

# Porsche Teens

LOUISE AND FELIX LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE PORSCHE 911 FROM THEIR AUNT ALICE.

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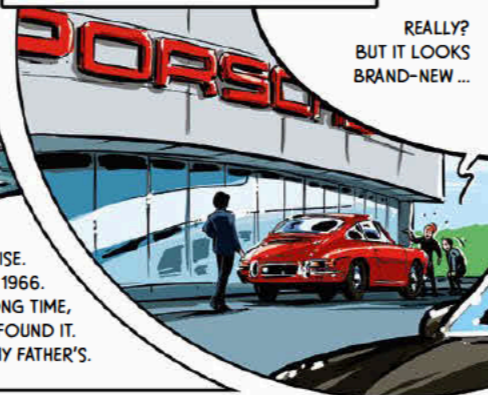
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WOW, IS THIS AMAZING 911 YOURS, ALICE?

YES, LOUISE. IT'S FROM 1966. IT TOOK A LONG TIME, BUT I FINALLY FOUND IT. IT USED TO BE MY FATHER'S.

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REALLY? BUT IT LOOKS BRAND-NEW ...



THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE NEW PAINT JOB. IT'S BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL COLOR, SIGNAL RED. IT WAS BLACK WHEN I FOUND IT.

YOU'RE JOKING! HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY KNOW THAT IT'S YOUR DAD'S OLD CAR?

COME ON, LOUISE. MAYBE WE CAN FIND SOME PROOF UNDER THE CAR! A STICKER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT ...



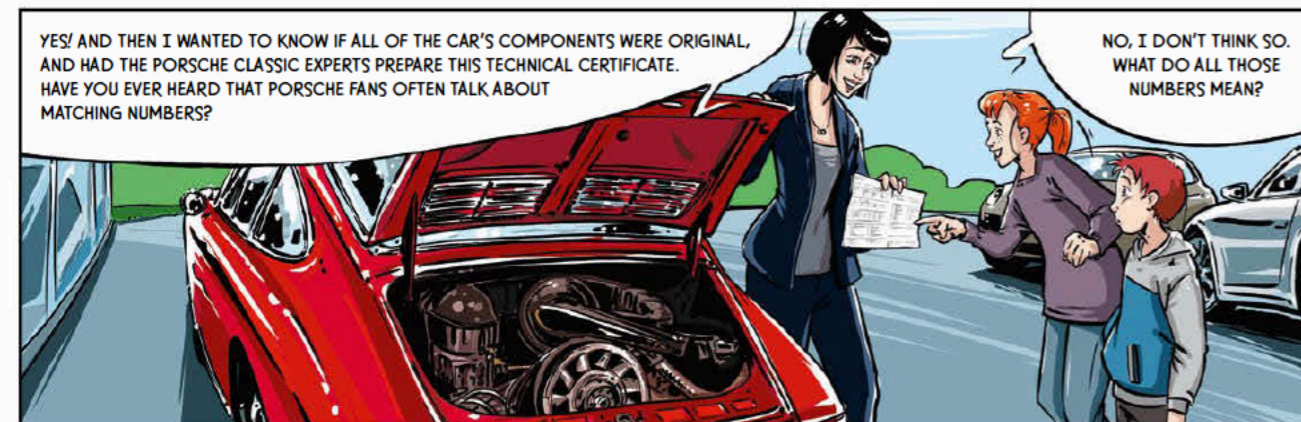
WAIT, FELIX. I'M SURE ALICE CAN EXPLAIN IT TO US.

OK ...

SO, I HAD OLD PHOTOS OF THE CAR AND KNEW WHEN IT WAS BUILT AND WHEN MY FATHER SOLD IT. USING THIS INFORMATION, I WENT LOOKING FOR THE CURRENT OWNER IN THE HUGE COMMUNITY OF PORSCHE FANS. A FLORIST IN PARIS POINTED ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

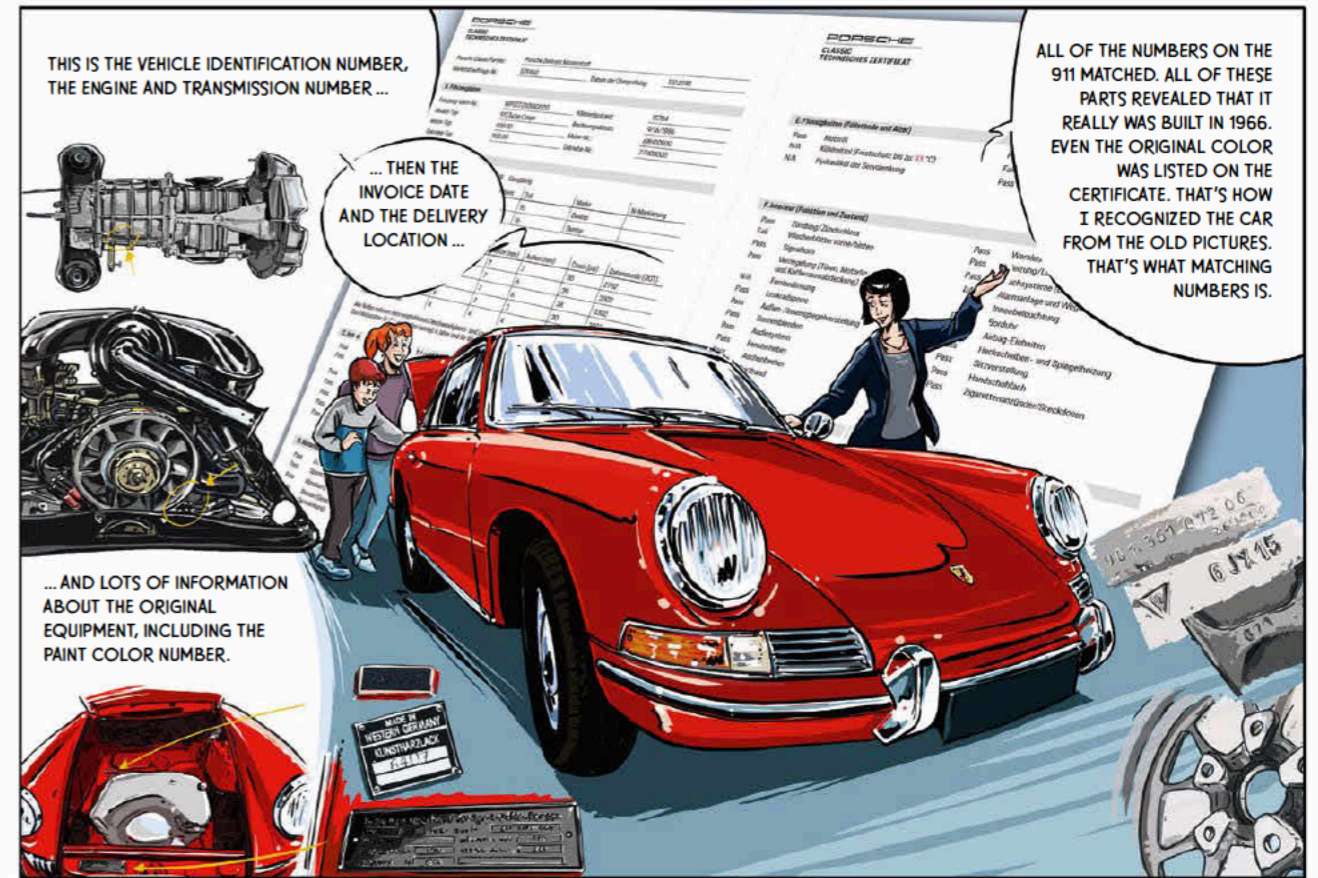


WOW! SOUNDS LIKE YOU DID SOME REAL DETECTIVE WORK ...



YES! AND THEN I WANTED TO KNOW IF ALL OF THE CAR'S COMPONENTS WERE ORIGINAL, AND HAD THE PORSCHE CLASSIC EXPERTS PREPARE THIS TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE. HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THAT PORSCHE FANS OFTEN TALK ABOUT MATCHING NUMBERS?

NO, I DON'T THINK SO. WHAT DO ALL THOSE NUMBERS MEAN?



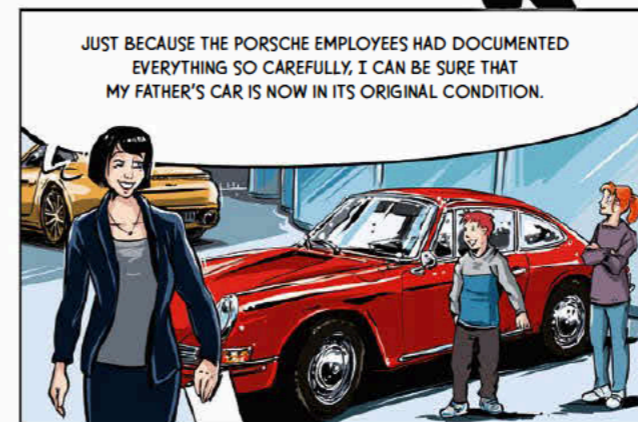
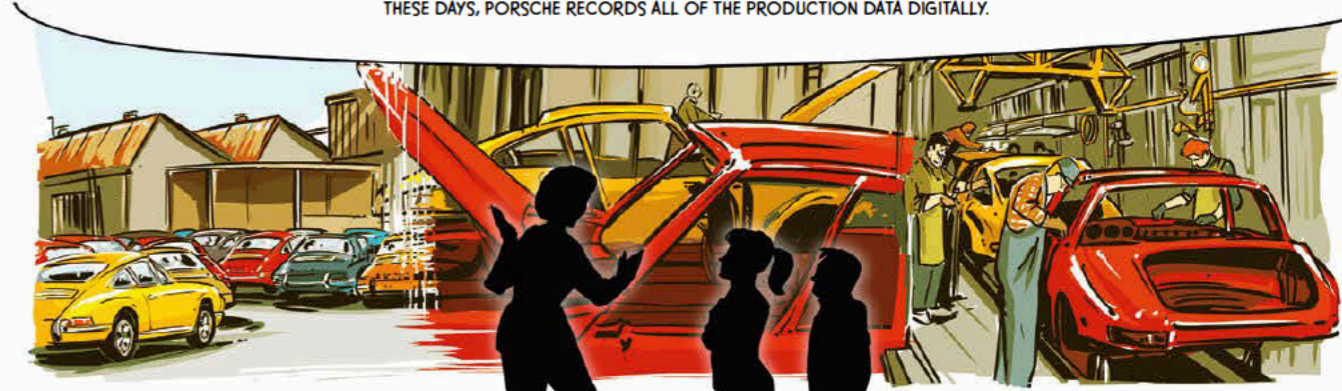
THIS IS THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, THE ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION NUMBER ...

... THEN THE INVOICE DATE AND THE DELIVERY LOCATION ...

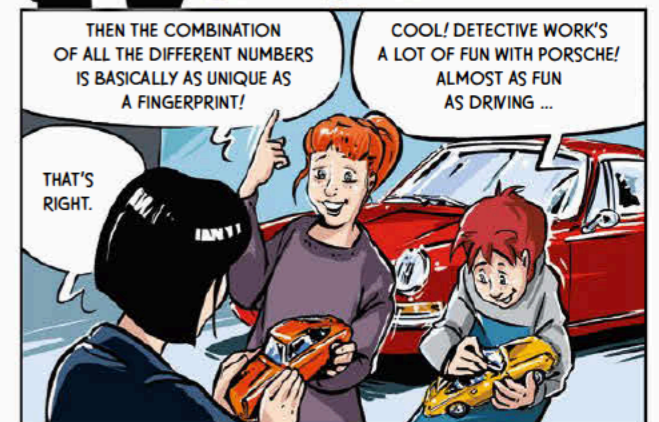
... AND LOTS OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE PAINT COLOR NUMBER.

ALL OF THE NUMBERS ON THE 911 MATCHED. ALL OF THESE PARTS REVEALED THAT IT REALLY WAS BUILT IN 1966. EVEN THE ORIGINAL COLOR WAS LISTED ON THE CERTIFICATE. THAT'S HOW I RECOGNIZED THE CAR FROM THE OLD PICTURES. THAT'S WHAT MATCHING NUMBERS IS.

BY THE WAY, AT THE TIME MY FATHER'S 911 WAS BUILT, ALL OF THIS INFORMATION WAS WRITTEN OUT BY HAND. THE DOCUMENTS WERE ONLY PROVIDED FOR WARRANTY CASES. THESE DAYS, PORSCHE RECORDS ALL OF THE PRODUCTION DATA DIGITALLY.



JUST BECAUSE THE PORSCHE EMPLOYEES HAD DOCUMENTED EVERYTHING SO CAREFULLY, I CAN BE SURE THAT MY FATHER'S CAR IS NOW IN ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.



THEN THE COMBINATION OF ALL THE DIFFERENT NUMBERS IS BASICALLY AS UNIQUE AS A FINGERPRINT!

COOL! DETECTIVE WORK'S A LOT OF FUN WITH PORSCHE! ALMOST AS FUN AS DRIVING ...

THAT'S RIGHT.