

HEY, LIGHTNING, ARE WE STILL IN VIRGINIA? I DON'T SEE ANY MOUNTAINS...

WE'RE IN THE **TIDEWATER REGION** OF VIRGINIA, SCORPY. THERE ARE NO MOUNTAINS HERE. THIS LOW AREA IS VERY **FLAT** AND CLOSE TO THE OCEAN.

COWABUNGA, DUDE! I LOVE THE BEACH!

MANY PEOPLE DO. **TOURISM** IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THIS REGION. PEOPLE LOVE TO VACATION HERE.

IT'S A NICE PLACE, SCORPY. BECAUSE IT IS LOCATED NEAR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY, THERE ARE ALWAYS THINGS TO DO, SUCH AS CRABBING AND FISHING. THE EASTERN SHORE IS HERE, TOO.

THIS IS THE LIFE! I COULD GET USED TO LIVING IN THE TIDEWATER REGION.



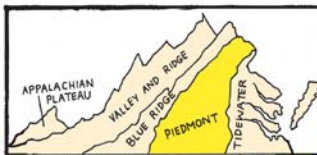
LOOK AT THOSE HUGE BOATS!

THE ATLANTIC OCEAN HAS HISTORICALLY PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN VIRGINIA AND OTHER PLACES AROUND THE WORLD. TODAY WE STILL GET BIG BOATS DELIVERING ALL SORTS OF GOODS TO VIRGINIA FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FAR, FAR AWAY.

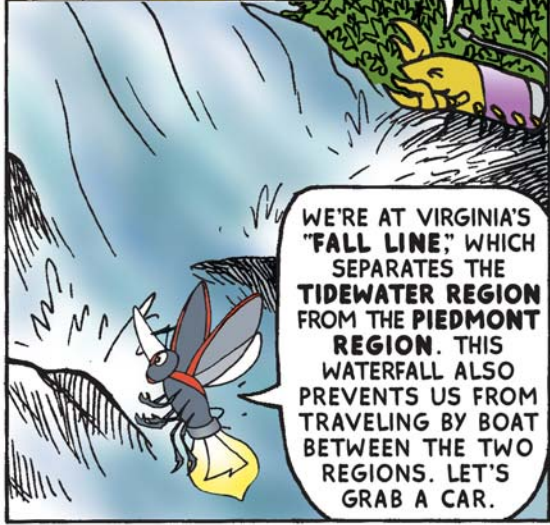
WE ALSO HAVE LOTS OF MILITARY BASES HERE.

THE TIDEWATER IS A BUSY PLACE!

TOMORROW WE'LL VISIT ANOTHER GREAT VIRGINIA REGION!

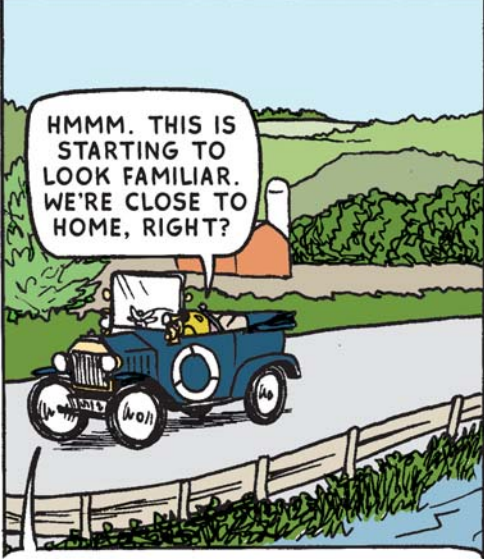


THIS IS SOME WATERFALL, LIGHTNING!



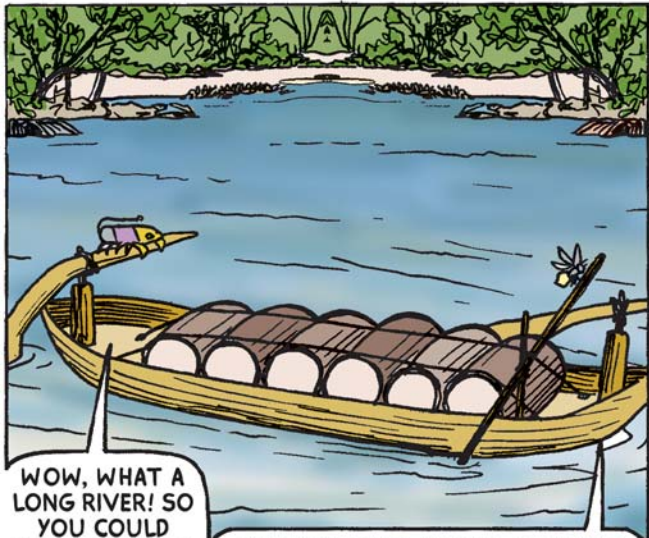
WE'RE AT VIRGINIA'S "FALL LINE," WHICH SEPARATES THE TIDEWATER REGION FROM THE PIEDMONT REGION. THIS WATERFALL ALSO PREVENTS US FROM TRAVELING BY BOAT BETWEEN THE TWO REGIONS. LET'S GRAB A CAR.

THE PIEDMONT REGION IS THE LAND AT THE FOOT OF VIRGINIA'S MOUNTAINS. THE JAMES RIVER FLOWS THROUGH THE PIEDMONT ALL THE WAY TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.



HMMM. THIS IS STARTING TO LOOK FAMILIAR. WE'RE CLOSE TO HOME, RIGHT?

YES, SCORPY. AMAZEMENT SQUARE IS IN THIS REGION. THIS IS THE SAME JAMES RIVER WE SEE WHEN WE LOOK OUT THE WINDOWS OF AMAZEMENT SQUARE.



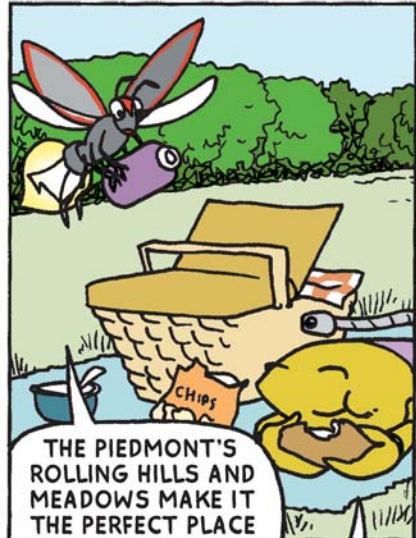
WOW, WHAT A LONG RIVER! SO YOU COULD TRAVEL BY BOAT FROM LYNCHBURG TO RICHMOND?

THAT'S RIGHT. BEFORE CARS AND TRUCKS, THIS WAS ONE OF THE MAIN WAYS TO TRANSPORT GOODS BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES.



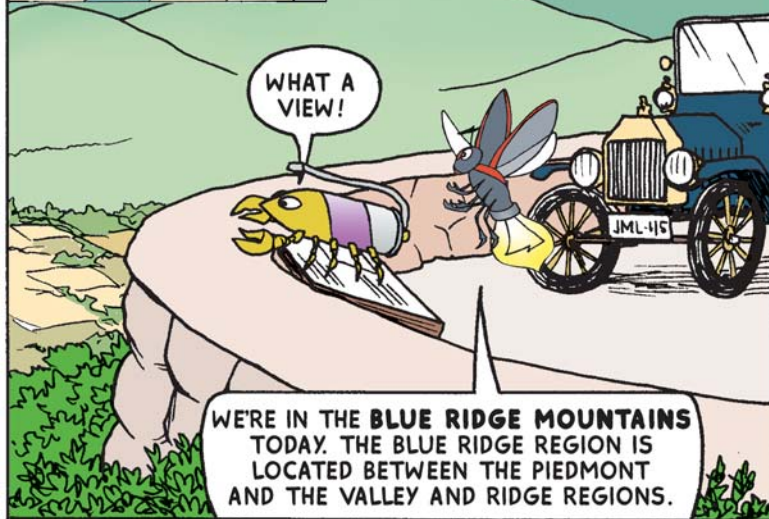
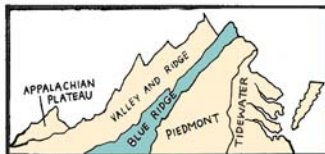
THERE SURE IS A LOT OF LAND IN THIS REGION.

THAT'S WHY IT'S PERFECT FOR FARMING. A LOT OF TOBACCO IS GROWN IN THIS REGION. FARMERS HERE ALSO RAISE COWS AND CHICKENS.



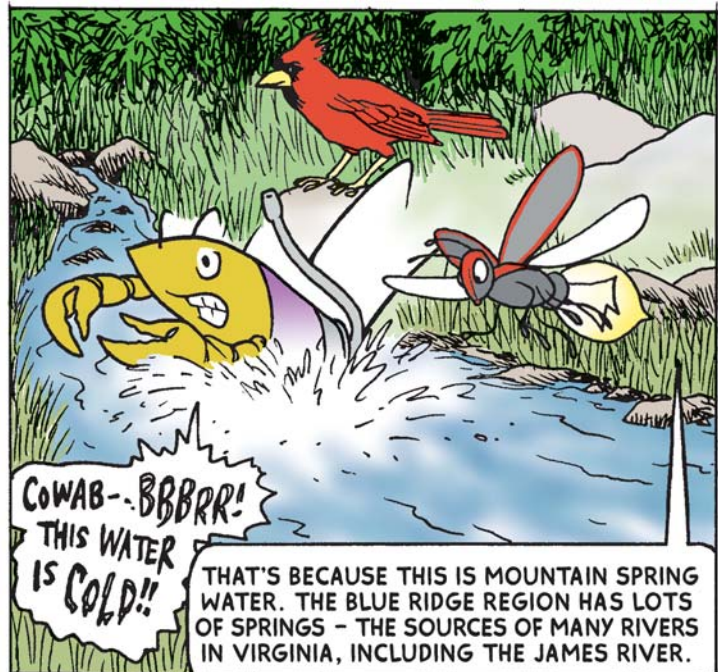
THE PIEDMONT'S ROLLING HILLS AND MEADOWS MAKE IT THE PERFECT PLACE FOR A PICNIC. EAT UP FOR OUR JOURNEY WESTWARD TOMORROW.

I CAN ALWAYS USE A BITE TO EAT!



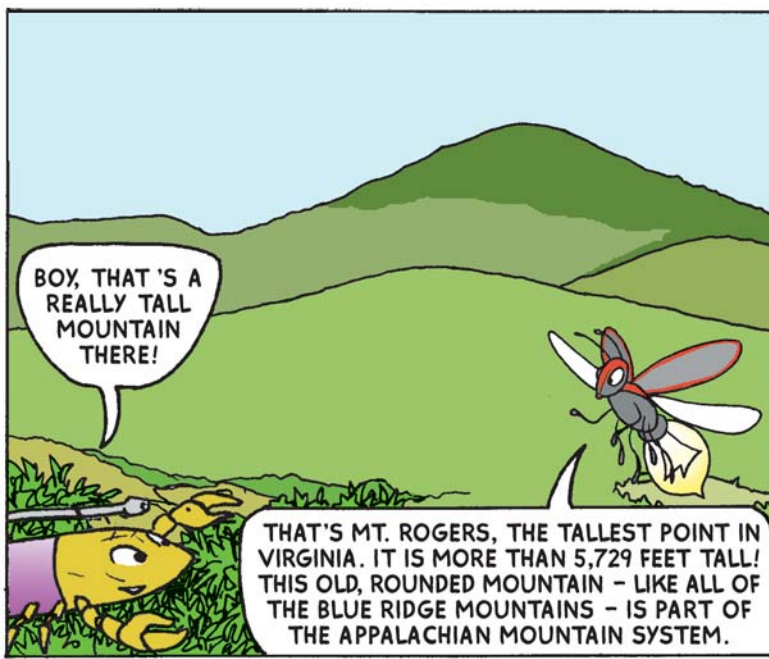
WHAT A VIEW!

WE'RE IN THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS TODAY. THE BLUE RIDGE REGION IS LOCATED BETWEEN THE PIEDMONT AND THE VALLEY AND RIDGE REGIONS.



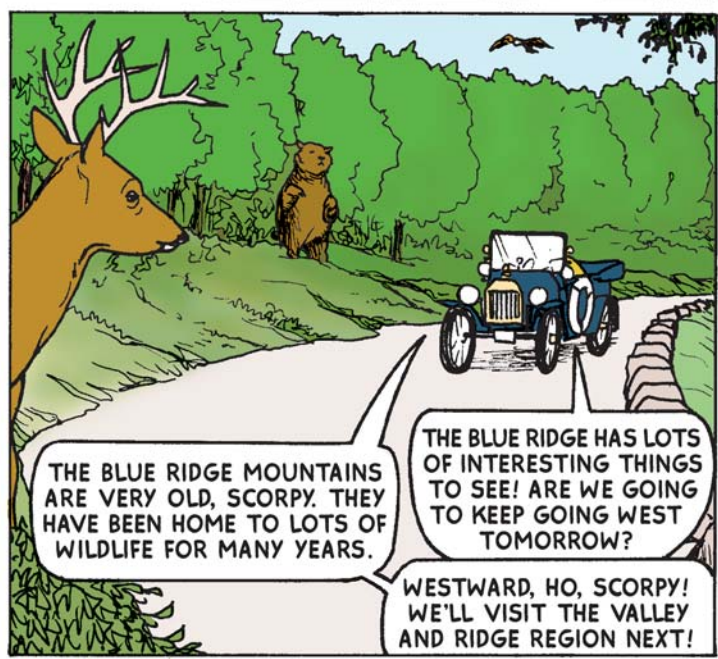
OWAB--BBRR!
THIS WATER IS COLD!!

THAT'S BECAUSE THIS IS MOUNTAIN SPRING WATER. THE BLUE RIDGE REGION HAS LOTS OF SPRINGS - THE SOURCES OF MANY RIVERS IN VIRGINIA, INCLUDING THE JAMES RIVER.



BOY, THAT'S A REALLY TALL MOUNTAIN THERE!

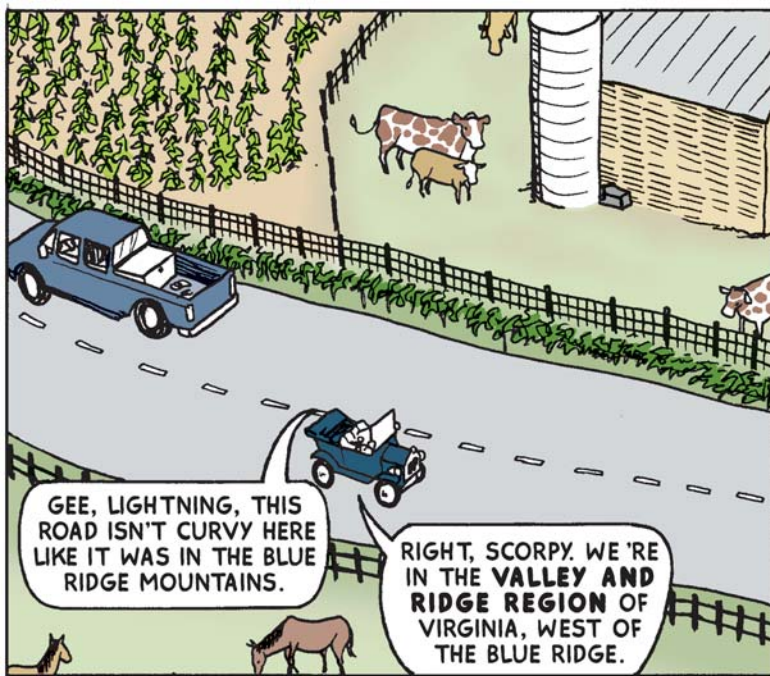
THAT'S MT. ROGERS, THE TALLEST POINT IN VIRGINIA. IT IS MORE THAN 5,729 FEET TALL! THIS OLD, ROUNDED MOUNTAIN - LIKE ALL OF THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS - IS PART OF THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN SYSTEM.



THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS ARE VERY OLD, SCORPY. THEY HAVE BEEN HOME TO LOTS OF WILDLIFE FOR MANY YEARS.

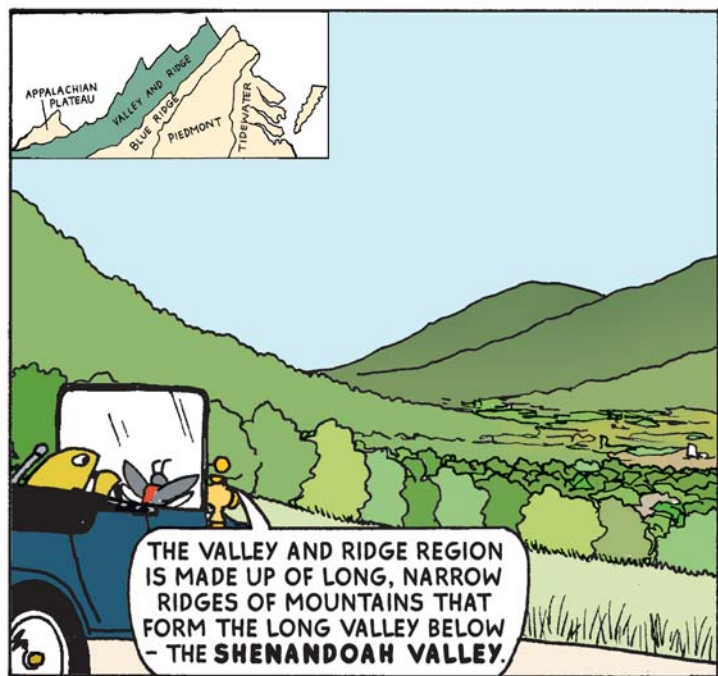
THE BLUE RIDGE HAS LOTS OF INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE! ARE WE GOING TO KEEP GOING WEST TOMORROW?

WESTWARD, HO, SCORPY! WE'LL VISIT THE VALLEY AND RIDGE REGION NEXT!

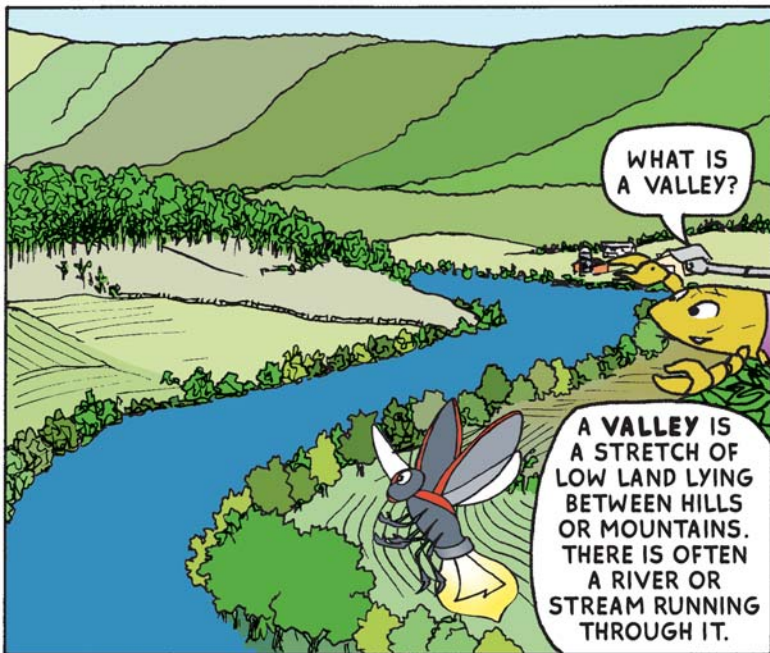


GEE, LIGHTNING, THIS ROAD ISN'T CURVY HERE LIKE IT WAS IN THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS.

RIGHT, SCORPY. WE'RE IN THE **VALLEY AND RIDGE REGION** OF VIRGINIA, WEST OF THE BLUE RIDGE.

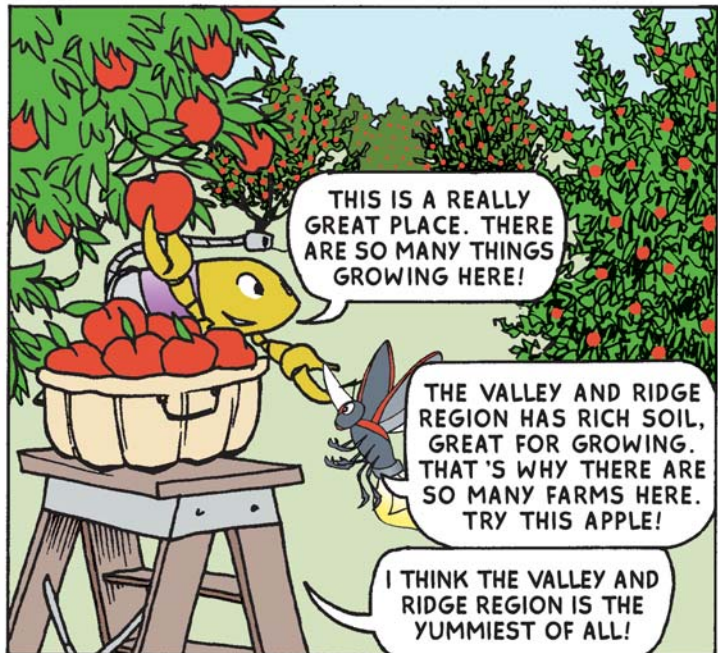


THE VALLEY AND RIDGE REGION IS MADE UP OF LONG, NARROW RIDGES OF MOUNTAINS THAT FORM THE LONG VALLEY BELOW - THE **SHENANDOAH VALLEY**.



WHAT IS A VALLEY?

A **VALLEY** IS A STRETCH OF LOW LAND LYING BETWEEN HILLS OR MOUNTAINS. THERE IS OFTEN A RIVER OR STREAM RUNNING THROUGH IT.



THIS IS A REALLY GREAT PLACE. THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS GROWING HERE!

THE VALLEY AND RIDGE REGION HAS RICH SOIL, GREAT FOR GROWING. THAT'S WHY THERE ARE SO MANY FARMS HERE. TRY THIS APPLE!

I THINK THE VALLEY AND RIDGE REGION IS THE YUMMIEST OF ALL!



HEY - IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE FLATTENED THE TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN!

THAT IS CALLED A **PLATEAU**, SCORPY. THIS IS THE LAST REGION OF VIRGINIA WE WILL VISIT.



THAT'S A FUNNY NAME, "PLATEAU!"

A PLATEAU IS ELEVATED LAND THAT'S FLAT ON TOP. WE'RE IN THE **APPALACHIAN PLATEAU REGION**.



WHERE IS THE **APPALACHIAN PLATEAU** LOCATED IN VIRGINIA?

APPALACHIAN PLATEAU

Virginia


SCALE
1 INCH = 100 MILES

THIS REGION IS IN **SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA**, SCORPY - THE FAR CORNER OF OUR STATE. ONLY A SMALL PART OF THIS REGION IS IN VIRGINIA.



THIS AREA IS FAMOUS FOR ITS **COAL MINES**. **COAL** IS STILL USED AS FUEL TODAY.

I ALWAYS SEE HUGE AMOUNTS OF **COAL** BEING TRANSPORTED BY TRAIN. SO THIS IS WHERE IT COMES FROM!



WE VISITED SO MANY REGIONS OF VIRGINIA, I'M NOT SURE I CAN REMEMBER THEM ALL.



APPALACHIAN PLATEAU

VALLEY AND RIDGE

BLUE RIDGE

PIEDMONT

TIDEWATER

THIS MAP WILL HELP REVIEW ALL THE REGIONS: **TIDEWATER**, **PIEDMONT**, **BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS**, **VALLEY AND RIDGE** AND THE **APPALACHIAN PLATEAU**.



I LOVE VIRGINIA! THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!