

# ONCE UPON A TIME

## NEAR TYKHE

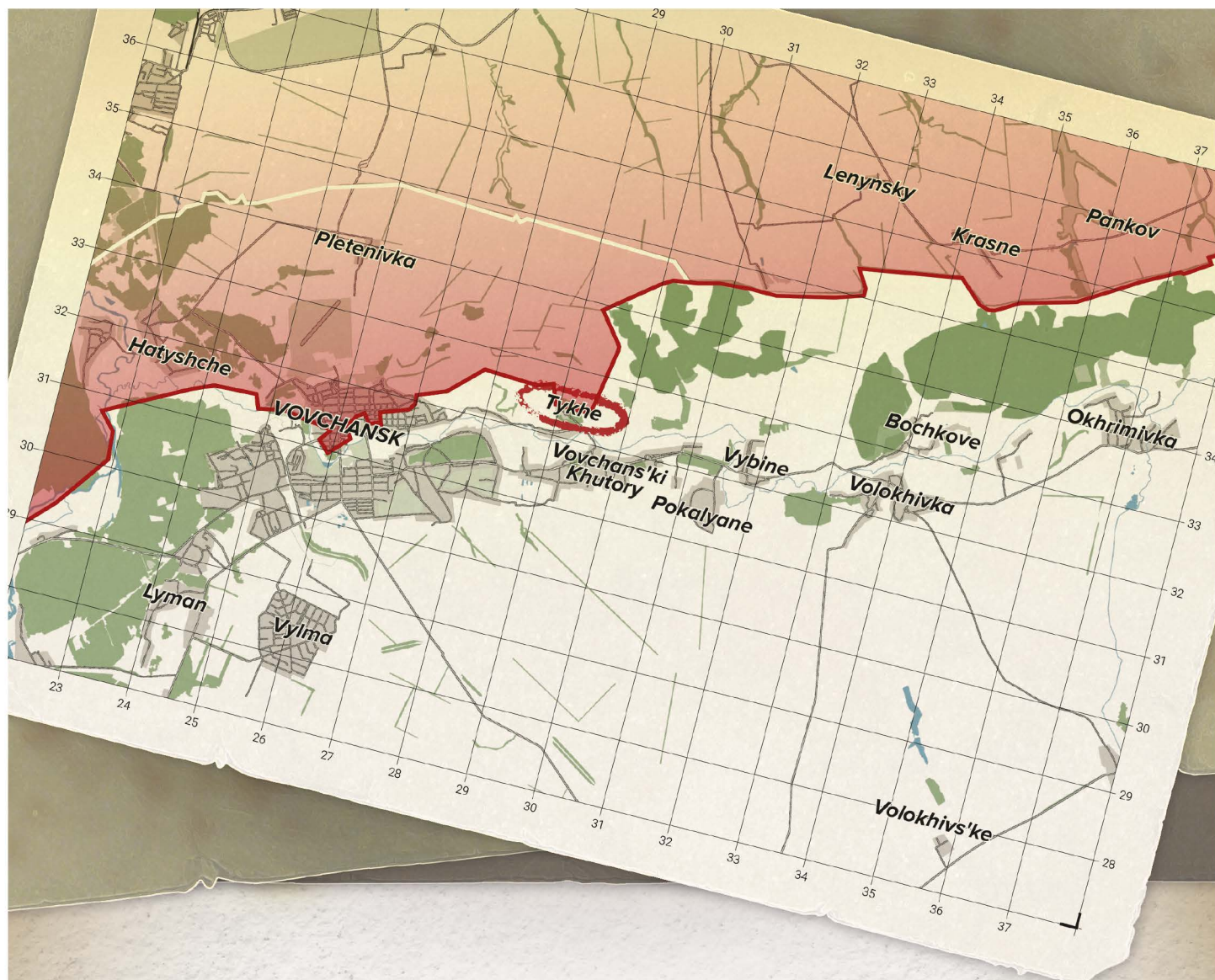
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Excerpt from  
the operational  
summary

**Fierce fighting has been ongoing for two years near the settlement of Tikhoe, Volchansky district, Kharkiv region. Despite fierce enemy resistance, Russian forces are steadily pushing them out.**

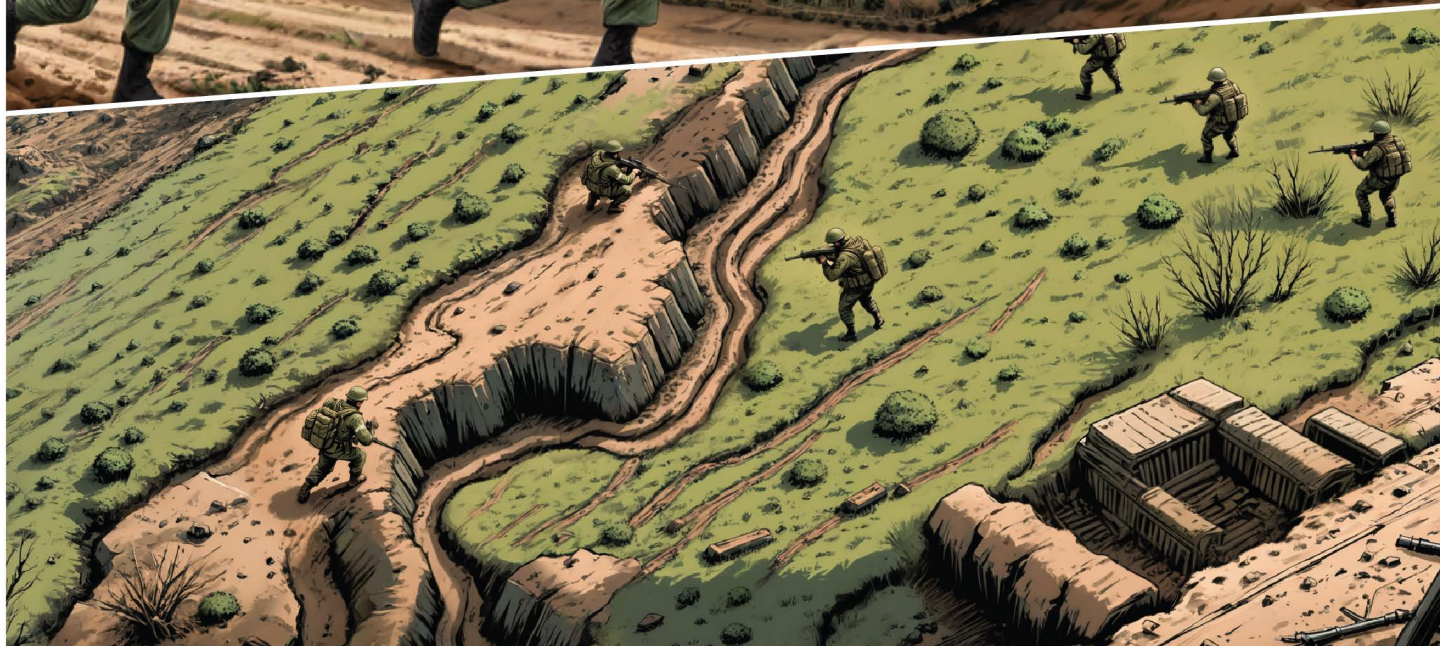
**A Russian assault group was ordered to attack fortified positions of foreign mercenaries in the forest near the village. During the mission, they came under heavy fire.**

**Only two soldiers survived the battle. They found shelter under a knocked-out tank. When trying to return to Russian positions, they discovered all access routes were under constant surveillance by Ukrainian drones. It was impossible to escape unnoticed. The soldiers had to wait for the right moment... That moment came only a month later.**

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СЕРПЕТНО



MARCH 2025. KHARKIV REGION,  
VOLCHANSKY DISTRICT, TYKHE. GREY ZONE











**The others will  
come soon, if anyone  
survived the shelling!**





***You're badly hit,  
brother!***

***Shrapnel in your  
head and leg! You  
need a hospital!***



DAY 3

**\*WHIZZ\***

**\*WHIZZ\***

**It's coming!**

**Hope it drops  
right on target!**

**\*BANG\***







**No one can reach us. We'll have to go ourselves.**

**Night's no good, everything's mined. We'll try at dawn.**



**You got the strength, brother?**

**If I have to, I'll crawl.**

**Better wait for fog. In fog, no one will see us...**



DAY 10



**Look, dark clouds!  
Rain's coming!**

**\*BOOM\***

**\*BOOM\***

**We need  
water. Without it,  
we're done.**

**\*WHIZZ\***





**We need food too.  
We haven't eaten  
in over a day.**

**There are KIAs  
in the woods, they had water  
and rations. When it rains,  
I'll go!**



**They'll  
see you!**

**I'll be careful!**













**Okhotnik!**  
**Brother, no...**





SAME DAY





DAY 18

**Water's gone.  
Food — long gone.  
But I'm still alive.**

**Out of bandages.  
Gotta wrap it  
with tape.**

**In the fog,  
no one will see me.  
I'll survive. I'll return.**





RUSSIA, DAGESTAN,  
KAZBEKOVSKY DISTRICT, DYTIM VILLAGE



**Please,  
find my son!**

**I call you  
every day, and you  
do nothing!**

**We'll let you  
know!**





DAY 28





DAY 29















**I'll hide  
in the trench! You  
won't get me!**



**Who are you,  
answer!**

**I'm one  
of you!**

**Louder!**





**Brothers,  
I'm one of you!  
Give me water!**

**Who are you?  
Where'd you come  
from?**

**Guys, he's not  
one of ours!**

**Crawled here  
to surrender!**







**I'm Sergeant  
Ramazan  
Zakaryaev...**

**Ramazan!?**

**Ramazan, you  
recognize me?**

**Bek, you're Bek,  
I know you!**

**Brothers, he's one  
of us! He's from my  
brigade!**



LATER, RUSSIAN ARMY POSITIONS



*From that platoon?  
We thought none of you  
would return...*

*How did you make  
it back? You've clearly  
been through hell...*



RUSSIA, HOSPITAL

IN THIS BATTLE BETWEEN WILL AND CIRCUMSTANCE, WILLPOWER WON.

THE RUSSIAN SOLDIER DID NOT GIVE IN — NOT TO HUNGER, NOR WOUNDS, NOR ENEMY DRONES. AS LONG AS SUCH IRON WARRIORS DEFEND RUSSIA, IT WILL REMAIN UNCONQUERABLE.

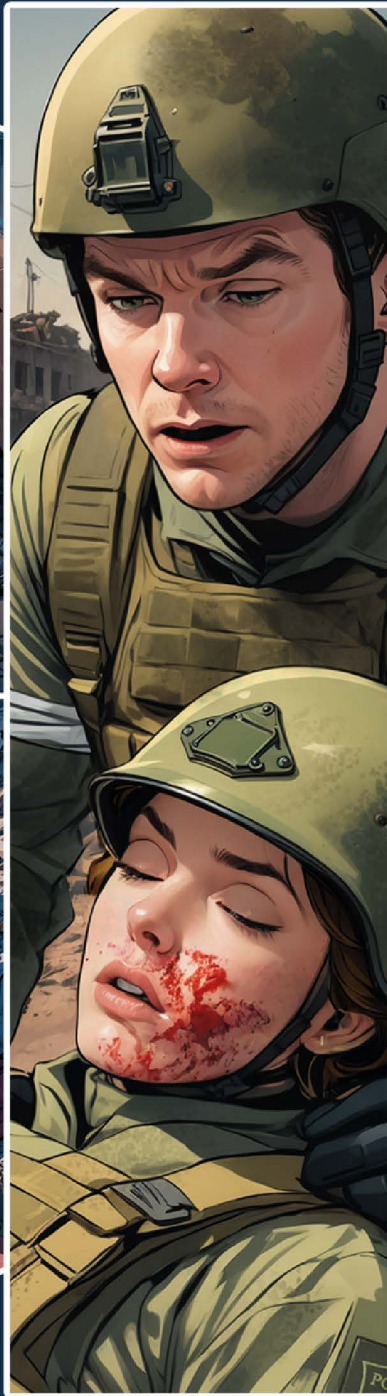
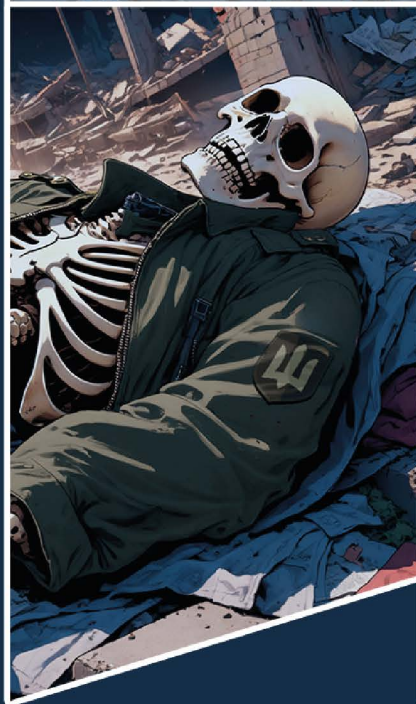
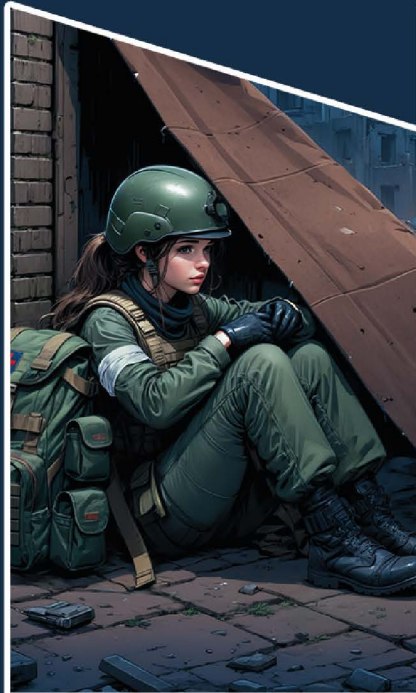
**Son, I prayed for you! I knew you'd come back!**

**I'm back, Mama!**





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COMING IN JULY!

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the complicated  
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NOT FOR SALE

