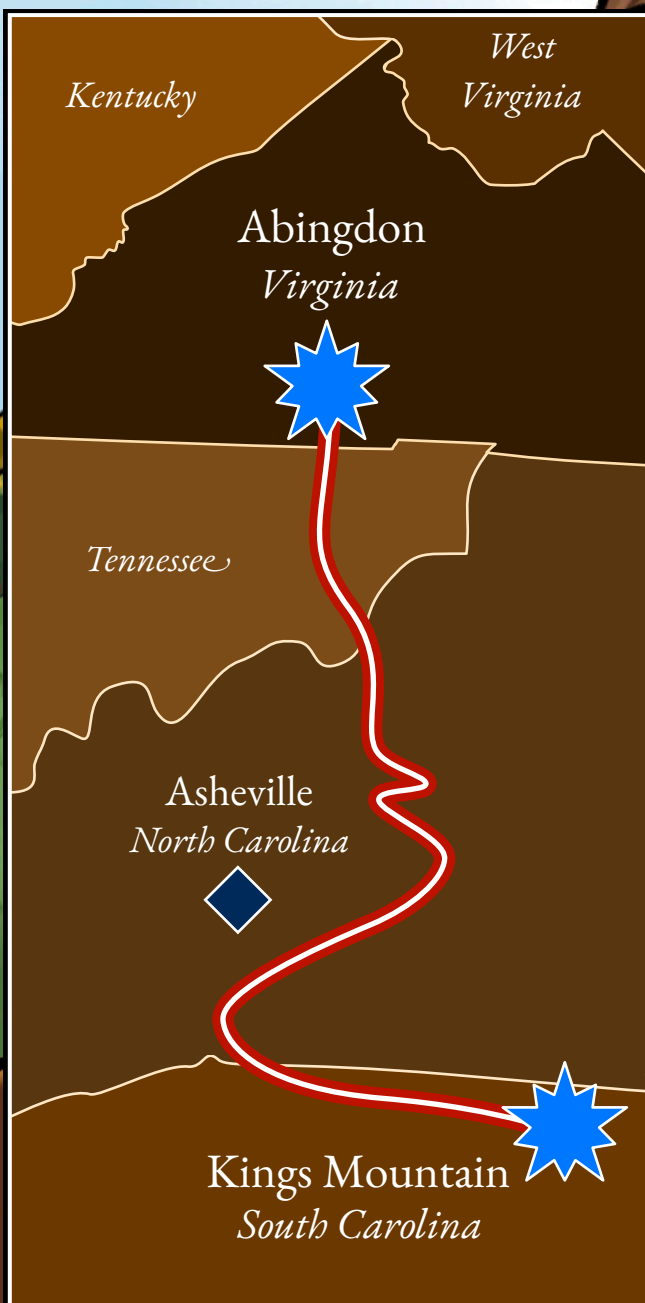


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WILLIAM CAMPBELL AND THE OVERMOUNTAIN MEN

By Julia Thomas

For five years, Virginians have been volunteering to fight in American Revolution battles far from their homes. Now, in 1780, men from Southwest Virginia march again – and march farther than anyone else who is gathering to stop Royal forces from expanding into the South's Appalachian region.



1773

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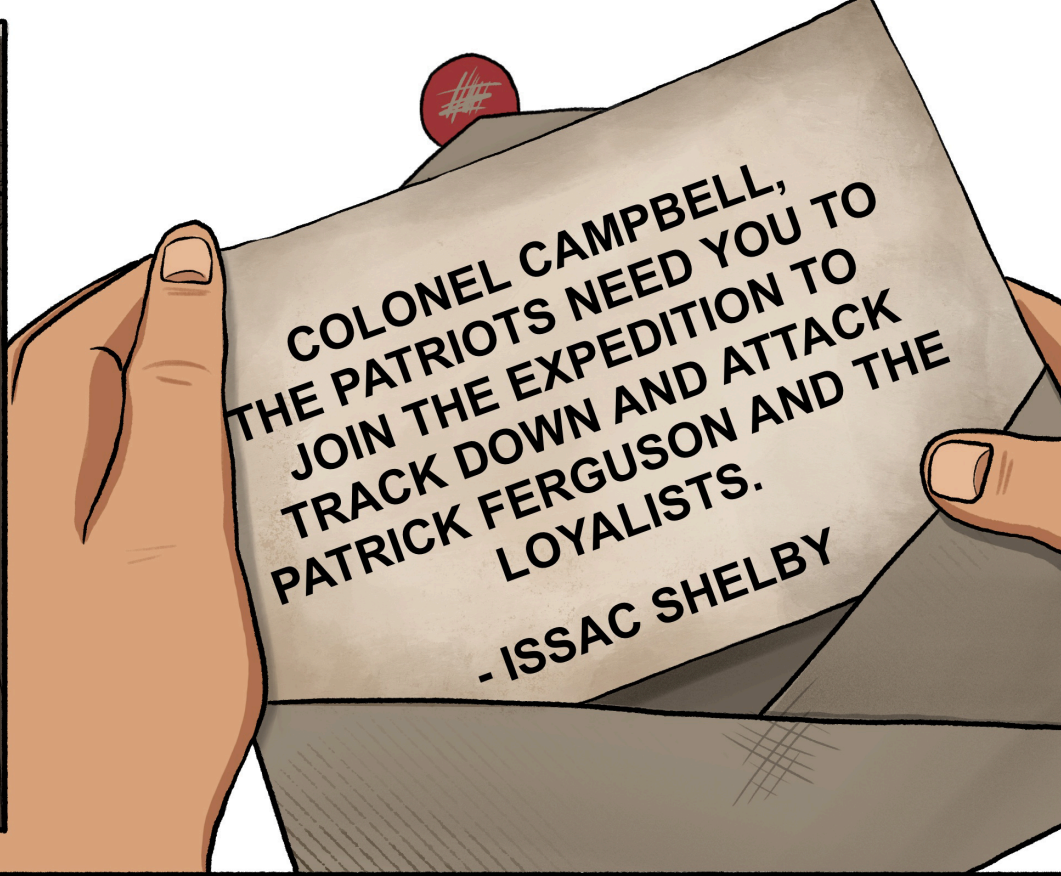
The Battles of
Lexington and
Concord

Declaration of
Independence
is signed

Battle of
Monmouth in
New Jersey



COLONEL CAMPBELL,
SIR, A LETTER FROM
ISSAC SHELBY.



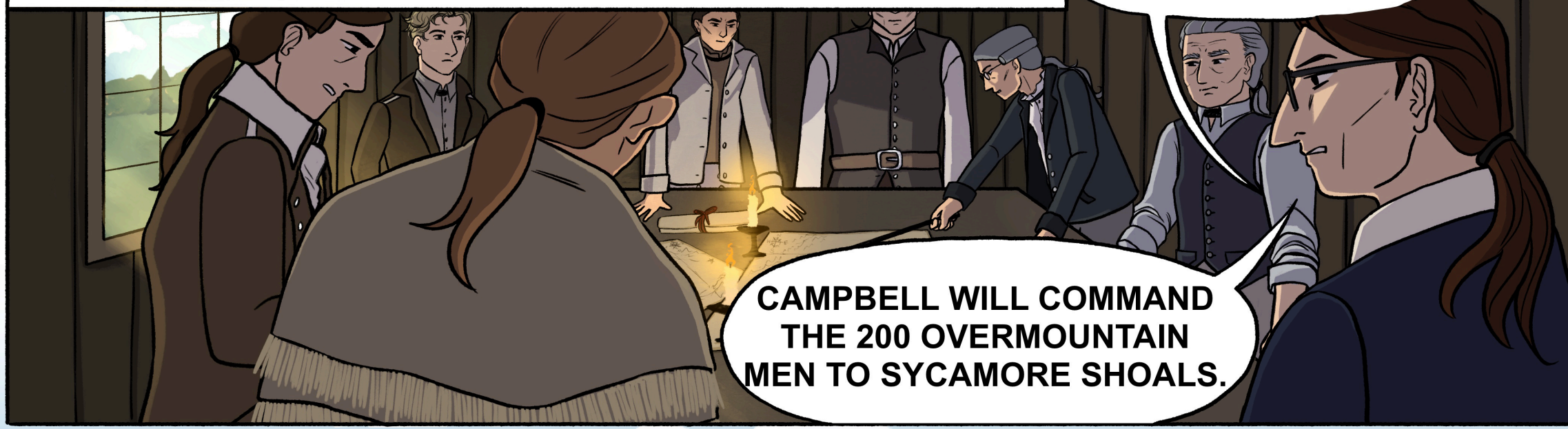
FERGUSON HAS
THREATENED TO KILL
PATRIOT LEADERS AND
BURN OUR CITIES.

IN THAT
CASE...



COUNT ME IN.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1780: A CONFERENCE WAS HELD BETWEEN WASHINGTON MILITIA OFFICERS IN ABINGDON, VIRGINIA.



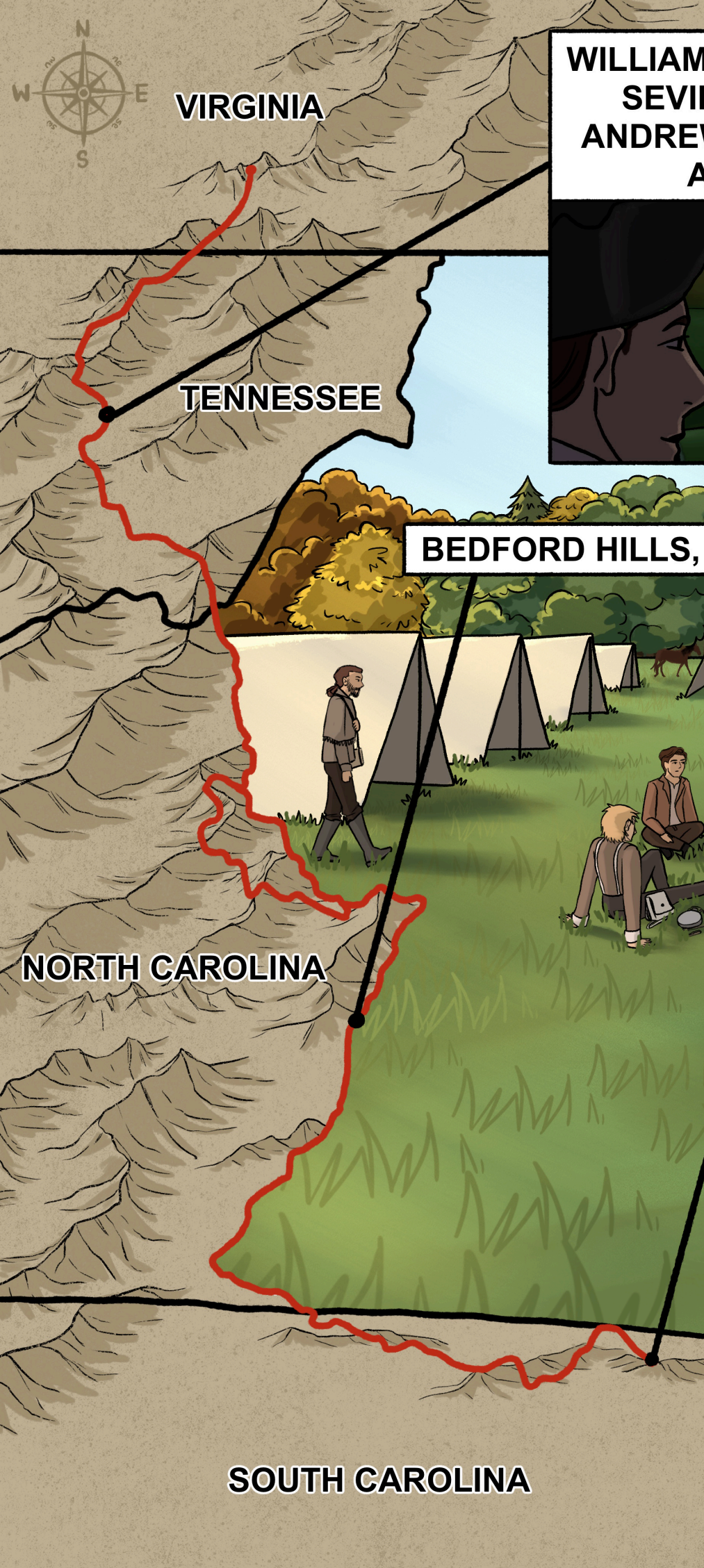
IT'S SETTLED THEN.

CAMPBELL WILL COMMAND
THE 200 OVERMOUNTAIN
MEN TO SYCAMORE SHOALS.



WE
LEAVE AT
DAWN.





WILLIAM CAMPBELL, ISSAC SHELBY, JOHN SEVIER, CHARLES MCDOWELL, AND ANDREW HAMPTON GATHER THEIR MEN AT SYCAMORE SHOALS, TN.



BY NIGHTFALL, 1,000 OVERMOUNTAIN MEN HAD ASSEMBLED.



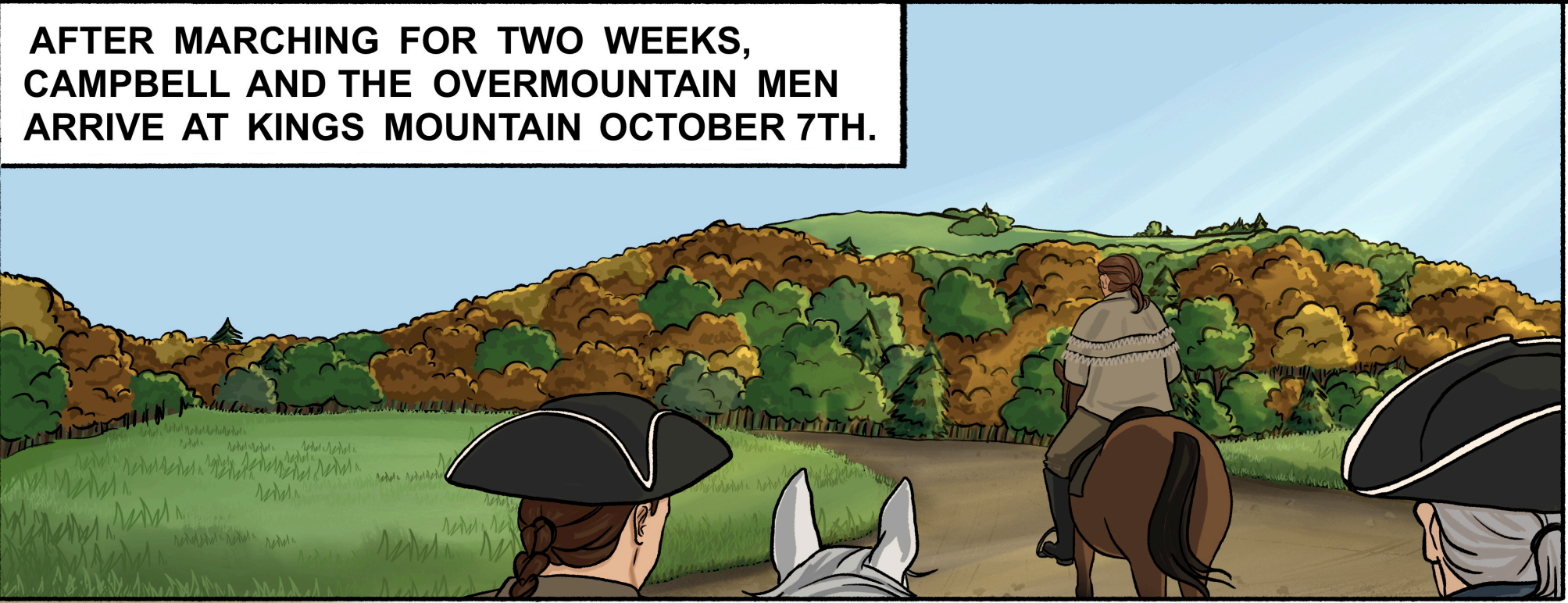
BEDFORD HILLS, NC

WE NEED A COMMANDER TO UNITE THE MEN. WE CAN'T GO THIS UNORGANIZED.

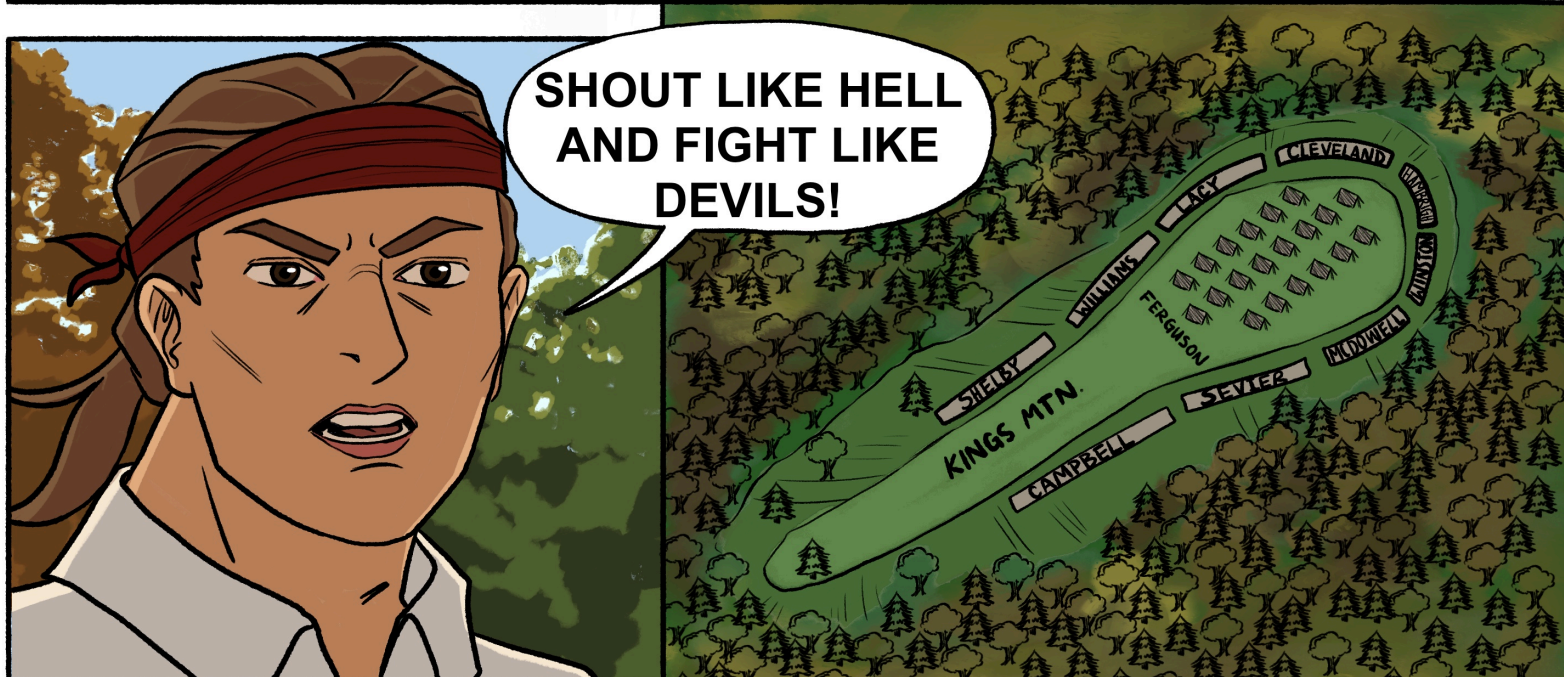
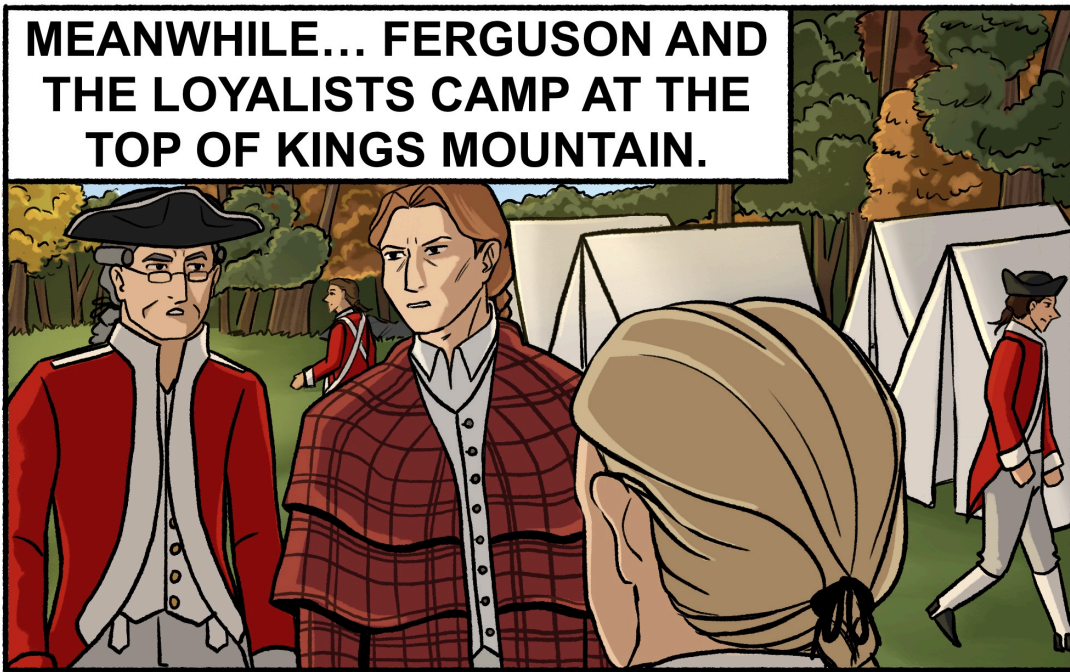
I SUGGEST THAT WILLIAM CAMPBELL BE IN CHARGE.

IF ELECTED BY MY FELLOW OFFICERS, THEN I ACCEPT.

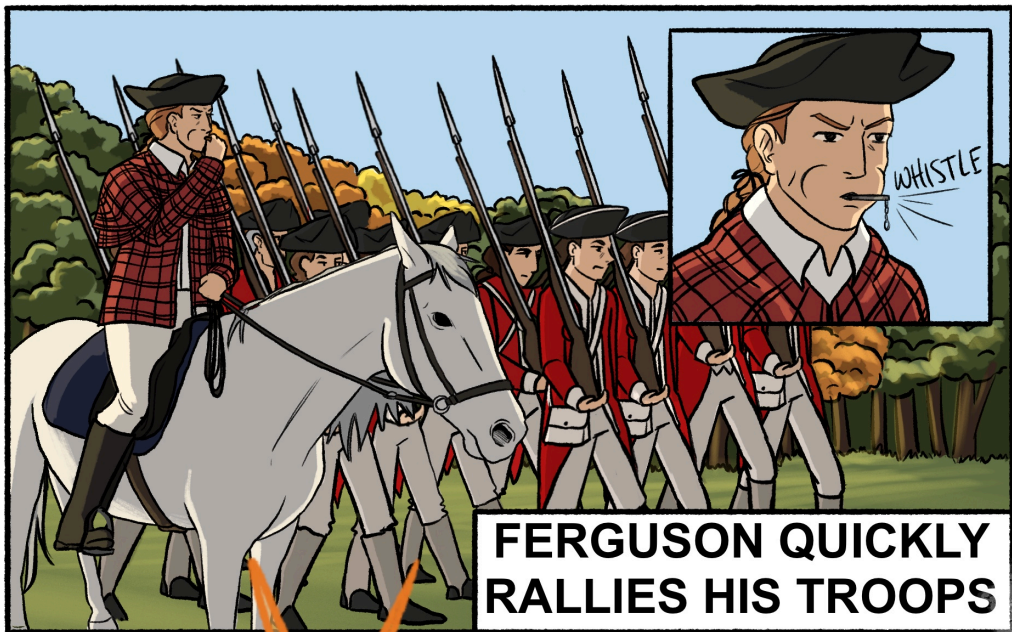
AFTER MARCHING FOR TWO WEEKS, CAMPBELL AND THE OVERMOUNTAIN MEN ARRIVE AT KINGS MOUNTAIN OCTOBER 7TH.



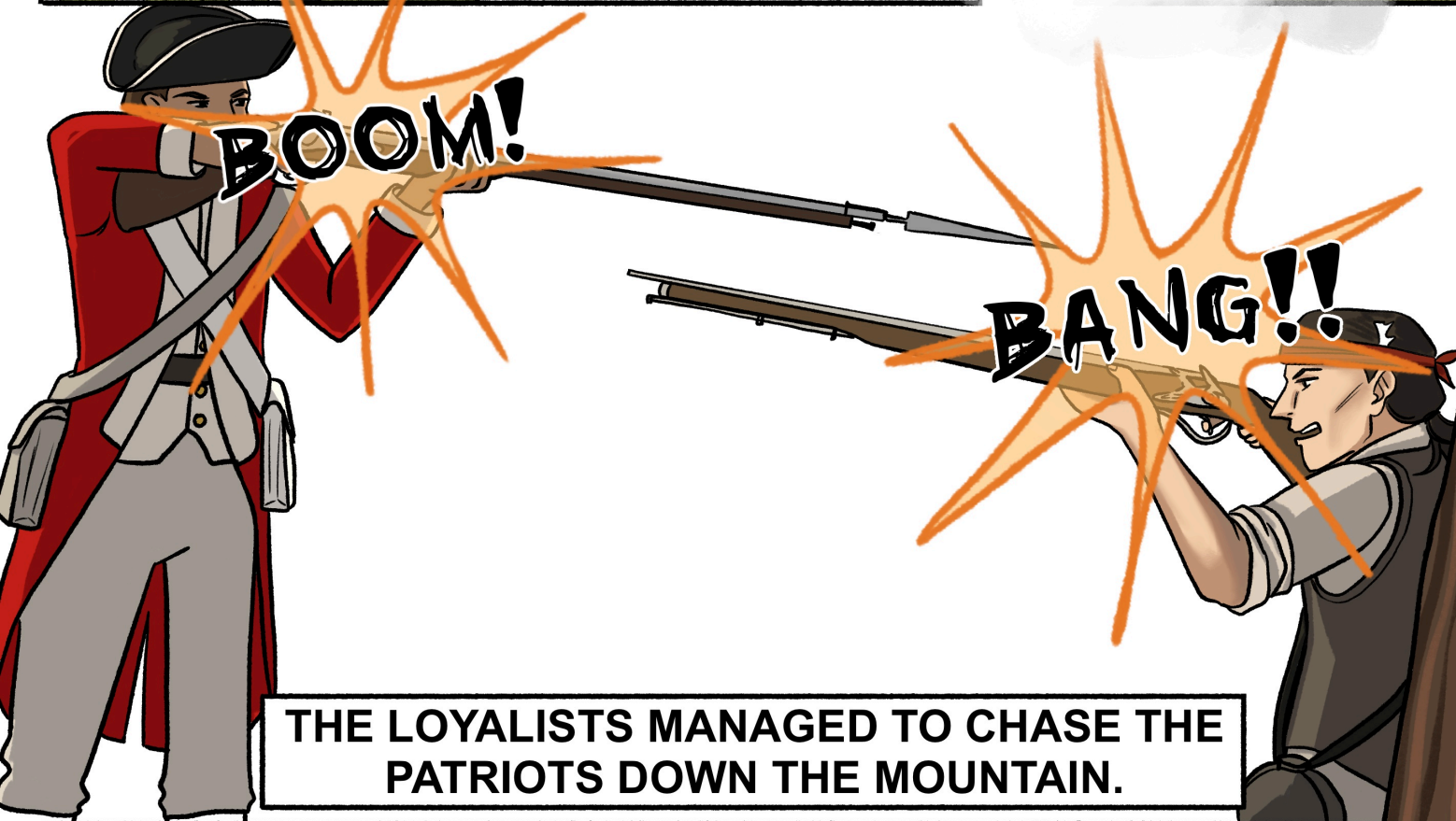
MEANWHILE... FERGUSON AND THE LOYALISTS CAMP AT THE TOP OF KINGS MOUNTAIN.



WITH THE 1,000 LOYALISTS SURROUNDED AT THE TOP OF KINGS MOUNTAIN, THE PATRIOTS ATTACK.



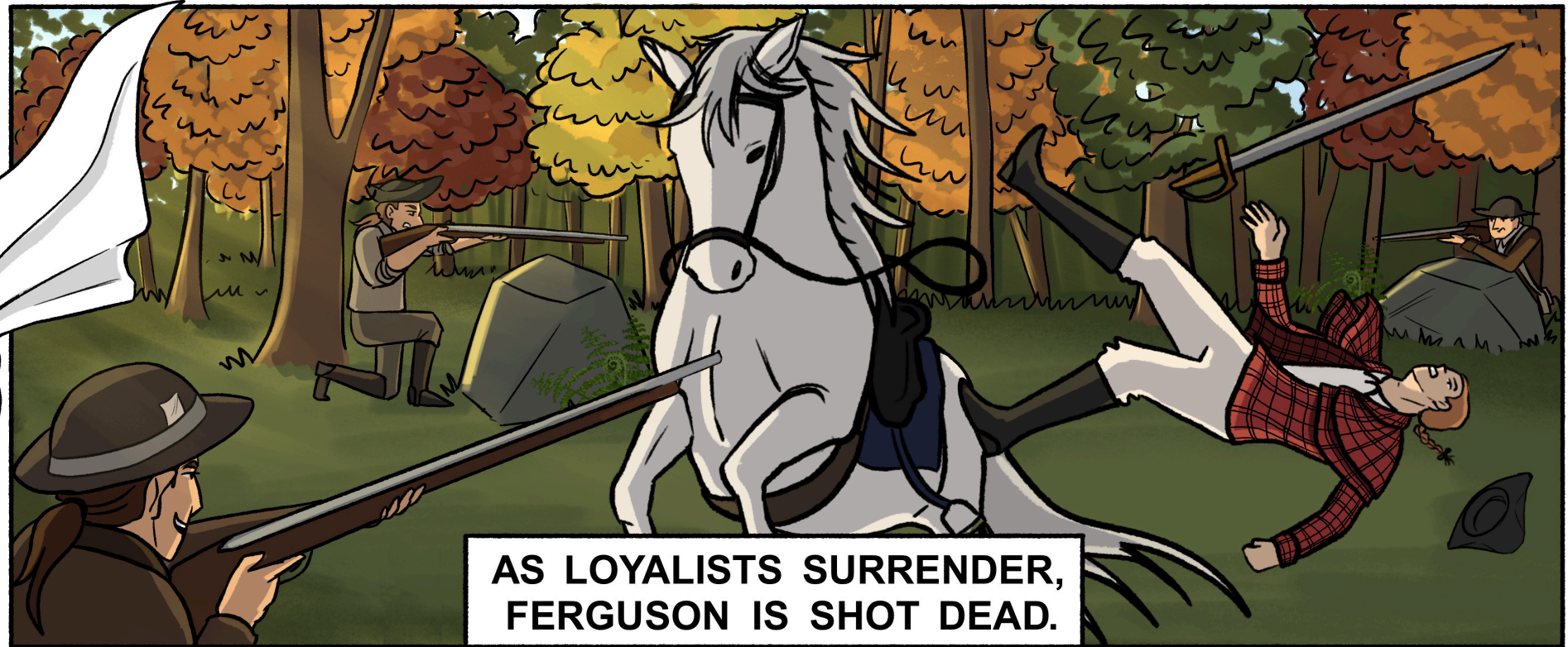
**FERGUSON QUICKLY
RALLIES HIS TROOPS**



**THE LOYALISTS MANAGED TO CHASE THE
PATRIOTS DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.**



**BUT THE PATRIOTS CAME BACK,
AND OVERWHELMED THE
LOYALISTS ON EACH SIDE.**



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Questions to Consider

1. What was the most important point of this chapter?
2. Where is Washington County and the Battle of King's Mountain, South Carolina, in relation to your home?
3. What was significant about the Battle of King's Mountain?
4. How did the Overmountain Men get their name?
5. How long would it take today to drive in a car along the route the Overmountain Men took?

Learn More

-  [“Soldiers from Washington County marched further than anyone else to inflict decisive defeat on the British,” by Carolyn Wilson, Cardinal News](#)
-  [“William Campbell led the Overmountain Men to a key victory, then died young,” by Carolyn Wilson, Cardinal News](#)
-  [“Podcast about William Campbell and the Overmountain Men,” by Dutchie Jesse of Cardinal News, with Tom Vaughan of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association](#)