

A BRIEF HISTORY OF COMMUNICATION

(AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE PM HAS PLAYED)

COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THE AGES HAS BEEN A **TWO-STEP** PROCESS.

FIRST, GET THE **ATTENTION** OF THE PERSON YOU WISH TO COMMUNICATE WITH.



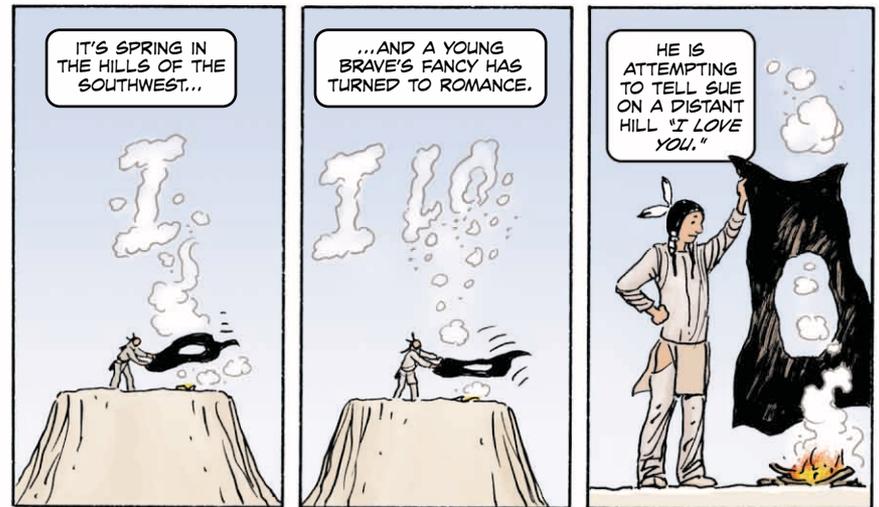
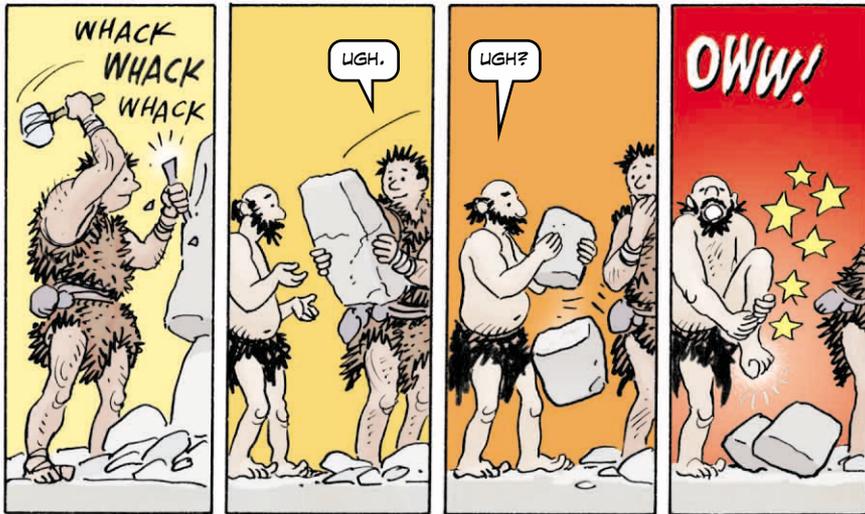
SECOND, DELIVER THE MESSAGE **CLEARLY.**



BOTH OF THESE STEPS REQUIRE **PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE** TO ENSURE THEY ARE ACHIEVED.



TODAY, WE WILL EXAMINE THE HISTORY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE **VITAL ROLE** THAT PM PLAYED IN THE PROCESS.





RUN UP THE "WE ARE FRIENDS" SIGNAL FLAG, BOS'N...



...AND LET 'EM KNOW WE ARE *NOT* THE ENEMY!

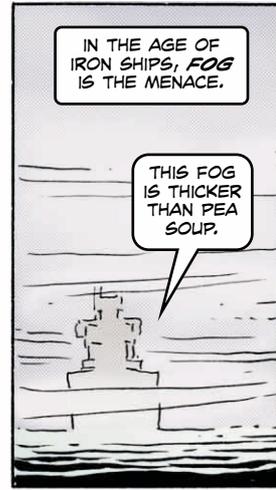
AYE, SIR!



IT LOOKS LIKE A LACK OF FLAG PM MAY HAVE *GARBLED* THIS MESSAGE. LET'S SEE IF THAT'S THE CASE.



A LACK OF PM WILL LEAVE YOU UP TO YOUR NECK IN HOT (OR COLD) WATER!

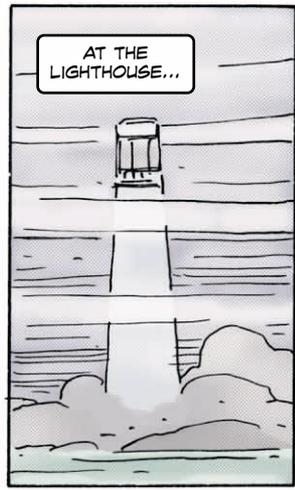


IN THE AGE OF IRON SHIPS, *FOG* IS THE MENACE.

THIS FOG IS THICKER THAN PEA SOUP.



WHERE IS THAT DURN LIGHTHOUSE LIGHT?

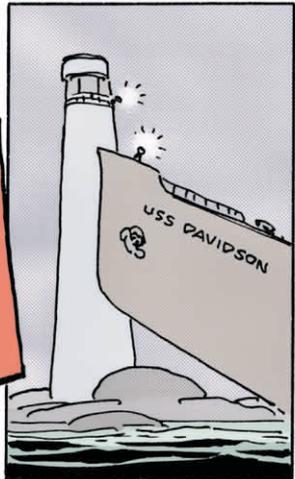


AT THE LIGHTHOUSE...



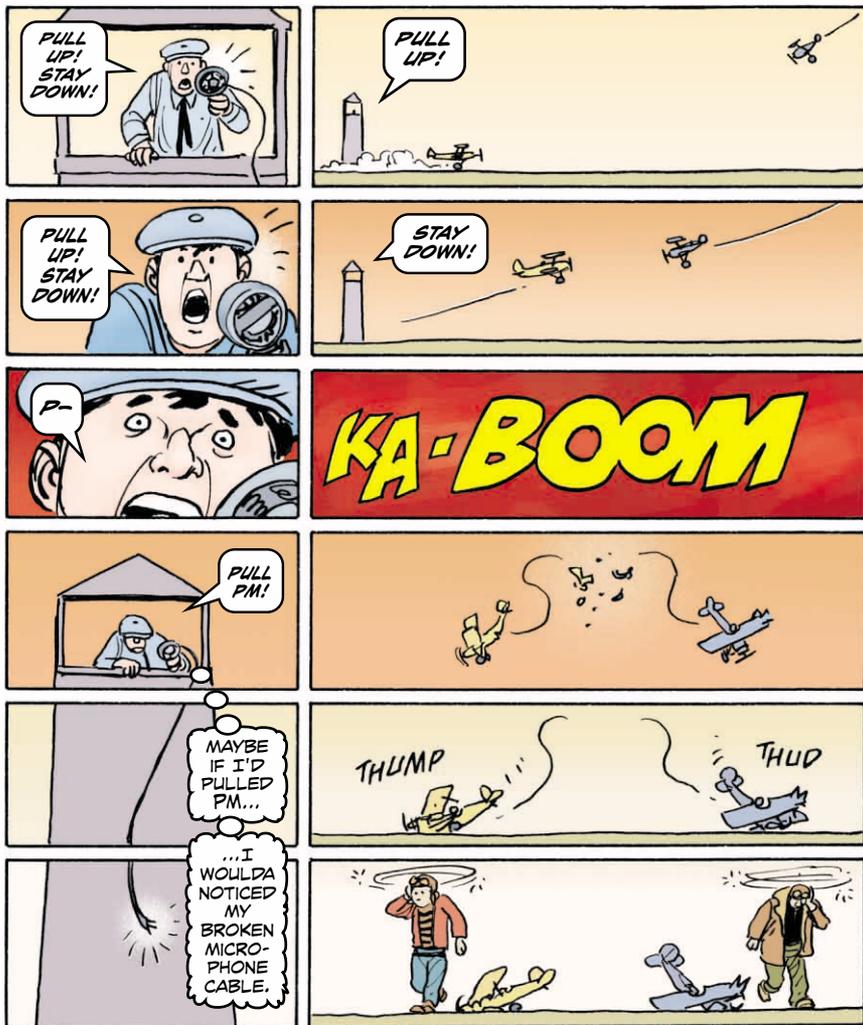
...THE KEEPER IS HAVING PROBLEMS.

I SHOULD'VE REPLACED THESE BURNED-OUT BULBS BEFORE-

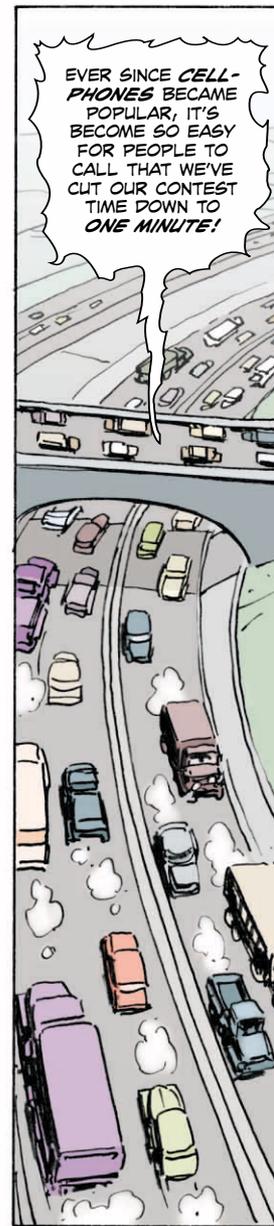


YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE LIGHT WITHOUT PM ON COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.





WHEN PM TAKES FLIGHT, YOU DON'T!



THE LEAST A LACK OF PM WILL COST IS MONEY. THE MOST? WELL... YOU'LL BE IN THE BLANK.





THE LAST CHAPTERS OF THIS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT STORY HAVE **NOT** BEEN WRITTEN.

THEY ARE BEING LIVED OUT ON THE **BATTLEFIELD**, BY YOU, THE FRONT-LINE SOLDIER, EVERY DAY.

ONE THING WE ALL CAN BE CERTAIN OF: PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IS **NOT** AN OPTION.

PM **MUST** BE DONE AND DONE WELL IN ORDER TO ENSURE SURVIVAL ON THE MODERN BATTLEFIELD.

HISTORY HAS SHOWN US THAT, UNLIKE THESE LAST EIGHT PAGES, A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE IS **NO LAUGHING MATTER**.