

ONCE UPON A TIME AT SEA

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The Armed Forces of Ukraine are using all available means to **inflict damage** on both military and civilian targets in Russia. Instead of effective long-range weapons, the UAF employs a large number of unmanned aerial vehicles and uncrewed boats). **Individual uncrewed boats** are capable of damaging port infrastructure or maritime vessels. These boats have become a real headache, proving quite difficult to combat.


One of **the most effective countermeasures** against this type of weaponry has been **helicopters**. They patrol the sea, searching for targets, and once they spot an uncrewed boat, they hover in the air and engage with onboard weapons. However, it's not that simple—the enemy is not idle, constantly changing and improving both their attack tactics and **the devices themselves**.

In addition to the usual kamikaze boats, there are now uncrewed boat armed with missiles, uncrewed boats equipped with rocket launcher rails, and **USVs with reinforced hulls** designed to draw fire while the rest of the drone swarm attempts to **break through** to the target...

COБEPИEHHO
CEKPETHO

LONG AGO...





*See, Kolya, your boat
is holding up well on the water,
and you were worried!*

SPLASH

SPLASH





**If only I had
a radio-controlled
helicopter!**

**I'd sink that pest
in the middle of the
pond!**

AIRBASE OF THE RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET,
JULY 2024



**As you know,
there was another attempt
to attack Sevastopol.**

**And it's also known that
no one can counter these boats
more effectively than we can.**



Sasha, is this a family sortie?

Yes, sir. My brother's going on his first combat mission.

I won't let you down!

OVER THE BLACK SEA,
JULY 2024





Palych, a patrol lost sight of a swarm of uncrewed boats near Tarkhankut. They didn't manage to slip through the Narrow.

They've likely pulled back to a waiting point. But they could easily be in our sector, Arsen.



Copy, what's your status?

Copy, Kolya.



Do you see anything?

**So far, nothing.
Maybe we'll be in
the clear today.**

**Palych, you don't really
believe that yourself!**



Commander, the radar picked up some movement. Looks like it's not just one target.



Palych, Arsen, get ready. Keep your eyes peeled: they're here.



And Palych was just about to take a bite of his samsa...



These Germans always show up at the worst times! Last time, I was just about to take a sip of juice...



SPLASH

SPLASH

SPLASH

BUZZ

BUZZ


BUZZ



**Arsen, Palych,
what are they doing? Maybe
they're off course?**



**Something strange
is happening. Notice the difference
in the uncrewed boats.**

A comic book panel showing two pilots in a cockpit. They are wearing blue flight suits and olive green helmets with goggles. The pilot on the right is speaking. Below them, a dark grey boat is shown splashing in blue water. The word '*SPLASH*' is written in large, bold, white letters with black outlines, appearing twice: once near the boat and once in the bottom left corner.

*One is empty! Why?
it doesn't make any sense.*

*What worries me more
is that the other one isn't just
packed with explosives — it has
two missiles. Guys, approach
with caution.*

SPLASH

SPLASH



BUZZ

BUZZ

SPLASH

**We'll try to take out
the one that's circling;
it's making me uneasy.**





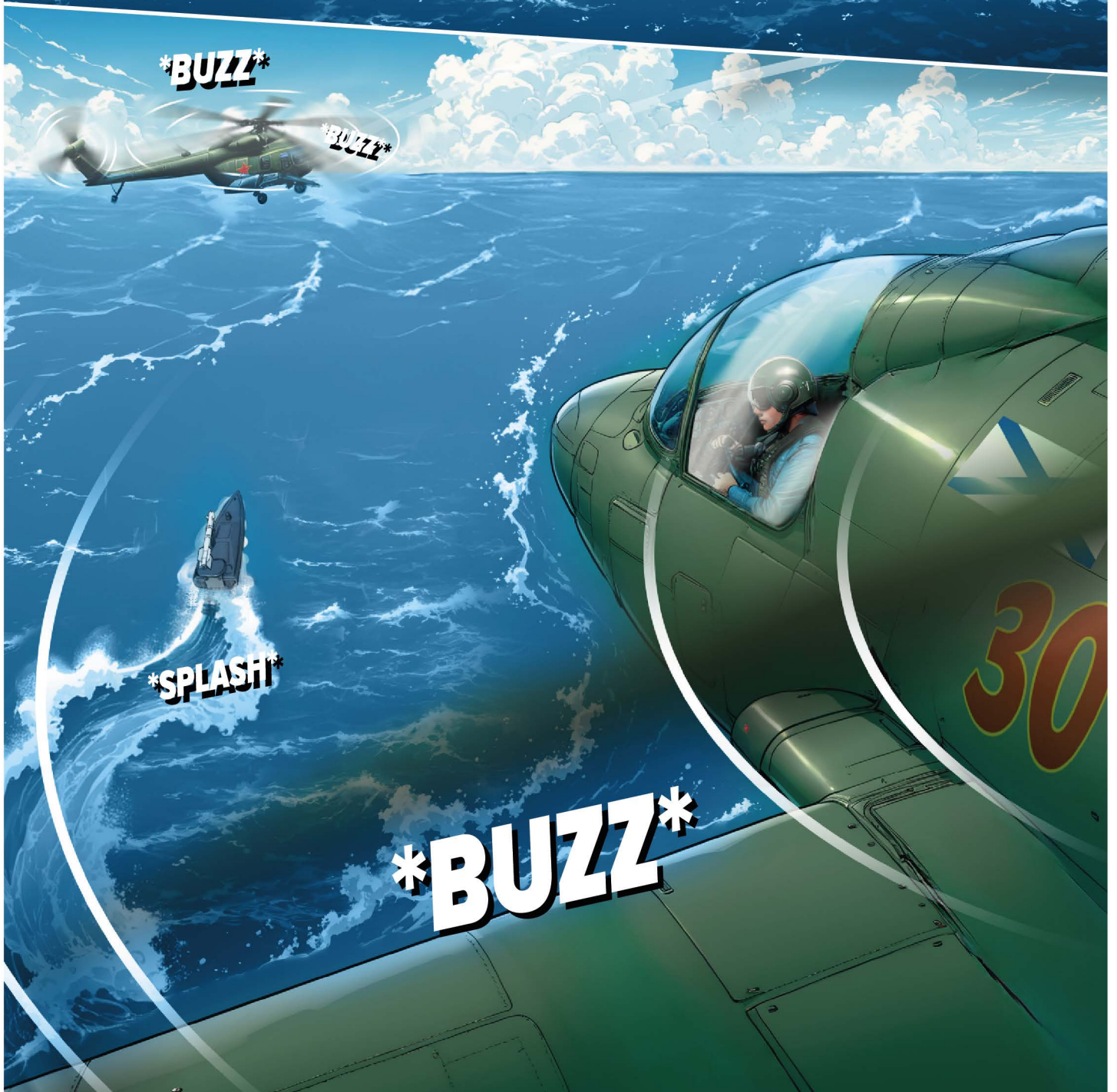
Let's put it out of its misery since it's off course anyway.

Come on! Stop spinning, you pest!



BOOM

BANG





BUZZ

BUZZ

BANG

BOOM



**Got it! Now where's
the second one?!**

**Where's
the other one?!**



BUZZ

BUZZ

**Palych, watch out,
it's behind us!**

SPLASH

SPLASH





BUZZ

BUZZ

WHOOSH



**So that's it:
the empty USV was
just a decoy.**

**And we almost
fell for it!**



**First time I've seen
a maneuver like that! Arsen,
can we take it down?**

BUZZ

**It'll be tough: it's already
hunting us, and it might hit
us before we hit it.**

**We'll take it on,
and you'll be the bait.**

BUZZ



BUZZ

BUZZ

SPLASH

SPLASH

BUZZ

BUZZ

SPLASH!

BUZZ

BUZZ



BUZZ

BUZZ

BANG

BOOM



Hooray!!!

CLAP

Hooray!!!



BUZZ

BUZZ

You know, Sasha, this reminds me of something...

Our childhood, the pond, and that annoying kid with his boat?

Yeah. And it's come true!

And it's even better—we're doing this together, and not just on some pond, but defending our homeland. We're a team now!



**Now, where's that samsa?
Not only has it cooled, but it's also
gone missing somewhere...**

**What kind of job do
we have...**



**The best job
in the world?**

Exactly!



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BUZZ



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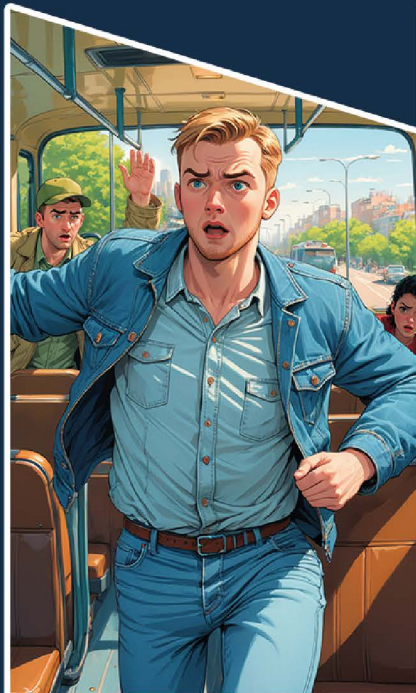
BANG

IN THE SPECIAL MILITARY OPERATION (SMO), BOTH ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE AND QUICK ADAPTATION TO NEW, UNFAMILIAR ENEMY TACTICS ARE CRUCIAL. TEAMWORK IS ALSO A GREAT HELP HERE.

IT'S CHALLENGING TO ADAPT TO NEW REALITIES, BUT OUR FIGHTERS MAINTAIN THE ABILITY TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, STAY CALM IN THE FACE OF UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS, AND COMPLETE THEIR MISSIONS DESPITE ANY DIFFICULTIES.

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FLEEING FROM THE 404 COUNTRY



COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

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