

## DAILY DILEMMA #2



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### November 1804

Winter is upon you. The depth of the snow is about 18 inches. The temperature plunges below zero. Around eight o'clock in the morning, a Mandan tribesman from the other side of the lake calls to you to report something of significance.

You send a pirogue to fetch him and the Mandan reports the following:

*“five men of the Mandan nation out hunting in a SW. direction about eight leagues, was surprised by a large party of Seeoux [Sioux] & Panies [Arikaras], one man was killed and two wounded with arrows and nine horses taken.”*

*from the journals of William Clark  
November 30, 1804*

Peace is important in the area; this gives you an exceptional opportunity to show your support for the Mandans and to display the firepower of the United States.

You and 23 men cross the river approaching the Mandan Nation. They are surprised at the size of the party of men that has come to meet them. You discuss the events that have occurred and offer to help the Mandans pursue—with your weapons—the Native Americans who killed one of their young chiefs.

The Chief is not interested. Do you seek revenge of the Mandans and go after the Sioux and Arikaras anyway?