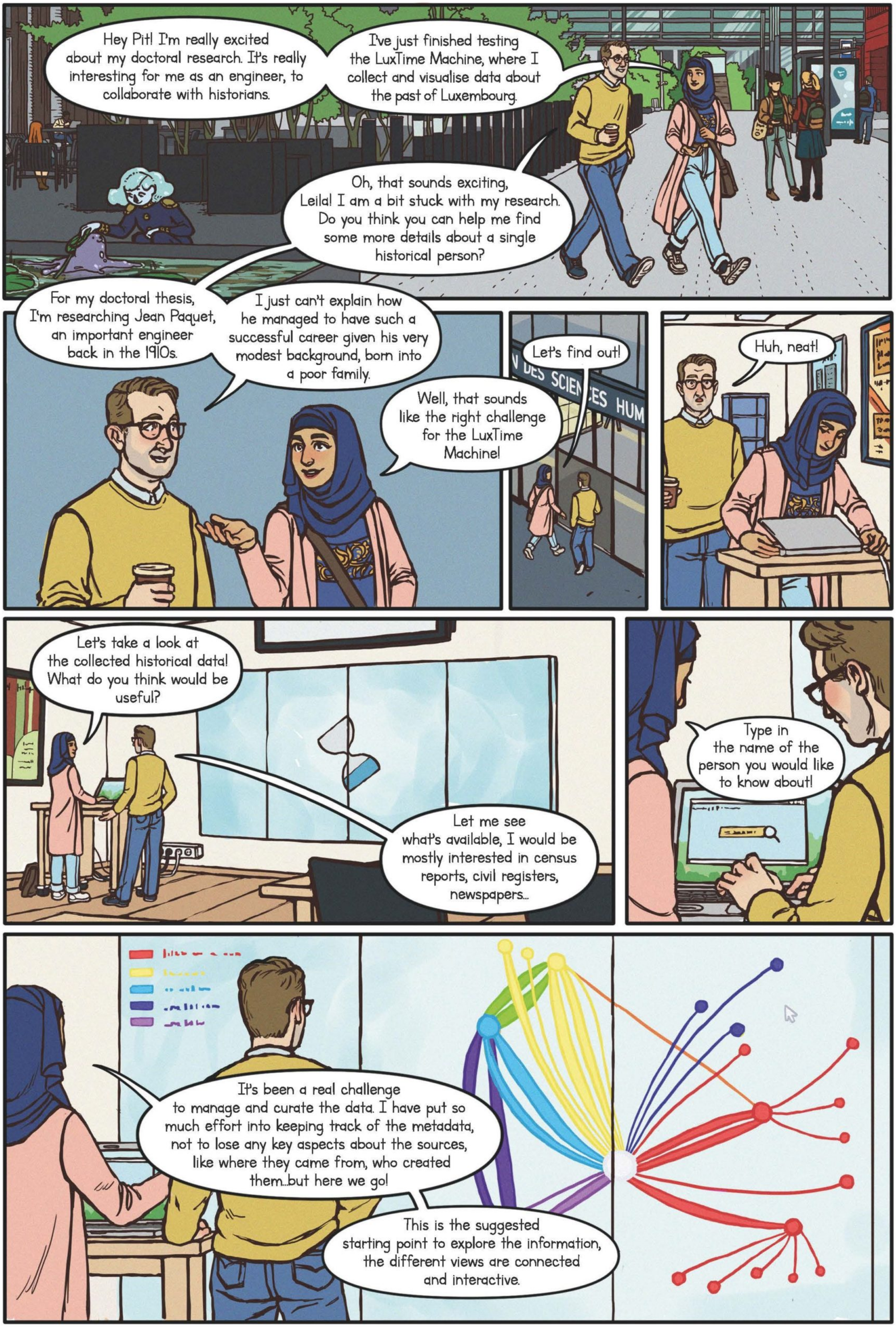
Hey Pit! I'm really excited about my doctoral research. It's really interesting for me as an engineer, to collaborate with historians.
I've just finished testing the LuxTime Machine, where I collect and visualise data about the past of Luxembourg.
Oh, that sounds exciting, Leila! I am a bit stuck with my research. Do you think you can help me find some more details about a single historical person?
For my doctoral thesis, I'm researching Jean Paquet, an important engineer back in the 1910s.
I just can't explain how he managed to have such a successful career given his very modest background, born into a poor family.
Well, that sounds like the right challenge for the LuxTime Machine!
Let's find out!
Huh, neat!
Let's take a look at the collected historical data! What do you think would be useful?
Let me see what's available, I would be mostly interested in census reports, civil registers, newspapers...
Type in the name of the person you would like to know about!
It's been a real challenge to manage and curate the data. I have put so much effort into keeping track of the metadata, not to lose any key aspects about the sources, like where they came from, who created them...but here we go!
This is the suggested starting point to explore the information, the different views are connected and interactive.

Jean-Baptiste Paquet - Born in Esch-sur-Alzette, 1869 Married to Josephine Scholtes - Died in Esch-sur-Alzette, 1935

Every dot represents a person, the thickness of the lines represents the number of documents found and they are grouped according to things like work or family.

When you click on a dot, you can access all the collections behind the visualisation: reports, photos, articles...

Dr. Antoine Winandy - Born in Esch-sur-Alzette, 1850 Married to Amélie Dujardin Died in Luxembourg-City, 1923

Click on the next document! Wow, here's something I've never come across before in the archives. A recommendation letter from Jean Paquet's neighbor, D. Winandy, a prominent figure in Esch!

Indeed, I knew they had both lived in the Alzette street. Back in the day it was not unusual for different social classes to mix in the same street, but this letter explains a lot.

That was so interesting! It's great to see how we can approach our research in a new way when thinking across disciplines.

You see, data visualization allows us to explore the data in order to identify patterns and relationships, to zoom in and out depending...

...on the point of view you want to explore, to generate and explore new theories and start all over again.

I am sure there's much more we could do in the future!