

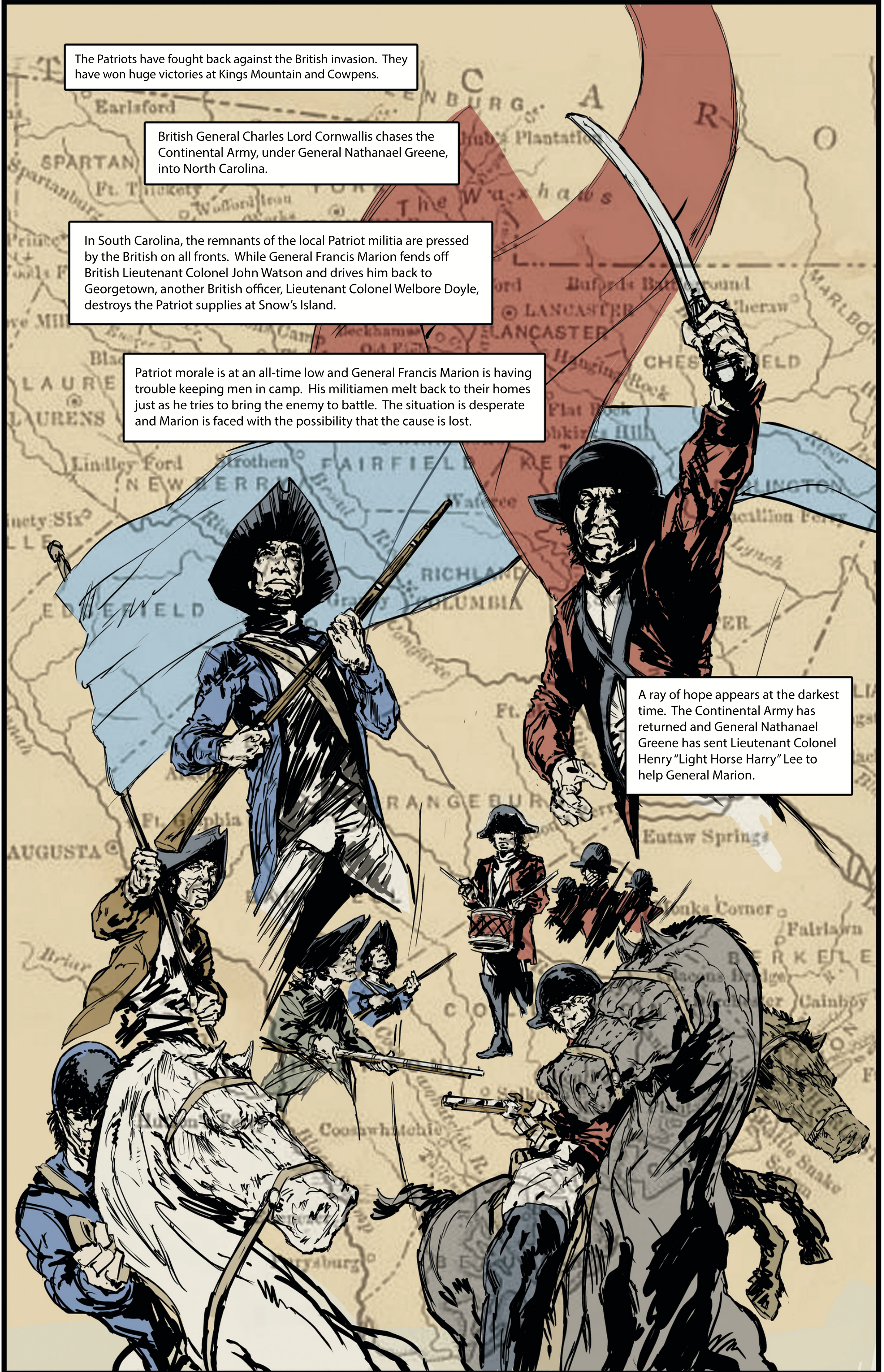
The Patriots have fought back against the British invasion. They have won huge victories at Kings Mountain and Cowpens.

British General Charles Lord Cornwallis chases the Continental Army, under General Nathanael Greene, into North Carolina.

In South Carolina, the remnants of the local Patriot militia are pressed by the British on all fronts. While General Francis Marion fends off British Lieutenant Colonel John Watson and drives him back to Georgetown, another British officer, Lieutenant Colonel Welbore Doyle, destroys the Patriot supplies at Snow's Island.

Patriot morale is at an all-time low and General Francis Marion is having trouble keeping men in camp. His militiamen melt back to their homes just as he tries to bring the enemy to battle. The situation is desperate and Marion is faced with the possibility that the cause is lost.

A ray of hope appears at the darkest time. The Continental Army has returned and General Nathanael Greene has sent Lieutenant Colonel Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee to help General Marion.



April 13, 1781, Murray's Ferry
along the Santee River, SC.

It's good to see you!

General,
this is John Middleton.
Henry Middleton's
nephew.

Good to
meet you. How old
are you?

Twenty-six, sir.

It's good
to have a Middleton
on staff.

Yes, sir!

Young John
here is liable to get lost in
the eyes of a young lady if he's
not careful.

Is that so? Ha! Ha!

I'm here to fight.

You might
do more digging than
fighting.

Colonel Horry,
we'll need the shovels
and picks.

Already
p-p-p-packed,
sir!

Very well.
There will be some enemy
foragers coming out of Fort Watson.
Take your men and
find them.

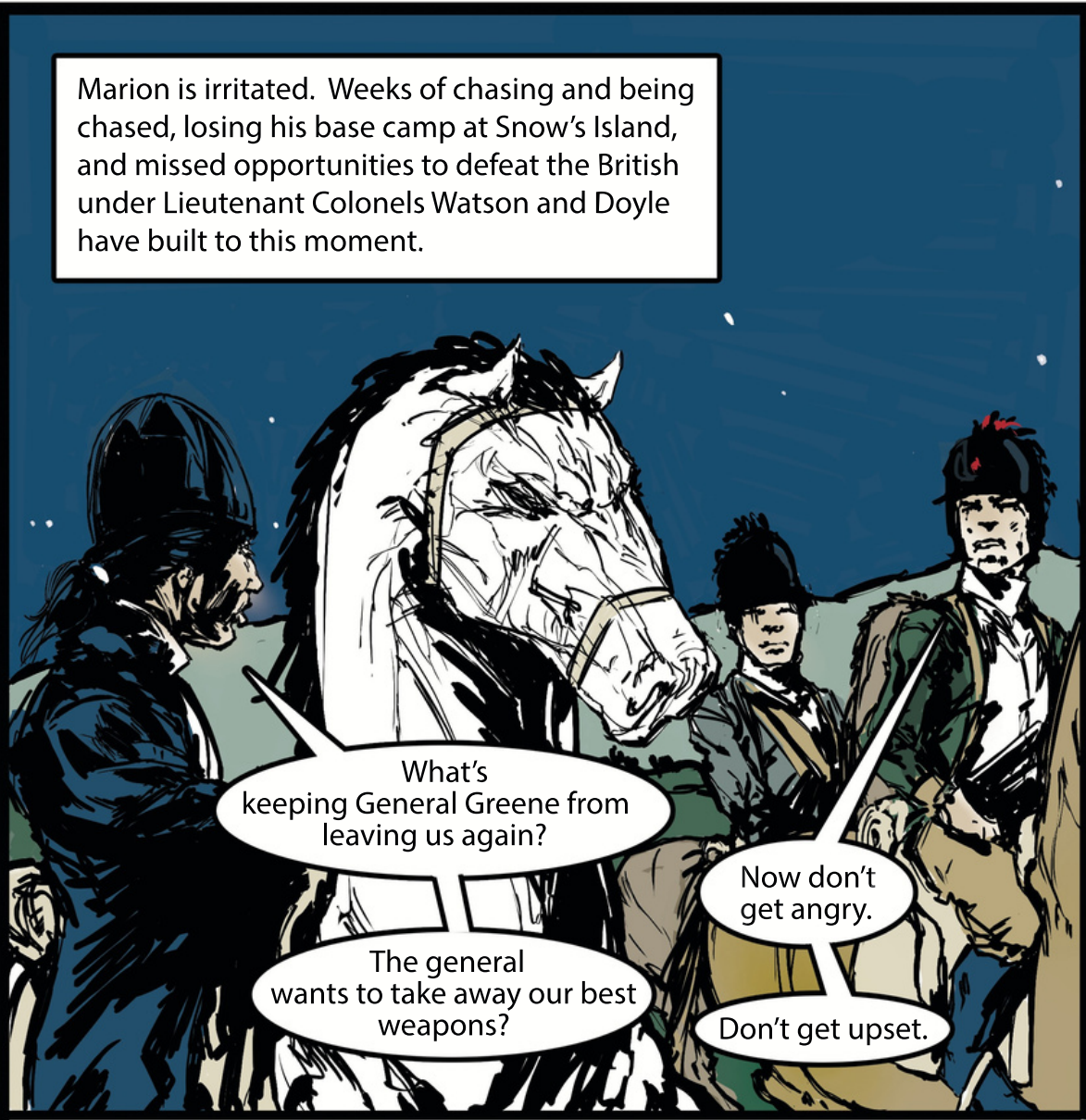
Will do!

Cornwallis
marched toward Wilmington,
so General Greene decided to come
back to South Carolina.

That's good.
I'm glad you're
back.

But he's
going to need your
horses.

What?!
Now he's gone
too far!



Marion is irritated. Weeks of chasing and being chased, losing his base camp at Snow's Island, and missed opportunities to defeat the British under Lieutenant Colonels Watson and Doyle have built to this moment.

What's keeping General Greene from leaving us again?

The general wants to take away our best weapons?

Now don't get angry.

Don't get upset.



Most of what we have is what we carry. The British have burned or taken the rest.



I understand.

You should. I'm talking about being surrounded on all sides and needing to respond quickly.



I can barely keep a fighting force together. And now he wants us to give up our horses, our personal property?

General, sir. We're in this together. Let's finish what we've started.

On that, we're in agreement.

Let's take up this discussion later, maybe. On to Fort Watson.



On to Fort Watson!



The Patriots move with determination towards Fort Watson.

The caretaker cabin near Mt. Joseph on Buckhead Hill.

How long are the British soldiers going to be at our new house?

It's not right! We just built that house and they moved in.

I don't know, Polly. We are fortunate that we have this old house on the property.

Yes, Polly. But we're going to survive this. We've got to!

Those arrows that you took when we left. Do they really have poison on them?

No, I just told that officer to be careful; they were poisonous. They were your Father's.

So, you just made that up? He jumped back when you said that!

Ha! Ha! Yes, he did! They're really some sort of fire arrows, or something.

It was such a pretty house before they showed up!

Lt. McPherson is bringing some men over to eat soon. We need to get started on the meal.

I don't like that we are feeding them!

For our safety, we need them to see us as friends, not bitter enemies.

Well, I'll feed 'em, but I don't have to like it!

Surrounded, Rebecca. Friends, not enemies,

Rebecca. How silly you sound with all that has happened.

