

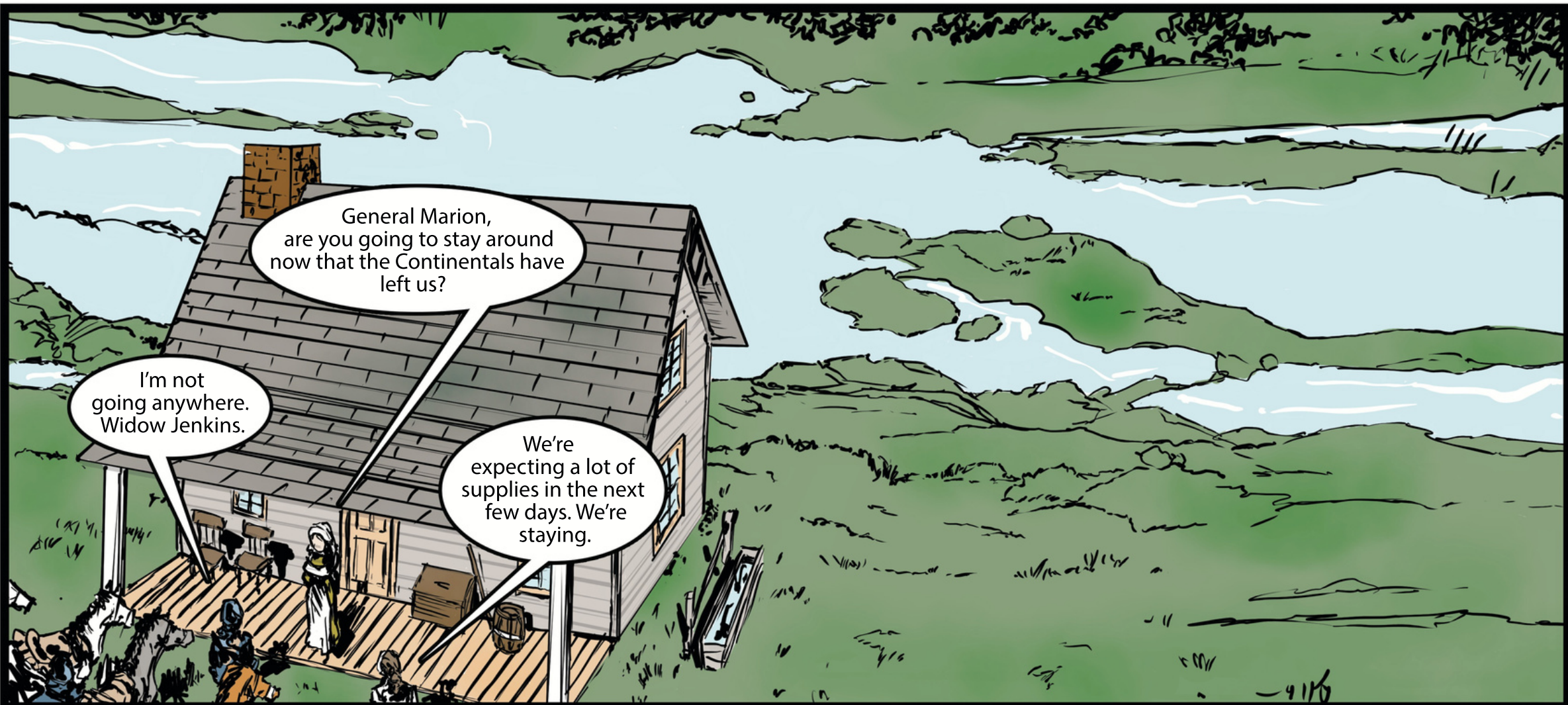


During the early months of 1781, the outcome of the Revolutionary War is in question. The British southern strategy hits serious challenges with their losses at Kings Mountain and Cowpens. British General Charles Lord Cornwallis races after the American army that is retreating through the interior of North Carolina. This leaves Generals Thomas Sumter and Francis Marion in South Carolina contending with the rest of the British army without Continental Army support.

British Lieutenant Colonel Lord Rawdon has sent forces to pursue Sumter through the Lowcountry of South Carolina. He has thwarted Sumter's efforts to link up with Marion. Sumter retreats back to the North Carolina line and regroups. Marion and his men are left to fend for themselves.

Marion's men are poorly supplied, outnumbered, and surrounded by their red-coated enemy.





General Marion,
are you going to stay around
now that the Continentals have
left us?

I'm not
going anywhere.
Widow Jenkins.

We're
expecting a lot of
supplies in the next
few days. We're
staying.



That's good.
Last time you left
it was hard on
everybody.

Yes, ma'am.
We intend to fight
it out.



I'll make
sure to send patrols by
here often.

I'd
appreciate that, major.
One can't be too
careful.



Mrs. Jenkins,
we'll bring some
food by when it
gets here.

Thank you,
General Marion.
You keep at those
redcoats!

Yes, ma'am.



The Goddards
have those prisoners in their
old bullpen waiting to be
exchanged.

I'm just
waiting to hear back
from Captain Postell. I
sent him to make the
arrangements.



General, sir.
I have a message
for you.

Thank you.

Well, what's going on?



It seems
that British Lieutenant
Colonel Watson is out in
force, looking for us.

What're
your plans?



You heard
Widow Jenkins. These people
don't want us to retreat back to
North Carolina again.

The Continentals
are all in North Carolina.
It's just our militia, now.



Yes, but it's
South Carolina militia. They'll be
fighting for their homes.

So, what are we going to do?

In the open
field, we can't stand up against
their bayonets. But, maybe we can
oppose them at the river
crossings.



Let's find
McCottry and the Horry
brothers.

British Headquarters
at Georgetown, SC

Patriot Captain John Postell is taken prisoner. The British believe he is acting as an enemy soldier. He was arrested for violating his parole. He was supposed to have gone home and never take up arms against the British again.

Cornet Merritt,
find General Marion's camp
and deliver this message. We
want to arrange a prisoner
exchange.



Yes, sir.



Be careful.
You'll be on your
own.



Understood.



I need to find
Marion's men.

Keep going
that way and they'll
find you.



As Cornet Merritt approaches
a house, several men on
horses ride behind a nearby
barn.

Good
morning, ma'am.
I have a letter for
General Francis
Marion.

That's
army business,
ma'am.

And?
What's
it say?

We'll see
about that!

You're a spy!
Tie him up boys!



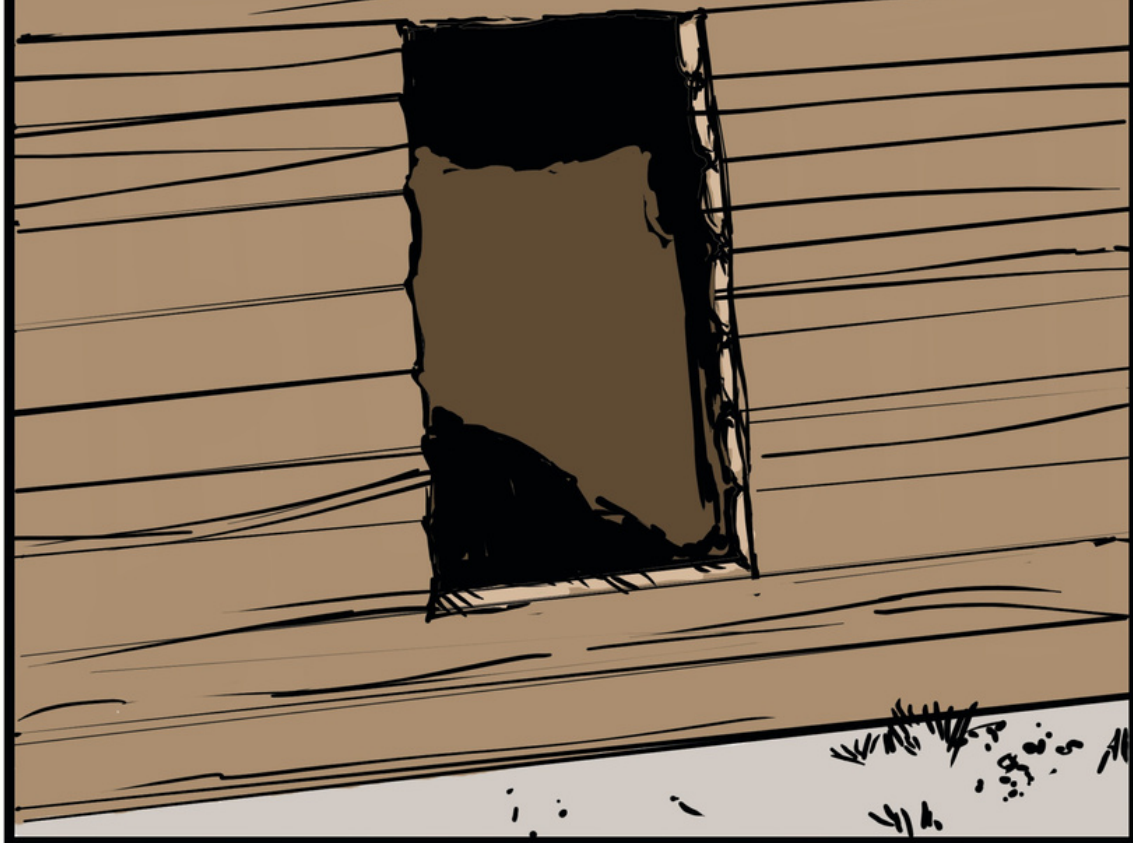
No, I'm not a spy!



Merritt is tethered to a rope and pulled behind the riders. They travel a ways down the road and through the swamps. It is evening by the time they reach the camp where Merritt is thrown into an outbuilding.



The Goddard place on Britton's Neck, near Snow's Island. Merritt is thrown into an outbuilding where about 20 other prisoners are being guarded. The building is called a "Bull-pen".



Make yourself at home!

Umphh!
I'm here to arrange an exchange.

You can wait! No exchanges today!



Not very pleasant people here.

How's the war going?

General Cornwallis is chasing the Continental Army through North Carolina.



Doesn't help us much here.

I'm here to try and get you all back home.



Home, or just back to camp?

Well, when you put it like that, I would say, just back to camp.

And then what?

We keep fighting.

