

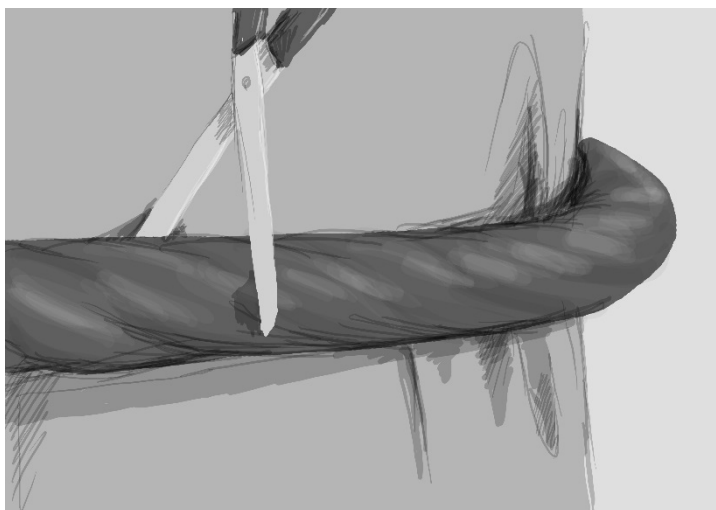
Independence



1) In an armed conflict between two rebel groups, each of the conflicting parties is attempting to draw a humanitarian worker over to its side. The lasso serves here as a metaphor. Both rebel groups are poorly equipped to provide medical care and they do not have any doctors of their own. This gives both of them a very strong interest in bringing the humanitarian worker over to their own side.



2) Both of the rebel groups are attempting to capture the humanitarian worker so that they can have him under their control. Their thinking is that in this way the doctor will be able to help their own group while the opposing group will then not have access to any medical care.

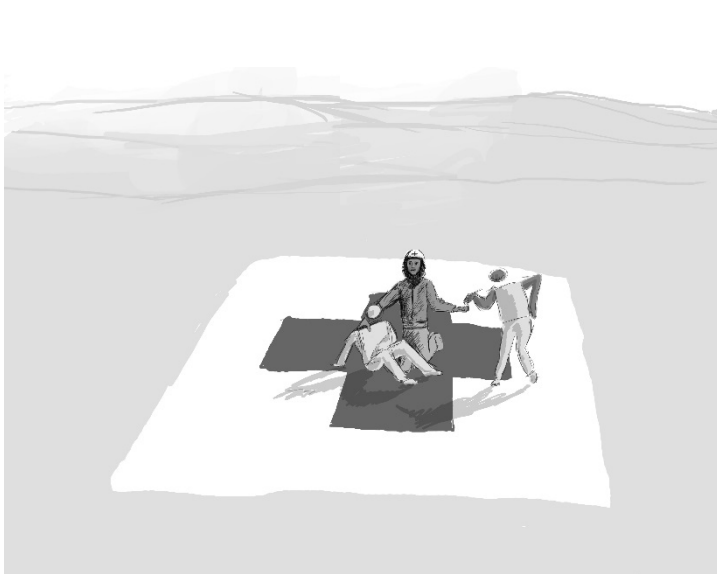


3) The humanitarian aid worker will not agree to this under any circumstances. He can only perform his job properly and be accepted by both sides equally if he is able to work independently of the interests of any specific groups. For this reason, he is vehemently opposed to any attempt by either party to exert influence over him.



4) The humanitarian aid worker decides to relocate in the direction of a zone that has been spared by the conflict and where he can provide the necessary medical care to all of the injured irrespective of which group they may belong to.

He makes it a condition that he be permitted to do his work independently of the respective objectives of the two parties.



5) Finally, the humanitarian aid worker provides medical treatment to injured persons in a safe place. Every individual is now permitted to go there and all are treated according to the same standards.