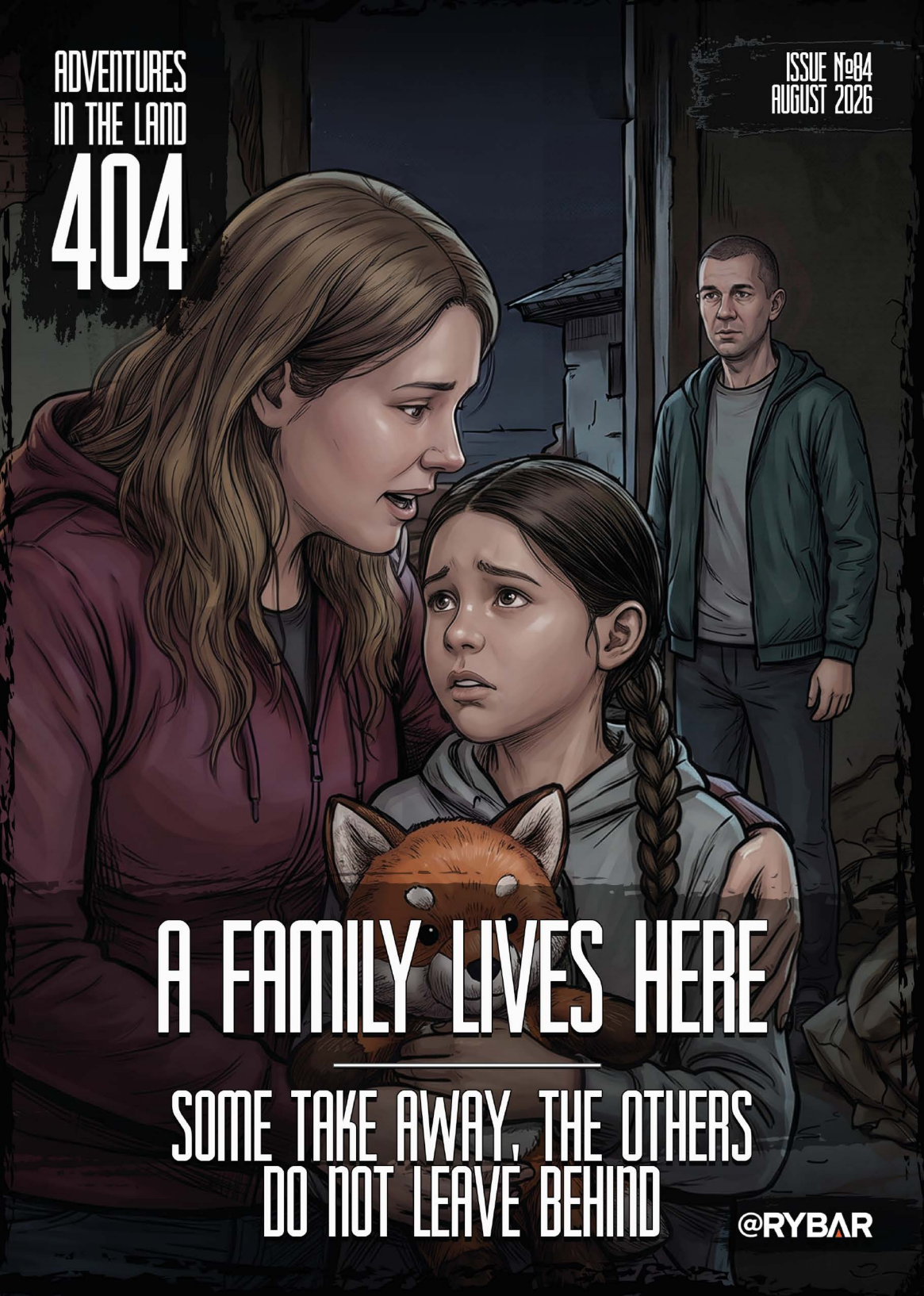


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A FAMILY LIVES HERE

SOME TAKE AWAY, THE OTHERS
DO NOT LEAVE BEHIND

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On the outskirts of Kostiantynivka, amid the ruins, a family lives: Yulia, her husband, and little Sonechka. Barely half the walls of their home remain, supplies are running out, and only a single inscription, scrawled on the surviving masonry — “A FAMILY LIVES HERE” — can cry out to those watching the city from above: there are still people here who have to survive, and people who may die.

One night, a drone hovers over the ruined house; in the darkness, its eye lights up. Sonechka presses herself into a corner: her parents have hidden her from the world for too long to give her up now. But Yulia peers at the silhouette above the roof and recalls a fragment of her neighbors’ conversation: Russian drones do not tape over their lights. Can she trust someone else’s words when a mistake could cost the entire family their lives? The family decides to step toward the doorway, not yet knowing whose shadow is watching them through the lens.

The next night, the drone returns and drops a tightly bound parcel into the yard. To reach it, they will have to leave their last shelter and trust the barely visible lights in the sky. Will the parcel bring salvation or disaster? The family must uncover its secret on the threshold of a house bearing the inscription: “A FAMILY LIVES HERE.”

KOSTIANTYNIVKA,
SUMMER 2026

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**Mom...
is that a Ukrainian drone?
Have they found us?**

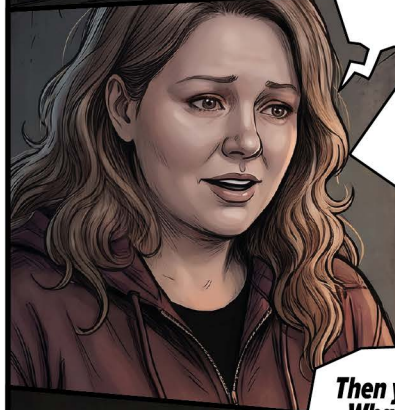
**Are they going to take
me away now?**

**Sonechka, do you see
the lights? They aren't
taped over.**

**The neighbors said Russian
drones fly with lights on, while
Ukrainian drones tape theirs
over so they cannot be spotted
at night. It's our drone —
Russian.**

**Aunt Masha also said
that if you swallow chewing gum,
it stays in your stomach for seven
years.**

**Then you said that wasn't true.
What if she made up the part
about the lights too, just so we
would not be afraid?**



**Then Dad and I will check
everything, and we will not rush.
But nobody is taking you away.**

**Do you hear me?
We didn't hide you for all
this time just to hand you
over to someone.**





The drone's light is clearly visible. It all matches what we were told. It really does look like one of ours.

And Grandma... is she still waiting for us?

Of course she is. And she will wait for all three of us. We will not give you away to anyone, Sonechka. Remember that well.

We will leave here together, and we will get to Grandma together too.

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REC TELEMETRY ON

THE NEXT MORNING



It dropped something. Looks like it really is for us.



Let's wait until it flies farther away. Then we'll grab it quickly and go straight back inside. We should not stay out in the open.



RUSTLE



**Water, food... and a radio.
Dear God, what a blessing.
They did not just see us — they
want to hear us too.**



**You speak, Yulia.
Introduce yourself, tell them
about the house. They saw you
in the doorway yesterday, so they
will remember you first.**

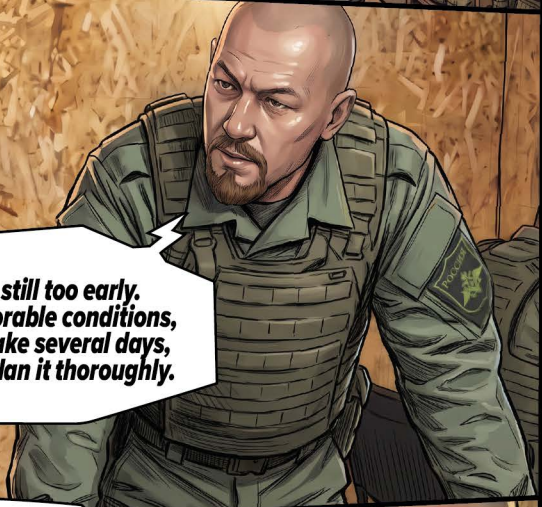
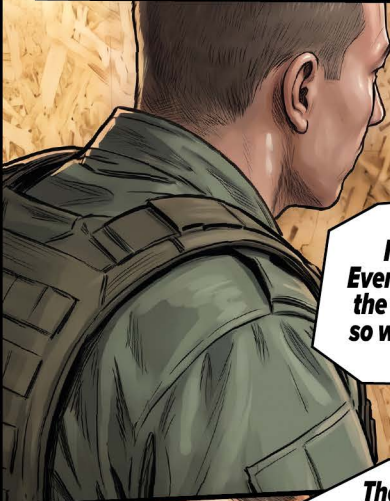




COMMAND POST OF THE 1194TH
REGIMENT, SUMMER 2026



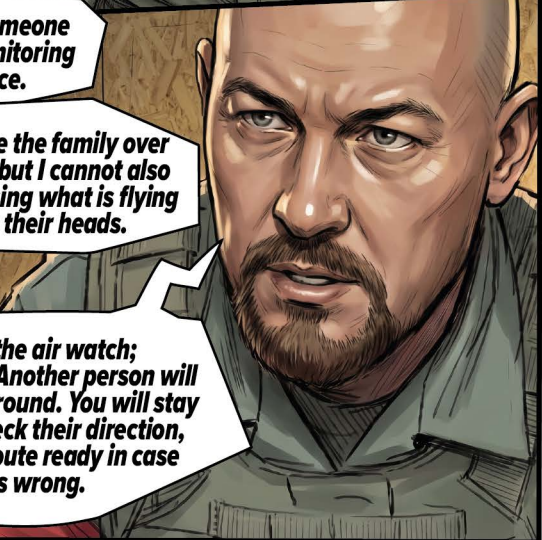
**Yulia contacted us again.
All three of them are ready
to leave immediately.**



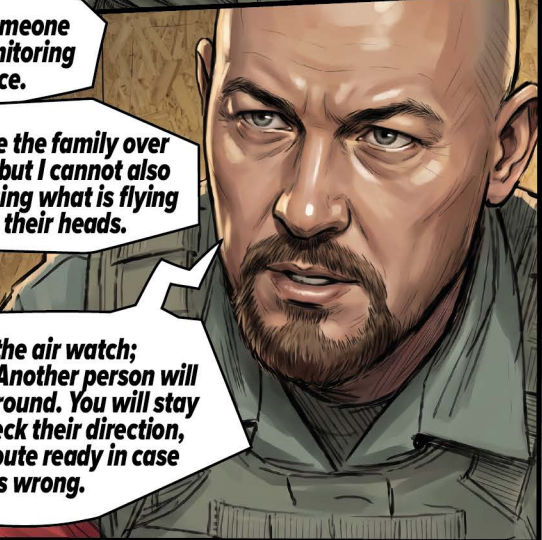
**Not yet. It is still too early.
Even under favorable conditions,
the route will take several days,
so we need to plan it thoroughly.**



**Then I need someone
constantly monitoring
the airspace.**



**I can guide the family over
the radio, but I cannot also
keep guessing what is flying
above their heads.**



**Avangard is taking the air watch;
that is already arranged. Another person will
monitor changes on the ground. You will stay
in contact with Yulia, check their direction,
and keep an alternate route ready in case
something goes wrong.**



They definitely will not make it in a single stretch. They do not have the strength.

We need to identify places in advance where they can stop and let the girl sleep, even for a little while.

The adults may manage somehow, but you cannot get a child through several days on sheer stubbornness alone.

So first, we plan everything hour by hour, down to the smallest details. Only then do we give them the order to move – not before.

Make sure you explain all of that properly to Yulia. No one is going to rush them. We will get all three of them there safe and sound.

We will spare no effort. There is no question about it.

SEVERAL DAYS LATER

RUSTLE

**Dad, will you carry Panther?
I'll take Snezhana. I cannot fit both
of them in my hands at once —
I already tried.**

**Of course I will carry her.
Where else would I go? Both of them
will make it to Grandma's, do not
worry so much.**

RUSTLE



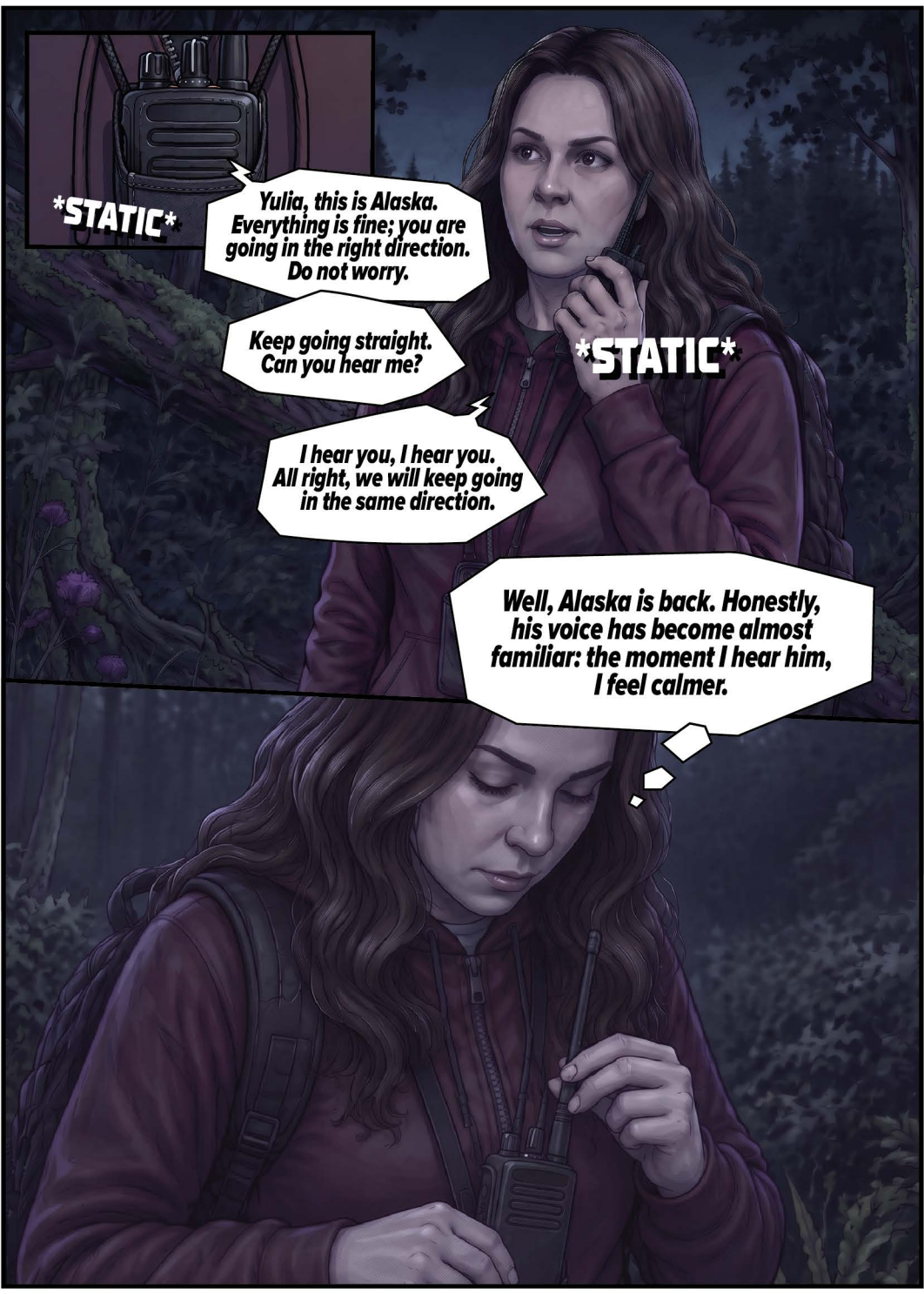
A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER



NIGHT OF THE SAME DAY

Why has he been quiet for so long? We have not turned anywhere, have we? Or did we miss the right place and now we are going the wrong way?





STATIC

*Yulia, this is Alaska.
Everything is fine; you are
going in the right direction.
Do not worry.*

*Keep going straight.
Can you hear me?*

*I hear you, I hear you.
All right, we will keep going
in the same direction.*

STATIC

*Well, Alaska is back. Honestly,
his voice has become almost
familiar: the moment I hear him,
I feel calmer.*



Sonechka, do you remember what your panther is like?

Brave, quiet, and able to find the way even in the dark. Let's walk a little farther, just like her.

Alaska, Sonechka is very tired. She can barely walk. Is the rest stop still far away?

STATIC

Walk a little farther, and there will be a place ahead where you can rest. You will rest there for a couple of hours, drink some water, and let the girl sleep.

STATIC

OUTSIDE KOSTIANTYNIVKA,
THE NEXT MORNING



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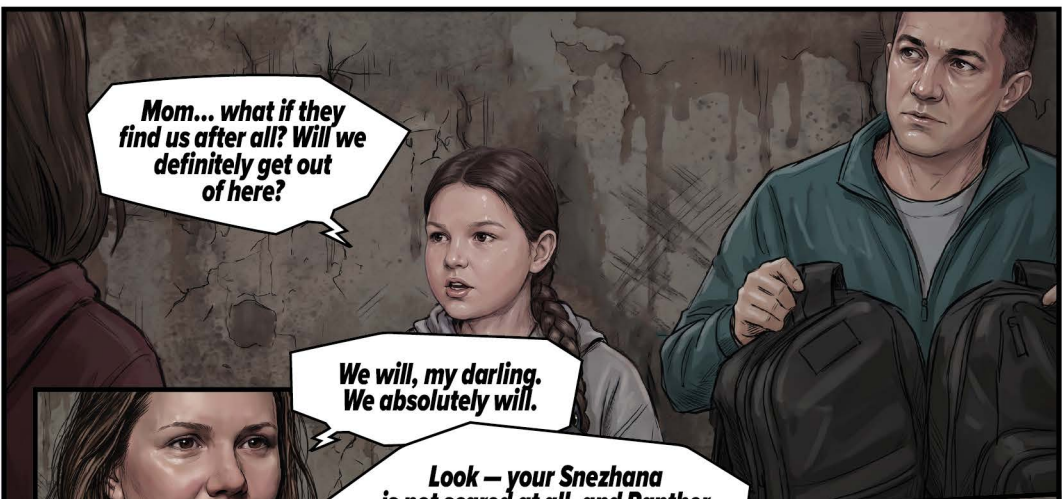
**Yulia, do not move yet.
There is high activity in the air
again. Stay quiet and wait for my
signal. I will tell you when
it is safe.**



STATIC

**Understood.
We are staying where
we are.**

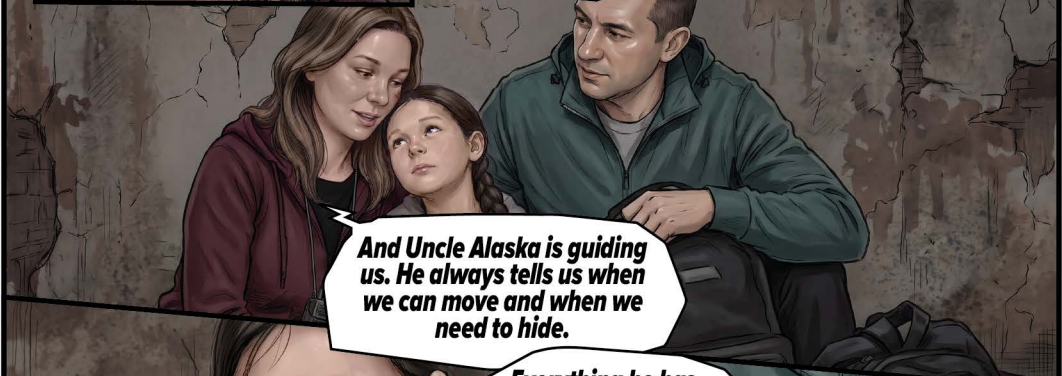




Mom... what if they find us after all? Will we definitely get out of here?



We will, my darling. We absolutely will.



Look — your Snezhana is not scared at all, and Panther is holding up bravely too. They are both courageous, just like their owner.



And Uncle Alaska is guiding us. He always tells us when we can move and when we need to hide.



Everything he has told us so far has been right, hasn't it?



Yes. We trust him.



That's good. We will sit quietly, wait for his voice, and then keep going. Grandma is waiting for us, so we will make it there — there is no other way.



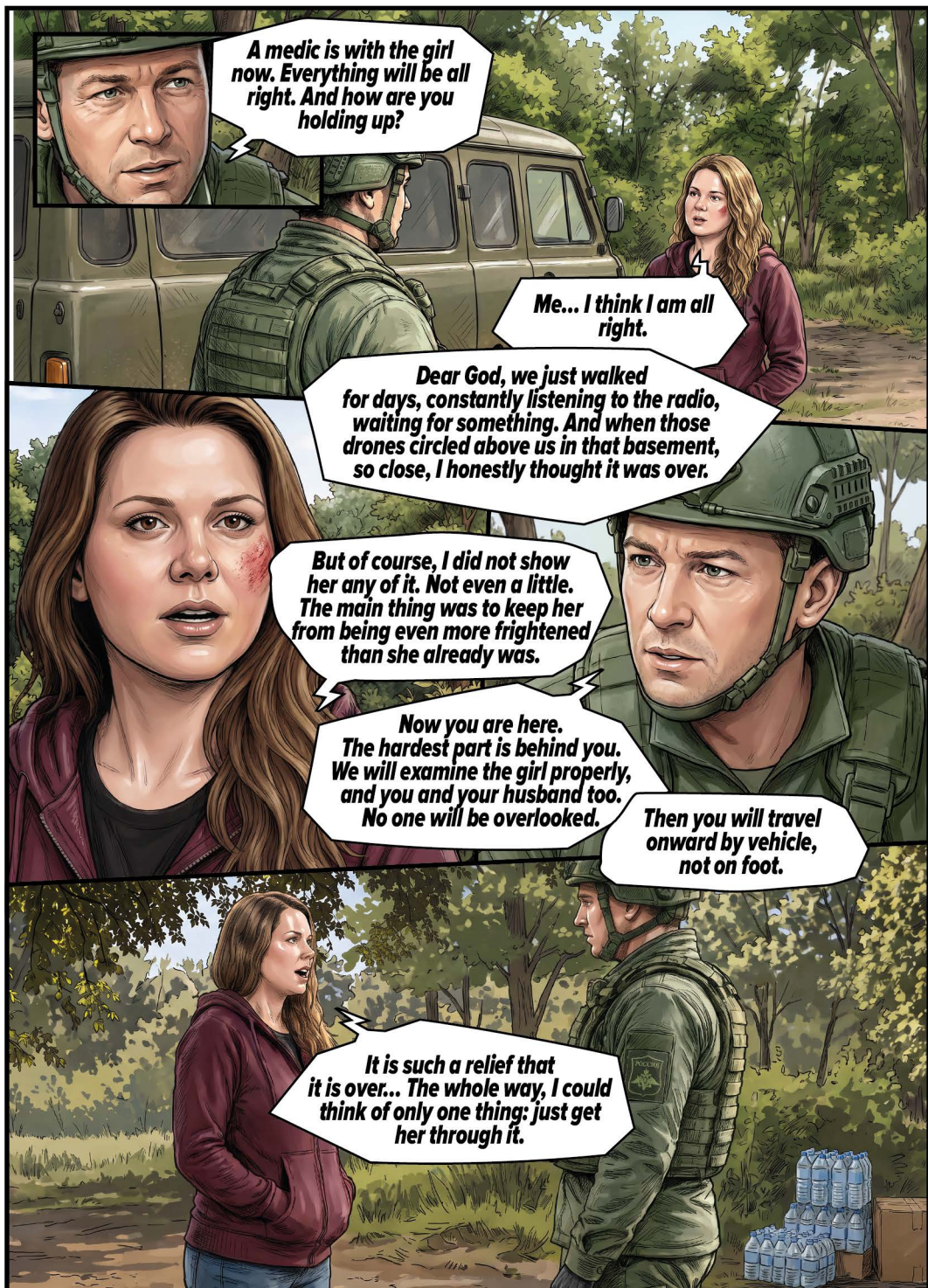
RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES EVACUATION POINT,
THE NEXT DAY



**Sonechka
how are you feeling?**

**Is your head
spinning? Does anything
hurt?**

**I'm fine. My legs are just
very tired. I do not want
to walk anymore.**



A medic is with the girl now. Everything will be all right. And how are you holding up?

Me... I think I am all right.

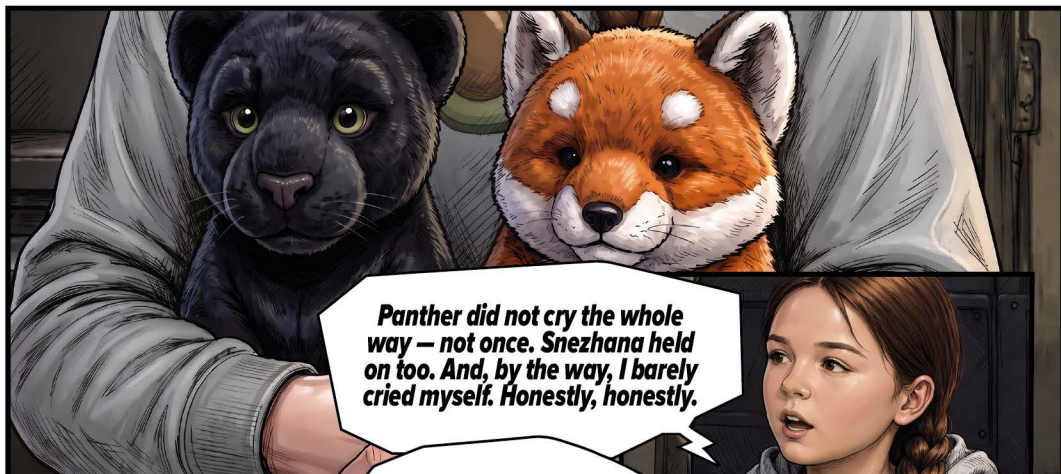
Dear God, we just walked for days, constantly listening to the radio, waiting for something. And when those drones circled above us in that basement, so close, I honestly thought it was over.

But of course, I did not show her any of it. Not even a little. The main thing was to keep her from being even more frightened than she already was.

Now you are here. The hardest part is behind you. We will examine the girl properly, and you and your husband too. No one will be overlooked.

Then you will travel onward by vehicle, not on foot.

It is such a relief that it is over... The whole way, I could think of only one thing: just get her through it.



Panther did not cry the whole way — not once. Snezhana held on too. And, by the way, I barely cried myself. Honestly, honestly.



I can see that. You make a good team. You made it all the way and did not lose anyone.



Could you examine Snezhana too, please? She fell once in the woods, and I am worried about her now.

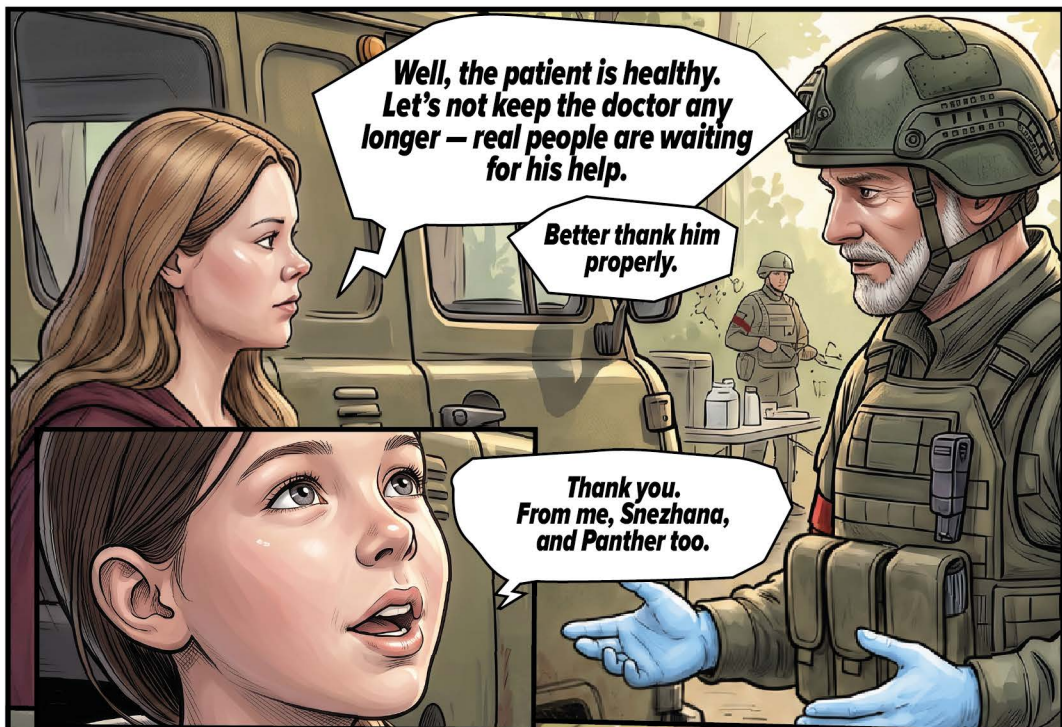


Her head is fine, her paws are all there — everything is all right. She is just very tired, like all of you, and a little dirty from the journey.



She needs only rest beside her owner. Nothing more.







**Thank you so much.
For finding us, for not
leaving us there among
the ruins...**

**The route, those constant
drones, the food, the places to stop —
you guided us, literally step
by step, for several days.**

**What else could we do?
Once we found you, we had
to bring you to safety.**

TV STUDIO IN KYIV,
SUMMER 2026

**Another family of so-called
“waiters” has waited for Russian
servicemen and is now being used
in their propaganda.**

Не смогли эвакуировать ребёнка из Константиновки

**The mother, father,
and child left Kostiantynivka
with the assistance of Russian
units.**

**The most telling part is that
the parents demonstratively refused
evacuation, hid the child from their own side,
and then voluntarily handed themselves
over to the enemy.**

**This also raises a separate
question for local services
and security forces.**

Не смогли эвакуировать

ОВКИ

ИННОВКИ

If it was known that the parents held pro-Russian views and were deliberately obstructing evacuation, why was the girl not taken from them earlier, while there was still an opportunity?

Не смогли эвакуировать ребёнка из К



RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES EVACUATION POINT,
THE NEXT DAY



**Guys, thank you.
I know we are not the first people
you have guided, and we will not
be the last, but I bow deeply
to you. Truly.**



**There will be other people –
and we will bring them out
too. Now go on, travel
safely.**





**The family
from Kostiantynivka
is now completely safe.**

**For several days,
the parents and their daughter Sofia
made their way to the evacuation
point under the constant supervision
of Russian servicemen, step by step.
The journey was extremely difficult.**

**Throughout this time, soldiers
of the 1194th Regiment of the 4th Brigade
of the Southern Grouping remained in radio
contact with the family, warned them about
enemy drones, and indicated places
where they could stop and wait
out the danger.**

**At the meeting point,
medics examined the family
and provided the necessary
assistance.**

**They will now be taken to a safe place,
while the servicemen who escorted them
for several days are already returning
to their regular duties.**



THE REAL STRENGTH IN THIS STORY IS A MOTHER'S STRENGTH. IT DOES NOT NEED LOUD WORDS. A MOTHER SIMPLY TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER CHILD AND DOES NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO DECIDE THAT HER FAMILY MAY BE TORN APART FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S PURPOSES. HER LOVE BECOMES A WILL CAPABLE OF ENDURING FEAR, MOVING FORWARD, AND PROTECTING TO THE END THOSE WHO DEPEND ON HER.

THE 1194TH REGIMENT TAKES ON THE SAME MEASURE OF RESPONSIBILITY, FOR WHICH THIS FAMILY CEASES TO BE A RANDOM DOT ON A MAP. TIME AND EFFORT ARE SPENT ON THEM; THEIR ROUTE IS PLANNED, THEY ARE SUPPORTED, FED, AND TREATED. THIS IS WHERE THE MAIN DIVIDE LIES: FOR SOME, A CHILD IS AN OBJECT THAT MUST BE "TAKEN AWAY"; FOR OTHERS, A CHILD IS A PERSON WHO MUST NOT BE ABANDONED. STRENGTH BEGINS WHERE POWER OVER A PERSON GIVES WAY TO CARE FOR THEM.

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SIX MONTHS UNDER A TANK

INTELLIGENCE FROM THE METALLIC DRAGON



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