

"The Palefaces have tricked us!"

Later that night...



NOW WHILE THEY'RE ALL FEEDIN' THEIR FACES I'LL HAVE A LITTLE LOOK AT HOW THESE HATCHETS ARE PACKED.



MUSKETS! THEY'RE PAST THEIR BEST BUT THEM CHEROKEES WOULD GIVE THEIR EYE TEETH FOR THESE. NO WONDER SHARMAN DID A DEAL!



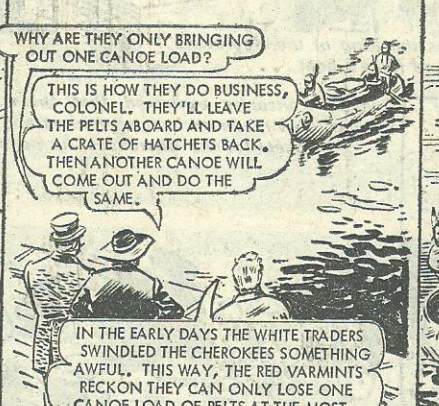
I RECKON I KNOW HOW TO FIX SHARMAN AND THEM FORK-TONGUED CHEROKEES FOR GOOD. I'LL JUST TAKE A LITTLE SWIM.

Next morning...



YOU'RE IN A FINE MOOD THIS MORNING, CAPTAIN FINK. I'VE SEEN YOU GOING ROUND AND HAVING A JOKE WITH NEARLY EVERY MAN IN YOUR CREW. MUST SAY I'M FEELING PLEASUED TOO. SHARMAN MADE A GOOD DEAL LAST NIGHT.

HE SURE DID, COLONEL. THEM REDSKINS ARE PILING UP ENOUGH PELTS TO NEAR SINK THIS OLD TUB.



WHY ARE THEY ONLY BRINGING OUT ONE CANOE LOAD?

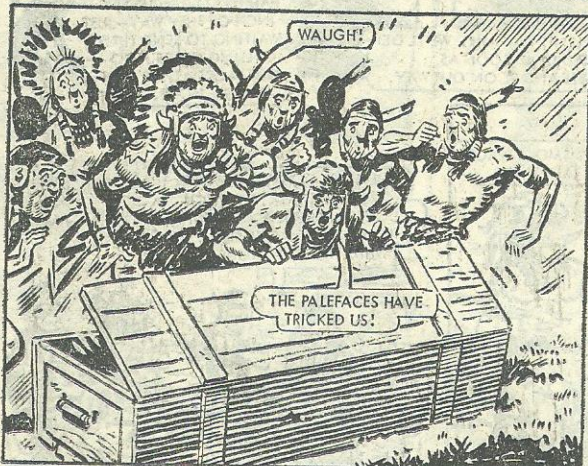
THIS IS HOW THEY DO BUSINESS, COLONEL. THEY'LL LEAVE THE PELTS ABOARD AND TAKE A CRATE OF HATCHETS BACK. THEN ANOTHER CANOE WILL COME OUT AND DO THE SAME.

IN THE EARLY DAYS THE WHITE TRADERS SWINDLED THE CHEROKEES SOMETHING AWFUL. THIS WAY, THE RED VARMINTS RECKON THEY CAN ONLY LOSE ONE CANOE LOAD OF PELTS AT THE MOST.



THE WIND'S IN OUR FAVOUR, NED. WHEN I HOLLER, GET THE SAIL UP AN' CUT THE CABLE. WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE HERE FAST.

THE BOYS ARE READY, SKIPPER. THEY KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN THEM CHEROKEES FIND WHAT'S IN THAT CRATE.

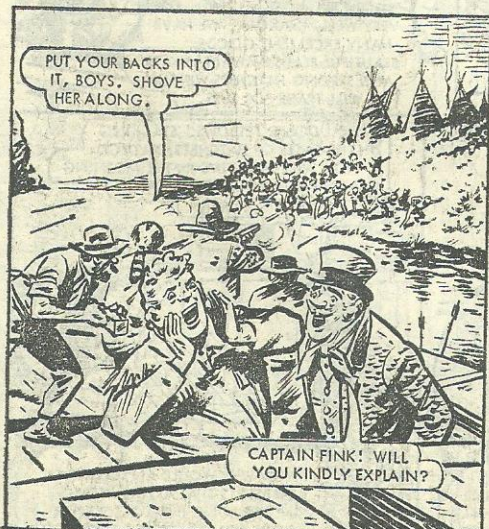


WAUGH!

THE PALEFACES HAVE TRICKED US!



LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, BOYS. IT'S GOING TO BE MIGHTY UNHEALTHY MIGHTY SOON.



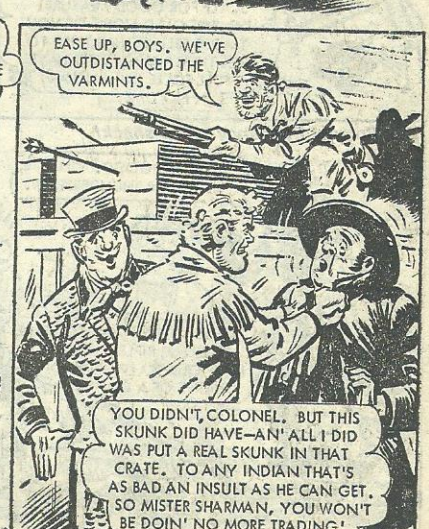
PUT YOUR BACKS INTO IT, BOYS. SHOVE HER ALONG.

CAPTAIN FINK! WILL YOU KINDLY EXPLAIN?



I GOTTA KEEP US A LIVE FIRST, COLONEL, BUT THE GIST OF IT IS THAT YOUR PARTNER HERE WAS AIMING TO SELL YOUR RED FRIENDS MUSKETS.

BUT-BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MUSKETS.



EASE UP, BOYS. WE'VE OUTDISTANCED THE VARMINTS.

YOU DIDN'T, COLONEL. BUT THIS SKUNK DID HAVE-AN' ALL I DID WAS PUT A REAL SKUNK IN THAT CRATE. TO ANY INDIAN THAT'S AS BAD AN INSULT AS HE CAN GET, SO MISTER SHARMAN, YOU WON'T BE DOIN' NO MORE TRADING!

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