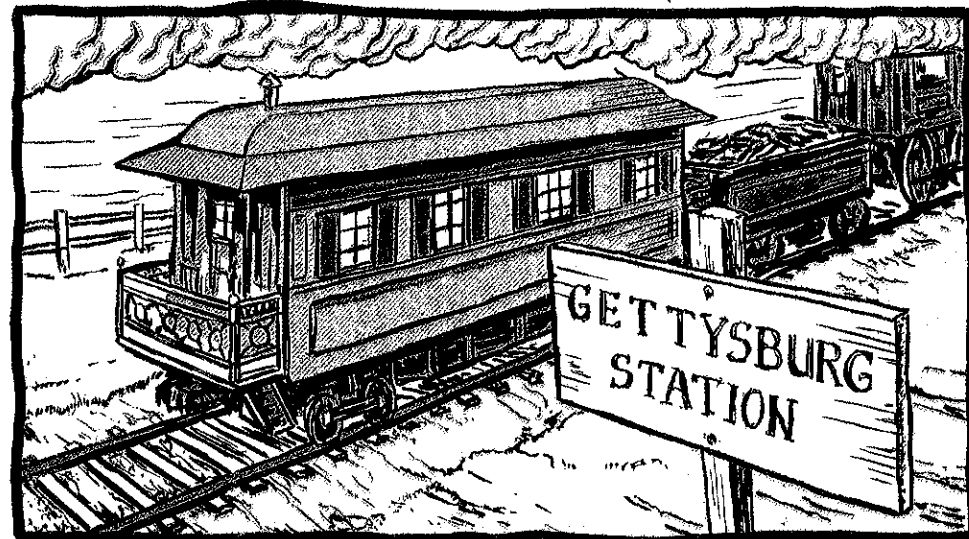
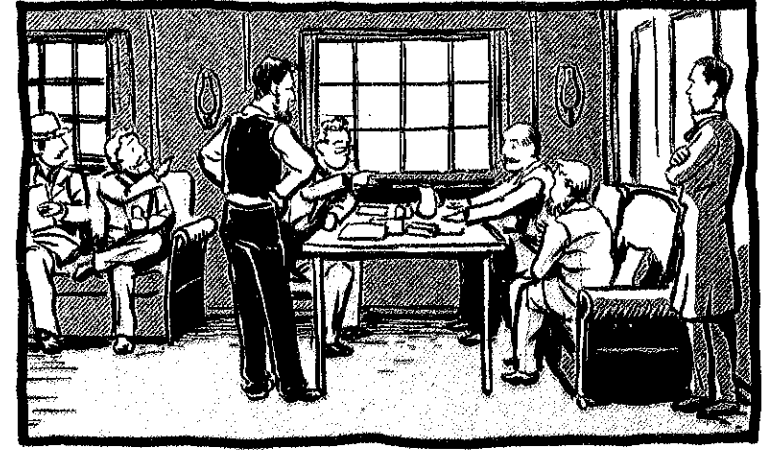
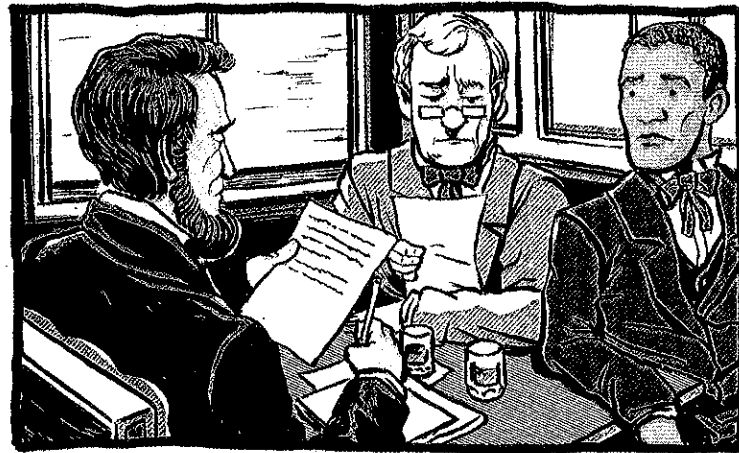
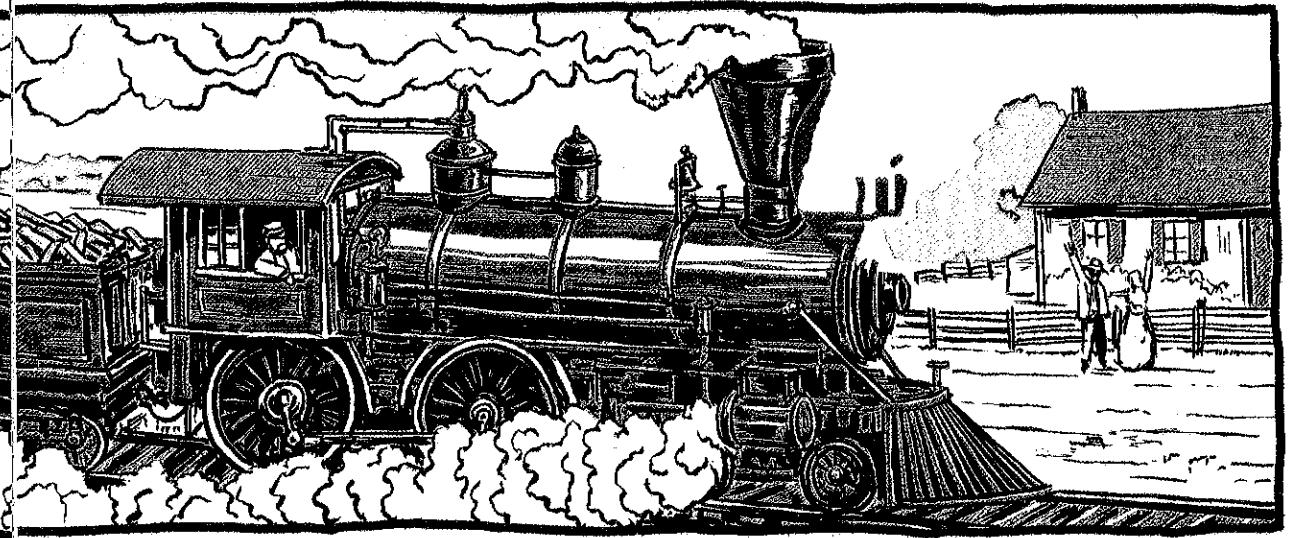
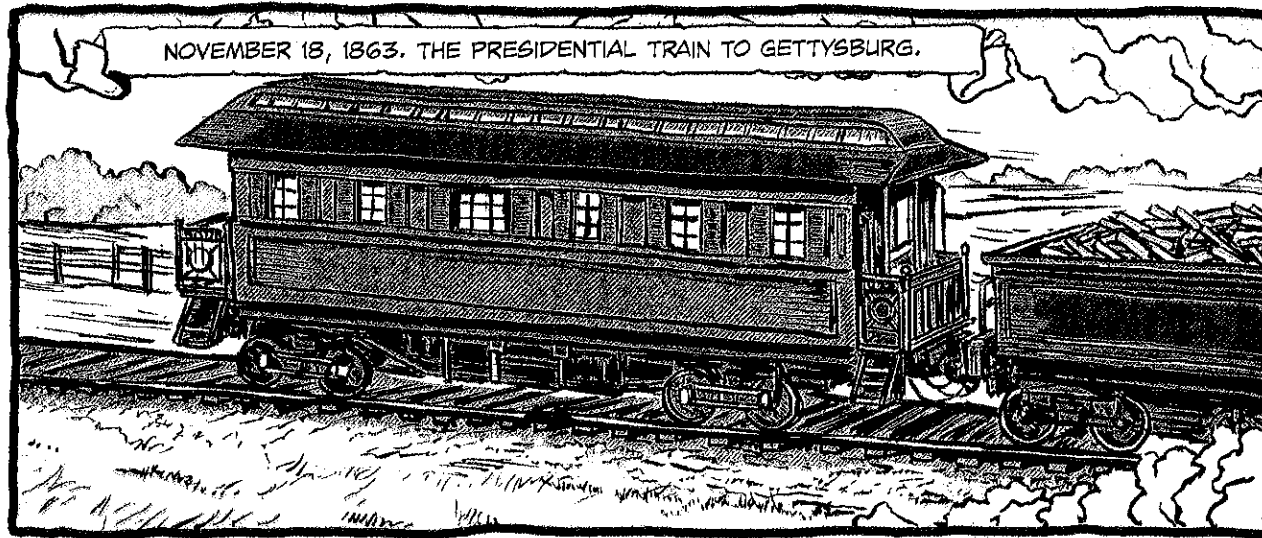
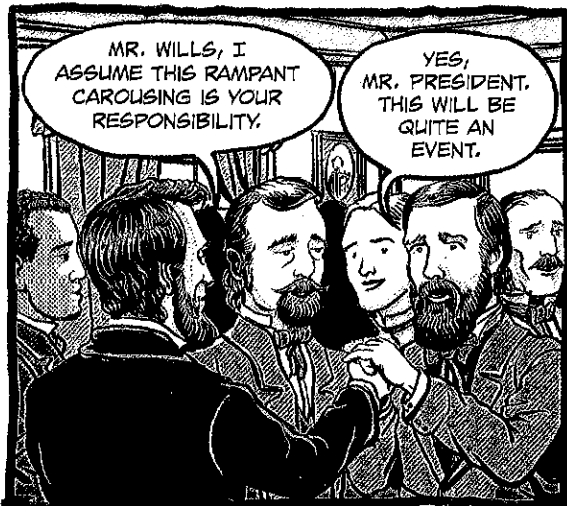
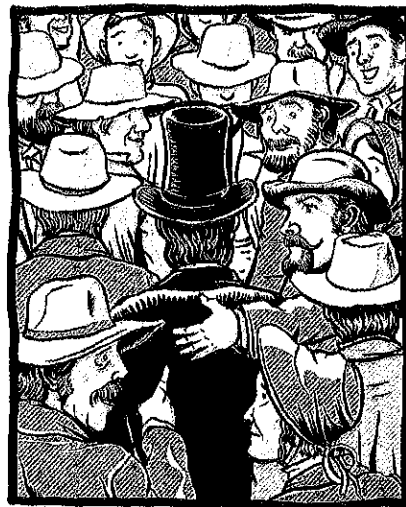


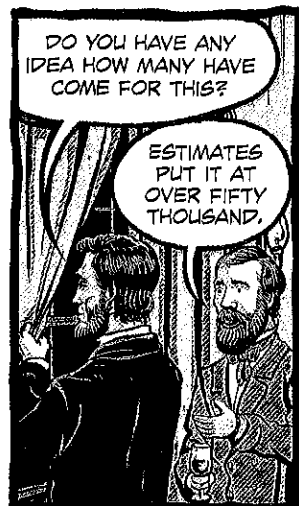
NOVEMBER 18, 1863. THE PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN TO GETTYSBURG.





MR. WILLS, I ASSUME THIS RAMPANT CAROUSING IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

YES, MR. PRESIDENT. THIS WILL BE QUITE AN EVENT.

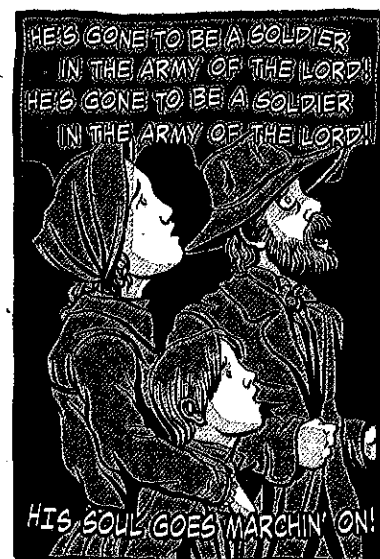
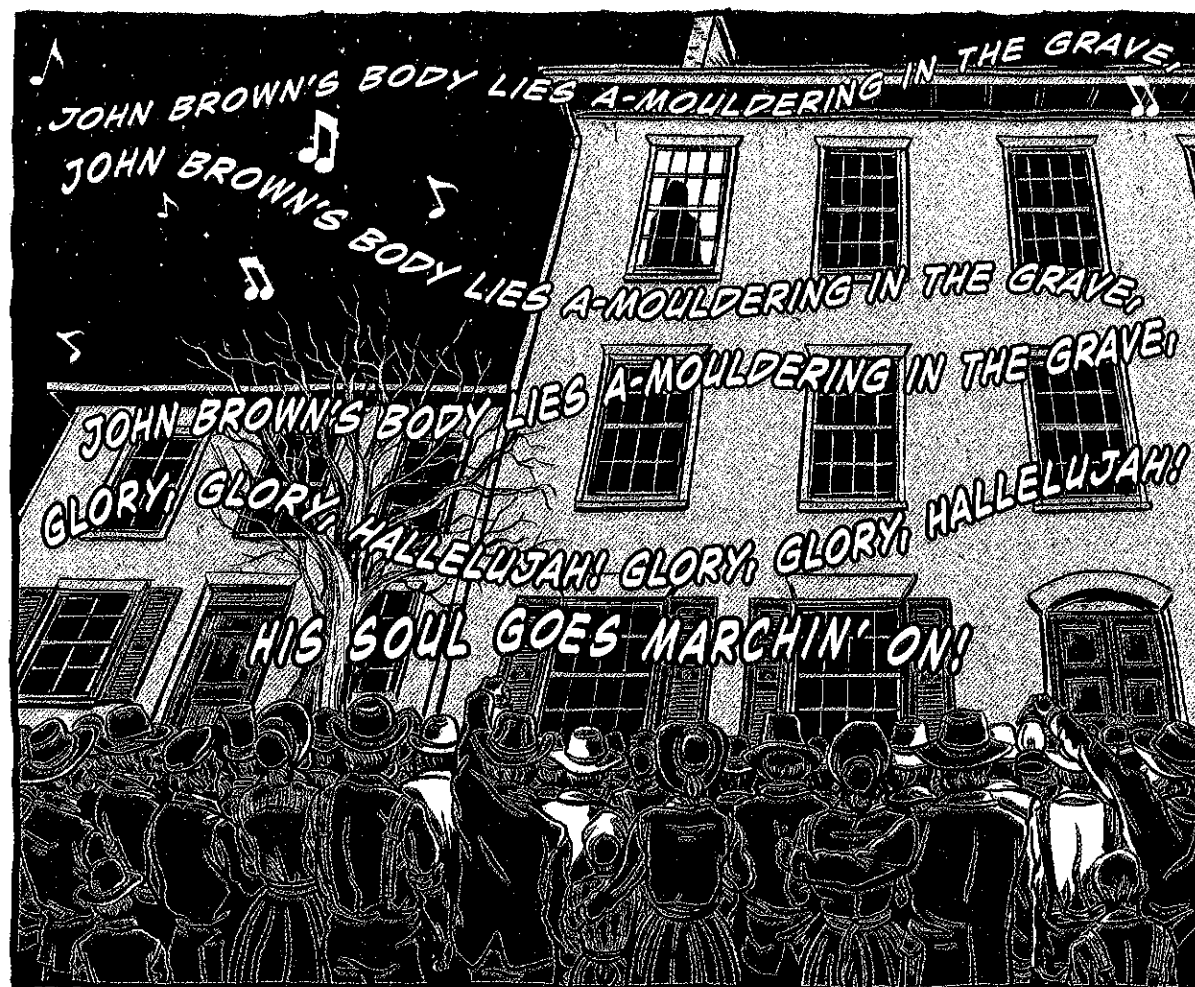
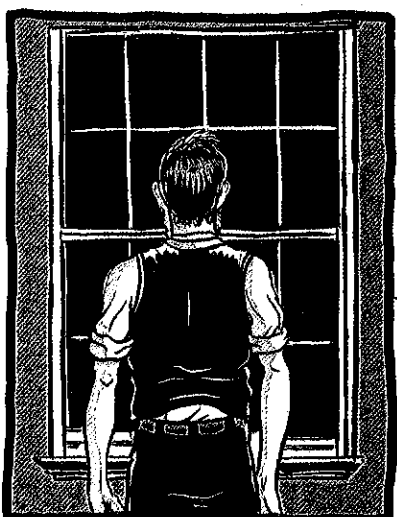
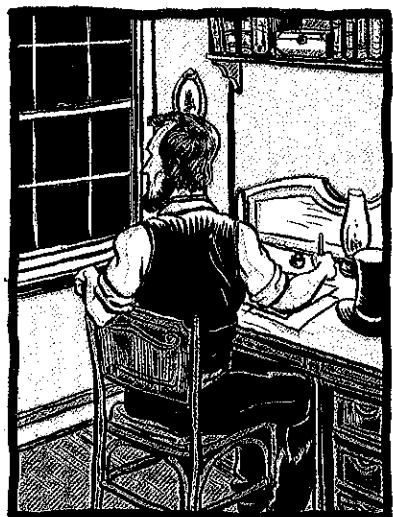


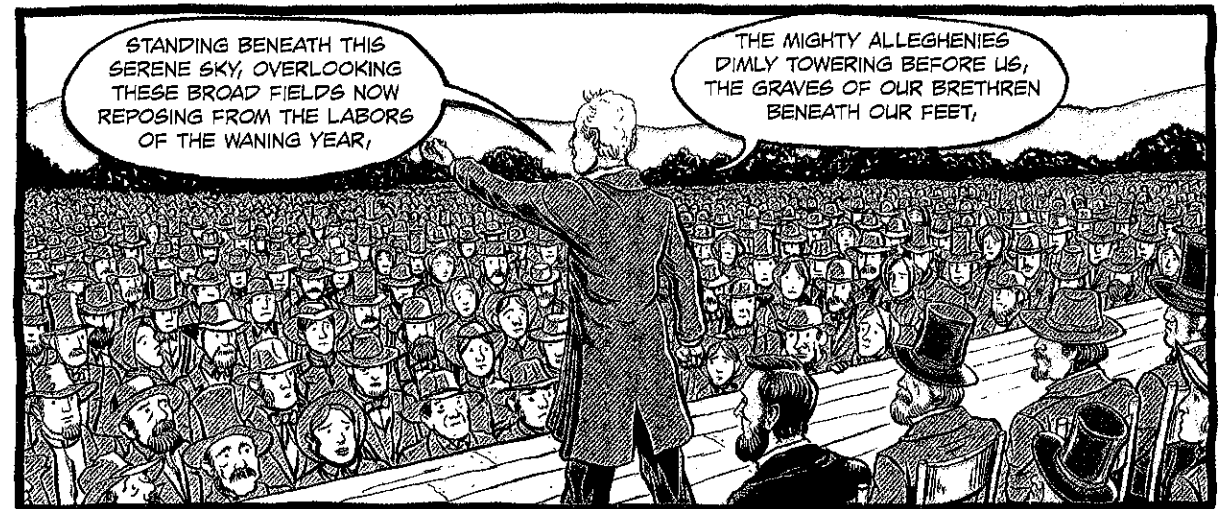
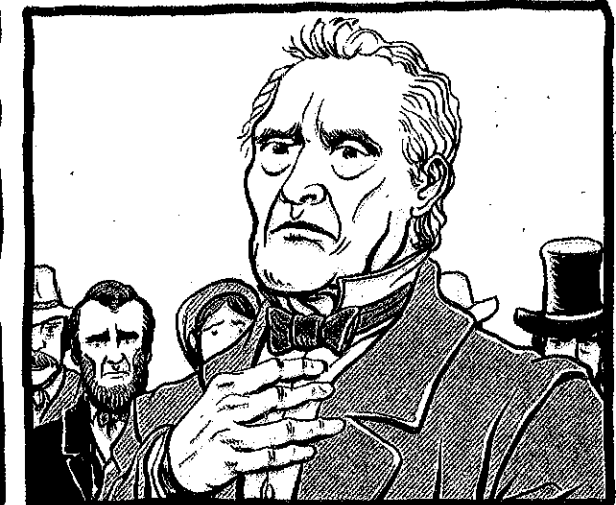
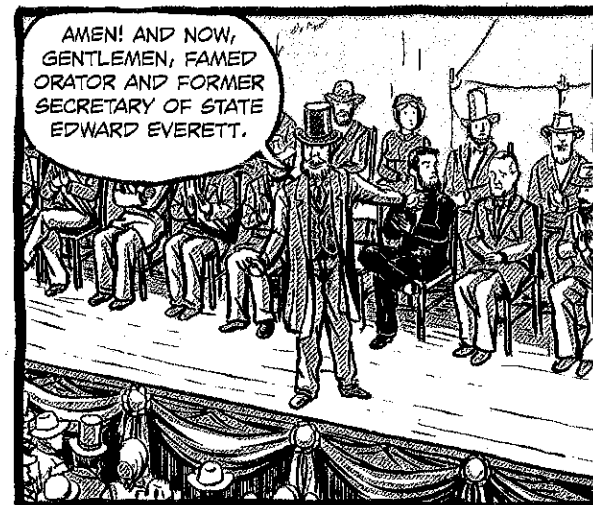
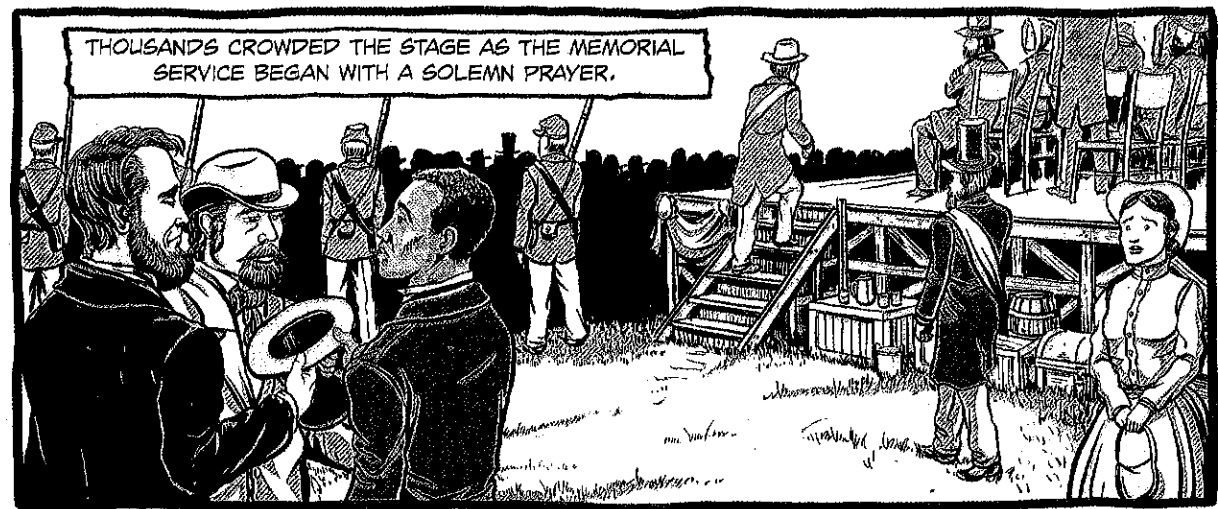
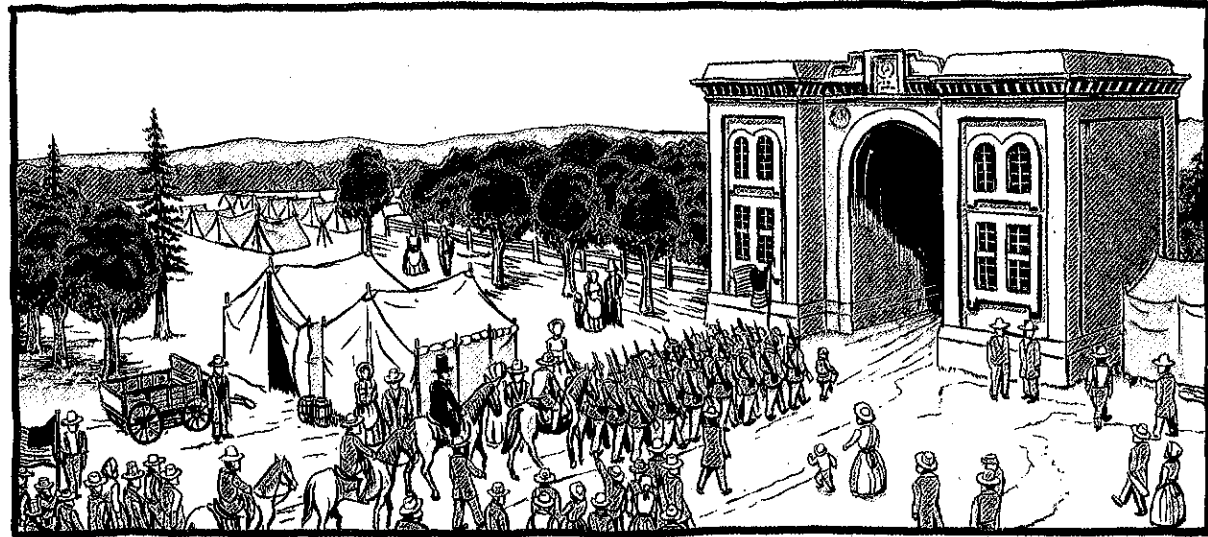
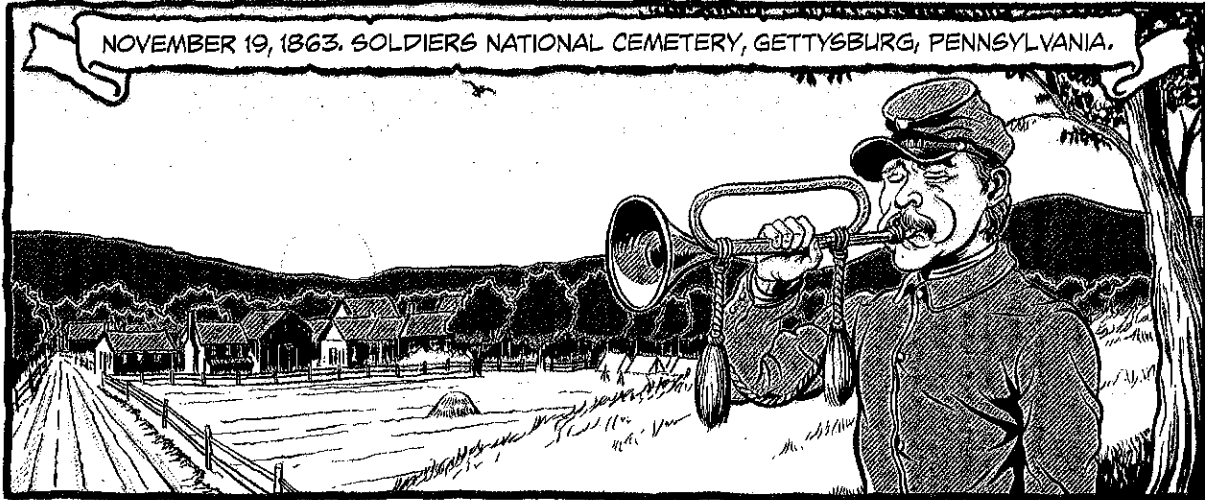
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY HAVE COME FOR THIS?

ESTIMATES PUT IT AT OVER FIFTY THOUSAND.



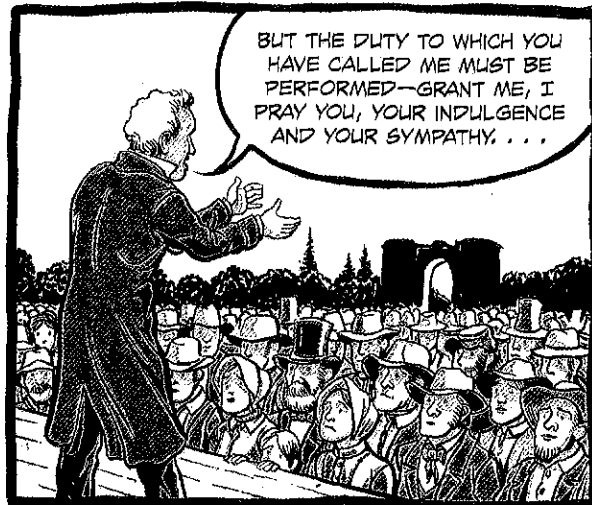
WELL, IN THAT CASE I HAD BETTER RETIRE. IF THAT NUMBER IS ANYWHERE NEAR ACCURATE, TOMORROW WILL BE QUITE A DAY.



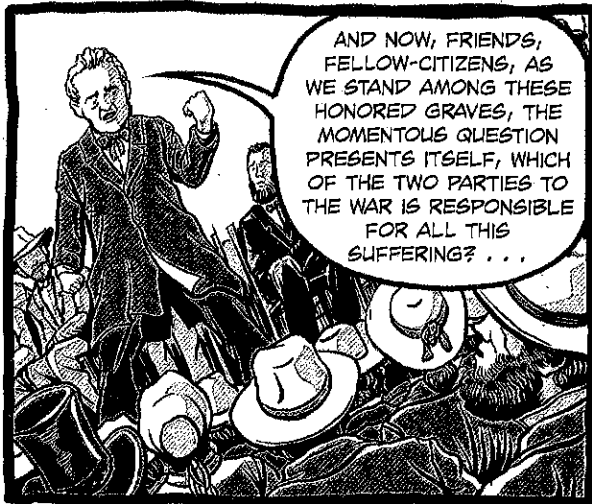




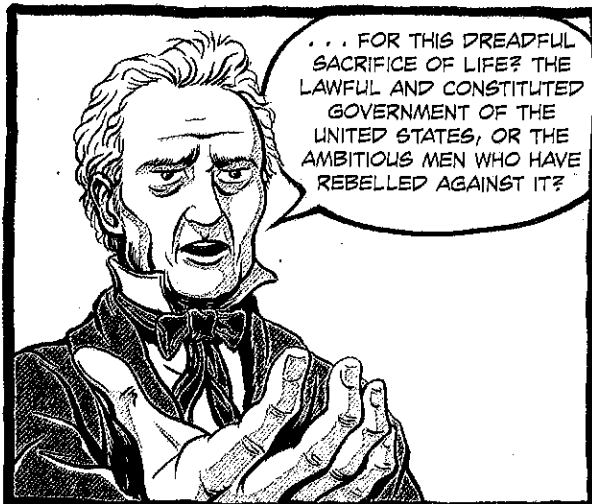
IT IS WITH HESITATION THAT I RAISE MY POOR VOICE TO BREAK THE ELOQUENT SILENCE OF GOD AND NATURE.



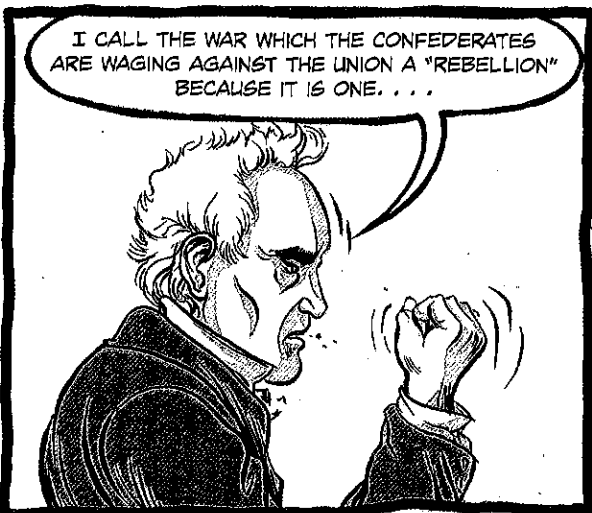
BUT THE DUTY TO WHICH YOU HAVE CALLED ME MUST BE PERFORMED—GRANT ME, I PRAY YOU, YOUR INDULGENCE AND YOUR SYMPATHY. . . .



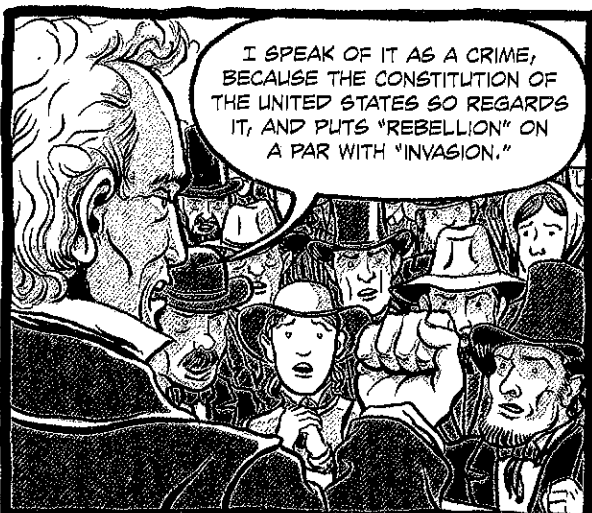
AND NOW, FRIENDS, FELLOW-CITIZENS, AS WE STAND AMONG THESE HONORED GRAVES, THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION PRESENTS ITSELF, WHICH OF THE TWO PARTIES TO THE WAR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS SUFFERING? . . .



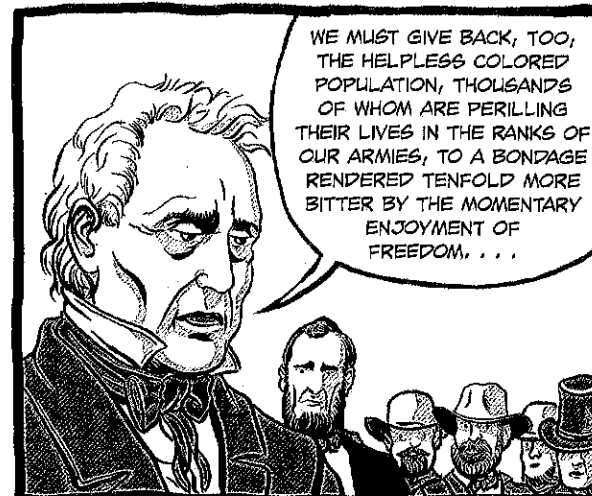
. . . FOR THIS DREADFUL SACRIFICE OF LIFE? THE LAWFUL AND CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OR THE AMBITIOUS MEN WHO HAVE REBELLED AGAINST IT?



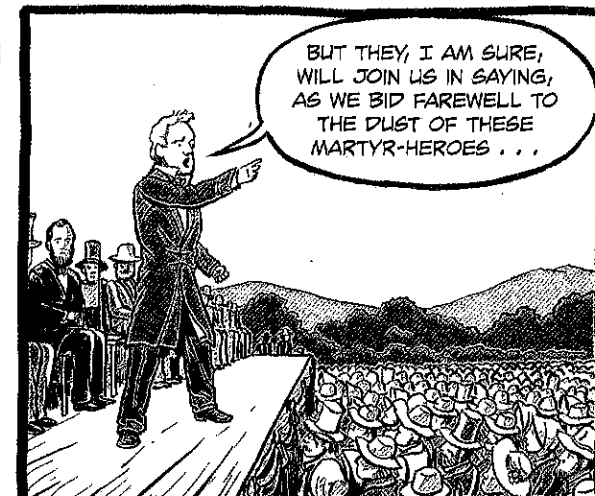
I CALL THE WAR WHICH THE CONFEDERATES ARE WAGING AGAINST THE UNION A "REBELLION" BECAUSE IT IS ONE. . . .



I SPEAK OF IT AS A CRIME, BECAUSE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES SO REGARDS IT, AND PUTS "REBELLION" ON A PAR WITH "INVASION."



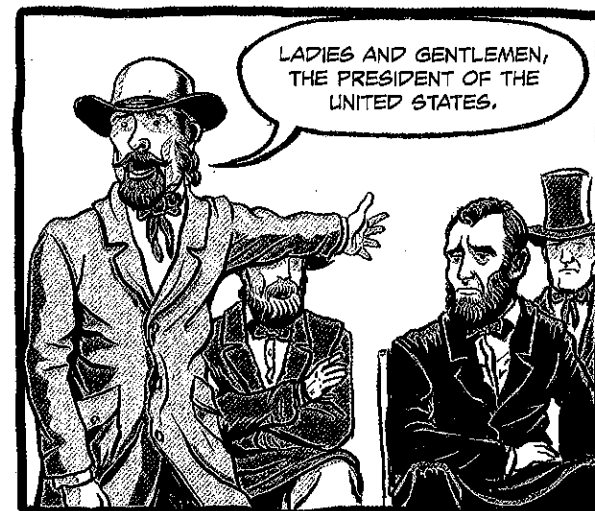
WE MUST GIVE BACK, TOO, THE HELPLESS COLORED POPULATION, THOUSANDS OF WHOM ARE PERILLING THEIR LIVES IN THE RANKS OF OUR ARMIES, TO A BONDAGE RENDERED TENFOLD MORE BITTER BY THE MOMENTARY ENJOYMENT OF FREEDOM. . . .



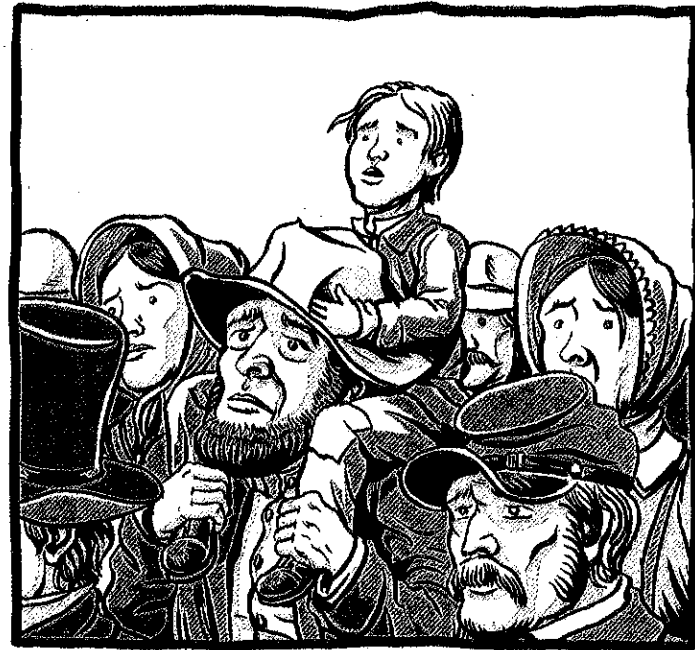
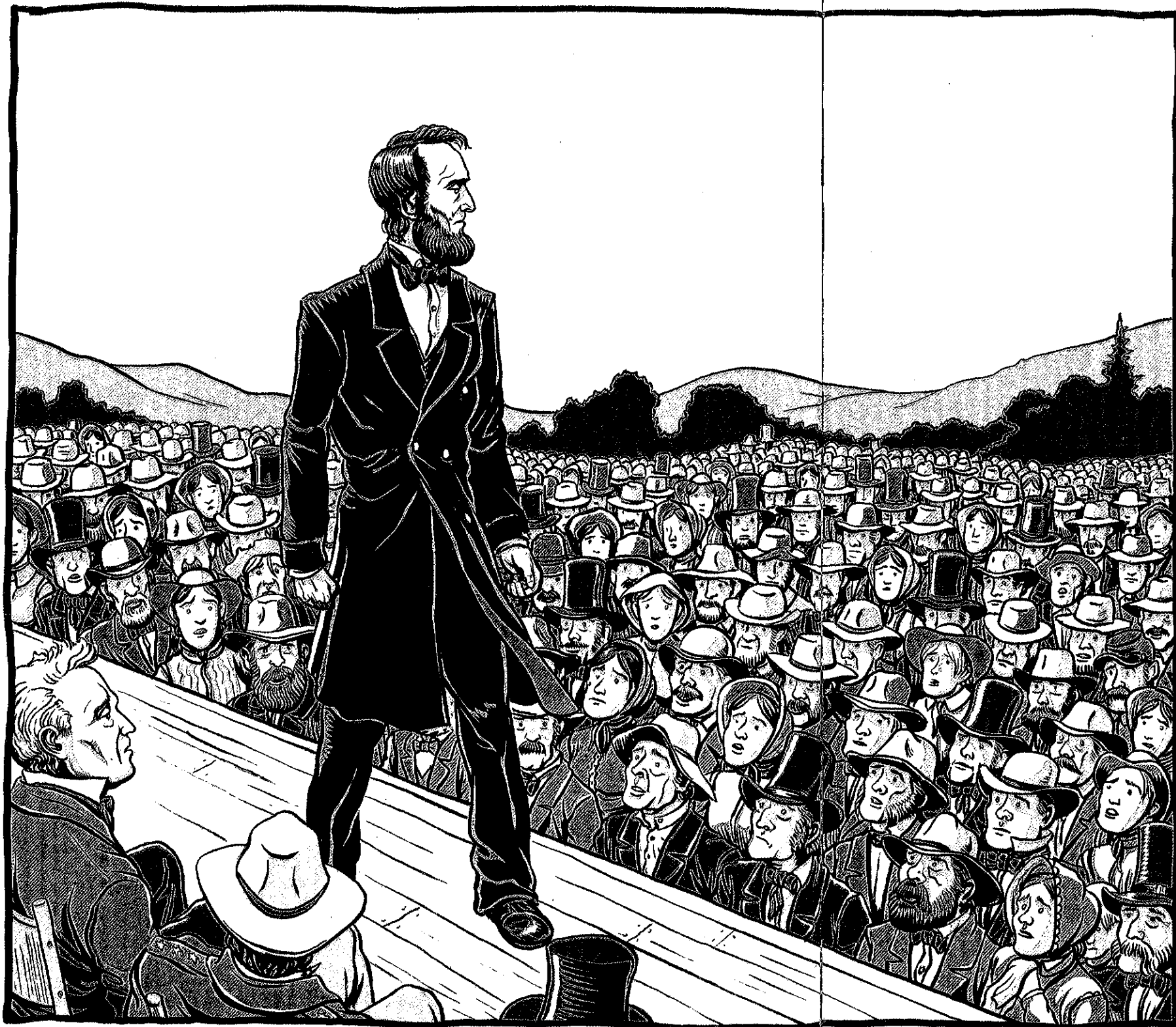
BUT THEY, I AM SURE, WILL JOIN US IN SAYING, AS WE BID FAREWELL TO THE DUST OF THESE MARTYR-HEROES . . .



. . . IN THE GLORIOUS ANNALS OF OUR COMMON COUNTRY THERE WILL BE NO BRIGHTER PAGE THAN THAT WHICH RELATES THE BATTLES OF GETTYSBURG.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

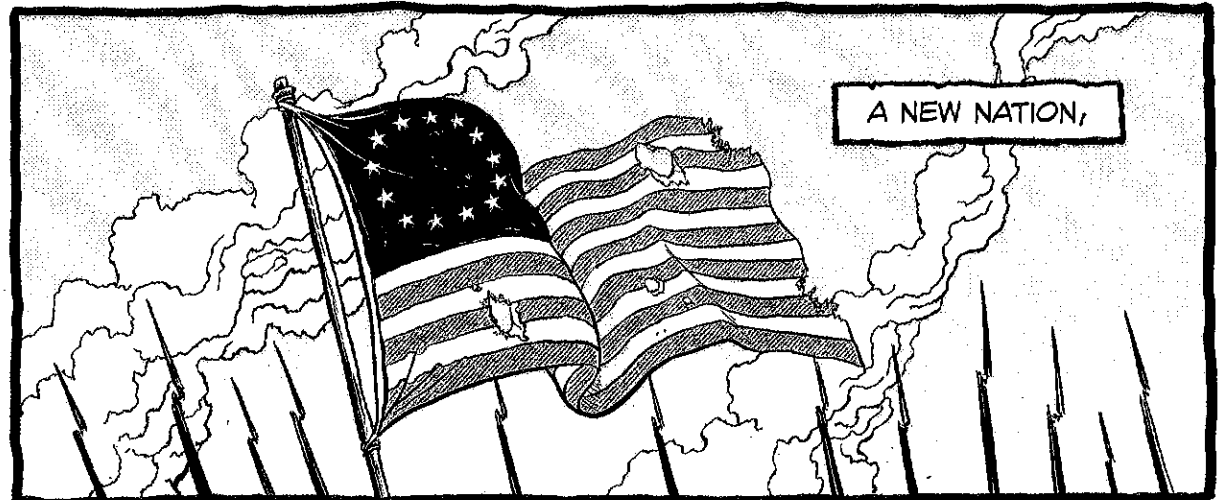
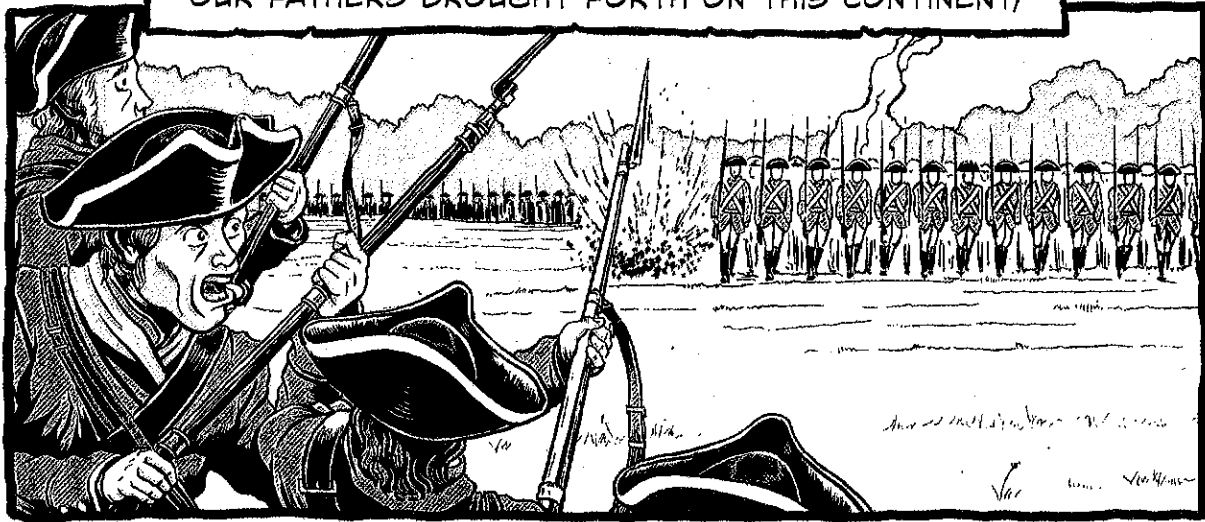




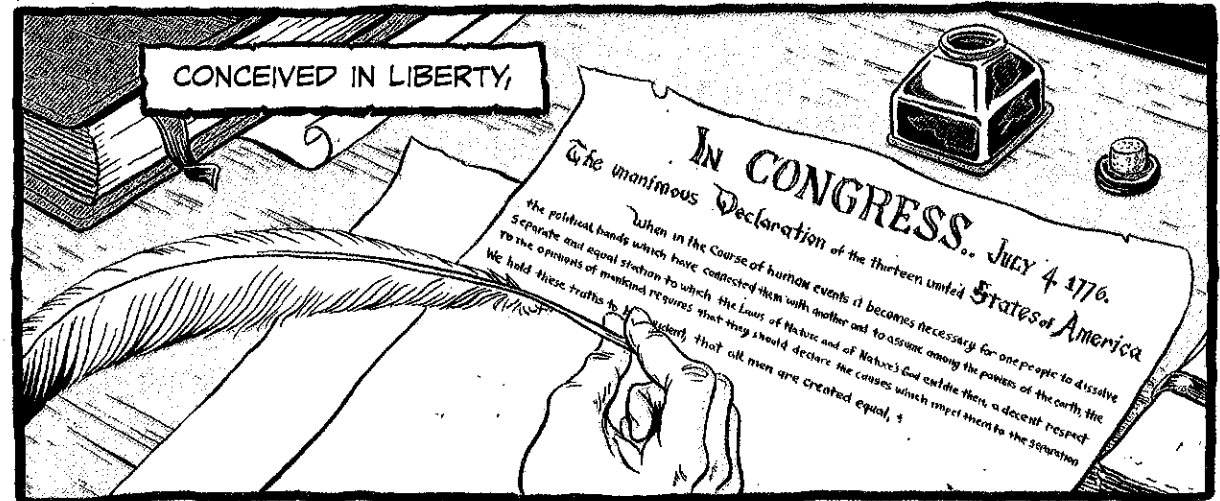
FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO



OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT,

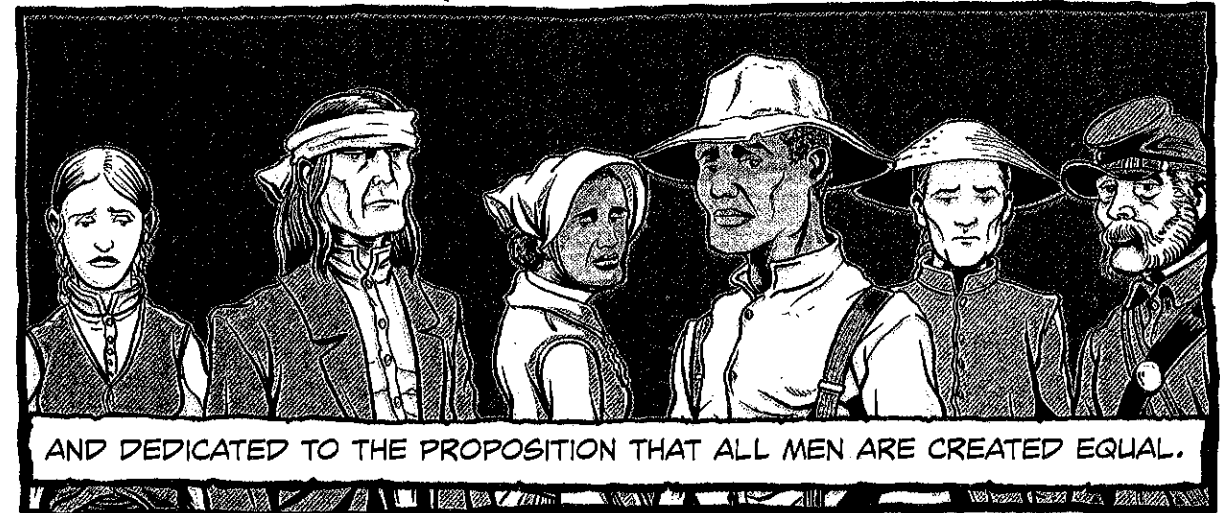


A NEW NATION,

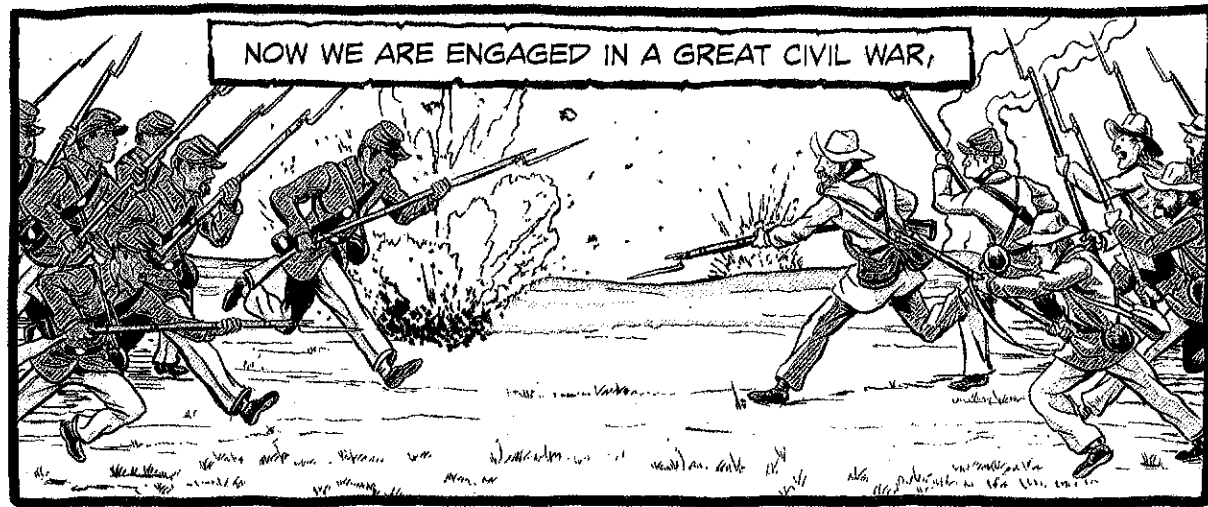


CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY,

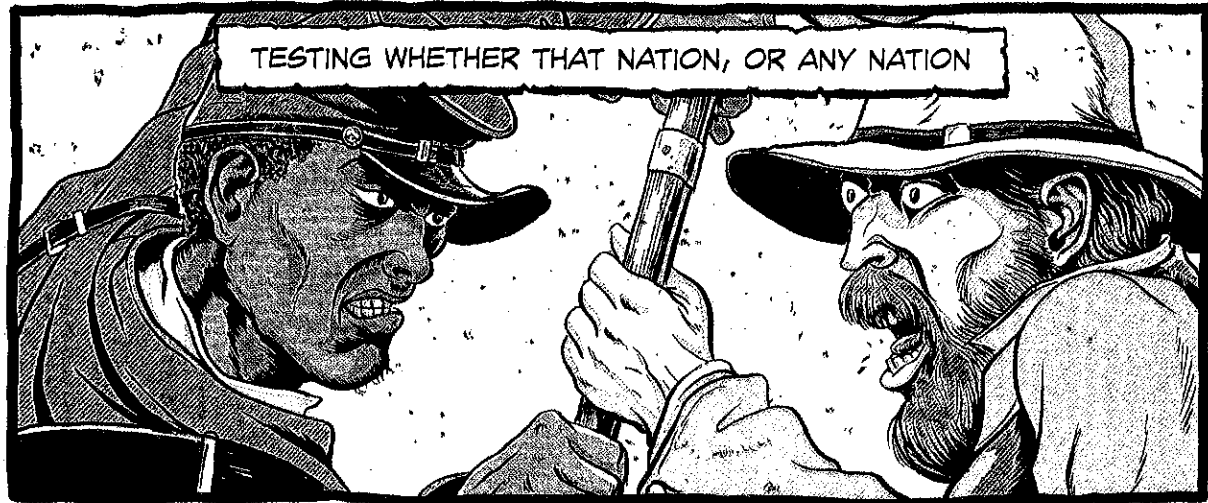
IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America
When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, &



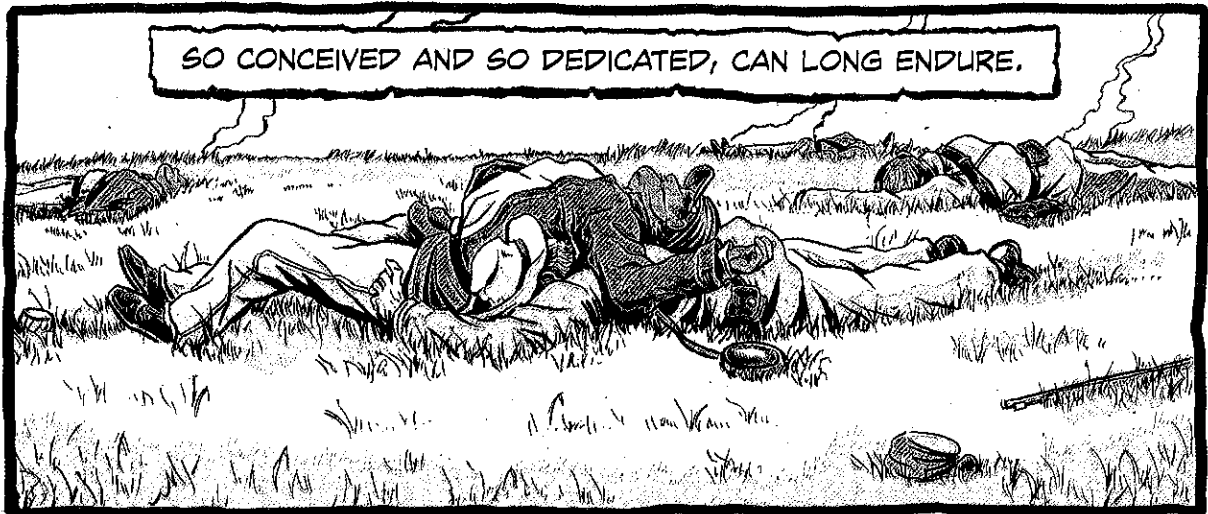
AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL.



NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GREAT CIVIL WAR,



TESTING WHETHER THAT NATION, OR ANY NATION



SO CONCEIVED AND SO DEDICATED, CAN LONG ENDURE.



WE ARE MET ON A GREAT BATTLE-FIELD OF THAT WAR.



WE HAVE COME TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THAT FIELD, AS A FINAL RESTING PLACE



FOR THOSE WHO HERE GAVE THEIR LIVES THAT THAT NATION MIGHT LIVE.

IT IS ALTOGETHER FITTING AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD DO THIS.

BUT, IN A LARGER SENSE,

WE CAN NOT DEDICATE—

WE CAN NOT CONSECRATE—

WE CAN NOT HALLOW—

THIS GROUND.

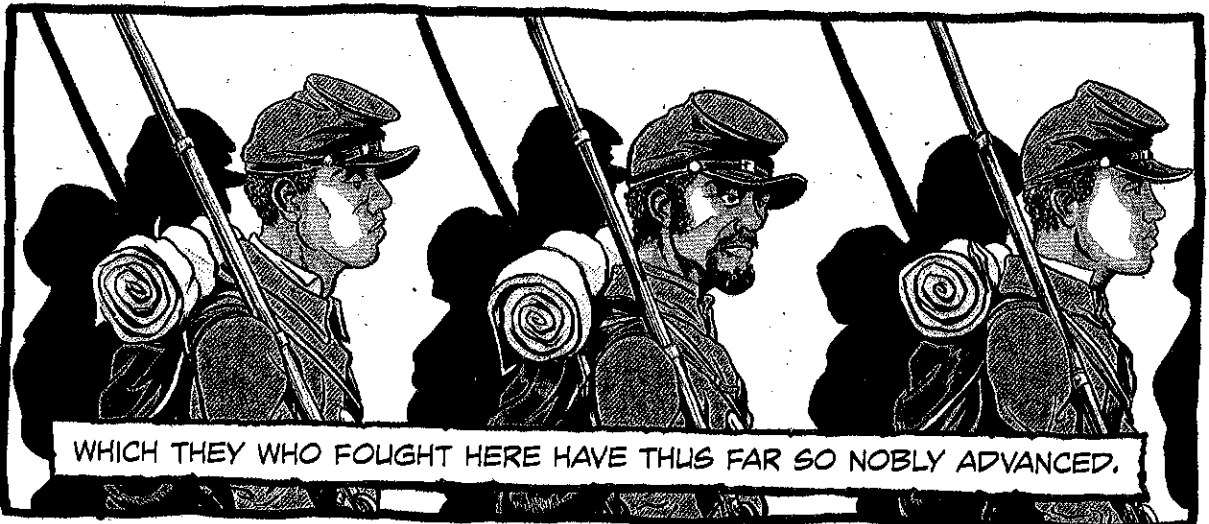
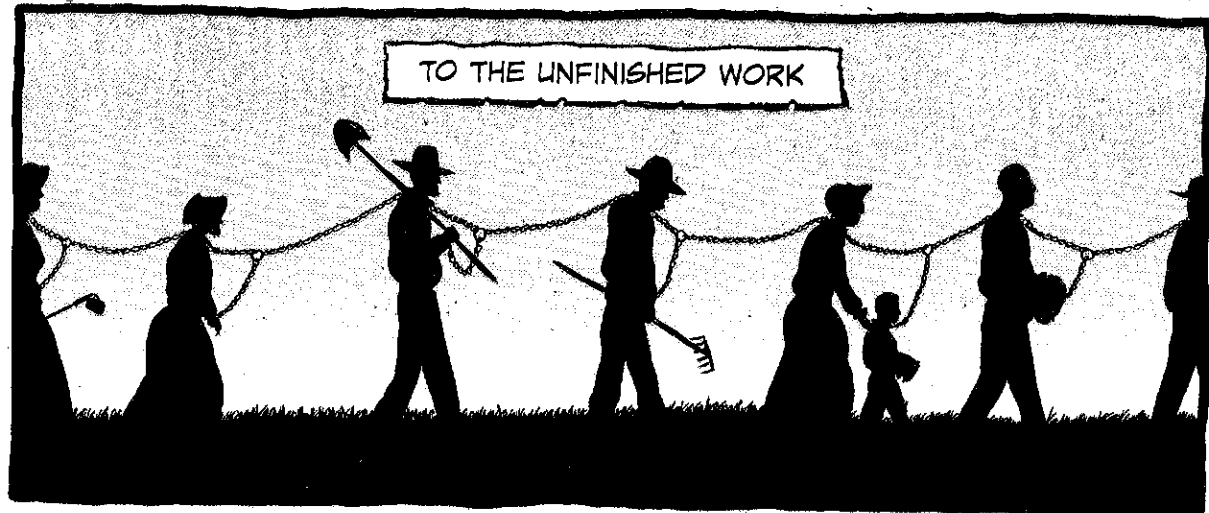
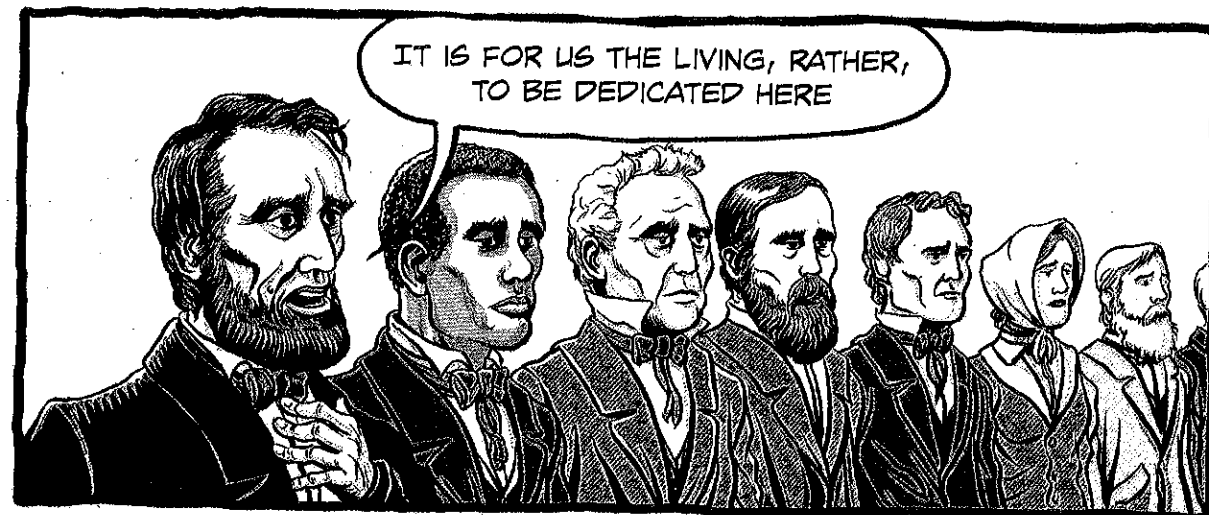
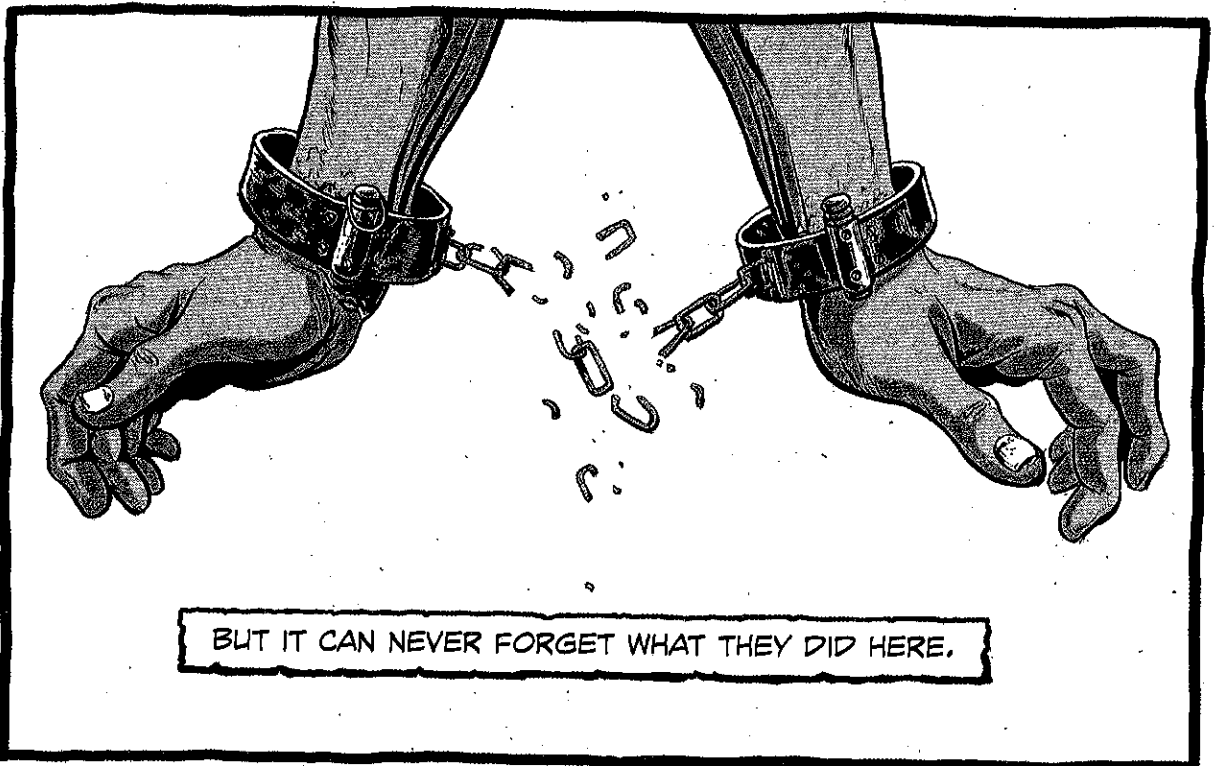
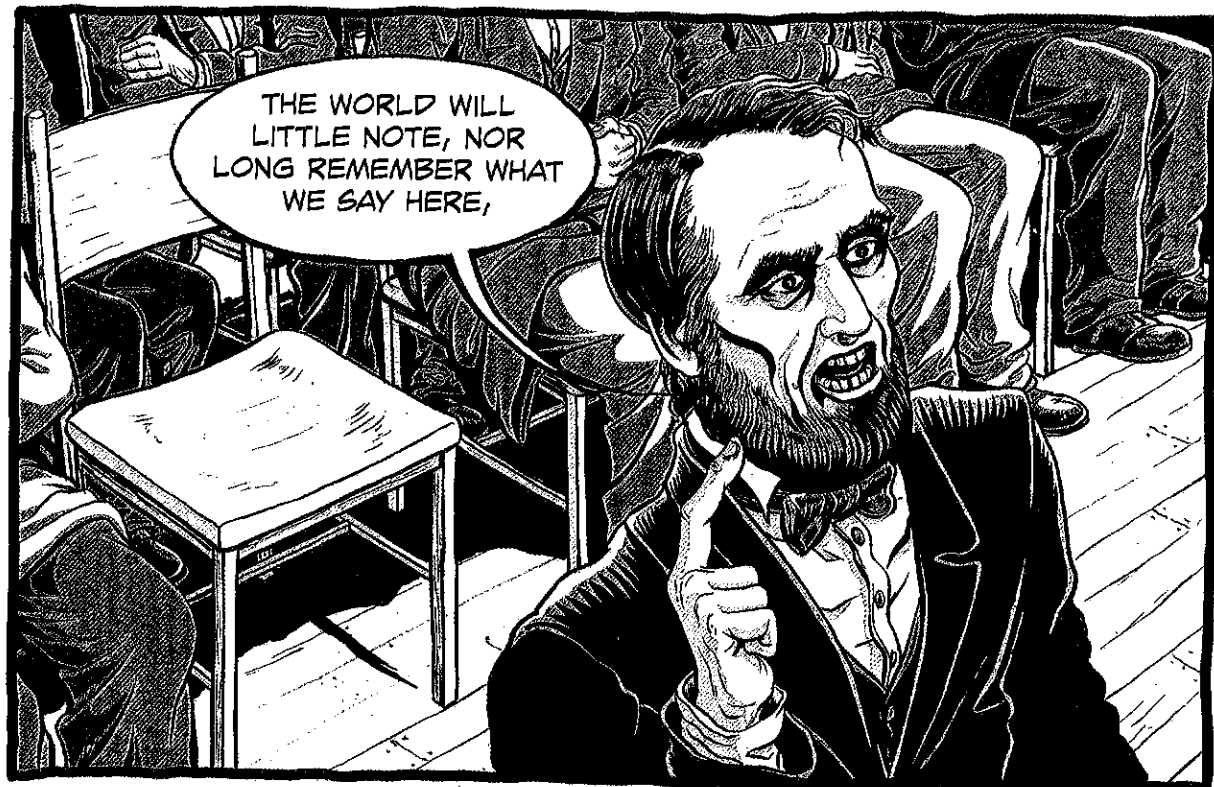
THE BRAVE MEN,

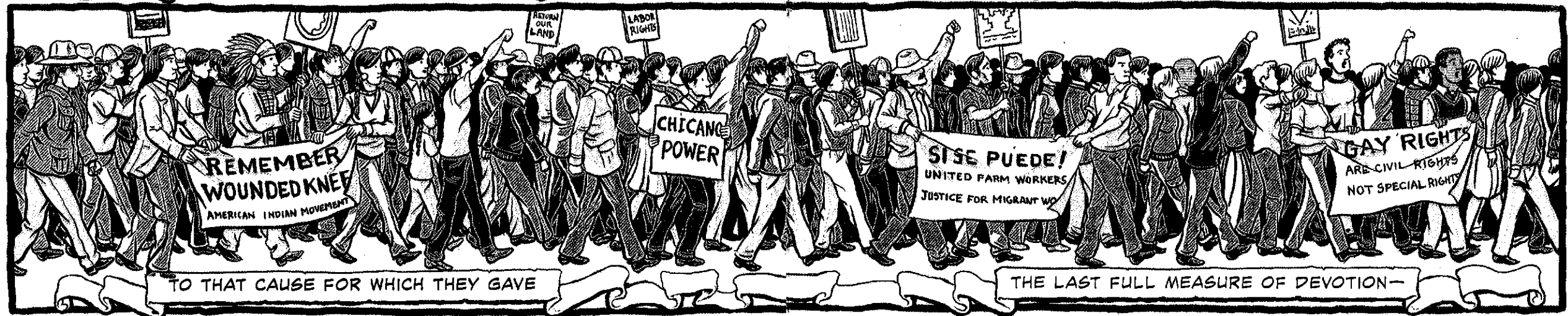
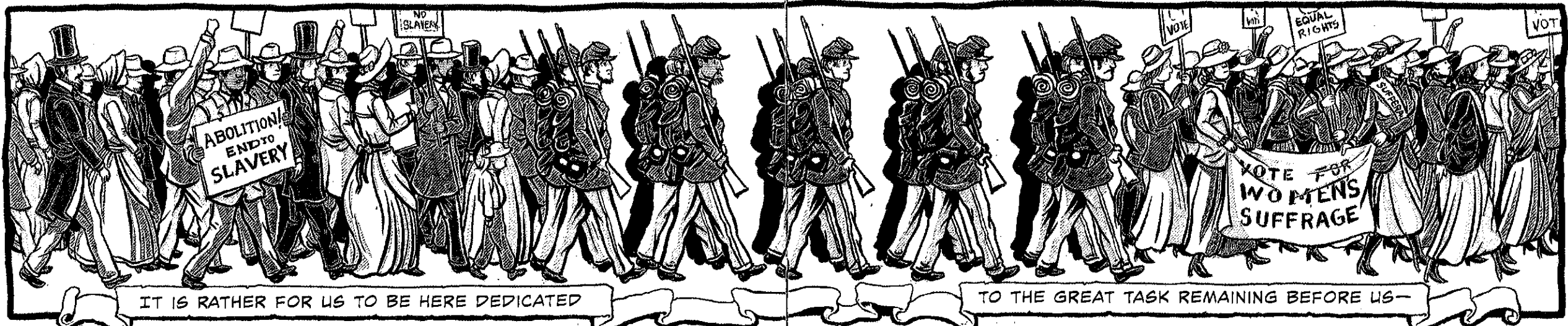
LIVING AND DEAD,

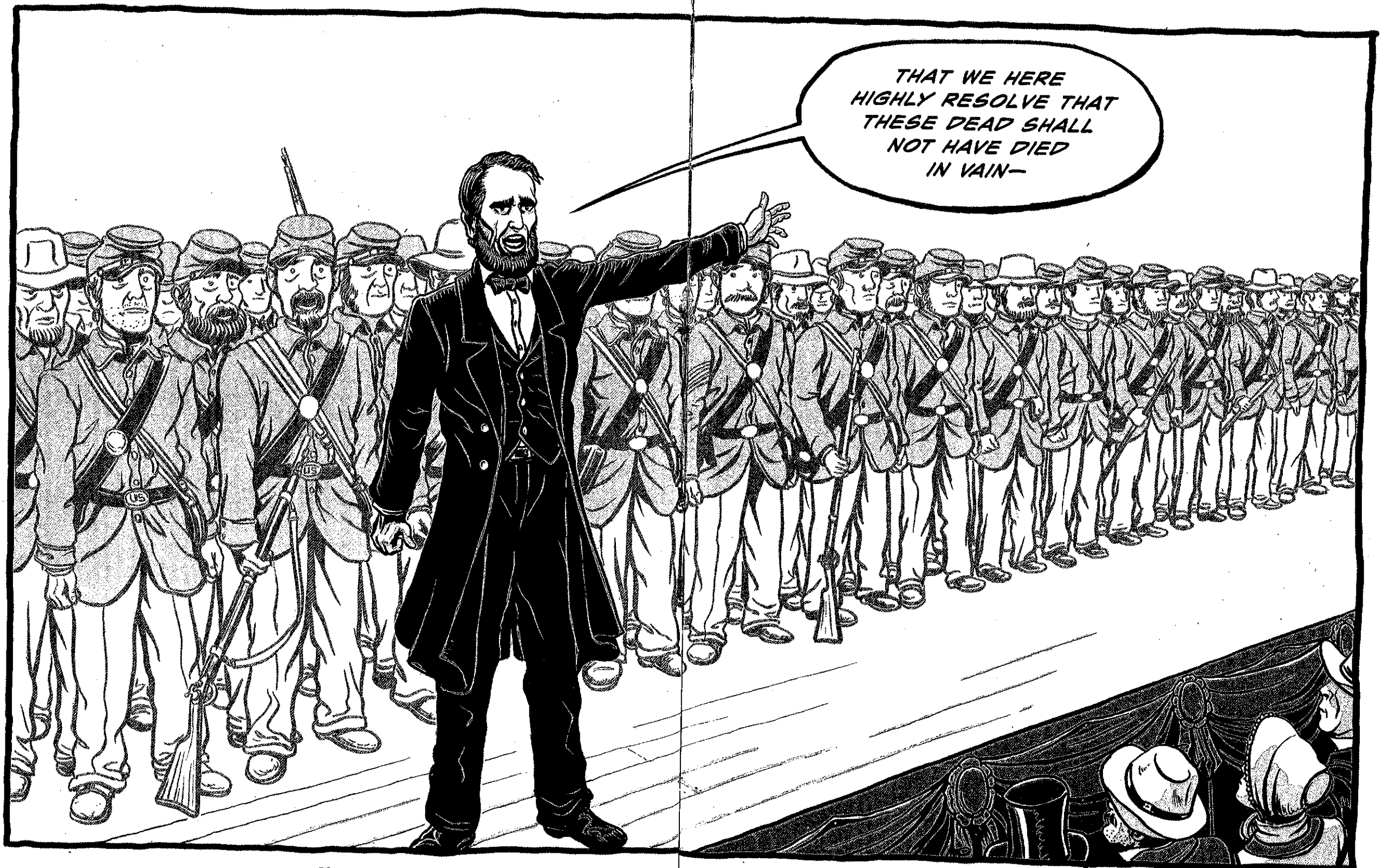
WHO STRUGGLED HERE,

HAVE CONSECRATED IT,

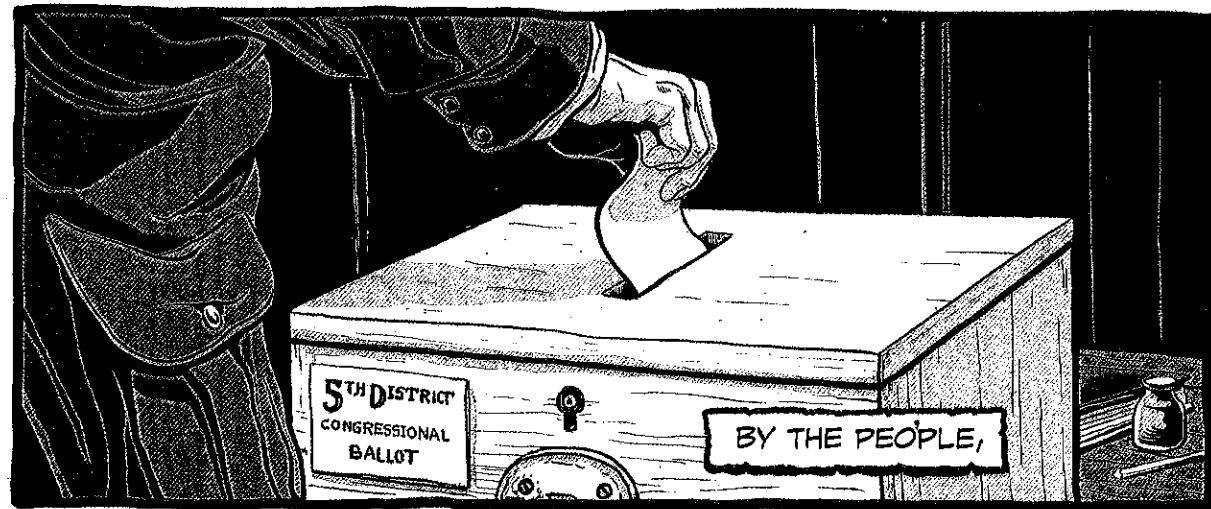
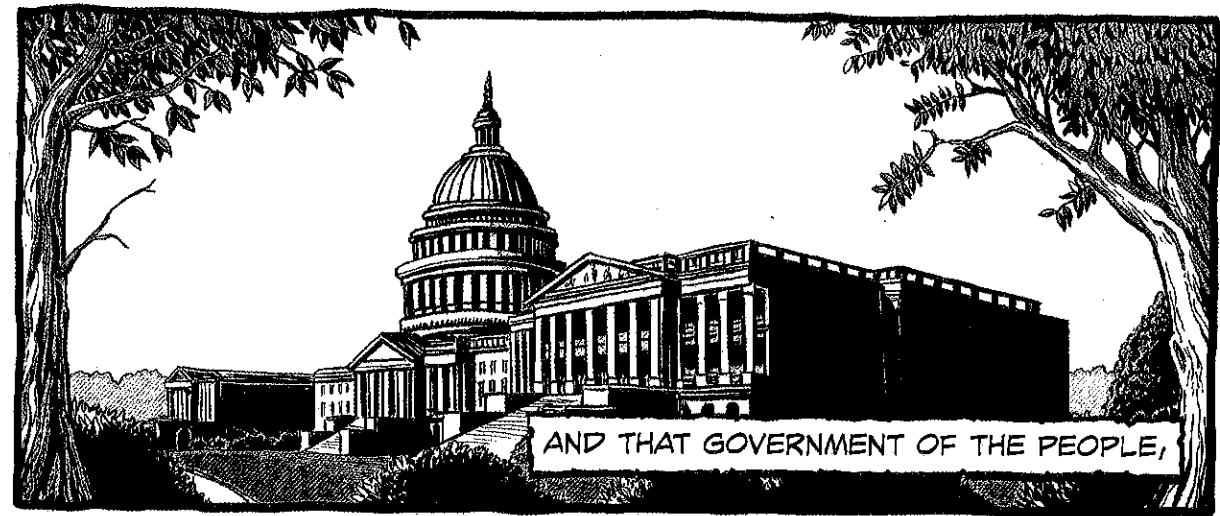
FAR ABOVE OUR POOR POWER TO ADD OR DETRACT.







THAT WE HERE
HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT
THESE DEAD SHALL
NOT HAVE DIED
IN VAIN-





SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.

