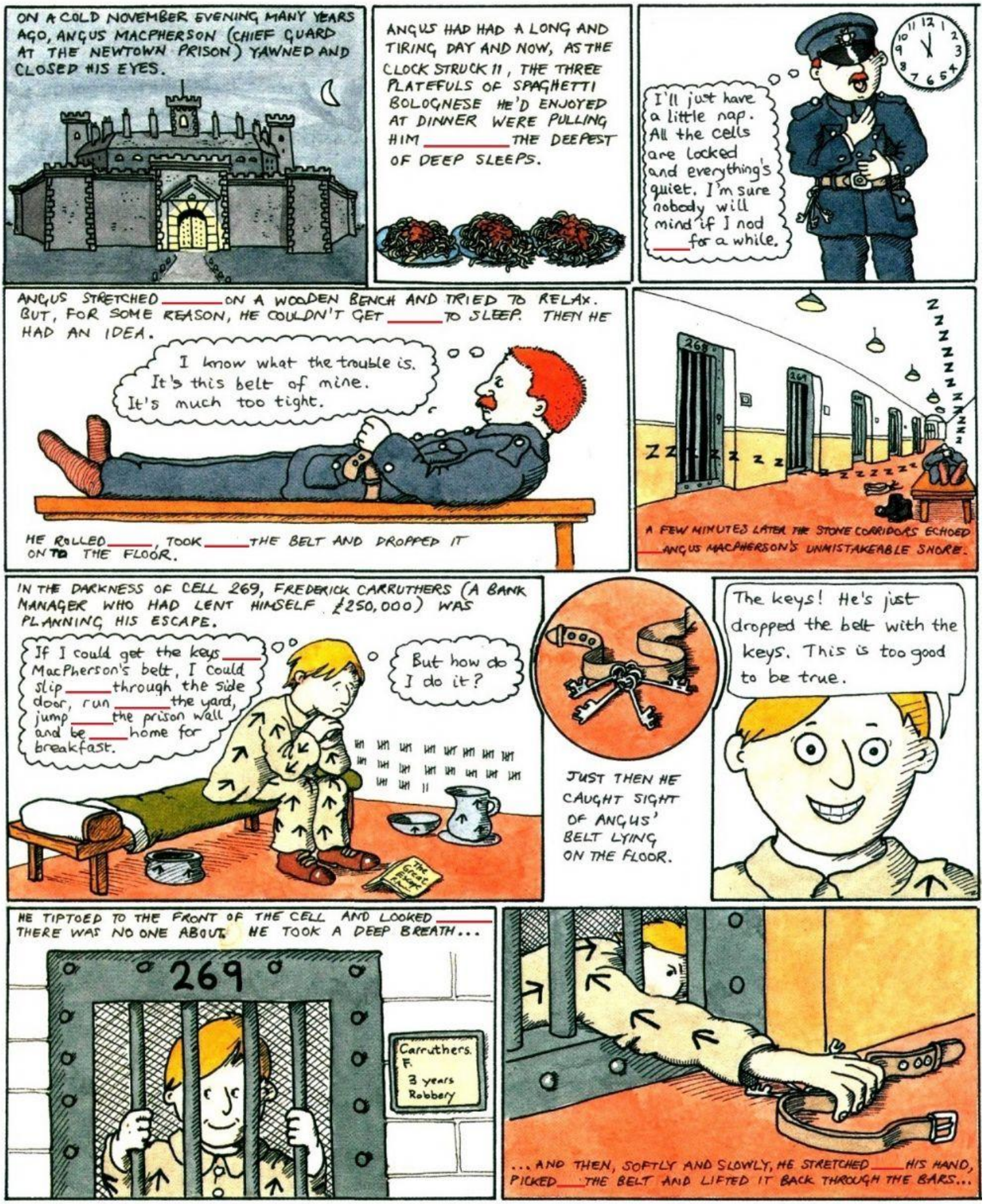
ON A COLD NOVEMBER EVENING MANY YEARS AGO, ANGUS MACPHERSON (CHIEF GUARD AT THE NEWTOWN PRISON) YAWNED AND CLOSED HIS EYES.
ANGUS HAD HAD A LONG AND TIRING DAY AND NOW, AS THE CLOCK STRUCK 11, THE THREE PLATEFULS OF SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE HE'D ENJOYED AT DINNER WERE PULLING HIM _____ THE DEEPEST OF DEEP SLEEPS.
I'll just have a little nap. All the cells are locked and everything's quiet. I'm sure nobody will mind if I nod _____ for a while.
ANGUS STRETCHED _____ ON A WOODEN BENCH AND TRIED TO RELAX. BUT, FOR SOME REASON, HE COULDN'T GET _____ TO SLEEP. THEN HE HAD AN IDEA.
I know what the trouble is. It's this belt of mine. It's much too tight.
HE ROLLED _____, TOOK _____ THE BELT AND DROPPED IT ON TO THE FLOOR.
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A FEW MINUTES LATER THE STONE CORRIDORS ECHOED _____ ANGUS MACPHERSON'S UNMISTAKEABLE SNORE.
IN THE DARKNESS OF CELL 269, FREDERICK CARRUTHERS (A BANK MANAGER WHO HAD LENT HIMSELF £250,000) WAS PLANNING HIS ESCAPE.
If I could get the keys _____ MacPherson's belt, I could slip _____ through the side door, run _____ the yard, jump _____ the prison wall and be _____ home for breakfast.
But how do I do it?
The Great Escape
JUST THEN HE CAUGHT SIGHT OF ANGUS' BELT LYING ON THE FLOOR.
The keys! He's just dropped the belt with the keys. This is too good to be true.
HE TIPTOED TO THE FRONT OF THE CELL AND LOOKED _____ THERE WAS NO ONE ABOUT. HE TOOK A DEEP BREATH...
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...AND THEN, SOFTLY AND SLOWLY, HE STRETCHED _____ HIS HAND, PICKED _____ THE BELT AND LIFTED IT BACK THROUGH THE BARS...