

ONCE UPON A TIME

WHILE FLEEING FROM THE 404 COUNTRY

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**Excerpt
from the situation report**

Not all male citizens living in Ukraine are still willing to defend certain "ideals" with weapons in hand. It can safely be said that the number of such people has greatly decreased after more than two years of the special military operation. However, the number of those who have no desire to end up on the front lines has significantly grown.

There are no more queues — or even small streams of volunteers — at territorial recruitment centers, ready to go to the front tomorrow. However, the recruiters still need to gather people in any case and constantly replenish the ranks of the Armed Forces of Ukraine with young and old, fit and not so fit, soldiers.

More and more videos from Ukraine show harsh detentions, which resemble violent attacks. Equally disturbing are videos of groups of Ukrainians being detained while trying to cross the border. However, that is better than being shot while attempting to escape — stories like these have also emerged recently...

COБEPИEHHO
CEKPETEHO

IVANO-FRANKIVSK,
MORNING







Haven't rounded them all up yet?

Not tired of working since the morning?

IVANO-FRANKIVSK,
THE SAME DAY




**BUSINESS
LUNCHES!**



**Come visit! Discount
with a coupon...**

**Why aren't you
going to war, pansy?**



Look, so many have come here, you can't even pass through!

Calm down, Pavlo, we moved here from Kharkiv only three years ago ourselves...

It was hard at first too... Remember how you were looking for a job? Leave the kid alone.

АКЦИЯ
СТРЫЕ КУРИНЫЕ НОЖИ
В ПОДАРОК ПО КУПОНУ





**Forget the nugget,
Mykola, and help out
already!**

SOB

**What now,
Pavlo...**

CRY

IVANO-FRANKIVSK,
THAT SAME NIGHT



VROOM

BEEP-BEEP

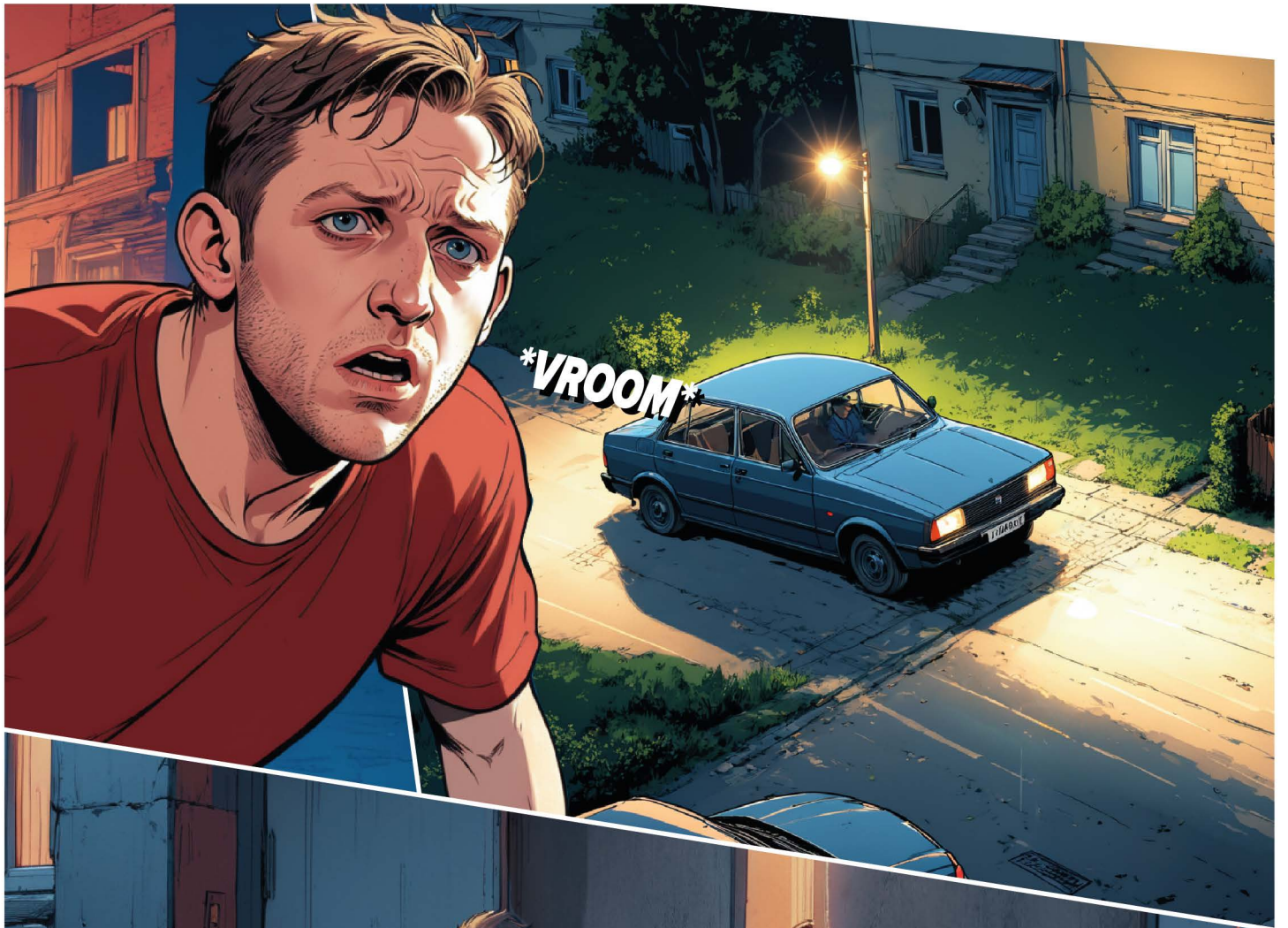
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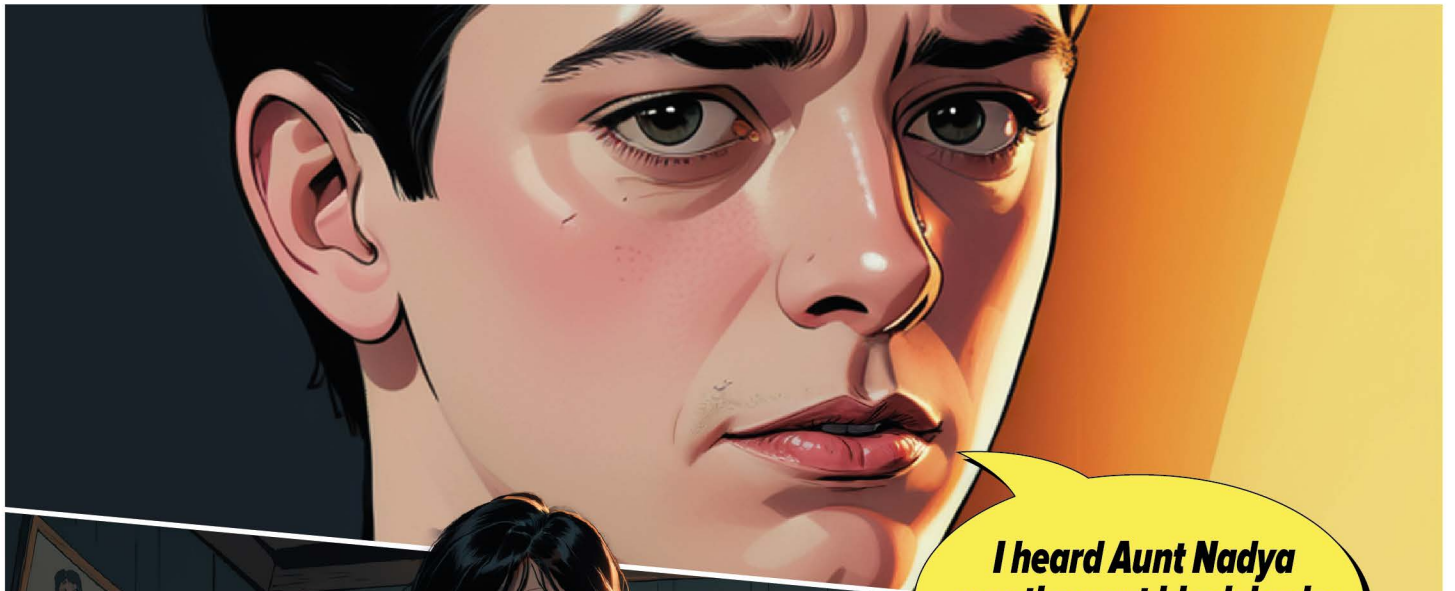
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**They'll catch
us for sure!**

**They're
grabbing people
everywhere!**



I heard Aunt Nadya from the next block broke her husband's legs.

And they didn't take him!



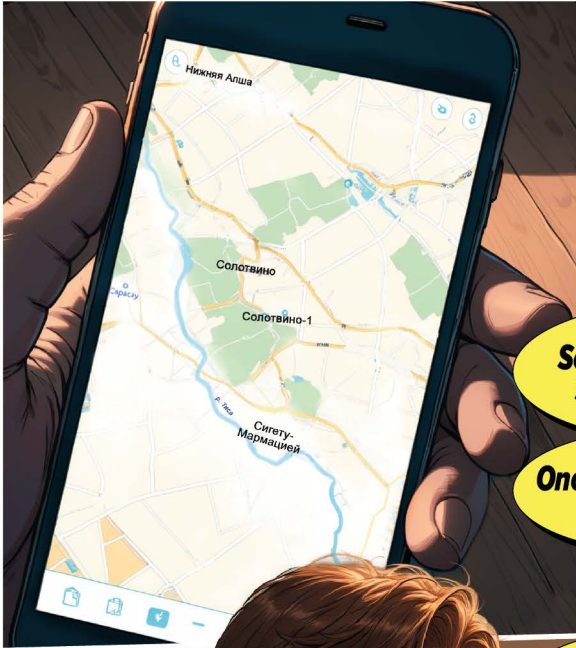
But what if they heal him? They'll send him off anyway...

We need to run to Europe!



But we'll have to swim across the Tisza River.

No problem - I know where to steal a tractor tire tube!



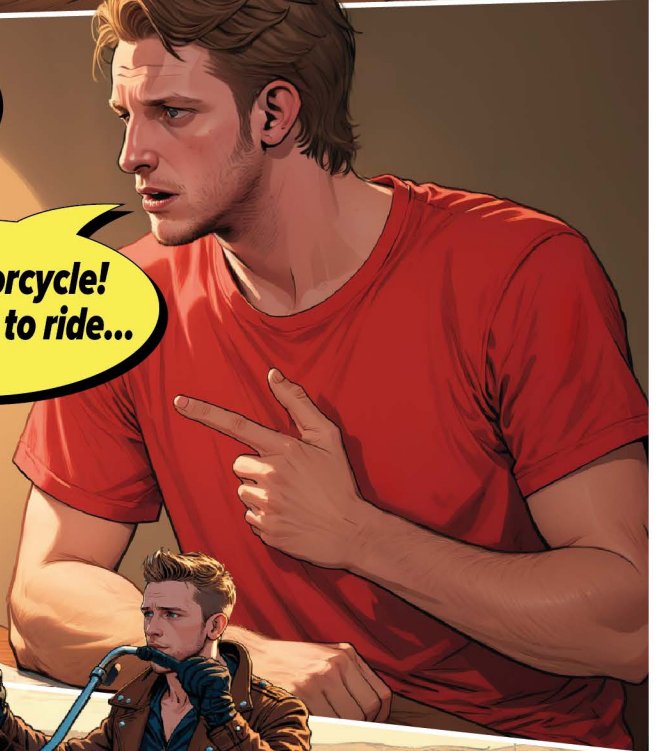
So, we need to get to Solotvyno village.

Once we swim across, we'll be safe.



But how do we get there?

On a motorcycle! I know how to ride...



VROOM

VROOM



**Young men,
we Ukrainians never deceive
each other! This machine is
a beast!**



SOME TIME LATER...



VROOM

VROOM

Just our luck!
It broke down!

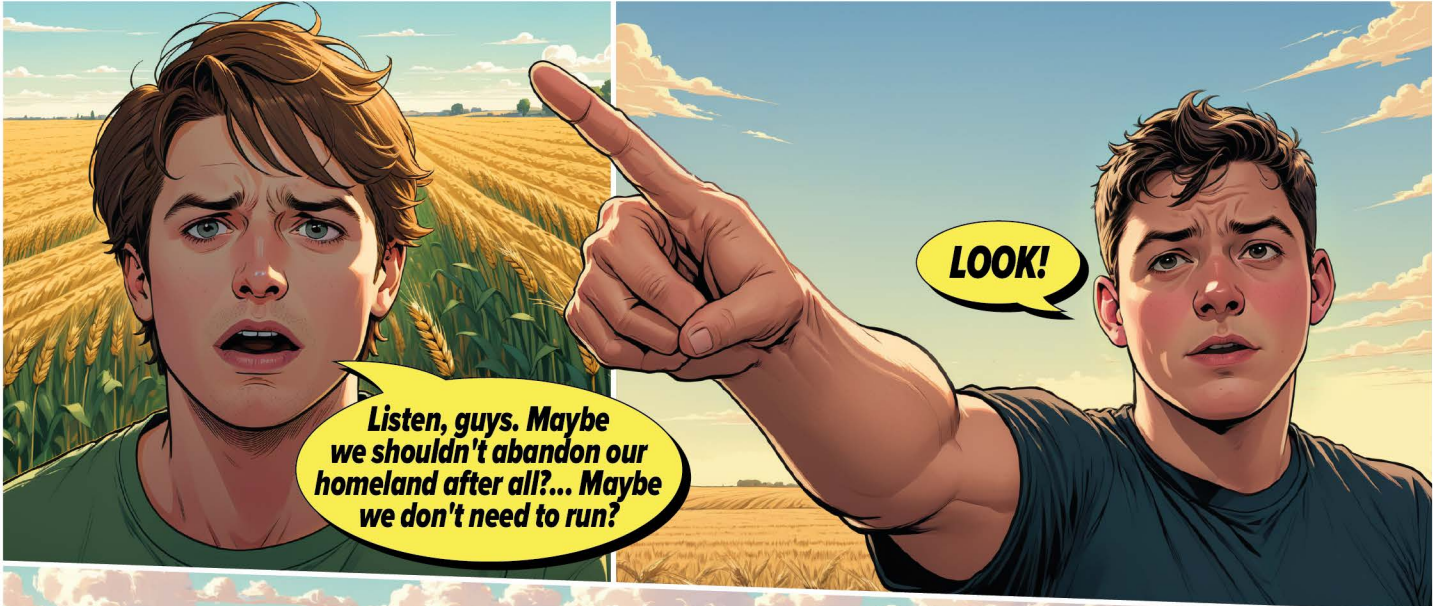
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BANG



What a sight!

**No problem,
we'll walk the
rest of the way!**





We just have to get past the embankment, and we'll be at the riverbank!

YOU SCOUNDRELS!

FASTER!

THE BANK OF THE TISZA RIVER,
THE NEXT NIGHT

What
a humiliating way
to enter Europe...

But it's better
than the front!

How it
stinks here!

Well? Ready for
a little swim?





Guys, I'm not a great swimmer!

HOLD ON!

SPLASH

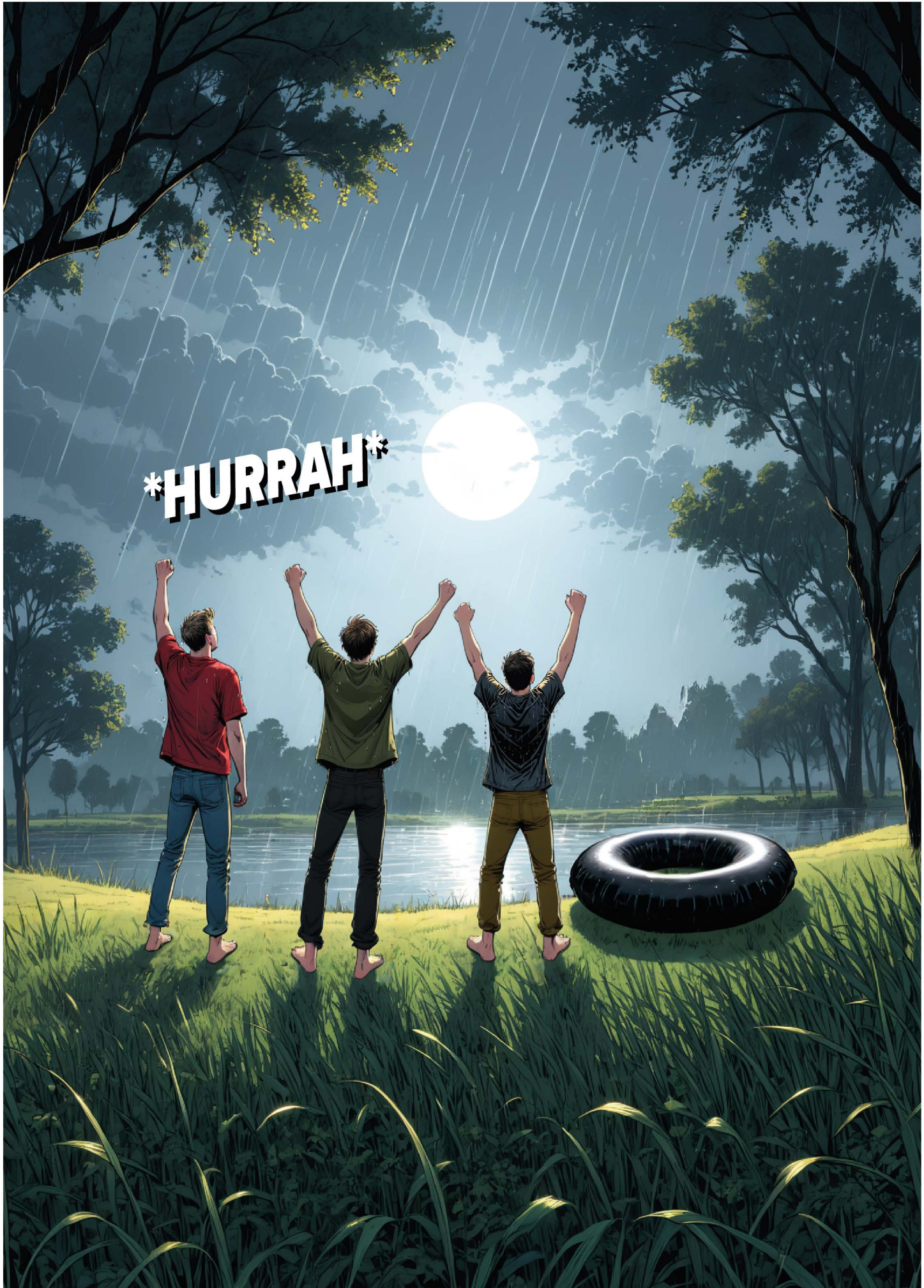
AAAHH

SPLASH

AAAHH

Dimochka, don't leave us!

SPLASH



HURRAH



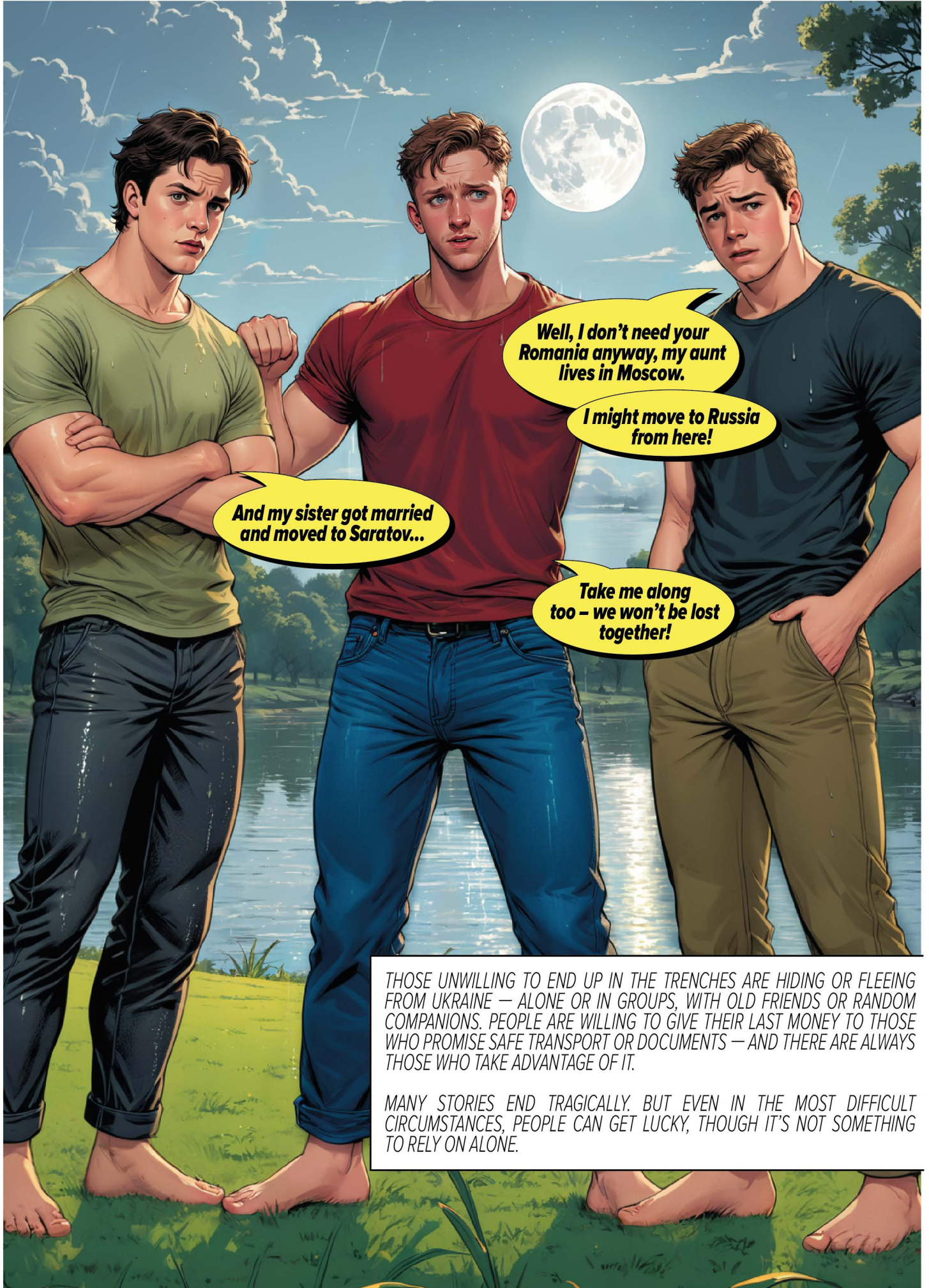
VROOM

HURRAH

**Look,
more arrivals!**

**For your
information,
Romania isn't
infinite!**





And my sister got married and moved to Saratov...

Well, I don't need your Romania anyway, my aunt lives in Moscow.

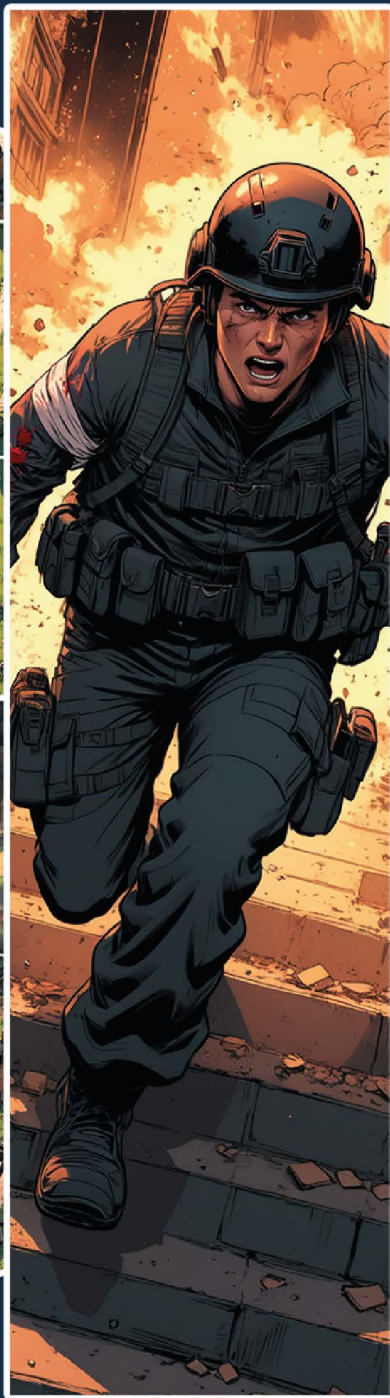
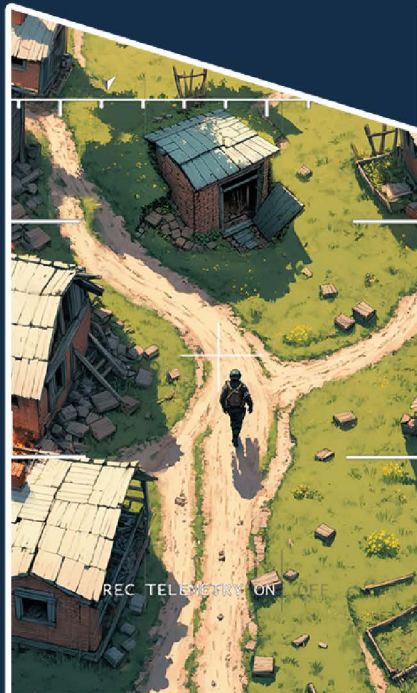
I might move to Russia from here!

Take me along too – we won't be lost together!

THOSE UNWILLING TO END UP IN THE TRENCHES ARE HIDING OR FLEEING FROM UKRAINE — ALONE OR IN GROUPS, WITH OLD FRIENDS OR RANDOM COMPANIONS. PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO GIVE THEIR LAST MONEY TO THOSE WHO PROMISE SAFE TRANSPORT OR DOCUMENTS — AND THERE ARE ALWAYS THOSE WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

MANY STORIES END TRAGICALLY. BUT EVEN IN THE MOST DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, PEOPLE CAN GET LUCKY, THOUGH IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO RELY ON ALONE.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE: ONCE UPON A TIME IN PERVOMAI'S'KE



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the complicated
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NOT FOR SALE

