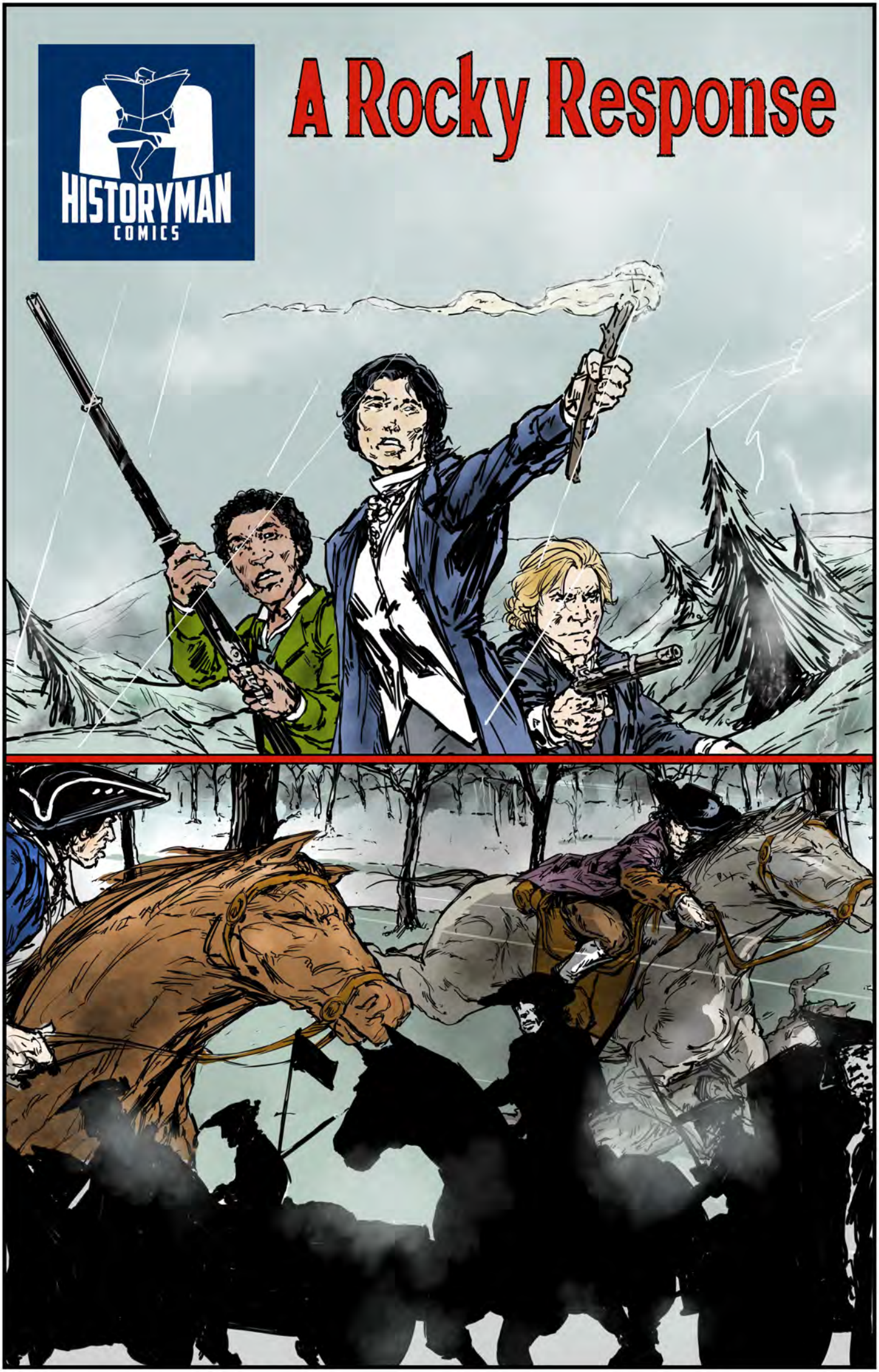
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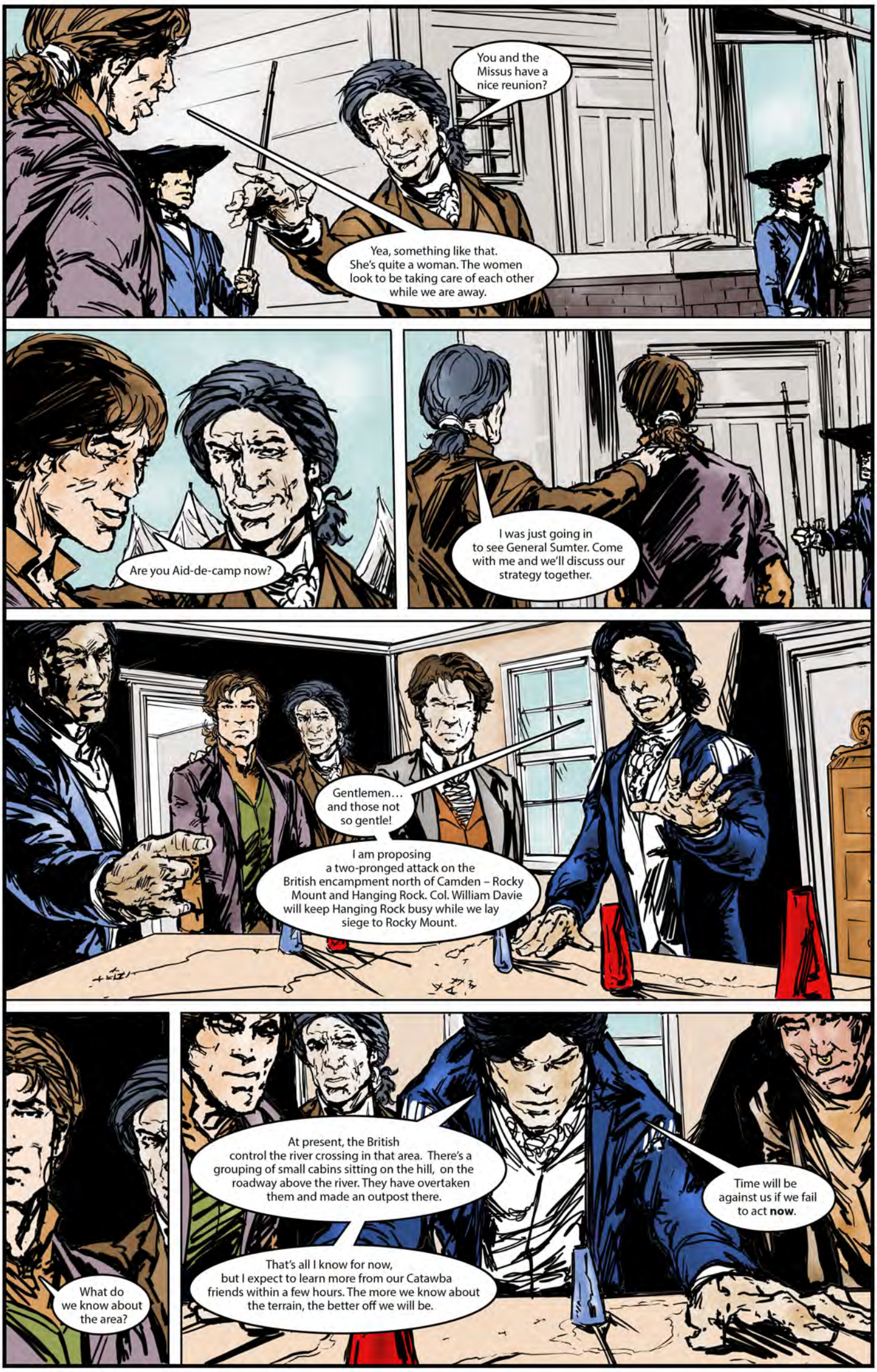
In the summer of 1780 the British have taken Charleston and have moved into the back country of SC. There is no standing Continental army to oppose them. ***Thomas Sumter*** has been elected by some surviving South Carolina Patriots to serve as their General. His rag tag group of men defeat British Captain Christian Huck at Williamson plantation.

Patriot Colonel William Bratton, whose wife and family suffered at the hands of the "Swearing British Captain Huck", contemplates his next moves, as he balances duties at home with the realities of **war**.

I am glad that Watt and Polly are here.
I must go back to help Sumter and his men.
I know.
But we must *bring in these crops of corn and beans first.*
Otherwise, our family will have ***no food.***
Our patriot ladies will band together to help bring in the crops of all our friends.
We will handle the fields and the children. ***You handle the fighting.***
King George may have something to say about that!
Who knows what he will do if he catches you?
I don't know him at all. I've never seen him. ***But I know you. And I trust you. Go.***
I love you.


You and the Missus have a nice reunion?
Yea, something like that. She's quite a woman. The women look to be taking care of each other while we are away.
Are you Aid-de-camp now?
I was just going in to see General Sumter. Come with me and we'll discuss our strategy together.
Gentlemen… and those not so gentle!
I am proposing a two-pronged attack on the British encampment north of Camden – Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock. Col. William Davie will keep Hanging Rock busy while we lay siege to Rocky Mount.
What do we know about the area?
At present, the British control the river crossing in that area. There's a grouping of small cabins sitting on the hill, on the roadway above the river. They have overtaken them and made an outpost there.
That's all I know for now, but I expect to learn more from our Catawba friends within a few hours. The more we know about the terrain, the better off we will be.
Time will be against us if we fail to act **now**.

Welcome back, men! We've got a great mission before us. We're grateful to see you here.
Get those guns cleaned and settle into camp.
Well, there's more men here than I expected to see! We've gone from a quiet little hideout to a bustling village. Where did all these guys come from?
Wait until you hear their story. I'll just gather a few to explain where they came from and what they brought with them.
Col. Lysle had us volunteer to be loyalist. So, we go into the Tory camp and pass ourselves off as good men of the King. We were then given these weapons and supplies.
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Once we were turned out, we made our way to Col. Neal and then to here. Now we will use the British weapons and ammunition against them.
That sounds like it came right out of the writings of Homer. Perhaps you are the Spartans in this tale we are writing.