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This is a sad year indeed for comic geeks. I just heard french artist/legend Mobius passed away. The Newsarama report went as follows:

"According to a report by Australia's Herald Sun, French comic book artist and designer Jean Giraud, better known on American shores as Moebius, died overnight after a lengthy illness.

Born Jean Henri Gaston Giraud in Nogent-sur-Marne, France in 1938, Giraud started his art career for the French advertising and fashion industries before going on to become of the country's most popular comic strip artists, and later finding fame in the United States and Japan.

Among his most famous works is the long-running series Blueberry, the story of a western antihero that he co-created with writer Jean-Michel Charlier. He created the pseudonym Moebius in 1963 for his work in the science fiction and fantasy realms.

He is best known to American audiences as Stan Lee's collaborator on the Eisner-winning late 1980s Silver Surfer two-issue series, published by former Marvel imprint Epic Comics. Other works include French sci-fi series The Incal, and Le Monde d'Edena, which he wrote and drew.

Giraud also worked as a concept artist in the film industry, contributing to the visual look of sci-fi and fantasy films including Alien, Tron and Willow.

Moebius was frequently cited as a vastly influential figure in comic book art, and multiple industry professionals have been expressing their fondness for his work throughout the day.

"A huge influence & true visionary, we've lost the best," Justice League artist and DC co-publisher Jim Lee wrote on Twitter. "R.I.P Moebius, perhaps one of the greatest artist to ever walk this earth," wrote artist and Marvel chief creative officer Joe Quesada."