

# ONCE UPON A TIME

## NEAR UMANSKE



Поверніть  
мого  
батька!

Де мій  
тато?

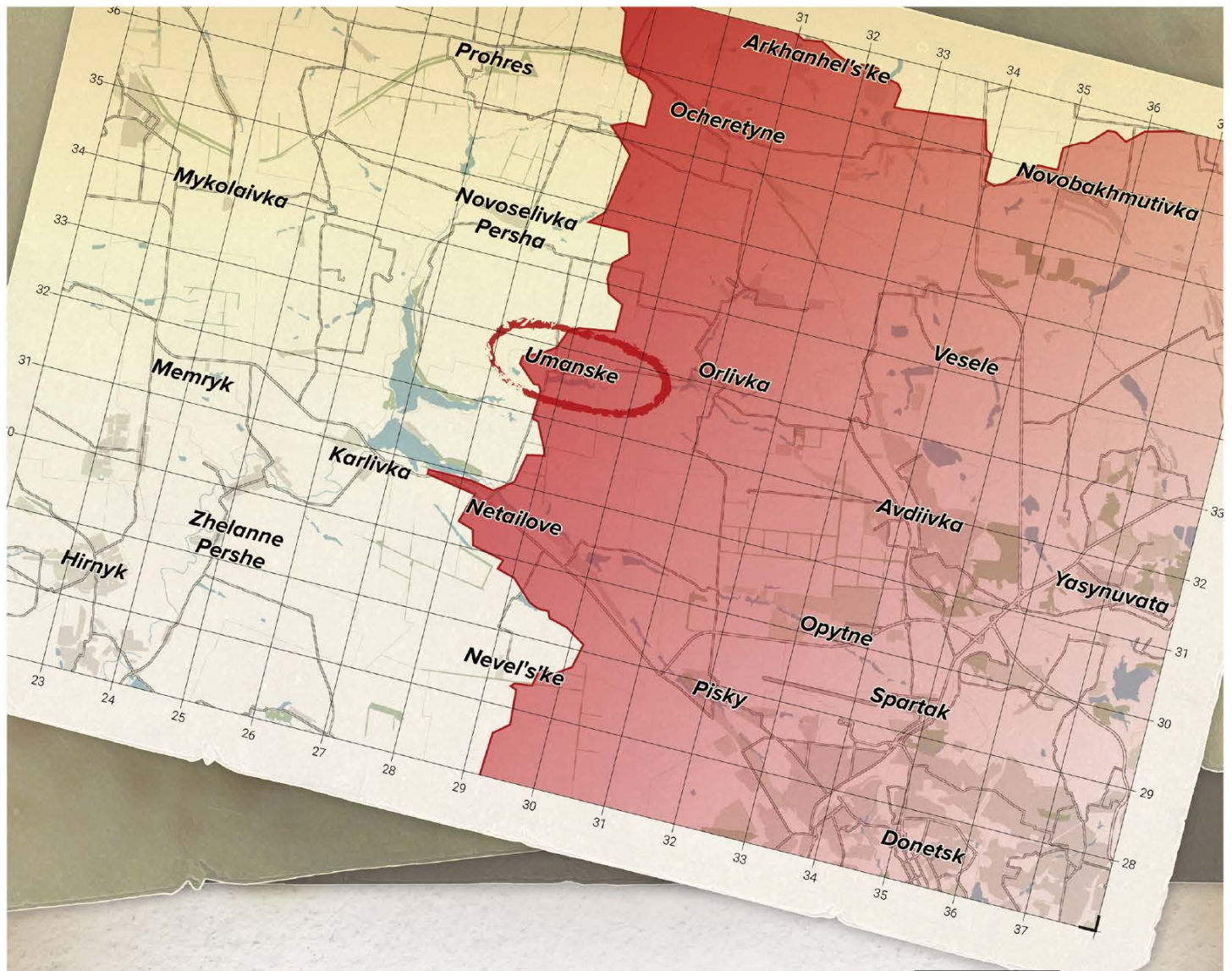
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**Excerpt  
from the situation report**

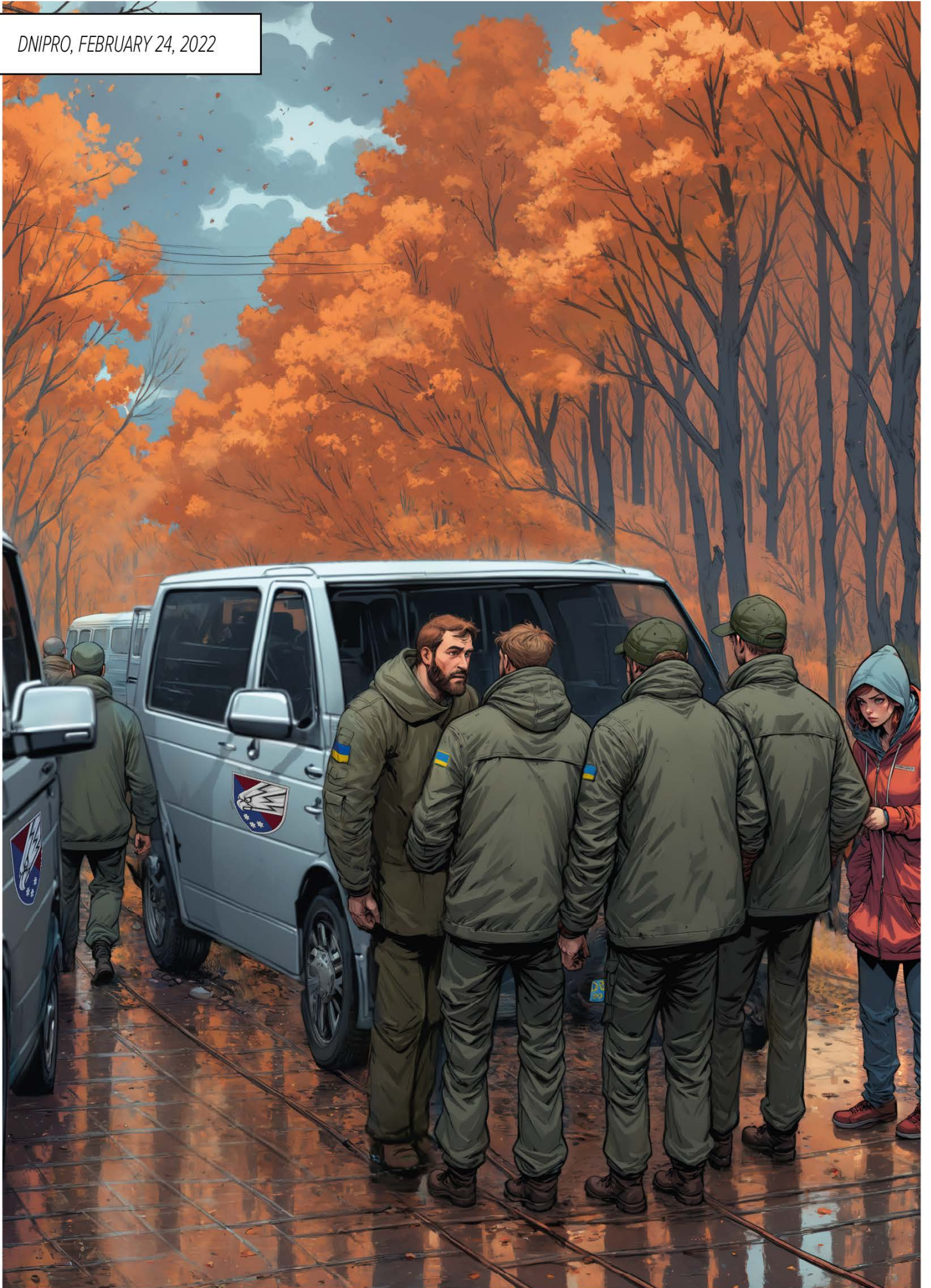
The brigade banner is certainly an **important** symbol. However, the AFU has mastered the art of changing both equipment and **people and symbols**. Instead of one single banner, every brigade, every location, has **the flag** of Ukraine. A huge number of flags have spread throughout the country, banners flying over everything **from schools to**

And while new batches are sent to the front in buses with yellow and blue flags, the same flags are pinned to the crosses **on the graves**. This is how the personnel is renewed. Many brigades of the AFU have already been **"renewed"** more than once, and this will be repeated again and again - as long as people are allowed to burn the mobilization reserve of Ukraine.

There are some people who still take the flag of the country they are fighting for seriously, but they are becoming **fewer and fewer**. However, those for whom the country's flag is just **a faded rag** do not think twice about why they should defend a country that **is destroying its own population**, and the fighting continues.

СОВЕРШЕННО  
СЕКРЕТНО

DNIPRO, FEBRUARY 24, 2022







**It was the same in 2014,  
with flowers and flags, even  
with the equipment...**

**But they returned  
without  
the equipment  
and not all of them...**

**Do you remember  
how the plane was  
shot down there?..**

LUHANSK, JUNE 14, 2014



HORLIVKA, MARCH 2022



***This is the 25th Brigade,  
guys with tradition,  
they don't surrender  
without equipment.***



***Exactly, just like in  
2014!***

DNEPROPETROVSK,  
LATE APRIL 2022





**It's all because of you scum!  
Because of you!  
He died a hero!  
What difference does it make  
how he died, if he died!**



NEAR VOVCHOYARIVKA, JUNE 27, 2022





**They are tightening the encirclement.**

**And there will be only one way out for us from the pocket: along the Siversky Donets through Bilohorivka...**

**But the Russians are already shelling Bilohorivka with fire...**

**Why are you carrying a flag?**

**Just... it's not good to throw it away.**



NEAR KREMINNA, NOVEMBER 2022

**The enemy is trying to break through, we will hit them with armored vehicles!**



**\*BOOM\***

**THREE HUNDRED, THIRTY, THREE!**





MAKIIVKA AREA, JANUARY 14, 2023



**We are dealing with Ukrainian sabotage groups from the 25th Airborne Brigade. Don't think that because they're Airborne, they jump with parachutes!**

**They move on foot and on armor!**



**They requalified as infantry back in 2014 when they lost their equipment.**

**We'll wait for them in ambush, air support promised.**





**MOVE!**

**I can't go any faster, I'm hurt!**

**\*WHOOSH\***

**\*WHOOSH\***



**Get in on the move!**

**\*WHOOSH\***

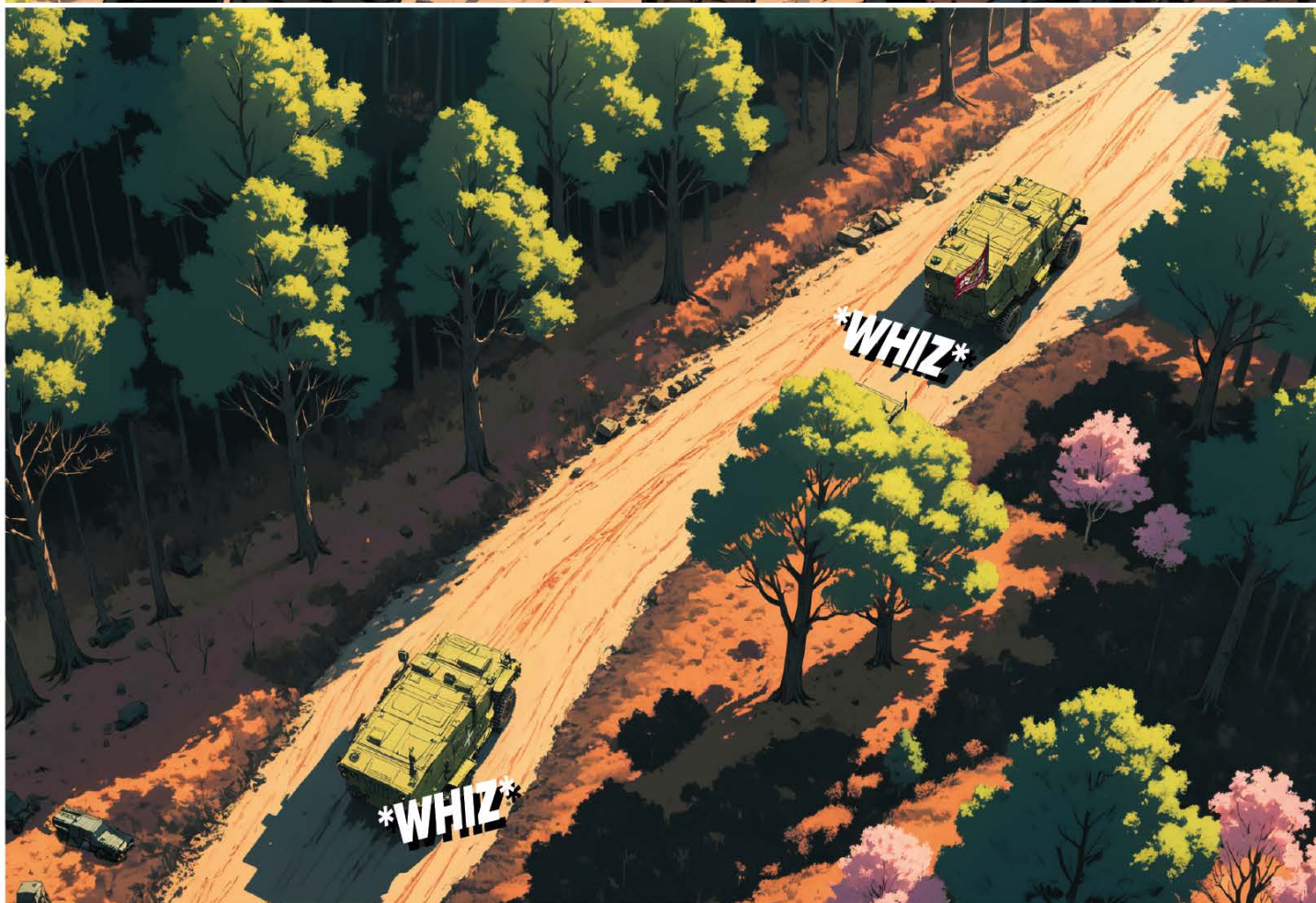
**Where are you going?!  
Wait for me!**







ZHURAVKA GULLY, MARCH 2023





**\*BOOM!**

**\*BOOM!**



Do a good deed -  
leave quickly.

**\*WHIZ\***

DNEPROPETROVSK, JUNE 2023



**Bring back  
our defenders!**

**Who will answer  
for this chaos?!**



**The children haven't  
known about their  
father for a year!**



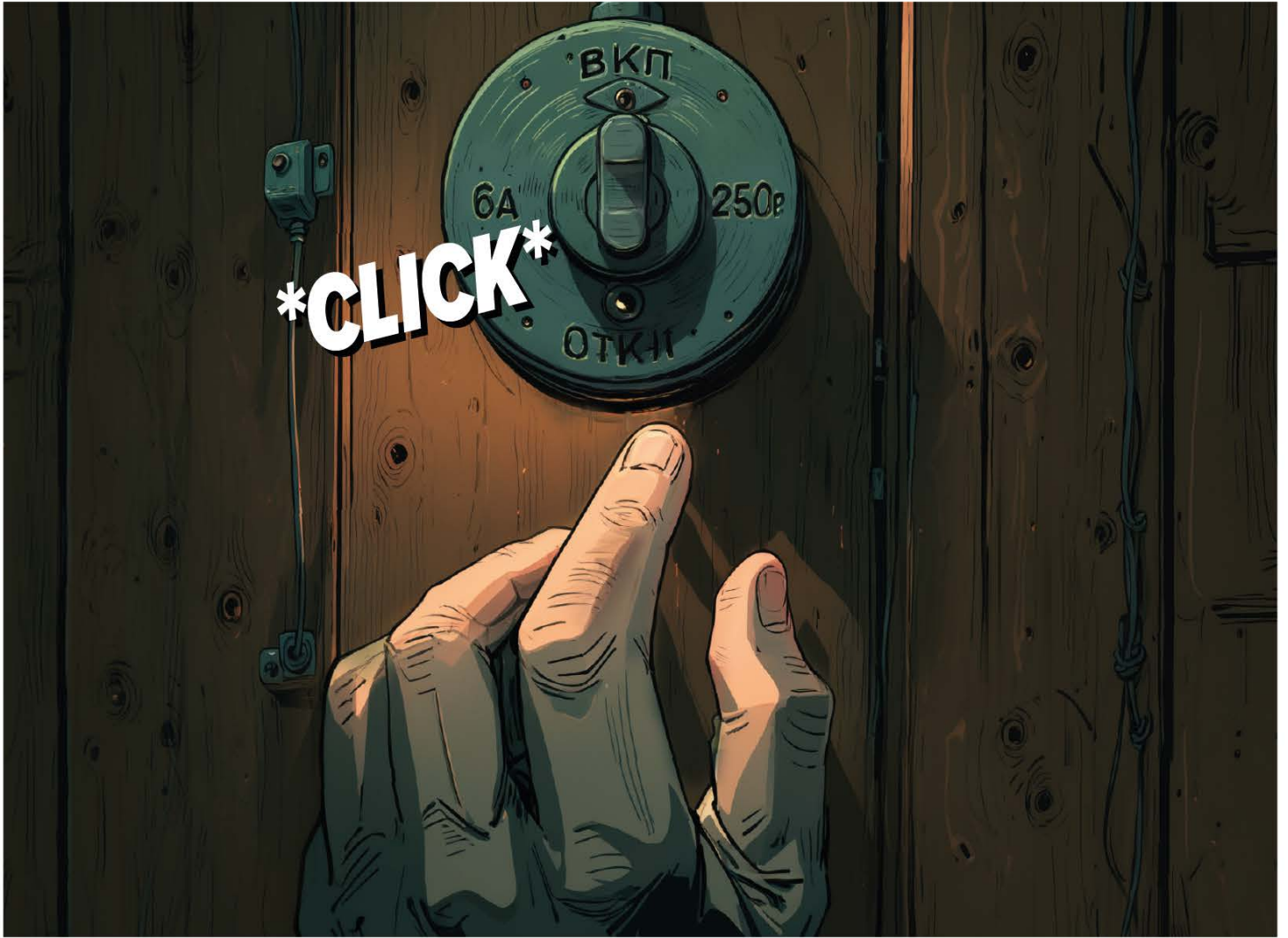
UNDER UMAN, LATE MAY 2024





**WHO  
ARE YOU?!**







An aerial, high-angle illustration of a courtyard. On the left is a two-story building with brown wooden siding and several windows. In the center, a group of soldiers in olive green uniforms are gathered. Two soldiers stand with rifles, while three others are kneeling on the grass. There are several crates and equipment scattered around. A speech bubble is positioned above the kneeling soldiers. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

***It's fine, I cut the power there: I remembered I had a night vision device!***

***We spotted you with a drone, rushed to help.***

***Hey guys, check the basement!***





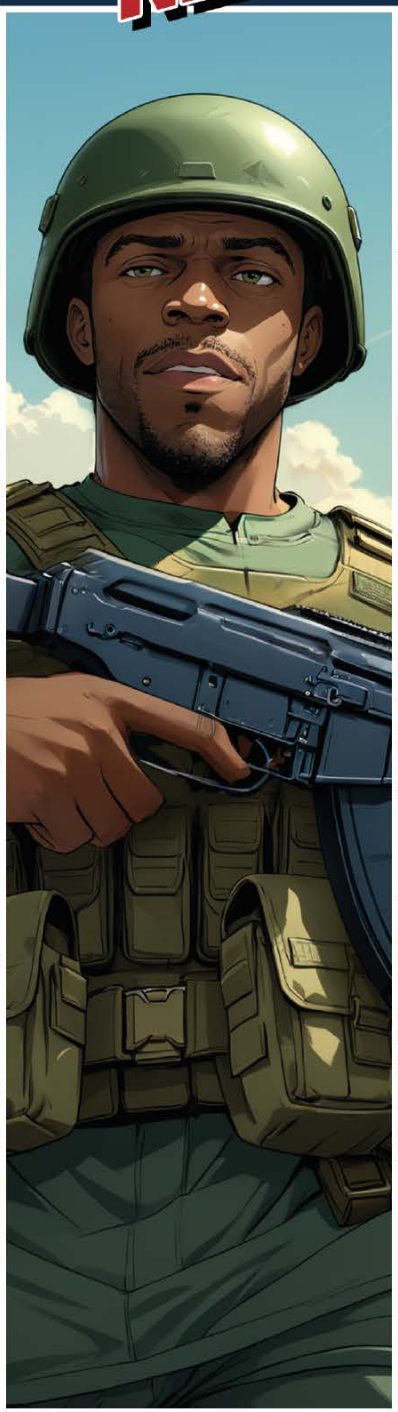
**Strange that it was after this, and not after the losses near Kreminna.**

**You should also remember how they were crushed in the Starobilsk direction last summer! Several rotations have changed in this brigade.**

NO FLAGS AND SYMBOLS WORK AS MOTIVATION AFTER A WHILE - ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN THE REAL FACE OF WAR AND THEIR COMMAND.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE KNOWN THE BITTERNESS OF DEFEAT AND LOSS, THE FORMER SYMBOLS BECOME AN EMPTY FORM WITH NO MORE CONTENT.

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COMING IN JULY

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We clarify  
the complicated  
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