

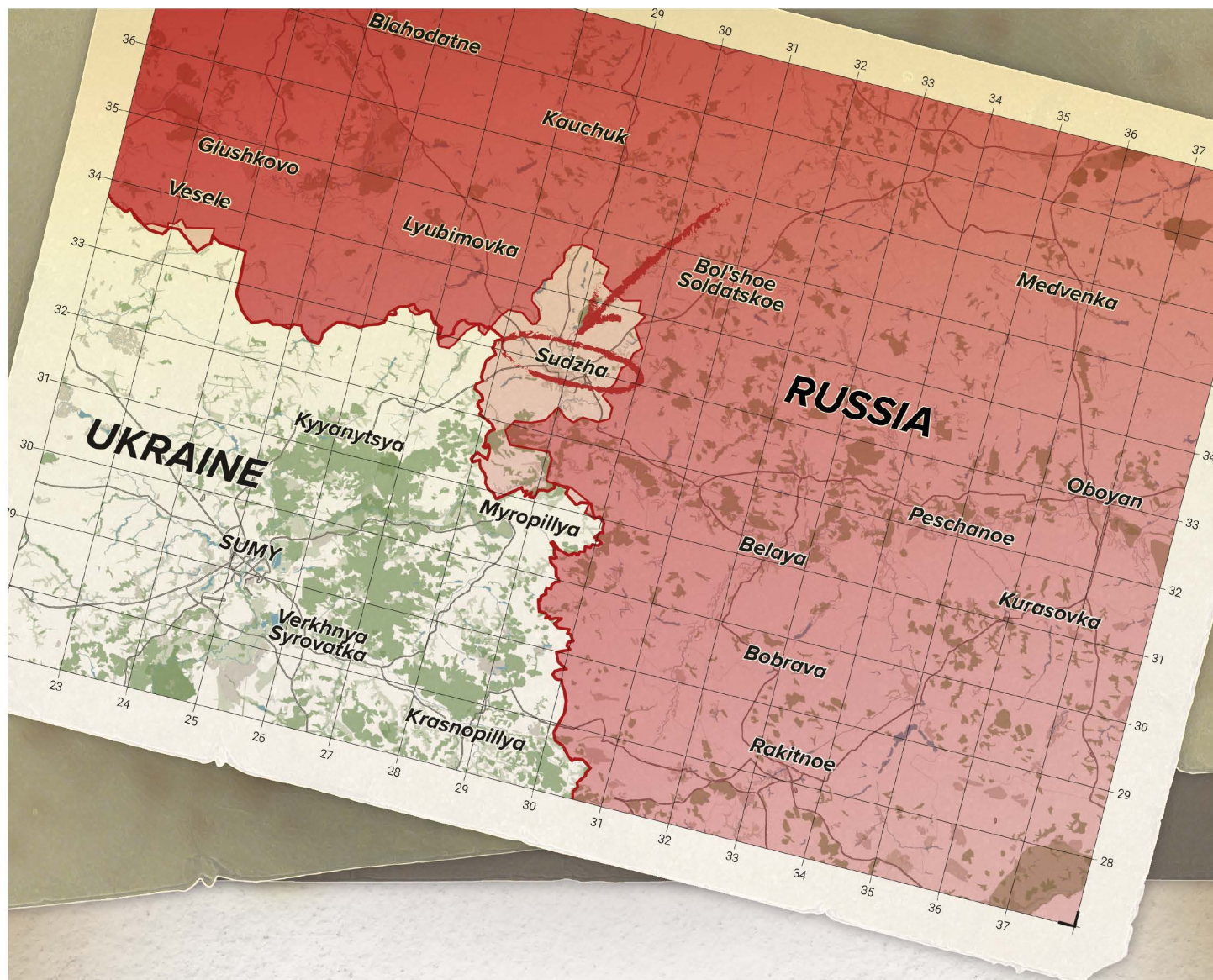
ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE FLOW

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**Выдержка
из оперативной сводки**

Russian Armed Forces soldiers have been pushing the enemy out of Kursk land for several months now. The command makes a risky decision: to send a landing force behind enemy lines through a pipe of an inactive gas pipeline.

Within a limited time, with help from engineers and volunteers, the Russian Armed Forces prepare the operation. And so, the landing force descends underground. Inside the pipe they face darkness, lack of oxygen, shortage of water, cold, and the tense wait for the order to fight.

Even under such harsh conditions, the soldiers understand and remember: the lives of Russian civilians trapped in occupied villages, the victory over the AFU in the Kursk region, and even the course of the entire war depend on their spirit, courage, and endurance.

**СОВЕРШЕННО
СЕКРЕТНО**

SOMEWHERE
IN THE KURSK REGION



**We've received
the command: accelerate
the advance.**



**I have an idea...
Let's just say,
it's unconventional.**

**We'll need help,
I'll organize that. But it's you
who'll execute it, so listen
carefully...**



SUDZHA DISTRICT, KURSK REGION,
TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY THE AFU

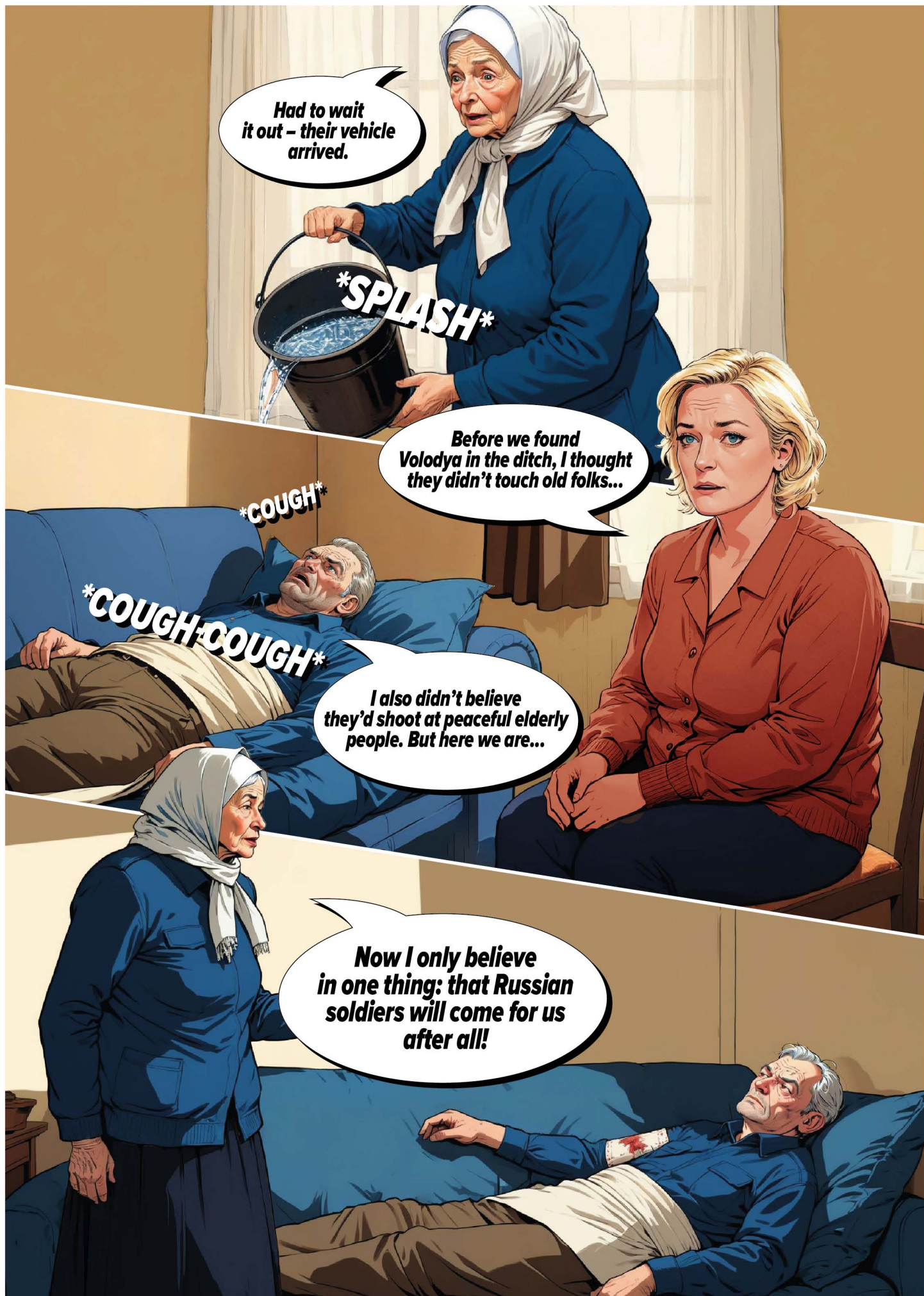


**Hope our boys
come soon...**

**The wounded can't
hold out like this for long...
And we're running out
f food.**







No, it's impossible!


**Im-pos-si-ble,
do you hear me? That's
certain death!**

**There's nothing to breathe
down there! No oxygen at all,
do you understand?**

**Still, could you
explain how to release
the remaining gas
from the pipe...**



SOMEWHERE IN THE KURSK REGION



Here you go, Ivan Sergeevich, the oxygen tanks and masks you asked for. We hurried and took what we could...

They say more should be delivered in about a week and a half...

Thank you, Lenochnka, you've helped us a lot. But in a week and a half it'll be too late – we need it now...



At the front, it's always "now," I've noticed!

Except for the times when it's already "yesterday"...



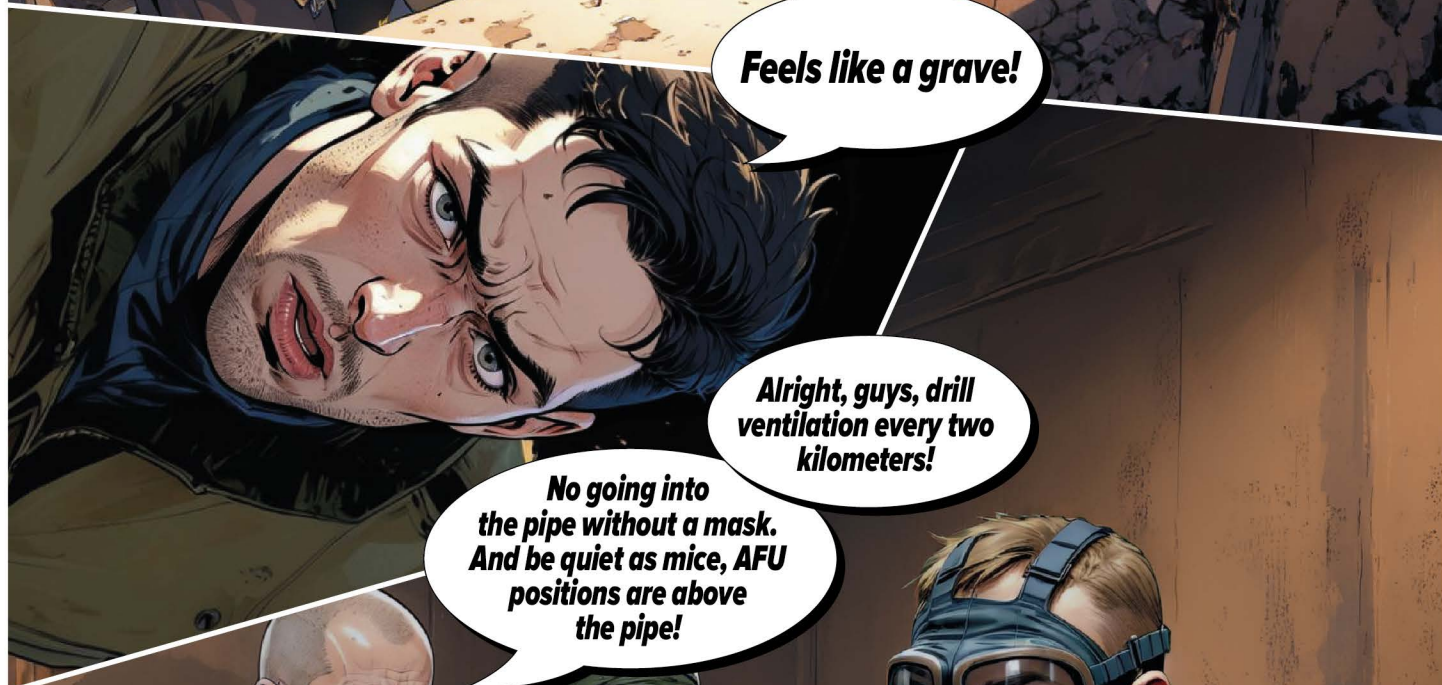
Lenochka, one more favor: don't tell anyone, okay?

Of course! If anything – I don't know a thing!

SHORTLY AFTER



Feels like a grave!



Alright, guys, drill ventilation every two kilometers!

No going into the pipe without a mask. And be quiet as mice, AFU positions are above the pipe!



A LITTLE LATER AT THE END
OF THE TUNNEL



***We've dug the exit. We're
like moles!***

***I remember they built
this gas pipeline when
I was a kid. Showed it
on TV every day!***

***Urengoy—Pomary—Uzhhorod.
Never thought I'd be digging into
it in my old age!***

MARCH 3, 2025





MARCH 3, 2025,
SOME TIME LATER UNDERGROUND



Guys,
I'm feeling
dizzy...

Hang in there,
brother! Guys, water,
anyone?

Looks like
no one has any...

So tired of dragging this
armor! Don't think I can
keep going with it.

Don't be stupid.
We're about to come
out near the AFU.

What will you tell them:
"Hold on a sec while I run
back for the armor
I dropped?"

Guys, you hear that?
Rats, how are there rats
in the pipe??

No rats here,
just us.



What?!

Why are you here?

I'm always with you, everywhere – I told you.

You go underground – I go underground too!

Ryzhyi, wake up, it's time! It's time!



**Time to go,
we're almost
out!**

Time to go!

**Get up,
get up!**

RUSTLE

**Finally!
We can stretch
our legs!**

**Breathe some
fresh air!**

MARCH 8, 2025





AT THE SAME TIME

**Well, it's all sorted,
tomorrow we can begin
deliveries...**

**I don't get this
nonsense on Ukrainian
sites about some
pipe!**

**Lena, you visited
the troops in Kursk, did
you hear anything?
t's fake, right?**

**My sister's husband
is there, he hasn't contacted
us... If you know something,
tell us!**



**Oh, that side
always makes things
up! What storytellers!**

**Yeah, they're
masters of fiction!**

**If anyone
shouldn't be trusted -
it's them!**

GAZPROM ENGINEER'S OFFICE



***They made it!
Incredible people!***



SUDZHA DISTRICT,
KURSK REGION

Didn't expect
us, did you?

Got too relaxed!
Works in our
favor...

TR-R-R-R

TR-R-R

TR-R-R

AAAH

Fall back,
fall back! Where
the hell did they
come from?!

Like they
popped up from
underground!

AAAH



But first,
we'll drive those devils
off our land again!

Don't worry,
comrades, we'll clean
ourselves up – and clean
you up too!

MEANWHILE, IN THE REAR



**How are you,
where are you,
my love...**



**Mom,
what's wrong?
Are you crying?**





SUDZHA DISTRICT,
KURSK REGION



A LITTLE LATER



Alive!
I thought you were...
Thought it was
a sniper...

Looks like
our guys reached us -
AFU is firing from far
off now.

I'll go tell them
there are wounded
here, and soldiers
too.



**My dear sons!
I lived to see this!**

**Granny,
careful, fighting's
still going on...**



**Guys,
I've got wounded
civilians at my house,
the AFU shot them.**

**And a couple
of yours too. But they're filthy,
like they crawled out
of the ground...**

**Filin, go with grandma,
guard the civilians and ours.
We'll send a vehicle
for everyone later.**



**Wait,
take my rations
with you. They must
be starving.**



LATER, AT THE HOSPITAL



MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE IN UKRAINE

ATTENTION!

Russians cannot enter your home
through a regular gas pipe, it's too
small! Stop calling the emergency
service!!

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APPEARING OUT OF NOWHERE, RUSSIAN SOLDIERS BEGAN AN OFFENSIVE THAT OTHER UNITS HELPED EXPAND. BUT THE FIRST, SUDDEN, STAGGERING BLOW WAS DELIVERED BY A GROUP THAT EMERGED LITERALLY FROM UNDER THE ENEMY'S FEET.

SOMETIMES THE PATH TO LIGHT LIES THROUGH THE DEEPEST DARKNESS. RUSSIAN SOLDIERS PROVED THAT BY LITERALLY TRAVELING UNDERGROUND AND BREAKING THROUGH TO THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE: ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE GREY ZONE



COMING IN MAY!

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the complicated
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