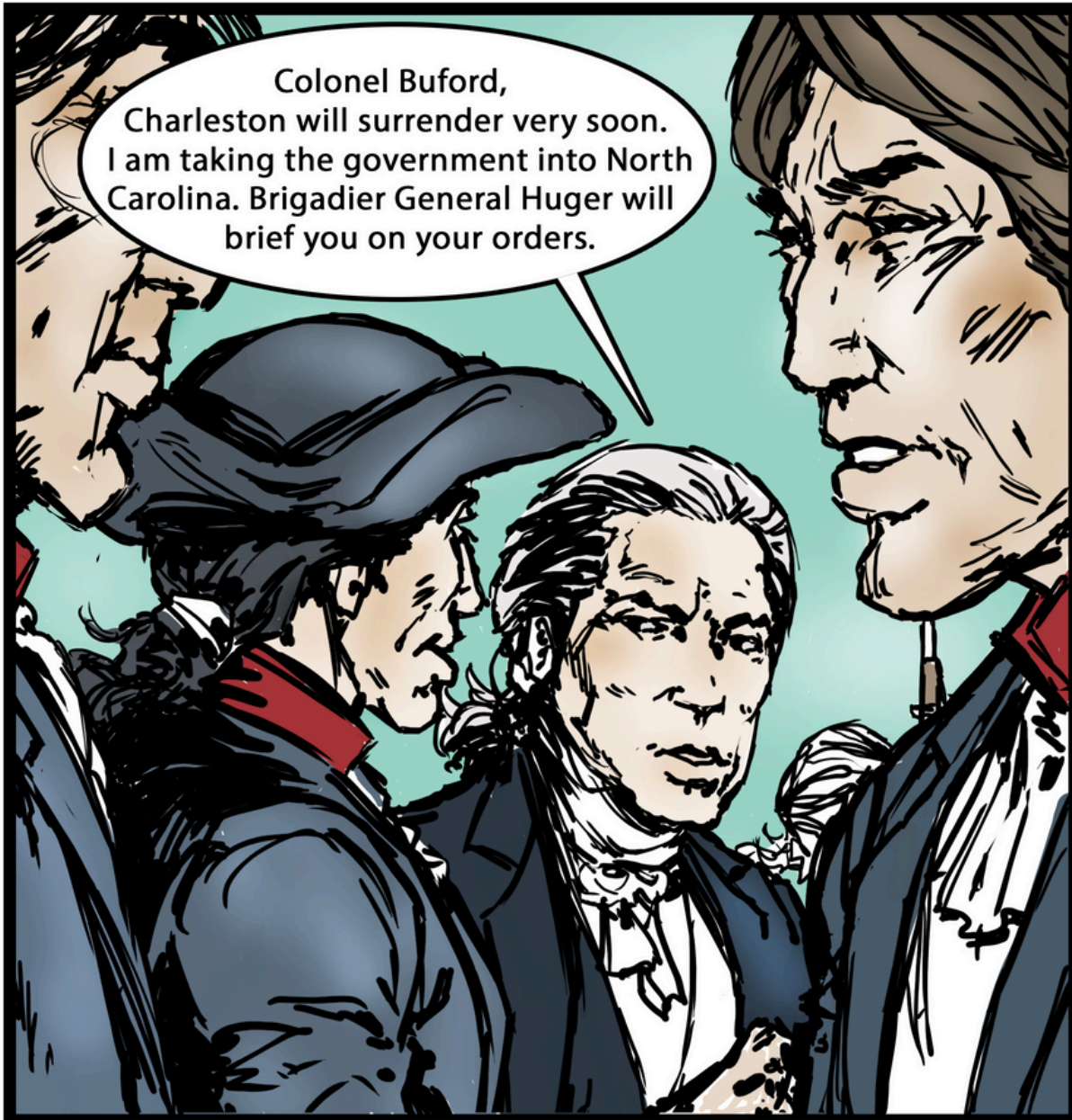




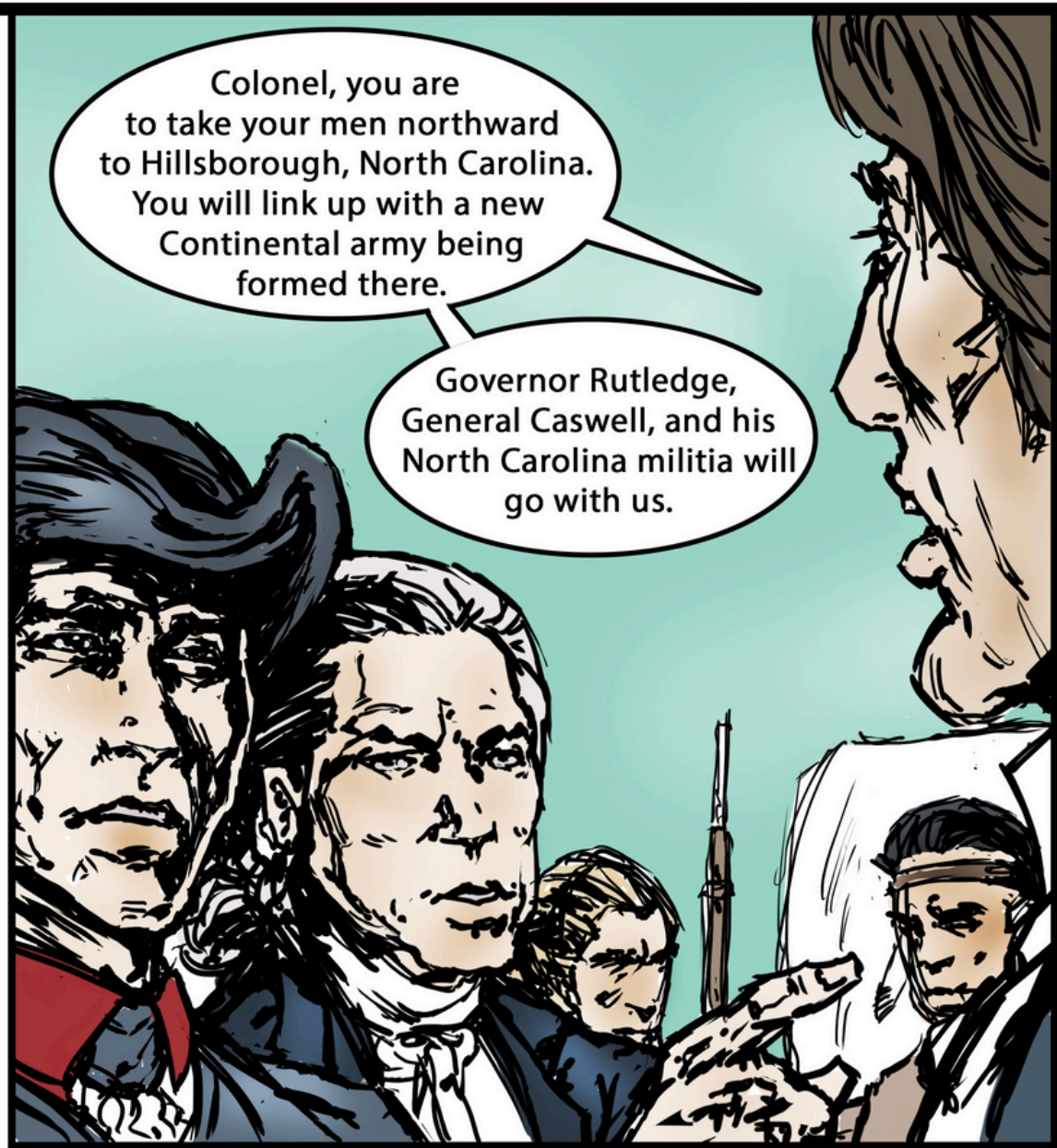
May 6, 1780, at Lenud's Ferry, 50 miles outside of Charleston, South Carolina. Colonel Abraham Buford and his relief column of Virginia Continentals arrive too late to assist their countrymen and reinforce the garrison in Charleston. Separated by a river and powerless to help, they watch as the British defeat Lieutenant Colonel William Washington and Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Walton White's cavalry.



Colonel Buford's men have no time to rest. There is still a ray of hope and they are not about to give up.



Colonel Buford, Charleston will surrender very soon. I am taking the government into North Carolina. Brigadier General Huger will brief you on your orders.



Colonel, you are to take your men northward to Hillsborough, North Carolina. You will link up with a new Continental army being formed there.

Governor Rutledge, General Caswell, and his North Carolina militia will go with us.



As you go, retrieve the gunpowder and supplies at Camden to keep them out of British hands.

Yes, sir.



Men, make preparations to retreat back into North Carolina. We will take the Santee River Road. Make sure our rear guard stays in contact with us. They should inform us if the enemy appears in our rear.

We'll be picking up some supplies out of Camden.



How much?

We'll get everything that is vital. There'll probably be wagons when we get there. Make room in ours, just in case.



Move out!



Waxhaws settlement near the South Carolina/North Carolina line.

Boys,
I'm not telling you again.
Come in and eat,
NOW!

Should I take
this to Momma?

Yes, dear.
You do that.
Jane's not
feeling well
today.



Give that milk
to Jane to churn it for
butter. Give the eggs
to Mary.

Put those
dirt clogs down and
wash up. I'll not have
you bringing more
mess into this
house!



Now say
the blessing before
you eat.



Momma.
Major Davie wants Andy
and I to come by this
morning to help out with
some things.

Have you
finished
your chores?

Yes, ma'am.

Well then, that's fine.
Chores come first. I'll not have this
house fall apart on my watch! And
we have church tomorrow.



Momma?
Tell us a story
real quick

Now, I don't
think...

Very well. Didya
ever hear of a man
named Gulliver?

Please tell us!

He went on great
adventures sailing the
high seas. Now, I'm not
sayin' that the stories were
true. But, let me tell ya' the
story of the little people he
called Lilliputians...



...And that's
the best I can
'member.

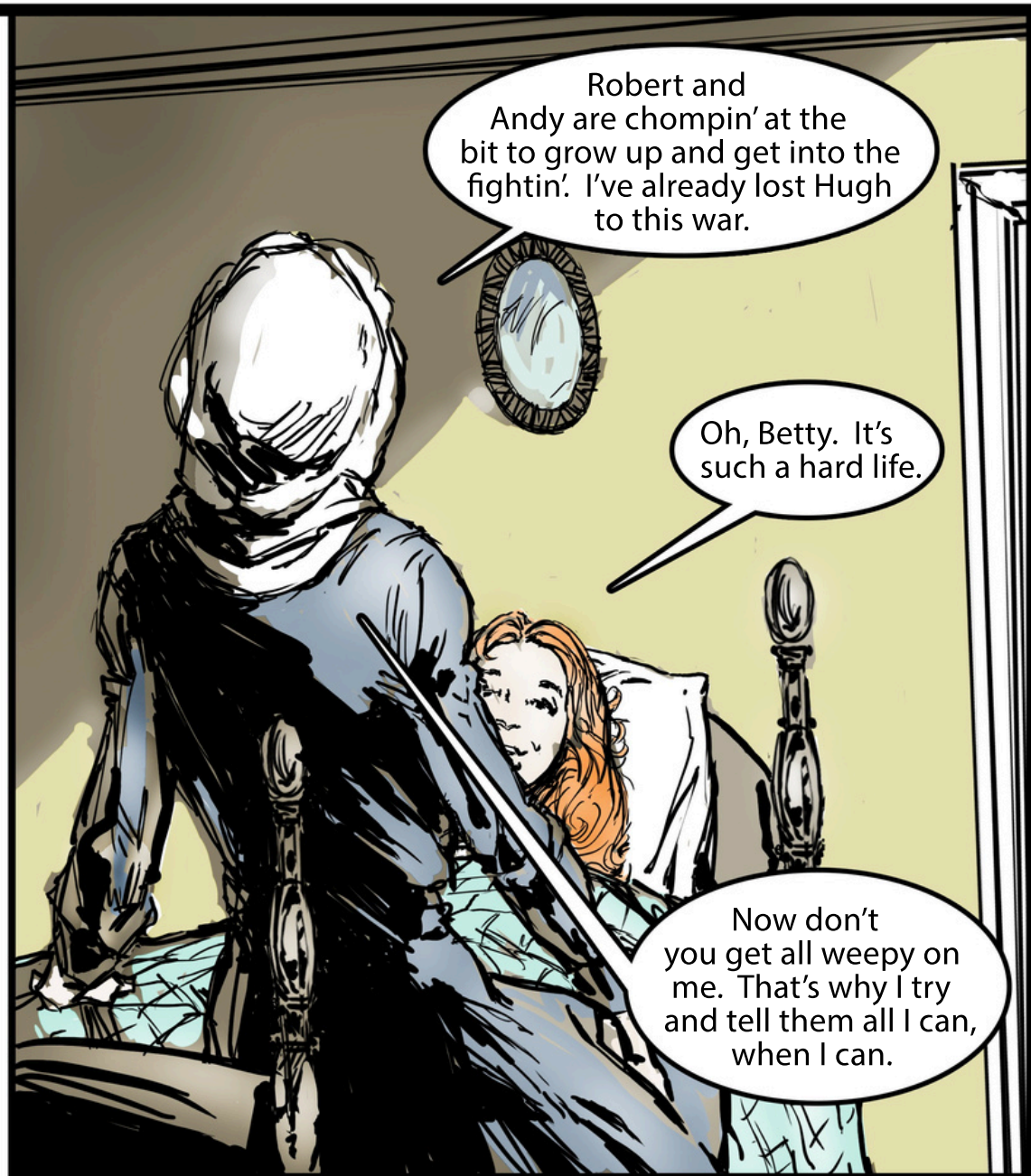
But I'll say this
to all 'ya. Mind your tempers.
You want to be self-sufficient, a good
neighbor, and don't be taking charity.
Don't be ticks... suckin' the goodness
out of people like a tick on a dog!
Now, run along.



Quite a story.

Oh, you heard all that?

You're gettin' anxious.



Robert and Andy are chompin' at the bit to grow up and get into the fightin'. I've already lost Hugh to this war.

Oh, Betty. It's such a hard life.

Now don't you get all weepy on me. That's why I try and tell them all I can, when I can.



We're a long way from the old country. Boneybefore and Carrickfergus seem like ages ago. But, we're still fightin'.

That's true. And we must hold the family together!

Jane, I've about got those girls spinning that cloth as good as anyone back in Ulster.



You might be able to get a few more things around here to pretty up the place.

That's right! I'll take the thread and cloth around see what we can get.



Did I tell you I heard that the American navy commander John Paul Jones came into Carrickfergus looking for the British War sloop, HMS Drake?

Yes, but tell me again.

Well, the American tried to capture the Drake in port, but couldn't. So, Jones challenged the sloop to battle in the North Channel and won.



Oh, Betty! No matter where we go, there always seems to be a fight. The British, French, Irish, and now the British, again.

We do what we can, when we can, as best we can, and that's all we can. God will take care of the rest. Rest up, Jane. I'll check in on you later.

Nelson's Ferry on the Santee River, South Carolina.

Water and brush the horse down. Then turn him into the pasture.

Yes, sir.

Would you see if his Lordship will receive me for a report about Georgetown?

If you will wait here, I will inquire.

Lieutenant Colonel! What news do you bring me about Georgetown?

I am pleased to inform your Lordship that it is ours. All resistance in that quarter has been dispersed.

I'm glad to hear it!

Sir, we need more horses.

No doubt. You've been on the road a long time.

Nevertheless, your Lordship, I don't expect we'll be going much further without a rest and fresh mounts.

I understand you fought General Washington's cousin again at Lenud's Ferry?

Apparently, sir, William Washington and I keep running into each other. Maybe, we will again.

He'll have to wait, go after the Americans. They have a ten-day start on you, heading north.

Yes, sir.