

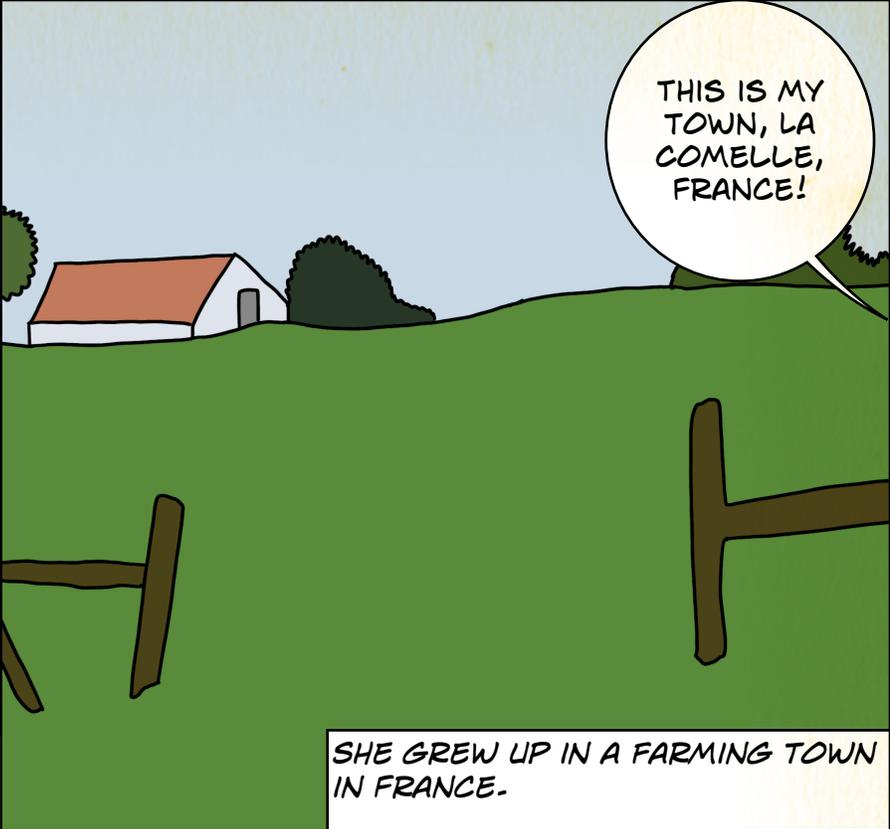
THE STORY OF
JEANNE BARET





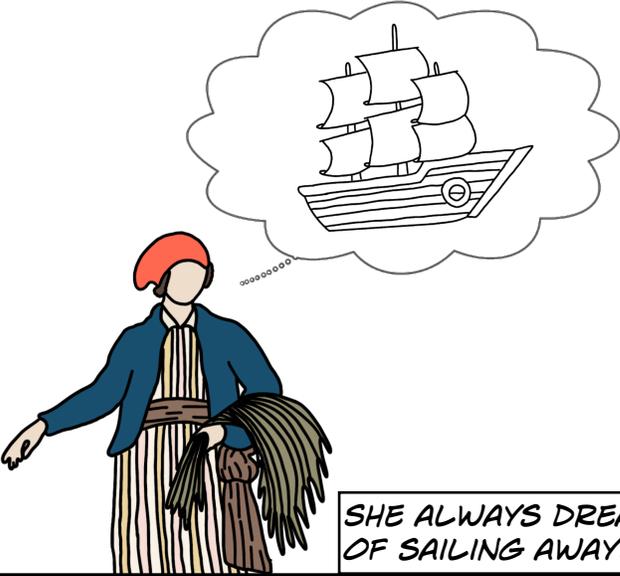
I'M JEANNE BARET!

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A GIRL NAMED JEANNE.

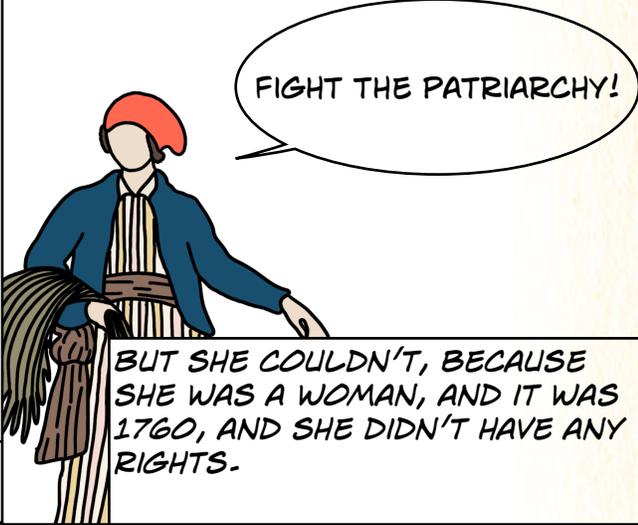


THIS IS MY TOWN, LA COMELLE, FRANCE!

SHE GREW UP IN A FARMING TOWN IN FRANCE.



SHE ALWAYS DREAMED OF SAILING AWAY.



FIGHT THE PATRIARCHY!

BUT SHE COULDN'T, BECAUSE SHE WAS A WOMAN, AND IT WAS 1760, AND SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY RIGHTS.

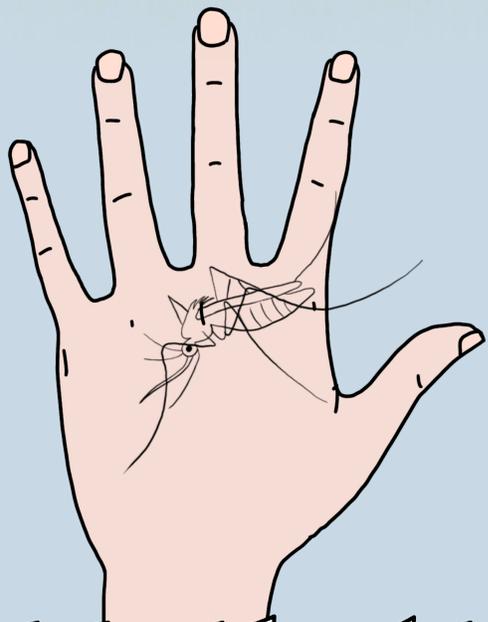
I WISH I COULD SAIL AWAY FROM HERE...



SO, SHE TENDED TO THE FARM.



ONE DAY, AS SHE WAS GOING TO FEED THE CHICKENS, A MOSQUITO LANDED ON HER.

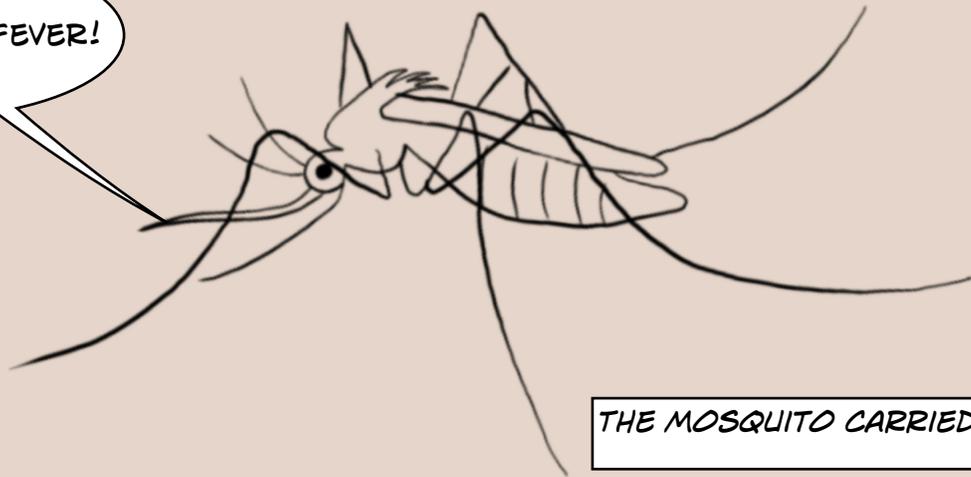


OH,
WHATEVER.
JUST ANOTHER
MOSQUITO
BITE.

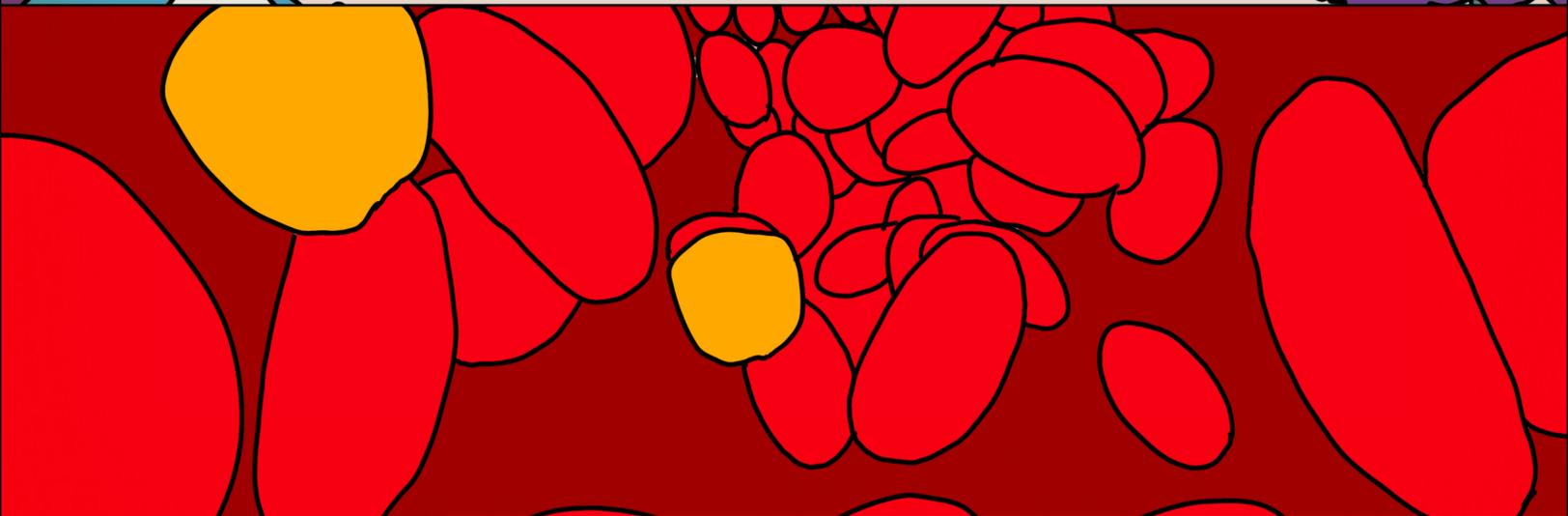


BUT WHAT JEANNE DIDN'T KNOW

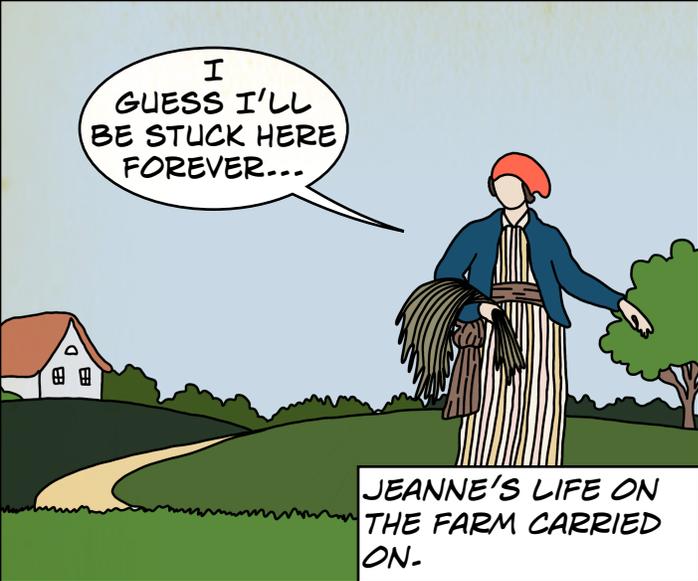
I HAVE YELLOW FEVER!



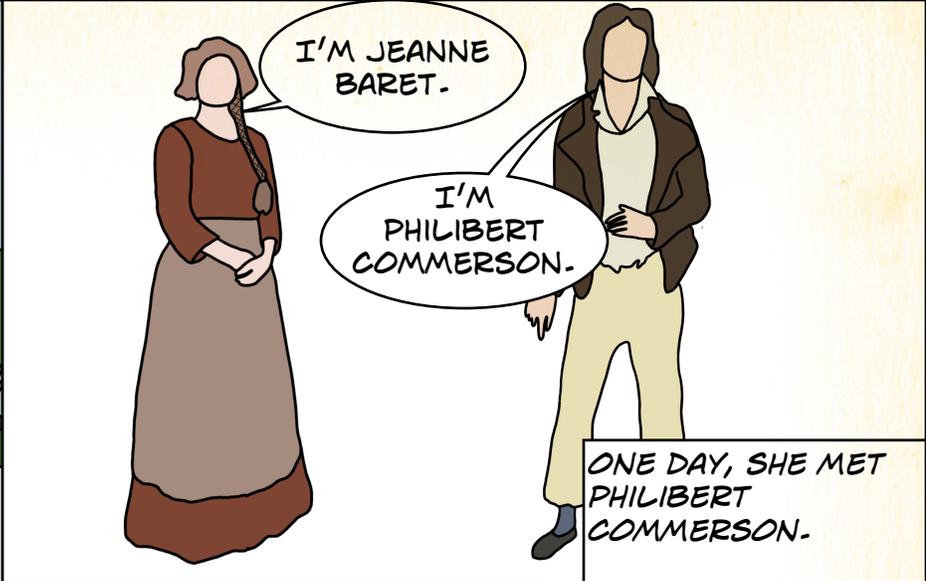
THE MOSQUITO CARRIED YELLOW FEVER!



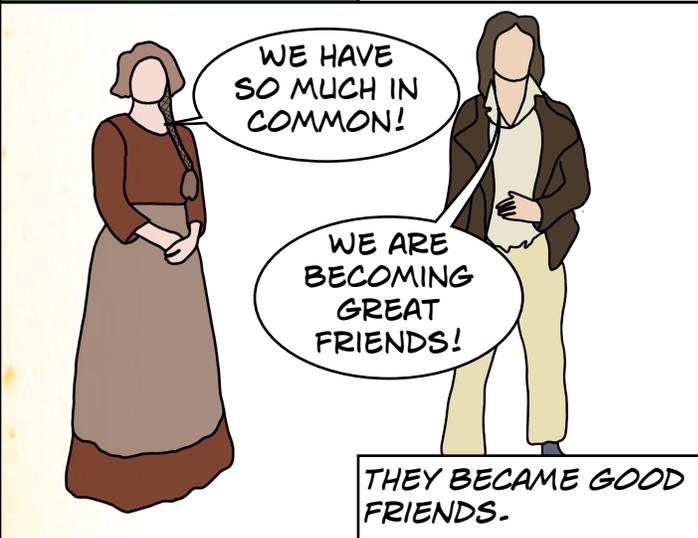
WHEN IT BIT JEANNE, THE VIRUS TRANSFERRED TO HER BLOODSTREAM!



JEANNE'S LIFE ON THE FARM CARRIED ON.



ONE DAY, SHE MET PHILIBERT COMMERSION.



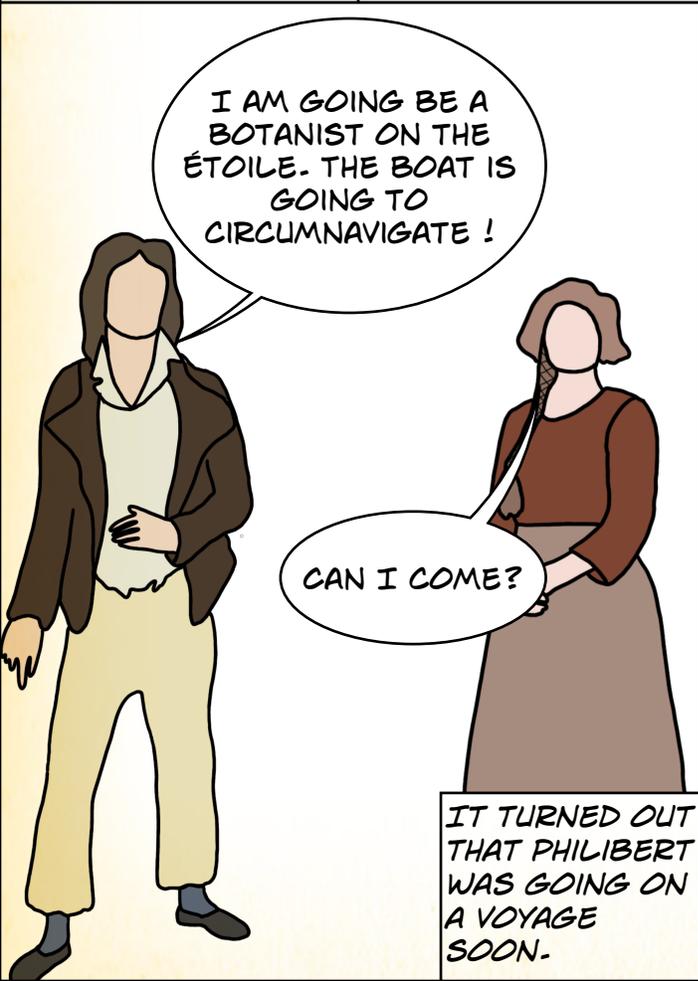
THEY BECAME GOOD FRIENDS.



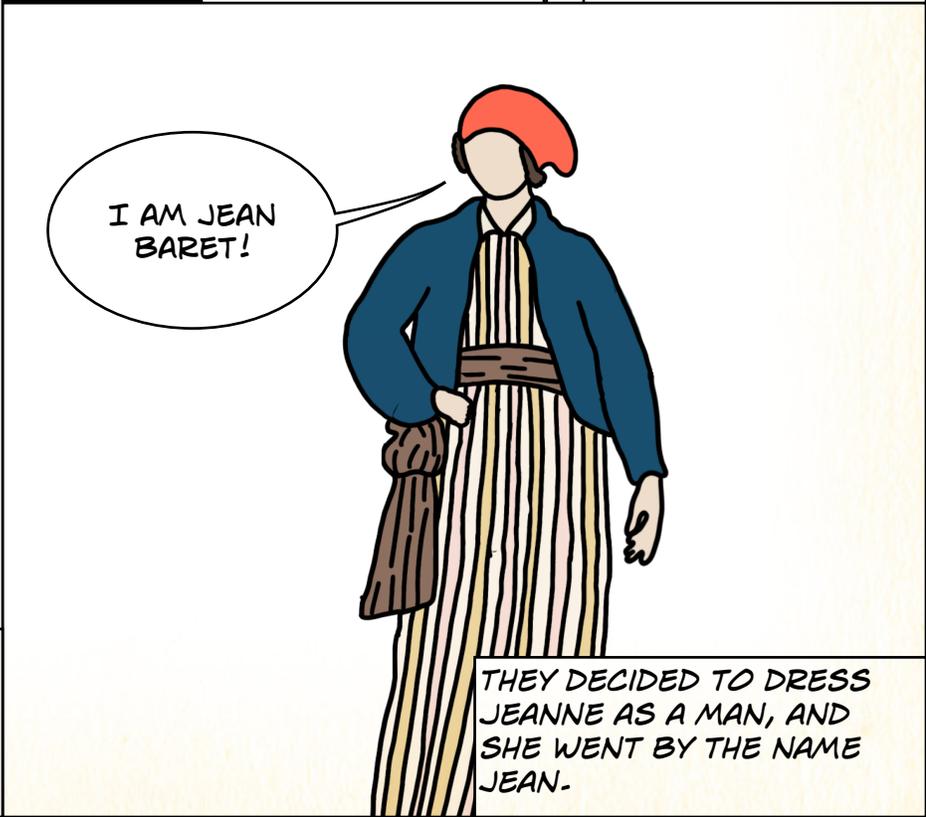
PHILIBERT FOUND OUT ABOUT JEANNE'S DREAMS TO SAIL.



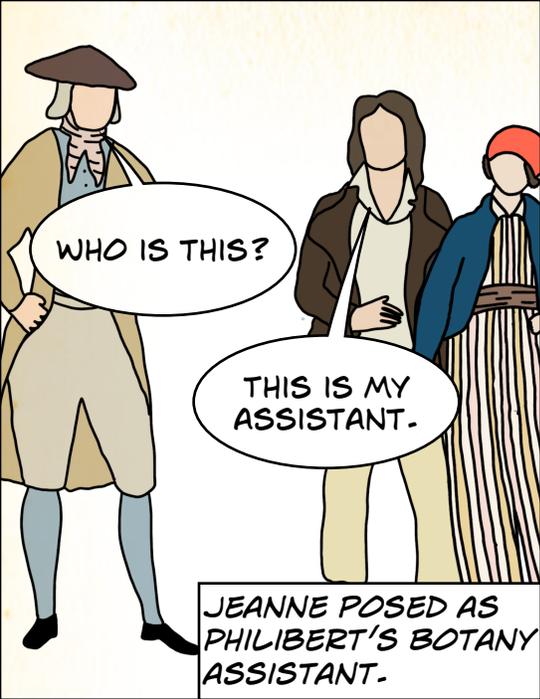
THEY STARTED COMING UP WITH A PLAN.



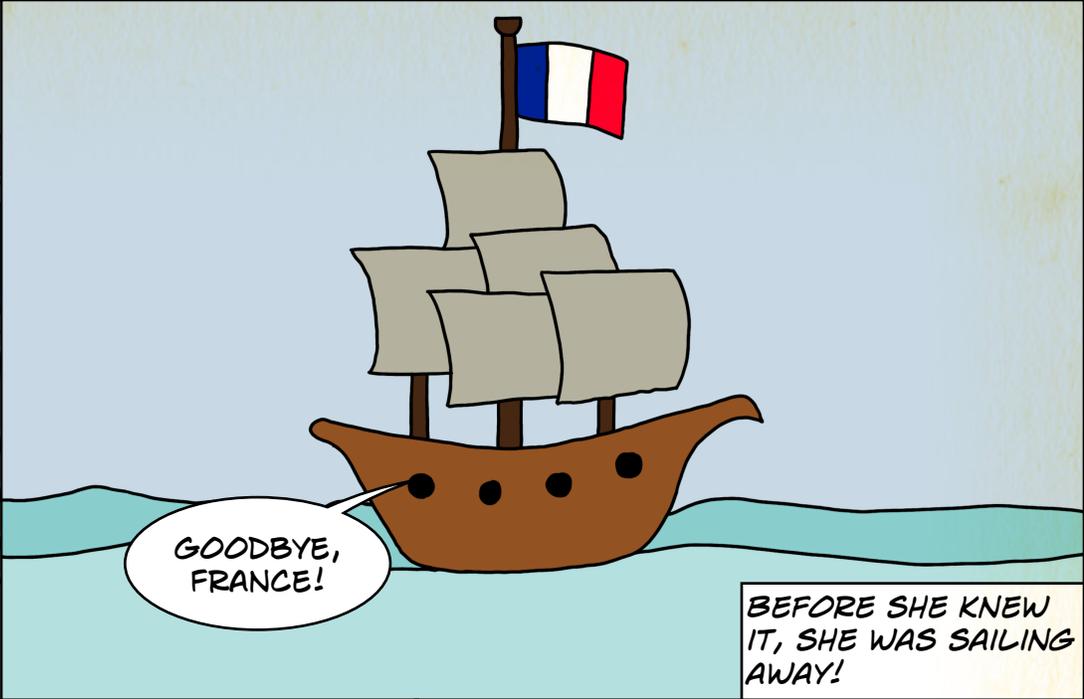
IT TURNED OUT THAT PHILIBERT WAS GOING ON A VOYAGE SOON.



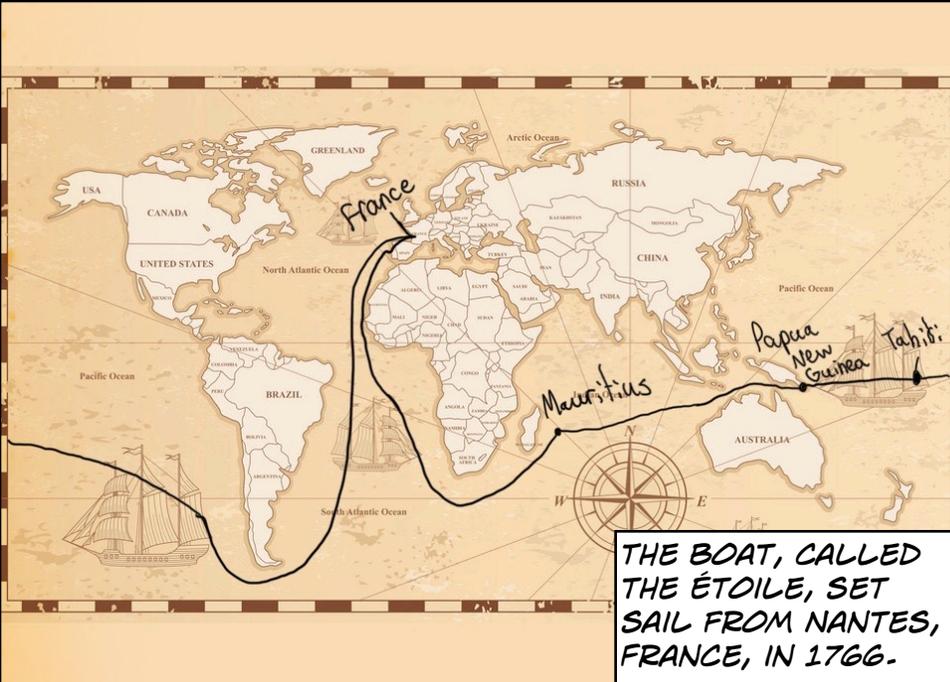
THEY DECIDED TO DRESS JEANNE AS A MAN, AND SHE WENT BY THE NAME JEAN.



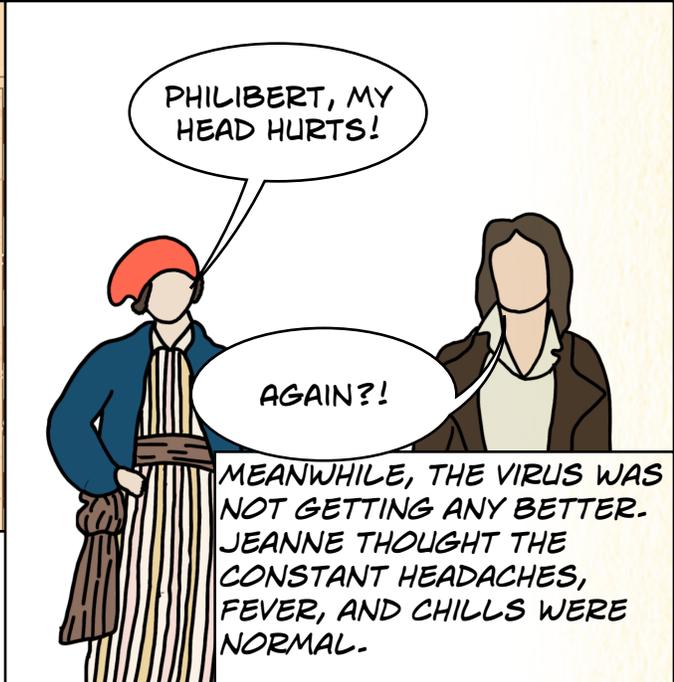
JEANNE POSED AS PHILIBERT'S BOTANY ASSISTANT.



BEFORE SHE KNEW IT, SHE WAS SAILING AWAY!

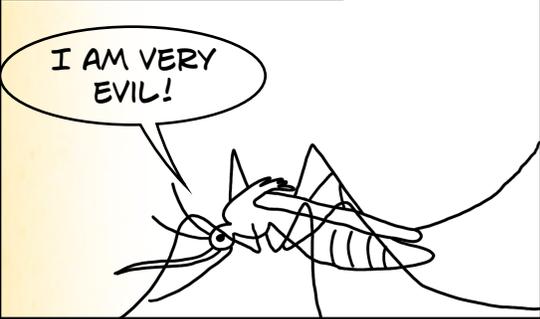


THE BOAT, CALLED THE ÉTOILE, SET SAIL FROM NANTES, FRANCE, IN 1766.



MEANWHILE, THE VIRUS WAS NOT GETTING ANY BETTER. JEANNE THOUGHT THE CONSTANT HEADACHES, FEVER, AND CHILLS WERE NORMAL.

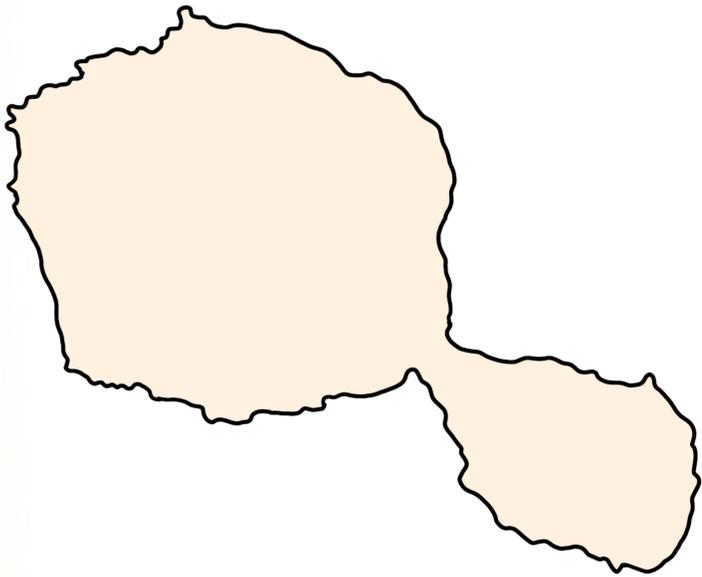
THE YELLOW FEVER HAS BEEN LIVING IN HER BLOODSTREAM FOR YEARS.



A SMALL PROPORTION OF PATIENTS WHO CONTRACT THE VIRUS DEVELOP SEVERE SYMPTOMS AND APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THOSE DIE WITHIN 7 TO 10 DAYS.



LUCKILY, JEANNE DID NOT GET SEVERELY SICK, BUT SHE STILL IS ACTIVELY CARRYING THE VIRUS.



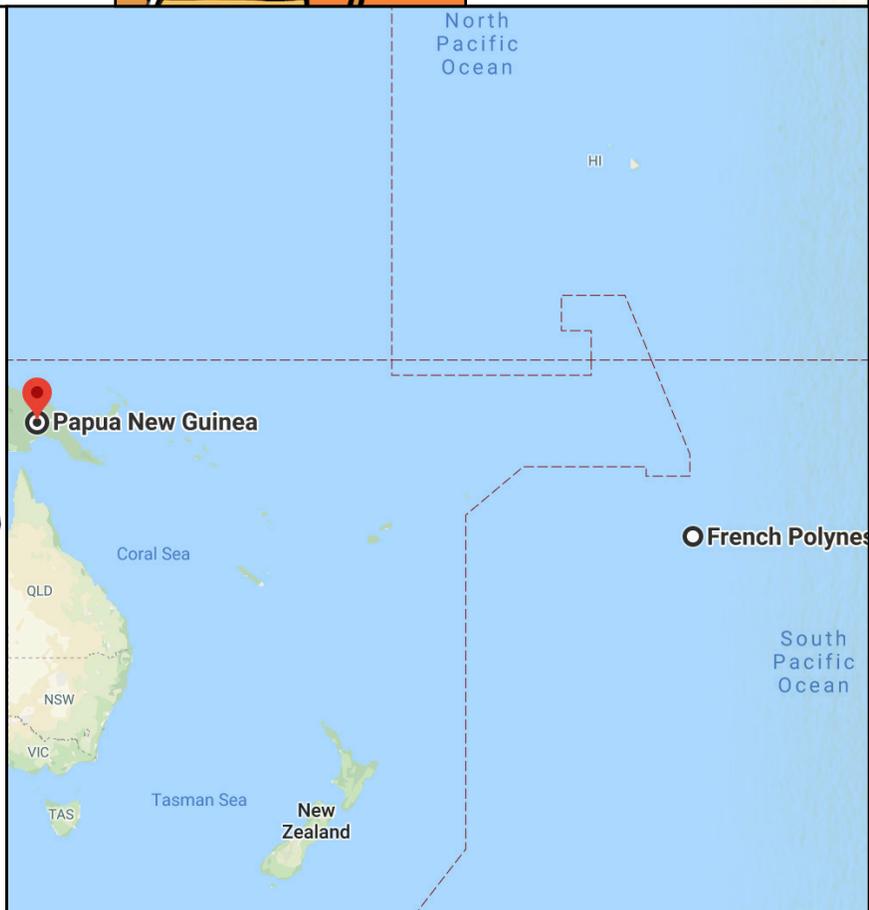
IN 1767, THE SHIP REACHED TAHITI.



THE LOCALS VERY QUICKLY NOTICED THAT JEANNE WAS A WOMAN!



THEY EXPOSED HER TO THE CREW!



EVEN THOUGH IT WAS DANGEROUS, JEANNE STAYED ON THE SHIP FROM TAHITI TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

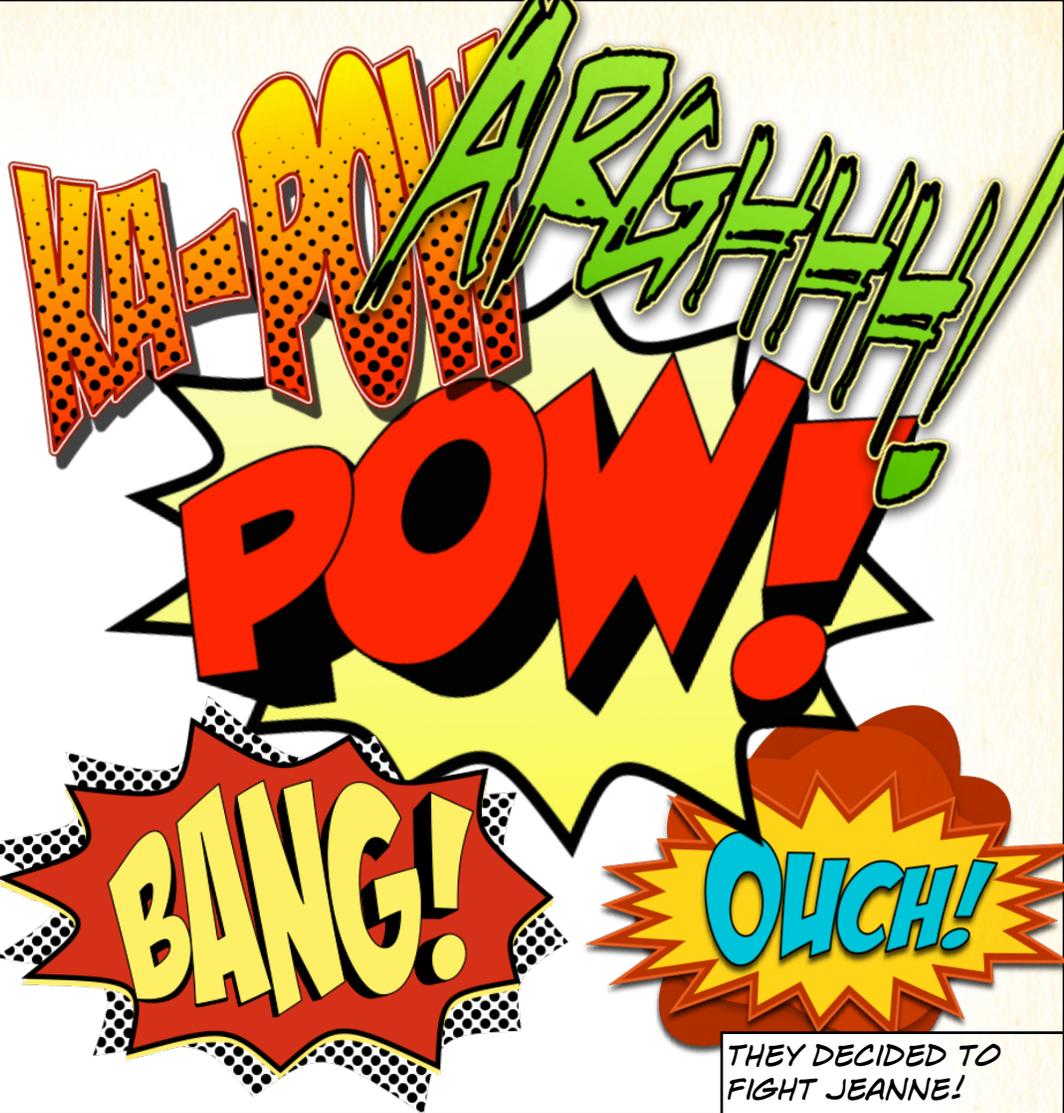


I DO NOT LIKE THAT WE HAVE A WOMAN ON BOARD.

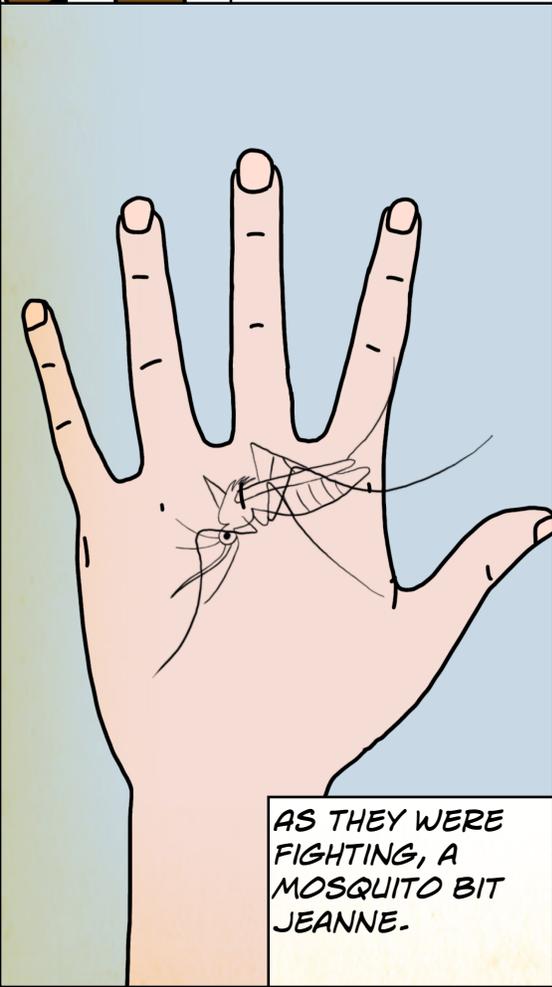
WE HAVE TO GET RID OF HER

LET'S FIGHT HER!

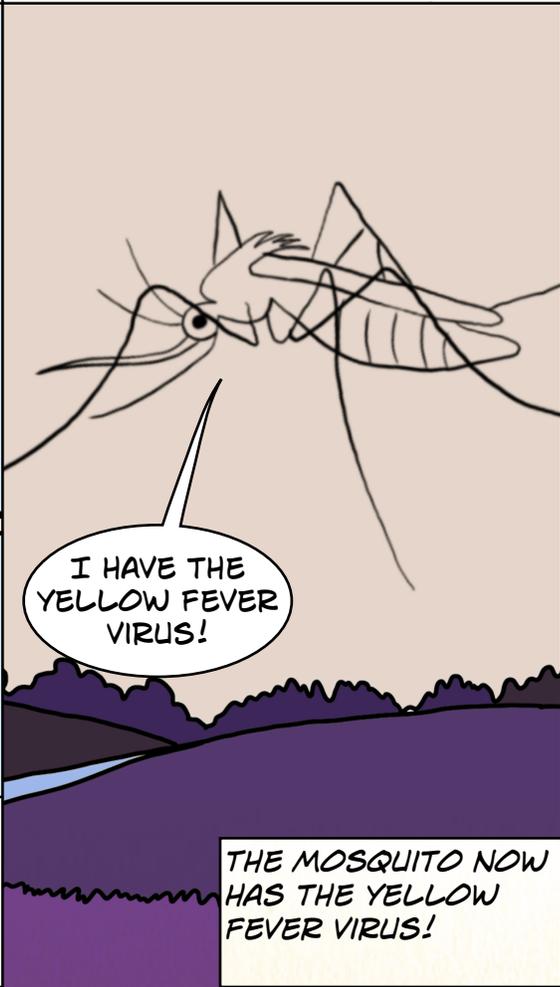
UNFORTUNATELY, THE CREW DID NOT LIKE THAT JEANNE WAS A WOMAN.



THEY DECIDED TO FIGHT JEANNE!

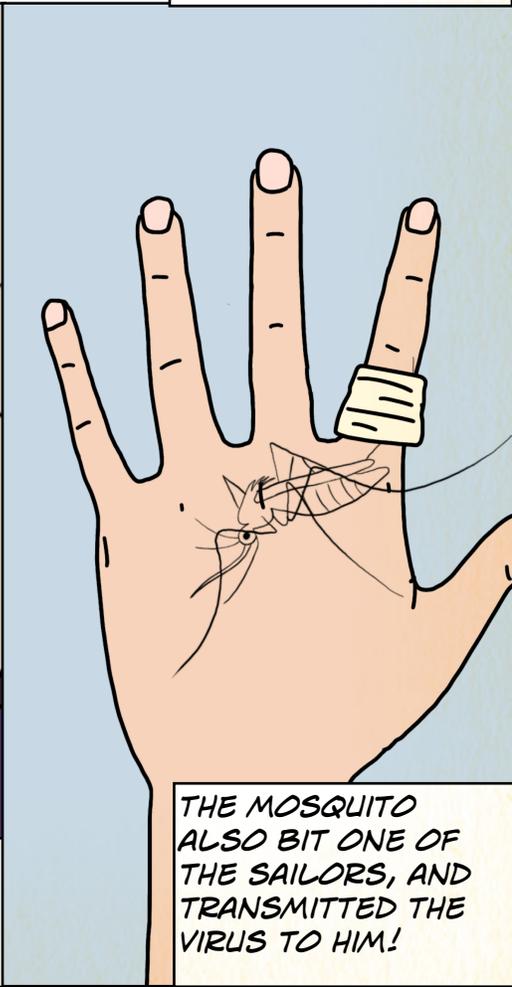


AS THEY WERE FIGHTING, A MOSQUITO BIT JEANNE.

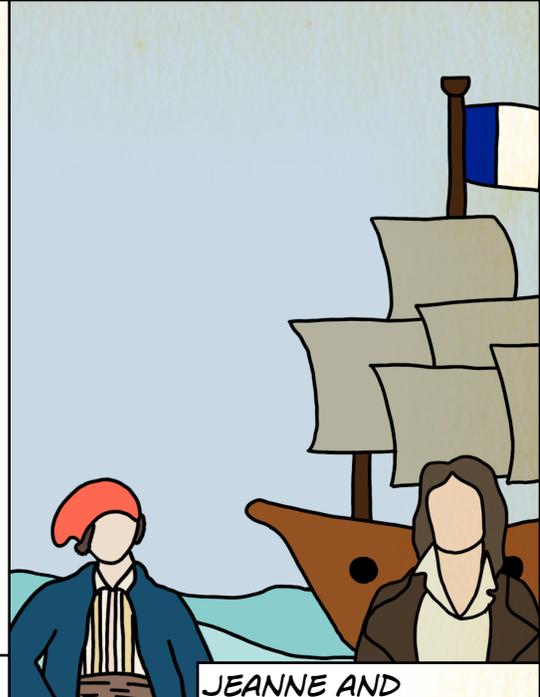
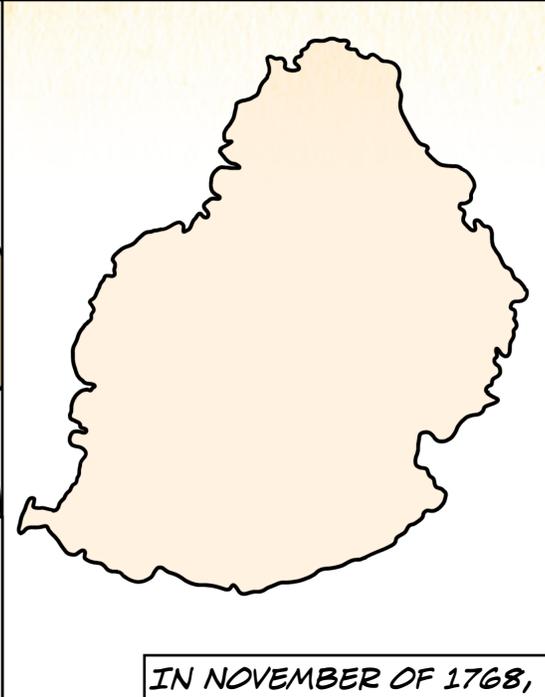
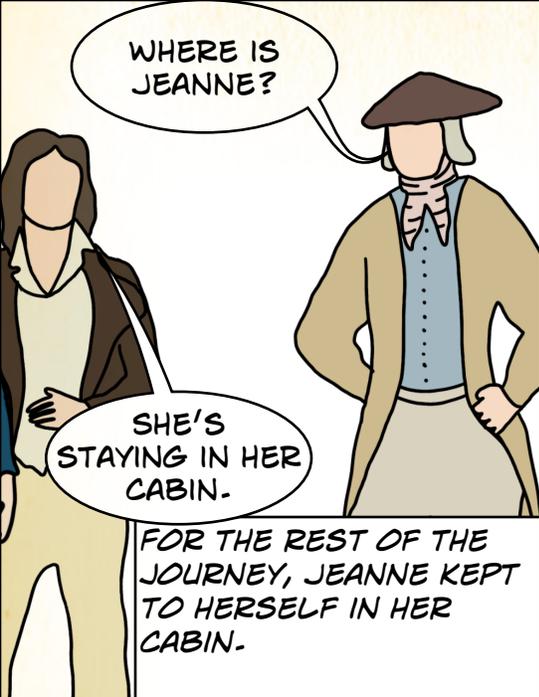


I HAVE THE YELLOW FEVER VIRUS!

THE MOSQUITO NOW HAS THE YELLOW FEVER VIRUS!

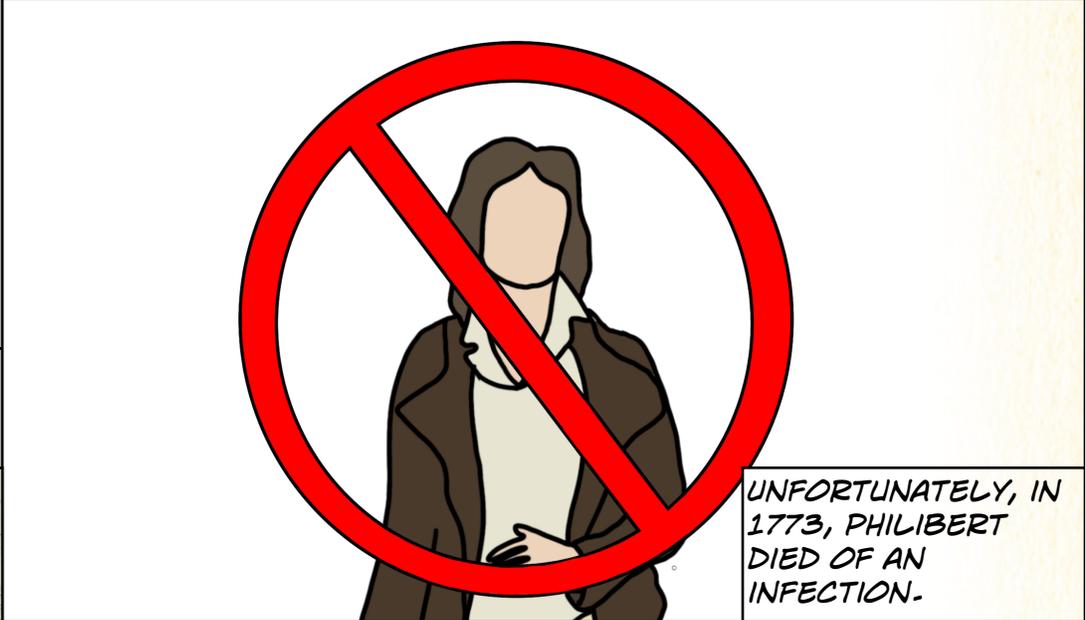


THE MOSQUITO ALSO BIT ONE OF THE SAILORS, AND TRANSMITTED THE VIRUS TO HIM!

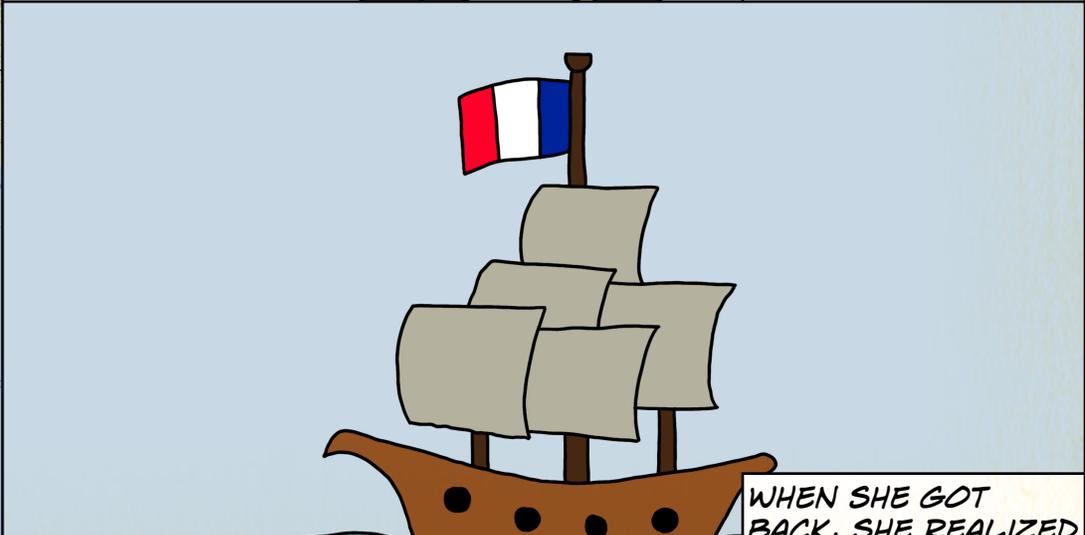


IN NOVEMBER OF 1768, THE SHIP LANDED ON THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS, NEAR MADAGASCAR.

JEANNE AND PHILIBERT STAYED ON THE ISLAND, WHILE THE CREW LEFT.



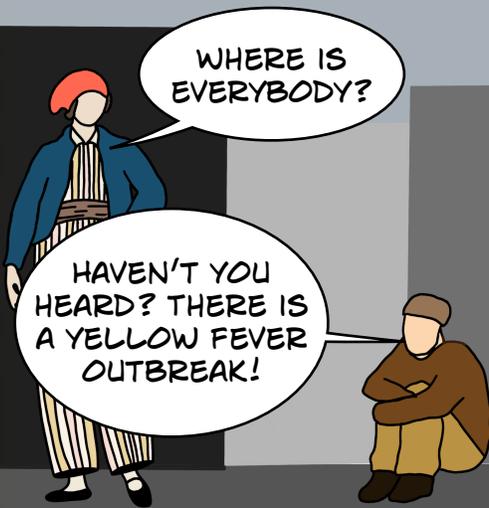
UNFORTUNATELY, IN 1773, PHILIBERT DIED OF AN INFECTION.



WHEN SHE GOT BACK, SHE REALIZED THAT A LOT HAD CHANGED.



SHE SEES THAT NOBODY IS IN THE STREETS EXCEPT FOR A COUPLE OF HOMELESS PEOPLE



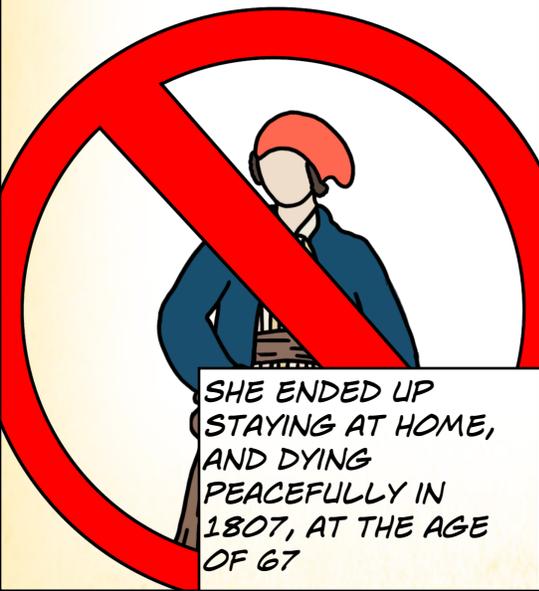
WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? THERE IS A YELLOW FEVER OUTBREAK!

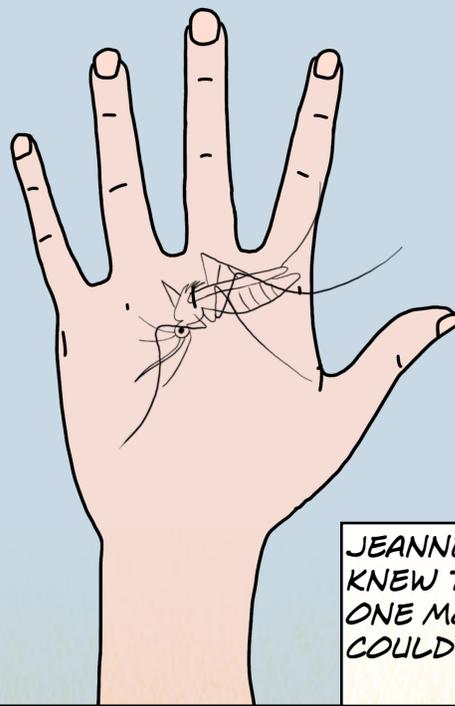


WHAT?!

JEANNE IS SHOCKED!



SHE ENDED UP STAYING AT HOME, AND DYING PEACEFULLY IN 1807, AT THE AGE OF 67



JEANNE BARET NEVER KNEW THE IMPACT THAT ONE MOSQUITO BITE COULD HAVE.