

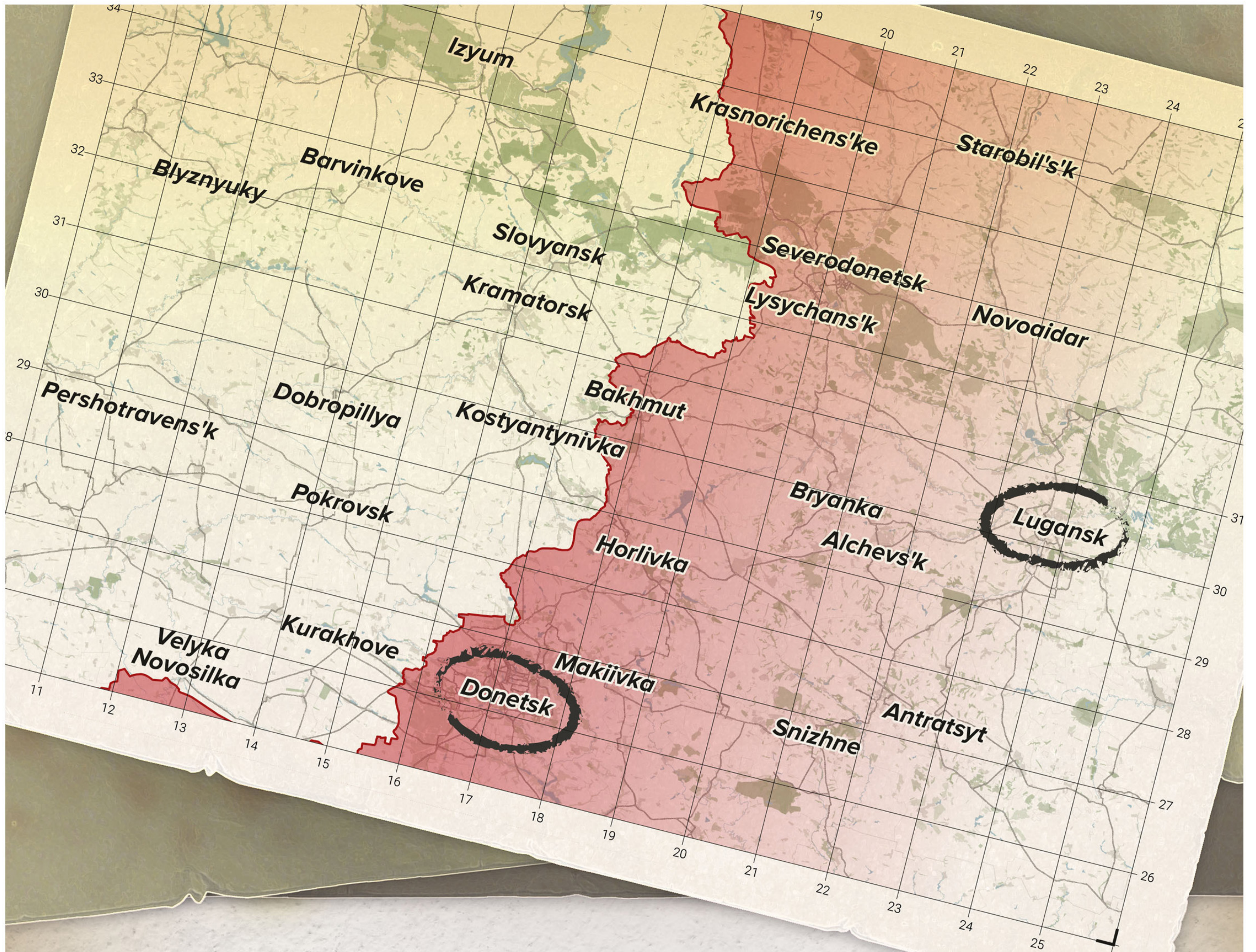
# ONCE UPON A TIME IN LUGANSK

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TALE OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL  
COUNTERATTACK

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**Excerpt  
from the situation report**


**Victory is brought closer both by the fighters on the front line and the tireless work of people behind the lines. Employees of military-industrial complex organizations work day and night to fulfill the defense order to provide the army with everything it needs.**

**Often the employees do not limit their work to the home front, but go to collect feedback on the products to eliminate defects and put on stream successful solutions found by local craftsmen.**

**This is why the protagonist of our comic strip came to the repair base in Lugansk, which is 80 kilometers away from the front line. And it turned out that sometimes the success of such an event depends not only on professional, but also on the personal traits...**

**СОВЕРШЕННО  
СЕКРЕТНО**

JUNE 2023,  
MOSCOW, OFFICE OF ONE OF THE SUBSIDIARIES  
OF ROSTEC STATE CORPORATION



**Artyom Georgievich, the task was to record clearly the number of incidents: how many vehicles from the delivered batch cannot be restored, and how many can. The data should be systematized and provided to me with conclusions and requests for production.**



**Yuri Borisovich, there are hostilities very close by, it is absolutely impossible to keep accurate records!**



**You have collected extremely fascinating stories of crews and repairmen. This is interesting from the point of view of journalism, but we form requests for production!**



**Well...**

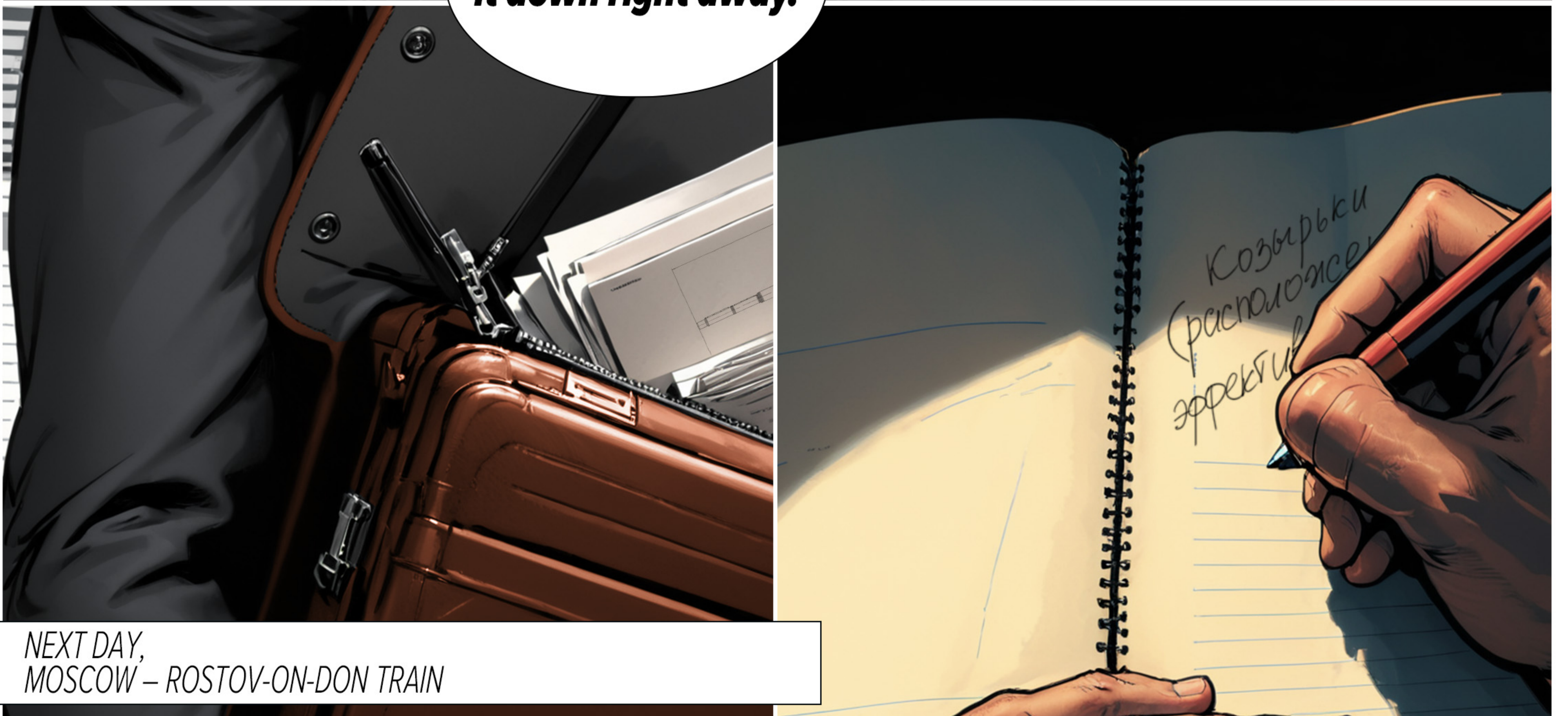




**They laughed at these "visors" on tanks,  
but maybe we could have been saved by one.  
I lost an arm, and Vovka lost a leg.  
As soon as this dude got a prosthesis,  
he went to fight the Germans again.  
He's still in, and I'm in a bootcamp...  
What are you writing there?**

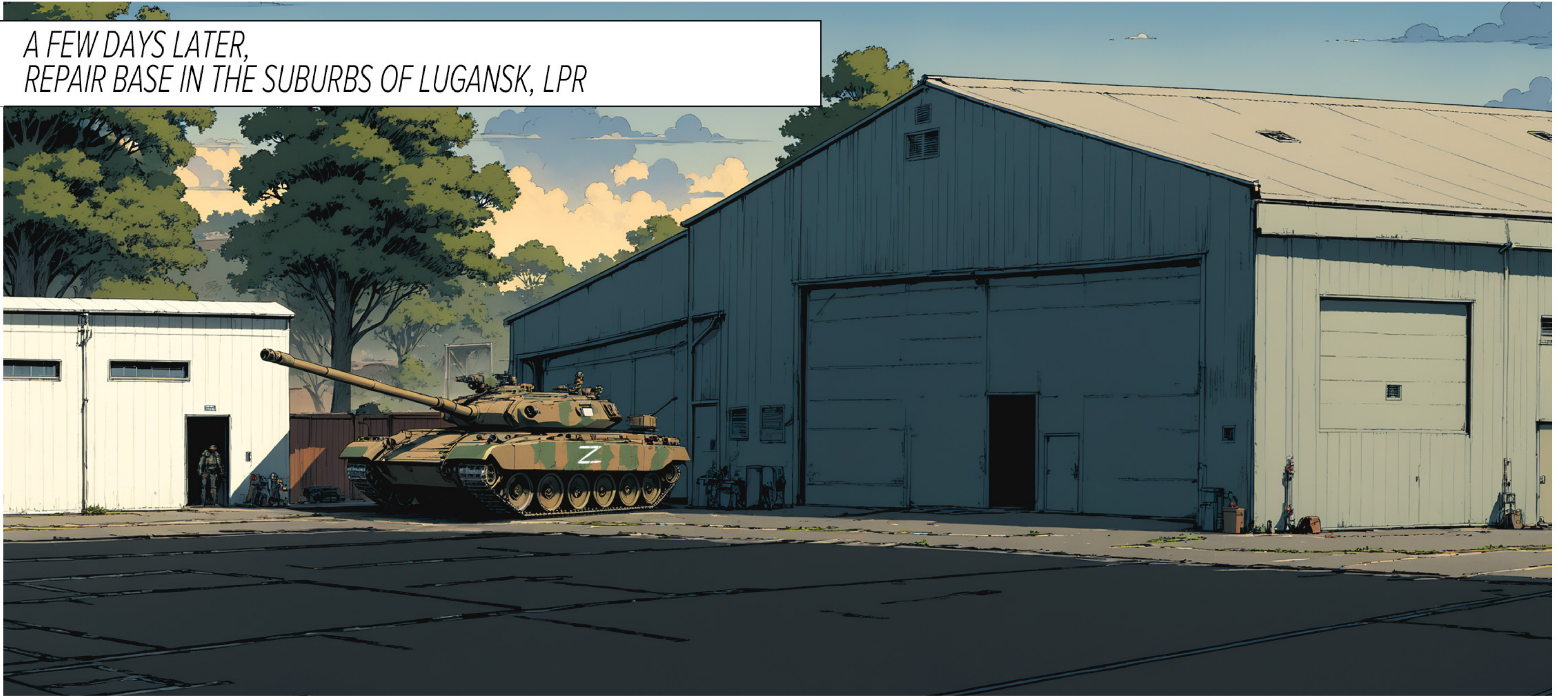
**Don't lose your notes, then.  
When there's a hit, you don't have  
time to think of anything,  
let alone the papers.  
Now, though, it hardly  
hits at all...**

**Just write  
it down right away.**



**NEXT DAY,  
MOSCOW – ROSTOV-ON-DON TRAIN**

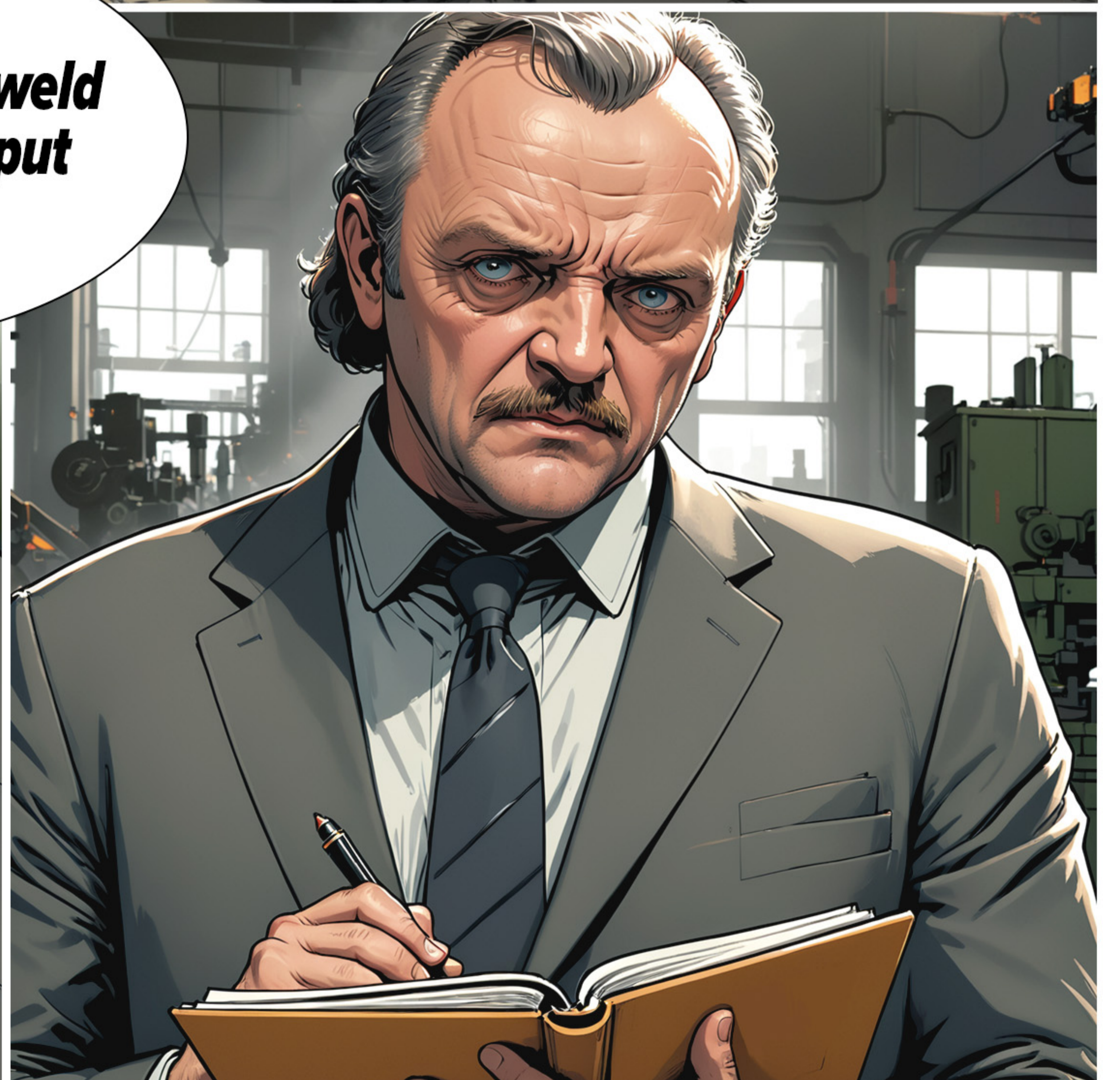
A FEW DAYS LATER,  
REPAIR BASE IN THE SUBURBS OF LUGANSK, LPR



**The boards were lost in the battle,  
hit by shells, it happens.**



**Well, nothing  
serious here: we'll weld  
new ones on and put  
protection  
on them.**

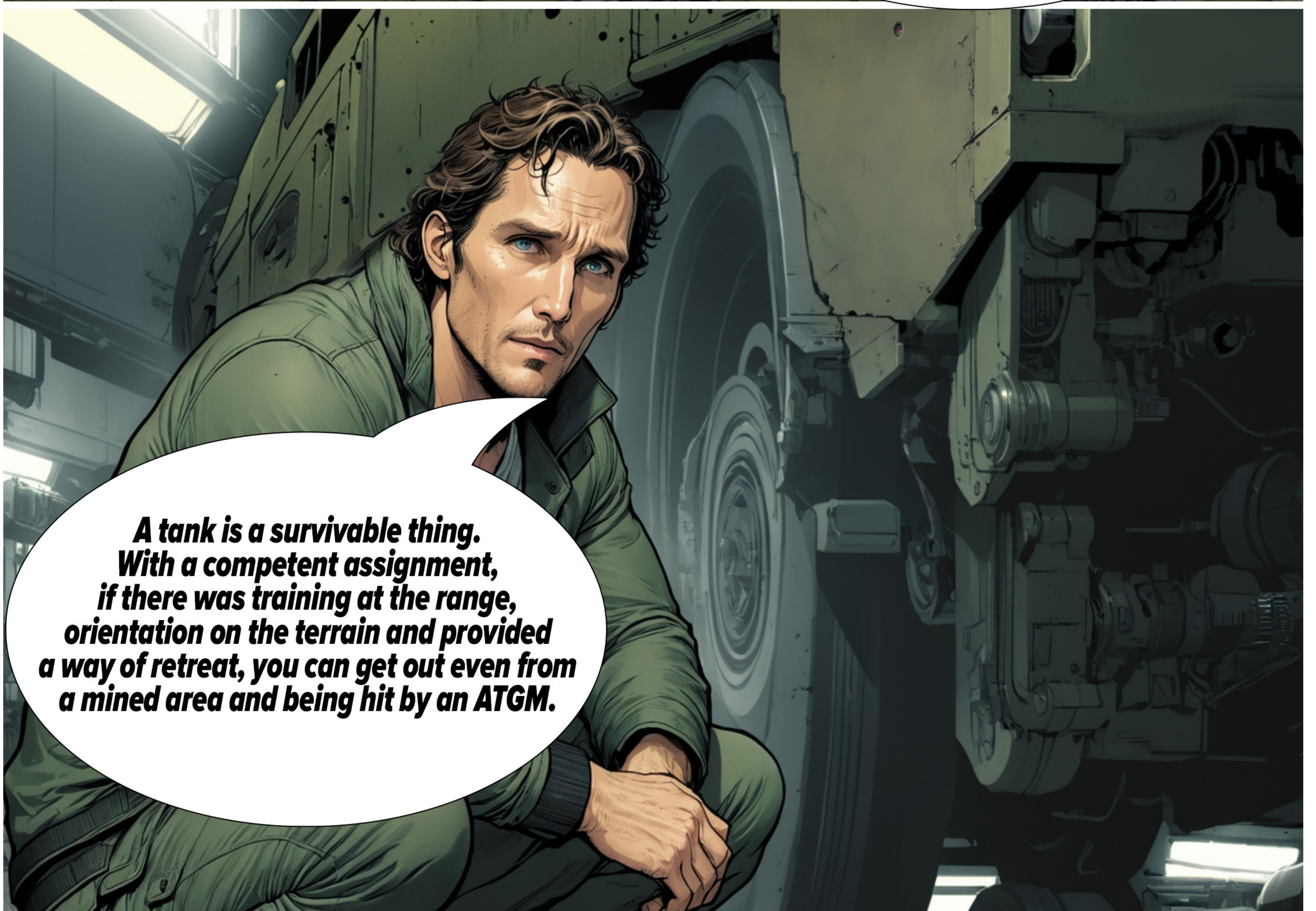




**Our main patients are victims of anti-tank mines. The enemy mines all our routes, and there are no maps of minefields. The sappers are demining, marking the passages.**



**But driver mechanics have a hard-to-eradicate habit: to roll the roads wide. This is the result.**



**A tank is a survivable thing. With a competent assignment, if there was training at the range, orientation on the terrain and provided a way of retreat, you can get out even from a mined area and being hit by an ATGM.**



***This is just such  
an example.***

***Dynamic protection saves the day!  
We had the first experiments  
with such protection in the 40s...  
And then the development  
was laid aside, and we lost 20 years.  
A big mistake!  
And all because of the lack  
of feedback...***



**I've pointed out here  
some of the small  
technical solutions  
that are very important:  
hitches for easy access...**

**Of course!  
Helps both in the field  
and in normal flow work  
in the maintenance battalion.**



**I also want to measure  
the stands for diagnostics  
of the sight on the tank.  
I see you have  
it made by local craftsmen.**

**Yes, our Altai makes them,  
and for BMPs too...  
Or rather, he made the drawing,  
and the sights were welded  
for him.**





**We also make parts here:  
they're always in short supply.  
Replacing an engine  
for a tank is half a day's work,  
but it's important  
to have everything for it.**



**I'll print out the blueprints  
for you.**

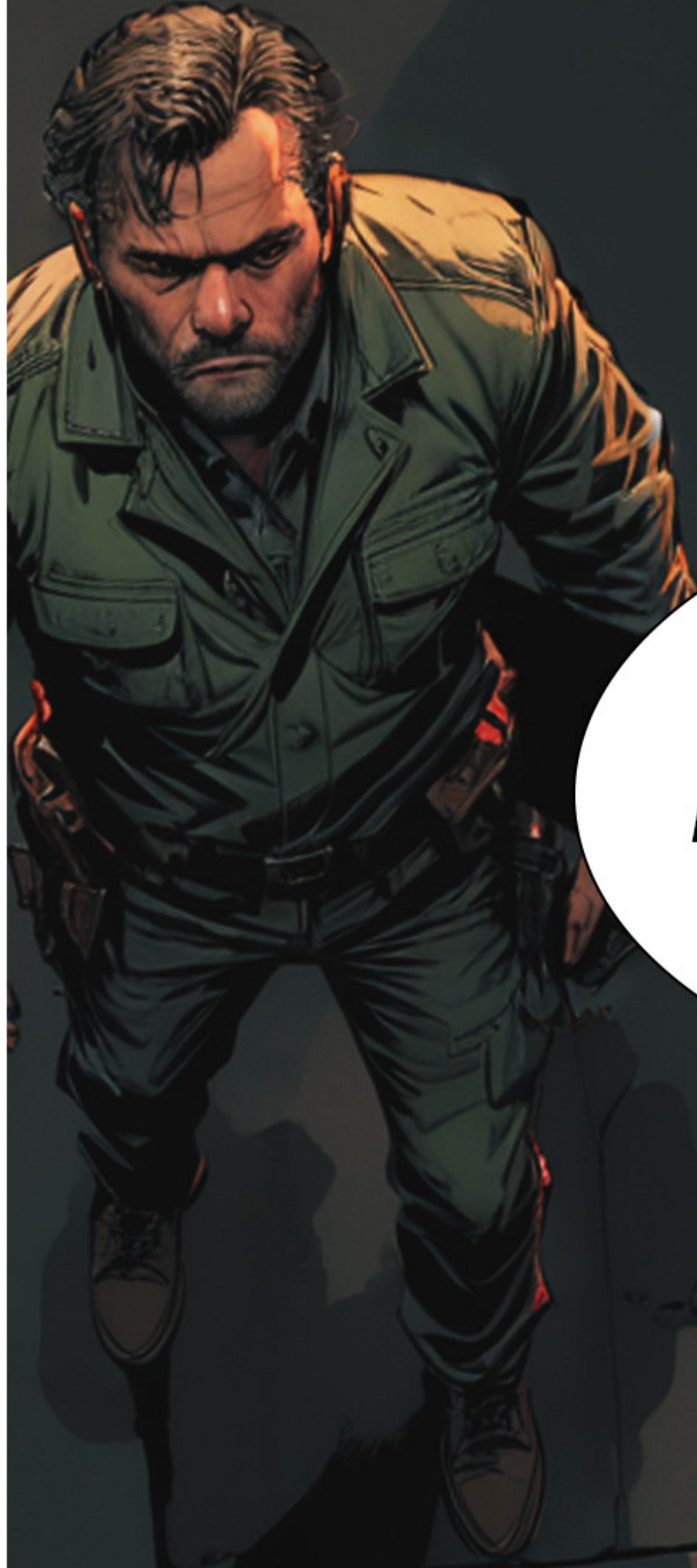
**Can I have  
some tea?**

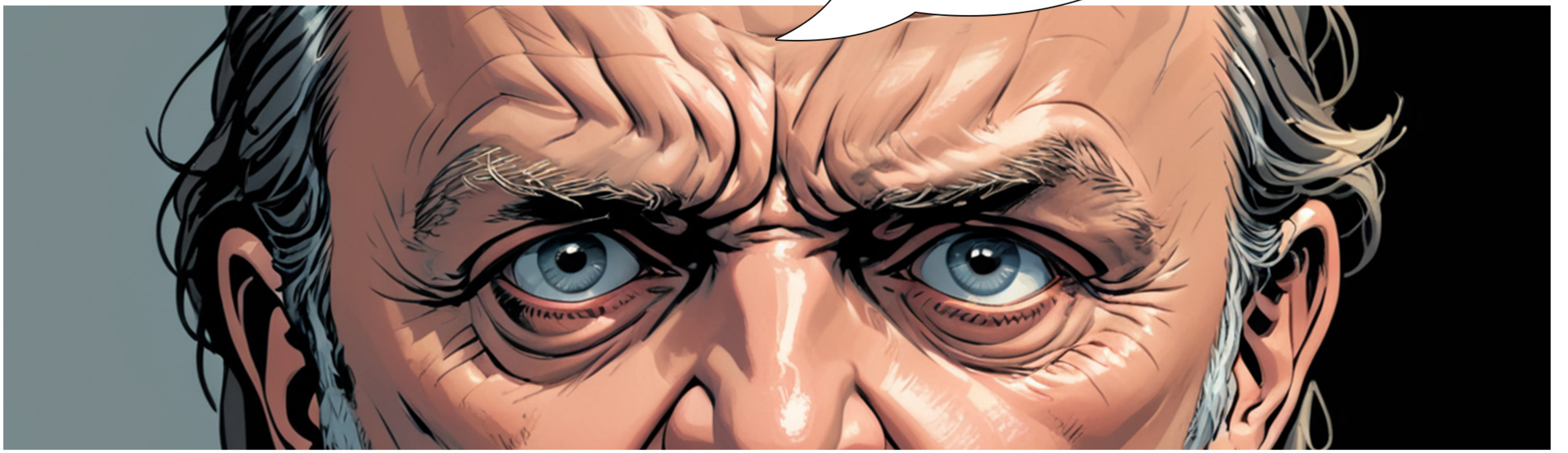
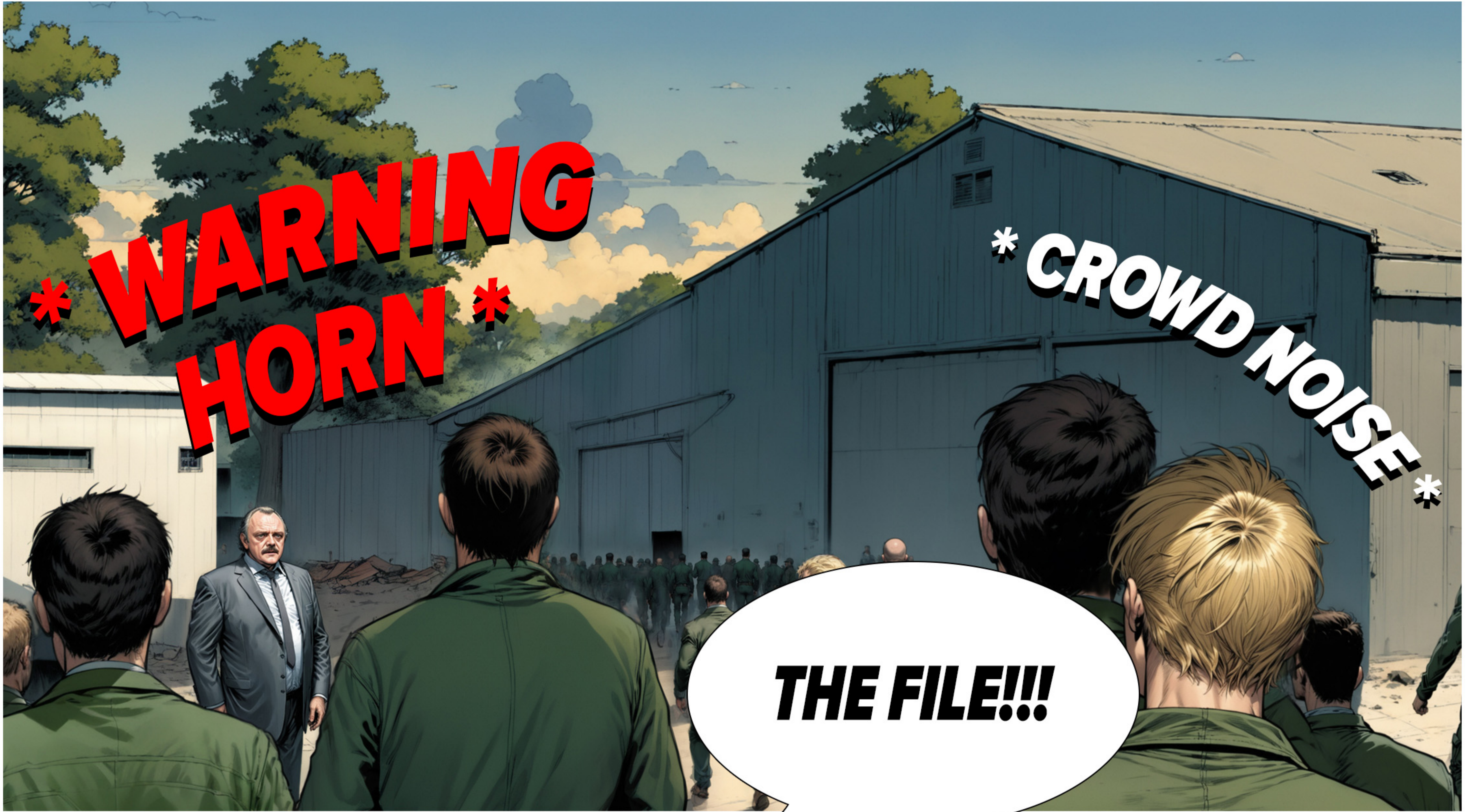
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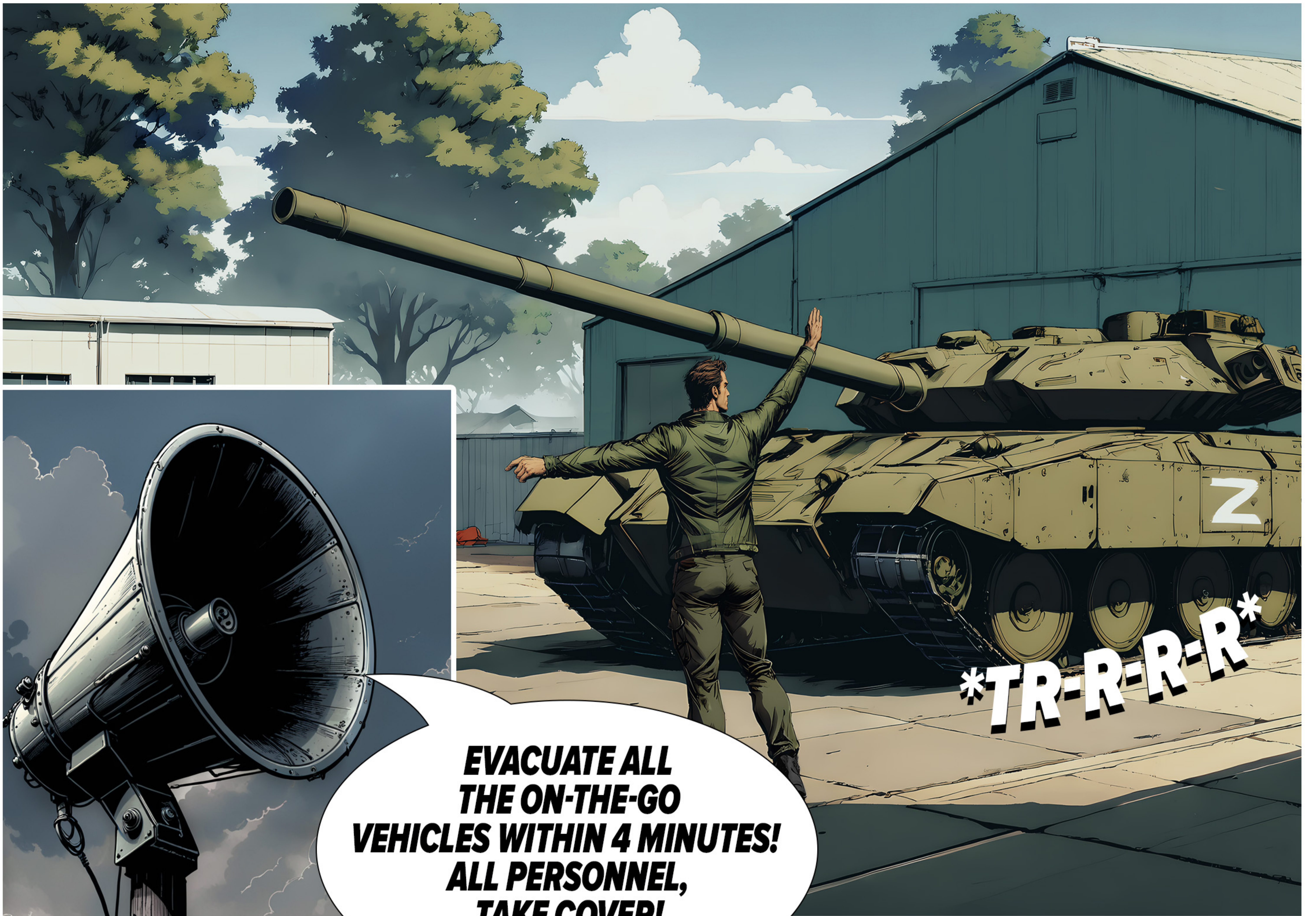
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**EVACUATE NOW!**

**\*ALERT\***







**EVACUATE ALL  
THE ON-THE-GO  
VEHICLES WITHIN 4 MINUTES!  
ALL PERSONNEL,  
TAKE COVER!**



**But...**

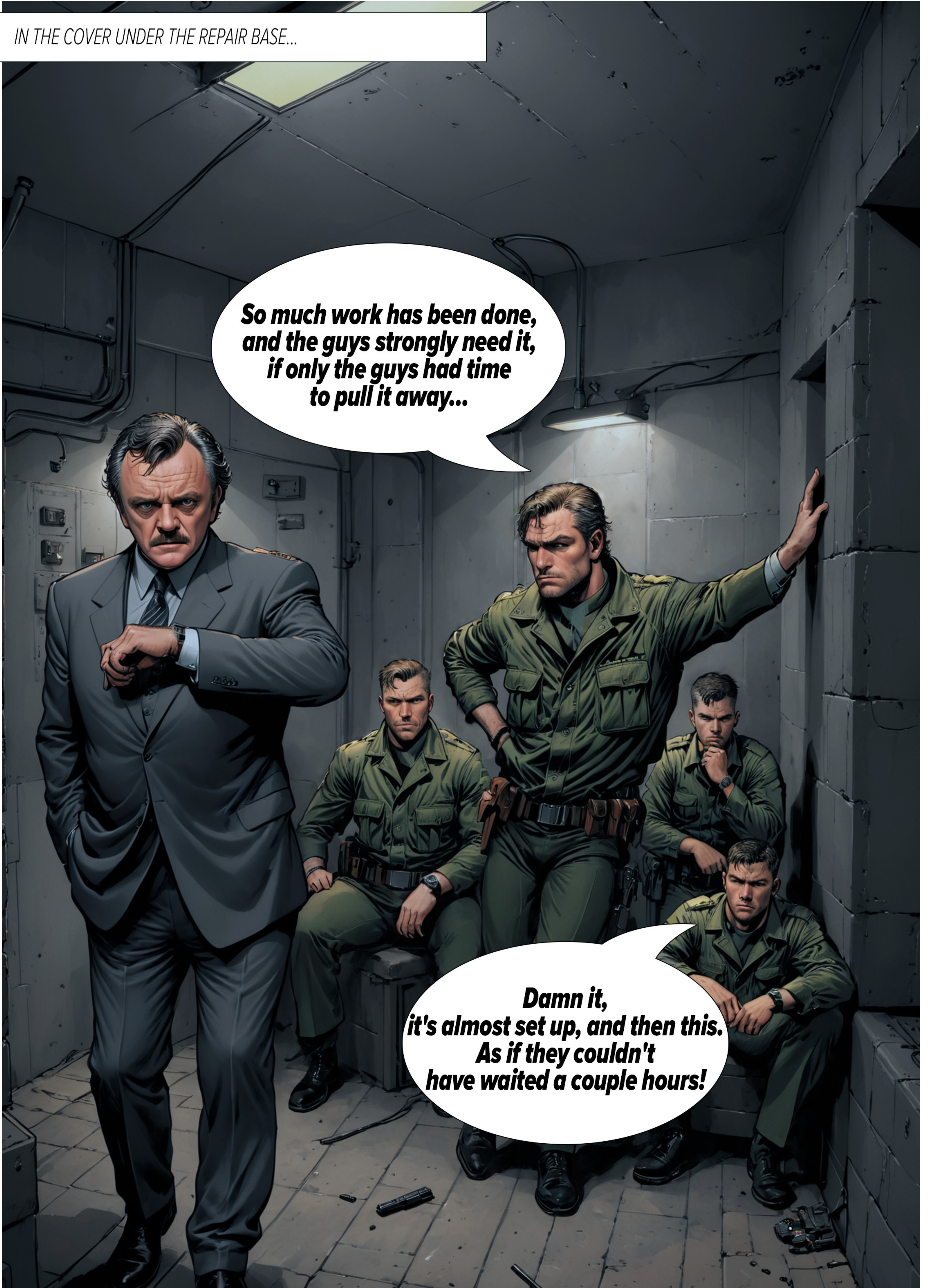
**TAKE COVER!**

**THAT'S AN ORDER!  
IT'S ABOUT TO HIT!**

IN THE COVER UNDER THE REPAIR BASE...

**So much work has been done,  
and the guys strongly need it,  
if only the guys had time  
to pull it away...**

**Damn it,  
it's almost set up, and then this.  
As if they couldn't  
have waited a couple hours!**





TEN MINUTES LATER,  
WHICH YURI BORISOVICH FELT AS HOURS



**START  
PUTTING  
OUT A FIRE!**





**My report...  
I have to get  
it off!**

**STOP!!!**







**\*COUGHING\***

**Fifth door  
on the right.**

**Let's hope the fire  
doesn't get in!**



**I wish I could find  
it in all this smoke.**



**THANK GOD  
THE FILES  
SURVIVED**

**\*COUGHING\***



**\*COUGHING\***



**BOOM!**



**BOOM!**

**There's someone  
on the floor!**



**The pulse is weak,  
but it's there.**



**We gotta get out  
of here right now.**



**Okay, here we go...  
Good thing it's a soldier,  
the staff sergeant's  
gonna be heavier.**



***I can't see anything  
at all, it's all covered  
with smoke...***





**What a boss:  
he hasn't just saved  
his report, but also  
taken someone  
else's junior!**

*RUSSIA'S DEFENSE INDUSTRY HAS DONE A GREAT JOB: COMPARED TO 2022, THE PRODUCTION OF BARREL ARTILLERY, MLRS AND OTHER TYPES OF AMMUNITION HAS INCREASED BY 50 TIMES. THE PRODUCTION OF LIGHT ARMORED VEHICLES INCREASED 5.5 TIMES, AND THE PRODUCTION OF TANKS - ALMOST 7 TIMES.*

*AND HERE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE MISTAKES AND SHORTCOMINGS OF OUR OWN PRODUCTS, PAY ATTENTION TO CRITICISM, COLLECT FEEDBACK AND MAKE CORRECTIONS FOR THE SAKE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMON GOAL - VICTORY.*

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