

In 1804 President Tom Jefferson paid 15 million silver to the French for the biggest chunk of land in the country's history. Did he have permission from Congress for the Louisiana Purchase? Hell, no! Jefferson figured the public would have his back when explorers Lewis and Clark returned home from the frontier with proof of its vast riches.

There were some who didn't want Jefferson to succeed...and they were going to do everything in their power to make sure Lewis and Clark would fail.

Our story begins in the city of New Orleans in 1803 with Jean Lafitte. A good looking man who loves fine clothes and beautiful women. But don't be fooled, he'd choose gold over both.



YOUR FIRST MARDI GRAS, MY ANGEL?

YES. HOW DID YOU KNOW?

AFTER A WOMAN'S FIRST MARDI GRAS, SHE'S NEVER AN ANGEL AGAIN.



SALLY THUNDER, COME JOIN THE PARTY.



CAN'T. DAD'S LEG IS BROKE. BROTHER'S GONE. BILLS TO PAY. SOMEBODY'S GOTTA WORK!



GOOD TIMES FOR YOU. I'M LATE.

HOORAY!

YAAAAAY!

WELCOME TO NEW ORLEANS
BIENVENUE A LA NOUVELLE ORLEANS
BIENVENUTO A LA NUOVA ORLEANS



ARE YOU
HERE TO
PRAY WITH
ME?

NO WAY.
I KNOW
WHO YOU
ARE AND, I
KNOW WHO
YOU PRAY
TO.



A GIRL
ALONE IN A
CEMETERY
SHOULD SHOW
RESPECT.



HE
GIVES ME
POWERS.



I CAN
MAKE THE
DEAD...LIVE
AGAIN!



HELP ME!
SOMEONE!



GRAB
HOLD!



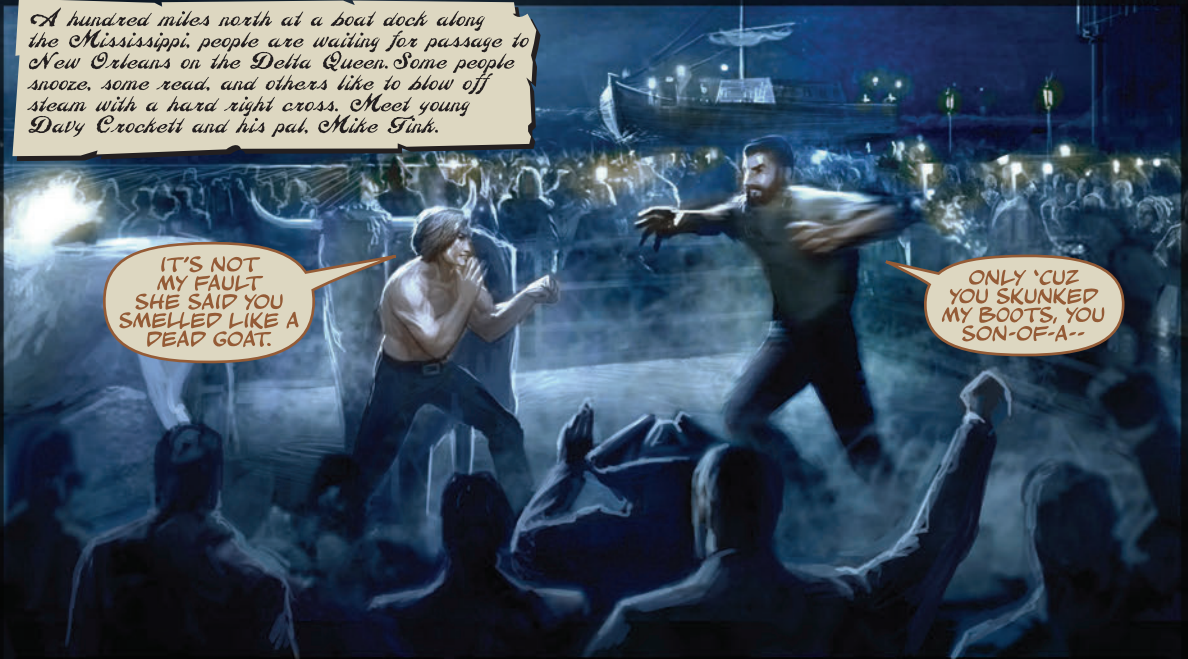
JEAN
LAFITTE.



THANKS
FOR SAVING
MY LIFE.

PRAISE
THE
LORD.

A hundred miles north at a boat dock along the Mississippi, people are waiting for passage to New Orleans on the Delta Queen. Some people snooze, some read, and others like to blow off steam with a hard right cross. Meet young Davy Crockett and his pal, Mike Turk.



IT'S NOT MY FAULT SHE SAID YOU SMELLED LIKE A DEAD GOAT.

ONLY 'CUZ YOU SKUNKED MY BOOTS, YOU SON-OF-A--



--BITCH!

THWAAP

MISSED ME!



HEY, EVERYBODY! MIKE KILLED US SOME SUPPER. TONIGHT WE EAT LIKE KINGS.

DAVY, YOU'RE GONNA BE CHOKIN'--



--ON YOUR TEETH!



MIKE, LOOK! THE DELTA QUEEN!



I AIN'T FALLIN' FOR YOUR BULL NO MORE!

NO JOKE! IT'S GONNA CRASH!

CRAACCKK



COME ON, MIKE. WE GOTTA HELP THESE FOLKS!

KRRRRSH



ON MY COUNT. ONE, TWO...



THEY DID IT! THOSE BOYS SAVED THE DELTA QUEEN!

SWIISH



GOOD THING THE BOAT CAME WHEN IT DID.

WHY'S THAT?

'CUZ I WAS GETTIN' READY TO BEAT YOU SILLY JUST FOR THE HECK OF IT.

Davy and Mike could hardly wait to get to New Orleans. But they knew the waters of the Mississippi could be treacherous...in more ways than one...

DON'T WORRY NONE, MA'AM. YOU'RE AS SAFE ON THE DELTA QUEEN AS YOU ARE IN YOUR OWN BED.



THE GIRLS IN ATLANTA CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO THE ONES IN NEW ORLEANS.

IT ISN'T A CANDLE I WANT 'EM TO HOLD.



WHAT'S IT GONNA BE, MISTER? PLAY OR FOLD?



PIERRE, YOU'RE NOTHIN' BUT A BAG OF BLUFF.

I CALL.

READ 'EM AND WEEP, OLD BOY. A PAIR OF ACES.





I DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO CARD CHEATS.



THOSE ACES WERE BURNED. YOU BOYS SEE THINGS DIFFERENT?



THEN THIS POT'S ALL MINE.



ANYBODY WANNA TRY THEIR LUCK? WE GOT AN EMPTY POKER SEAT.



I GOT A BAD FEELIN' ABOUT THAT GUY WITH THE MUTTUNCHOPS.

NEVER SAW THE ONE WITH THE MUTTUNCHOPS, BUT HAD WORDS WITH THE MAN HE SHOT. NAME WAS FRANKLIN. A DAMN GOOD TRACKER AND A JEFFERSON MAN. BROUGHT HIM DOWN RIVER TWO WEEKS AGO.

It was the first time for Davy in New Orleans. It was unlike any city he'd ever seen. Music everywhere. English, French, Spanish, and Creole all mixed together. But like in every city, there was a guy on a soap box spoutin' off about one thing or another.

PRESIDENT JEFFERSON SUPPORTS OUR TERRITORY. HE UNDERSTANDS THE GREAT CITY OF NEW ORLEANS IS THE GATEWAY TO OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE.

WHOEVER CONTROLS NEW ORLEANS IS MASTER OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

MORE THAN THAT, MIKE. CONTROL THE MISSISSIPPI AND YOU'RE MASTER OF THE WEST.

GET READY TO SEE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMEN IN THE WORLD. AND WORD OF ADVICE, DAVY. KEEP YOUR POLITICAL TALK UNDER YOUR HAT. WOMEN DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT STUFF.

THUNDER SALOON

Bienvenue
Welcome
Bienvenido



HIS NAME IS JEAN LAFITTE.

HE LOOKS LIKE A DANDY.

I DON'T JUDGE A MAN BY THE CLOTHES HE WEARS, JACQUES.

WE AREN'T HERE FOR TREASURE HUNTS, PIERRE.

BUT THE MAP IS REAL!



GIVE HIM A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE ON THE HOUSE. BUT THAT'S ALL!

I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.



AH, MY BEAUTY, WE MEET AGAIN.

OUR FINEST CHAMPAGNE, AS A THANK YOU.

THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO THANK A MAN FOR SAVING YOU.



YOU ARE WITHOUT MANNERS, MY BROTHER.

SPLSSH



MAYBE, BUT SHE WON'T INSULT ME A SECOND TIME.

ENOUGH. DON'T GET IN THE WAY OF OUR BUSINESS HERE.



I WANT
A BEER, A
LOBSTER, AND
A PRETTY
WOMAN.

JUST LIKE
YOU TO FEED YOUR
FACE FIRST. MY
APPETIZER'S THE
WOMAN!



AND THAT
BEAUTY
THERE'S A
MOUTHFUL!



YOU'RE
FORGETTING
SOMETHING.

WHAT'S
THAT?



KRAK

YOU CAN'T
EAT WHAT
YOU CAN'T
CHEW!



ANOTHER
SUCKER PUNCH.
READY TO GET
WHAT'S COMING
TO YOU?

COME
AND GET
ME, LITTLE
MAN.



BONK