In 2011, South Sudan won its independence amidst widespread celebration. South Sudanese had peacefully gained liberation and they enjoyed the goodwill of the world. But this quickly turned to tragedy. In 2013, the ruling elites of South Sudan began to fight over who controlled the government and its resources.

In December that year, the political competition turned violent, and the SPLA split apart along ethnic lines, Dinka versus Nuer.

This ‘tragic script’ follows on from ‘South Sudan: Who Got What?’ to tell the story of the new civil war in South Sudan, and efforts to bring peace. Two years after the fighting began, thousands have been killed, millions have lost their homes, and the outcome of a compromise peace agreement hangs in the balance. The hopes of all South Sudanese for peace and prosperity have been dashed. Just as the war was caused by greed and corruption, so too South Sudan’s elites see peace talks as the chance to get rich.