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# Asterix and the Actress

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***Asterix and the Actress*** is the 31st volume of the [Asterix comic book series](#), by [Albert Uderzo](#) (story and illustrations).

## Plot summary

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The story starts with a few surprises: For Asterix and Obelix' birthday party, [their parents](#) have decided to come from [Condatum](#). Their mothers have already arrived, bringing a fabulous Roman sword and helmet as presents, and they immediately fuss about why their sons are still single; their methods to rectify the situation, however, bring little happiness to their offspring.

Meanwhile, however, Asterix and Obelix' fathers - who run a 'modernities' store in [Condatum](#) - have inadvertently got themselves into a tight spot: an alcoholic legionary veteran (Tremensdelirius from *[Asterix and Caesar's Gift](#)*) has pawned a helmet and a sword in their shop - the personal weapons of [Pompeius](#), Caesar's enemy, which are now in Asterix and Obelix's possession. Of course, their rightful possessor wants them back, and to this end he employs one of his agents, Decurion Fastandfurious, and a gifted tragic actress named Latraviata. Disguised as [Panacea](#), [Obelix's love interest](#), who is allegedly suffering from [amnesia](#), Latraviata is to infiltrate the Gaulish village and retrieve Pompeius's weapons.

However, the real Panacea and her husband [Tragicomix](#) soon discover that Asterix and Obelix's fathers have been imprisoned by Pompeius, and they immediately travel to their village to warn their friends. On their way they run into Latraviata and Fastandfurious, who have left the village with Asterix and Obelix (who had not yet realized what was going on) in pursuit, and the game is exposed. Fastandfurious is "[menhired](#)", Pompeius's weapons are returned to the two friends (with some "slight" damage from menhir pressure), and Asterix and Obelix race to [Condatum](#) to free their fathers and to give Pompeius a run for his money. At the end of the story Latraviata is the first actress ever to receive an [award](#) for Outstanding Performance, which is believed to how the [Logies Award/Academy Award](#) was born.

## Notes

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- When Asterix and Obelix's fathers warn Bogus Genius of their sons' retribution, a legionary whispers that this is a "little quirk of theirs...they're always quoting from that play, *Waiting for Godot*", a reference to Samuel Beckett's [tragicomedy](#), *[Waiting for Godot](#)*.
- The award Latraviata receives parodies a [César Award](#) given by the French *Académie des Arts et Techniques du Cinema* (hence a golden Caesar). The first [César Award for Best Actress](#) was given to [Romy Schneider](#) in **1976** (who resembles Latraviata unmasked).
- This is the first time Asterix and Obelix' parents have an appearance in the mainstream comic line.
- At one point in the story, Obelix hits Asterix in a temper. This is the first time he ever did this.
- At the end of this book, Dogmatix finds a mate and has puppies, thus being way ahead of his two



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<b><i>Asterix and the Actress</i></b>	
Original	<i>Asterix et Latraviata</i>
French title	
Story	<a href="#">Albert Uderzo</a>
Illustrations	Albert Uderzo
French edition	2001
English translation	2001
Preceded by	<i><a href="#">Asterix and Obelix All at Sea</a></i>
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masters in getting a mate.

- In this book, Asterix and Obelix have a birthday on the same day. However, in the book *Obelix and Co.* and the live-action movie *Asterix and Obelix take on Caesar*, Obelix does not share a birthday with Asterix. This coincides with the retcon introduced in the short story *Birth of Asterix*, which was published in 1994, nearly 20 years after *Obelix and Co.*, but seven years prior to *Asterix and the Actress*.

## In other languages

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- Catalan: *Astèrix i Latraviata*
- Dutch: *Asterix en Latraviata*
- Finnish: *Asterix ja Latraviata*
- German: *Asterix und Latraviata*
- Greek: *Ο Ασπερίξ και η Λατραβιάτα*
- Italian: *Asterix e Latraviata*
- Norwegian: *Asterix og Latraviata*
- Polish: *Asteriks i Latraviata*
- Portuguese: *Astérix e Latraviata*
- Serbian: *Астерукс и Латравијата*

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Books by Uderzo only	<i>Asterix and the Great Divide</i> · <i>Asterix and the Black Gold</i> · <i>Asterix and Son</i> · <i>Asterix and the Magic Carpet</i> · <i>Asterix and the Secret Weapon</i> · <i>Asterix and Obelix All at Sea</i> · <b><i>Asterix and the Actress</i></b> · <i>Asterix and the Falling Sky</i>
Books, others	<i>Asterix Conquers Rome</i> · <i>Asterix and the Class Act</i> · <i>How Obelix Fell into the Magic Potion When he was a Little Boy</i>
Animated films	<i>Asterix the Gaul</i> (1967) · <i>Asterix and Cleopatra</i> (1968) · <i>The Twelve Tasks of Asterix</i> (1976) · <i>Asterix Versus Caesar</i> (1985) · <i>Asterix in Britain</i> (1986) · <i>Asterix and the Big Fight</i> (1989) · <i>Asterix Conquers America</i> (1994) · <i>Asterix and the Vikings</i> (2006)
Live-action films	<i>Asterix and Obelix take on Caesar</i> (1999) · <i>Asterix &amp; Obelix: Mission Cleopatra</i> (2002) · <i>Asterix at the Olympic Games</i> (2008)
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