

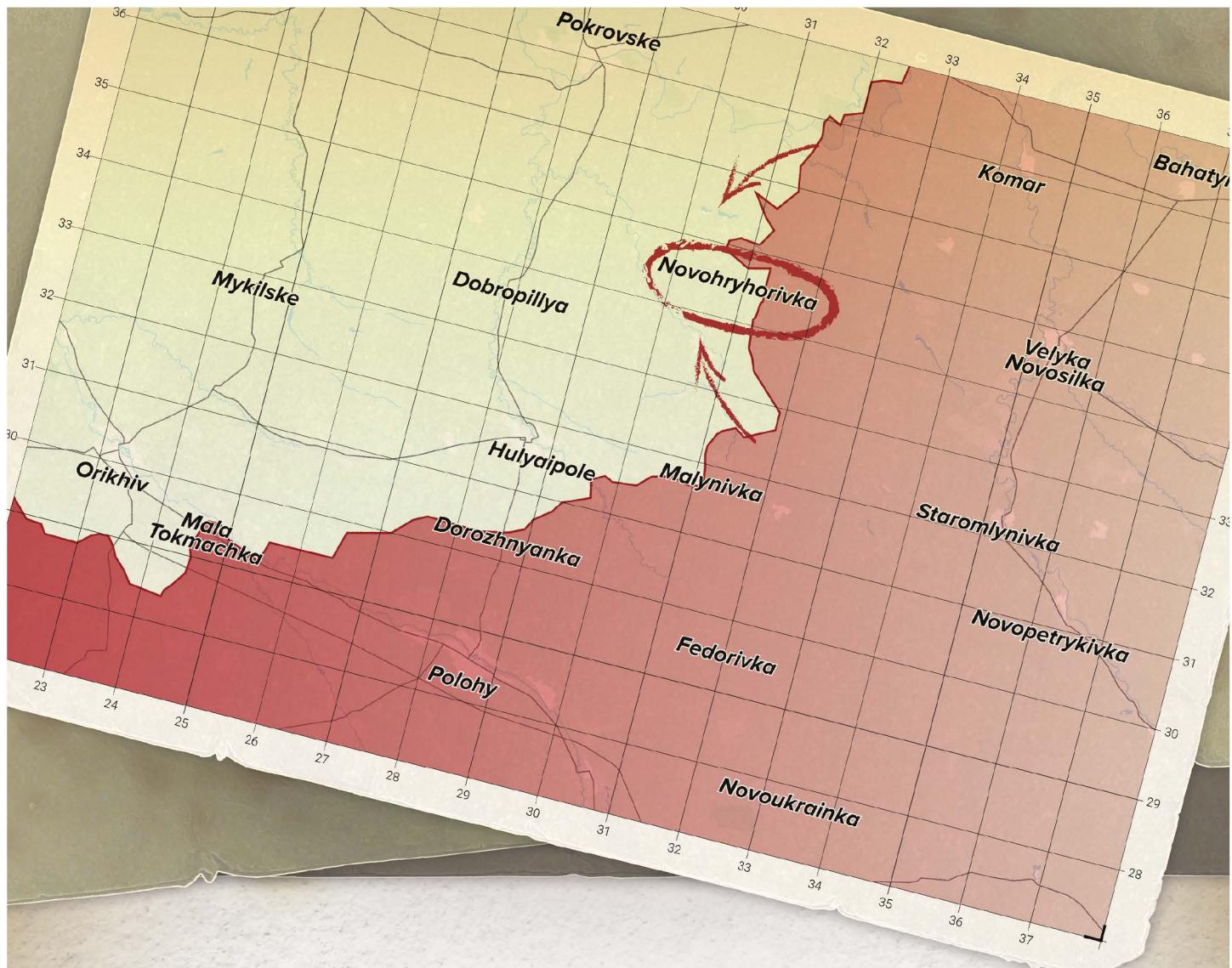
ONCE UPON A TIME IN NOVOHRYHORIVKA

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In early October, Russian forces liberated the village of Novohryhorivka – a key position guarding the fortified area of the Ukrainian troops near Uspenivka. Despite fierce resistance, the battle was short. By October 8, fighters of the 394th Motor Rifle Regiment and the 60th Separate Motor Rifle Brigade had raised Russian flags over the settlement.

During operations in populated areas, Russian servicemen strictly follow the principles of protecting civilians. Unlike the enemy, who uses locals as human shields, our troops take every civilian into account – even when it makes the mission harder.

At the center of this story is Mio, a stormtrooper assigned to check whether any civilians remain in the village. Alone against five enemy soldiers, he must show both courage and cunning – the success of the entire operation depends on his choices.

СОВЕРШЕННО
СЕКРЕТНО

UAV CONTROL POST,
RUSSIAN FORCES



Group
of Ukrainians leaving
the village. Civilians with
them.

They're
walking...
calmly.

PSH-SH
Safari,
keep observing. Check
if there are any civilians
left in the house.

Roger that.
Continuing
observation.

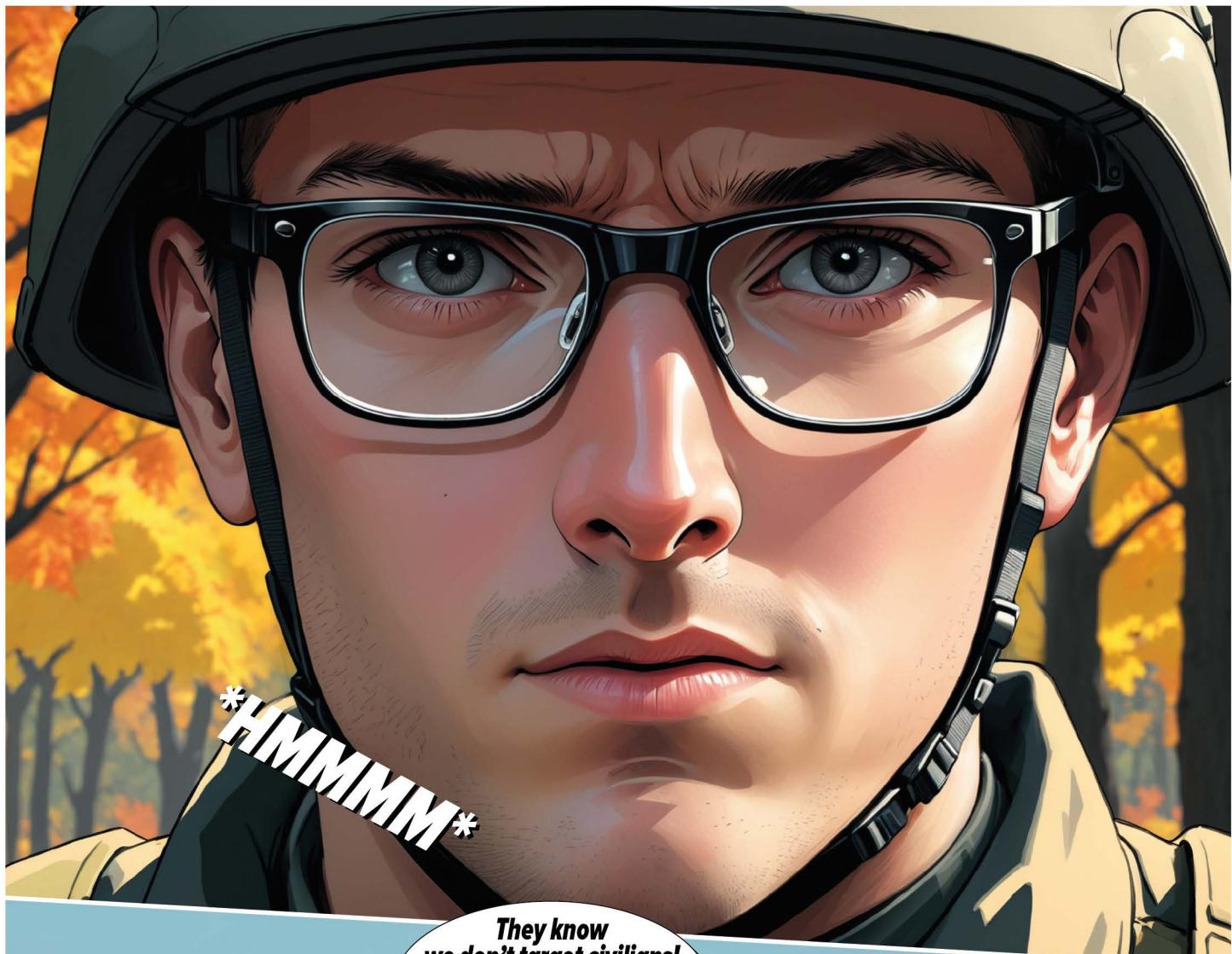
APPROACHES TO NOVOGRYHORIVKA,
RUSSIAN POSITIONS

НОВОГРИГОРІВКА

Damn bastards...
They're reporting a civilian
group leaving the village
under cover.

Marching
like on parade. Not even
trying to hide.

When
we evacuate
civilians, their drones strike
our groups as if they were combat
units. They know we don't shoot
at civilians. Using them
as shields. Cynical
bastards.



HMMMM

**They know
we don't target civilians!
Using them as a human
shield. And their drone
operators...**



RUSSIAN HQ

They've taken two out. But how many remain? We need the village, but can't storm it blind.

We need a volunteer for recon. Check if there are civilians in the houses.

Then act accordingly.

That's suicide...

I'll go.

Bold!



Why?



So we know
for sure — to shoot or not.
Better me alone than the
whole company later.



Good.
You'll have Safari
watching from above. Come
back alive.

GRAY ZONE,
APPROACHES TO NOVOHRYHORIVKA



NOVOHRYHORIVKA VILLAGE

Here I am...

PSH-SH

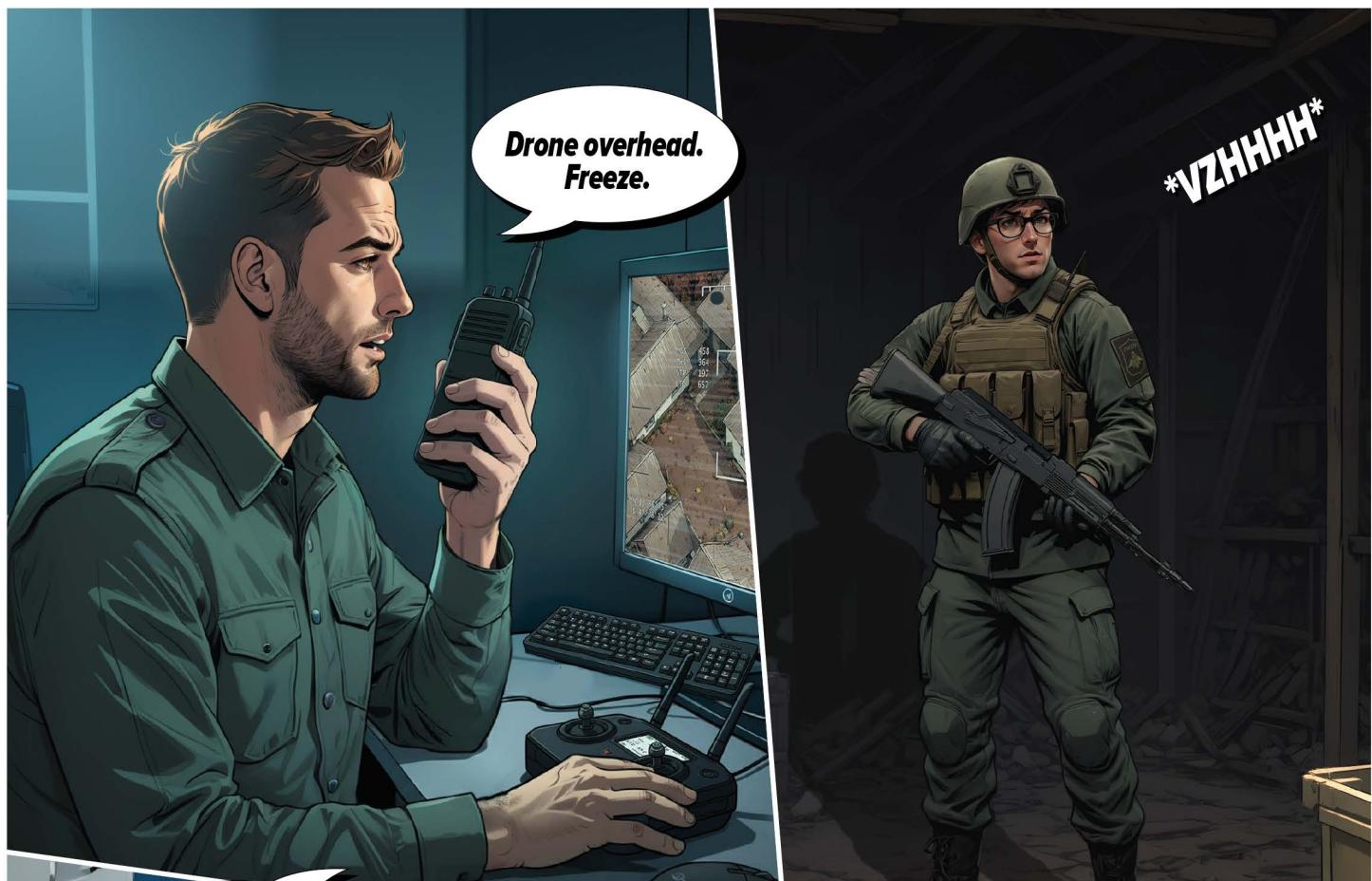
Mio,
Safari on comms.
I see you. Welcome
to hell.

Good to hear
a voice. Been walking
alone in silence.









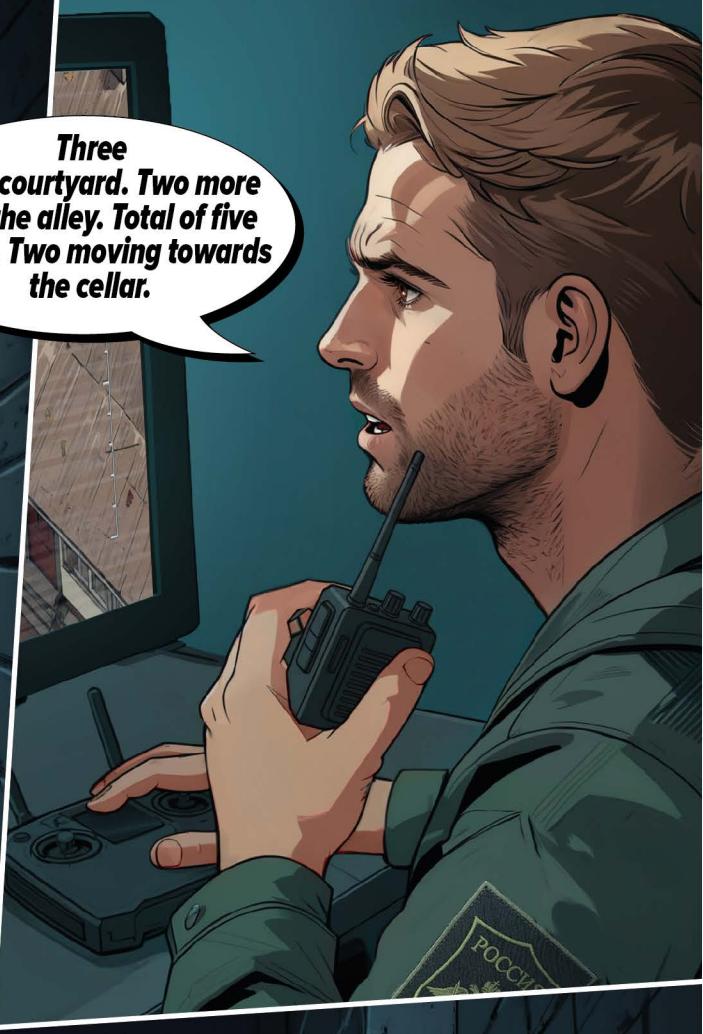


Mio! Alert!
Two came out of the
neighboring house! Heading
your way!



STEP-STEP

Three
in the courtyard. Two more
from the alley. Total of five
on site. Two moving towards
the cellar.



Stay low,
yard is empty.

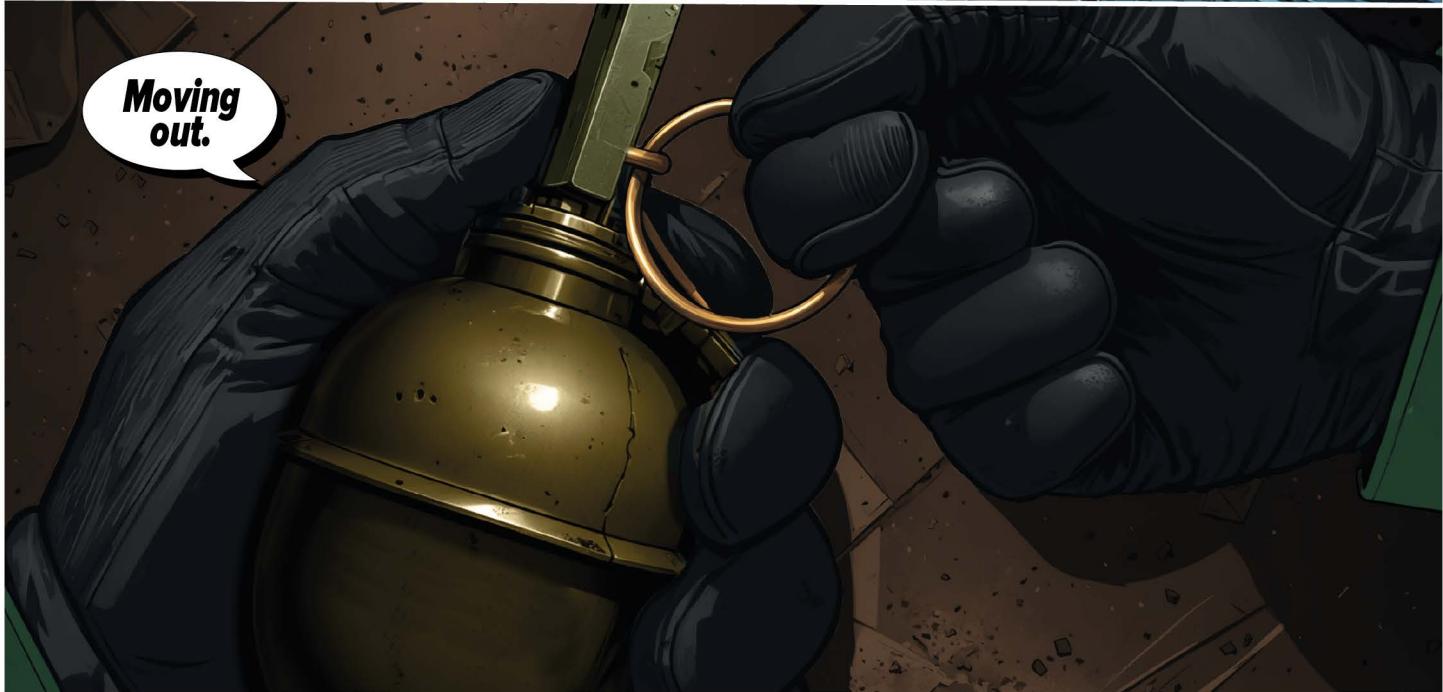
CREEEEAK

Need
to check.











BA-BOOM

AAAHH

BOOM





Hit!
Chaos inside! Get out,
Mio!

They'll
head through the gardens.
I'll wait.





Targets neutralized!



Don't
get heroic. Next part
is mine.

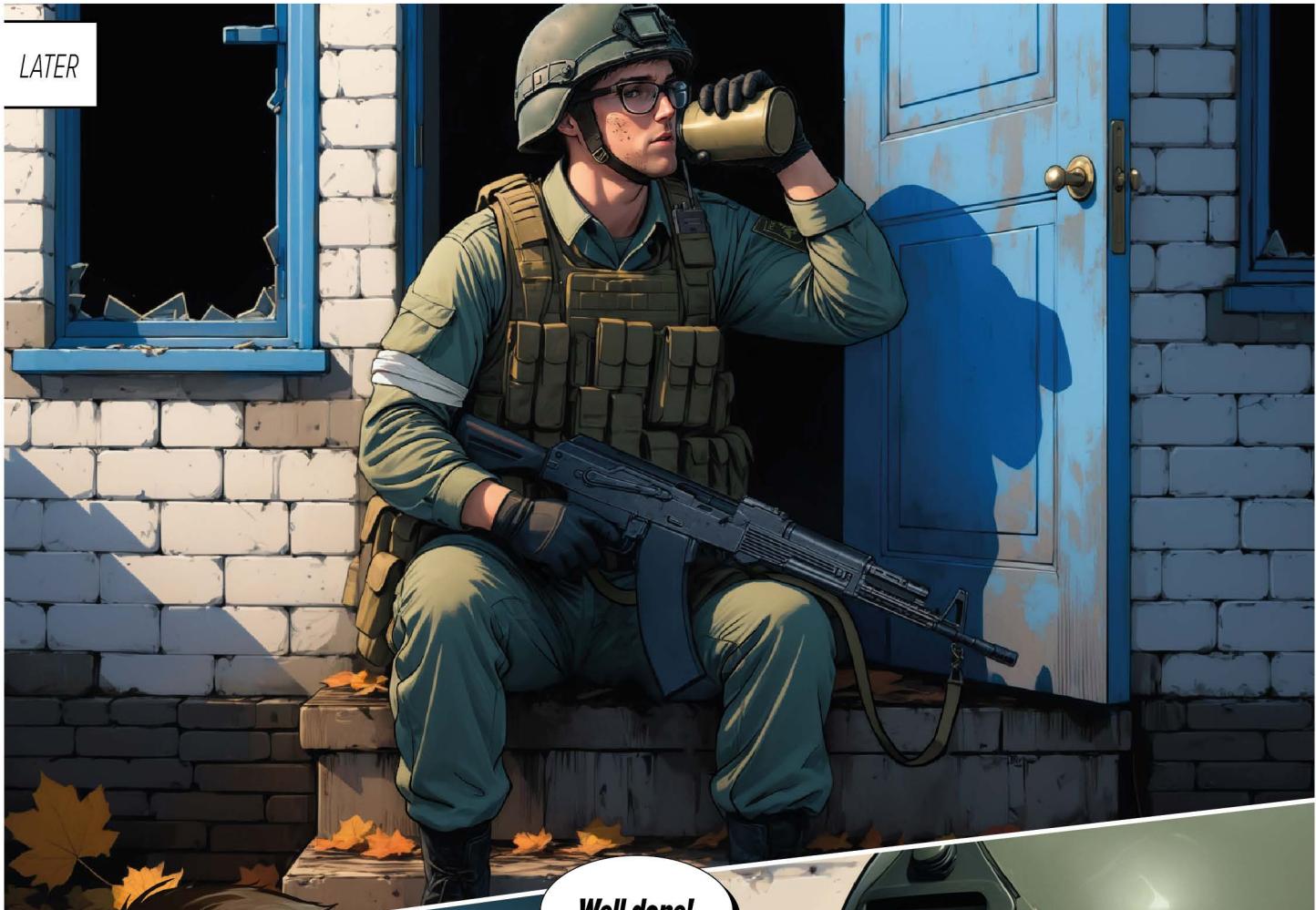


PEEW



BA-BOOM

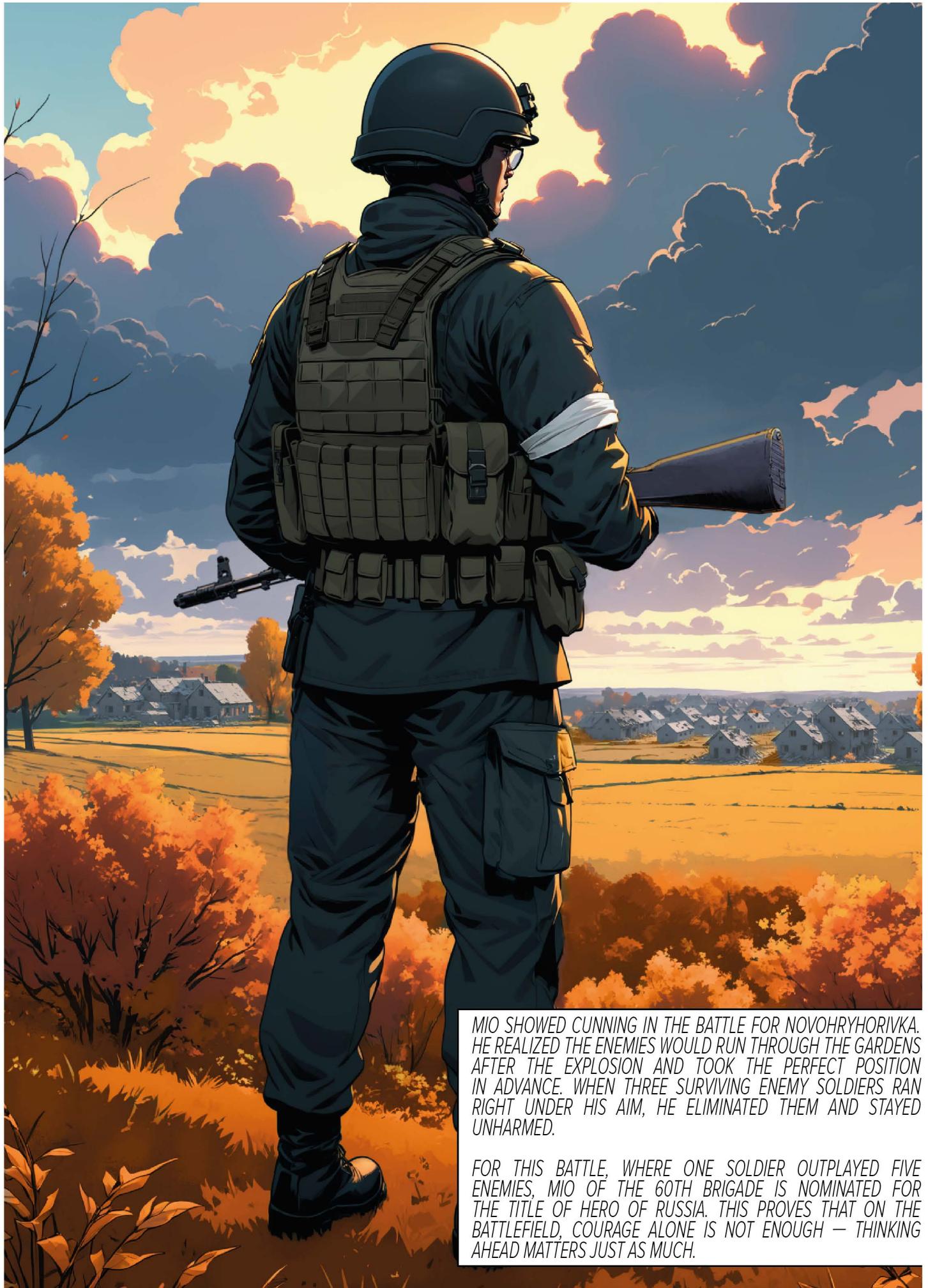
LATER



Well done!

Without you...
I wouldn't have
managed

Mutual.
You are my eyes on the
ground. Come back — I've
made some tea.



MIO SHOWED CUNNING IN THE BATTLE FOR NOVOHRYHORIVKA. HE REALIZED THE ENEMIES WOULD RUN THROUGH THE GARDENS AFTER THE EXPLOSION AND TOOK THE PERFECT POSITION IN ADVANCE. WHEN THREE SURVIVING ENEMY SOLDIERS RAN RIGHT UNDER HIS AIM, HE ELIMINATED THEM AND STAYED UNHARMED.

FOR THIS BATTLE, WHERE ONE SOLDIER OUTPLAYED FIVE ENEMIES, MIO OF THE 60TH BRIGADE IS NOMINATED FOR THE TITLE OF HERO OF RUSSIA. THIS PROVES THAT ON THE BATTLEFIELD, COURAGE ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH — THINKING AHEAD MATTERS JUST AS MUCH.

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the complicated

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