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Quincey Howard - Examination Day (Original: Die Prüfung)

(A Fragment)

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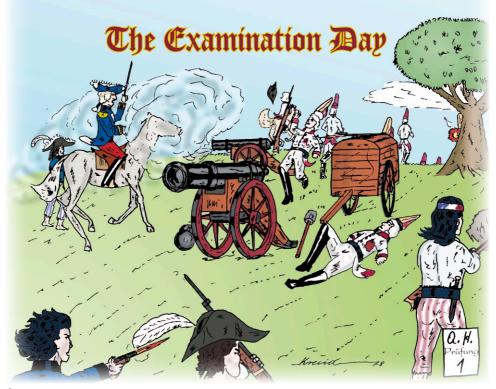
1792 - Flames over Europe. In France the people have deposed the king in a revolution. Shocked by this monstrosity, the other monarchies mobilize to protect the old order against the mob. But the young republic takes action and starts a crusade for freedom by declaring war on Austria.

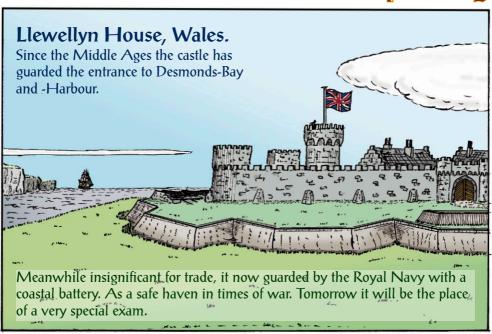
Britain, as usual, waits from a distinguished distance how things will go on on the continent. How the pick'n'mix of the french revolutionary army will hold against the well-equipped and drilled troops of the old european dynasties.

Against this background an experiment of foresighted admirals comes to a close. At a naval base, a dozen selected midshipmen, were prepared for their duties as officers, mainly theoretically.

The initiators hope to achieve significantly better results than after 3 years of onboard service, during which the theoretical schooling tends to run on the side.

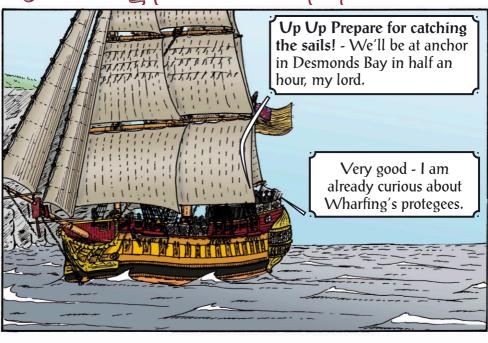
So not only the midshipmen are waiting for the most important day of their career up to now,

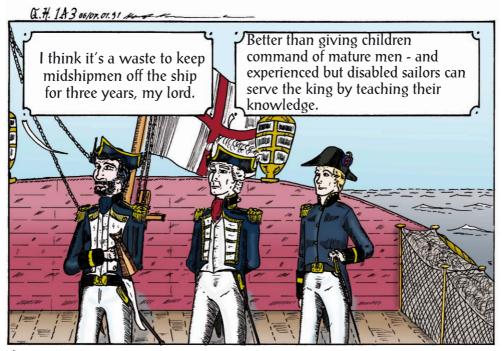












And personal experience, my lord? What can a midshipman learn from practical seamanship in three years of school with some cutter sailing? I insist that an able officer can only come from the shipboard service.

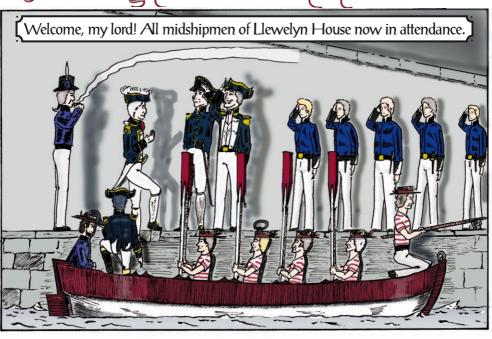


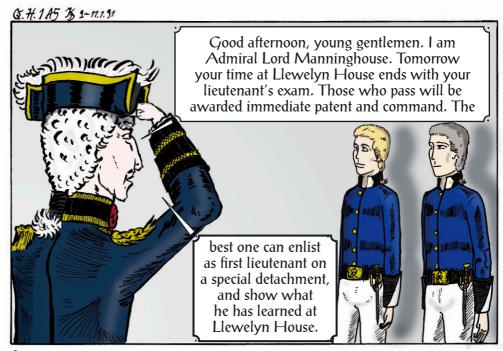
Whether that it is this way, we wanted to use Llewelyn House to find out, Captain. And tomorrow after the exam, we'll know a little more.

There can only become a desaster, my lord! Remember my words. -

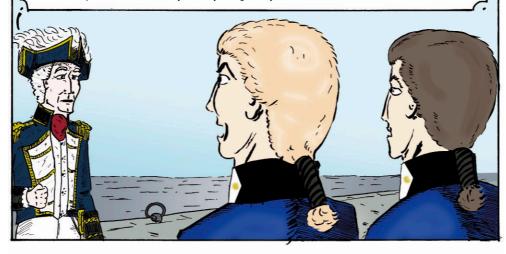
Fallen anchor! - Captain's boat ready to launch.

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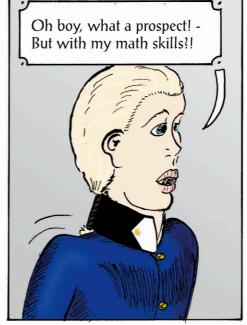


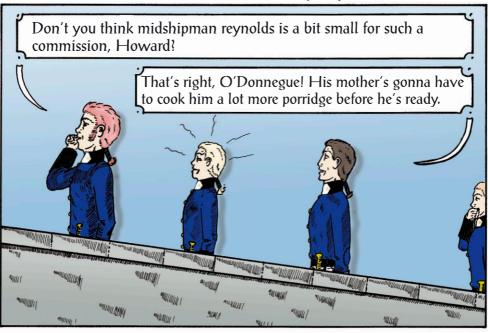


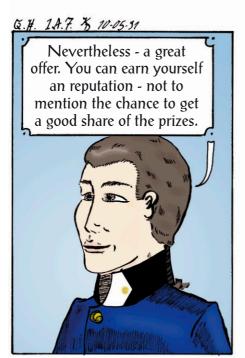
There's a catch, though. You're on a raider against the French and we're not officially at war yet. So you have to expect to end up on a execution dock if the French consider British with a letter of marque from a German dwarf principality as pirates.

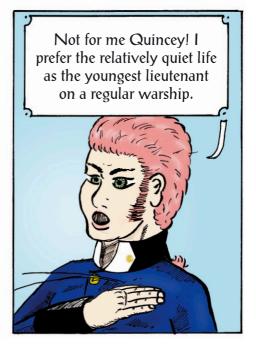


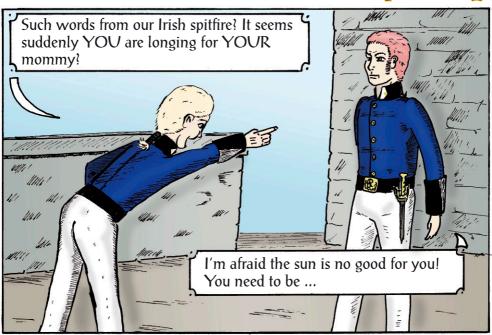








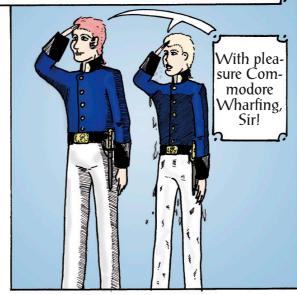






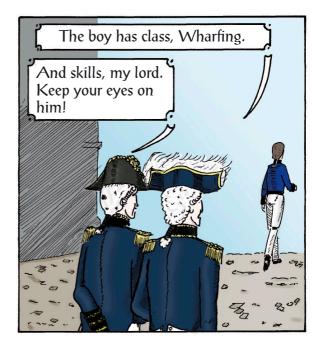
U-hmmn - Perhaps you will have the goodness to support the cook with your surplus powers!

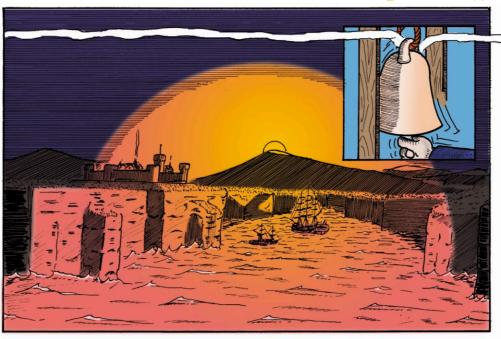


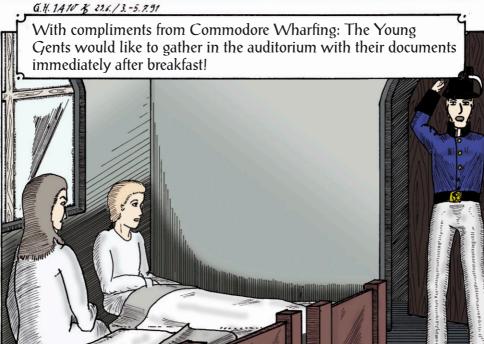


With your permittance
I will join them,
sir! After all, I was
involved too.

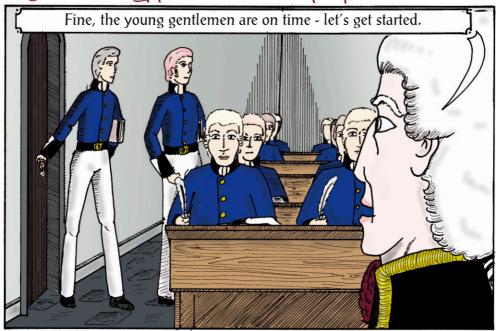








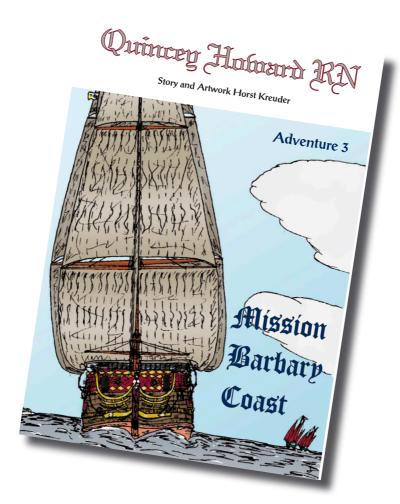
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