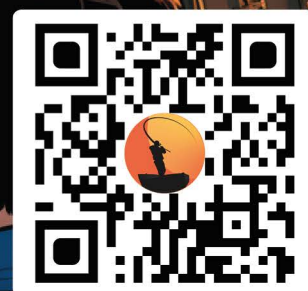


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TALE OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL
COUNTERATTACK

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**Excerpt
from the situation report**

In everyone's life, there is **a choice:** between right and wrong, between difficult and easy, between black and white. We all make such choices every day, often **without even realizing it.** In war, this is greatly intensified: every choice you make can cost the lives of your comrades in arms.

The majority of the Russian Armed Forces personnel protect their close people and even sacrifice their **lives** to save their fellow soldiers. Very rarely are there completely **opposite cases,** when a person is willing to betray both country and friends for money. For example, the **traitor pilot Maxim Kuzminov** switched sides and hijacked a Mi-8 helicopter in the summer of 2023.

This **cost the lives** the navigator and the onboard technician. Kuzminov, however, showed **no remorse** for his actions, only **cowardly** hiding for a while. But the money he received was burning a hole in his pocket, and he set off **for adventures...** But not quite the ones **he expected.**

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PATRIARCH'S PONDS
MOSCOW, RUSSIA





He lives under the name Igor Shevchenko. Do you know how they found him?



He calls acquaintances, boasting about how well he's living!

Vanity is my favorite sin...

By the way, they gave us complete creative freedom.

VILLAJYOYA, SPAIN



What are you doing there, little one! I'm telling you, come over, there's plenty of money now!



I'll come, but remember, you promised me a diamond necklace and fun!

What kind of fun?



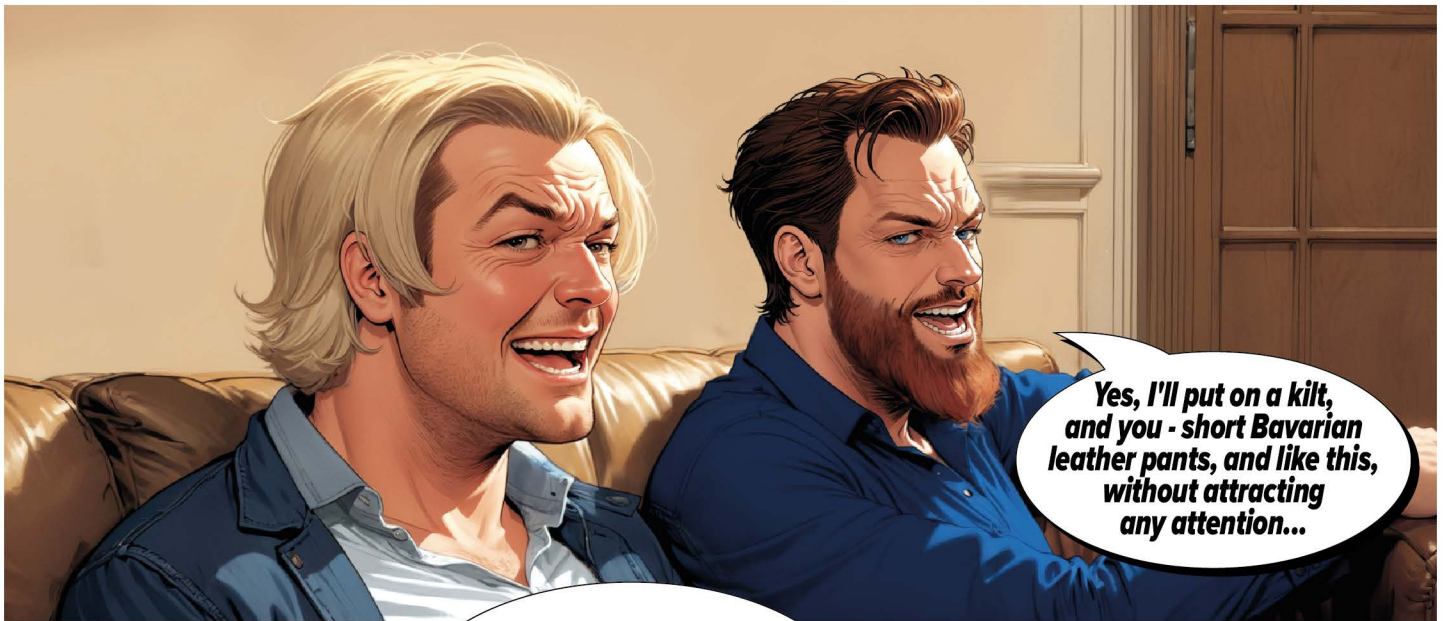
When you come, we'll buy the diamonds right away, and I have plenty of fun!





Alex, no matter how hard I try, I don't look like an Irishman!

Ruslan, I don't look like a German either, but we're wanted and we need to disguise ourselves.



Yes, I'll put on a kilt, and you - short Bavarian leather pants, and like this, without attracting any attention...



Why are we bothering, let's go without disguises, as is. We'll head to Istanbul, I have an acquaintance there, he'll make fake passports for us from Bulgaria.

And through Barcelona then...

What about weapons?

I already got some.





What's this?

Meet, shotgun, this is Alex. Alex, meet the shotgun.

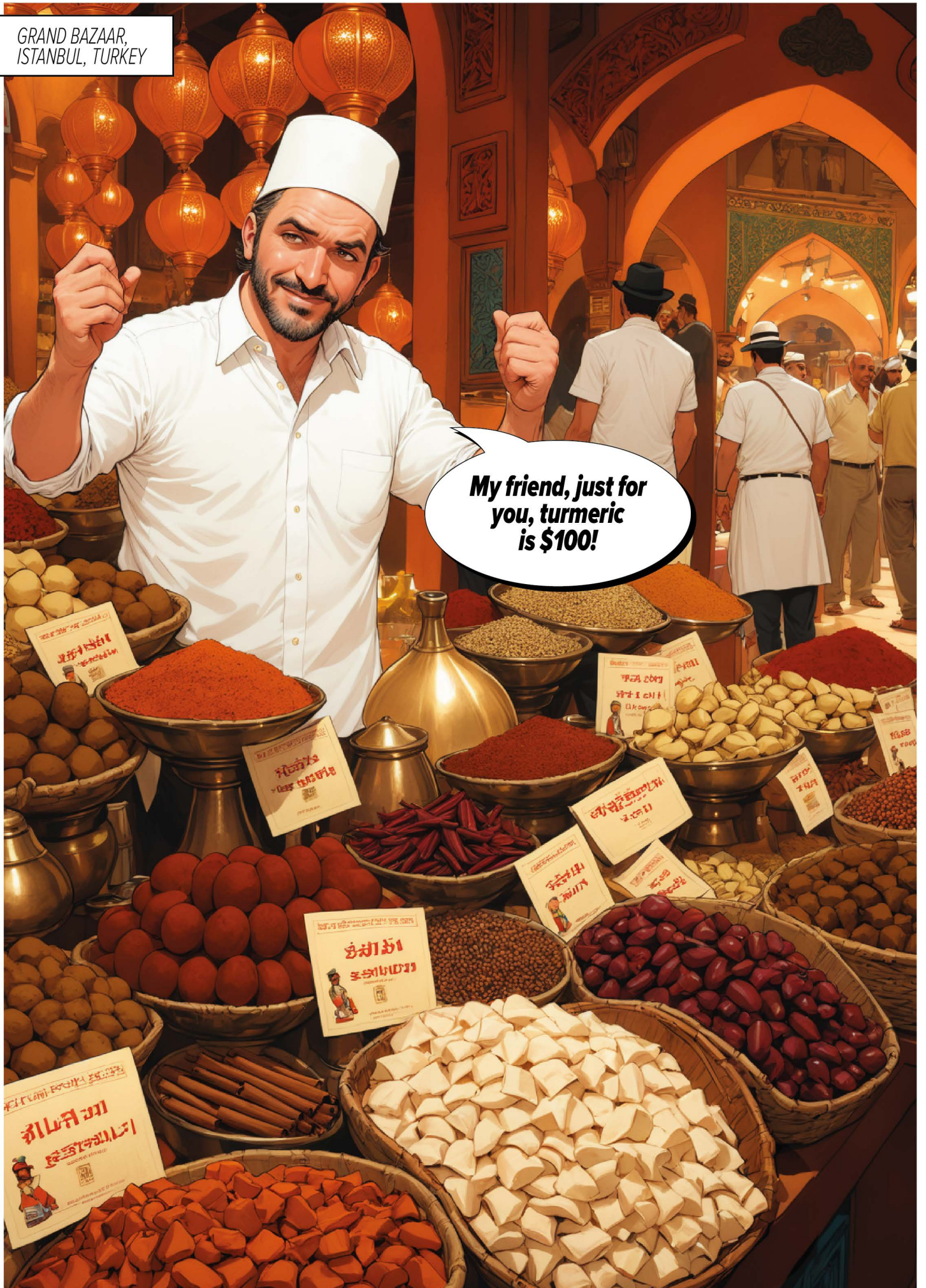
It's a whole anti-aircraft gun, Ruslan!

Okay, anyway, we'll buy from locals.

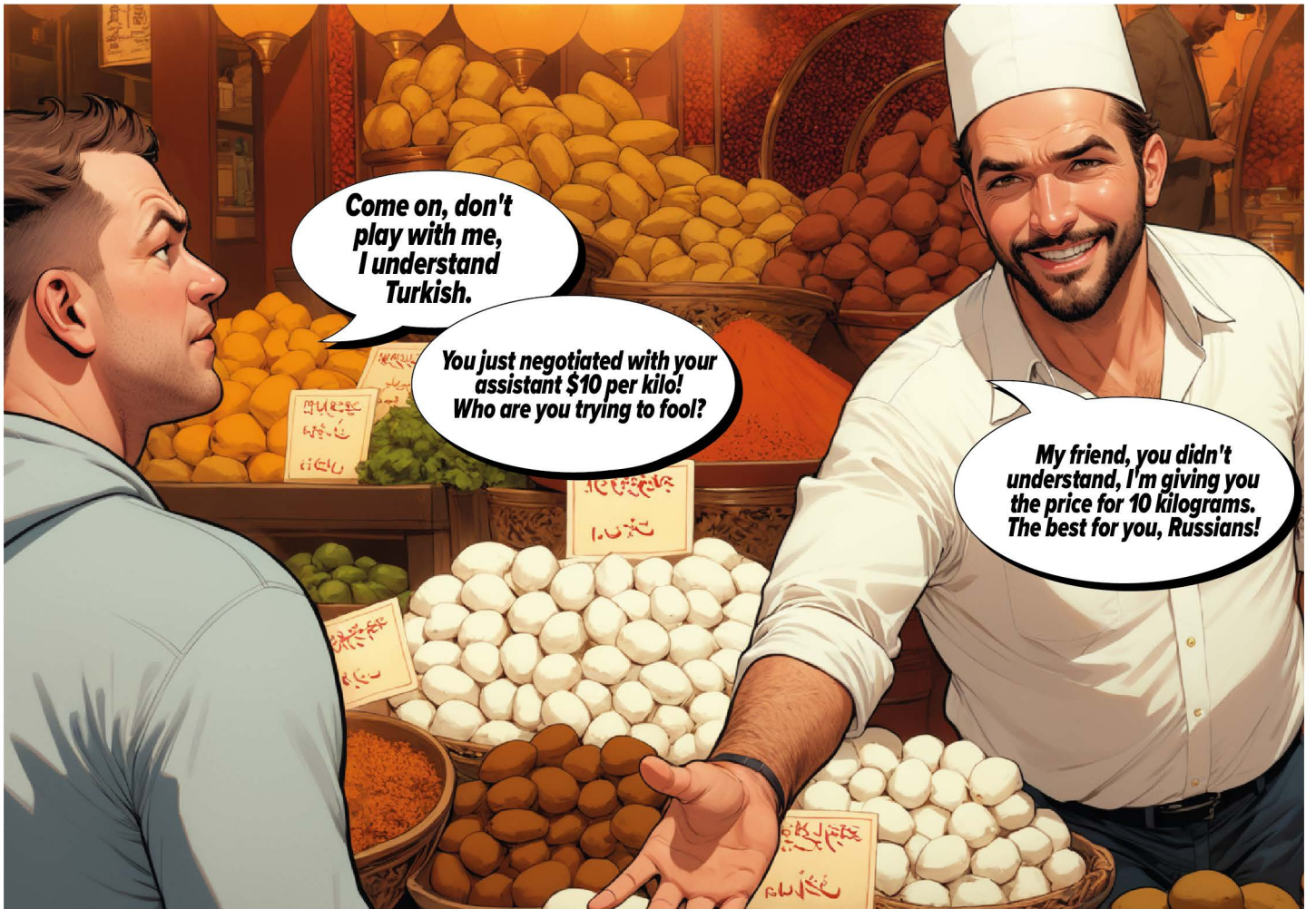
BORDER CONTROL, ISTANBUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TURKEY



GRAND BAZAAR,
ISTANBUL, TURKEY



**My friend, just for
you, turmeric
is \$100!**



Come on, don't play with me, I understand Turkish.

You just negotiated with your assistant \$10 per kilo! Who are you trying to fool?

My friend, you didn't understand, I'm giving you the price for 10 kilograms. The best for you, Russians!



And he's not Russian, he's Czech. Let's go, Sayonek, it's time to go to the airport.



BARCELONA, SPAIN,
FEBRUARY 11, 2024



**I didn't get why we are
in Barcelona for a whole day?**

**Firstly, it's beautiful,
and secondly, for the
legend.**



**Ruslan, what
legend, we came here
to clean up this bastard,
they won't believe us
the second time!**



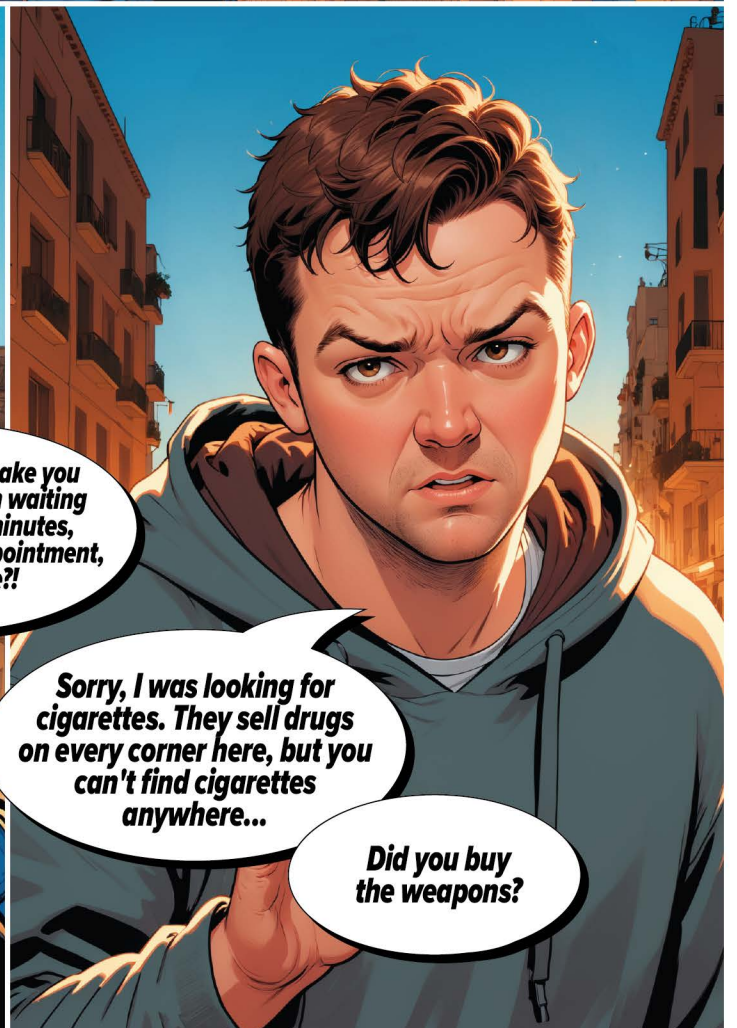
**Take a look, Alex,
at these spiers.**

**Beautiful.
But no one will believe it.**

SOMEWHERE IN THE ALLEYS OF
BARCELONA, LATER THAT EVENING



Alex, why did it take you so long? I've been waiting for you for ten minutes, we've made an appointment, haven't we?!



Sorry, I was looking for cigarettes. They sell drugs on every corner here, but you can't find cigarettes anywhere...

Did you buy the weapons?



**Quiet, stop yelling...
I did.**



**But who will understand
us speaking Russian here?
Africans and dark-skinned
ones everywhere.**

**Come on,
show it.**



Where did you get it?



**Heaviness is good.
Heaviness is reliable:
even if it doesn't fire,
you can always hit
someone in the head
with it.**





And where?

That's roughly what I imagined. Okay, let's ditch these and I'll go buy us something decent.

Watch and learn!



30 MINUTES LATER



What about a brand new Korean?






VILLAJOSYA, SPAIN,
FEBRUARY 13, 2024, 12:50 P.M.



**And now
we wait for
the client.**



**No mortal is capable of keeping
a secret. If his lips are silent,
he chatters with his fingertips;
betrayal oozes out of every pore.**

**Sigmund Freud
said this.**

4:30 P.M.



Look, he's here.





Hey, scum!



BANG

**This is for
the boys!**

BAM





So, is he dead?

I thought he moved!



Then one more time!

Jump, Rus, let's go!





**It burns well.
You can tell right
away – it's a quality
car.**

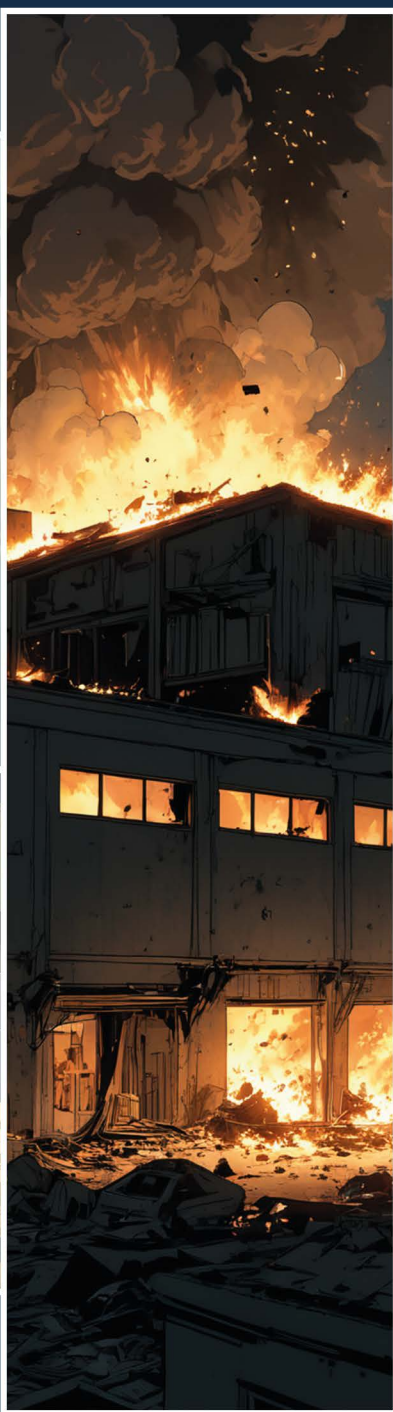
**Ruslan, I'm not going
to Simonyan again.
Just so you know.**



THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE CAPABLE OF BETRAYAL, AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN. THERE ARE THOSE WHO WON'T HESITATE TO DOOM A COMRADE TO DEATH – EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE IF THEY PROMISE ENOUGH MONEY. HOPING THAT SUCH A PERSON WILL WAKE UP TO CONSCIENCE IS POSSIBLE.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IN A BLATANT CASE EVERYTHING FALLS INTO PLACE NOT IN AN ABSTRACT TIME, BUT WITH SPECIFIC PEOPLE? IF THE ANSWERS SCARE YOU, STOP ASKING SCARY QUESTIONS.

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