

THIS MAP SHOWS US "PORT OF" - WHAT???



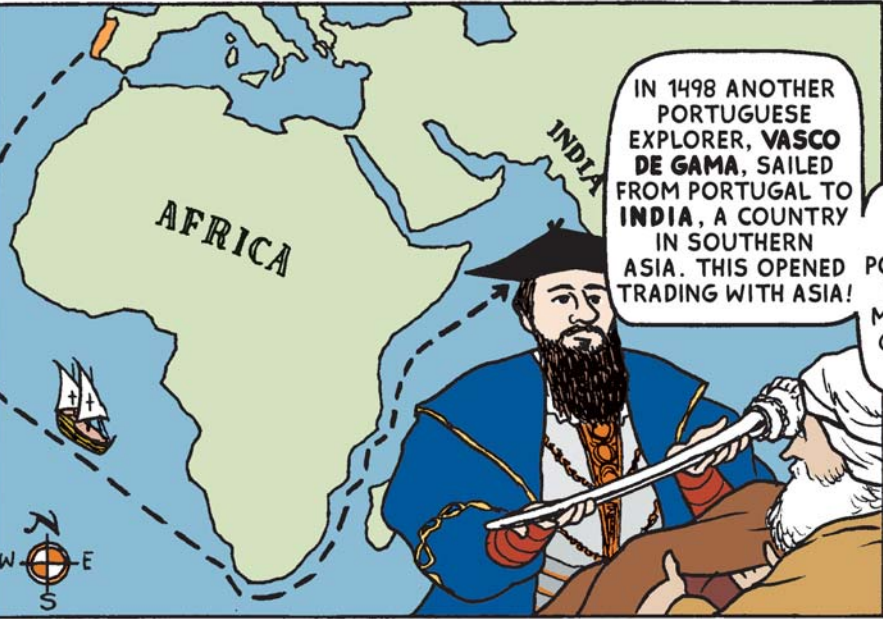
**PORTUGAL, SCORPY!** THIS EUROPEAN COUNTRY WAS IMPORTANT IN THE EXPLORATION OF **WEST AFRICA**. PORTUGUESE EXPLORERS DOMINATED SEA TRADE IN THE 15TH CENTURY!

THE MOST FAMOUS PORTUGUESE MAY HAVE BEEN **PRINCE HENRY THE NAVIGATOR**. HENRY NEVER ACTUALLY SAILED ANY PLACE, BUT HE PAID FOR MANY OF PORTUGAL'S TRIPS.



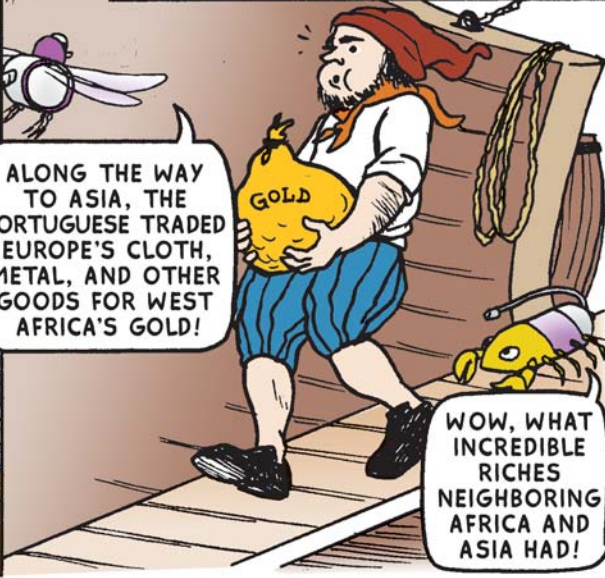
WELL, PORTUGAL IS NEAR WATER.

A FAMOUS PORTUGUESE NAMED **BARTOLOMEAU DIAS** WANTED TO SAIL AROUND AFRICA. HE GOT AS FAR AS THE **CAPE OF GOOD HOPE** AT THE TIP OF AFRICA.



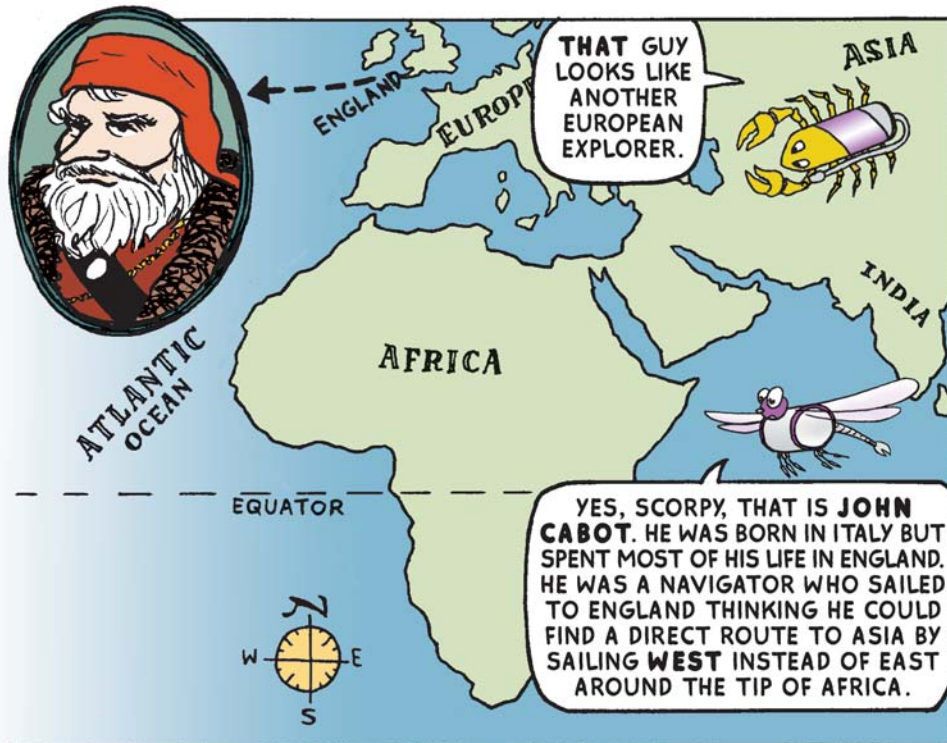
IN 1498 ANOTHER PORTUGUESE EXPLORER, **VASCO DE GAMA**, SAILED FROM PORTUGAL TO **INDIA**, A COUNTRY IN SOUTHERN ASIA. THIS OPENED TRADING WITH ASIA!

ALONG THE WAY TO ASIA, THE PORTUGUESE TRADED EUROPE'S CLOTH, METAL, AND OTHER GOODS FOR WEST AFRICA'S GOLD!



WOW, WHAT INCREDIBLE RICHES NEIGHBORING AFRICA AND ASIA HAD!



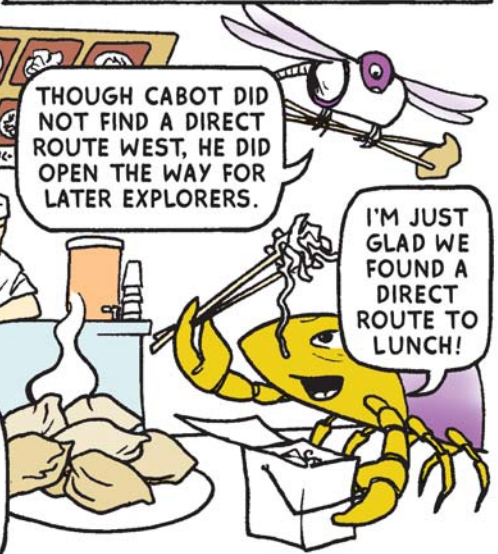
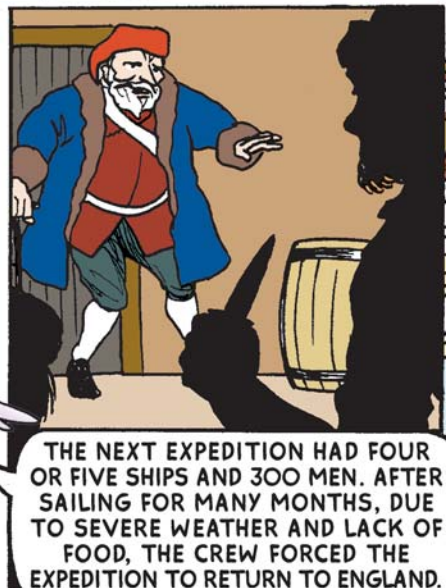
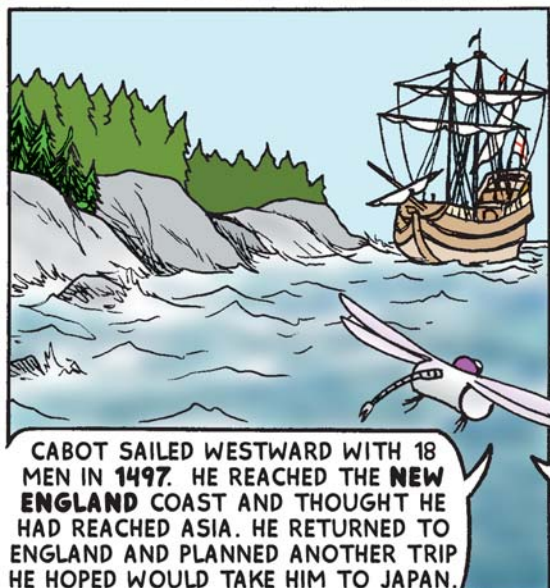


YES, SCORPY, THAT IS **JOHN CABOT**. HE WAS BORN IN ITALY BUT SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE IN ENGLAND. HE WAS A NAVIGATOR WHO SAILED TO ENGLAND THINKING HE COULD FIND A DIRECT ROUTE TO ASIA BY SAILING **WEST** INSTEAD OF EAST AROUND THE TIP OF AFRICA.

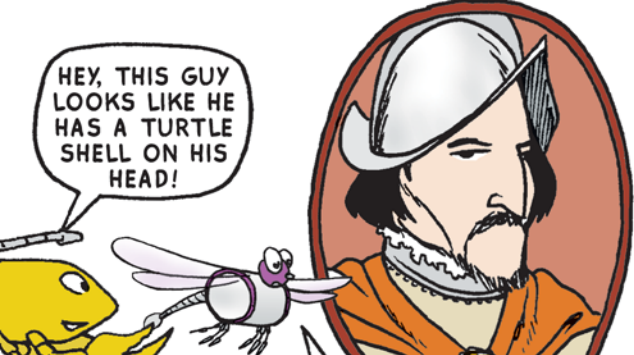


THOUGH CABOT DID NOT FIND A DIRECT ROUTE WEST, HE DID OPEN THE WAY FOR LATER EXPLORERS.

I'M JUST GLAD WE FOUND A DIRECT ROUTE TO LUNCH!

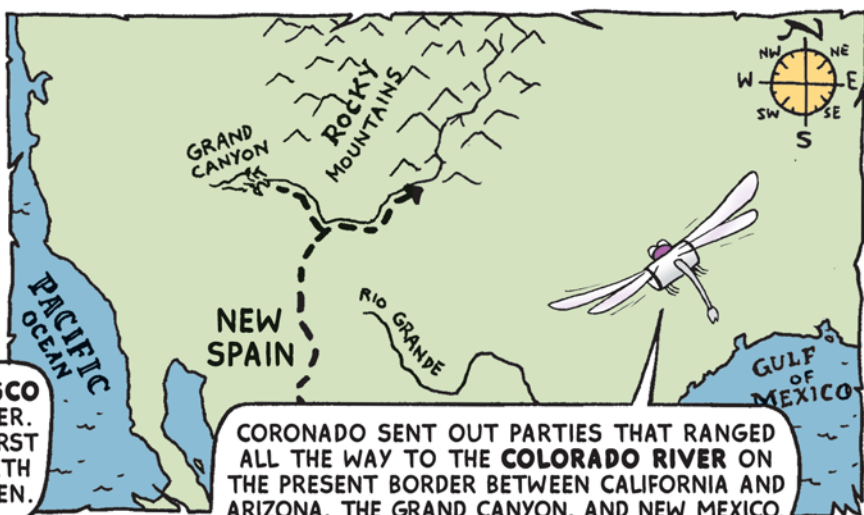




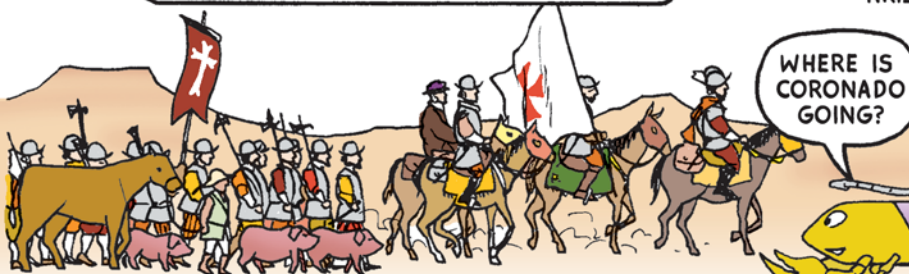


HEY, THIS GUY LOOKS LIKE HE HAS A TURTLE SHELL ON HIS HEAD!

THAT'S HIS HELMET, SCORPY. HE IS **FRANCISCO CORONADO**, A FAMOUS SPANISH EXPLORER. HE CAME TO MEXICO IN 1535 AND WAS THE FIRST EUROPEAN TO EXPLORE SOUTHWEST NORTH AMERICA - CALLED "NEW SPAIN" BACK THEN.



CORONADO SENT OUT PARTIES THAT RANGED ALL THE WAY TO THE **COLORADO RIVER** ON THE PRESENT BORDER BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA, THE GRAND CANYON, AND NEW MEXICO.



HEARING RUMORS OF RICHES, CORONADO TOOK 300 SPANISH SOLDIERS AND OVER 1,000 TLAXCALAN INDIANS AND HUGE NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK TO SEARCH FOR GOLD IN THE "SEVEN CITIES OF CI'BOLA."



DID HE FIND LOTS OF GOLD AND JEWELS?

NO, HE NEVER FOUND THE RUMORED GOLD. HE FOUND **ZUNI** LIVING IN **PUEBLOS**. CORONADO INSISTED THE ZUNI CHANGE THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS TO CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM. THAT ANGERED THE ZUNI!



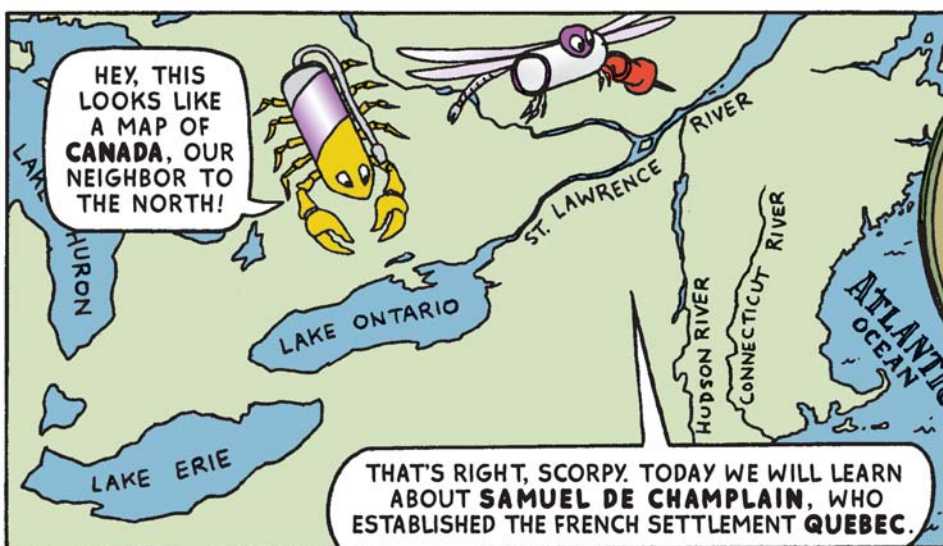
AFTER HE RETURNED HOME HE WAS ACCUSED OF ATROCITIES AGAINST INDIANS AND REMOVED FROM OFFICE. CORONADO DIED IN MEXICO CITY IN 1554.



DOES SPAIN STILL HAVE CONTROL OF THIS PART OF AMERICA?

NO, SPAIN GAVE UP THIS AREA A LONG TIME AGO. BUT THERE IS STILL A BIG SPANISH INFLUENCE IN THIS AREA'S LANGUAGE, ARCHITECTURE, AND RELIGION. LET'S SAY ADIOS, SCORPY!



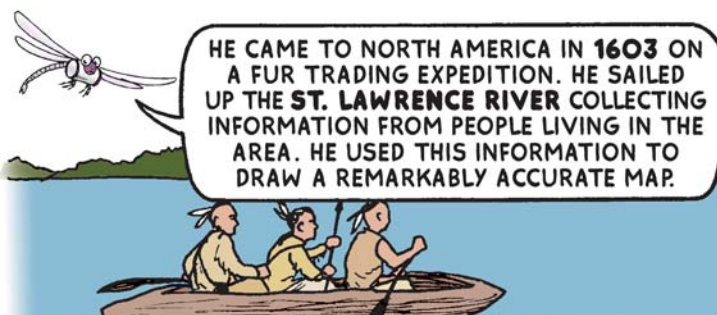


HEY, THIS LOOKS LIKE A MAP OF CANADA, OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH!

THAT'S RIGHT, SCORPY. TODAY WE WILL LEARN ABOUT **SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN**, WHO ESTABLISHED THE FRENCH SETTLEMENT **QUEBEC**.



CHAMPLAIN WAS BORN IN FRANCE AND BECAME A CAPTAIN IN THE FRENCH NAVY. THIS TRAINING HELPED MAKE HIM A GOOD NAVIGATOR AND CARTOGRAPHER (MAPMAKER).



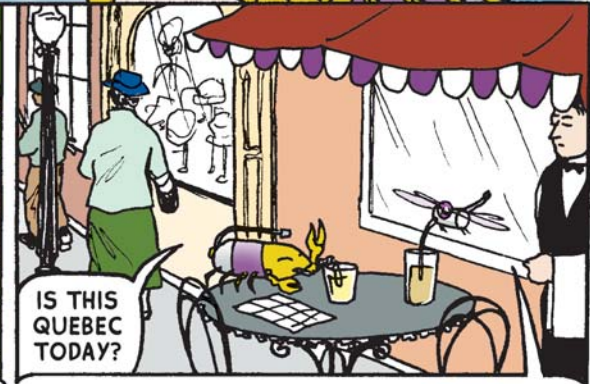
HE CAME TO NORTH AMERICA IN **1603** ON A FUR TRADING EXPEDITION. HE SAILED UP THE **ST. LAWRENCE RIVER** COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA. HE USED THIS INFORMATION TO DRAW A REMARKABLY ACCURATE MAP.



WOW, IT'S VERY ACCURATE. I SEE THE HUDSON BAY TO THE NORTH AND THE GREAT LAKES TO THE WEST.



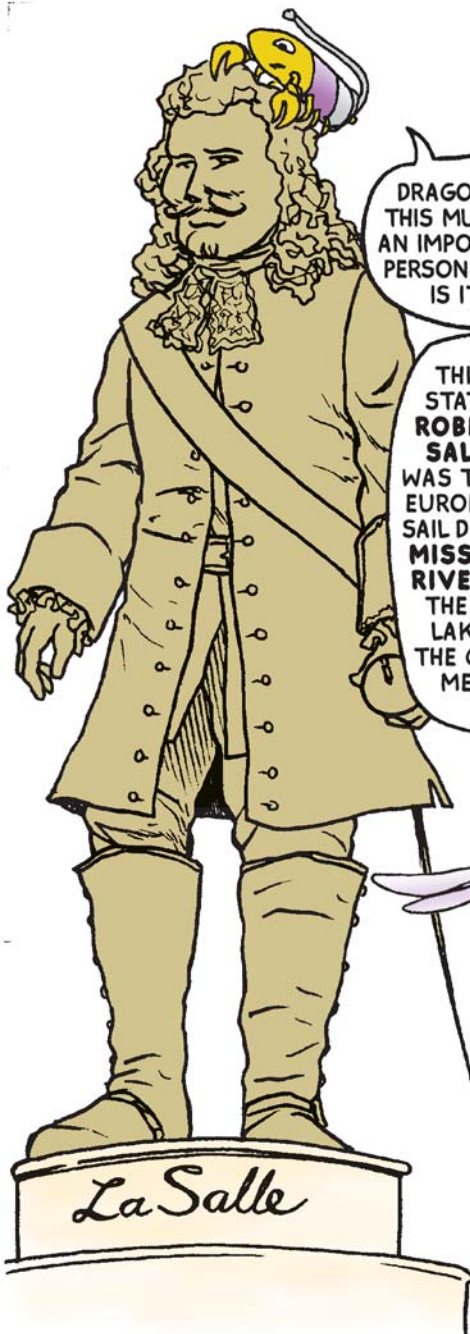
IN 1608 CHAMPLAIN BUILT A TRADING POST FOR FUR TRAPPERS. THIS POST BECAME **QUEBEC**, THE FIRST EUROPEAN TRADING SETTLEMENT IN CANADA. LIKE CORONADO, CHAMPLAIN WANTED NATIVES TO CHANGE THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.



IS THIS QUEBEC TODAY?

YES- MONTREAL IS ONE OF THE OLDEST CITIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE NORTH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA. AU REVOIR, SCORPY!





DRAGONFLY, THIS MUST BE AN IMPORTANT PERSON. WHO IS IT?

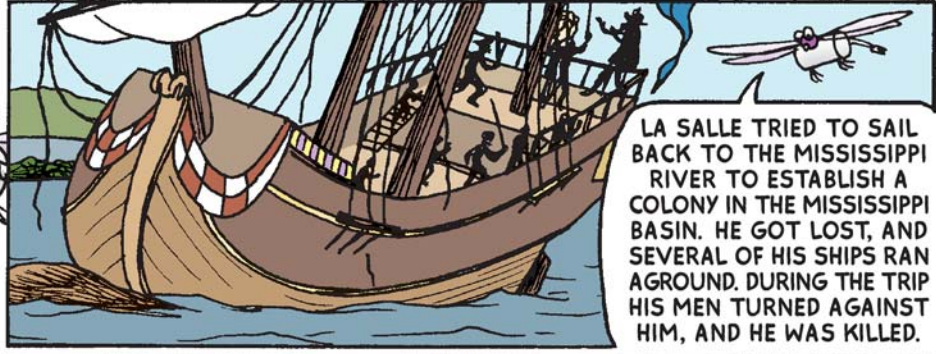
THIS IS A STATUE OF **ROBERT LA SALLE**. HE WAS THE FIRST EUROPEAN TO SAIL DOWN THE **MISSISSIPPI RIVER** FROM THE GREAT LAKES TO THE GULF OF MEXICO.

LA SALLE WAS BORN IN FRANCE AND MOVED TO CANADA IN **1666** AND BECAME A TRADER. HE BECAME VERY FAMILIAR WITH NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES AND TRADITIONS. THIS KNOWLEDGE HELPED HIM BE A BETTER EXPLORER.



LA SALLE TOOK A GROUP DOWN THE **MISSISSIPPI RIVER** TO THE GULF OF MEXICO IN **1682**, CLAIMING THE LAND FOR **LOUIS XIV**, THE KING OF FRANCE. TO HONOR THE KING HE NAMED THIS TERRITORY "**LOUISIANA**."

THAT'S WHY THERE IS FRENCH INFLUENCE IN LOUISIANA!



LA SALLE TRIED TO SAIL BACK TO THE **MISSISSIPPI RIVER** TO ESTABLISH A COLONY IN THE **MISSISSIPPI BASIN**. HE GOT LOST, AND SEVERAL OF HIS SHIPS RAN AGROUND. DURING THE TRIP HIS MEN TURNED AGAINST HIM, AND HE WAS KILLED.

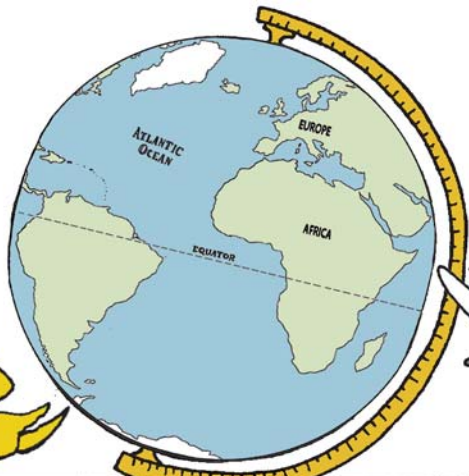


I AM GLAD HE SAILED THE **MISSISSIPPI**. THAT HELPED MAKE **NEW ORLEANS** THE IMPORTANT CITY IT IS NOW!

THAT'S RIGHT, SCORPY - OR, AS THEY SAY IN **NEW ORLEANS**, "**LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULEZ!**"



EARTH IS A BIG PLACE. LIGHTNING. HOW DO WE KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT IT?



SOME OF WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GEOGRAPHY COMES FROM EXPLORERS SUCH AS **CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS!**

COLUMBUS WAS BORN IN GENOA, ITALY, IN 1451. HE MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY TO SPAIN IN 1485 AND BEGAN WORK IN A BOOK SHOP.

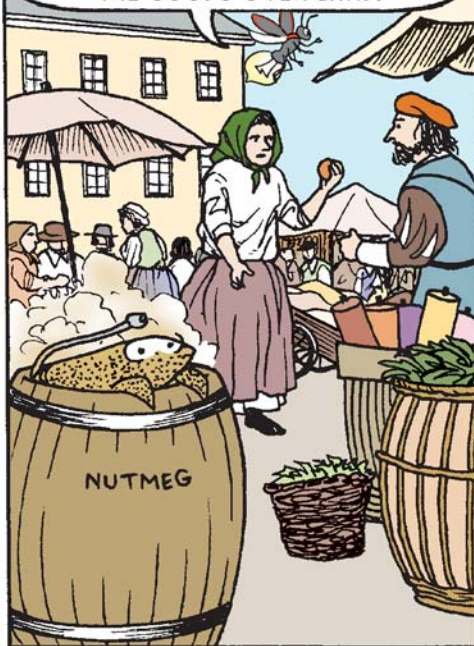


HE BECAME INTERESTED IN SHIPS AND SAILING. HE WORKED AS A DECK HAND MOVING SHIP SAILS AND CLEANING THE SHIP. LATER HE BECAME A SAILOR.



WOW - A JACK OF ALL TRADES ON THE SHIP!

EUROPEANS WANTED A SEA ROUTE TO **ASIA**. THEY LOVED ASIAN PRODUCTS SUCH AS SPICES AND SILK CLOTH. THEY HOPED IT WOULD BE CHEAPER AND EASIER FOR THEM TO GO BY SEA AND GET THEM DIRECTLY INSTEAD OF HAVING ASIAN MERCHANTS DELIVER THE GOODS OVER LAND.



COLUMBUS THOUGHT HE KNEW A SHORT SEA ROUTE TO ASIA THAT WOULD ALLOW EASY ACCESS TO THEIR RICHES!



WHERE WAS HIS ROUTE?

YOU'LL HAVE TO TUNE IN TOMORROW TO SEE, SCORPY!



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ASKED PORTUGAL'S KING JOHN II TO PAY FOR AN EXPENSIVE SEARCH FOR A SEA ROUTE TO ASIA.

No!

THEN HE ASKED KING FERDINAND V AND QUEEN ISABELLA I OF SPAIN.

No!

BUT KINGS CAN CHANGE THEIR MINDS!

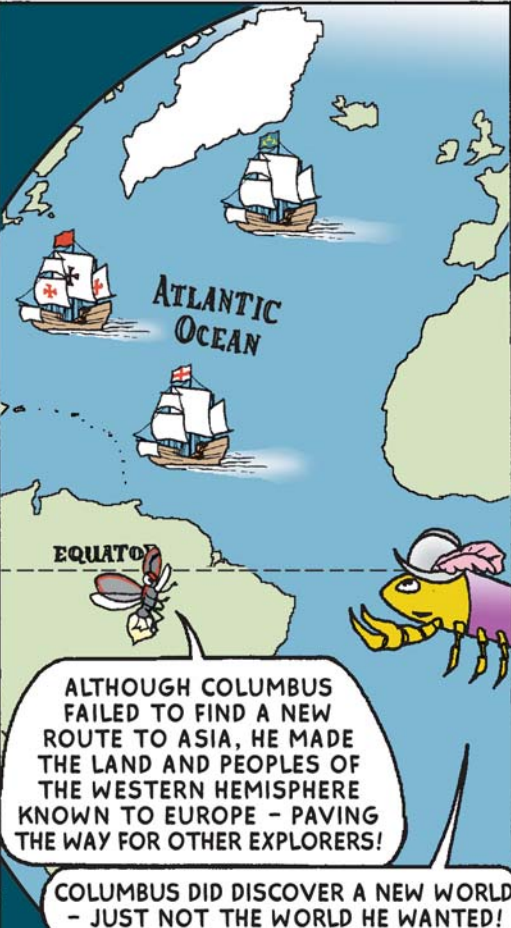
OH, OK. WE'LL PAY FOR THE SHIPS AND SUPPLIES YOU NEED TO FIND ASIA.

ON AUG. 3, 1492, THE PINTA, THE NINA, AND THE SANTA MARIA SET SAIL CARRYING WATER, DRIED FISH, SALT, MEAT, RICE, AND CHEESE FOR A CREW OF 100. THEY SAILED WESTWARD ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

IN 1492 COLUMBUS SAILED THE OCEAN BLUE!

ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 12, LAND WAS SIGHTED! COLUMBUS AND HIS MEN CLAIMED IT FOR SPAIN. HE NAMED THE ISLAND "SAN SALVADOR." IT WAS IN THE CARIBBEAN NEAR MODERN-DAY CUBA.

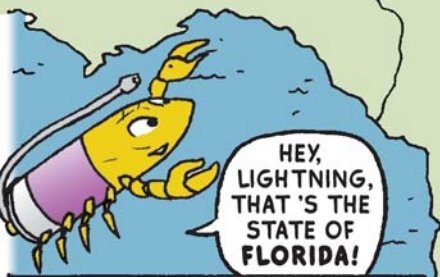
WHOA - CUBA IS NOT ASIA! I GUESS COLUMBUS FAILED!



ALTHOUGH COLUMBUS FAILED TO FIND A NEW ROUTE TO ASIA, HE MADE THE LAND AND PEOPLES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE KNOWN TO EUROPE - PAVING THE WAY FOR OTHER EXPLORERS!

COLUMBUS DID DISCOVER A NEW WORLD - JUST NOT THE WORLD HE WANTED!





THE FIRST ONE TO SAY THAT WAS A SPANIARD NAMED **PONCE DE LEON**. BORN IN **SPAIN** IN 1460, HE MADE AN EARLY VOYAGE WITH **CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS** TO THE CARIBBEAN. THERE HE HEARD A NATIVE AMERICAN TALE OF AN ISLAND NORTH OF CUBA THAT HAD A **FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH** THAT COULD KEEP PEOPLE YOUNG FOREVER.



PONCE DE LEON GOT PERMISSION FROM SPAIN'S KING TO SEARCH FOR THIS ISLAND. ON MARCH 27, 1512, HE SAW THE EASTERN SHORE OF FLORIDA AND THOUGHT HE HAD FOUND THE FOUNTAIN! HE LANDED NEAR WHAT IS NOW ST. AUGUSTINE, CLAIMED THE LAND FOR SPAIN, AND NAMED IT "FLORIDA."



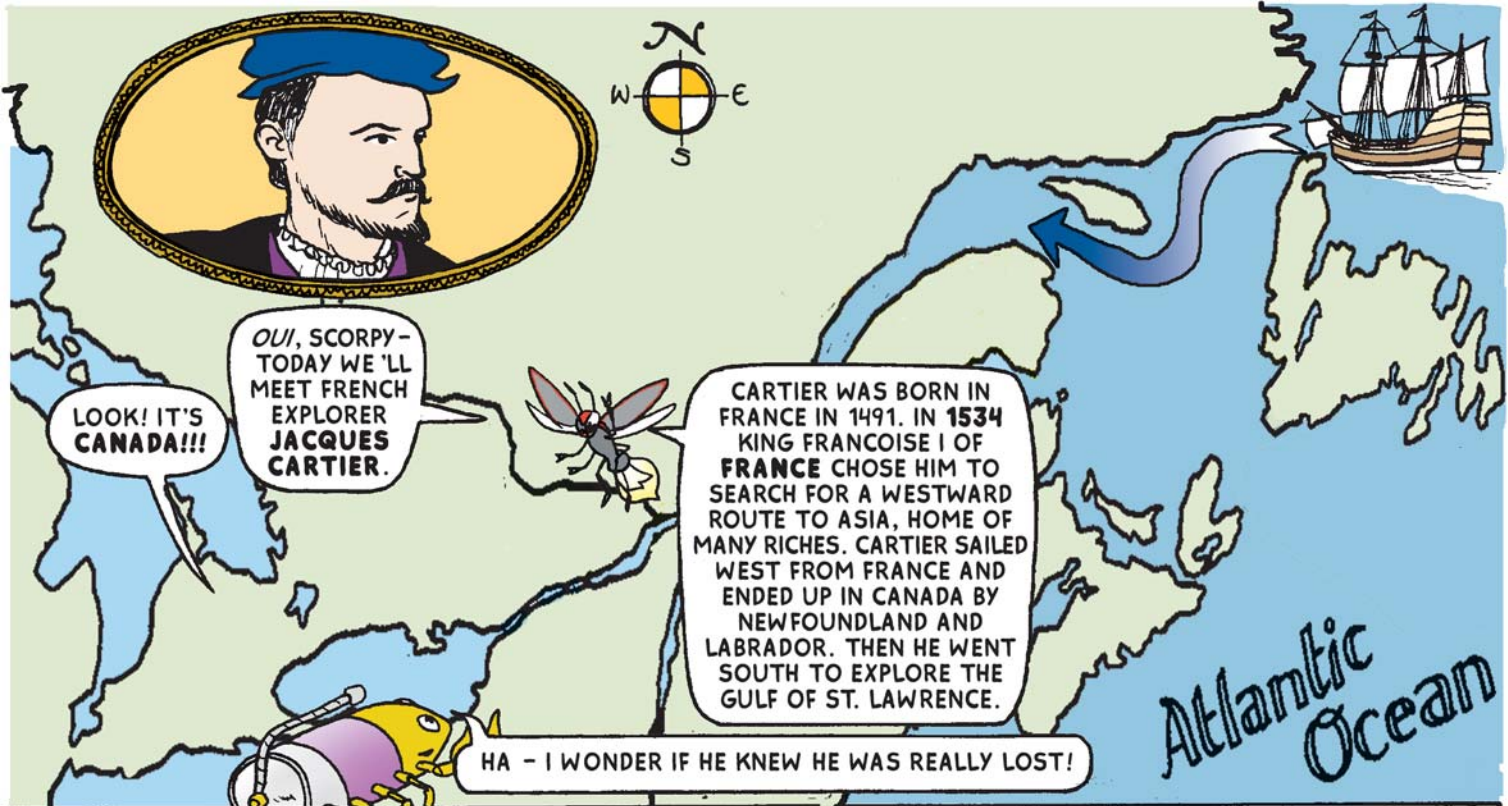
PONCE KEPT TRYING TO SAIL AROUND THIS BIG "ISLAND." HE WENT BY KEY WEST AND SAILED UP THE WEST COAST OF FLORIDA, THEN TURNED SOUTH AGAIN AND REACHED PUERTO RICO IN SEPTEMBER 1513.



IN 1521 PONCE TRIED TO COLONIZE FLORIDA, BRINGING LIVESTOCK AND PEOPLE. HE WAS ATTACKED BY NATIVE AMERICANS WHEN HE LANDED AND MORTALLY WOUNDED. HIS GROUP SAILED BACK TO CUBA.







LOOK! IT'S CANADA!!!

OUI, SCORPY - TODAY WE 'LL MEET FRENCH EXPLORER JACQUES CARTIER.

CARTIER WAS BORN IN FRANCE IN 1491. IN 1534 KING FRANCOISE I OF FRANCE CHOSE HIM TO SEARCH FOR A WESTWARD ROUTE TO ASIA, HOME OF MANY RICHES. CARTIER SAILED WEST FROM FRANCE AND ENDED UP IN CANADA BY NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR. THEN HE WENT SOUTH TO EXPLORE THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE.

HA - I WONDER IF HE KNEW HE WAS REALLY LOST!

Atlantic Ocean

IN 1535 HE SAILED AGAIN, GOING UP THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND DISCOVERING THE SITE OF MODERN QUEBEC. THERE HE CLIMBED A HILL TO OBSERVE THE OTTAWA RIVER AND NAMED THE HILL "MONT REAL." THAT 'S WHERE THE CITY MONTREAL SITS TODAY!



COOL! MY GRANDDAD WENT TO THE OLYMPICS WHEN THEY WERE IN MONTREAL!

JACQUES CARTIER DIED IN 1557. THE AREA HE EXPLORED GAVE FRANCE A CLAIM IN NORTH AMERICA. EVEN TODAY, THIS AREA OF CANADA STILL HAS A FRENCH INFLUENCE.



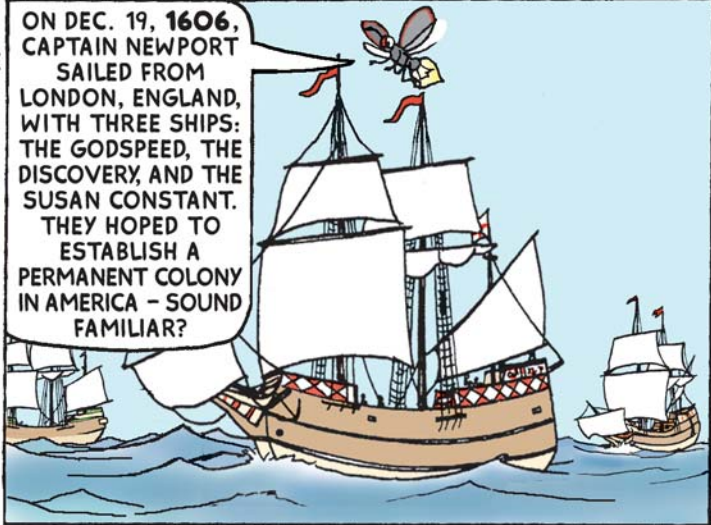
THAT'S WHY THEY STILL ORDERS FRIES IN FRENCH IN MONTREAL!



WE ARE IN JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA. TO SEE ENGLISHMAN CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT.

WOW, THIS PLACE LOOKS OLD. WHERE ARE WE?

ON DEC. 19, 1606, CAPTAIN NEWPORT SAILED FROM LONDON, ENGLAND, WITH THREE SHIPS: THE GODSPEED, THE DISCOVERY, AND THE SUSAN CONSTANT. THEY HOPED TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT COLONY IN AMERICA - SOUND FAMILIAR?



THEY FOUNDED JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT IN VIRGINIA ON MAY 14, 1607, BUILDING SHELTERS TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE WEATHER AND THE NATIVE AMERICANS. NEWPORT RETURNED TO ENGLAND IN JUNE 1607 FOR MORE SUPPLIES AND PEOPLE.

IN 1612 THE SETTLERS BEGAN TO GROW TOBACCO. THE COLONY PROSPERED AND BECAME THE CAPITAL OF VIRGINIA FOR ABOUT 90 YEARS. NEWPORT DIED IN 1617.

WE DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. BUT WE DO KNOW THAT CITY HAS CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY TO HONOR THE CAPTAIN! WITHOUT HIM, WE MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD A VIRGINIA.



HE RETURNED TO JAMESTOWN IN THE SPRING TO FIND MOST OF THE 104 SETTLERS HAD DIED FROM HUNGER AND DISEASE THAT WINTER.

WOW - THAT'S TERRIBLE!!

HMMM. I WONDER IF THAT'S WHERE THE CITY NAME "NEWPORT NEWS" COMES FROM...

HMM. I'M GOING TO EXPLORE WAYS TO START A SCORPY BUG UNIVERSITY!

