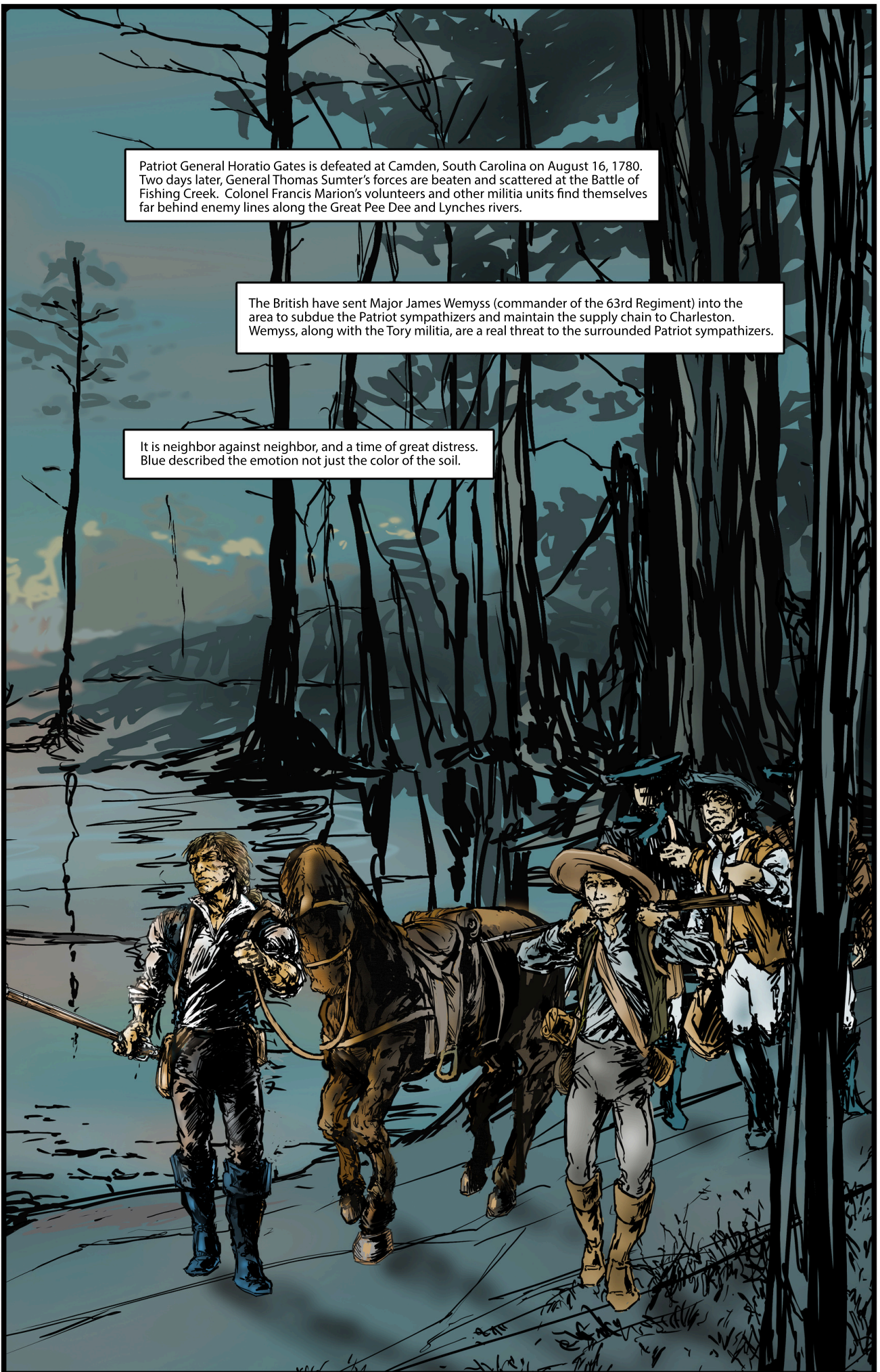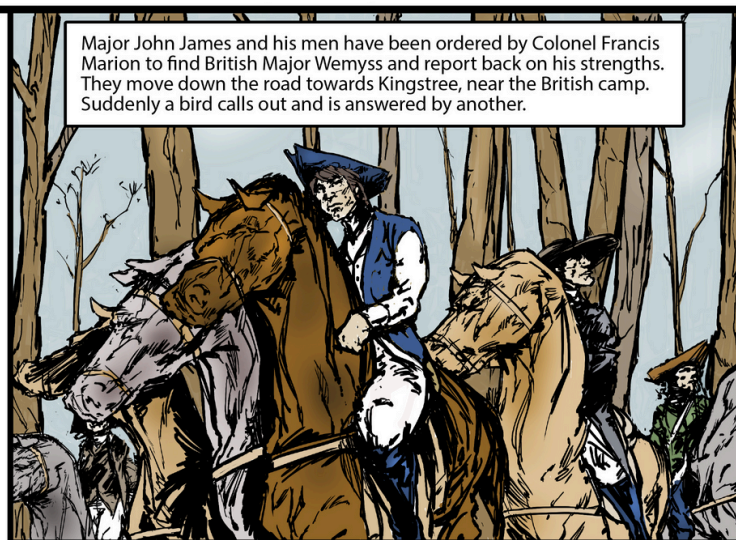Patriot General Horatio Gates is defeated at Camden, South Carolina on August 16, 1780. Two days later, General Thomas Sumter's forces are beaten and scattered at the Battle of Fishing Creek. Colonel Francis Marion's volunteers and other militia units find themselves far behind enemy lines along the Great Pee Dee and Lynches rivers.

The British have sent Major James Wemyss (commander of the 63rd Regiment) into the area to subdue the Patriot sympathizers and maintain the supply chain to Charleston. Wemyss, along with the Tory militia, are a real threat to the surrounded Patriot sympathizers.

It is neighbor against neighbor, and a time of great distress. Blue described the emotion not just the color of the soil.

Williamsburg District near Kingstree, SC

Major John James and his men have been ordered by Colonel Francis Marion to find British Major Wemyss and report back on his strengths. They move down the road towards Kingstree, near the British camp. Suddenly a bird calls out and is answered by another.

They're not birds at all, but the secret signals from Major James's scouts.

They're British. I saw flags, uniforms, and bayonets. We'll need more men if we're going to fight.

We could take a prisoner and get information from him.

That might work. But how?

We could circle around and catch one by the river.

Do it!

The Munnerlyn home about 25 miles north of Colonel Marion's camp.

Good morning father. You got any biscuits?

There's some in the kettle.

Thanks!

We joined up with some of Hugh Giles's men at Giles Bluff.

I thought you all were heading to North Carolina?

Be careful, boys. You know our neighbors are all loyalists.

We had to come by and see you before we left.

Plus, we were hungry.

It's a shame about Camden.

Between that and the loss of Charlestown, it's not going well.

Winning a battle and holding the land are two very different things.

Do you have any jerky for the trail?

There's some in the smokehouse. Grab what you need.

250 Loyalists under Major Micajah Ganey and Captain Jesse Barefield gather to reclaim the Pee Dee River basin settlements back for the king.

I'll take about 45 men and visit the nearby farms. It's time to take back our colony.

I'll follow along and we'll push south after Colonel Marion.

To be so short, that man was a hard disciplinarian when we were with him earlier in the war.

The British seem to be finally making things right.

Things have changed. We're on the winning side, now.

Good luck and happy hunting.

We'll bring the rebels in, or make it where they can't stay.

We'll follow along directly.