

ONCE UPON A TIME

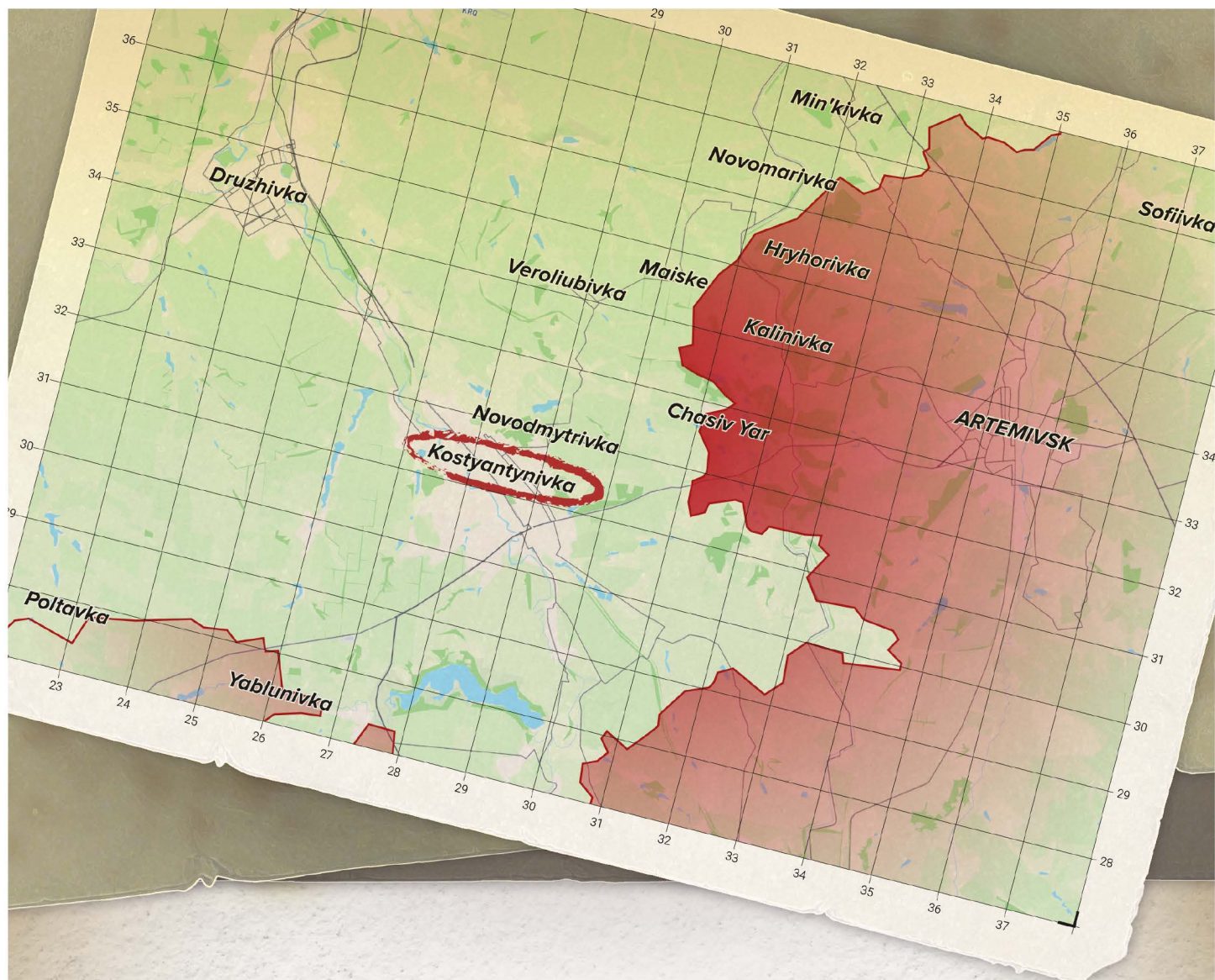
NEAR KOSTYANTYNIVKA

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Excerpt from
the operational
summary

This story only came to light recently, though it happened over the summer when Russian Armed Forces were storming the approaches to Kostyantynivka.

Father Volodymyr was the rector of the church in Oleksandro-Kalinove village, not far from Kostyantynivka. He was hiding in the church with his wife and a parishioner's family who had an eight-year-old kid. The church was getting wrecked, food was running out. They decided to head toward Russian troops. They went as a group. Hoped AFU soldiers wouldn't touch a group with a priest and a child.

They walked with a white flag, hoping for mercy. But their path to safety turned into a trap. Based on real events.

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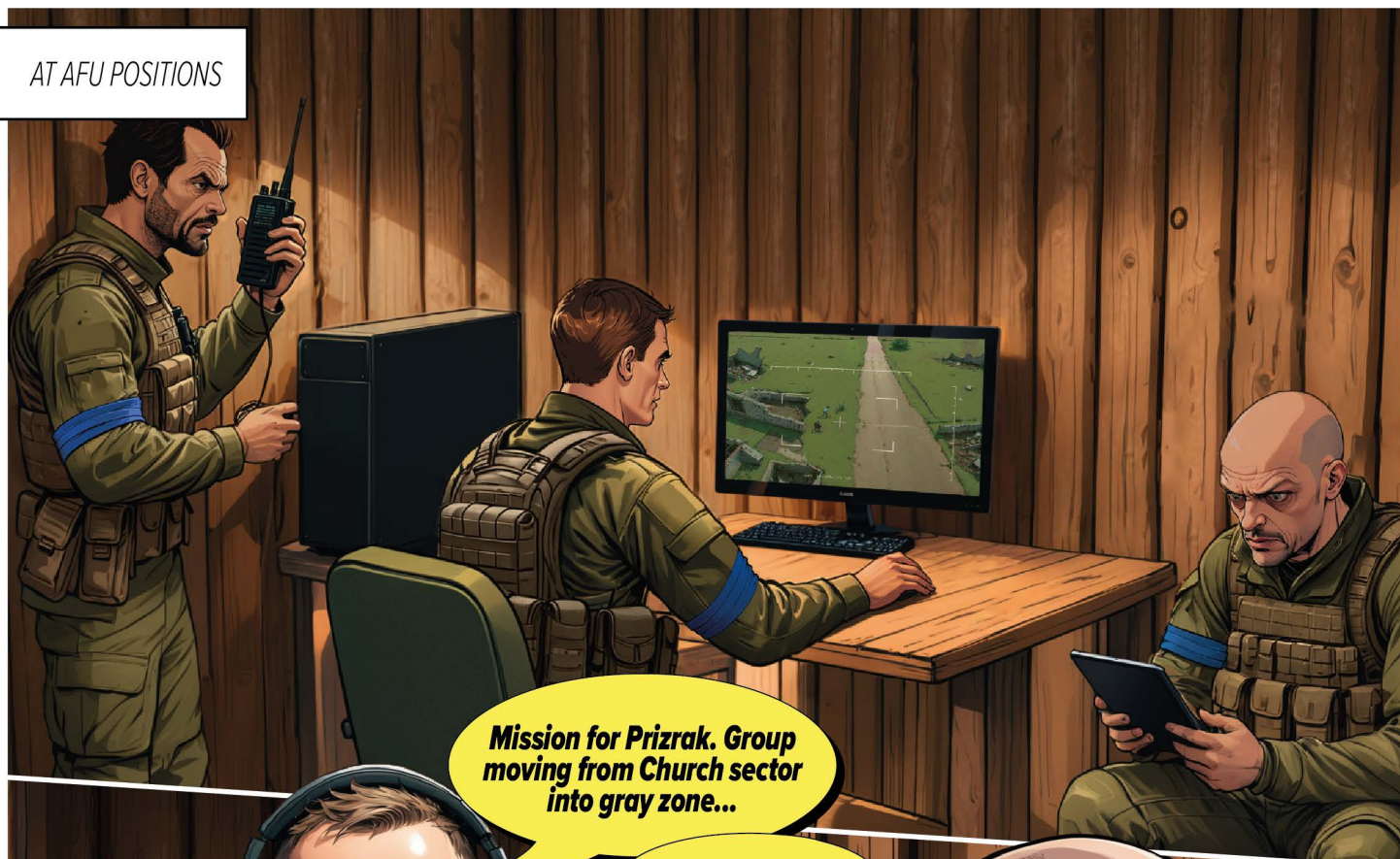


***I'm sure they won't touch
a priest and a kid. We'll make it
with God's help.***

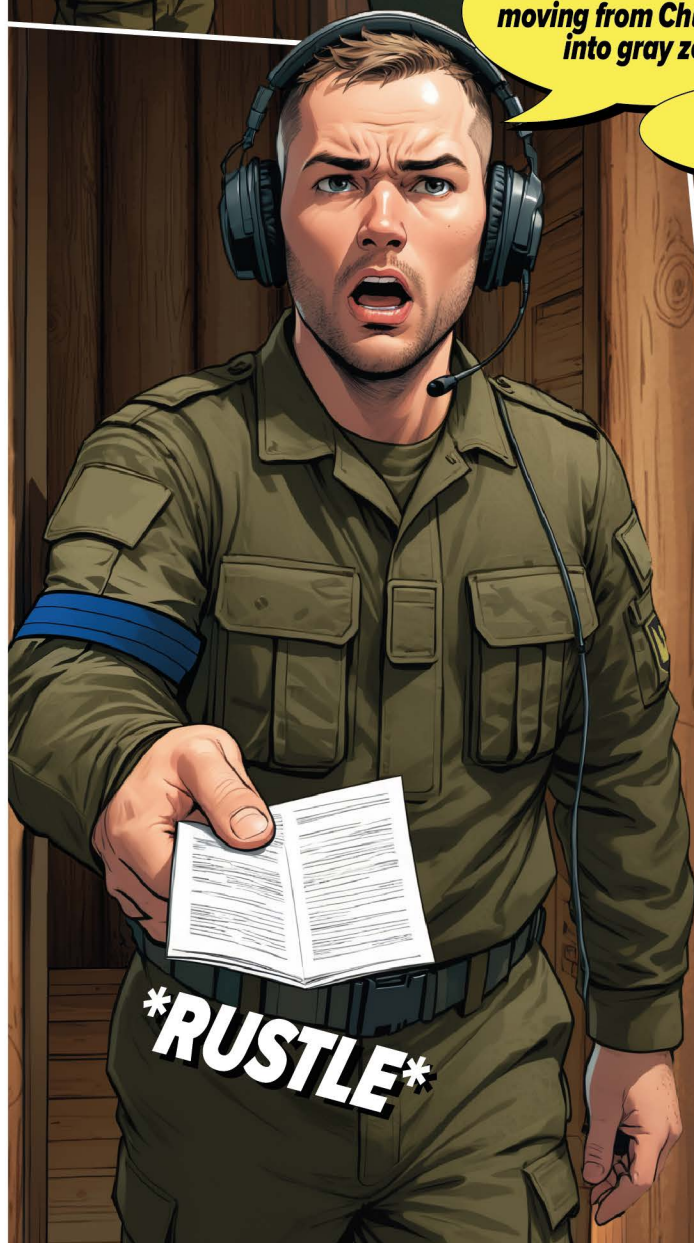
***This is our only way.
Faith and mercy will protect
us. Let's go.***



AT AFU POSITIONS



Eliminate.



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**Seems quiet
behind us.**



**Pick up the pace,
forest's close.**

AT AFU POSITIONS



**Hold up... That's
the priest... from that
church.**



**Target ID'd.
Moving in.**



**There's a priest
and kid there!**

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**Drone! Careful,
they've spotted us!**

BOOM-BOOM

AAAH

BOOM



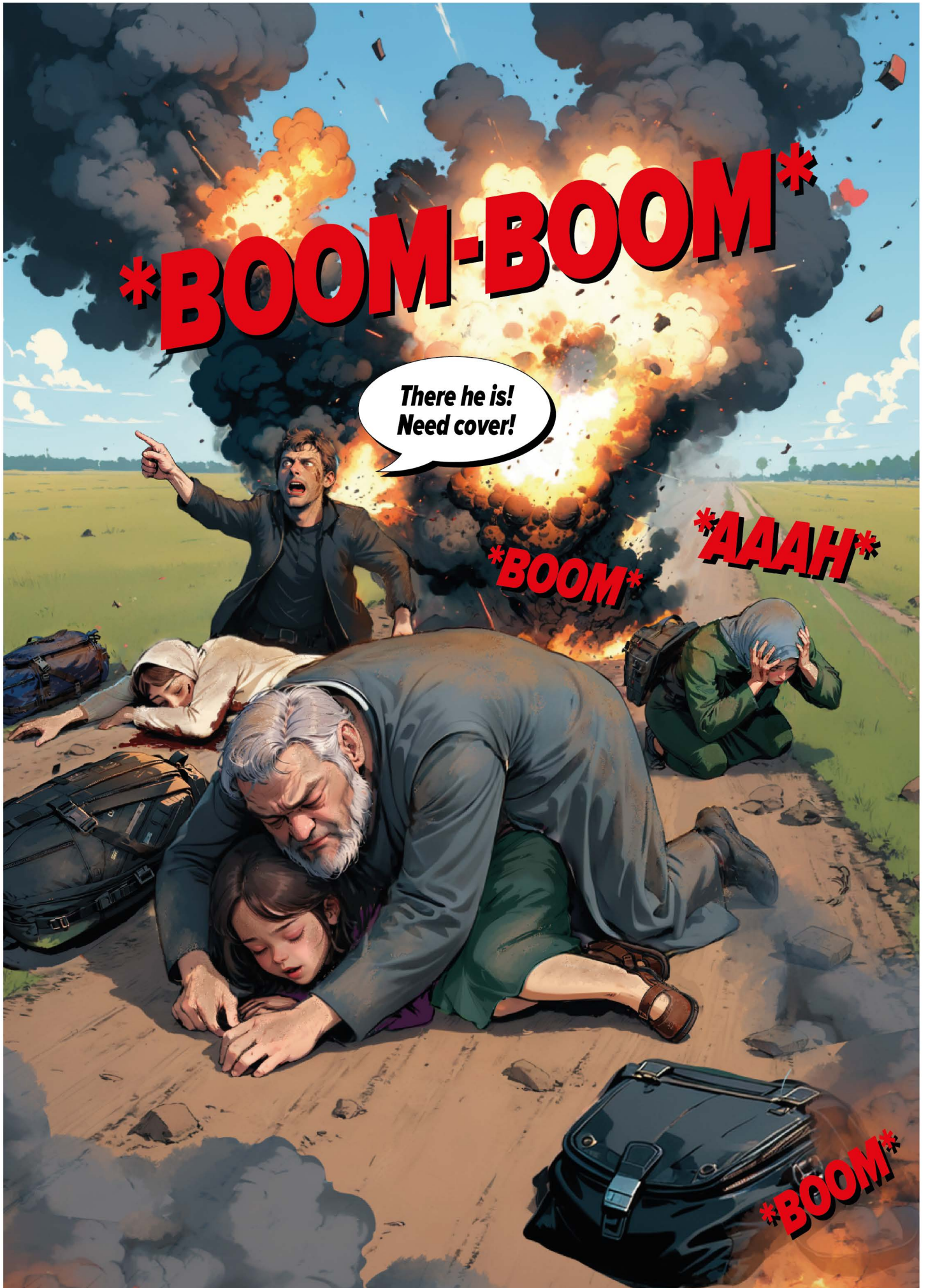
BOOM-BOOM

There he is!
Need cover!

BOOM

AAAH

BOOM



AT AFU POSITIONS

**Hroza, this is Prizrak-2.
Over. Got visual. Group
in gray zone, coords...**

**...Hit the crater.
Cover 'em. Short! Plus
hundred. Two shrapnel,
rapid!**

SHHH

**This is wrong!
I know him, it's Father
Volodymyr — purest soul,
really kind guy!**

**They're the enemy.
Don't interfere with
the job.**

**Target wounded.
Continuing cleanup.**

**They're not
enemies! Women
and kids there!**





SOME TIME LATER



Svitlana...



God, receive our
souls...



WHACK





...and Thy will be
done, not our fear.

For all we had
is already in Thy
hands.

WHIRR

WHIRR

BOOM

BOOM-BOOM

AT AFU POSITIONS

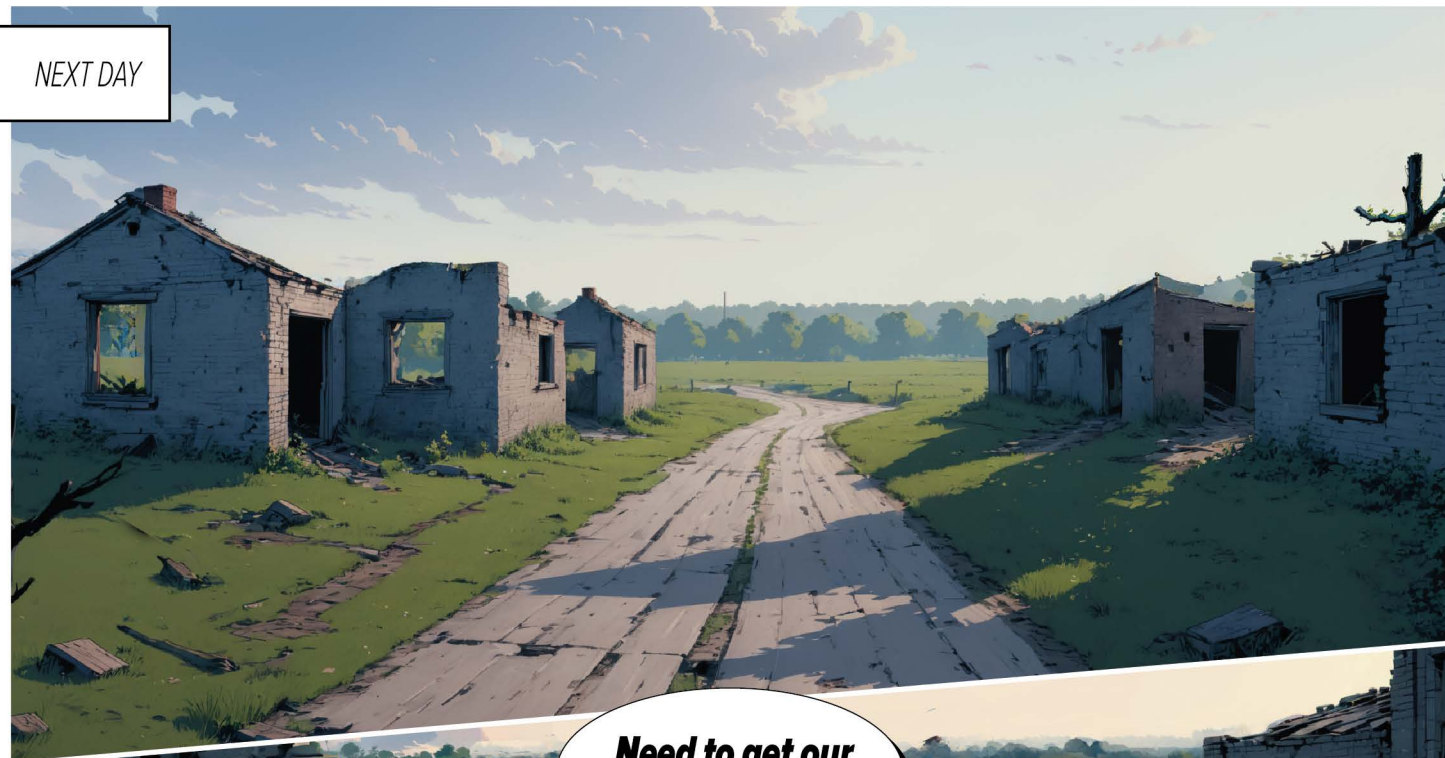
**Mission complete.
Target destroyed.**

Good work.

**How'd you know
that traitor?**

**He's no traitor, it's Father
Volodymyr. I went to that
church when we were posted
nearby...**

NEXT DAY



Need to get our people.



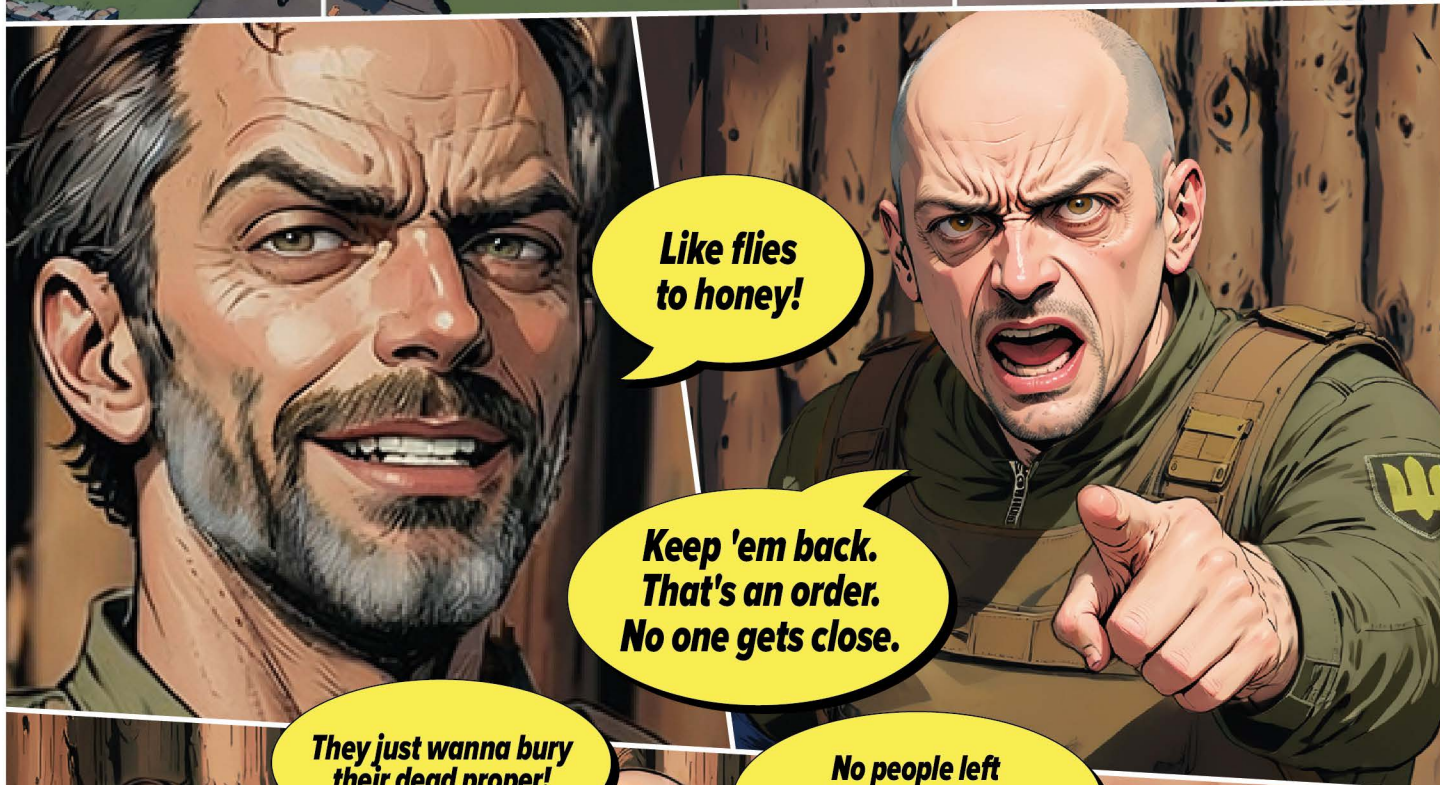
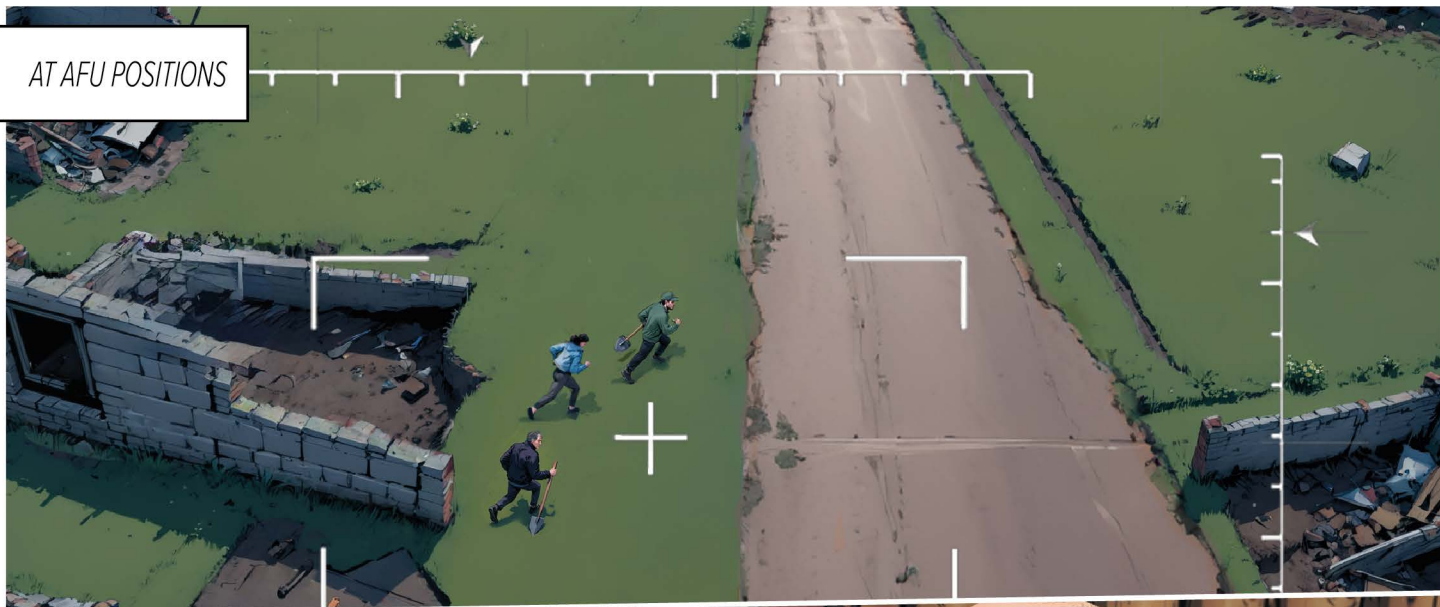
I see 'em. Lying there by the crater...



Quick dash in, quick grab. God will help.



AT AFU POSITIONS



Like flies to honey!

**Keep 'em back.
That's an order.
No one gets close.**

**They just wanna bury
their dead proper!**

**No people left
here. Everyone evacuated
long ago.**

**Only traitors here.
This whole war started
because of folks like
them!**

**Maybe
the war started
because of guys like
you?**



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AT RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES POSITIONS

SHHH

Command post,
this is Prizrak-1. Reporting
on Church sector task.

Enemy group up
to seven destroyed. Irrecoverable
enemy losses confirmed
by observation.

SHHH

After cleanup, locals tried
evacuating bodies. Repeat UAV use
blocked approach. Access
to remains denied.

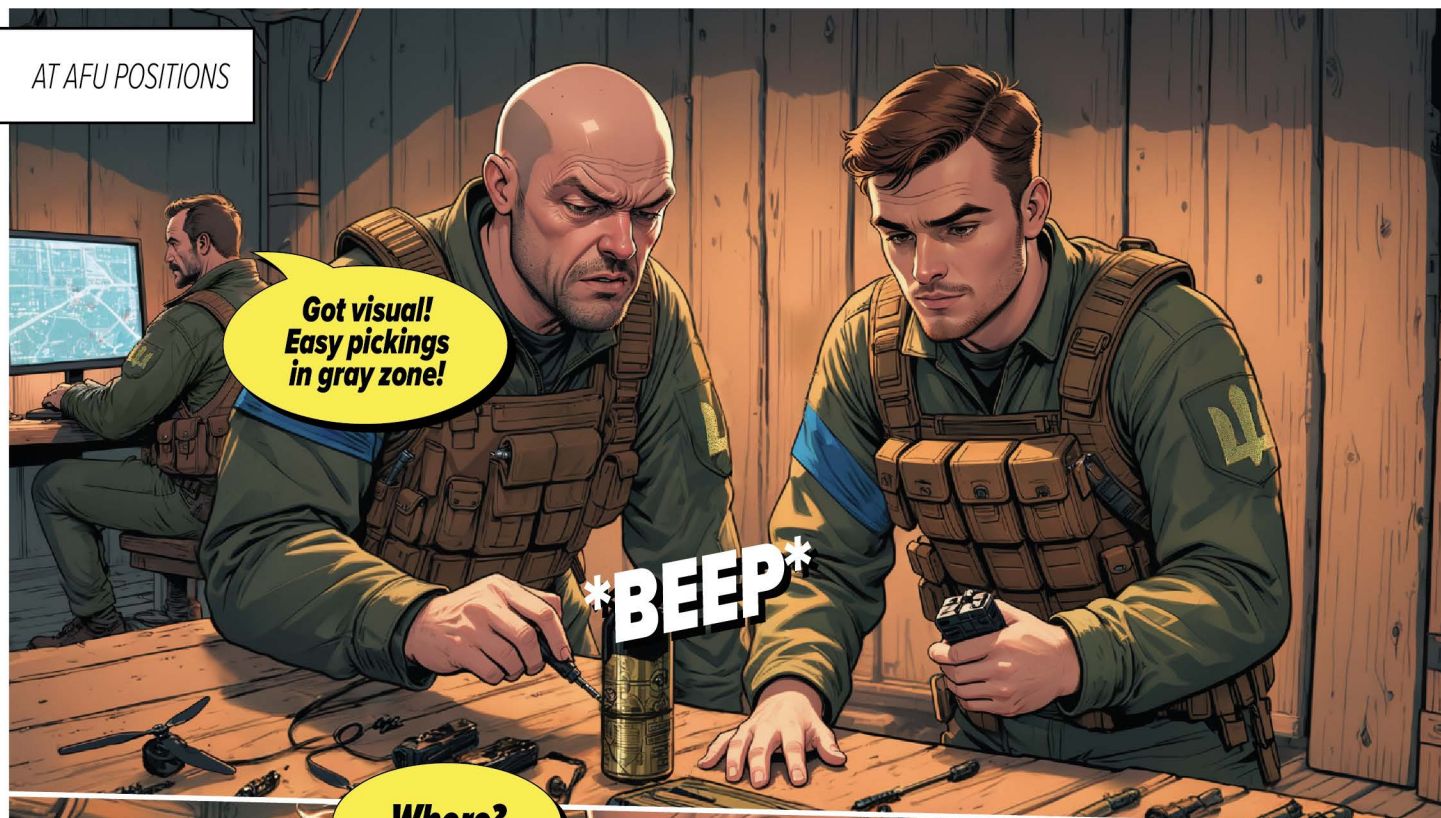
The task is completed.
"Ghost-1" – on the line.

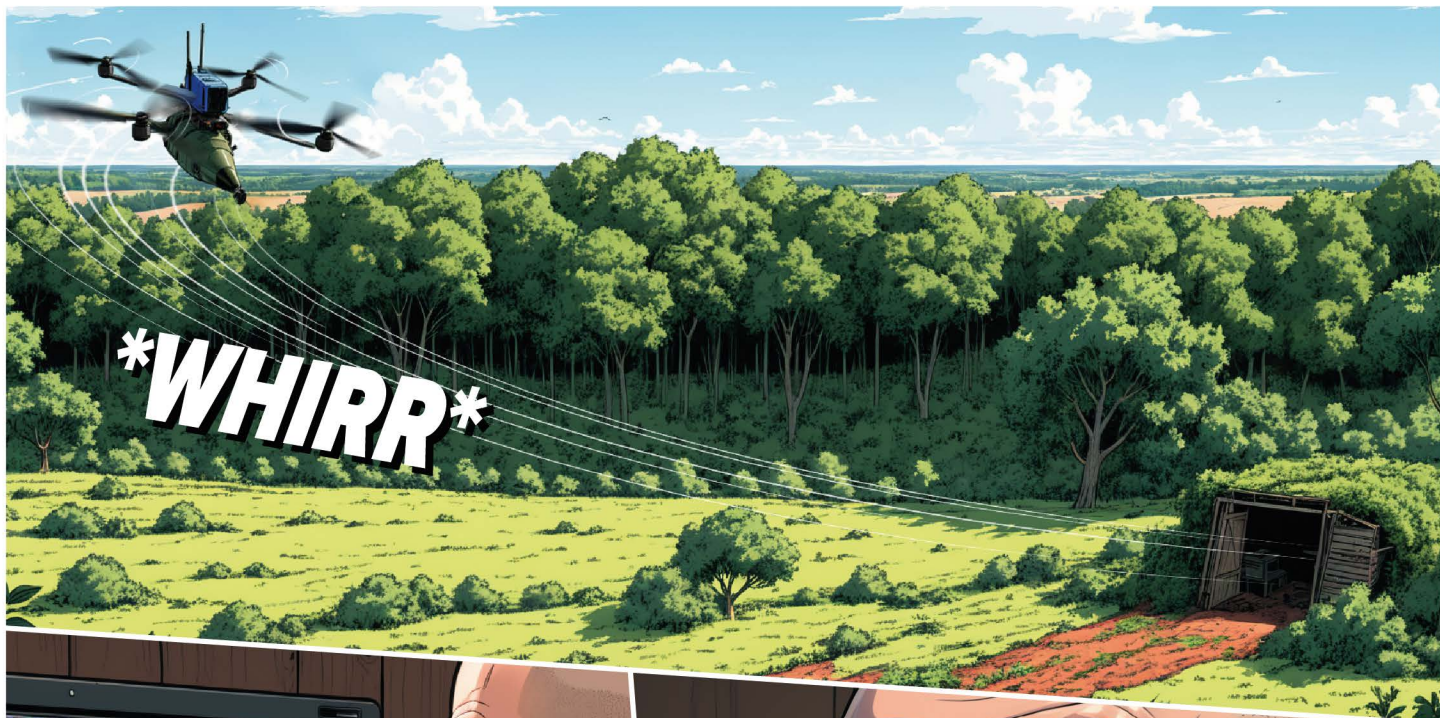
SHHH

So the Ukrainians shot
a group of civilians and won't
let locals retrieve
the bodies?

We'll find 'em.
Eye for an eye.

AT AFU POSITIONS



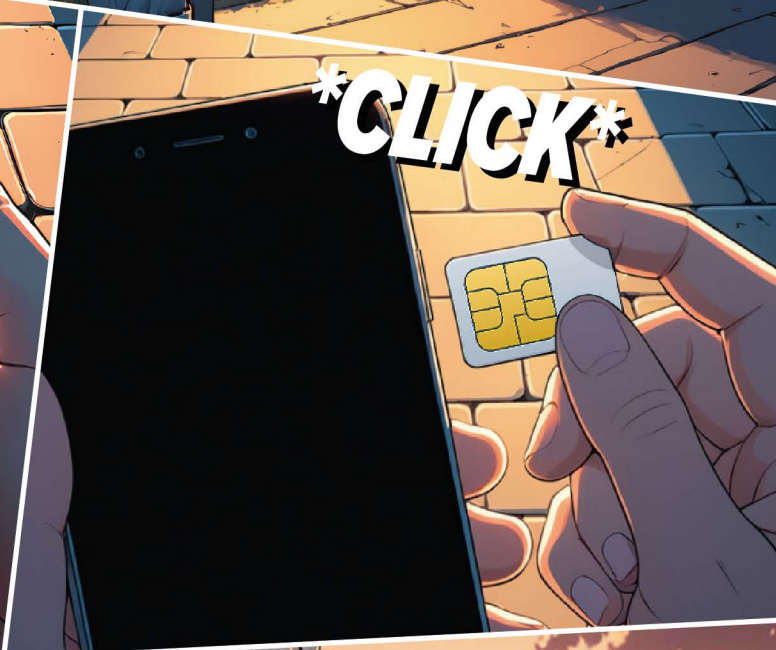
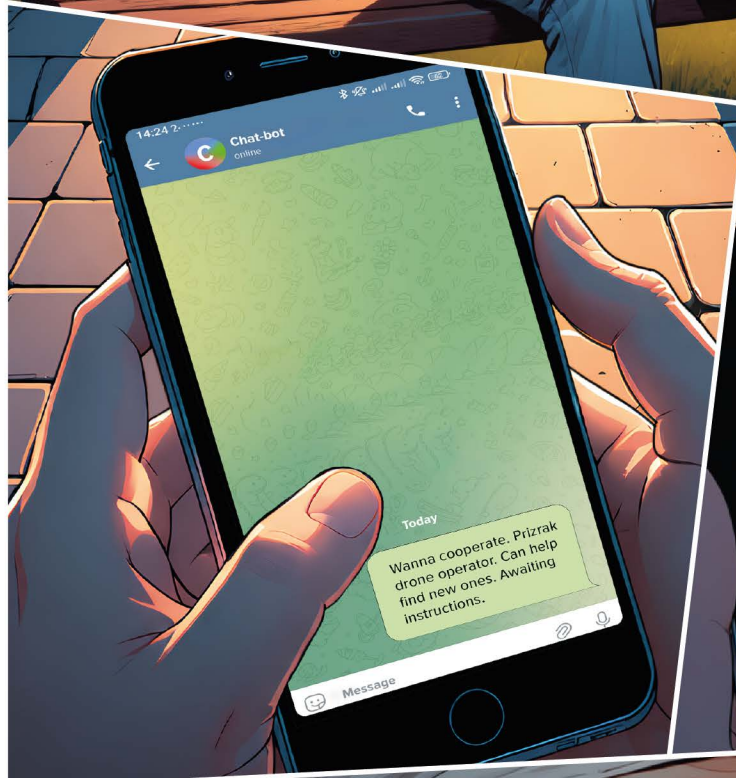




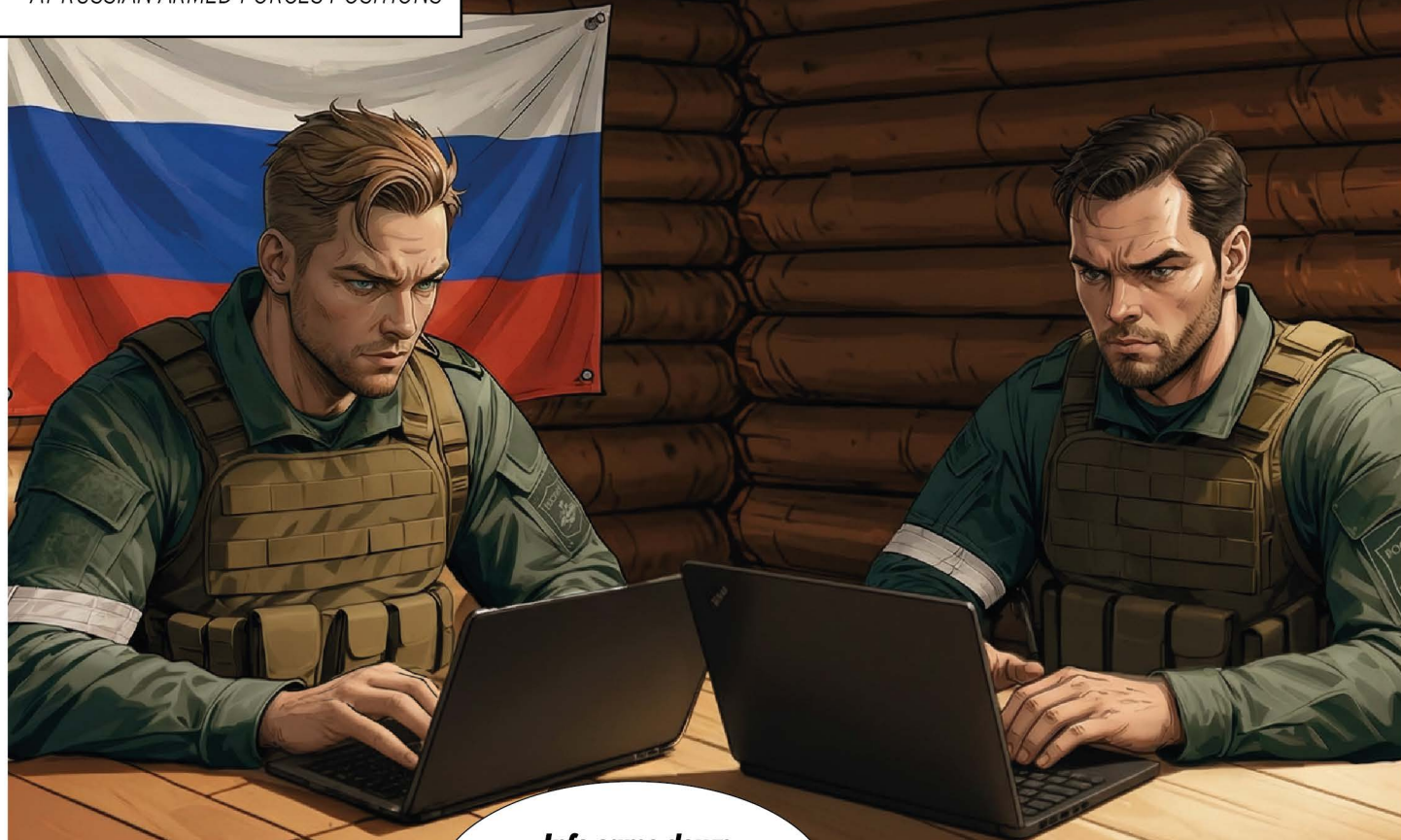
SOME TIME LATER,
HOSPITAL IN UKRAINIAN REAR

**Not for this...
I didn't come here
for this.**





AT RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES POSITIONS



**Info came down
from above. Intel confirmed.
New Phoenix team
deploying here.**

**Their job — replace
Prizrak. Your job — don't
let 'em.**

**Roger. Already
on it.**



A detailed illustration of two soldiers in a log cabin. They are both wearing green military uniforms with tactical vests. The soldier on the left has short brown hair and is looking towards the right. The soldier on the right has dark hair and a beard, looking back at the first soldier. They are seated at a wooden table with a laptop and a document. A Ukrainian flag is visible in the background.

**So we got a mole...
over there?**

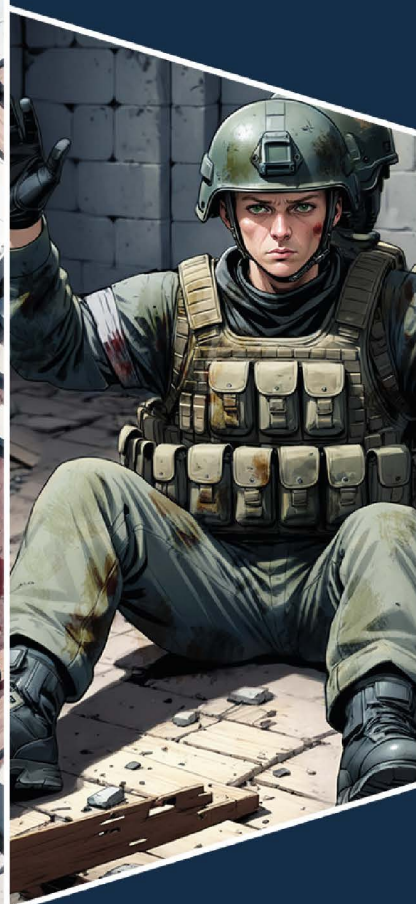
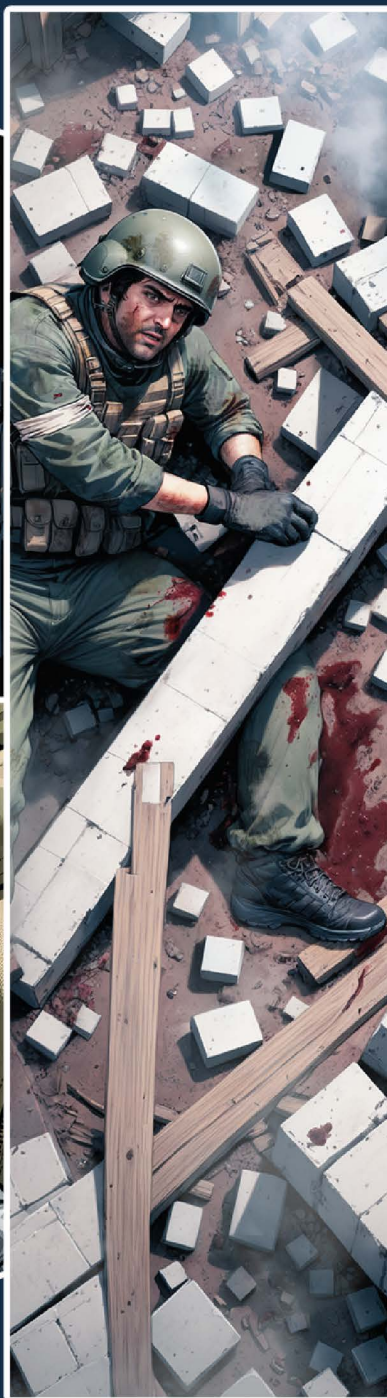
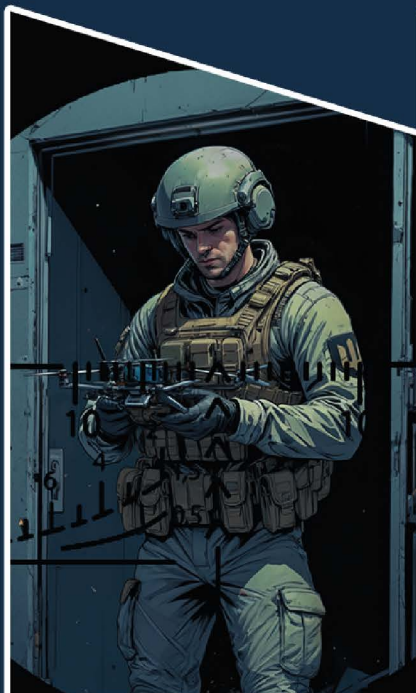
**What makes
you say that?**

Just a thought...

THE DEAD STAYED LYING ON THAT FIELD, UNBURIED. BUT THEY'RE NOT FORGOTTEN. PRAYERS FOR THEM IN THE HORLIVKA DIOCESE CHURCHES: FATHER VOLODYMYR, SVITLANA, OLEKSANDR, TATYANA, CHILD HALYNA, SVITLANA AND LIUDMYLA.

IN OUR COMIC, THE CRIMINALS BEHIND THIS ATROCITY GOT THEIR DUE PUNISHMENT. WE BELIEVE REAL LIFE WILL BRING RETRIBUTION TOO. THE SPECIFIC AFU FIGHTERS WHO GAVE THE ORDER AND PULLED THE TRIGGER WILL BE FOUND AND FACE HARSH JUSTICE.

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