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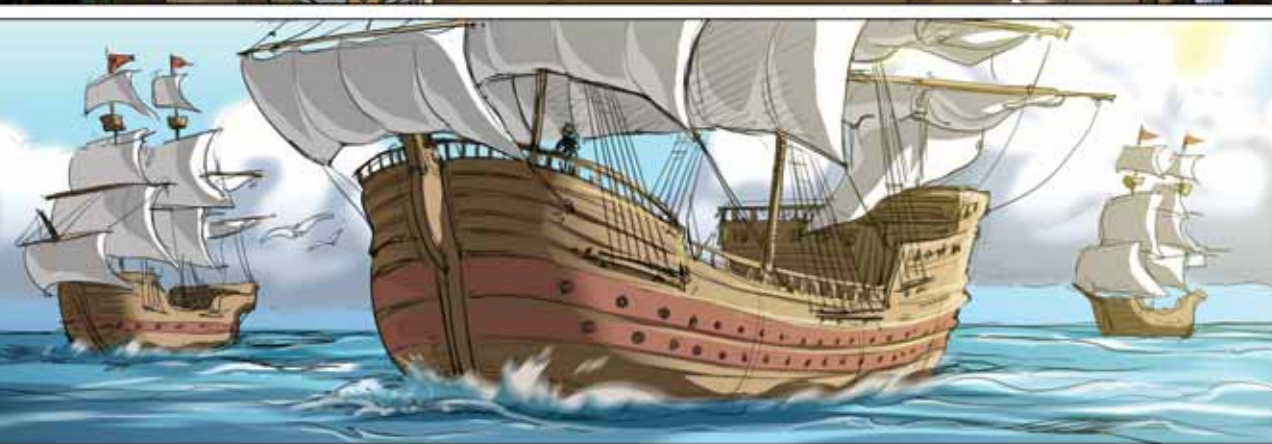
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... AT LEAST
THAT'S HOW
I THINK IT
HAPPENED.





YOU WANT
TO LEARN ABOUT
THE MISSISSAUGAS
HUH?

I KNOW
JUST THE
PLACE.



HEY, WAIT.
ISN'T THIS A
GOLF CLUB?

YES,
IT IS.

GO ON,
THE GATHERING
HAS BEGUN.



OH, BY
THE WAY.



RUN.



THIS GOLF CLUB
IS GOING TO GET
AN ANGRY LETTER
FROM ME!

JUST KEEP
RUNNING.



I THINK
THE DOGS
HAVE STOPPED
CHASING US.

ARE WE
STILL AT
THE COUNTRY
CLUB?



J-JASMINE!
LOOK!

WHAT IS
THAT!?



AANII.
WELCOME.

SORRY
ABOUT THE
DOGS.

I AM
QUENEPENON.
FOLLOW ME.



WE HAVE
MUCH
TO DO.

WE MUST
PREPARE FOR THE
FIRE CEREMONY.

SOOO... WE'RE
NOT AT THE
COUNTRY CLUB?

BRYAN! THIS IS
A NATIVE VILLAGE!
A REAL VILLAGE!!

OH WOW!!
WHOSE VILLAGE
IS THIS?

PEOPLE
HAVE CALLED
US OJIBWA,
CHIPPEWA.

WE CALL
OURSELVES
ANISHINAABE,
BUT HERE WE
ARE KNOWN AS
MISSISSAUGAS.

I HAVE
SO MANY
QUESTIONS.

THERE WILL
BE TIME FOR
ANSWERS.



S-SO
QUENEPENON,
WHAT'S THIS
FIRE CEREMONY
ABOUT?

FATHER
THE KING HAS
REQUESTED MORE
LAND FOR HIS
PEOPLE...



FATHER
THE KING?

HE'S TALKING
ABOUT THE KING
OF ENGLAND.



WHEN THE KING'S
PEOPLE ARRIVED WE WERE
TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE
OF GREAT USE TO US.

WE GRANTED
LAND ACCORDINGLY.
HOWEVER...



THE ENGLISH
DRIVE US AWAY AND
SHOOT OUR DOGS.

THEY OFFER
NO ASSISTANCE
AS PROMISED.



NOW THE
KING WANTS
MORE LAND...

I FEAR
WE CANNOT
SAY NO, BUT
WE MUST DECIDE
ON A COURSE OF
ACTION AS A
COMMUNITY.

SO WE
MUST PREPARE
THE FIRE
CEREMONY.



HERE IS
WHERE THE COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD.

THIS IS OUR
VILLAGE ELDER. HE
IS THE KEEPER OF
THE SACRED FIRE.



AND NOW
BEGINS THE
SMUDGE.



A smudge
cleanses us
of any
negative
energy.



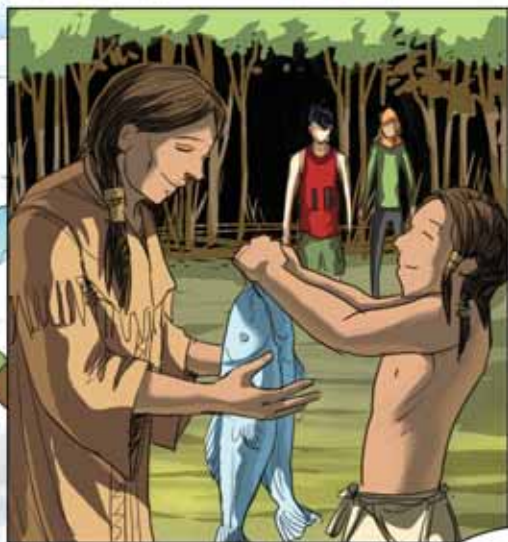
This is
important
when facing
the difficult
choices
ahead of
us.

Mind, Body,
and Spirit
must all be
cleansed
before the
council.

We will
return to
the Sacred
Fire later.

Let us
go into the
village. You
must be
hungry.

Yes!





THIS IS
EAGLE CLAN'S
VILLAGE. THEY HAVE
OFFERED TO HOST
THE COUNCIL.

SO THEY ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
PREPARATIONS.

WE SENT
OUT RUNNERS TO
TRACK DOWN MEMBERS
OF OTHER CLANS.

THAT WAS
A DIFFICULT TASK. WE
TRADITIONALLY DO NOT
MEET AT THIS TIME AND
CLAN VILLAGES CAN BE
VERY DISTANT.

THE COUNCIL
HAS NOT STARTED
YET. SOME HAVE
ARRIVED EARLY TO
VISIT FRIENDS AND
RELATIVES.



HEY, WHAT
ARE THEY DOING
OVER THERE?

AH YES.
BASKET WEAVING IS
VERY IMPORTANT
TO US.

CAN I TRY?

IT'S VERY
DIFFICULT, JUST
A WARNING.



I'M SURE
I CAN PICK IT
UP. I'M A QUICK
STUDY.

YOU ARE
AMONG GREAT
TEACHERS AS
WELL.





WHAT CAN I HELP OUT WITH?

THOSE YOUNG WARRIORS ARE FROM MY OWN CLAN....

...THE OTTER CLAN.



I HAVE THE PERFECT TASK FOR YOU.



WHOA, WHAT'S HAPPENING!?

YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO CLEAN THEIR WEAPONS.

I SEE... COOL!





CHECK OUT
THE BASKET! NOT
BAD HUH?

YEAH,
FOR A THREE
YEAR OLD!

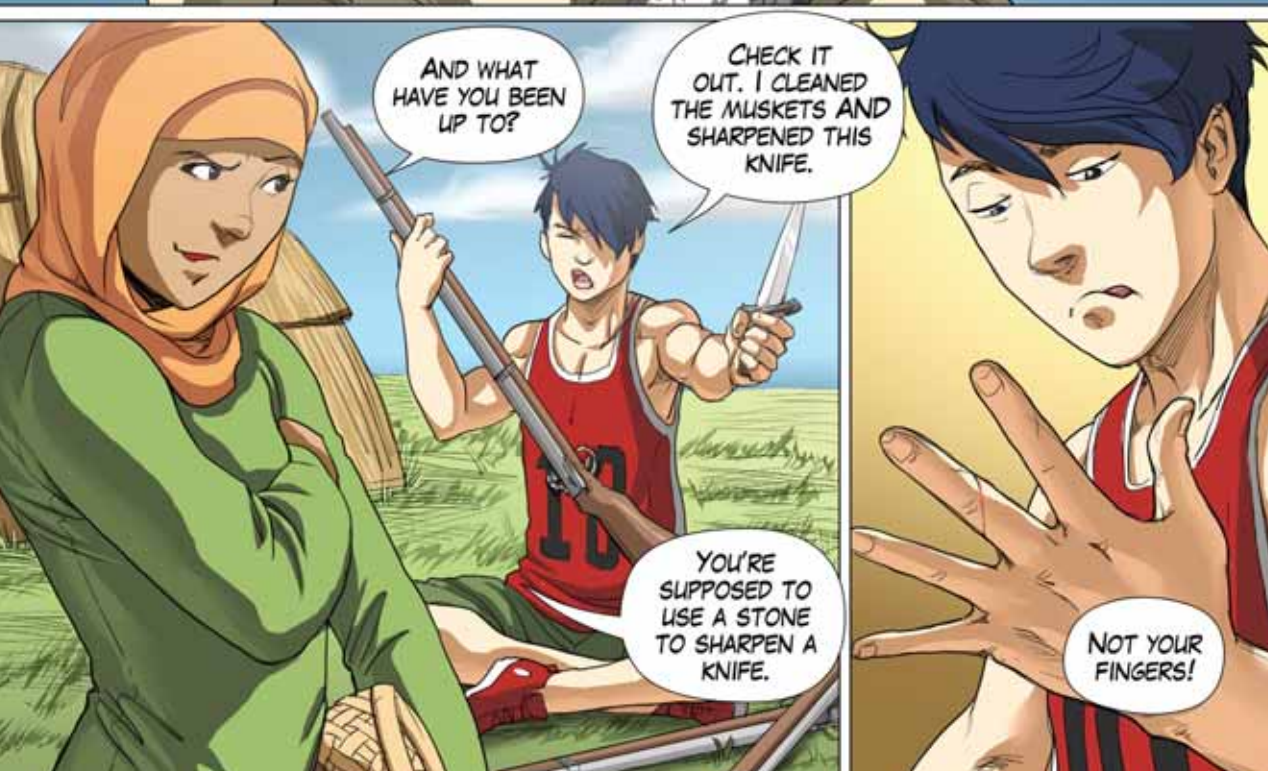
HEY! IT'S
MY FIRST
TIME.



THE LITTLE
ONE SAYS YOUR WORK
IS SIMILAR TO HERS
WHEN SHE STARTED.

SHE KNOWS
SHE WILL BE ABLE
TO USE YOUR BASKET
TO HOLD BERRIES...

AS LONG
AS THE BERRIES
ARE NOT TOO
HEAVY.



AND WHAT
HAVE YOU BEEN
UP TO?

CHECK IT
OUT. I CLEANED
THE MUSKETS AND
SHARPENED THIS
KNIFE.

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
USE A STONE
TO SHARPEN A
KNIFE.

NOT YOUR
FINGERS!

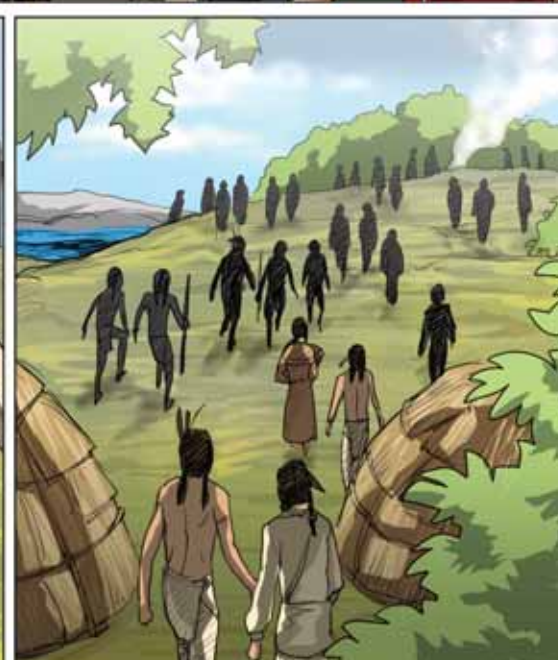


THAT IS
CHECHALK, A CHIEF
OF THE EAGLE CLAN.
THE COUNCIL WILL
BEGIN NOW.



I WILL
HELP YOU TO
UNDERSTAND THE
WAYS OF THE
COUNCIL...

...AND
TRANSLATE
FOR YOU.



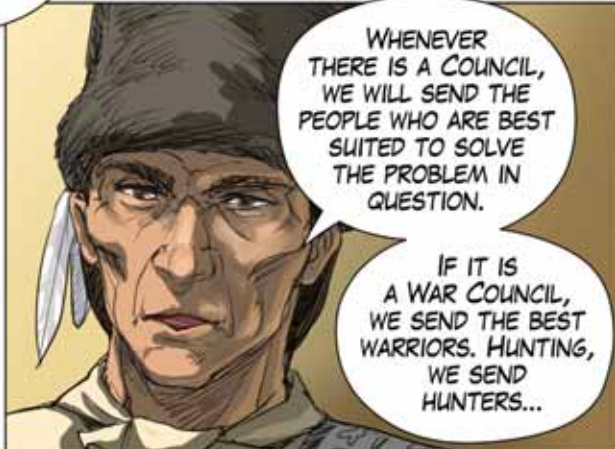


COUNCIL PARTICIPANTS RESIDE IN THE INNER CIRCLE.

THE REST OF THE VILLAGE SIT, WATCH, AND LISTEN.

THIS IS A VERY DIVERSE GROUP.

ARE ALL THE VILLAGE MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE COUNCIL MEETING?



WHENEVER THERE IS A COUNCIL, WE WILL SEND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEST SUITED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IN QUESTION.

IF IT IS A WAR COUNCIL, WE SEND THE BEST WARRIORS. HUNTING, WE SEND HUNTERS...



EVEN KIDS AND TEENAGERS?



THEIR GENERATION AND THOSE THAT COME AFTER WILL HAVE TO LIVE ON WITH OUR DECISIONS. IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT THEY SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.





THE COUNCIL
BEGINS WITH A BLESSING
AND THE PASSING OF
THE PEACE PIPE.

NEXT WE
HEAR STORIES FROM
THE VILLAGE ELDER...




TALES OF
THE GREAT SPIRIT,
MISHOMIS AND NOKOMIS,
AND TURTLE ISLAND.



WE THEN
HEAR FROM CHIEF
CHECHALK.





AN ENGLISHMAN
CAME TO THE EAGLE
CLAN VILLAGE AND
OFFERED TO BUY THE
LAND. HE OFFERED
GIFTS IN RETURN.

- MONEY,
TRADE GOODS,
EVEN ENGLISH
HOMES AND
FARMS.

I SIMPLY
EXPLAINED TO
HIM THAT THE
LAND WAS NOT
MINE TO GIVE.

CAN A
MAN POSSESS
A GUST OF WIND?
A MEASURE OF
FLOWING
WATER?

IT IS
NOT PEOPLE WHO
OWN THE LAND
BUT RATHER THE
LAND THAT OWNS
THE PEOPLE.

MORE AND
MORE ANISHINAABE
HAVE BEEN PUSHED
FROM THEIR HOMES
WITH NOTHING
LEFT.

AND NOW
THEY COME TO
US REQUESTING
MORE LAND.

WE MUST
DECIDE, ARE THEIR
WORDS TRUE OR
EMPTY PROMISES?

THIS IS
WHY WE ARE
HERE TODAY.



WHO
WILL TAKE
THE EAGLE
FEATHER?

WHEN WE
HAVE GIVEN LAND
ELSEWHERE, THE
ENGLISH BUILT
FENCES TO KEEP
US OUT.

WHERE
ARE THE MEN
SUPPOSED TO
HUNT?

THE
ENGLISH COME
AFTER US WITH
GUNS AND DOGS
WHEN WE TRAVEL
INTO "THEIR"
LAND.

I WILL
SPEAK FIRST,
FATHER.

I WONDER
IF THIS IS
SOMETHING WE
MUST DO.

WHEN THE
ENGLISH WRITE
SOMETHING ON
PAPER, THAT
IS LAW.

I AM
WORRIED THAT IF
WE DO NOT SIGN,
THEN THE ENGLISH
WILL DRIVE US OFF
AND SHOOT US LIKE
THE "LONG KNIVES"
HAVE DONE.

IF WE SIGN
THE PAPERS, WHERE
WILL MY HOME BE?
WILL I KNOW THE
PLACE WE ARE
SENT TO?

I AM
AFRAID I WILL HAVE
TO WANDER FARTHER
AND FARTHER TO
FIND SOMETHING
FAMILIAR...

I AM AFRAID
WE WILL ALL
BE LOST.



LOOK AT HOW MUCH BETTER OUR LIVES ARE NOW. I CAN BRING DOWN A BULL MOOSE FASTER WITH A MUSKET THAN A BOW.

THE ENGLISH WAYS HAVE IMPROVED OUR LIVES TENFOLD.

WE MUST DO ANYTHING IN OUR POWER TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM.

CAN YOU NOT SEE THE ENGLISH ARE KILLING US? OUR WAYS ARE BEING TAKEN FROM US.

WE HUNT LIKE THEM, WE LOOK LIKE THEM.

WE EVEN SOUND LIKE THEM.

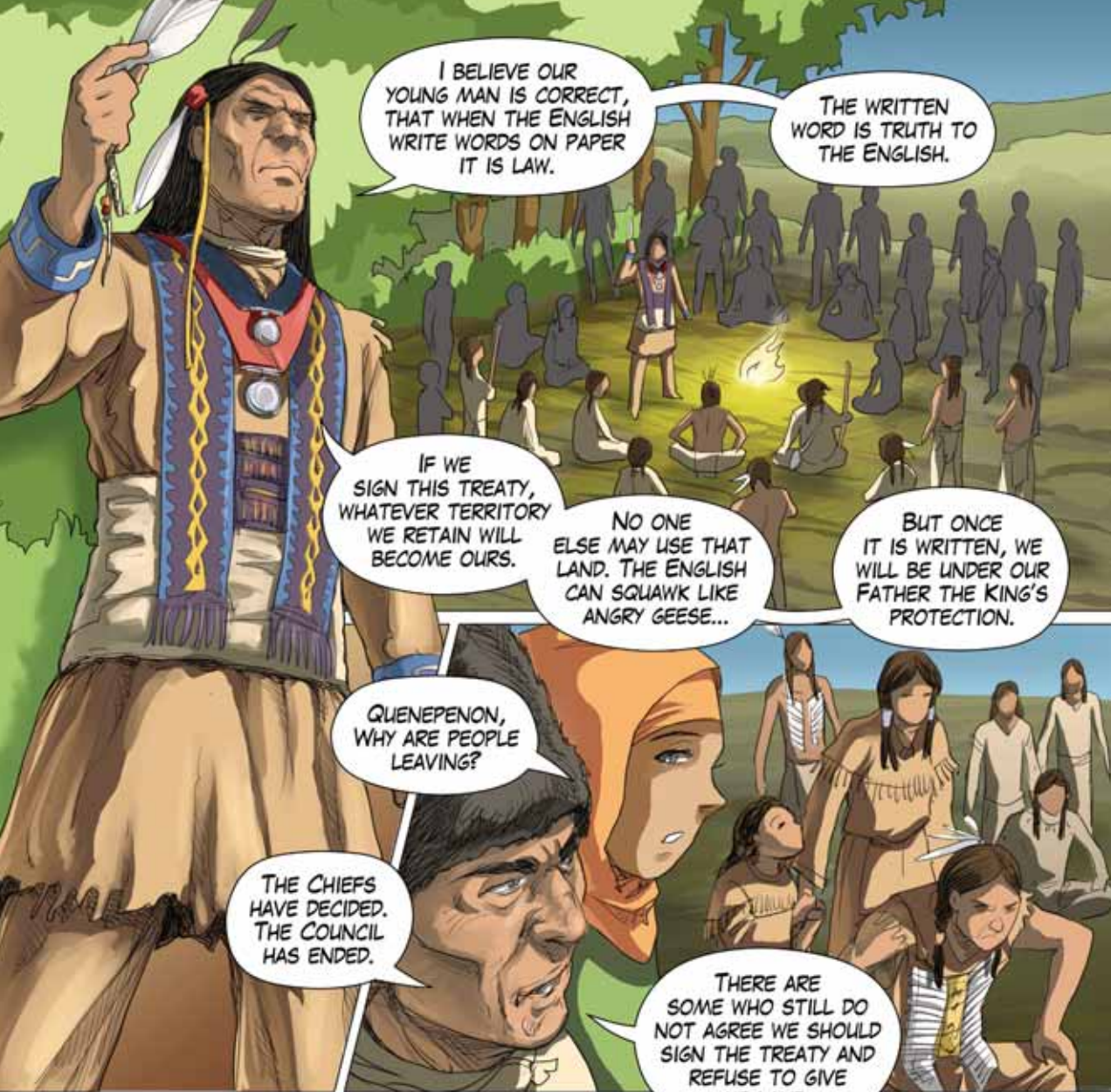
WE MUST STAND FAST. WE CAN NOT GIVE UP OUR LAND, AND WE WILL NOT DIE.

WE HEAR YOUR WORDS BROTHER OKAMAPENESSE, BUT WE HEAR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS WELL.

THE ENGLISH ARE THE ONES WHO TAKE ONE PERSON'S WORDS OVER OTHERS. WE CANNOT DO THAT.

WE MUST MAKE THIS DECISION OUR WAY.

WE MUST LISTEN TO EVERYONE AND GAIN WISDOM FROM THAT.



I BELIEVE OUR
YOUNG MAN IS CORRECT,
THAT WHEN THE ENGLISH
WRITE WORDS ON PAPER
IT IS LAW.

THE WRITTEN
WORD IS TRUTH TO
THE ENGLISH.

IF WE
SIGN THIS TREATY,
WHATEVER TERRITORY
WE RETAIN WILL
BECOME OURS.

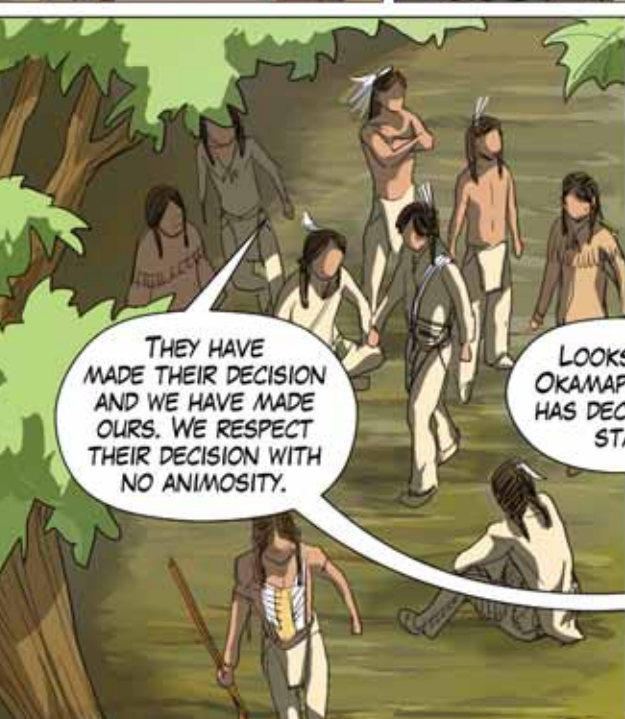
NO ONE
ELSE MAY USE THAT
LAND. THE ENGLISH
CAN SQUAWK LIKE
ANGRY GEESE...

BUT ONCE
IT IS WRITTEN, WE
WILL BE UNDER OUR
FATHER THE KING'S
PROTECTION.

QUENEPENON,
WHY ARE PEOPLE
LEAVING?

THE CHIEFS
HAVE DECIDED.
THE COUNCIL
HAS ENDED.

THERE ARE
SOME WHO STILL DO
NOT AGREE WE SHOULD
SIGN THE TREATY AND
REFUSE TO GIVE
UP LAND.



THEY HAVE
MADE THEIR DECISION
AND WE HAVE MADE
OURS. WE RESPECT
THEIR DECISION WITH
NO ANIMOSITY.

LOOKS LIKE
OKAMAPENESSE
HAS DECIDED TO
STAY.



A CHANGE
OF HEART PERHAPS.
HIS DECISION IS
HIS OWN.

LATER...

WHERE ARE
WE GOING
NOW?

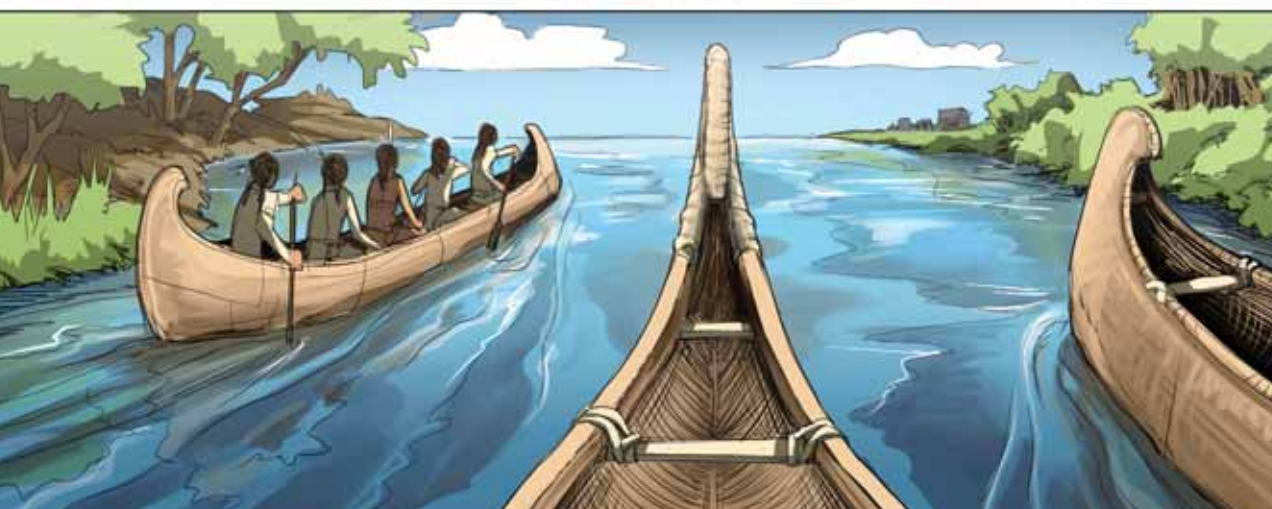
WE ARE TO
MEET THE KING'S
MEN DOWNRIVER, AT
THE GOVERNMENT
INN.

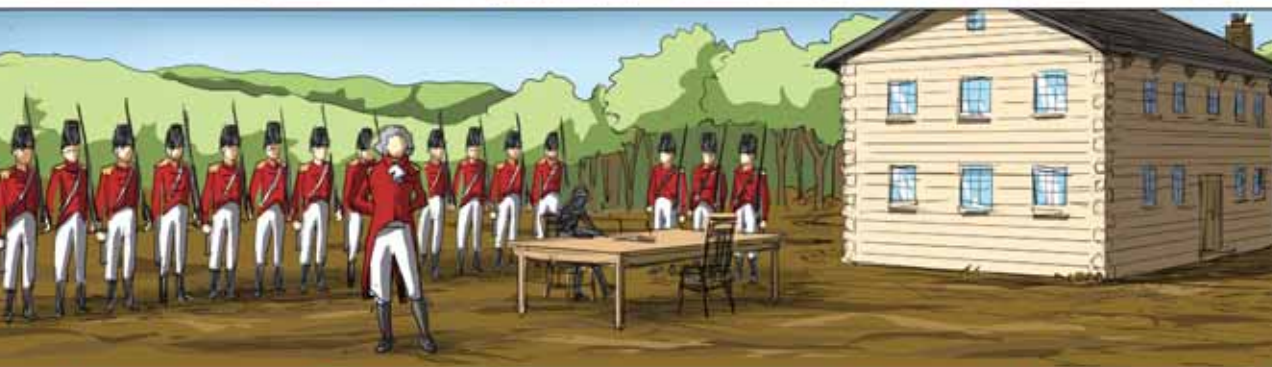


DID YOU
THINK WE'D BE
DOING THIS WHEN
YOU WOKE UP
TODAY?



NOT IN
A MILLION
YEARS!







IN THE PAST
WE GAVE LAND WITHOUT
HESITATION. BUT GREAT
FATHER DID NOT TAKE
CARE OF US, AND FARMERS
HAVE NOT HELPED US
AS PROMISED.

NOW MORE
LAND IS REQUESTED
AND WE CANNOT SAY
NO. IT IS HARD
WITHOUT PROMISES
WE CAN TRUST.

WE MAKE
NO BARGAIN FOR
THE LAND, BUT LEAVE
IT TO OUR FATHER
THE KING TO CARE
FOR US.



YES... WELL...
SHALL WE?



YOU NOW
HAVE YOUR
OWN LAND
...

...FOR AS
LONG AS THE SUN
SHINES, THE RIVERS
FLOW, AND THE
GRASSES GROW.



IT IS
DONE.

MAY OUR
DECISION PROVE TO
BE A WISE CHOICE FOR
THE FUTURE.





I KNOW THIS PLACE.

WE'RE IN PORT CREDIT.



THIS PLAQUE COMMEMORATES THE SIGNING OF TREATY 13-A, THE ONE WE JUST WITNESSED OURSELVES!



DID YOU FIND WHAT YOU NEEDED?



YEAH, WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL NOW.

THE SIGNING OF Treaty 13-A

BY JASMINE AND BRYAN

1805



The Crown was represented by Colonel William Claus, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, with other officials and officers from the 49th Regiment. The Mississaugas were represented by their principal chiefs and a gathering of warriors; Chief Quenepenen - "Golden Eagle" - spoke on their behalf.

The conference - held downstream of the Mississauga village on the Credit River, outside the Government Inn - lasted several days. The Mississauga Chiefs understood that the Crown wished to purchase land from them, and while wary of giving up too much of their territory, they also looked to protect their interests from incoming settlers.



Reluctantly the Mississaugas ceded to the Crown's request for land. On August 2nd, 1805, Treaty 13-A was signed, giving 70,784 acres of land to the Crown, involving all lands from the Etobicoke Creek to Burlington Bay to an approximate depth of 6 miles from the shoreline. The southern part of the City of Mississauga, from Lake Ontario to Eglinton Avenue, is located within this area. The Mississaugas were compensated 1000 pounds of Province currency, given in trade goods over several years. Promises made by The Crown during these negotiations were later lamented by the Mississaugas as having not been kept.



In the treaty the Mississaugas reserved rights to the fisheries in the Twelve Mile Creek, Sixteen Mile Creek and the Etobicoke Creek, and sole right to the fishery in the River Credit along with one mile each side of the river. This area became known as the Credit Indian Reserve. But that is another story.

Treaty 13-A was signed by William Claus, Esq., Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs on behalf of the Crown, together with Mississauga Chiefs Chechalk, Quenepenen, Wabukanyne and Okamapenesse. The signing was witnessed by J.W. Williams, Captain 49th Regiment, John Brackenbury, Ensign 49th Regiment, Peter Selby, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs and Scribe, and translator J.B. Rousseaux.



1. Ojibwa Gathering Wild Rice, by Seth Eastman, c1867, LAC

2. Artists' rendition of the signing of Treaty 13-A, HM

3. Treaty 13-A, LAC

4. Chief's Totems, from Treaty 13-A

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