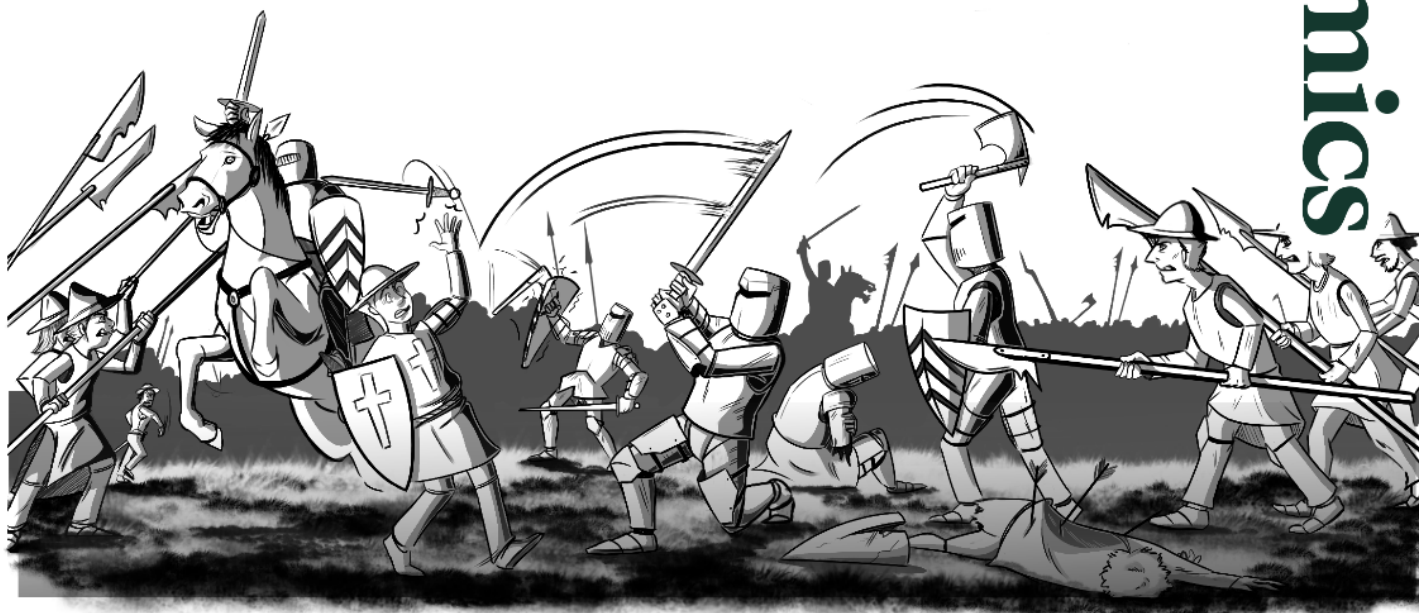




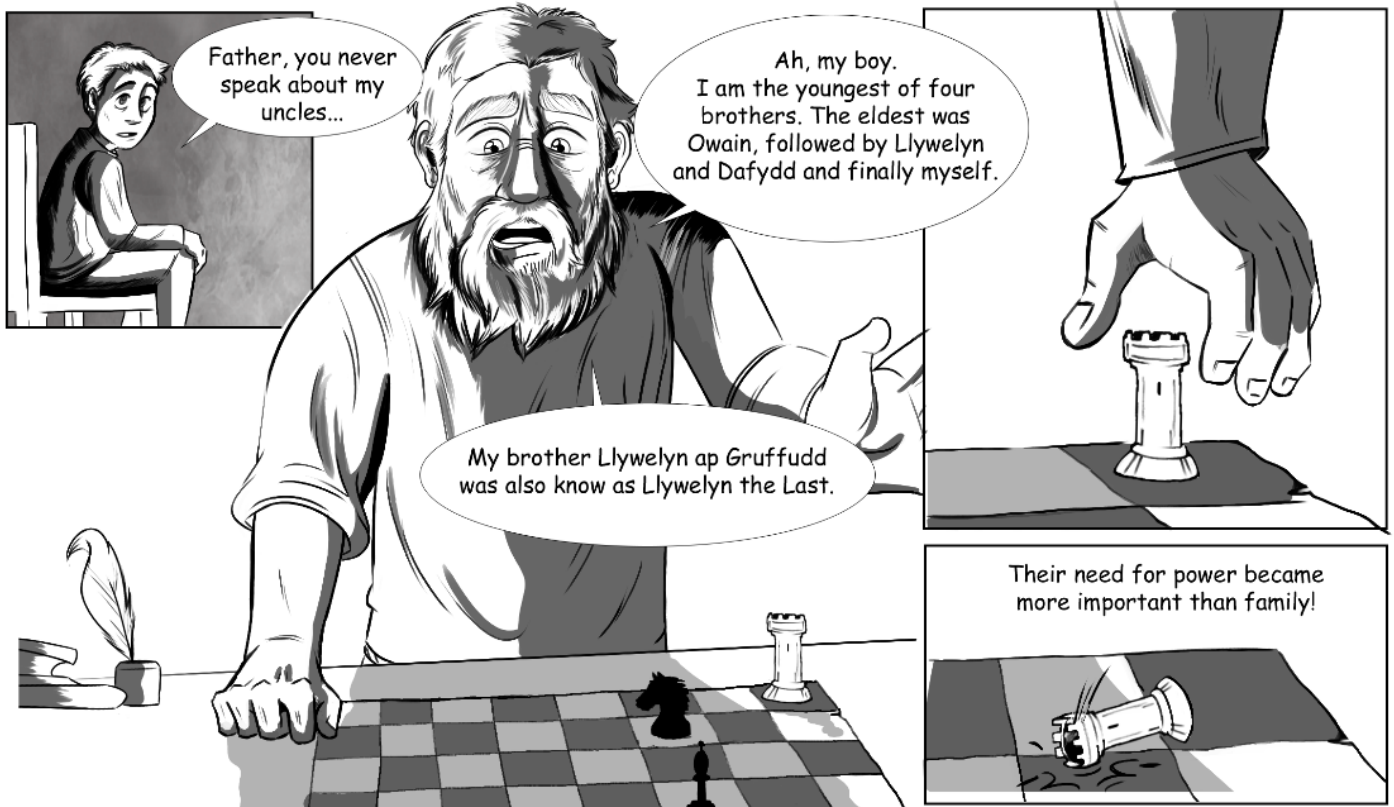
# Llywelyn the Last and the Marcher Lords



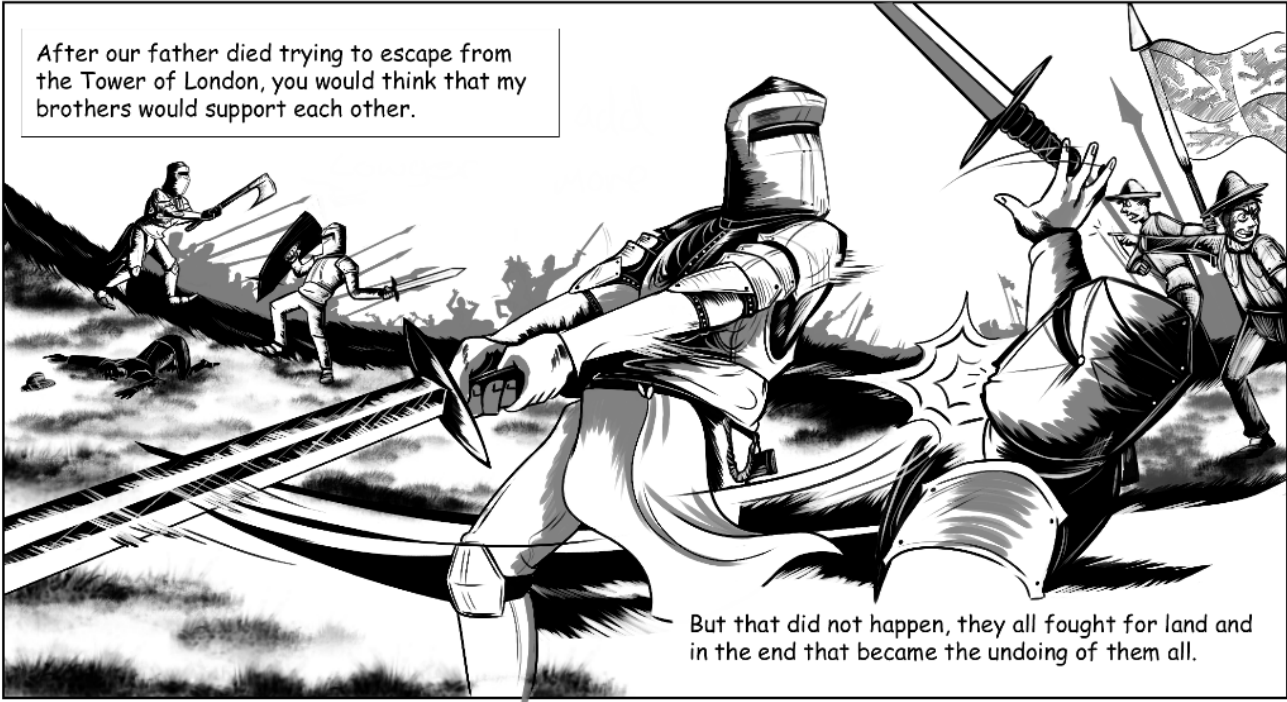
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# Family and Power, Llywelyn the Last.

Tatsfield Manor, Surrey, England 1310.  
The home of Rhodri ap Gruffudd



After our father died trying to escape from the Tower of London, you would think that my brothers would support each other.

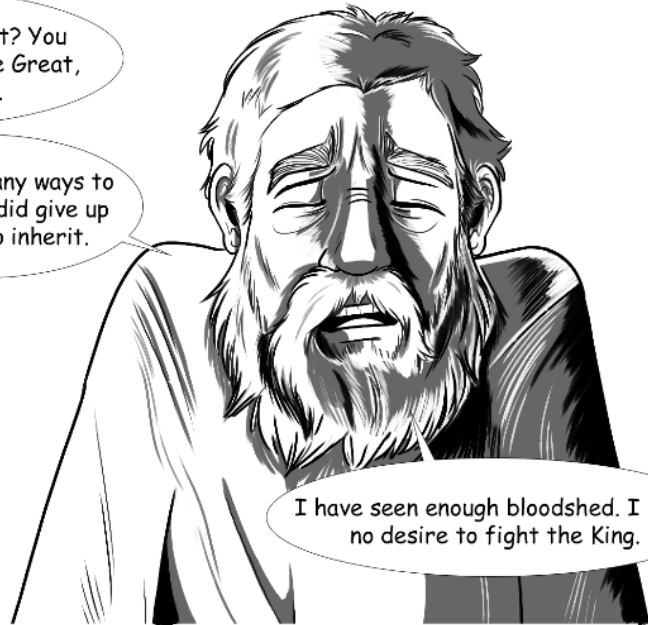


But that did not happen, they all fought for land and in the end that became the undoing of them all.



Did you not choose to fight? You are the heir of Llywelyn the Great, The Prince of Wales.

There are many ways to fight. But I did give up my right to inherit.



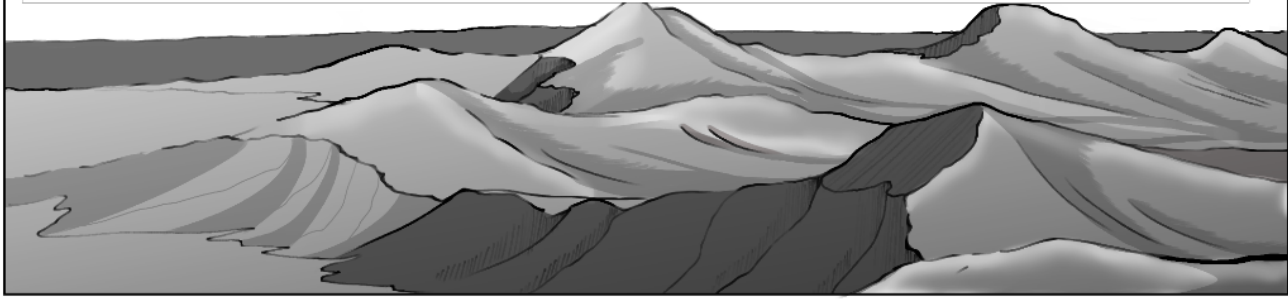
I have seen enough bloodshed. I have no desire to fight the King.

Was your brother Llywelyn ap Gruffudd a great man like your grandfather, Llywelyn the Great?

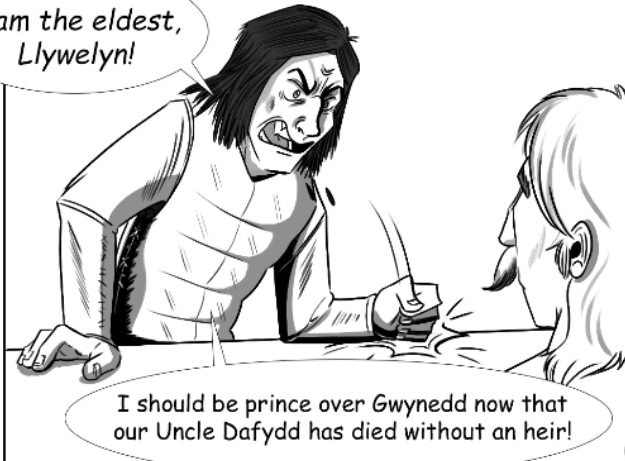


My brother Llywelyn ap Gruffudd was a powerful man, but whether he was great, you will have to judge for yourself once I have told you his story!

The year is 1246. My father Gruffydd ap Llywelyn is already dead and his brother Dafydd ap Llywelyn died, leaving no male heir. The lands in North Wales are given to me and my brothers, once we come of age.



I am the eldest, Llywelyn!



I should be prince over Gwynedd now that our Uncle Dafydd has died without an heir!

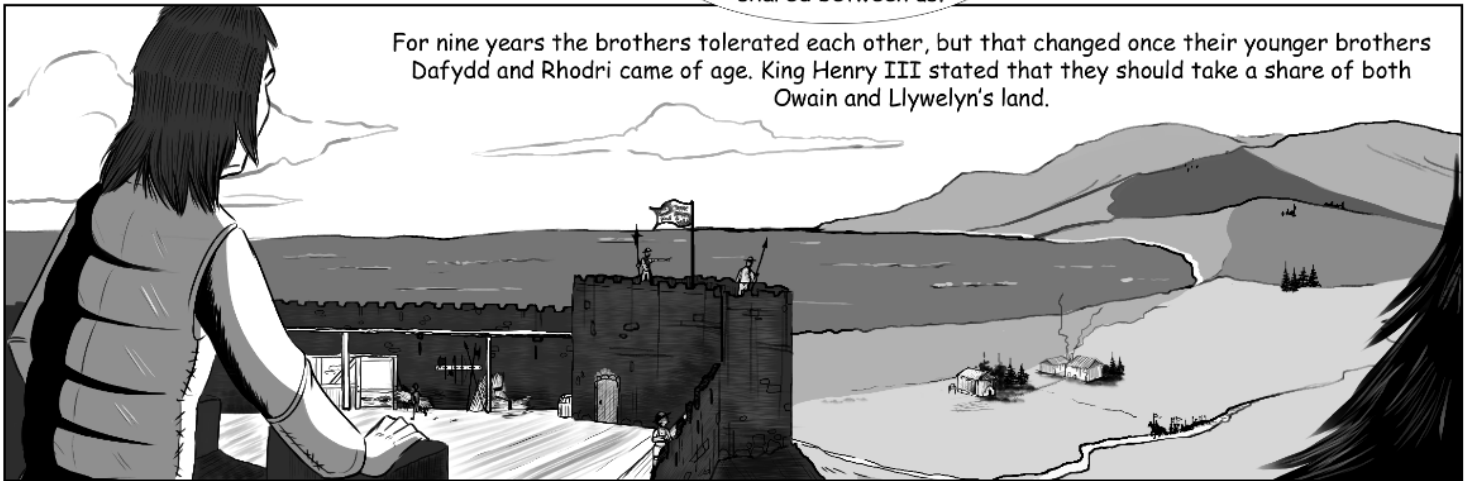


Owain, our uncle stated that his lands should be shared between us.



Over my dead body!

For nine years the brothers tolerated each other, but that changed once their younger brothers Dafydd and Rhodri came of age. King Henry III stated that they should take a share of both Owain and Llywelyn's land.



Brother



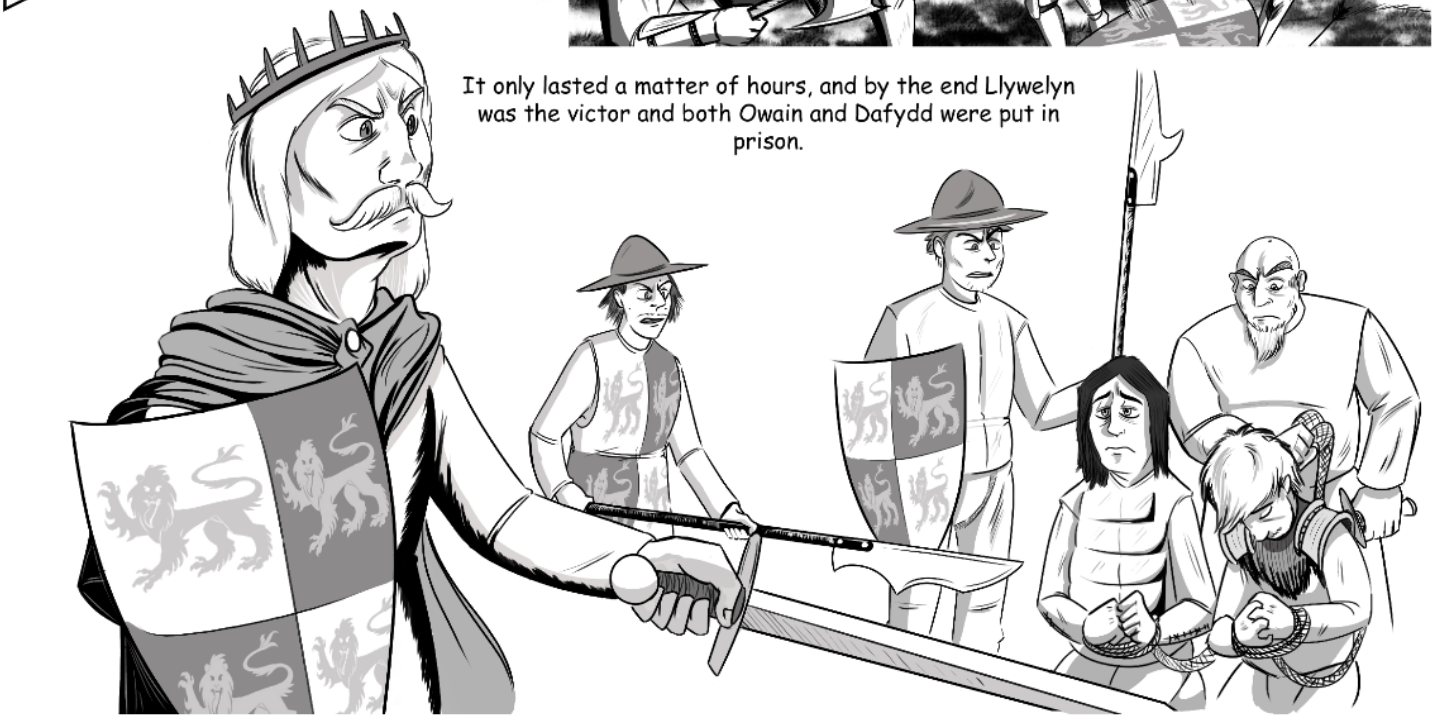
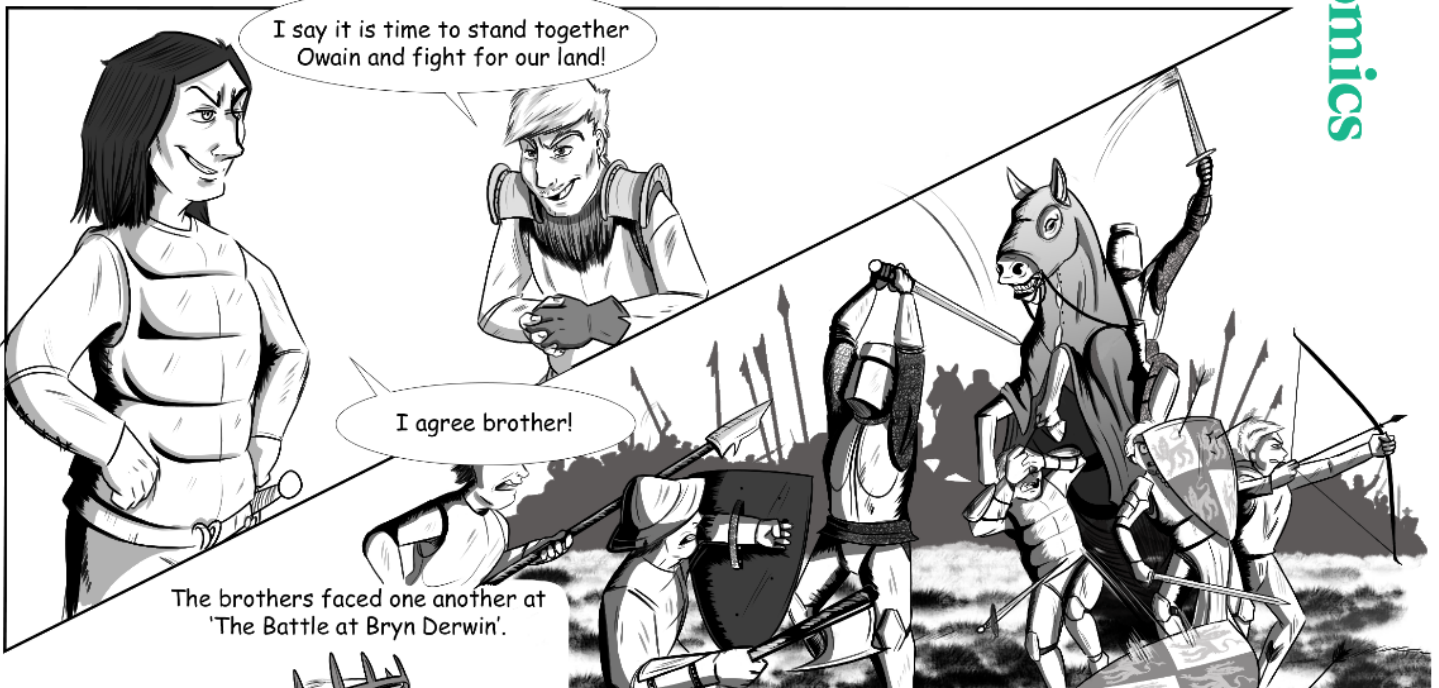
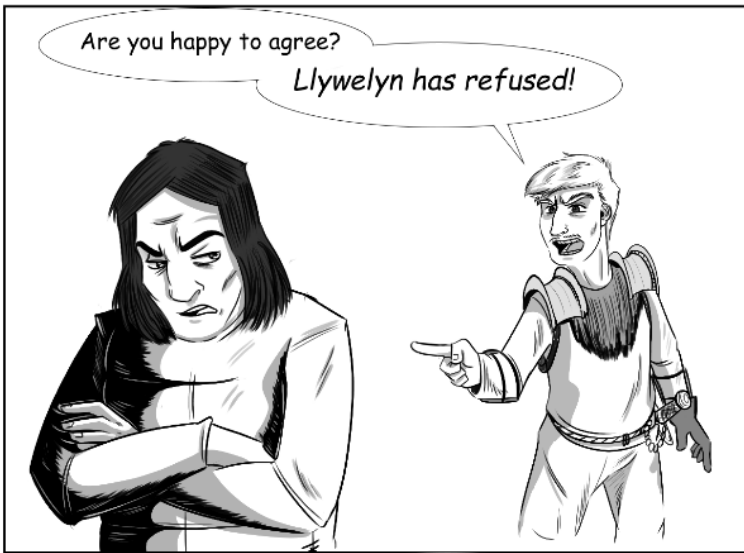
Dafydd, brother, it has been too long...

Welcome to Criccieth.

Owain it is good to see you.

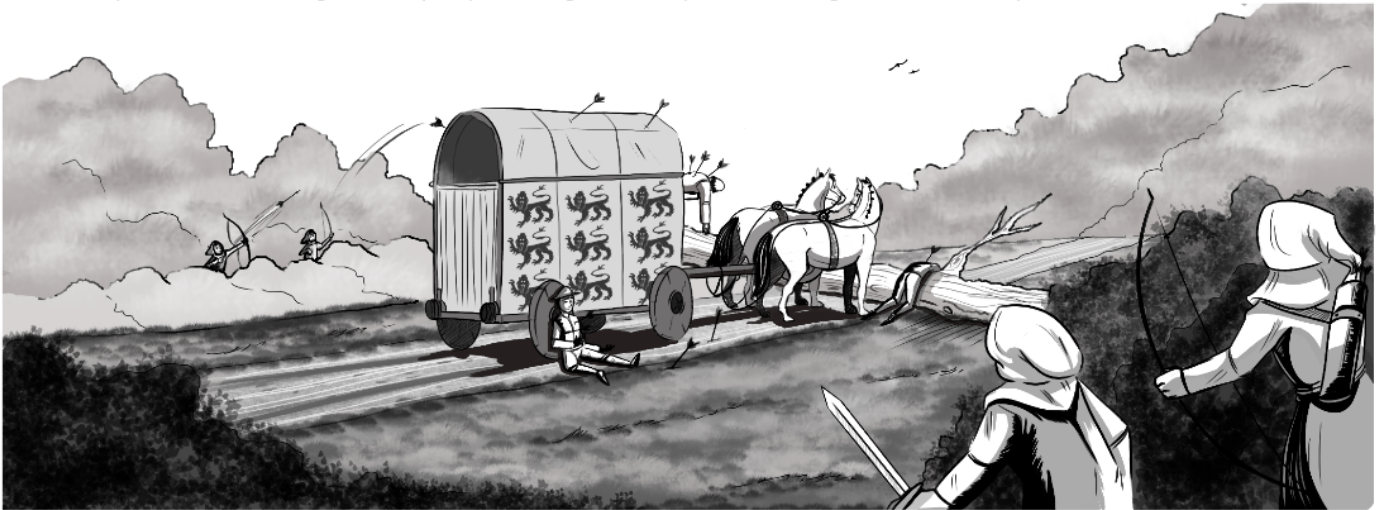
King Henry III has stated that now I am a man, I should be given some of Gwynedd as my own...



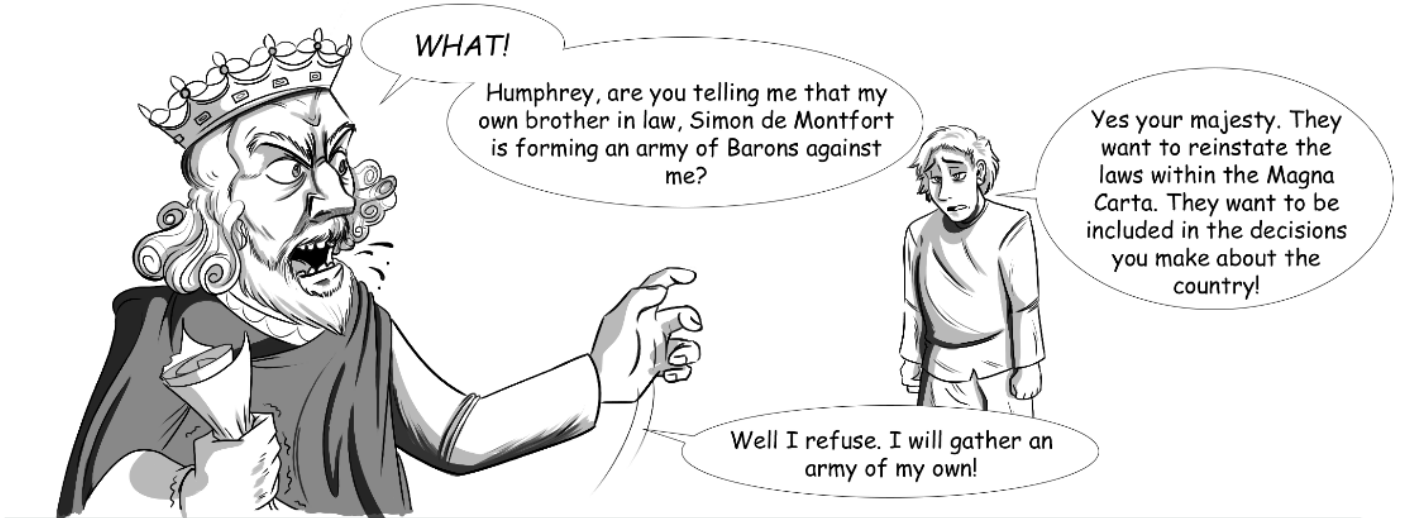




Dafydd did chose to fight for Llywelyn and together they attacked English castles at Dyserth and Dnoredudd.



Llywelyn and Dafydd continued to attack and conquer lands from other Welsh nobles who chose to support King Henry III. In the meantime King Henry III was under threat by his own Barons, just as his father had been.





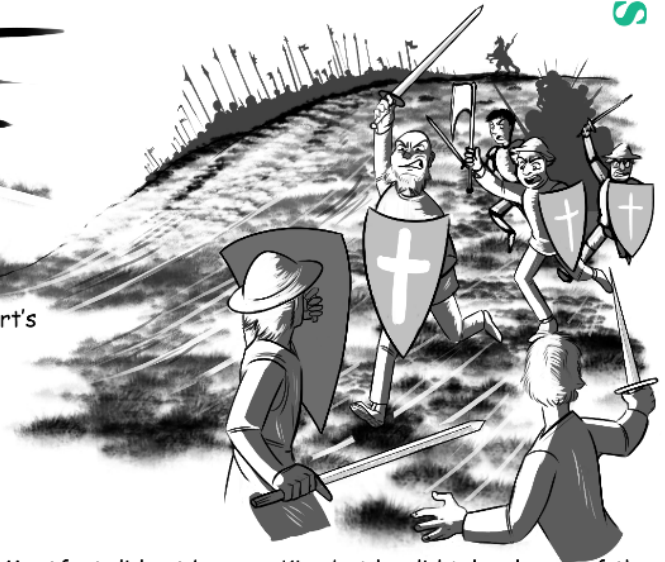
Did your brother take sides with King Henry III's brother in law, Simon De Montfort?

My brother Llywelyn was a clever man. He did support Simon de Montfort.

At the battle of Lewes in 1264, the Barons led by Simon de Montfort fought King Henry III's royalist army.



King Henry III's son Prince Edward led a devastating cavalry charge against the baronial army, routing part of Simon de Montfort force.



After a bitter battle, in the end Simon de Montfort's forces held the high ground and won the day.



So did Simon De Montfort become the King of England?

Simon de Montfort did not become King but he did take charge of the decision making and started his own parliament. Some said he was all but King in name. He placed Henry III and his son Prince Edward in prison!



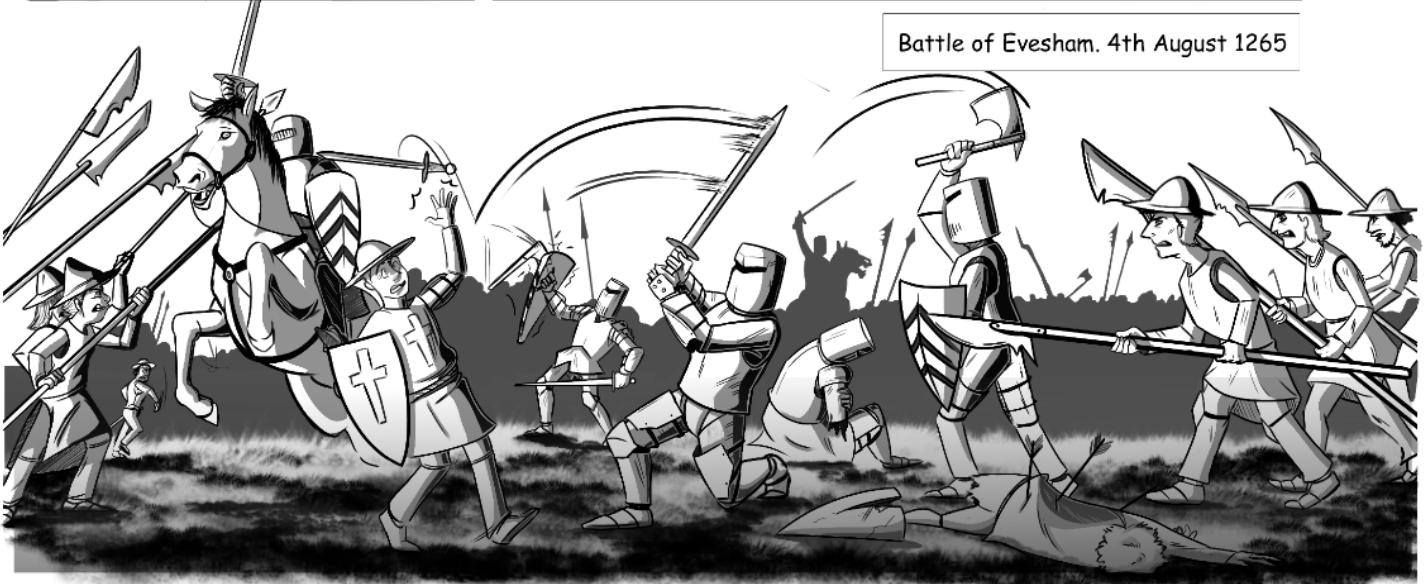
Llywelyn offered parliament 30,000 marks in exchange for peace between Wales and England. De Montfort agreed to let Llywelyn rule Wales. Llywelyn, my brother later married De Montfort's daughter Eleanor.



During this time, Gilbert De Clare and Simon de Montfort, who had been good friends, fell out with each other. Gilbert De Clare was a very powerful Marcher Lord. He swapped sides and helped raise an army with Prince Edward.



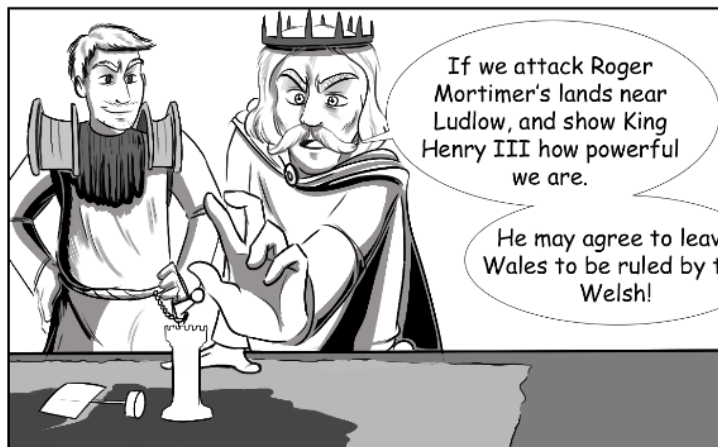
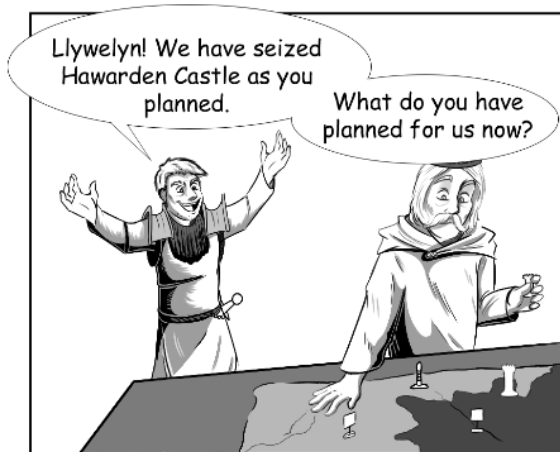
Battle of Evesham. 4th August 1265



Simon de Montfort was finally brought to battle with Prince Edward at the small town of Evesham by the river Avon. Even with reinforcements from Llywelyn, it was not enough. De Montfort and his son were killed in the battle of Evesham and Prince Edward was victorious. King Henry III was released.

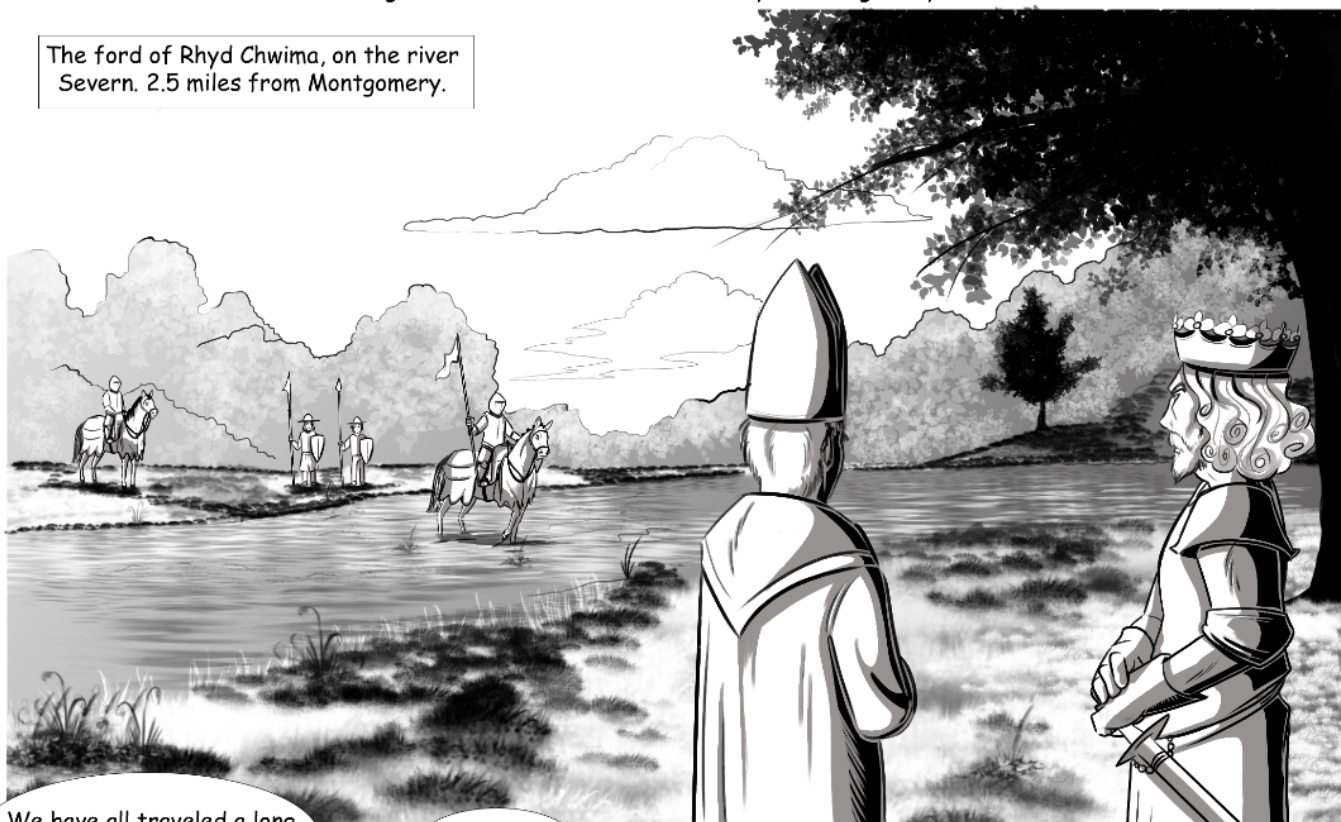






Llywelyn made the right decision. King Henry III agreed to end the fighting between Wales and England and they both signed a document called 'The Treaty of Montgomery' in 1267.

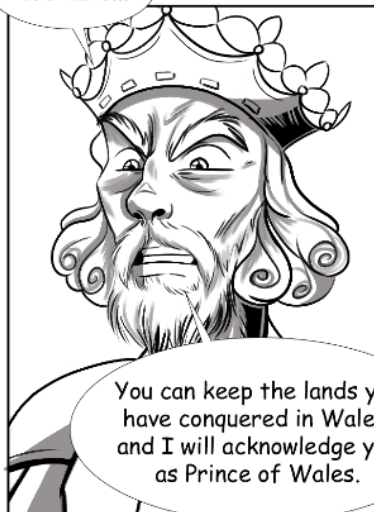
The ford of Rhyd Chwima, on the river Severn. 2.5 miles from Montgomery.



We have all traveled a long road to get to this place, King Henry.



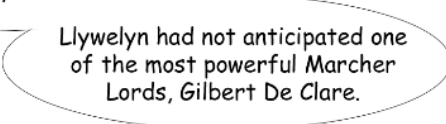
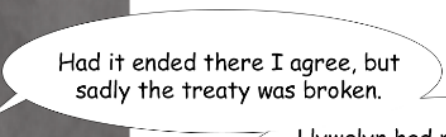
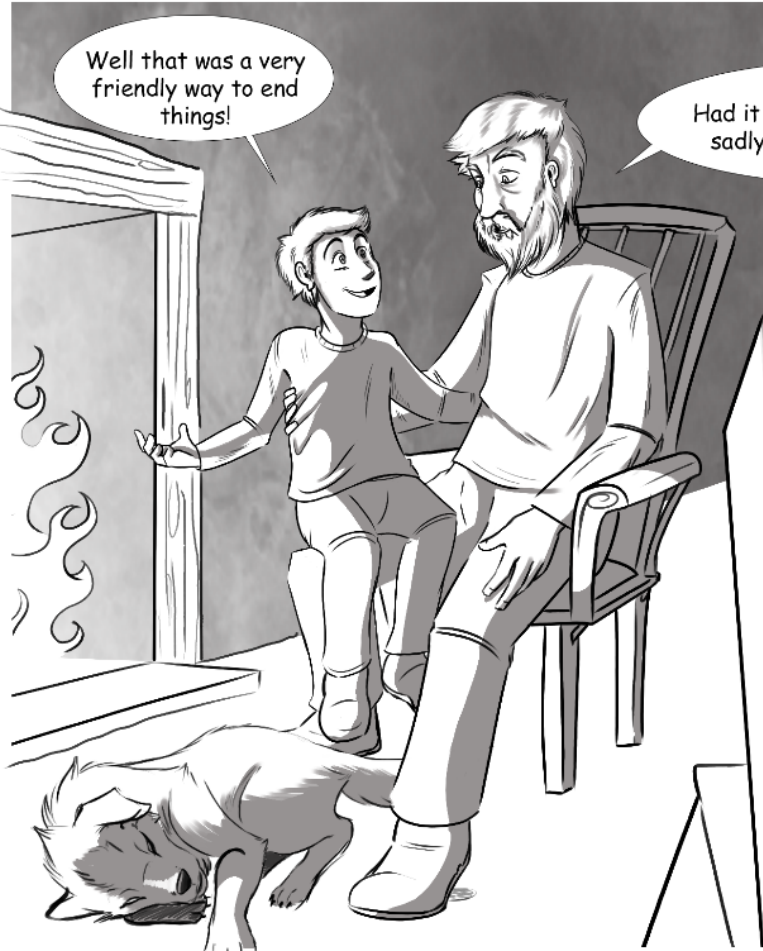
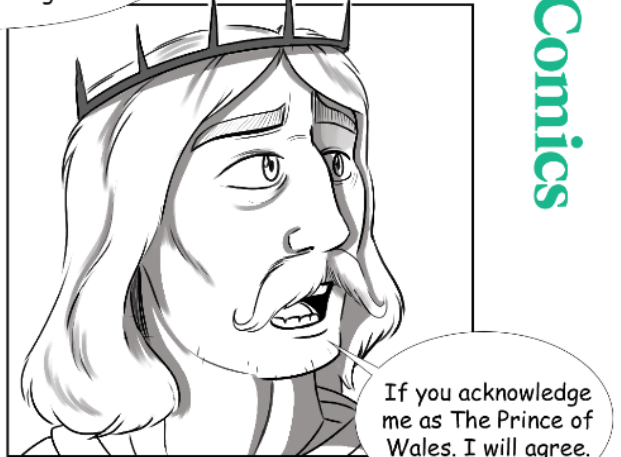
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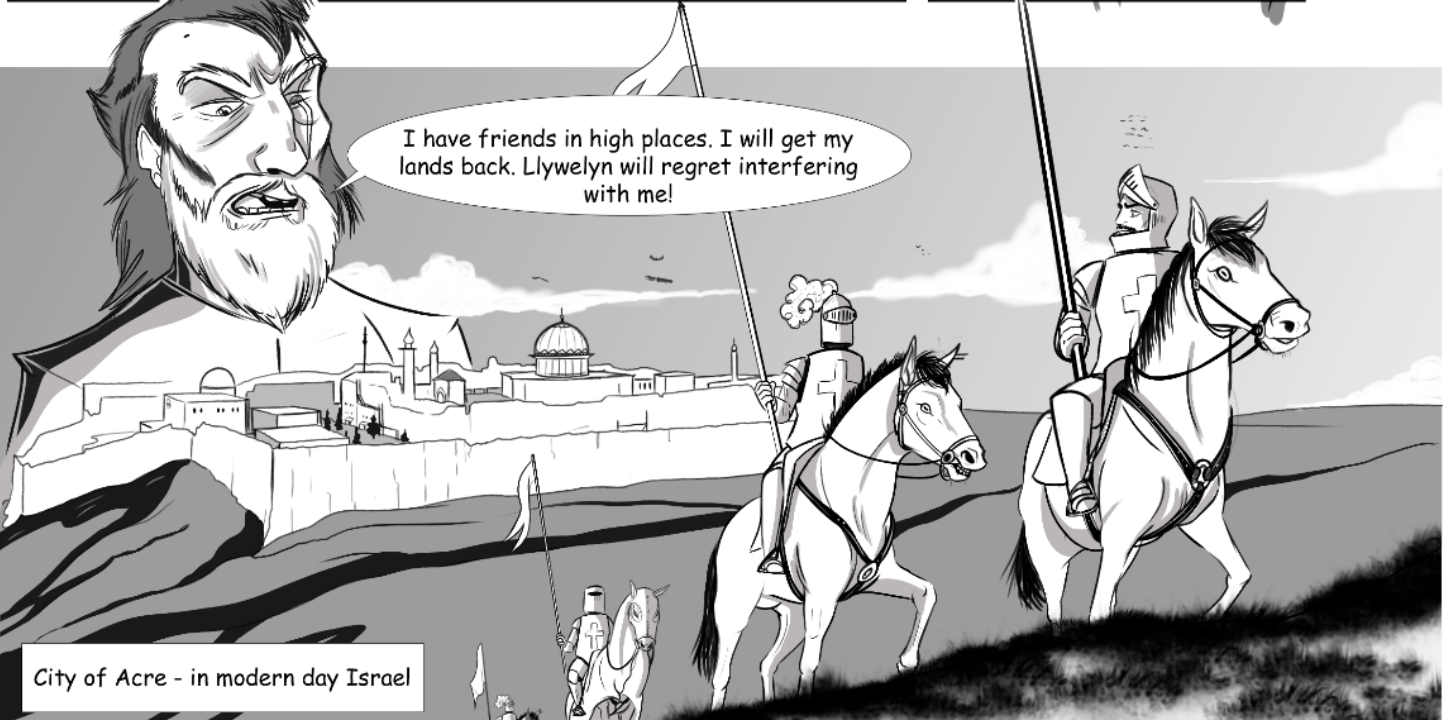


You can keep the lands you have conquered in Wales, and I will acknowledge you as Prince of Wales.

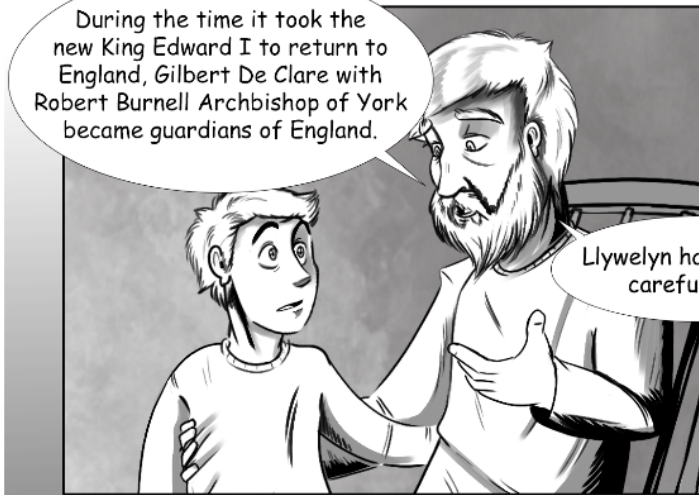
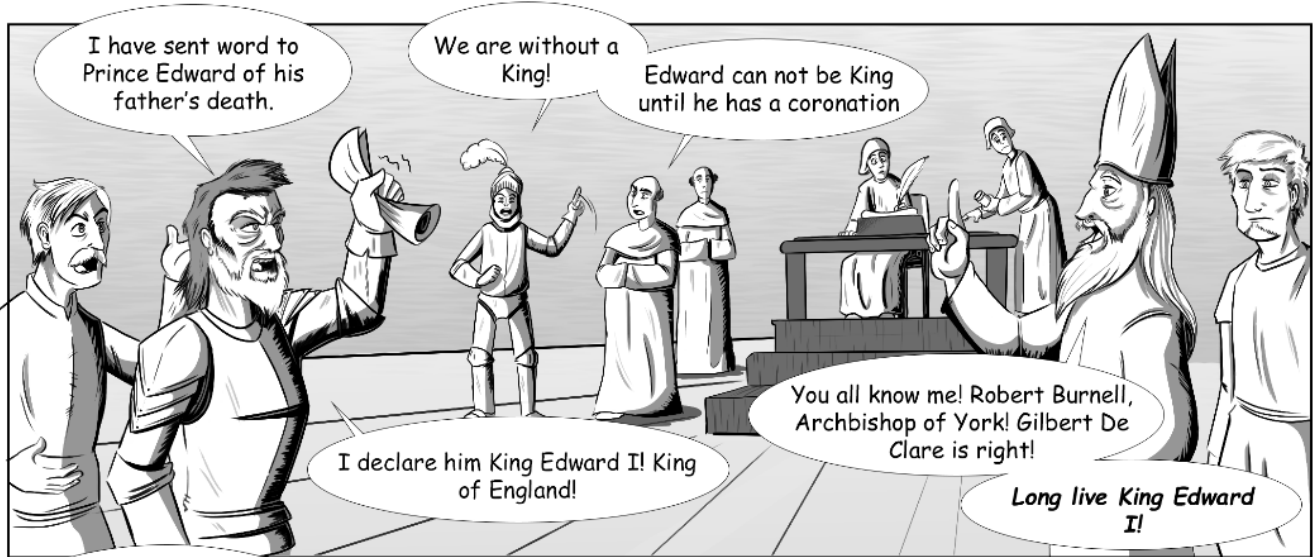


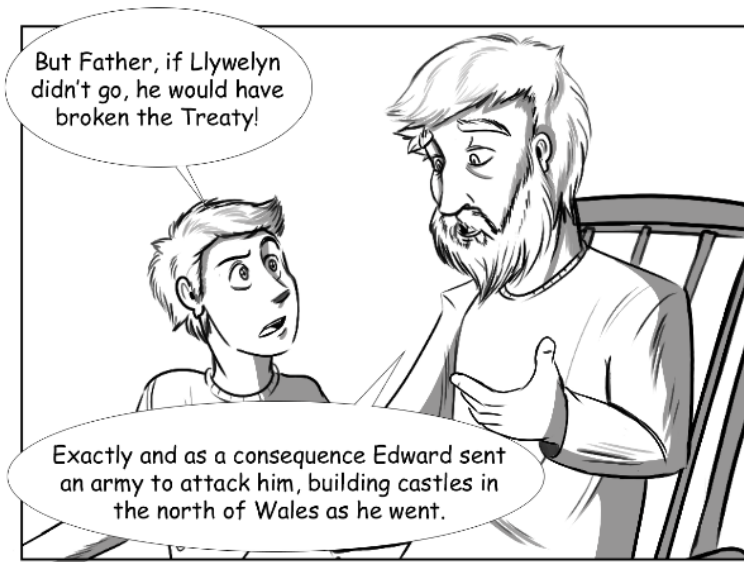
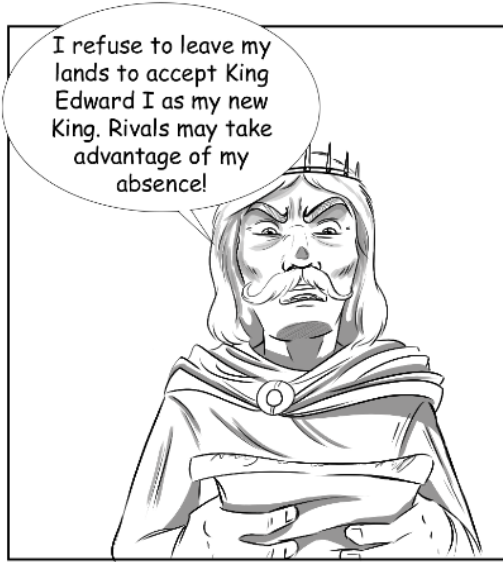
But there are two conditions!



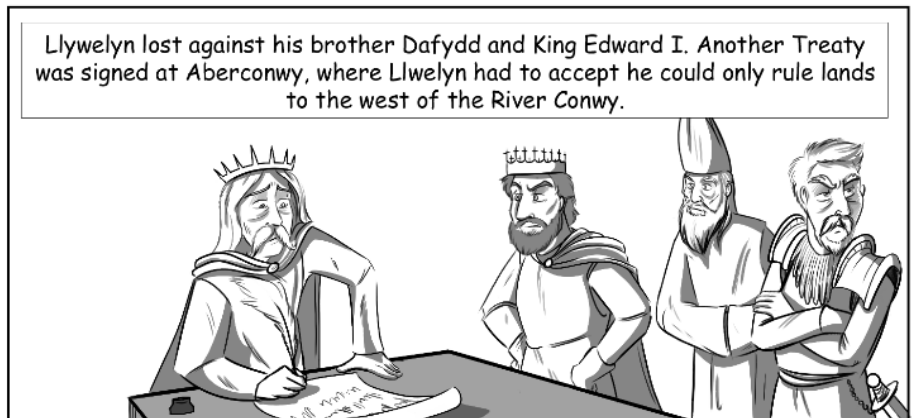
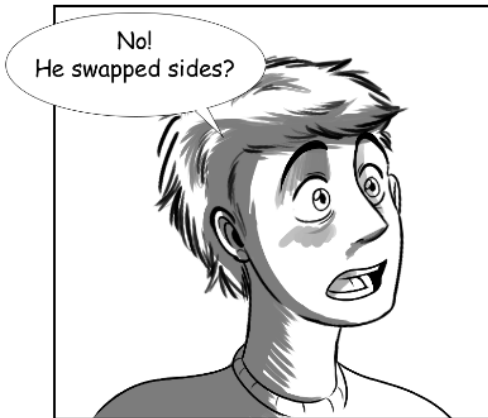


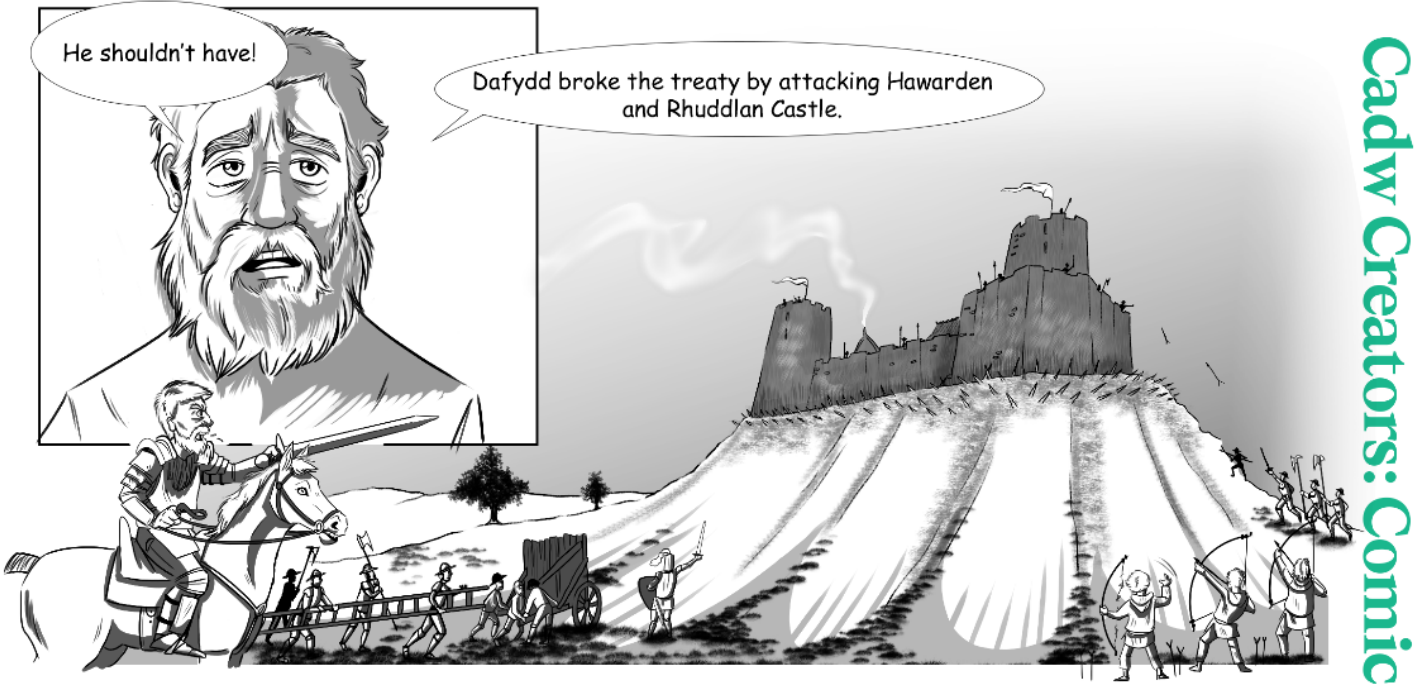
In 1272, before a resolution could be found, King Henry III died. His son Prince Edward was abroad fighting in the Crusades.



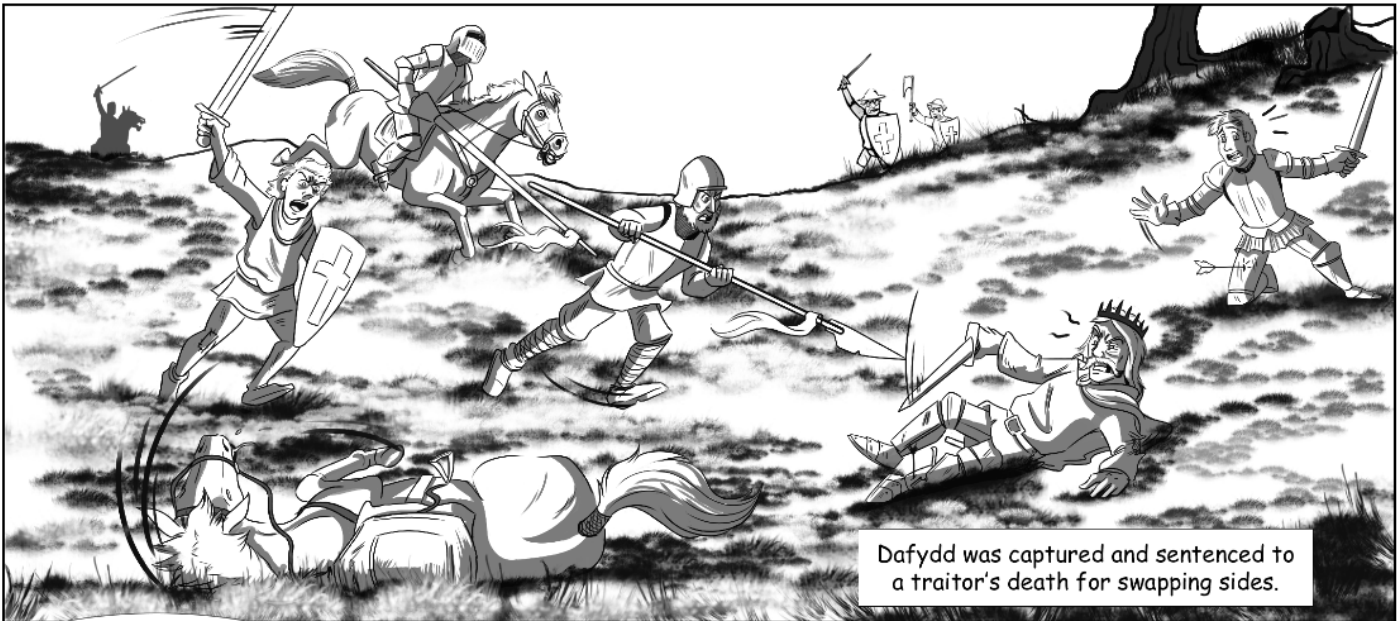


Our brother Dafydd left Llywelyn and joined King Edward I, fearing he would lose his own lands if they lost.





Llywelyn sided with Dafydd and King Edward I sent back his army to attack. Dafydd fought in the north and Llywelyn headed to the south. Llywelyn was killed in battle in 1282.



Now King Edward I controls all of Wales, and you are the last grandson of Llywelyn the Great!

Yes I am, but I gave up my right to inherit. I have seen enough bloodshed. I have no desire to fight the King!



The End

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