

1/COOPER: Jacques Cartier, hello, where have you been? I haven't seen you for nearly three years.

2/CARTIER: Hello Cooper! I've been in Canada, in the new world, exploring for the king. I was told to do two things: find a water route to China and find precious metals for France.

1/COOPER: How did you fare?

2/CARTIER: I didn't find the water route to China. What I thought was the route, a strait, was actually a mighty river.

3/FISHERMAN: FRESH FISH, FRESH FISH FOR SALE. Would you like some fish sir?

2/CARTIER: Fisherman, don't you recognize me, it's Jacques Cartier. I haven't seen you since our childhood in Saint Malo in Brittany.

3/FISHERMAN: That was many years ago! Are you still fishing? The last time I saw you, you were going on fishing trips to Newfoundland.

2/CARTIER: That trip was my last fishing trip. I married a lovely lady and my life changed.

1/COOPER: Our lives all change when we marry! You are no different.

2/CARTIER: Agreed, but my marriage also changed my career. A kinsman of my wife told the king that I was a master mariner--

- 3/FISHERMAN:** –which you are!
- 2/CARTIER:** And he convinced the king that I should be the one to explore the new world for France.
- 3/FISHERMAN:** I never knew you were the one leading the expeditions.
- 2/CARTIER:** I went to Canada three times. The first time I found a mammoth river, the one we hoped would be the passage to China. The winters there can be brutal. Our boats actually froze in place and many men died.
- 1/COOPER:** Yet you knew that was not the passage to China. You must have explored the river to find that it was not the route you wanted.
- 2/CARTIER:** We did that on the second trip. We returned with some Indians who learned French. They acted as our guides and we needed their advice.
- 3/FISHERMAN:** Is the fishing good? A bad winter might be worth a great fishing season. My luck hasn't been very good lately.
- 2/CARTIER:** The fish are plentiful, and the land has an abundance of fowl and animals. There are even swimming bears which are surprisingly good eating. However, we were not seeking a food source, we were looking for wealth for France.
- 4/MESSENGER:** Excuse me, gentlemen! I am a messenger from our king. Cartier, the king wishes to see you at once.