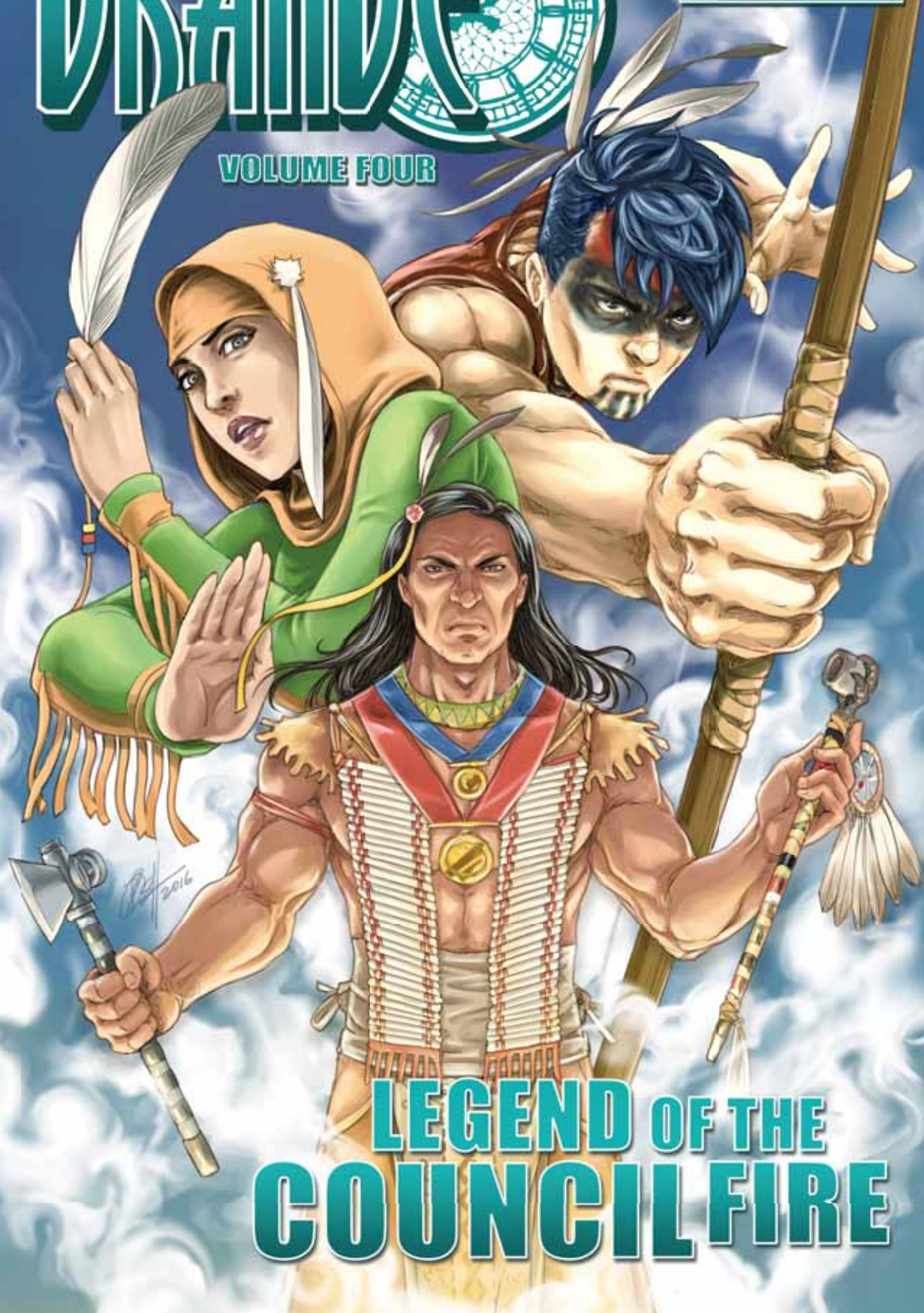


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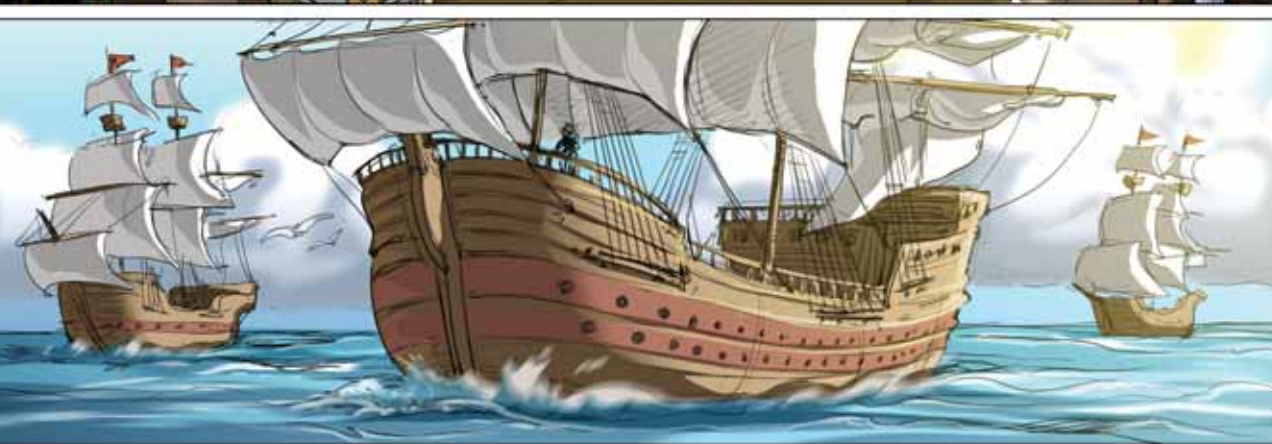
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THIS GOLF CLUB  
IS GOING TO GET  
AN ANGRY LETTER  
FROM ME!

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.

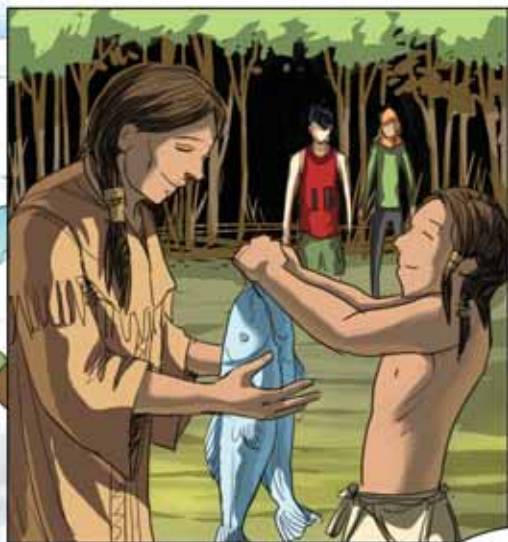
This is  
important  
when facing  
the difficult  
choices  
ahead of  
us.

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.

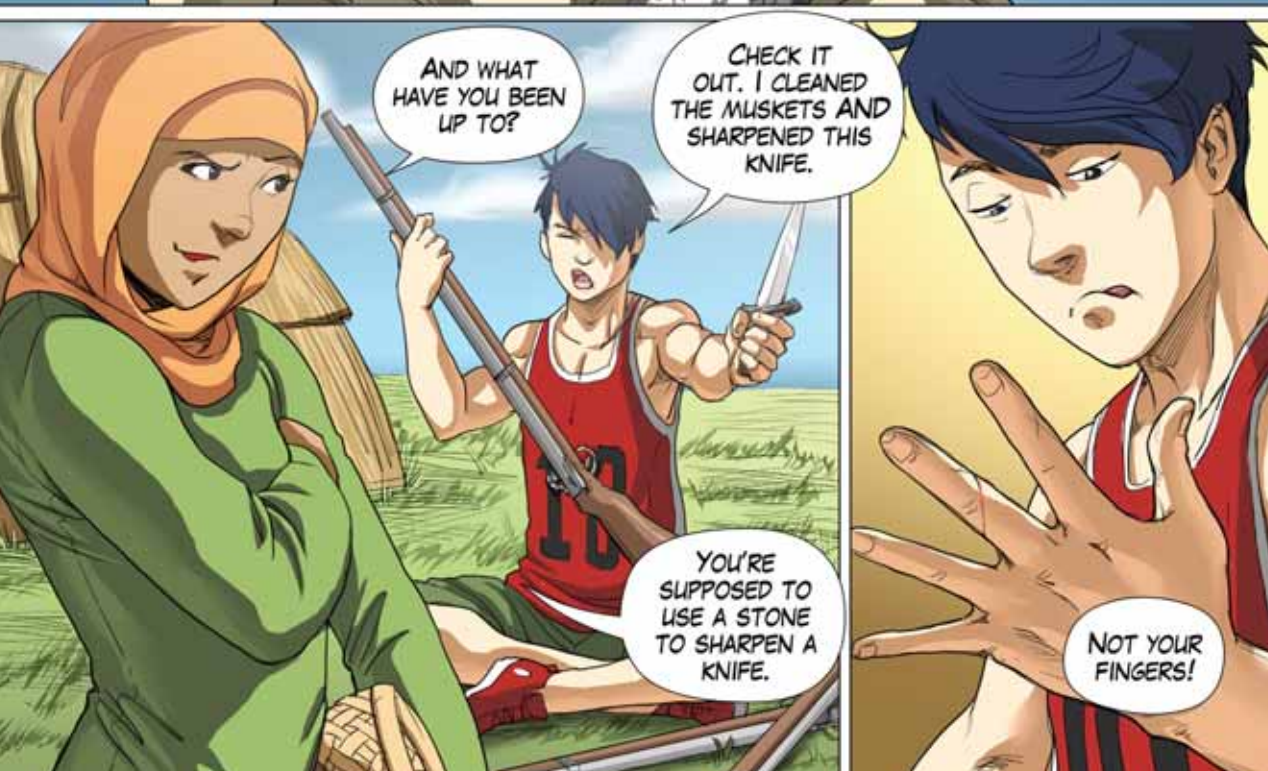


WHOA, WHAT'S HAPPENING!?

YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO CLEAN THEIR WEAPONS.

I SEE... COOL!





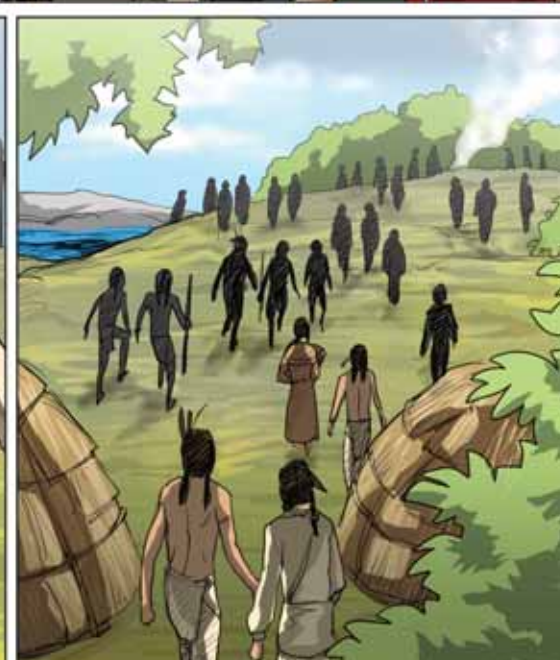


THAT IS  
CHECHALK, A CHIEF  
OF THE EAGLE CLAN.  
THE COUNCIL WILL  
BEGIN NOW.



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

...AND  
TRANSLATE  
FOR YOU.



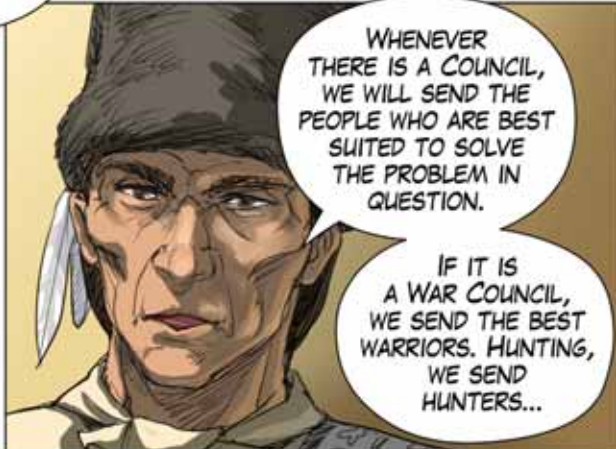


COUNCIL PARTICIPANTS RESIDE IN THE INNER CIRCLE.

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.

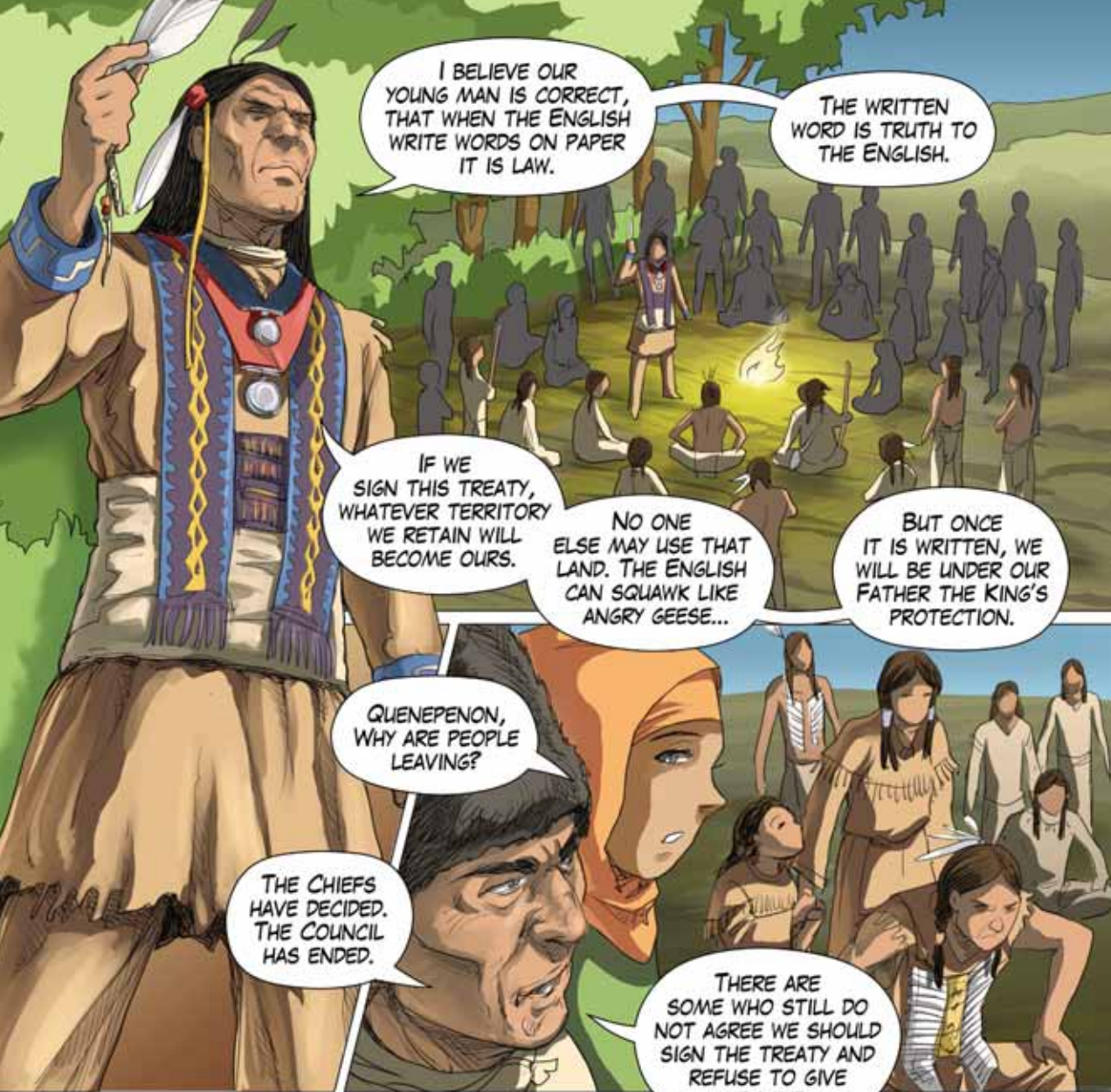
WE MUST STAND FAST. WE CAN NOT GIVE UP OUR LAND, AND WE WILL NOT DIE.

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.

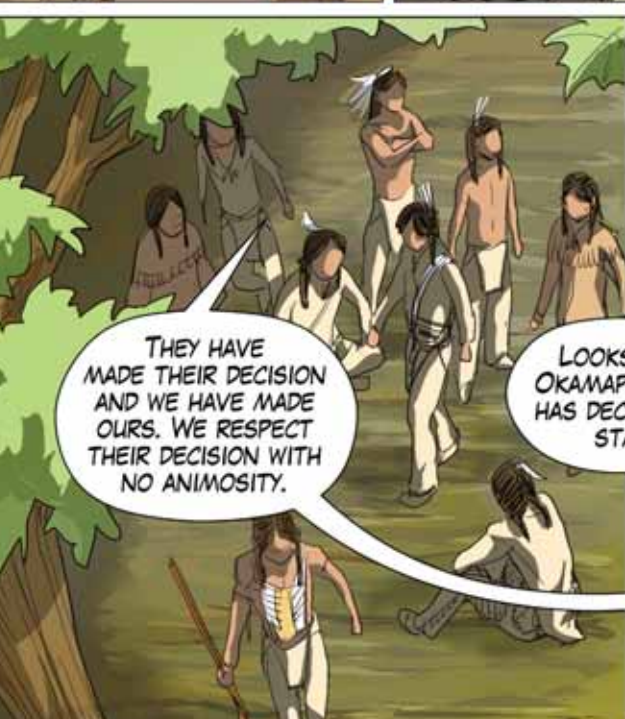
NO ONE ELSE MAY USE THAT LAND. THE ENGLISH CAN SQUAWK LIKE ANGRY GEESE...

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?

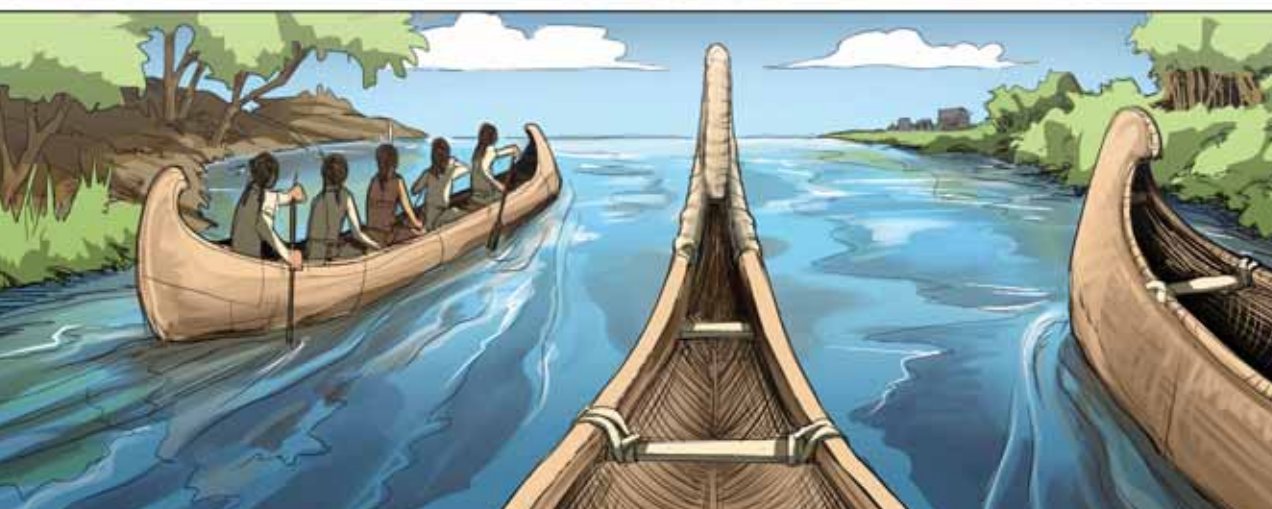
WE ARE TO  
MEET THE KING'S  
MEN DOWNRIVER, AT  
THE GOVERNMENT  
INN.

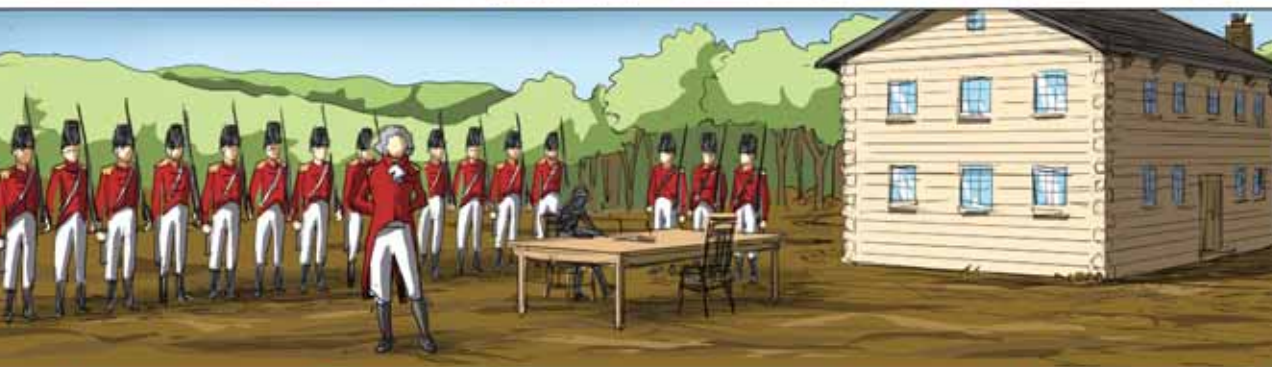


DID YOU  
THINK WE'D BE  
DOING THIS WHEN  
YOU WOKE UP  
TODAY?



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.



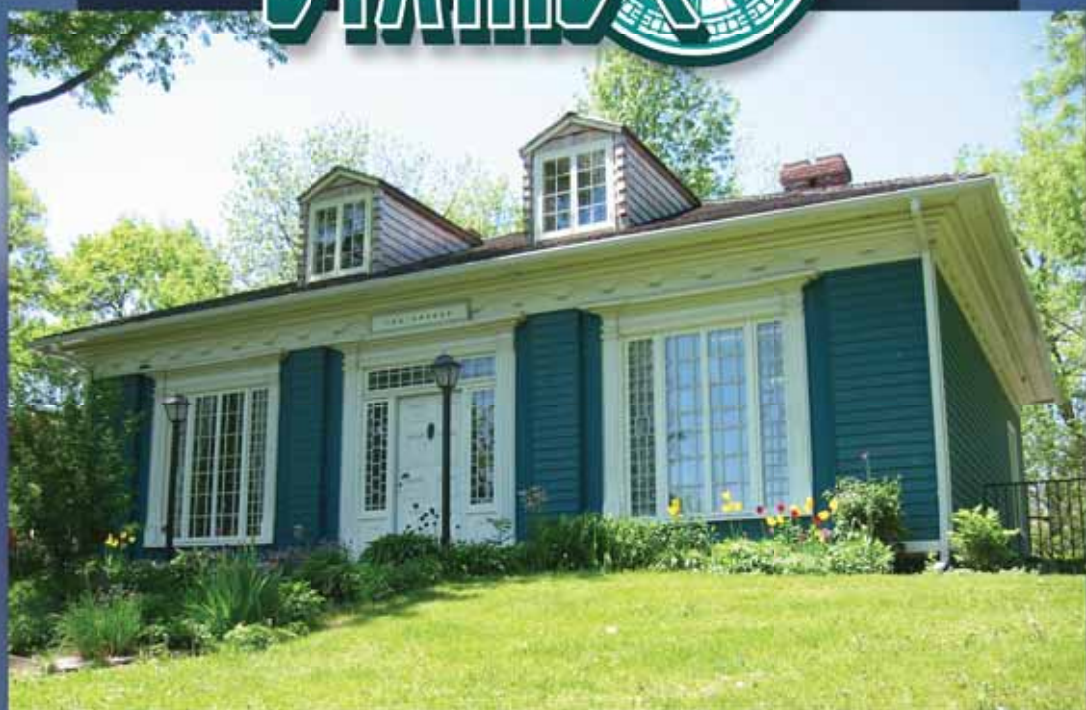
1. Ojibwa Gathering Wild Rice, by Seth Eastman, c1867, LAC

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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