

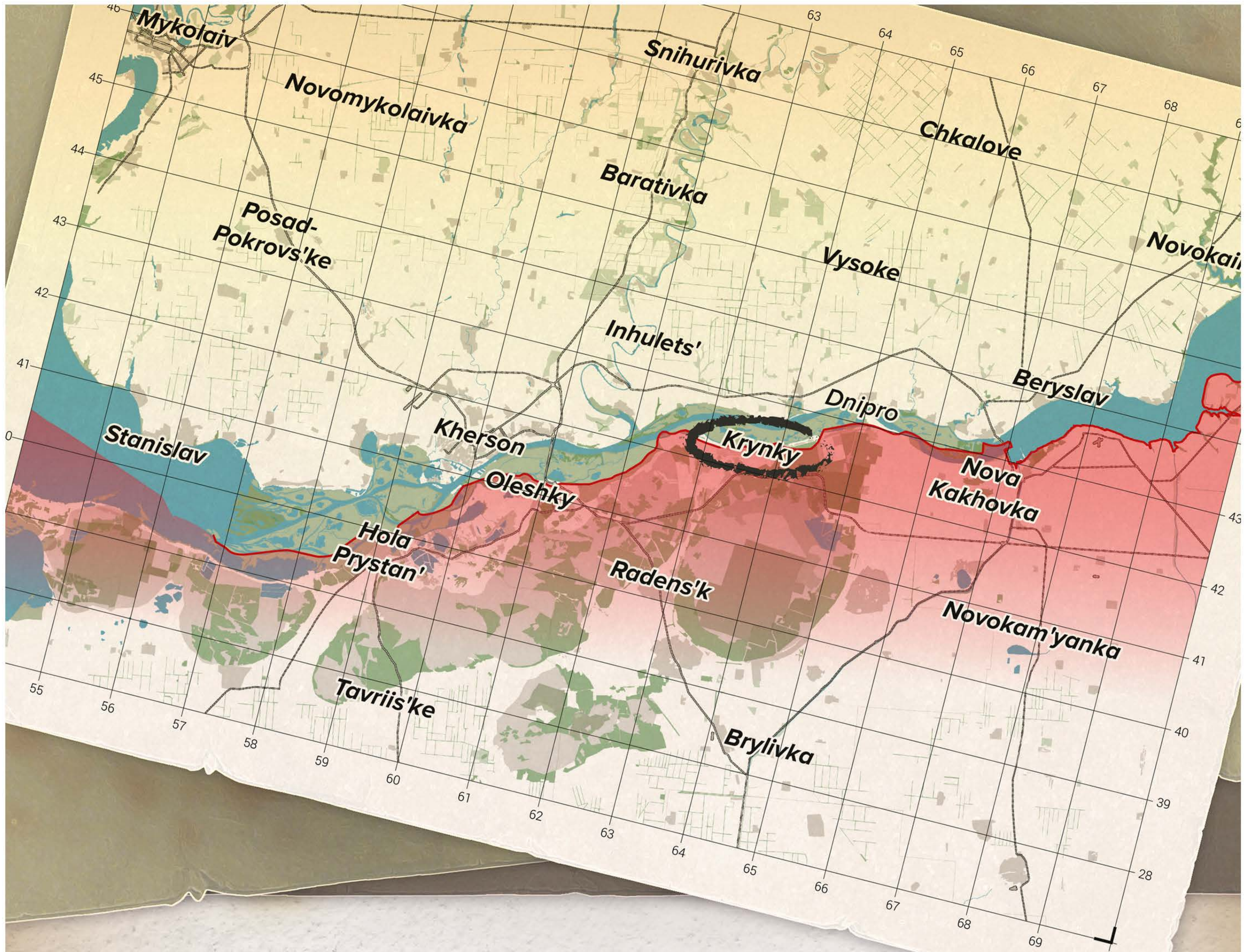
# ONCE UPON A TIME IN KRYNKY

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TALE OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL  
COUNTERATTACK

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**Excerpt  
from the situation report**

**After the Ukrainian forces occupied the central part of the village of Krynky on the left bank of the Dnipro River in the Kherson region, the Russian command turned the settlement into a uniform hell.**

**Russian fighters daily adjust artillery and aviation strikes, destroy enemy boats, and debunk the myth of Ukrainian marines trained according to NATO standards.**

**For the Russian special forces, including the 10th Special Forces Brigade and The Bears PMC, such actions have become routine. Nabat, Odin, Varyag, and Reef are forced to celebrate the New Year on the outskirts of the hostile Krynky.**

**СОВЕРШЕННО  
СЕКРЕТНО**

THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF KRYNKY,  
END OF DECEMBER 2023.





**Odin, listen to the task:  
push the reconnaissance  
group back to their  
bridgehead.**

**Got it.**



**It's much more fun  
to work together!**



**It would be good  
to also eliminate their  
stronghold. Varyag,  
when will the aviation  
rain them down?**

**In two minutes,  
Nabat.**



**Odin, see those trees over there? Reef, open fire, and we need to rush there. Odin, ready? MOVE!**

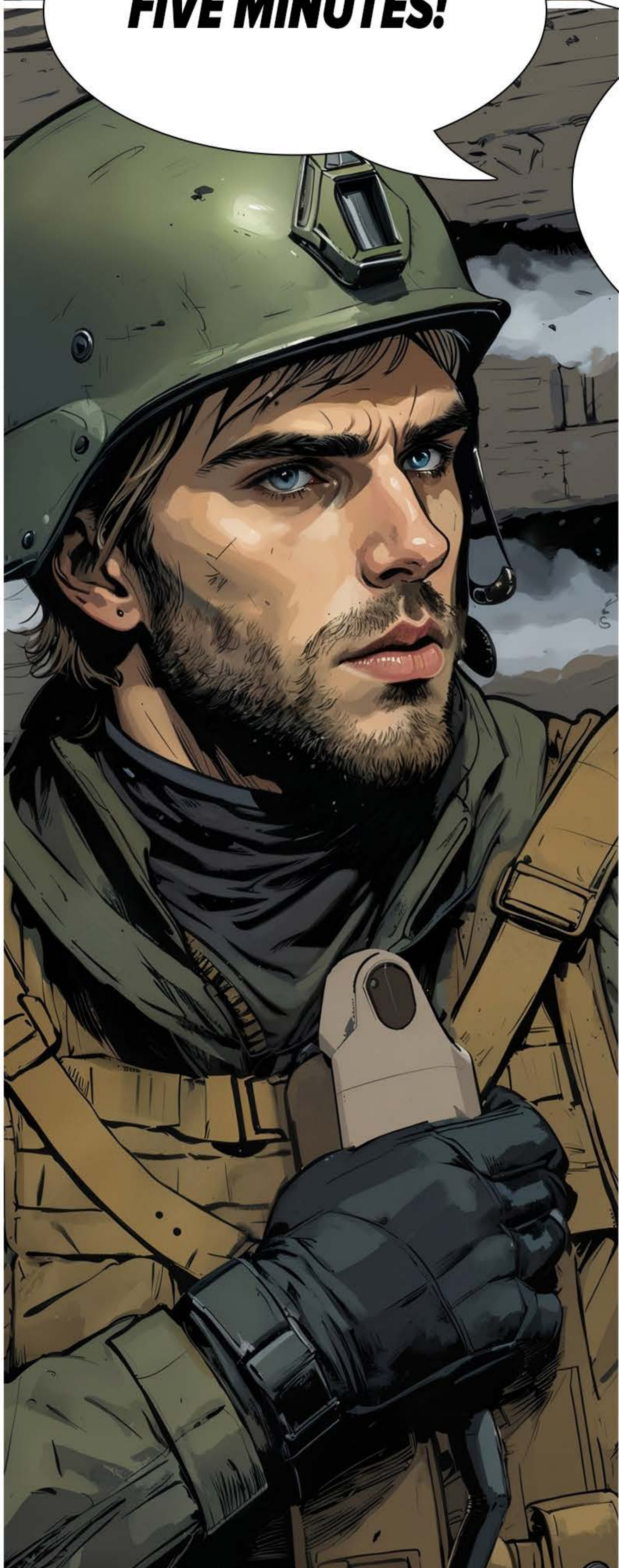


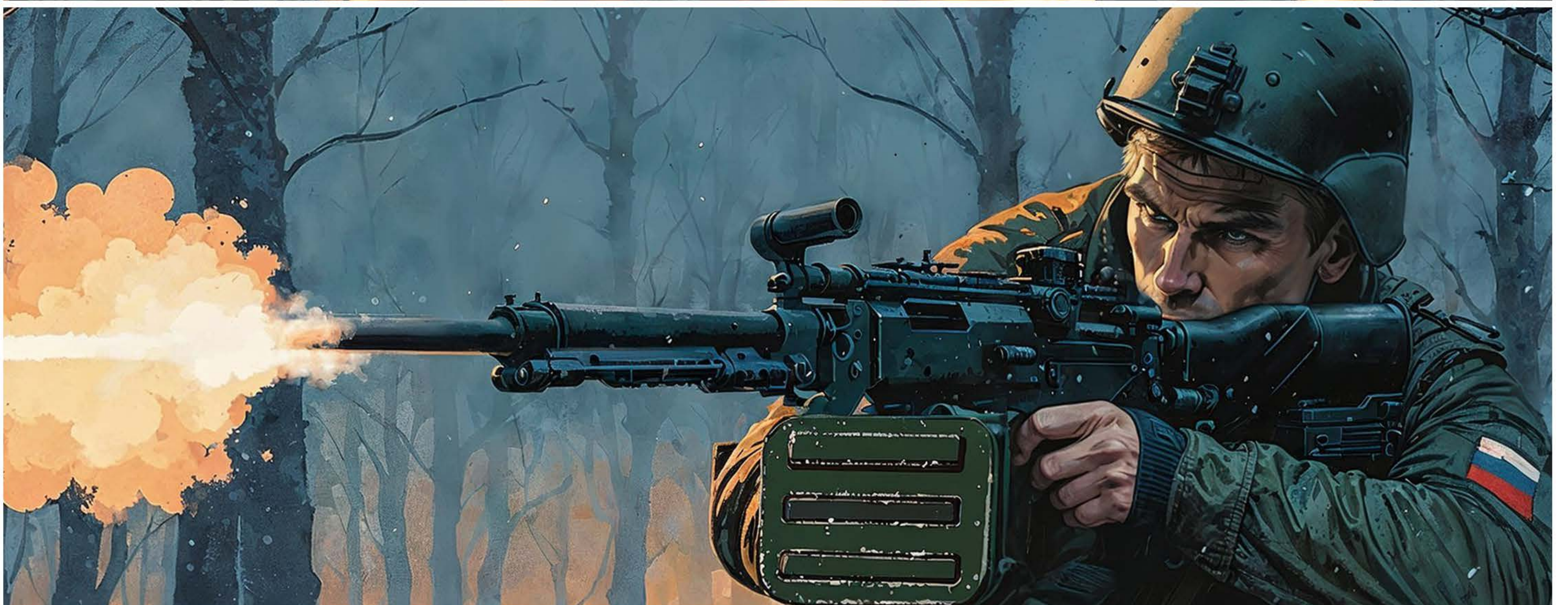


**WHERE'S  
THE AVIATION?!**

**FIVE MINUTES!**


**FIVE MINUTES AGO  
YOU SAID IT'S TWO!**





***Reef, stop it. If anyone survived there, I doubt they will continue.***





**I'D RATHER  
ENGAGE THEM ALL HERE  
RATHER THAN GIVE THEM  
A CHANCE TO RETREAT  
AND REGROUP.**

**We return to the position,  
guys. We've deterred their  
desire to regroup for a long  
time.**



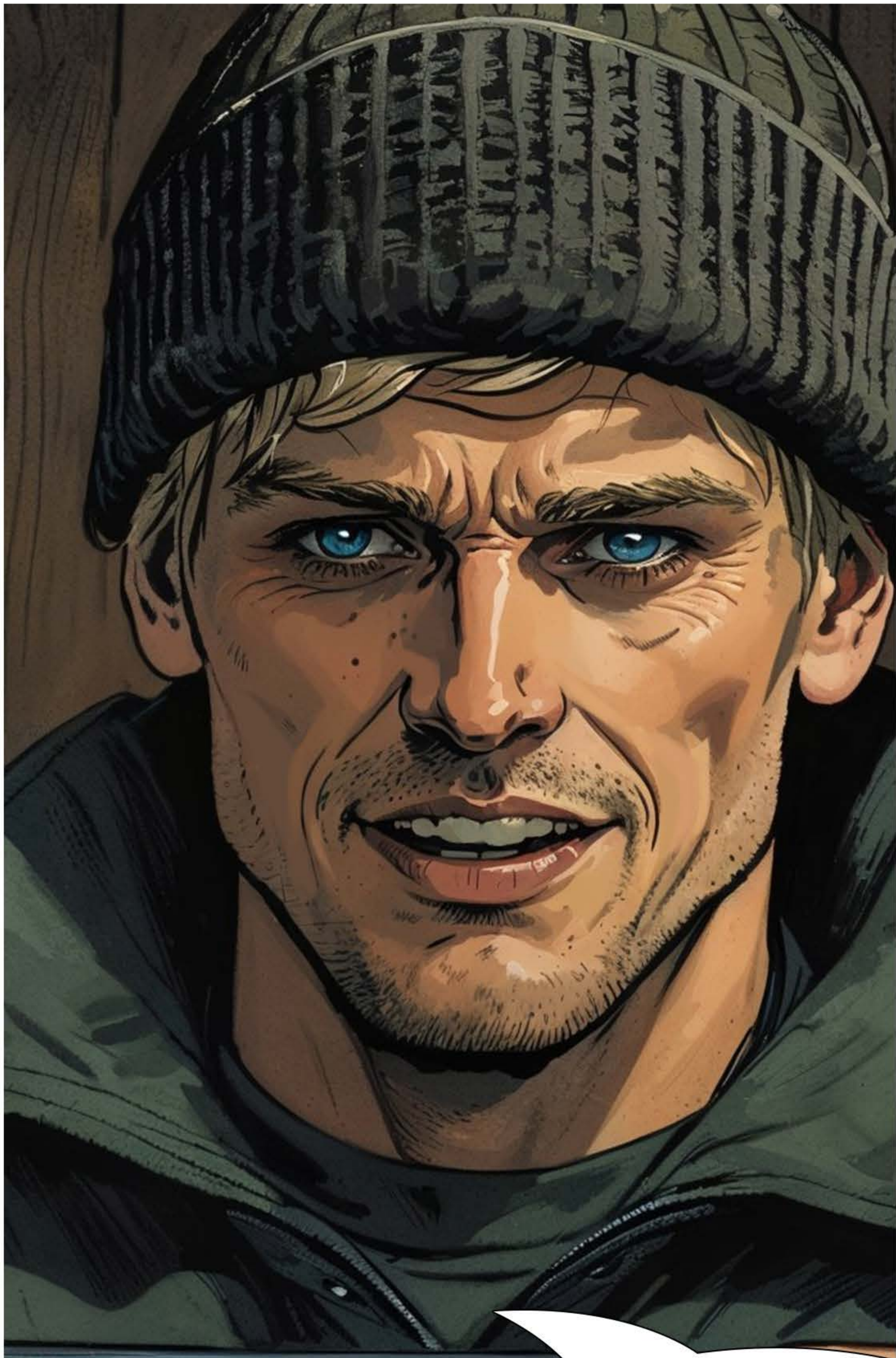


RUSSIAN SPECIAL FORCES DUGOUT. EVENING OF THE SAME DAY.  
CLOSE TO ENEMY LINES.





***Guys, while there's time,  
I suggest you'd talk to your  
loved ones and congratulate  
them on the upcoming  
holiday!***



**Everything's fine, mom. I have some time, just wanted to call and congratulate you on the upcoming holiday! Lyon'ka, hi, brother! Has the New Year already come?**

**No, not yet! I got a medal at the sports school!**

**COOL!**

**Do you help Mom?**





**Well, yes, but today she set the table herself, sent Dad and me off!**

**She's always like that!**

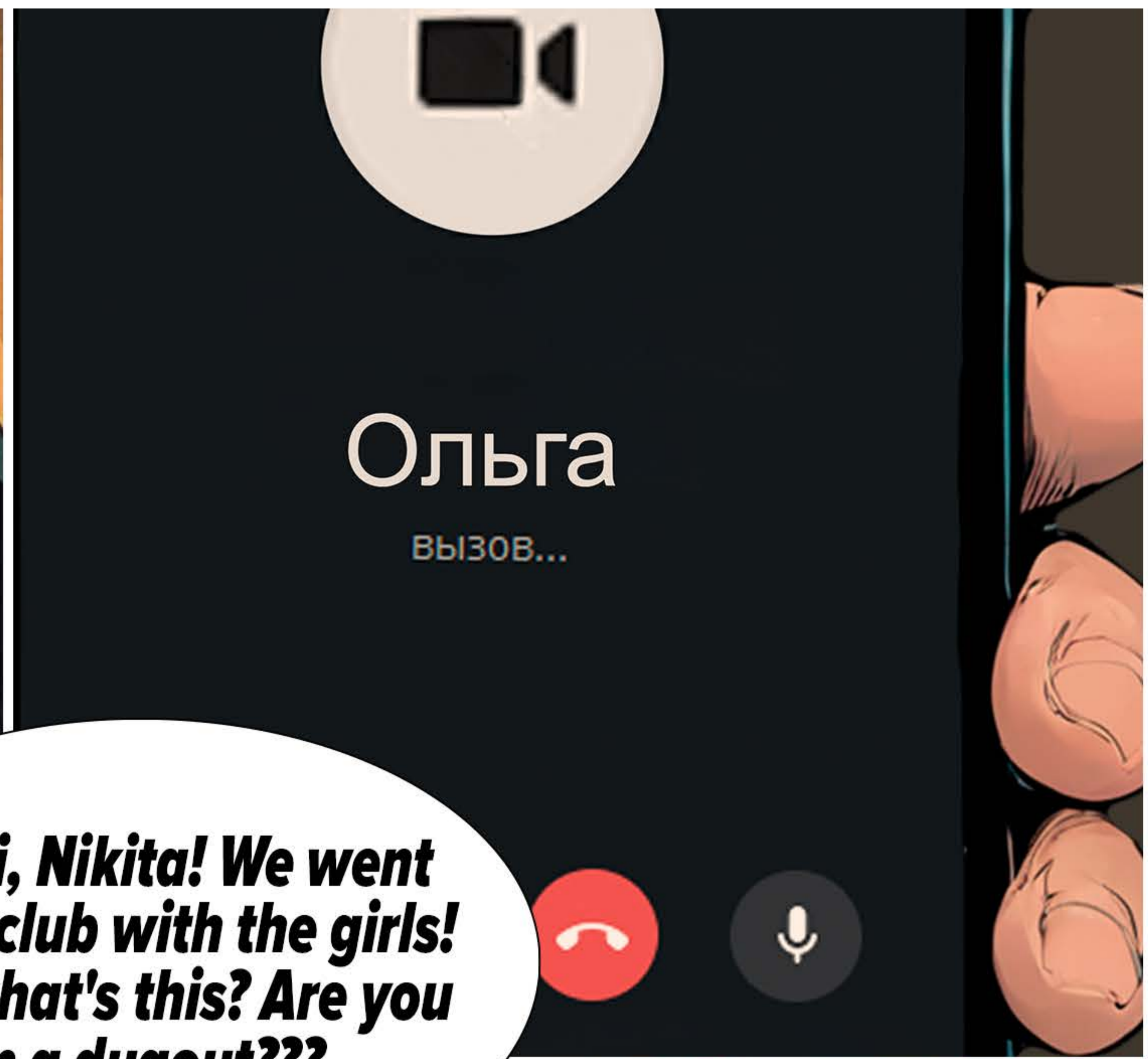


**Well, you guys, just hustle about, and then... Do you remember Dad added bananas into the salad?**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**How could I forget? Well, I'll get back and will also be bustling and getting in the way. Happy New Year!**

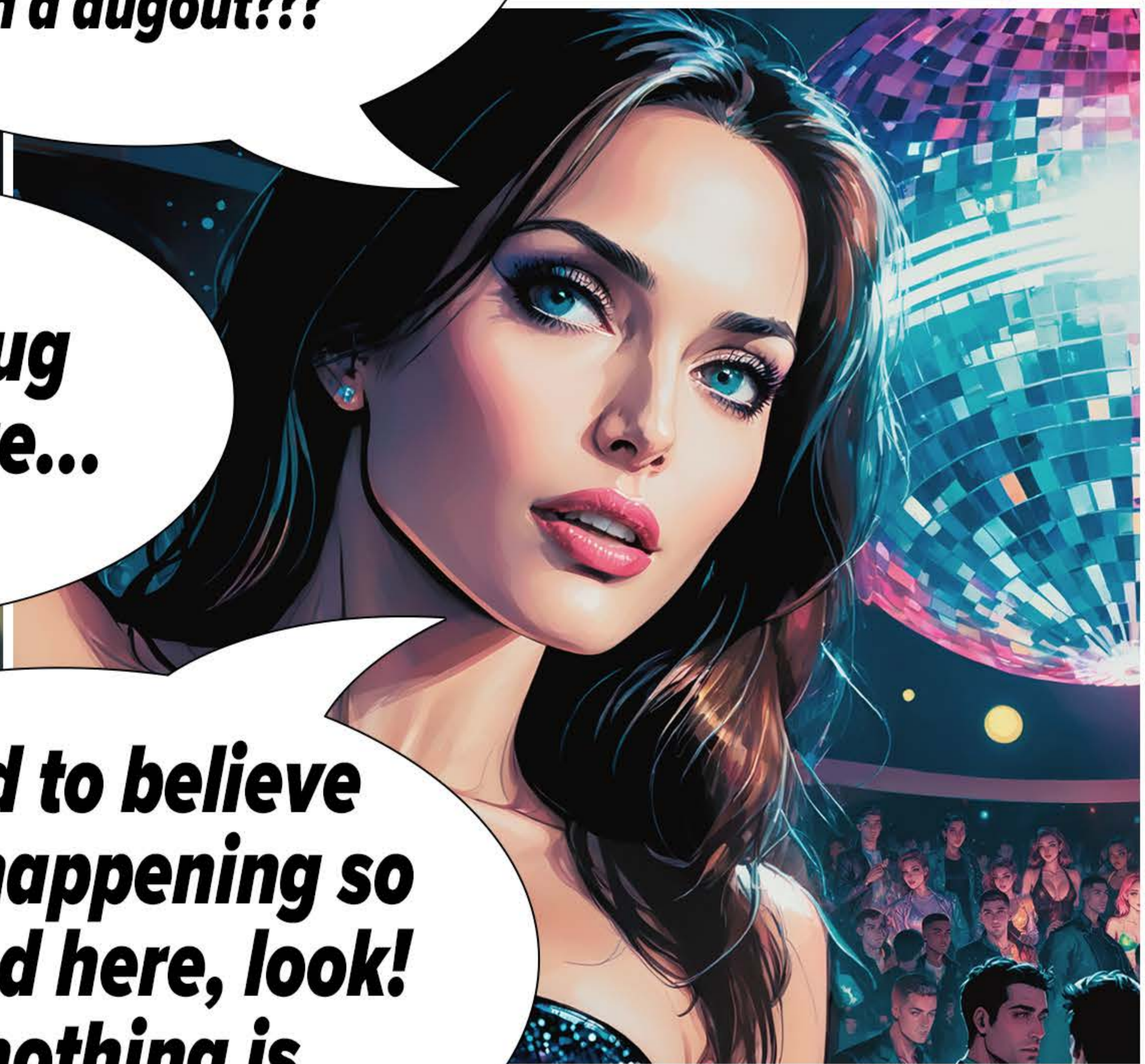


**Oh, hi, Nikita! We went to the club with the girls! And what's this? Are you in a dugout???**

**Yes, we dug in a bit here...**

**It's hard to believe that it's happening so close! And here, look! As if nothing is happening at all!**

**Well, maybe it's good. How could one fight when you know your dearest don't have water, electricity, are being shelled...**





**Where are you going?  
To the frontlines?**

**I sometimes don't believe it myself. Maybe I think it's like in the Wag the Dog movie, they just tell us that there's a war, but there isn't anything in fact. I've got an idea! Let me come to you?**

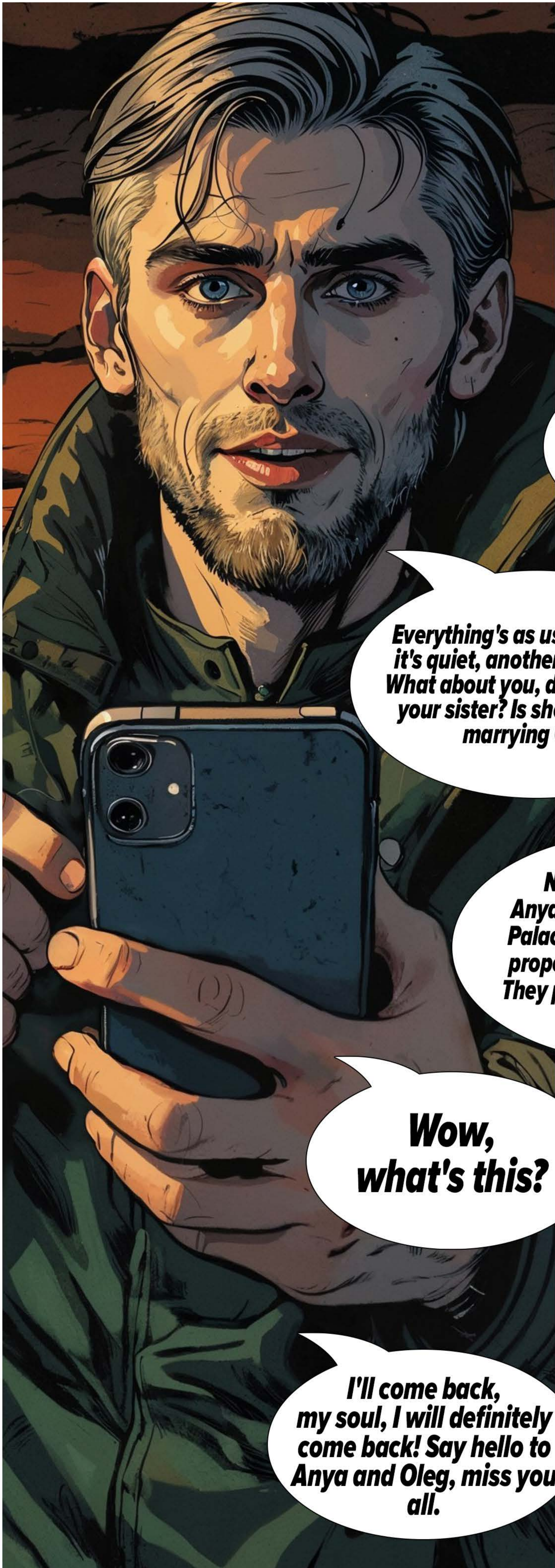


**There's no transport in the frontlines! No, I'll come to where it's allowed, you tell me, where relatives and humanitarian aid workers go. I'll come there, and we'll see each other.**

**I'll think of it. And you have fun! Happy New Year!**



**SAME TO YOU!**



**How are you, Syoma?**

**Everything's as usual: one day it's quiet, another day it's not. What about you, darling? How's your sister? Is she thinking of marrying Oleg?**

**Nothing really new. Anya and Oleg went to the Palace Square; I guess he'll propose to her there today. They promised to visit me by midnight.**

**I've just put some gifts under the Christmas tree, for them and you; yours will be waiting for you.**

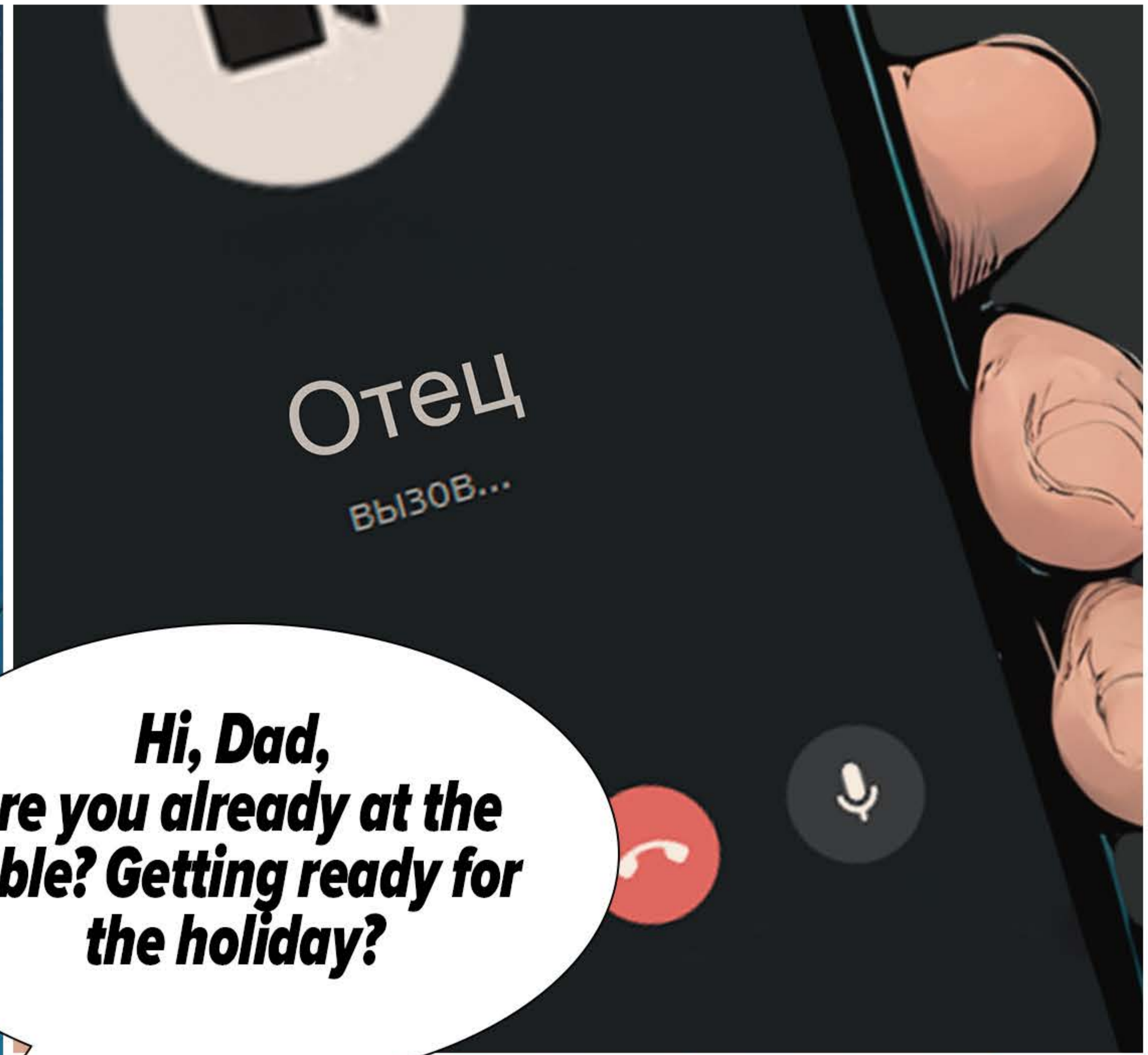
**Wow, what's this?**

**I'll come back, my soul, I will definitely come back! Say hello to Anya and Oleg, miss you all.**



**You'll find out when you come! Take care of yourself, my love, I only ask for one thing – that you come back.**





**Hi, Dad,  
are you already at the  
table? Getting ready for  
the holiday?**

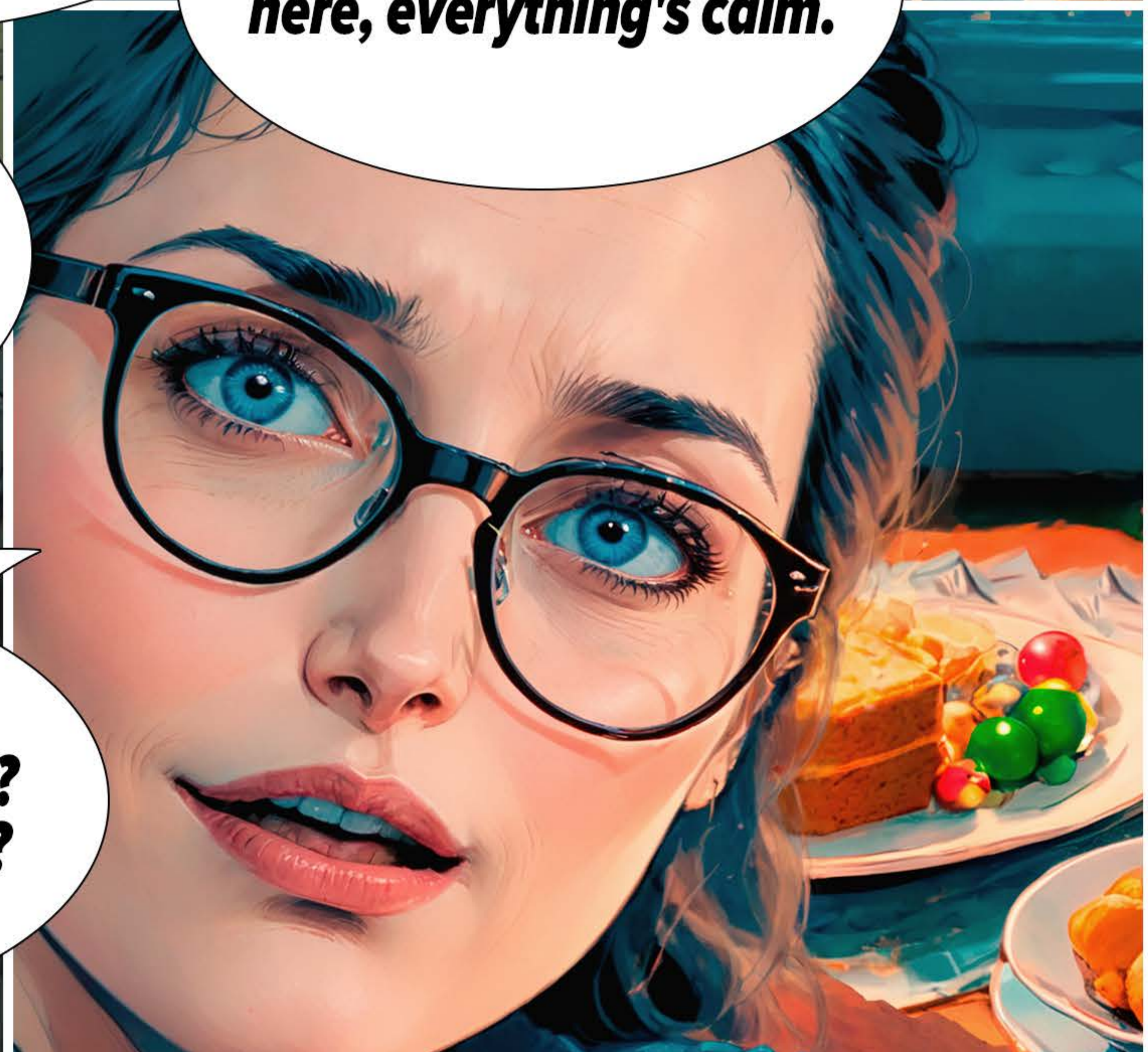


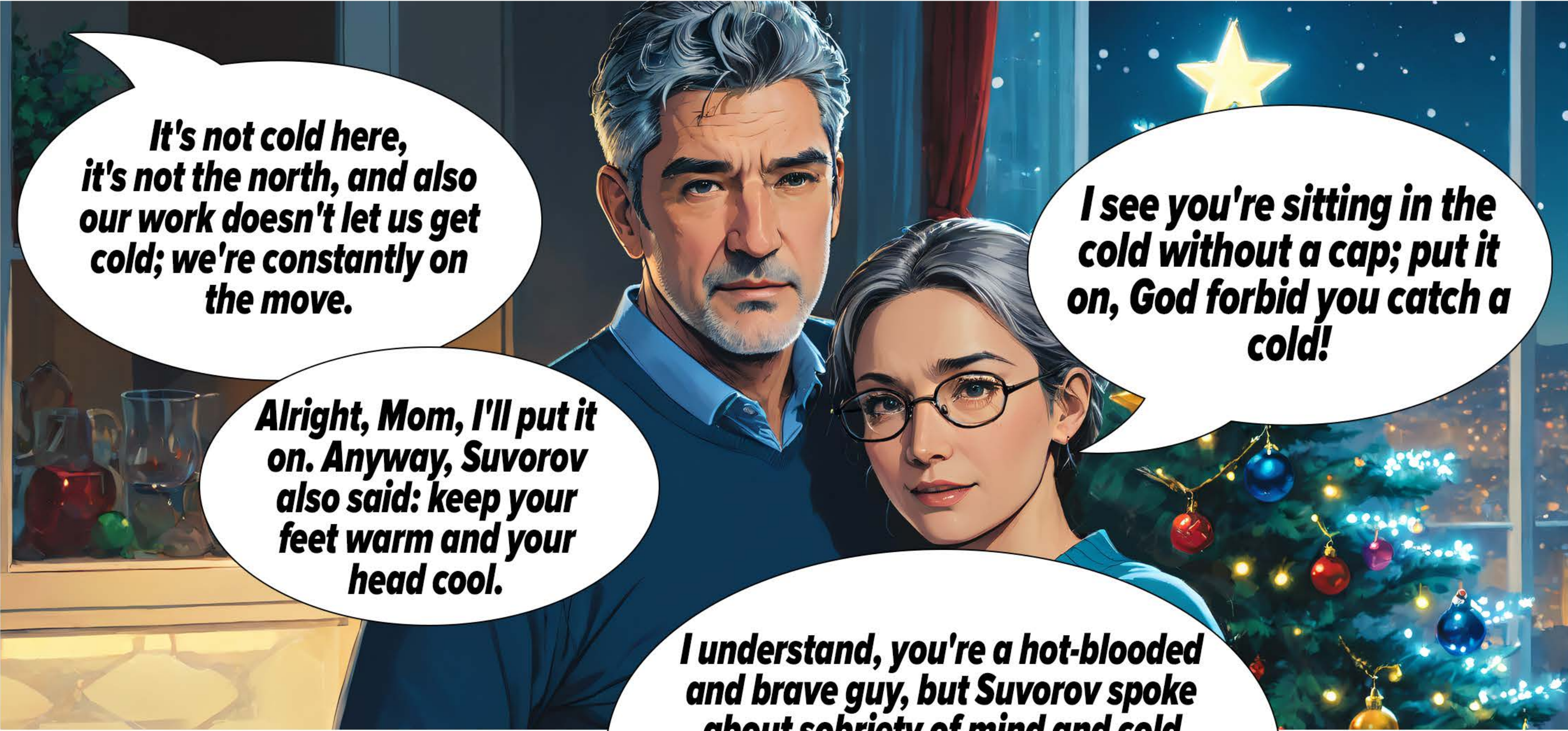
**Yes, we're setting the  
table. How are you?  
Do you have time to  
celebrate a bit?**

**Everything's as usual  
here, everything's calm.**

**While it's quiet,  
I decided to call and  
congratulate you and to  
ask how you are doing.**

**Vlad,  
my son, how are you?  
ARE YOU NOT COLD?**





**It's not cold here, it's not the north, and also our work doesn't let us get cold; we're constantly on the move.**

**I see you're sitting in the cold without a cap; put it on, God forbid you catch a cold!**

**Alright, Mom, I'll put it on. Anyway, Suvorov also said: keep your feet warm and your head cool.**

**I understand, you're a hot-blooded and brave guy, but Suvorov spoke about sobriety of mind and cold logic. And in the academy, they were constantly telling you that you should always wear headgear.**

**Don't be mad at your old folks; we just worry about you. Take care of yourself and take care of your comrades, you're responsible for them as their commander and you're answerable to their parents, so you have extra responsibility.**


**Okay, I won't lecture you.**

**Everything I know I've learnt from you, Dad. Don't worry, I'll come back and save the guys. Happy New Year to all of you!**

**Happy holidays, Vlad, just come back. We're proud of you, though we worry, and of course, we're bombarding you with advice, as old people should. A hug to you, bye!**

**Happy New Year to you, too, sweetheart. Take care of yourself, remember to dress warmly and don't smoke too much, please!**

**And I worry about you too. Hugging you, Dad.**

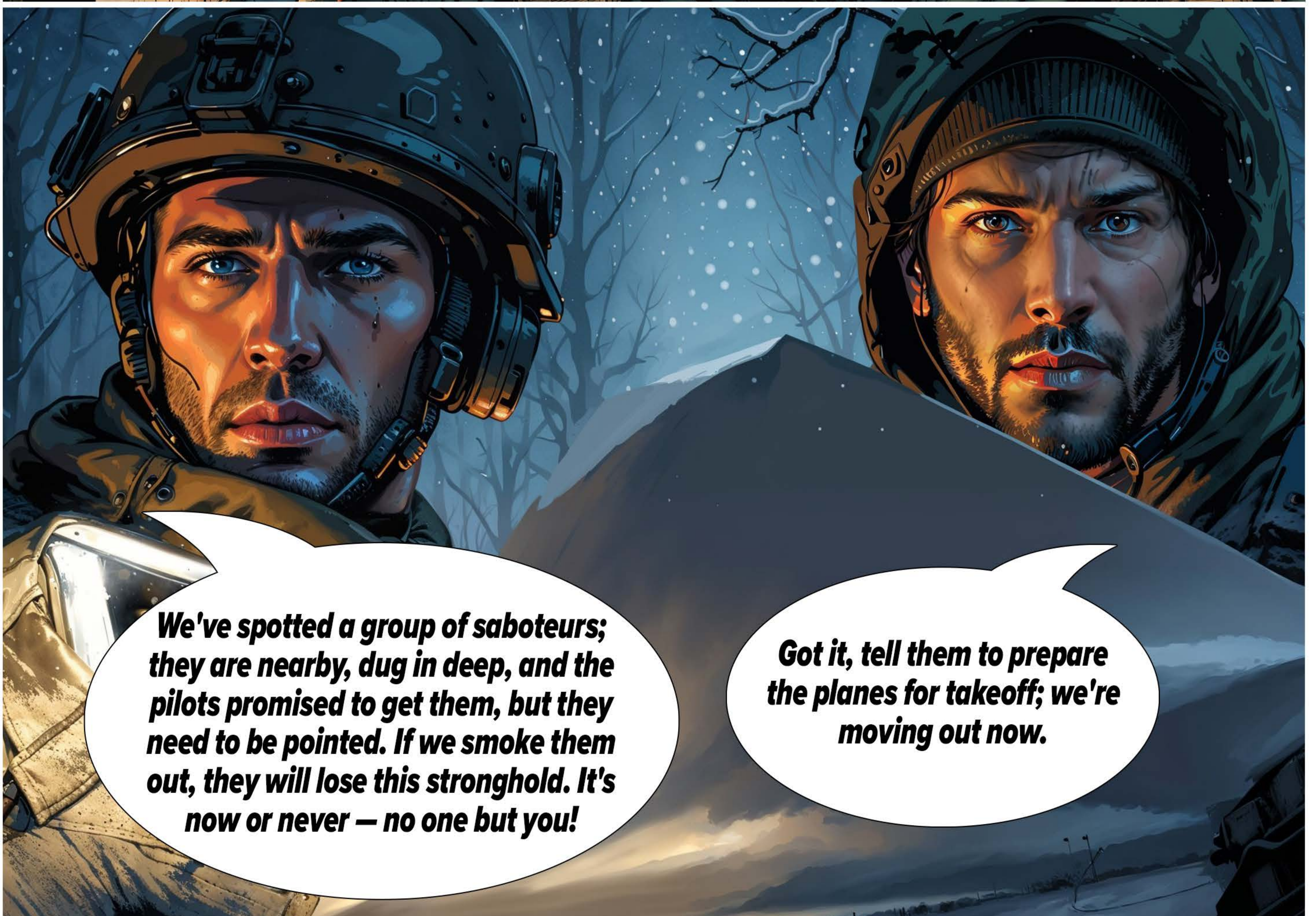


**Guys, I want to congratulate you on the upcoming New Year! I understand that the atmosphere is not quite festive, but here we are, hearing all this, and our loved ones can calmly celebrate at the table and watch New Year's shows. As long as there are people like you, elder people, women, and children can live and sleep peacefully. So, let's be strong, and let our loved ones be patient. HURRAH!**

**HOORAY,  
HOORAY,  
HOORAY!!!**




**Happy holiday, guys! Sorry for interrupting your celebration, but, Captain, can I have you for five minutes?**



**We've spotted a group of saboteurs; they are nearby, dug in deep, and the pilots promised to get them, but they need to be pointed. If we smoke them out, they will lose this stronghold. It's now or never — no one but you!**

**Got it, tell them to prepare the planes for takeoff; we're moving out now.**



*Varyag, you're our Santa today, aren't you?*

*Get the gifts ready; we're almost there.*

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**Here we are freezing, and those bastards in Kyiv are probably celebrating, having a drink...**

**They say they canceled it so as not to celebrate with the Moskals.**



**Yeah, now the Moskals are celebrating, and we're not. They came up with a fun idea.**



***They're definitely celebrating just fine in Kyiv! They cleaned out the whole village and other cities. In Khmelnytsky, there are funerals every day, and there hasn't been proper mobilization in Kyiv!***

***Yes, they took a lot from Zakarpattia as well. I'm from Khust myself, my brother lived in Mukachevo. I don't even know what happened to him and where he is.***

***They say they'll draft from Kyiv too.***

***They say pigs might fly!***



***I wouldn't despair if I were you; a little more, and we'll make it. Every dog has its day. Besides, have we made progress? – We have. Have we dug in? – We have done that too. Moskals are celebrating, but we're advancing!***

**\*SKETCH\***



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OFTEN, THE RELATIVES OF RUSSIAN FIGHTERS DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE WORK ON THE FRONT LINE ENTAILS. FOR THEM, EVERYTHING IS JUST ABOUT FACELESS REPORTS, MAKING IT HARD TO SEE THE GRAIN OF TRUTH.

ON THE FRONT LINE, THERE'S A LIFE THAT CONTINUES EVEN DURING THE HOLIDAYS. TO THE FIGHTERS ON THE FRONTLINES, IT'S IMPORTANT TO HEAR THAT THEIR LOVED ONES SUPPORT THEM AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE REALLY DOING.

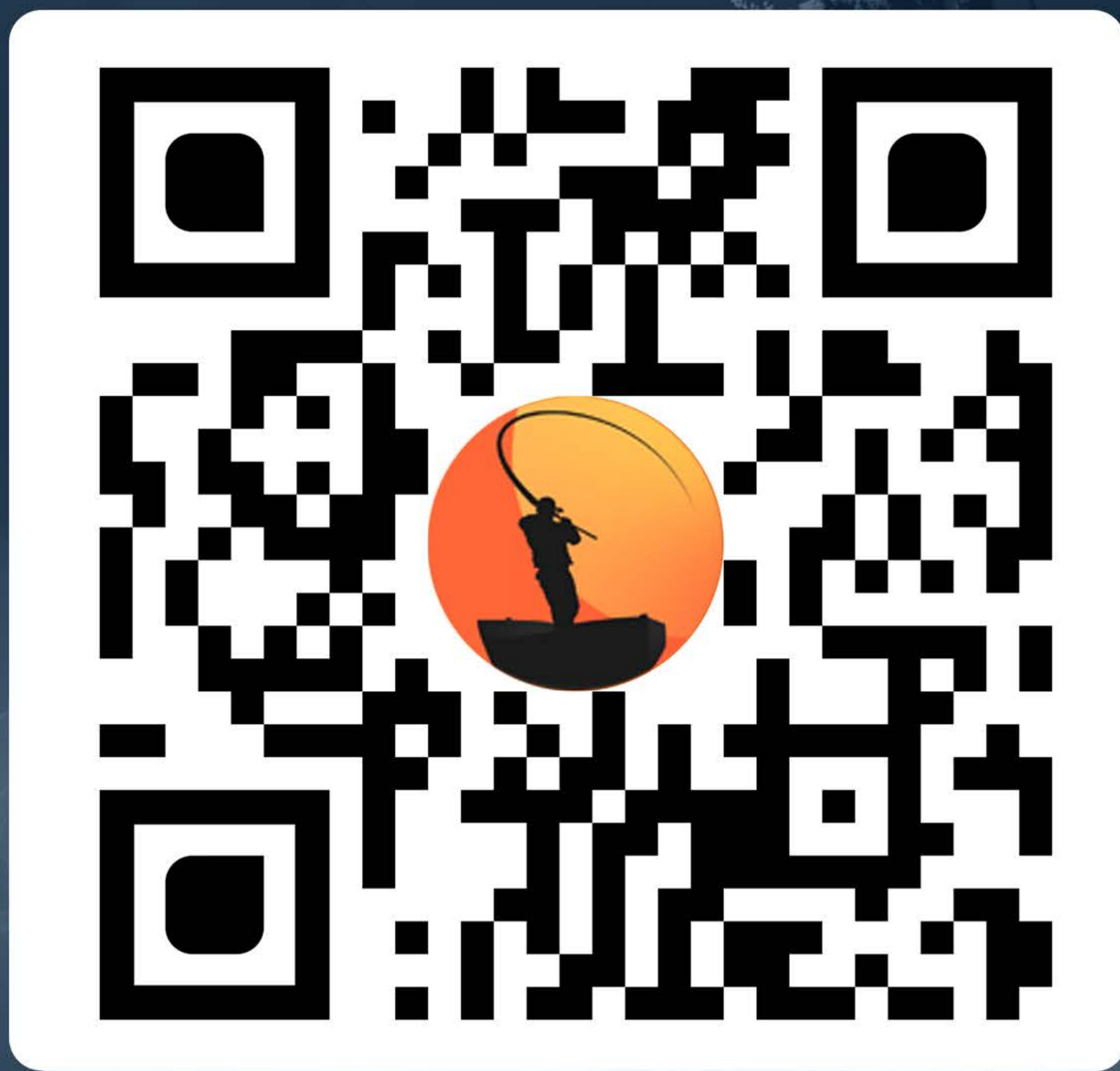
A night scene in a snowy forest. In the foreground, the backs of four soldiers in full combat gear are visible. They are looking towards a large, intense fire burning in the middle ground, which is sending thick, dark smoke into the night sky. The fire is illuminated by a bright orange and yellow glow. The background shows a dense forest of evergreen trees under a dark sky with a few stars. The overall atmosphere is somber and dramatic.

**And there's  
the fireworks.**

**Did you make  
any wishes?**

**Holidays  
are coming...**

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