

GREAT IMMIGRANTS

GREAT AMERICANS

COUNTY ARMAGH,
NORTHERN IRELAND,
1959

FEATURING PAUL MULDOON



IN THE EARLIEST TIMES,
THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO
BUT BE OUTSIDE.

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THE IMAGINARY LIFE WAS VERY POWERFUL TO US, AND
THAT INCLUDED OUR IMAGININGS OF NORTH AMERICA.



OW! WATCH YER FIRE,
YA SAVAGE!

WE PLAYED COWBOYS
AND "INDIANS" - THAT WAS
THE ONLY WORD WE KNEW
AT THE TIME.

BANG
BANG!

MISSED
ME!



I ALWAYS FELT VERY
CONNECTED TO
THE NATIVE TRIBES.

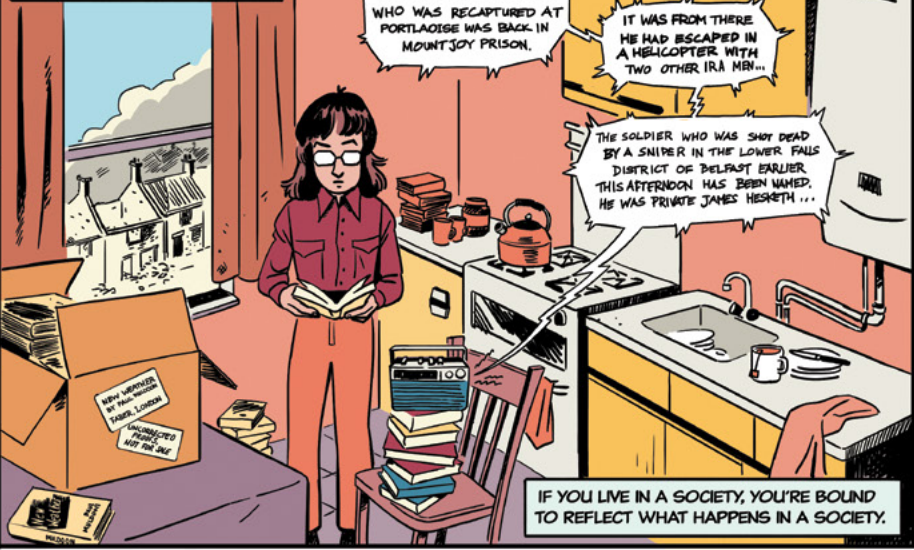
WHAT I FOUND OUT LATER IS THAT SOME OF
THE METHODS OF SUPPRESSING AND WIPING OUT
THE NATIVE PEOPLES IN NORTH AMERICA
HAD BEEN FIRST TESTED BY THE BRITISH,
IN IRELAND, ON THE IRISH.

BELFAST, 1973

The Year of the Shoes,
for Ishi
In the Moon
Of Frost in the Tepees,
There were two stars
That got free.
They yawned and stretched
To white hides,
One cutting a slit
In the wall of 'insell
And stepping out into the night.

THERE ARE A COUPLE
OF POEMS IN MY FIRST BOOK
THAT SHOW THAT CONNECTION,
BUT OBLIQUELY.

A POEM MAKES A COMMENT.



THE IRA MAN KEVIN MALLON
WHO WAS RECAPTURED AT
PORTLAOISE WAS BACK IN
MOUNTJOY PRISON.

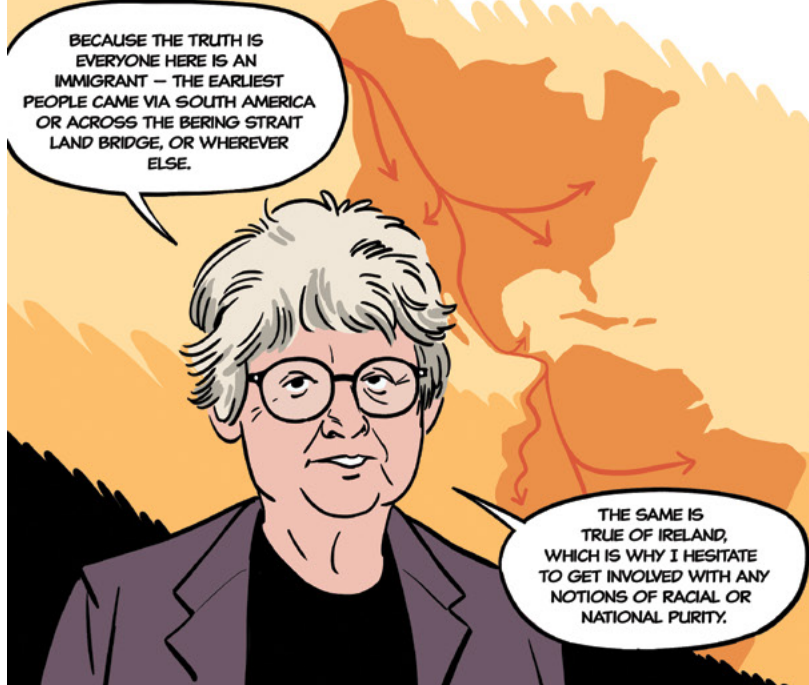
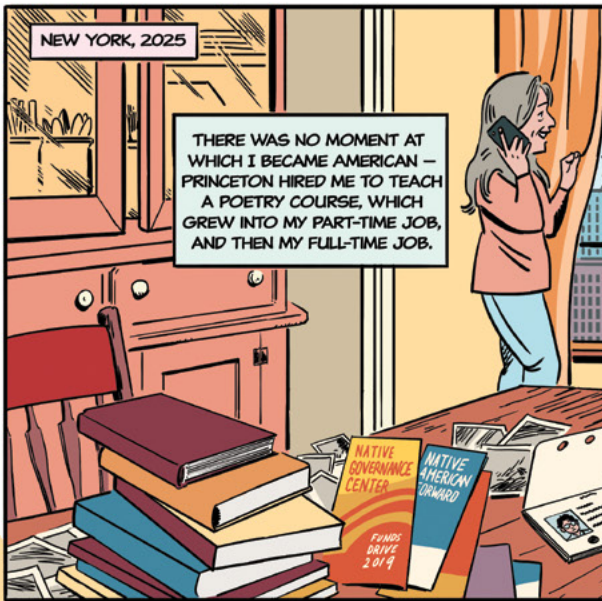
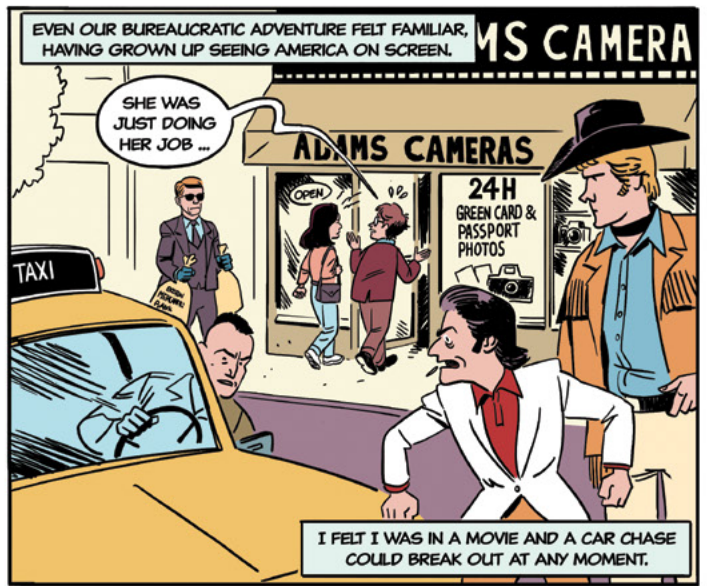
IT WAS FROM THERE
HE HAD ESCAPED IN
A HELICOPTER WITH
TWO OTHER IRA MEN...

THE SOLDIER WHO WAS SHOT DEAD
BY A SNIPER IN THE LOWER FALLS
DISTRICT OF BELFAST EARLIER
THIS AFTERNOON HAS BEEN NAMED.
HE WAS PRIVATE JAMES HEGRETH ...

IF YOU LIVE IN A SOCIETY, YOU'RE BOUND
TO REFLECT WHAT HAPPENS IN A SOCIETY.



I DIDN'T COME TO AMERICA TO ESCAPE THE TROUBLES — I CAME TO BE WITH A YOUNG WOMAN, AND OUR MARRIAGE ALLOWED ME TO STAY, BOTH WITH HER AND IN THE COUNTRY.*



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*IN FY2022, 58% OF NEW LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS IN THE U.S. OBTAINED RESIDENTIAL STATUS THROUGH A FAMILY RELATIONSHIP. SOURCE: HOW THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION SYSTEM WORKS, AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL, 2024