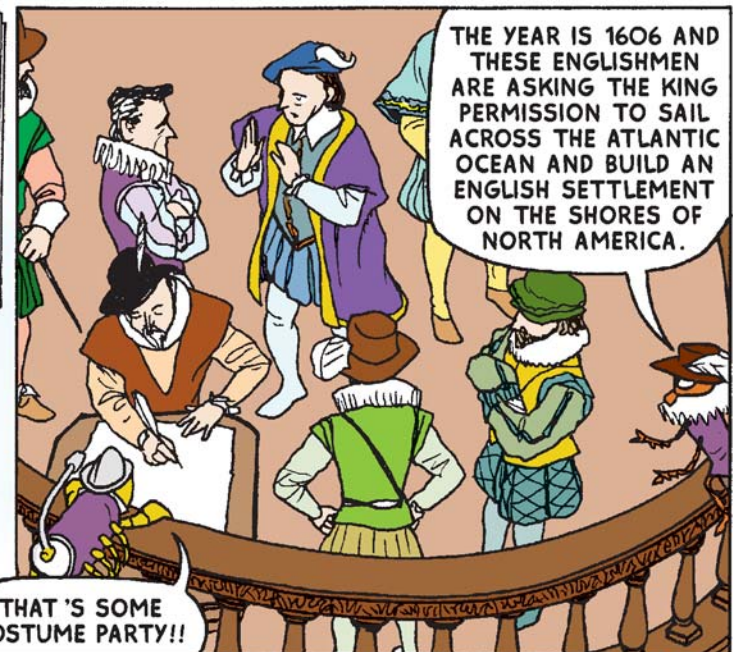


WHY ARE THERE SO MANY JAMESTOWN BILLBOARDS, ANTE?

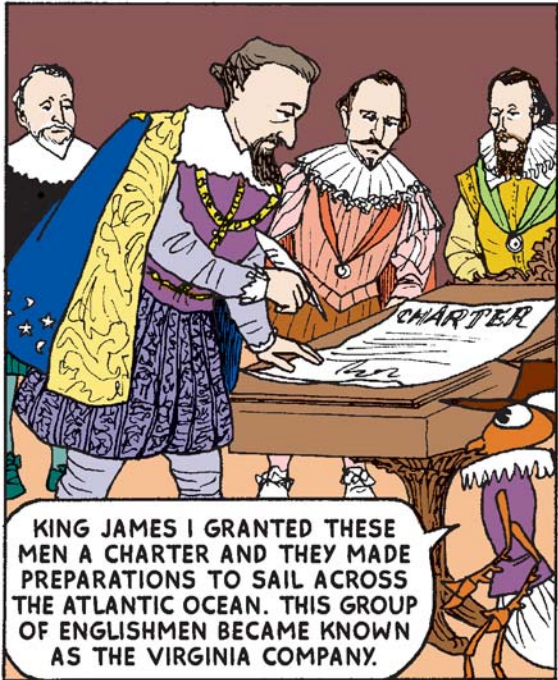
Could you have survived?

JAMESTOWN, THE FIRST PERMANENT ENGLISH SETTLEMENT IN OUR COUNTRY, IS CELEBRATING ITS 400TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR!

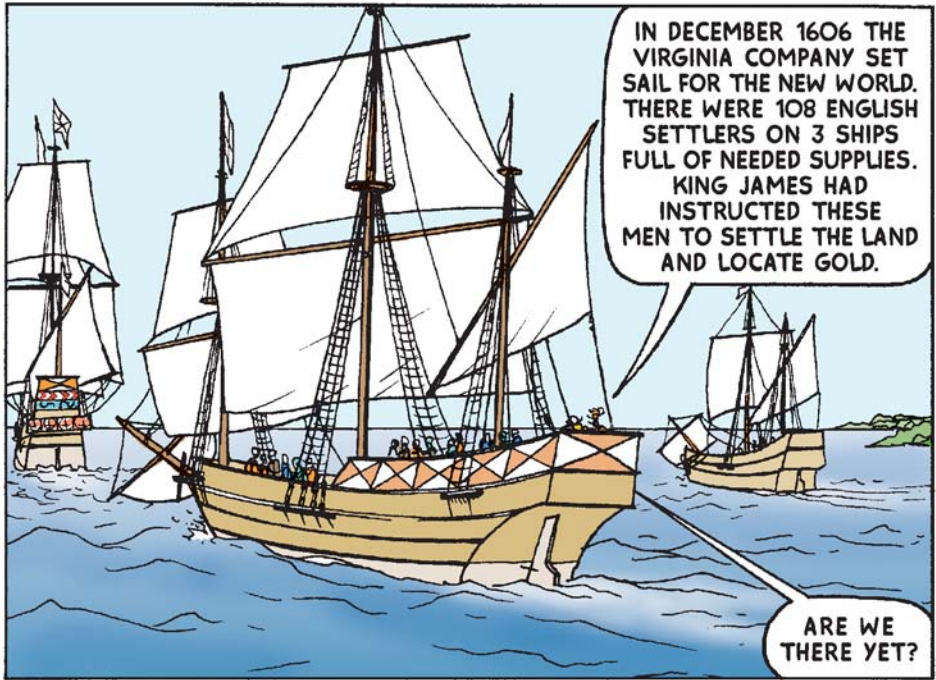


THE YEAR IS 1606 AND THESE ENGLISHMEN ARE ASKING THE KING PERMISSION TO SAIL ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND BUILD AN ENGLISH SETTLEMENT ON THE SHORES OF NORTH AMERICA.

THAT'S SOME COSTUME PARTY!!



KING JAMES I GRANTED THESE MEN A CHARTER AND THEY MADE PREPARATIONS TO SAIL ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. THIS GROUP OF ENGLISHMEN BECAME KNOWN AS THE VIRGINIA COMPANY.



IN DECEMBER 1606 THE VIRGINIA COMPANY SET SAIL FOR THE NEW WORLD. THERE WERE 108 ENGLISH SETTLERS ON 3 SHIPS FULL OF NEEDED SUPPLIES. KING JAMES HAD INSTRUCTED THESE MEN TO SETTLE THE LAND AND LOCATE GOLD.

ARE WE THERE YET?




ARE WE THERE YET?

NOT YET SCORPY. IT TAKES QUITE SOME TIME TO SAIL ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

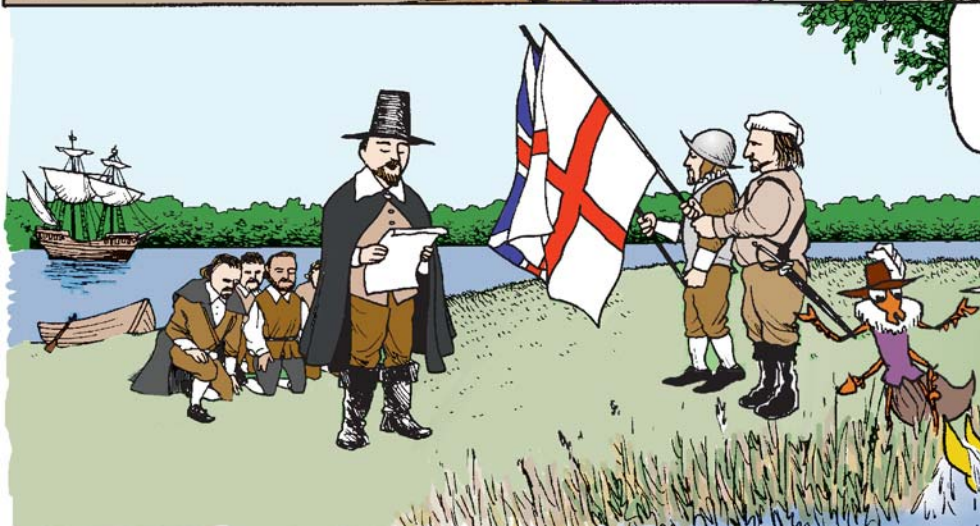


LAND HO!

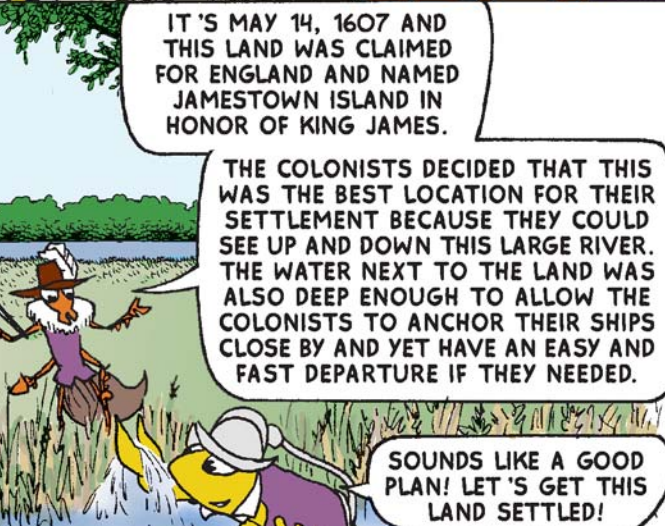


WE HAVE BEEN SAILING ON THIS SHIP FOR MORE THAN 5 MONTHS, BUT WE'VE FINALLY ARRIVED!

DECEMBER 1606	JANUARY 1607
MARCH 1607	APRIL 1607
	MAY 1607



IT'S MAY 14, 1607 AND THIS LAND WAS CLAIMED FOR ENGLAND AND NAMED JAMESTOWN ISLAND IN HONOR OF KING JAMES.



THE COLONISTS DECIDED THAT THIS WAS THE BEST LOCATION FOR THEIR SETTLEMENT BECAUSE THEY COULD SEE UP AND DOWN THIS LARGE RIVER. THE WATER NEXT TO THE LAND WAS ALSO DEEP ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE COLONISTS TO ANCHOR THEIR SHIPS CLOSE BY AND YET HAVE AN EASY AND FAST DEPARTURE IF THEY NEEDED.



SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PLAN! LET'S GET THIS LAND SETTLED!

OH NO! LOOKS LIKE THE NATIVE AMERICANS ARE NOT HAPPY TO SEE THE SETTLERS.

SOME FELT THAT WAY. THE COLONISTS HAD ONLY BEEN ON SHORE FOR ABOUT 4 DAYS BEFORE A GROUP OF NATIVE AMERICANS ATTACKED. THESE NATIVE AMERICANS WERE PART OF THE POWHATAN TRIBE.

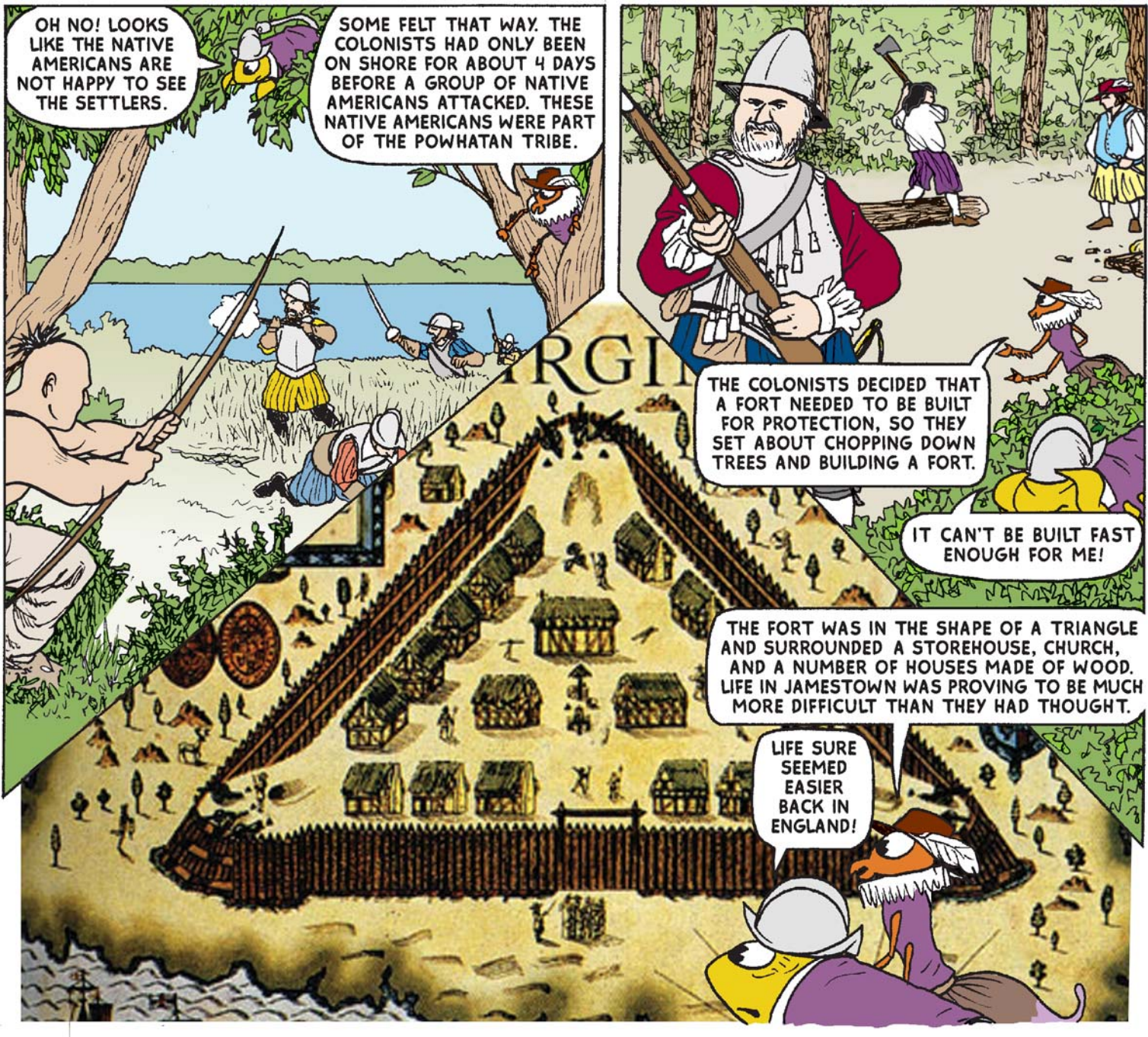


THE COLONISTS DECIDED THAT A FORT NEEDED TO BE BUILT FOR PROTECTION, SO THEY SET ABOUT CHOPPING DOWN TREES AND BUILDING A FORT.

IT CAN'T BE BUILT FAST ENOUGH FOR ME!

THE FORT WAS IN THE SHAPE OF A TRIANGLE AND SURROUNDED A STOREHOUSE, CHURCH, AND A NUMBER OF HOUSES MADE OF WOOD. LIFE IN JAMESTOWN WAS PROVING TO BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THAN THEY HAD THOUGHT.

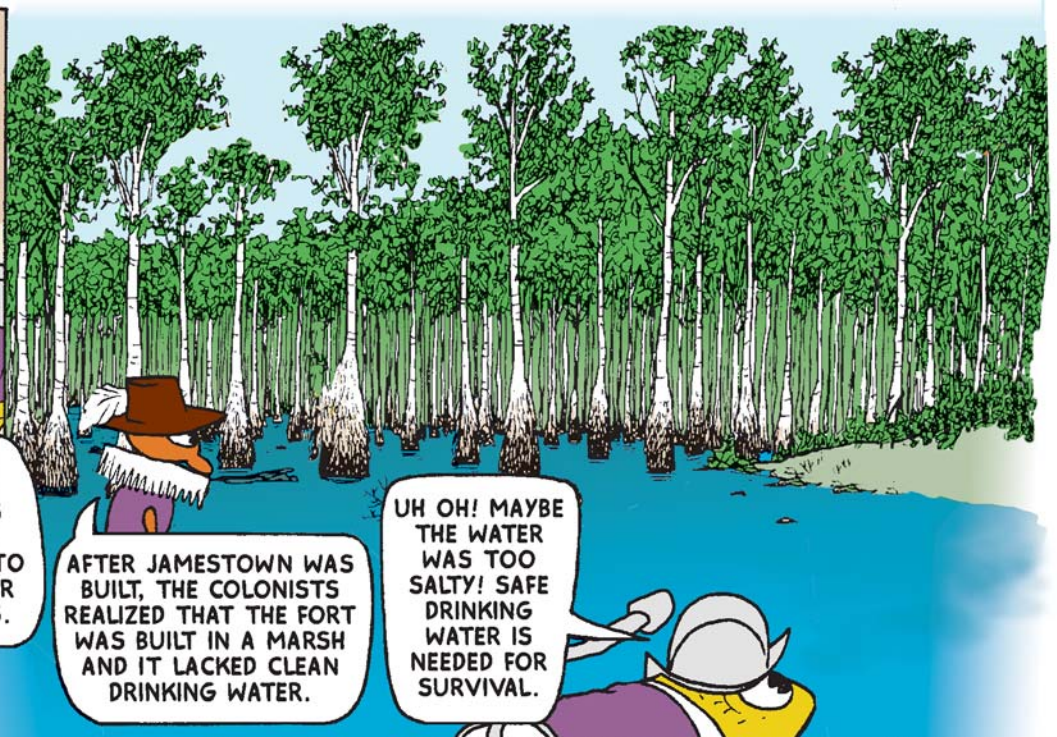
LIFE SURE SEEMED EASIER BACK IN ENGLAND!





THIS IS HARD WORK!

YOU'RE RIGHT SCORPY. EVEN SIMPLE THINGS LIKE DRINKING WATER PROVED TO BE DIFFICULT FOR THE COLONISTS.



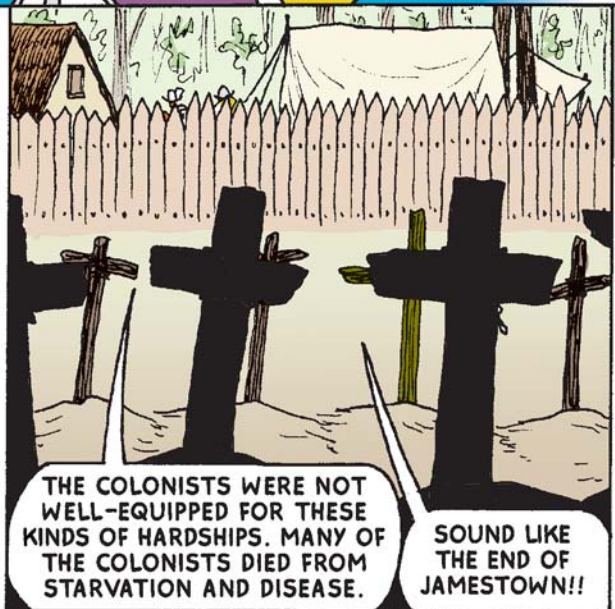
AFTER JAMESTOWN WAS BUILT, THE COLONISTS REALIZED THAT THE FORT WAS BUILT IN A MARSH AND IT LACKED CLEAN DRINKING WATER.

UH OH! MAYBE THE WATER WAS TOO SALTY! SAFE DRINKING WATER IS NEEDED FOR SURVIVAL.



THE COLONISTS KNEW NOTHING ABOUT GROWING CROPS OR HUNTING. THEY NEEDED THESE SKILLS IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

THINGS ARE NOT LOOKING GOOD!!



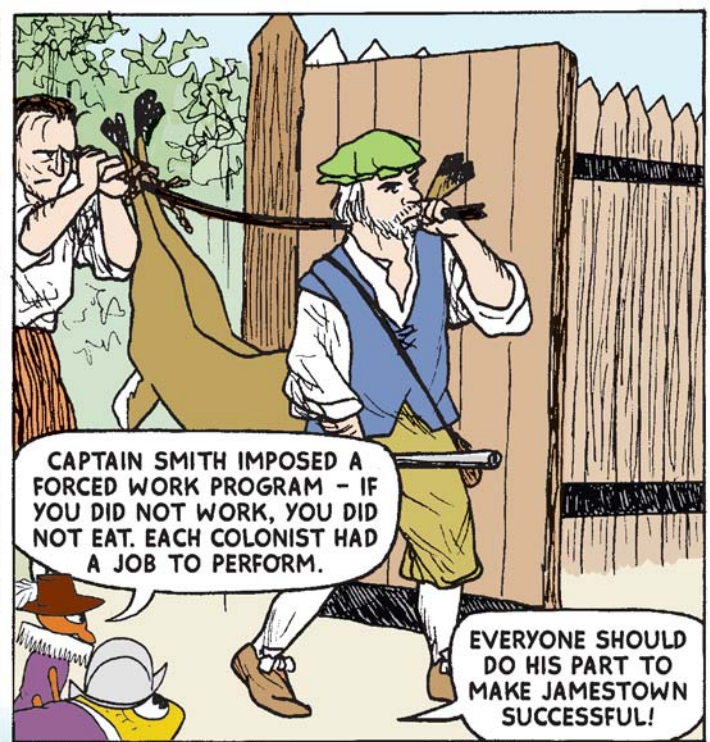
THE COLONISTS WERE NOT WELL-EQUIPPED FOR THESE KINDS OF HARDSHIPS. MANY OF THE COLONISTS DIED FROM STARVATION AND DISEASE.

SOUND LIKE THE END OF JAMESTOWN!!



THINGS ARE NOT LOOKING GOOD FOR THE COLONISTS!

IN 1608, JOHN SMITH BECAME LEADER OF JAMESTOWN. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, JAMESTOWN BEGAN TO GROW STRONGER.



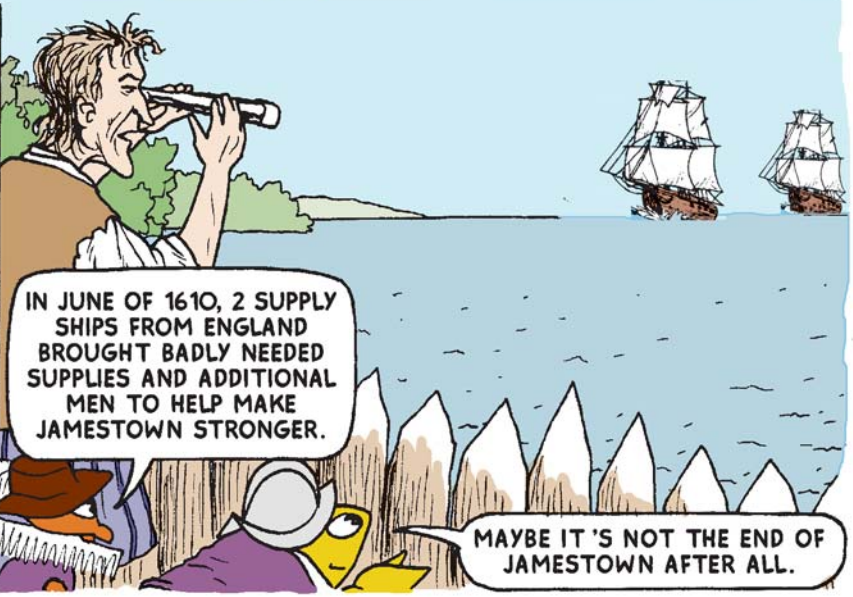
CAPTAIN SMITH IMPOSED A FORCED WORK PROGRAM - IF YOU DID NOT WORK, YOU DID NOT EAT. EACH COLONIST HAD A JOB TO PERFORM.

EVERYONE SHOULD DO HIS PART TO MAKE JAMESTOWN SUCCESSFUL!



CAPTAIN SMITH ALSO MADE EACH COLONIST RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN GARDEN.

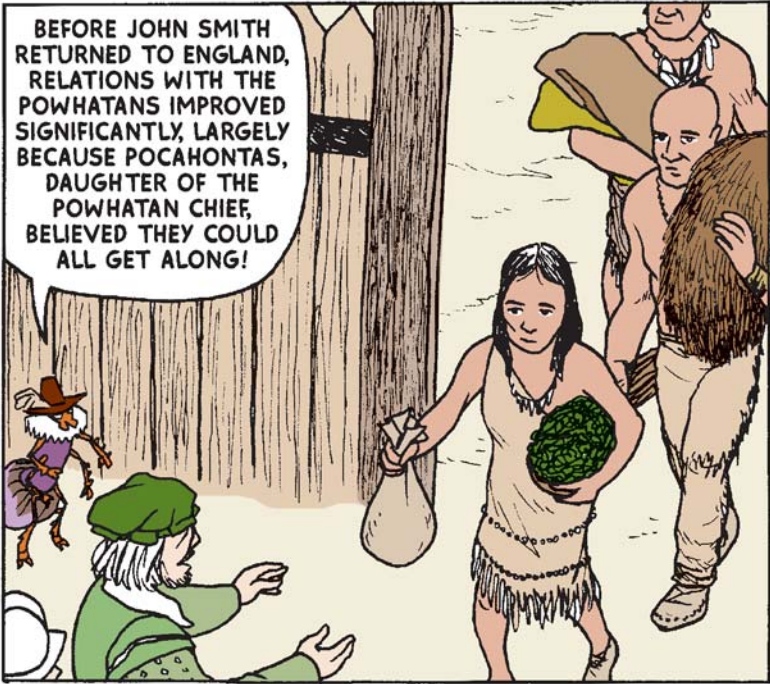
SOUNDS FAIR TO ME.



IN JUNE OF 1610, 2 SUPPLY SHIPS FROM ENGLAND BROUGHT BADLY NEEDED SUPPLIES AND ADDITIONAL MEN TO HELP MAKE JAMESTOWN STRONGER.

MAYBE IT'S NOT THE END OF JAMESTOWN AFTER ALL.

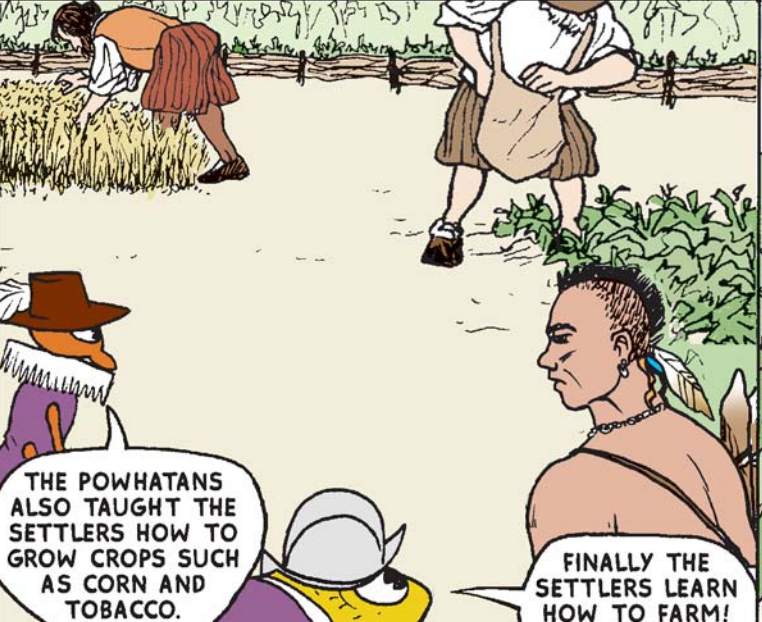
BEFORE JOHN SMITH RETURNED TO ENGLAND, RELATIONS WITH THE POWHATANS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY, LARGELY BECAUSE POCAHONTAS, DAUGHTER OF THE POWHATAN CHIEF, BELIEVED THEY COULD ALL GET ALONG!



THE POWHATANS TRADED FURS, FOOD, AND LEATHER FOR POTS, TOOLS, AND GUNS. THIS TYPE OF TRADE HELPED THE SETTLERS AT JAMESTOWN SURVIVE AND FLOURISH.

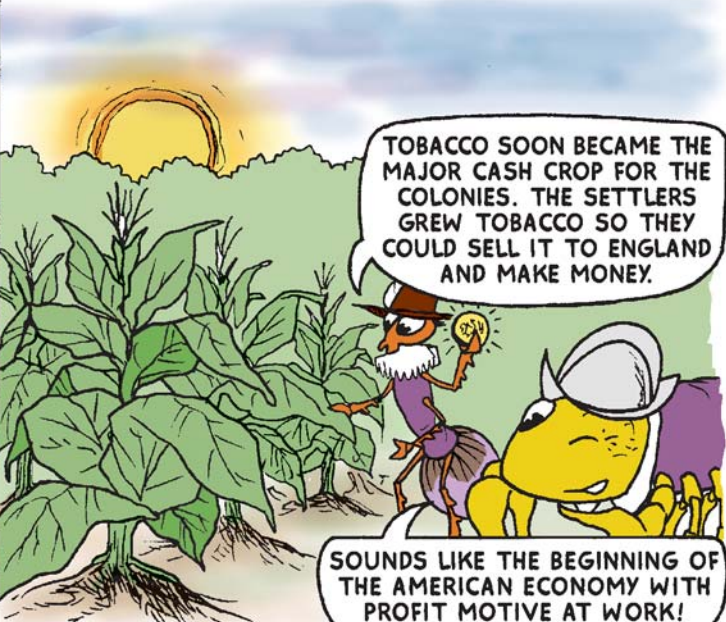


THANK GOODNESS FOR THE POWHATANS!



THE POWHATANS ALSO TAUGHT THE SETTLERS HOW TO GROW CROPS SUCH AS CORN AND TOBACCO.

FINALLY THE SETTLERS LEARN HOW TO FARM!



TOBACCO SOON BECAME THE MAJOR CASH CROP FOR THE COLONIES. THE SETTLERS GREW TOBACCO SO THEY COULD SELL IT TO ENGLAND AND MAKE MONEY.

SOUNDS LIKE THE BEGINNING OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY WITH PROFIT MOTIVE AT WORK!




HEY THERE'S
A CHURCH IN
JAMESTOWN!

THIS IS ACTUALLY THE 3RD CHURCH
BUILT AT JAMESTOWN AND HISTORY
WILL BE MADE AT THIS CHURCH.




SCORPY, DO YOU
REMEMBER HOW
JAMESTOWN WAS
STARTED AS AN
INVESTMENT BY
A GROUP OF
ENGLISHMEN
CALLED THE
VIRGINIA COMPANY?

I REMEMBER!



WELL THE VIRGINIA COMPANY DECIDED
THAT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD
MEET "TO ESTABLISH ONE EQUAL AND
UNIFORM GOVERNMENT OVER ALL VIRGINIA"
WHICH WOULD PROVIDE "JUST LAWS FOR
THE HAPPY GUIDING AND GOVERNING OF
THE PEOPLE THERE INHABITING."



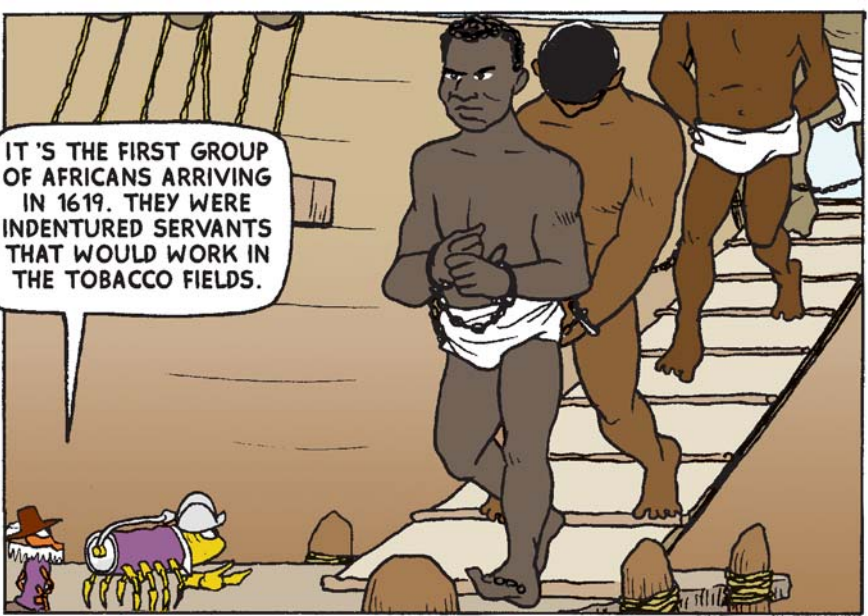
SO ON JULY 30, 1619
A REPRESENTATIVE
ASSEMBLY MET IN THE
JAMESTOWN CHURCH.

WOW, THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE
ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW WORLD!
AND TO THINK THAT IT ALL BEGAN
RIGHT HERE IN VIRGINIA!




OH BOY! MORE SUPPLIES!!
JAMESTOWN
WILL GROW EVEN
STRONGER!

THIS SHIP IS BRINGING MORE THAN
JUST SUPPLIES TO JAMESTOWN!



IT'S THE FIRST GROUP
OF AFRICANS ARRIVING
IN 1619. THEY WERE
INDENTURED SERVANTS
THAT WOULD WORK IN
THE TOBACCO FIELDS.

AS INDENTURED SERVANTS, THEY WERE SUPPOSED
TO WORK FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME AND
THEN THEY WOULD BE FREE TO START THEIR OWN
FARM OR TRADE. A FEW YEARS LATER THIS CHANGED
AND THEY BECAME SLAVES WITHOUT FREEDOM.



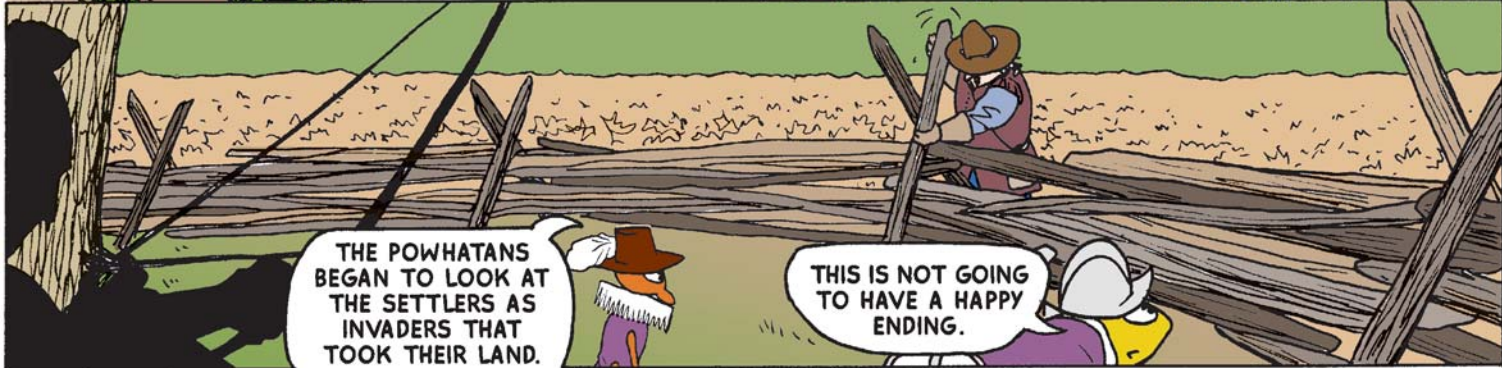
THAT'S NOT FAIR!!!
BUT THERE WAS
NEVER ANYTHING
FAIR ABOUT SLAVERY!



LOOK, ANOTHER
SHIP HAS ARRIVED!

THE YEAR IS NOW
1620 AND 90
WOMEN ARE
ARRIVING AT
JAMESTOWN.

NOW SETTLERS
CAN START
FAMILIES WHICH
WILL MAKE THE
SETTLEMENT MORE
PERMANENT!



IN 1622, THE POWHATANS LED A SERIES OF ATTACKS ON MANY OF THE ENGLISH SETTLEMENTS ALONG THE JAMES RIVER THAT HAD GROWN OUTSIDE OF JAMESTOWN. THIS ATTACK CAUGHT MOST OF THE COLONISTS BY SURPRISE AND ACTUALLY WIPED OUT SEVERAL SMALL SETTLEMENTS OUTSIDE OF JAMESTOWN.



JAMESTOWN CONTINUED TO STRUGGLE TO EXIST AND THE KING THOUGHT THIS WAS BECAUSE THE VIRGINIA COMPANY POORLY MANAGED THE COLONY. BY 1624, THE KING REVOKED THE CHARTER OF THE VIRGINIA COMPANY AND VIRGINIA BECAME A CROWN COLONY THAT ANSWERED ONLY TO HIM.



IN SPITE OF THE KING'S INFLUENCE, JAMESTOWN CONTINUED TO BE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS WITH DRINKING WATER, DIRTY LIVING CONDITIONS, AND MOSQUITOES FOR MANY YEARS.

