

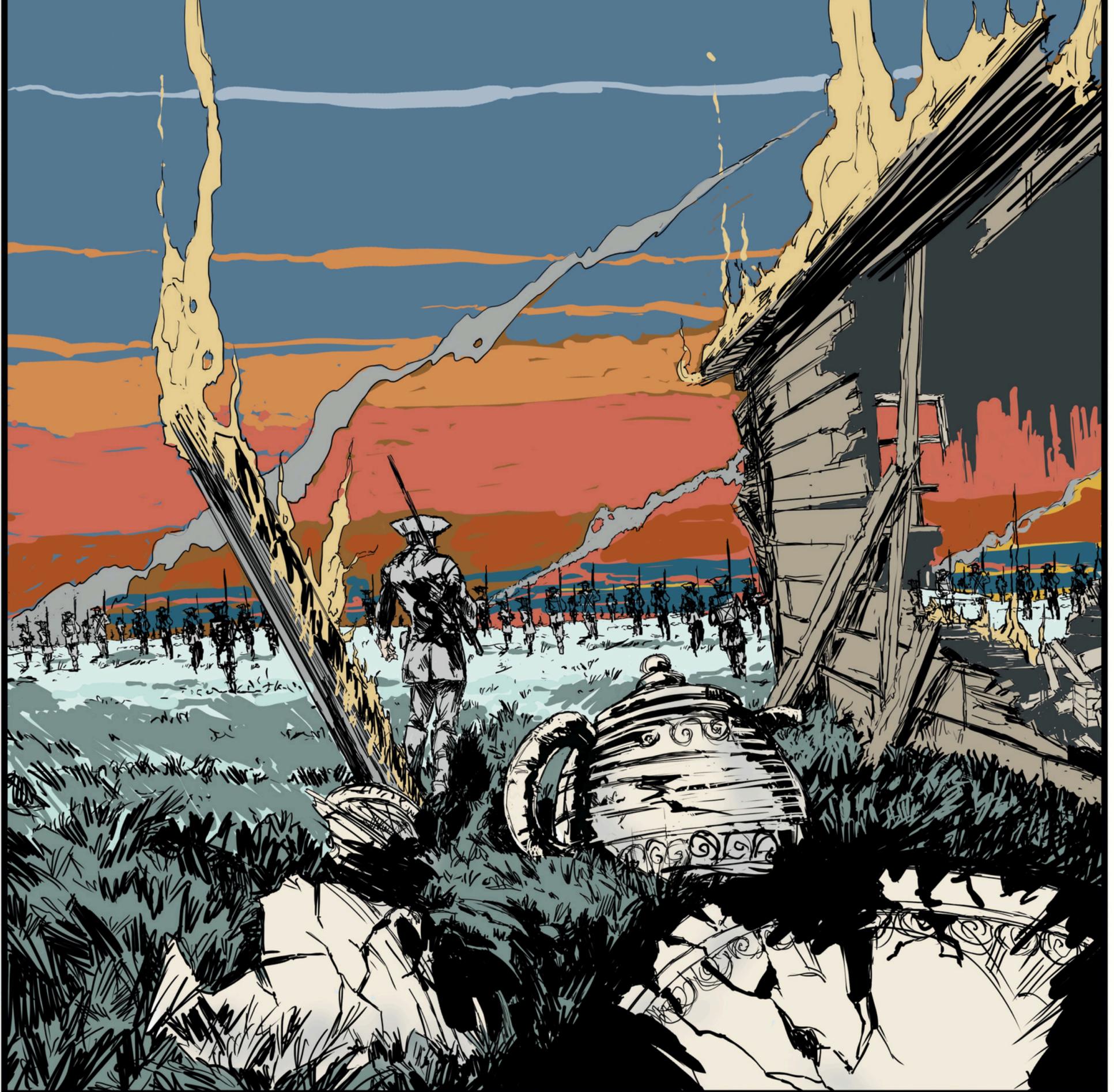
December 23, 1778

The British army has suffered a humiliating defeat at Saratoga, New York. The high command turns its sights on the southern colonies in hopes of saving their agricultural might for the Crown.

General Sir Henry Clinton meets with his commanders and maps out a plan. Taking advantage of British forces already in Florida, he sets his sights on Savannah, Georgia.

Two days before Christmas the British Fleet, with 3,100 soldiers, is spotted just off of Tybee Island. Like a hurricane, the redcoat army prepares to come ashore.

The Americans saw this same story unfold at Charleston, South Carolina, in 1776 and were victorious. Behind their defenses they wait for the British to approach their lines. They hope to put the tempest back into the teapot.



Savannah, GA, December 29, 1778.

Send the Highlanders forward.

Form, up. Eyes, forward. Order, arms.

Company, march.

Give them the point!

Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!

Over the next week they consolidate their foothold and land the rest of their troops. But the Americans still maintain a strong defensive position.

I'll be happy to help you, sir. I know a way around the rebels. Follow this trail, through here.

Their flank is wide open! Charge!

With the firing of the first shot, the British attack two sides of the Patriot lines. The Americans are forced to retreat through town at the point of the bayonet. The British victory ensures a foothold for their Southern Strategy.

BOOM Crack Bang!



Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Campbell and Loyalist Colonel James Boyd walk around Savannah, Georgia.

Colonel Boyd, it now falls to you. Go into the Carolinas and recruit fighting men for the Crown.

Yes, sir.

You shouldn't have a problem.



And where shall I bring them after I have them?

While you're gone, we'll move northwest to Augusta. Meet us there.



What about the Indians?

The Indians are with us. You shouldn't have any trouble from them.

I'm sure I can recruit a good many men.



We're told that thousands will join us. Now that we've got a foothold here, we expect they'll be lining up for their king.



Yes, sir. After I recruit in South Carolina, I'll make a loop back to Augusta.

Be careful, Colonel. Good luck.



Colonel Andrew Pickens's camp somewhere in the Ninety Six District of South Carolina.

Colonel Pickens, we need your help in Georgia.

I'll try. What's your mind?



We're having trouble pushing back against the Tories under Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton

We just don't have enough men.

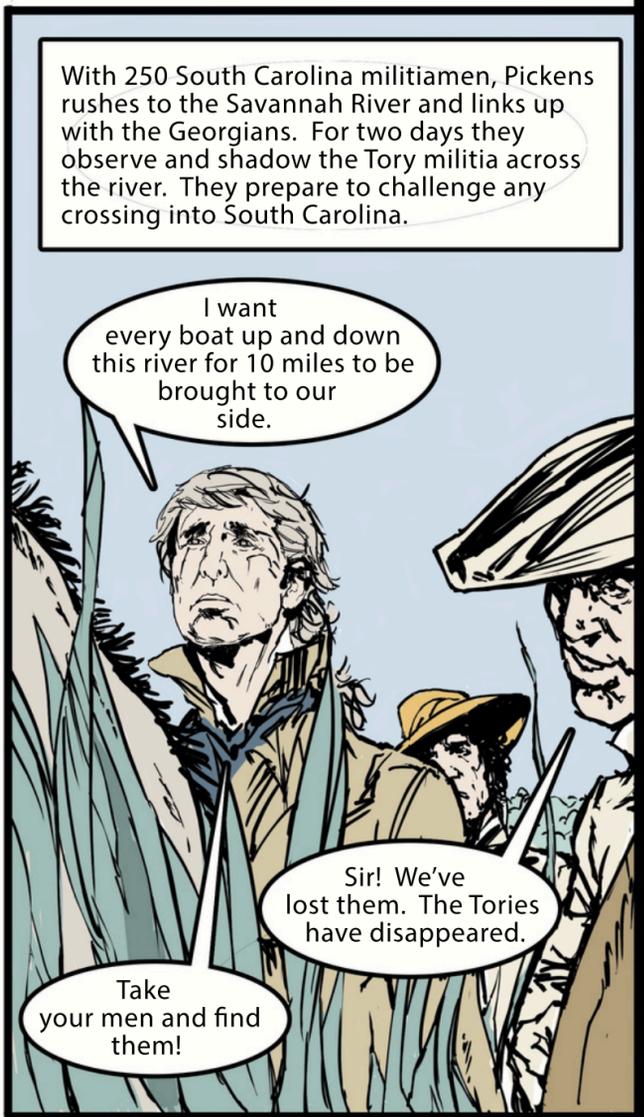
Where are they now?



They're just across the Savannah River, north of Augusta.

Where are your men?

We're camped on this side of the river keeping watch to see where they cross.

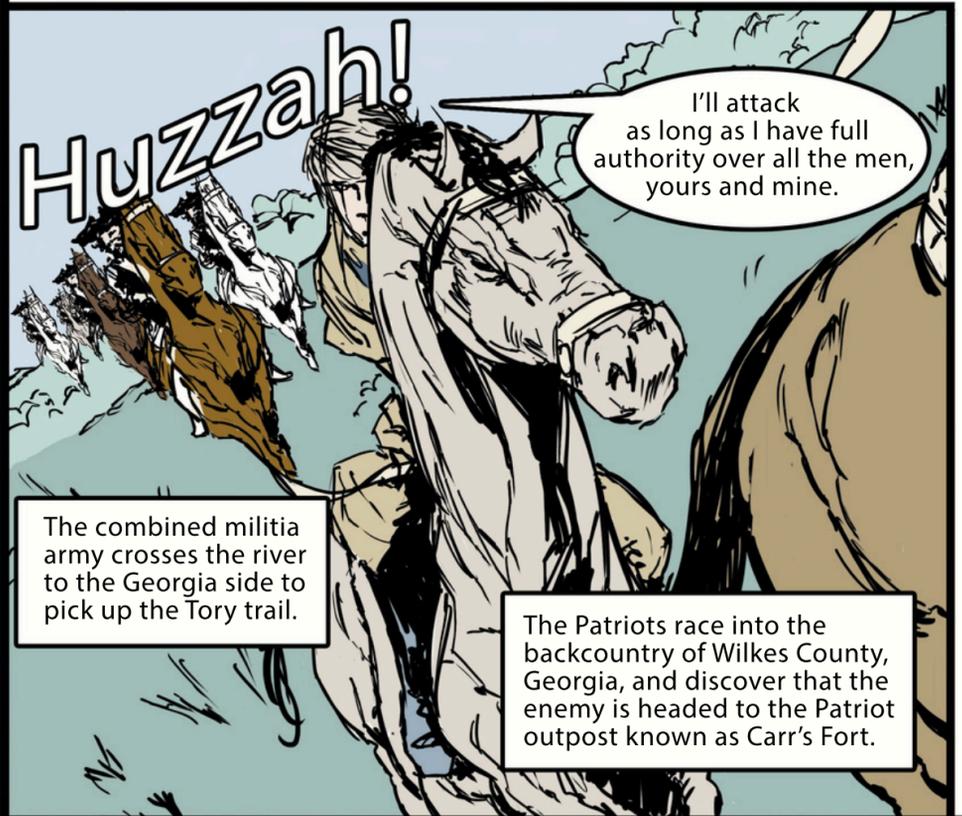


With 250 South Carolina militiamen, Pickens rushes to the Savannah River and links up with the Georgians. For two days they observe and shadow the Tory militia across the river. They prepare to challenge any crossing into South Carolina.

I want every boat up and down this river for 10 miles to be brought to our side.

Sir! We've lost them. The Tories have disappeared.

Take your men and find them!



Huzzah!

I'll attack as long as I have full authority over all the men, yours and mine.

The combined militia army crosses the river to the Georgia side to pick up the Tory trail.

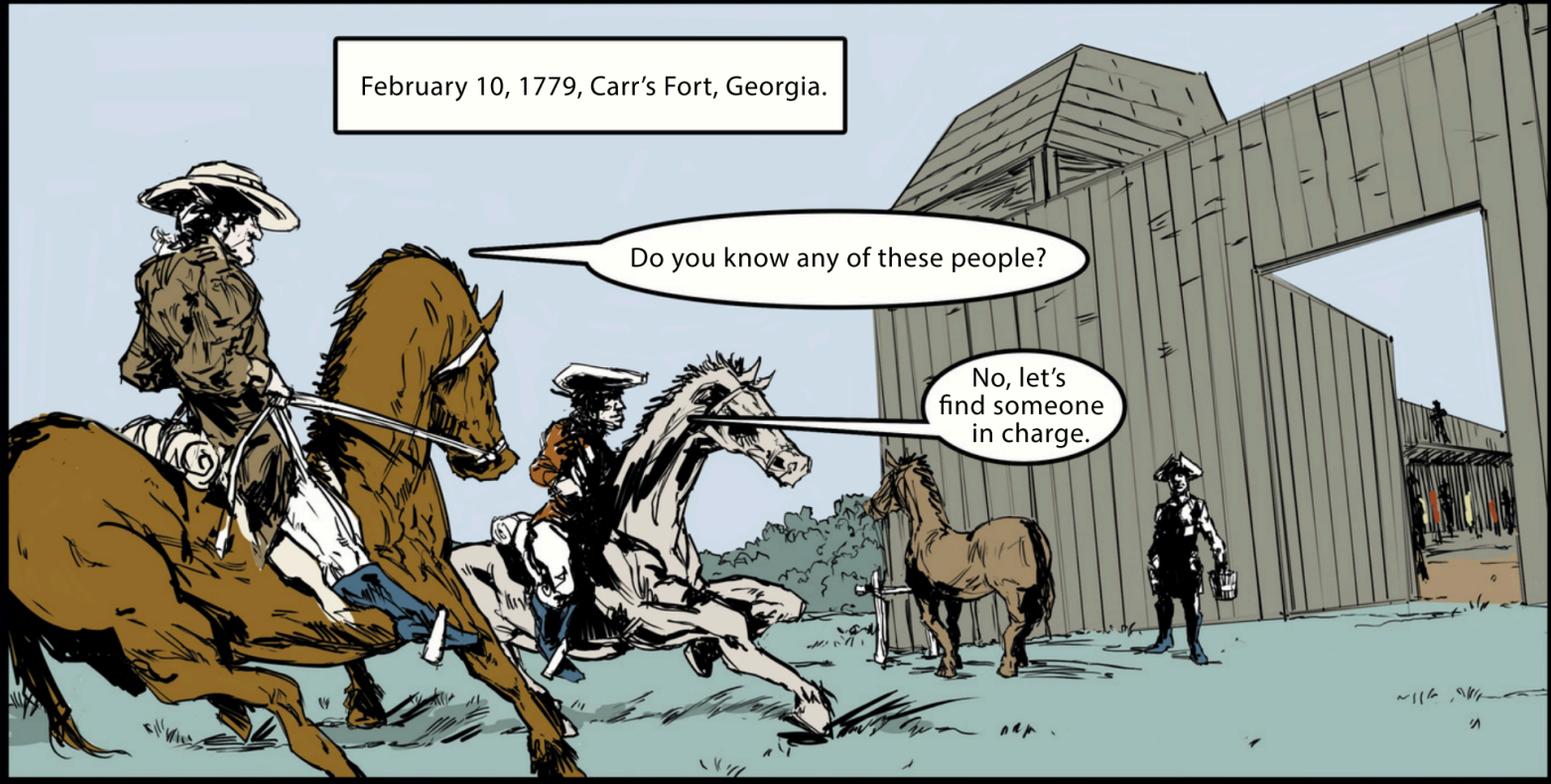
The Patriots race into the backcountry of Wilkes County, Georgia, and discover that the enemy is headed to the Patriot outpost known as Carr's Fort.



They're headed for the fort! Get to Carr's fort before they do and close the gates. We'll pin them against the walls.

Yes, sir.

February 10, 1779, Carr's Fort, Georgia.



Do you know any of these people?

No, let's find someone in charge.



Oh, no! We're too late! Look!



The two scouts make it inside the fort But, hesitate to close the gates. The Tory riders leave their horses outside and quickly rush in and take over

This fort is now under the protection of the king!



They're going to close the gate!

Come on! Hurry!



As the two scouts get back outside of the fort, Colonel Pickens and the Patriot force ride up and begin to fire at the Tories.



How did that happen? We had 'em!

Yes, sir. We're truly sorry.