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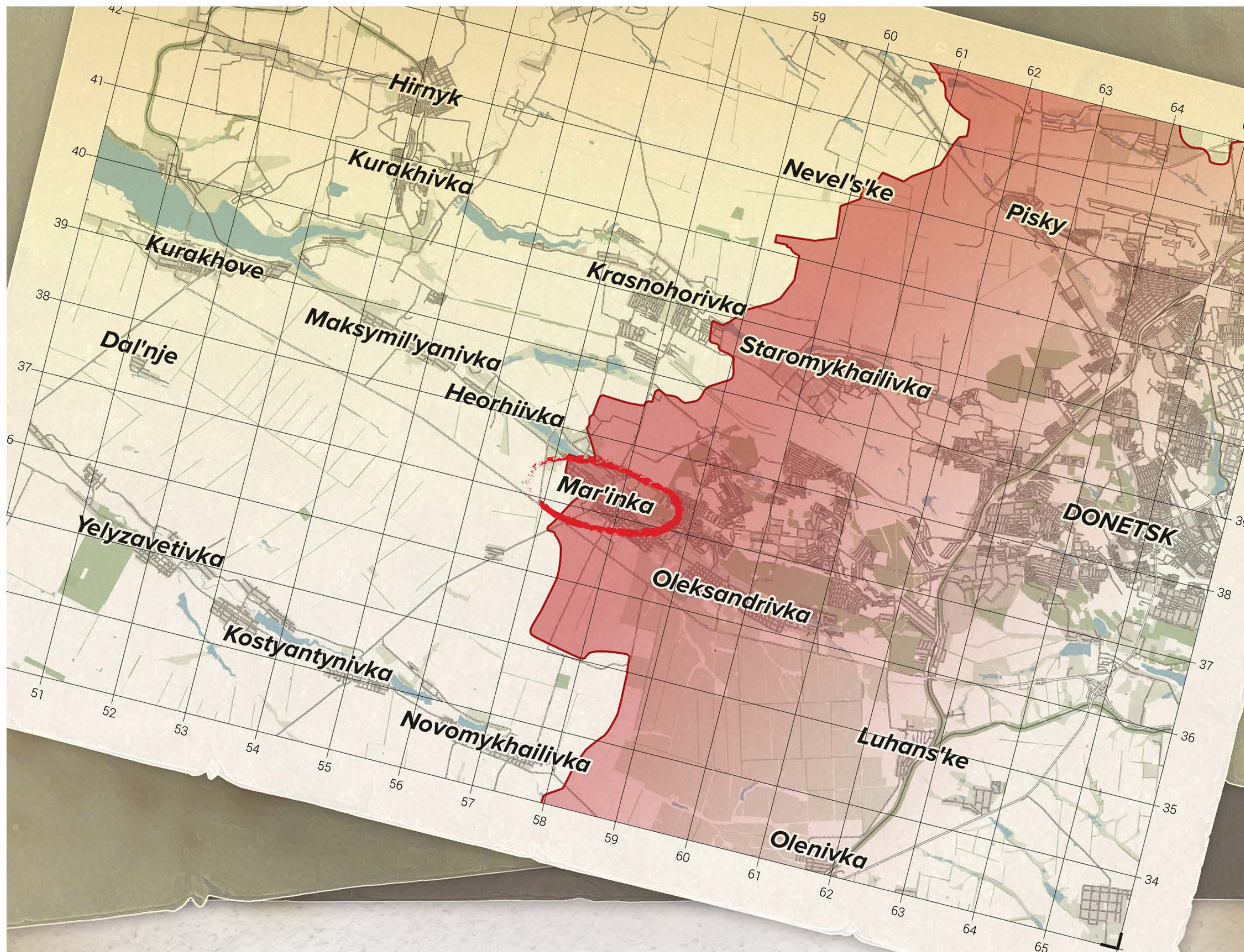
IN MAR'INKA

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TALE OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL
COUNTERATTACK

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from the situation report

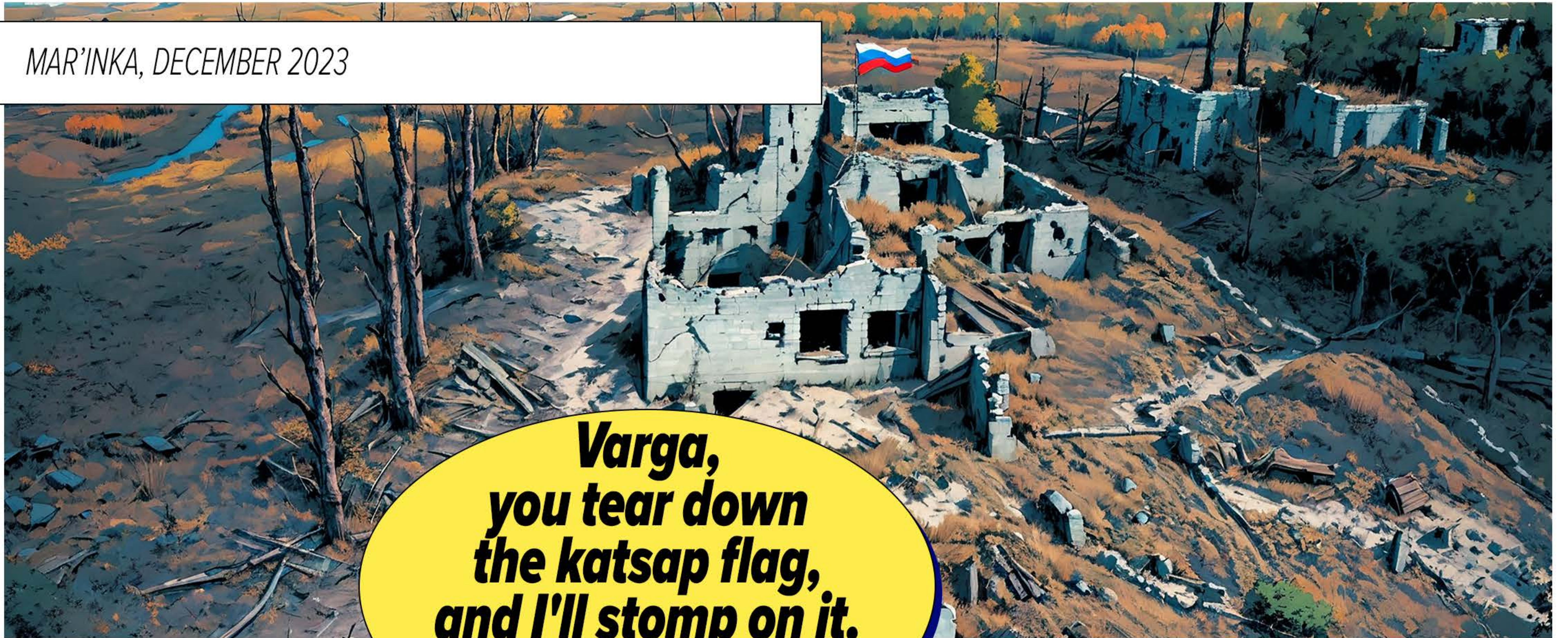
The war **in Donbas** has been ongoing for **almost 10 years**. During this time, children have grown up who have never known a world **without war**.

Any resident of Donbas who has gone **to the front** will tell you that there was **no other option**.

Once upon a time, **Masha, a sniper**, used to love basketball, to be happy, and thought **that war** would pass her by...

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**Varga,
you tear down
the katsap flag,
and I'll stomp on it.
Melnik, you film it.**



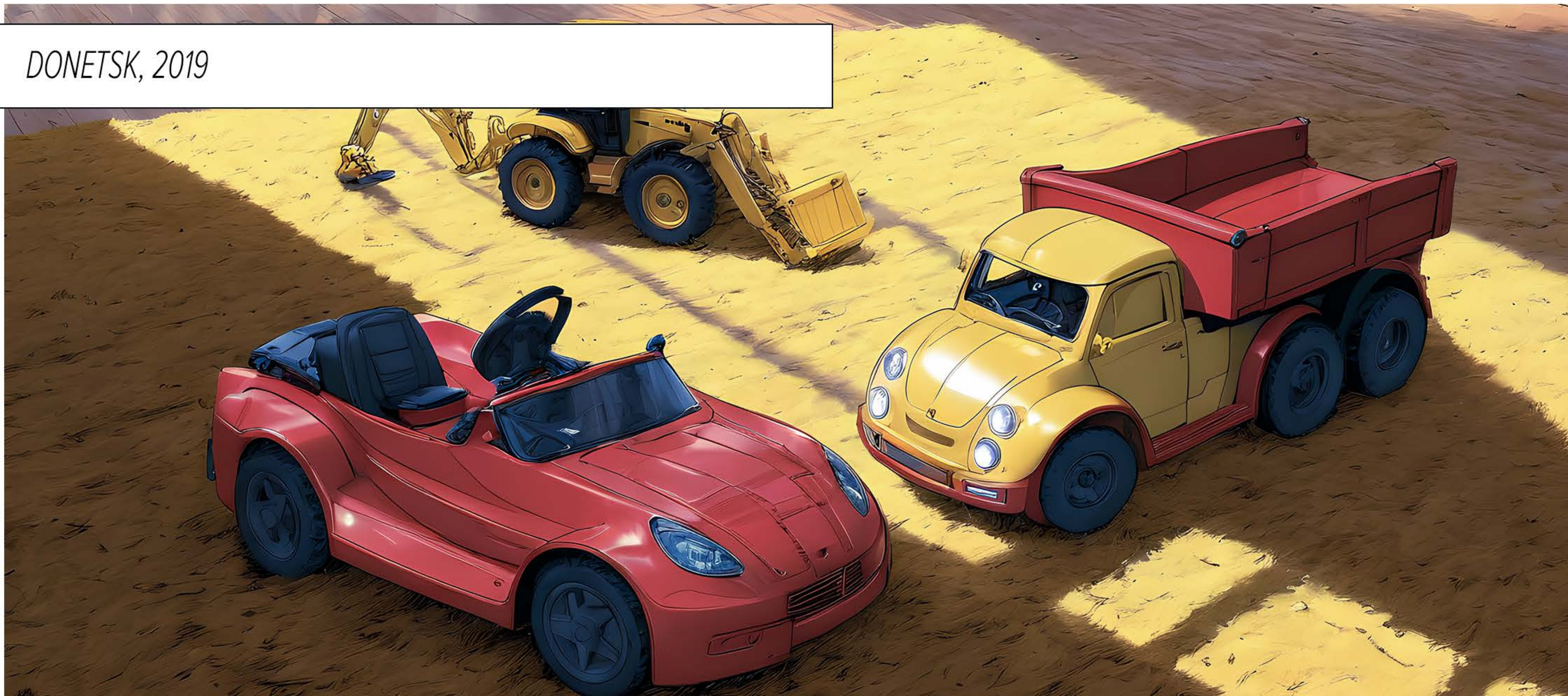
Melnik?..



VARGA, SNIPER!



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**Well,
if nothing has happened,
let's do some groceries together.
Vasya, are you coming?**

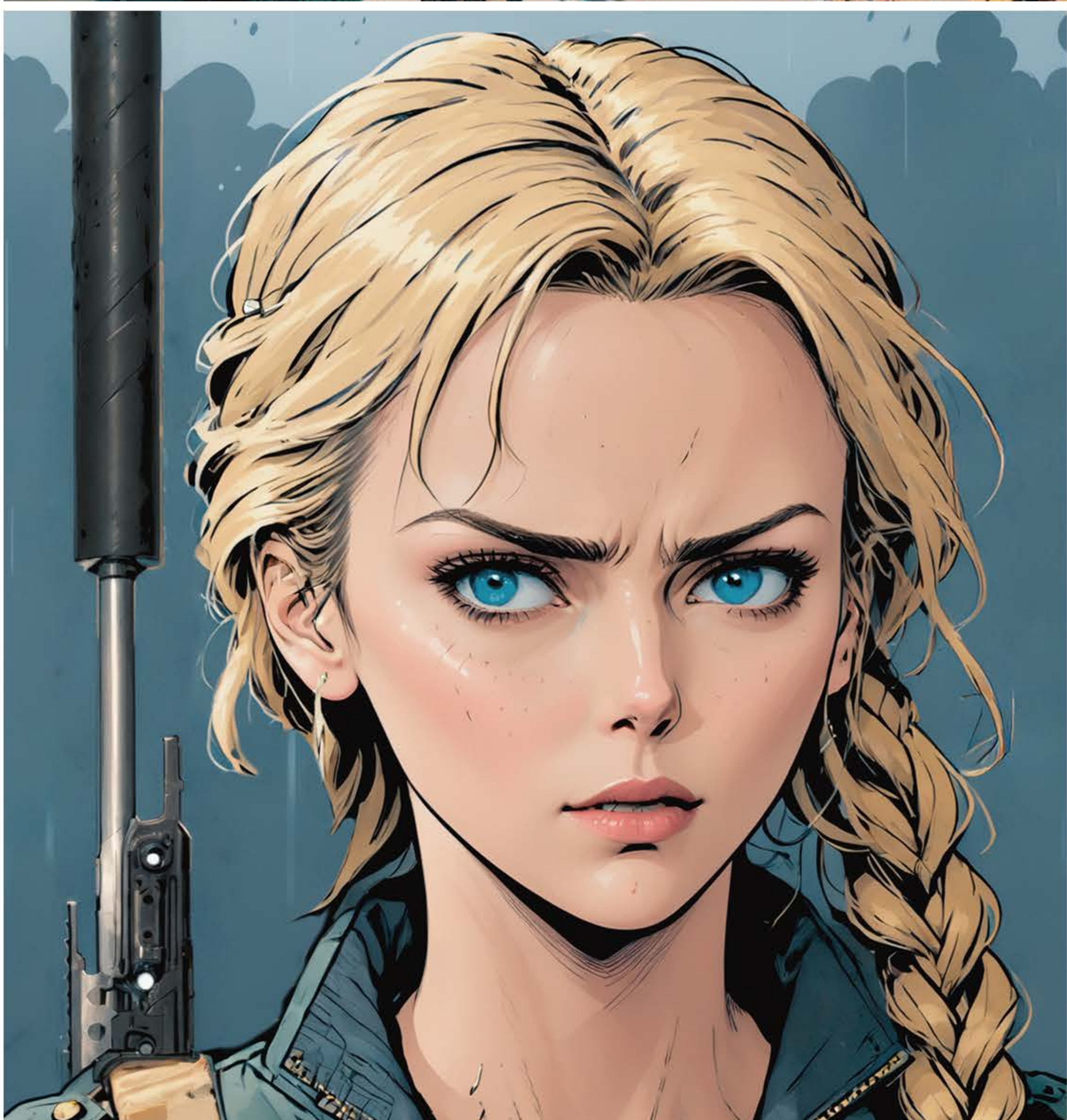
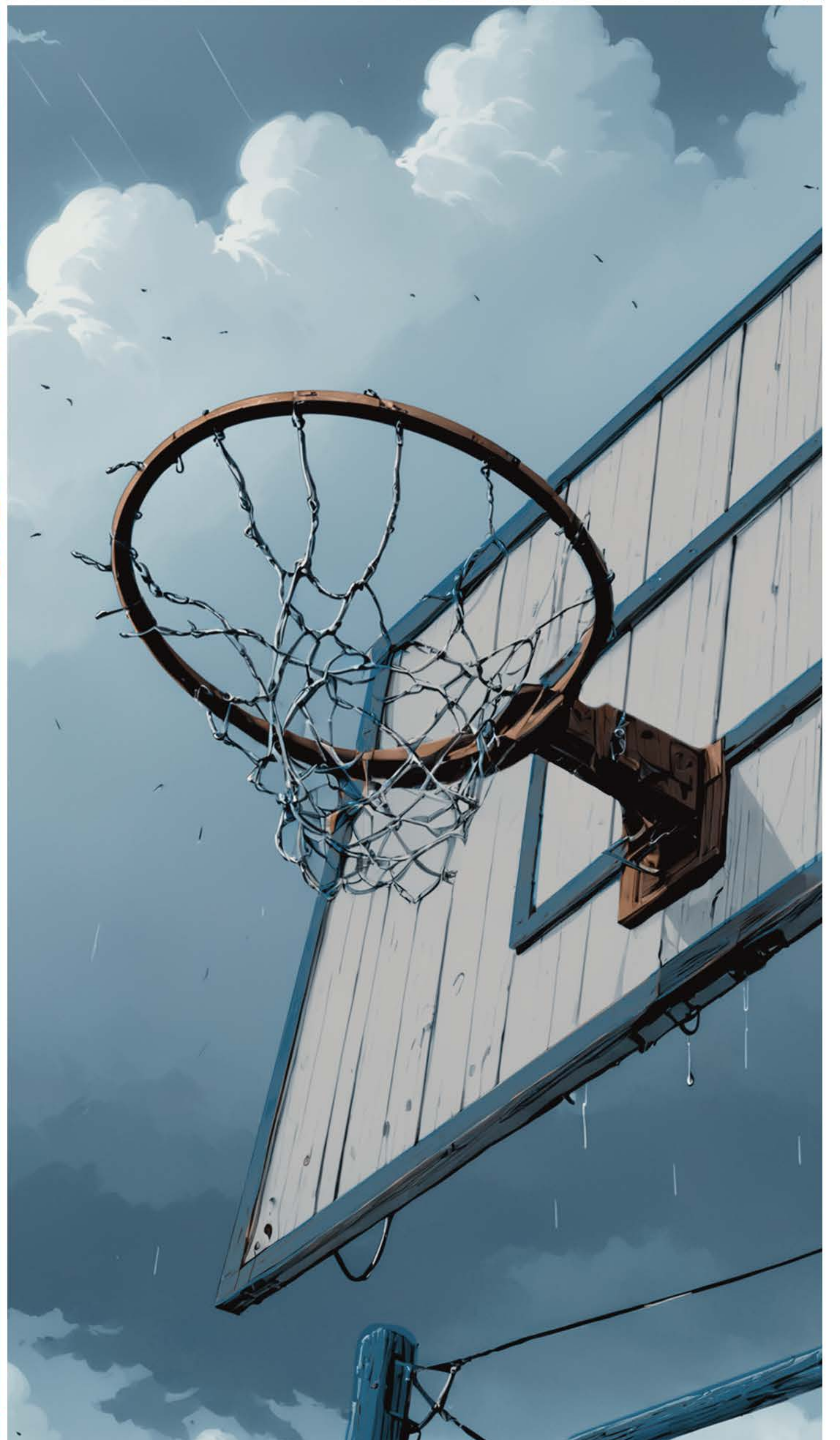
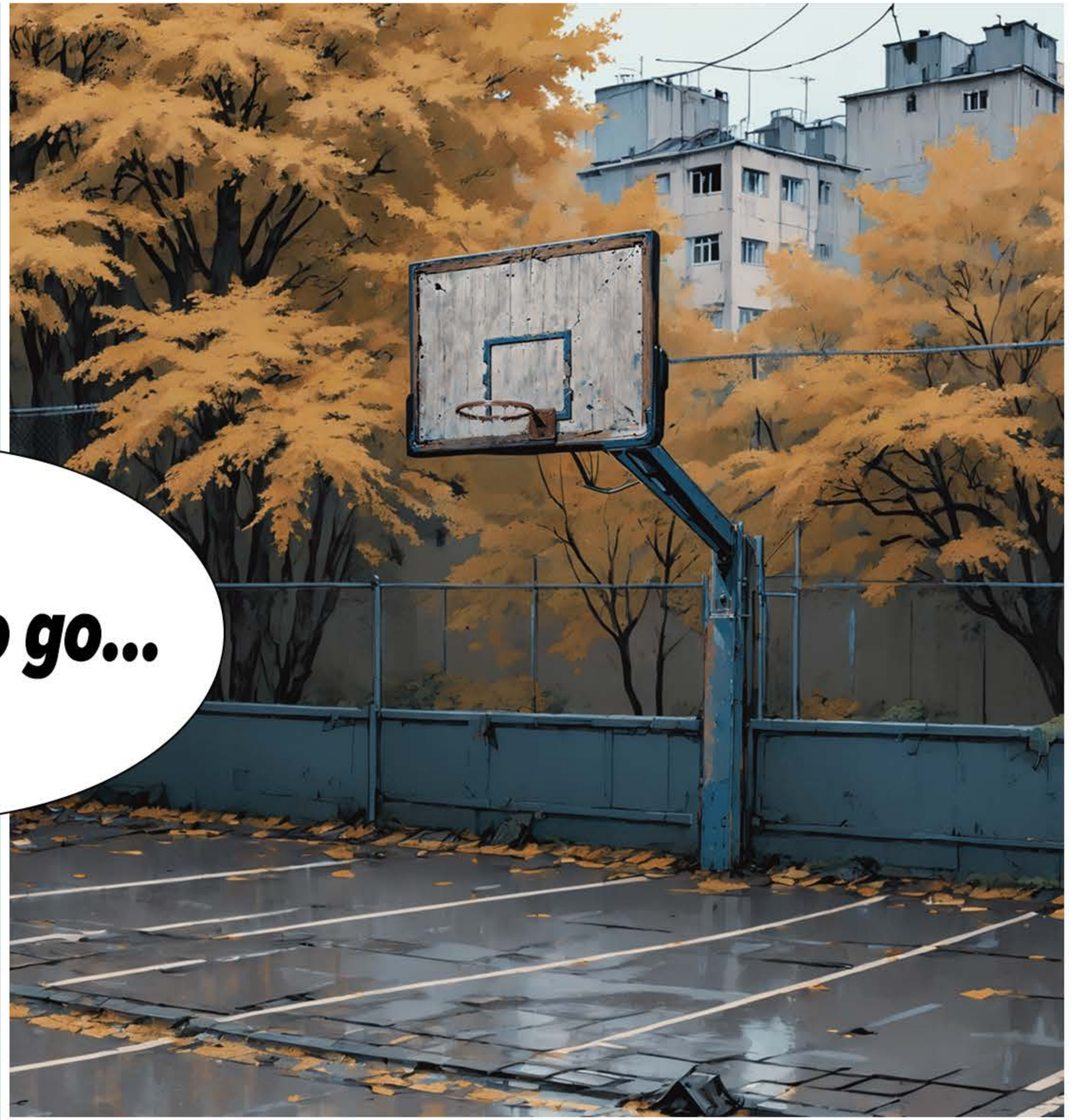
**YES!
ICE CREAM!!!**

**Just remember
to put away your toys;
otherwise, no ice cream.**

Oh, daaaaaaad...

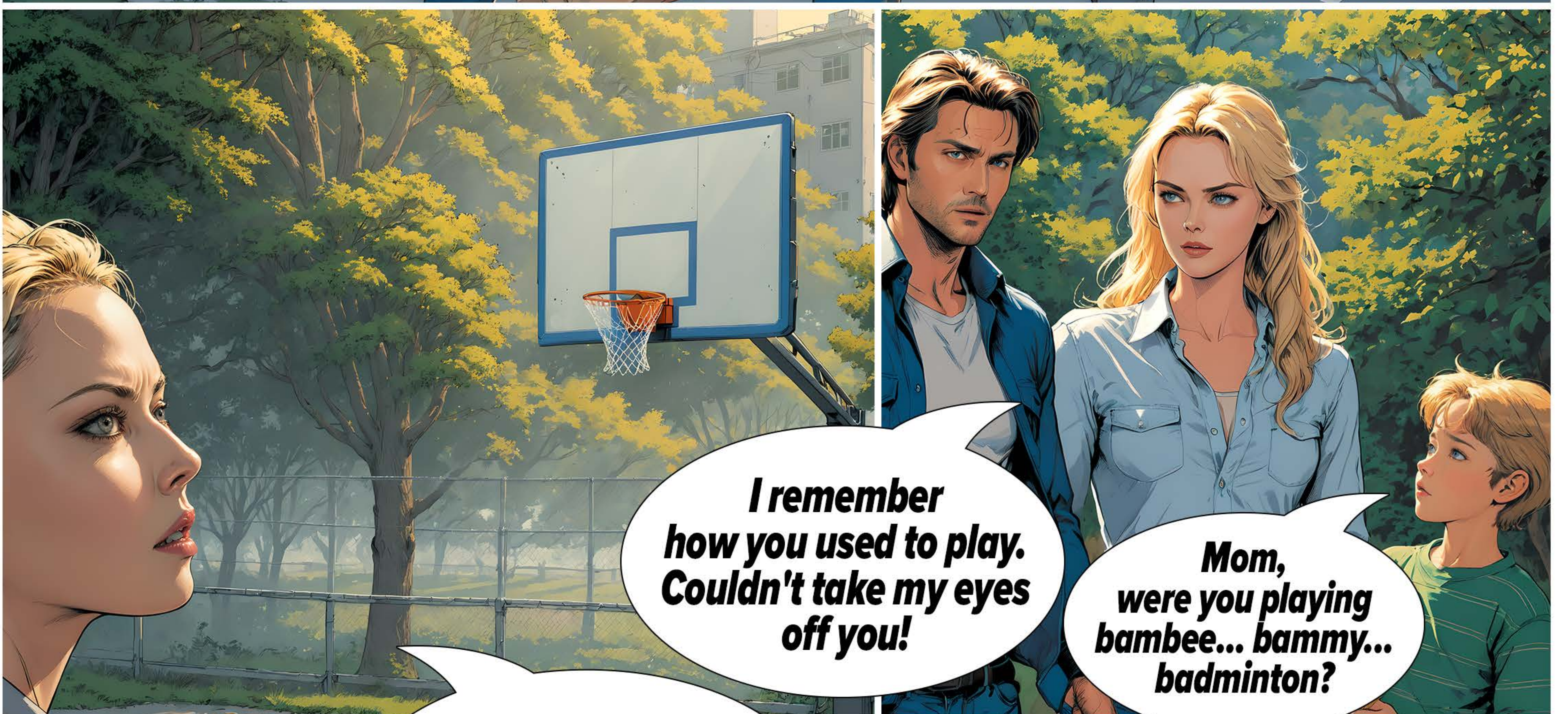


We need to go...





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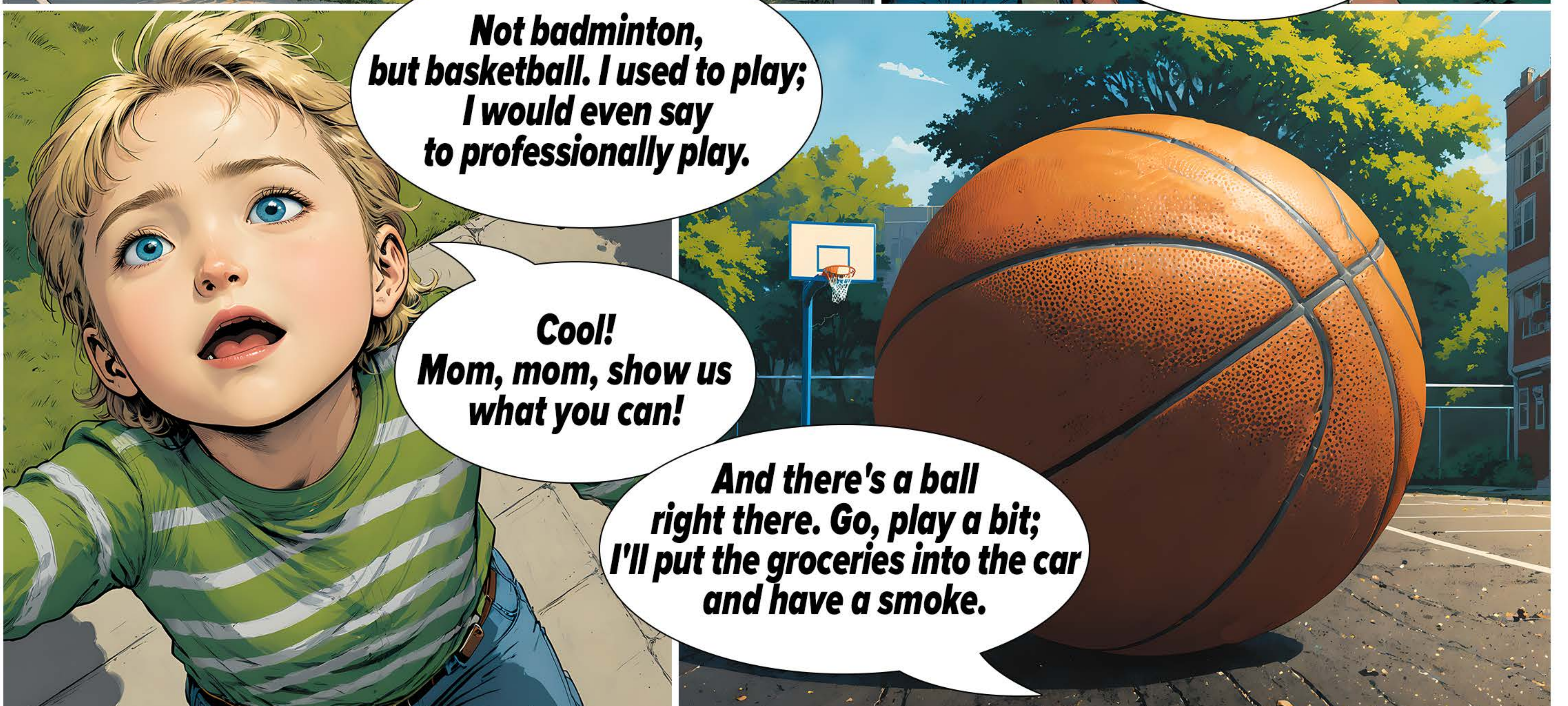
**I remember
how you used to play.
Couldn't take my eyes
off you!**

**Mom,
were you playing
bambee... bammy...
badminton?**

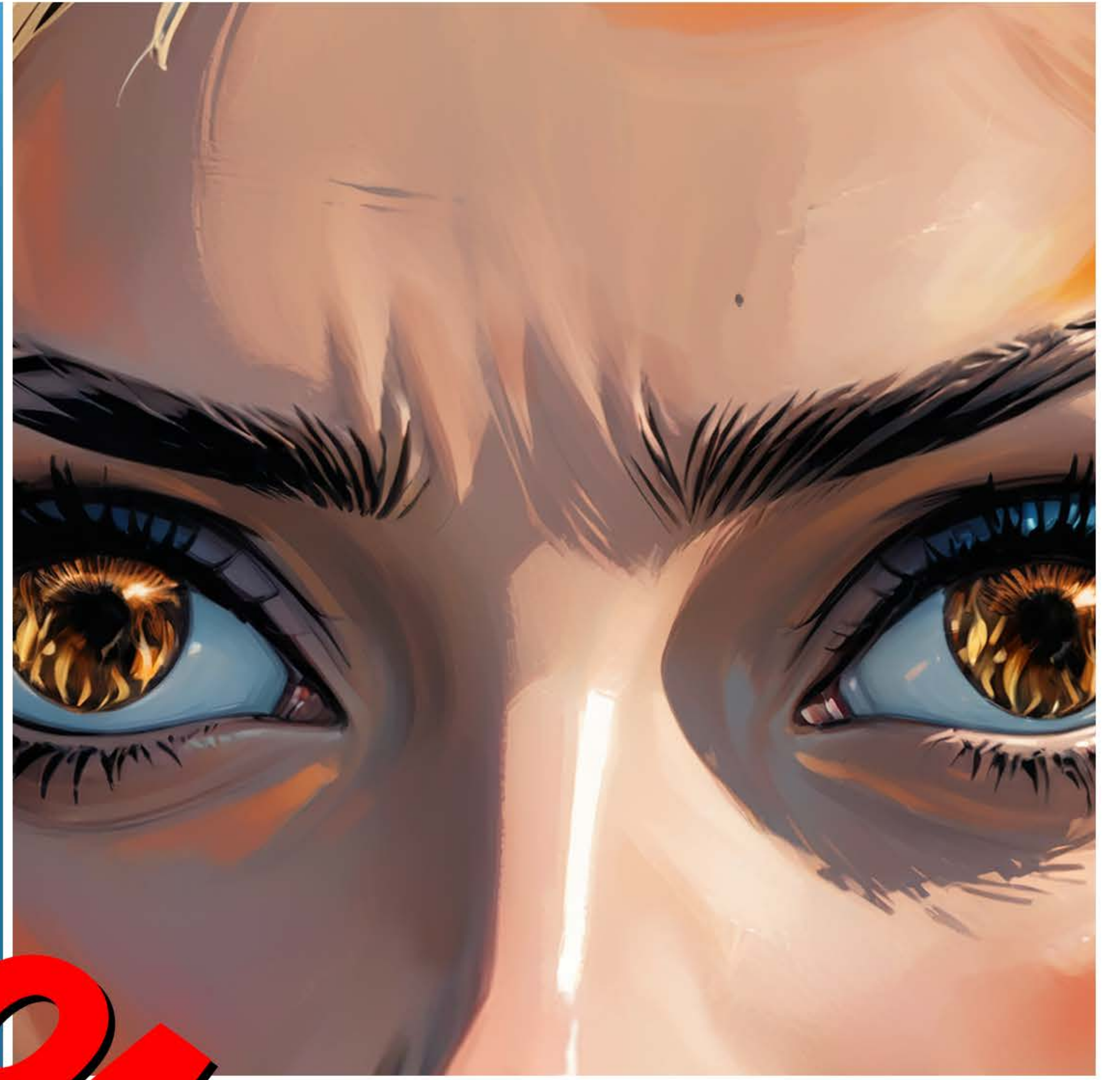
**Not badminton,
but basketball. I used to play;
I would even say
to professionally play.**

**Cool!
Mom, mom, show us
what you can!**

**And there's a ball
right there. Go, play a bit;
I'll put the groceries into the car
and have a smoke.**







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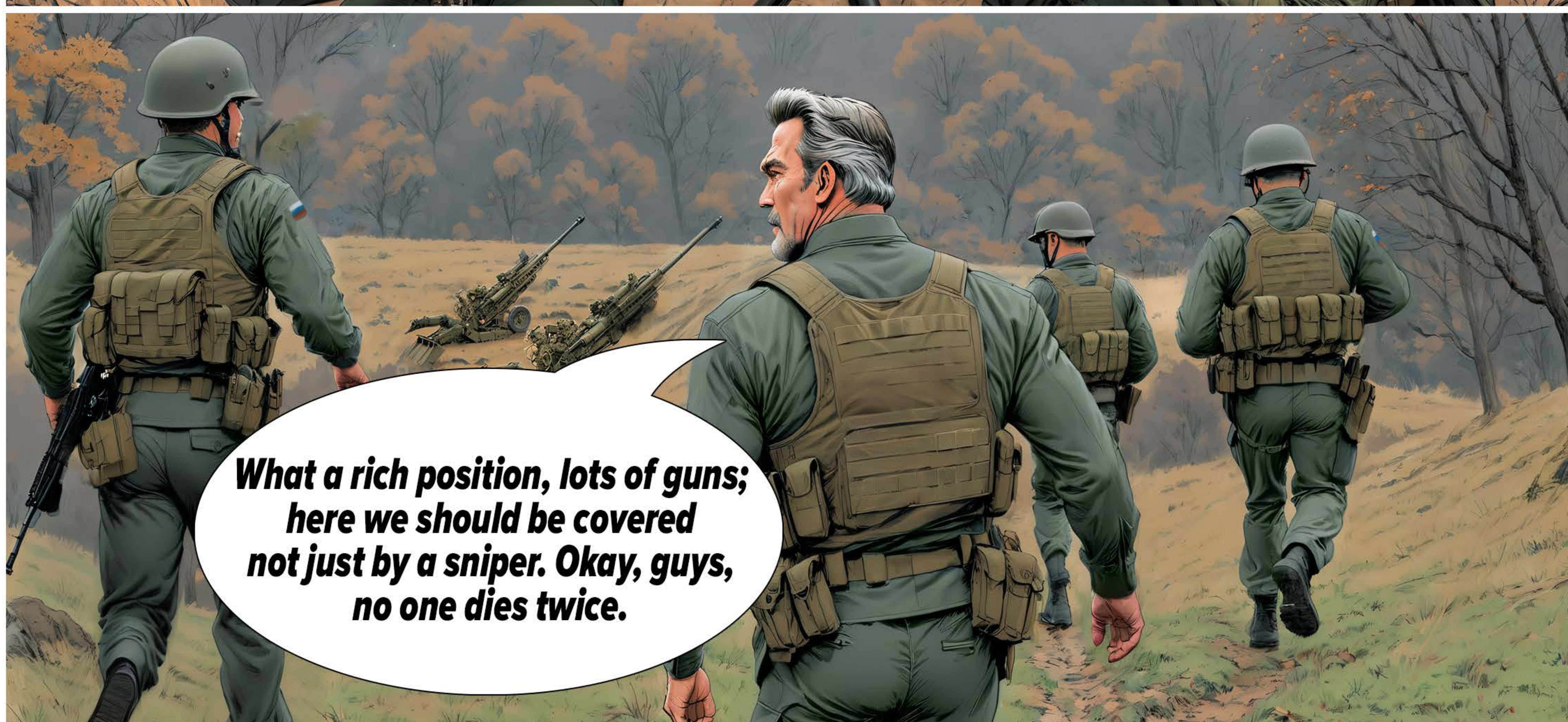


**Get closer
to adjust the planes;
I'll stay here.**



**It feels like a kilometer,
no less. Masha, maybe you'll
come closer?**

**But the viewing
is good here.
Go, I'll cover you.**



**What a rich position, lots of guns;
here we should be covered
not just by a sniper. Okay, guys,
no one dies twice.**

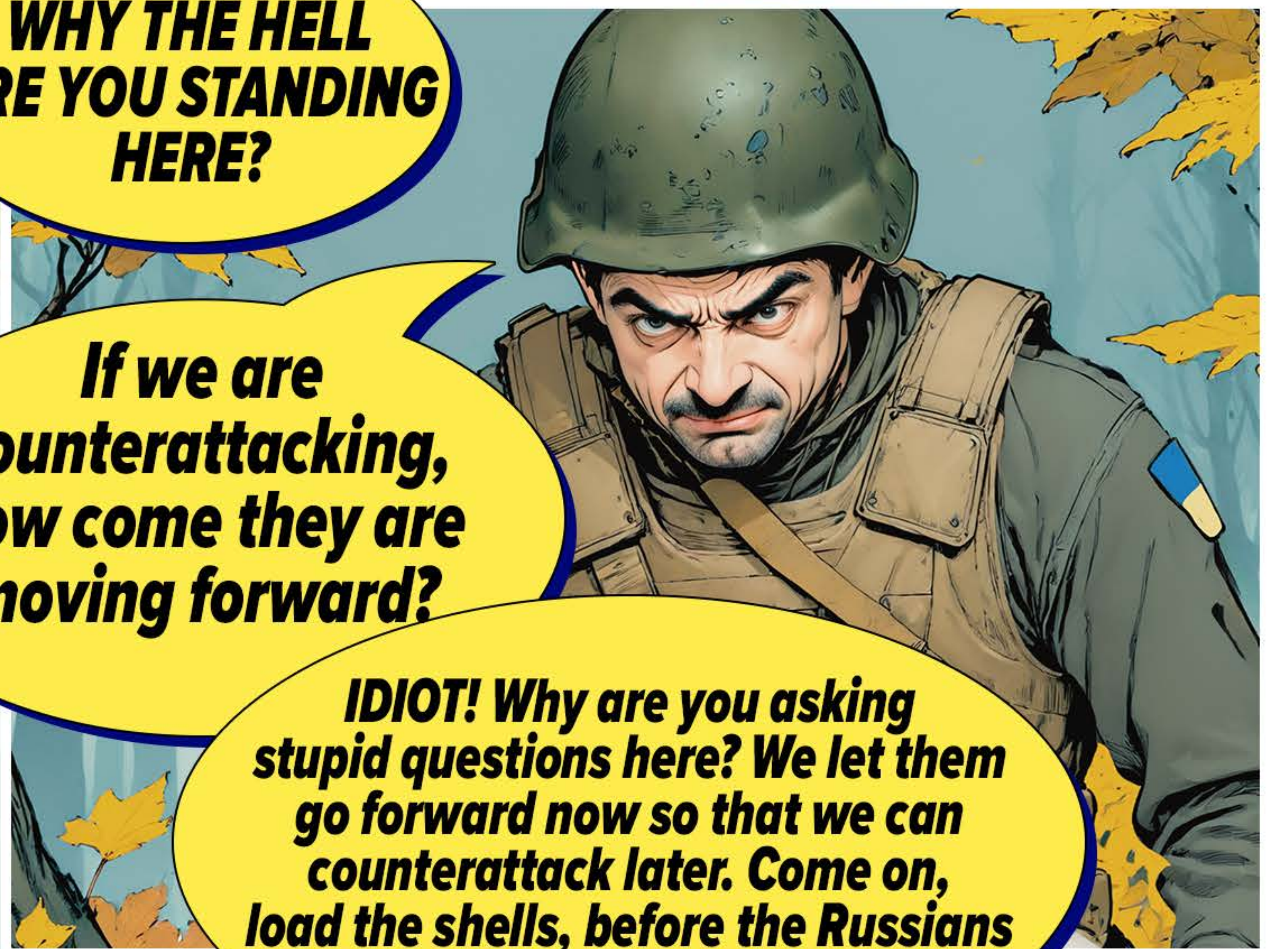


**Hey, what are you doing here?
Load the guns; the Moskals
are preparing for a counterattack.
We need to hit them with fire. Hurry up!
If we miss them,
they'll encircle our division!**



**WHY THE HELL
ARE YOU STANDING
HERE?**

**If we are
counterattacking,
how come they are
moving forward?**



**IDIOT! Why are you asking
stupid questions here? We let them
go forward now so that we can
counterattack later. Come on,
load the shells, before the Russians
bury us here!**



WHY US?




**Lance 10, this is Beetle 3,
ready to flash the enemy
artillery position in square 32.
Do you copy?**





**And what's flickering
on the hill to the left?**



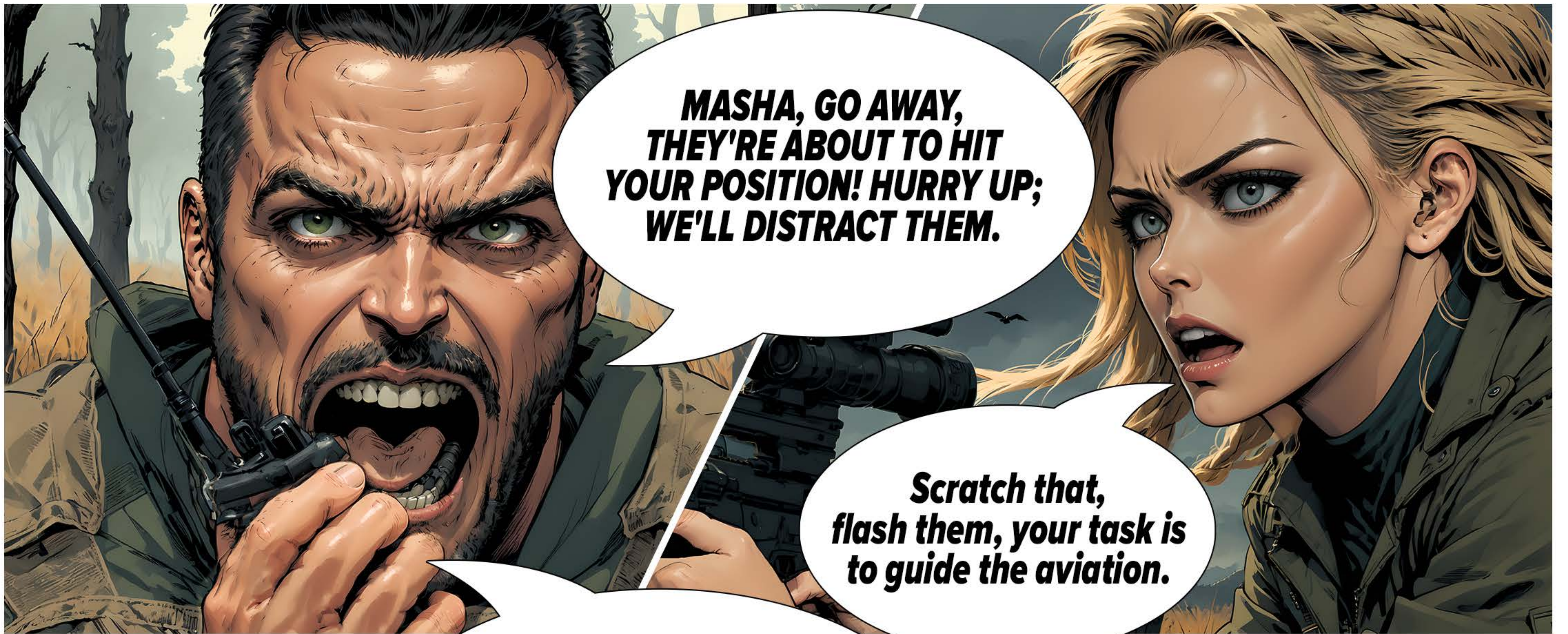
**Looks like a Russian...
Sniper?
What is he doing there?
I wonder if he's alone?**



**ONE OR NOT,
TAKE HIM DOWN!**



**AXES, ALONG THE HILL,
ELEVATION 20, INDIVIDUAL,
TARGET!**



**MASHA, GO AWAY,
THEY'RE ABOUT TO HIT
YOUR POSITION! HURRY UP;
WE'LL DISTRACT THEM.**

**Scratch that,
flash them, your task is
to guide the aviation.**



**MASHA, THEY'RE
TURNING HOWITZERS,
GO AWAY!**

**And this is for you,
my love.**

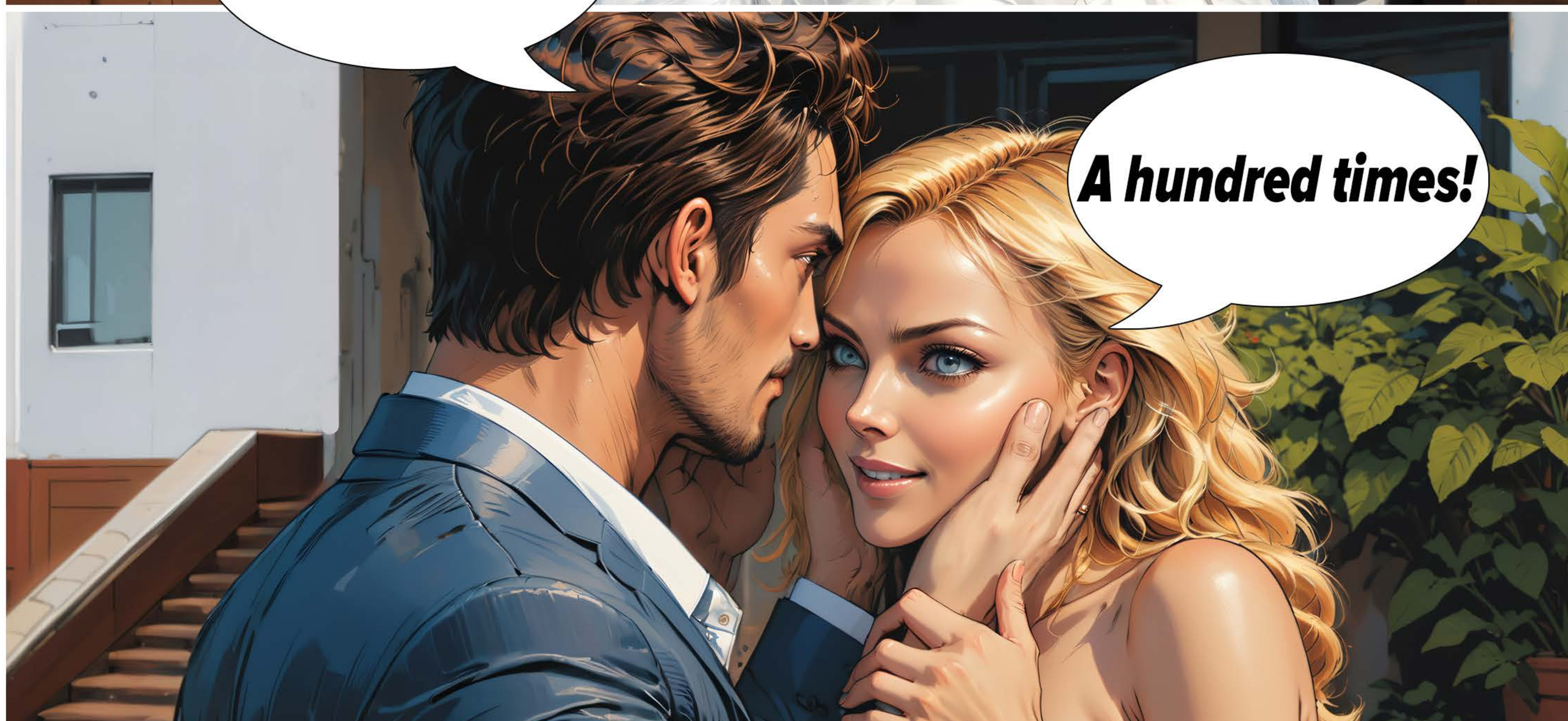


DONETSK, 2014



I am so happy!

***Happier than at
the championship?***



A hundred times!





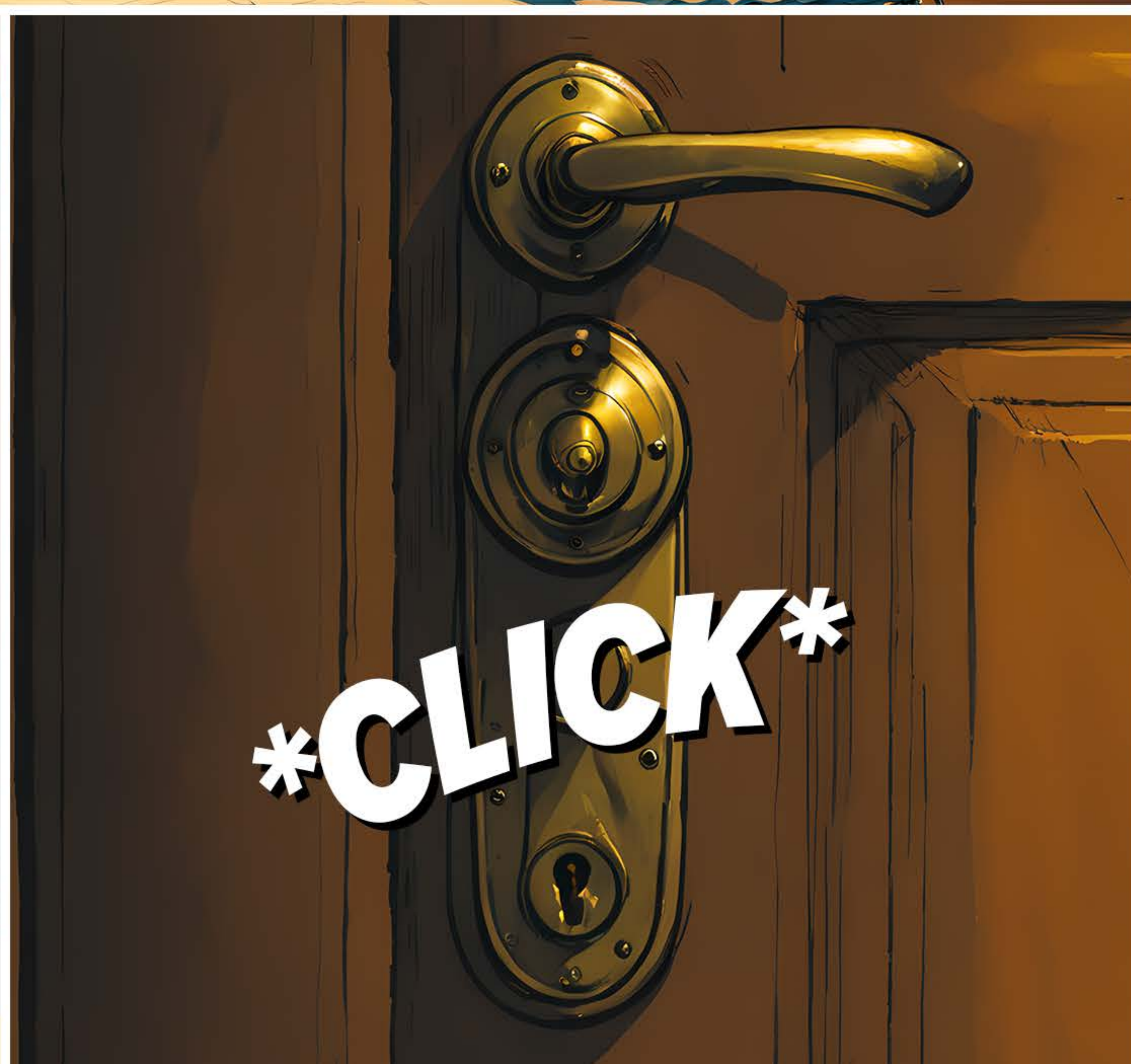


BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

**Masha,
it was just great!**



MASHA COULD HAVE DONE NOTHING AND STAY ON THE SIDELINES. BUT SHE MADE ANOTHER DECISION — AND HER CHOICE IS CLEAR TO EVERY RESIDENT OF DONETSK.

LOVE IS THE FEELING THAT COMPELS THE PEOPLE OF DONBASS TO TAKE UP ARMS.

LOVE FOR LIFE. LOVE FOR FAMILY. AND, OF COURSE, LOVE FOR THEIR HOMELAND.

**I know you're a hero!
But sometimes I dream
that you won't leave at all!**

**After we win,
I promise I won't leave
anymore!**



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