

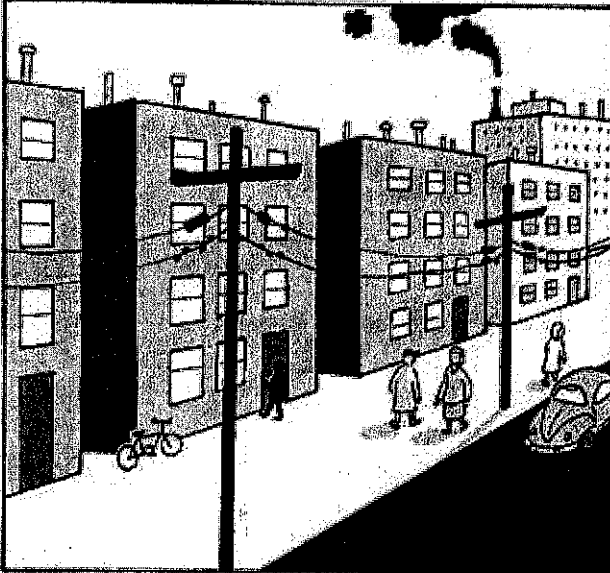
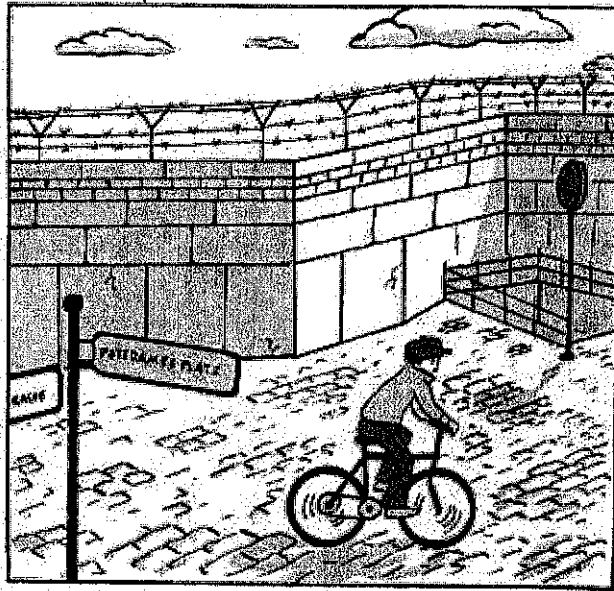
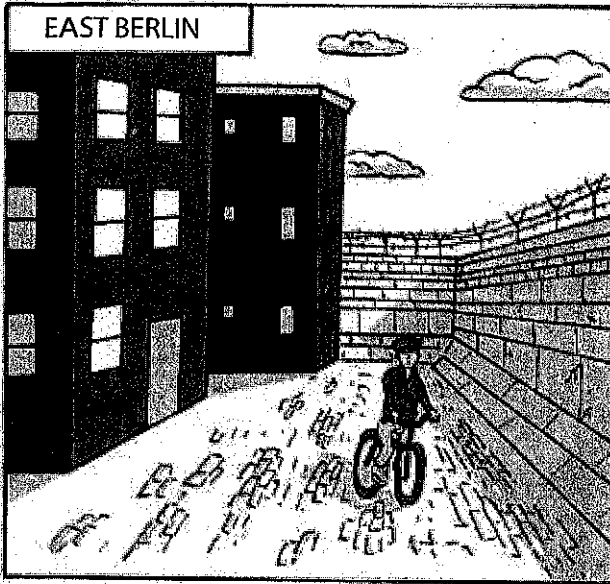
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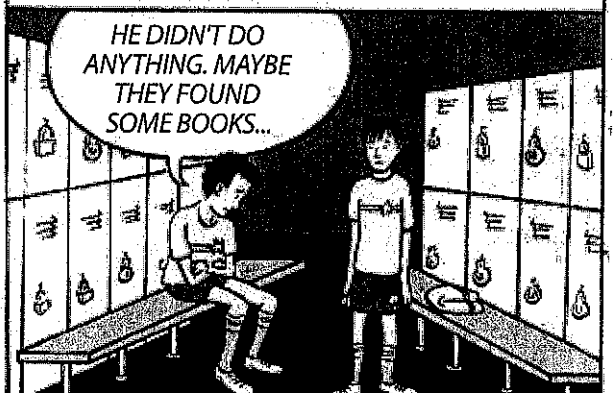
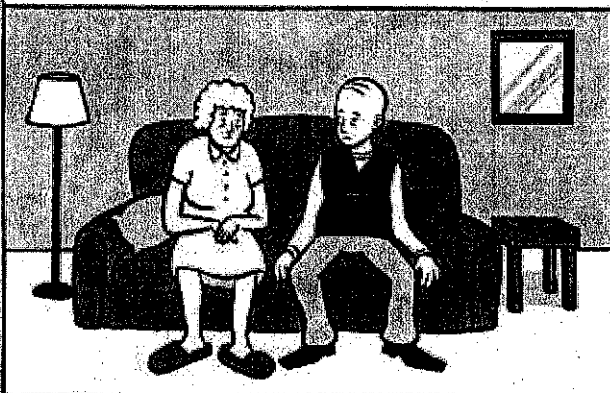


"DEAR ELSE,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST RECENT LETTER.  
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE I LAST WROTE."



"OMA & OPA ARE DOING WELL. WE ARE ALL IN  
GOOD HEALTH THESE DAYS. THE COMMUNISTS'  
FREE HEALTH CARE IS PRETTY DECENT."

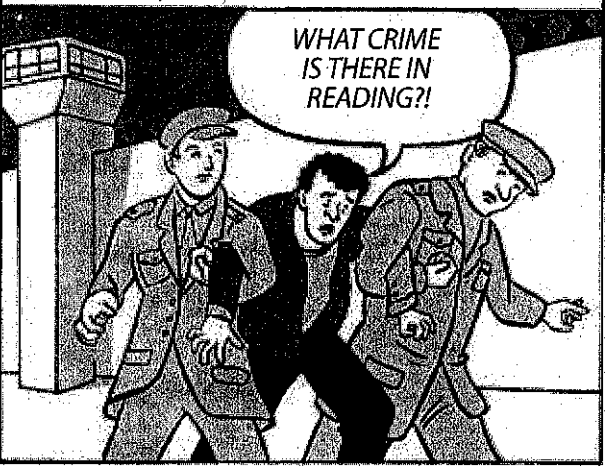
"UNFORTUNATELY, I'VE BEEN RATHER ANXIOUS LATELY.  
SOME STRANGE THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING  
AROUND HERE. MY FRIEND HENRIK TOLD ME TODAY  
THAT HIS FATHER IS MISSING."



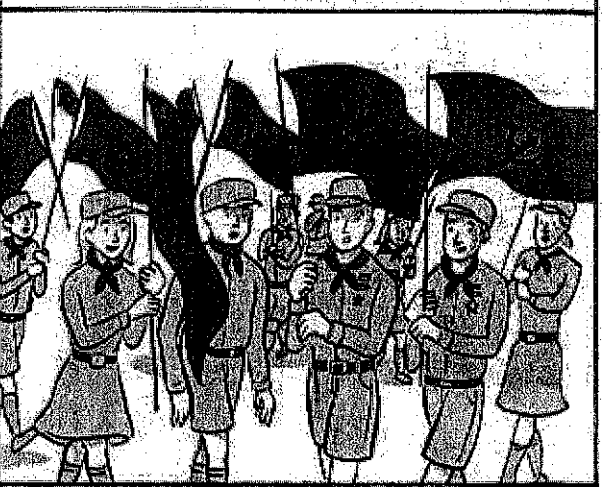
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OMA = GRANDMA, OPA = GRANDPA

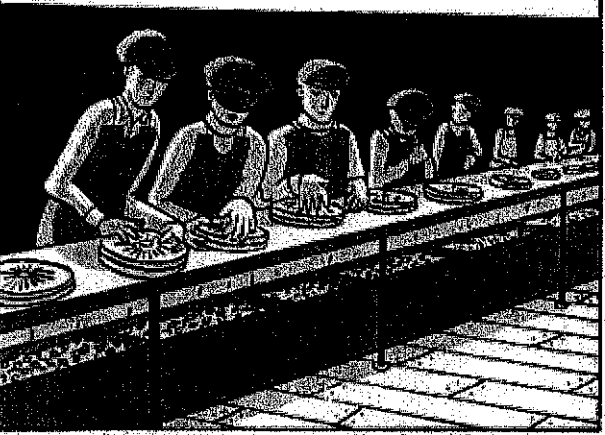
"HENRIK'S FATHER MUST HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE STASI FOR OWNING ANTI-COMMUNIST LITERATURE, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!"



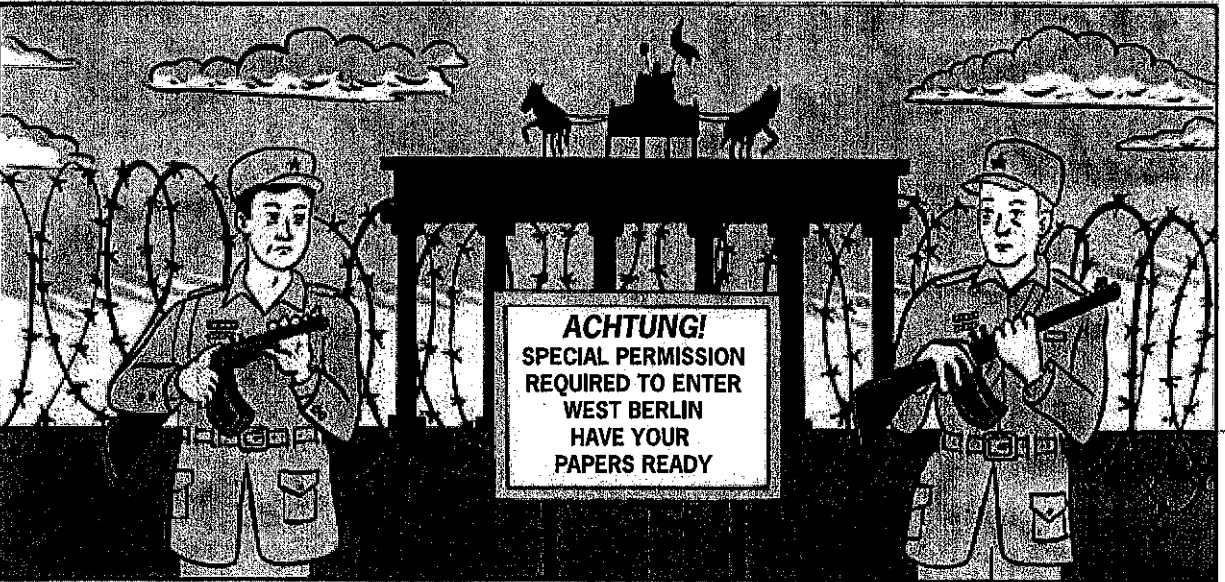
"THE COMMUNISTS DON'T TOLERATE ANY DISSENSION AMONG THE PEOPLE."



"ON A POSITIVE NOTE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND WORK SOON TO SUPPORT OMA AND OPA AND MYSELF. EVERYONE IN THE GDR IS GUARANTEED EQUAL WORK."



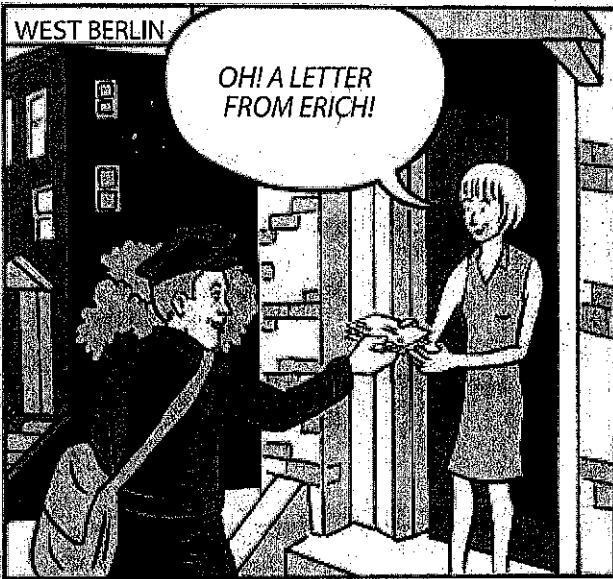
"I DREAD THE FUTURE, ELSE. LIFE HERE IS BLEAK AND DEPRESSING. I DESPERATELY WANT TO GET OUT OF EAST BERLIN. I MISS YOU AND MOTHER AND FATHER TERRIBLY. LOVE, ERICH"



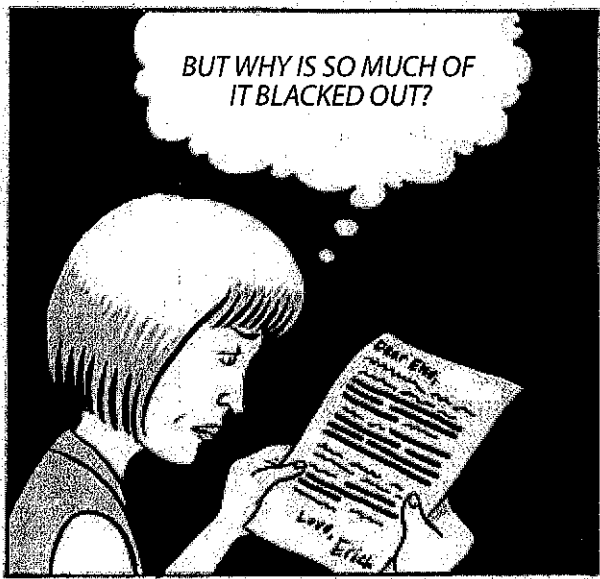
ACHTUNG = ATTENTION

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WEST BERLIN



OH! A LETTER FROM ERICH!



BUT WHY IS SO MUCH OF IT BLACKED OUT?



I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ERICH TODAY!

NEWS FROM ERICH!

A LETTER! THAT'S WONDERFUL, ELSE.



LET'S HEAR ALL ABOUT IT!

WELL...HE AND OMA AND OPA ARE DOING WELL. THEY HAVE GOOD QUALITY HEALTH CARE.



THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR. I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS ABOUT PEOPLE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARING RECENTLY.

DISAPPEARING?

THE COMMUNISTS HAVE A SECRET POLICE FORCE CALLED THE STASI. THEY'LL ARREST ANYONE WHO'S SEEN AS ANTI-COMMUNIST. THEY'RE PROBABLY MAKING SECRET ARRESTS.



PAPA...DO YOU THINK ERICH WILL EVER COME HOME TO LIVE WITH US?

I WISH I KNEW, ELSE. I WISH I KNEW.

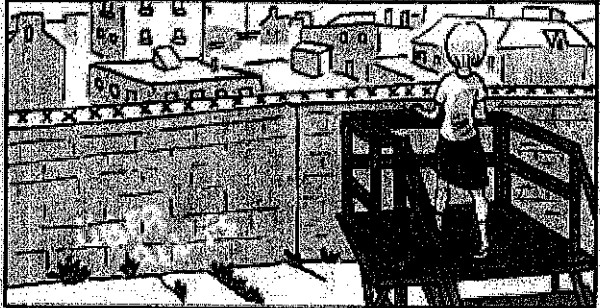
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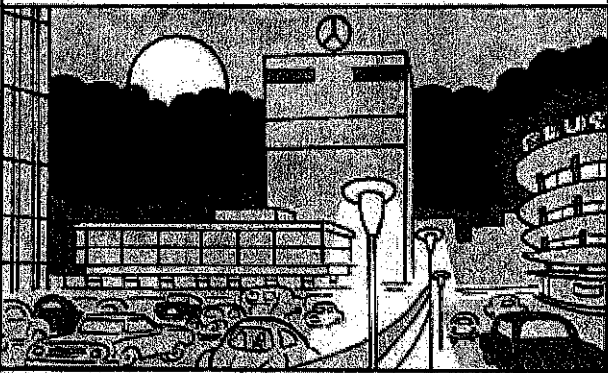
"DEAR ERICH,  
IT WAS SO NICE TO HEAR FROM YOU. MOTHER  
AND FATHER ARE DOING WELL. THEY SEND YOU  
THEIR LOVE."



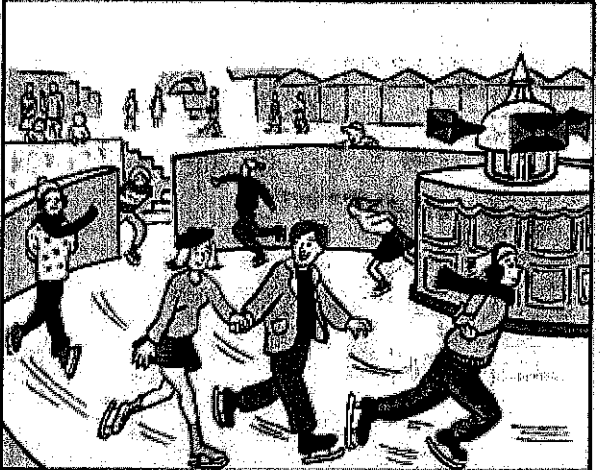
"IT'S FUNNY I SHOULD HEAR FROM YOU TODAY.  
I WAS AT THE WALL JUST YESTERDAY, LOOKING  
EAST FROM A VIEWING PLATFORM, AND  
WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE DOING. IT SEEMS  
LIKE SO LONG SINCE EITHER OF US HAS SEEN  
THE OTHER HALF OF THE CITY."



"I WONDER IF YOU WOULD EVEN RECOGNIZE  
WEST BERLIN! THE BRITISH SECTOR IS AMA-  
ZING NOW. REMEMBER THE SITE OF THE OLD  
ROMANESQUE CAFE THAT WAS RUINED IN  
THE WAR? THEY'VE BUILT AN INCREDIBLE  
SHOPPING CENTER CALLED THE EUROPA  
CENTRE IN ITS PLACE."



"IT HAS A SKATING RINK RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE!  
THERE IS ALSO A THERMAL BATH, TONS OF SHOPS  
AND RESTAURANTS, AND EVEN A CABARET!  
THAT'S THE VERY FIRST PLACE I'D LIKE TO TAKE  
YOU, AS SOON AS YOU GET TO COME HOME."



"I'M GLAD TO BE LIVING IN THE BRITISH SECTOR,  
THERE'S SO MUCH HAPPENING HERE - BUT THE  
AMERICAN SECTOR IS A LOT OF FUN TOO.  
THERE'S A REAL LIVELY SPIRIT IN THE CITY IN  
GENERAL LATELY!"

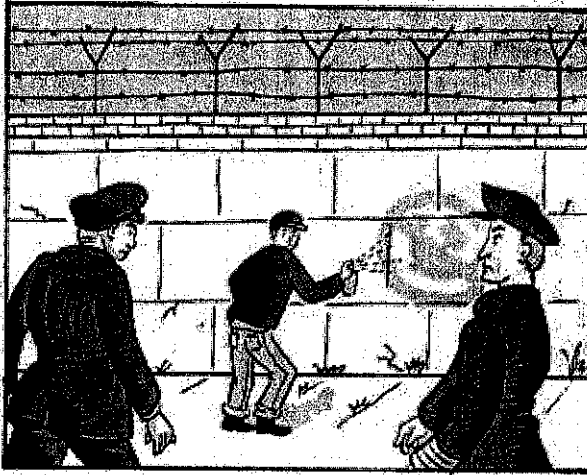


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"OH, BUT ERICH, PLEASE BE CAREFUL. WE'VE BEEN HEARING SOME TERRIBLE RUMORS ABOUT THE EAST GERMAN SECRET POLICE. THEY ARE CALLED THE "STASI", IF THEY SUSPECT YOU OF ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITY, THEY WILL MONITOR YOUR HOUSE AND KEEP A FILE ON YOU."



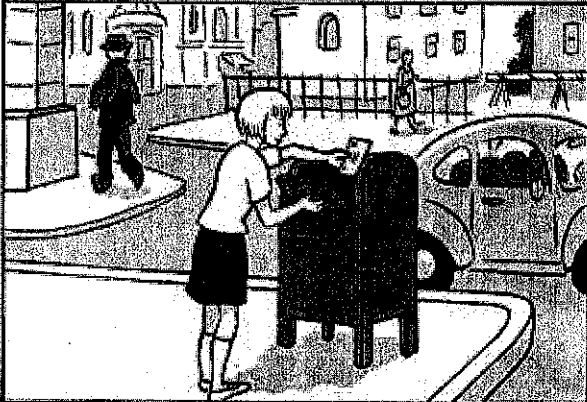
"THE STASI WILL ARREST PEOPLE FOR ANY ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENT."



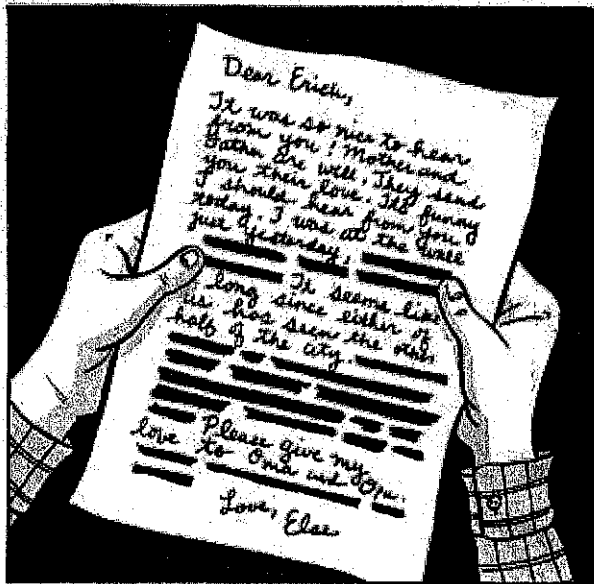
"PEOPLE OVER HERE ARE VERY POLITICALLY ACTIVE. STUDENTS AND ALL SORTS OF BERLINERS ARE STAGING PROTESTS AGAINST THE WALL."



"I'M VERY HOPEFUL ABOUT THE FUTURE HERE. THE CITY IS REALLY RECOVERING WELL FROM THE WAR. IN ADDITION TO ALL THE BUILDINGS BEING RECONSTRUCTED, THE PEOPLE'S SPIRITS HAVE BEEN HEALING TOO."



"PLEASE GIVE MY LOVE TO OMA AND OPA. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU. LOVE, ELSE"



"DIE MAUER MUSS WEG" = "THE WALL MUST GO"

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