

EPISODE II : THE ALEUT MEETS BARANOV IN

LORD OF ALASKA

PART 4

Over the next year, we will be printing the book *Adventures in the Alaska Economy* as a serial. Every week we will present approximately one and a half pages. The book, an economics text presented in comic book form, is the result of a collaboration between economics professors Steve Jackstadt, Lee Huskey and artist John Dawson.

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Episode II Lord of Alaska

By the 1780's fur hunting had become an expensive, large-scale enterprise. Russian merchants raised large sums of money to hire men, buy supplies, and build special ships to carry back to Russia. Finally, a shrewd businessman named Grigor Shelekhov decided to build a permanent colony in Alaska. People at the colony could grow their own food, erect warehouses to store furs through the winter, and build ships out of native timber. The first colony was established on Kodiak Island.



ONE NIGHT, WHILE WE SLEPT OUR HUNTING PARTY WAS ATTACKED. OUT OF NOWHERE, STRANGE MEN WEARING MASKS OF THE RAVEN, BEAR, AND KILLER WHALE ATTACKED.



SOME OF THE ALEUTS RECOGNIZED OUR ATTACKERS AS **TLINGITS** - FIERCE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTHEAST COAST. WE WERE AFRAID.

WE FOUGHT BACK BUT THEY WERE POWERFUL FIGHTERS. SUDDENLY SHOTS RANG OUT FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE SEA. IT WAS ANOTHER OF OUR HUNTING PARTIES.

THE TLINGITS FLED.



BUT NOT BEFORE MANY ALEUTS AND RUSSIANS LAY DEAD OR BADLY WOUNDED.



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