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Lost and Found in the State of Dreams

Bill Belleville





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*we did not know what we wanted from the land . . . we were entering, a land for which we had no description, without knowing what kind of place it was, nor by what people it was inhabited, nor in which part of it we were. . . .*

Conquistador Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca, upon landing in Florida in 1528 and promptly getting lost for eight years.

*I am inclined to believe that it can never be thickly peopled & certainly not so until the vast quantity of vegetable matter shall be cleared away.*

Master Edward C. Anderson, U.S. Navy, Florida Territory in 1844

*Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!*

Headline in a central Florida newspaper after the opening of Walt Disney World near Orlando in October 1971

