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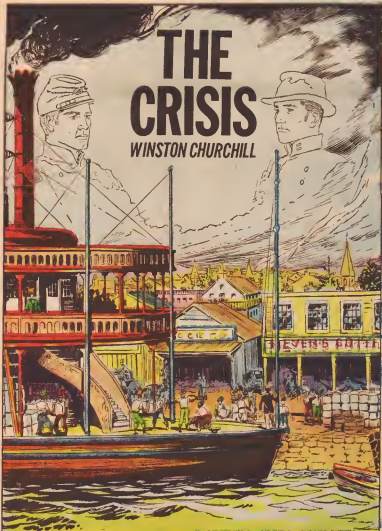
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# THE CRISIS

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**I**N 1857, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WAS A BUSTLING CITY WHERE PEOPLE FROM BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH MINGLED AND PROSPERED. BUT BENEATH THE BRIGHT SURFACE WAS AN UNDERCURRENT OF TENSION AND UNREST THAT WAS TO ERUPT INTO THE GREATEST CRISIS IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

ONE DAY IN 1857, STEPHEN BRICE AND HIS MOTHER ARRIVED IN ST. LOUIS FROM BOSTON.

THIS ISN'T MUCH LIKE DUR DLO HOME, MOTHER. BUT THEN YOU HAVE HAD TO GET USED TO A GREAT MANY THINGS SINCE FATHER LOST HIS FORTUNE AND DIED.



IT WILL DO NICELY, STEPHEN. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO CONTINUE YOUR LAW STUDIES WITH JUDGE WHIPPLE.

I WILL EARN SO LITTLE AT FIRST.



NO MATTER. WE WILL MANAGE. WE HAVE A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS LEFT FROM YOUR FATHER'S ESTATE, AND YOU HAVE THE \$900 THAT YOU SAVED FROM YOUR ALLOWANCE.



I HAVE HEARD THE JUDGE IS A FIERY ABOLITIONIST AND A VERY ILL-TEMPERED DLO MAN.

DON'T FORGET HE WAS A FRIEND OF YOUR FATHER'S AND IS A BRILLIANT LAWYER.



PERHAPS I HAD BETTER GO OVER AND LET HIM KNOW WE ARE HERE.

YES, DO, STEPHEN.



STEPHEN SET OUT AND SOON CAME TO THE STREET WHERE THE JUDGE'S OFFICE WAS LOCATED.

I WONDER WHY THIS CROWD IS GATHERING?



GOOD HEAVENS!  
IT'S A SLAVE  
AUCTION!



STEPHEN WATCHED, HORRIFIED, AS SEVERAL SLAVES WERE SOLD.



SICK AT HEART, HE TURNED AWAY.



*JUST THEN.*

MR. CANTER, THEY'RE GOING TO SELL HESTER, THE LITTLE CHILD I RAISED IN GOD'S RELIGION. OH, SAVE HER, SIR!



NANCY, I HAVEN'T THE MONEY TO BUY HER FOR YOU. WOULD TO GOD THAT I HAD!



I WILL BUY THE GIRL IF I CAN AND SET HER FREE.



GOD BLESS YOU, SIR.



STEPHEN TURNED AND PUSHED HIS WAY INTO THE CROWD JUST AS THE GIRL WAS BROUGHT OUT TO BE SOLD.

GENTLEMEN, WHAT AM I BID FOR THIS SPLENDID CREATURE?



AT THAT MOMENT, A VERY PRETTY GIRL ESCORTED BY TWO GENTLEMEN STOPPED NEAR STEPHEN.

OH, WILL YOU BUY HER FOR ME, PA?



WELL...

I'LL BUY HER FOR YOU, JINNY.



YOU MAY DO THE BIDDING, CLARENCE, AND WE WILL SETTLE THE OWNERSHIP AFTERWARD.

VERY WELL, UNCLE COMYN.



COLONEL COMYN CARVEL AND HIS DAUGHTER, VIRGINIA, STROLLED AWAY, LEAVING CLARENCE GOLFAX AND STEPHEN INTENT ON THE SALE.

COME, GENTLEMEN, WHAT AM I BID?







THAT AFTERNOON, STEPHEN WENT TO JUDGE WHIPPLE'S OFFICE.

SO YOU ARE APPLETON BRICE'S SON, AND YOU WANT TO BECOME A LAWYER.

I SHALL BECOME A LAWYER, SIR.



VERY GOOD. YOU CAN START BY COPYING THIS BRIEF.

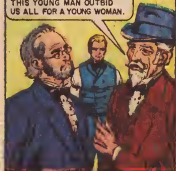


STEPHEN HAD JUST SAT DOWN AT A DESK WHEN COLONEL GARVEL CAME IN.

WELL, WELL, THE YOUNG MAN OF THE SLAVE AUCTION.



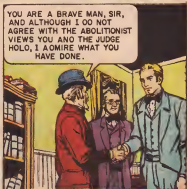
YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE, SILAS, TO SEE THIS YOUNG MAN OUTBID US ALL FOR A YOUNG WOMAN.



MR. BRICE, IS THIS TRUE?

YES, SIR.





THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, JUDGE WHIPPLE, AS WAS HIS CUSTOM, VISITED HIS FRIEND, COLONEL CARVEL, FOR DINNER.

YOUNGSTERS LIKE THAT MR. BRICE FRIGHTEN ME, SILAS. HE IS CLEARLY NOT AN IMPETUOUS FOOL, YET HE BUYS A SLAVE HE CERTAINLY CAN'T AFFORD JUST TO SET HER FREE.



ALL SLAVES MUST BE SET FREE. THE LEADER OF THE NEW REPUBLICAN PARTY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PUT IT VERY WELL. HE SAID, "THIS COUNTRY CANNOT EXIST HALF SLAVE AND HALF FREE."



WELL, THE SOUTH, SIR, CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT SLAVERY. WE COULD NOT RUN OUR PLANTATIONS WITHOUT SLAVE LABOR.



IF YOU WOULD LET US ALONE, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY TROUBLE. BUT YOU WANT EVERY NEW STATE THAT COMES INTO THE UNION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY. AFTER A WHILE YOU WILL OVERWHELM US AND RUIN US.

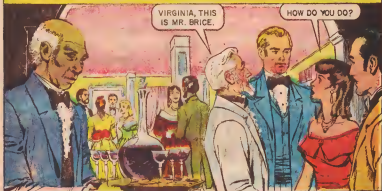


PLEASE, FATHER, DON'T LOSE YOUR TEMPER.



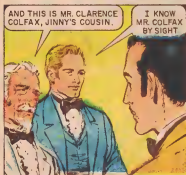


WHEN VIRGINIA'S PARTY TO CELEBRATE HER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY WAS HELD, STEPHEN BRICE WAS AMONG THE GUESTS.



VIRGINIA, THIS IS MR. BRICE.

HOW DO YOU DO?



AND THIS IS MR. CLARENCE COLFAX, JINNY'S COUSIN.

I KNOW MR. COLFAX BY SIGHT



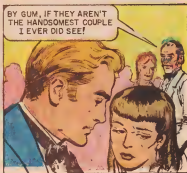
WILL YOU DANCE, MISS CARVEL?

I HAVE PROMISED THIS DANCE TO MR. COLFAX.



**B**UT LATER IN THE EVENING.

SO YOU HAVE COME TO TRY AGAIN, MR BRICE VERY WELL, I WILL DANCE WITH YOU.



BY GUM, IF THEY AREN'T THE HANDSOMEST COUPLE I EVER DID SEE!

**THE WINTER OF 1857 PASSED INTO THE SUMMER OF 1858. ONE AFTERNOON IN AUGUST, JUDGE WHIPPLE WENT TO STEPHEN'S DESK.**

**YOU ARE TO TAKE THE 6-45 TRAIN TOMORROW MORNING FOR SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, TO DELIVER THIS ENVELOPE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN.**



**ABRAHAM LINCOLN!**

**IF HE IS NOT IN SPRINGFIELD, FIND OUT WHERE HE IS AND FOLLOW HIM THERE.**

**YES, SIR.**



**THE NEXT DAY STEPHEN WENT TO SPRINGFIELD.**



**LINCOLN? I RECKON OLD ABE'S GONE TO FREEPORT TO DEBATE WITH STEPHEN DOUGLAS. THEY'RE RUNNING AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR THE SENATE, YOU KNOW.**

**STEPHEN TRACED LINCOLN TO AN INN NEAR FREEPORT.**

**DO YOU THINK MR. LINCOLN WOULD SEE ME NOW?**

**JUST GO UP AND KNOCK ON THE DOOR OF ROOM SEVEN.**



STEPHEN WENT TO ROOM SEVEN AND THERE HE MET ABRAHAM LINCOLN.



SONNY, DID YOU WANT TO SEE ME?

YES, SIR. I AM STEPHEN BRICE. I HAVE AN ENVELOPE FOR YOU FROM JUDGE WHIPPLE IN ST. LOUIS.



HOW IS THE JUDGE? STILL FOR PUTTING ALL SLAVE-OWNERS TO THE SWORD?

NOT PRECISELY, SIR.

THAT'S RIGHT. THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER WE SHALL OR SHALL NOT HAVE SLAVERY, BUT WHETHER SLAVERY SHALL STAY WHERE IT IS OR BE EXTENDED. I THINK MR. DOUGLAS AND I WILL DISCUSS THIS POINT IN OUR DEBATE TOMORROW.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO FREEPORT WITH ME AND HEAR THE DEBATE?

I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO, SIR.



THE NEXT DAY . . .



TAKE GOOD CARE OF THIS YOUNG MAN. GET HIM A SEAT ON THE STAND WHERE HE CAN HEAR.

THEN LINCOLN ADDRESSED THE CROWD.

CAN THE PEOPLE OF A UNITED STATES TERRITORY EXCLUDE SLAVERY FROM ITS LIMITS PRIOR TO THE FORMATION OF A STATE CONSTITUTION?



THAT'S CLEVER OF ABE. IF DOUGLAS ANSWERS "YES" TO PLEASE THE NORTH AND GET THE SENATORSHIP, HE'S APT TO LOSE THE SOUTH IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1860.



THE PEOPLE OF ANY TERRITORY MAY INTRODUCE OR EXCLUDE SLAVERY AS THEY PLEASE.



THAT DOES IT! ABE MAY LOSE THIS CAMPAIGN BUT HE'S KEPT DOUGLAS OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

WHEN THE DEBATE WAS OVER . . .

I HAVE NEVER ADMIRER ANYONE AS MUCH AS YOU, SIR.



AND I HAVE HOPES FOR YOU, STEPHEN. DO NOT FORGET ME.



**TWO YEARS LATER, IN 1860, ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS NOMINATED FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

GENTLEMEN, IF ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS ELECTED, THE SOUTH LEAVES THE UNION!

STEPHEN, WE'LL HAVE TO PUT OUR SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL THIS SUMMER AND HELP LINCOLN GET ELECTED.

YES, SIR.



THEN, SIR, YOU WILL BE CHASTISED AND BROUGHT BACK.

NOW, PA. JUDGE WHIPPLE, DON'T QUARREL. JUST SEE HOW SPLENDID CLARENCE LOOKS!

AH, SO YOU HAVE JOINED COMPANY A WITH MOST OF THE OTHER YOUNG GENTLEMEN OF THE TOWN. WELL, YOU MAY GET THE CHANCE FOR SOME SHOOTING, SIR.





**I**N NOVEMBER, LINCOLN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE GATHERING STORM CLOUDS DARKENED. ONE DAY, WHEN VIRGINIA AND HER FATHER HAD RETURNED FROM EUROPE, SHE PERSUADED JUDGE WHIPPLE TO COME TO DINNER.

DID I TELL YOU THAT IN ENGLAND WE FOUND SOME MEMOIRS WRITTEN BY MY GREAT GRANDFATHER, RICHARD CARVEL, WHO FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR?

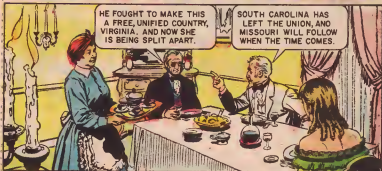
DO YOU THINK WE CAN KEEP OFF THE SUBJECT, COMYN?

GOD KNOWS, SILAS. WE CAN ONLY TRY.



HE FOUGHT TO MAKE THIS A FREE, UNIFIED COUNTRY, VIRGINIA, AND NOW SHE IS BEING SPLIT APART.

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS LEFT THE UNION, AND MISSOURI WILL FOLLOW WHEN THE TIME COMES.



MISSOURI WILL NOT SECEDE! THERE ARE ENOUGH LOYAL PEOPLE HERE TO KEEP HER STRAIGHT!

WE SHALL DRIVE THEM LIKE SHEEP IF THEY OPPOSE US!

I EXPECT THE DAY HAS COME WHEN YOU GO YOUR WAY AND I GO MINE. IT WILL BE BETTER IF WE DO NOT MEET AGAIN, SIR.



**BOTH SIDES BEGAN FEVERISHLY PREPARING THEIR FORGES IN APRIL, 1861. FORT SUMTER WAS FIRED UPON.**

I'M AFRAID WAR HAS COME. WILL YOU HAVE TO GO, STEPHEN?

YOU KNOW THAT I CANNOT, MOTHER. WE HAVE NO MONEY BUT THE LITTLE I EARN.



IT MAY NOT BE EASY FOR YOU HERE.

I KNOW. BUT I CANNOT LEAVE YOU DEPENDENT ON CHARITY. IF AT LENGTH EVERY MAN IS NEEDED, THAT WILL BE DIFFERENT.



**SOME WEEKS LATER, FIVE REGIMENTS WERE MUSTERED INTO THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND QUARTERED AT AN ARSENAL TO THE SOUTH OF THE TOWN.**

I WISH YOU COULD BE WITH US, STEPHEN.

IT IS MY DUTY TO CARE FOR MY MOTHER.

THERE WILL BE TIME LATER. THIS FIGHT WILL NOT BE OVER SOON. IT IS A WAR TO THE DEATH.



THE CONFEDERATES ALSO WERE PREPARING. ON MAY 6, THE MISSOURI MILITIA MARCHED TO CAMP JACKSON.

CAN YOU SEE CLARENCE?



THERE HE IS!

DOESN'T HE LOOK MAGNIFICENT? OH, I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY!



CLARENCE, YOU WILL DRIVE THE YANKEES INTO THE RIVER!

HUSH, JINNY. WE ARE MERELY GOING INTO CAMP TO LEARN TO DRILL SO AS TO BE READY TO DEFEND THE STATE WHEN THE TIME COMES.



YOU CAN BEAT THEM. I KNOW IT!



**A FEW DAYS LATER, JUDGE WHIPPLE CALLED STEPHEN TO HIS DESK.**

THEY ARE SERVING OUT CARTRIDGES AND UNIFORMS TO OUR REGIMENTS AT THE ARSENAL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO DOWN WITH ME?



DOES THAT MEAN THEY WILL ATTACK CAMP JACKSON?

I THINK SO. THEY CANNOT SIT STILL AND LET THE MILITIA TAKE THE FIRST ROUND.



**ON THE STREETCAR...**

WHO IS THAT, JUDGE WHIPPLE?

MAJOR WILLIAM T. SHERMAN. HE USED TO BE IN THE ARMY AND FOUGHT IN THE MEXICAN WAR.



**AT THE CAMP, STEPHEN'S INTEREST WAS CAUGHT BY ANOTHER STRANGER.**

COLONEL, MY NAME IS GRANT. I WANT TO WISH YOU LUCK.



CAPTAIN ULYSSES S. GRANT OF THE OLD ARMY? I HAVE HEARD OF YOU. DO YOU PLAN TO JOIN UP?

PERHAPS. I THINK I MIGHT BE OF SOME USE.



LATER THAT DAY, THE UNION REGIMENTS MARCHED OFF TO CAMP JACKSON.

I AM GOING ALONG, SIR. I MUST SEE WHAT IS GOING ON.



THE REGIMENTS SURROUNDED THE CAMP.



IT WAS OVER QUICKLY. CAMP JACKSON SURRENDERED WITHOUT A SHOT BEING FIRED.



A CROWD GATHERED AS THE PRISONERS WERE MARCHED OUT.

THERE'S CLARENCE COLFAX. THREE CHEERS FOR HIM!

DOWN WITH THE YANKEES!



**S**UDDENLY A DRUNKARD FIRED A SHOT AT ONE OF THE UNION SOLDIERS.



**T**HIS SEEMED A SIGNAL FOR THE CROWD. A RATTLE OF SHOTS FOLLOWED, AND STONES AND BRICKS FILLED THE AIR.



**T**HE REGIMENTS FACED OUT WITH LEVEL GUNS.



**S**TEPHEN DARTED TO A WOMAN AND PULLED HER DOWN AS THE BULLETS SWISHED OVER THEIR HEADS.



**L**OOKING UP, HE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE MAJOR SHERMAN.





THE CROWD WAS QUICKLY DISPERSED, AS THE PRISONERS WERE MARCHED AWAY, STEPHEN FOUND HIMSELF ABREAST OF CLARENCE'S REGIMENT.



AS THEY WENT PAST COLONEL GARVEL'S HOUSE, VIRGINIA WAVED TO CLARENCE.



HOWEVER, IF VIRGINIA SAW STEPHEN, SHE GAVE NO SIGN.



JINNY, DO YOU MEAN TO MARRY CLARENCE?

YES.



YOU MUST NOT THINK OF MARRIAGE NOW, MY DEAR. THINGS ARE MUCH TOO UNSETTLED.



I MUST GO TO SEE THE GOVERNOR IN JEFFERSON CITY FOR A FEW DAYS. YOUR AUNT WILL BE STAYING HERE WHILE I AM GONE.

WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT, PA.



ALL WAS QUIET FOR A DAY. THEN...

THE UNION REGIMENTS FROM SOUTH ST. LOUIS ARE MARCHING TO THE CITY. THEY'RE GOING TO KILL US ALL!



NOW, NED, WHERE DID YOU HEAR THIS?

EVERYBODY KNOWS IT. EVERY FAMILY ON THIS STREET IS PACKING UP AND GOING AWAY TO THE COUNTRY.



JINNY, WE MUST FLY! THEY WILL BE HERE ANY MOMENT TO BURN US, TO MURDER US...



THERE'S NO NEED TO GET EXCITED, AUNT LILLIAN. PROBABLY IT IS ONLY A RUMOR.



RUMOR? JUST LOOK OUT THERE!



THE STREET WAS JAMMED WITH CARRIAGES PULLED BY GALLOPING HORSES, AND RUNNING PEDESTRIANS CARRYING BUNDLES. IT WAS A STAMPEDE.



JUST THEN THE DOOR OPENED.

I MET YOUR MAN OUTSIDE. HE SAID YOUR FATHER WAS AWAY. I THOUGHT I MIGHT BE OF SOME HELP.



IS IT TRUE THAT UNION TROOPS ARE MOVING ON THE CITY?

IT IS ONLY A MALICIOUS RUMOR, MISS CARVEL. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE TROOPS ARE NOT A RIOTOUS LOT AND ARE UNDER PERFECT CONTROL.



JINNY, HOW CAN YOU STAND THERE TALKING WHEN OUR LIVES ARE IN DANGER? THEY WILL BE HERE AT ANY MOMENT!



I AM GOING. I SHALL SEND THE CARRIAGE BACK FOR YOU. NED, DRIVE ME TO THE LEVEE!



I WON'T GO WITHOUT MISS JINNY.



VERY WELL. THEN I SHALL WALK. AND IF I SEE YOUR FATHER AGAIN, VIRGINIA, I SHALL TELL HIM YOU LET YOUR OWN AUNT RISK HER LIFE ALONE IN THE RAIN, WHILE YOU STAYED HERE AND CARRIED ON WITH A YANKEE.



I MUST GO.

IF I CAN BE OF ANY SERVICE, I SHALL BE HAPPY...



NO, NO. DRIVE ON, NED!



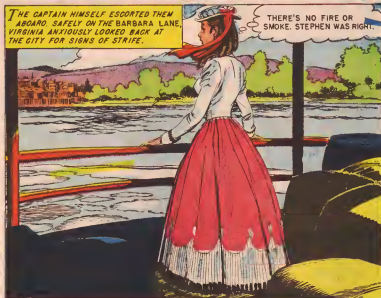
**D**OWN ON THE LEVEE, RICH AND POOR  
BATTLED FOR PLACES ON THE LANDING  
STAGES.



THERE'S CAPTAIN VANCE.  
MAYBE HE'LL TAKE YOU  
ON THE BARBARA LANE.



**T**HE CAPTAIN HIMSELF ESCORTED THEM  
ABOARD. SAFELY ON THE BARBARA LANE,  
VIRGINIA ANXIOUSLY LOOKED BACK AT  
THE CITY FOR SIGNS OF STRIFE.



THERE'S NO FIRE OR  
SMOKE. STEPHEN WAS RIGHT.

SOME TIME LATER, A BOAT WAS SEEN STEAMING BACK TOWARD ST. LOUIS.

CAPTAIN VANCE, PLEASE ASK THAT BOAT TO STOP. I AM CONVINCED THERE IS NO DANGER IN ST. LOUIS, AND I WANT TO GO BACK.

VERY WELL, IF YOU WISH TO BE MASSACRED.



VIRGINIA WAS SOON BACK IN HER HOUSE IN A PEACEFUL ST. LOUIS. THE NEXT DAY, THE COLONEL RETURNED.

JINNY, I'M PROUD OF YOU. YOU DIDN'T LET THE YANKEES FRIGHTEN YOU,



BUT I DID, PA, EVEN THOUGH STEPHEN BRICE SAID THERE WAS NO DANGER. OH, I HAVE BEEN SILLY, BUT I NEVER SHALL BE AGAIN!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, THERE WAS NEWS OF GLARENCE.

HE REFUSES TO TAKE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE. HE SWEARS HE WILL REMAIN A PRISONER UNTIL HE IS EXCHANGED.

LET'S GO TO THE ARSENAL AT ONCE AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO FOR HIM.



AT THE ARSENAL . . .

COMMANDANT'S ORDERS, SIR. NO ONE IS TO BE ADMITTED.



IS CAPTAIN CLARENCE COLFAX HERE?

CAPTAIN COLFAX WAS TAKEN TO ILLINOIS IN A SKIFF A QUARTER OF AN HOUR AGO.



A SKIFF! AND THE RIVER THIS HIGH!

IS THERE DANGER?



GO HOME, JINNY. I'LL GO DOWN TO THE RIVER. THERE MAY BE NEWS OF HIM THERE.



*SOME HOURS LATER . . .*

THE BOAT WITH CAPTAIN COLFAX AND THE YANKEE SOLDIERS CAPSIZED, SIR. THE SOLDIERS MADE IT TO AN ISLAND, BUT THEY COULDN'T FIND THE CAPTAIN ANYWHERE.



WHAT WILL JINNY DO IF CLARENCE IS DEAD?



*BUT THEN THERE WAS MORE NEWS.*

I MET THE MEMPHIS PACKET OFF CAPE GIRARDEAU AND CAPTAIN COLFAX WAS ABOARD. SEEMS THEY FISHED HIM OUT OF THE RIVER.



THANK YOU. MY DAUGHTER WILL BE SO HAPPY TO HEAR HE IS ALIVE AND HAS ESCAPED SOUTH.





*THE WEEKS PASSED. THEN ONE DAY...*

THERE HAS BEEN A BATTLE AT WILSON'S CREEK. THEY ARE BRINGING THE WOUNDED INTO ST. LOUIS NOW.



AND--CLARENCE?

HIS NAME WAS NOT ON THE CASUALTY LISTS.



THANK GOD! DO YOU THINK PA, I COULD GO DOWN TO THE HOSPITAL? I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.

OF COURSE, DEAR.



*THE HOSPITAL WAS FULL OF BOTH CONFEDERATE AND UNION WOUNDED.*

OH, HOW SAD!



*VIRGINIA WENT OVER TO A KIND-FACED WOMAN WHO WAS CARING FOR A UNION SOLDIER.*

MAY I HELP YOU?

THANK YOU, MY DEAR.



TOGETHER THE TWO WOMEN WORKED THROUGH THE LONG AFTERNOON.



FINALLY...

JINNY, YOU MUST COME HOME AND REST.

YES, PA.



I AM MRS. BRICE, MISS CARVEL. GOD WILL REWARD YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID TODAY.



THAT EVENING MRS. BRICE TOLD STEPHEN WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

MISS CARVEL WAS WONDERFUL, AND THE COLONEL WAS SO POLITE. I HOPE THEY WILL NOT COME TO ANY HARM.



I HOPE NOT, MOTHER.

*ALL THAT AUTUMN AND WINTER, UNION REFUGEES STREAMED INTO ST. LOUIS, THEIR HOMES DESTROYED BY THE FIGHTING. ONE DAY. . .*

THERE'S A NEW UNION ORDER. IT SAYS THAT SINCE THE SOUTHERN ARMIES HAVE DRIVEN THE REFUGEES FROM THEIR HOMES, SOUTHERN SYMPATHIZERS MUST SUPPORT THEM.



THEY HAVE CHOSEN SIXTY PROMINENT SOUTHERNERS WHO ARE TO PAY A TOTAL OF \$10,000. I AM ON THE LIST.



THE BRUTES! ARE YOU GOING TO PAY?

NO, JINNY. THEY WILL PROBABLY TAKE AWAY SOME OF OUR POSSESSIONS, BUT I SHALL NOT PAY.



*SEVERAL DAYS LATER. . .*

THERE ARE SOME YANKEES AT THE DOOR. DO YOU WANT TO SEE THEM, SIR?

YES, NEO. SHOW THEM IN.



COLONEL CARVEL, YOU ARE TO PAY \$350 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DESTITUTE FAMILIES THE REBELS HAVE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES. IF YOU OON'T, WE WILL HAVE TO SEIZE PERSONAL ARTICLES OF YOURS WHICH, WHEN SOLD AT AUCTION, WILL SATISFY THE DEMAND AGAINST YOU.





THE MEN MOVED ABOUT SELECTING ITEMS OF FURNITURE.



OH, NOT THE PIANO! IT WAS MY MOTHER'S AND PA IS SO FOND OF IT.



ISN'T THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU COULD TAKE? I HAVE A NECKLACE . . .



THE FURNITURE WAS TAKEN TO A WAREHOUSE WHERE, SOME TIME LATER, THE AUCTION WAS HELD. AMONG THE SPECTATORS WERE JUDGE WHIPPLE AND STEPHEN BRICE

I THINK I WILL DO A LITTLE BIDDING.



NOW I HAVE A GENUINE ENGLISH ROTHFIELD PIANO ONCE BELONGING TO COLONEL CARVEL. WHAT AM I BID?



ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS.



SOLD TO JUDGE WHIPPLE! AND AS \$350 IS THE TOTAL OF COLONEL CARVEL'S ASSESSMENT, HIS OTHER POSSESSIONS WILL BE RETURNED.



THE JUDGE ORDERED THE PIANO TO BE TAKEN TO HIS SMALL ROOM, WHERE HE LOCKED IT AND COVERED IT.

SOMEDAY, GOD WILLING, I CAN RETURN THIS, TOO.



**BY CHRISTMAS, 1862, A KEY STRONGHOLD OF THE SOUTH WAS UNDER ATTACK -- VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI. WITH THE BESIEGING ARMIES WAS SECOND LIEUTENANT STEPHEN BRIGE.**

THAT'S NOT A CITY,  
IT'S A FORTRESS!



**ON JANUARY 29, 1863, GENERAL GRANT TOOK COMMAND OF THE UNION ARMY OF THE WEST.**

GENERAL SHERMAN, MY  
ORDERS ARE TO TAKE  
VICKSBURG.



**SHERMAN'S MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO DIG A CANAL SO THAT UNION GUNBOATS MIGHT COME CLOSE TO THE CITY BUT STILL BE OUT OF REACH OF THE POWERFUL SOUTHERN BATTERIES.**

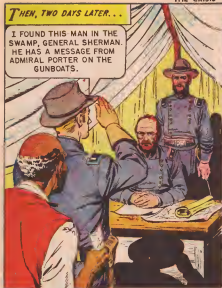


**BEFORE LONG, THE GUNBOATS WERE ABLE TO START UP THE CANAL.**



*THEN, TWO DAYS LATER...*

I FOUND THIS MAN IN THE SWAMP, GENERAL SHERMAN. HE HAS A MESSAGE FROM ADMIRAL PORTER ON THE GUNBOATS.



THE BOATS ARE SURROUNDED. ALL MEN WILL GO TO THEIR RELIEF AT ONCE!



*SHERMAN LED A STIFF MARCH THROUGH THICKET AND SWAMP AND BREAST-DEEP WATER.*



*AS THEY NEARED THE GUNBOATS, A FUSILLADE BROKE FROM THE THICKETS.*



FORM YOUR LINE.  
DRIVE THEM OUT!



THE UNION FORCE RESPONDED AND SWEEPED  
THE CONFEDERATES BEFORE THEM



THAT MOVE WAS WELL  
EXECUTED. WHO WAS  
IN COMMAND OF THE  
COMPANY ON THE RIGHT?



A SECONO LIEUTENANT IN THE  
SIXTH MISSOURI. HIS NAME  
IS BRICE, I BELIEVE.



I THOUGHT SO!



ON JULY 4, 1863, AFTER MONTHS OF MURDEROUS FIGHTING AND SIEGE, VICKSBURG SURRENDERED. STEPHEN BRICE WALKED THE STREETS OF THE SHATTERED CITY.



ON A STREET CORNER, HE SPOKE TO A CONFEDERATE COLONEL.

YOU'RE BRAVE MEN, SIR, BUT SO ARE WE. ONE MAN HAD THE COURAGE TO FLOAT DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI ON A LOG AND COME BACK WITH 200,000 PERCUSSION CAPS. HE'S LYING WOUNDED NOW, POOR FELLOW.



I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM. PERHAPS I COULD DO SOMETHING FOR HIM.

THE COLONEL LED STEPHEN TO THE WOUNDED MAN.

CLARENCE GOLFAX!



I KNEW THIS MAN IN ST. LOUIS BEFORE THE WAR. I'LL SPEAK TO THE GENERAL AND TRY TO HAVE HIM SENT BACK THERE AT ONCE.

THANK YOU.



THAT NIGHT CLARENCE WAS ON A HOSPITAL STEAMER BOUND FOR ST. LOUIS. IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, VIRGINIA DEVOTEDLY NURSED HIM BACK TO HEALTH.



ONE DAY WHEN THE DOCTOR CAME...

I HAVE JUST BEEN TO THE BRIGES. STEPHEN HAS BEEN WOUNDED AND SENT HOME.



WILL --  
WILL HE  
DIE?

I HOPE NOT.  
THE GANGER  
IS OVER AND  
HE IS RESTING  
EASILY.



WHEN THE DOCTOR LEFT...

VIRGINIA, I THINK STEPHEN BRICE LOVES YOU. HE KNEW WE WERE ENGAGED, AND WHEN HE SAVED MY LIFE, HE DID IT FOR YOU. IT WAS A GENEROUS THING TO DO, FOR HE WAS GIVING UP THE HOPE OF MARRYING YOU HIMSELF.



DO YOU REALLY THINK...?  
BUT, CLARENCE, I  
COULD NEVER MARRY  
A YANKEE!



**BOTH STEPHEN AND CLARENCE RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO THEIR ARMIES. ONE DAY IN MARCH 1865, STEPHEN SAW TWO UNION SOLDIERS GRAPPLING WITH A MAN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES**



WHAT'S GOING ON?

WE'VE GOT A SPY, MAJOR. WE'RE TAKING HIM TO HEADQUARTERS.



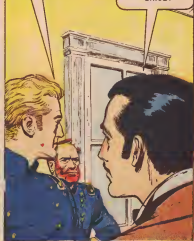
**THAT NIGHT GENERAL SNERMAN SENT FOR STEPHEN.**

MAJOR BRICE, DO YOU KNOW THIS GENTLEMAN? HE WAS BROUGHT IN TODAY AS A SPY.



YES, SIR. IT'S CLARENCE COLFAX.

WE SEEM TO RUN INTO EACH OTHER, MAJOR BRICE.





THE NEXT DAY STEPHEN WAS SENT TO GENERAL GRANT AT CITY POINT, VIRGINIA, WITH DISPATCHES.

ISN'T THAT PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S BOAT?

YES. HE'S BEEN HERE VISITING HOSPITALS AND TALKING TO THE SOLDIERS.



THAT EVENING...

MAJOR BRICE, THE PRESIDENT SENDS HIS COMPLIMENTS AND WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU WOULD CARE TO PAY HIM A LITTLE VISIT.



WITH PLEASURE, SIR!



**STEPHEN WAS CONDUCTED TO THE PRESIDENT'S CABIN.**

WELL, STEVE, I'VE KEPT TAB ON YOU A LITTLE THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND WHEN I HEARD SHERMAN HAD SENT A MAJOR BRICE UP HERE, I SENT FOR YOU.



I HOPE WE ARE IN SIGHT OF THE END, NOW. I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE OF OUR COUNTRYMEN KILLED. WE MUST SHOW THEM MERCY—MERCY.



**STEPHEN TOLD PRESIDENT LINCOLN ABOUT CLARENCE.**

AND SO YOU WANT ME TO PAROON THIS COLFAX? WELL, THAT'S MY VICE—PAROONING, SAYING YES. IT MAKES ME SLEEP BETTER.



I'D LIKE YOU TO STAY AROUND HERE WITH ME. I HAVE A NOTION GRANT'S GOING TO DO SOMETHING. WE'LL SEE ABOUT COLFAX LATER.



**G**RANT TOOK RICHMOND AND THE WAR WAS OVER. A FEW DAYS LATER, VIRGINIA GARVEL WAS IN LINCOLN'S OFFICE.

MR. LINCOLN, I'VE COME TO ASK YOU TO SPARE MY COUSIN, COLONEL CLARENCE COLFAX. HE HAS BEEN ARRESTED AS A SPY.



THAT'S TOO BAD. TELL ME ABOUT HIM. ARE YOU GOING TO MARRY HIM?

NO. I WAS, BUT I FOUND I DID NOT LOVE HIM.



THE OFFICER WHO SAW COLONEL COLFAX CAPTURED IS NOW IN WASHINGTON, AND WHEN YOUR NAME WAS GIVEN TO ME, I SENT FOR HIM. HE, TOO, HAS ASKED ME TO PARDON THE COLONEL.

WHO IS HE?

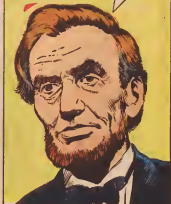


**T**HEN THE DOOR OPENED.

COME IN, MAJOR BRICE.



I'D LIKE YOU TO HEAR THIS, STEVE. I WILL PARDON COLONEL COLFAX BECAUSE THE TIME FOR WHICH WE HAVE BEEN WAITING SO LONG IS NOW AT HAND--THE TIME TO BE MERCIFUL. LET US ALL THANK GOD FOR IT.



MR. LINCOLN, I DID NOT KNOW HOW GREAT YOU ARE WHEN I CAME HERE, ALTHOUGH I SHOULD HAVE, FOR I HAVE HEARD MAJOR BRICE PRAISE YOU.



OH, HOW I WISH EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN THE SOUTH MIGHT COME HERE AND SEE YOU AS I HAVE SEEN YOU TODAY. I THINK THAT SOME OF THEIR BITTERNESS MIGHT BE TAKEN AWAY.



THANK YOU, VIRGINIA. AND NOW I HAVE TO LEAVE. GOODBY.



*THEN HE WAS GONE.*

DO YOU LOVE ME, VIRGINIA?

YES, STEPHEN. I HAVE STRUGGLED AGAINST IT, BUT IT IS NO USE.



WILL YOU MARRY ME?

YES, DEAR.



*SHE DREW HIM GENTLY TOWARD THE WINDOW.*

SEE, STEPHEN, THE SUN HAS COME OUT AT LAST.



THE END

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## ATTACK AT HARPERS FERRY



slave uprising.

On October 16, 1859, John Brown and a small band of men attacked the little village of Harpers Ferry, Virginia. Brown's purpose was to seize the United States Arsenal there and procure arms for a

slave uprising. On October 16, 1859, they attacked Harpers Ferry.

Harpers Ferry was then a village of some five thousand people. It is on the Virginia side of the Potomac River, and on either side of its principal tributary, the Shenandoah.

Brown's force consisted of seventeen white men and five Negroes. It is probable that they were aided or at least guided by friendly Negroes belonging to the village.

The entrance of this small army into Harpers Ferry at night seems to have been done without creating any alarm. They first rapidly extinguished the lights of the town. Then they took possession of the Armory building, which was guarded by watchmen who were seized and locked up in the guardhouse.

At half-past ten, the watchman at the Potomac bridge was seized. At midnight, his successor arrived to relieve him. He was hailed by Brown's sentinels and ran away. One shot was fired at him from the bridge. He gave the alarm but still no one stirred.

At a quarter-past one, a train from the West arrived. Its conductor found the bridge guarded by armed men. He and others attempted to walk across, but were turned back by rifles. One man, a Negro, was shot in the back and died the next morning. The passengers took refuge in the village hotel, and remained there several hours.

Six of Brown's men invaded the home of a Colonel Washington. They captured the Colonel, seized his arms and liberated his slaves. Then they entered the home of a Mr. Alstadt and his son, whom they also captured after freeing their slaves.

Each male citizen who appeared in the streets was captured and confined to the Armory. Soon there were between forty and fifty prisoners. Brown informed his prisoners they would be liberated if they wrote to their friends to free a slave as ransom.

At daybreak, Brown allowed the passenger train to proceed. As he walked over the bridge

John Brown was sixth in descent from Peter Brown, who came over on the *Mayflower*. John Brown was born in Torrington, Connecticut on May 9, 1800. When he was five years old, his father migrated to Hudson, Ohio where he died a few years later.

Young John had very little education. At sixteen years of age, he joined the Congregational Church in Hudson. He returned to New England planning to enter the ministry. He had to abandon this plan when he was attacked with inflammation of the eyes, which eventually became chronic. He then returned to Ohio where he married Dianthe Lusk. He and Dianthe had seven children, the last of whom was buried with her three days after its birth.

The following year John Brown married Mary A. Day. They had thirteen children. Three of these children were with him at Harpers Ferry. Two of them died there.

In 1854, four of Brown's sons went to Osawatomie, Kansas where violent conflict was beginning between the free-state and the pro-slavery settlers. Brown's sons entered the fight to bring Kansas into the Union as a non-slavery state. Brown soon followed them and played a leading part in many bloody conflicts during which one of his sons was killed. Soon Brown became known and feared as *Old Osawatomie Brown*, a ruthless guerrilla leader against slaveholders.

Though the Kansas question was settled in favor of freedom, Brown's war against slavery in the South went on. On a little rented farm he gathered a few men. On the night of



with the conductor he was asked the object of his attack. "To free the slaves," was his reply.

When the passenger train sped eastward, with Brown's permission, it left Harpers Ferry completely in the military possession of Brown's men. They held the Arsenal with its offices, workshops and grounds. Their sentinels stood on guard at bridges and principal corners, and patrolled the streets. Every workingman who innocently approached the Armory as the day dawned was seized and imprisoned with all other white males who seemed capable of making any trouble.

But Brown's victory was not long unchallenged. The Virginians who had arms prepared to use them. And a call for help had gone out. Soon after daybreak, Brown's guards were fired on by a man named Turner. Several Virginians soon obtained possession of a room overlooking the Armory gates. They fired on the sentinels who were guarding the gates and one was killed instantly. He was Brown's son.

There was an interval of quiet and Brown permitted his prisoners to visit their families under guard. Had Brown chosen to flee to the mountains with his few followers he might have been able to escape then. But he didn't.

A militia force, four hundred strong, arrived. They took command of every available exit. In taking the Shenandoah bridge, they killed one of Brown's men. Then they attacked the rifleworks and overpowered Brown's guards.

By this time, all the houses around the Armory building were filled with Virginians. Half a dozen of Brown's party, who had been sent out in the early morning to capture slaveholders and liberate slaves, were absent and unable to rejoin their chief. They fled

to Maryland and Pennsylvania, but two of them were later captured.

The Virginians were finally reinforced by Colonel Robert E. Lee, with ninety United States marines and two pieces of artillery. They broke in the door of the engine house where Brown and his men had taken refuge, using a ladder as a battering ram. Brown was wounded and captured.

Brown and his men were placed in jail. He was tried for treason and murder and hung on December 2. But the cause for which he died became the cause for which the Civil War was fought.

Within two years of his death, Union armies marched to battle singing,

*John Brown's body lies  
a-mouldering in the  
grave,  
But his soul goes  
marching on.*



## WINSTON CHURCHILL

**WINSTON CHURCHILL**, the American novelist, was born in St. Louis, Missouri on November 10, 1871. He was educated in the public schools of St. Louis and at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis. He graduated from Annapolis in 1894.

After the Naval Academy, Churchill served briefly on the editorial staff of the *Army and Navy Journal*. In 1895, he became the managing editor of *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

Churchill was a member of the New Hampshire legislature from 1903 to 1905. He was a candidate on the Progressive ticket for governor of New Hampshire in 1912, but was not elected.

Churchill wrote successful novels and many articles for magazines. Among his works are *The Celebrity*, *Richard Carvel*, *The Crossing*, *Coniston* and *The Crisis*. He died in Florida on March 12, 1947.

In *The Crisis*, Churchill attempted to write an epic of the Civil War, showing the tragedy and the glory it brought to both sides. He explained some of his feeling about the book in an afterward, which reads in part:

"The author has chosen St. Louis for the principal scene of this story for many reasons. Grant and Sherman were living there before the Civil War, and Abraham Lincoln was an unknown lawyer in the neighboring state of Illinois. It has been one of the aims of this book to show the remarkable contrasts in the lives of these great men who came out of the West. This old city of St. Louis, which was founded by Laclède in 1765, likewise became the principal meeting-place of two great streams of emigration which had been separated, more or less, since Cromwell's day. To be sure, they were not all Cavaliers who settled in the tidewater Colonies. There were Puritan settlements in both Maryland and Virginia. But the life in the Southern states took on the more liberal tinge which had



characterized that of the Royalists...while the asceticism of the Roundheads was the keynote of the Puritan character in New England. When this great country of ours began to develop, the streams moved westward; one over what became the plain states of Ohio and Indiana and Illinois, and the other across the Blue Ridge Mountains

into Kentucky and Tennessee. They mixed along the line of the Ohio River. They met at St. Louis, and, farther west, in Kansas. . . .

"St. Louis is the author's birthplace, and his home—the home of those friends whom he has known from childhood and who have always treated him with unflinching kindness. He begs that they will believe him when he says that only such characters as he loves are reminiscent of those he has known there. The city has a large population—large enough to include all the types that are to be found in the middle West.

"One word more. This book is written of a time when feeling ran high. It has been necessary to put strong speech into the mouths of the characters. The breach that threatened our country's existence is healed now. There is no side but Abraham Lincoln's side. And this side, with all reverence and patriotism, the author has tried to take.

"Abraham Lincoln loved the South as well as the North."

To show Abraham Lincoln's love for the South as well as the North, Churchill ends *The Crisis* with the closing words of Lincoln's second inaugural address:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

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