

Cornish Heroes of Astronomy



KEITH SPARROW





VENUS

Rev Richard Haydon 1706-1788

Born in Devon.

Educated at Pembroke College, Cambridge - gained an MA in 1738

~ Master at Liskeard

Grammar School from 1741-1771 ~ made

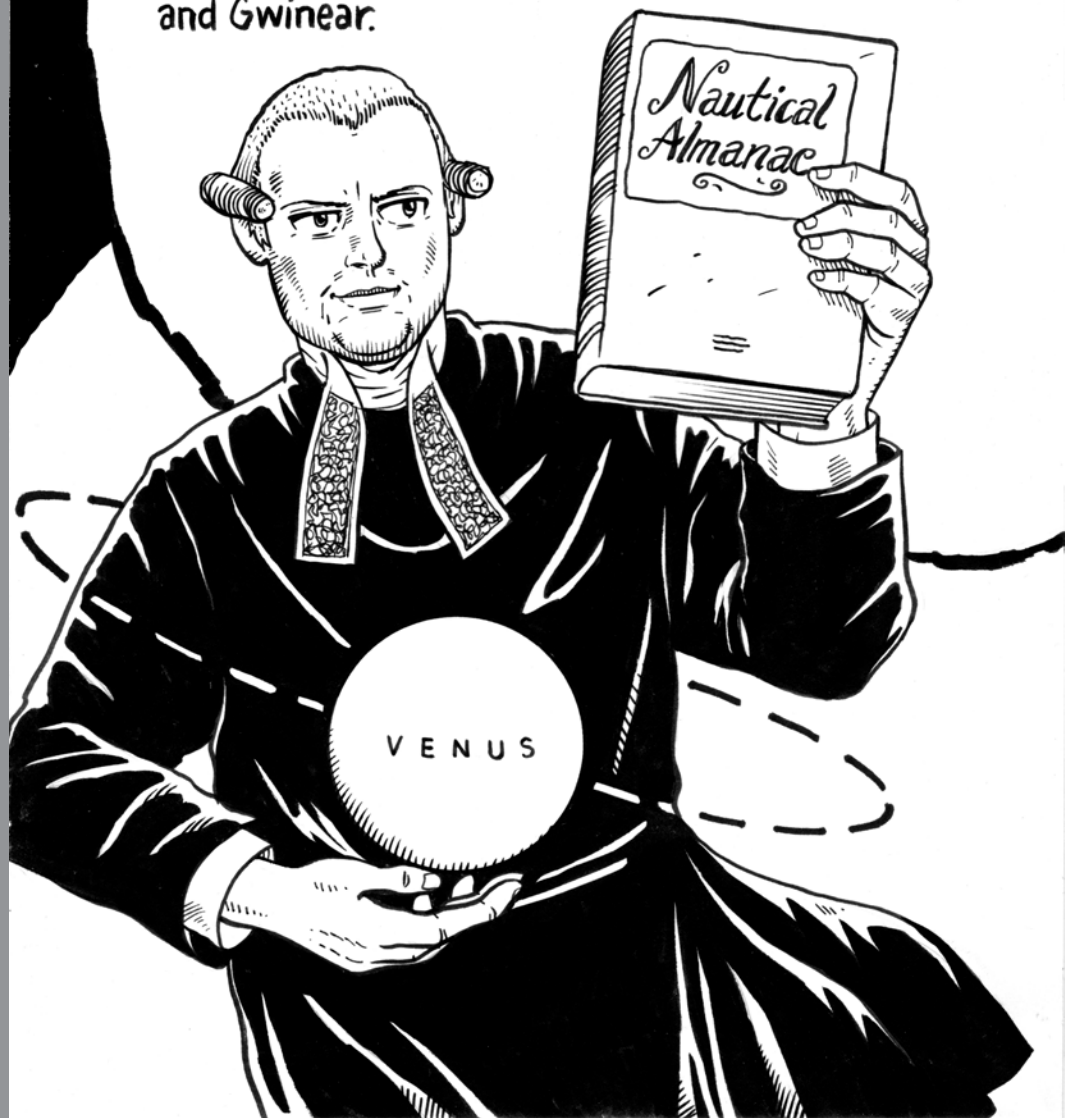
important observations

on the transit of Venus in 1761 ~ his work was the

basis for calculations of longitude of places across the West Country for many years.

Malachy Hitchins 1741-1809

Born in Gwennap. Astronomer and mathematician ~
Comparer of The Nautical Almanac ~ observed the
transit of Venus (1769) ~ Assistant Astronomer at
Greenwich Observatory ~ became vicar at St Hilary
and Gwinear.



Davies Gilbert 1767-1839

(AKA: 'GIDDY')

Born in St Erth. Studied under Malachy Hitchins

~ President of the Royal Society, 1791. Member

of Board of Longitude ~

instrumental

in the establishment

of the

Royal Observatory at

the Cape

of Good Hope ~ sat on

Committee

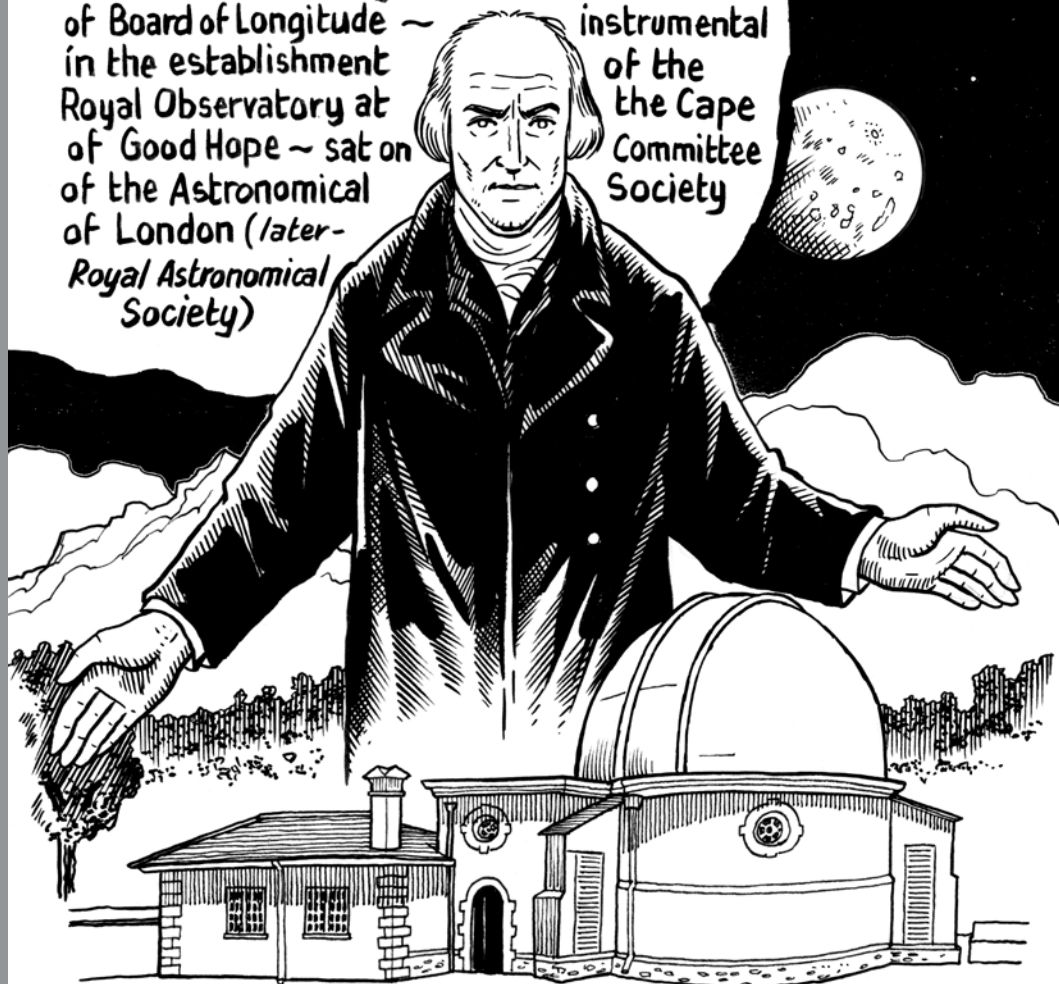
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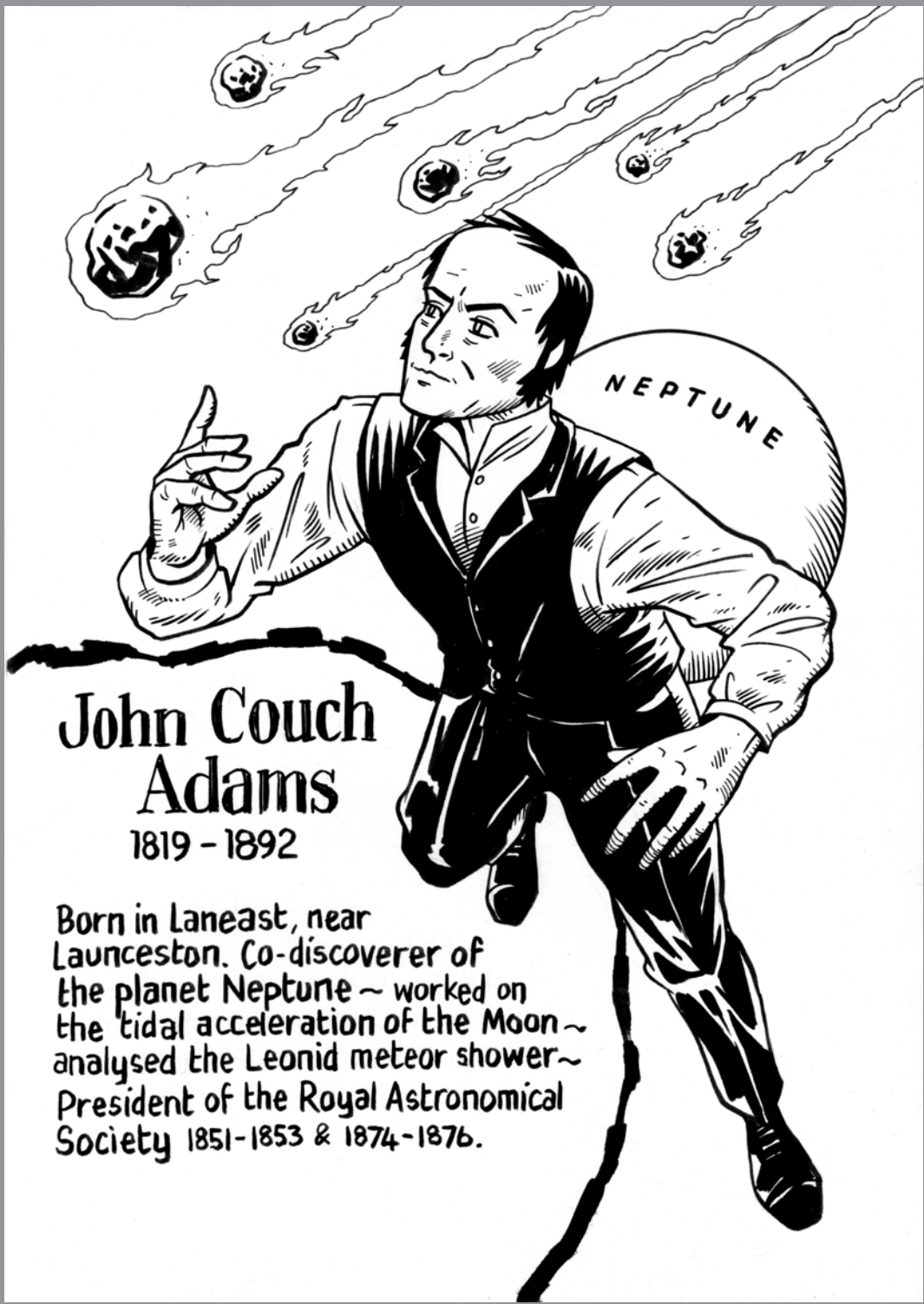
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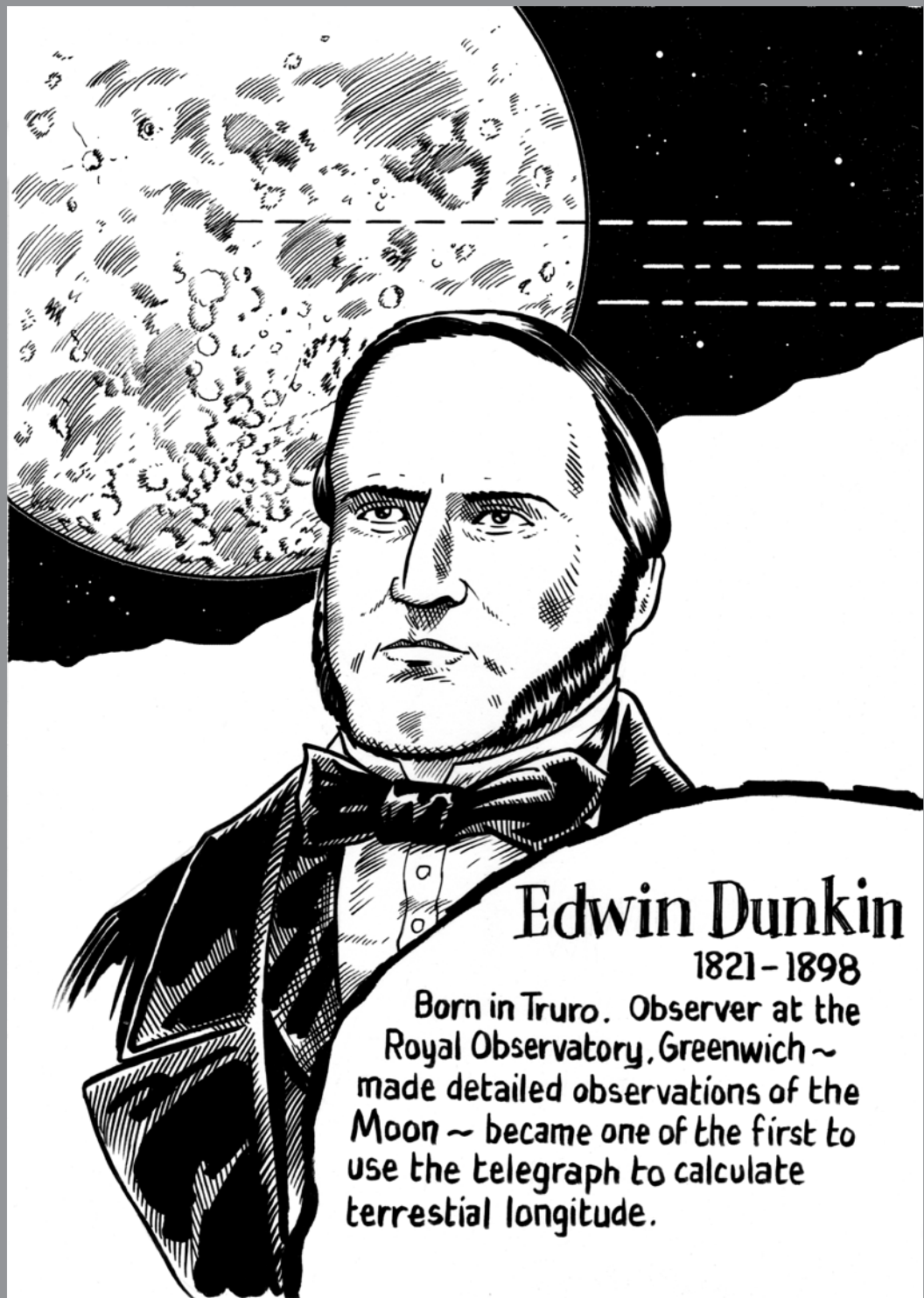


ROYAL OBSERVATORY ~ CAPE OF GOOD HOPE



**John Couch
Adams**
1819 - 1892

Born in Laneast, near
Launceston. Co-discoverer of
the planet Neptune ~ worked on
the tidal acceleration of the Moon ~
analysed the Leonid meteor shower ~
President of the Royal Astronomical
Society 1851-1853 & 1874-1876.



Edwin Dunkin

1821-1898

Born in Truro. Observer at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich ~ made detailed observations of the Moon ~ became one of the first to use the telegraph to calculate terrestrial longitude.

John Horsley Haslam 1850-1904

Born at Baldhu Parsonage.
Studied at college in
Cambridge ~ built his
own observatories
whilst working as a
vicar in Birmingham,
Gravesend and
Denmark Park ~
elected a Fellow
of the Royal
Astronomical Society
in 1902.



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