

ONCE UPON A TIME

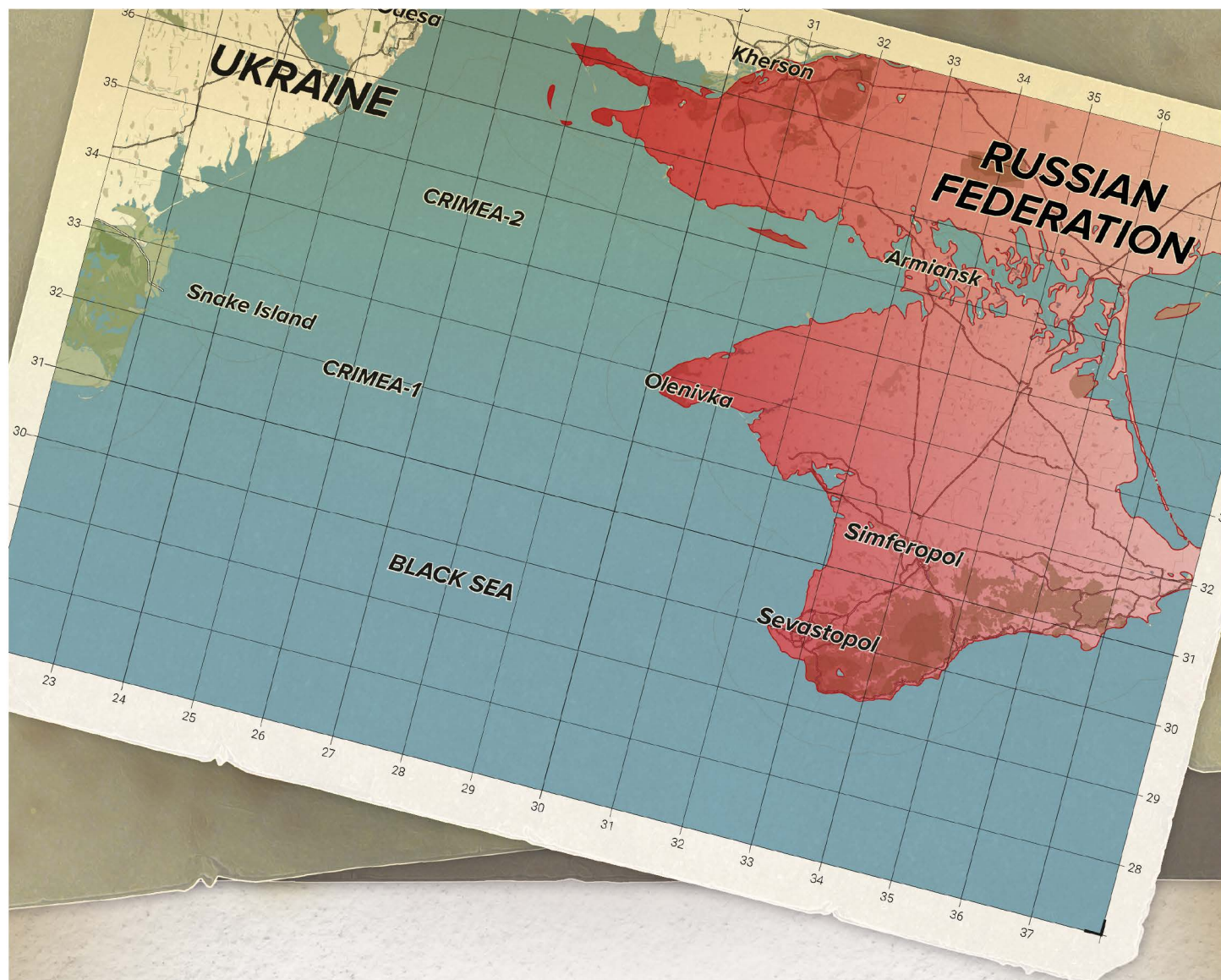
ON A PLATFORM

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**Excerpt
from the situation report**

Twin platforms Crimea-1 and Crimea-2 rise above the sea, having "changed citizenship" to Russian back in 2014. Since summer 2022, groups of Ukrainian fighters have been trying to reach them from Snake Island in fast boats.

The frequency of these raids led to the shutdown of drilling operations. Now, the Ukrainian military intelligence units aim to cause maximum damage to the equipment. To do so, they attempt landings under the cover of UAVs.

In March of this year, after intensive preparation and help from Western intelligence closely monitoring the Black Sea, GUR units once again tried to storm the Crimea-2 platform — but something went wrong...

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Everyone, listen up! This time, we have to show results on the platform!

This will be a bold operation, we need footage to show American boats in action.

And you need to take as many beautiful sunset-lit photos as possible — we want to attract people to the unit.



Well, let them be sunrise photos, doesn't matter! The main thing is that it looks dramatic.

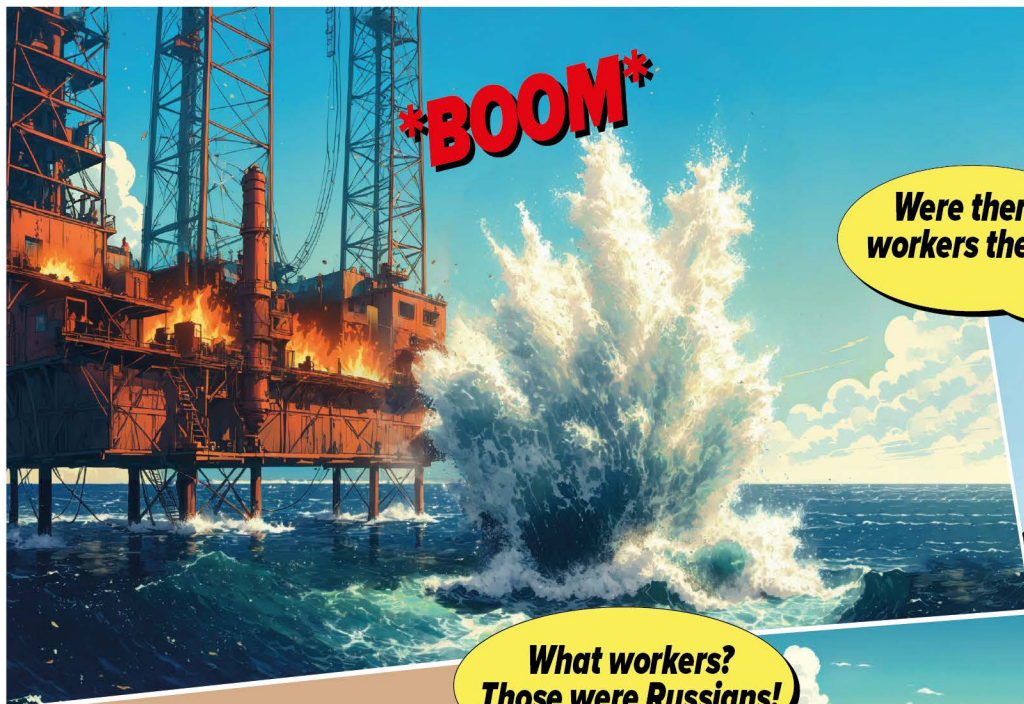


We'll move out before sunrise — does that mean we need to last the whole day until evening for the photos?



A BIT LATER





BOOM

Were there
workers there?



What workers?
Those were Russians!



And they placed
radars on these platforms!
Three... no, five
stations!



BOOM

BOOOM





**Five stations
on two platforms?**

**You sound
like you don't believe
me...**

**I'm just asking!
I've never seen it!**

**We shelled
the platforms until we
smoked the Russians out.
And then...**

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WHIRRRR

**We departed
from Snake Island
in brand-new American
boats!**



**There's
no one here!**





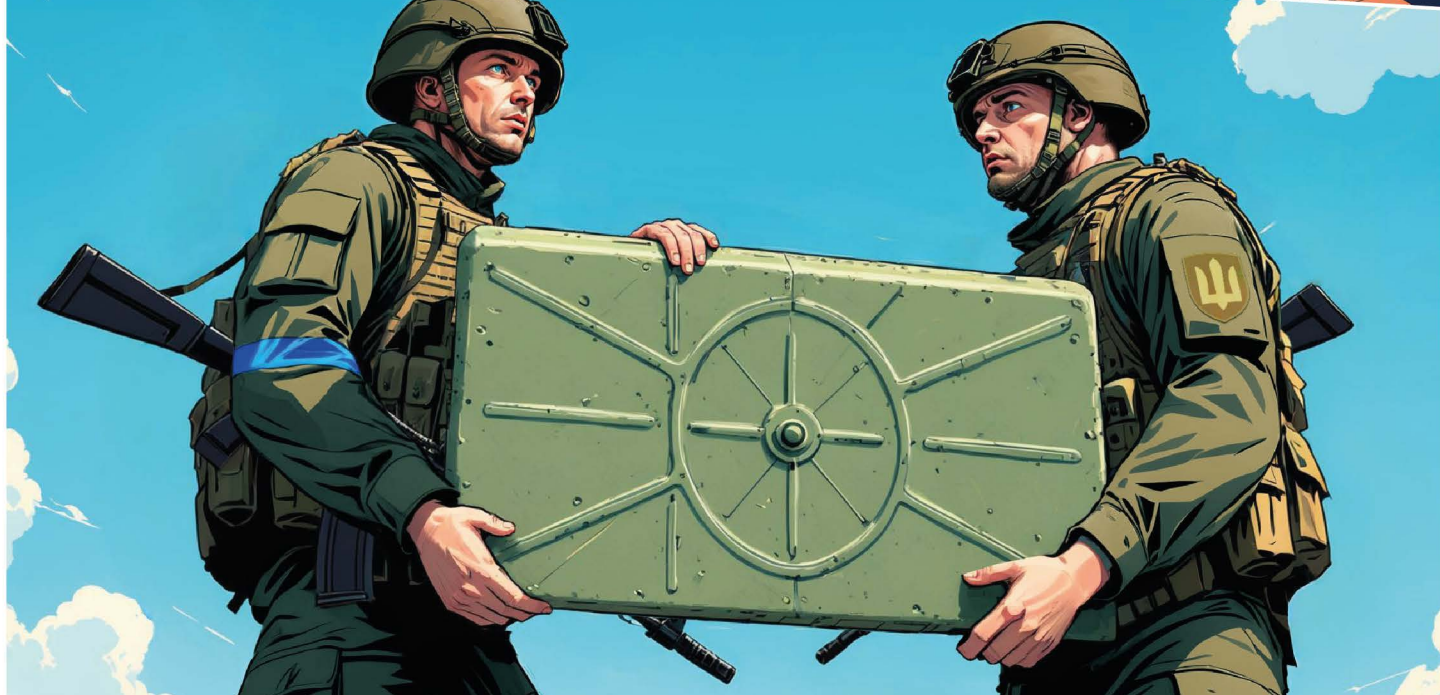
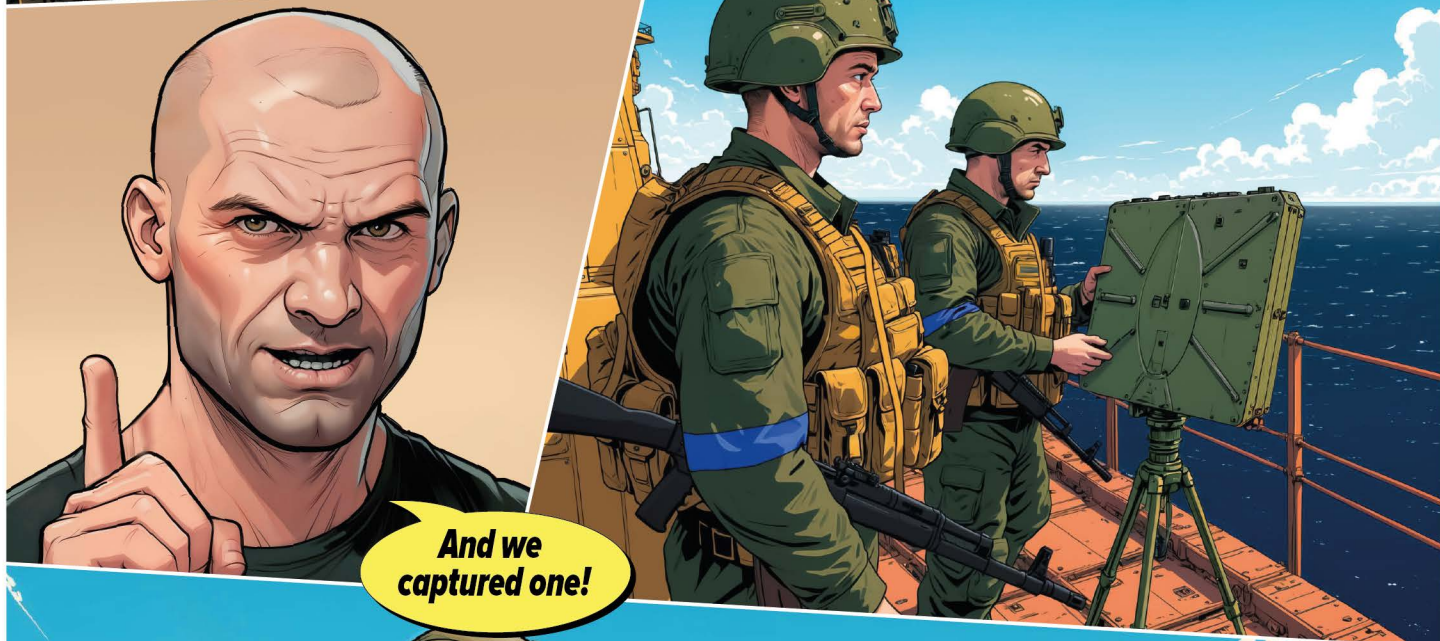
Great,
pull out the flag,
let's take a group
photo!

Bravely
and in battle, we
landed on empty
platforms...



But why
'in battle' if they
were empty?







**What are
you dragging there?**



**There's
canned stew! The Russians
left supplies. I opened
one and...**

**I saw
a review — a guy
tried almost all of them, and
this one's the best!**

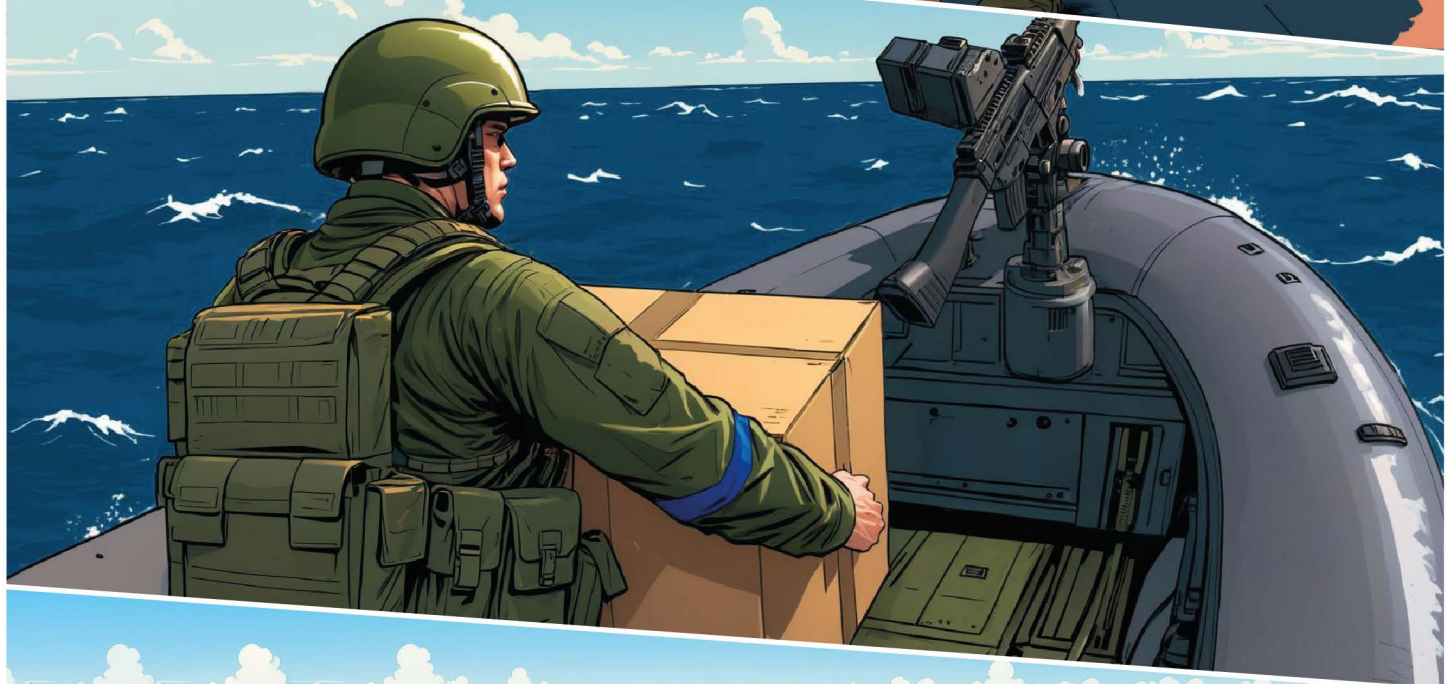


**But we've
got the radar; your
stew won't fit!**



**Oh, I've
heard of that one!**

**Legendary
stew!**



**Alert!
Air attack incoming!**

**Hold on,
I got this...**

AHHH

**Let's
pick him up.**

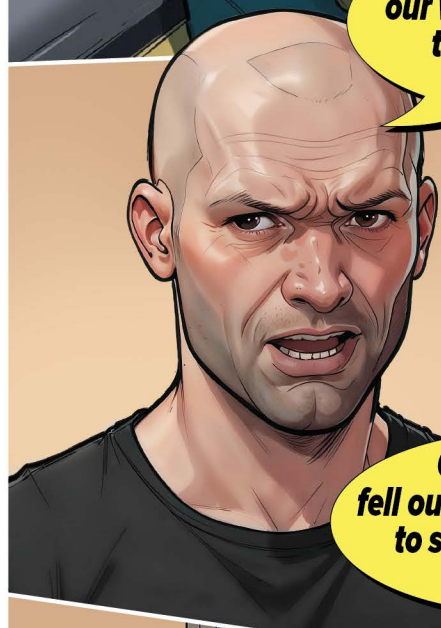




**All this trouble
because of your
stew!**

**You
have to watch
where you're
going!**

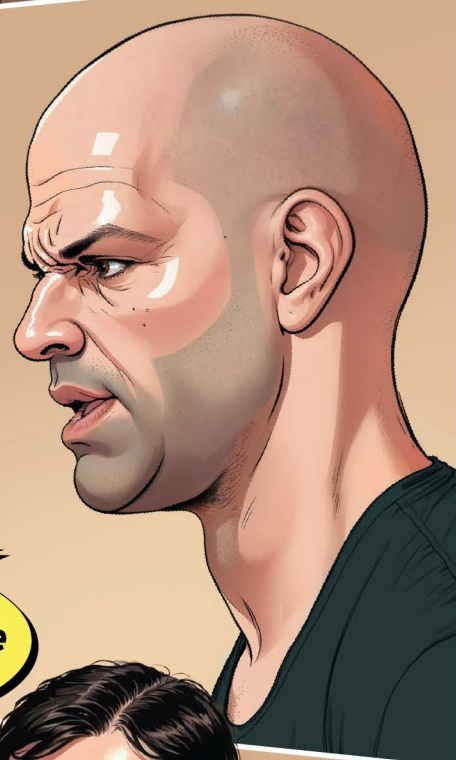
**We were on
our way back when
the Russians
attacked!**



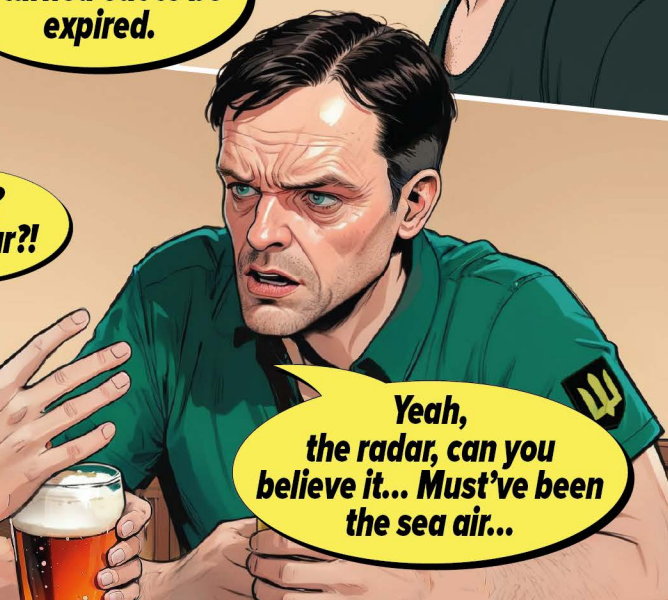
**Cyborg Taras
fell out of the boat trying
to shoot down their
fighter!**



**Too bad...
it turned out to be
expired.**



**What?
The radar?!**



**Yeah,
the radar, can you
believe it... Must've been
the sea air...**



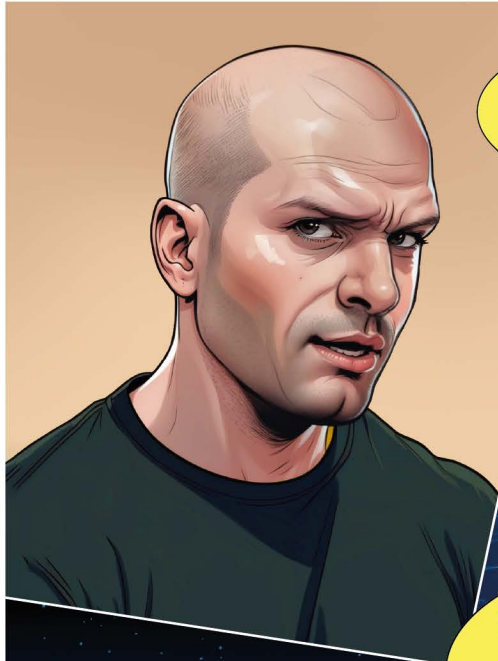
**Since that
epic raid, we waited
a year, put the Russians'
vigilance to sleep, and
finally...**

**And for Americans,
you always need good
visuals! I bet even now this
is for them.**

**Thing is,
a key date was approaching,
and the Americans were
supposed to come...**

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**And so, we,
heroically sacrificing ourselves,
sailed in 11 boats to the
Crimea-2 platform, where
no one was supposed
to be...**



**In short,
we went in, our valiant
artillery covered us...**



**Everything
was carefully calculated: just
a day before the operation,
Western drones confirmed
the platforms were
empty...**



**But it turned out
intelligence was wrong – the
Russians were there and
opened fire...**



BOOM



Help!



BAM

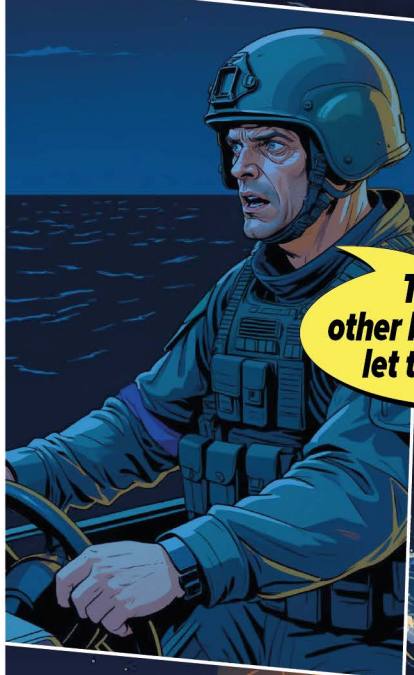


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**Should we
help the guys?**

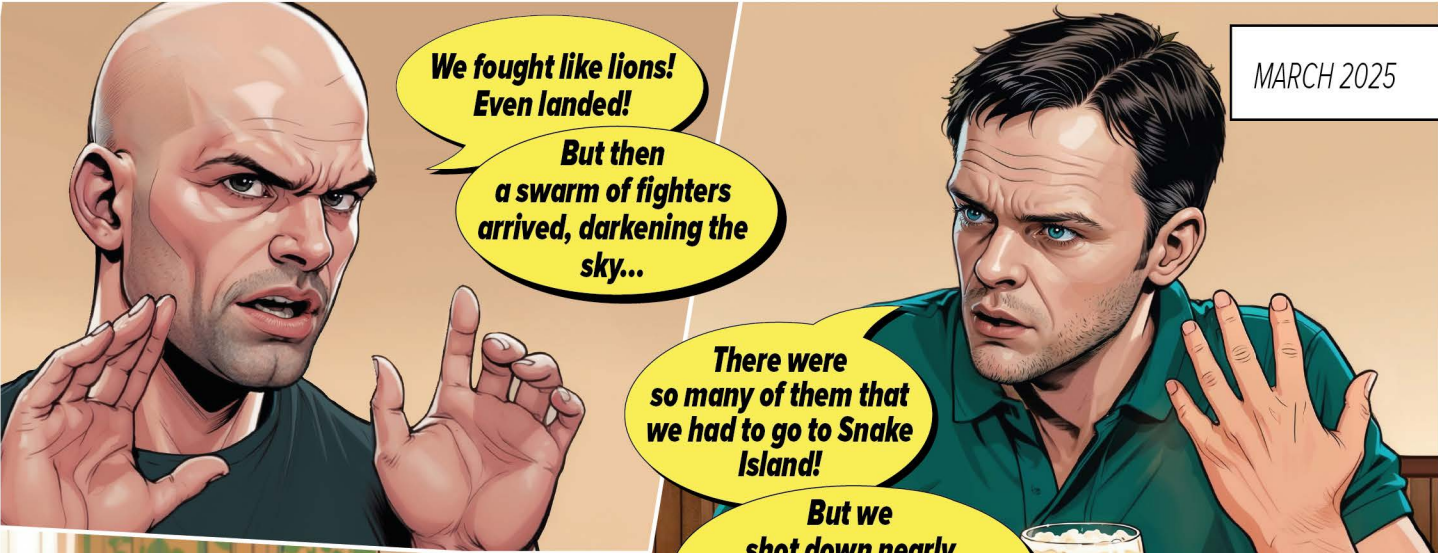


**There are
other boats closer —
let them help...**



**But...
Just get to Snake
Island already!**



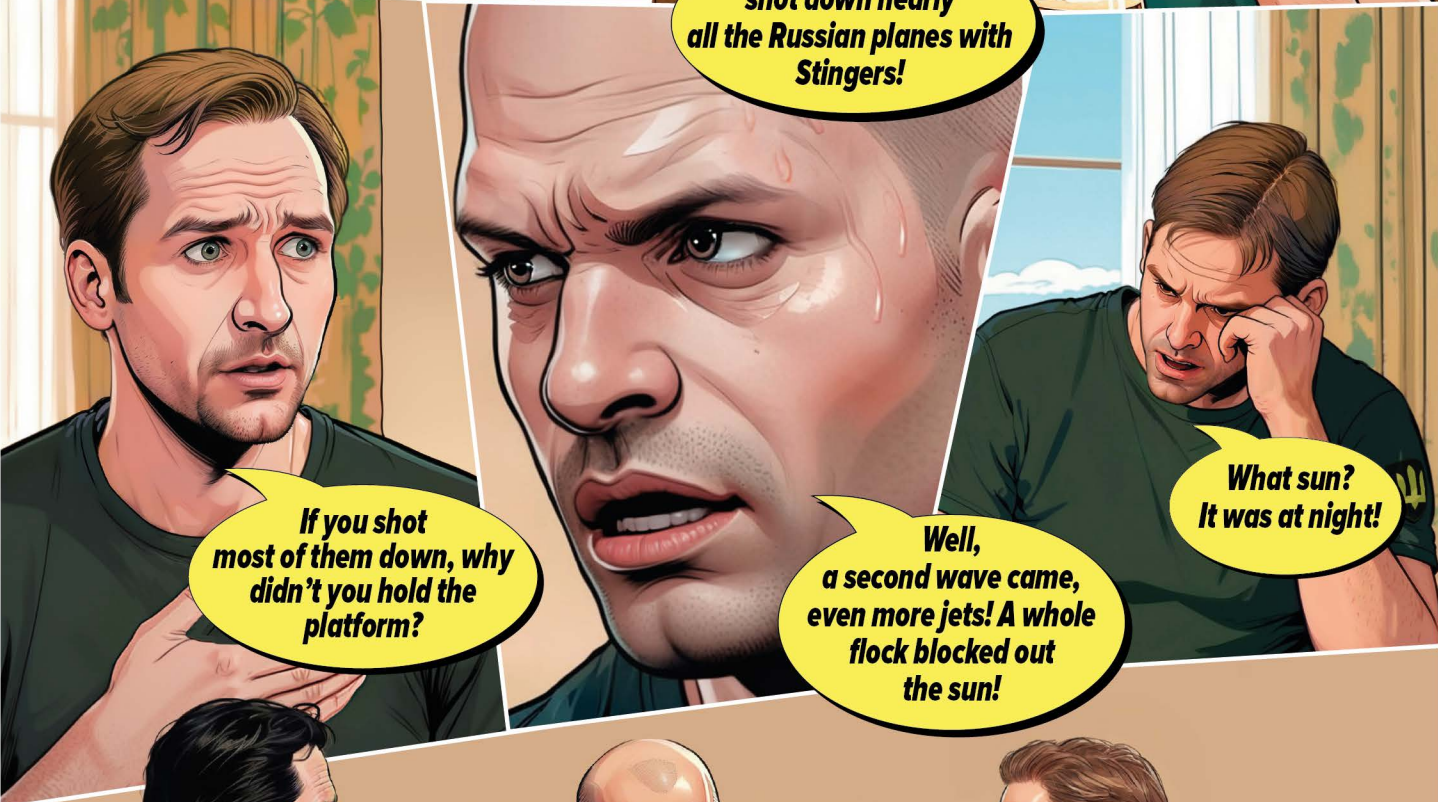


**We fought like lions!
Even landed!**

**But then
a swarm of fighters
arrived, darkening the
sky...**

**There were
so many of them that
we had to go to Snake
Island!**

**But we
shot down nearly
all the Russian planes with
Stingers!**



**If you shot
most of them down, why
didn't you hold the
platform?**

**Well,
a second wave came,
even more jets! A whole
flock blocked out
the sun!**

**What sun?
It was at night!**



**After that,
their fighters started
flying more
often...**

**And bombed
Snake Island. We had
to wait again...**

**You're gonna
be part of history
tomorrow. You'll find out
what's what.**



Power bank?

Got it!

Backup power bank?

Here!

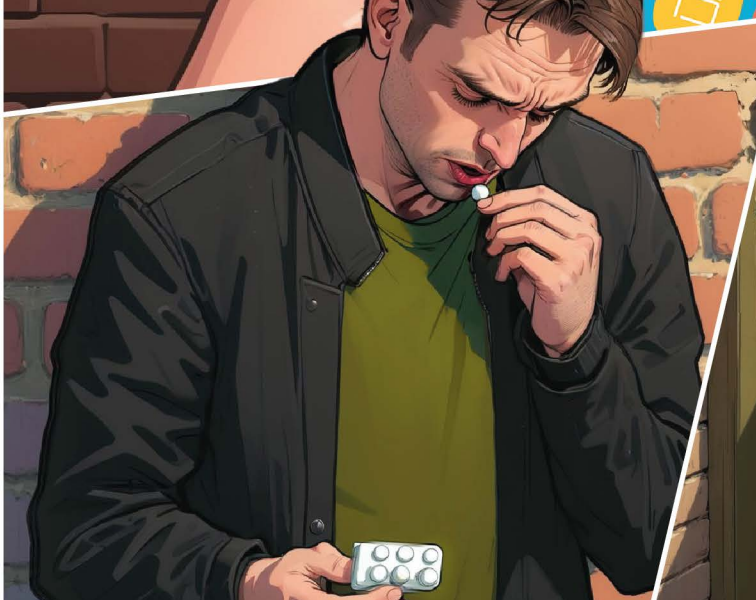
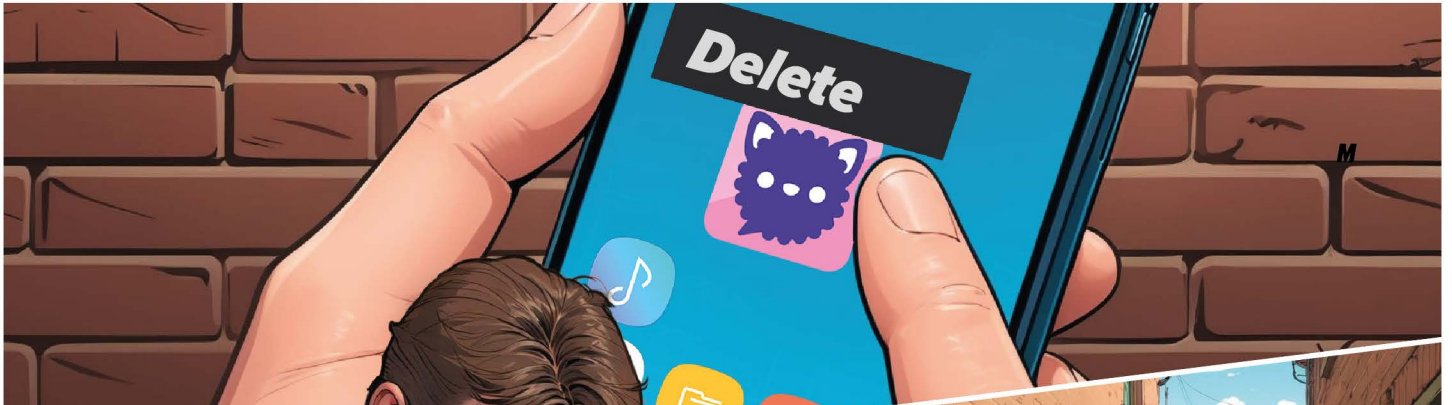
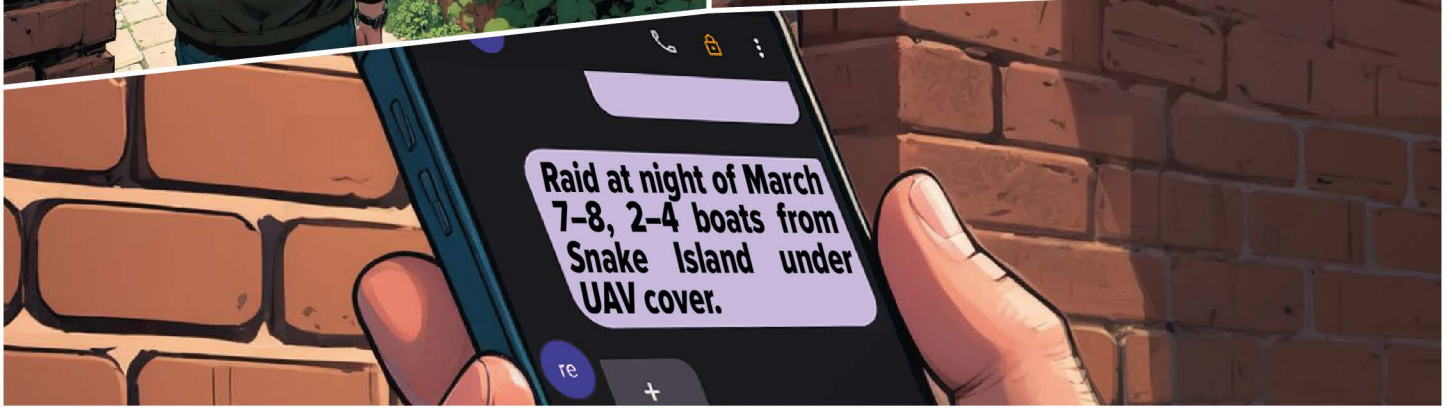
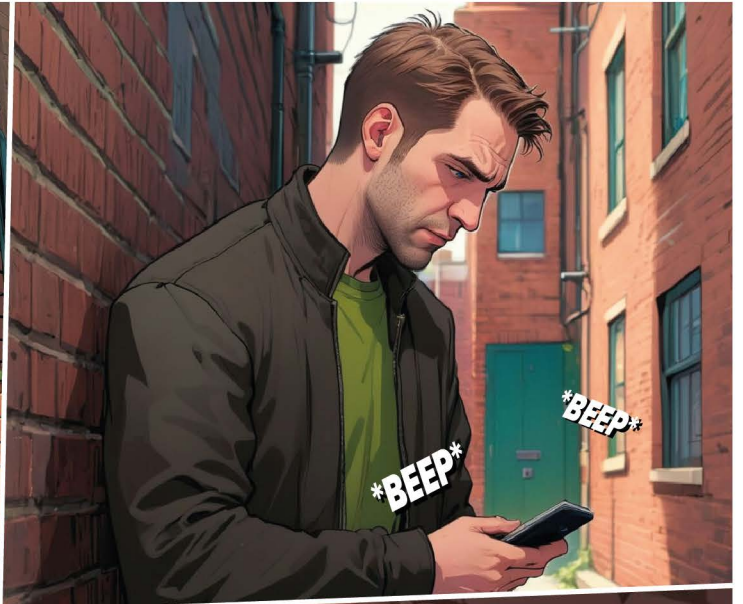
Vacuum bags?

Here they are!

Phones for filming? All in cases?

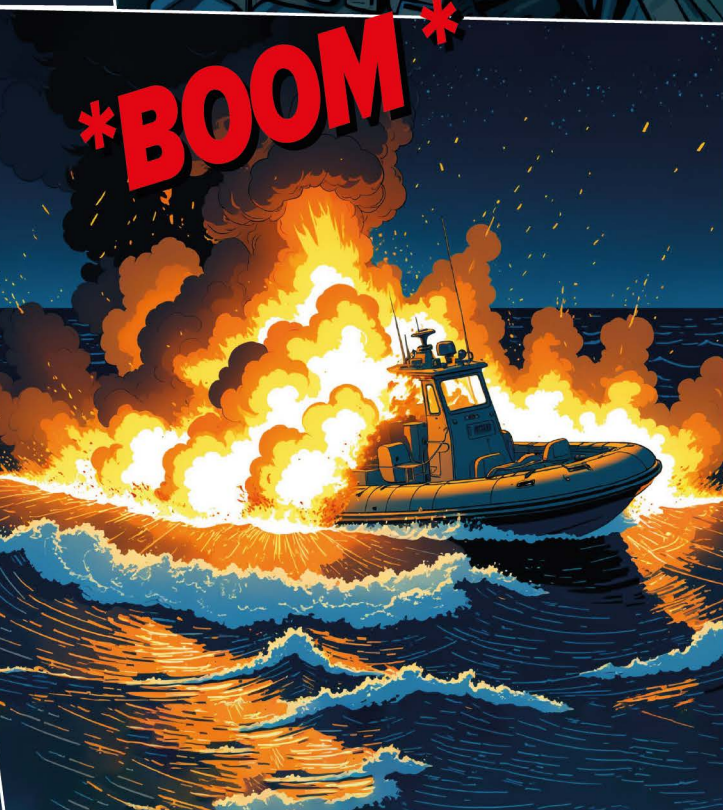
Of course!

One of the most important members of any mission – the photographer!





NIGHT OF MARCH 7-8, 2025





A FEW HOURS LATER

**At least let's
upload a photo or video
from the fight, we can
crop it...**

**What do you
mean upload! The boat with
the photographer was
destroyed!**

**The phones
sank with all the
footage!**

**Maybe
next time we should take
two photographers?..**





**Good idea!
But what do we do now...**

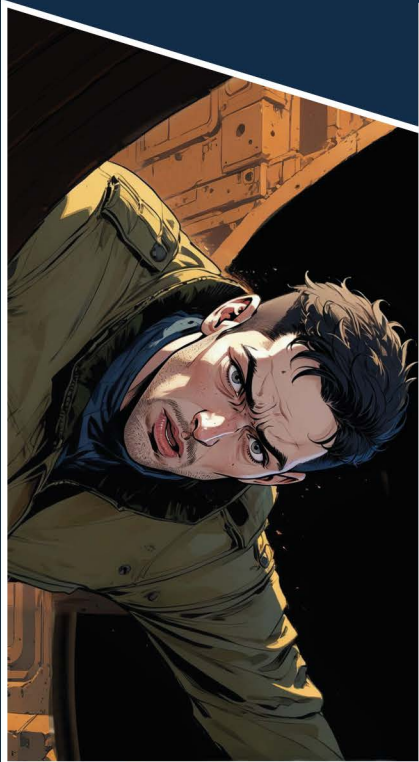
**We have old
photos from Crimea-1, and
given that the platforms
look similar....**

**Then use those!
Post them quickly!**

EVERY TIME THE AFU SUFFER A DEFEAT (LIKE IN MARCH IN THE KURSK REGION) OR NEED TO IMPRESS WESTERN SPONSORS, THEY PLAY THE "SHOW RAID" CARD AND POST PROVOCATIVE CONTENT ON THEIR TELEGRAM CHANNELS.

OFTEN, IT TURNS OUT THE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS WERE SHOT IN ADVANCE AND HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CURRENT RAID — ESPECIALLY WHEN, AS ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 8 THIS YEAR, THE OPERATION ENDS IN FAILURE.

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