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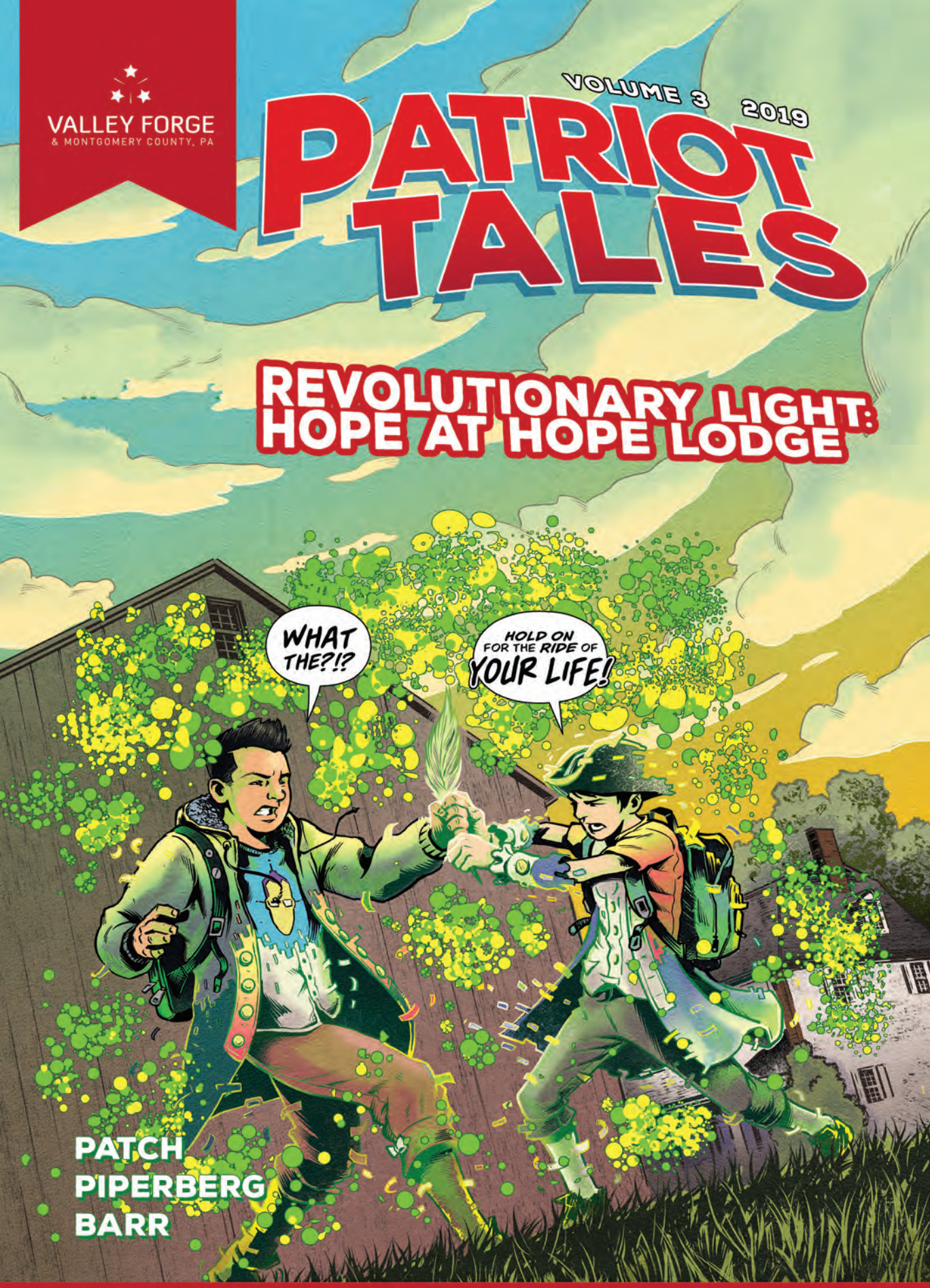

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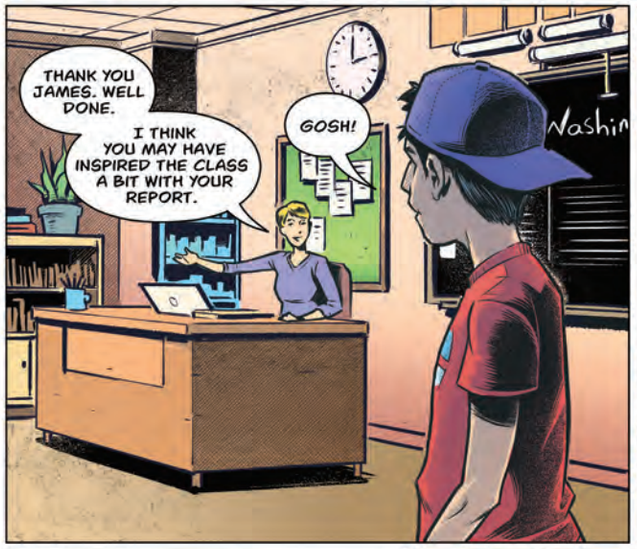
LYDIA and JAMES went on the adventure of a lifetime as they time traveled back to the year 1778 with the aid of a MAGICAL QUILL PEN. Finding themselves at an encampment in VALLEY FORGE they teamed up with none other than GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON. Their mission to foil a plot to kidnap the good GENERAL and to uncover the enemy lurking in their midsts. Through a keen eye and the power of observation JAMES and LYDIA successfully completed their mission.

Upon returning home JAMES had plenty of information for his school report and LYDIA had enough inspiration to fill a hundred sketchbooks. We join them now as JAMES is finishing his report, the adventure over...or is it?

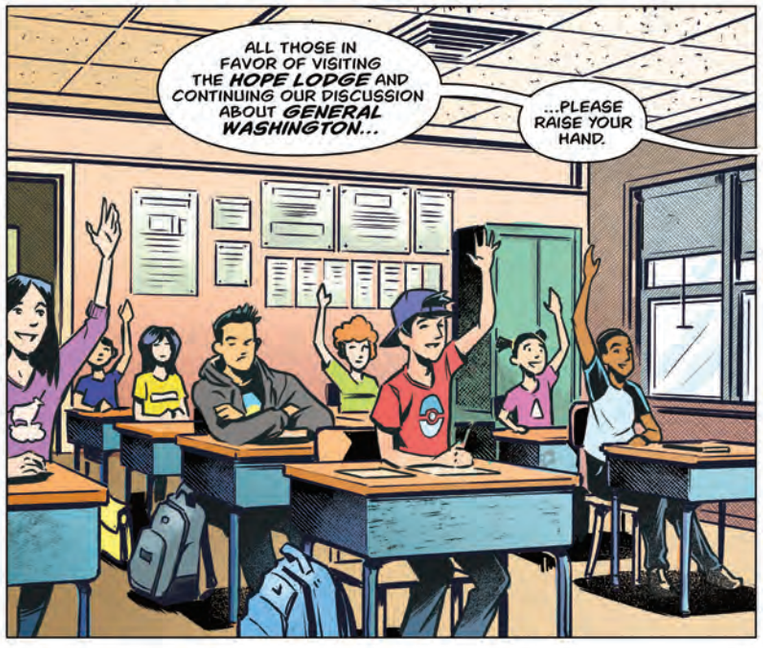
...THAT IS WHY INFORMATION IS THE GREATEST WEAPON OF ALL...
...AND WHY GENERAL WASHINGTON WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST SPYMASTERS OF ALL TIME.
George Washington

THANK YOU!


THANK YOU JAMES. WELL DONE.
I THINK YOU MAY HAVE INSPIRED THE CLASS A BIT WITH YOUR REPORT.
GOSH!

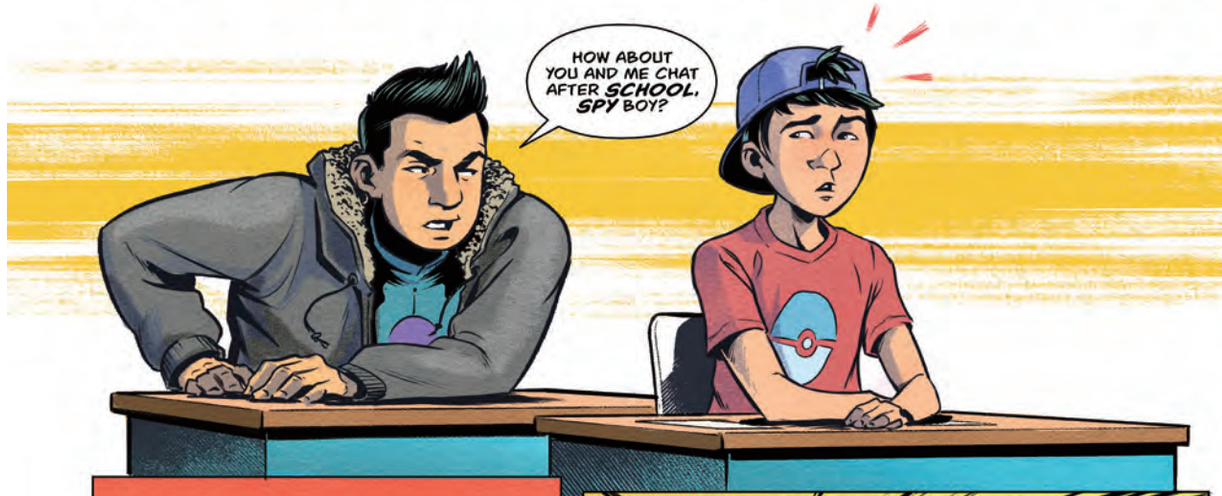
YOU'VE EVEN INSPIRED THE TEACHER.
A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE GIVES TOURS AT HOPE LODGE. GENERAL HIMSELF WAS ENCAMPED NOT TOO FAR FROM THERE.
WITH OUR FIELD TRIP TOMORROW, WE JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO CHANGE OUR DESTINATION?

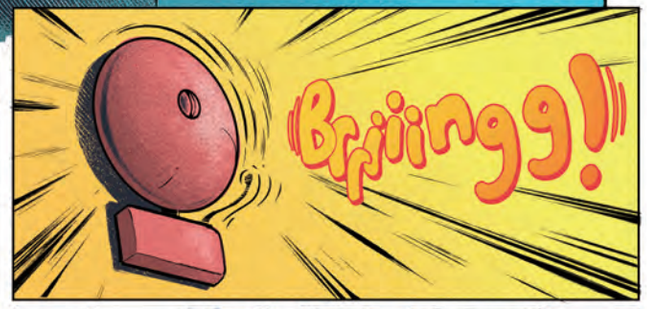
BUT KEEPING WITH THE THEME OF DEMOCRACY, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD PUT IT TO A VOTE.


ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF VISITING THE HOPE LODGE AND CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION ABOUT GENERAL WASHINGTON...
...PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF GOING TO THE OBSERVATORY.

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HOPE LODGE.
I'LL CALL MY FRIEND AND MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS.


HOW ABOUT YOU AND ME CHAT AFTER SCHOOL, SPY BOY?

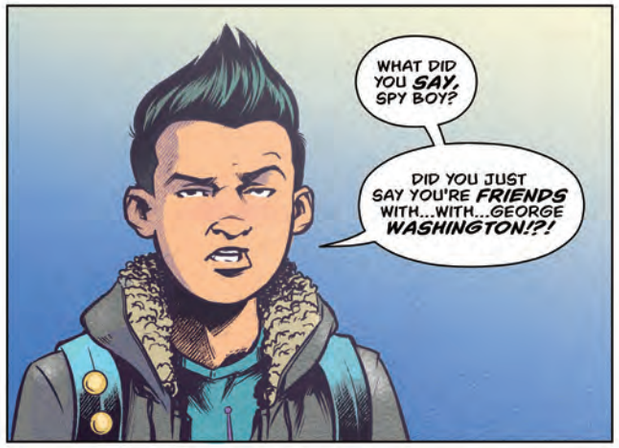

Brrrinngg!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE SPY BOY!

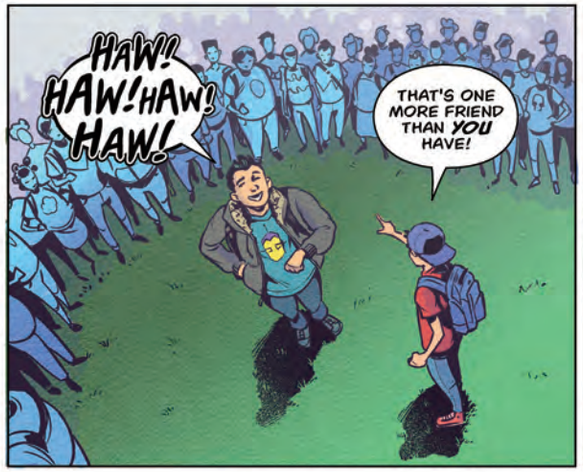
YOU SEEMED QUITE HAPPY WITH YOURSELF BACK THERE.
I GOT A BONE TO PICK WITH YOU.

WH-WHAT DID I DO?

SOME OF US WANTED TO GO THE OBSERVATORY TOMORROW.
NOW WE GOT TO GO TO SOME BORING LODGE AND HEAR EVEN MORE ABOUT YOUR OL' BUDDY GEORGE.
HE IS MY BUDDY! HE GAVE ME A PENCIL.


WHAT DID YOU SAY, SPY BOY?
DID YOU JUST SAY YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH...WITH...GEORGE WASHINGTON!?!

HAW! HAW! HAW!
SPY BOY HERE THINKS HE'S FRIENDS WITH SOME 200 YEAR OLD DEAD DUDE!
HAW! HAW! HAW!


HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW!
THAT'S ONE MORE FRIEND THAN YOU HAVE!

HUH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY SPY BOY?
YOU HEARD ME!

OH...I HEARD YOU ALRIGHT...
I JUST WANTED EVERYONE ELSE TO HEAR YOUR LAST WORDS!
CRACK

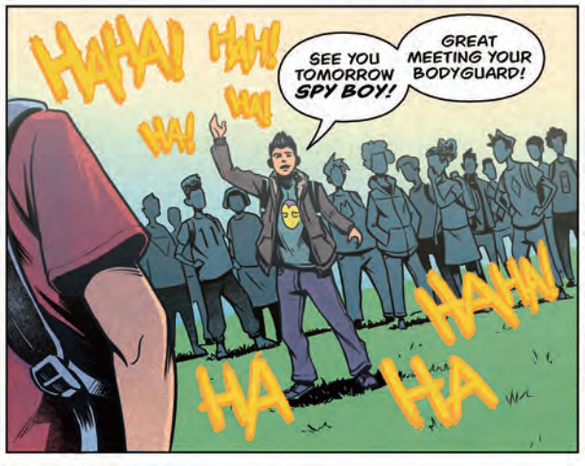
GAH!!!

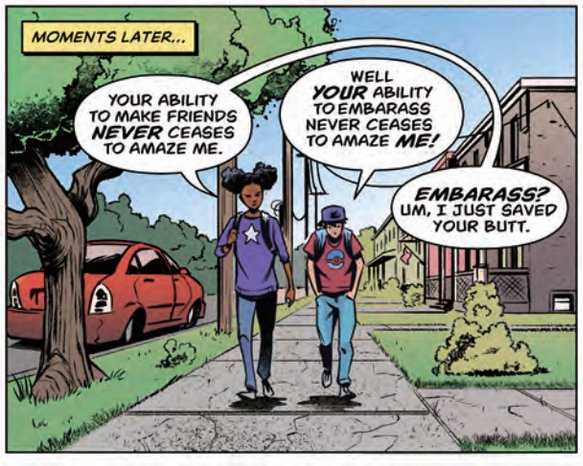
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BIG GUY!
SMACK!

WHERE DO YOU GET THE NERVE?
WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE.
LIKE ME!

BUT-- BUT--
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE ACTING LIKE.

HEY!
WE ARE DONE HERE!
C'MON, JAMES!


HAHA! HAH! HA! HA!
SEE YOU TOMORROW SPY BOY!
GREAT MEETING YOUR BODYGUARD!
HA HA HAHA


MOMENTS LATER...
YOUR ABILITY TO MAKE FRIENDS NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME.
WELL YOUR ABILITY TO EMBARASS NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME!
EMBARASS? UM, I JUST SAVED YOUR BUTT.

MORE LIKE MARKED IT FOR DEATH.
ALEJANDRO IS GONNA KILL ME.

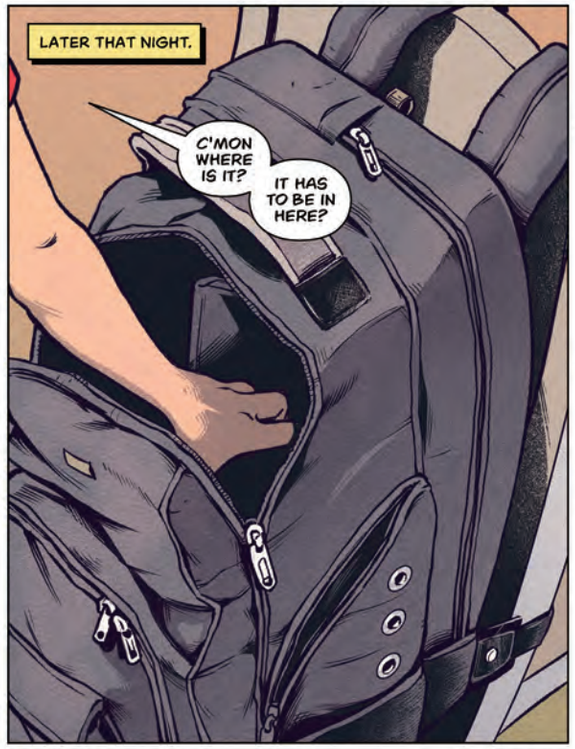
C'MON IT WON'T BE THAT BAD.
JUST TURN ON THE CHARM AND HE'LL BE YOUR BESTIE.
YEAH RIGHT.
IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED I'M NOT EXACTLY SWIMMING IN FRIENDS AT THE MOMENT.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD "SPY" A LITTLE ON ALEJANDRO?
YOU KNOW WHAT WASHINGTON SAID "INFORMATION IS KEY, NOT THE SWORD OR THE MUSKET."
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A SWOR...

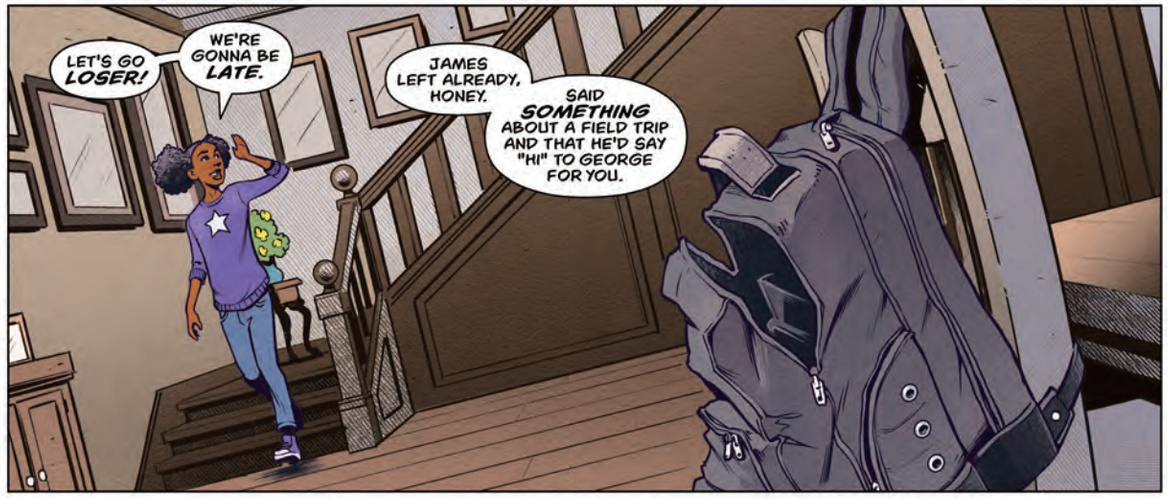
HEY! PLEASE DON'T TALK LIKE THAT.
CHIN UP.
LET ME KNOW IF I CAN DO ANYTHING TO HELP.
THANKS BUT NO THANKS!
YOU HELPED ME ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY.

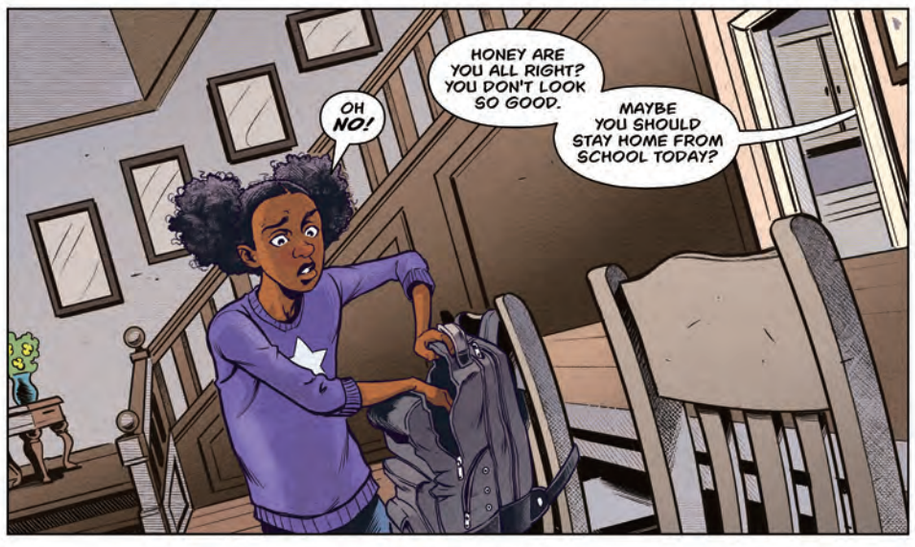
HEY KIDS!
HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY? HOW DID THE REPORT GO?

GREAT MOM!
JUST GREAT...

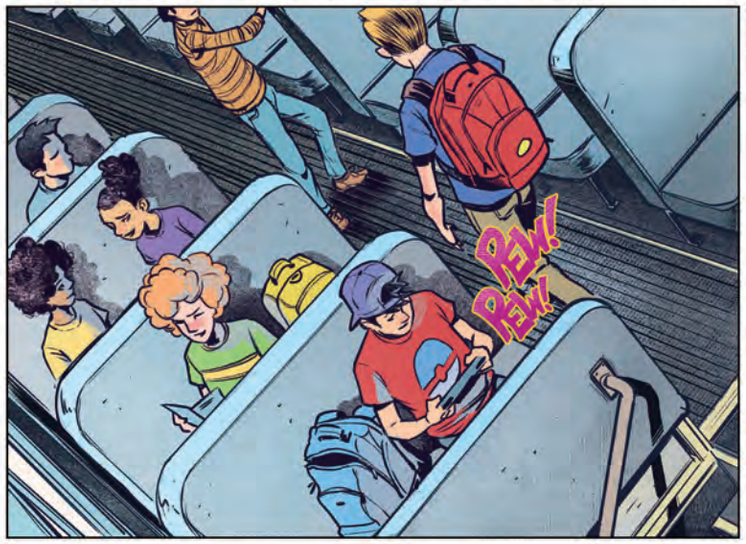

LATER THAT NIGHT.
C'MON WHERE IS IT?
IT HAS TO BE IN HERE?

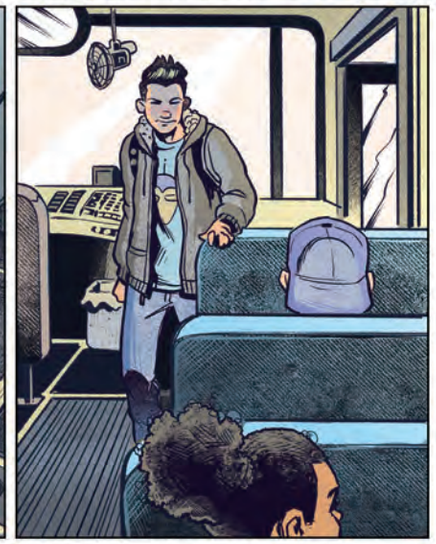
HERE WE GO.
NOW I'LL SHOW THEM.
WHEN TO NEXT?


LET'S GO LOSER!
WE'RE GONNA BE LATE.
JAMES LEFT ALREADY, HONEY.
SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A FIELD TRIP AND THAT HE'D SAY "HI" TO GEORGE FOR YOU.

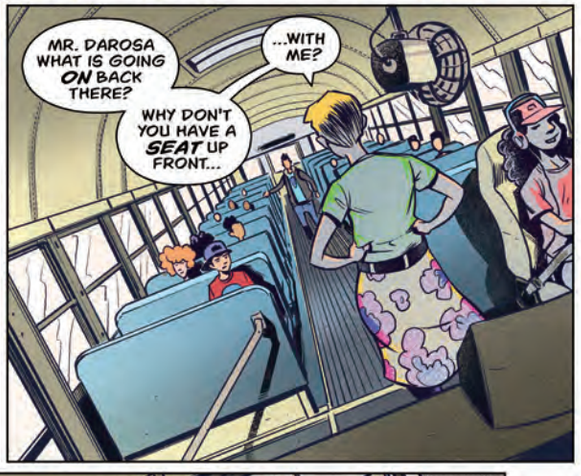

OH NO!
HONEY ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL TODAY?

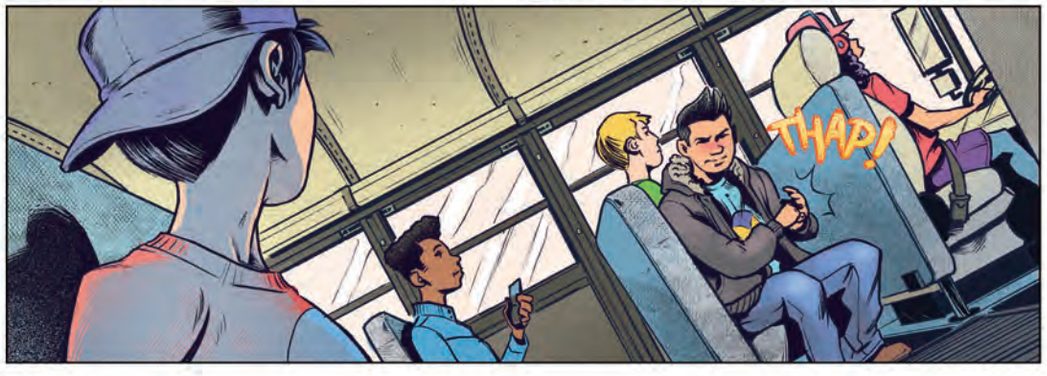
ALRIGHT, EVERYONE. FIND A SEAT AND LET'S GET GOING.
SCHOOL BUS
FIRST STUDENT


PEW!
PEW!



OWW!!!
WHO HIT ME?
BOFF!


MR. DAROSA WHAT IS GOING ON BACK THERE?
...WITH ME?
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A SEAT UP FRONT...


THAP!

EXPLORE

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MONTY'S PUZZLE PAGE

CRACK THE CODE

HELP MONTY LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY IN MONTCO & VALLEY FORGE!

DIRECTIONS:

Unscramble the words at the top of the puzzle then use all of the letters in the circled boxed to solve who the mystery soldier is! When you finish turn the page around and check your answers at the bottom. Then follow the link to learn more about how the scrambled words relate to his story.

RNIAT SLIDRESO

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ISPCENTOR ENREAGL

AVLLYE GERFO

EUBL OKOB

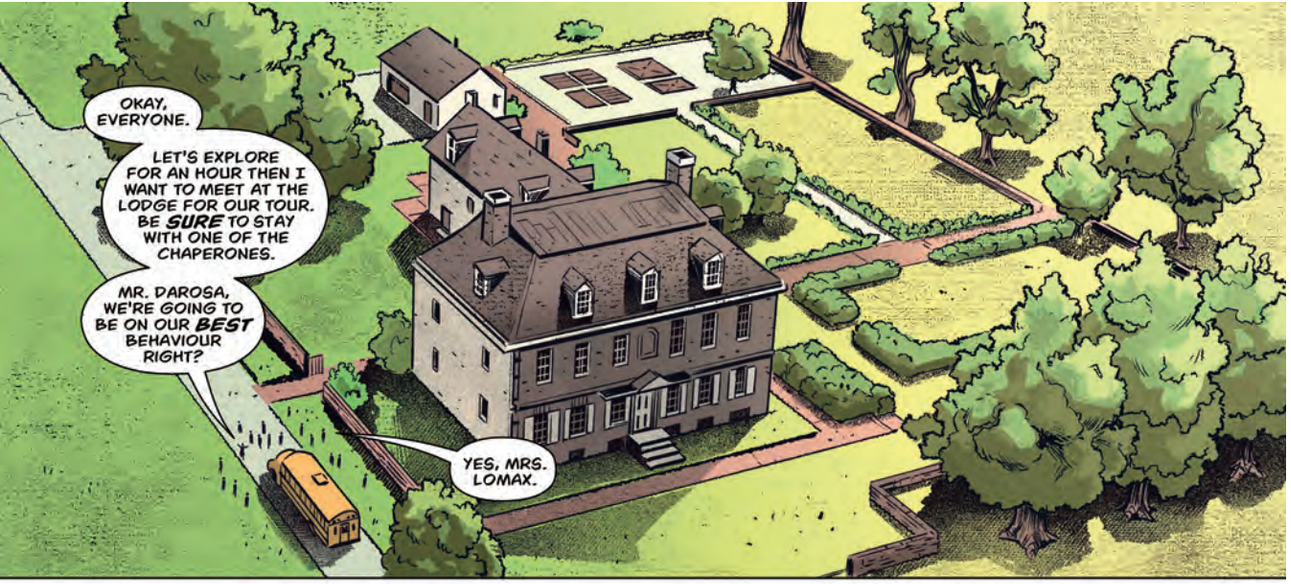
MONTY THE FOX

LETTER BANK

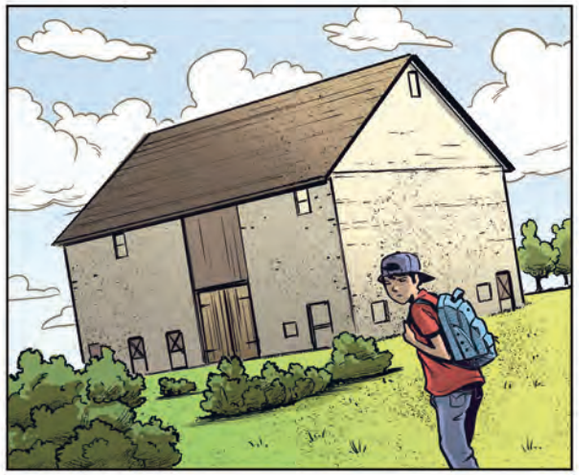
WHO IS THE MYSTERY SOLDIER?

ANSWER KEY: 1. TRAIN SOLDIERS 2. SANITATION 3. INSPECTOR GENERAL 4. VALLEY FORGE 5. BLUE BOOK
MYSTERY SOLDIER: BARON VON STEUBEN

To learn more about the myster soldier and how the unscrambled words relate to his story follow this link: valleyforge.org/revolution/the-people/von-steuben


OKAY, EVERYONE.
LET'S EXPLORE FOR AN HOUR THEN I WANT TO MEET AT THE LODGE FOR OUR TOUR. BE SURE TO STAY WITH ONE OF THE CHAPERONES.
MR. DAROSA, WE'RE GOING TO BE ON OUR BEST BEHAVIOUR RIGHT?
YES, MRS. LOMAX.

WELCOME TO HISTORIC HOPE LODGE. IT WAS BUILT BETWEEN 1743 AND 1748...



I SUPPOSE THIS IS AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY.

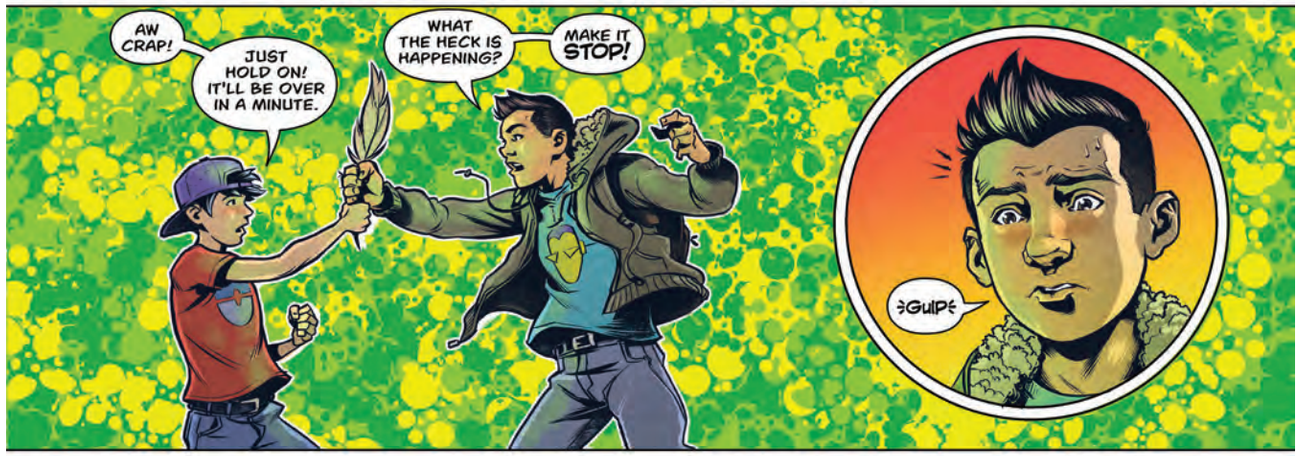
ALRIGHT DO YOUR STUFF.

WHAT HAVE WE HERE? CHICKEN FEATHER?
WHAT THE--
HEY!?!

NOT SO TOUGH WITHOUT YOUR BODYGUARD? AYE SPY BOY?
IT'S IMPORTANT. IT'S IMPORTANT.
C'MON ALEJANDRO GIVE IT BACK. IT'S IMPORTANT.

SERIOUSLY, DUDE.
THIS IS SOME KIND OF GIFT SHOP JUNK.
YOU REALLY WANT ME TO THINK IT'S SOMETHING SPECIAL?
WHAT IF I JUST BREAK IT IN HALF...
...THEN BREAK YOU IN HALF.
OOF!
THUD

NO! DON'T!
WHOAH!


AW CRAP!
JUST HOLD ON! IT'LL BE OVER IN A MINUTE.
WHAT THE HECK IS HAPPENING?
MAKE IT STOP!
GULP

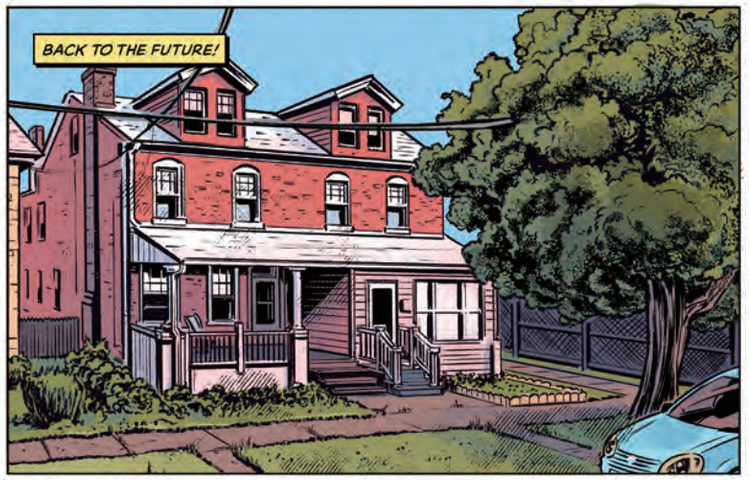
RELAX. STAY CALM. IT'S ALL GOOD.
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE...
...WHERE ARE WE?

NOT WHERE ARE WE BUT...
...WHEN ARE WE?
W--W-- WHEN?
WADDAYOUMEAN WHEN?

WELCOME TO THE 1700'S!
COME WITH ME IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE.
NOW, LET'S GO FIND MY GOOD FRIEND.

NO... YOU DON'T MEAN--

YEP! THAT 200 YEAR OLD DEAD DUDE.
GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON!


BACK TO THE FUTURE!

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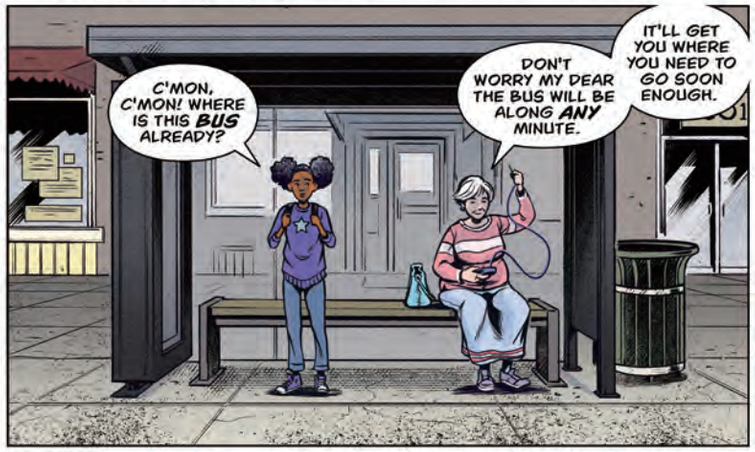
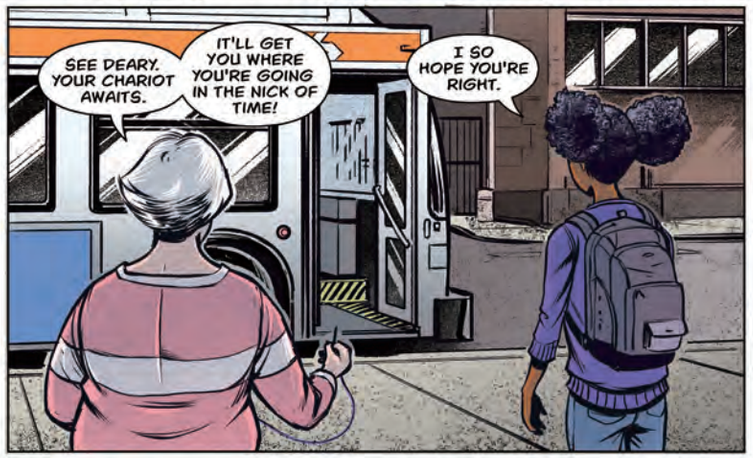

C'MON, C'MON! WHERE IS THIS BUS ALREADY?
DON'T WORRY MY DEAR THE BUS WILL BE ALONG ANY MINUTE.
IT'LL GET YOU WHERE YOU NEED TO GO SOON ENOUGH.

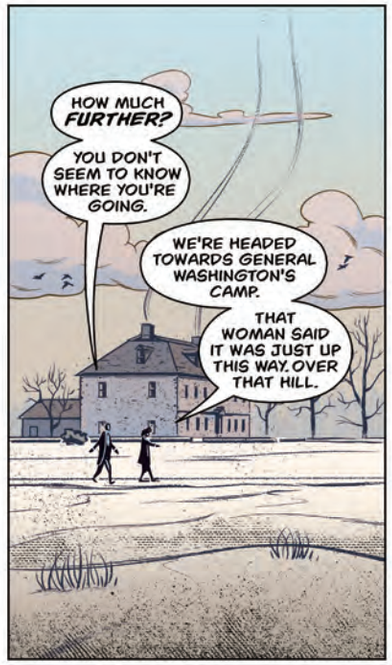
I DOUBT IT. I CANNOT BELIEVE HE TOOK THE PEN!
I REALLY HOPE HE'S OKAY?


SEE DEARY. YOUR CHARIOT AWAITS.
IT'LL GET YOU WHERE YOU'RE GOING IN THE NICK OF TIME!
I SO HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.

PREPARE TO TEST THE CANNONS!
READY!

AIM!

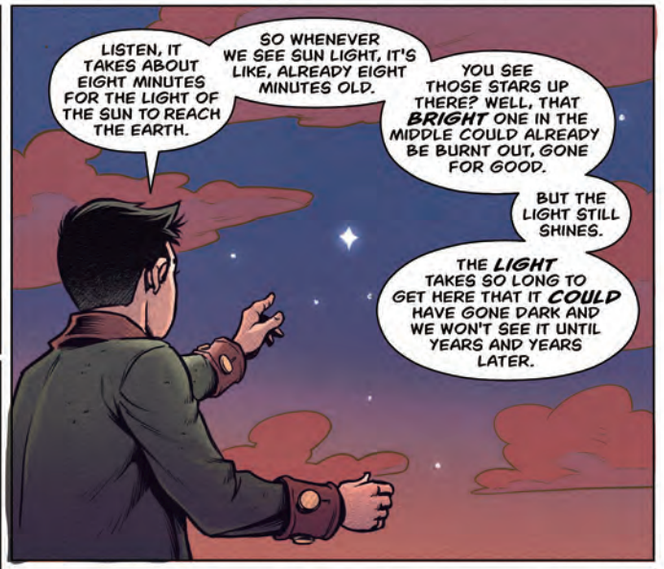
FIRE!
BOOM!

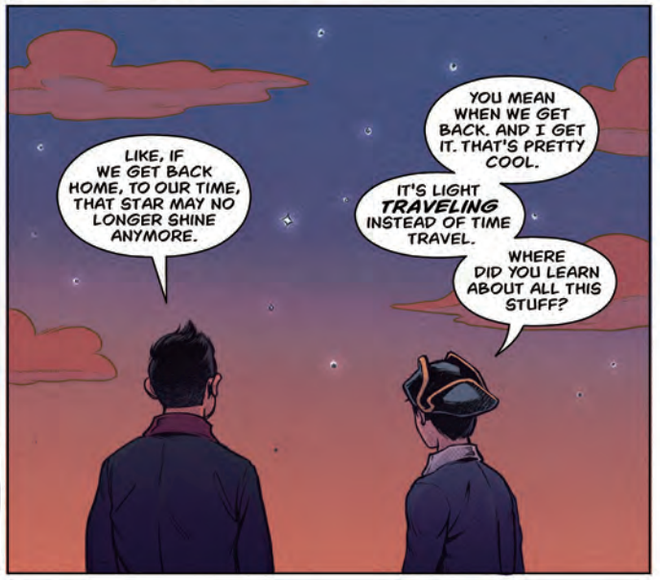

HOW MUCH FURTHER?
YOU DON'T SEEM TO KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING.
WE'RE HEADED TOWARDS GENERAL WASHINGTON'S CAMP.
THAT WOMAN SAID IT WAS JUST UP THIS WAY. OVER THAT HILL.

MAN, I REALLY WISH WE HAD GONE TO THE OBSERVATORY!
I MEAN THIS IS CRAZY! IT'S ALREADY GETTING LATE.
MRS. LOMAX IS GOING TO BE SO MAD, OR WORRIED, OR BOTH!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT GETTING LATE, TIME TRAVEL DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.
I DON'T THINK?

WHAT'S YOUR DEAL WITH GOING TO THE OBSERVATORY ANYWAY? WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT LOOKIN' AT THE SKY.
YOU WOULDN'T GET IT, EVEN IF I EXPLAINED IT.
GIVE ME A TRY.
WE'VE LITERALLY GOT NOTHING BUT TIME TO KILL.

OKAY. FIRST OFF, IT'S NOT THE SKY I WANT TO LOOK AT...
...IT'S THE STARS, PLANETS, AND WHOLE BUNCH MORE.
AND SECOND, IT'S LIGHT THAT'S TRAVELING, AND FAST.
WAIT, WHAT?


LISTEN, IT TAKES ABOUT EIGHT MINUTES FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SUN TO REACH THE EARTH.
SO WHENEVER WE SEE SUN LIGHT, IT'S LIKE, ALREADY EIGHT MINUTES OLD.
YOU SEE THOSE STARS UP THERE? WELL, THAT BRIGHT ONE IN THE MIDDLE COULD ALREADY BE BURNT OUT, GONE FOR GOOD.
BUT THE LIGHT STILL SHINES.
THE LIGHT TAKES SO LONG TO GET HERE THAT IT COULD HAVE GONE DARK AND WE WON'T SEE IT UNTIL YEARS AND YEARS LATER.


LIKE, IF WE GET BACK HOME, TO OUR TIME, THAT STAR MAY NO LONGER SHINE ANYMORE.
YOU MEAN WHEN WE GET BACK. AND I GET IT. THAT'S PRETTY COOL.
IT'S LIGHT TRAVELING INSTEAD OF TIME TRAVEL.
WHERE DID YOU LEARN ABOUT ALL THIS STUFF?

MI PAPÁ.
IT WAS KINDA OUR THING.
HE DIDN'T SHARE IT WITH MY OLDER BROTHERS, JUST ME. THAT WAS...
...THAT WAS BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY.

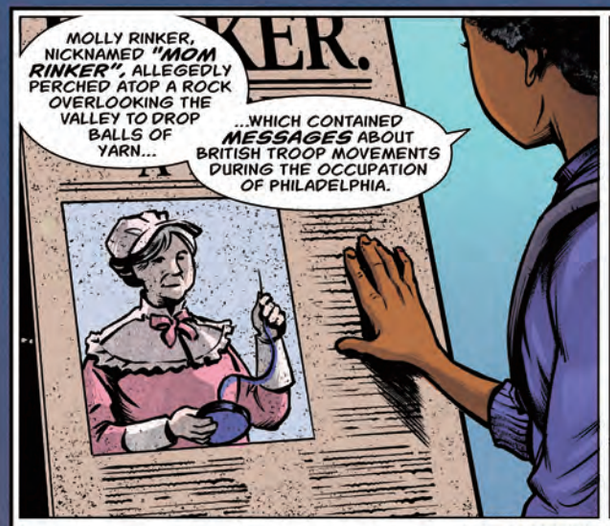
C'MON DUDE. LET'S FIND YOUR BUDDY GEORGE AND GET THE HECK OUTTA HERE.
BOFF!

SURE THING.

HOPE LODGE: PRESENT DAY.

The EMPOWERING WOMEN SPIES of the REVOLUTION.

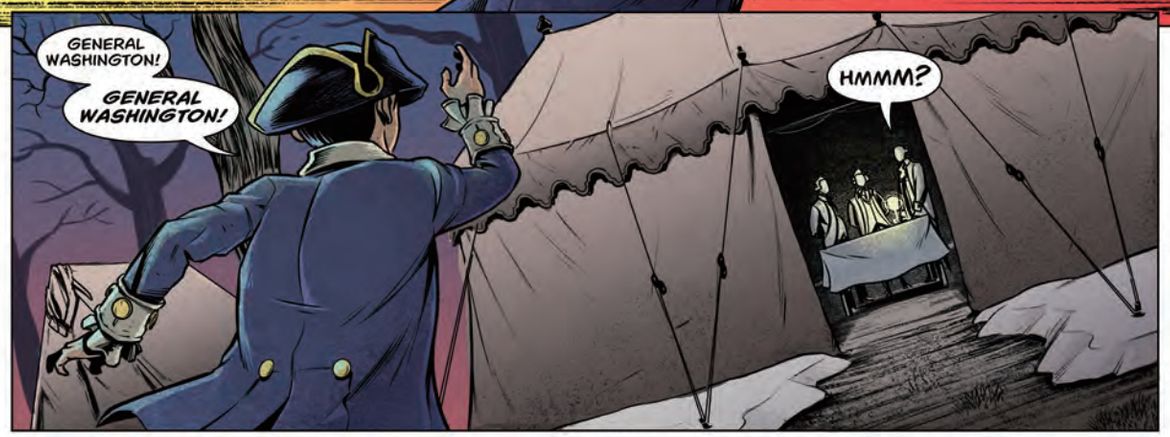
WAIT A MINUTE. SHE LOOKS KINDA FAMILIAR!
MOLLY "MOM" RINKER.
A SPY WITH A YARN.

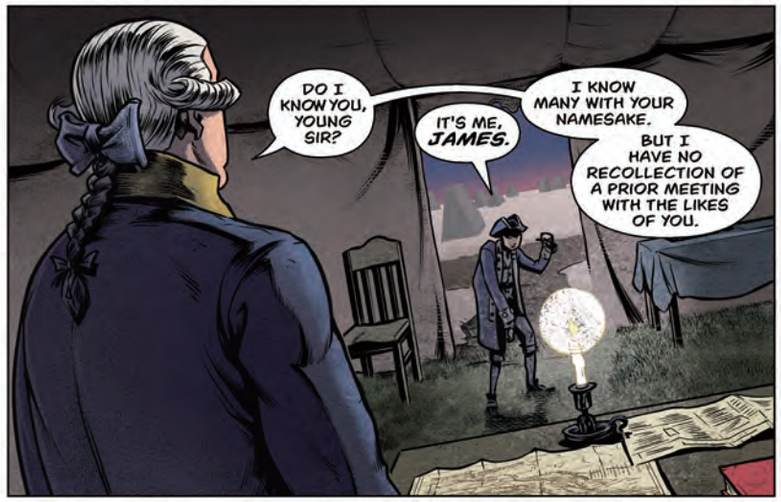

MOLLY RINKER, NICKNAMED "MOM RINKER", ALLEGEDLY PERCHED ATOP A ROCK OVERLOOKING THE VALLEY TO DROP BALLS OF YARN...
...WHICH CONTAINED MESSAGES ABOUT BRITISH TROOP MOVEMENTS DURING THE OCCUPATION OF PHILADELPHIA.

MOLLY "MOM" RINKER.
A SPY WITH A YARN.
NEXT TIME.

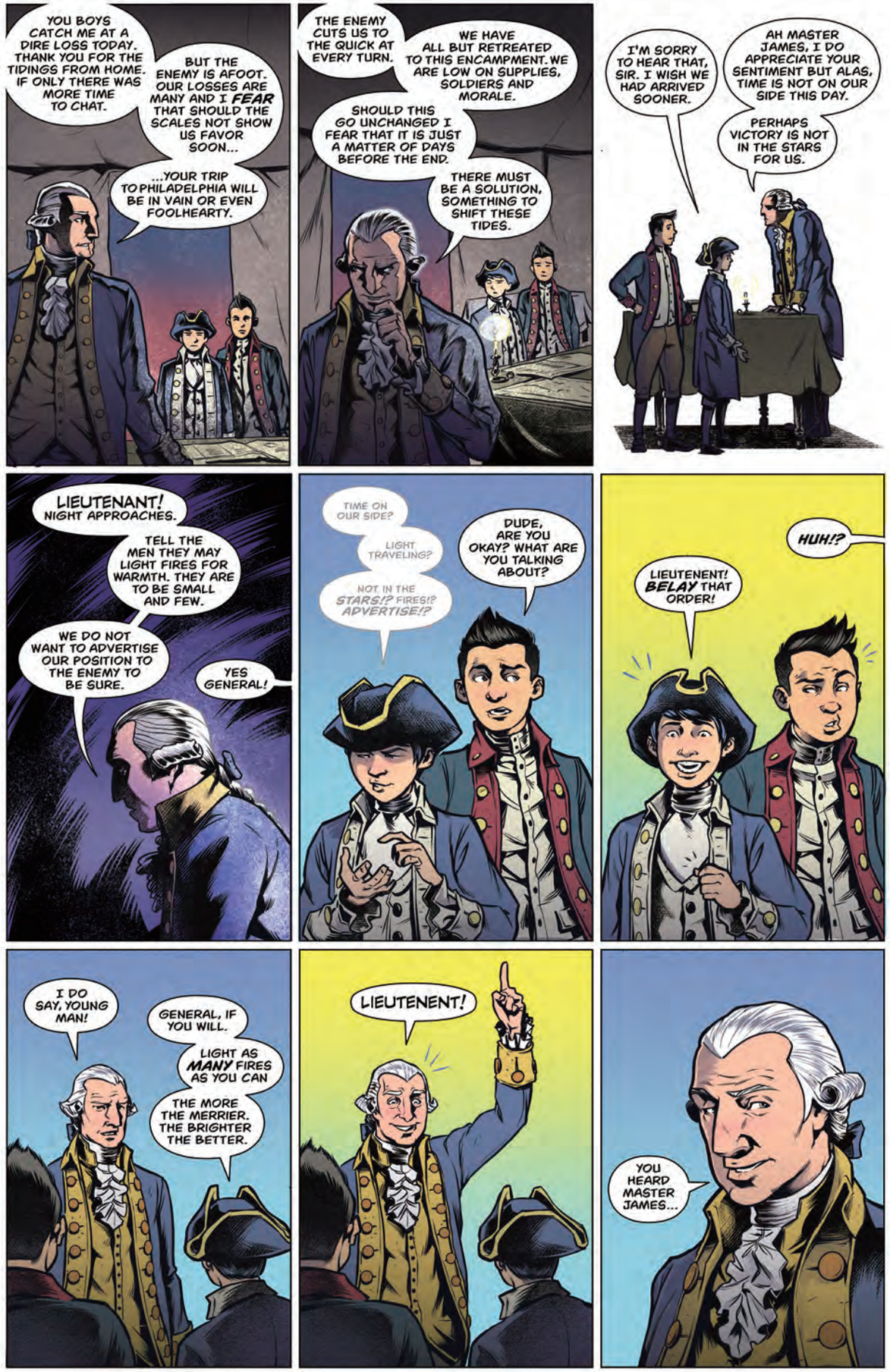
I REALLY HOPE JAMES IS OKAY.

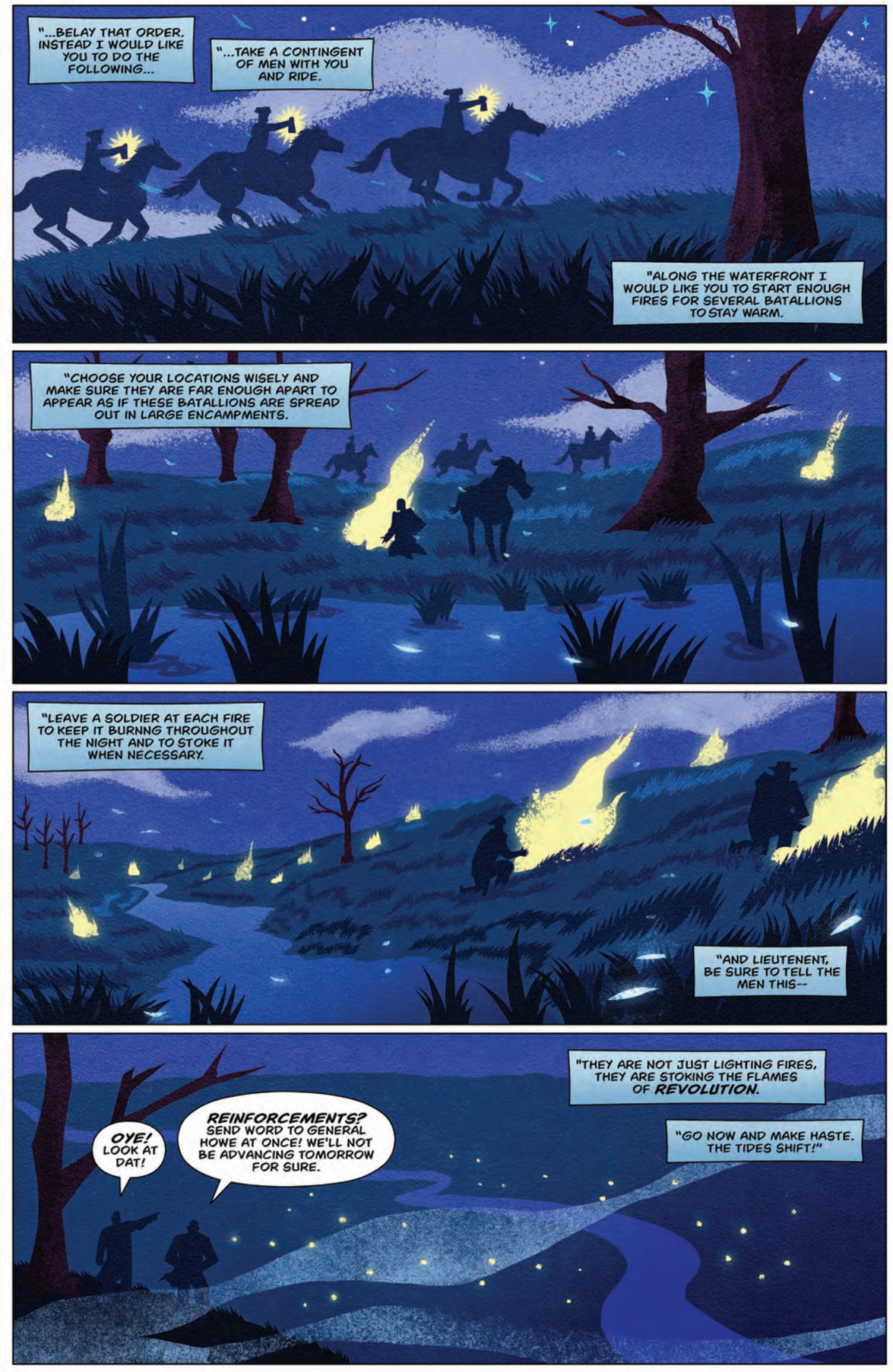
WASHINGTON'S ENCAMPMENT: 1777
OKAY, JUST OVER THIS WAY.
WE MADE IT!





"...WHAT DID LYDIA SAY THE FIRST TIME?"


YOU BOYS CATCH ME AT A DIRE LOSS TODAY. THANK YOU FOR THE TIDINGS FROM HOME. IF ONLY THERE WAS MORE TIME TO CHAT.
BUT THE ENEMY IS AFOOT. OUR LOSSES ARE MANY AND I FEAR THAT SHOULD THE SCALES NOT SHOW US FAVOR SOON...
...YOUR TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA WILL BE IN VAIN OR EVEN FOOLHEARTY.
THE ENEMY CUTS US TO THE QUICK AT EVERY TURN.
WE HAVE ALL BUT RETREATED TO THIS ENCAMPMENT. WE ARE LOW ON SUPPLIES, SOLDIERS AND MORALE.
SHOULD THIS GO UNCHANGED I FEAR THAT IT IS JUST A MATTER OF DAYS BEFORE THE END.
THERE MUST BE A SOLUTION, SOMETHING TO SHIFT THESE TIDES.
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT, SIR. I WISH WE HAD ARRIVED SOONER.
AH MASTER JAMES, I DO APPRECIATE YOUR SENTIMENT BUT ALAS, TIME IS NOT ON OUR SIDE THIS DAY.
PERHAPS VICTORY IS NOT IN THE STARS FOR US.
LIEUTENANT! NIGHT APPROACHES.
TELL THE MEN THEY MAY LIGHT FIRES FOR WARMTH. THEY ARE TO BE SMALL AND FEW.
WE DO NOT WANT TO ADVERTISE OUR POSITION TO THE ENEMY TO BE SURE.
YES GENERAL!
TIME ON OUR SIDE?
LIGHT TRAVELING?
NOT IN THE STARS!? FIRES!? ADVERTISE!?
DUDE, ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HUH!?
LIEUTENENT! BELAY THAT ORDER!
I DO SAY, YOUNG MAN!
GENERAL, IF YOU WILL.
LIGHT AS MANY FIRES AS YOU CAN
THE MORE THE MERRIER. THE BRIGHTER THE BETTER.
LIEUTENENT!
YOU HEARD MASTER JAMES...


"...BELAY THAT ORDER. INSTEAD I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO THE FOLLOWING...
"...TAKE A CONTINGENT OF MEN WITH YOU AND RIDE.
"ALONG THE WATERFRONT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO START ENOUGH FIRES FOR SEVERAL BATALLIONS TO STAY WARM.
"CHOOSE YOUR LOCATIONS WISELY AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE FAR ENOUGH APART TO APPEAR AS IF THESE BATALLIONS ARE SPREAD OUT IN LARGE ENCAMPMENTS.
"LEAVE A SOLDIER AT EACH FIRE TO KEEP IT BURNNG THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND TO STOKE IT WHEN NECESSARY.
"AND LIEUTENENT, BE SURE TO TELL THE MEN THIS--
"THEY ARE NOT JUST LIGHTING FIRES, THEY ARE STOKING THE FLAMES OF REVOLUTION.
"GO NOW AND MAKE HASTE. THE TIDES SHIFT!"
OYE! LOOK AT DAT!
REINFORCEMENTS? SEND WORD TO GENERAL HOWE AT ONCE! WE'LL NOT BE ADVANCING TOMORROW FOR SURE.

WELL DONE, MASTER JAMES!
MIGHT I ASK, HOWEVER DID THIS COURSE OF ACTION OCCUR TO YOU?
WELL, WELL. MASTER AL IS IT?
ACTUALLY, MY GOOD FRIEND, AL OVER HERE WAS TELLING ME ABOUT THE STARS EARLIER AND IT ALL JUST CAME TOGETHER. IT WAS HIS INSPIRATION.

A STARGAZER, ARE WE?
WELL I OWE YOU AND YOUR COMPATRIOT A DEBT OF GRATITUDE I FEAR I MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO PAY.
ON BEHALF OF A MOST GRATEFUL GENERAL I THANK YOU TWO SONS OF LIBERTY.
SONS OF LIBERTY? I LIKE THAT.
YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SIR.

I AM SORRY TO SAY THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY YOUR JOURNEY TO PHILADELPHIA FOR A TIME.
UNTIL WE SEE IF THIS DECEPTION OF OURS WORKS.
IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL HAVE ONE OF MY OFFICERS TAKE YOU TO HOPE LODGE FOR A STAY.
I DO HOPE THAT IS OKAY?
YES SIR. GENERAL WASHINGTON, SIR.

BACK AT HOPE LODGE: 1777.
WE'RE JUST BACK WHERE ALL THIS STARTED.
WE'LL NEVER GET HOME.
THEY MUSTA CALLED THE POLICE BY NOW.
DON'T WORRY.
NOW THAT WE HELPED IN THE PAST WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN HOME TO OUR TIME.
IF MY THEORY IS CORRECT.
THEORY? WHAT THEORY??

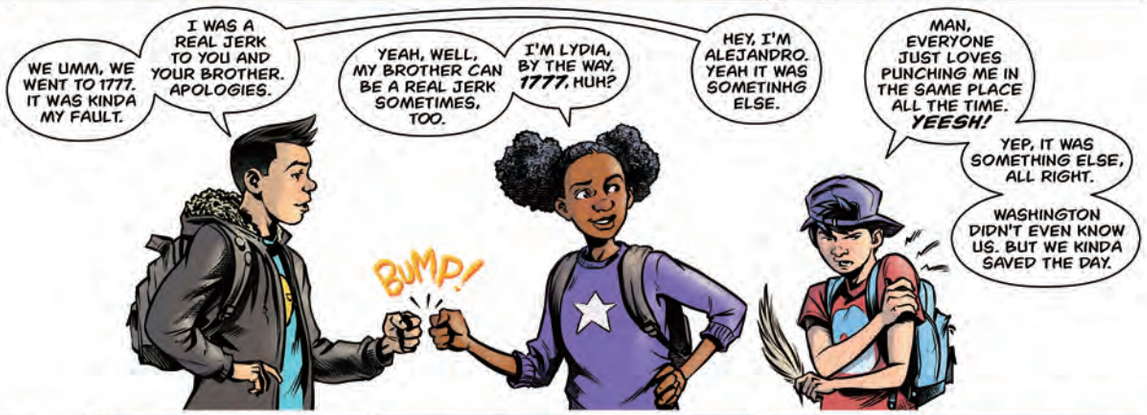
HOPE LODGE: PRESENT DAY.
MAYBE I MISSED HIM INSIDE?
LET ME GO BACK AND LOOK.
IT'S GOING TO BE A WHILE BEFORE I TRUST HIM AGAIN...

HOPE LODGE: 1777.
...JUST TRUST ME, FELLOW SON OF LIBERTY.
I DO LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.
OKAY. I TRUST YOU.

HOLD TIGHT!
AW MAN.
I DON'T LIKE THIS PART!

IT WORKED! WE'RE BACK! GREAT JOB AMIGO!

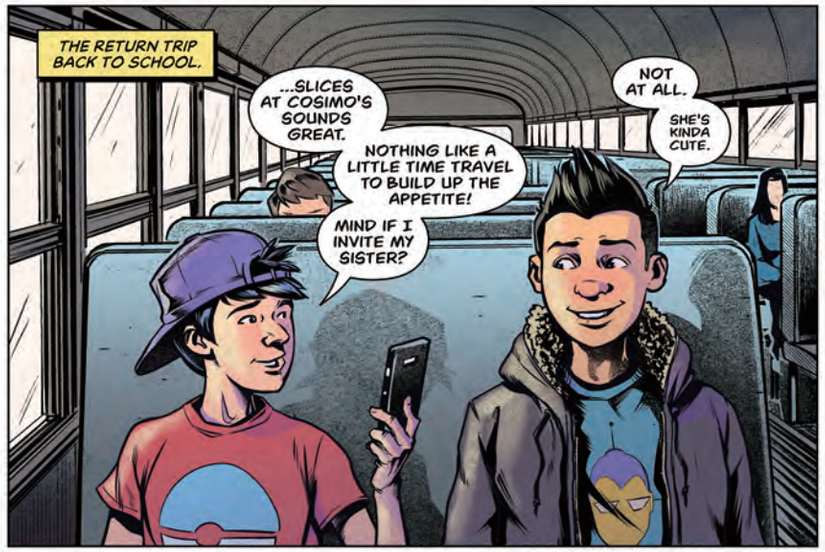
WHACK!
THAT WAS AN AMAZI--
OWW!
WHOAH!



One evening in November of 1777, after suffering a defeat at the hands of the British, General George Washington had a stroke of military brilliance. When supplies, soldiers, and morale were at their lowest, General Washington ordered a contingent of his men to light several fires.

They lit fire upon fire as if there were thousands of soldiers keeping warm that night. Thus fooling the surrounding enemy encampments into thinking that Washington had his much needed reinforcements. These weren't just any fires, these were the lights of revolution.

I THINK WE SHOULD BE LEAVING NOW?



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