

THE TRAGICALLY SHORT LIFE OF POCAHONTAS.

1596-1617



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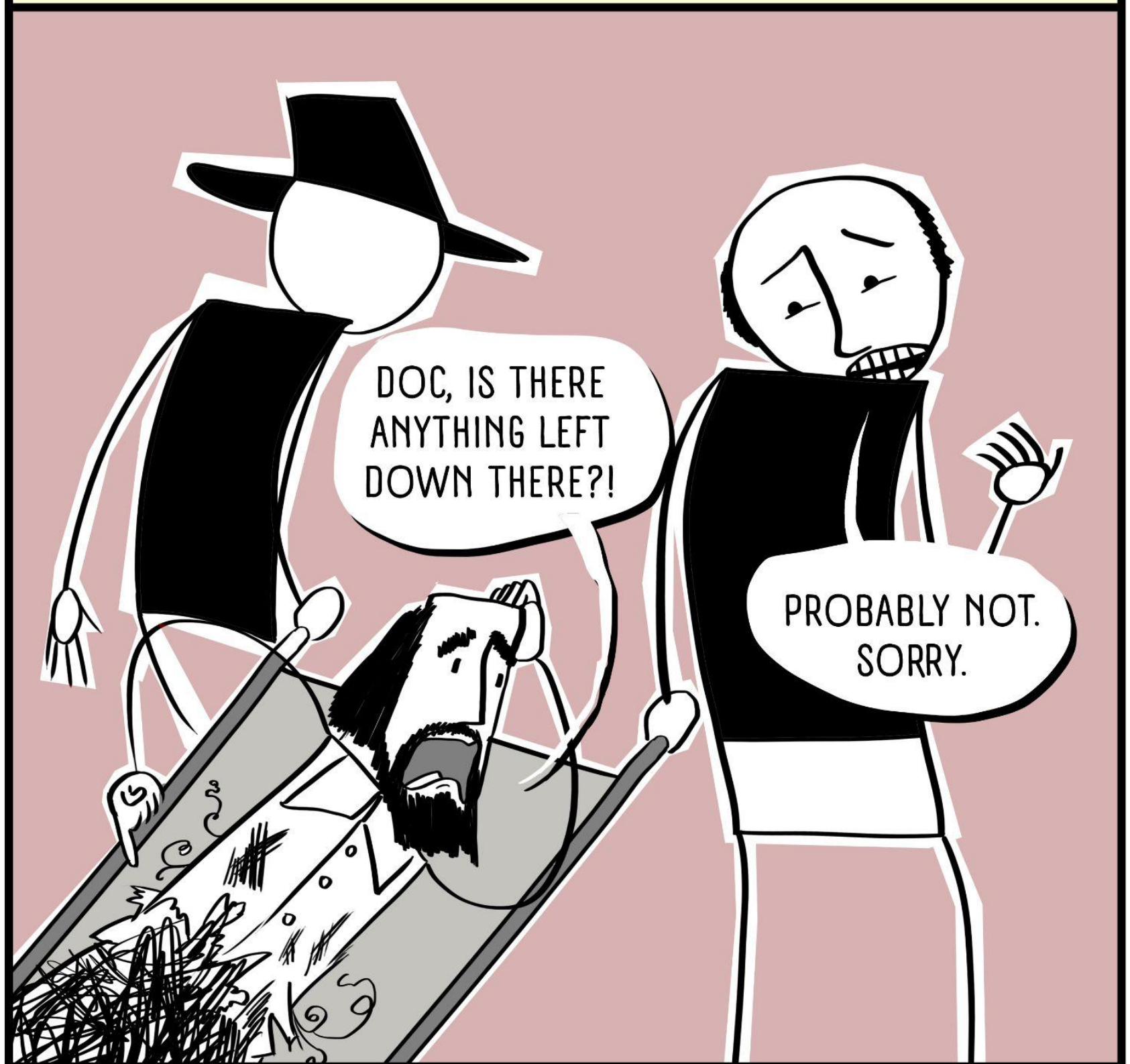
HER REAL NAME WAS **AMONUTE "MATOAKA"** AND SHE DID NOT MARRY **JOHN SMITH**! THEIR RELATIONSHIP WAS STRICTLY POLITICAL. IN **1607**, AT THE AGE OF 10, HER TRIBE WOULD ENCOUNTER **ENGLISH SETTLERS**.



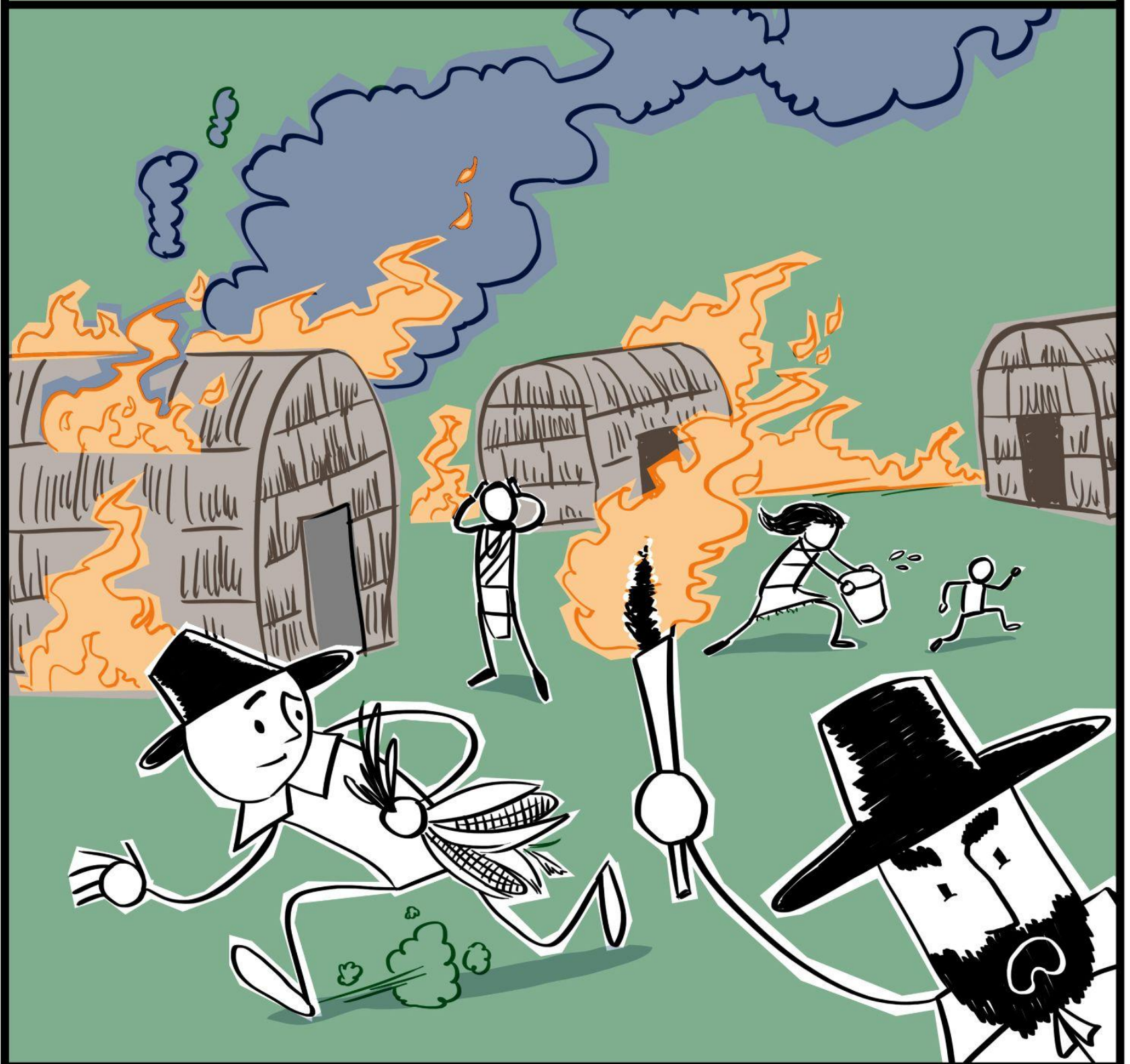
CHIEF POWHATAN (POCAHONTAS' FATHER) EXTENDED GOODWILL TO THE SETTLERS BY CEREMONIALLY **ADOPTING SMITH** INTO THEIR TRIBES, REFERRING TO SMITH AS HIS **"SON."** YET, THIS WOULD NOT BRING LONG LASTING PEACE.



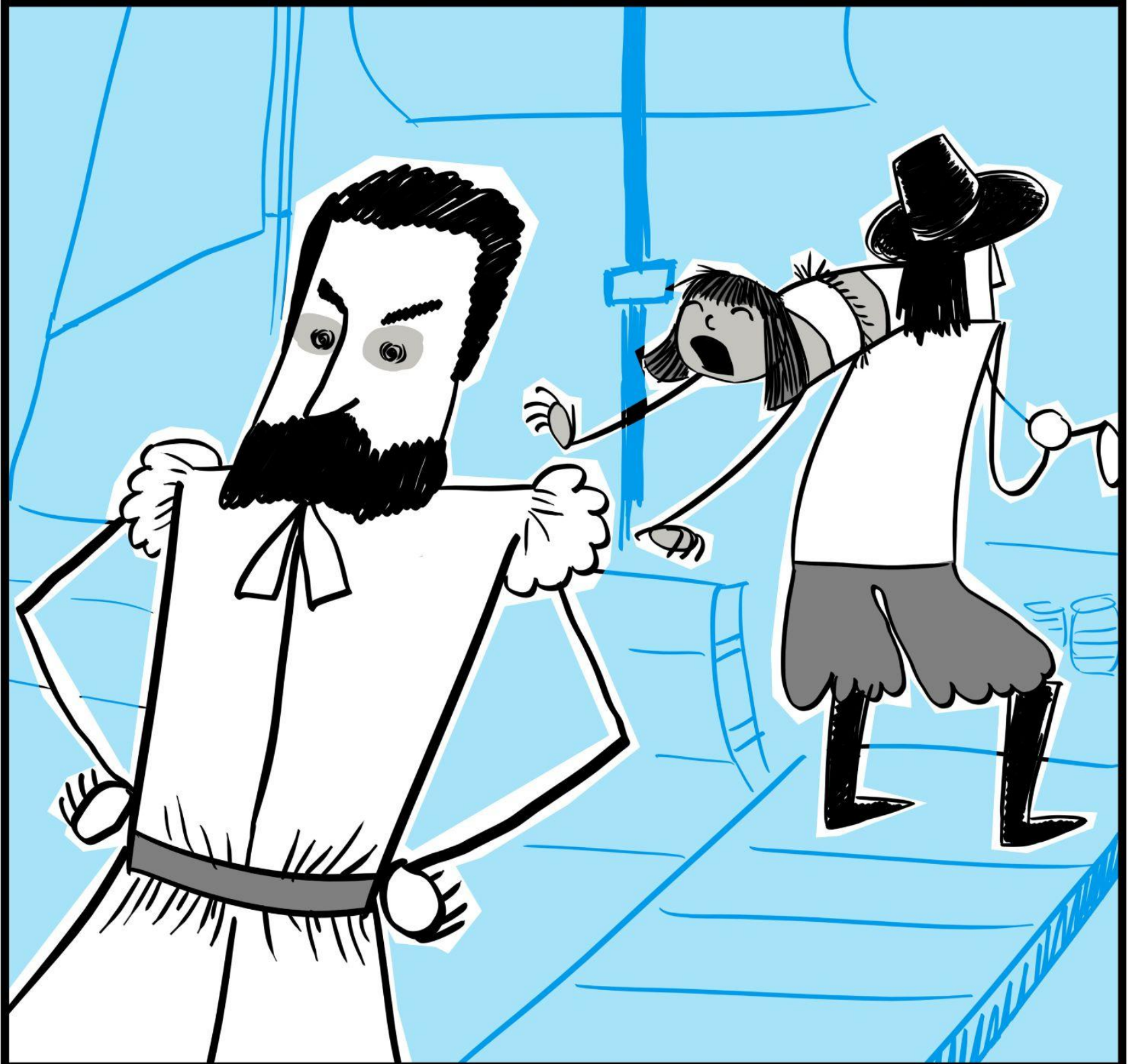
WHILE ON A BOATING EXPEDITION, **SMITH** WOULD SUFFER A GUNPOWDER ACCIDENT THAT NEARLY KILLED HIM AND ENDED HIS TIME IN **JAMESTOWN**. HE RETURNED TO **ENGLAND** TO RECOVER.



IN THE WINTER OF **1610**, DESPERATE SETTLERS RAIDED THE RESOURCES OF THE POWHATAN TRIBES DUE TO **FOOD SHORTAGES**. THEY WOULD ALSO PERIODICALLY BURN TRIBAL CAMPS IN PURSUIT OF MORE LAND. AS A RESULT, THE **"FIRST ANGLO-POWHATAN WAR"** WOULD BREAK OUT FROM **1609-1614**.



FOR LEVERAGE, AN ENGLISH SEA CAPTAIN NAMED **SAMUEL ARGALL** KIDNAPPED **POCAHONTAS**, TAKING HER HOSTAGE FOR RANSOM. HE ALSO DEMANDED CORN, AND THE RELEASE OF **POWS**. HER FATHER DID NOT FULLY CONCEDE, LEAVING HER AS A HOSTAGE.



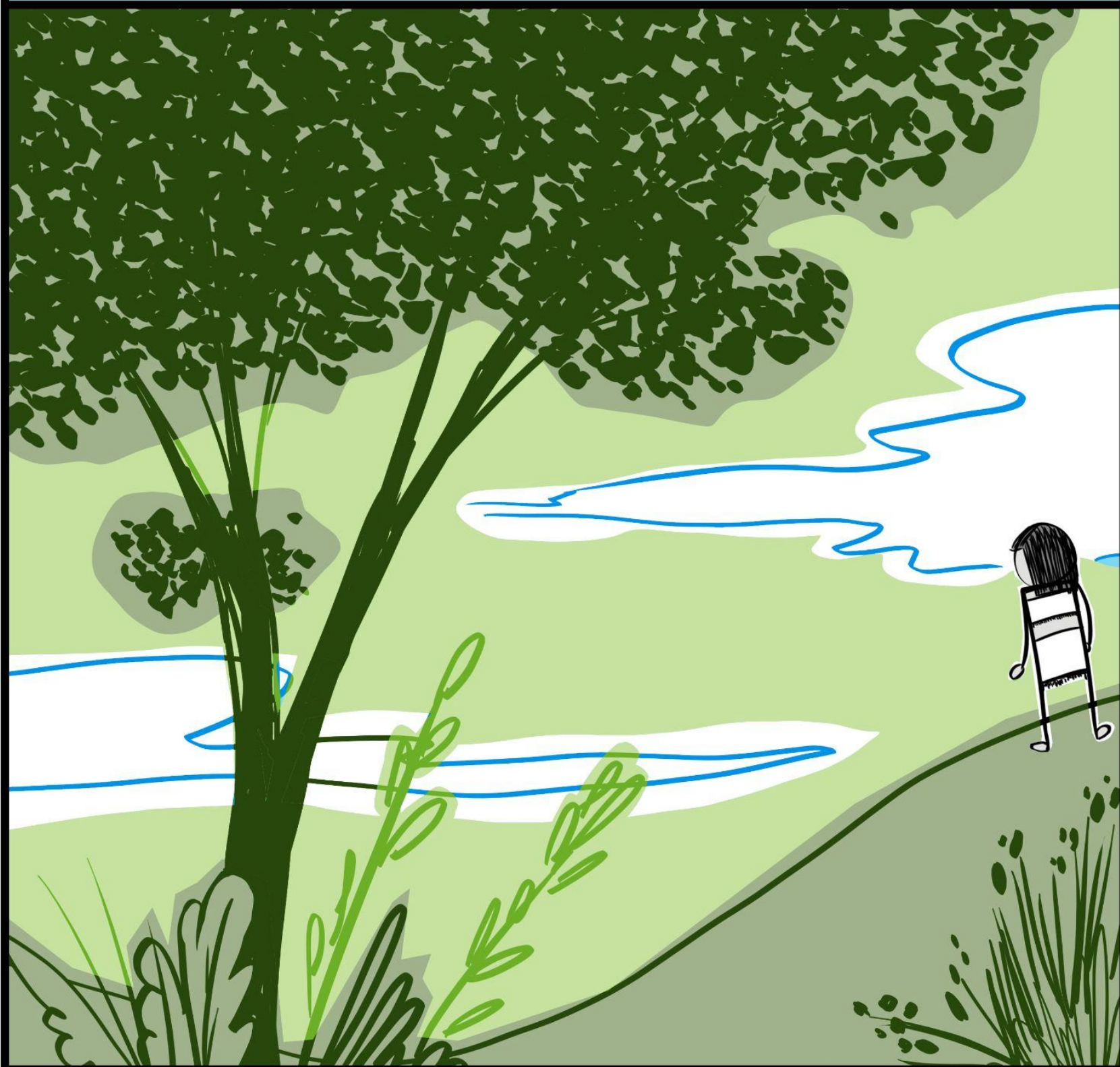
ACCORDING TO HER SISTER, MATTACHANNA, POCAHONTAS ACCUSED HER CAPTIVES OF ASSAULT. IN ORDER TO FOSTER PEACE FOR HER PEOPLE, **POCAHONTAS** WOULD MARRY A COLONIST NAMED **JOHN ROLFE**. SHE WOULD GIVE BIRTH TO THEIR SON SOON AFTER.



SHE WAS LATER TAKEN TO ENGLAND WHERE THEIR MARRIAGE WAS CELEBRATED AS A **PEACE OFFERING**. SHE BECAME **CHRISTIAN** AND CHANGED HER NAME TO **REBECCA**. THEY WOULD CALL HER A "**CIVILIZED SAVAGE**." IN **1617**, SHE DEVELOPED A MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS WHILE TRAVELING BACK TO **VIRGINIA**.



SHE WAS 21 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE DIED.



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