

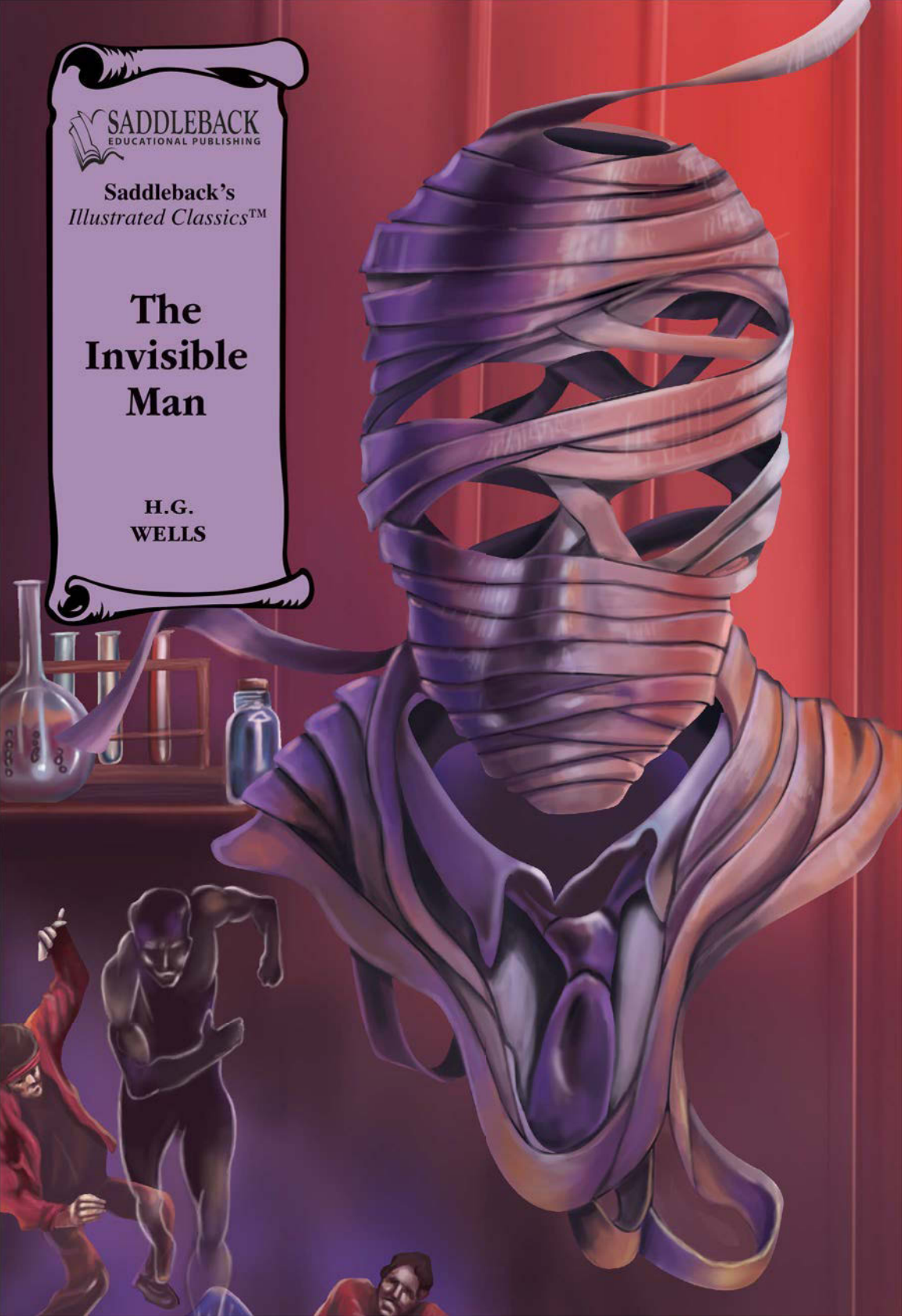


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H. G. Wells

Herbert George Wells, an English novelist, historian, journalist, and author of science fiction stories, was born in 1866. His father was a shopkeeper, and his mother worked occasionally as a housekeeper. After completing his early formal schooling, Wells worked as a teacher. He later received a scholarship to study at a school with a special focus on the sciences.

His training as a scientist is shown in his imaginative science fiction stories. Wells described trips in airplanes and submarines when such modes of transportation had not yet been invented. *The Time Machine* describes a trip into the future, and *The War of the Worlds* is an account of an invasion from Mars. Several of his science fiction works have been the basis of popular movies.

Though he is best-known for his science fiction stories, Wells wrote a variety of other works. He was a strong believer in education and wrote three lengthy books in which he tried to bring important ideas in history and science to the general public. His numerous books, articles, and essays also show his bold support of social change.

H. G. Wells died in 1946.

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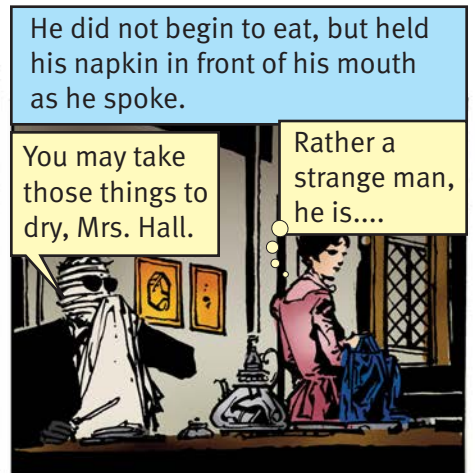
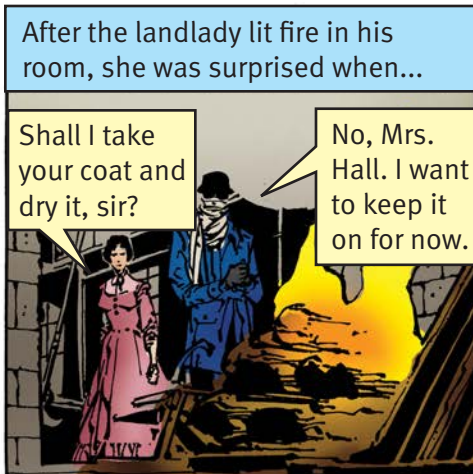
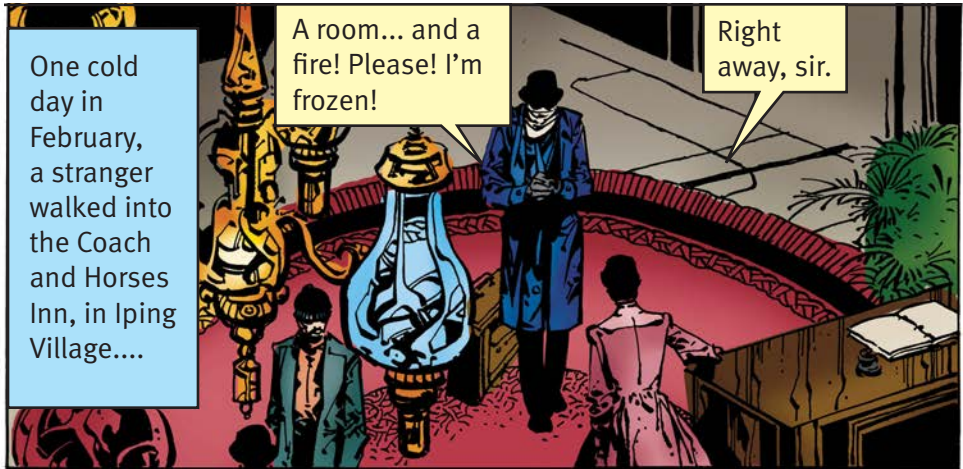
Mrs. Hall



Officer Jaffers

Would an Invisible Man rule the world? Could he steal great wealth as an unseen thief? Kill people who stood in his way? Scare the countryside and make people all obey him? That's what the young scientist, Griffin thought—until he found that being invisible caused great troubles and kept him from his evil wishes. His terrible actions only made the whole world his enemy, until he was hunted down like a mad dog.





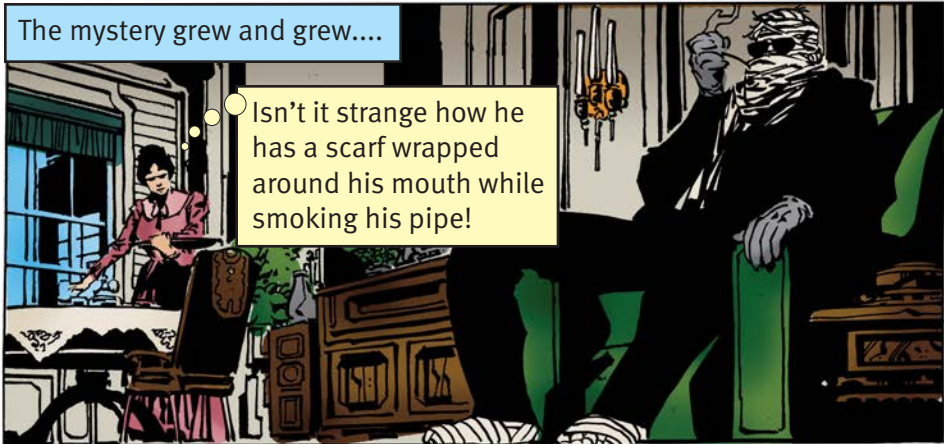


The puzzled landlady talked to her kitchen maid....

The poor man's had an operation or a bad accident or something. Why, he's wrapped up from head to toe!

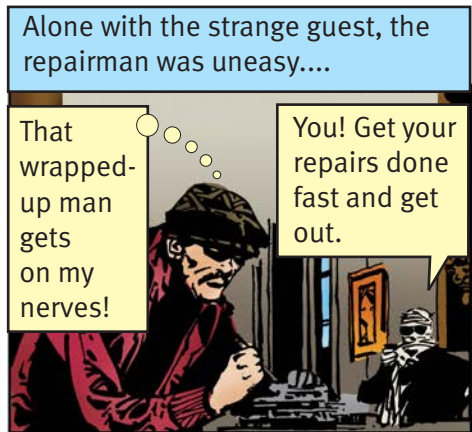
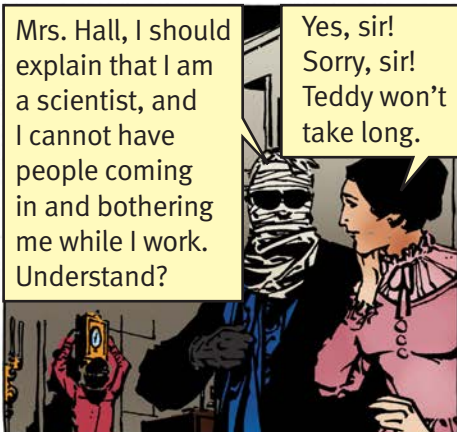


The mystery grew and grew....



I have some boxes at the railroad station. How soon can they be brought here? I need them.





Mr. Henfrey decided to stay longer, but...



Next day, as the boxes were brought...

Come along with those boxes. I've been waiting long enough.



When the angry guest went outside to talk to the boss...

Listen, mister... Oh! Your dog bit me! My leg... my hand!

Stop that, you beast!



To everyone's surprise...

My pants leg is torn open! And my glove! Must reach my room quickly!

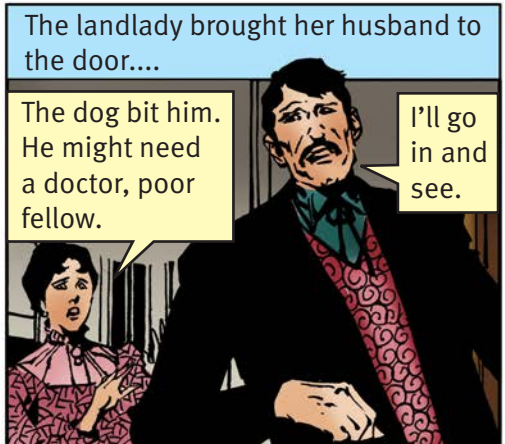
Sure ran off in a hurry!



The landlady brought her husband to the door....

The dog bit him. He might need a doctor, poor fellow.

I'll go in and see.



In the dark room without a lamp burning...

Sir, are you bleeding? Heavens! Your coat sleeve—it has no hand at the end!



Get out! I'm not hurt. Just have the rest of my bags brought in. Do you hear?



Alone...

There! New pants and a glove and every inch of my body is covered again. Darn that dog! He nearly gave away my secret.



When the last box had been brought in...

He unpacked more bottles and jars than the drugstore has! And dumped all the straw on the floor. I guess I'll have to clean up.





But Mrs. Hall saw something extraordinary....



In the following days, the sound of bottles smashing and books being thrown about often came from the stranger's room....

What a bad temper he has!

I can't go on! It may take me all my life to finish my work! Darn it all!



Later, bringing tea and cleaning up...

Clean up that broken glass, Mrs. Hall. And never mind talking about extra work! Just put it on my bill.

What can it be that makes him so angry all the time?

