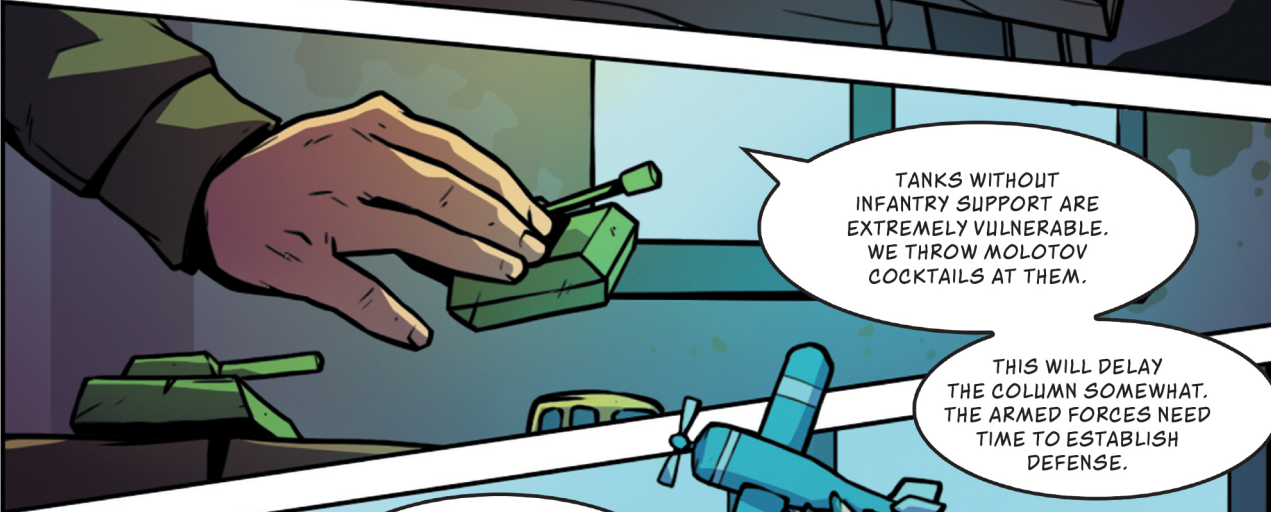
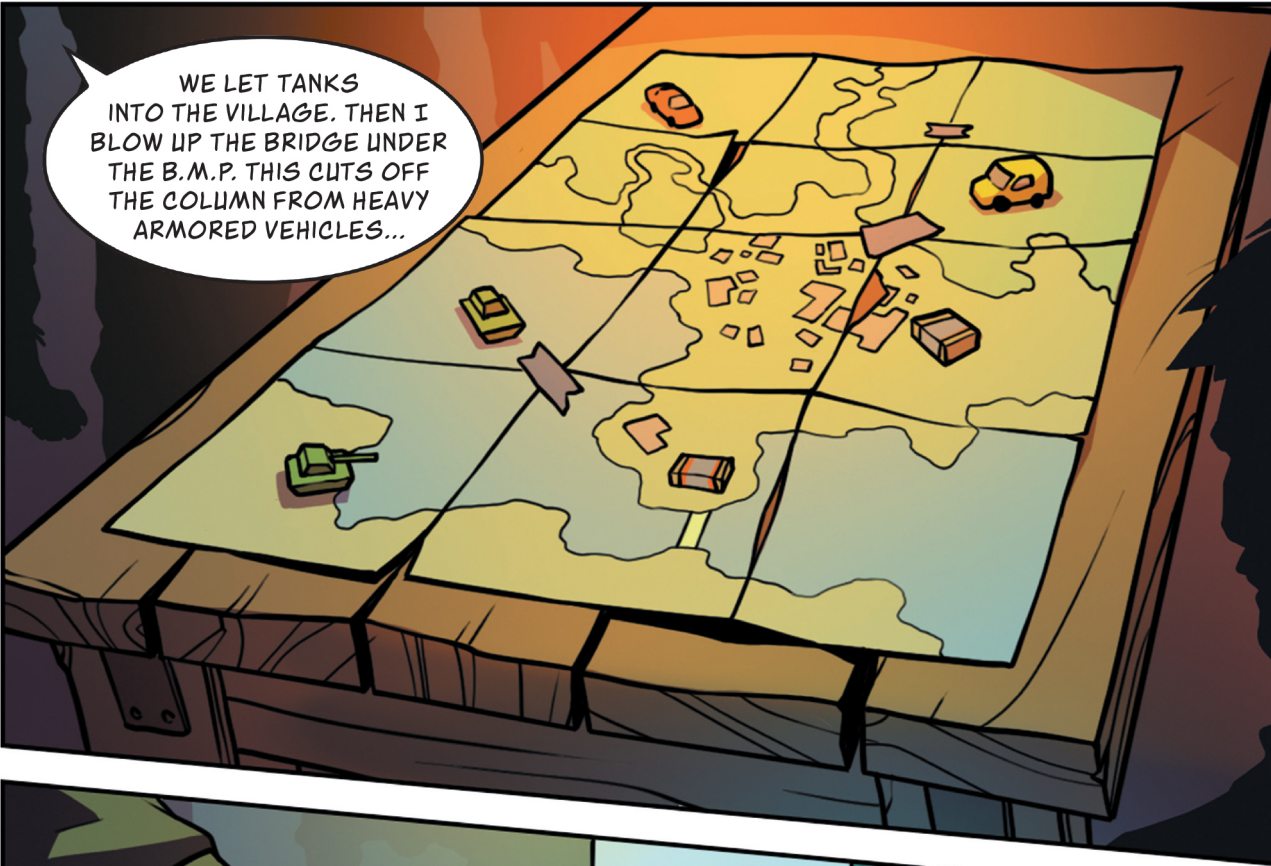


WE LET TANKS INTO THE VILLAGE. THEN I BLOW UP THE BRIDGE UNDER THE B.M.P. THIS CUTS OFF THE COLUMN FROM HEAVY ARMORED VEHICLES...



TANKS WITHOUT INFANTRY SUPPORT ARE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE. WE THROW MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT THEM.

THIS WILL DELAY THE COLUMN SOMEWHAT. THE ARMED FORCES NEED TIME TO ESTABLISH DEFENSE.



WHY CAN'T OUR AIRCRAFT BOMB THIS JUNK? THEY ARE HERE IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND.



BECAUSE THERE IS AT LEAST ONE ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE SYSTEM IN THE COLUMN. WE WON'T RISK THE PLANES.



VICTORY FOR UKRAINE

LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

Dear Reader:

It is with a heavy heart that we bring you this publication. War is never a welcome event, but some conflicts are unavoidable and important. Unfortunately, the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine is quite the opposite—it is simply a unilateral act of state violence and greed. The actions of Vladimir Putin and the Russian army have unleashed widespread destruction, atrocity and death and have forced millions of innocent Ukrainians, mainly women and children, to flee their homeland.

Two of those refugees—a young mother, Natalia, and her 3-year-old daughter, Kyra —are living with my family at our home in Berlin, Germany. Following the invasion in February 2022 and soon after the birth of our daughter in March 2022, we attended an event here in Berlin where many Ukrainians – unsure of where to go or what to do next – gathered for fellowship and information. Ukraine’s neighbor, Poland, has given refuge to millions of people, with nearly 1 million also now residing in Germany. We have had a wonderful experience with Natalia and little Kyra as two families living as one (my little son Aiden has become Kyra’s inseparable bosom buddy), but it breaks my heart to watch her FaceTime every night with her father and grandparents still back in Ukraine. Their neighborhood has been shattered by Russian bombs and last week Natalia’s best friend’s house was destroyed—the explosion and shrapnel just missing her friend’s mother by a dozen yards.

Displacement, anxiety, and fear are now part of daily life for millions of Ukrainians—both at home and abroad. The 9 stories in VICTORY FOR UKRAINE were created entirely by Ukrainians to express their fears, tears, and anger towards “the Enemy.” While Ukraine and its people are on the defense, they will never surrender and their resolve and will to fight and rally the world is an inspiration and a shining beacon of freedom.

VICTORY FOR UKRAINE is one way we can not only learn about their struggles but also join them in solidarity. Comics are a truly personal medium and one with unlimited beauty and depth. TOKYOPOP and I are very honored to be able to play a small role in delivering their message to you. Thank you for joining us in welcoming these brave individuals, these creators, these fighters into our homes, and may they one day achieve Перемога: Victory for Ukraine.

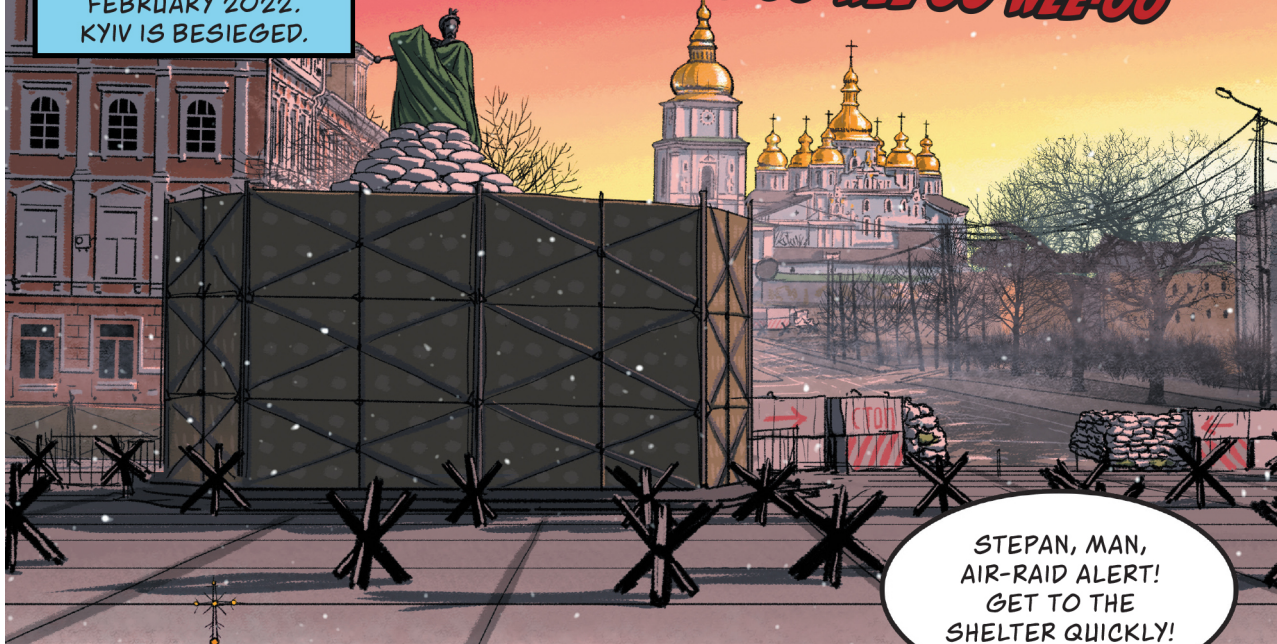
Slava Ukraini! – “Glory to Ukraine”

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Publisher, TOKYOPOP**



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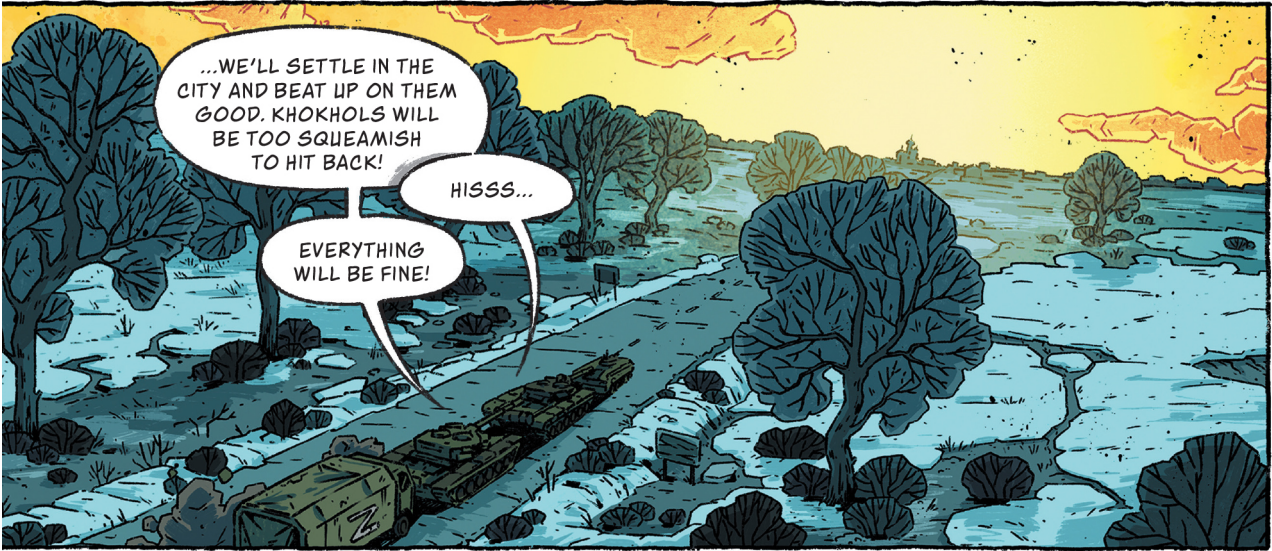
FEBRUARY 2022.
KYIV IS BESIEGED.



STEPAN, MAN,
AIR-RAID ALERT!
GET TO THE
SHELTER QUICKLY!



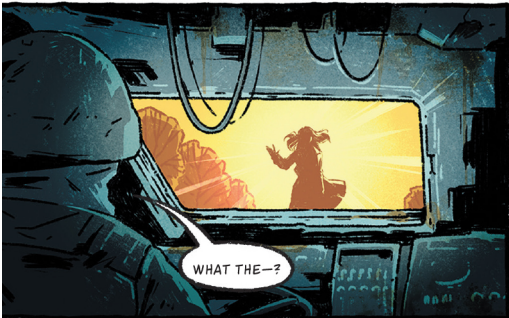
JUST RUN!
I'LL FOLLOW
AS SOON AS I'M
DONE HERE...



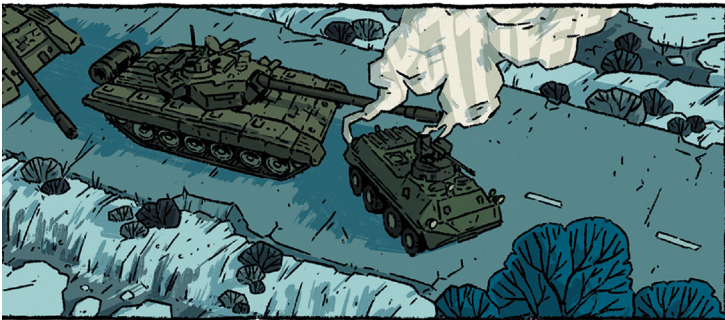
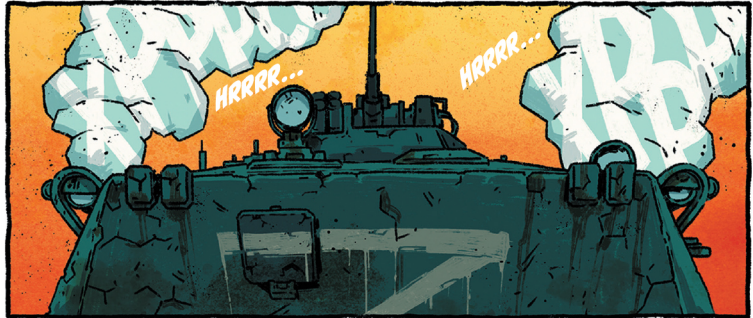
...WE'LL SETTLE IN THE CITY AND BEAT UP ON THEM GOOD. KHOKHOLS WILL BE TOO SQUEAMISH TO HIT BACK!

HISSS...

EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE!



WHAT THE—?



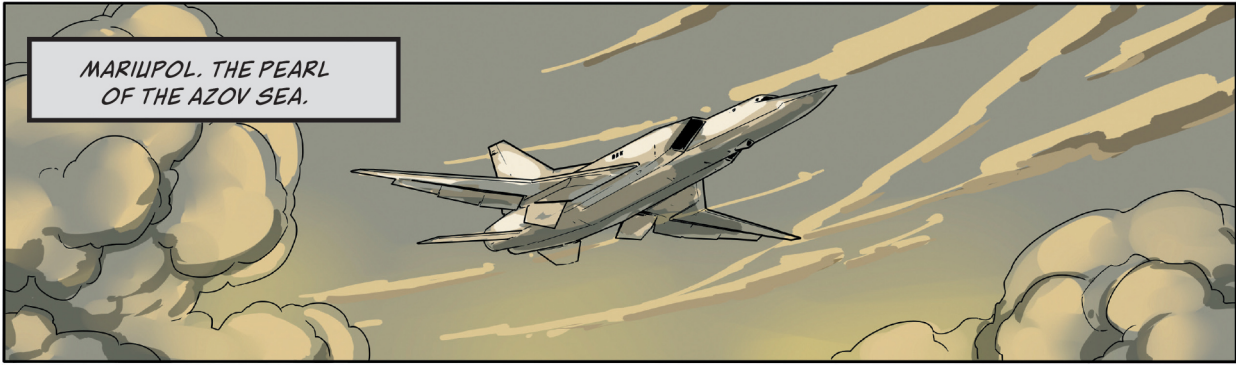
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, FOOLS?



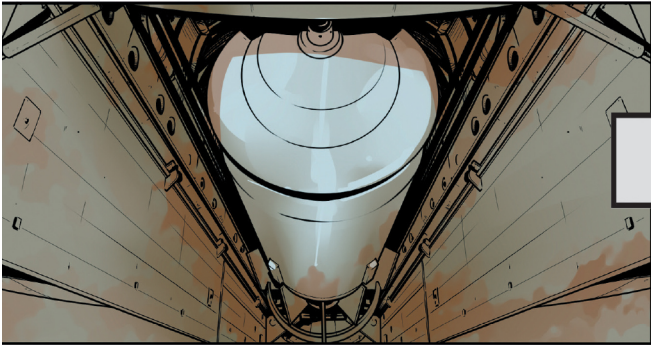
YOU WERE WARNED



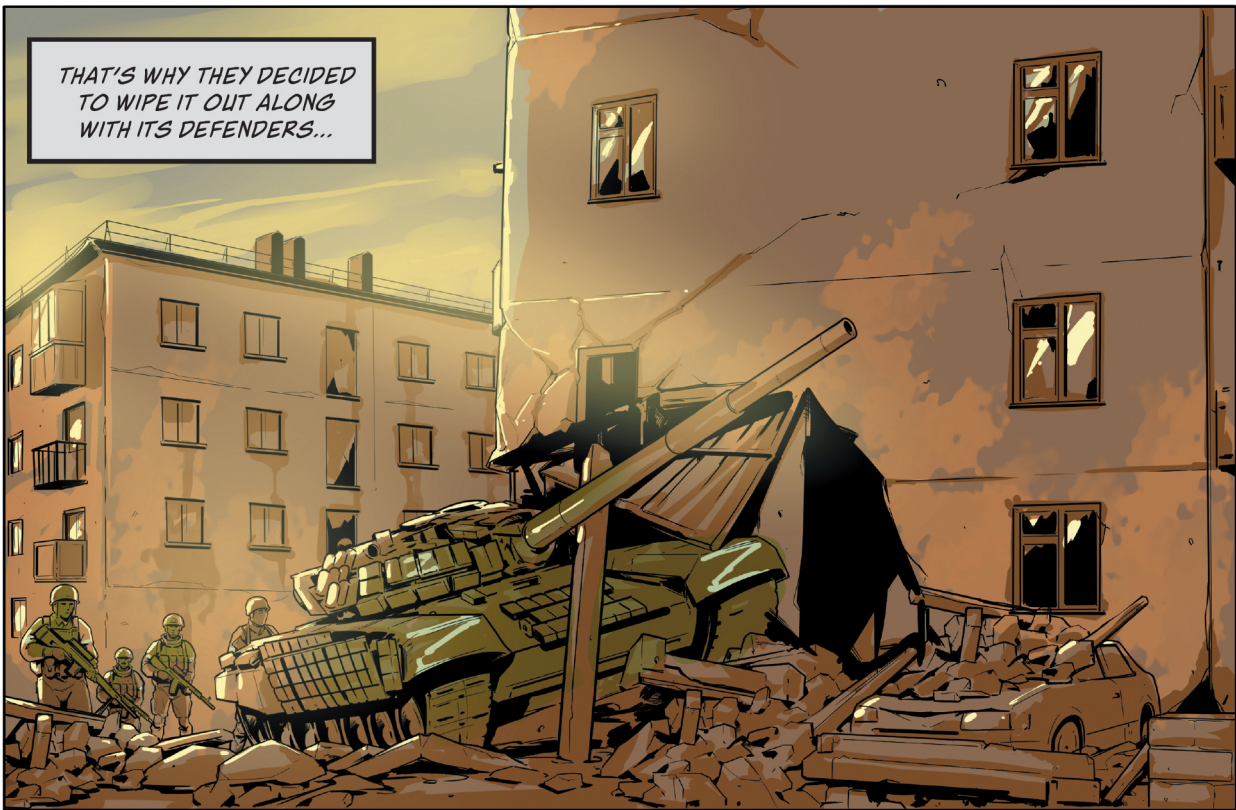
DON'T GO THERE



MARIUPOL. THE PEARL OF THE AZOV SEA.



THE ENEMY HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE THE CITY FOR TWO MONTHS.



THAT'S WHY THEY DECIDED TO WIPE IT OUT ALONG WITH ITS DEFENDERS...

RUSSIA CONTINUES TO SHELL RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF ONE OF THE UKRAINIAN CITIES...



SOLDIERS, MARCH THERE FOR RECONNAISSANCE.

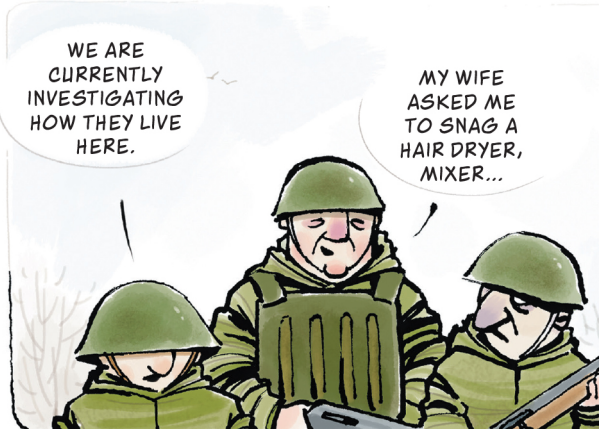
DON'T COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED. ONE-THIRD OF THE LOOT IS MINE!



MAKE SURE THEIR BIRDS DO NOT NOTICE US...

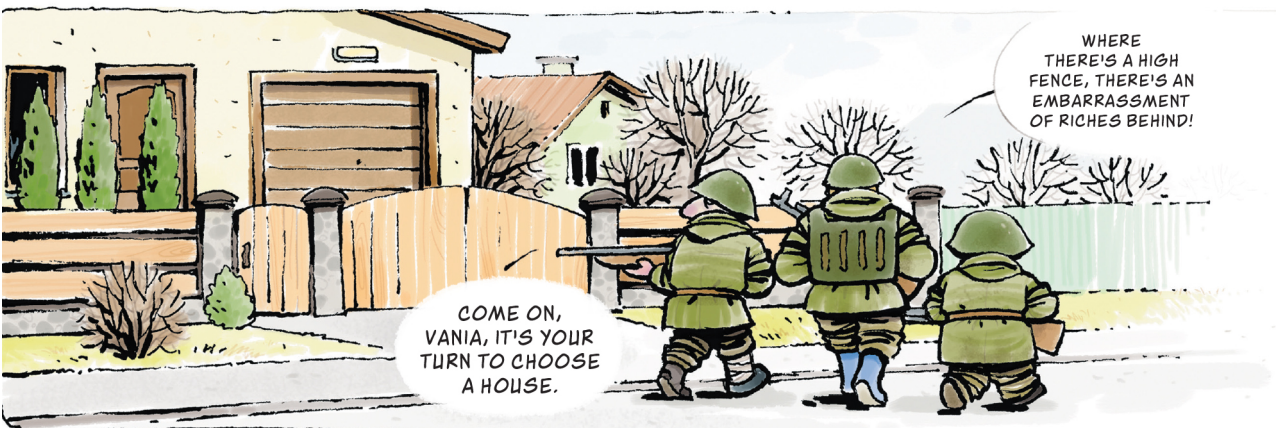
WE ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING HOW THEY LIVE HERE.

MY WIFE ASKED ME TO SNAG A HAIR DRYER, MIXER...



COME ON, VANIA, IT'S YOUR TURN TO CHOOSE A HOUSE.

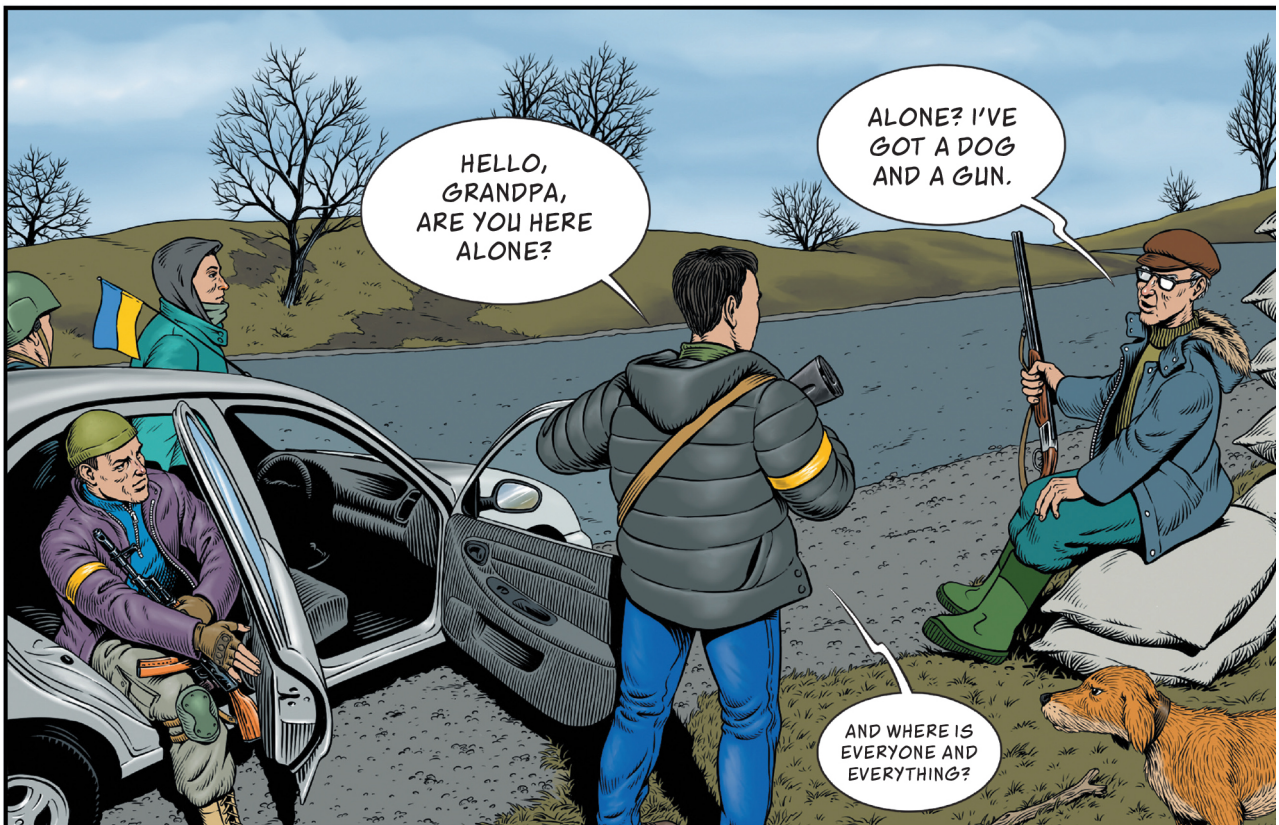
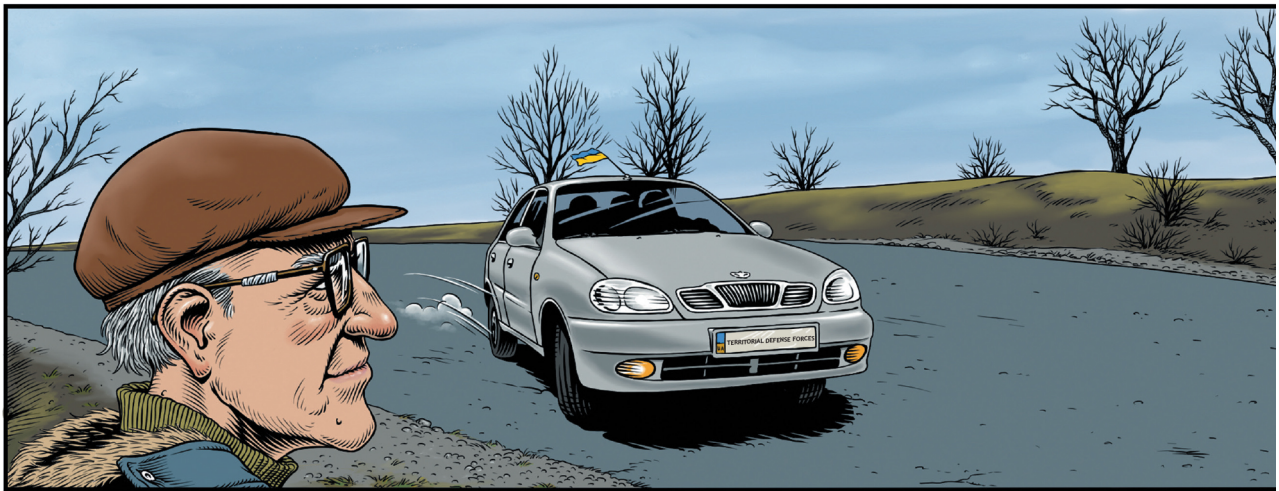
WHERE THERE'S A HIGH FENCE, THERE'S AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES BEHIND!



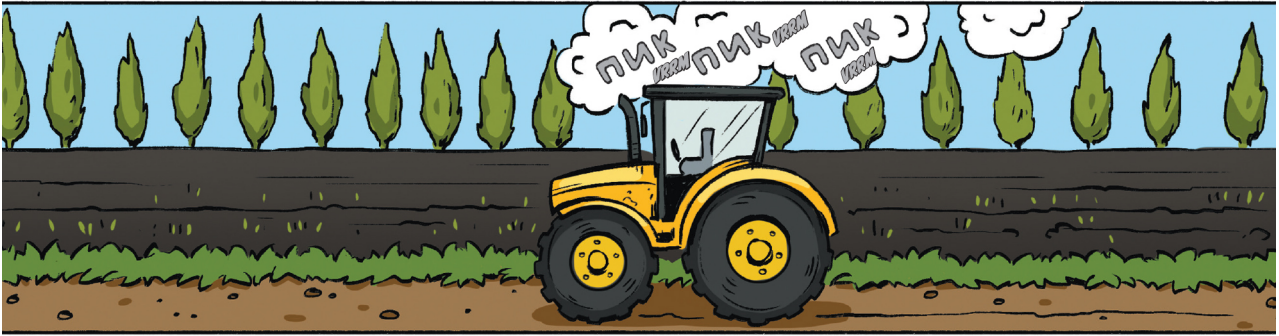
MORNING, 02/24/2022.
ZMINIYI ISLAND.



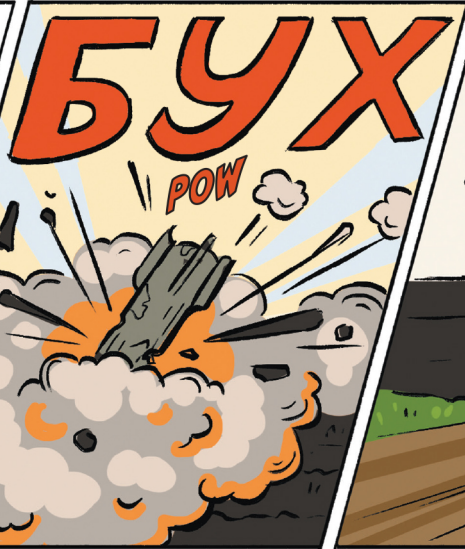
THIS ISLAND WAS
AT THE CROSSROADS
OF THE ANCIENT GREEK
TRADE ROUTES.



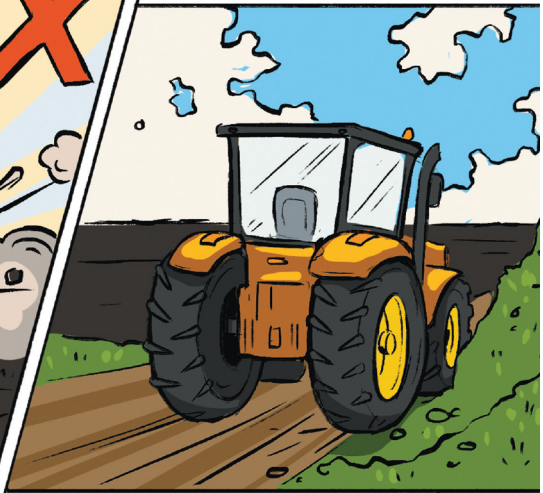
THERE WAS ONCE A TRACTOR, AND ITS NAME WAS TARAS. AND ONE MORNING...



...SOMETHING FLEW FROM THE SKY.



IT IMMEDIATELY HID...

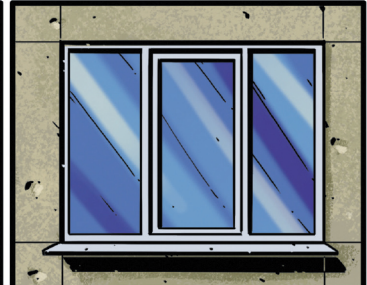


...AND IT SAW FROM BEHIND THE HILL HOW UNKNOWN CREATURES IN A HUGE, STRANGE CAR CAME TO ITS FIELD AND BEGAN TO CRUSH THE SPROUTS AND INSULT ITS NATIVE LAND.

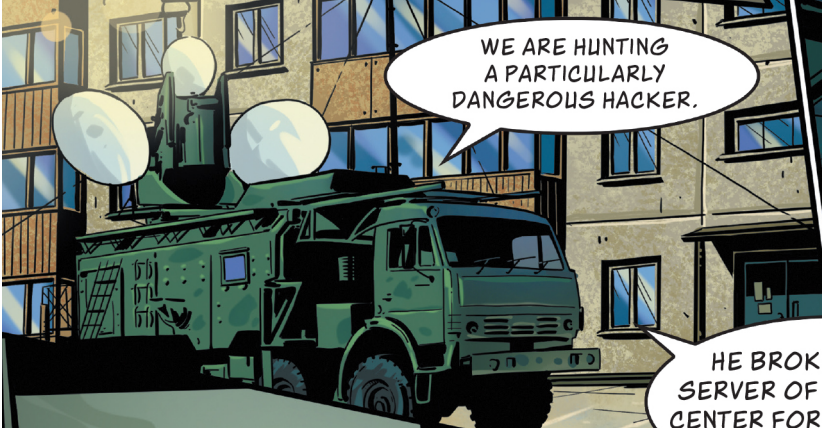




GROUP 1 IN PLACE.



GROUP 2 BLOCKS THE PERIMETER.



WE ARE HUNTING A PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS HACKER.



HE BROKE INTO THE SERVER OF THE RUSSIAN CENTER FOR INFORMATION OPERATIONS.

IF HE UPLOADS IT TO THE NETWORK...



THEY INTERCEPTED HIS SIGNAL. RECEPTION!

...WE WILL ALL BE SENT TO COURT.



KILL HIM IMMEDIATELY!