

Porsche Teens

IT'S 1984 AND THE TEENS ARE ON SAFARI IN SENEGAL WITH THEIR PARENTS. ON TODAY'S AGENDA: THE PARIS-DAKAR RALLY FINISH. DRAWN BY TOBIAS MÄLKE.



WOW! SO MANY PEOPLE HERE IN DAKAR.

OF COURSE! IT'S THE CAPITAL OF SENEGAL AND IT'S MARKET DAY, TOO! HOW NICE!

DAD, DID YOU SEE THAT? THERE WAS A POSTER FOR THE PARIS-DAKAR RALLY.



PARIS-DAKAR?? THAT SOUNDS LIKE A FLIGHT, DOESN'T IT? THERE'S EVEN A PORSCHE 911 WITH ALL-WHEEL DRIVE THIS TIME.

YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO GO, DO YOU?

LOOK UP THERE, A HELICOPTER!

PLEASE, MOM! IT'S SO COOL! WHEN WERE WE EVER HAD A CHANCE TO GO TO A RALLY?

THAT'LL BE THE CAMERA TEAM. IT WON'T BE LONG NOW UNTIL THE WINNER CROSSES THE FINISH LINE!

THE RALLY FINISHES TOMORROW. WE CAN'T MISS OUT ON THAT, CAN WE?

AMÉLIE, LET'S GO UP FRONT WHERE WE CAN SEE BETTER!

WELL, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, SO, WE'RE OFF TO LAC ROSE TOMORROW...

AND WE CAN HAVE A CUP OF TEA, JEAN-PIERRE!



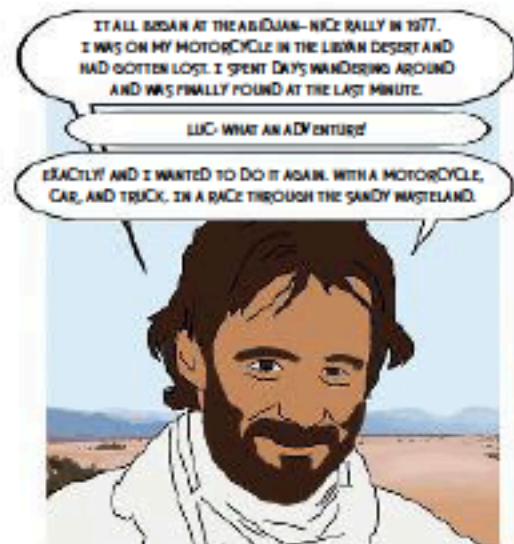
YES, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT. I'M THIERRY SABINE!

HELLO. WE'RE LUC AND AMÉLIE FROM FRANCE! HOW DO YOU GET SUCH A COOL JOB?

THAT'S A LONG STORY, BUT WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME.



HEY, ARE YOU IN CHARGE HERE?



IT ALL BEGAN AT THE ABIDJAN-NICE RALLY IN 1977. I WAS ON MY MOTORCYCLE IN THE LIBIAN DESERT AND HAD GOTTEN LOST. I SPENT DAYS WANDERING AROUND AND WAS FINALLY FOUND AT THE LAST MINUTE.

LUC: WHAT AN ADVENTURE!

EXACTLY! AND I WANTED TO DO IT AGAIN. WITH A MOTORCYCLE, CAR, AND TRUCK. IN A RACE THROUGH THE SANDY WASTELAND.

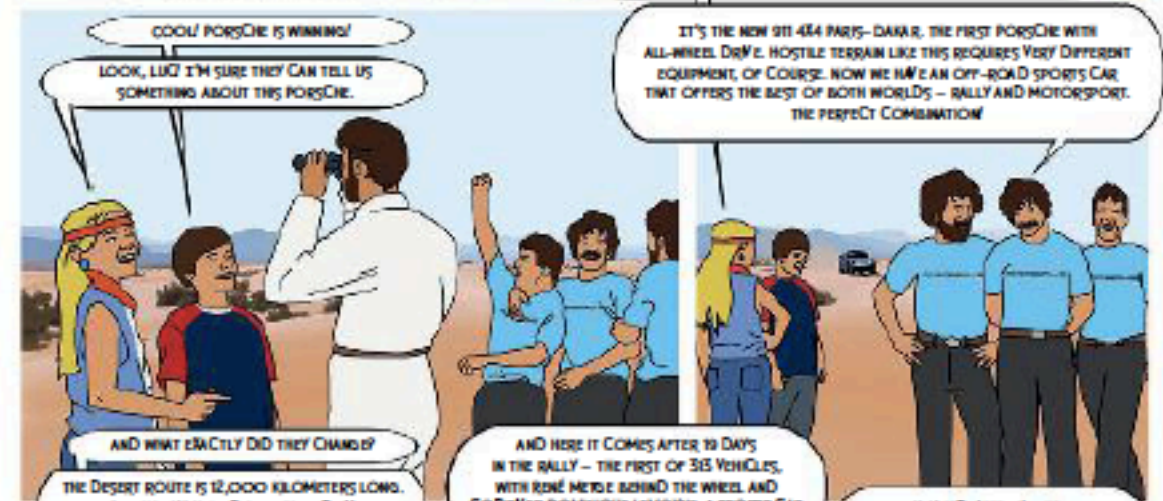


AND TODAY WE'RE COMPETING FOR THE 50TH TIME THROUGH FRANCE, ALGERIA, NIGERIA, UPPER VOLTA, THE IVORY COAST, SIERRA LEONE, GUINEA, AND ON TO SENEGAL.

I WANT TO DO THAT, TOO.

CREW TO SABINE. THEY'RE COMING / PORSCHE 911 WITH STARTING NUMBER 96 IN THE LEAD.

HEY, ARE YOU WITH PORSCHE? WHAT KIND OF 911 IS THAT?



COOL! PORSCHE IS WINNING!

LOOK, LUC! I'M SURE THEY CAN TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PORSCHE.

IT'S THE NEW 911 4x4 PARIS-DAKAR, THE FIRST PORSCHE WITH ALL-WHEEL DRIVE. HOSTILE TERRAIN LIKE THIS REQUIRES VERY DIFFERENT EQUIPMENT. OF COURSE, NOW WE HAVE AN OFF-ROAD SPORTS CAR THAT OFFERS THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS - RALLY AND MOTORSPORT. THE PERFECT COMBINATION!

AND WHAT EXACTLY DID THEY CHANGE?

THE DESERT ROUTE IS 12,000 KILOMETERS LONG. FOR THAT, YOU NEED ALL-WHEEL DRIVE. A RAISED CHASSIS, SUSPENSION AT 270 MILLIMETERS, DOUBLE WIPERONE SUSPENSION WITH TWO SHOCK ABSORBERS AT THE FRONT, A REINFORCED BODY, TWO ADDITIONAL TANKS, 245 KW (330 HP). IT'S A SPORTS CAR LIKE NO OTHER BEFORE IT.

AND HERE IT COMES AFTER 39 DAYS IN THE RALLY - THE FIRST OF 315 VEHICLES, WITH RENÉ MERCLE BEHIND THE WHEEL AND CO-DRIVER DOMINIQUE LEMOINE. A SPORTS CAR WINS FOR THE FIRST TIME! LEGENDARY!

WHAT A COOL CAR!

HEY, KID! WASN'T THAT AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE?

OH, YEAH! AND YOU KNOW WHAT? I WANT TO COMPETE SOMEDAY TOO!

AND IT'LL BE YOUR CO-DRIVER!

