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DAVV CROCKETT



DAVY CROCKETT



BE ALWAYS SURE YOU'RE RIGHT, THEN GO AHEAD"—THAT WAS THE MOTTO HE LIVED BY. HE WAS A SHARPSHOOTER, SCOUT, INDIAN FIGHTER, HUNTER AND CONGRESSMAN. HE LIVED BRAVELY AND HE DIED BRAVELY. HE WAS THE SYMBOL OF THE GREAT AMERICAN FRONTIER—ITS COURAGE AND ITS DARING, ITS HONESTY AND ITS HUMOR. HE WAS A HERO IN HIS LIFETIME. HE BECAME A LEGEND AFTER HIS DEATH. BUT NO LEGEND CAN MATCH THE EXCITEMENT OF HIS LIFE—THE LIFE OF DAVY CROCKETT!

AFRID TO RETURN HOME AND FACE HIS ANGRY FATHER, HE HIRED HIMSELF OUT TO A CATTLEMAN BOUND FOR VIRGINIA

COME ON, BOY, MOVE ALONG! I'M NOT PAYING YOU FOR GOING NOTHING!

I BET HE WOULDN'T CALL IT NOTHING IF HE HAD TO HIKE 400 MILES.



I'LL GO WITH HIM AS FAR AS I PROMISED--BUT THEN I AM TO TURN BACK. I'VE GOT MY FILL OF RUNNING AWAY.



BUT WHEN THEY REACHED THEIR DESTINATION

I RECKON I'LL START FOR HOME NOW, SIR I FEAR MY MA AND PA WILL BE FRETTING ABOUT ME

NO, NO YOU STAY HERE, I'VE WORK FOR YOU YOU'LL BE GOING HOME SOON ENOUGH.



DAVY LOOKED FOR A WAY TO ESCAPE, ONE NIGHT



BUT DAVY HAD HUNDREDS OF MILES FROM HOME HE HAD TO WORK HIS WAY BACK TO TENNESSEE HE WORKED ON FARMS

THIS WILL GET ME SOME MONEY FOR NEW CLOTHES.



AND HE WORKED IN CITIES.



PART OF THE JOURNEY HE TRAVELED WITH FRIENDLY WAGGERS

I CAN TAKE YOU SOME FORTY MILES, LAD, IF YOU'LL HELP ME WITH THE UNLOADING.



BUT MOST OF THE TIME HE TRAVELED ALONE

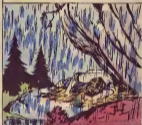
I MISS MA AND PA SO DANGED MUCH I COULD PRETTY NEAR CRY



HE CAUGHT MOST OF HIS FOOD HIMSELF



AND HE SLEPT WHEREVER HE COULD FIND SHELTER



ONCE, WHEN NO ONE WOULD TAKE HIM ACROSS A RAGING RIVER, HE FOUND A CANOE AND CROSSED IT HIMSELF.



IT TOOK DAVY NEARLY TWO YEARS TO GET HOME FINALLY, ONE NIGHT, HE QUIETLY ENTERED HIS FATHER'S TAVERN



HERE IS MY LOST BROTHER

OH, DAVY! I NEVER THOUGHT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

I'M SORRY TO HAVE CAUSED YOU GRIEF, MA, BUT NOW I'M GROWN, AND I MEAN TO HELP YOU AND PA



DAVY WAS AS GOOD AS HIS WORD FOR TWO YEARS HE WORKED TO PAY OFF DEBTS OWED BY HIS FATHER THEN, WHEN HE WAS SEVENTEEN, HE STARTED TO WORK FOR HIMSELF ON A NEARBY FARM OF A KINDLY OLD QUAKER

THERE'S A GOOD WORKER, DAVY, AND A SMART-LAD 'TIS A SHAME THERE'S NOT

HAD ANY LEARNING

MY PARS ALWAYS BEEN TOO POOR, MR KENNEDY, BUT I DO HAVE A YEARNING TO KNOW SOME LETTERS



MY SON HAS A SCHOOL, DAVID HE'LL TEACH THEE, IF THEE LIKE, LAD

THAT WOULD BE NIGHY KIND, SIR AND I'LL WORK TO PAY FOR MY SCHOOLING



SIX MONTHS LATER

THERE'S A SHARP STUDENT, DAVID, AS I KNEW THEE WOULD BE, BUT THEE'S NOT CONTENT-- I CAN SEE THAT

I'M SORRY, MR KENNEDY, BUT I'M ITCHING TO BE OUT HUNTING AGAIN I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM THE WOODS TOO LONG.



A FEW DAYS LATER, THERE WAS A SHOOTING MATCH NEARBY.

THERE'S THE CROCKETT BOY! HE USED TO BE SHARP WITH A RIFLE WHEN HE WAS NO MORE THAN A BABY.

BUT I HEAR HE'S BECOME A SCHOLAR! HA! HA!



SO I HAVE AND IT MIGHT BE I'VE LEARNED A TRICK OR TWO. WATCH NOW!



WHY, HE CLEANED THAT RIFLE, LOADED IT AND FIRED IN LESS THAN A MINUTE!

HERE'S A QUARTER BEEF YOU'VE WON FOR THAT BULL'S EYE, DAVEY. READY TO TRY AGAIN?

I'LL BE DOGGONED!

I SURE AM! RECKON I'D TRY MOST ANYTHING FOR A HALF A COW! HERE SHE GOES!





WELL, CROCKETT!
WHAT DO YOU
SAY NOW?

WHY, I SAY
THAT'S A RIGHT
PRETTY SHOT,
MR. SHARP.



But



ALL RIGHT, CROCKETT!
THE WHOLE COW OR
NOTHING! I'LL MATCH
YOU IN THE
CANDLE TRICK.

I'M AFRAID I
DON'T KNOW THE
TRICK, MR. SHARP.
WILL YOU
SHOW ME?



YOU THERE! LIGHT A
CANDLE AND PUT IT ON
A BRANCH OF THAT
TREE. I'LL SHOOT
THE LIGHT OUT,
CROCKETT--FOR
THE WHOLE COW!



IT'S OUT! YOU CAN'T
BEAT THAT, CROCKETT!

DANGED IF I
WON'T TRY!
THAT'S A RIGHT
PRETTY COW AND
I'VE GROWN
MIGHTY FOND
OF IT. LIGHT THE
CANDLE AGAIN.





YIPPEE!
HE CUT
THE WICK!

AND THE
FLAME'S
STILL
BURNING!

IN ALL MY
BORN DAYS,
I AIN'T
NEVER
SEEN
THE
LIKE OF IT!



SAY, DAVY, WHAT
ARE YOU GOING TO
DO WITH ALL THAT
MEAT? YOU'VE
ENOUGH TO SET
UP HOUSE

NOW THAT'S NOT
SUCH A BAD IDEA
THERE'S A FROLIC
TONIGHT I MIGHT
GO AND SEE IF I
CAN WIN ME SOME-
THING A LITTLE LIGHTER
AND A LITTLE PRETTIER



AT THE FROLIC THAT EVENING

DID YOU HEAR
ABOUT THAT
DAVY CROCKETT?

I SURE DID NOW IT
LOOKS LIKE HE'S
WON HIMSELF A NEW
PRIZE HE'D BE A
LUCKY MAN TO GET
POLLY FINLEY



DAVY WAS LUCKY
IN 1804, WHEN HE
WAS EIGHTEEN YEARS
OLD, HE AND POLLY
FINLEY WERE
MARRIED

FOR FOUR YEARS, THEY LIVED ON A SMALL FARM IN THAT TIME THEY HAD TWO SONS.

IT APPEARS, POLLY, THAT I'M BETTER AT INCREASING MY FAMILY THAN MY FORTUNE. THE FARMING GOES SLOW AND THERE'S NOT SUFFICIENT GAME HEREABOUTS. I RECKON IT'S TIME WE MOVED TO NEW COUNTRY.



THEY SET OUT WITH THEIR POSSESSIONS, FIRST BY LAND



...AND THEN ON WATER, TO THE HEAD OF THE ELK RIVER IN LINCOLN COUNTY



HERE THEY SETTLED, AND HERE DAVY CROCKETT, THE HUNTER, SET OUT AGAIN



GO, WHIRLWIND! GET HIM!

ONE EVENING

SAY, IS THAT DAVY CROCKETT?

YOU DON'T THINK ANYONE ELSE CAN BRING IN A CATCH LIKE THAT AFTER A DAY'S SHOOTING!



HOW DO YOU DO IT, DAVY?

WHY, FRIEND, THERE'S NOTHING TO IT! YOU JUST HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO GOBBLE SWEET TO A TURKEY, GRIN FEROCIOUSLY AT A COON AND PLAY POSSUM TO A POSSUM BETTER THAN A POSSUM



BUT THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH BEARS
AROUND TO SUIT DAVY, SO HE MOVED
AGAIN THEN IN 1813

DAVY, THE CREEK INDIANS
HAVE ATTACKED FORT MIMMS!

WHAT?
HOW'D IT
HAPPEN?



* is what is now the state of Alabama

THE SETTLERS THERE
THOUGHT THEY WERE SAFE



THEY HAD JUST OPENED
THE GATES WHEN

STOP 'EM! STOP 'EM
BEFORE THEY BREAK
THROUGH!

OH, HURRY!
HURRY,
CHILDREN!



THE INDIANS GOT THEM ALL THEY
SCALPED EVERY LAST ONE —
WOMEN AND CHILDREN, TOO!



IT MEANS WAR WITH THE CREEKS,
DAVY THEY'RE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS





I'VE GOT TO GO, POLLY

OH, DAVY--WE'RE STRANGERS HERE THE CHILDREN WILL BE ALONE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU.



IT'S OUR COUNTRYMEN BEING MURDERED, POLLY. NEXT THEY'LL BE SCALPING MY OWN WIFE AND YOUNG ONES. A MAN CAN'T WAIT TILL HIS WIFE'S WILLING FOR HIM TO GO TO WAR.

DAVY DIDN'T WAIT THE NEXT DAY HE WAS AT THE NEIGHBORING TOWN OF WINCHESTER

DAVY WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO VOLUNTEER



YOU'RE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER FOR SIXTY DAYS NOW, WHO AMONG YOU IS READY TO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY?



A MOUNTED COMPANY OF 1,300 TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS WAS MUSTERED. THEY RODE ACROSS THE TENNESSEE RIVER.

WE'LL CAMP HERE WHERE WE HAVE A VIEW OF THE RIVER. CROCKETT, I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU.

YES, COLONEL COFFEE.



I NEED SCOUTS WHO CAN GO INTO THE CREEK NATION TO LEARN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE INDIANS. I HEAR YOU'RE A GOOD WOODSMAN.

I'D BE PLEASED TO GO, SIR.



GOOD! TAKE FIVE MEN. REPORT TO ME WHEN YOU CAN.



DAVY PICKED FIVE MEN AND RECROSSED THE TENNESSEE RIVER IN THE WOODS. HE MET A CHEROKEE INDIAN.

WILL YOU GUIDE US, BROTHER?

YES.



MEET US FIFTEEN MILES AHEAD AT THE FORK WHEN IT'S DARK. YOU HOOT LIKE AN OWL AND I'LL ANSWER YOU.



THAT NIGHT, DAVY SILENTLY APPROACHED THE FORK IN THE ROAD. HE WAITED MANY HOURS. FINALLY



HOW, BROTHER!

HOW, FRIEND! WHERE TO?





CHEROKEE TOWN
AHEAD! COME!



SOME TIME LATER

HERE, CHEROKEES
WHITE MAN IN CABIN

MAYBE HE KNOWS
SOMETHING COME ON!



AT THE CABIN

TEN WAR-PAINTED CREEKS
WERE HERE AN HOUR AGO!
IF THEY FIND YOU, WE'LL
ALL BE KILLED!

LET'S
TURN
BACK!

NO, WE'LL
KEEP
GOING.
WE'RE HERE
TO SCOUT
THOSE CREEKS
AND WE'RE GOING
TO UNTIL WE
FIND OUT
SOMETHING



THERE'S FRIENDLY CREEKS
ABOUT EIGHT MILES AHEAD.
MAYBE THEY'LL TELL YOU
SOMETHING BUT I DON'T
WANT NO TROUBLE



DAVY AND HIS PARTY
TRAVELED QUICKLY
TO THE CREEK TOWN

WARRIOR,
GREEN WAR
PARTY WILL
COME! YOU
WILL BE
KILLED

WE'LL
WATCH
TONIGHT,
OLD MAN
DON'T
YOU
WORRY
NONE



EARLY THE NEXT MORNING

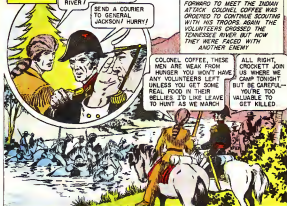
COLONEL COFFEE! A CREEK WAR PARTY IS CROSSING THE COOSA RIVER!

SEND A COURIER TO GENERAL JACKSON! HURRY!

GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON LED THE REGULAR ARMY FORWARD TO MEET THE INDIAN ATTACK. COLONEL COFFEE WAS ORDERED TO CONTINUE SCOUTING WITH HIS TROOPS. AGAIN THE VOLUNTEERS CROSSED THE TENNESSEE RIVER BUT NOW THEY WERE FACED WITH ANOTHER ENEMY.

COLONEL COFFEE, THESE MEN ARE WEAK FROM HUNGER YOU WON'T HAVE ANY VOLUNTEERS LEFT UNLESS YOU GET SOME REAL FOOD IN THEIR BELLIES I'D LIKE LEAVE TO HUNT AS WE MARCH

ALL RIGHT, CROCKETT JOIN US WHERE WE CAMP TONIGHT BUT BE CAREFUL— YOU'RE TOO VALUABLE TO GET KILLED



LATER



YOU'LL BE MORE THAN WELCOME BACK AT CAMP.



BUT ON THE WAY TO CAMP

HOLD IT, FRIEND MAYBE I CAN MAKE YOU A NITE MORE COMFORTABLE

OH OH



THERE YOU ARE, BROTHER YOUR WOUND IS CLEAN NOW AND THIS GOOD DEER WILL MAKE YOU A NEW MAN

THANK YOU, WARRIOR



WHEREVER DAVY WENT

HELP US OUT THERE, FRIEND WE HAVEN'T HAD MEAT FOR DAYS

I'D RATHER HELP YOU THAN HELP MYSELF IT'S ONE OF THE TRUE SECRETS OF BEING A POOR MAN



AND WHEN HE FINALLY REACHED CAMP

THAT SURE IS THE LITTLEST DEER I EVER SAW, DAVY

THERE WAS PLENTY MORE -- BUT THERE'S A SIGHT OF STARVING MEN BETWEEN HERE AND THE PLACE I SHOT IT



A FEW DAYS LATER

CROCKETT, I WANT YOU TO TAKE SOME SCOUTS AND FIND OUT THE SAFEST WAY OF TAKING THE CREEK VILLAGE OF TALLUSHATCHES

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, COLONEL.



THEY MADE THEIR WAY SILENTLY THROUGH THE UNDERBRUSH.

WE HAVE TO COVER UP OUR TRACKS, BOYS. THE CREEKS MAY BE SCOUTING US JUST THE WAY WE'RE SCOUTING THEM.



USING DAVY'S INFORMATION, THE ARMY ATTACKED TALLUSHATCHES ABOUT 1835 INDIANS WERE KILLED OR TAKEN PRISONER ONLY FIVE OF THE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED



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THERE WERE MANY MORE BATTLES FINALLY, AT THE TALAPOOSA RIVER, GENERAL JACKSON PREPARED A MAJOR ATTACK

THE CREEKS KNOW WE MEAN TO CROSS THE RIVER IT'S LIKELY THEY'LL HAVE AN AMBUSH AT THE FORD, SO WE'RE GOING TO CROSS AT A POINT LOWER DOWN

BUT THEY CAN AMBUSH US THERE, TOO--FROM THE REAR.



RIGHT! THE TENNESSEE SCOUTS ARE THE BRAVEST MEN WE HAVE THEY WILL LEAD A REAR GUARD ACTION IF WE'RE ATTACKED



THE NEXT MORNING, THE ARMY BEGAN ITS MARCH ACROSS THE RIVER



THE DARING RIDE OF THE SCOUTS
SAVED THE ARMY IT WAS A
TURNING POINT IN THE WAR WITH
THE GREEKS A FEW MONTHS
LATER, THE WAR ENDED



BACK HOME, DAVY WORKED ON HIS FARM THEN HIS BELOVED WIFE, POLLY, BECAME ILL AND DIED



THE FOLLOWING YEAR, HE MARRIED ELIZABETH PATTON

WE'VE BOTH BEEN SORELY HURT, ELIZABETH YOU'RE A WIDOW WITH TWO CHILDREN, I'M A WIDOWER WITH THREE BUT I VOW TO CARE FOR YOURS AS THOUGH THEY WERE MY VERY OWN

YOU'RE A FINE MAN, DAVY CROCKETT I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE A GOOD LIFE



THE NEXT FALL, DAVY SET OUT WITH TWO OTHER MEN TO EXPLORE NEW LAND IN CREEK COUNTRY

WE CAN LET THE HORSES STROLL WHILE WE CAMP WE'LL HEAR THEM BY THE BELLS



THE NEXT MORNING

WHAT'S WRONG, DAVY?

THE HORSES ARE RUNNING OFF! I'LL GO AFTER THEM!



DAVY WALKED OVER FIFTY MILES THAT DAY WITHOUT FINDING THE HORSES THE NEXT DAY HE STARTED BACK, BUT WAS UNABLE TO CONTINUE





WHEN DAVY WAS WELL AGAIN, HE MOVED HIS FAMILY TO SHOAL CREEK. THERE, HE WAS ELECTED COLONEL OF THE MILITIA.



SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, WHEN DAVY WAS AWAY

MRS CROCKETT, WE THINK DAVY'S A RIGHT GOOD MAN. HE'S SMART!

HE'S HONEST, TOO, AND YOU KNOW HOW HE SAYS, "BE ALWAYS SURE YOU'RE RIGHT, THEN GO AHEAD!"

WE FIGURE WE COULDN'T EVER FIND A BETTER MAN THAN DAVY TO TALK FOR US IN THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE



WHY, I'M MIGHTY HONORED TO HEAR THIS, BUT I CAN'T ANSWER FOR DAVY. WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL HE GETS HOME AND HEAR WHAT HE SAYS.



WHEN DAVY RETURNED

DAVY, FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT YOU RUNNING FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE. WILL YOU DO IT?

WELL, IT BEATS ME WHY THEY'D WANT A SIMPLE HUNTER FOR LAWMAKING, BUT IF THEY DO, WHY, I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO TRY IT.



IN '82, DAVY WAS ELECTED TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE. WHILE HE WAS AWAY ATTENDING A SESSION, A FLOOD DESTROYED MOST OF HIS PROPERTY.



DAVY QUIETLY GATHERED HIS FAMILY TOGETHER AND MOVED TO NEW LAND NEAR THE DAIGN RIVER

ELIZABETH, GIRL— THIS TIME WHEN WE SET DOWN OUR PLUNDER, WE'LL BE SETTING IT DOWN FOR GOOD!

AT THEIR NEW HOME, DAVY GATHERED HIS CROPS AND MADE HIS FALL'S HUNT IN THE WINTER

THERE'S PLENTY OF WILD BEAR IN THE WOODS, ELIZABETH, BUT I'M OUT OF POWDER. THERE'S A KEG OF IT WAITING FOR ME AT A CABIN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER. I'LL GET IT, ELSE WE WON'T BE EATING THIS CHRISTMAS

DAVY, YOU CAN'T GO NOW! YOU'RE GOING TO FREEZE TO DEATH, OR DROWN—AND THAT'S AS BAD AS STARVING!



BUT DAVY WASN'T TO BE STOPPED. HE TOOK SOME DRY CLOTHING AND HIS GUN, AND WENT TO CROSS THE FREEZING WATER



NOW HOW AM I GOING TO GET TO THAT LITTLE ISLAND?



DAVY SET HIS GUN IN A SAPLING AND TIED HIS BUNDLE TO A BRANCH. THEN HE CUT ANOTHER BRANCH



HE MADE IT FIRM AGAINST TWO TREES



THEN HE TOOK HIS GUN AND BUNDLE



AND



HE LEAPED TO THE LITTLE ISLAND



IF THAT LOG'LL HOLD ME, I RECKON I'VE MADE IT



THE LOG SEEMED A LITTLE SHAKY





DAVY BRAGED CAUTIOUSLY TOWARD THE SHORE.



WONDER IF I'VE STILL GOT ARMS AND LEGS. SURE CAN'T FEEL THEM. RECKON I'LL TRY TO RUN.



NOPE -- CAN'T DO THAT FOR SURE!



DAVY CHANGED TO DRY CLOTHES. THEN, MUMS AS HE WAS, HE WALKED FIVE MILES TO THE CABIN.

DAVY? HOW IN TARNATION DID YOU EVER GET HERE?

I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW, BUT I NEED MY POWDER.



DAVEY MADE IT TO SHORE AND STARTED THROUGH THE WOODS

IT SURE WOULD BE NICE TO BRING HOME A BEAR — BE NICE JUST TO GET HOME!



LATER THAT DAY

DAVEY! PRAISE THE LORD! YOU MUST HAVE NINE LIVES!

THERE'S A FEW OF THEM USED UP ALREADY, ELIZABETH



BUT THE NEXT DAY

BRRR! IT'S A NASTY DAY! READY TO START FOR THE GOOSEBERRIES, DAVEY?

NO, ABRAM I'VE GOT A FEELING THERE'S A BIG BLACK BEAR SITTING AND LAUGHING IN THE WOODS, THINKING HE'S SHOOK ME WELL, I MEAN TO GET THAT BEAR TODAY!



DAVEY SET OUT WITH HIS DOGS

GOT A SCENT HAVE YOU WHIRLWIND?



NOW WHAT'S UP, HOUNDS?



THERE'S NO GAME HERE, YOU FOOL DOGS!



THE NEXT MORNING

I CAN'T LET YOU START BACK TODAY, DAVY. YOU'LL KILL YOURSELF FOR SURE!

MY FAMILY'S WITHOUT MEAT, AND I'VE GOT THE POWDER I CAME FOR. NOW I AIM TO GET HOME TO THEM OR DIE TRYING!



DAVY MADE HIS WAY BACK TO THE RIVER

SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE FROZE UP A BIT!



BUT

THIS FEELS FAMILIAR!



DAVY TESTED THE ICE AHEAD OF HIM



THEN HE FOUND THE LOG WHICH TOPPLED HIM ON THE EARLIER TRIP.



WHEN HE CAME TO HIS SPLITTING BRIDGE, HE MADE TWO CAREFUL TRIPS, ONCE WITH HIS GUN AND BUNDLE, ONCE WITH THE KEG OF POWDER.



BLAST IT, WHIRLWIND!
YOU KEEP THIS UP AND
I'LL SHOOT YOU INSTEAD
OF A BEAR! NOW,
GO AHEAD!



DAVY FOLLOWED HIS DOGS INTO THE
CLEARING THEN



AFTER
HIM!
GO!



THE BEAR CLIMBED A HIGH OAK TREE
DAVY FIRED



DAVY SURVIVED THAT NIGHT AND MANY OTHERS IN THE FALL AND WINTER ALONE, HE KILLED FIFTY-EIGHT BEARS SOON, ALL OF TENNESSEE KNEW OF HIS EXPLOITS

I HEARD IT FOR A SWORN FACT! DAVY CROCKETT— OVER BY THE OCHON --HE KILLED 105 BEARS IN LESS THAN A YEAR!

WHY, SHUCKS? HE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SHOOT A BEAR! DAVY JUST LOOKS UP IN A TREE— THE BEAR LOOKS DOWN AT HIM AND, HEER AS YOU PLEASE, SAYS, "DON'T SHOOT, COLONEL, I'LL COME DOWN."



DAVY'S NEW FAME BROUGHT SURPRISING RESULTS ONE DAY, IN THE SPRING OF 1827

DAVY, THE FOLKS WANT YOU TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE NEXT LEGISLATURE!

I SERVED MY TIME, ABRAM



IT'S NOT THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE, DAVY THEY WANT YOU TO RUN FOR THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS!



AND SOME WEEKS LATER

AND SO, MY FRIENDS, YOU MUST SEE IT AS YOUR DUTY TO ELECT TO CONGRESS A MAN WITH PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE— ONE WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE SMALL FARMER! I THANK YOU!

CR--KT
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LISTEN TO THOSE BIRDS GOING!



THEN DAVY SPOKE

COLONEL, YOU NEVER MENTIONED ME IN YOUR SPEECH, BUT THE GURNEA FOWLS-- WHY, THEY WAS ALL THE TIME CRYING OUT CR--KT CR--KT



OH, THAT DAVY! HE SURE PUT THE CITY SLICKER IN HIS PLACE!

CR--KT!
HA! HA!

WHY, I'LL BET THE BULL PROGS'LL BE SAYING THE SAME THING BEFORE LONG!
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A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE SAYING THE SAME THING DAVEY WAS ELECTED TO CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON

AND WHOM MAY YOU BE?

I'M DAVEY CROCKETT, SIR-- HALF HORSE, HALL! ALLIGATOR, A LITTLE TOUCHED WITH SHAPPING TURTLE I CAN WADE THE MISSISSIPPI, LEAP THE OHIO, RIDE A STREAK OF LIGHTNING, WHIP MY WEIGHT IN WILDCATS AND HUG A BEAR TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT



AND IN CONGRESS

THE BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND I TRUST IT WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION, THIS BILL, I SAY, WILL DO MORE TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT OUR PEOPLE HAVE LONG WISHED FOR THAN ANY OTHER BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION
UH THANK YOU.



THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE NEW REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.

HAI! THE COONSKIN CONGRESSMAN IS GOING TO SPEAK!

SO I AM! SOME MEN SEEM TO TAKE PRIDE IN SAYING A LOT ABOUT NOTHING AND SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DO NOTHING AT ALL FOR THEIR PAY BUT JUST LISTEN, DAY IN AND DAY OUT



BUT I WISH I MAY BE SHOT IF I DON'T THINK THEY EARN EVERY PENNY! NO ONE CAN IMAGINE WHAT DREAFFUL, HARD WORK IT IS JUST TO KEEP AWAKE HERE!



BUT DAVY WASN'T ALWAYS FUNNY HE BECAME VERY SERIOUS WHEN TALK BEGAN ON A BILL THAT WOULD MOVE THE FIVE INDIAN TRIBES OF THE SOUTHWEST FROM THEIR LAND THIS LAND HAD BEEN PROMISED TO THEM "FOREVER" BY PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON AND LATER BY PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON THEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE LAND WAS RICH A BILL WAS PROPOSED THAT WOULD REMOVE THE INDIANS FROM THIS RICH LAND, TO MAKE WAY FOR THE WHITE MAN



DAVY CONFERRED WITH JOHN ROSS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDIANS

MY PEOPLE ARE LIVARRY THIS IS OUR LAND, BUT WHITE MAN WOULD TAKE IT AWAY AND SEND US ACROSS THE GREAT MISSISSIPPI RIVER THAT IS NOT OUR HOME YOU ARE A GOOD FRIEND TO THE INDIAN--HELP US

I PROMISE TO DO ALL I CAN, JOHN I FOUGHT THE INDIANS WHEN I HAD TO--BUT THEY'VE BEEN MY FRIENDS ALL MY LIFE I WON'T SIT BY AND SEE THEM ROBBED



DAVY BROUGHT THE QUESTION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC

A TREATY IS THE HIGHEST LAW OF THE LAND, BUT NOW WHEN IT IS DISCOVERED THAT INDIAN LAND IS RICH AND VALUABLE, WHITE SETTLERS ARE INVADING THE LAND, DISPOSSESSING INDIANS BY FORCE, JUGGLING WITH THEIR RIGHTS AND FRITTERING THEM AWAY



IT'S ALL WRONG! IT'S NOT JUSTICE! AND THOUGH I STAND APART FROM ALL OTHERS IN MY STATE AND ALL OTHERS IN CONGRESS, I WILL STILL VOTE AGAINST THE PRESIDENT'S BILL TO REMOVE THESE TRIBES TO TERRITORY BEYOND THE MISSISSIPPI!



PRESIDENT JACKSON WAS DISTURBED BY DAVY'S SPEECHES

NOW, DAVY, WE FOUGHT THE INDIANS TOGETHER, YOU AND I, AND WE'VE GOT TO STAND TOGETHER NOW THE TRIBES WILL BE WELL TREATED.

THEY'LL LIVE ON GOOD LAND THAT'S RULED BY GOOD WARRIORS COMANCHES! IT'S TRUE WE FOUGHT TOGETHER, BUT YOU FORGET HOW THE FRIENDLY CREEKS AND CHEROKEES HELPED US DURING THE WAR



WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO IS WRONG-- I KNOW IT! AND YOU KNOW MY MOTTO, SIR, "BE ALWAYS SURE YOU'RE RIGHT, THEN GO AHEAD!"



DAVY FOUGHT AS HARD AS HE KNEW HOW, BUT THE BILL WAS PASSED AGAIN HE SPOKE TO JOHN ROSS

MY PEOPLE MUST GO TO STRANGE LAND THE WHITE MAN MUST GIVE US TIME TO MAKE READY TO MOVE

I KNOW HOW YOUR PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING, JOHN I'LL FIGHT FOR THEM, I SWEAR!



LATER

I SEE OF YOU-- IF YOU ARE DETERMINED TO FORCE THESE PEOPLE TO STRANGE AND DANGEROUS LANDS, THEN ARRANGE CAREFULLY FOR THEIR REMOVAL THESE INDIANS ARE THE REMNANTS OF A ONE-POWERFUL PEOPLE, AND THEY MUST BE FAIRLY TREATED!



BUT JACKSON WAS TOO POWERFUL THE INDIANS WERE FORCED TO START ON THEIR LONG JOURNEY MANY WERE ROBBED OF ALL THEY OWNED EVEN BEFORE THEY LEFT THEIR HOMES OTHERS WERE FORCED TO LEAVE BEFORE THEY COULD GATHER THEIR POSSESSIONS THOUSANDS DIED BEFORE THEY EVER REACHED THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER



DAVY WAS ANGRY AND BITTER HE MADE NO SECRET OF HIS FEELINGS

THE PRESIDENT OF THIS COUNTRY HAS MADE HIMSELF THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT! WELL, THE "GOVERNMENT" WILL HAVE TO RECKON WITH DAVY CROCKETT!

DAVY, ANY JACKSON'S A POPULAR MAN, ESPECIALLY IN TENNESSEE IF YOU EVER WANT TO BE REELECTED, YOU'D BEST HOP BACK ON HIS BANDWAGON



NO! I'LL NEVER GO AGAINST MY OWN CONSCIENCE!



DAVY'S FRIENDS WERE RIGHT. WHEN HE STOOD FOR REELECTION IN 1831, HE WAS DEFEATED FOR TWO YEARS, HE FARMED AND HUNTED AT HOME THEN, IN 1833, HE WAS AGAIN ELECTED TO CONGRESS BY THIS TIME, DAVY HAD BECOME A NATIONAL FIGURE



IN 1834, DAVY WAS INVITED ON A LONG SPEAKING TOUR



AND ALMOST EVERYWHERE



IN PHILADELPHIA, DAVY RECEIVED A TREASURED GIFT



NOW IT SEEMS THERE OUGHT TO BE A GOOD FIGHT TO BE FOUGHT WITH THIS PRETTY LADY



BUT DAVY PUT HIS RIFLE ASIDE FOR A TIME, AND COMPLETED HIS TERM IN CONGRESS. THEN, IN 1835, HE WAS AGAIN DEFEATED FOR REELECTION. HE RETURNED HOME.

YOU'RE RESTLESS, DAVY. IT'LL ONLY BE TWO YEARS TILL YOU STAND AGAIN FOR ELECTION.

I WON'T STAND AGAIN, ELIZABETH. I'VE HAD MY FILL OF PUBLIC LIFE. BUT MAYBE I CAN STILL DO SOMETHING.



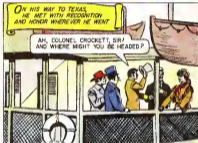
THERE'S THE LAND OF TEXAS! I HEAR THERE'S A BATTLE GOING ON THERE -- A BATTLE FOR FREEDOM! THERE'S SOMETHING MAKES ME FEEL I MUST BE IN IT!



TEXAS HAD FOR SOME YEARS BELONGED TO MEXICO. THEN AMERICAN SETTLERS BEGAN MOVING IN. IN 1835, WHEN THE MEXICAN LEADER SANTA ANNA ESTABLISHED A DICTATORSHIP OVER MEXICO, THE AMERICAN SETTLERS REVOLTED. AN APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO FIGHT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS WENT OUT ACROSS AMERICA. DAVY WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO ANSWER THE CALL.

ON HIS WAY TO TEXAS, HE MET WITH RECOGNITION AND HONOR WHEREVER HE WENT.

AH, COLONEL CROCKETT, SIR! AND WHERE MIGHT YOU BE HEADED?



TEXAS! WHO COMES WITH ME?

NOT I! WHY, THE MEXICANS HAVE AN ARMY OF THOUSANDS. THOSE FEW AMERICAN SETTLERS DON'T CARE FIGHT-- THEY'LL BE MASSACRED.



WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE I'M TO HAVE ALL THE GLORY TO MYSELF.



FEW OTHER VOLUNTEERS DID JOIN DAVY THE GROUP BECAME KNOWN AS "CROCKETT'S COMPANY" THEY REACHED THE TOWN OF SAN ANTONIO DE BEJAR IN TEXAS IN FEBRUARY, 1836

LET'S REPORT TO COLONEL BOWIE AND FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING.



COLONEL JAMES BOWIE WAS IN COMMAND OF THE AMERICAN FORCES IN SAN ANTONIO

SANTA ANNA IS ALREADY AT THE RIO GRANDE WITH 2,000 MEN, AND THERE ARE ONLY 150 MEN LEFT HERE TO DEFEND SAN ANTONIO. BUT WE WON'T RETREAT

WHEN DO YOU EXPECT THE ATTACK, COLONEL BOWIE?



I DON'T KNOW OUR SCOUTS MAY SIGHT THE ENEMY ANY DAY--OR THEY MAY HAVE SIGHTED THEM ALREADY



A FEW DAYS LATER, THE MEXICANS WERE SEEN APPROACHING SAN ANTONIO THE BELLS OF THE ALAMO MISSION WERE RUNG IT WAS A SIGNAL FOR THE FEW REMAINING SETTLERS TO FLEE THE TOWN, AND FOR THE DEFENDERS OF SAN ANTONIO TO ENTER THE ALAMO-- THEIR FORTRESS



COLONEL BOWE BECAME SUDDENLY ILL. HE WAS MOVED TO AN INSIDE ROOM IN THE ALAMO. COMMAND OF THE FORTRESS PASSED TO COLONEL W. BARRETT TRAVIS

I FEAR COLONEL BOWE WON'T MOVE FROM THAT COIT AGAIN. I'D SOONER YOU WERE IN COMMAND THAN I, COLONEL CROCKETT

I'M A PRIVATE HERE, COLONEL TRAVIS—NOTHING MORE BUT GIVE ME A FEW MORE MEN FOR MY COMPANY, AND WE'LL MAN THE SOUTH WALL



ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 23, THE ENEMY APPROACHED THE ALAMO

THE MEXICANS! THEY'RE COMING!

RAISE THE FLAG!



THAT AFTERNOON, A MESSENGER FROM SANTA ANNA ENTERED THE ALAMO

CROCKETT! SANTA ANNA DEMANDS OUR SURRENDER! GIVE HIM OUR ANSWER!



HERE IT IS!

HURRAH!

**IN REPLY, THE MEXICANS
BEGAN A STEADY
BOMBARDMENT OF THE ALAMO.**



**ON FEBRUARY 24, COLONEL TRAVIS WROTE
A LETTER "TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS AND
ALL AMERICANS IN THE WORLD."**

THE ENEMY HAS DEMANDED A SURRENDER
I SHALL NEVER SURRENDER OR RETREAT
I CALL UPON YOU TO COME TO OUR AID IF
THIS CALL IS NEGLECTED, I AM DETERMINED
TO DIE LIKE A SOLDIER WHO NEVER FORGETS
WHAT IS DUE TO HIS OWN HONOR AND THAT
OF HIS COUNTRY



**THE LETTER WAS SENT TO THE AMERICANS
AT GOLIAD. ANOTHER MESSAGE FOR HELP
WAS SENT TO THE AMERICANS AT GONZALES.**



**ON MARCH 1, THIRTY-TWO VOLUNTEERS
FROM GONZALES CROSSED MEXICAN
LINES TO JOIN THE DEFENDERS OF THE ALAMO**



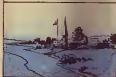
**BUT BY THEN, THERE WERE OVER 2,000
MEXICANS MASSING FOR
THE ATTACK**



WHILE THE AMERICANS PREPARED FOR THE BATTLE AT THE ALAMO, ANOTHER GROUP OF TEXANS MET IN THE VILLAGE OF WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS TO WRITE A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM MEXICO.

ON MARCH 2, DAVY WROTE IN HIS DIARY...

THIS DAY THE DELEGATES MEET AT THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON TO FRAME OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE THAT THE SACRED INSTRUMENT MAY NEVER BE TRAMPLED ON BY THE CHILDREN OF THOSE WHO HAVE FREELY SHED THEIR BLOOD TO ESTABLISH IT, IS THE SINCERE WISH OF DAVID CROCKETT



ON MARCH 3, THE MESSENGER FINALLY RETURNED FROM SOLID

NO CHANCE OF HELP!

THEN WE'LL FIGHT TO THE LAST!



WHEN MORNING CAME, THE ENEMY CANNONS CAME CLOSER, AND THE SHELLING GREW HEAVIER



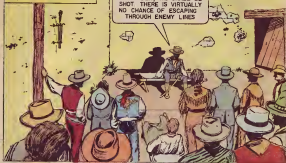
DAVY SEEMED TO BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE

THEY HAVE YET TO DOWN ONE OF OUR MEN! WE'RE HOLDING THEM!



AT MIDNIGHT, MARCH 4,
COLONEL TRAVIS
CALLED TOGETHER THE
ENTIRE GARRISON TRAVIS,
TOO, WAS NOW SERIOUSLY ILL.

THE END IS IN SIGHT—OUR
 FATE IS SEALED IF WE
 SURRENDER, WE SHALL BE
 SHOT. THERE IS VIRTUALLY
 NO CHANCE OF ESCAPING
 THROUGH ENEMY LINES.



I WILL REMAIN IN THE
 FORT AND FIGHT TO THE
 END. TO EACH OF YOU I
 GIVE PERMISSION TO
 SURRENDER OR ATTEMPT
 TO ESCAPE.

TRAVIS RAISED HIMSELF
 FROM HIS COAT AND

THOSE WHO WILL STAY
 WITH ME—STEP ACROSS
 THIS LINE.



DAVEY CROCKETT WAS
THE FIRST TO
CROSS THE LINE.



THEN JAMES BOWNE SPOKE



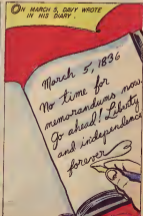
PLEASE
HELP ME
ACROSS

THE MEN FOLLOWED HIM



THANK
YOU

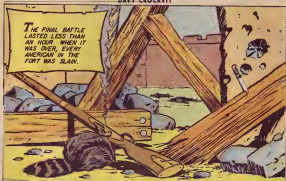
ON MARCH 5, DAVY WROTE
IN HIS DIARY



March 5, 1836
No time for
memorandums now.
Go ahead! Liberty
and independence
forever

ON MARCH 6, THE
MEXICANS STORMED
THE ALAMO





THE FINAL BATTLE LASTED LESS THAN AN HOUR WHEN IT WAS OVER, EVERY AMERICAN IN THE FORT WAS SLAIN.

THE BEST OF THE AMERICAN FRONTIER, THE STORIES OF HIS GREAT ACTS OF COURAGE AND BRAVERY HAVE BEEN TOLD OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THE LEGENDS ABOUT HIM HAVE GROWN AND GROWN, AND ARE STILL GROWING. NO MAN IS LOVED AND REMEMBERED BY AMERICANS IN QUITE THE SAME WAY AS THE MAN WHO ALWAYS MADE SURE HE WAS RIGHT, THEN WENT AHEAD -- DAVY CROCKETT

