



The Newspaper Comic Strip

Nero Wolfe

The Comic Strip

- Dates: November 26, 1956 - 1957.
- Syndicated by: Columbia Features
- Writer: John Broome (credited to Rex Stout) & Ed Herron (?)
- Artist: Mike Roy (1956-57), Fran Matera (1957).
- Inker: Mike Peppe (1956).

Mike Roy, age 75, died March 25, 1996 in Springfield VA.

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- *Nero Wolfe* was printed in the following newspapers:
 - *Indianapolis Star*, Indianapolis, Indiana (in April 14, 1957)
 - *Newark Evening News*, Newark, New Jersey
(unconfirmed, folded 1972, newspaper morgue housed in Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center, Newark Public Library)
 - *New York Post*, New York City, NY (unconfirmed)
 - *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, Colorado
(strip published only in 1957)
 - *Sunday Express-News*, San Antonio, Texas
(in September 1, 1957)
 - *Winnipeg Free Press*, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
 - *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
(in January 25, 1958)
- *Nero Wolfe* was also printed in Italian newspapers and in the *Sunday Mirror* in New Zealand (starting in 1959).

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“. . . Larry Nadle's son has a Feb. 1957 letter from Rex Stout indicating he likes the writing Nadle has turned in... that wouldn't have come out, probably, till a few months later. . .”

“The only writer names I've ever seen associated with the strip are Ed Herron and John Broome.”

Arthur Lortie

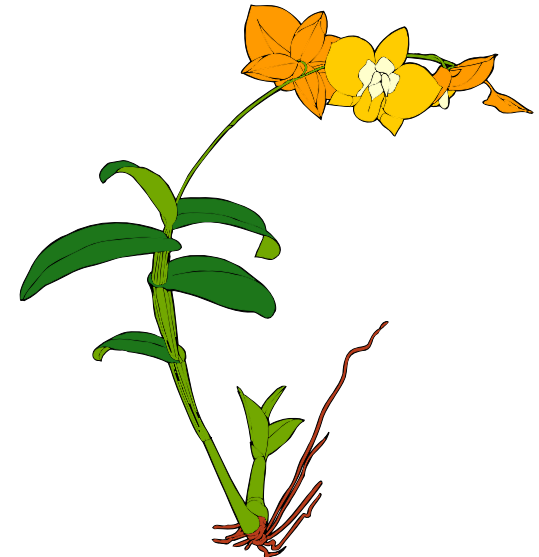
from July 10, 2007 e-mail communication

Nero Wolfe - The Comic Strip Story Titles

- *The Curse of the Bad Luck Mine*
- *Exposed To Danger*
- *Healthier to be Dead*
- *The Hypnotist*
- . . .

and in Belgium Nero Wolfe comic books:

- *Champaign for One*
- *The Red Box*



The Wolfe Pack

The Nero Wolfe
Literary Society

Nero Wolfe Comic Strip Collection

Read the shocking truth regarding why Nero Wolfe comic strips ceased publication.
Below is a letter from Mr. Stout to the comic book publisher,
straight from the Rex Stout Archives at Boston College.

January 23 1957

Dear Mr. Nadle:

I have received the series for the weeks of February 11th and 18th.

One thing is wrong. Fritz never calls Archie "Mr. Archie." He calls him "Archie."

Another thing is terrible. Wolfe says to Fritz, "If Archie has not contacted us by now . . ." Ouch. Wolfe once refused to take a lucrative case because the prospective client used "contact" as a verb. I told Mr. Boychuk I wouldn't be fussy, and I am not, but there are limits, and this is way out of bounds.

I understood that the text for the balloons would be sent me in advance, and I suppose that is the only way this sort of calamity can be avoided.

Sincerely,

December 24, 1956



December 24, 1956
(continued)



January 3, 1957



January 4, 1957



Italian version

January 21, 19xx



January 12, 1957



Italian version

January 22, 19xx



(first 3 panels same as earlier January 12, 1957 U.S. strip)

(4th panel same as upcoming 1st panel January 23, 1957 U.S. strip)

January 23, 1957



Italian version January 24, 19xx



(first 2 panels same as previous January 23, 1957 U.S. strip 2nd and 3rd panels)

(last 2 panels same as upcoming January 24, 1957 U.S. strip first 2 panels)

Italian version January 25, 19xx



(1st panel same as upcoming January 24, 1957 U.S. strip last panel)

January 24, 1957



March 3, 1957



March 10, 1957



The image displays a collection of comic book pages from the 'Nero Wolfe' series. The top left page features the title 'NERO WOLFE' in large, bold letters, with a silhouette of Nero Wolfe. The subsequent pages show Archie Goodwin, Nero Wolfe's assistant, in various scenes of investigation and dialogue. The panels are arranged in a grid-like fashion, typical of comic book layouts. The art style is classic comic book illustration, with detailed line work and expressive character portrayals. The pages are slightly aged and show some wear, including creases and discoloration. The dialogue is presented in speech bubbles, and the scenes depict the characters in a domestic setting, likely the famous brownstone where Nero Wolfe resides.

March 17, 1957

Rocky Mountain News



(Note that the 3rd panel in the original art, on the previous slide, is missing from this published version.)

March 24, 1957



March 31, 1957



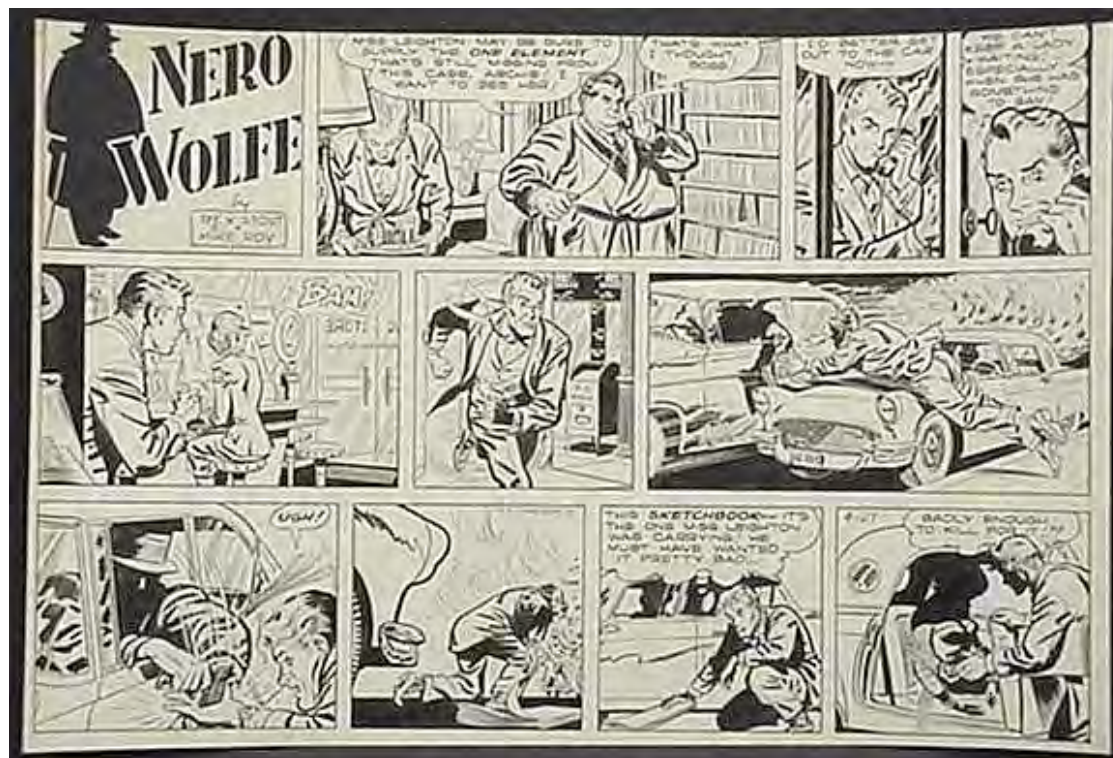
April 7, 1957



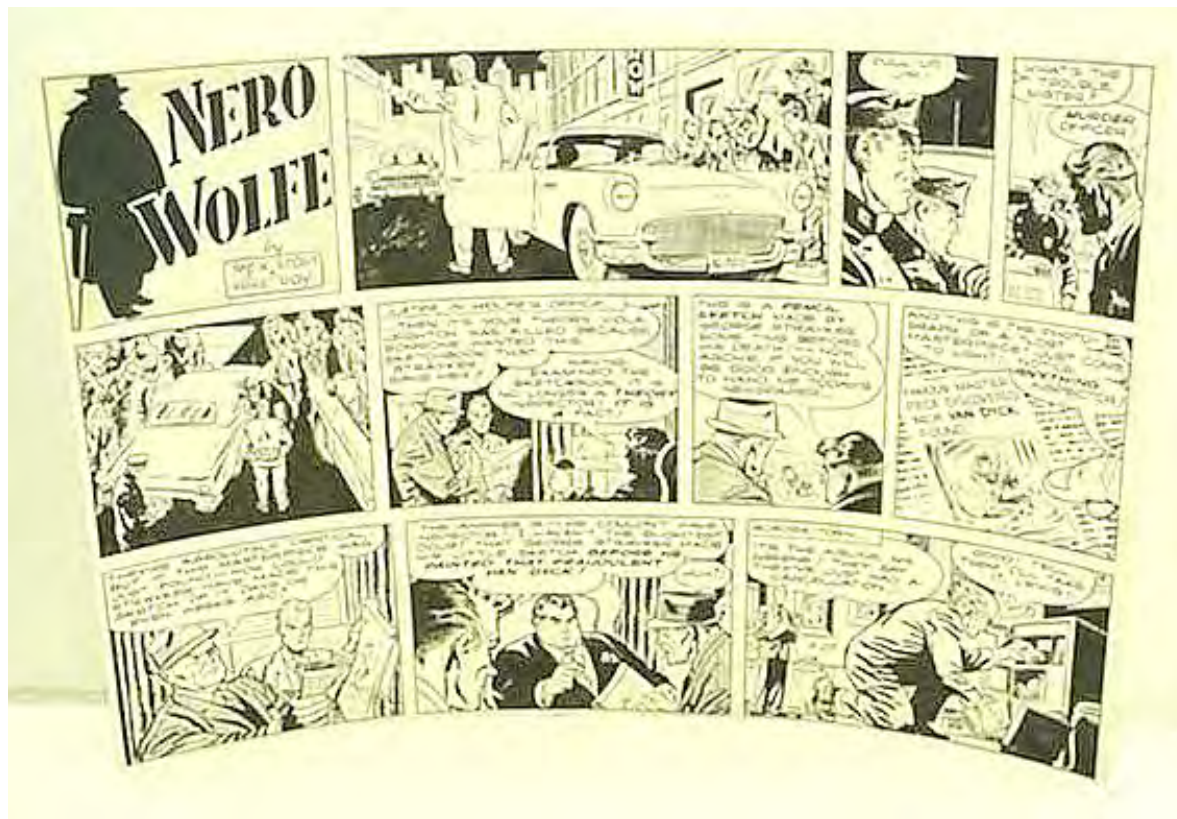
April 14, 1957
Rocky Mountain News



April 21, 195x



April 28 195x



May 5, 195x



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May 5, 195x
row 2 & 3, column 1 & 2



May 5, 195x
row 2 & 3, column 3 & 4



May 12, 1957



May 19, 1957



June 15, 1957



July 14, 195x



March 15, 1959

Sunday Mirror, New Zealand



(1st *Nero Wolfe* strip published in *Sunday Mirror* is the same strip that was published in July 14, 195x U.S. newspaper.)

[illegible]

September 22, 1957
Rocky Mountain News



November 29, 19xx

NERO WOLFE



by REX STOUT



between
December 2, 1956 & November 17, 1957



January 18, 1958

Winnipeg Free Press

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

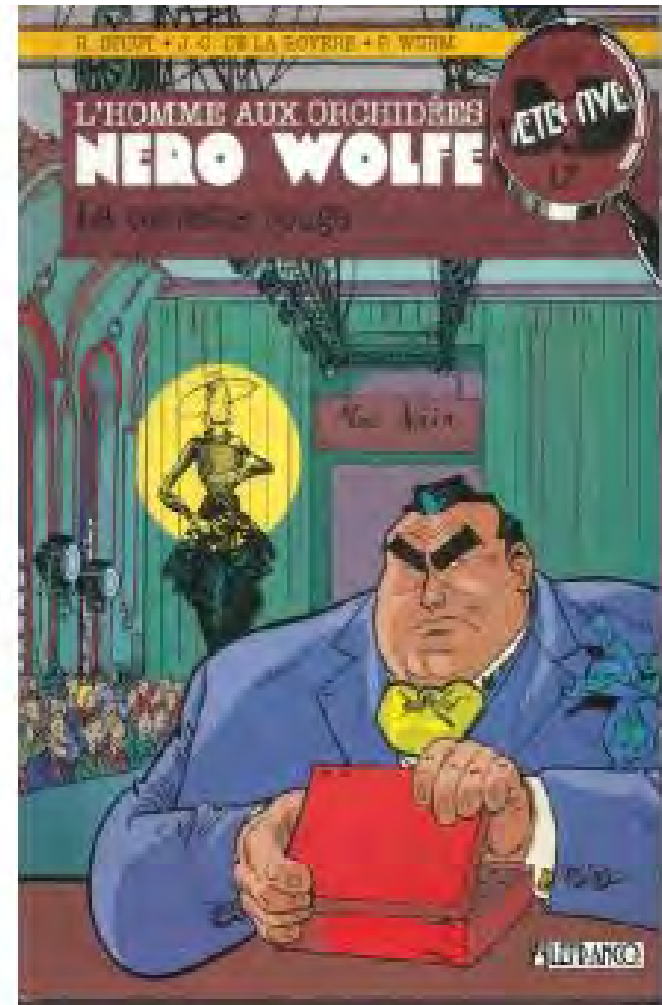


Two Belgian comic books were also produced,

Champaign for One (1990)



The Red Box (1992)





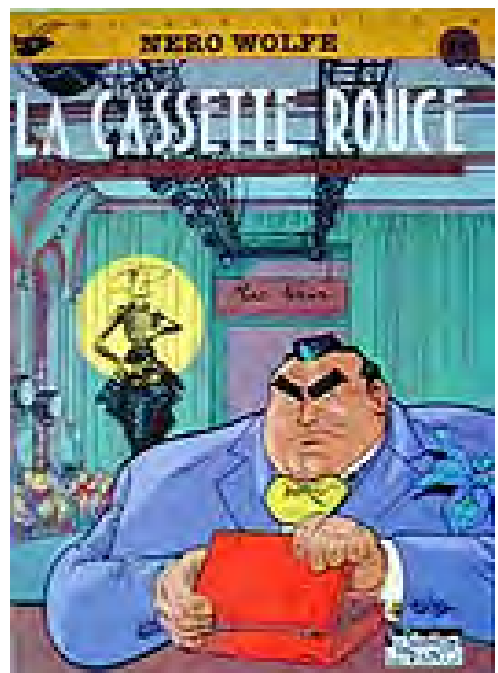
La Cassette Rouge
(*The Red Box*)

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Les Compagnon
de la Peur

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were published with
alternative covers.



Nero Wolfe

Les compagnons de la peur

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Nero Wolfe

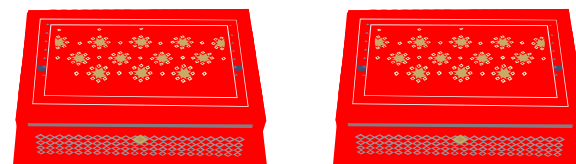
Les compaonns de la peur



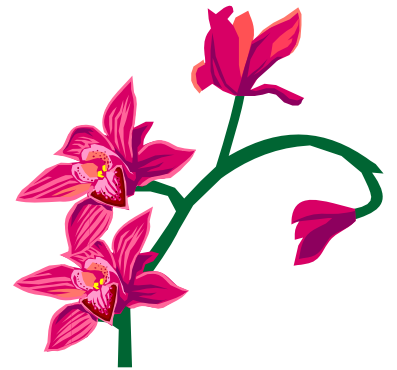
- Scénariste: Jean-Claude de la Royère
- Dessinateur: André Taymans
- Coloriste: Liliane Denayer
- Editeur: Claude Lefrancq
- Collection: BDétectives
- Pages: 46
- ISBN: 2-87153-025-4

Nero Wolfe

La cassette rouge



Jean-Claude de la Royère
Philippe Wurm
Liliane Denayer
Claude Lefrancq
BDétectives
46
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← Fritz, Inspector
Cramer, Archie,
Theodore, and Nero
Wolfe (left)

→ Archie Goodwin
close-up from *La
Cassette Rouge*.
(right)



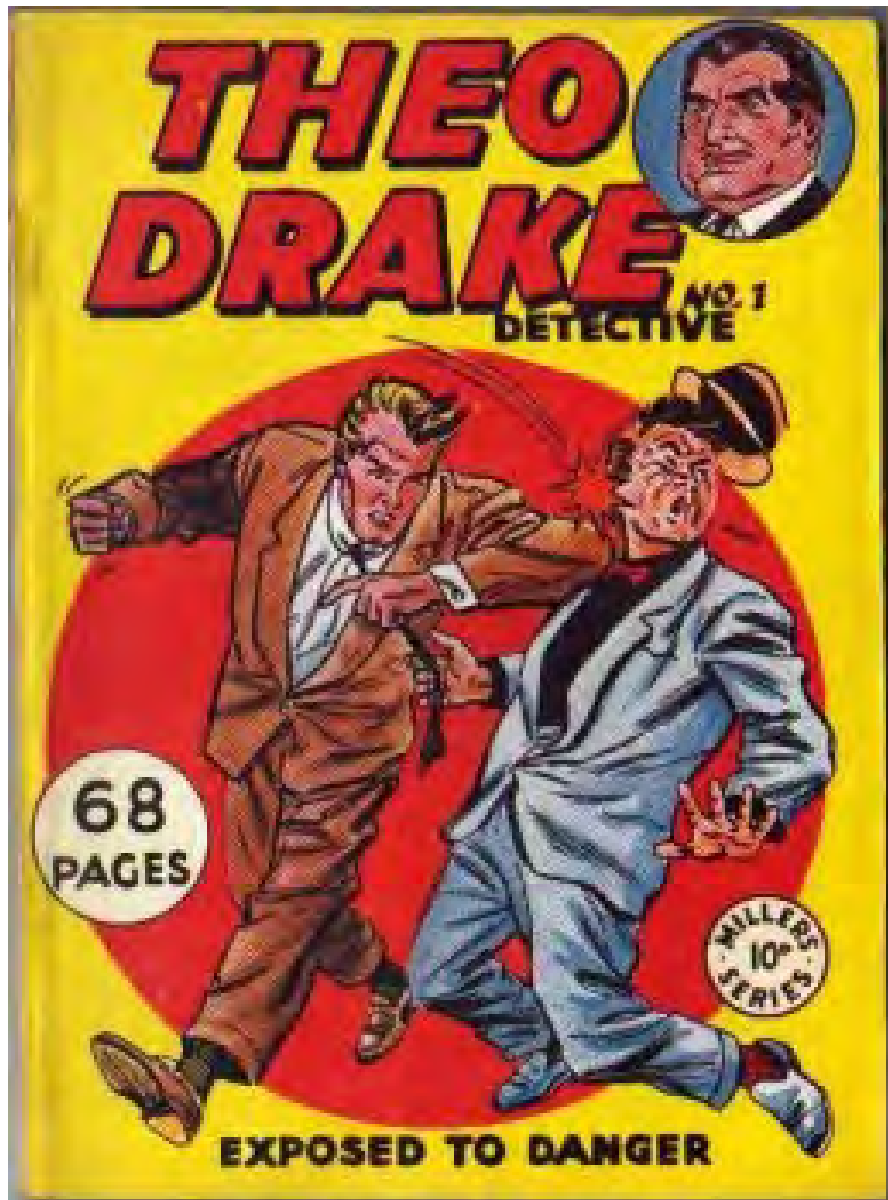
I 'think' this panel, by Philippe Wurm, is from
La Casette Rouge (The Red Box)



Copy of 135 mm
(height) x 85 mm (width)
polychrome illustration
of Nero Wolfe by
Philippe Wurm.

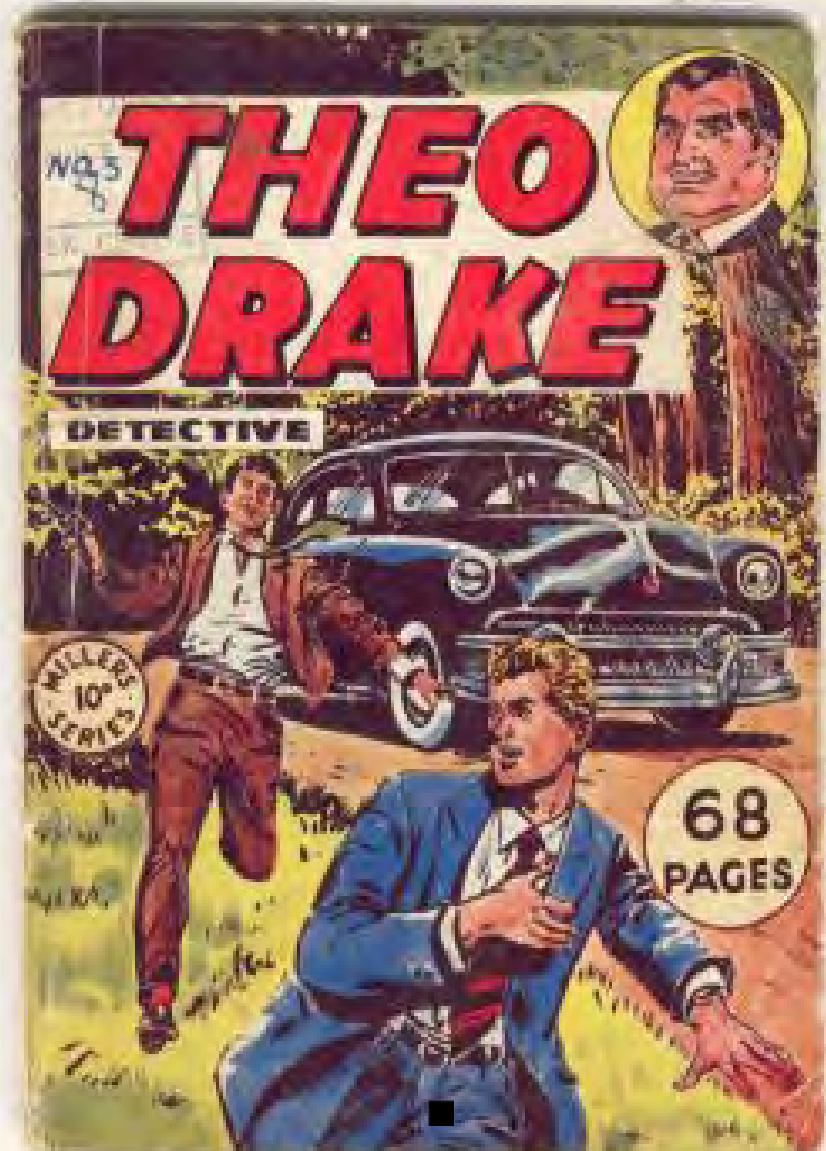


plus a British comic book series.



This digest, or pocket sized, comic was a 68-page reprinting of the Nero Wolfe black & white newspaper strip from the United States. The series ran for about 7 issues. This first issue was not dated. Other sources indicate 1959.

It was renamed *Theo Drake Detective*, most likely for copyright purposes (Archie Goodwin's name remained unchanged).





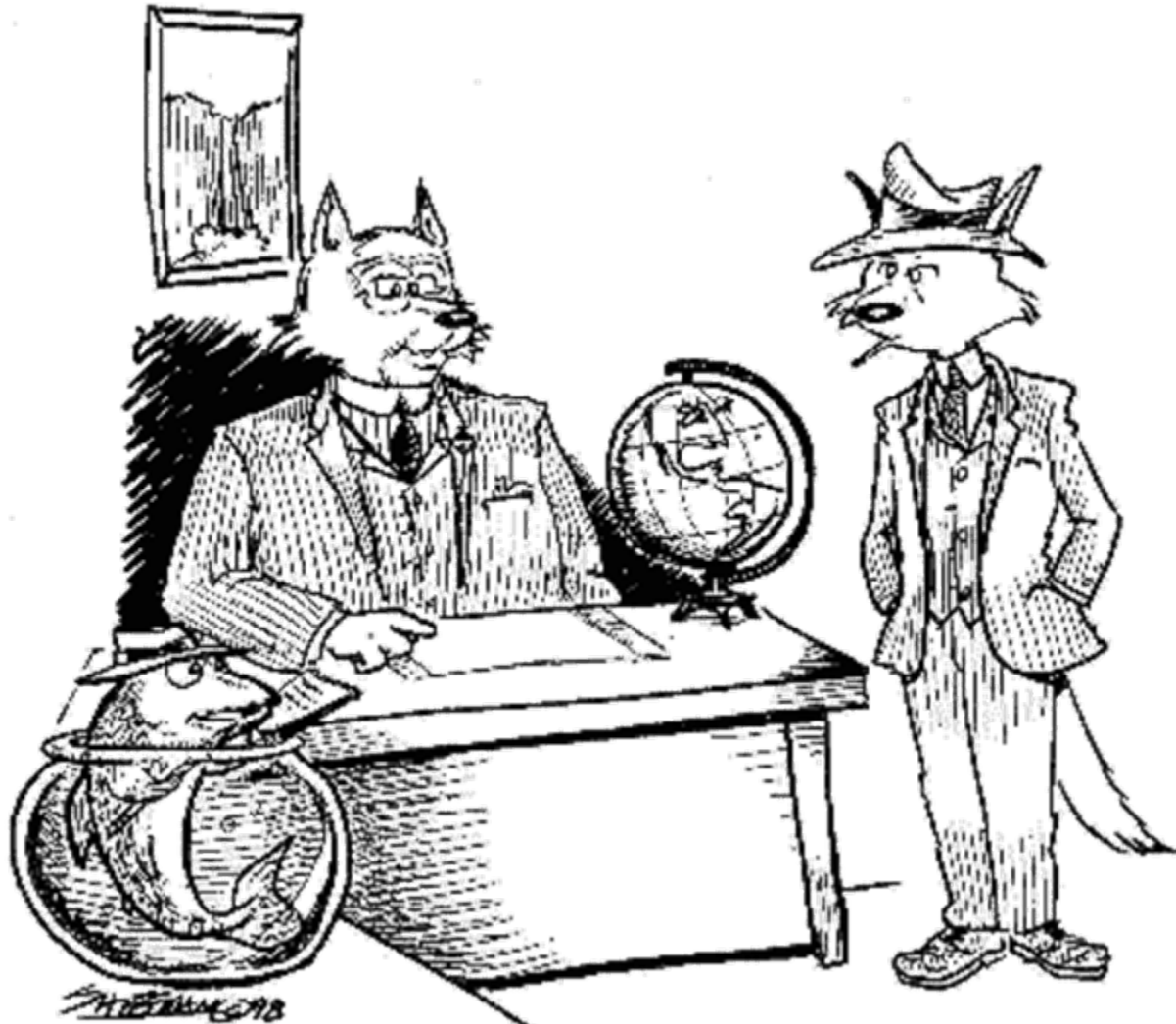
THEO DRAKE DETECTIVE

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I've also come across a cartoon parody of Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe.



REX TROUT TAKES NOTES ON NERO WOOF & ARCHIE GOODWYN

And a series of comic strips and short stories about Harry Slothe

[www.HarrySlothe.com] & [<http://www.eriepro.com/pages/web/slothe/>]



Harry Slothe

- NAME: Heronymys "Harry" Slothe
- OCCUPATION: World Famous Private Investigator
- WEIGHT: between 120 kilograms and a fifth of a ton
- DISTINGUISHING TRAITS: Smoked glasses, custom-built wheelchair, mouthful of food and/or drink
- FAVORITE PHRASE: "I suppose you're all wondering why I've called you here."

Joe Baloney

- NAME: Joseph V. Baloney
- OCCUPATION: Harry Slothe's Confidential Assistant
- DISTINGUISHING TRAITS: Thick blond hair, toilet paper stuck to shoe
- HOBBIES: Chronicling the cases of Harry Slothe
- FAVORITE PHRASE: "Mr. Slothe can't be disturbed right now."

Inspector Kramer

- NAME: Sullivan Kramer
- OCCUPATION: Police Inspector
- DISTINGUISHING TRAITS: Rumpled raincoat, beleaguered scowl
- LIKES: Bubble gum, private eyes who mind their own business
- DISLIKES: Harry Slothe (most of the time)
- FAVORITE PHRASE: "One more stunt like that and I'll have your license!"





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Help!

September 2007

This is all the information I've uncovered about the *Nero Wolfe* newspaper comic strip. If you have any additional information, please pass it on to me so I can update this document. I can be reached at:

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