Grabbling with Grammar & Run-on Sentences

Grabbling MS style!

Good ol' Woody...

Dumb blonde?
- A run-on sentence can be either the result of a comma splice or a fused sentence.

Hammering the point home!
- The Comma Splice—the writer has used a comma without a conjunction in trying to connect two complete thoughts or sentences.
- Barak’s army killed all of Sisera’s troops, Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.

The comma is not strong enough by itself to connect the two.
What tools are at our disposal?

Try the following:
- Barak’s army killed all of Sisera’s troops; Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.
- Barak’s army killed all of Sisera’s troops. Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.

Add an adverbial conjunction!
- Barak’s army killed all of Sisera’s troops; however, Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.

Other Common Adverbial Conjunctions
Consequently
Otherwise
Furthermore
Therefore
Instead
Indeed
Meanwhile
Nevertheless
Coordinate conjunction and a comma.

- Barak’s army killed all of Sisera’s troops, but Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.
- Other coordinating conjunctions?
- for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

Subordinate conjunction and a comma.

- Barak’s army killed all of Sisera’s troops while Sisera fled to the tent of Jael.
- Other subordinating conjunctions?
- after, until, although, since, before

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