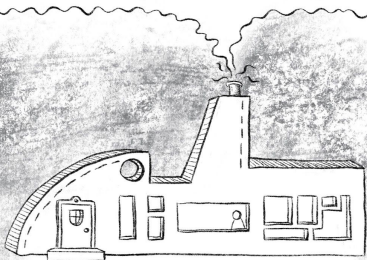




I HAVE MADE THIS PLACE MY HOME BUT I AM THE BENEFICIARY OF COLONIALISM.

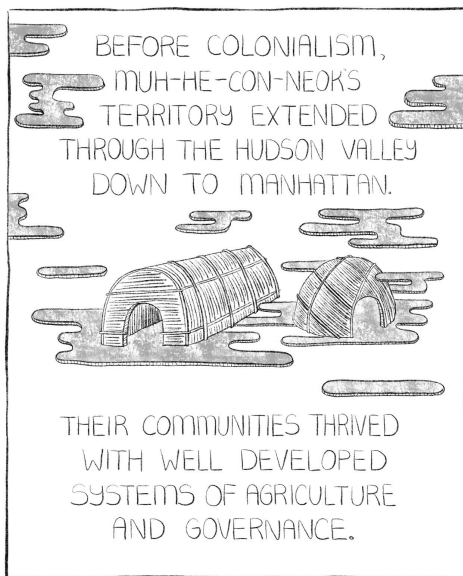


AKNOWLEDGEMENT IS MY FIRST STEP TO UNPACKING THIS.



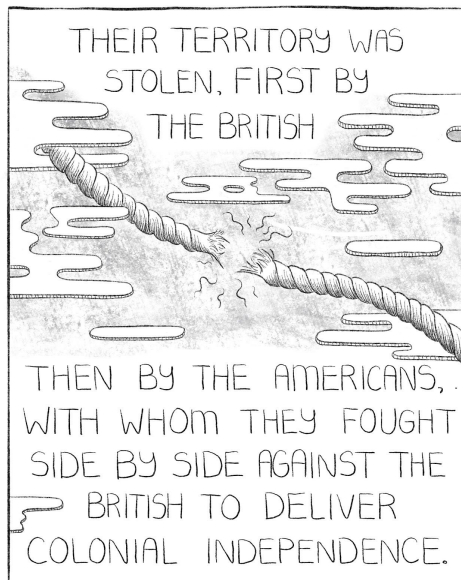
MY DREAMS + DRAWINGS BLOOM ON THE LAND OF MUH-HE-CON-NEOK: PEOPLE OF THE WATERS THAT ARE NEVER STILL

OR AS WE CALL THEM: MOHICANS.



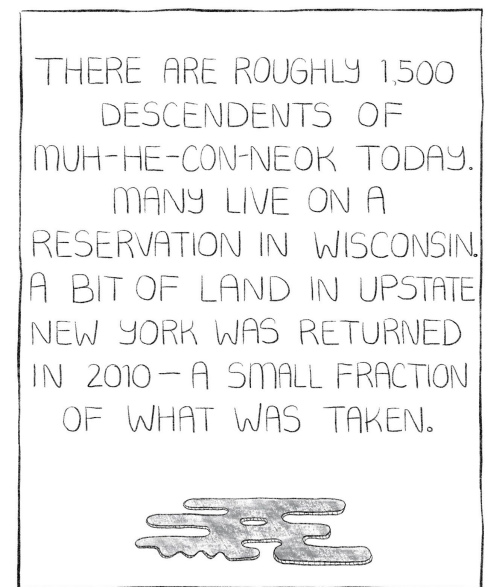
BEFORE COLONIALISM, MUH-HE-CON-NEOK'S TERRITORY EXTENDED THROUGH THE HUDSON VALLEY DOWN TO MANHATTAN.

THEIR COMMUNITIES THRIVED WITH WELL DEVELOPED SYSTEMS OF AGRICULTURE AND GOVERNANCE.

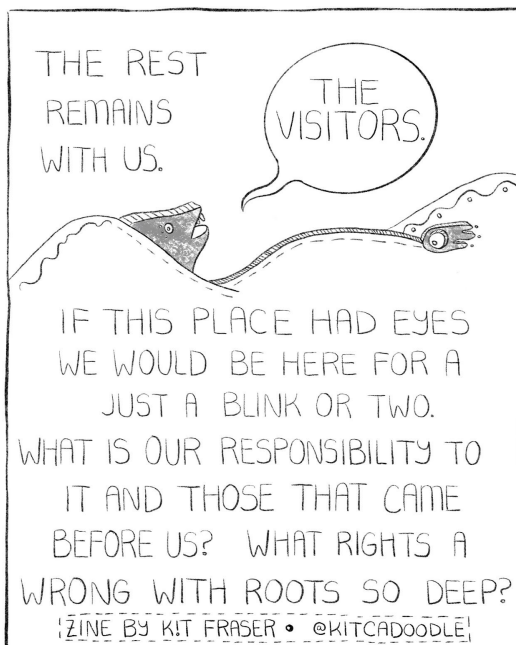


THEIR TERRITORY WAS STOLEN, FIRST BY THE BRITISH

THEN BY THE AMERICANS, WITH WHOM THEY FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE AGAINST THE BRITISH TO DELIVER COLONIAL INDEPENDENCE.



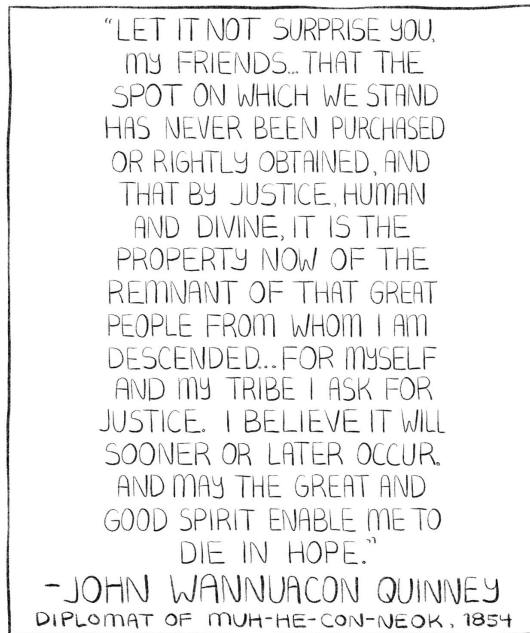
THERE ARE ROUGHLY 1,500 DESCENDENTS OF MUH-HE-CON-NEOK TODAY. MANY LIVE ON A RESERVATION IN WISCONSIN. A BIT OF LAND IN UPSTATE NEW YORK WAS RETURNED IN 2010 - A SMALL FRACTION OF WHAT WAS TAKEN.



THE REST REMAINS WITH US.

IF THIS PLACE HAD EYES WE WOULD BE HERE FOR A JUST A BLINK OR TWO. WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO IT AND THOSE THAT CAME BEFORE US? WHAT RIGHTS A WRONG WITH ROOTS SO DEEP?

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"LET IT NOT SURPRISE YOU, MY FRIENDS... THAT THE SPOT ON WHICH WE STAND HAS NEVER BEEN PURCHASED OR RIGHTLY OBTAINED, AND THAT BY JUSTICE, HUMAN AND DIVINE, IT IS THE PROPERTY NOW OF THE REMNANT OF THAT GREAT PEOPLE FROM WHOM I AM DESCENDED... FOR MYSELF AND MY TRIBE I ASK FOR JUSTICE. I BELIEVE IT WILL SOONER OR LATER OCCUR, AND MAY THE GREAT AND GOOD SPIRIT ENABLE ME TO DIE IN HOPE."

-JOHN WANNUAACON QUINNEY
DIPLOMAT OF MUH-HE-CON-NEOK, 1854