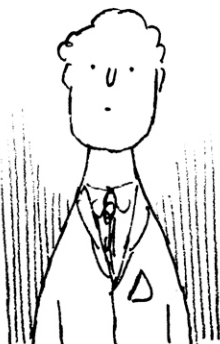




Sorry?



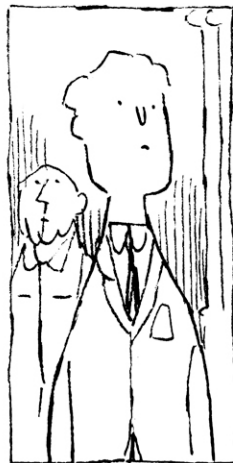
I'm parked around the back. If you want to wait out front I'll collect you there.

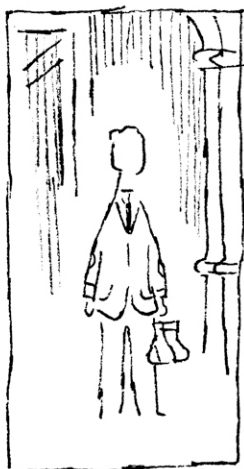


If you don't mind?



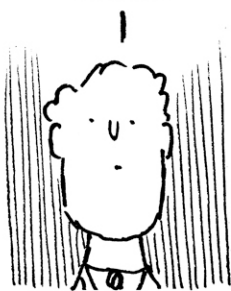
I don't want to cause you any inconvenience.







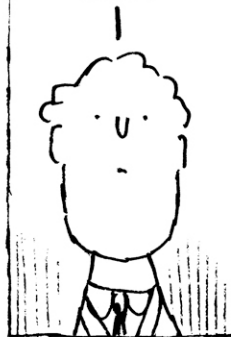
No. I
waited
quite
some
time.



You're saying you
allowed a stranger
to walk away with
your luggage?



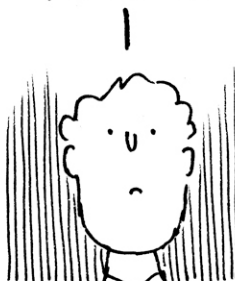
He wasn't
a stranger
at the
time.



You'd
met the
man
before?



No. I
mean I
thought
he was
from my
publisher.



So he
was a
stranger?



Yes. He
was a
stranger.



So you did allow a
complete stranger to
walk away with your
luggage?



Of course
now, in
hindsight,
it appears
foolish.



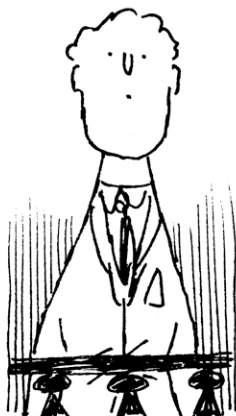
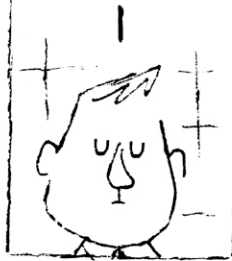
You
didn't ask
him for
any form
of ident-
ification?



If he
knew
your
name?



If he was
associated
with your
line of
business
in any way?



It wasn't
in the
itinerary.



I had
no way of
knowing
if I was
supposed
to make
my own
way to—



What was
in the
luggage?



Books.



Books?



No
valuables?



Jewellery,
foreign
currency,
important
documents,
medication?



The
books are
valuable.



Signed, first
editions, rare
collectibles?



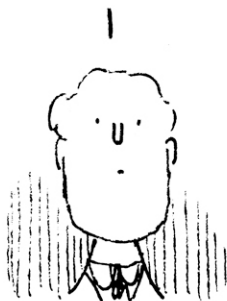
No. I need
them for... I
wrote them.



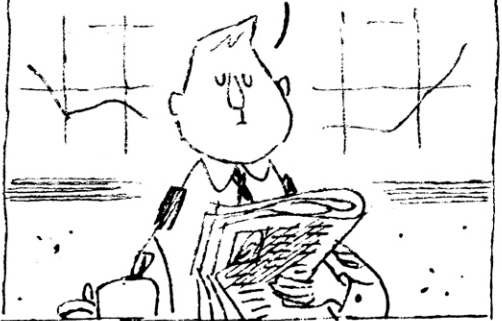
You wrote
them? All
of them?
Yourself?

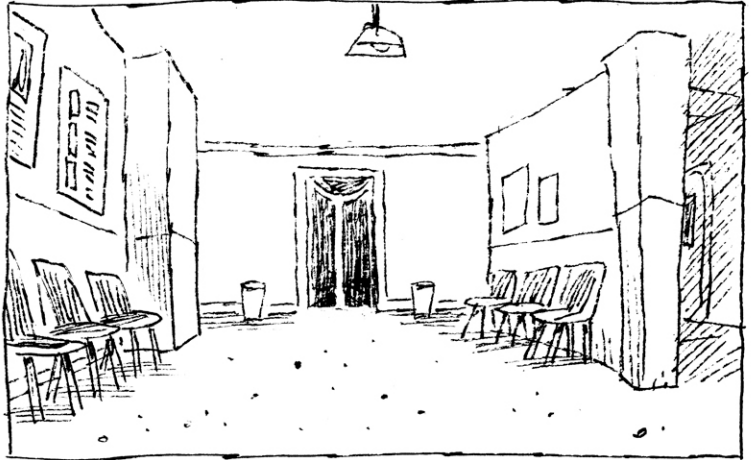


Well, yes.
They're
all the
same
book.



I don't know if
you've noticed, sir,
but we're very busy
at the moment.





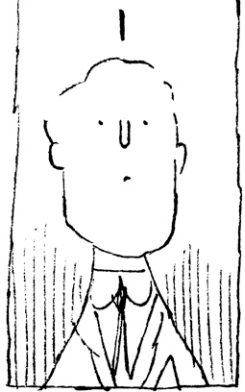
What with things being as they are.



I'm sure you read the papers?



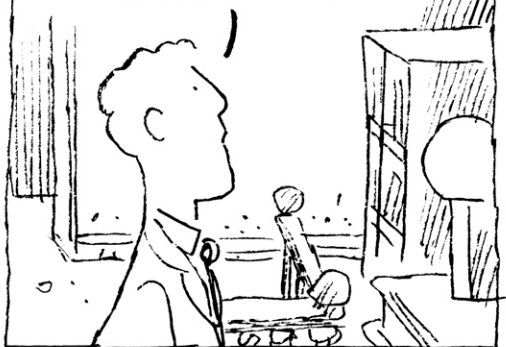
I do.

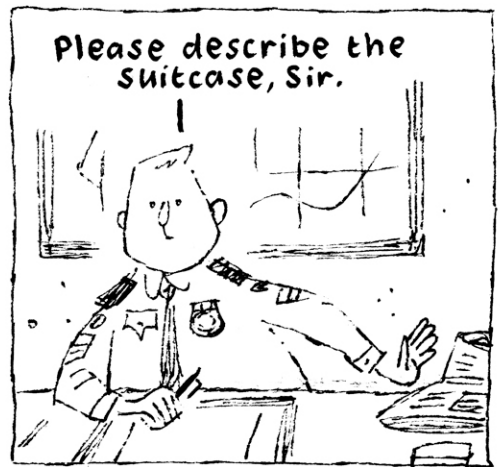
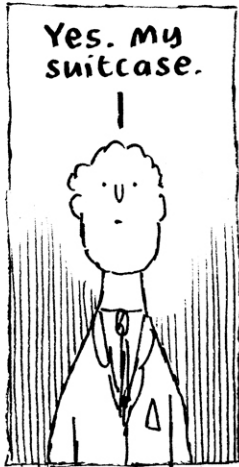
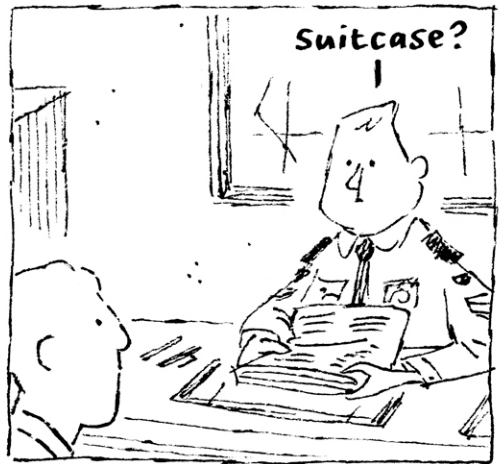
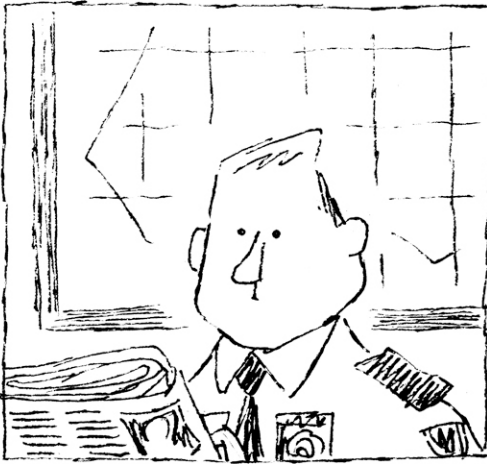


Then I know you'll understand that we must prioritise ongoing investigations.

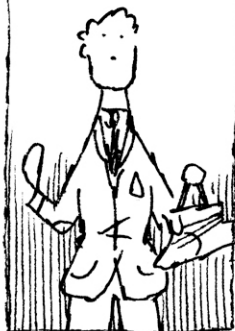


Yes, of course. I'm not saying a missing suitcase is -

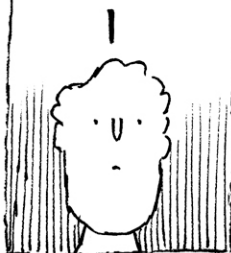




This big.



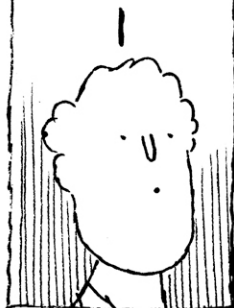
Like
I say,
battered.
metal
corners
scratched.



Locked?



A single
lock.
Bakelite
handle.



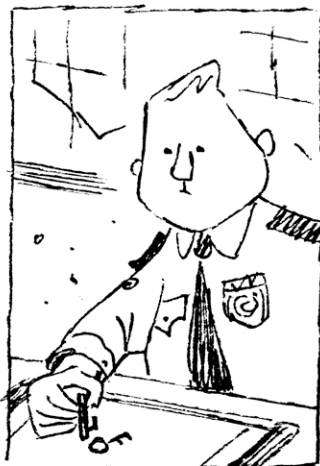
You have
the key?



Yes.



IF you
don't
mind,
sir.



Now
describe the
stranger
to me.

