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## STORYLINE

Inspector Cito (diminutive of “Inspector” because he is very small), the detective who is famous throughout the world for his ingenuity and his love for Spanish omelette, works for the *Department of Strange, Mysterious and SuperDifficult Cases* with the help of Chinese sergeant Wee Chou Fear (“Without fear”).

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## SUBJECTS, TOPICS AND VALUES

ANTONIO ITURBE, the author, was looking for crime fiction for his 5 and 7 years-old children. He is a big fan of detective and crime fiction but he was surprised not to find books of the genre for first readers. Therefore, he decided to create Cito.

Thought for the youngest readers, we find easy but clever cases with clues to the solutions. With a plain sense of humour and white jokes, it’s a book that even parents will enjoy reading it to their children.



Our main character, Inspector Cito, has all the topics of detectives. He is as clumsy and funny as French character Inspector Clouseau, his magnifying glass looks like a gadget from Inspector Gadget and his devotion for food is a clear nod to Antonio Vázquez Montalban's detective gourmet character, Pepe Carvalho, and consequently, Andrea Camalleri's detective, Montalbano.

There is no violence and no discrimination (the Chinese assistant is much more clever than the chaotic Cito). The text makes the reader think as it gives the clues hidden in the plot. The illustrator, Alex Omist, has created a perfect job for the target. Illustrations are strong in line and clean in form and colours but at the same time are full of small details, as required for observation on that reading stage. Moreover, observation is a clue on investigation and a basic ability to become a detective!!

## **THE PRESS**

“The chemistry between the two different characters works very well. Half way between the album and the book, the illustrations are a key piece of this collection” *Leer, 1/02/2008*

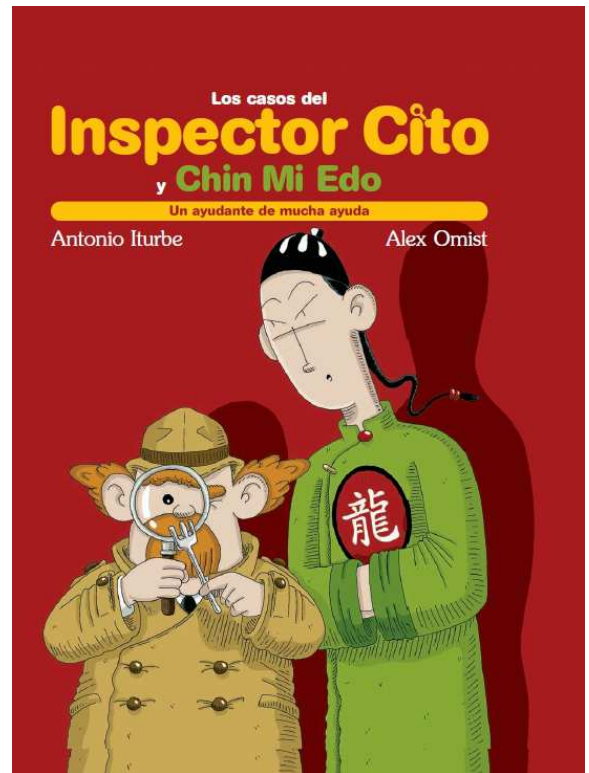
“A fun excellent approach. Iturbe plays with all the topics of the genre, avoiding violence and unnecessary gruesomeness and focusing on wit, deduction talents and shrewdness of detectives”. *Babelia, El País, 15/03/2010*

“Short sentences and well set out, supported by the appropriate illustrations”  
*Qué leer, 01/01/2008*

# UN AYUDANTE DE MUCHA AYUDA

**8<sup>th</sup> Edition in Spanish**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Edition in Catalan**

Draft translation available in English,  
French, Portuguese and Norwegian.



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## SUMMARY

Inspector Cito begins the day in a bad mood. His boss, Captain Storm, not only has disturbed his breakfast but ordered him to teach a trainee from China, Wee Chou Fear. He has arrived in order to learn our Inspector Cito's techniques of investigation. Cito is disappointed because it is his breakfast time, and he will have to share his Jabugo ham sandwich, which Wee Chou Fear eats with chopsticks.

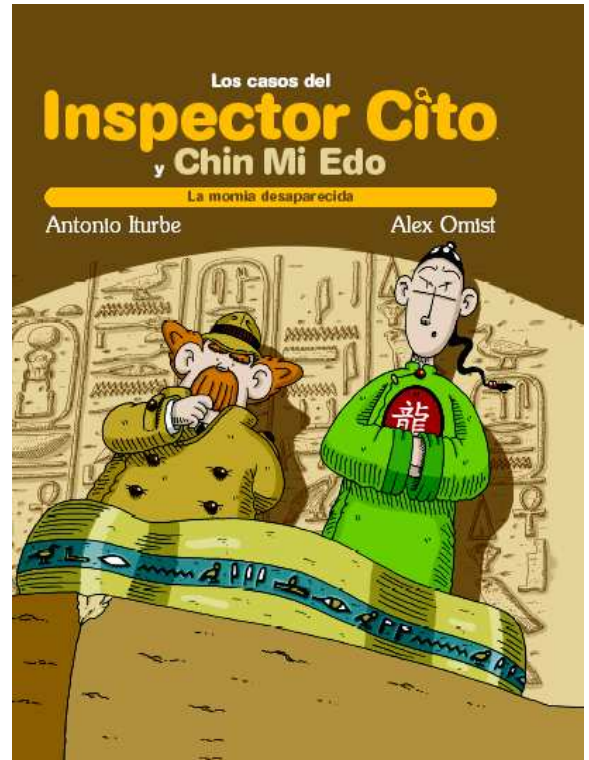
Then the phone rings: first case. Ancient and very valuable tableware has been stolen from the house of Lord McEuro. They go there to investigate and find out that everything was stolen except the golden cutlery. The doors were not forced: and the thief is still there! Cito and Wee Chou Fear start interrogating the domestic staff: the woman car-driver, the Chinese gardener and the cooker. When they end inquiring the cooker, the man asks if they like anything else, and Cito asks for two fried eggs: he is hungry again! (Cito is eating all the time, he really loves doing so!)

While eating the eggs with chopsticks, Wee Chou Fear finds out the solution: it has to be the gardener because the Chinese did not use cutlery to eat! They find the tableware buried in the garden and they catch the gardener. At the end, McEuro dismisses him because he understands the gardener explanation: he needs the tableware just for a family reunion and he would bring everything back after the meal. He is not lying because otherwise he would have stolen the most valuable: the golden cutlery. To celebrate that they have solved the case, Cito and Wee Chou Fear go out for dinner and Cito asks Wee Chou Fear to become a Sergeant! He accepts and they become our main characters of the series.

There is also a detective game at the end of the book!: boys and girls must find **9 little paper boats** hidden all around the book illustrations!

## LA MOMIA DESAPARECIDA

**7<sup>th</sup> Edition in Spanish**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Edition in Catalan**



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### SUMMARY

A new case requires the help of our men and they have to travel to El Cairo, Egypt, to find a mummy which has mysteriously disappeared!

Cito is upset because he hates airplane food! Nothing else upsets him more than the fact of not being able to eat well! When they arrive, Professor Mrs. Stoner drives them to the museum through out the chaotic traffic of El Cairo. Some of the museum staff believe that the mummy has left by its own and they are scared because, according to a prophecy, "If the mummy is not back in two days, there will be 100 years without rain"!

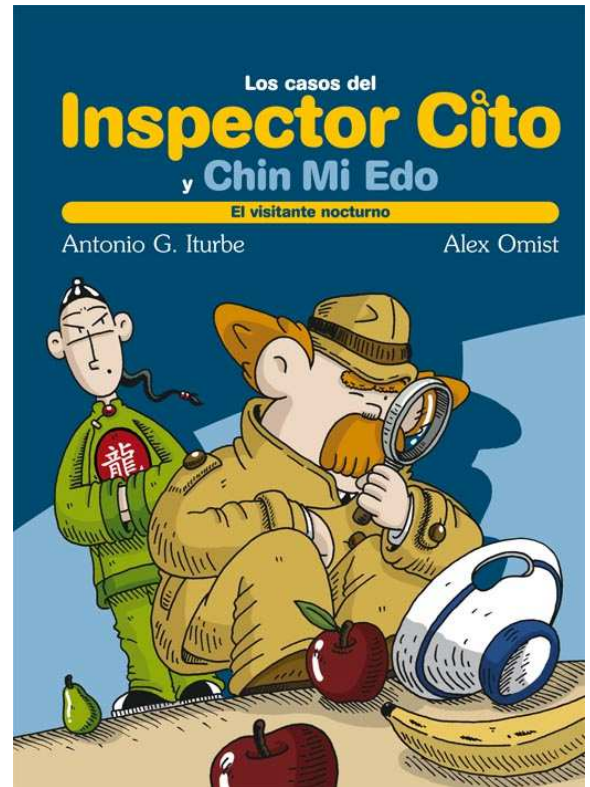
After visiting the museum, actually with painting works, they go for lunch, but here Cito can't find Spanish omelette and he have to eat Neapolitan macaroni with lentils. Back to the museum, they repeat the entire scene and they find out the solution. Due to the crazy road traffic there are loads of accidents in El Cairo; ambulances work all day long. Therefore an ambulance driver saw the mummy outside waiting to be transfer to a more appropriate museum, and thought it was the victim of an accident so he brought it to the hospital.

In the airplane back home, Cito confesses to Wee Chou that he will miss Egypt, not because of the pyramids but because of the macaroni with lentils!

On this case our small reader detectives will have to find **9 blue beetles** hidden on the book!

## EL VISITANTE NOCTURNO

4<sup>th</sup> Edition in Spanish  
4<sup>th</sup> Edition in Catalan



### SUMMARY

Cito is cleaning his collection of magnifying glasses: he has lots of hand glasses, each one numbered and with a special gadget: a light, a pen, a dip ... but also a vacuum-cleaner or a lollipop!

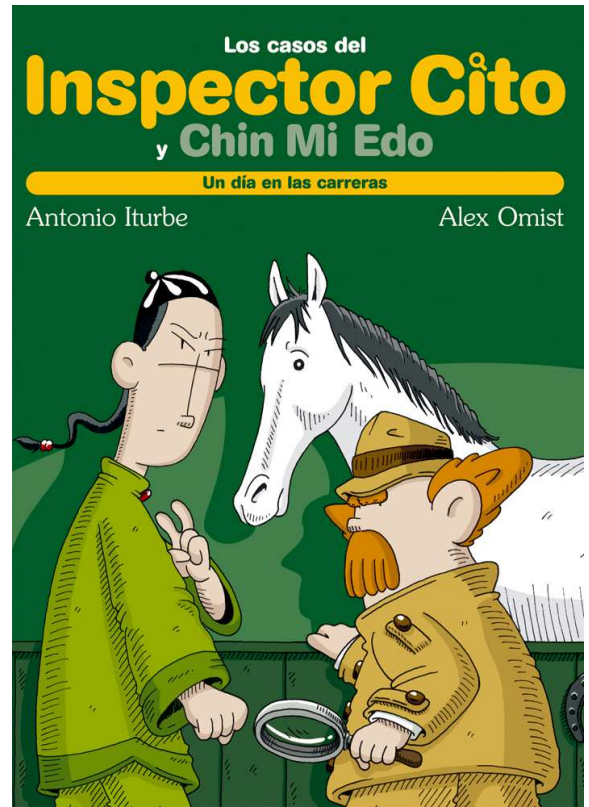
Meanwhile Wee Chou Fear is meditating. Captain Storm appears suddenly with a new case. It seems that every night someone is visiting a 5th floor apartment, making noise, throwing things around, but without stealing anything and... even more weird... the front door is not broken or manipulated! How they get into a 5<sup>th</sup> floor house and why? What is going on? Another case for the *Department of Strange, Mysterious and Super Difficult Cases!*

Of course, Cito and Wee Chou Fear will find the right clue: there is a zoo in front of the house, and it is summer, so windows of the flat are open. A cage is broken and a clever monkey every night jumps through the window to steal the bananas from the fruit bowl! Funny, simple and tricky, as usual, to make our big-little reading detectives find out the clue by their own.

An of course the readers will have once again to prove they capacity to be good detectives by finding **10 hidden tennis balls** on the book!

## UN DÍA EN LAS CARRERAS

4<sup>th</sup> Edition in Spanish  
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### SUMMARY

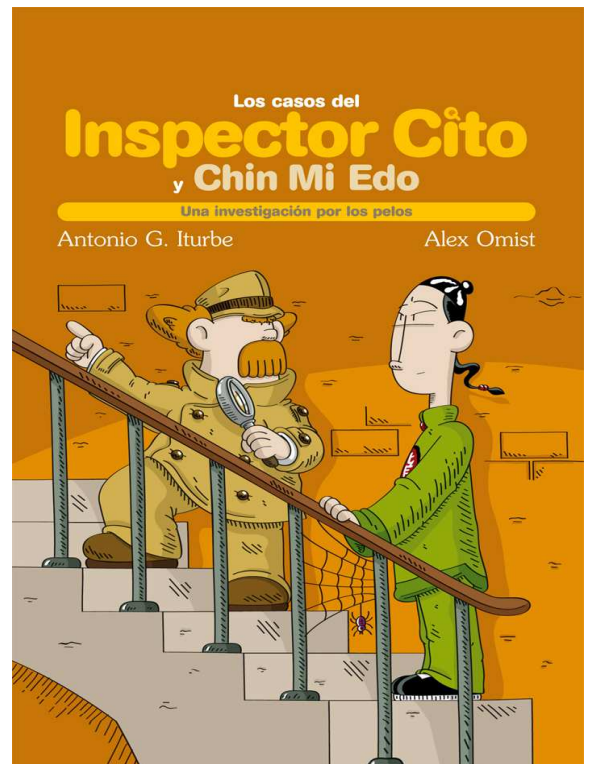
Cito and Wee Chou Fear are in the office cooking sausages with Cito's number 7 lens, a pan-hand glass (solar-energy pan!) when suddenly Captain Storm comes in, angry for the smell and ordering them to fly to London because a race horse has disappeared and it was the Queen's favourite horse!

Cito and Wee Chow Fear with Scotland Yard: God saves the Queen! "Velocity", a black horse, has disappeared from the race track; on the horse stall they find popcorn and a blur of white paint. Cito does not like English tea and he asks for Chocolate with *Churros* (*Spanish fried dips*). The popcorn's clue drives the researches to a cinema but there are no cinemas around, only a circus. On the circus there are no horses, only exotic animals. On the way back from the circus they see a worker painting a cross path... this is the clue! They go back to the circus, they showed them the Zebra and... here it is Velocity! Cito is happy to come back home after solving the case: he misses his Spanish omelette!

There are **10 more horses** hidden in the book, although they are toy horses! Could our young readers find them too?

## UNA INVESTIGACIÓN POR LOS PELOS

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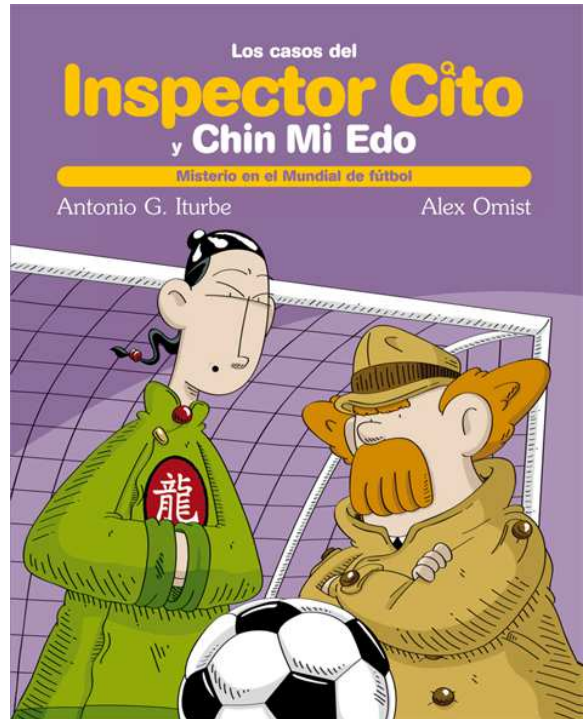
Inspector Cito and Wee Chou Fear face a very hairy affair. They are about to go for lunch when they heard a man screaming because somebody has stolen his wig! He was working and left it for a moment on the banister of the stairs so Cito and the Sergeant decide that the thief must be someone from the block of flats. They will pay a visit to all the neighbours but none of them seem suspicious, so what's left? In the first floor there is a restaurant exclusively for bearded man so, despite how hungry Cito is, as usual, the manager forbids him to come in to eat so he has to identify himself as police to have access. And there is somebody who looks familiar inside. He is wearing a very suspicious beard...

This time our smart readers are challenged to find **fun little snails** in the most unusual places.

After four books, I am sure our readers know Cito and Wee Chou Fear, better than we do? They can check it by doing a game on our site: [www.inspectorcito.com](http://www.inspectorcito.com)

## MISTERIO EN EL MUNDIAL DE FUTBOL

4<sup>th</sup> Edition in Spanish  
4<sup>th</sup> Edition in Catalan



### SUMMARY

Two days before it starts Soccer World cup the golden cup disappeared. Cito and Wee Chou fear will have to take a plane to South Africa!! Cito arrives with summer cloth but its winter there. They start investigating but there is so much security systems that it seems impossible and moreover what it was suppose to be blood is tomato sauce with and spicy taste! Cito enjoy the World Cup ambiance, each country has a particularity: music, teacher, cooks... Cito will eat strange foods, a chicken that happen to be an ostrich, some hard cookies... but there is also international restaurants, and while eating pizza, Cito would solve the case: Ah those Italian cooks!

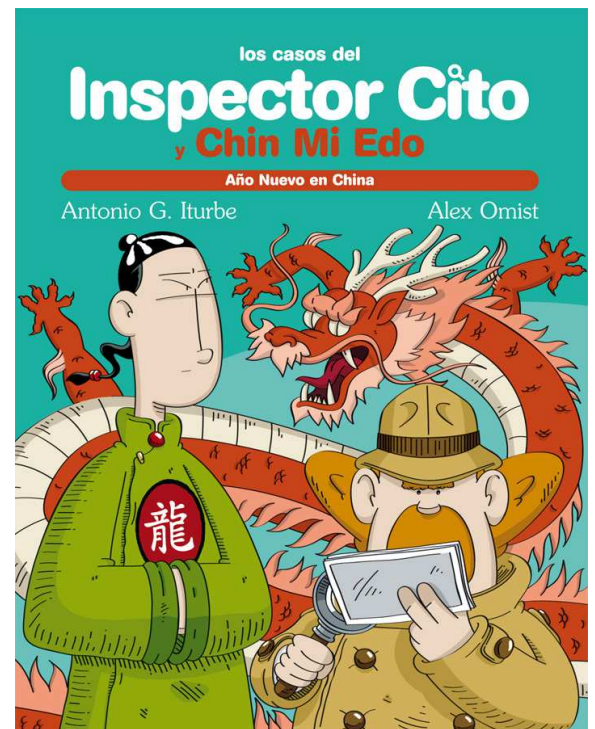
Lucky our little Spanish inspector always solve the cases, can you imagine the winning team without a cup!!!!!!

Try to find **12 soccer balls** hidden!! And a dare: I am sure that you will be able to find some popular people!!



## AÑO NUEVO EN CHINA

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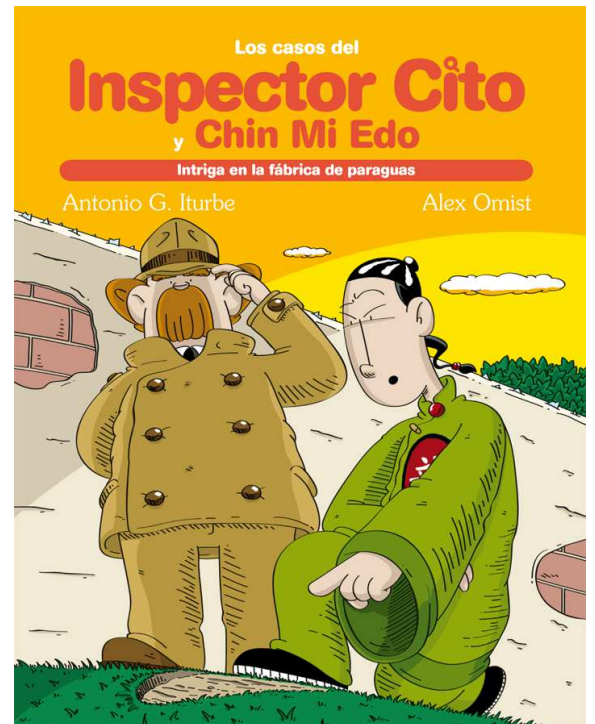
In this new title the origins of Wee Chou Fear are revealed. Why is he so smart? Why he dresses usually 18<sup>th</sup> century costume? All those other mysteries will be explained.

Some elegant Chinese gentlemen visited the Department of Strange, Mysterious and Super Difficult Cases to invite them to celebrate Chinese New Year in Tiananmen Square, and see the star singer, Mr. Scream. Inspector Cito and Wee Chou Fear travel to China where they discover the pleasures of the local cuisine and, of course, they will be involved on a mystery they will have to solve: Mr Scream vanishes just before the start of his concert during the parade. What could have happened to him? Secret is hidden in a Dragon.

*As our readers probably have become experts, after seven stories, looking for all the hidden objects, we have improve our back game: They will have to find **6 Chinese pots**, **3 tennis balls**, **2 soccer balls** and a **snail** and show us how good detective had became already!!*

## INTRIGA EN LA FÁBRICA DE PARAGUAS

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition in Spanish  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edition in Catalan



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### SUMMARY:

Someone came into the umbrella factory and broke the main machine. But they did not steal anything! There are four guard dogs really fierce but it seems they didn't attack. There are deep footsteps on the garden and the dogs have broken teeth. The machine has big ax storks. They interrogate a neighbor old big woman that spend the night cooking cakes, a lumberjack too old to keep cutting tree trunks, and the skinny duchess of a nearby castle. No clue

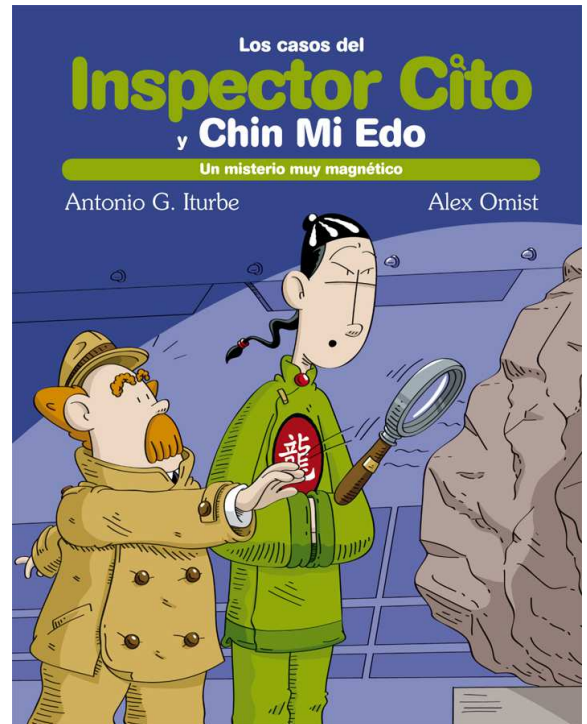
The owner of the factory buys two new and fiercer dogs, but they get in again. The new dogs have broken teeth as if the raider had iron legs...What has happened?

A bunch of clues and a lot of food to sharpen our children's wit while making them laugh largely!!!!!!

*And of course, hidden draws: **9 little mushrooms** but really REALLY hidden, for our expert readers who day after day are getting good detectives!!!*

## UN MISTERIO MUY MAGNÉTICO

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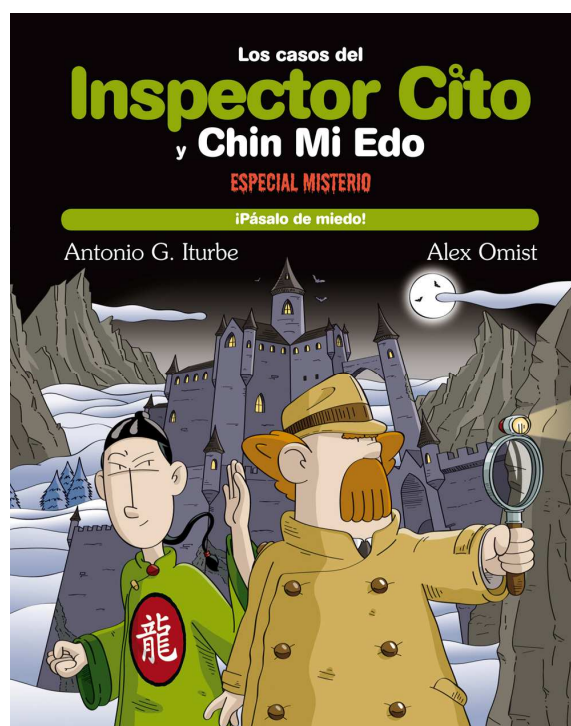
A magnetic stone weighing a ton disappears without a trace from a Parisian scientific center. It is the biggest piece of magnetite that exists, this is, the biggest magnet of the world and it has mysteriously disappeared. This is a case that only Inspector Cito and his helper Wee Chou Fear are able to solve.

Cito concludes that “something” must have attracted it, for this reason, the magnetite has left out the window. Probably, a big piece of iron... but, wait a minute, what can be so huge to attract this magnetite?

*There is nothing more **evident** and **attractive** than a magnet right? So our little detective readers will have to look for **12 little red and grey magnets** hidden all along the pages. Have you realized how many IMPRINTS our illustrator leave on the story!!!*

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the series reach **volume 10<sup>th</sup> !!**



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**SUMMARY:**

The brilliant career of Inspector Cito & Wee Chou Fear has crossed borders. Even in Norway, people have heard about the gourmand reputation of the witty Inspector and his incredible non-stop appétit which may drive him even to travel with a Serrano ham leg, if his stomach requires it. Astonish for his particular method, a group of experts from the fjords and salmon country, is considering including him on the “**Encyclopedia of the Greatest Detectives**”. However, it will not be easy to be on this list! Inspector Cito and his helper, Wee Chou Fear, will have to solve first some terrifying mysteries: a little village in Portugal, the freezing water of Loch Ness and the always shady Transylvania will be the chosen settings for Inspector Cito investigations. Always followed by his helper, Wee Chou Fear, a Chinese Kung Fu expert, Cito will need all his store of multitasking magnifying glasses to unmask the offenders.

*We have not forgotten that you still have to look for something in order to improve your great observation competence... there is something special you will have to look **for 18 funny ghosts!!** Moreover, as this is an special title, you will find special things on it, but only if you have really paid attention in the previous books you will be able to find them!!! Otherwise, practice your detective faculties again and again going through Cito's stories!!!*

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## THE CASES OF INSPECTOR CITO

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