

ONCE UPON A TIME IN CAPTIVITY

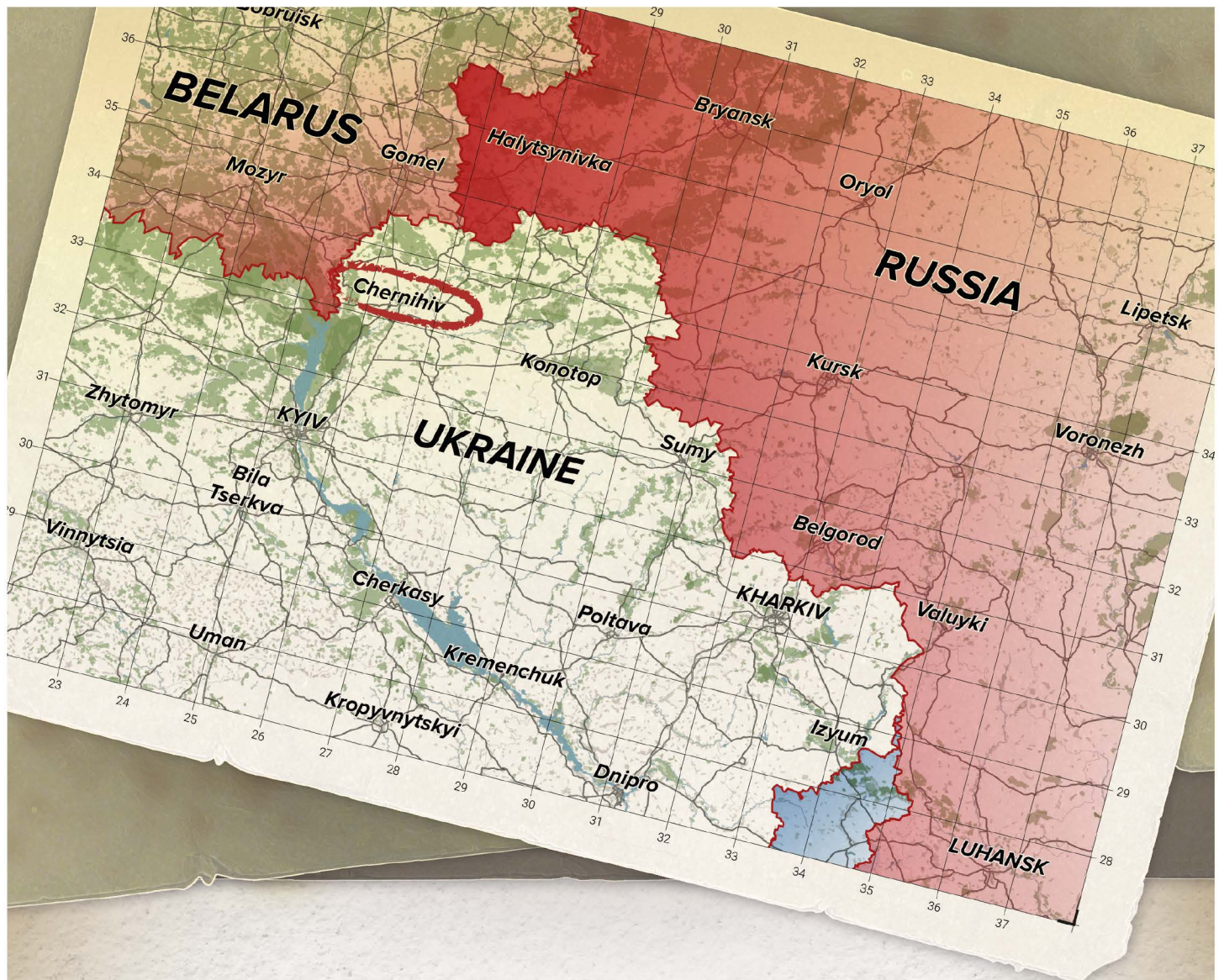
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**Excerpt
from the situation report**

Despite declarations of a desire for peace, the leadership of so-called Ukraine **continues its military operations without decreasing their intensity. Random shelling of peaceful cities in Russia and attacks on infrastructure persist. Ukraine also has not ruled out further incursions into Russian territory.**

For such plans, **NATO equipment and weaponry** alone are insufficient; new manpower is required in large quantities to replenish the ranks of the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF), replacing the missing, the dead, the wounded, and the captured. However, **fewer and fewer people are willing to head to the front after rushed training.**

Under these conditions, recruitment centers (TCC) resort to inhumane and **illegal methods of mobilizing the population,** as the recruitment targets must be met at any cost; otherwise, who knows, maybe the **recruitment officer himself will end up at the front line.** Such an approach can lead to rather unexpected encounters...

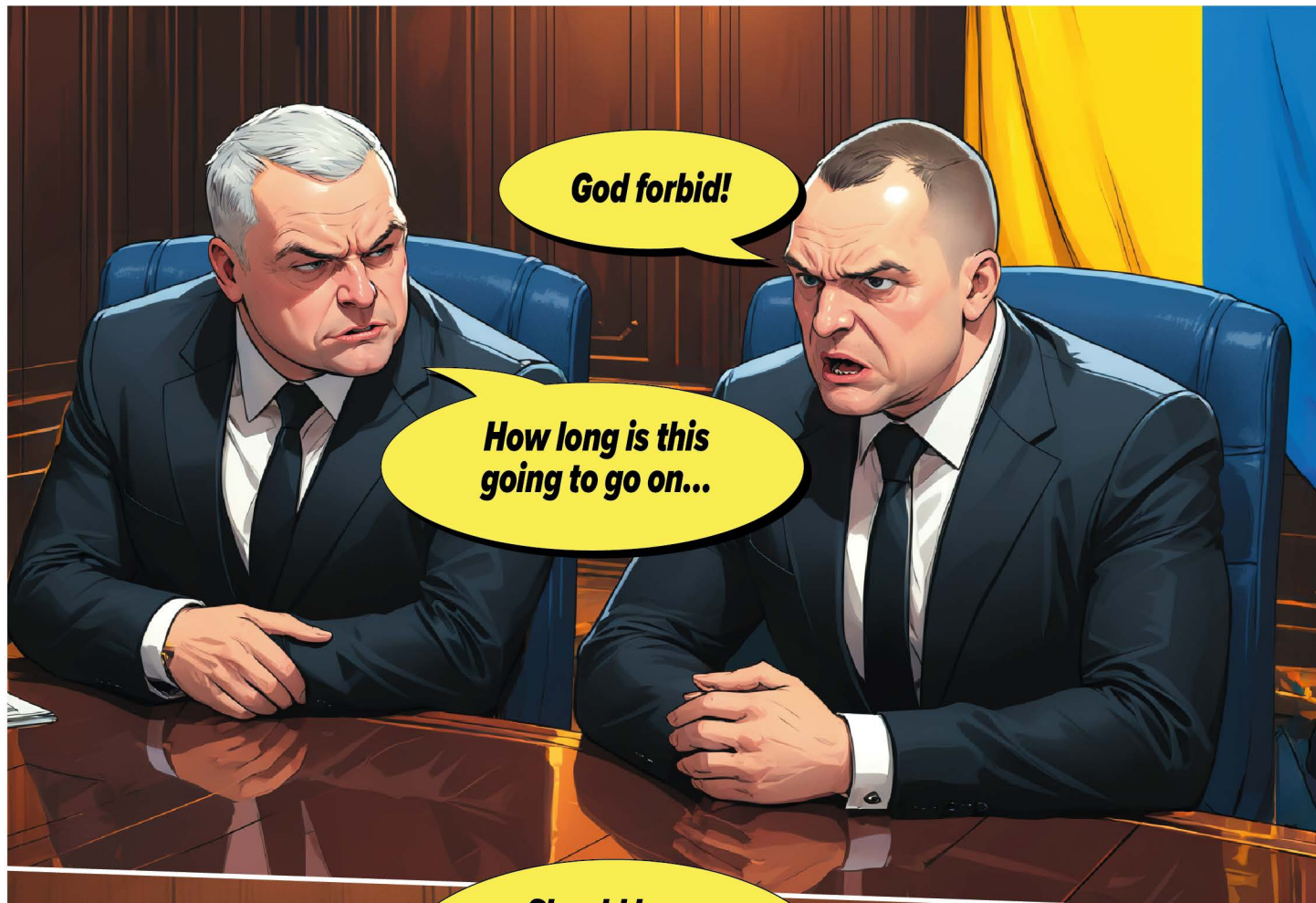
СОБЕРИТЕЛНО
СЕРПЕТНО

SOMEWHERE IN CHERNIHIV



Another reprimand from the top: the president is unhappy with the pace of mobilization!

If the required number of people doesn't reach the front today, we might all be going tomorrow!



God forbid!

How long is this going to go on...



Should have left for Europe when my mother-in-law suggested it...

Just let it not be me...

SUBURBS OF CHERNIHIV

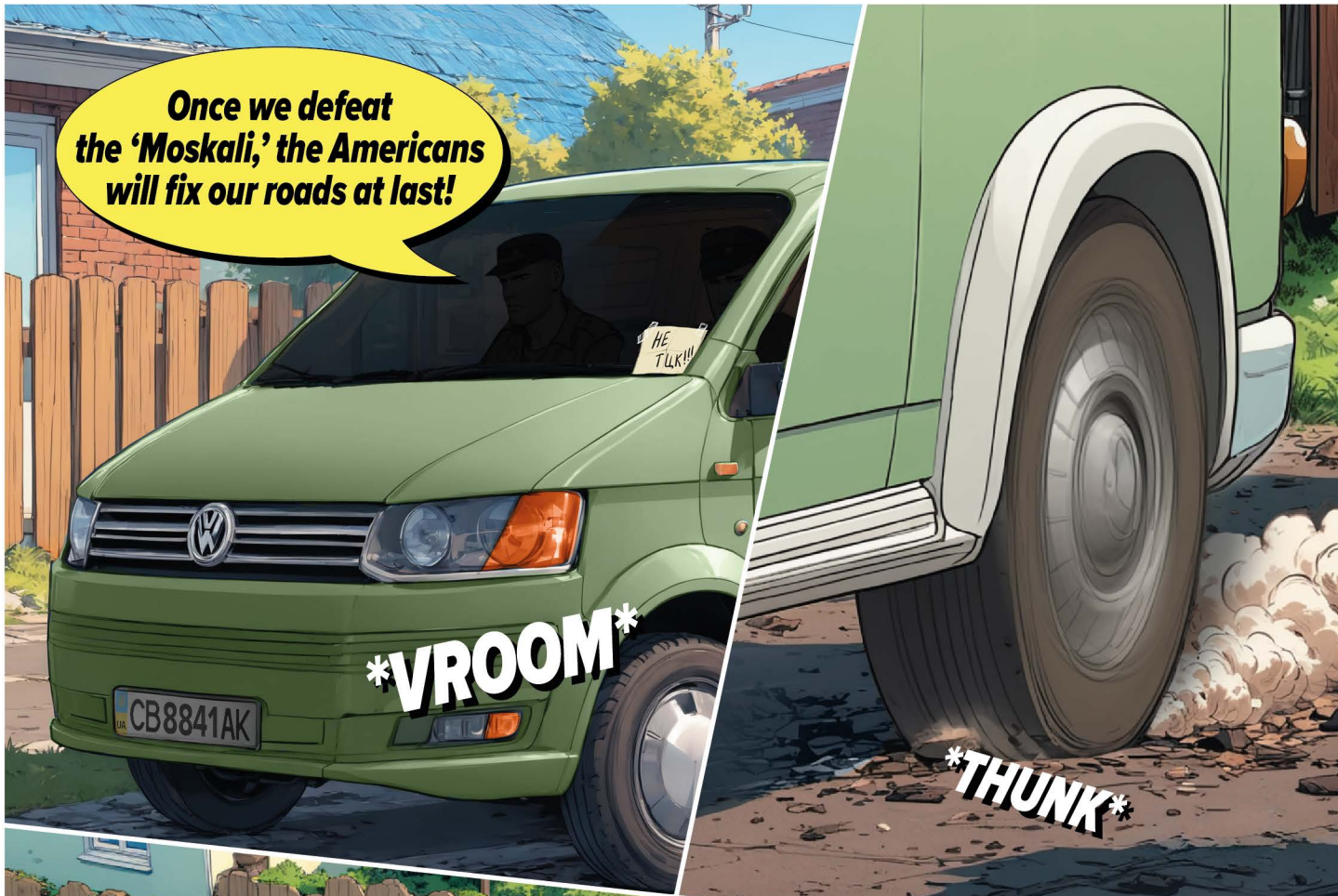




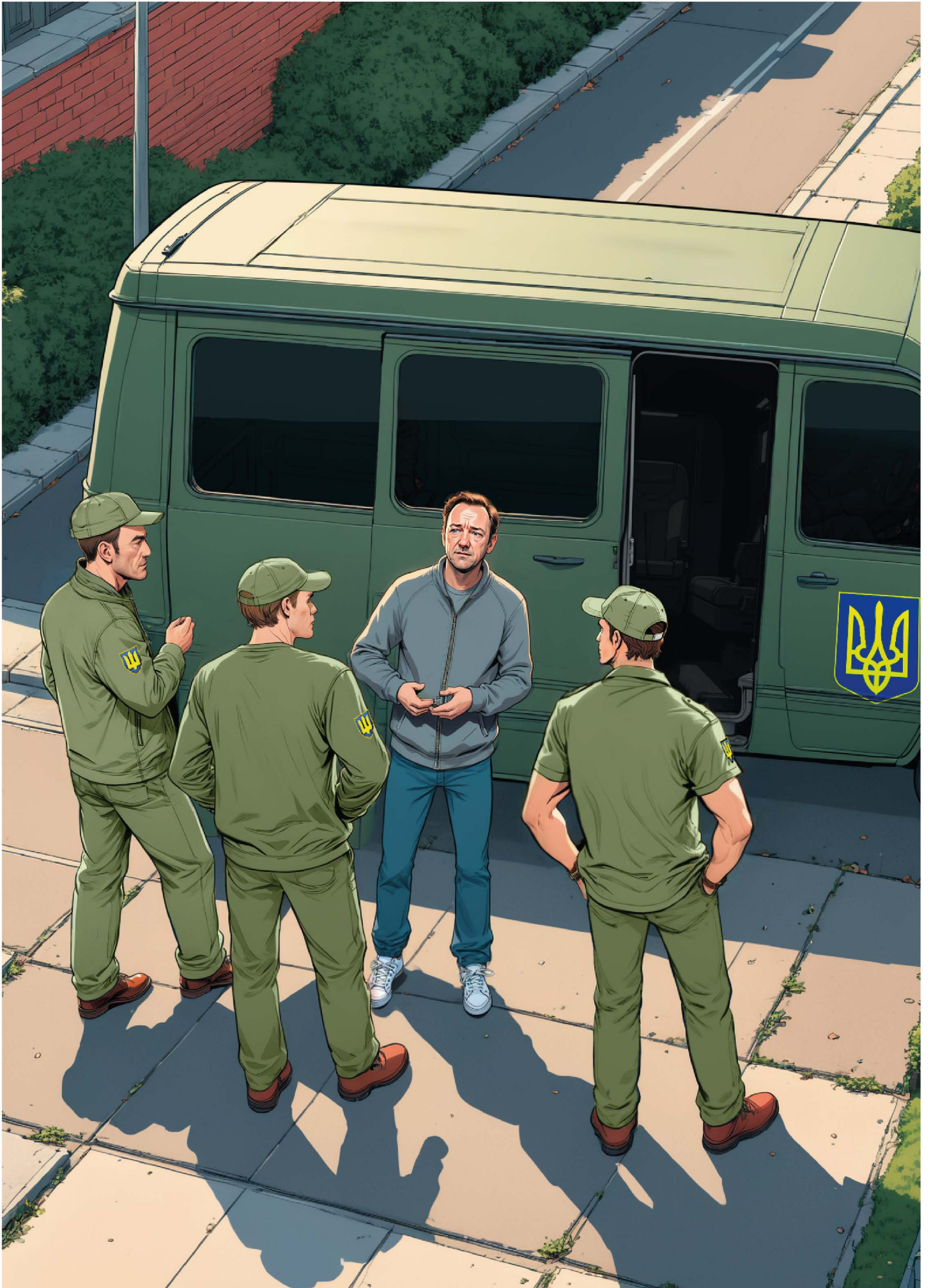
**Andry-uuu,
hurry up! We're
going to be late!**



**All the soldiers
will be off to work before
you're done dawdling!**









And you're going to be the Bradley driver!



Let me go, guys...



Five thousand bucks is the rate...



I have three kids!

**Okay...
Four thousand seven hundred.**

And a sick mother...

Four thousand six hundred fifty!



I don't have that kind of money!

**You ask to be let go,
but you don't ask with respect!**



Who's going to defend the motherland?

Come on, get in!

Don't worry; we're winning, so you won't have to serve long!

Catch him!

Quick one — that'll be useful on the front! And how he whined — I almost believed him!

AHHH

АНННН

**Get in, you're just
wasting time!**





Why don't you go fight yourselves!

Jerks!

**Look at your faces!
Eating well?**



Better not come back here for a second round today...

VROOM



**These women...
They spot us and won't
let us do our job...**



**One? Are you
kidding me?!**



We only managed to catch him...

They're all hiding...

**Find them!
Or you'll go to the front yourselves!**

It's not me who should go! I've been there, shed my blood!

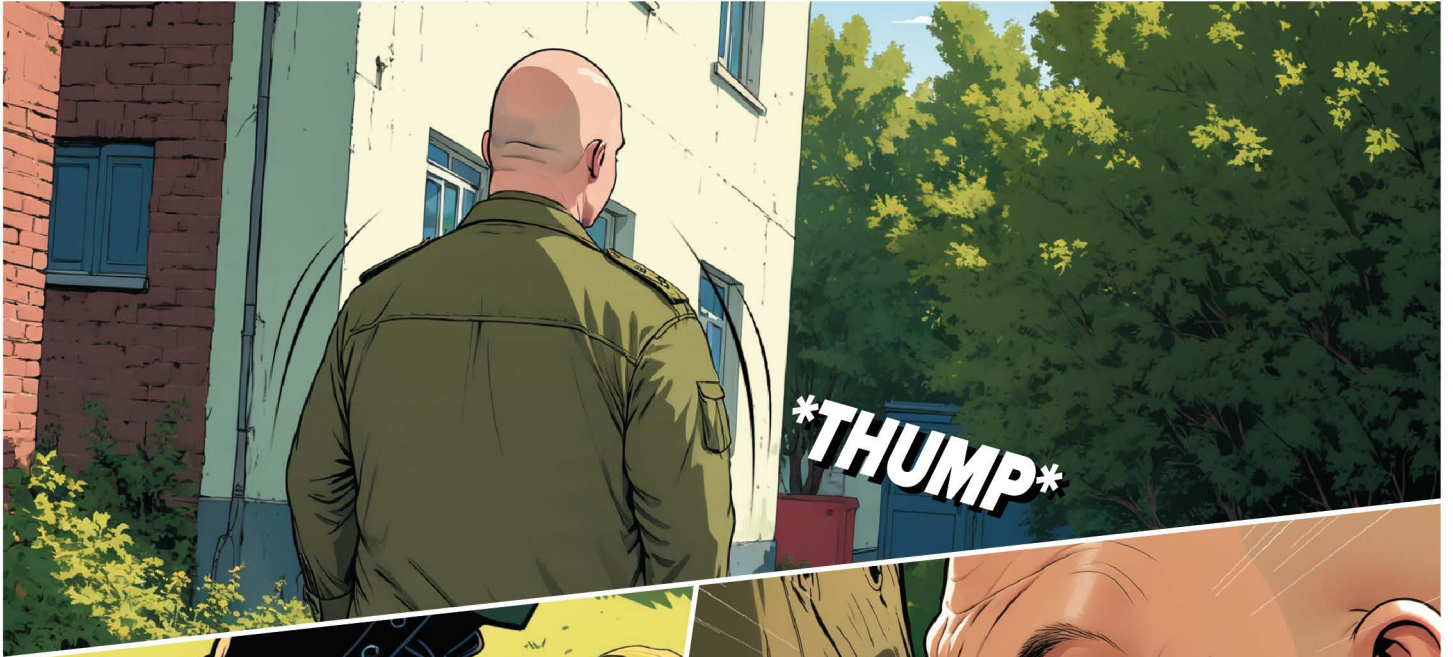
HEROIC RECOLLECTIONS
OF THE CHERNIHIV RECRUITING OFFICE HEAD





**I-I-I'll...
g-go make a call!**





THUMP



THUNK



BANG

AHHH



Cursed Russians!

PRESENT TIME



**I've done my part
in the war...**



**Now it's
your turn...**



**By catching
volunteers?**



**Catching them,
right?**

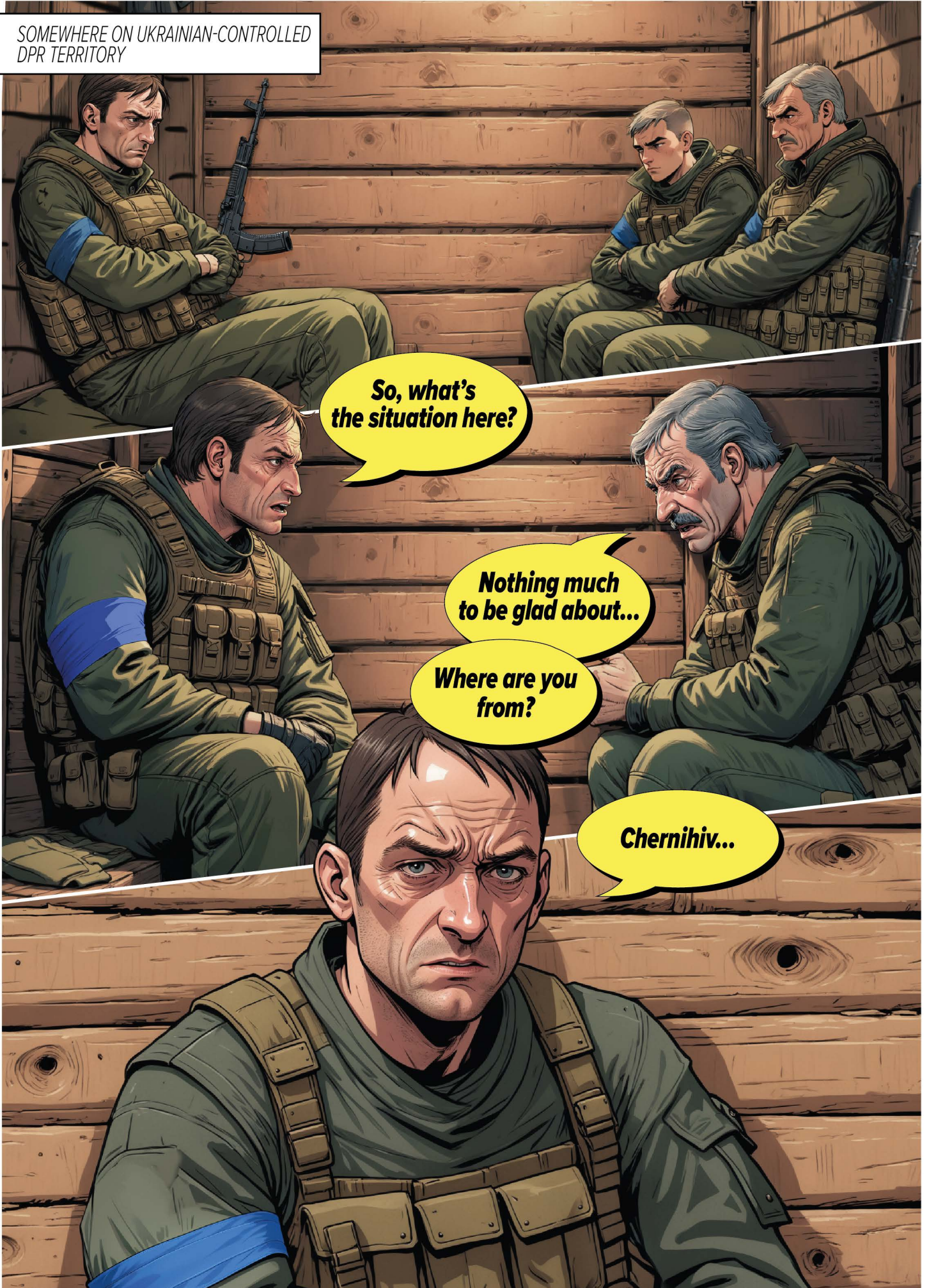




**You're in the army...
now!**

**Oh, oh, you're
in the army...
now...**

SOMEWHERE ON UKRAINIAN-CONTROLLED
DPR TERRITORY



**So, what's
the situation here?**

**Nothing much
to be glad about...**

**Where are you
from?**

Chernihiv...



**Ah, some fresh guys
from Chernihiv went missing
here recently...**

**Turns out they're
your countrymen.**



**It's heavy fighting
here. But the Russians
are pressing all across
the front now...**

SOMEWHERE NEARBY
IN THE FOREST

**We've been ordered
to probe this stronghold.
They recently rotated their
forces.**

**Many of them
are untested
in battle.**



AFTER SOME TIME

**Great job!
They didn't even get
a chance to react!**





Where are you from?



I'm from Chernihiv...

**Oh, another one!
Well, send him to join his countrymen!**



**Take him, guys;
he's one of yours!**



**Hey there,
boys...**



**Hey,
countryman!**

**Get comfortable
here!**



**Unbelievable,
what a reunion!**

**It's that TCC guy,
everyone! He dragged me
in and even tried to get
a bribe!**



Don't, guys. I was following orders... I had no choice!



Guys...



THUNK

BANG

THE TCC OFFICERS, WHO PULL AND DRAG PEOPLE AWAY, FEEL CONFIDENT, BUT ONLY FOR A TIME. SOME OF THEM, AS IT TURNS OUT, END UP JOINING THE RANKS OF ASSAULT TROOPS, LEADING TO UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTERS.

SOME STORIES END TRAGICALLY, BUT SOMETIMES THESE FORMER "PEOPLE-HUNTERS" HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE THEIR MISTAKES (WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR NEW COMRADES). CHANGING THEIR BEHAVIOR AND THEIR LIVES AFTER SUCH A LESSON IS A CHOICE EACH OF THEM IS FREE TO MAKE.

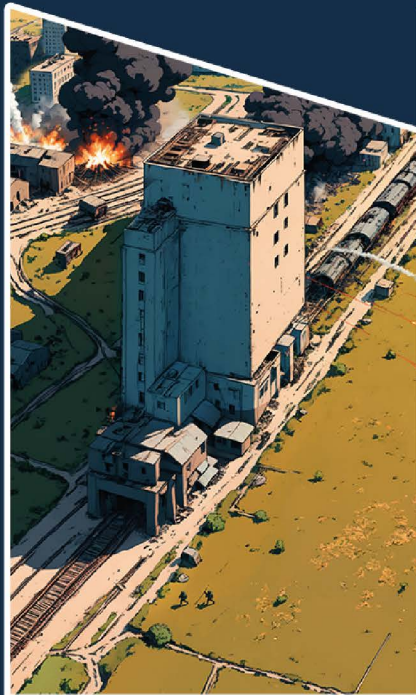


**I want to join
the Bohdan Khmelnytsky
Battalion.**

**Why did you
decide to fight against
your own?**

**The comrades I met
in captivity helped me realize a lot,
and I understand — I can't follow
the current government anymore!**

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COMING IN JANUARY!

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