, who suffers from hyperthymesia, spends all his time making open source software. John realises straight away that something about this investigation isn't quite right...

Robin Cousin questions the ethical and philosophical implications of new technology and big data in this riveting detective story, which is also a tragic tale of friendship.

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As well as being a tense, frightening techno-thriller (...) this is the story of two friends who have stayed in touch out of principle, except they're too different. The solid colour swaths placed on strict black and white lines make for an aesthetically accomplished book.
JULIETTE ARANUD, FRANCE INTER, 30/05/2017

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Like in his previous book, The Invisible Researcher, *the story is never sacrificed to the author's statement, which makes* John Melville's Profile *a solidly composed, exhilarating detective story. (...) Most of all, Robin Cousin makes very astute observations on modern technology.*
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The Author

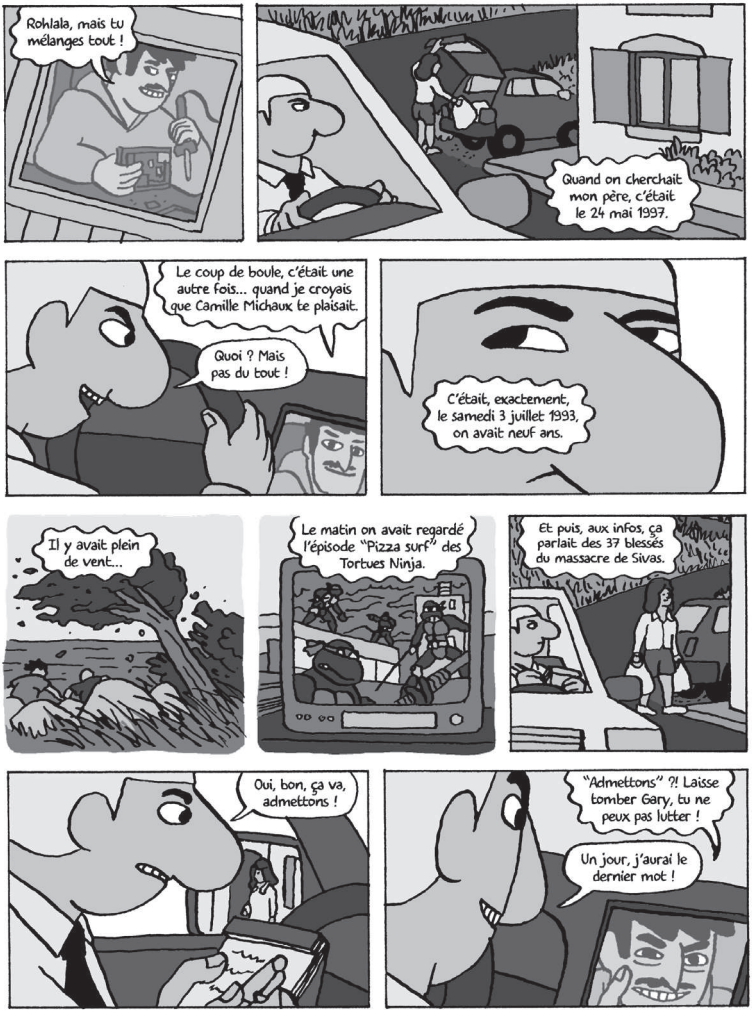
Robin Cousin was born in 1984. As a boy he used to write screenplays he would then adapt as radio plays, comic books and home movies, with the help of his cousins and his play-doh. After trying out applied art and interior design, he ended up choosing comics. Comics are a very complete medium: a bit of drawing, a bit of writing, a bit of stage direction, a bit of acting. After five years at the Fine Arts school of Angoulême, he even wrote his dissertation about them.

Later on he founded Les Machines editions and co-organised the F.OFF in Angoulême. Published in 2013 and winner of the Scientific Fiction Prize in 2015, *The Invisible Researcher* is a love-letter to scientific research and the poetic gaze it holds on the world.

Can computers imitate human beings? How much power are we willing to give to the machines? These are the questions that keep him awake at night.

We were by the English Cliffs. // We thought your father had washed up somewher around there. // I remember we carfefully checked every trace in the sand.

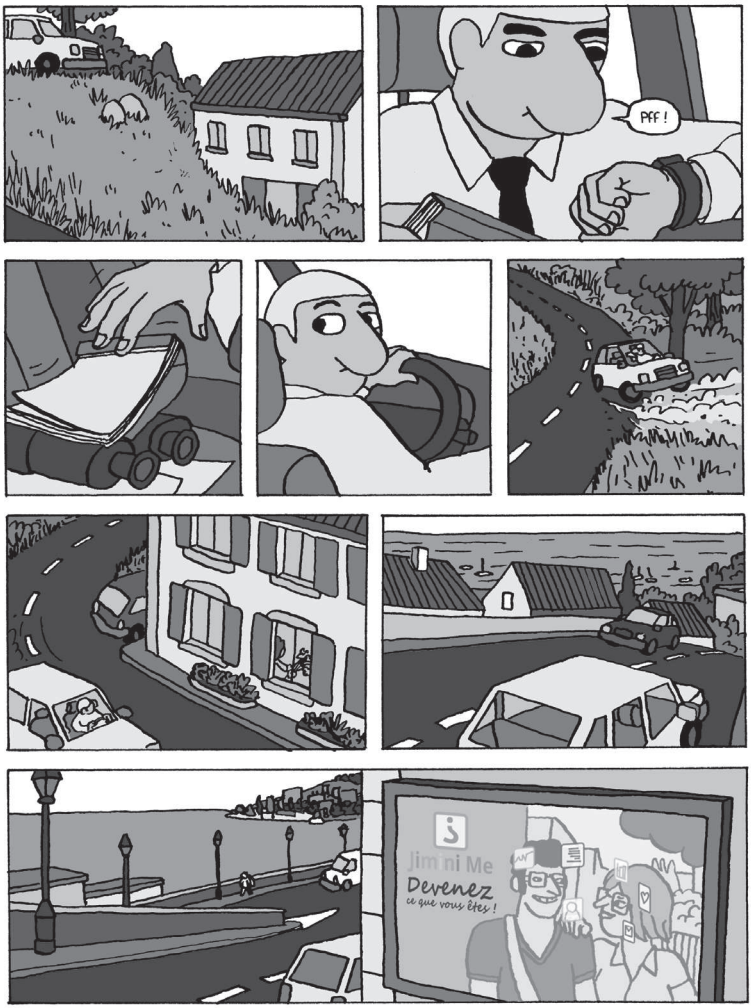
We found a boot among the rocks. // But it wasn't his shoe-size. // I must have said something about your father, I don't know... // Anyway, that's when you head-butted me. // What a cheat!



Ugh, you're getting it all mixed up! // When we went looking for my father, it was the 24th May 1997. // The head-butt was some other time... When I thought you were into Camille Michaux. // What? No it wasn't! // It was, to be precise, on saturday 3 July 1993, we were nine years old. // It was really windy... // That morning we'd watched a Ninja Turtles episode, "Pizza surf". // And on the news they were talking about the 37 wounded in the Sivas massacre. // Yeah OK, maybe! // "Maybe"?! Forget it Gary, you're not on my level! // One of these days, I'll have the last word!

So anyway, what time do you want to meet up tomorrow? **/** The GR64 is waiting for us! **//** Well, that's why I called you... Do you mind if we put the hike off till later? **//** I Knew it! This is the fifteenth time! **//** Sorry, this massive case just came in. Rodolph has asked me to postpone my leave. **//** We're finishing up this shadow job and we'll be on a stakeout all weekend. **//** Yeah, same as always... who is this client who's so important? **//** Jimini. **//** Really, Jimini ?! The guys with the connected glasses? **/** that's right! **//** Well this is heavy, you should have told me about it! **//** What about professional secrecy? **/** Who cares, you know I love this stuff! **//** Forget it! No one wants to walk around with a screen in front of their eyes all day. **//** You're behind, Gary, they already are!

You should see the RCC app! It's even crazier on these glasses! // Hang on, look, I think my tablet's working again! / No time! What's the RCC? // It's the augmented reality community I told you about// Oh. // Hey, I could come with you on your stakeout! // Forget it! / Come on, you promised to take me with you some time! / Your uncle would kill me if he found out! // We won't tell him! You shouldn't have cancelled the hike! / Stop fucking around ! // Come on, we'll have a blast! See you tomorrow! // John, wait! / Click. // Call ended.



Jimini Me, become what you are!

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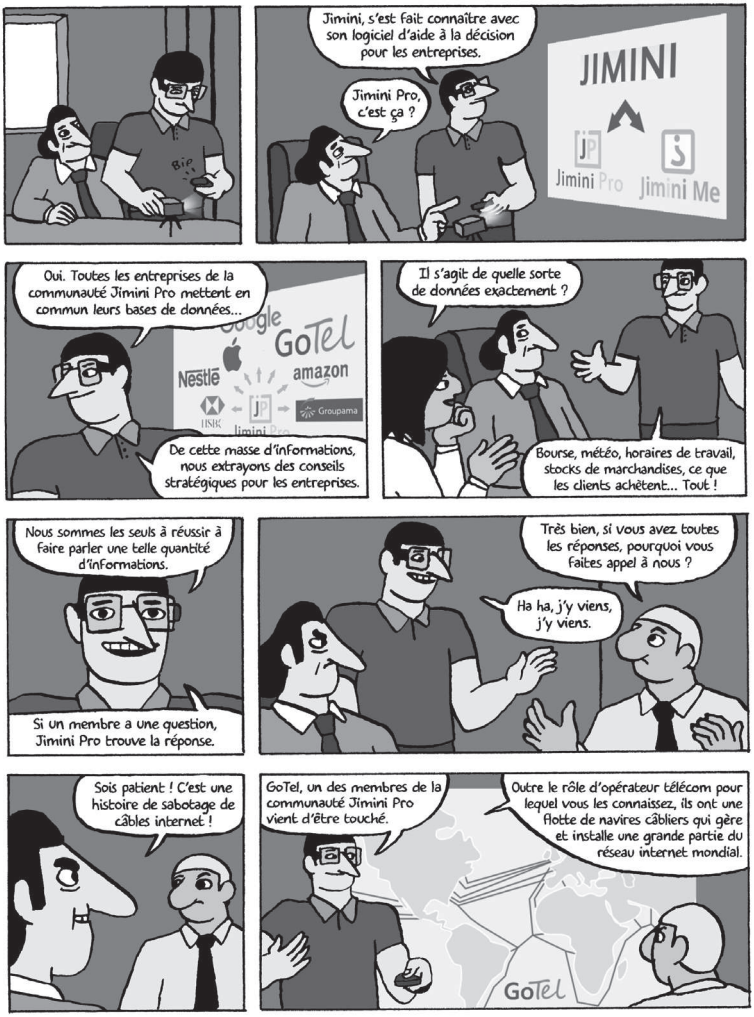
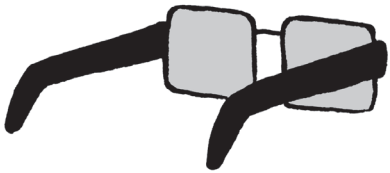
Hello. // Hello. // Come on, let's wrap up this Cogetep occupational accident thing! / I don't want our new client waiting. // This Pommiers woman, is she trying to rip them off them or not? / It's hard to say. The neighbours say she has a limp and that she looks tired. // Who cares if she looks tired? Does her injury prevent her from living normally? // It's true she has a slight limp and her scar is pretty impressive. / But she can do her shopping, even her gardening... She didn't seem that handicapped to me. // her facebook page is full of photos of her going to parties and on walks... / So you saw her scar? // Well, there are enough pieces for Cogetep's case to stand up in court. // Marion, put everything in a file and send it to them.

Sorry for the wait, we're all yours! **/** No problem. **//** Hello, I'm Bruno Mirabelle. But call me Bruno. **/** Hello. **//** Bruno will be staying with us for a few days to help us with the case. **/** Could you present yourself quicly? **/** That's OK, I'd rather stand. **//** Our app, Jimini Me, will be launching soon, but I've got some limited editions for our partners. **//** Awesome! **/** Early Access, cool! **//** Is that what's running on your glasses? **/** Exactly. **//** You're not filming us, are you? **//** Yes, we film all our meetings. **/** It's the perfect way to improve our work methods with clients! **//** but if it bothers anyone I can stop, of course... **/** No, not at all, go ahead!



Beep **//** Jimini became famous with their business decision-making app. **/** Jimini Pro, right? **//** Yes. All the firms in the Jimini Pro community pool their data... Then we send strategy plans to the firms based on that information. **//** What kind of information exactly? **/** Stock markets, weather forecasts, working hours, inventories, what the clients are buying... everything! **//** We're the only ones able to accurately interpret all this information! If a member has a question, Jimini Pro finds the answer! **//** Well, if you have all the answers, what do you need us for? **/** Ha ha, I'm coming to that. **//** Be patient! Someone has sabotaged the internet cables! **//** GoTel, a member of the Jimini Pro community, has just been affected. **/** You probably know them as a telecom operator, but they also own a fleet of cable ships that handles a large part of the global internet.



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