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The LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION

April 29, 1805 -- Somewhere in what is now Montana

WHAT WONDERS WE HAVE SEEN ON THIS JOURNEY, LEWIS! LOOK AT THAT MAGNIFICENT SPECIMEN OF A BEAR.

YOU'RE RIGHT, CLARK! A BEAR THIS SIZE AND COLOR HAS NEVER BEEN DESCRIBED BY THE FINEST MINDS IN SCIENCE. I WONDER WHAT IT'S CALLED.

IT'S A GRIZZLY BEAR! NOW GET HIM OUT OF HERE!



NEARLY TWO YEARS EARLIER, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

OUR LOUISIANA PURCHASE HAS NEARLY DOUBLED THE SIZE OF AMERICA WITH LAND WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. MERIWETHER LEWIS, AS MY PRIVATE SECRETARY, YOU WILL LEAD AN EXPEDITION INTO THIS UNCHARTED TERRITORY. AND IS THIS WILLIAM CLARK, THE BRILLIANT ARMY OFFICER YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO ASSIST YOU?

NO, PRESIDENT JEFFERSON. THIS IS SOME FELLOW FROM THE FUTURE WHO KEEPS FOLLOWING ME AROUND.

I SEE. PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THAT.

SUMMER 1803

WOW! THE ULTIMATE ROADTRIP WITH LEWIS & CLARK! WHAT DID THOMAS JEFFERSON ASK YOU TO ACCOMPLISH ON THIS JOURNEY?

I WILL MAP NEW LANDS AND SEARCH FOR THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE -- A RIVER ROUTE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

AND I WILL STUDY PLANTS AND ANIMALS. WE WILL BEFRIEND ANY NATIVE PEOPLE WE ENCOUNTER.

I COULD RUN THE DIGITAL VIDEO CAMERA! OH WAIT -- NOT INVENTED YET.

MAY 14, 1804, NEAR ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

FEEL THAT BREEZE, FUTURE-BOY? WHAT A GREAT DAY TO BEGIN OUR TRIP UP THE MISSOURI RIVER. WE HAVE A 66-FOOT BOAT, ALL THE SUPPLIES WE NEED, AND A TERRIFIC CREW! I CALL THEM THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY!

I COUNT 40 MEN--AND ONE DOG.

FACT BOX
Seaman, the dog, belonged to Captain Lewis.

THE 2,000-MILE JOURNEY UP THE RIVER TOOK THEM THROUGH THE SUMMER AND FALL. THE CREW SPENT THE WINTER WITH THE MANDAN AND HIDATSA INDIAN TRIBES OF NORTH DAKOTA.

HELLO, I AM TOUSSAINT CHARBONNEAU. I AM A FRENCH FUR TRADER AND THIS IS MY WIFE, SACAGAWEA. WE LIVE AMONG THE HIDATSAS. SACAGAWEA KNOWS MANY INDIAN LANGUAGES.

PERFECT! WE'D LIKE TO HIRE BOTH OF YOU TO TRANSLATE FOR US ON OUR JOURNEY WEST!

SACAGAWEA! SOMEDAY YOU'LL BE ON THE ONE-DOLLAR COIN!

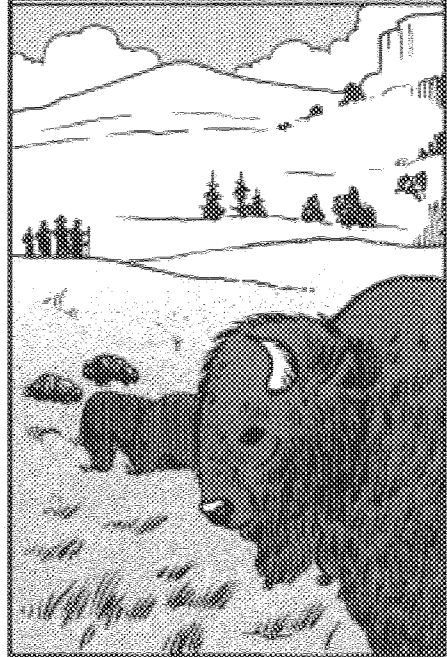
ALONG THE WAY, LEWIS & CLARK WERE MEETING ALL OF JEFFERSON'S REQUESTS. THEY MADE FRIENDS WITH THE MISSOURIS, THE OMAHAS, AND THE YANKTON SIOUX INDIANS.



CLARK DREW THE FIRST ACCURATE MAPS OF MANY AMERICAN RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS.



THEY ENCOUNTERED MUCH WILDLIFE, INCLUDING BISON, WOLVES, BISHORN SHEEP, PRAIRIE DOGS, AND MANY BIRDS. IN HIS JOURNAL, LEWIS DESCRIBED 178 PLANTS AND 122 ANIMALS NO SCIENTIST HAD EVER SEEN.



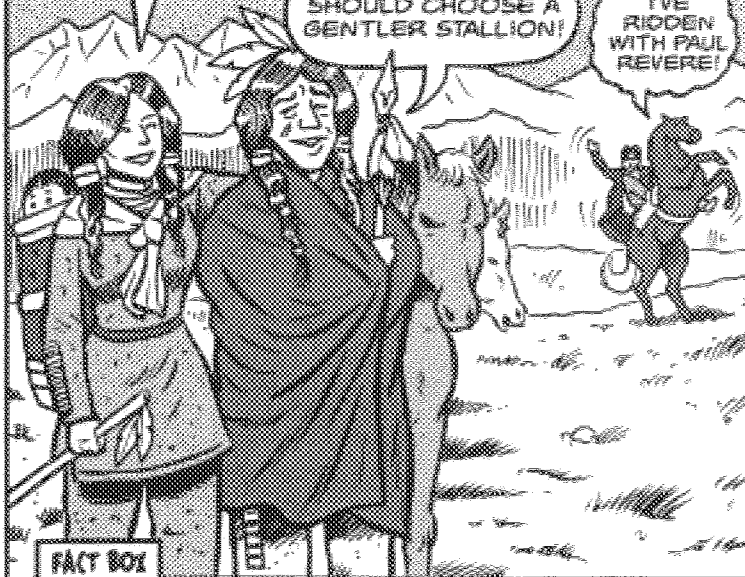
AUGUST 17, 1805, MONTANA

IT'S A GOOD THING WE FOUND MY BROTHER! HE'S THE CHIEF OF THE SHOSHONE TRIBE.

PLEASE, TAKE THESE HORSES. THEY'RE THE ONLY WAY TO CROSS THOSE MOUNTAINS. I'M SORRY, BUT THERE IS NO NORTHWEST RIVER PASSAGE.

THAT MAN SHOULD CHOOSE A GENTLER STALLION!

I'M OK! I'VE RIDDEN WITH PAUL REVERE!



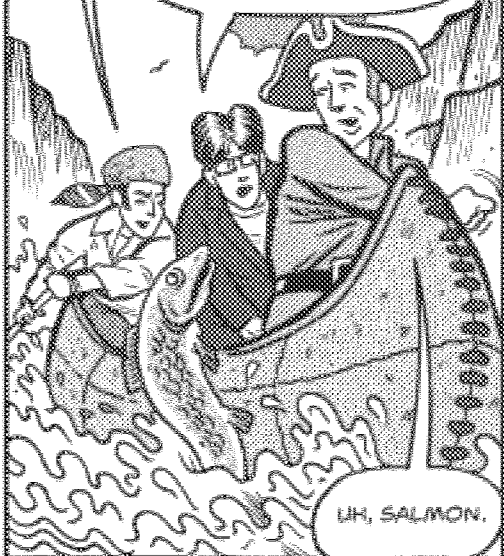
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Sacagawea's son, Jean Baptiste, was born along the journey.

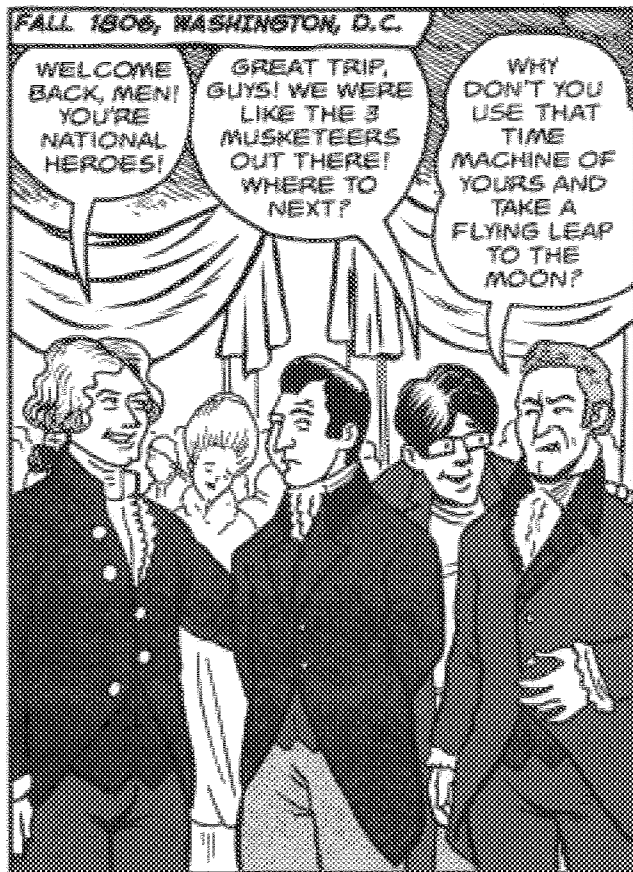
LATE SEPTEMBER, 1805

BOY, THOSE MOUNTAINS WERE TOUGH! AND NOW WE HAVE TO TRAVEL BY RIVER AGAIN.

HOW NICE OF THE NEZ PERCE INDIANS TO HELP US MAKE THESE CANOES AND WATCH OUR HORSES WHILE WE'RE GONE! ANYTHING TO EAT AROUND HERE?



UH, SALMON.



SCOOTER'S QUICK QUIZ

1. What was the new land that Lewis & Clark were asked to explore?
2. What was the name of their brave group of explorers?
3. List three ways that Indians helped Lewis & Clark along the way.
4. What were the three things President Jefferson asked them to do on their travels? Can you describe some of the ways they accomplished these tasks?
5. If you could explore an unknown place, what would you bring with you and what would you want to study along the way?