

Time Traveler Scooter McGinty in...

The BOSTON TEA PARTY

December 16, 1773

TAKE THAT,
KING GEORGE!
NO TAXATION WITHOUT
REPRESENTATION!

WHAT? I LIKE
HONEY AND LEMON
IN MY TEA!



EARLIER THAT NIGHT...

WHY ARE YOU GUYS DRESSING UP LIKE AMERICAN INDIANS? IS IT HALLOWEEN? I THOUGHT I SET THE TIME MACHINE FOR DECEMBER.

WE CALL OURSELVES THE SONS OF LIBERTY AND THESE DISGUISES WILL HELP WITH TONIGHT'S SECRET PLAN!

FOR YEARS OUR ORGANIZATION HAS FOUGHT THE UNFAIR TAX LAWS OF THE BRITISH.



"THE BRITISH NEEDED MONEY TO PAY THEIR DEBTS FROM THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR. THEY DECIDED TO TAX US COLONISTS. IN 1765, THEY HIT US WITH THE STAMP ACT. ALL PRINTED MATTER WAS STAMPED TO SHOW THAT A TAX HAD BEEN PAID ON IT."

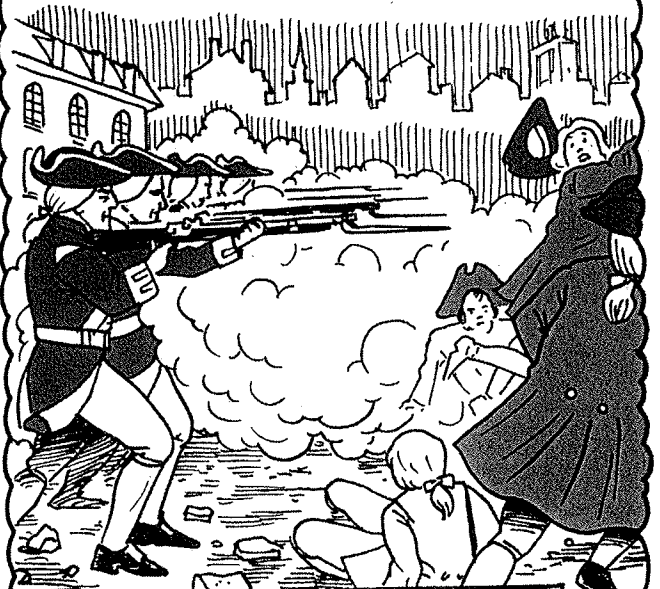


"IN 1767, THEY DID IT AGAIN! THEY PASSED THE TOWNSHEND ACTS, WHICH TAXED PAPER, PAINT, GLASS, AND TEA."



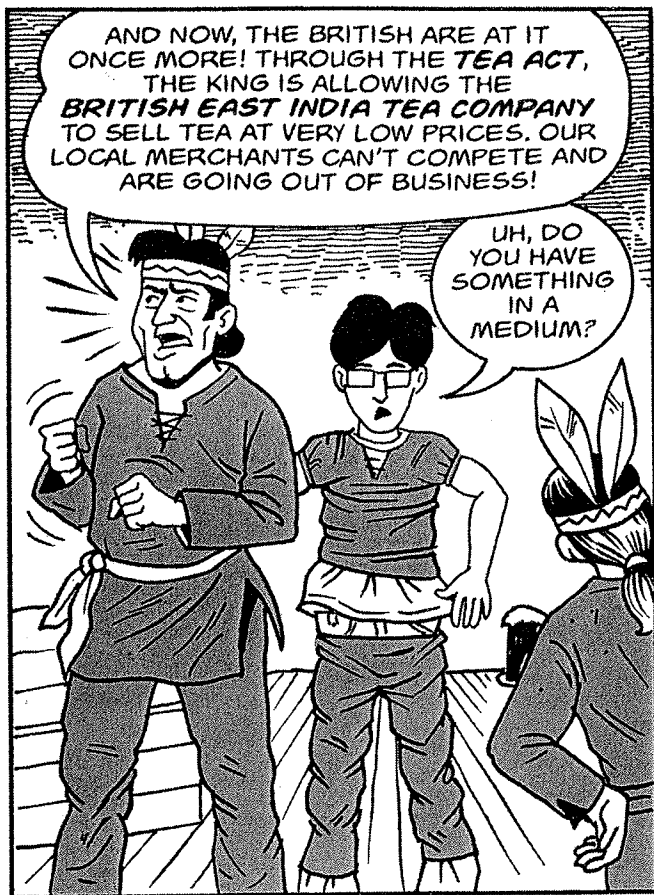
FACT BOX Charles Townshend was Britain's new finance minister.

"ON MARCH 15, 1770, SOME OF OUR COLONISTS HAD HAD ENOUGH. THEY THREW ROCKS AND HURLED INSULTS AT BRITISH SOLDIERS. IN RETURN, THE SOLDIERS SHOT FIVE PEOPLE DEAD IN THE STREETS. NONE OF US CAN EVER FORGET THE BOSTON MASSACRE."



Crispus Attucks, an African-American sailor, was the first to die in the massacre.

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AND NOW, THE BRITISH ARE AT IT ONCE MORE! THROUGH THE **TEA ACT**, THE KING IS ALLOWING THE **BRITISH EAST INDIA TEA COMPANY** TO SELL TEA AT VERY LOW PRICES. OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS CAN'T COMPETE AND ARE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!

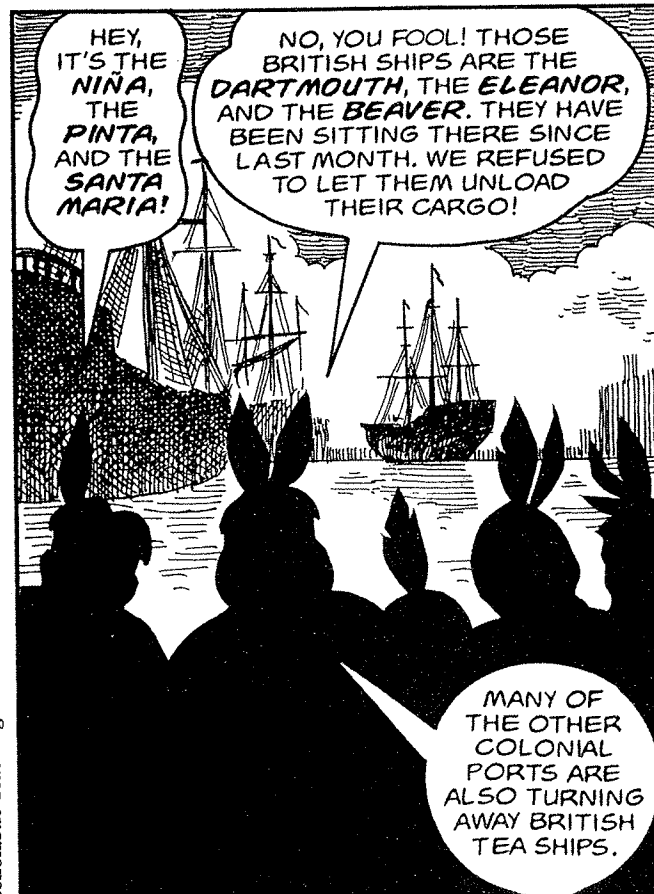
UH, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN A MEDIUM?



THAT'S TERRIBLE! ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO?

WE ARE DOING IT! JUST AS WE DID AGAINST THE **STAMP** AND **TOWNSHEND ACTS**, WE HAVE ASKED PEOPLE TO **STOP BUYING BRITISH GOODS**.

DROP THE TEA, **FUTURE-BOY!** WE'RE OFF TO BOSTON HARBOR.



HEY, IT'S THE **NINA**, THE **PINTA**, AND THE **SANTA MARIA!**

NO, YOU FOOL! THOSE BRITISH SHIPS ARE THE **DARTMOUTH**, THE **ELEANOR**, AND THE **BEAVER**. THEY HAVE BEEN SITTING THERE SINCE LAST MONTH. WE REFUSED TO LET THEM UNLOAD THEIR CARGO!

MANY OF THE OTHER COLONIAL PORTS ARE ALSO TURNING AWAY BRITISH TEA SHIPS.



SO TONIGHT IS THE BIG NIGHT! YOU'RE SNEAKING ON BOARD THE SHIPS TO DESTROY THEIR CARGO.

THAT'S RIGHT, AND WE'RE DRESSED AS INDIANS SO WE CAN'T BE IDENTIFIED.



CONGRATULATIONS! BUT YOU'VE REALLY DONE IT NOW. THE KING WILL BE ANGRY, AND THE COLONIES WILL COME UNDER EVEN HARSHER RULE. WAR MAY BE THE ONLY OTHER OPTION.

I'D LOVE TO STICK AROUND FOR THAT, BUT I HAVE SOME SOCKS IN THE DRYER BACK HOME.

MANY THANKS, STRANGER. COME BACK AGAIN SOMETIME AND WE'LL HAVE A NICE HOT CUP OF... UH, WATER.

SCOOTER'S QUICK QUIZ

1. What was the Stamp Act? What were the Townshend Acts?
2. What was the name of the group of citizens who led the Boston Tea Party?
3. Why were the colonists upset about the Tea Act?
4. To fight the taxes placed upon them, the colonists used an action called a "boycott." Look up this word. Can you find other historic boycotts?
5. The colonists were known to shout the phrase "No taxation without representation!" They didn't like being asked to pay more and more in taxes when they didn't have a representative in the British government. Why do you think this was so important to them? Who represents your views in the U.S. government?