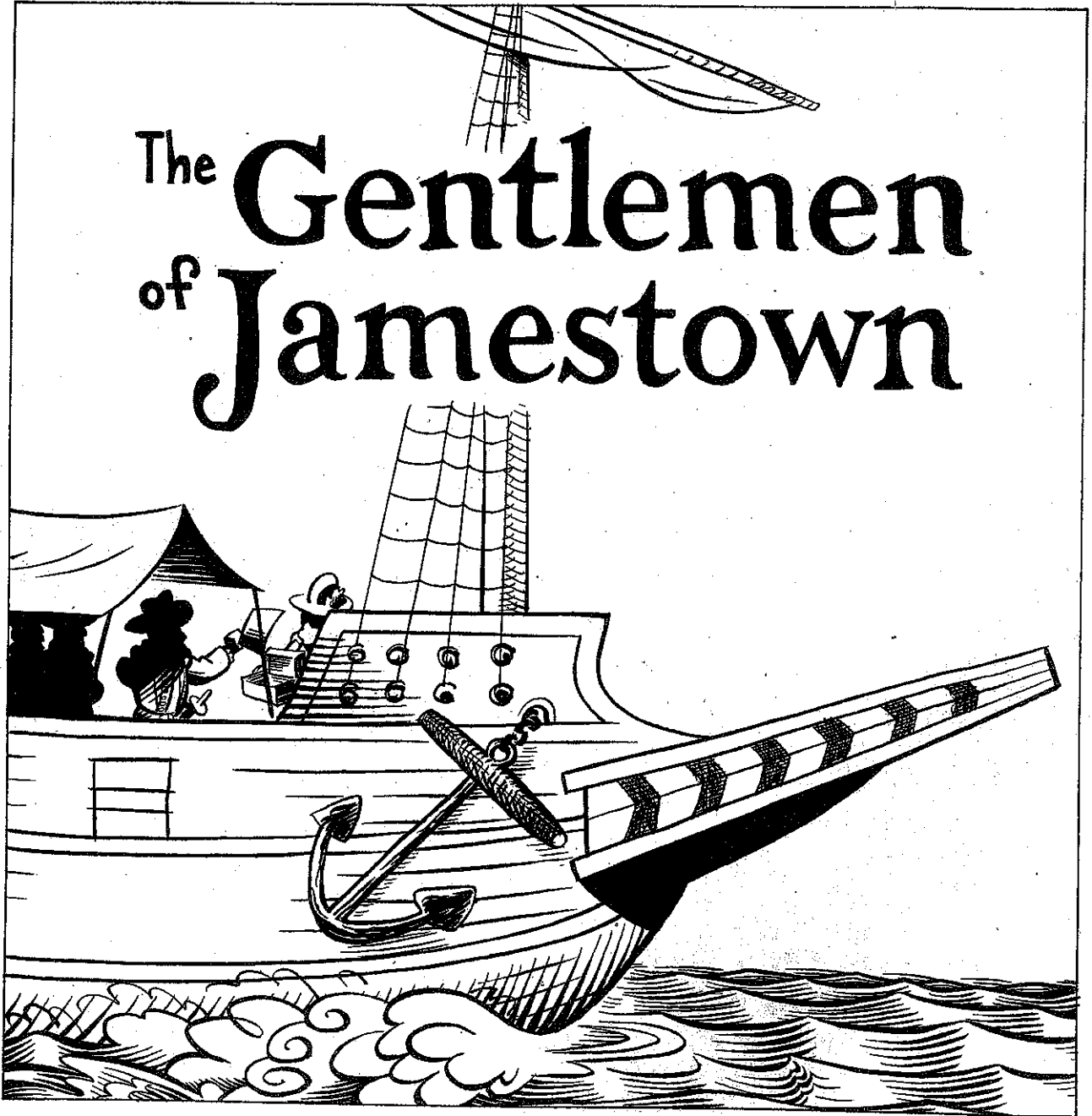


CHAPTER 3

Colonial America

The Gentlemen of Jamestown



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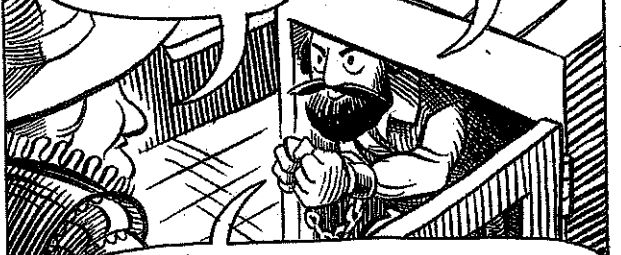
APRIL 26, 1607. AFTER A LONG, DIFFICULT OCEAN VOYAGE, WE ARRIVED IN THE LAND OF VIRGINIA.



GUARDS, RELEASE THE PRISONER.

WELCOME BACK TO DAYLIGHT, SMITH. I HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED A LESSON ABOUT QUESTIONING YOUR BETTERS.

I WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT, WINGFIELD. WHY ARE YOU LETTING ME OUT?



A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, YOU WERE TRYING TO PERSUADE ME TO STICK MY NECK IN A NOOSE.

SADLY, THAT IS NOT TO BE. CAPTAIN NEWPORT'S ORDERS. HE JUST BROKE THE SEAL ON OUR CHARTER FROM THE VIRGINIA COMPANY.

AND WHAT DOES IT SAY?



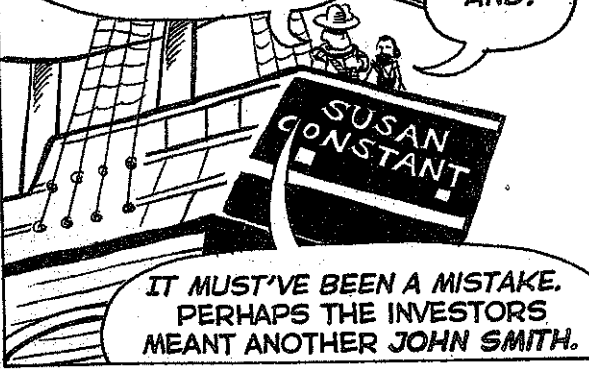
OH, ABOUT WHAT YOU'D EXPECT. FIND A COLONY SITE. BE FRIENDLY TO THE LOCALS. LOOK FOR GOLD AND FIND A PASSAGE TO THE INDIES.

NONE OF WHICH REQUIRES LETTING ME OUT.



YES, WELL, THE CHARTER ALSO LISTS THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE COLONY. MOSTLY FINE GENTLEMEN, SUCH AS GOSNOLD AND MYSELF...

AND?



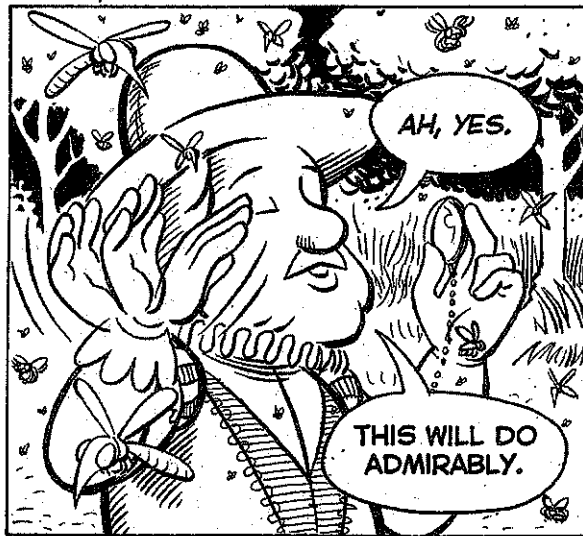
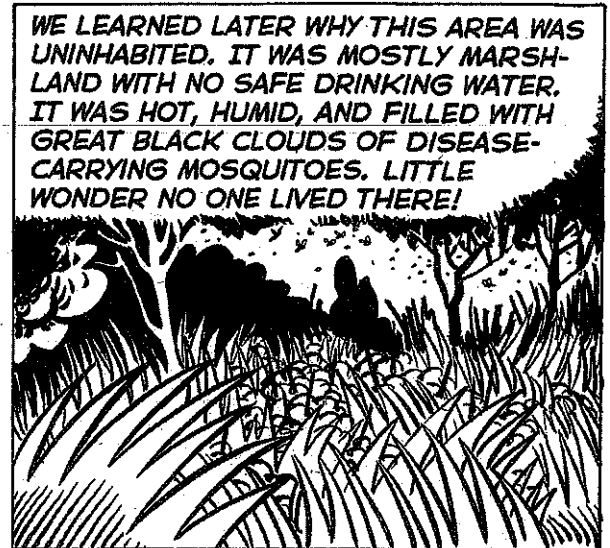
IT MUST'VE BEEN A MISTAKE. PERHAPS THE INVESTORS MEANT ANOTHER JOHN SMITH.

WHY WOULD THEY APPOINT A COMMONER TO A RULING COUNCIL?

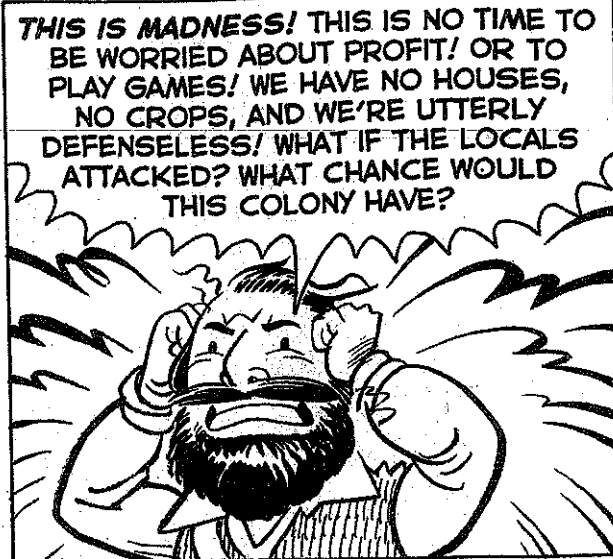
HÄH! MAYBE THE INVESTORS HAVE SOME BRAINS AFTER ALL.



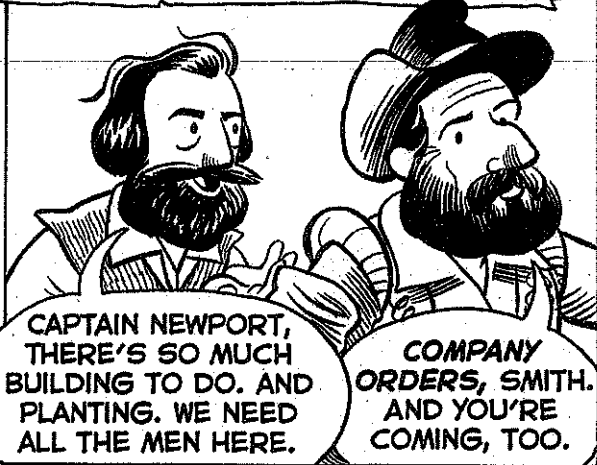
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. YOU'RE OUT OF THE BRIG, BUT YOU'RE STILL UNDER ARREST UNTIL WE CAN FIND WORK SUITABLE FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU.



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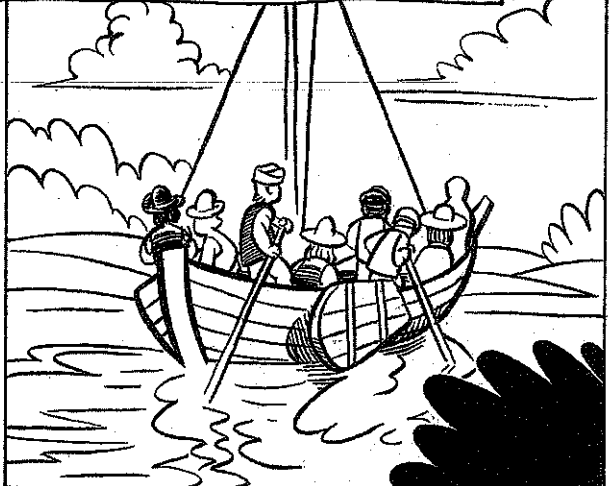
MAY 21ST. ONE OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE INVESTORS WAS TO LOOK FOR A WATER PASSAGE TO THE INDIES.



CAPTAIN NEWPORT, THERE'S SO MUCH BUILDING TO DO. AND PLANTING. WE NEED ALL THE MEN HERE.

COMPANY ORDERS, SMITH. AND YOU'RE COMING, TOO.

AND SO WE SET OFF WITH 23 MEN TO EXPLORE THE JAMES RIVER.

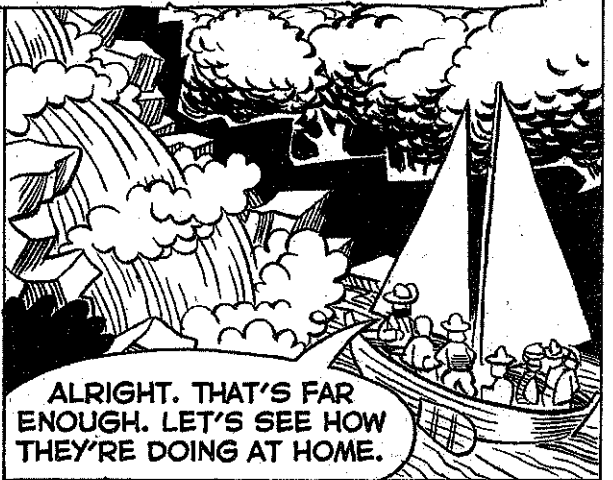


WE SOON MET A HUNTING PARTY WHO DREW US A MAP OF THE AREA.



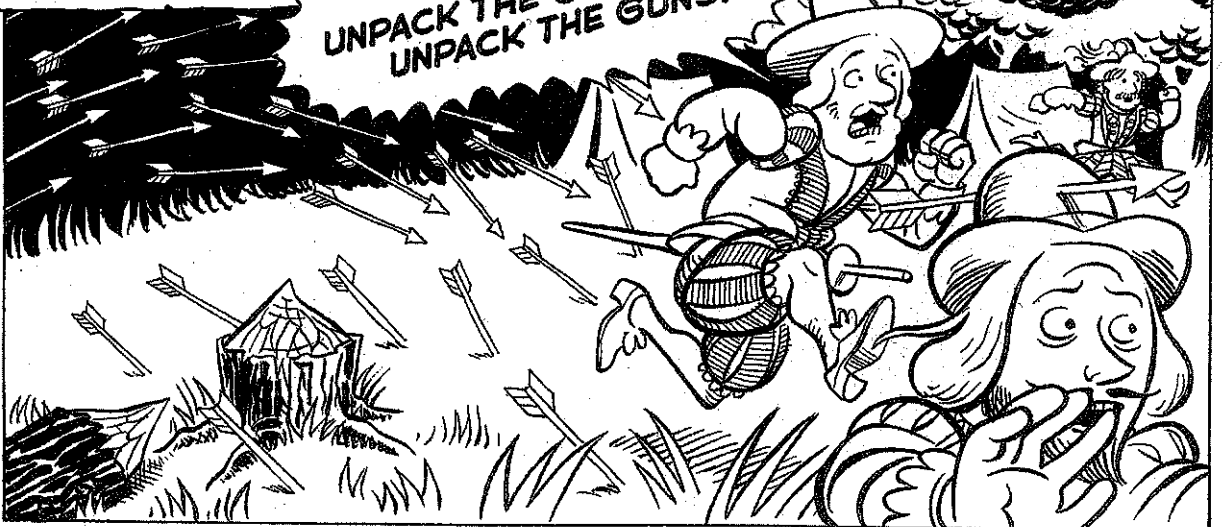
LATER, OTHER LOCALS TOLD US THAT ALL THIS LAND IS CONTROLLED BY ONE GREAT CHIEF. HIS NAME IS POWHATAN.

MAY 27TH. WE REACHED THE WATER-FALL AND COULD GO NO FURTHER.



ALRIGHT. THAT'S FAR ENOUGH. LET'S SEE HOW THEY'RE DOING AT HOME.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT JAMESTOWN...



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AND SO I, PRESIDENT EDWARD-MARIA WINGFIELD, DECLARE THAT WE SHALL BUILD A FORT. WITH A NICE, FORTIFIED WALL...



AND CANNONS!

COULD SOMEONE LOOK INTO A MOAT?

MAY 28, 1607. THE FOLLOWING DAYS WERE FILLED WITH LONG HOURS OF FRANTIC CONSTRUCTION...

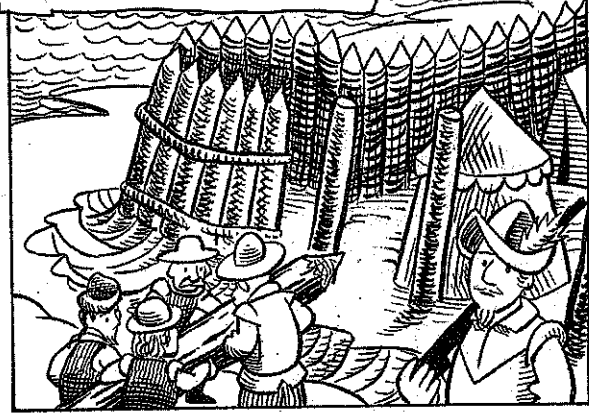


IT'S A HAMMER.

PUNCTUATED BY SUDDEN, UNPREDICTABLE ATTACKS BY SMALL PARTIES OF LOCALS.



WITH THE CONSTANT THREAT OF ATTACK, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO REST, WHICH MADE THE WORK ALL THE MORE TIRING.



JUNE 4TH. FINALLY...



AHH. I'LL SLEEP EASIER TONIGHT.

YE GODS! I HAVE A BLISTER!

NOW, YOU LOT, GET BACK TO CUTTING LUMBER!

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JUNE 22ND. WE HAD FINALLY MADE SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A COLONY. THINGS WERE LOOKING UP.



CAPTAIN NEWPORT SAILED FOR ENGLAND TO DELIVER OUR LUMBER.

AND THEN ALL WORK STOPPED.

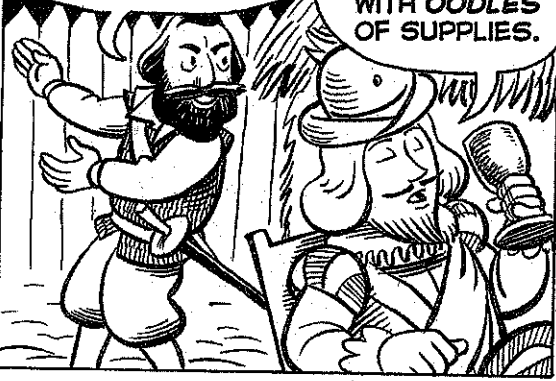
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? ALL THE SAILORS WENT BACK WITH NEWPORT.

THAT'S RIGHT. THERE'S NO ONE LEFT TO DO THE WORK!



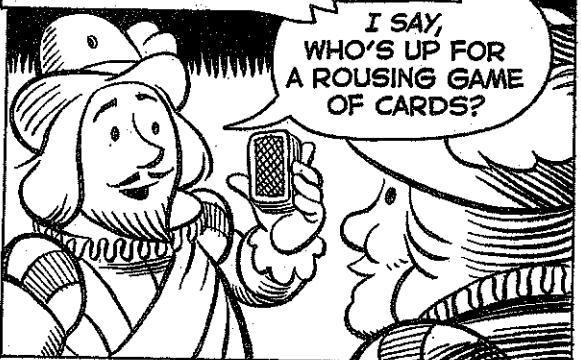
BUT WE NEED TO GROW SOME FOOD AND DIG SOME WELLS FOR FRESH WATER!

WHY BOTHER? THE SHIPS WILL BE BACK IN NOVEMBER WITH OODLES OF SUPPLIES.

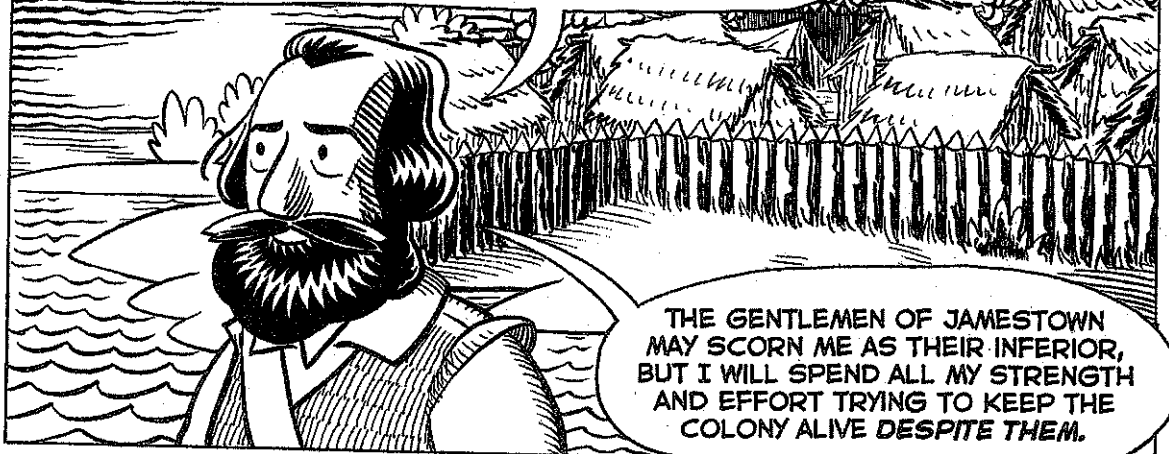


WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO SEND GENTLEMEN TO START A COLONY? WE'RE STARVING, AND DISEASE IS BEGINNING TO SPREAD. THEY WON'T BREAK A SWEAT, EVEN WHEN THEIR OWN LIVES ARE AT STAKE.

I SAY, WHO'S UP FOR A ROUSING GAME OF CARDS?



SOON I'LL HEAD OUT TO TRY AND FIND THIS CHIEF POWHATAN. WE'LL NEED TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND TRADE FOR FOOD IF THIS COLONY IS GOING TO SURVIVE.



THE GENTLEMEN OF JAMESTOWN MAY SCORN ME AS THEIR INFERIOR, BUT I WILL SPEND ALL MY STRENGTH AND EFFORT TRYING TO KEEP THE COLONY ALIVE DESPITE THEM.

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1. Where is John Smith when the story starts? Why is he there? (16)
2. What are the specific instructions the colonists have upon arriving in the new world? (16)
3. What saves Smith from remaining locked up? (16)
4. Why is the land they have found not already inhabited (lived in) by the natives? (17)
5. How have some members of the colony annoyed Smith? (17-18)
6. What foolish thing did the leader of the colony order his men to do? (18)
7. What evidence do you have that the relationship with the natives turned bad? (19-20)
8. What did the men finally achieve by June 4th? (20)

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9. Where did Captain Newport go? (21)
10. What does Smith want the men to focus on? (21)