

The backcountry of South Carolina has split between those supporting the Crown and those seeking independence from Great Britain. Some of the Tories, wishing for British dominance in the region, make an alliance with the Cherokee Indians. Their raids kill many settlers along the borderland next to the Indian nation.

The Patriots, who have fought with their Tory neighbors against the Cherokee, are mad and feel betrayed by their partnership. It hardens their resolve against the British.



As the conflict grows, whole families and communities are forced to take one side over the other for survival. The day-to-day challenges of life must take a backseat to this real threat. Their lives hang in the balance.

Lindley's Fort, July 15, 1776



Your men must attack here.

That's fine.



We're under attack!



Inside the fort, Patriot Captain Jonathan Downs hurries about, checking on the defenses. He puts the women and children to work loading guns and carrying supplies to the men on the walls.



Musket shots ring out from the woods and the men on the palisaded walls duck for cover. They realize they are surrounded.



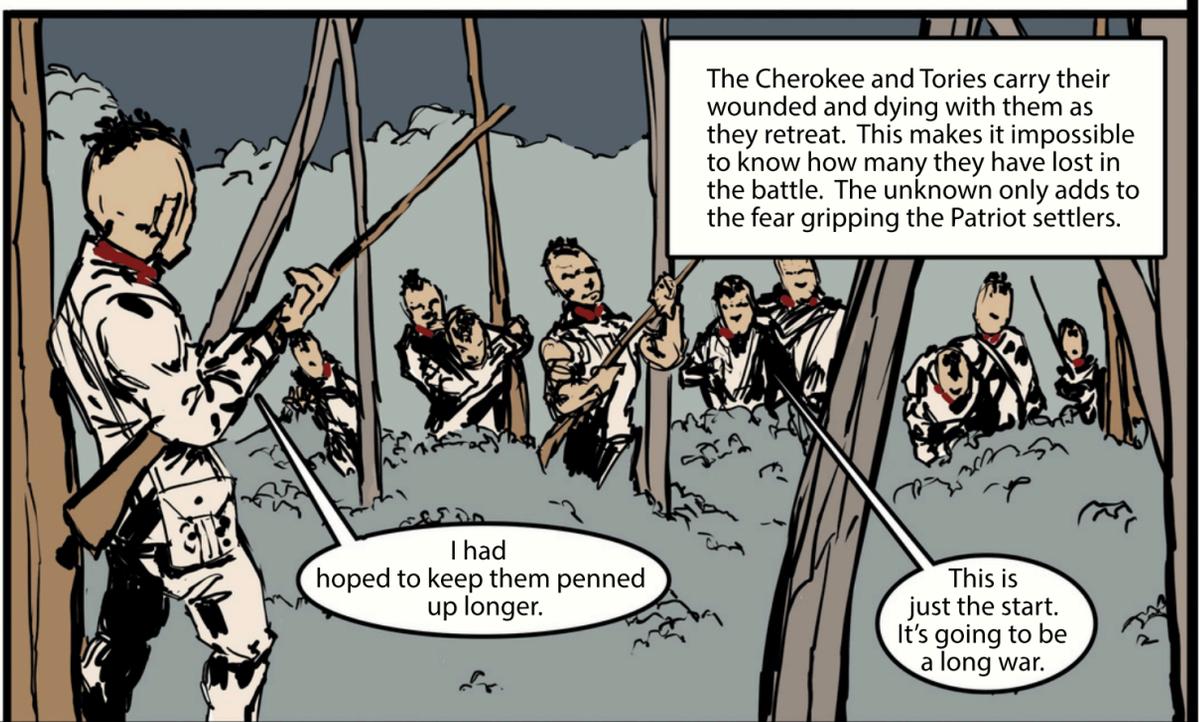
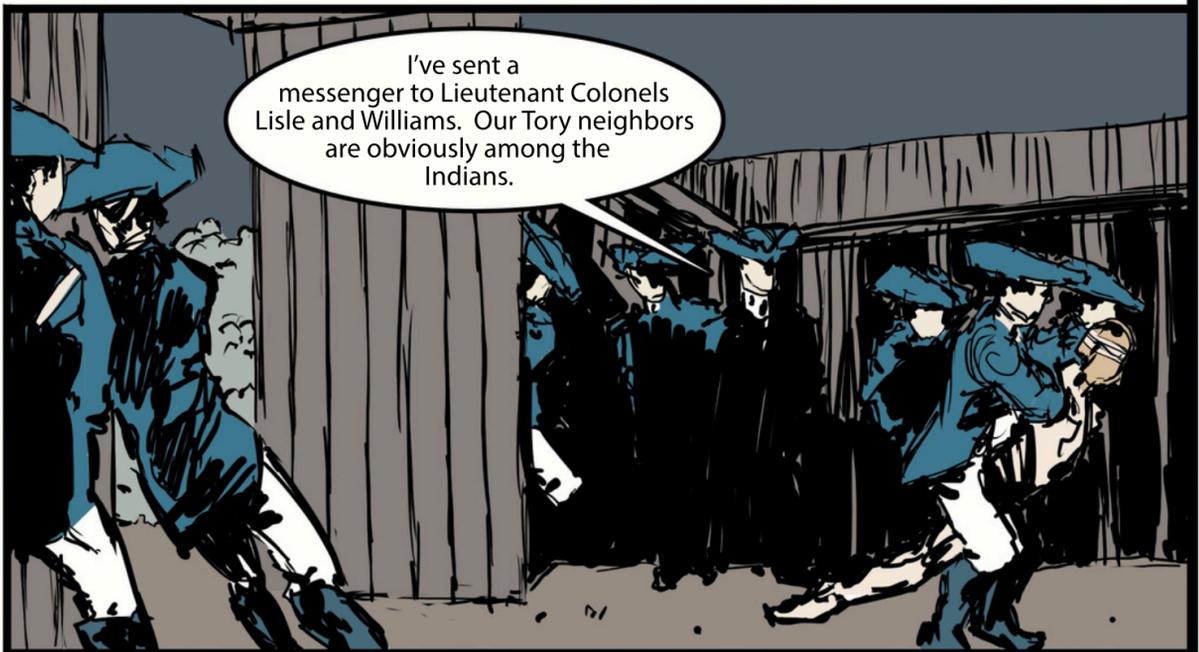
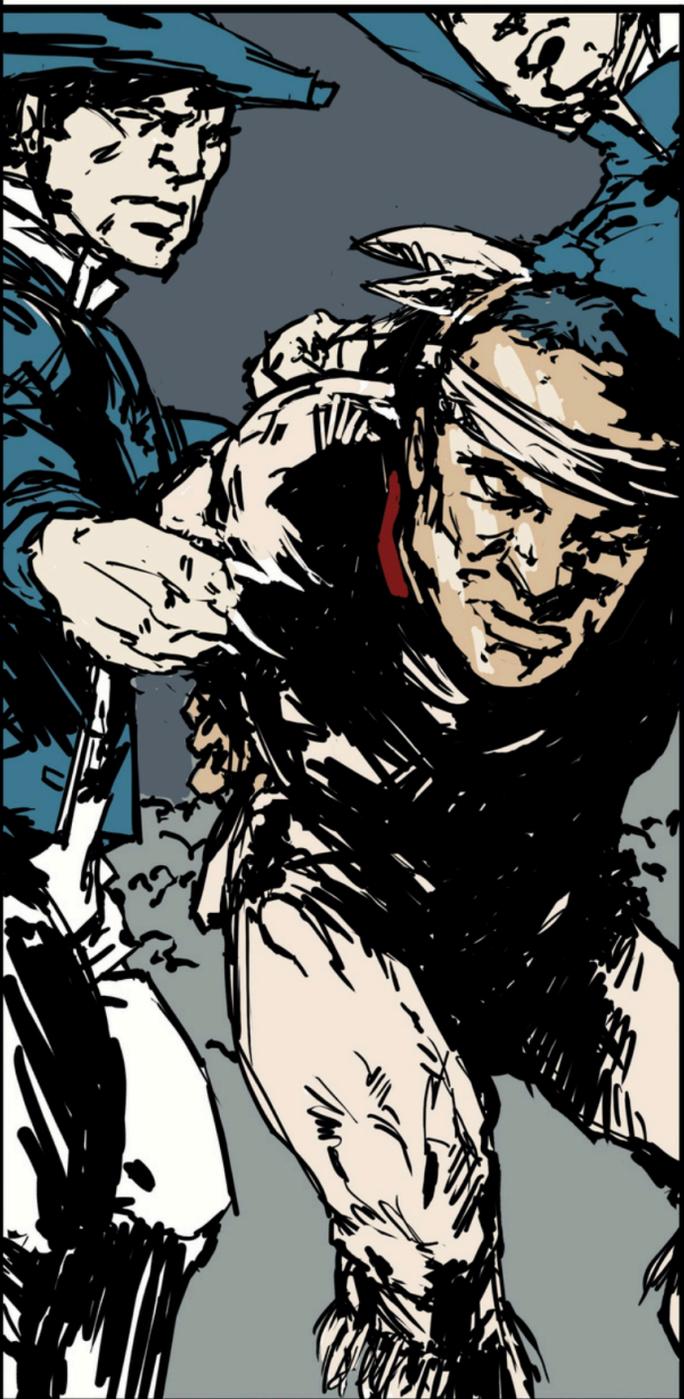
Watch out!

Ahh! Noo!

Get down!

Now that the sun has come up we're going to attack. Give 'em a yell and go

# Aye-Yee!



Andrew Pickens's Blockhouse.

Sir, he blocked up the creek and now my pasture has no water.

I rerouted the creek to build my grist mill. He knows that.

In the meantime, my cows need water and his millpond has it all.

How long before you release the water downstream?

I should be finished enough by next week.

Sir, it's summer. My cattle need water several times a day.

A message for you, sir.

There lies the rub. You're free to do what you want, until it harms someone else's rights.

I find for the plaintiff. Let him water the cattle twice a day till you get it fixed.

But, sir! But, sir?



What the judge said is final. The ruling will be enforced! Now go home!



You didn't have to do that, Joseph.

Did you hear what's happened?

Yes, I just got the message.



Andy, this won't stand! The Cherokee want war and the Tories are with them, I just know it!

Perhaps.



All I'm saying is, don't be rash.

Tell that to the people whose families have been killed or taken captive.