

ONCE UPON A TIME IN POKROVSK

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Excerpt from
the operational
summary

A sniper in modern warfare must be incredibly tough – carrying heavy gear, calculating bullet trajectories on the fly, and enduring endless hours in position. Above all, staying unseen is key.

Snipers usually work in pairs – shooter and spotter. They take out high-value targets from concealment but face deadly risks themselves. If the enemy spots them, massive fire follows instantly.

Everything they do follows strict protocol. But in our story, the sniper team callsigns Pioneer and Medved face a crisis that shatters those rules. They'll have to make a brutal choice – reveal their position to save their comrades, or stay hidden and complete the mission...

СОВЕРШЕННО
СЕКРЕТНО

NOVEMBER 2025,
POKROVSK, DPR

Pattern confirmed. Day
three. At 05:14:50 — spike
in FPV-control frequencies.

Bearing — garage
block, sector 4. Duration —
matches drone boot
and takeoff.

Means the bird's
in the nest. Waiting for it
to peek out.

Got a heat plume from
the pipe, movement behind
the wall. Two bodies. One
heading to the exit...

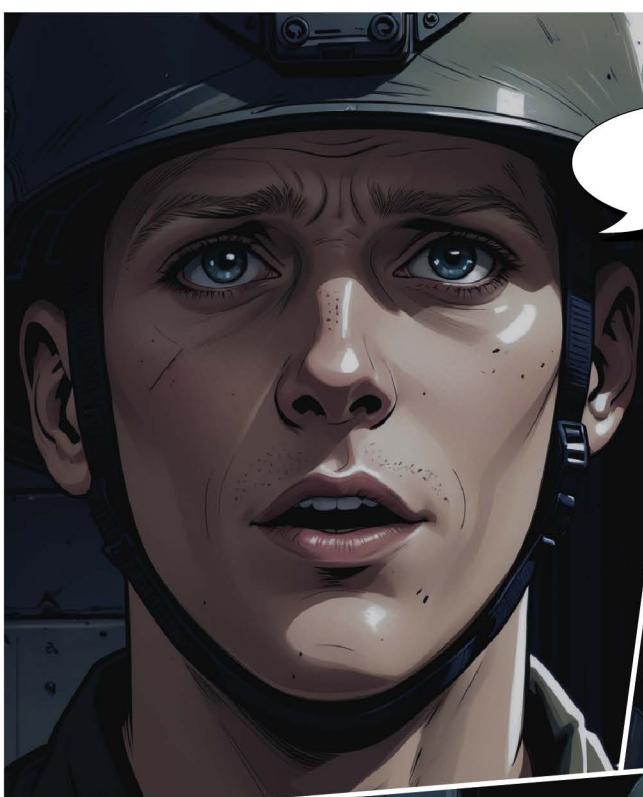


RUSTLE

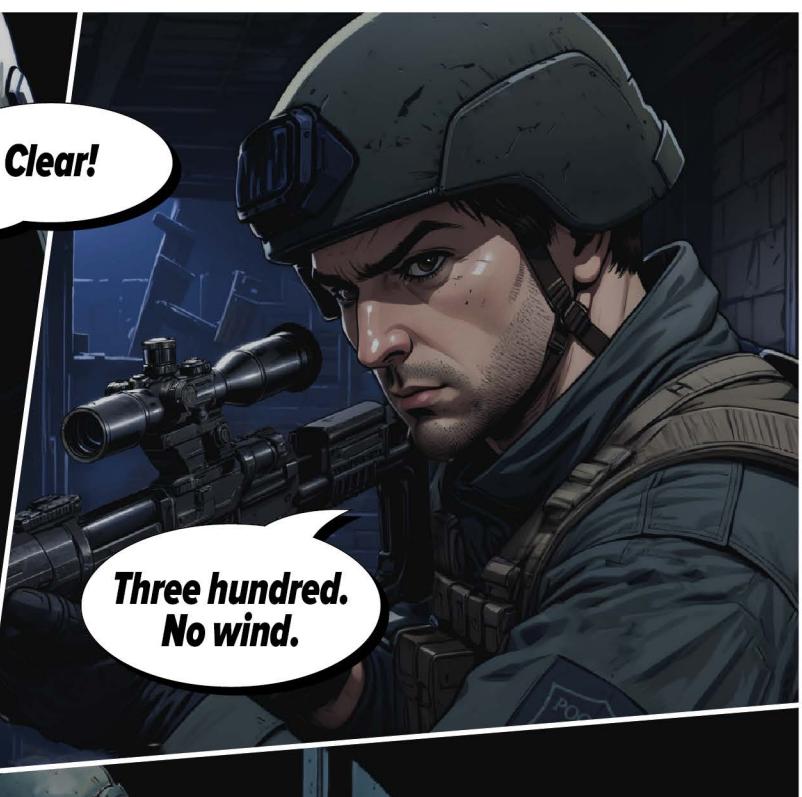
*Contact! Antenna's
up! Operator in the
doorway!*



RUSTLE



Clear!



Three hundred.
No wind.



RUSTLE



BANG



AAAH



BACK AT BASE,
REAR AREA OF THE RUSSIAN FORCES

Pioneer, eat. You'll
forget again.

Thanks,
Medved.

Drink too.
You'll forget that
part.

CLICK

SOME TIME LATER

...To everyone.
Data check on the missing
team "Kedr" complete. Our
scouts found the remains.

Confirmed – snipers.
Repeating: confirmed,
snipers.

Signs show torture.
Captured snipers never make
it to the rear alive. Keep
that in mind.

There.
Now it's official.

Never doubted it.
It's been in the rules
since day one.

Plan "B" then –
not a backup. The only
option.



Here's the order.
First — for them. To cut
them off, make them duck.
Last one...

The last one's for us.
To end it clean. So they get
nothing. No one alive, no one
dead. Deal?

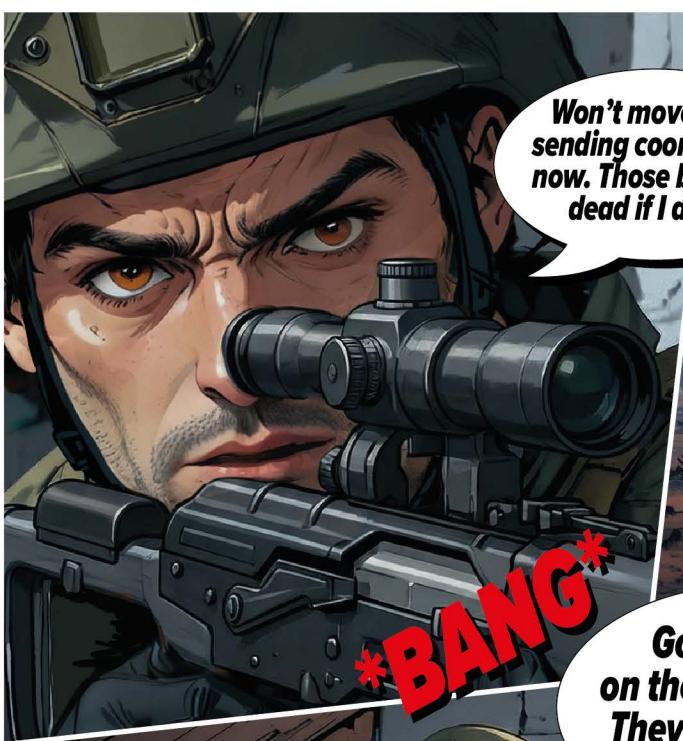
Deal.
First's warning.
Last's period.

They won't drag
me off — too tall. Easier
to just shoot me.

I won't let
them do it.

THE NEXT DAY,
ON THE FRONT LINE





Won't move. He's sending coords right now. Those boys are dead if I don't.

BANG



KABOOM



Got return fix on the shot already! They're lighting up the freq!



But the boys lived. Crawled away in time.



Coords are out! We've got 90 seconds tops! Move!



BANG

KABOOM

BANG

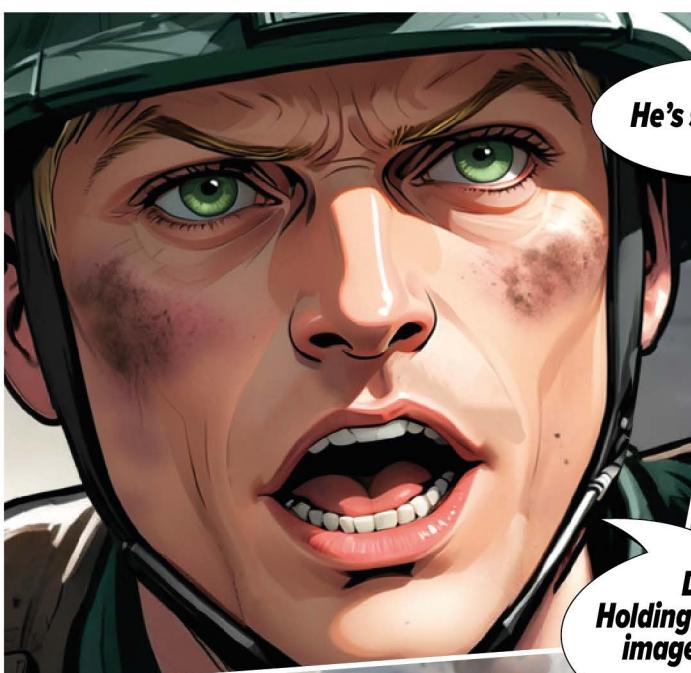
**Stairs collapsed!
No way down!**

**We'll jump
through the window!**



**Drone's low.
Searching visually. Zoom cam.
If we twitch or flash glass –
we're pegged.**





He's scanning...



Detected us.
Holding steady. Streaming
image. They'll fire any
second...

Incoming!
Down!



BANG



KABOOM



AAAH

AAAH

AAAH



AAAHH

SOME TIME LATER

That's it...
I'm pinned, bro.
You won't drag me out.
No escape.

Hold on. I—

Don't. Go now,
Tolya! While you can!

Misha, I'm not
leaving you!

You can't
carry me.

I'm staying. If I left you...
I'd never live with it.

Then you'll
remember me. Name
your son Misha!

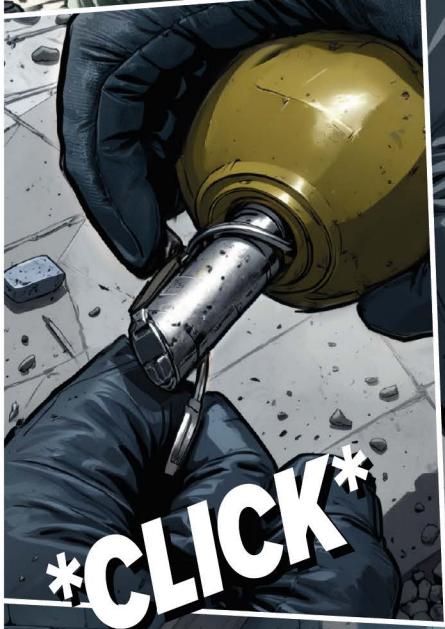
Misha, I'm not
afraid.

Plan "B," Tolya.
We made a pact. Don't let
them take us. Neither me
nor you.

One blew
off in the collapse.
One left.



So... no first option then. Just the second. The last one's ours. Period.



CLICK



RUSTLE



CLICK

One for both.
Together. They'll search me,
open the pouch — and boom,
grenade goes off.



Good. Better that than what they'd do alive.



LATER

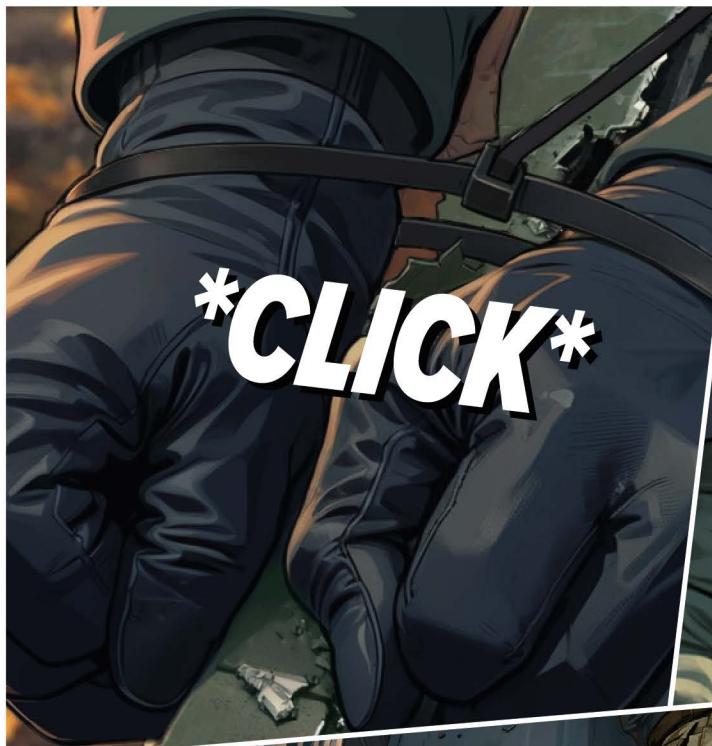






**Medved! You hear that??
Blew up! Driver's alive but
stunned! Now – move before
he comes to!**





SOME TIME LATER

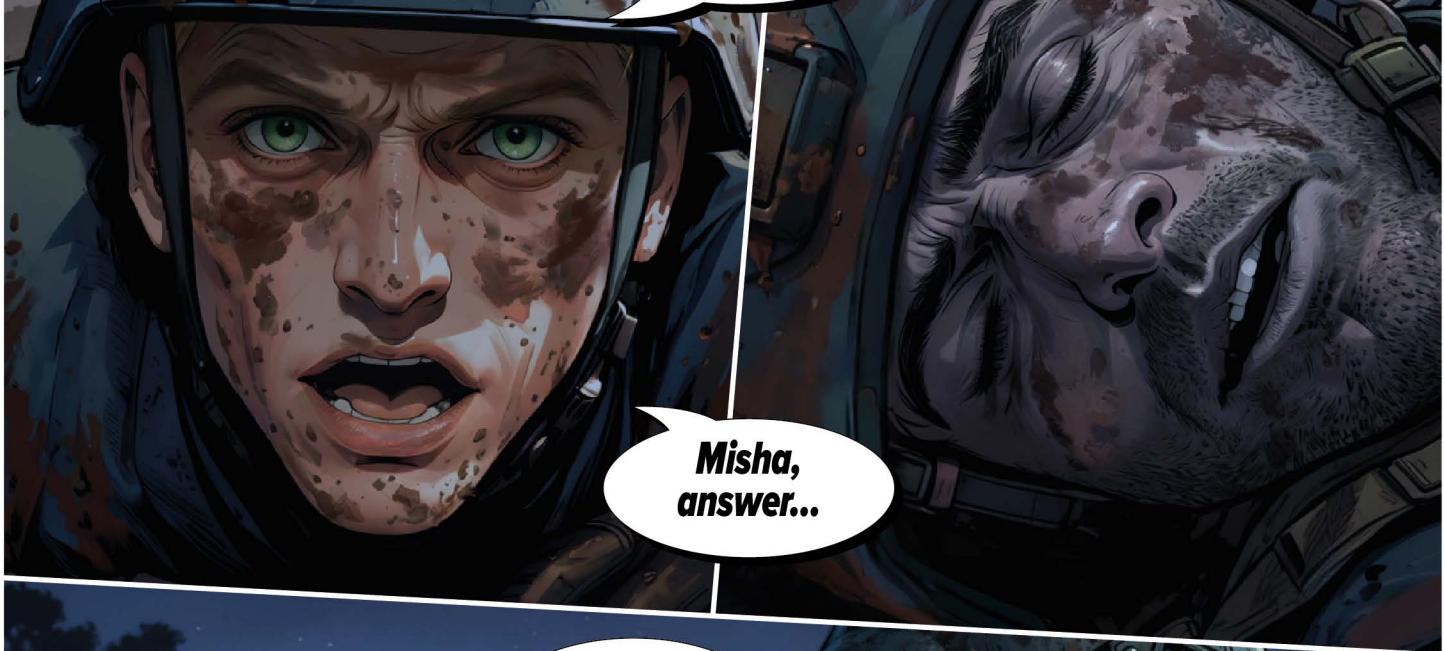
RUSTLE

Tolya...
leave me...

Quiet... crawl...
follow me...



Medved, how you holding up?



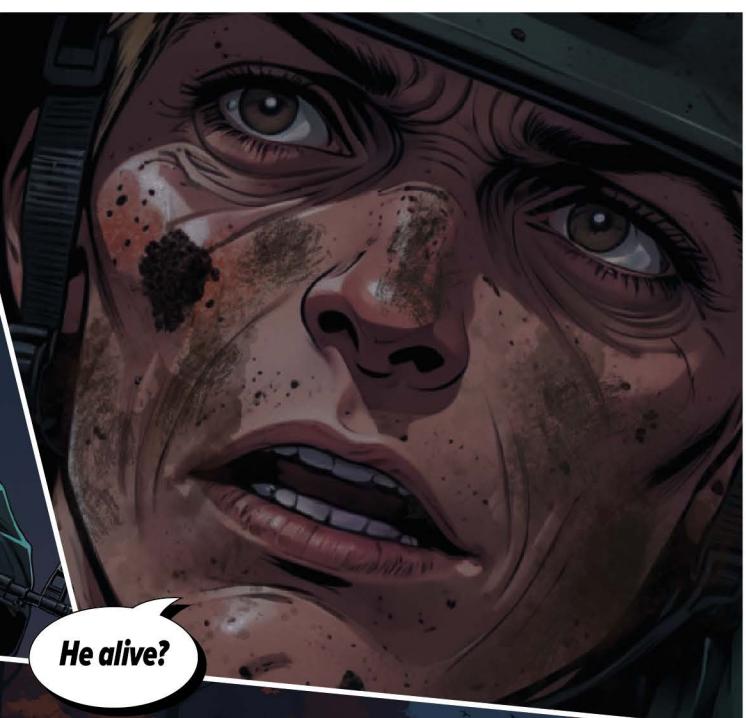
Misha, answer...



I'll drag you anyway!



**Friendly.
Don't move.**



He alive?



**Alive. Breathing.
Weak pulse.**



**"Base," this is "Sokol."
Copy? We've got friendlies.
One heavily wounded, leg
shattered.**

**Second conscious,
exhausted. Requesting
medevac.**

**Copy. Extraction
inbound. Hold on.**

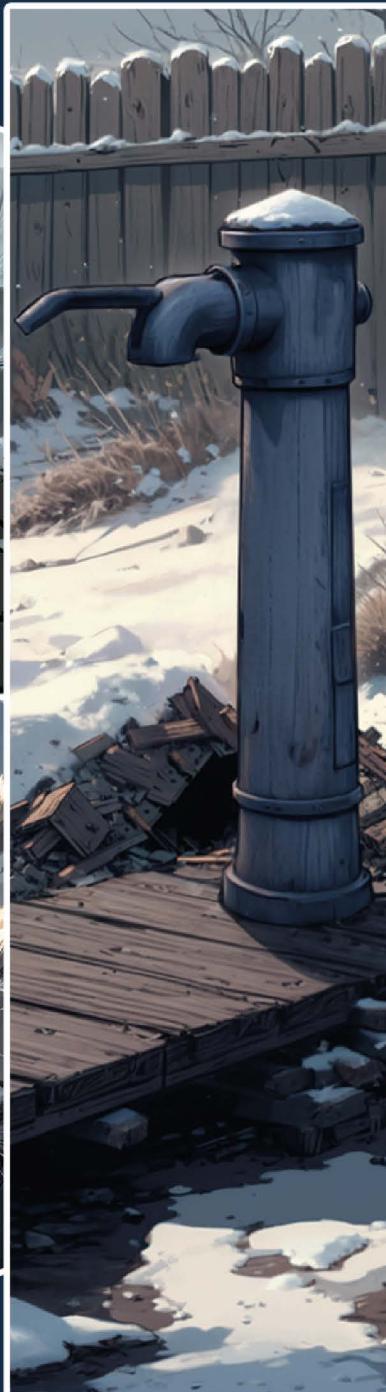
SHHH



THEIR CHOICE TO PROTECT FELLOW SOLDIERS EXPOSED THEIR POSITION AND LEFT MEDVED CRITICALLY WOUNDED. WHEN THEIR LAST-RESORT PLAN FAILED, PIONEER REFUSED TO ABANDON HIM. BY SHEER DETERMINATION AND CRAWLING TO SAFETY, BOTH SURVIVED.

THEIR ACTIONS PROVED THAT EVEN BEYOND ALL PROTOCOLS, LOYALTY, RESOLVE, AND BROTHERHOOD DEFINE SURVIVAL.

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the complicated
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NOT FOR SALE