









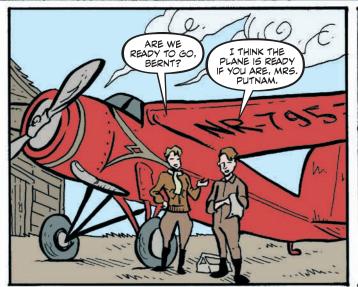


ACTUALLY, GEORGE PUTNAM SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THAT SURPRISED. AFTER ALL, HIS WIFE WAS **AMELIA EARHART.**

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SO THIS WAS 1932 AND AMELIA WAS THE MOST FAMOUS FEMALE FLYER THE WORLD HAD EVER SEEN.











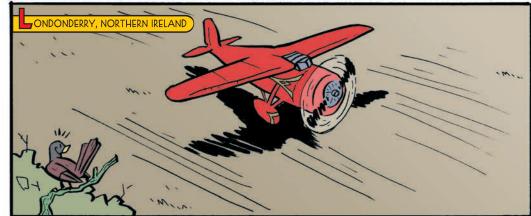
















OKAY, THAT WAS PRETTY COOL. THE **FIRST** WOMAN TO FLY **SOLO** ACROSS THE **ATLANTIC OCEAN.** SAM, MY FRIEND... THAT WAS **NOTHING.** WAIT 'TIL YOU SEE WHAT ELSE THE AMAZING AMELIA EARHART GOT UP TO!





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AMELIA EARHART SOUNDS PRETTY DARING.

WELL, SHE WAS JUST DOING WHAT SHE'D ALWAYS DONE. EVEN WHEN SHE WAS A KID, SHE LIKED ADVENTURE. SHE AND HER SISTER ONCE BUILT A ROLLERCOASTER IN THEIR BACKYARD!



MILLIE... THAT'S WHAT AMELIA'S FAMILY CALLED HER. SHE WAS BORN IN KANSAS IN 1897. FOR A FEW YEARS, SHE AND MURIEL SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME AT THEIR GRANDPARENTS' HOUSE.

JUDGING FROM THAT COASTER, THOSE FOLKS DIDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO THE GIRLS!

ACTUALLY, THEY **DID**, SMART ALECK. UNLIKE MANY GROWN-UPS IN THOSE DAYS, THEY LET THEIR GRANDDAUGHTERS DO THINGS MOST GIRLS COULDN'T DO!





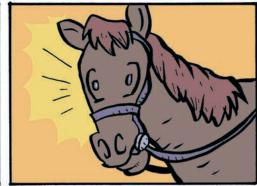


















AMELIA ALWAYS HAD A GREAT SPIRIT FOR TRYING NEW THINGS. AND SHE GOT LOTS OF CHANCES WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG.





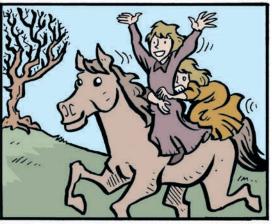
WHO'S THE OLD GUY IN THE BOAT?

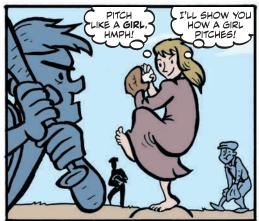


THAT'S **EDWIN**, AMELIA'S FATHER. HE WAS A PRETTY GOOD DAD, BUT HAD A PROBLEM WITH **ALCOHOL**.



HE LOST HIS JOB IN KANSAS AND THE FAMILY HAD TO MOVE A LOT AFTER THAT.





















GOOD NEWS -- THEIR HOUSE IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, WAS HUGE!

> GREAT! MORE PLACES TO PLAY!

BAD NEWS -- EDWIN HAD HARDLY ANY MONEY TO PAY FOR **HEATING.** THE WHOLE FAMILY LIVED IN TWO CHILLY ROOMS!



DOESN'T SHE MEAN TRICYCLE?

LOOK IT UP, HAT HEAD! IT MEANS IN A HURRY.

ANYWAY, AT LEAST THEY HAD **SOME** FUN.

SADLY, IT WASN'T ALL FANTASY TRIPS, DUDE.







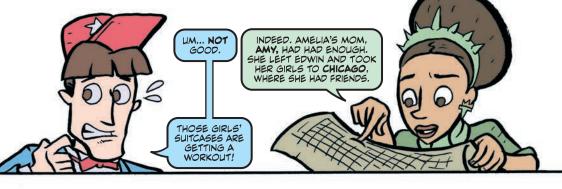




















IN CHICAGO, AMELIA WENT TO HER SIXTH HIGH SCHOOL IN FOUR YEARS. SHE DIDN'T LIKE HER SCHOOL AND COULDN'T WAIT TO GET OUT.













DON'T WORRY. THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET VERY INTERESTING FOR AMELIA... VERY FAST!

