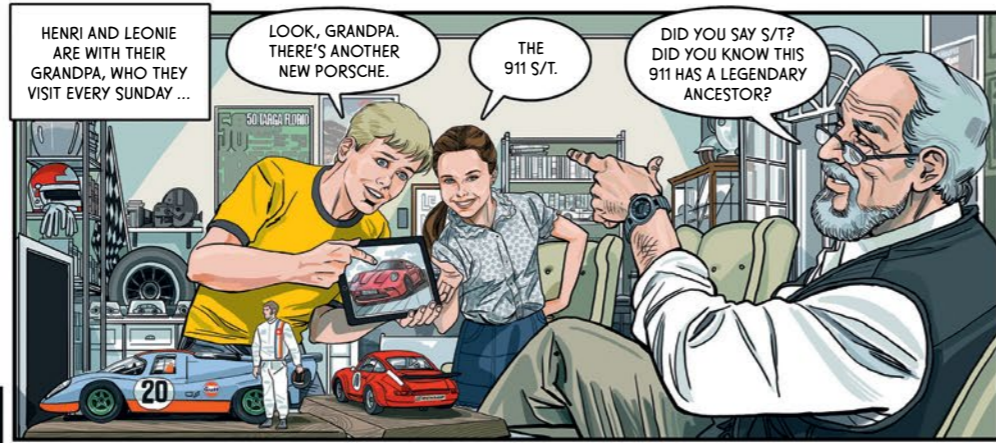


# Porsche Teens

ONCE A CAMERA CAR, LE MANS CHAMPION, AND PORSCHE LEGEND, THE 911 S 2.5 (ST) CAUSED QUITE A SENSATION IN THE EARLY 1970S AND THEN WENT MISSING, ONLY TO BE FOUND AGAIN 33 YEARS LATER. DRAWN BY ROBERTO RINALDI

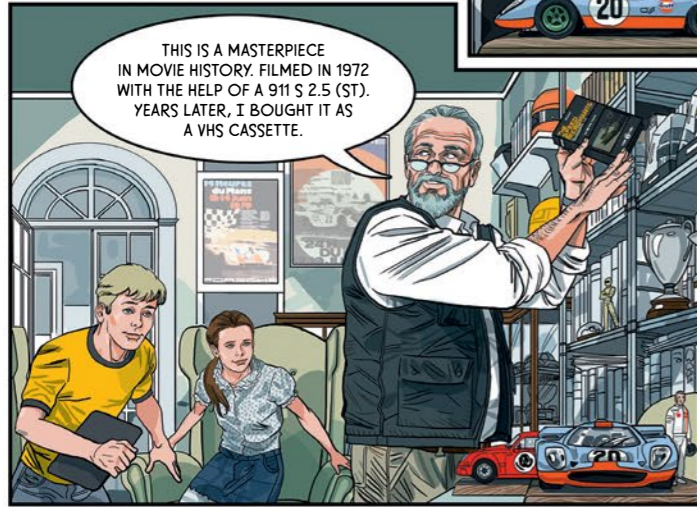


HENRI AND LEONIE ARE WITH THEIR GRANDPA, WHO THEY VISIT EVERY SUNDAY ...

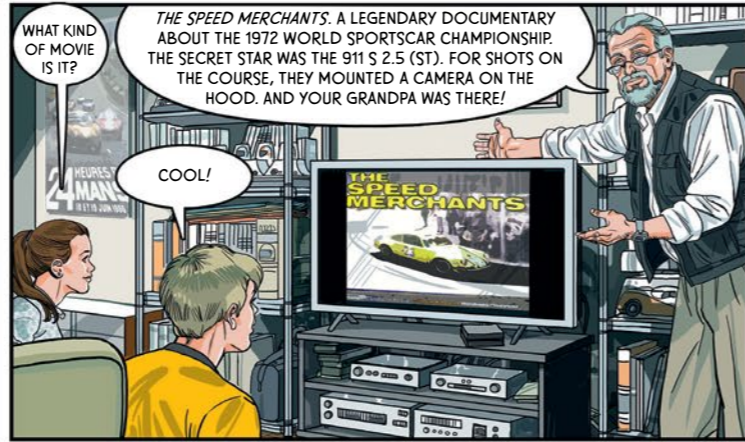
LOOK, GRANDPA, THERE'S ANOTHER NEW PORSCHE.

THE 911 S/T.

DID YOU SAY S/T? DID YOU KNOW THIS 911 HAS A LEGENDARY ANCESTOR?



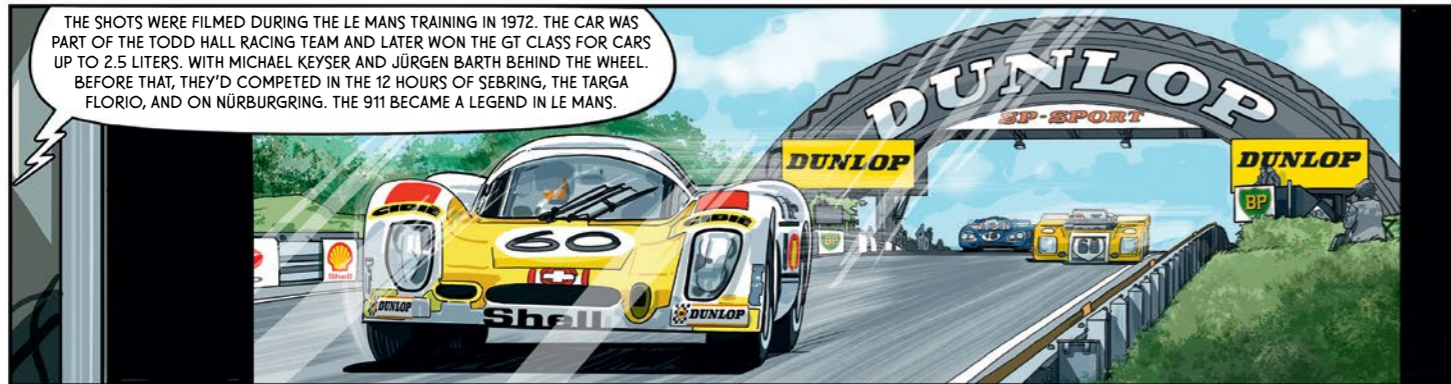
THIS IS A MASTERPIECE IN MOVIE HISTORY. FILMED IN 1972 WITH THE HELP OF A 911 S 2.5 (ST). YEARS LATER, I BOUGHT IT AS A VHS CASSETTE.



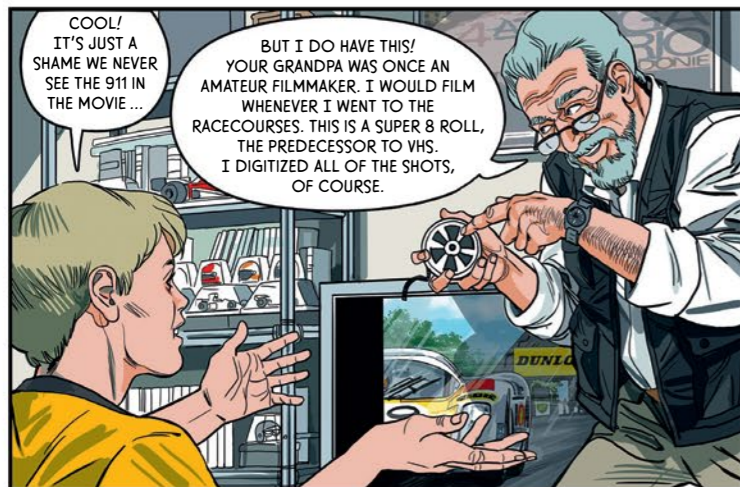
WHAT KIND OF MOVIE IS IT?

THE SPEED MERCHANTS. A LEGENDARY DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE 1972 WORLD SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP. THE SECRET STAR WAS THE 911 S 2.5 (ST). FOR SHOTS ON THE COURSE, THEY MOUNTED A CAMERA ON THE HOOD, AND YOUR GRANDPA WAS THERE!

COOL!



THE SHOTS WERE FILMED DURING THE LE MANS TRAINING IN 1972. THE CAR WAS PART OF THE TODD HALL RACING TEAM AND LATER WON THE GT CLASS FOR CARS UP TO 2.5 LITERS. WITH MICHAEL KEYSER AND JÜRGEN BARTH BEHIND THE WHEEL. BEFORE THAT, THEY'D COMPETED IN THE 12 HOURS OF SEBRING, THE TARGA FLORIO, AND ON NÜRBURGRING. THE 911 BECAME A LEGEND IN LE MANS.



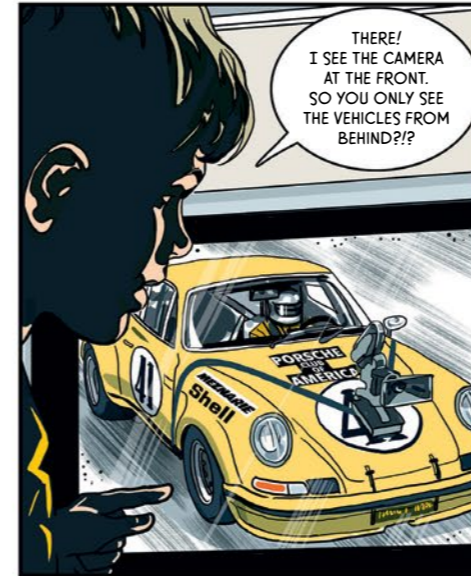
COOL! IT'S JUST A SHAME WE NEVER SEE THE 911 IN THE MOVIE ...

BUT I DO HAVE THIS! YOUR GRANDPA WAS ONCE AN AMATEUR FILMMAKER. I WOULD FILM WHENEVER I WENT TO THE RACECOURSES. THIS IS A SUPER 8 ROLL, THE PREDECESSOR TO VHS. I DIGITIZED ALL OF THE SHOTS, OF COURSE.

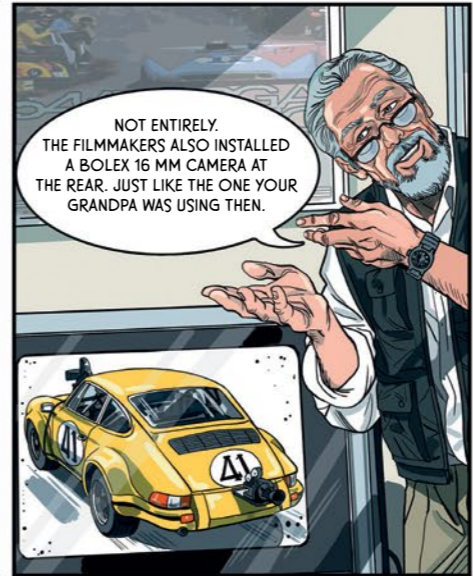


THAT MUST BE GRANDPA!

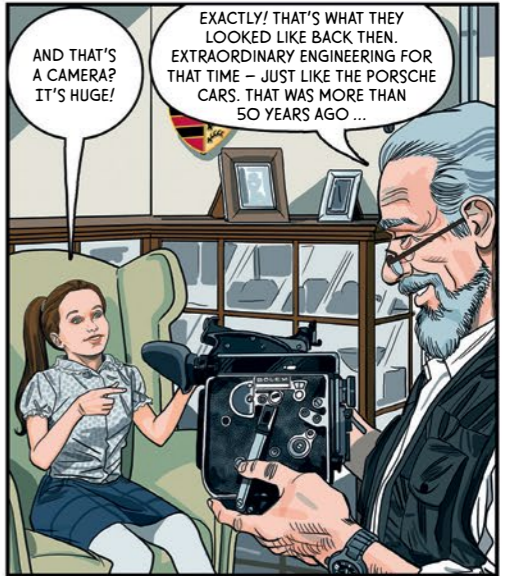
SURE IS! MY BUDDY WAS FILMING THEN. IN THE BACKGROUND, YOU CAN SEE THE 911 WITH THE CAMERA ON THE HOOD. IT CAME FROM THE LAST SERIES OF 24 911 CARS OF THIS KIND, WHICH PORSCHE BUILT FOR CUSTOMER RACING. AFTER THAT, MOST OF THE RACING 911 HAD A REAR SPOILER.



THERE! I SEE THE CAMERA AT THE FRONT. SO YOU ONLY SEE THE VEHICLES FROM BEHIND!?!?



NOT ENTIRELY. THE FILMMAKERS ALSO INSTALLED A BOLEX 16 MM CAMERA AT THE REAR. JUST LIKE THE ONE YOUR GRANDPA WAS USING THEN.



AND THAT'S A CAMERA? IT'S HUGE!

EXACTLY! THAT'S WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE BACK THEN. EXTRAORDINARY ENGINEERING FOR THAT TIME - JUST LIKE THE PORSCHE CARS. THAT WAS MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO ...

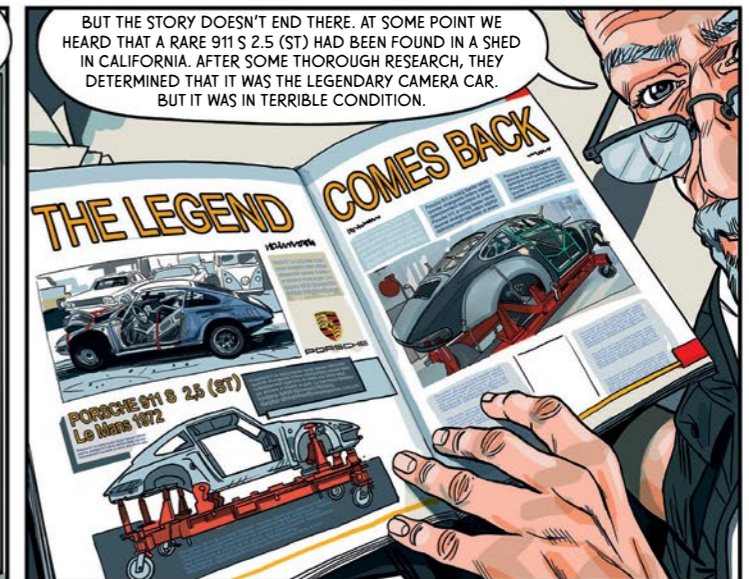


WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CAR AFTER THE LE MANS WIN, GRANDPA?

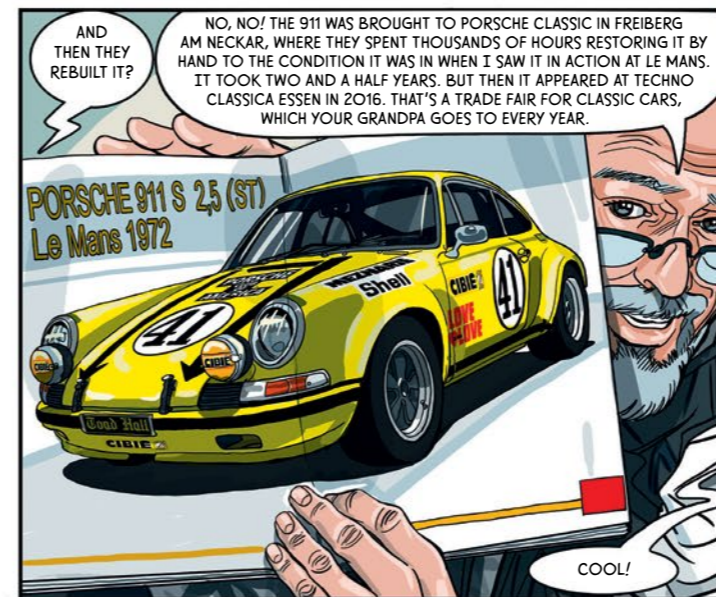
IT WAS SOLD TO DON LINDLEY IN THE US. BUT IT DIDN'T STAY AS NICE AS THIS MINIATURE MODEL FOR LONG. IT WENT MISSING IN 1975 AND WAS THOUGHT TO BE LOST.



OH NO! WHAT A SHAME!



BUT THE STORY DOESN'T END THERE. AT SOME POINT WE HEARD THAT A RARE 911 S 2.5 (ST) HAD BEEN FOUND IN A SHED IN CALIFORNIA. AFTER SOME THOROUGH RESEARCH, THEY DETERMINED THAT IT WAS THE LEGENDARY CAMERA CAR. BUT IT WAS IN TERRIBLE CONDITION.



PORSCHE 911 S 2.5 (ST) Le Mans 1972

AND THEN THEY REBUILT IT?

NO, NO! THE 911 WAS BROUGHT TO PORSCHE CLASSIC IN FREIBERG AM NECKAR, WHERE THEY SPENT THOUSANDS OF HOURS RESTORING IT BY HAND TO THE CONDITION IT WAS IN WHEN I SAW IT IN ACTION AT LE MANS. IT TOOK TWO AND A HALF YEARS. BUT THEN IT APPEARED AT TECHNOCALSSICA ESSEN IN 2016. THAT'S A TRADE FAIR FOR CLASSIC CARS, WHICH YOUR GRANDPA GOES TO EVERY YEAR.

COOL!



GRANDPA'S A REAL PORSCHE FAN. HE KNOWS EVERYTHING!

OH, YEAH! I WONDER WHAT STORY HE'LL TELL US NEXT WEEK. AND MAYBE HE'LL GIVE US ANOTHER COOL CAR!