

1/HUNTER: I tell you, LaSalle is holding out on us. He has extra food while we are starving.

2/SETTLER: You're wrong, hunter. LaSalle is our leader. He wouldn't do that!

3/CARPENTER: I'm not so sure. Look at us!. We're all in poor health and he is fine. I regret the day I signed up with LaSalle.

2/SETTLER: Me too, carpenter. But the promise of a new home in the new land sounded so glorious. I thought we were the lucky ones when the other ship of colonists had to return to France.

1/HUNTER: We were supposed to make our settlement on the delta of the Mississippi. LaSalle said it was a huge river which divided a continent. That's what he told us, isn't it settler?

2/SETTLER: That's what he said, alright, but we missed the Mississippi! We sailed past it by 400 miles to this desolate land—Texas.

3/CARPENTER: Because of the deadly snakes, these dreadful conditions and the poisonous plants, we are destined to die here. We started with 150 settlers, now there are only 44 of us.

2/SETTLER: We might have been a success if you hadn't lied about your carpenter skills. We didn't have adequate housing because of you! You're no carpenter!

3/CARPENTER: Well, you're no better at farming, settler. Your seeds died and you didn't know how to care for your livestock in the drought. Maybe you're to blame for the failure of the settlement!

1/HUNTER: Don't waste your energy in these petty fights. LaSalle's the one to blame. I hate that rich aristocrat!

2/SETTLER: He knows what it is to live well. He was educated in the best schools, given an estate by the king and a monopoly in the fur business in New France.

3/CARPENTER: Even with all his advantages, he still had bad luck. One of his trading posts was demolished by Indians and a special boat he built to transport furs was lost.

1/HUNTER: That was the Griffon. It was a big flat boat. He was in debt and hoped to recover financially with a big load of furs, but it was lost. Most people think it sank because LaSalle had loaded it too heavily.

2/SETTLER: Another of LaSalle's ships was also lost. That was a ship coming from France with goods to be used for trading for furs.

3/CARPENTER: I heard he had to give up his estate, La Chine, to satisfy his creditors. The name means China and people nicknamed the estate La Chine because that was all LaSalle ever talked about—finding a route to China.

1/HUNTER: Quiet, here he comes.