

JUNE 1762: EDMUND RICE
WAS BORN IN WESTCOURT,
CALLAN, CO. KILKENNY.

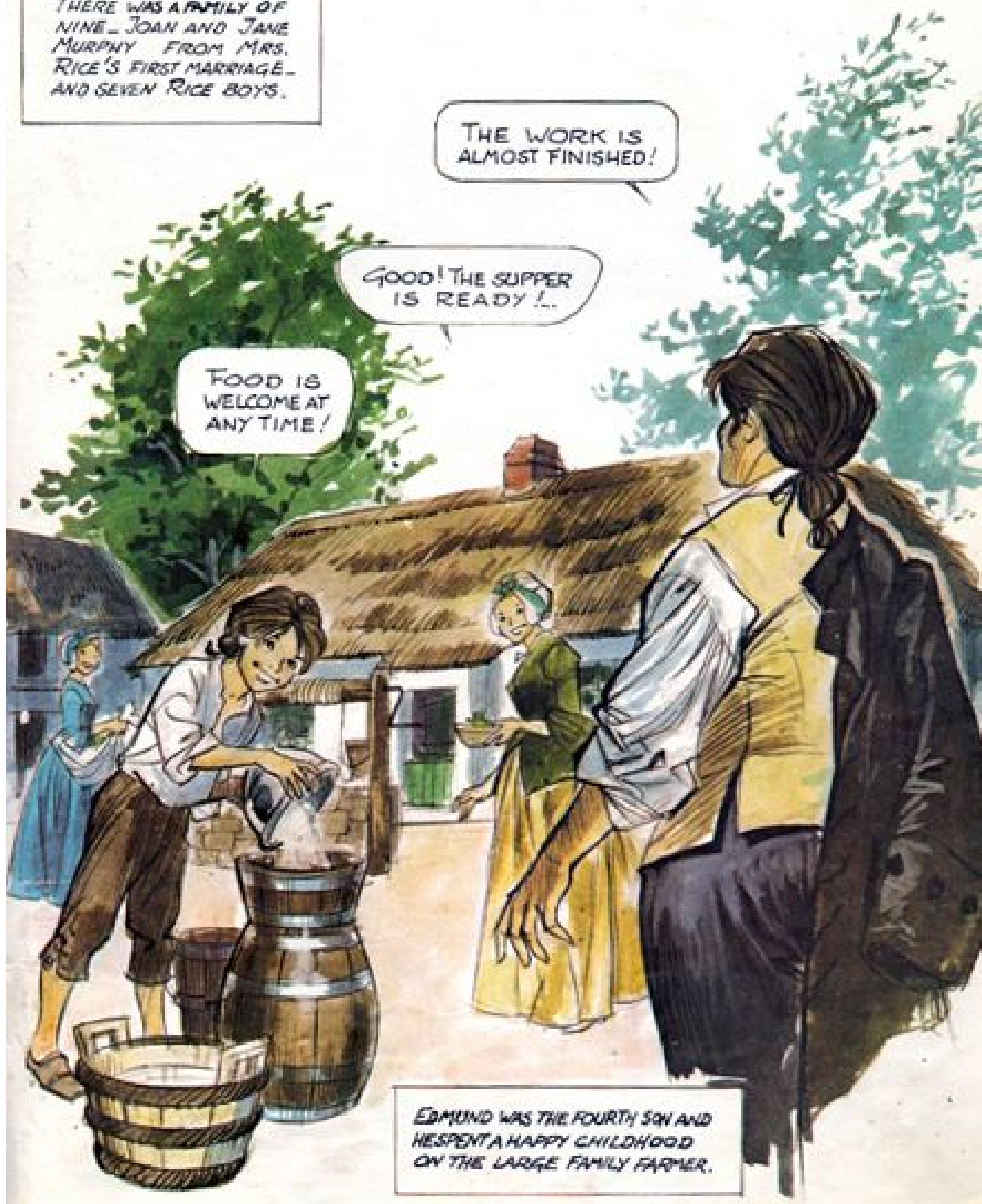
THERE WAS A FAMILY OF
NINE - JOAN AND JANE
MURPHY FROM MRS.
RICE'S FIRST MARRIAGE -
AND SEVEN RICE BOYS.

THE WORK IS
ALMOST FINISHED!

GOOD! THE SUPPER
IS READY!...

FOOD IS
WELCOME AT
ANY TIME!

EDMUND WAS THE FOURTH SON AND
HE SPENT A HAPPY CHILDHOOD
ON THE LARGE FAMILY FARM.



SUNDAY... ON THE WAY TO MASS, THEY PASS...

... THE SHOPS OF THE RICH...

... AND THE HOMES OF THE POOR...

HAVE YOU GOT
YOUR BEADS,
JOHN ?...

YES, MAM!

EDMUND, RUN
OVER TO O'BRIEN'S
WITH THESE FEW
EGGS...

YES, MAM!

I'LL GO
WITH HIM.

I PITY THAT POOR FAMILY:
THEIR MOTHER IS DEAD
AND THEY HAVE
NO FOOD.

GOD
BLESS
YOU!

EDMUND THINKS...

I WISH I COULD
HELP ALL THESE
POOR PEOPLE !



THE CHAPEL ON THE GREEN IS NO BETTER THAN THE NOVELS OF THE POOR...

THE PRIEST IS HERE!

COME TO MASS!

THE PRIEST HAS COME BACK... THANK GOD!

HE NOW SLEEPS IN THE LOFT ABOVE THE CHURCH...

IT'S ONLY A WEEK SINCE THE SOLDIERS RAIDED THE POOR MAN'S HUT...

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MAN'S HUT.

THE LORD WAS A POOR HOME ...
...AND NOW, THE POOR PRIEST HAS TO SHARE IT WITH HIM...

A woman with dark hair, wearing a brown coat and a dark hat, stands in the foreground, looking into the interior of a large, dilapidated building. The building has a high, vaulted wooden ceiling with exposed beams. In the background, there is a small altar with a cross and a statue. A wooden ladder leans against the left wall. The floor is wet and reflective. The overall scene suggests a place of poverty and neglect.

MASS STARTS...

GIVE THAT TO YOUR MAMMY, JIM -

THANK YOU, MRS. RICE.

AND I'LL HAVE
SOMETHING
NICE FOR YOU!

BUT MRS. RICE STILL GIVES...

COME OUT TO OUR HOUSE LATER TO PLAY.

WE'LL BE THERE!

AND I'LL HAVE SOMETHING NICE FOR YOU!



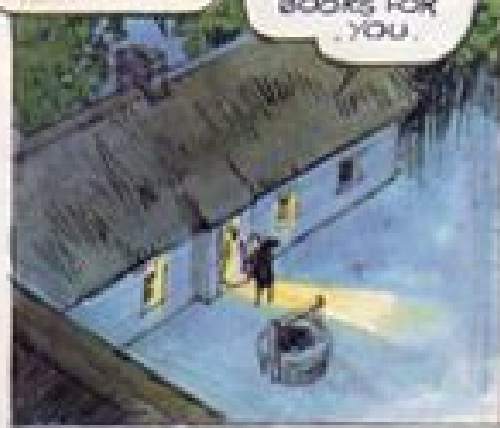
"AN BRAITHRÍN LIATH" (THE LITTLE GREY BROTHER) IS WELCOME AT THE RICE HOME...

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME! COME IN, AND SIT DOWN!...

I'LL BE GLAD TO MRS RICE. I BROUGHT A FEW MORE BOOKS FOR YOU.

EDMUND HAS BEEN EXPECTING YOU FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS! HE HAS BEEN TEACHING THE BOYS AGAIN AND WANTS MORE INFORMATION...

THAT BOY HAS A GOOD MIND!



LIKE THE SMOKE RISING FROM THE FIRE, SO YOUR PRAYER GOES UP TO GOD...

YOU LIKE TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT GOD!...

THEY THAT DO AND TEACH WILL BE AS BRIGHT AS STARS FOR EVER AND EVER!...

WILL YOU BE SHINING UP IN THE SKY?

AYE, LAD! AND I WILL POINT THE WAY TO THE LOST WANDERER!



TELL US MORE ABOUT JESUS AND THE LITTLE CHILDREN!

ANOTHER TIME EDMUND! I MUST BE OFF NOW. I'LL BE HERE SOON AGAIN.

HE IS A HOLY MAN.

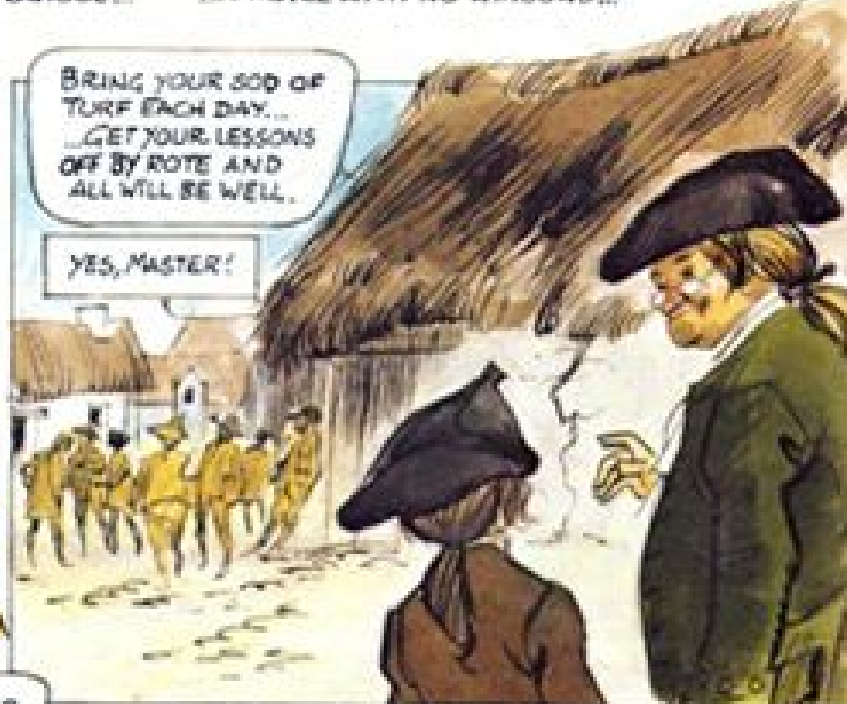
I LIKE IT WHEN "AN BRAITHRÍN LIATH" COMES DADDY!



BE READY FOR ROSARY WHEN MAMMY COMES BACK IN.

SCHOOL - EDMUND ATTENDED THE LOCAL HEDGE SCHOOL...

...A Hovel WITH NO WINDOWS...



EDMUND LEFT THE HEDGE SCHOOL AND WENT TO SCHOOL IN KILKENNY UNTIL HE WAS SEVENTEEN.

ONE DAY...



WATERFORD 1779 - EDMUND RICE, AGED SEVENTEEN,
ARRIVES IN THE BUSY OVERCROWDED CITY...

FAMINE HAS DRIVEN MANY
FROM THE LAND AND THEY
SEEK REFUGE IN THE CITIES.
THERE ARE DROVES OF
BEGGARS IN THE STREETS.

LET ME TAKE
YOUR TRUNK, SIR!

THROW A
FIST OF
MONEY, SIR!

STAND AWAY
THERE! RASCALS!
VAGABONDS!
OUT OF THE WAY!
LET THE PEOPLE
OUT !!!...



BALLYBRICKEN AND THE FAIR GREEN.

RICE-VICTUALLER.

THIS WILL BE YOUR HOME AND CENTRE OF WORK FROM NOW ON. YOU MUST LEARN ABOUT IT.

SHOW ME AROUND, ZINGIE!

GIMME A PENNY, SIR...

THIS IS MY CHIEF BUYER, AN HON-EST MAN AND THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS!

THANK YOU SIR! DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU MASTER RICE!

WE WILL BE TO ALL THE FAIRS TOGETHER. TEACH ME ALL YOU KNOW.

THAT BUYER IS A GOOD MAN. STICK WITH HIM. THIS IS THE PART OF THE TRADE I WANT YOU TO LEARN.

I'LL DO MY BEST, UNCLE MICHAEL!

COME IN FOR SUPPER AND MEET THE BOYS. YOU START AT SEVEN IN THE MORNING. THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE IN THE QUAY.

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME, COME IN EDMUND! ARE YOU NOT A LITTLE LATE?

THANK YOU! UNCLE MICHAEL WAS SHOWING ME AROUND...

...AND HE LEARNED MORE IN THE PAST TEN MINUTES THAN THE TWO OF YOU HAVE LEARNED IN TEN YEARS!...

COME ON IN TO SUPPER!

EARLY ON THE QUAY...

MORNING, EDMUND! YOU WERE OUT VERY EARLY!

I WENT TO 5.30 MASS AT FAHA CHAPEL.

AHOY THERE, MR. RICE! COME ABOARD, PLEASE.

I WANT YOU TO MEET MY NEPHEW, CAPTAIN CONDON. HE WISHES TO SEE THE CARGO OF MEAT.

THAT IS THE CARGO, MY LAD! I LIKE THAT IDEA OF YOURS OF A STORE GIVING ALL SUPPLIES FOR SHIPS.

THANK YOU, SIR! MY UNCLE LIKED IT ALSO.

SAFE VOYAGE, CAPTAIN CONDON. EDMUND AND I HAD BETTER GET BACK TO THE OFFICE TO MAKE OUR REPORT!

LATER AT THE OFFICE...

THIS IS A GOOD REPORT MASTER EDMUND! ALL CORRECT!

THANK YOU! I DID NOT REALISE AT FIRST THAT THERE WAS SUCH DETAIL. IF I COME DOWN WILL YOU TEACH ME ALL THERE IS TO KNOW?

DETAIL! THE ESSENCE OF GOOD BUSINESS, LAD! I'LL TEACH YOU GLADLY!

THAT WAS A GOOD DAY FOR YOU AND YOU HAVE SEEN THE HEART OF BUSINESS... BY THE WAY I NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL WAY WITH PEOPLE. A WONDERFUL GIFT, MY BOY!

YES, SIR!



EDMUND IS SOON VERY WELL KNOWN IN WATERFORD.

GOOD TO DO BUSINESS WITH YOU, MR. EDMUND. THAT NEW CHANDLER'S STORE IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA!

RICE • CHANDLER

THE ROAD IS LONG AND DANGEROUS...
...WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN THE ROSARY?

I HEAR YOU VERY OFTEN ASK PEOPLE TO DO THIS... THEY SAY YOU GO TO MASS EVERY DAY...

MASS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.



WE WERE EVICTED FROM OUR LAND!

A BIT OF BREAD, MR. RICE!

THE POOR WERE THE CHIEF OBJECT OF HIS ATTENTION. IN FACT, THIS WONDERFUL SYMPATHY FOR THE POOR WAS ONE OF HIS MOST DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS. EDMUND FRETTERED WHEN HE SAW THE POOR.

IT'S SO COLD!

THERE IS NOTHING TO EAT!



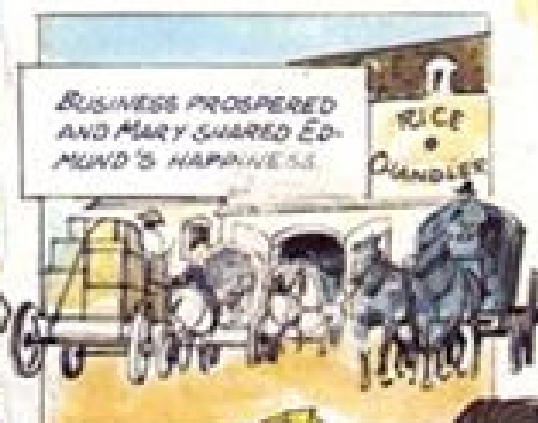
THE WEDDING OF EDMUND RICE AND MARY ELLIOT WAS A GREAT SOCIAL OCCASION IN THE WATERFORD OF 1785...



THEIR HOME IN BALLYBRICKEN WAS OPEN TO POOR YOUNG PEOPLE. MARY GAVE THEM FOOD. EDMUND TRIED TO EDUCATE THEM.



BUSINESS PROSPERED AND MARY SHARED EDMUND'S HAPPINESS.



ONE DAY, EDMUND RUSHED HOME WITH WONDERFUL NEWS...

I HAVE GOOD NEWS! ...UNCLE MICHAEL HAS LEFT US EVERYTHING AND WANTS US TO GO AND LIVE WITH HIM IN ARUNDEL PLACE!

OH, EDMUND, HOW WONDERFUL! I HAVE NEWS TOO...

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BABY!

OH, MARY! TWO GREAT JOYS IN THE SAME DAY!





SOME
TIME
LATER...

MR. RICE! MR. RICE!
I CAME AS FAST I
COULD!... COME
QUICKLY!

EASY, JIM!
WHAT IS IT?



IT'S THE MISSUS, SIR!
AN ACCIDENT!... THE
DOCTOR IS WITH HER
NOW!
...T WAS HER HORSE, SIR!

OH, MY GOD!
NOT MARY!
PLEASE!



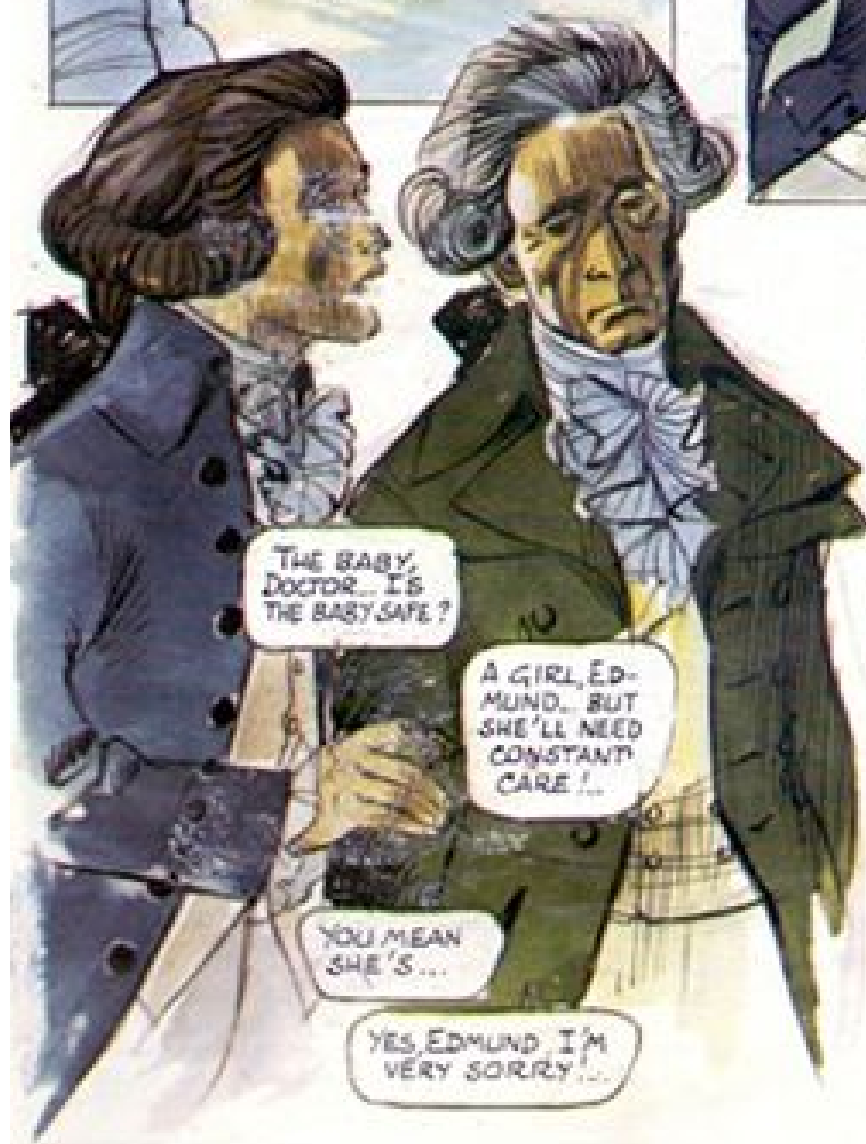
DEAR JESUS!
LET HER BE
SAFE!

IF THERE'S ANYTHING
I CAN DO, SIR...

HOW IS SHE,
DOCTOR?...
...DEAD?...
DEAD!...
OH, MY
GOD!



YES, EDMUND!



THE BABY,
DOCTOR... IS
THE BABY SAFE?

A GIRL, ED-
MUND... BUT
SHE'LL NEED
CONSTANT
CARE!...

YOU MEAN
SHE'S...

YES, EDMUND, I'M
VERY SORRY!...



OH, GOD OF
MERCY!... WHY
MARY?... WHY
NOT TAKE ME?
TWO SORROWS
IN ONE DAY!
... WHY?...
OH! JESUS!
HELP ME
BEAR THIS
SORROW!...

EDMUND GROWS IN LOVE,
TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION.

EDMUND TALKS TO JOAN
HIS STEP-SISTER, WHO CAME
TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE
HOUSE...

YOU'LL SPOIL
HER, EDMUND!

MY DEAR SISTER
JOAN, WHAT COULD
I NOT GIVE THIS
DAUGHTER OF
MINE, WITH ALL
MY RICHES?...

...BALLET...

MUSIC...

...BEAUTIFUL
CLOTHES...

...BEST
SCHOOL...

...ONLY NOW I REALISE THE
HELPLESSNESS OF THE HOLY
INFANT...
...THE ONLY RICHES
MY LITTLE MARY
WILL ENJOY ARE
THE GIFTS GIVEN
TO HER IN BAP-
TISM.....

...GOD HAS BLESSED ME WITH
THIS RARE AND BEAUTIFUL GIFT.
HER'S IS THE HELPLESSNESS
OF THE DIVINE INFANT; HER'S
THE RICHES OF DIVINE GRACE.



THE MOVE TO ARUNDEL PLACE BROUGHT EDYND NEAR TO THE CATHEDRAL. HE WAS ONE OF FIVE WHO RECEIVED HOLY COMMUNION FREQUENTLY.



HIS SPIRITUALITY ALSO DEEPENED AS A RESULT OF HIS CONTACT WITH THE JESUITS IN NEARBY ST. PATRICK'S...



...WHERE HE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO SERMONS.

JESUS DIED FOR ALL OF YOU. THE CROSS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN AND CHRIST GIVES THE BACK TO BEAR IT!



...AND ATTENDED THE SOCIETY EACH NIGHT.

GIVE ALMS!...
GIVE GENEROUSLY!
IN HELPING THE
POOR, YOU HELP
CHRIST!...



...HELD PRAYER MEETING WITH COMPANIONS...

JESUS LIVES IN EACH OF US!

...AND RECEIVED SPIRITUAL DIRECTION...

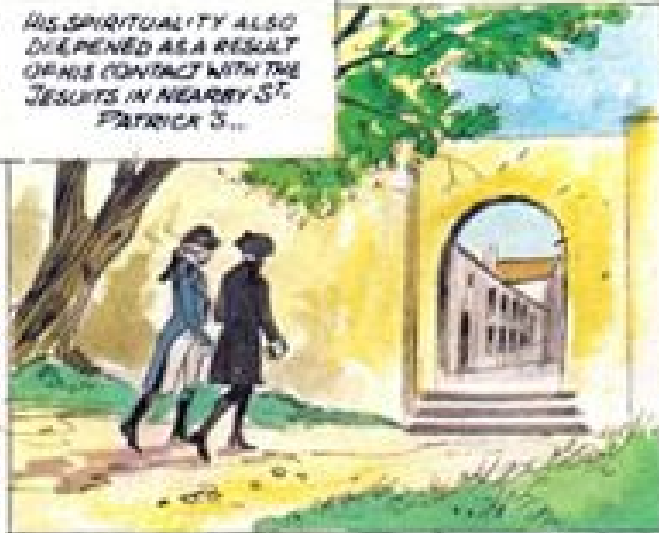
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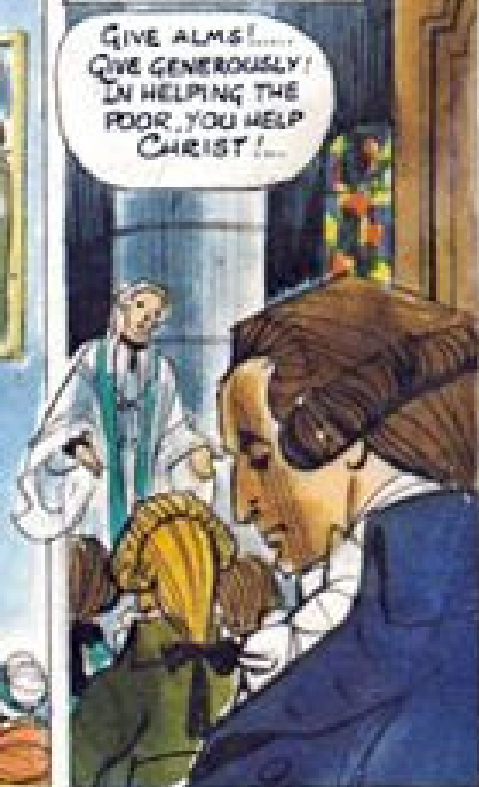
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SOME TIME LATER WHEN EDMUND WAS ON THE COACH TO DUBLIN, THERE WAS A STOP FOR THE NIGHT...

MY APOLOGIES, MR RICE! MAY I REQUEST YOU TO SHARE A ROOM WITH THE FRIAR?

I DO NOT OBJECT, LANDLORD!

I AM SO TIRED I WILL SLEEP SOUNDLY ALL NIGHT!...



EDMUND WORE DURING THE NIGHT!

LET ME BE YOUR INSTRUMENT, O LORD!

AND HE BROOD ON WHAT HE SAW.

HOW THAT MAN PRAYED LAST NIGHT!... I WISH I COULD PRAY LIKE THAT!



ON HIS RETURN TO WATERFORD EDMUND HAS A VISITOR...

I AM A PRESENTATION SISTER AND WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO START A SCHOOL. WE HAVE NO SITE IN WATERFORD...

LEAVE IT TO ME! I THINK I KNOW THE VERY PLACE! LEAVE IT TO ME!

A SCHOOL FOR POOR! CATHOLICS IDEAL! WONDERFUL IDEA!

LATER THAT NIGHT, EDMUND READS HIS BIBLE...

"... POUR OUT YOUR HEART BEFORE HIM..."

"... DO AND TEACH..."

YES... THAT IS THE WAY IT WAS FOR THE HOLY FRIAR...



... DO AND TEACH AND SHINE LIKE STARS THAT'S WHAT 'AN BRAITHREIN LIATH' SAID.

"DO NOT OPPRESS
THE POOR..."

"DO NOT GET RICH
BY USURY..."

"RESTORE WHAT YOU HAVE TAKEN..."

"GIVE TO HIM WHO ASKS YOU..."

"DO GOOD AND LEND HOPING
FOR NOTHING THEREBY..."

IT IS VERY LATE!
YOU SPEND TOO
MUCH TIME READ-
ING AT NIGHT!...

OH! JOAN... I DID
NOT FEEL THE TIME
PASS!... I FEEL
GOD IS TALKING
TO ME IN THIS
BOOK...

YOU ARE A GOOD SISTER
TO ME, JOAN! I AM THINK-
ING OF LIFE IN
A MONASTERY!

WHY NOT
MARRY
AGAIN
EDMUND?

WHAT ABOUT
YOUR POOR
BOYS?...

MY POOR BOYS!
ALL I GIVE THEM
IS A SHORT RE-
LIEF FROM A
LONG-TERM
PROBLEM...

ALL THAT YOU DO IS GOOD.
CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME
AND NOT IN SOME MONAS-
TERY FAR AWAY!...

"GO SELL WHAT YOU HAVE
AND GIVE..."

"...THEY WHO IN-
STRUCT OTHERS...
...SHALL SHINE
LIKE STARS..."

OH, JESUS...
GUIDE ME!

1803, EDMUND
SELLS ALL TO
START A SCHOOL
IN NEW STREET
STABLES.

"WATERFORD
HERALD"!...
READ ALL ABOUT
IT!...RICE PROP-
ERTY SOLD!

EDUCATE THESE BRATS,
IS IT? I WILL PROTEST
TO RICE IN PERSON!
ANYHOW IT IS
AGAINST THE LAW!

MY FRIEND RICE
MUST BE MAD!

A SCHOOL FOR
POOR BOYS!
NO WHAT DO THEY
NEED A SCHOOL
FOR?...

I HAD THOUGHT THAT
A MAN OF HIS MEANS
AND POSITION WOULD
MARRY AGAIN!

I'D LIKE TO FIND
OUT WHAT SCHOOL
IS LIKE?...

I DON'T CARE! I'M
GOING TO NO SCHOOL
FOR NO MR. RICE!

I HOPE YOUR JOBS WILL
BE SAFE WITH THE RICE
PROPERTY SOLD!



NEW STREET. SCHOOL IN A STABLE.

I'LL PAY
YOU
DOUBLE!

NO, MR. RICE!
THEY ARE LIKE
ANIMALS!

NOT FOR ALL THE MONEY
YOU HAVE IN THE WORLD!



IN HIS ROOM ABOVE
THE STABLE...

DEAR JESUS, I'M
SO ALONE! WHAT
CAN I DO? HEAR ME!

MAY WE
COME IN?



OTHER HELPERS
FOLLOW AND THE
WORK CONTINUES.

TRUST IN MARY,
PRAY TO HER MANY
TIMES EACH
DAY, SHE WILL
TAKE CARE OF YOU.



YOU MUST HAVE
FOOD AND
CLOTHES.
WE CAN
LEARN TO-
GETHER.



HIS FIRST TWO COMPANIONS...

THOMAS GROSVENOR
AND PATRICK FINN!
THANK GOD YOU
HAVE COME!

WE HEARD OF YOUR
WORK AND WE CAME
FROM CALLAN TO
HELP YOU!

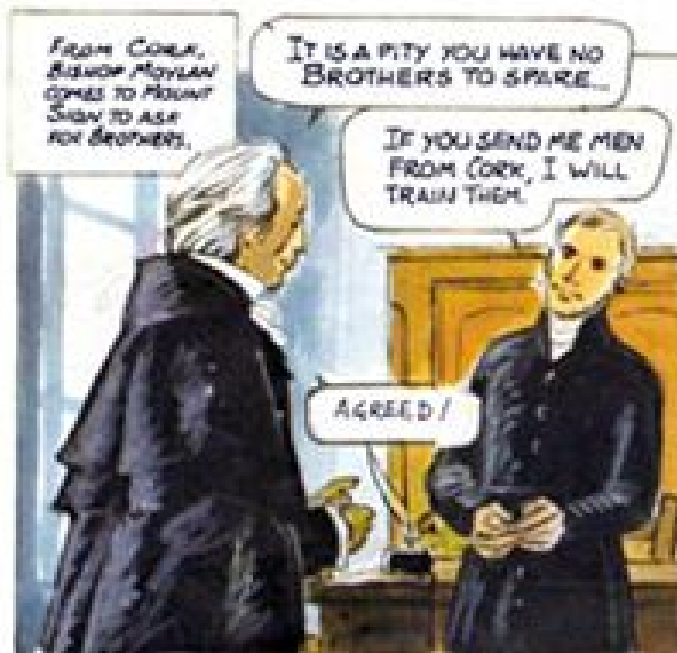


COULD YOU GET OTHER BOYS TO COME?
THERE WILL BE FOOD FOR THEM AND
THEY WILL LEARN
WHAT THEY NEED.

I'LL TRY, MR.
RICE. BUT SOME
OF THEM ARE
VERY ROUGH!







* ONE OF THE CANILLS WAS HANGED IN 1798 FOR HIS PART IN THE REBELLION.

SEEKING PAPAL APPROVAL FOR HIS PLANS...

THERE ARE MANY REQUESTS FOR NEW SCHOOLS...

SOME OF THE BISHOPS WILL NOT ALLOW THE BROTHERS TO EVANGELIZE AND WE MUST TAKE AWAY BROTHERS TO MEET THE DEMAND.



I WILL SEEK PERMISSION FROM THE HOLY SEE TO UNITE ALL THE HOUSES UNDER ONE SUPERIOR.

THAT IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT...

GOD IS GOOD!



1818, AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION, EDMUND APPLIED TO THE HOLY SEE TO APPROVE HIS NEW CONGREGATION.

PAPAL APPROVAL ARRIVES IN JANUARY 1821.

OUR PRAYER HAS BEEN ANSWERED! PAPAL APPROVAL HAS ARRIVED!... WE ARE SURE OF THE BLESSING OF GOD ON OUR WORK!

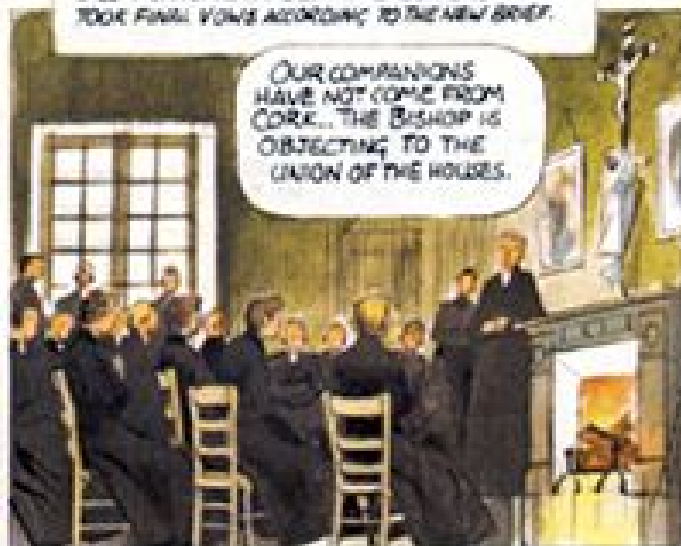
THIS IS WONDERFUL NEWS!... THANK GOD!...

BUT THERE ARE HARD TIMES AHEAD!...



ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS - 20TH JANUARY 1822... NINETEEN BROTHERS TOOK FINAL VOWS ACCORDING TO THE NEW BRIEF.

OUR COMPANIONS HAVE NOT COME FROM CORK... THE BISHOP IS OBJECTING TO THE UNION OF THE HOUSES.



THEY MADE FINAL PROFESSION

... AND EDMUND WAS ELECTED THE FIRST SUPERIOR GENERAL AT THE ASSEMBLY THAT FOLLOWED. AND SO WAS STARTED THE CONGREGATION OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.



MEANWHILE AT A MEETING OF THE CORK BROTHERS...

WE KNOW THAT THE BISHOP WILL OBJECT. HE IS OUR SUPERIOR AND IT IS ONLY RIGHT TO OBEY HIM.

WELL, BR. AUSTIN, I CONSIDER BR. EDMUND TO BE MY SUPERIOR. HE TRAINED ME AND I WISH TO FOLLOW HIS WISHES....

BUT HE HAS LEFT US THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE!

WE MUST PRAY FOR GUIDANCE...

EACH MAN MUST MAKE UP HIS OWN MIND.



I FEEL THAT I SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE RULE OF LIFE I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING... THE RULE OF THE PRESENTATION...

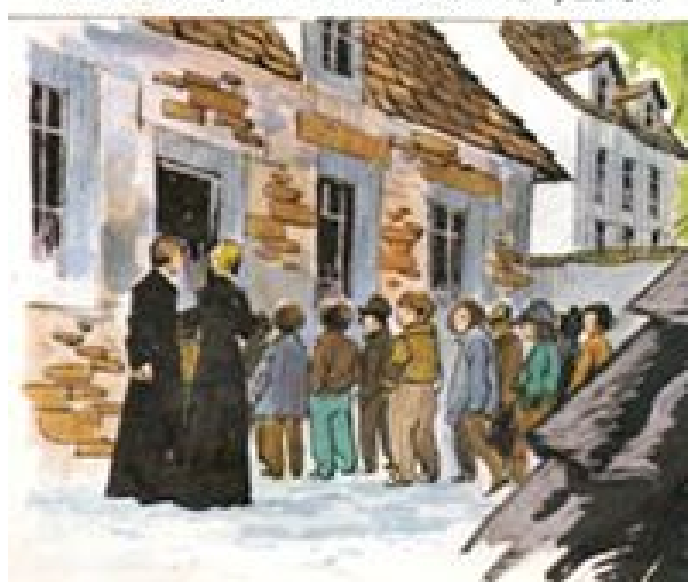
MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR RESOLVE! YOU HAD BETTER MAKE THAT KNOWN TO THE BISHOP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BR. AUSTIN MAKES KNOWN HIS WISHES TO D. MURPHY, BISHOP OF CORK...

I HAVE A HOUSE AND A SCHOOL FOR YOU!...



IN JULY 1827, BR. AUSTIN OPENED HIS SCHOOL IN CAT LANE, OFF BARRACK STREET, CORK.



BROTHER AUSTIN RIORDAN'S LIFE AND GOOD EXAMPLE ATTRACTED MANY YOUNG MEN AND THUS WAS CONTINUED THE ORDER OF PRESENTATION BROTHERS.

AS THE NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES INCREASES, EDMUND WORKS HARDER...

WE MUST PLAN FOR NIGHT CLASSES, A LIBRARY AND PRODUCE TEXTS.



EDMUND IS A COMFORT FOR LOST ONES...

...HE VISITED THE PRISONS OFTEN...

I BROUGHT ALONG ONE OF MY COMPANIONS. THERE IS FOOD IN THE BASKET AND I WILL SEE WHAT ELSE I CAN DO.

OH! THANKS, MR. RICE! YOU ARE THE ONLY HOPE I HAVE!...



EDMUND AND HIS COMPANIONS ARE OFTEN BESIDE THE GALLIES TO GIVE COMFORT...

MR. RICE, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS SPOKEN A KIND WORD TO ME!... THEY ALL AVOID PULL CARTHY. I WISH I COULD CHANGE!...

YOU CAN, PULL! FR. MATHREW IN CORK WILL HELP YOU TO STOP DRINKING.

IS THAT PULL CARTHY SPEAKING TO RICE?

HOW DOES HE LISTEN TO HER FOUL TONGUE?



I'LL SEE TO YOUR FAMILY, JIM!

GOD BLESS YOU, SIR!... I WAS STEALING BECAUSE THE CHILDREN WERE STARVING!

THE MONKS FROM MOUNT SION ARE HERE AGAIN!

THEY ALWAYS COME!



HE ORDERS FOOD AND CLOTHES.

SET UP YOUR SHOP OVER THERE BESIDE THE SCHOOL. USE DIFFERENT CLOTH FOR EACH BOY. I DO NOT WANT ANY BOY TO LOSE HIS DIGNITY.



1829. CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION ACT BRINGS FREEDOM OF RELIGION TO CATHOLICS BUT IT ALSO BRINGS DIFFICULTIES FOR EDMUND AND THE BROTHERS...

EDMUND CALLS ON DANIEL O'CONNELL.

BY THIS LAW, MR. O'CONNELL, PALE RELIGIOUS ARE BANNED AND WE MAY NOT TAKE YOUNG MEN.

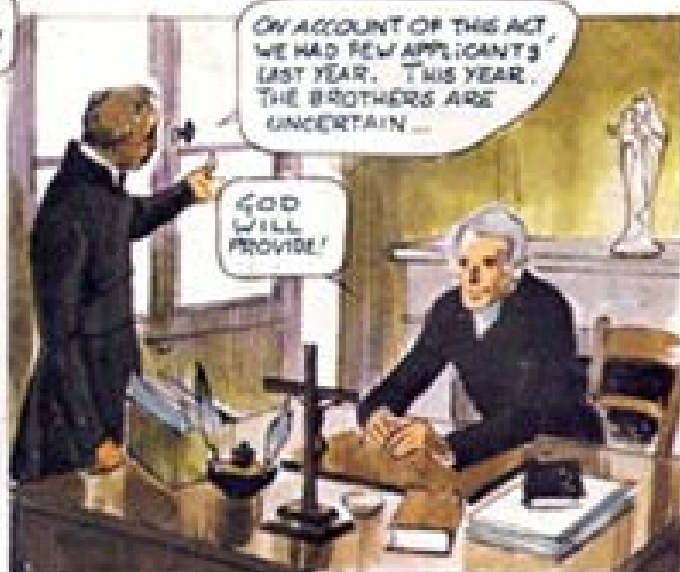
DON'T FRET, EDMUND, WE WILL FIND A WAY AROUND THIS QUARE!



BUT THE NOVICE MASTER IS WORRIED...

ON ACCOUNT OF THIS ACT WE HAD FEW APPLICANTS LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR THE BROTHERS ARE UNCERTAIN...

GOD WILL PROVIDE!



DO SOMETHING EDMUND!... THINGS ARE LOOKING BAD!

WE MUST TRUST IN GOD!

WE SHOULD HAVE A CHAPTER SO THAT ALL THE BROTHERS MAY DISCUSS THE PROBLEM...

IT WILL NOT SOLVE THIS PROBLEM!



DR. EDMUND CALLS A CHAPTER.

REQUESTS FOR BROTHERS HAVE COME FROM NEW-FOUNDLAND, ARMAGH AND BALTIMORE.

NUMBERS ARE FALLING!

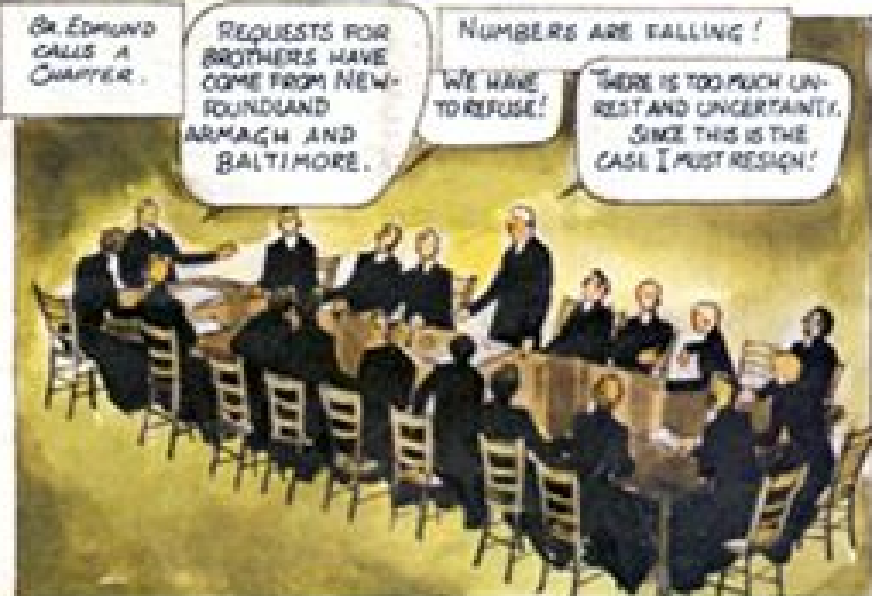
WE HAVE TO REFUSE!

THERE IS TOO MUCH UNREST AND UNCERTAINTY. SINCE THIS IS THE CASE I MUST RESIGN!

A SHORT TIME LATER...

THE BROTHERS WILL NOT AGREE TO YOUR RESIGNATION!

GOD'S WILL BE DONE!



DIFFICULT YEARS 1832-1836.

EDMUND CONSULTS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN...

WE HAVE MANY SCHOOLS BUT WE ARE VERY POOR. IN SOME PLACES THE BROTHERS ARE HUNGRY!

GO UNDER THE NATIONAL BOARD... AND YOU WILL BE PAID...

THE BOARD FORBIDS THE DAILY TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC RELIGION AND THE SAYING OF THE PRAYERS!

TRY A FEW SCHOOLS AND SEE HOW IT WORKS...



EDMUND GETS COMPLAINTS FROM THE SCHOOLS UNDER THE NATIONAL BOARD...

...THE VISIT OF AN INSPECTOR.

AND WHAT IS THIS I FIND?... AN OBJECTIONABLE PRAYER-CARD!... AND A CATECHISM!!!

NOW, MR. INSPECTOR, YOU MAY EXAMINE THE CLASS. DO NOT INSULT OUR RELIGION! **OUT!**



THE BROTHERS ARE CALLED TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

DO YOU AGREE THAT WE WITHDRAW OUR SCHOOLS FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD?

WE WILL BEG FOR OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR CHILDREN!



CATHOLIC FAITH IS OUR PRIORITY! IT IS THE CORE OF OUR SYSTEM!



AT THE AGE OF 70, EDMUND RETIRED...

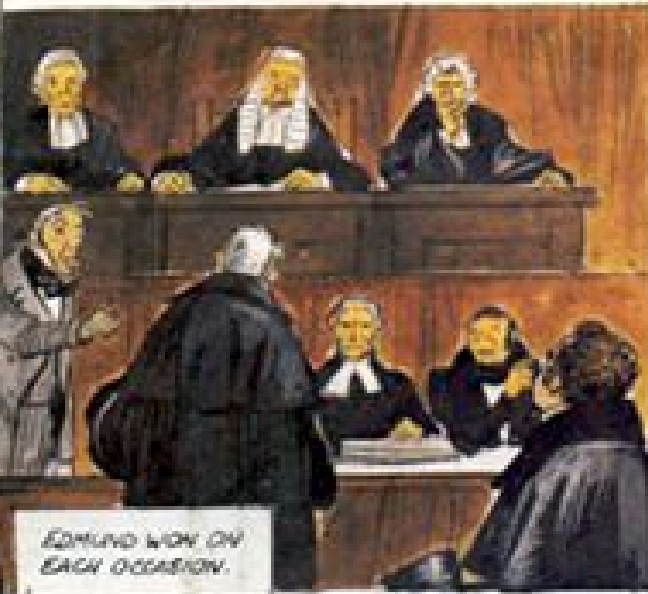
HE VISITED
COMMUNITIES...



HE MEETS HIS
BOYS IN THE
SCHOOLS...



ON MANY OCCASIONS, ANTI-CATHOLIC COMMISSIONERS TOOK LEGAL ACTION TO STOP EDMUND USING MONEY LEFT IN CHARITY FOR THE POOR...



EDMUND WON ON EACH OCCASION.

HE SAW HIS
BROTHERS GO
OVERSEAS...



SUFFERING FROM ARTHRITIS, HE SPENT MUCH TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT...



...OR CARRYING AND PRAYING WITH THE YOUNG BROTHERS...



AWAKING FROM A COMA...

...EDMUND RECOGNISES
SIR STAN HYLAND...

GOOD BYE, SIR...
THE BELL WILL
SOON RING.

GOOD BYE,
AND GOD
BLESS YOU,
MY CHILD!

THE END IS NEAR,
I THINK WE SHOULD
CALL THE COMMUNITY.



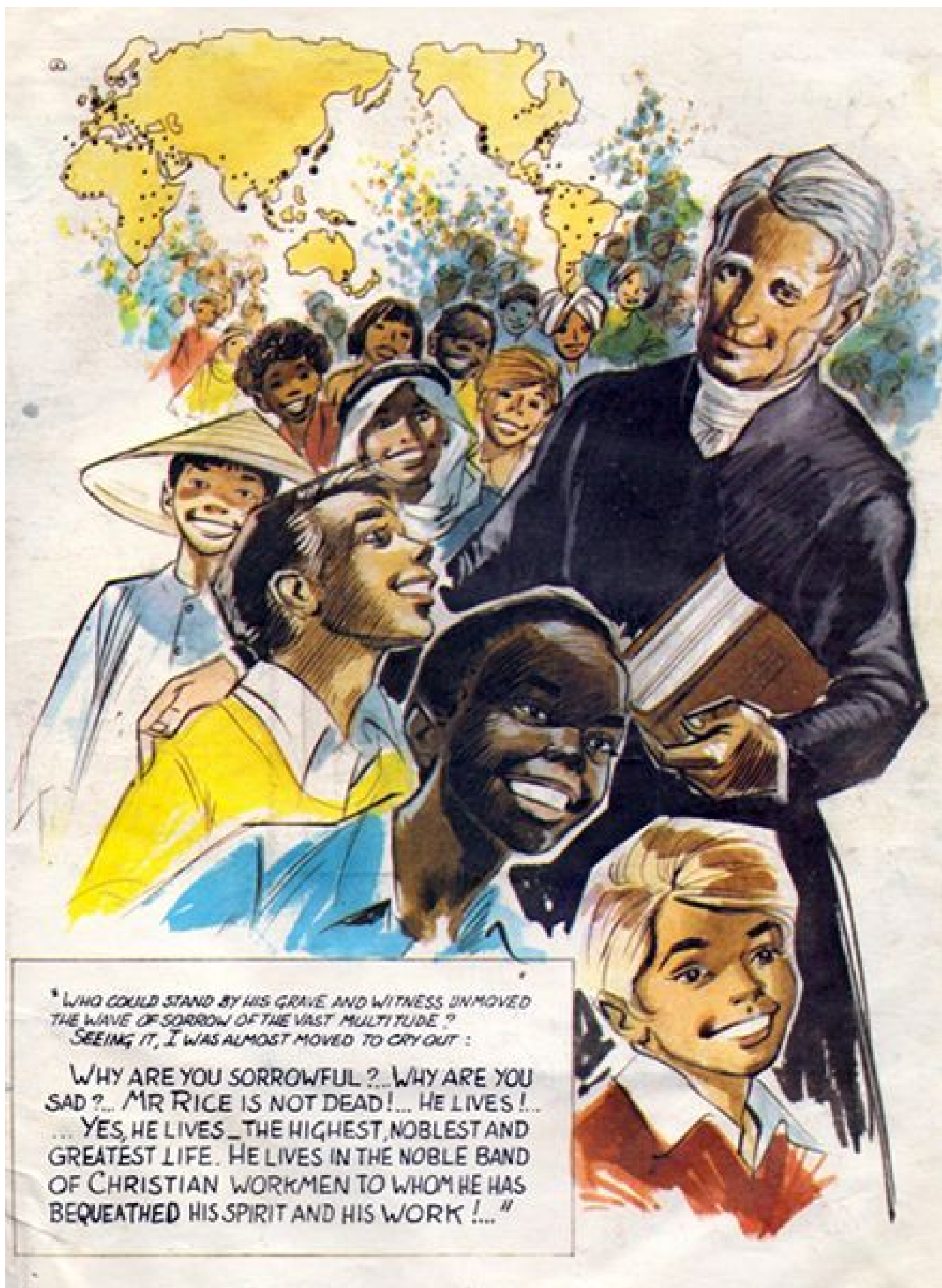
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE,
KITTY... I BLESS YOU AND
HOPE THE BROTHERS WILL
LOOK AFTER YOU.....

PRAISE BE
TO YOU
JESUS CHRIST!

29TH AUGUST 1844, EDMUND
IGNATIUS RICE DIED.

LARGE CROWDS FILLED THE STREETS
AROUND MOUNT SION. CATHOLICS
AND NON-CATHOLICS, THE WELL-
TO-DO AND ESPECIALLY THE POOR.





* WHO COULD STAND BY HIS GRAVE AND WITNESS UNMOVED
THE WAVE OF SORROW OF THE VAST MULTITUDE ?
SEEING IT, I WAS ALMOST MOVED TO CRY OUT :

WHY ARE YOU SORROWFUL ?... WHY ARE YOU
SAD ?... MR RICE IS NOT DEAD !... HE LIVES !...
... YES, HE LIVES _ THE HIGHEST, NOBLEST AND
GREATEST LIFE. HE LIVES IN THE NOBLE BAND
OF CHRISTIAN WORKMEN TO WHOM HE HAS
BEQUEATHED HIS SPIRIT AND HIS WORK !... "