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# COMBAT CHEBURASHKA

THE STORY OF A TOY

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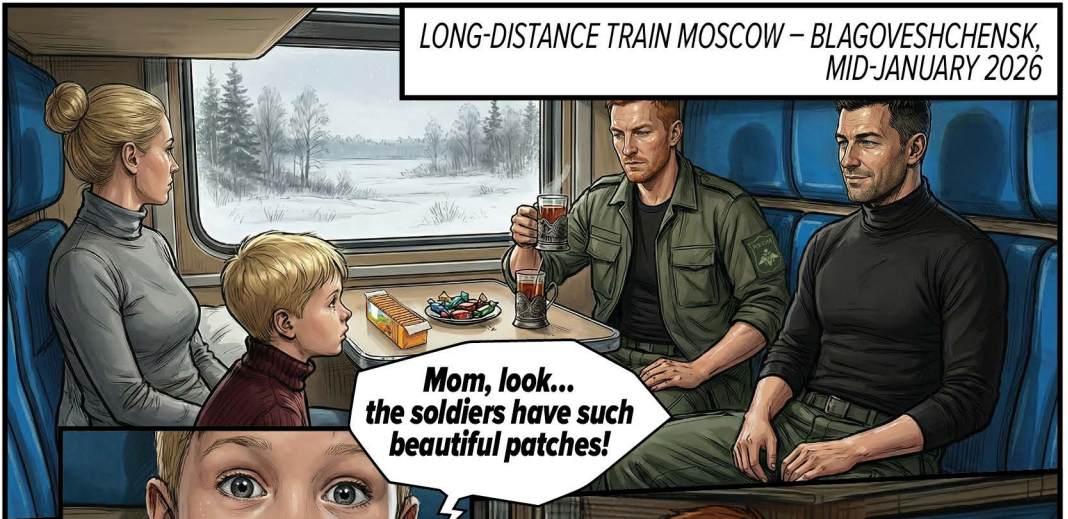
## CERTIFICATE № 72

*Six-year-old Artyom lives in a world of ordinary childhood dreams until he ends up in the same long-distance train carriage with three servicemen whose appearance and heavy silence sharply contrast with the cozy clatter of the wheels. At first, Artyom's mom is wary: in the deep, tired eyes of these men she sees a reflection of the harsh daily routine and trials people do not usually speak of aloud. However, the boy's sincere, pure curiosity, which knows neither fear nor barriers, gradually breaks the ice of alienation.*

*An ordinary train ride turns into a moment of passing on unspoken experience when a soldier takes from his backpack a toy plush Cheburashka dressed in a military uniform — a small witness to great victories. Artyom feels that this toy is not just fur and stuffing; it is a “living” symbol that even the strongest warrior needs a point of support. After they part on the platform, the connection seems to be broken, but a parcel to the boy for Defender of the Fatherland Day, “From the soldiers”, becomes a signal.*

*Can a chance encounter and a simple act of kindness turn a child's inner world upside down and plant in him the dream of his whole life? A dream to become a soldier, to become a loyal defender of his Motherland, ready, just like his mentors, to guard the peace of his country day and night.*

LONG-DISTANCE TRAIN MOSCOW – BLAGOVESHCHENSK,  
MID-JANUARY 2026



**Mom, look...  
the soldiers have such  
beautiful patches!**



**Hush, Artyom, people  
are resting, don't bother  
them.**



**Can I quietly ask  
the soldiers a question?**





*It's fine, ma'am,  
let Artyom ask.*

*So, do you like  
military uniforms?*

**\*RUSTLE\***

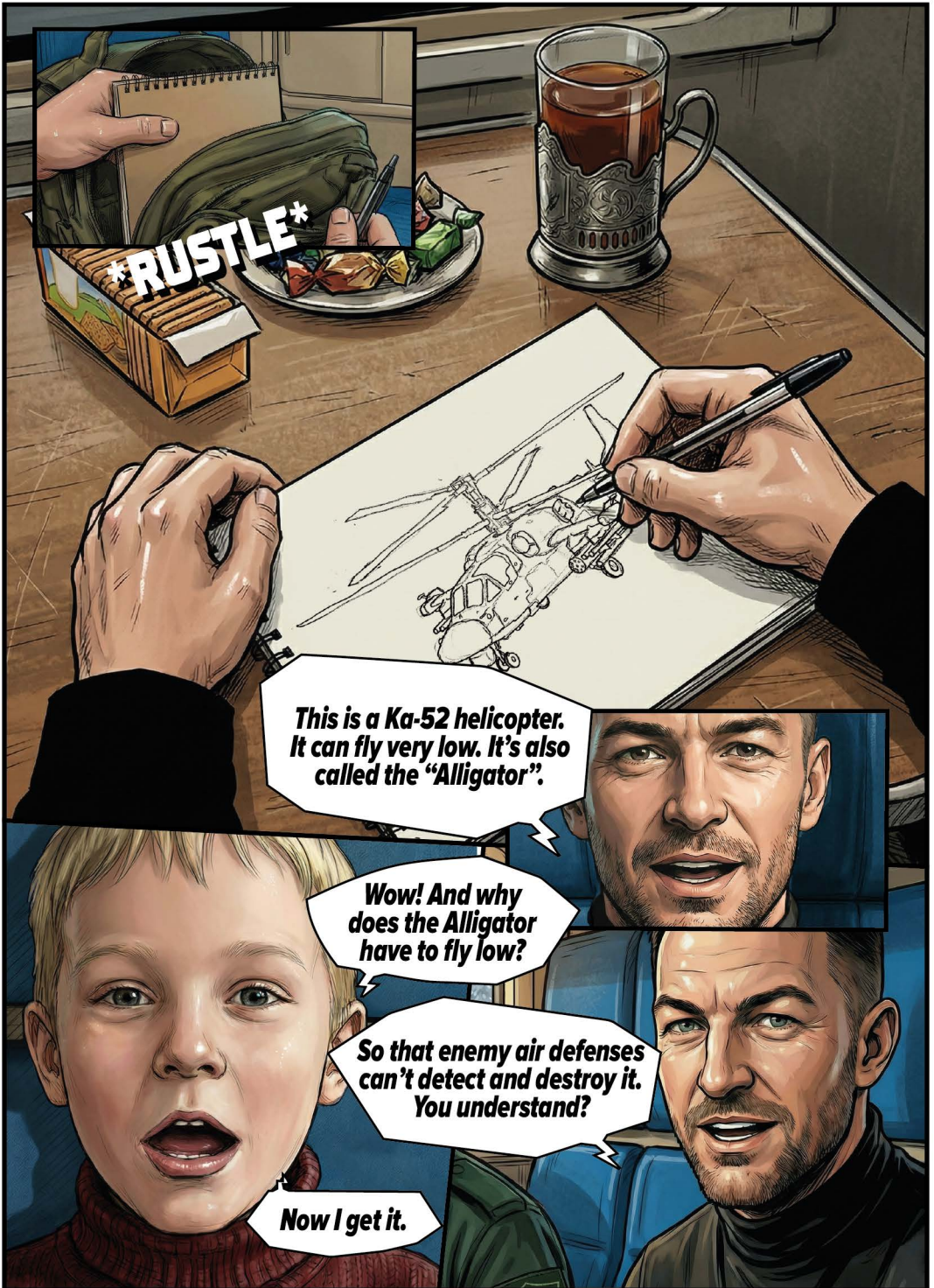
*Of course!  
Being in the military  
is awesome!*

*Have you flown  
in a real helicopter?*

*We have been  
on the battlefield,  
and we've flown  
in helicopters.*

**\*RUSTLE\***





**\*RUSTLE\***

***This is a Ka-52 helicopter. It can fly very low. It's also called the "Alligator".***

***Wow! And why does the Alligator have to fly low?***

***So that enemy air defenses can't detect and destroy it. You understand?***

***Now I get it.***

THAT EVENING

I wonder if it can fly backwards?

It can move backwards and sideways. It's very maneuverable.

And why do they call it the Alligator?

It's a fearsome predator in the combat zone.

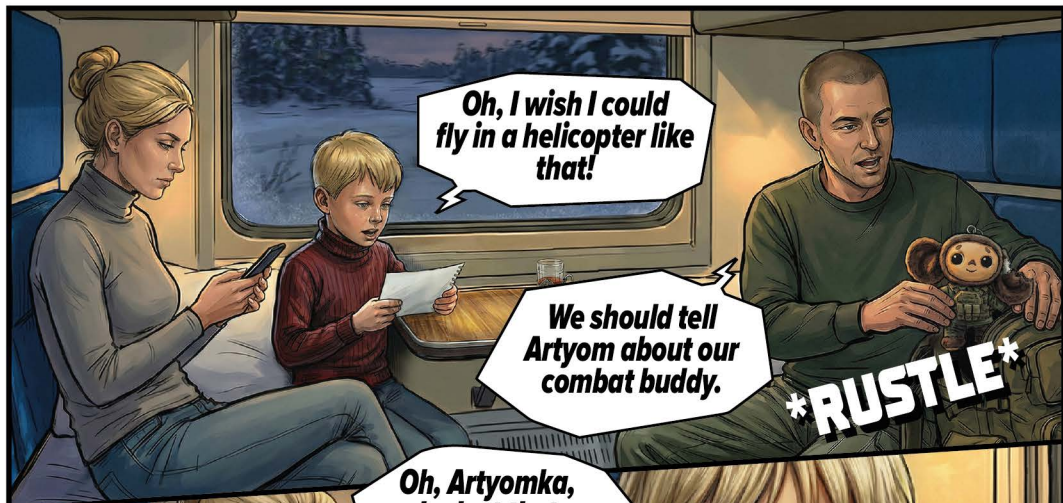
Got it. And it shoots too.

Look at those cannons!

**\*RUSTLE\***

**\*RUSTLE\***

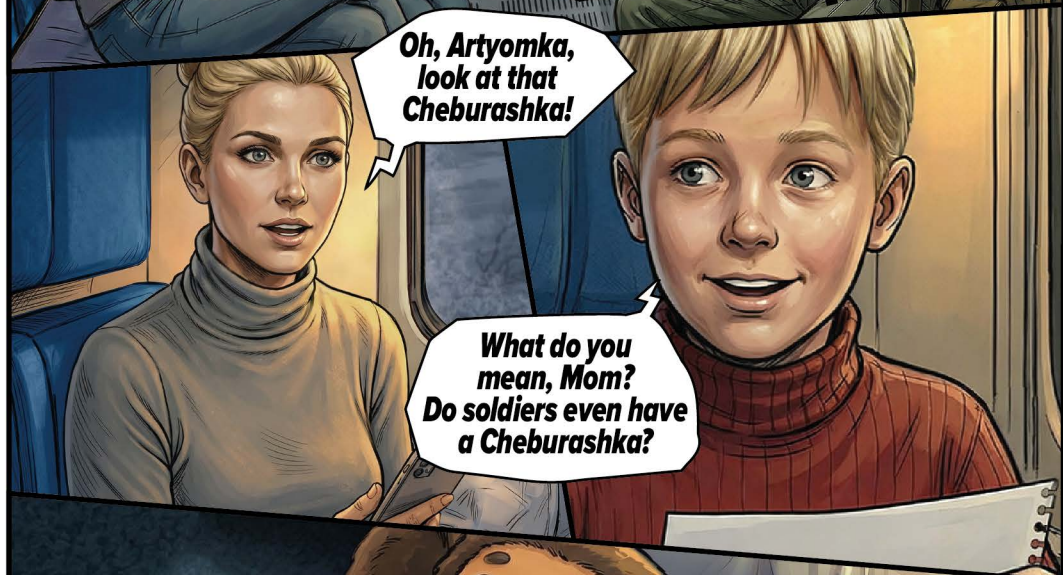




Oh, I wish I could fly in a helicopter like that!

We should tell Artyom about our combat buddy.

**\*RUSTLE\***



Oh, Artyomka, look at that Cheburashka!

What do you mean, Mom? Do soldiers even have a Cheburashka?



**\*RUSTLE\***



**Artyom,  
you know, he's my  
partner. And he's also  
our talisman.**

**A Cheburashka-talisman?**

**\*RUSTLE\***

**Yes. Sometimes it gets really  
tough, but you touch his paw  
and you just know that  
everything will be fine.**

**So he  
protects you?**

**I'll tell you a story.  
My comrades and I went  
in a UAZ to pick up a wounded  
soldier...**

DNIPRO REGION, NEAR THE VILLAGE OF NOVOPAVLIVKA,  
MID-JULY 2025

THE SOLDIERS ARE TASKED WITH BREAKING THROUGH INTO A DANGEROUS ZONE, FINDING THEIR WOUNDED COMRADE, AND BRINGING HIM BACK TO THEIR OWN POSITIONS. THE ROAD RUNS ACROSS OPEN TERRAIN, WHICH MEANS THERE IS A THREAT. AT ANY MOMENT, AN ENEMY DRONE CAN APPEAR IN THE SKY.

THE UAZ RACES FORWARD, KICKING UP DUST. HANGING FROM THE WINDSHIELD UNDER THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR, A PLUSH CHEBURASHKA SWAYS — ABSURDLY PEACEFUL AMID THE TENSE REALITY. THE SOLDIERS HURRY, BECAUSE EVERY SECOND CAN BE DECISIVE IN SAVING THE WOUNDED MAN.






**\*VRRRR\***



There he is, we need to lift him up.

We're here for you.  
How are you, still alive?



Still alive.  
I've been waiting for you. You got here fast.



**\*AAAH\***



**My head hurts  
and spins. My legs  
are giving way.**

**Climb in – we'll see  
what's wrong with you.  
We'll give you first aid.**

**Let's get  
in the vehicle, quickly.  
This is open ground,  
we need to get out  
of here.**

**\*AAAHH\***



**\*VZHHH\***

**\*CLACK\***

I think I hear a drone. But I can't see anything.

Drive, quick!  
Before more of them show up!



**\*RATATATA\***

**\*BOOM\***



Didn't hit you too bad.

You're lucky, brother!

I'm lucky you came for me!



Hang on, we'll "fly" back fast.

**\*VRRR\***



**\*VRRR\***



**Another one,  
coming straight  
at us!**

**\*VZHHH\***



**\*VRRRR\***

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TWS	364
STP	197
LTD	652



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**\*VRRR\***

**Get ready!**



**\*VRRR\***





**What just happened? Everyone alive?!**

**We're alive. I can't believe it myself.**



**Now that was real luck!**



**Did it fail to detonate or what else could it be?**



THE SOLDIERS HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THAT AT THAT MOMENT THEY WERE SAVED BY A REAL MIRACLE, AND THAT MIRACLE WAS THE TINY, SILENT CHEBURASHKA SWAYING ON THE WINDSHIELD. FROM THEN ON, THEY WERE EVEN MORE CONVINCED THAT THIS SIMPLE TOY WAS NOT JUST A RANDOM COMPANION BUT A TRUE TALISMAN. AMONG THE SOLDIERS, STORIES SPREAD OF HOW CHEBURASHKA HAD MORE THAN ONCE BEEN THERE AT THE MOST DANGEROUS MOMENTS, AS IF INVISIBLY WARDING OFF TROUBLE AND PROTECTING THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS QUIET PRESENCE.

LONG-DISTANCE TRAIN MOSCOW – BLAGOVESHCHENSK,  
MID-JANUARY 2026

Now do you  
understand why he  
is always with us?

You are small,  
but you're a brave  
Cheburashka.

Always  
protect our  
soldiers.

I understand.  
With you, nothing  
is scary.

**\*RUSTLE\***

**\*RUSTLE\***

We can't do  
without him  
anymore.

TRAIN STATION PLATFORM,  
THE NEXT DAY

**Be an obedient boy.  
Always protect your  
mom!**

**Good luck, Artyom!  
Set yourself a goal  
and achieve it!**

**Bye-bye!**

**Thank you, guys,  
have a safe trip.**





**They won't forget about me, will they?**

**\*RUS'LE\***

**Of course not. The guys promised to send you a greeting for February 23rd.**

ARTYOM KEPT WATCHING THE DEPARTING TRAIN UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED IN THE DISTANCE. IT WAS HARD FOR HIM TO PART WITH HIS NEW FRIENDS — THE SOLDIERS, WITH WHOM HE HAD LEARNED SO MANY INTERESTING AND TRULY IMPORTANT THINGS.

AT THE SAME TIME, ARTYOM COULD HARDLY WAIT TO SEE HIS OWN BUDDIES AGAIN TO SHARE WHAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED. HE WANTED TO TELL THEM ABOUT THE TRIP AND THE UNUSUAL FELLOW TRAVELERS, ABOUT CARRYING OUT COMBAT MISSIONS, ABOUT THE MIRACULOUS RESCUE AND CHEBURASHKA, ABOUT THE MODERN ALLIGATOR HELICOPTER, ABOUT THE SOLDIERS' COURAGE — IN SHORT, ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT NOW FILLED HIS THOUGHTS AND BECAME PART OF HIS CHERISHED DREAMS.

ARTYOM'S HOME,  
A MONTH LATER

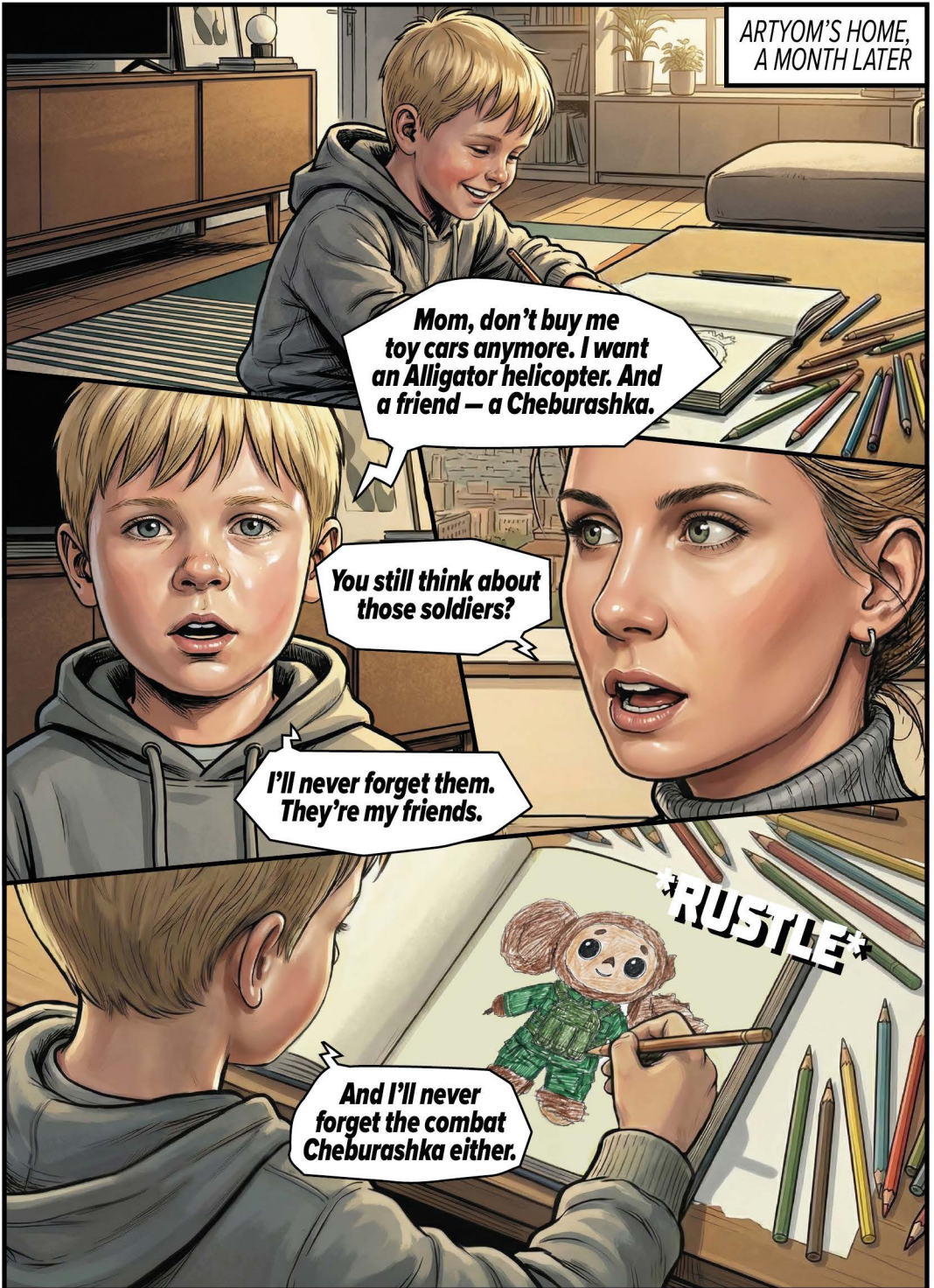
**Mom, don't buy me  
toy cars anymore. I want  
an Alligator helicopter. And  
a friend — a Cheburashka.**

**You still think about  
those soldiers?**

**I'll never forget them.  
They're my friends.**

**And I'll never  
forget the combat  
Cheburashka either.**

**\*RUSTLE\***





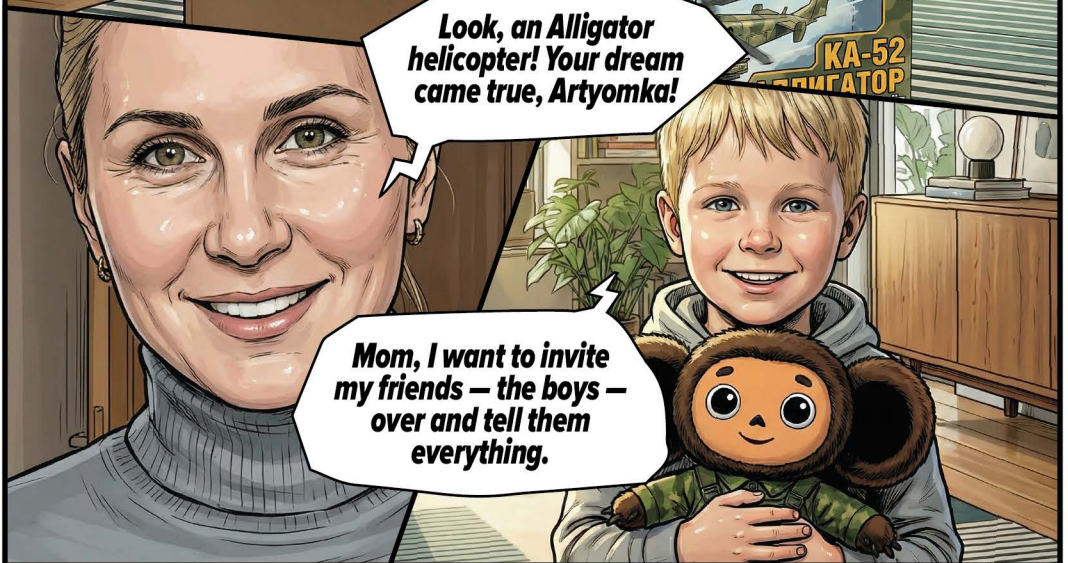
**\*DING-DONG\***

**Artyom! I think there's a parcel from your soldiers.**



**\*RUSTLE\***

**It's them! Lom, Voron and Lys. I knew they remembered me too!**



**Look, an Alligator helicopter! Your dream came true, Artyomka!**

**Mom, I want to invite my friends — the boys — over and tell them everything.**

THE NEXT DAY

Look! A toy  
Cheburashka in a military  
uniform!

It's not just a toy!  
A Cheburashka like this  
protects our soldiers in battle.

Where did you get such  
a cool helicopter?

From the brave and kind  
defenders of our Motherland.  
I dreamed of this!

One of my dreams  
came true, and the other  
will too.

I want to pilot  
a real helicopter.



IT IS A STORY ABOUT CONTINUITY, COURAGE, AND LOYALTY. ABOUT HOW AN INVISIBLE BOND IS BORN BETWEEN GENERATIONS. IT IS A STORY ABOUT CONTINUITY, COURAGE, AND LOYALTY. ABOUT HOW AN INVISIBLE BOND IS BORN BETWEEN GENERATIONS. YESTERDAY'S BOY, INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF HIS OLDER FRIENDS, BEGINS TO SEE THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY; A FUTURE DEFENDER OF THE MOTHERLAND AWAKENS WITHIN HIM. MOST IMPORTANTLY, NOW HE KNOWS FOR SURE THAT TRUE STRENGTH ALWAYS WALKS HAND IN HAND WITH KINDNESS.



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