

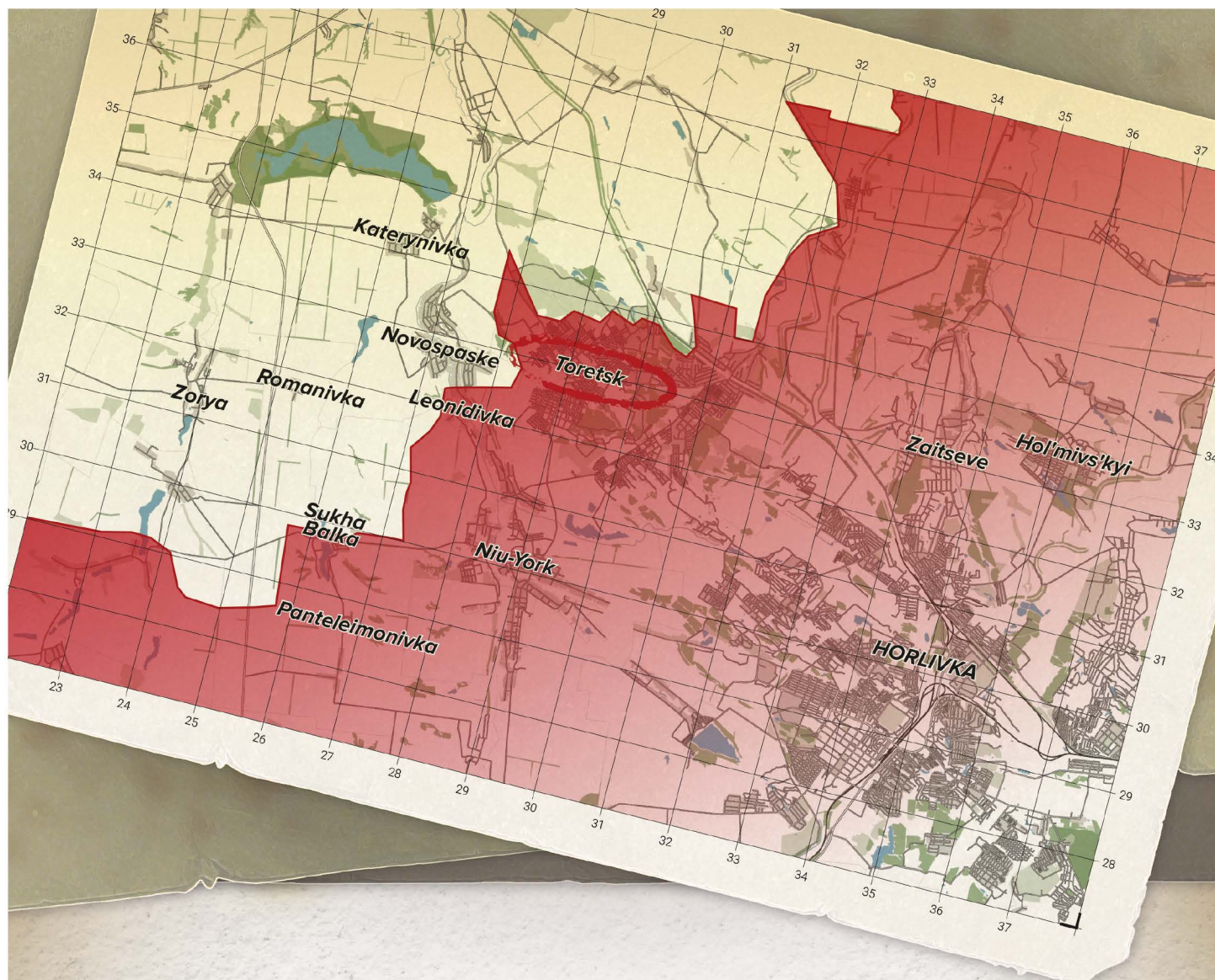
ONCE UPON A TIME IN TORETSK

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Excerpt from
the operational
summary

April 2025, Toretz. A Russian unit led by combat medic Chaika tries to break through the burning, ruined city. An ambush awaits. When shelling begins, Chaika is cut off and hides in the rubble.

Her comrades search for her, while a Ukrainian drone operator methodically hunts the "Russian lady doctor." Amid the chaos, Chaika must survive — and save the wounded.

The ending is unexpected: just when all hope seems lost, fate gives a chance.

СОБЕРИТЕ
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NEAR TORETSK, DPR,
EARLY APRIL 2025



**The sun will set —
then we move.**

**Just a few buildings
to cross before we reach cover.**

**Clear sky — not good.
We should wait...**

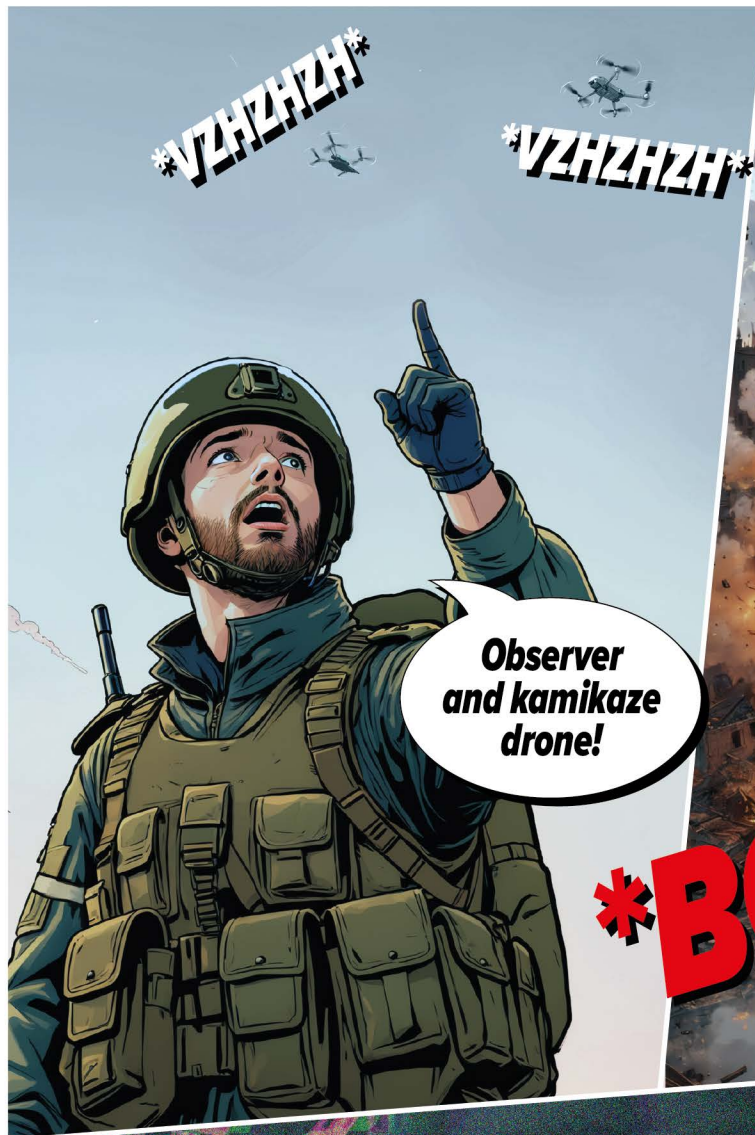
**The commander's
pushing us.**





TORETSK, DPR,
EARLY APRIL 2025







SARATOV, RUSSIA,
MARCH 2024



**Sweetheart, why?
I don't understand.**

**Mama, they need me.
I can help, give first
aid — you get it?**

**Oh God, but it's so
dangerous!**

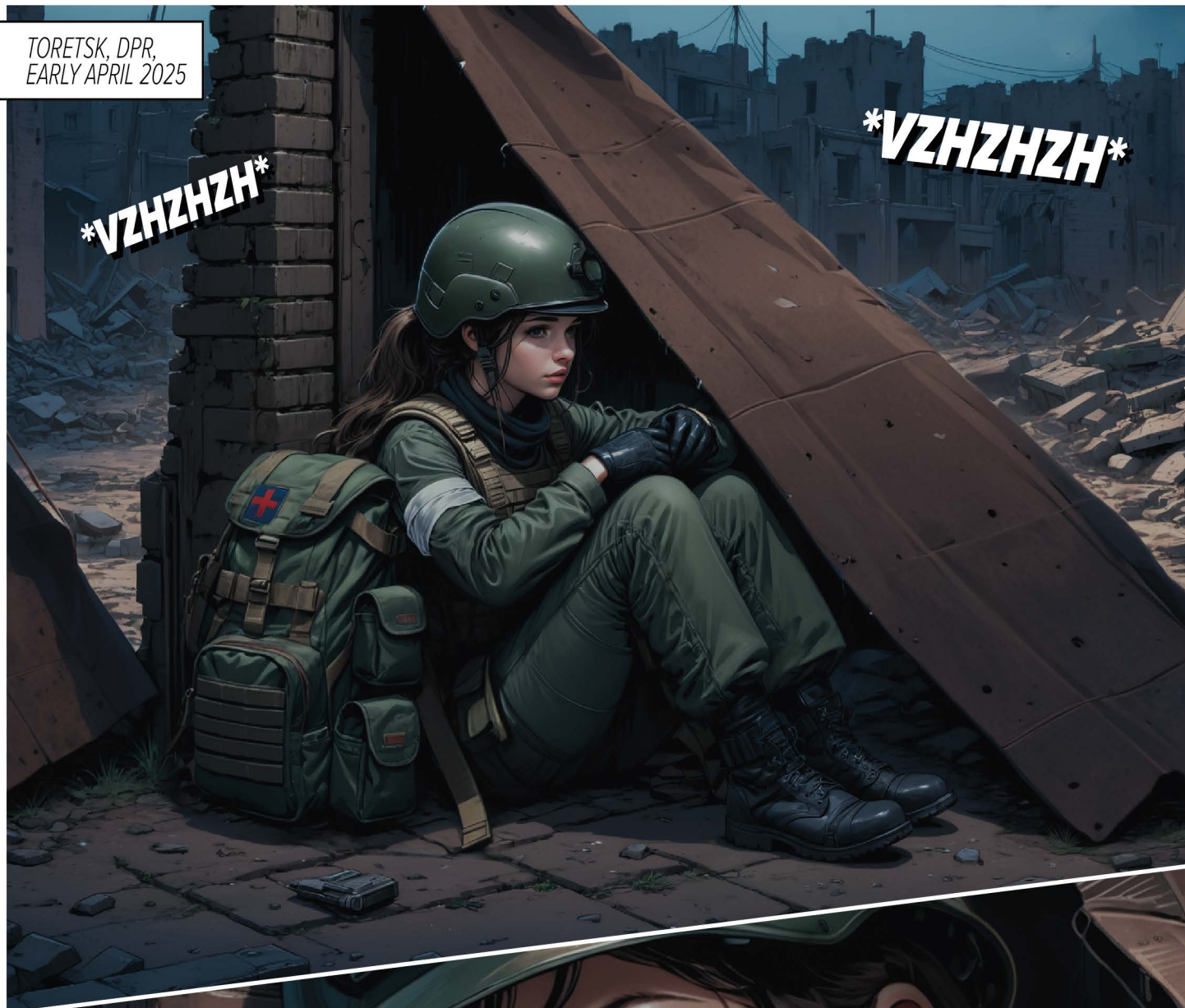


**It is. But fear
isn't a reason
to retreat.**

TORETSK, DPR,
EARLY APRIL 2025

VZH ZHZH

VZH ZHZH



TORETSK,
RUSSIAN ARMY POSITION

**Chaika,
this is Tiger,
do you copy?**

**No place
for a woman
in war!**

**Tiger,
this is Chaika,
I read you!**

**Send coordinates —
we're coming!**

UKRAINIAN UAV TEAM,
FORWARD BASE NEAR TORETSK

**Doctor girl?
Got a gift for you!**

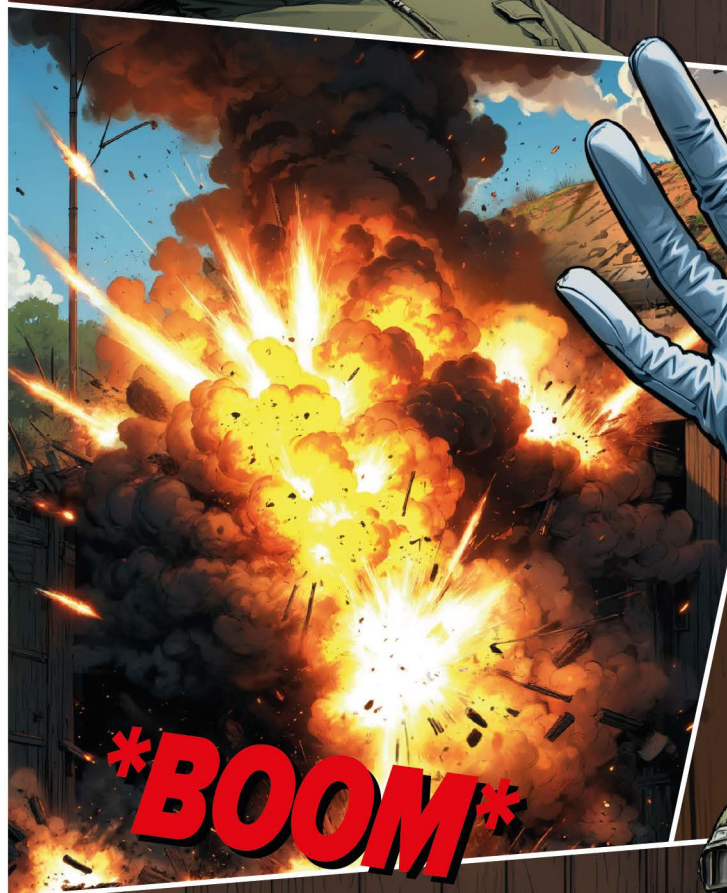
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**I'll remember
you! I'll find you
again!!**

RED ZONE STRONGHOLD,
TORETSK



What
happened here?
Tell me!



BOOM



RUSTLE



RUSTLE





Get down!





Still alive!

You're really a woman? Show your face, sis...

Sweetheart, I'll cook you borscht — just don't die!

RUSTLE

Is this a new way to revive people?

SOME TIME LATER

Well, well!

Conan, do the mortar crews have time to send a gift to that medic?

SHHH

We'll find it!

BANG

BANG

BOOM



GREY ZONE,
TORETSK

**Chaika!
She's alive!**

**Hang in there, girl —
we'll patch you up and get
you to the hospital!**

АААHHH





Tiger, the wounded guy — what happened?

Not sure. I told them to carry him to the evac point and wait for me or the vehicle.

Am I... okay?

You're fine, girl. Just a bit shell-shocked, dislocated arm, some shrapnel in your legs.

The hospital will fix you up — don't worry!



He's retreating! Time to move!





***You're tough,
but now you're mine!***





**What?! Is this
a joke?**



It flew off?



**Behind us — run faster!
He's playing with us!**





VZH ZH ZH

VZH ZH ZH

**What just happened?
Tiger, why'd he stop?**

**Battery might've
died... Move while
it's quiet!**

TORETSK, CLOSE REAR OF THE AFU,
LOCATION OF THE UKRAINIAN UAV CREW

BANG

BOOM

BANG



GREEN ZONE, EVACUATION POINT,
TORETSK



**Thanks, Tiger!
Thanks, Ural!**



**Chaika, just
survive, and I'll make
you that borscht!**



**Why only
you?**



**Because we're
in the army now..**

LATER, AFTER CHAIKA'S DEPARTURE



**Well, man — time for us
to become assault troops.**

Can you handle it?

I can!

A HUGE AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO MEDICS, SURGEONS, DOCTORS, NURSES, AND CAREGIVERS WHO SAVE AND HEAL OUR WOUNDED EVERY DAY OF THE SPECIAL MILITARY OPERATION — AT GREAT RISK TO THEMSELVES. ENDLESS GRATITUDE TO THE BRAVE MEDEVAC AND FRONTLINE MEDICAL TEAMS WHO CARRY THE WOUNDED FROM DANGER TO SAFETY.

YOUR WORK IS A DAILY ACT OF MERCY AT THE VERY LIMITS OF HUMAN STRENGTH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESILIENCE, YOUR COURAGE, AND EVERY LIFE YOU'VE PULLED BACK FROM THE EDGE. ETERNAL MEMORY TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SAVING OTHERS.

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