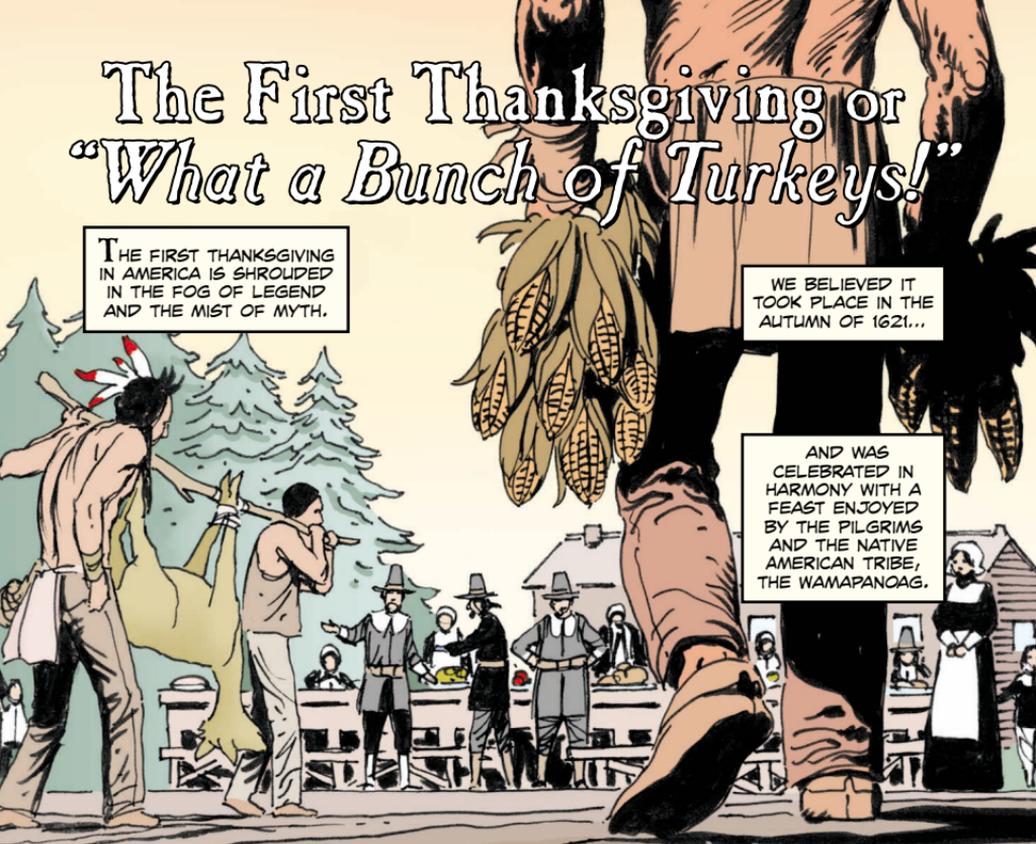


# The First Thanksgiving or "What a Bunch of Turkeys!"

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING  
IN AMERICA IS SHROUDED  
IN THE FOG OF LEGEND  
AND THE MIST OF MYTH.

WE BELIEVED IT  
TOOK PLACE IN THE  
AUTUMN OF 1621...

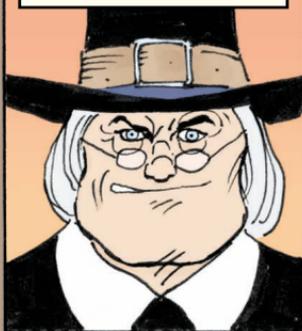
AND WAS  
CELEBRATED IN  
HARMONY WITH A  
FEAST ENJOYED  
BY THE PILGRIMS  
AND THE NATIVE  
AMERICAN TRIBE,  
THE WAMAPANOAG.



HOWEVER, A RECENTLY  
DISCOVERED DOCUMENT  
HIDDEN BEHIND A BRASS  
BUCKLE ON A BLACK  
BOOT...



...BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN  
WORN BY A PARTAKER  
OF THAT FEAST, BARTH-  
OLOMEW "HALF-MAST"  
ALLERTON, REVEALS THAT  
ALL WAS NOT WELL...



...THE  
HARMONY  
HAD A  
**SOUR**  
NOTE.





THANK YOU FOR INVITING US TO YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER, WILLIAM BRADFORD.



WE HAVE BROUGHT VENISON TO GRACE YOUR TABLE.

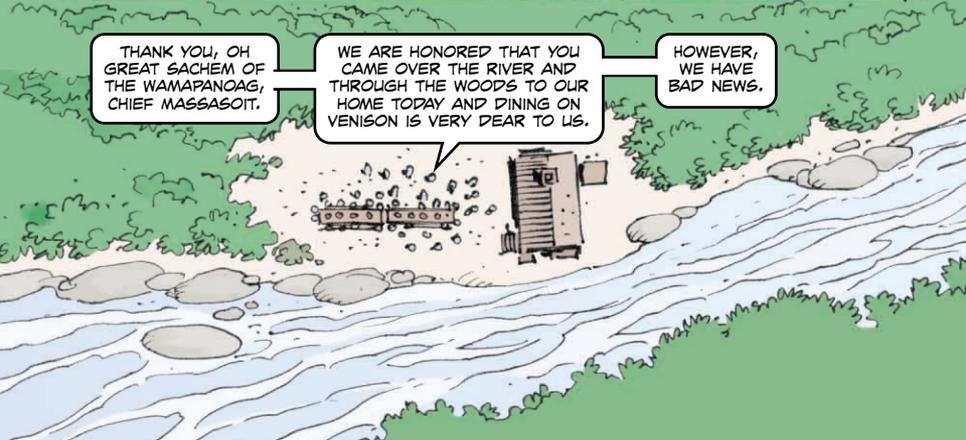
DEER?



THAT'S SWEET, BUT YOU CAN CALL ME CHIEF.



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THANK YOU, OH GREAT SACHEM OF THE WAMAPANOAG, CHIEF MASSASOIT.

WE ARE HONORED THAT YOU CAME OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS TO OUR HOME TODAY AND DINING ON VENISON IS VERY DEAR TO US.

HOWEVER, WE HAVE BAD NEWS.



NO STUFFING!?

NO TURKEYS.



THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.



"THANKSGIVING WITHOUT TURKEY IS LIKE A BOW WITHOUT ARROWS..."



"...A NECKLACE WITHOUT BEADS..."



"...A MOCCASIN WITHOUT A SOLE..."



...PEANUT BUTTER WITHOUT JELLY-

THEY GET IT, CHIEF.



IT'S MY FAULT, OH GREAT MASSASOIT. TAKING CARE OF THE FIREARMS WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY.

I FAILED TO DO IT AND MYLES STANDISH FAILED TO GET A TURKEY.



"I HAD A FAT FOWL IN MY SIGHTS."



"I PULLED THE TRIGGER, BUT THE BALL DID NOTHING BUT TRICKLE OUT AND FALL TO THE GROUND."

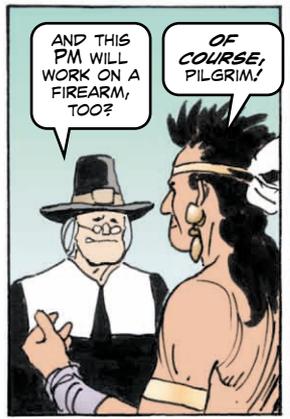
BLIP



"THE TURKEYS LOOKED AT ME AND GOBBLED WITH GREAT GLEE. AND PRISCILLA LOOKED AT ME AND LAUGHED."

"I WAS SO EMBARRASSED. I TURNED TO SHOOT HALF-MAST ALLERTON ON THE SPOT, BUT, WELL, YOU KNOW THE REST."

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PM?

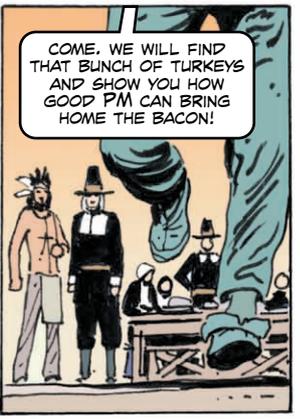


AND THIS PM WILL WORK ON A FIREARM, TOO?

OF COURSE, PILGRIM!



THERE IS NOTHING THAT MOVES, SHOOTS OR COMMUNICATES THAT *DOESN'T* NEED PM.



COME. WE WILL FIND THAT BUNCH OF TURKEYS AND SHOW YOU HOW GOOD PM CAN BRING HOME THE BACON!



INDEED WE DO. IT IS THE 12 HOURS THAT FOLLOW A.M.

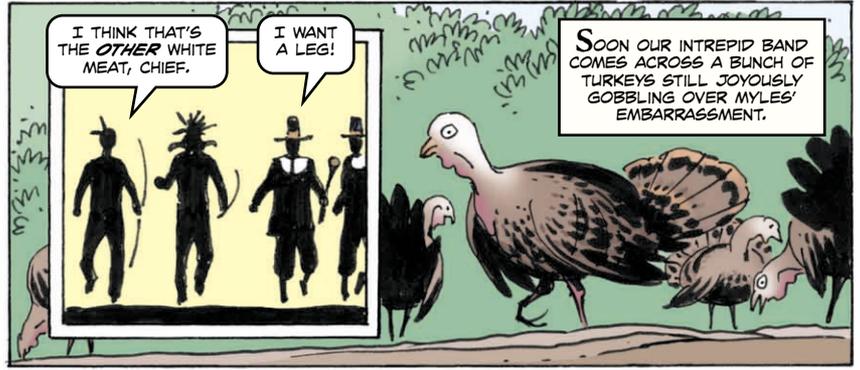


HOW DID THEY EVER MAKE IT ACROSS THE OCEAN?



PM STANDS FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE. IT IS WHAT YOU DO FOR YOUR FIREARM BEFORE YOU FIRE SO IT WILL FIRE.

SHOW THEM YOUR BOW AND ARROWS, SQUANTO.



I THINK THAT'S THE *OTHER* WHITE MEAT, CHIEF.

I WANT A LEG!

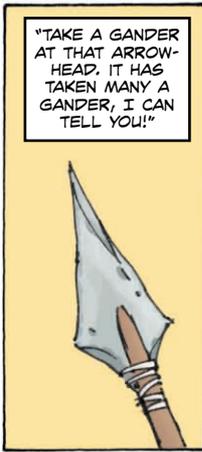
SOON OUR INTREPID BAND COMES ACROSS A BUNCH OF TURKEYS STILL JOYOUSLY GOBBLING OVER MYLES' EMBARRASSMENT.



"NOT A SIGN OF CRACKING OR FRAYING. AND WE JUST CAME THROUGH A LONG HUNTING SEASON."



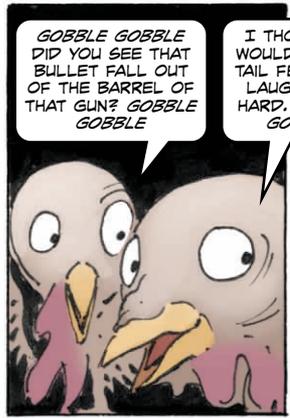
"NOTICE HOW THE FEATHERS ARE WELL-TRIMMED FOR PERFECT FLIGHT."



"TAKE A GANDER AT THAT ARROW-HEAD. IT HAS TAKEN MANY A GANDER, I CAN TELL YOU!"



"NOW LOOK AT THIS STRING. A FINE FIDDLE SHOULD HAVE A STRING SO GOOD!"



GOBBLE GOBBLE DID YOU SEE THAT BULLET FALL OUT OF THE BARREL OF THAT GUN? GOBBLE GOBBLE

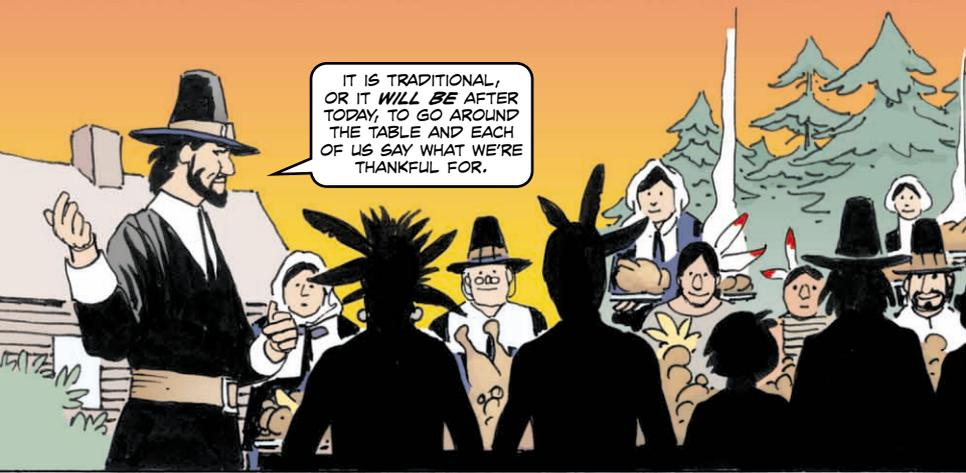
I THOUGHT I WOULD LOSE A TAIL FEATHER I LAUGHED SO HARD. GOBBLE GOBBLE



MAKE A WISH, TURKEY!



GULP, GULP! MAYBE WE GOBBLED TOO SOON!



IT IS TRADITIONAL, OR IT *WILL BE* AFTER TODAY, TO GO AROUND THE TABLE AND EACH OF US SAY WHAT WE'RE THANKFUL FOR.



I'M THANKFUL FOR P/M AND THE MACY'S PARADE.



AH, HERE THEY COME NOW!



SACHEM MASSASOIT, WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

I AM THANKFUL FOR THE BLUE SKY...



...FOR THE GROWING CORN... FOR THE CLUCKING DUCK... FOR THE HOOTING OWL...

THEY GET IT, CHIEF



I'M THANKFUL FOR MYLES.



GOSH, PRISCILLA. I'M THANKFUL THAT NEXT THANKSGIVING WE'LL HAVE FIREARMS THAT'LL FIRE...

...AND I MIGHT HAVE A WIFE.



NO MORE FETCHING WATER FOR PRISCILLA. SHE'LL HAVE MYLES TO GO.

AND HE'LL NEVER GET TO SLEEP.



AND, YOU, BARTH-OLOMEW "HALF-MAST" - WHAT ARE *YOU* THANKFUL FOR?



IT'S MASTER AND MISTRESS MACY... AND THE MACY KIDS!



AND YOU, WILLIAM BRADFORD?

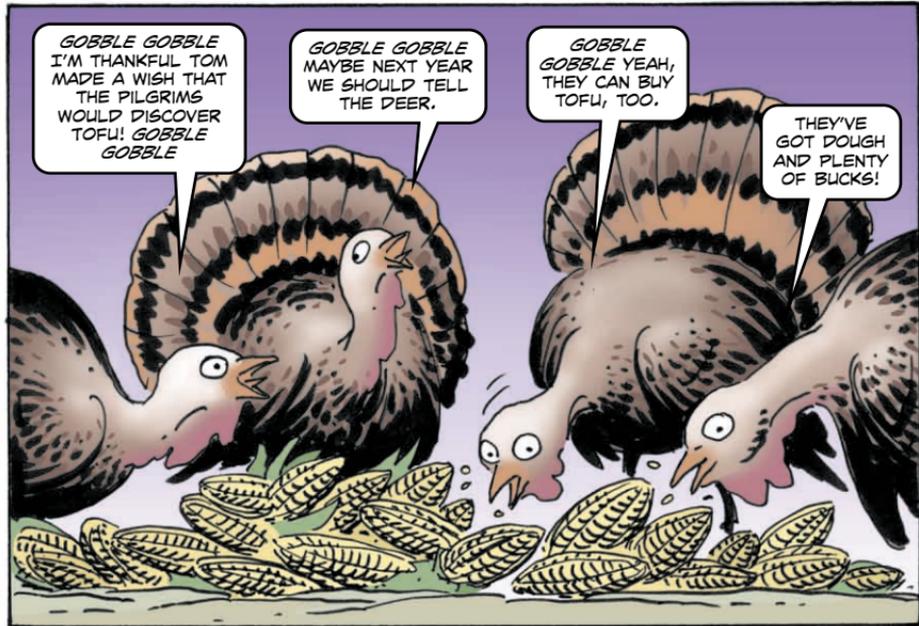


YOU HAVE YET TO TELL US WHAT YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR.



I AM THANKFUL THAT THE READERS OF PS MAGAZINE HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR EVEN ABOUT OUR GREAT HERITAGE...

...AND I WISH THEM A YEAR OF TROUBLE-FREE EQUIPMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.



GOBBLE GOBBLE I'M THANKFUL TOM MADE A WISH THAT THE PILGRIMS WOULD DISCOVER TOFU! GOBBLE GOBBLE

GOBBLE GOBBLE MAYBE NEXT YEAR WE SHOULD TELL THE DEER.

GOBBLE GOBBLE YEAH, THEY CAN BUY TOFU, TOO.

THEY'VE GOT DOUGH AND PLENTY OF BUCKS!