

# FIRE ON THE HILL!

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CENTRE BLOCK, PARLIAMENT HILL, OTTAWA, FEBRUARY 3, 1916

FRANCIS GLASS

THE READING ROOM OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, 8:55 P.M.

YOU'D BETTER HAVE A LOOK AT THE WASTEBASKET BACK THERE. THOUGHT I SAW A BIT OF SMOKE.

NOT AGAIN!

QUICK!

A FIRE EXTINGUISHER!










FOR GOD'S  
SAKE, SEND  
SOMEONE BACK  
FOR ME!

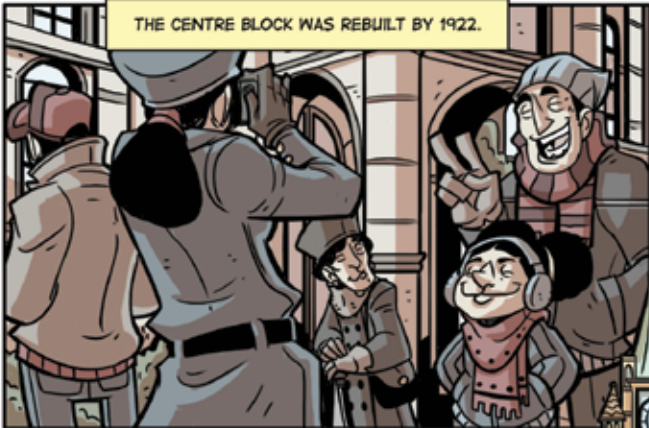
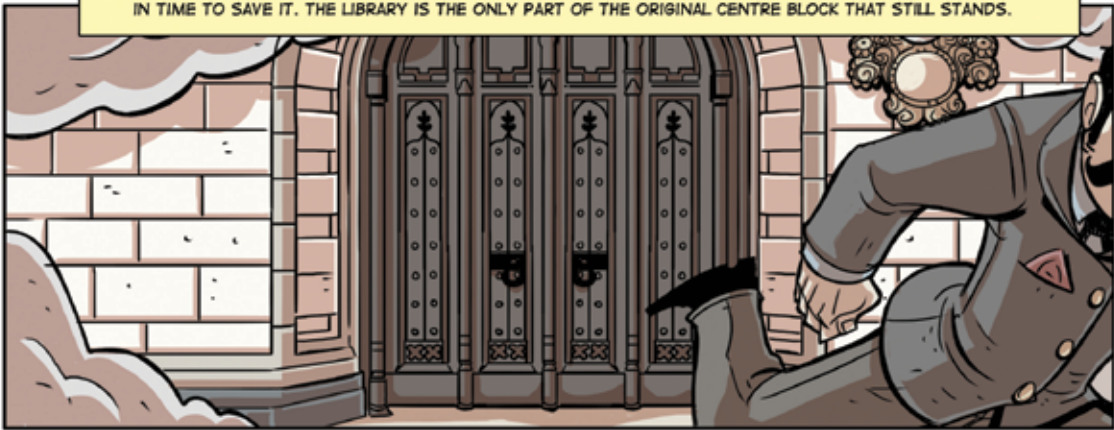


IN ALL, SEVEN PEOPLE DIED  
IN THE FIRE. IT WAS A  
TERRIBLE DAY IN OTTAWA,




BUT THERE WAS ONE PIECE OF GOOD NEWS.


QUICK-THINKING LIBRARIAN CONNOLLY MACCORMAC SHUT THE DOORS TO THE BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT IN TIME TO SAVE IT. THE LIBRARY IS THE ONLY PART OF THE ORIGINAL CENTRE BLOCK THAT STILL STANDS.



THE CENTRE BLOCK WAS REBUILT BY 1922.



THE PEACE TOWER  
WAS FINISHED IN 1927.



TODAY, THE BUILDINGS ON PARLIAMENT HILL STAND  
AS PROUD SYMBOLS OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY.