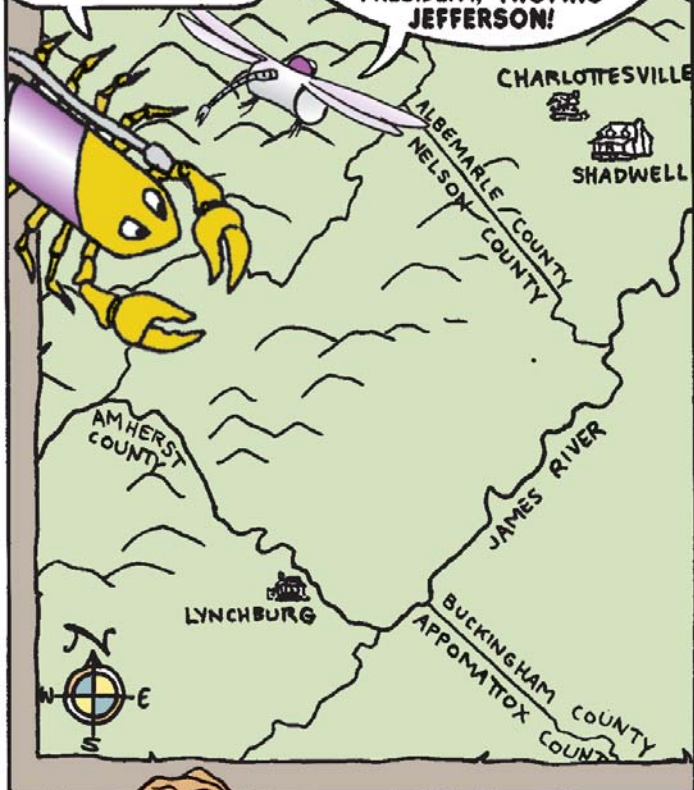
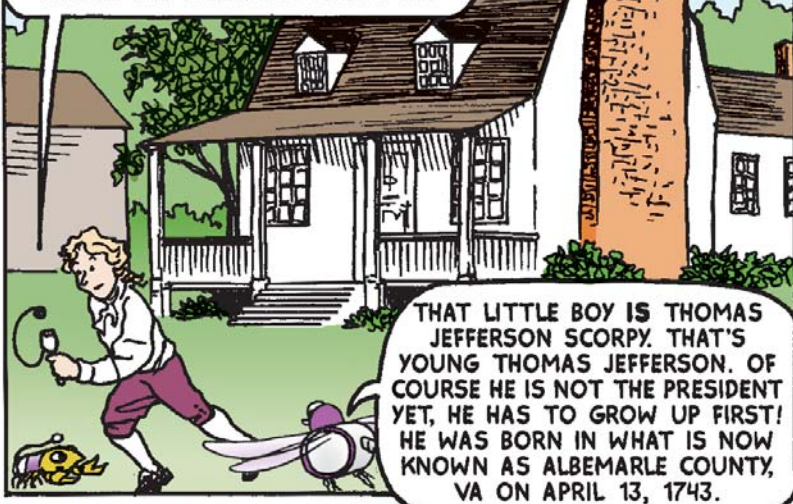


IT'S A MAP OF WHAT VIRGINIA USED TO LOOK LIKE! IS THIS WHERE OUR THIRD PRESIDENT IS FROM?

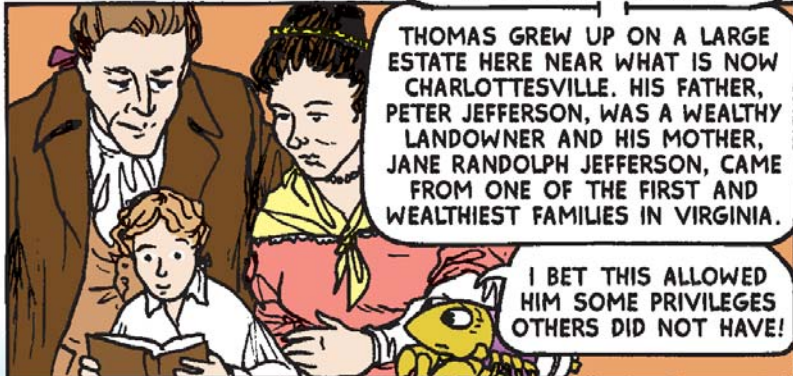
THAT'S CORRECT SCORPY AND WE DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL TOO FAR FROM HOME EITHER! WE'RE OFF TO ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA TO LEARN ABOUT OUR THIRD PRESIDENT, **THOMAS JEFFERSON!**



MAYBE THIS LITTLE BOY CAN TELL US WHERE THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE?



THAT LITTLE BOY IS **THOMAS JEFFERSON SCORPY**. THAT'S **YOUNG THOMAS JEFFERSON**. OF COURSE HE IS NOT THE PRESIDENT YET, HE HAS TO GROW UP FIRST! HE WAS BORN IN WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS **ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA** ON **APRIL 13, 1743**.



THOMAS GREW UP ON A LARGE ESTATE HERE NEAR WHAT IS NOW **CHARLOTTESVILLE**. HIS FATHER, **PETER JEFFERSON**, WAS A WEALTHY LANDOWNER AND HIS MOTHER, **JANE RANDOLPH JEFFERSON**, CAME FROM ONE OF THE FIRST AND WEALTHIEST FAMILIES IN VIRGINIA.

I BET THIS ALLOWED HIM SOME PRIVILEGES OTHERS DID NOT HAVE!



THOMAS RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION AT HOME FROM HIS MOTHER, WHICH WAS THE CUSTOM OF THIS TIME. HE GREW UP HERE AND LOVED THE LAND AND HIS SURROUNDINGS BUT HE WANTED TO ATTEND COLLEGE TO LEARN EVEN MORE!

I BET WE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THAT TOMORROW!

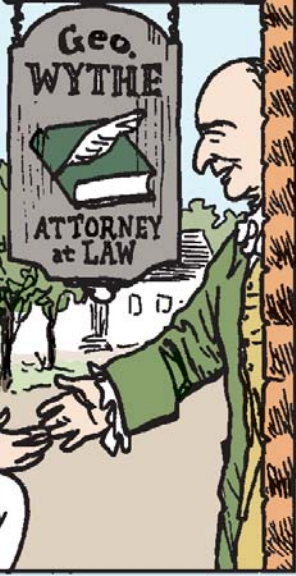


THOMAS LEFT HIS FAMILY'S ESTATE AND BEGAN STUDIES AT THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY IN WILLIAMSBURG, VA. HE ATTENDED COLLEGE THERE FOR 2 YEARS WHICH WAS TYPICAL FOR THIS TIME PERIOD.

I BET HE COULDN'T WAIT TO GET BACK TO ALBEMARLE COUNTY!

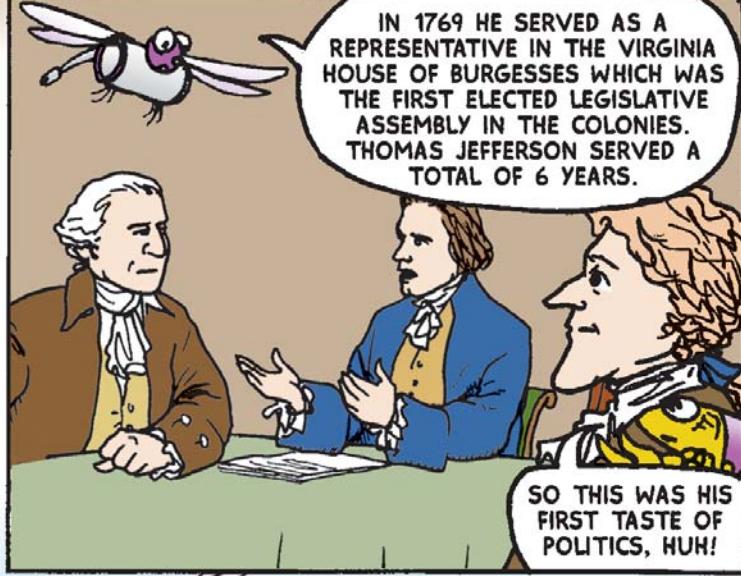


HE DID NOT GO BACK HOME WHEN HE FINISHED COLLEGE. THOMAS STAYED IN WILLIAMSBURG AND STUDIED LAW WITH GEORGE WYTHE. HE HAD A GREAT DESIRE TO KNOW ABOUT MANY THINGS AND LAW WAS ONE OF THEM.



THE STUDY OF LAW WILL COME IN HANDY LATER ON I BET!

IN 1769 HE SERVED AS A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF BURGESSSES WHICH WAS THE FIRST ELECTED LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN THE COLONIES. THOMAS JEFFERSON SERVED A TOTAL OF 6 YEARS.

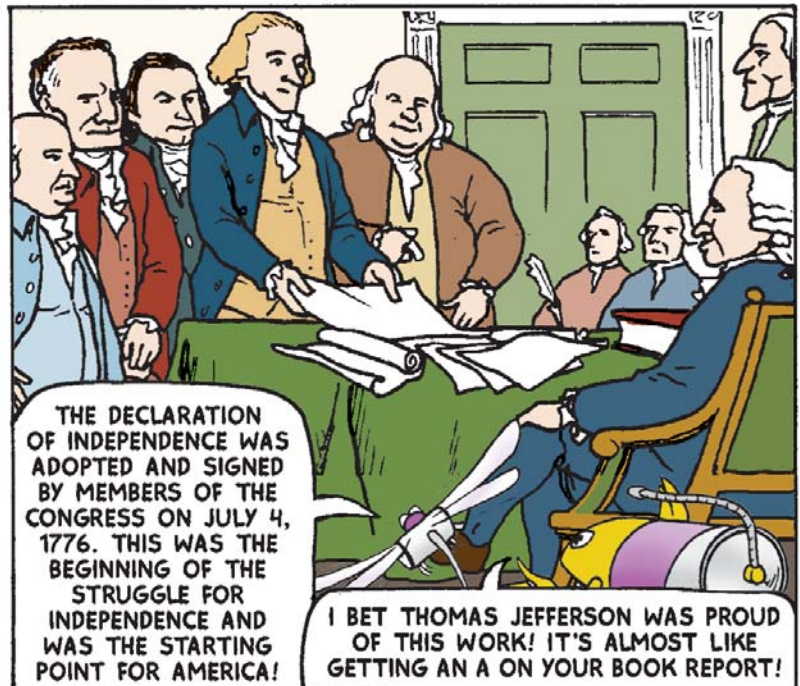
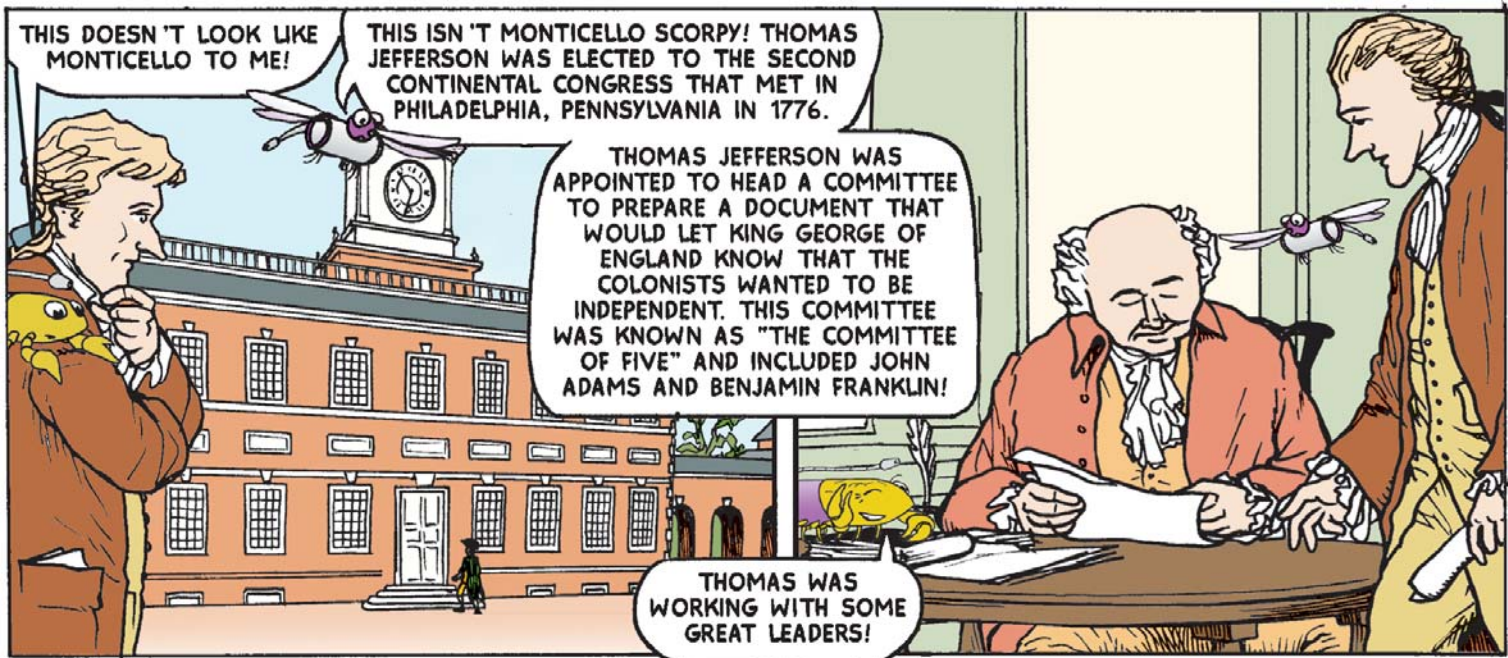


SO THIS WAS HIS FIRST TASTE OF POLITICS, HUH!

THOMAS SPENT SOME TIME BACK HOME AS WELL. HE BEGAN TO BUILD A HOME ON LAND THAT HE INHERITED FROM HIS FATHER. HE DESIGNED HIS HOME IN EVERY DETAIL AND IT TOOK SEVERAL YEARS TO COMPLETE. HE NAMED HIS NEW HOME "MONTICELLO," WHICH MEANS "LITTLE MOUNTAIN." HE LATER MARRIED MARTHA WAYLES SKELTON AND THEY HAD 6 CHILDREN.

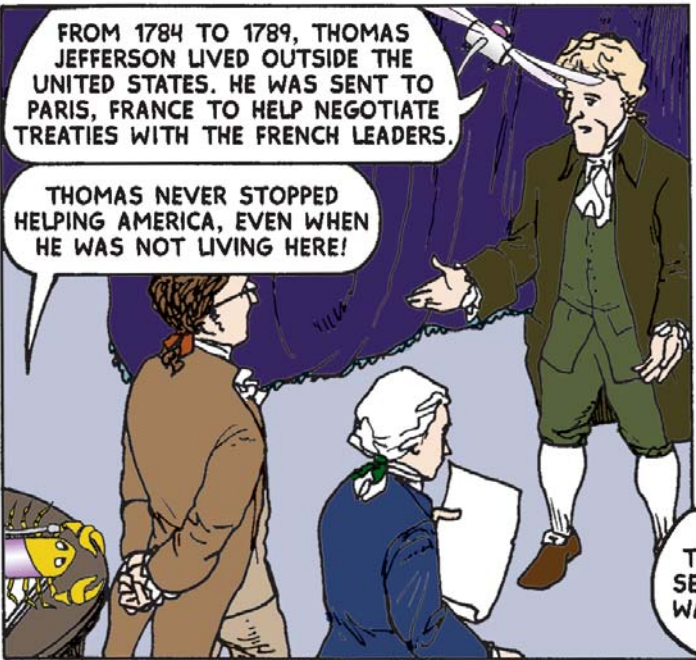


SIX CHILDREN! IT'S A GOOD THING MONTICELLO IS A LARGE HOUSE!



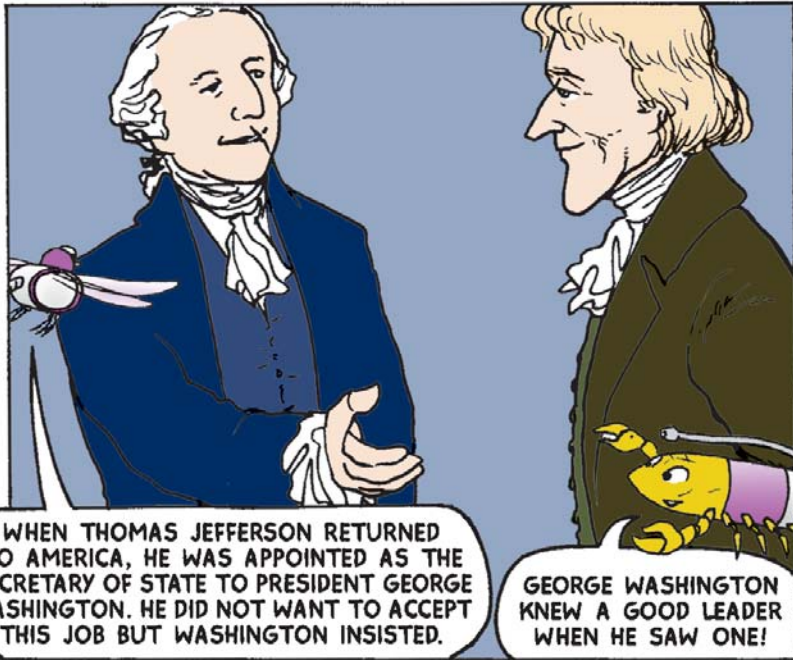
FROM 1784 TO 1789, THOMAS JEFFERSON LIVED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS SENT TO PARIS, FRANCE TO HELP NEGOTIATE TREATIES WITH THE FRENCH LEADERS.

THOMAS NEVER STOPPED HELPING AMERICA, EVEN WHEN HE WAS NOT LIVING HERE!



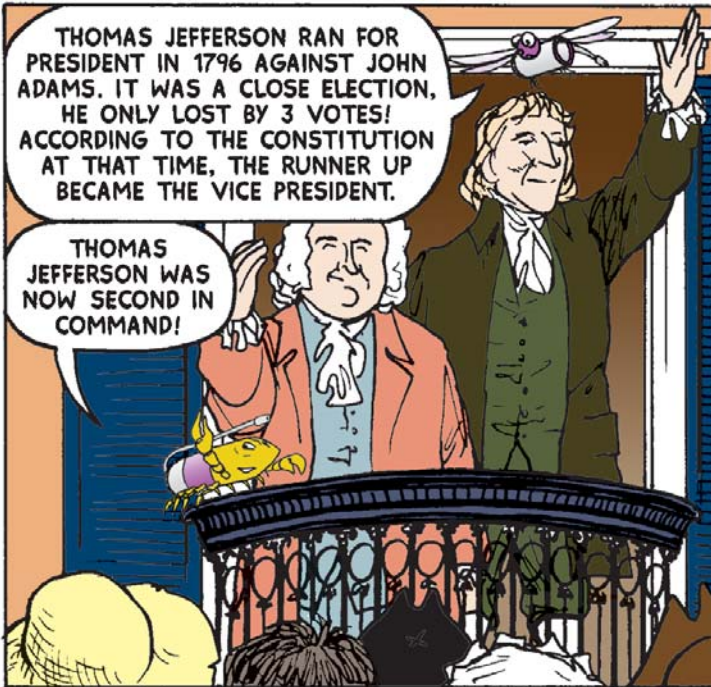
WHEN THOMAS JEFFERSON RETURNED TO AMERICA, HE WAS APPOINTED AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON. HE DID NOT WANT TO ACCEPT THIS JOB BUT WASHINGTON INSISTED.

GEORGE WASHINGTON KNEW A GOOD LEADER WHEN HE SAW ONE!



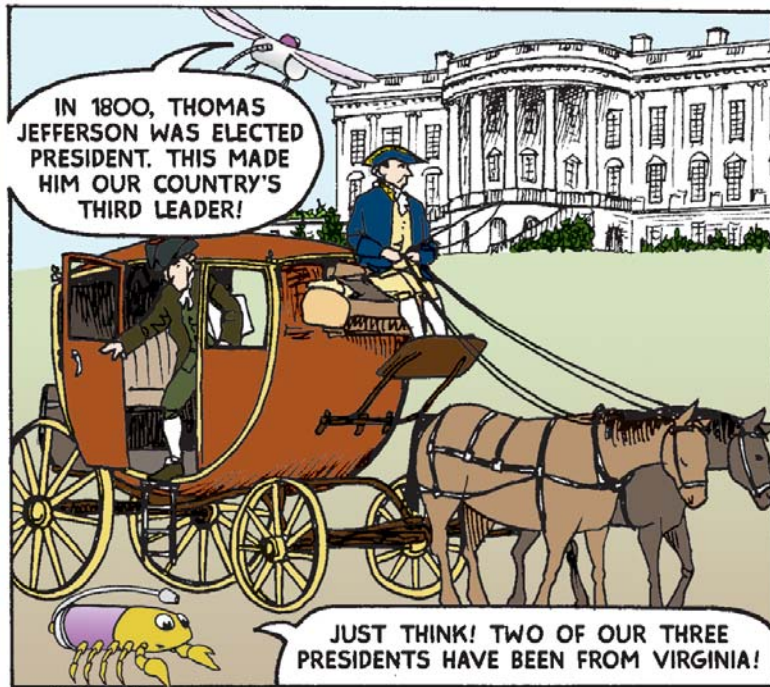
THOMAS JEFFERSON RAN FOR PRESIDENT IN 1796 AGAINST JOHN ADAMS. IT WAS A CLOSE ELECTION, HE ONLY LOST BY 3 VOTES! ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION AT THAT TIME, THE RUNNER UP BECAME THE VICE PRESIDENT.

THOMAS JEFFERSON WAS NOW SECOND IN COMMAND!



IN 1800, THOMAS JEFFERSON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT. THIS MADE HIM OUR COUNTRY'S THIRD LEADER!

JUST THINK! TWO OF OUR THREE PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN FROM VIRGINIA!



ONCE JEFFERSON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT, HE STARTED WORKING AT INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE UNITED STATES. THE WESTERN PART OF AMERICA HAD NOT BEEN EXPLORED AND WAS ACTUALLY OWNED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

I BET PRESIDENT JEFFERSON IS GOING TO MAKE THE FRENCH AN OFFER THEY CAN'T REFUSE!



■ - BRITISH
□ - FRENCH



MISSISSIPPI RIVER

UNITED STATES

NAPOLÉON WAS THE LEADER OF FRANCE AND HE NEEDED MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR HIS ARMY. HE AGREED TO SELL THE LAND TO AMERICA FOR \$15 MILLION DOLLARS! THIS WAS A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY, BUT IN EXCHANGE, OUR COUNTRY GOT OVER 828,000 SQUARE MILES OF LAND AND OUR ENTIRE LANDSCAPE WAS CHANGED!

THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY BUT IT'S ALSO A LOT OF LAND!

PRESIDENT JEFFERSON APPOINTED MERIWETHER LEWIS AND WILLIAM CLARK TO LEAD A GROUP OF EXPLORERS INTO THE NEW TERRITORY WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. ALONG THE WAY, LEWIS AND CLARK TOOK NOTES AND DREW PICTURES OF WHAT THEY SAW AND DISCOVERED.

WOW! I BET THAT WAS EXCITING TO EXPLORE PLACES THAT NO ONE HAD EVER BEEN BEFORE!

AFTER HE HAD SERVED AS PRESIDENT, THOMAS JEFFERSON RETURNED TO HIS HOME AT MONTICELLO, A PLACE HE LOVED GREATLY. THERE HE BEGAN TO BUILD THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA IN NEARBY CHARLOTTESVILLE. THOMAS JEFFERSON DIED AT MONTICELLO ON JULY 4, 1826, ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE!

HE WAS THE FATHER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA ALONG WITH THE MANY OTHER THINGS HE ACCOMPLISHED! HE CERTAINLY LEFT US ALL A LEGACY!