

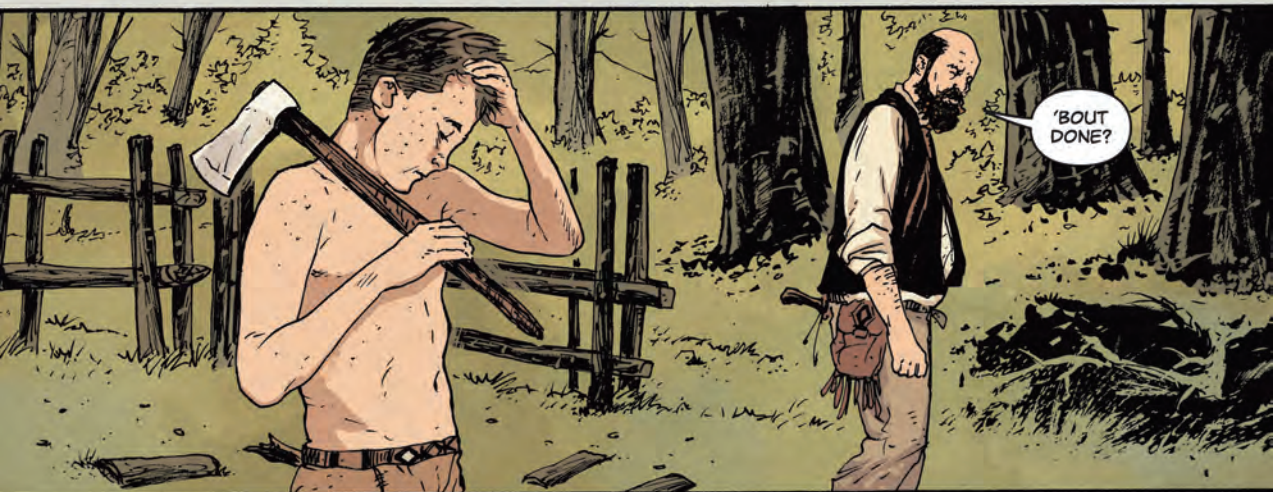
I remember the day.

It was the day my father  
spoke more than three words  
in my general direction.

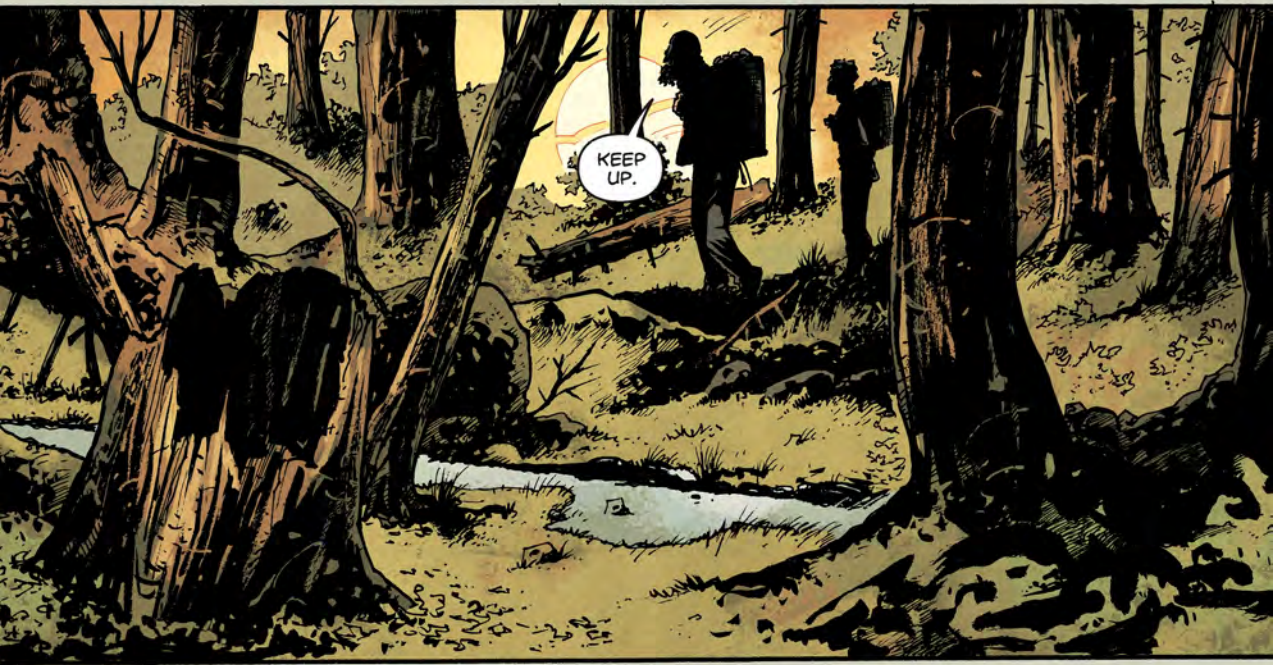
Usually, it was just...



EAT.



'BOUT  
DONE?



KEEP UP.



I'M GONNA MARRY A KING'S SOLDIER.

HELL YOU ARE.



AND RIGHT THERE, WHAT IS THAT WORD, THEN?

WASTE OF TIME.

*But not on that day.*



THE TRICK, SON,  
IS TO CONSIDER  
THE ORIENTATION  
OF THE FOREST.

WHAT IS THE  
ORIENTATION OF  
THE FOREST,  
SETH?

VERTICAL.

EXACTLY.  
THE FOREST IS  
VERTICAL, BUT A GOOD  
WOODSMAN AND HUNTER  
TRAINS THE EYE TO SEEK  
OUT ONLY THE HORIZONTAL  
SHAPES WITHIN. TELL ME,  
WHAT DO YOU  
SEE?



I JUST  
SEE TREES.

TRY AGAIN.  
ADJUST THE  
EYES, SO THEY  
ONLY RECOGNIZE  
WHAT IS NOT  
A TREE.



...

I SEE A  
MMMMMAN.

MEN.  
I SEE MEN.



WHAT  
SORT OF  
MEN?

BRITISH  
SOLDIERS.  
REDCOATS.



AYE, SO THEY  
ARE. SENT HERE  
BY ALBANY.

THE KING  
HISSELF RULED,  
WE'RE SUPPOSED  
TO VACATE  
OUR LAND.



SO WE'RE GOING TO KILL THE LOT OF THEM.

AND IF MORE COME, WE'LL KILL THEM TOO.

TWELVE MEN, JACOB. THAT INCLUDES THEIR RUNNER.



"SPARE THE RUNNER. HE'S JUST A CHILD. WE'LL FIRE ON SETH'S WORD..."



...RIGHT, SON? ON YOUR WORD.

...

SETH?

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO INDULGE YOUR BOY, JACOB--



QUIET! WAIT FOR SETH'S WORD!

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SETH. SETH, QUICKLY NOW.

JACOB...

*In all my life, my father never sent a kind word in my direction until that day.*

SETH.

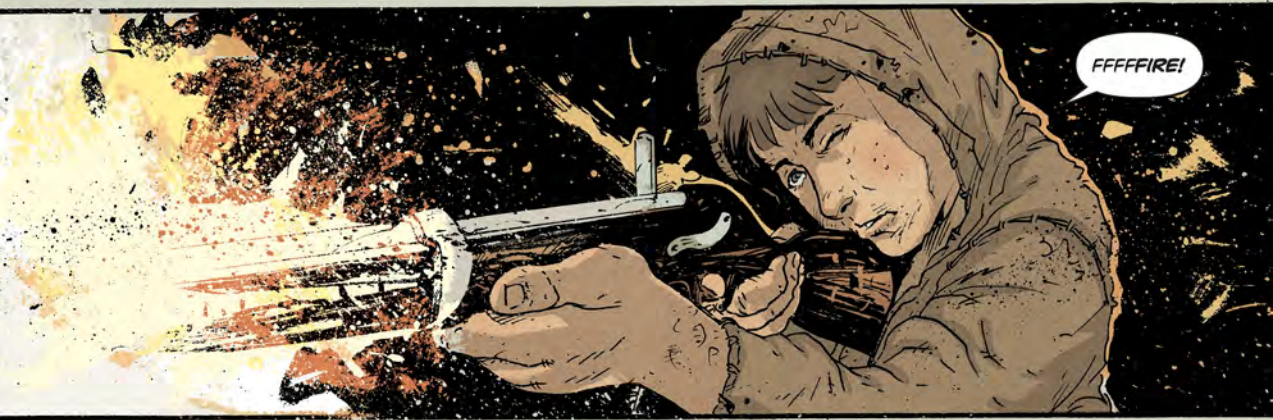
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*And here he was, with incredible patience and, I believe, love...*

SETH.

JACOB. FOR CHRIST'S SAKE...



## THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANTS AUGUST 12, 1768





# REBELS


**"A WELL-REGULATED MILITIA" PART 1 OF 6**

*IN WHICH YOUNG SETH ABBOTT IS INTRODUCED TO THE  
WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE AND PLAYS A PIVOTAL ROLE.*




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**BRIAN WOOD - ANDREA MUTTI - JORDIE BELLAIRE - TULA LOTAY**




By the time I spoke the order to fire, the redcoats were mostly out of range. We wounded three, but they escaped into the woods.




My father never showed his anger to me, but he lost the respect of the others. Never really recovered from that. Died the following winter.



So I vowed from that point on to let my rifle, my hands, and my courage do the talking for me. Never much trusted my voice after that.

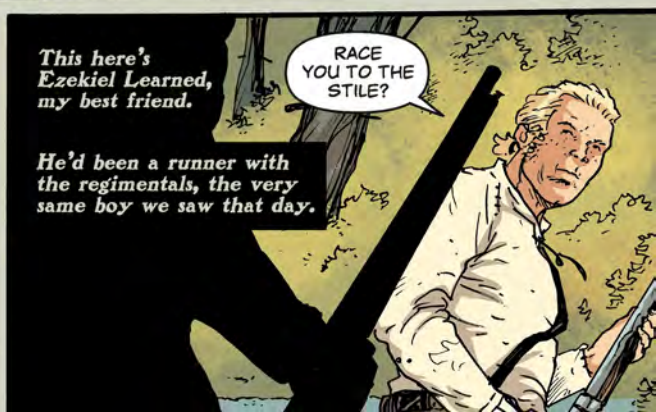


For eight years we fought the injustice of Albany and the soldiers of the New York regiments.



But they kept coming at us, funded by the Crown's bottomless purse.

SETH ABBOTT!



This here's Ezekiel Learned, my best friend.

RACE YOU TO THE STILE?

He'd been a runner with the regimentals, the very same boy we saw that day.





Some orphan from up near Saranac country. Fell in with the Loyalists, started hauling water and powder for Albany.



After our failed ambush, he circled back round and joined us.

Made him a traitor to the Crown, but the Grants was vast country, and he was one of us now.



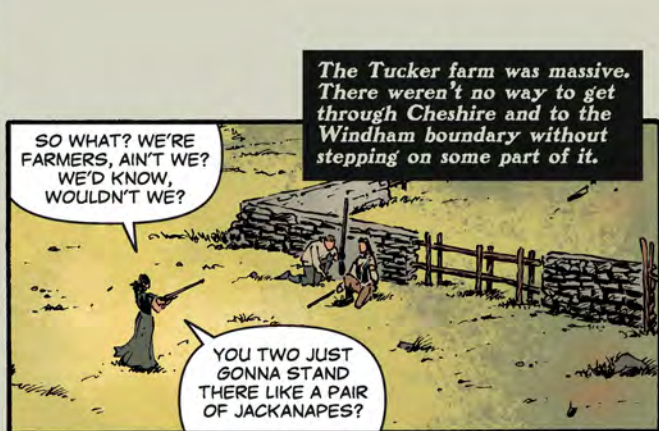
A New Hampshire man.



And a brother to me.



HOLD STILL, OR I'LL SHOOT.



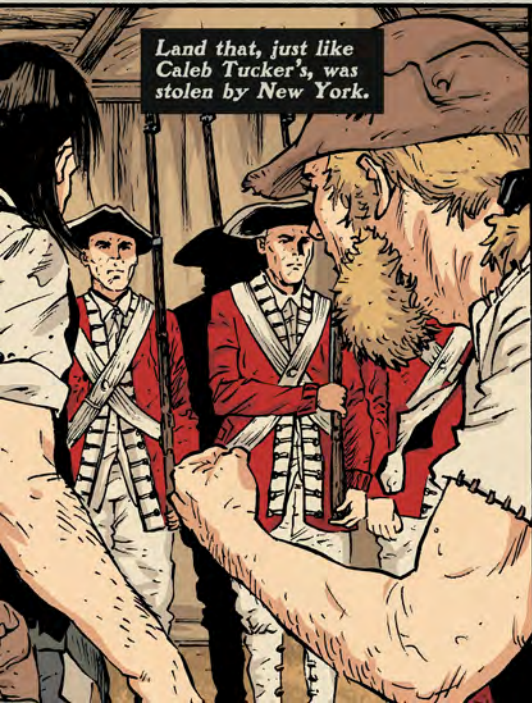
**WESTMINSTER  
MARCH 13, 1775**



By this time, the massacre in Boston was five years past, the "tea party" was two, and men, representatives from all the colonies, were gathered in Philadelphia.



The farmers of the New Hampshire Grants were fighting their own battle: land rents having come due well before harvest time, a deliberate move to force them into forfeiture.



Land that, just like Caleb Tucker's, was stolen by New York.



A HUNDRED MEN INSIDE, SETH. BILL FRENCH AMONG THEM.

AND ARMED WITH STICKS, THE POOR BASTARDS. YOU SEE THOSE REDCOATS LOADING BUCKSHOT?



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IF WE STAY HERE, IF WE OCCUPY THIS COURTHOUSE, THE JUDGE CAN'T VERY WELL ISSUE A RULING, CAN HE?

SEPARATION FROM THE CROWN MAY BE THE TOPIC AMONG OUR LEARNED BROTHERS IN BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA, BUT THIS IS NEW HAMPSHIRE! WE ARE FARMERS AND LABORERS, NOT LAWYERS OR POLITICIANS!

WE JUST WANT OUR BLOODY LAND BACK!



AND A RIDDANCE OF THE INJUSTICE OF TAXING US FOR WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY AND MORALLY OUR PROPERTY!

AND WE'LL STAY HERE, IN THIS COURTHOUSE, FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES FOR ALBANY TO SEE SOME SENSE ON THIS ISSUE!



WE ALL HAVE DOCUMENTATION!

TOO RIGHT, AND IT CUTS RIGHT TO THE POINT, DOESN'T IT?



WE ARE NOT REVOLUTIONARIES. WE SEEK ONLY WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN GRANTED...