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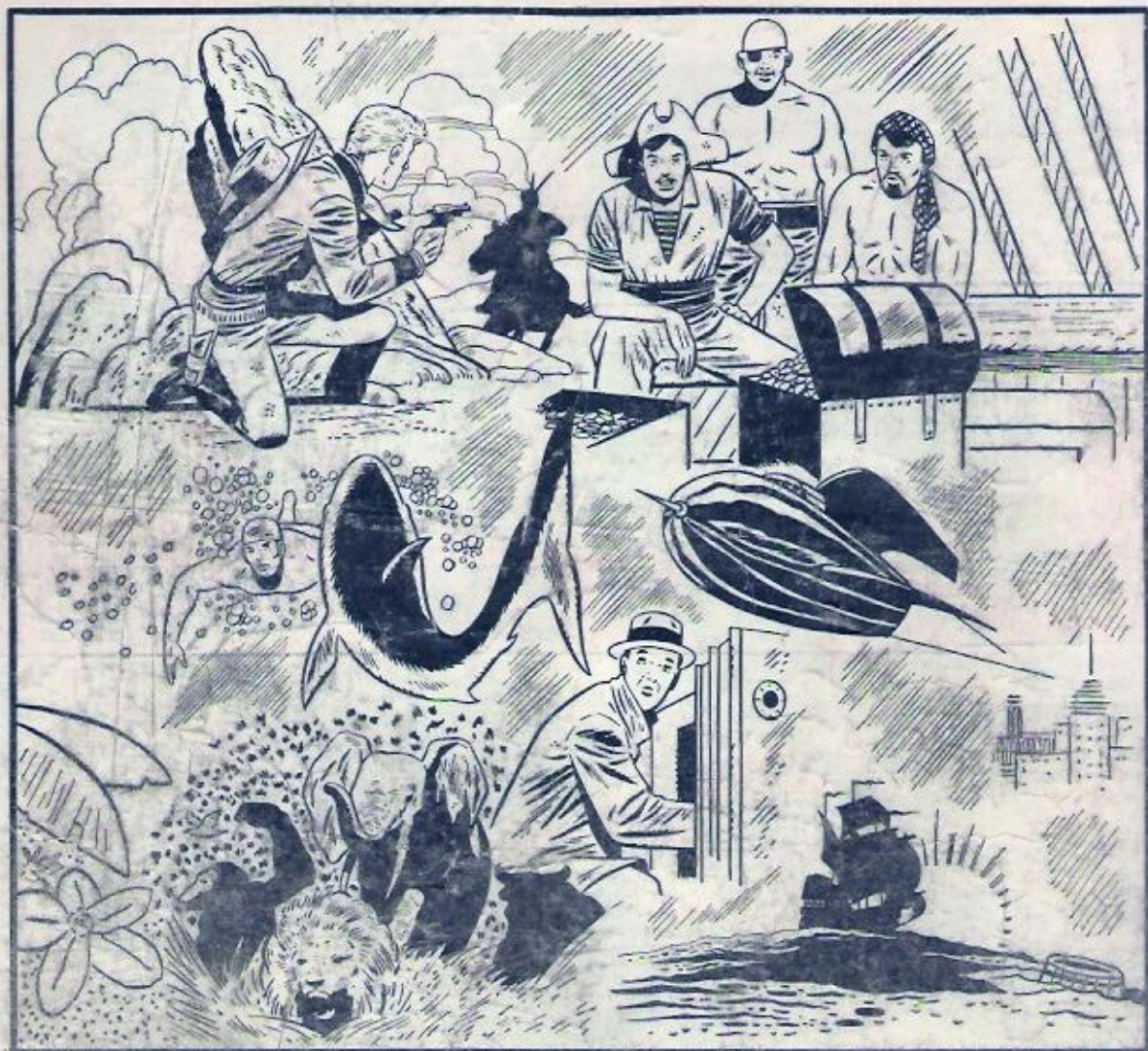
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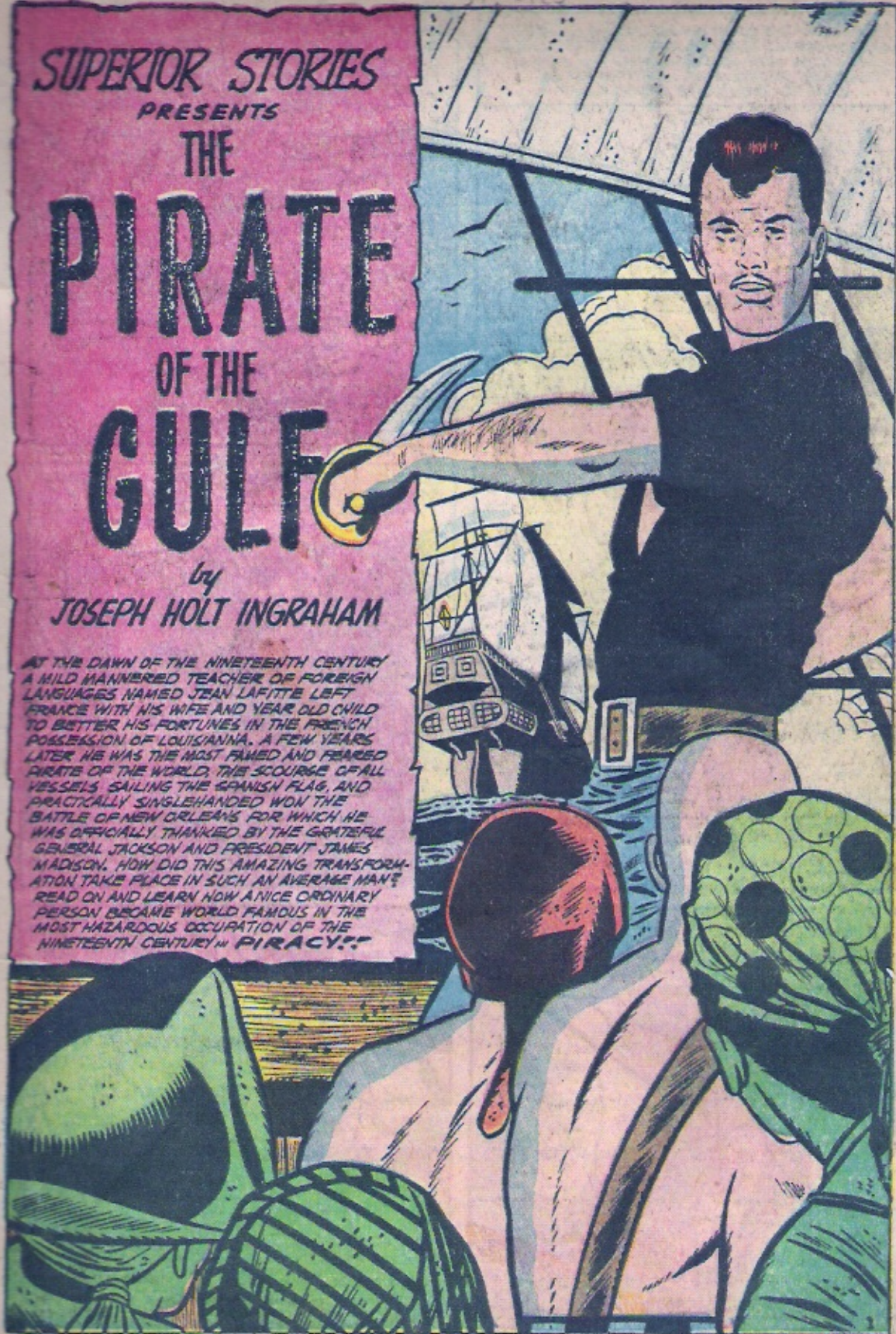
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GULF

by
JOSEPH HOLT INGRAHAM

AT THE DAWN OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY A MILD MANNERED TEACHER OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES NAMED JEAN LAFITTE LEFT FRANCE WITH HIS WIFE AND YEAR OLD CHILD TO BETTER HIS FORTUNES IN THE FRENCH POSSESSION OF LOUISIANA. A FEW YEARS LATER HE WAS THE MOST FAMED AND FEARED PIRATE OF THE WORLD, THE SCOURGE OF ALL VESSELS SAILING THE SPANISH FLAG, AND PRACTICALLY SINGLEHANDED WON THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS FOR WHICH HE WAS OFFICIALLY THANKED BY THE GRATEFUL GENERAL JACKSON AND PRESIDENT JAMES MADISON. HOW DID THIS AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKE PLACE IN SUCH AN AVERAGE MAN? READ ON AND LEARN HOW A NICE ORDINARY PERSON BECAME WORLD FAMOUS IN THE MOST HAZARDOUS OCCUPATION OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY IN **PIRACY!!**



12/02

1814. OFF THE COAST OF MEXICO, A SPANISH GALLEON BOUND FOR THE MOTHER COUNTRY, HER HOLD LADEN WITH GOLD BARS AND THE RICH TREASURES OF THE INCAS IS ATTACKED BY LAFITTE, THE PIRATE OF THE GULF.



VOILA! SO YOU WANTED TO STAY HOME TODAY, CAPTAIN LAFITTE, AND READ A BOOK? EES THEES NOT MORE FUN?

AND MORE PROFITABLE? I THINK I SHOULD READ LESS AND SAIL MORE OFTEN!



*FRENCH- MEANING= THAT'S THAT.

I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU, MY FRIEND, IT IS YOUR CAPTAIN I WOULD SEE. SO, IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, JUMP OVERBOARD AND SWIM FOR SHORE! THERE!

YIIII!! I'M I I I I THANK YOU, THANK YOU, CAPTAIN LAFITTE!



COME DOMINIQUE, LET US BOARD THE GALLEON AND MEET THE CAPTAIN!

GOOD! I HAF HAD ENOUGH FOR WAN DAY! EET IS TIME TO EAT!



LOOK! CAPTAIN LAFITTE HAS COME ABOARD!

EXCELLENT! I WILL DO AWAY WITH HIM AND THE TIDE OF BATTLE WILL TURN!



I AM HERE, LAFITTE, HERE TO GIVE YOU YOUR JUST DESERTS!

WE WILL SEE, MY FRIEND, PERHAPS THE FISHES WILL HAVE YOU FOR DESERT!





HA! DO NOT BE AFRAID LITTLE MAN. I WEE! NOT HURT YOU? THERE? FOLLOW YOUR SWORD OVERBOARD!

BUT I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO SWIM!



ANNOZZER EBDIOT OF A SAILOR? SEET IN ZEE CORNER LAK A GOOD LITTLE BOY AND LET YOUR CAPTAIN SHOW YOU HOW EET EEE'S DONE!

COME ON LAFITTE. I AM HONGRY? LET US EET!

BUT OF COURSE DOMINIQUE! COUNT UP TO THREE AND I SHALL FINISH WITH THIS WRETCH!



BUT OF COURSE MY FRIEND, UN* IN DEU**

HE FIGHTS LIKE A MADMAN, AND HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS! HE HE WILL KILL ME!

* FRENCH - MEANING = ONE IN TWO **



TROIS! * GET HIM LAFITTE!

NO NO! I WOULD DO BETTER TO TAKE MY CHANCES WITH THE FISHES!

HA-NA-HA! FEAR NOT MY FRIENDS! - I DOUBT IF THEY WOULD HAVE USE FOR YOU, EITHER!

* FRENCH - MEANING = THREE



THE CAPTAIN IS NO MORE! GIVE UP! SURRENDER!

ALL IS LOST!

WE SURRENDER! WE SURRENDER!



WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN. TELL THE MEN TO STRIP THE SHIP OF ALL AMMUNITION AND CANNONS! THERE ARE OVER TWENTY-FOUR OF THEM HERE!

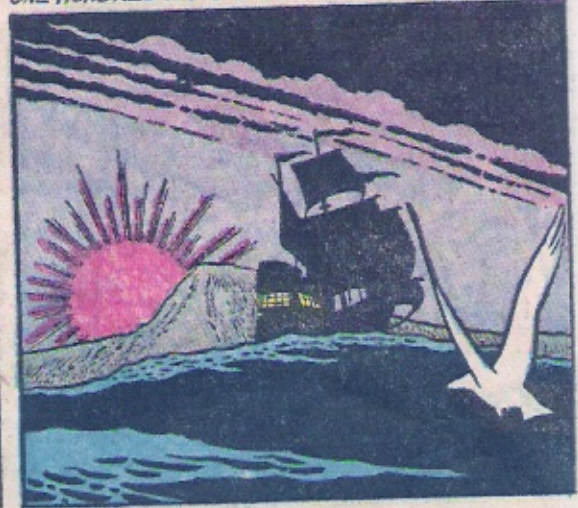
SOME PEOPLE SAYE STRINGS, YOU SAVE CANNONS. WE 'AVE OVAIR A THOUSAND BACK HOME!

LOOK AT ZEE GOLD BARS, HOW NICE AND COOL ZEY ARE?

AND SUCH A PRETTY COLOR, TOO! INSTEAD OF BURNING THIS SHIP LEAVE A PRIZE CREW ABOARD. THERE IS MUCH FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE ON THIS SHIP THAT WILL BRING A GOOD PRICE IN NEW ORLEANS.*

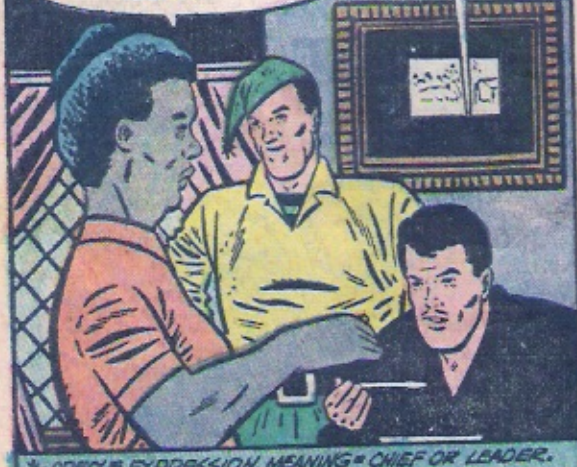


LATER THAT NIGHT, CAPTAIN LAFITTE AND HIS MEN RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THE BARATARIAN ISLANDS ONE HUNDRED MILES SOUTH OF NEW ORLEANS.



A GENTLEMAN TO SEE YOU, BOG.* HE HAS BEEN HERE TWICE TODAY!

SEND HIM IN, CLARABELLE.



* CREOLE EXPRESSION, MEANING = CHIEF OR LEADER.

CAPTAIN LAFITTE, MY NAME IS HERBERTO VELASQUEZ, I THINK I KNOW OF SOMETHING THAT MAY INTEREST YOU!

WELCOME, SENOR! COME IN AND SPEAK YOUR PIECE!



A FEW MINUTES LATER SENOR VELASQUEZ INFORMED CAPTAIN LAFITTE OF A TREASURE THAT WAS HIS FOR THE TAKING.

I AM IN LOVE WITH SENORITA CONSTANZA BUT SHE WILL NOT HAVE ME, AND HER FATHER IS OF THE SAME MIND. IF SHE WERE PENNILESS, SHE WOULD HAVE TO MARRY ME, THAT IS MY PLAN. I WILL SHOW YOU WHERE THEIR TREASURE IS HIDDEN, YOU TAKE IT AND KEEP IT FOR YOUR TROUBLE, WHILE I MARRY CONSTANZA. YOU WILL NOT BE STEALING, FOR I WILL REPLACE HER TREASURE WITH MY OWN AFTER THE WEDDING.

VERY WELL, I WILL TAKE HIS GREAT WEALTH AS A FAVOR TO YOU, AND FOR THE CAUSE OF LOVE! BUT REMEMBER, I AM NOT A THIEF!



T H E N E X T N I G H T . . . THERE IS VELASQUEZ? REMEMBER, NO ONE IS TO BE HURT BY THIS NIGHT'S WORK!

HURRY, AND BE QUIET! THIS BRIDGE HAS NOT BEEN USED IN AGES! IT SQUEEKS.





THERE'S THE TREASURE IN THERE! BUT NO NOISE, NOW! THE OLD MAN'S BED ROOM IS JUST ABOVE US! THOSE STAIRS LEAD DIRECTLY TO HIS ROOM! HE IS VERY ILL! BE QUIET!

YOU ARE TOO NERVOUS FOR THIS KIND OF WORK, MON AMI! LOOK AT THAT TREASURE, A KING'S RANSOM!



HOP! SOON WE WILL HAVE NO MORE ROOM IN ZEE HOUSE FOR ZEM!

I HAD BETTER BE GETTING BACK TO THE HOUSE SO THEY WON'T SUSPECT ME!

YES, YOUR WORK IS DONE. COME ON, ME HEARTIES, GET THESE CHESTS BACK TO THE SHIP!



PLEASE TRY TO REST, FATHER. YOU ARE VERY ILL. THE DOCTOR SAID!

NO, MY DAUGHTER, NOT I KNOW THE END IS NEAR. WHEN I AM GONE, PROMISE ME YOU WILL NOT MARRY HERBERTO VELASQUEZ!



OF COURSE NOT, FATHER. I WILL NEVER MARRY HIM!

LISTEN! THAT NOISE COMING FROM BELOW. SOMEONE IS AT THE VAULT! QUICK, TELL FRANCISCO TO FIRE THREE SHOTS IN THE DIRECTION OF THE GARRISON AND LIGHT A FIRE ON THE GROUNDS. I AM GOING DOWN THERE AND GET THOSE THIEVES MYSELF!



FRANCISCO, THERE ARE BANDITOS IN THE CELLAR! GIVE THE GARRISON THE SIGNAL! HURRY! I AM GOING TO HELP MY FATHER!

SI, SENORITA! AT ONCE!



COME ON MEN, FASTER! LOOK AT DOMINIQUE!

UNNN! THESE WEIGH A TON, MON CAPITAN!

HAT AN' MINE, SHE IS LAK A FETHAIR, EH? ZAT REMINDS ME OF A VERREE FUNNEE CHOKE. WHAT BEEZ MORE HEVVEZ, A TON OF FETHAIR OR A TON OF GOLD, EH?

* SPANISH - MEANING = YES, MISS.





IS THAT YOU VELASQUES?
WHY DID YOU SHOOT THE
OLD MAN, YOU FOOL?

YOU KILLED
MY
FATHER?

NO, NO??
IT WAS AN
ACCIDENT!



IS IT AN ACCIDENT THAT A PIRATE KNOWS
YOUR NAME? NO! YOU ARE BEHIND THIS,
YOU IMAGE OF A HYENA. WHEN THE TROOPS
GET HERE, I WILL TELL THEM-- NO! -- DO
NOT TRY TO ESCAPE! ALL RIGHT,
THEN, I-- I-- WARNED YOU!



WHAT HAPPENS HERE? ANOTHER SHOOTING?
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOUR QUARREL WAS WITH
VELASQUES, MY FRIEND, BUT YOU WOULD BE
BETTER OFF COMING WITH ME. QUICKLY
NOW, THE TROOPS ARE COMING! I
DO NOT ADVISE YOU TO REFUSE MY
OFFER!



MINUTES LATER, BACK ABOARD THE SHIP

HOIST AWAY THE JIB AND
MAINSAIL! SET THE TOP
GALLANT SALES AND
ROYALS. MAKE EVERY-
THING TELL! GIVE WAY
MEN!

THESE BULLFIGHTER
CLOTHES I'M WEAR-
ING IN HE THINKS I'M
A MAN. I'D BEST
LEAVE IT LIKE THAT
FOR NOW!

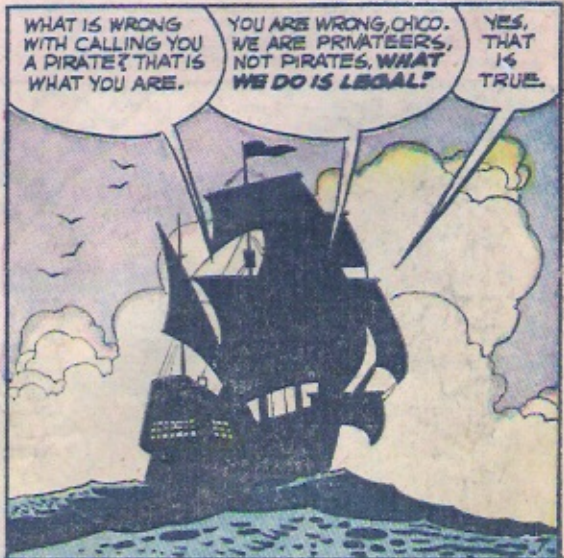


A FEW DAYS LATER, OUT AT SEA

GOOD
MORNING,
PIRATE
LAFITTE.

PIRATE?
WHY I
WEEL

NO, DOMINIQUE, I SOME-
HOW FEEL THIS IS A VERY
SPECIAL DAY IN MY LIFE.
DO NOT SPOIL IT WITH ANY
VIOLENCE.



WHAT IS WRONG
WITH CALLING YOU
A PIRATE? THAT IS
WHAT YOU ARE.

YOU ARE WRONG, CHICO.
WE ARE PRIVATEERS,
NOT PIRATES, WHAT
WE DO IS LEGAL!

YES,
THAT
IS
TRUE.



YOU SEE CHICO, IT IS THIS WAY. A FEW YEARS AGO, A COUNTRY IN SOUTH AMERICA, COLOMBIA, DECLARED HER INDEPENDENCE FROM THE MOTHER COUNTRY, SPAIN. THE MOTHER COUNTRY DID NOT LIKE THIS, SO SHE MADE THINGS VERY DIFFICULT FOR COLOMBIA ON THE HIGH SEAS. COLOMBIA, A NEW COUNTRY, HAD NO MONEY, SO SHE SENT OUT A CALL FOR HELP FROM SAILORS WITH SHIPS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO FIGHT SPANISH SHIPS.



COLOMBIA GAVE SUCH SAILORS LETTERS OF MARQUE WHICH SAY THEY ARE FIGHTING SPAIN FOR COLOMBIA. I AM LIKE A PRIVATE ARMY, AND IT IS ALL VERY LEGAL. BUT ENOUGH OF THIS NOW, I AM GOING DOWN FOR BREAKFAST.

SET DOWN, CHICO. I THINK I WEEEL TELL YOU A STORY, EH?



GOOD. I ALWAYS LIKE STORIES.

FIFTEEN YEAR AGO, LAFEET, HE AD BEEN MARRY WAN YEAR AN HE AN HERS PRETTY WIFE AN ZERE LEETLE WAN WAS ON ZEE SHIP FOR LOUISIANA TO BETTAIR ZAIR FORTUNES. HE THINK HE MAKE MORE MONIEE DAN BACK IN FRANCE WHERE HE TEACH IN SCHOOL.



ZERE SHIP, SHE WAS ATTACKED BY A SPANISH SHIP ZEE STAR OF SEVILLE NEAR ZEE OWARY ISLANDS. ZEE MEN WERE MADE TO WALK ZEE PLANK.

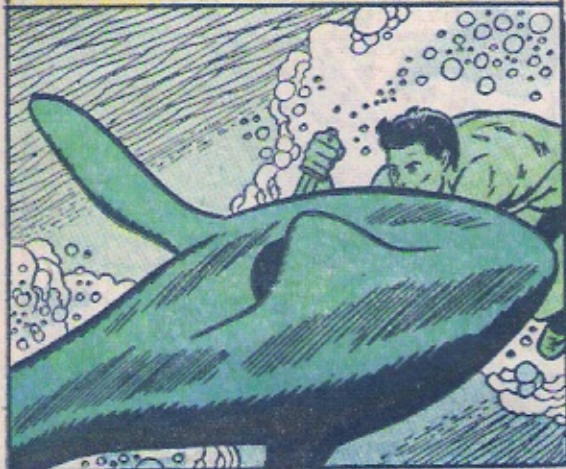


WHEN BET CAME LAFEET'S TURN TO WALK ZEE PLANK, HERS WIFE, SHE 'MOST GO CRAZEE AN SHE BREAK AWAY FROM ZEE OZZAIR PRISONAIRS.



ZEE CAPTAIN, AN EVIL MAN NAMED LOPEZ, HE DRAW HEEZ WEAPON AND DO AWAY WEEETH THEM. LAFETTE, POWERLESS, HE JUMP INZEE OCEAN, BUT HE HAVE KNIFE HEEEDEN IN HEEZ BOOT TO FREE HIMSELF.

WE PLAN TO GET BACK TO THE SHIP, CAPTURE ZEE CAPTAIN, AN' BRING HEEM TO JUSTICE. BUT JUST THEN A SHARK CAME EEN SIGHT AND HE WAS BIZZE WEETH HEEM FOR A TIME.



WHEN HE FINALLY KEEL ZEE MONSTARS, HE TOO WEAK TO DO ANYTHING BUT FLOAT IN ZEE WATAIRE LAK ZEE DEAD MAN. HE SWEM BACK TO CHANARY ISLANDS WHERE ZEE NATIVES ZEE TAKE CARE OF HEEM FOR MANY WEEKS. ZEN, WAN HE WAS CURED A KIND CAPTAIN OFFER HEEM PASSAGE BEF HE STEEL WANT TO COME TO LOUISIANA.



HE NO WANT TO GO BACK TO FRANCE BECUZ IT REMIND HEEM TOO MUCH OF NEES BRIDE, AN' SO HE GOES TO LOUISIANA. SOON AFTER, HE FIGHT FOR COLOMBIA WIZ ONE IDEE - SARN DAY HE WEEZ CAPTURE ZAT SPANISH CAPTAIN AN' BRING HIM TO JUSTICE."



OH THE POOR MAN!

SHIP, AHOY? OFF THE LARBOARD SIDE!

CAN IT BE POSSIBLE? CAPTAIN LAFITTE? CAPTAIN LAFITTE?



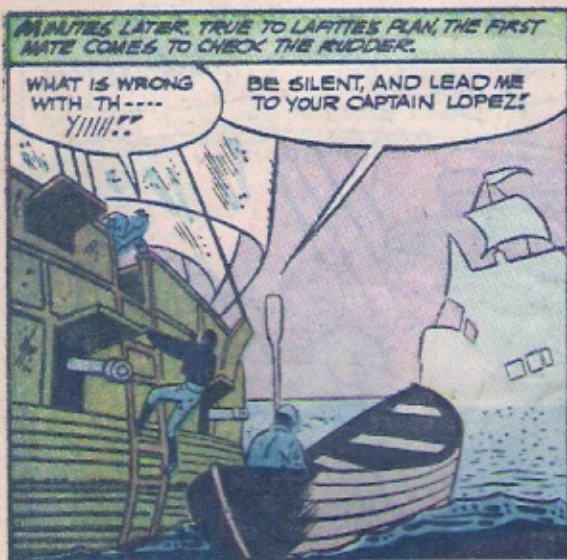
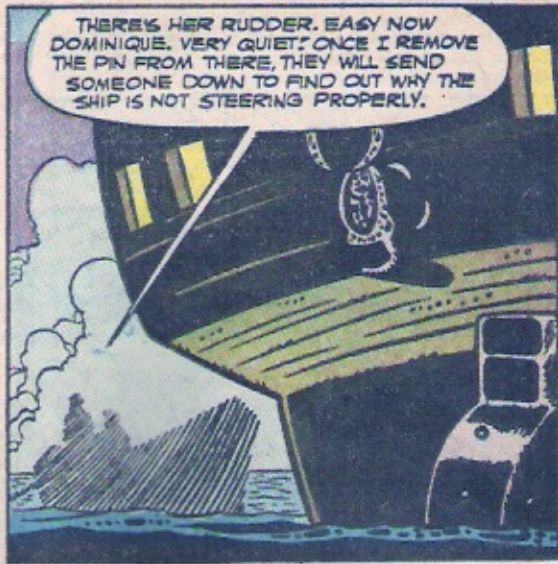
WHAT IS IT, DOMINIQUE?

LOOK, JEAN? ZEE STAR OF SEVILLE!



WHAT ARE YOUR ORDAIRS, CAPTAIN?

YES, IT IS SHE! SHE HAS SEVENTY TWO GUNS AND CAN BLOW US OUT OF THE WATER AT HER PLEASURE. WE MUST USE A BIT OF STRATEGY. IF SHE GOES ATO THAT FOG BANK WE CLOSE IN ON HER RIGHT NOW. IF SHE SAILS INTO THE OPEN WE WILL FOLLOW HER UNTIL IT GETS DARK?







BAH, THAT IS JUST TALK. A RUMOR? WE'LL SEND A SMALL CARGO UP TO-NIGHT. IF IT GETS BY WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE, WE'LL SEND LARGER SHIPMENTS?

GOOD? I WILL TAKE THE FIRST BOAT EEN?



ALWAYS TRYING TO PROTECT MR. EH? WAS THERE EVER SUCH A FRIEND, CHICO?

LOOK, HE'S BLUSHING?

AW, SHUT YOU BEEG MOUT?



COME, LET US GO FISHING. DO YOU LIKE TO FISH, CHICO?

NO, I THINK I'LL STAY HERE A WHILE AND THEN GO BACK TO THE HOUSE AND HELP WITH THE COOKING.

CHICO, YOU SHOULD HAV BEEN A PRETTY LITTLE GORL EENSTEAD OF A PRETTY LITTLE BOY?



A FEW HOURS LATER...

DOMINIQUE AND I DID A HARD DAYS WORK TODAY, CLARABELLE, I HOPE YOU HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR US?

ROAST TURKEY STUFFED WITH WALNUTS AND RAISINS?

DAT SOMETHING WE NEVAIR EAT BEFORE?



CHICO SHOWED ME HOW TO MAKE IT?

Y'KNOW JEAN, DAT CHICO, HE A VEREE FUNNEE BOY. SOM'ING WRONG WIT HEEM?

BAH? C'MON, DOMINIQUE. LETS BAT?



CLARABELLE, WHERE'S CHICO? TELL HIM TO COME TO THE TABLE?

HERE I AM! I'M COMING?

YIBI!! HE'S A BOY? I MEAN SHE'S A BOY? I MEAN HE'S A SHE?





WHAT ARE THE BRITISH DOING IN THESE WATERS?

ZEE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN AT WAR WIZ ZEE BRITISH ZEE PAST TWO YEARS, SINCE 1812.



FOR WHAT REASON IS THERE WAR?

THE UNITED STATES IS GROWING UP, OUR COMMERCE IS EXPANDING INTO EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. THE BRITISH DO NOT LIKE THIS, SO SHE STOPS OUR SHIPS AND TAKES OFF OUR SEAMEN! CLAIMS THEY ARE BRITISH SUBJECTS AND TREATS THEM BADLY. IT IS NOT A GOOD THING!



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IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE EATEN SUCH A WONDERFUL MEAL!

I'LL BE FRANK. I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH A DINNER IN MY LIFE.

NOW THEN, WHY DID YOU WISH TO SEE ME?



FIRST OF ALL, IS NEW ORLEANS WELL GUARDED?

OUI, M'SIEU! FIFTY THOUSAND MEN ARMED TO ZEE TEET. GENERAL JACKSON, HE COME FROM MOBILE WIT ANOZZER FIVE THOUSAND MEN AN' A THOUSAND CANNON!

WHAT A LIAR! IF THE BRITISH KNEW JACKSON IS STILL IN MOBILE AND NEW ORLEANS HAS EXACTLY TWO CANNONS TO DEFEND ITSELF, THEY'D ATTACK NOW!

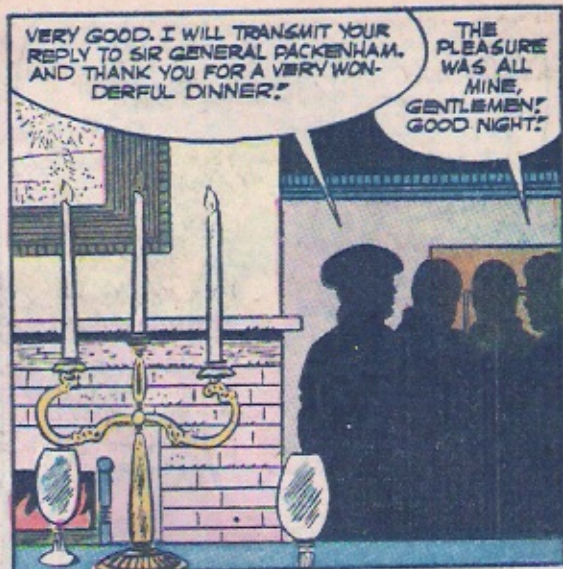


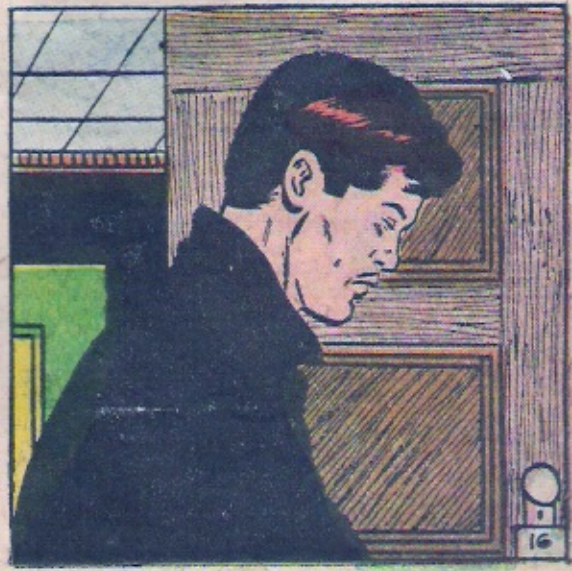
THE BRITISH ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOUR HELP IN CONQUERING NEW ORLEANS. I AM AUTHORIZED TO OFFER YOU A FULL PARDON FOR ANY AND ALL CRIMES YOU HAVE COMMITTED. A CAPTAINCY IN THE BRITISH NAVY, TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS, AND A QUARTER OF A MILLION ACRES IN THE TERRITORY OF LOUISIANA.



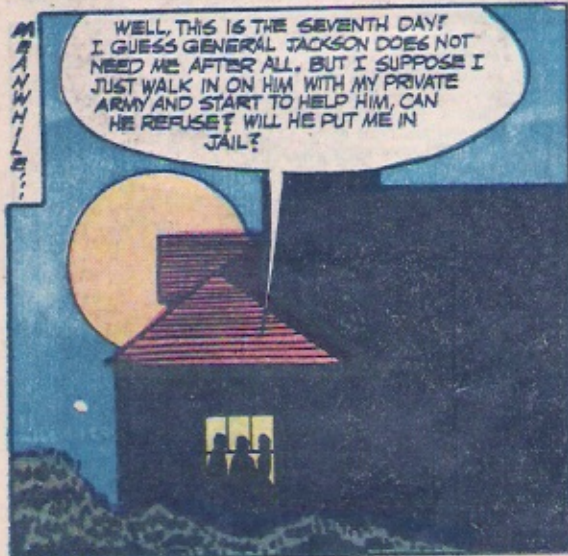
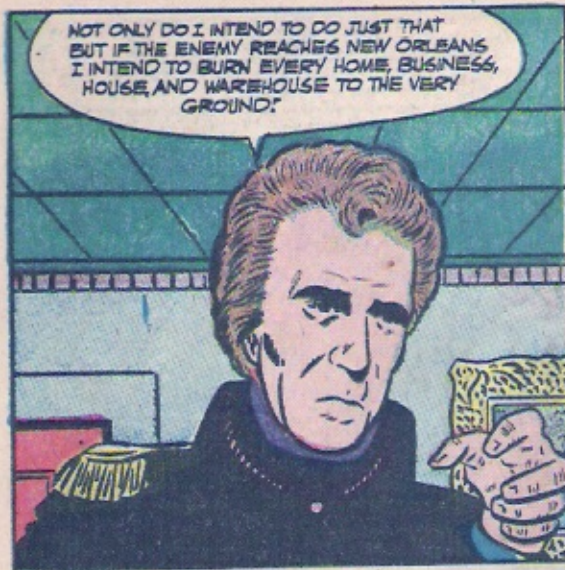
EET SOUNDS VER'GOOD! TAKE HER, JEAN!

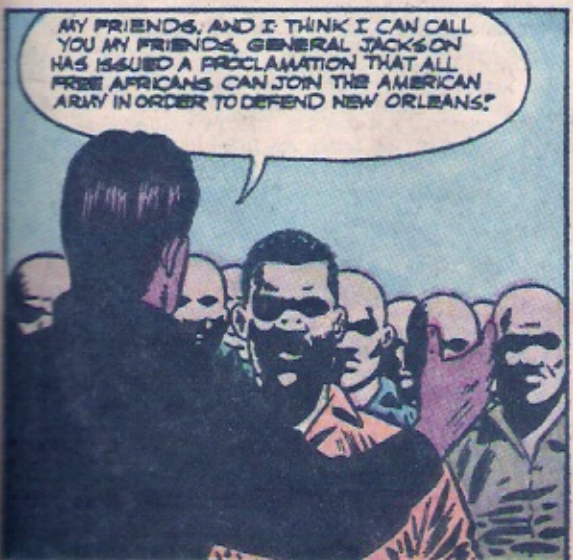
NOT SO FAST, DOMINIQUE! I MUST FIRST TALK THIS OVER WITH MY MEN. I CANNOT MAKE A DECISION THAT INVOLVES FIVE THOUSAND MEN SCATTERED OVER MANY ISLANDS. IT WILL TAKE ME A WEEK TO KNOW IF THEY AGREE!



















THE BRITISH ARE DOWN THE BAYOU BUT ONE OF THEIR SHIPS HAS RUN AGROUND IN THE SHALLOW WATER. ALL SHIPS HAVE BEEN STOPPED TILL MORNING.



GENERAL, IF WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEM TO REACH US, IT WILL TAKE THEM UNTIL DOOMSDAY! THEY ARE IN VERY TRICKY WATERS!

WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE?



LET ME GO THERE DRESSED AS AN INDIAN. I'LL GET THEM UP HERE IN NO TIME!



HMMMM! VERY WELL! PERMISSION GRANTED!



WELL, DOMINIQUE, WOULD I FOOL YOU?

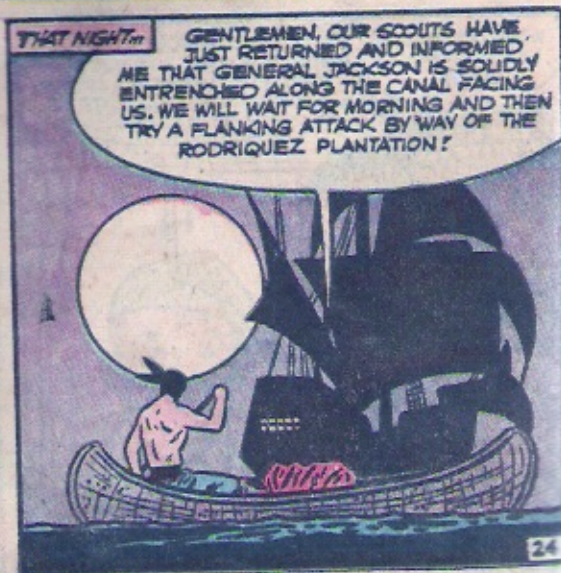
NOT BAD! Y'KNOW Y'REMIN' ME OF A MAN I KNOW. I TINK HEES NAME IS LAFEET OR SONTINK LAK OAT?



LATER

HALLO BIG BOAT! YOU GO BAD WAY?

YOU KNOW THESE WATERS, REDSKIN?





THIS IS VERY VALUABLE INFORMATION YOU BRING US, LAFITTE. WE WILL BE ABLE TO CHANGE POSITIONS OF OUR CANNONS BY MORNING AND BE READY FOR THEM!



THE NEXT MORNING
GENTLEMEN, EITHER OUR SCOUTS HAVE GIVEN US THE WRONG INFORMATION OR GENERAL JACKSON IS FAR TOO CLEVER FOR US. INSTEAD OF A FLANK ATTACK, WE SEEM TO BE MAKING A FRONTAL ONE!

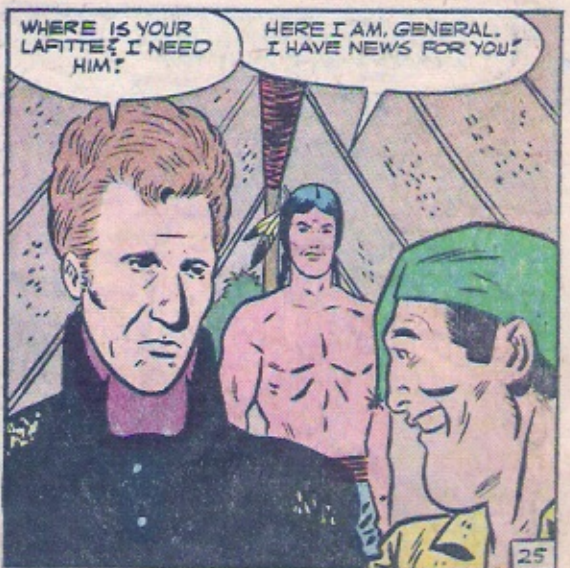
SHALL WE RETREAT, SIR?



NO, BY THUNDER! WE FOUGHT UNDER WELLINGTON AND DEFEATED NAPOLEON! WE ARE NOT CALLED WELLINGTON'S HEROES FOR NOTHING! THESE COUNTRY BUMPKINS CAN'T STOP US! **CHARGE!**



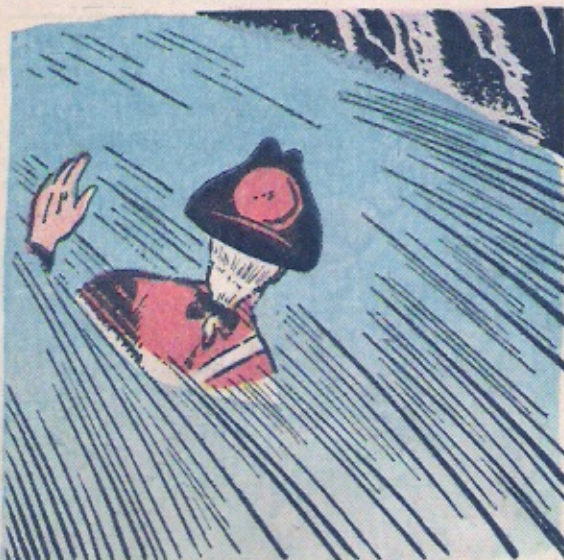
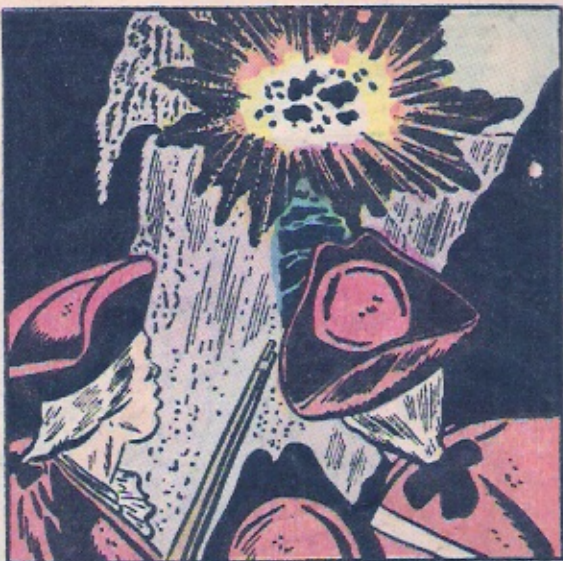
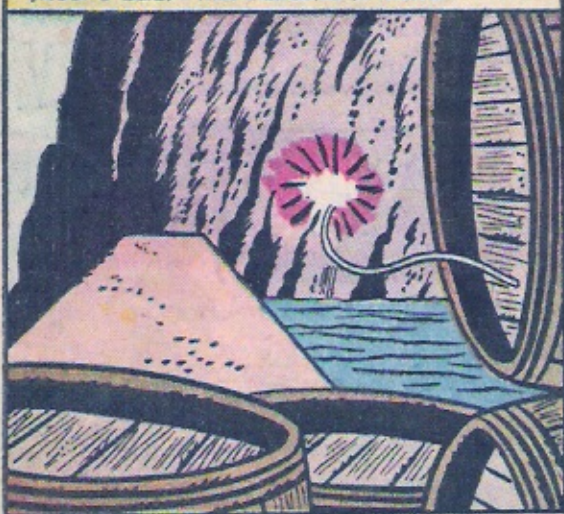
LATER THAT NIGHT
GENTLEMEN, WE SUFFERED A DISASTEROUS DEFEAT, BUT WE WILL MAKE UP FOR IT TOMORROW. WE WILL ATTACK BY WAY OF CHALMETTE PLANTATION!



WHERE IS YOUR LAFITTE? I NEED HIM!

HERE I AM, GENERAL. I HAVE NEWS FOR YOU!

THE NEXT MORNING AS SIR GENERAL PACKENHAM'S TROOPS BEGIN THEIR SECOND ATTACK



LATER THAT SAME NIGHT, A FAMILIAR SCENE TAKES PLACE

WHAT HAPPENED THESE PAST TWO DAYS CANNOT, -MUST NOT- HAPPEN TOMORROW! WE ARE BRINGING UP OUR BIG GUNS FROM THE SHIPS! THEIR PUNY CANNONS WILL NOT STOP US THIS TIME!



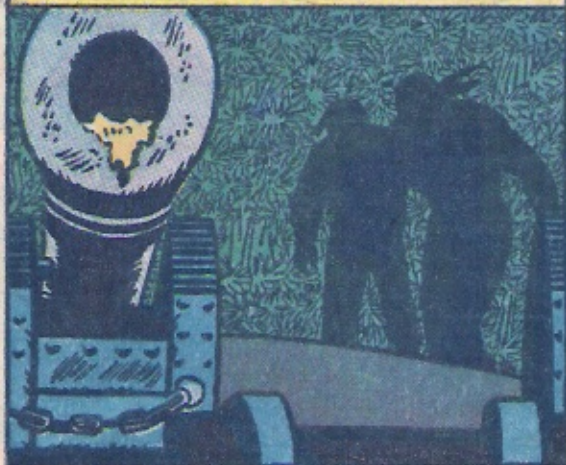
WHERE IN TARNATION HAVE YOU BEEN, LAFITTE? YOU'RE NEVER AROUND WHEN I WANT YOU!



SORRY, GENERAL, BUT I'M IN A HURRY. THE BRITISH PLAN TO USE THEIR BIG GUNS ON US TOMORROW. I'LL NEED DOMINIQUE TO HELP ME SPIKE THOSE GUNS.



A FEW HOURS LATER, JUST BEFORE DAWN, LAFITTE AND DOMINIQUE SPIKE THE BIG GUNS OF THE BRITISH WITH NAILS - ROUND BULLETS, MOLASSES AND SAND!



THE NEXT DAY, AS THE BATTLE ROARS ONCE AGAIN -

THE BIG GUNS? COUNTERATTACK WITH OUR BIG GUNS!



WHAT'S WRONG? IT'S NOT FIRING!

THE CANNON'S BEEN SPIKED!

MINE TOO!



LATER THAT DAY, THE BRITISH, DEFEATED, SAILED AWAY NEVER TO RETURN. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL RECORDS MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND REDCOATS LOST THEIR LIVES AGAINST THAT OF ONLY THIRTEEN AMERICANS! THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS MADE COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD LOOK TO THE UNITED STATES WITH A NEW AND VERY GREAT RESPECT!



THERE THEY GO! WELLINGTON'S HEROES... AND IF IT WERE NOT FOR YOU, WE'D ALL BE DEAD OR PRISONERS BY NOW! I AM GOING TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT TELLING HIM OF YOUR PART IN THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS!

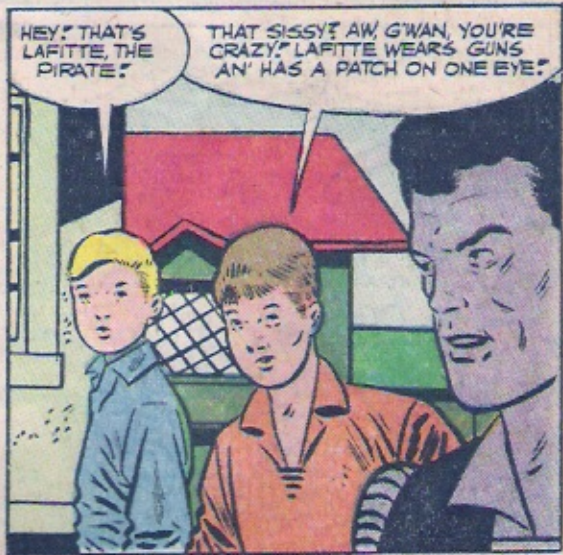


TWO WEEKS LATER, AT THE CELEBRATION BALL -

CAPTAIN LAFITTE, I HAVE THE HIGH HONOR OF HANDING OVER TO YOU THIS LETTER WHICH COMES FROM THE WHITE HOUSE!

THE GREAT LAFITTE IS FRIGHTENED? OPEN IT!





HAMLET

by William Shakespeare

Bernardo and Marcellus, two of the night guards in the castle of Elsinore, see the ghost of the late king of Denmark and tell Horatio, friend of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. Horatio informs Hamlet of this strange occurrence and that night he sees the reappearance of his father's ghost. The ghost tells Hamlet that the present king who married Hamlet's mother less than two months after the late king died, murdered Hamlet's father by pouring poison into his ear while taking an afternoon nap in the orchard but publicly proclaimed the king had died because of a snake bite.

The revelation of his father's murder affects Hamlet strangely and his mind becomes distraught because he does not know how to prove his uncle, King Claudius' guilt. His sweetheart, Ophelia, and her father, Polonius, counselor to the king, misunderstand his feigned madness, and really think he has become insane.

A group of strolling actors come to the castle and Hamlet asks them to enact a play, "The Murther (Murder) of Gonzago" in which he inserts sixteen lines of his own. When the play is enacted there is a startling resemblance between the fictional plot and the murder of Hamlet's father. King Claudius becomes excited and runs away from the performance, the entire court following. Polonius goes to the Queen's bed-chamber to advise her that Hamlet must mend his ways for the king plans to send Hamlet to England. The queen summons Hamlet and Polonius hides behind a tapestry in the room to overhear the conversation. The queen and Hamlet begin to

argue. Polonius, thinking Hamlet has gone quite mad and is about to murder his mother, cries for help. Hamlet, thinking the man behind the tapestry is King Claudius, murderer of his father, stabs him. The ghost of Hamlet's father then appears but is seen only by Hamlet and they converse thereby convincing the queen her son is truly mad.

The king decides to send Hamlet to England with two courtiers, Rosencrantz, and Guildenstern, with a letter to the King of England asking him to murder Hamlet. Hamlet, however, manages to obtain the letter and change it to read that the two courtiers be put to death. The ship on which they are sailing is attacked by pirates and Hamlet decides he will be better off with them than to sail on to England. The pirate captain returns Hamlet to Denmark in time to see his former sweetheart, Ophelia, who has committed suicide by drowning, being buried.

Laertes, the brother of Ophelia, and King Claudius plan to kill Hamlet in a playful duel by poisoning the tip of Laertes' sword and also by poisoning a cup of wine meant for Hamlet which he would undoubtedly drink when he became over-heated. However, the queen, innocently drinks from the cup and dies. Hamlet, realizing the wine was meant for him, stabs the king forcing him to drink the remainder of the cup and then Hamlet dies from a thrust of Laertes' poisoned sword.

The End.

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THE THREE MUSKETEERS

by Alexander Dumas

A young brave Gascon, d'Artagnan arrives in Paris to join the famous Musketeers of King Louis XIII only to find himself challenging Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, the three finest swordsmen in France to duels on his very first day in the great city. Just as they are about to duel, the Cardinal's guards arrive to arrest them since dueling is forbidden. D'Artagnan assists the three Musketeers in vanquishing the guards and all four become fast friends their motto being, "All for one and one for all!"

Shortly thereafter, the landlord of the inn rushes to d'Artagnan with news that Mme. Bonancieux, his wife, a seamstress for the Queen of France, has been abducted. D'Artagnan summons the three Musketeers and they rescue the lovely seamstress. The next time d'Artagnan sees Mme. Bonancieux, she is escorting the English Duke of Buckingham to his love, the Queen of France who gives the duke twelve beautiful diamond studs as proof of her undying devotion and he returns to England. Cardinal Richelieu who bears no love for the queen learns of the gift by means of his spy system and directs one of his followers, the Lady de Winter who is in England to steal two of the diamond studs. At the same time he suggests to the king that he give a ball and that the queen should appear wearing the twelve diamond studs the king had given her. The queen is in a quandry and enlists the aid of her seamstress, Mme. Bon-

ancieux who goes to d'Artagnan with the problem. The young guardsman together with the three Musketeers set off for England but are attacked by the Cardinal's men on the way and only d'Artagnan manages to reach the Duke of Buckingham who directs his jeweler to duplicate the two diamonds that have been stolen. The young guardsman returns to France with the complete set of diamonds just in time for the ball and the queen is saved from a very embarrassing situation.

D'Artagnan rounds up his three friends Porthos, Aramis, and Athos. The latter tells the young guardsman of his ill-fated marriage years ago when he discovered his wife had the executioner's brand burned on her shoulder. Soon afterwards, d'Artagnan falls in love with Lady de Winter not knowing she is one of Cardinal Richelieu's spies. When he does, he denounces her and she attacks him. In trying to ward off her blow, his hands pull the dress from her shoulder and he sees the brand of the executioner burned in her skin.

A war that had been going on between France and England was now reaching a climax and the three Musketeers learn that the Cardinal is sending Lady de Winter to England to tell the Duke of Buckingham that if England does not surrender he will ruin the queen by telling the French people of their love. The Musketeers capture Lady de Winter and send her to England where she is imprisoned. However, she escapes from her prison and manages to have the Duke of Buckingham murdered. On her return to England she also murders Mme. Bonancieux and then is finally caught by the Musketeers whereupon she is put to death by the public executioner. Because of his various exploits d'Artagnan wins the admiration of not only the King of France but also Cardinal Richelieu and becomes a lieutenant in the King's Musketeers.

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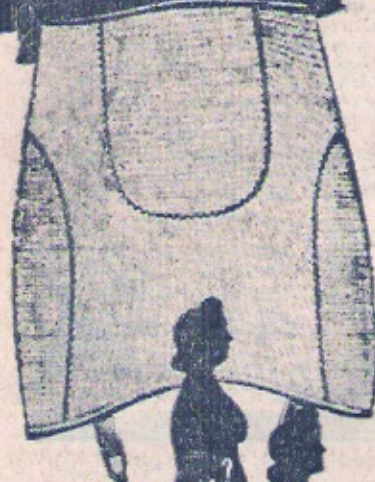
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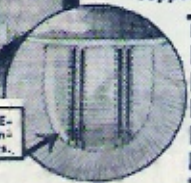
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