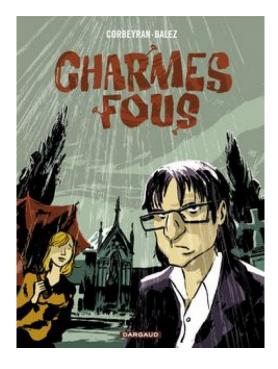


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Up until now, everything was predictable in the life of Sebastien Dugroin, a thirty-year-old Parisian with a slight resemblance to Frederic Beigbedder, a well-known French writer. That is, until this Thursday, the 22nd of May, when Mr. Dugroin's father dies at the wheel of his car and is devoured, ironically, by gluttonous pigs. If this anecdote makes you smile, the events that follow tend more towards the mysterious.

The more he looks into the life of his father, the more our young, decadent "bourgeois bohemian" loses sight of the father he knows and uncovers a side of the man he never realized existed. The discovery of a veritable arsenal of voodoo concealed throughout the family house will provoke doubts in Sébastien: What had his father done to deserve so many voodoo curses?

It's not his Barbie Doll girlfriend who can help our apprentice-detective in his investigation. This poor girl is really more of a burden than anything else. No, the only person who can help him is Melanie. But unfortunately for him, he ditched her a couple of months earlier for this very Barbie! Ah! The situation is already not so simple and, even more, he'll have to deal with two jealous women.

Finally, if they want to succeed and to make an effort to get along as well, it will be necessary for all three of them to delve into the dark side of a village where the residents' nastiness is equal only to their own gullibility. This is one burlesque world in which Corbeyran and Balez jump at the chance to castigate our times, where, in advertising, as in sorcery, people are so easily deluded.

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