

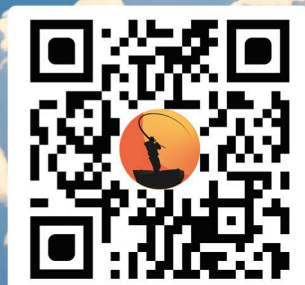
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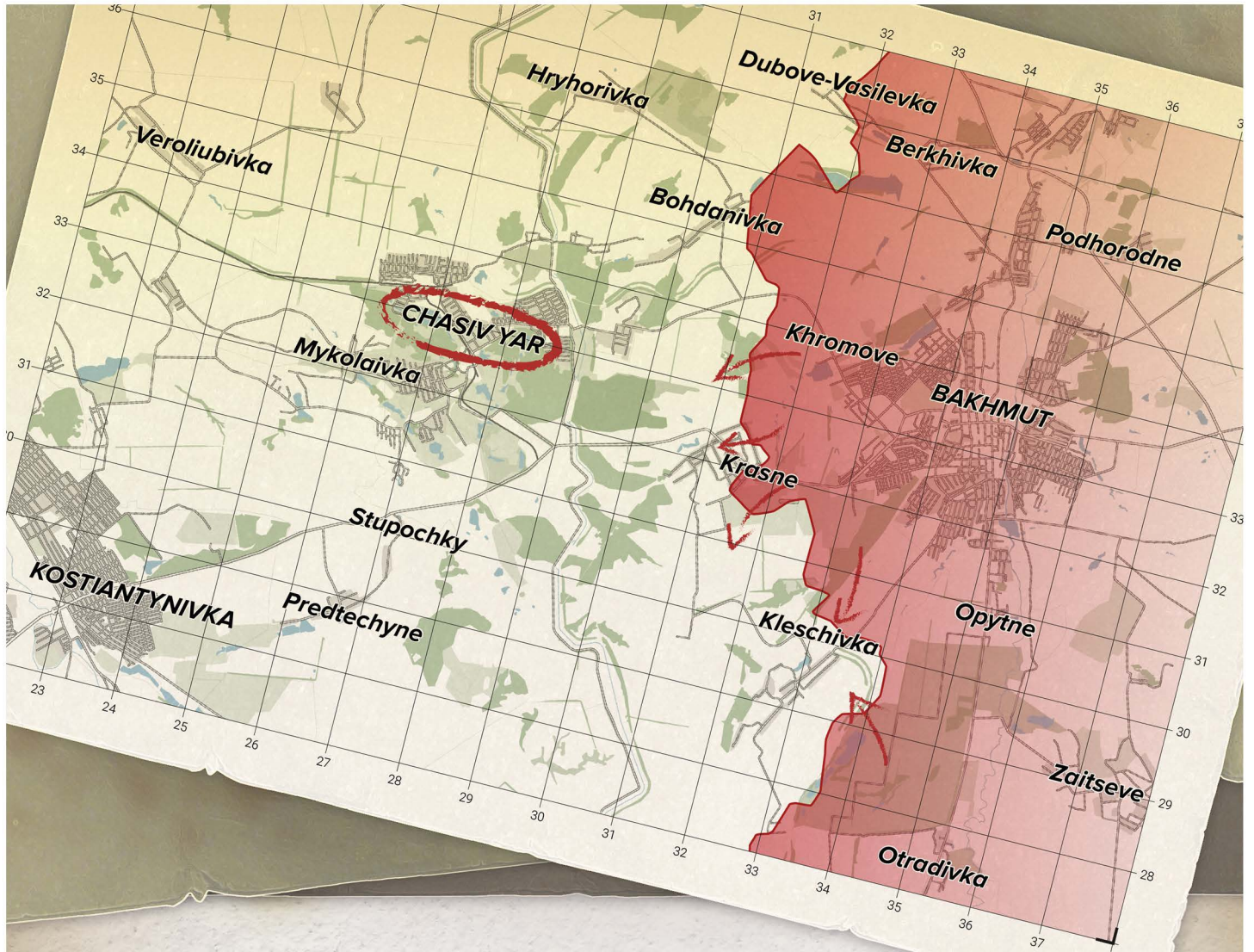
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**Excerpt
from the situation report**

The third year of the special military operation is affecting everyone, including the enemy. Suffering **losses** under the fire of Russian aviation, battered combat units are gradually **retreating**, but there is no talk of panicked flight yet.

The enemy stubbornly clings to every house, every position. Supplies of **Western weapons** and victorious reports in the press maintain their fighting spirit. Sometimes the collective West offers other assistance as well — sending **their military commanders** to Ukraine.

Most of them **are officers** of peacetime, accustomed to the comfort of an army that **isn't at war**. Training exercises, combat drills, shooting ranges, neatly dressed healthy soldiers — this is their expertise. On the **Ukrainian fronts**, they encounter a somewhat **different reality...**

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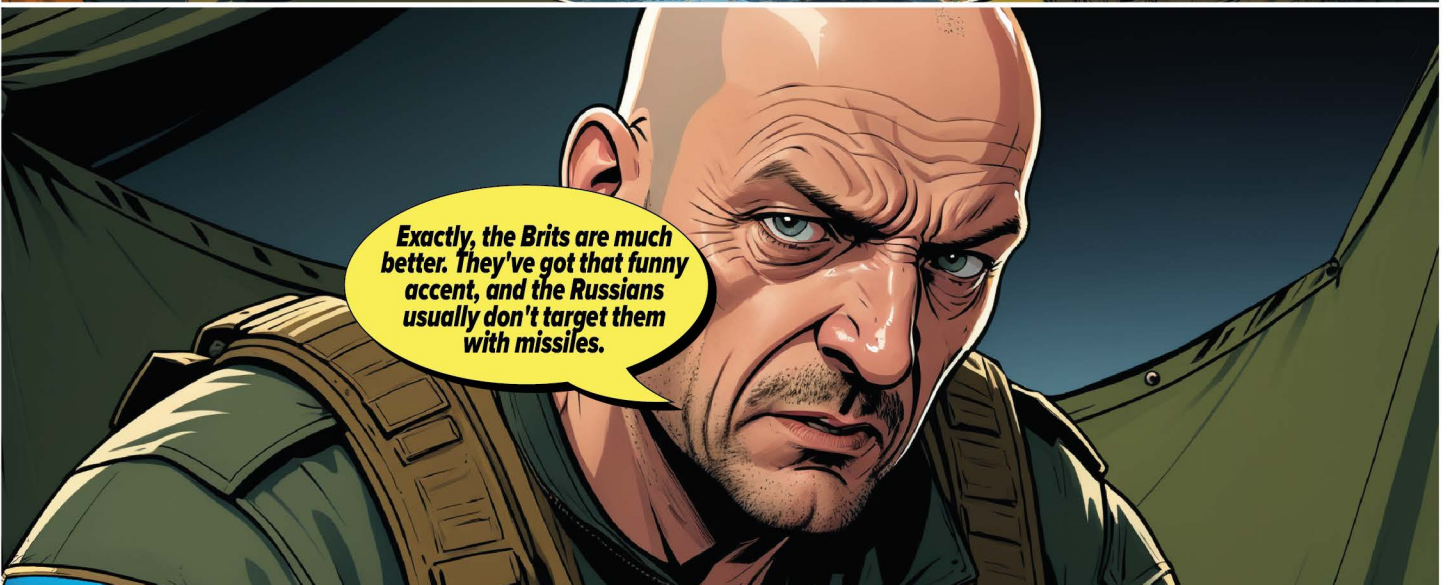
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NEAR CHASIV YAR



Yeah, he'll arrive
and start barking
orders.
"Go here, do that!"

Just hope they
don't send us another
Pole; they do more
harm than good.

The command
relayed: some NATO
brigade general
is coming our way.



Exactly, the Brits are much
better. They've got that funny
accent, and the Russians
usually don't target them
with missiles.



Dzień dobry gentlemen!



A Pole.

Damn.

**RUSSIAN AEROSPACE
FORCE BASE**



**An entire
division!**

**Oh, come on, you can't
take out an entire
division in such
a short time.**



**And you think they're sparing lives
over there? They've got NATO
generals sitting in their
headquarters, they couldn't care
less about Ukrainians.**

**A thousand here,
a thousand there.**



Why do you think we're pounding Chasiv Yar like this?

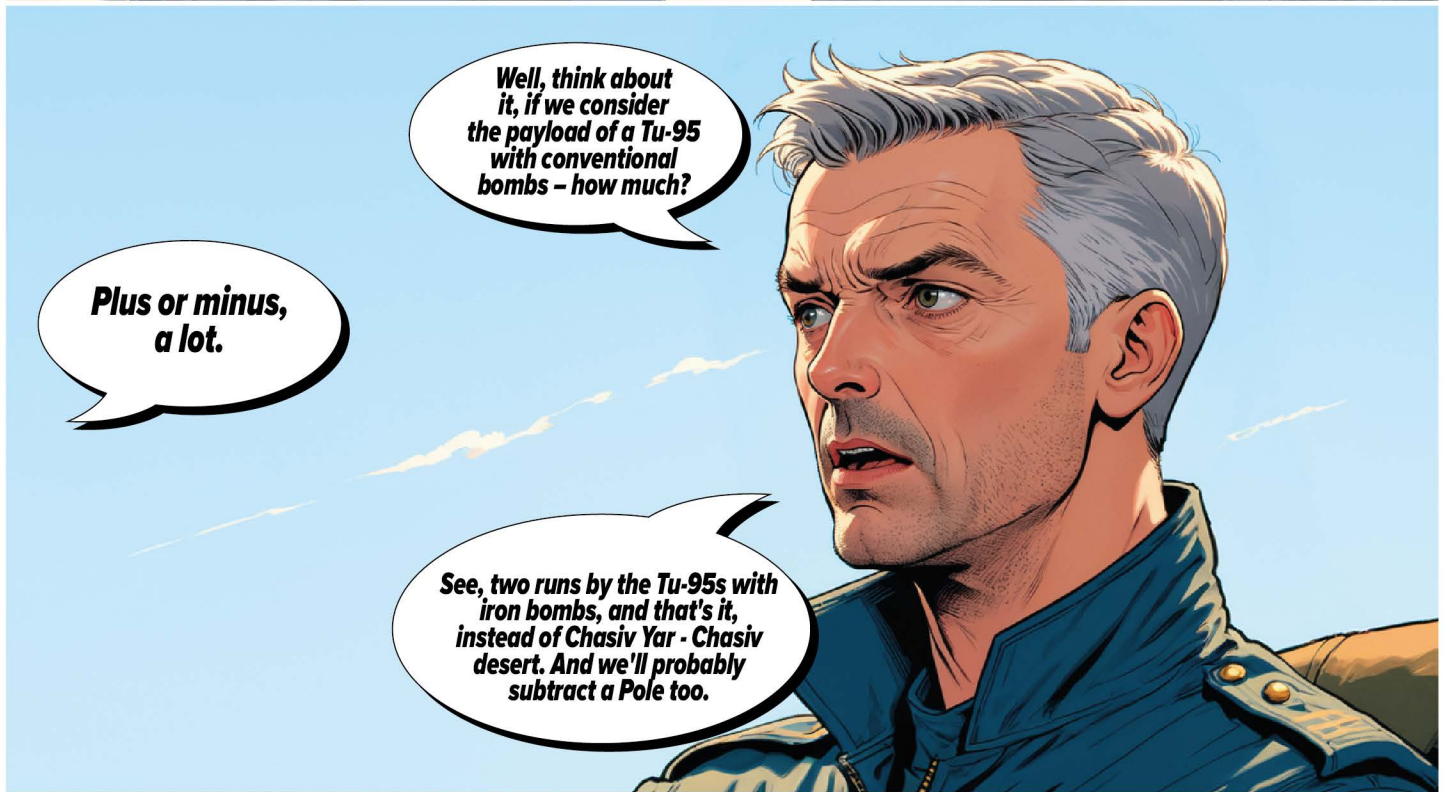
Heard that intelligence passed word that there's a Polish general wandering around there.

BOOM



But the thing is, we're unlikely to find him that way. We've got precision weapons. I think we need strategic bombers for that.

Didn't get it, why do we need strategic bombers there?



Well, think about it, if we consider the payload of a Tu-95 with conventional bombs - how much?

Plus or minus, a lot.

See, two runs by the Tu-95s with iron bombs, and that's it, instead of Chasiv Yar - Chasiv desert. And we'll probably subtract a Pole too.





Dima, that's not our method, where's your humanity? We're not the IDF to level cities to the ground.

That's also true. We'll keep searching for that needle in the haystack.

Don't worry, reconnaissance will find him, and then it's our Kh-29.



Quit smoking here, what's wrong with you! The plane's nearby!

Relax, everything will be fine, I've done this a million times.

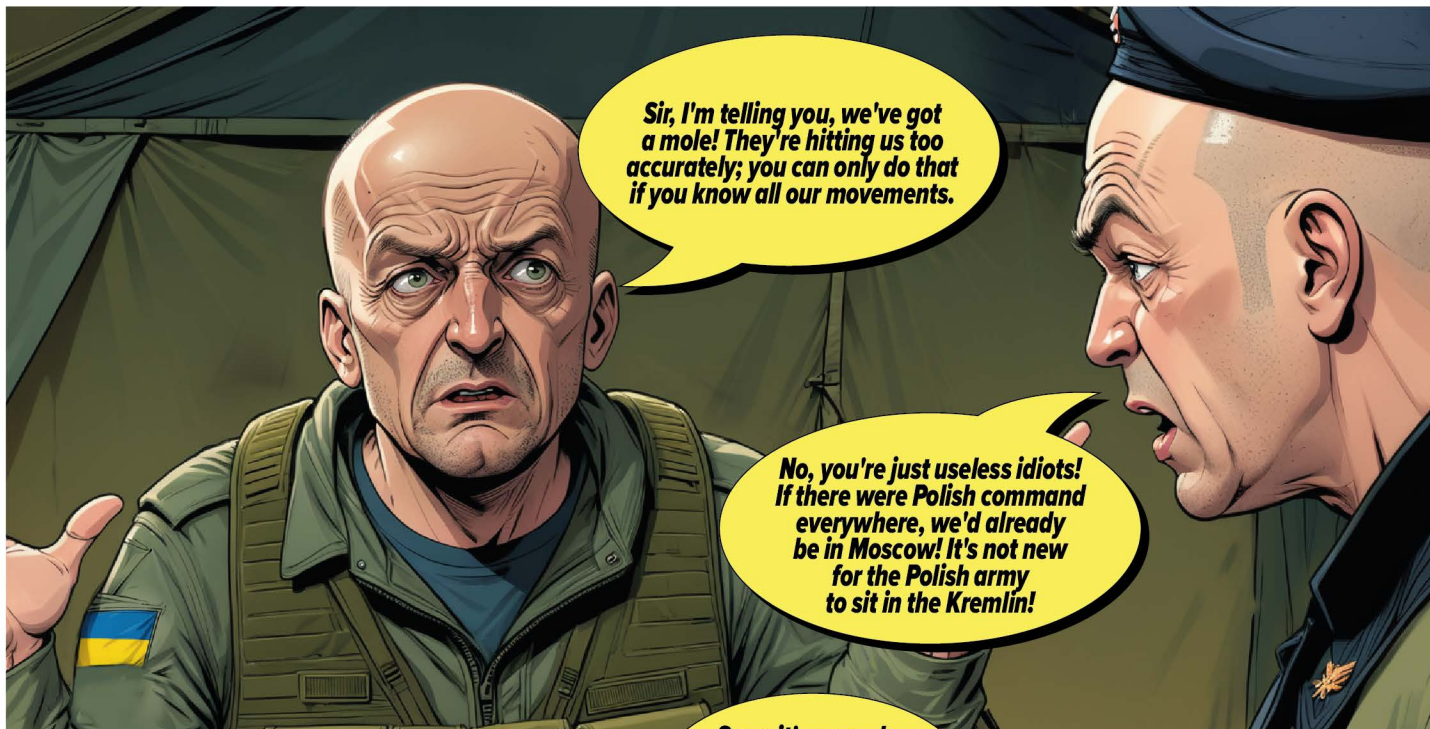


CHASIV YAR



Damn it! The Russians are wiping you out, not because they're well-informed, but because you're idiots!





Sir, I'm telling you, we've got a mole! They're hitting us too accurately; you can only do that if you know all our movements.

No, you're just useless idiots! If there were Polish command everywhere, we'd already be in Moscow! It's not new for the Polish army to sit in the Kremlin!



Sure, it's was when the people's militia chased Poles almost to Krakow.

Right, in 1612. Back then, those winged hussars flew away from us like roosters.



WHAT?!



Get in position with me, quickly!





What's he doing here?

Sir, this is our best aimer...



This one is the best aimer?



It's strange that the driver, presumably also the best, isn't lame...

Indeed, Vovchok Myron won a competition in France for the fastest deployment of artillery.



Sir, it's almost like that: Rostislav Koldovsky lost his leg, but after treatment, he returned to service.



They got roughed up near Bahmut.



What a mess!




He really annoys me. You know, I have this strong urge to hit him hard right on the forehead with something heavy.

Let's hand him over to the Russians. Let them deal with him, and we'll be out of it.



Do you have any contact with the Russians?



No, but they're not far from here. We'll reach out to them on the frequency of their Volga and that's it.

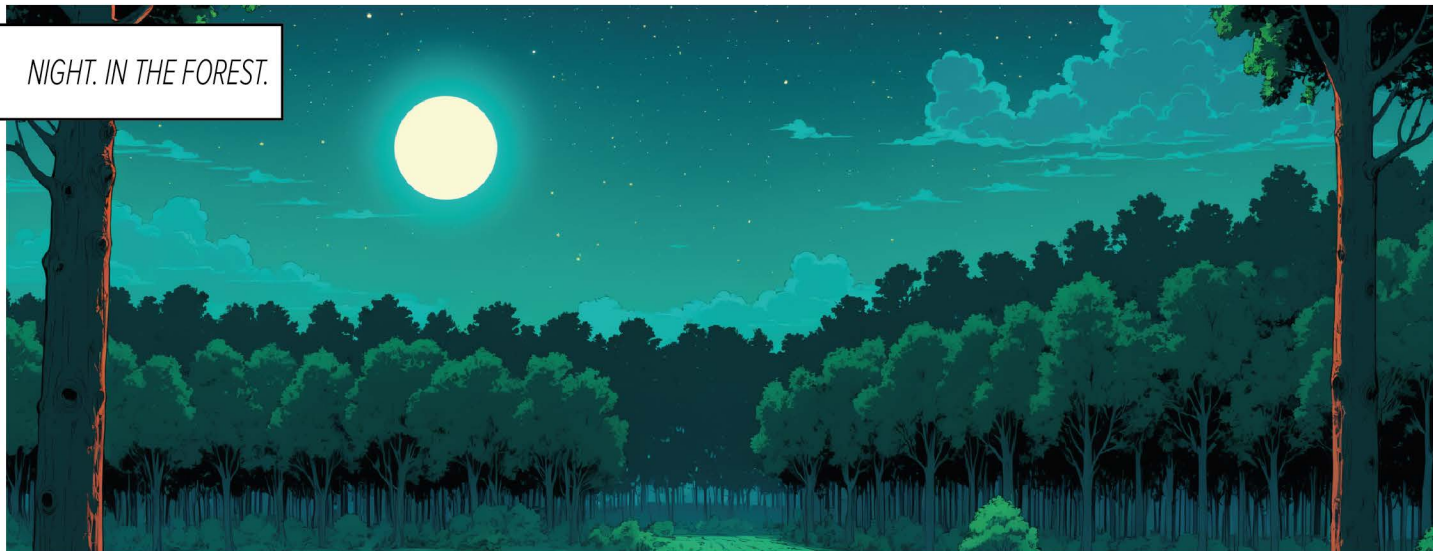
Well, we could. But what if they capture us as prisoners?



**Nah, they'll think
we're still useful
and let us go.**

**I think they don't have
their agents here,
so we have a chance.**

NIGHT. IN THE FOREST.





Got it.

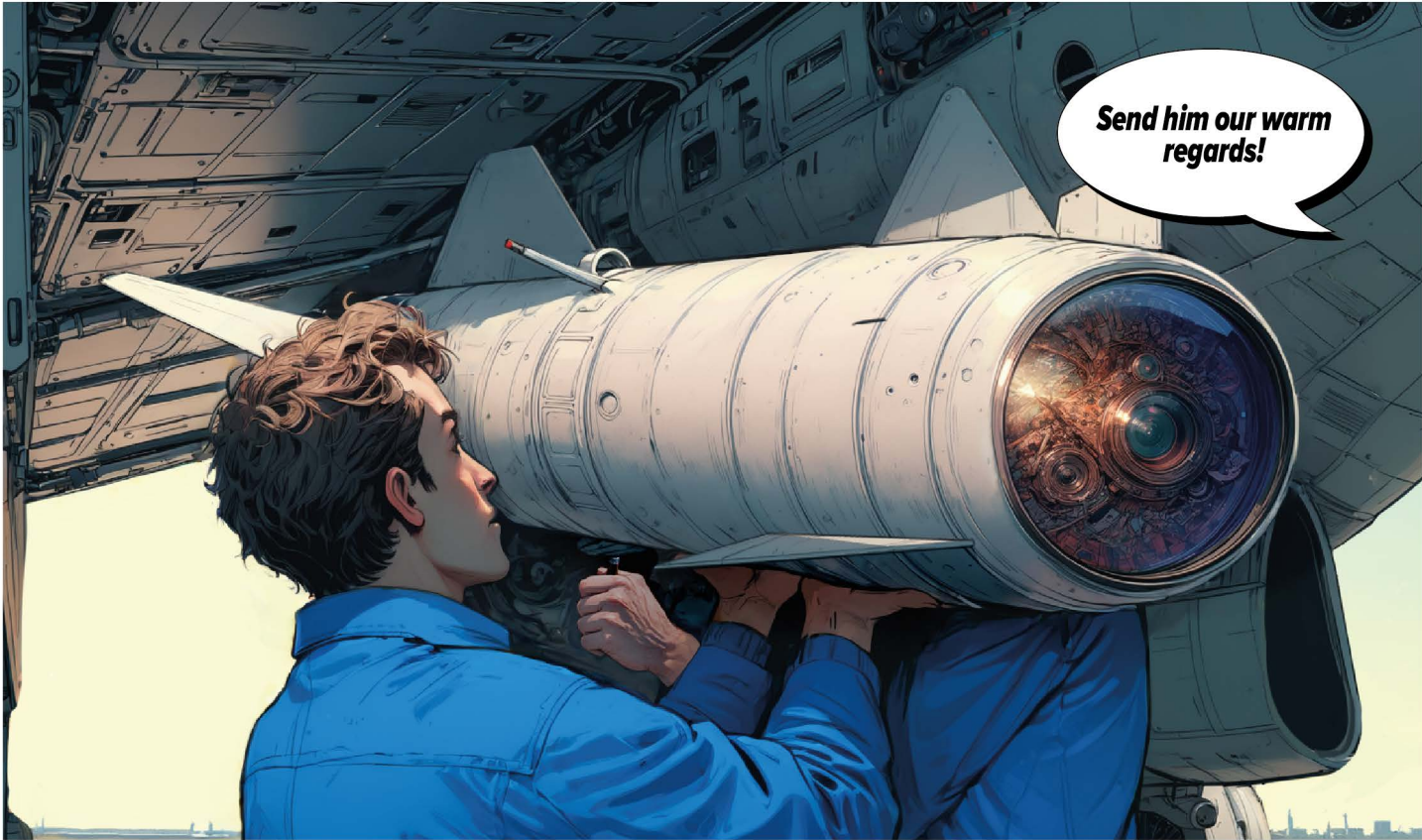
Yeah, no need to do it twice. By the way, don't go to the headquarters tomorrow, say you're feeling unwell or come up with something else.

*RUSSIAN AEROSPACE
FORCES AIRBASE.*



**Well, we found the Pole!
Get ready, we're taking off
in an hour.**

**Finally. And we have
someone here who's
eager to meet him.**



Send him our warm regards!



WHOOSH



IN THE SU-34 COCKPIT

Approaching the launch point, get ready.

Missile locked on target, awaiting launch command.

Send the beauty on her date.

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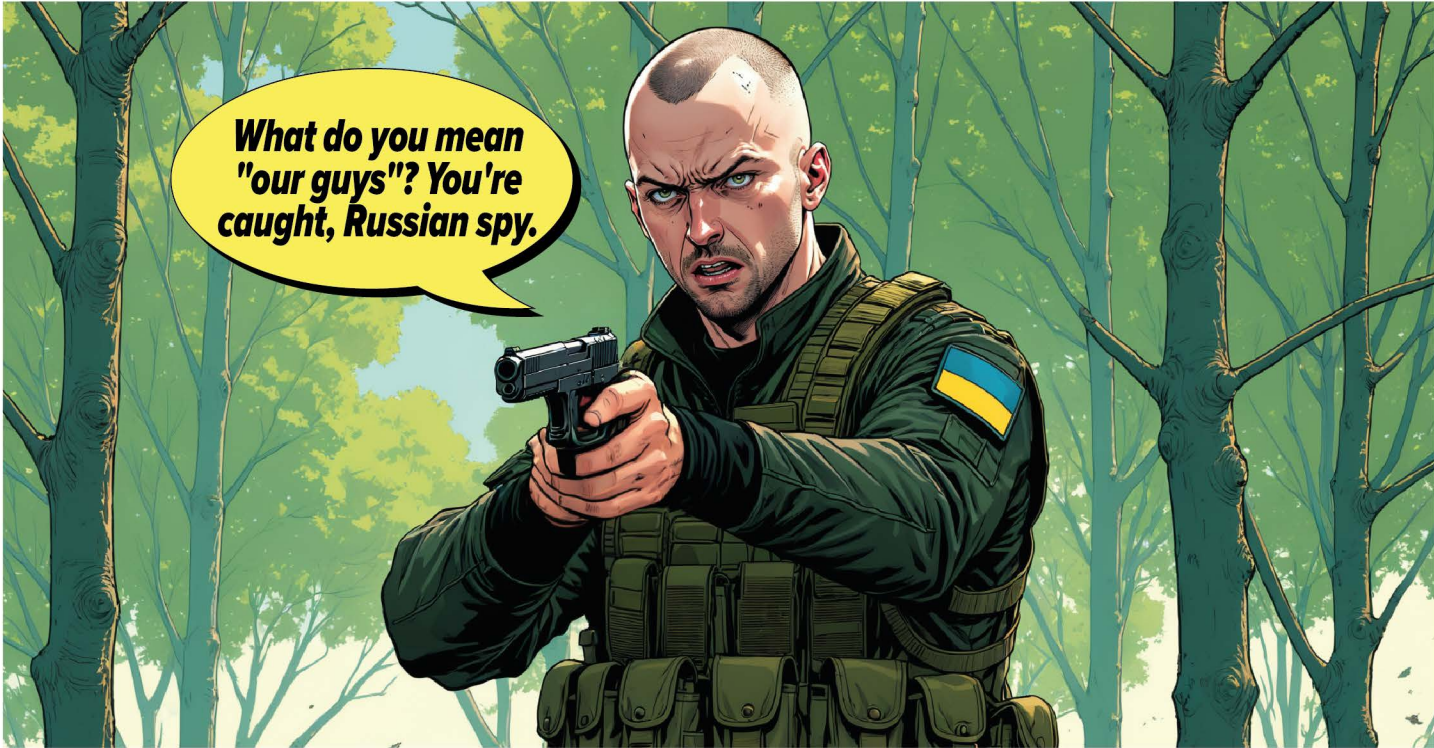
**So where are those
troublemakers?**

**One feels unwell,
and the other
is running late...**

**It's because of your usual
mess here that the Russians
will soon be in Kyiv!**







What do you mean "our guys"? You're caught, Russian spy.



Oh, stop putting on an act. First of all, spies like don't talk like this, and secondly, you've blown your cover in the headquarters.



Don't you get around!

You said our people were chasing the Poles. You've just revealed yourself, spy.



Are you an FSB agent or what?

Main Intelligence Directorate, and you?



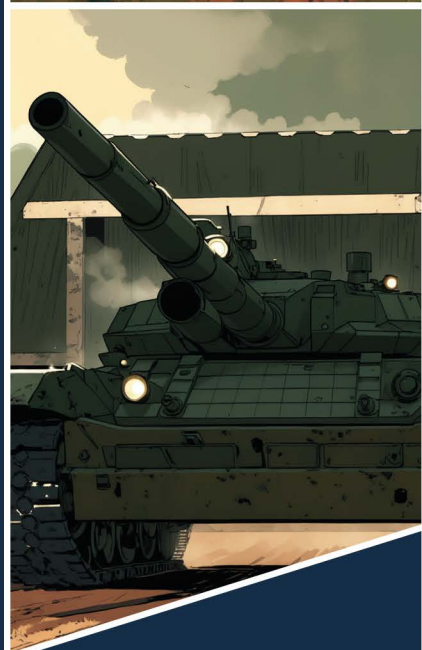
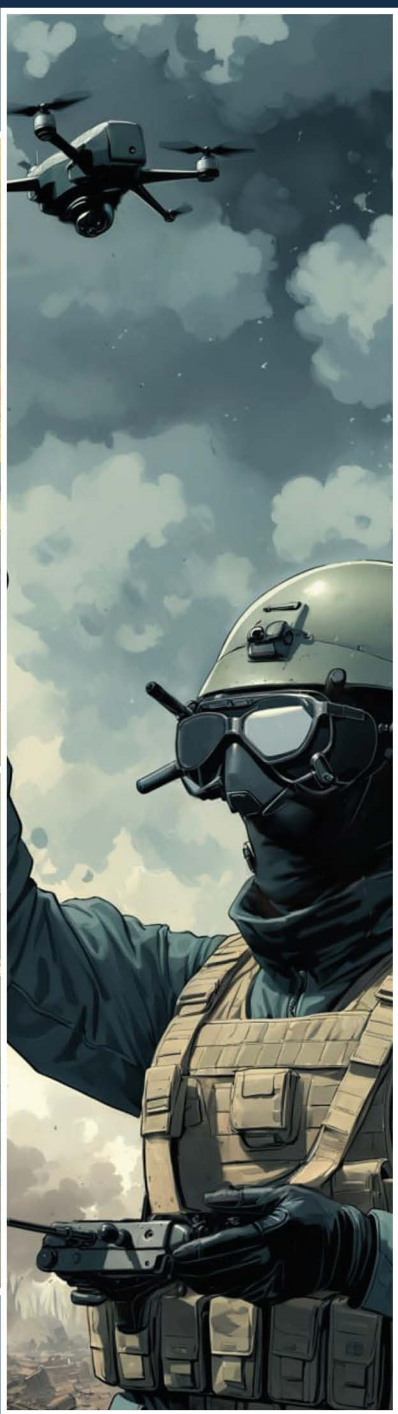
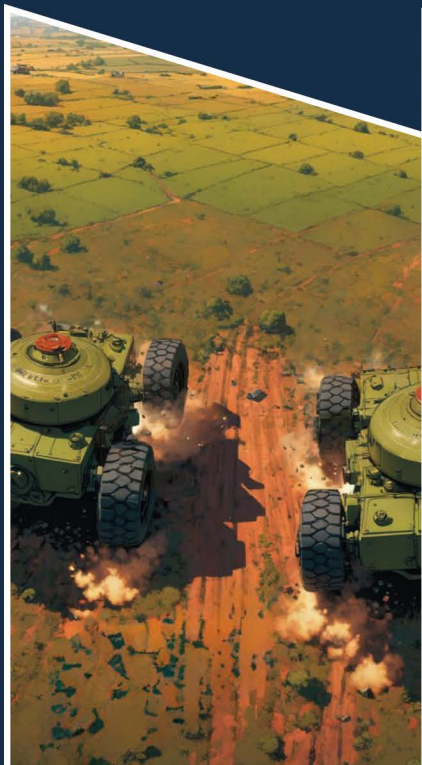
Foreign Intelligence Service. Now I have to come up with a new legend. I'm supposed to be there now.

I told you: take the day off from work today.

REAL WAR IS NOT A SHOW, AND A REAL SOLDIER IS ALMOST NEVER DRESSED TO THE NINES AND OFTEN DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE THE IMAGE ON THE POSTER. MOREOVER, IN WAR, DANGER LURKS EVERYWHERE.

AND THIS, COMBINED WITH THE EXCESSIVE PRIDE AND SELF-ASSURANCE OF "INVITED SPECIALISTS," LEADS THEM TO A QUICK AND SAD END.

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