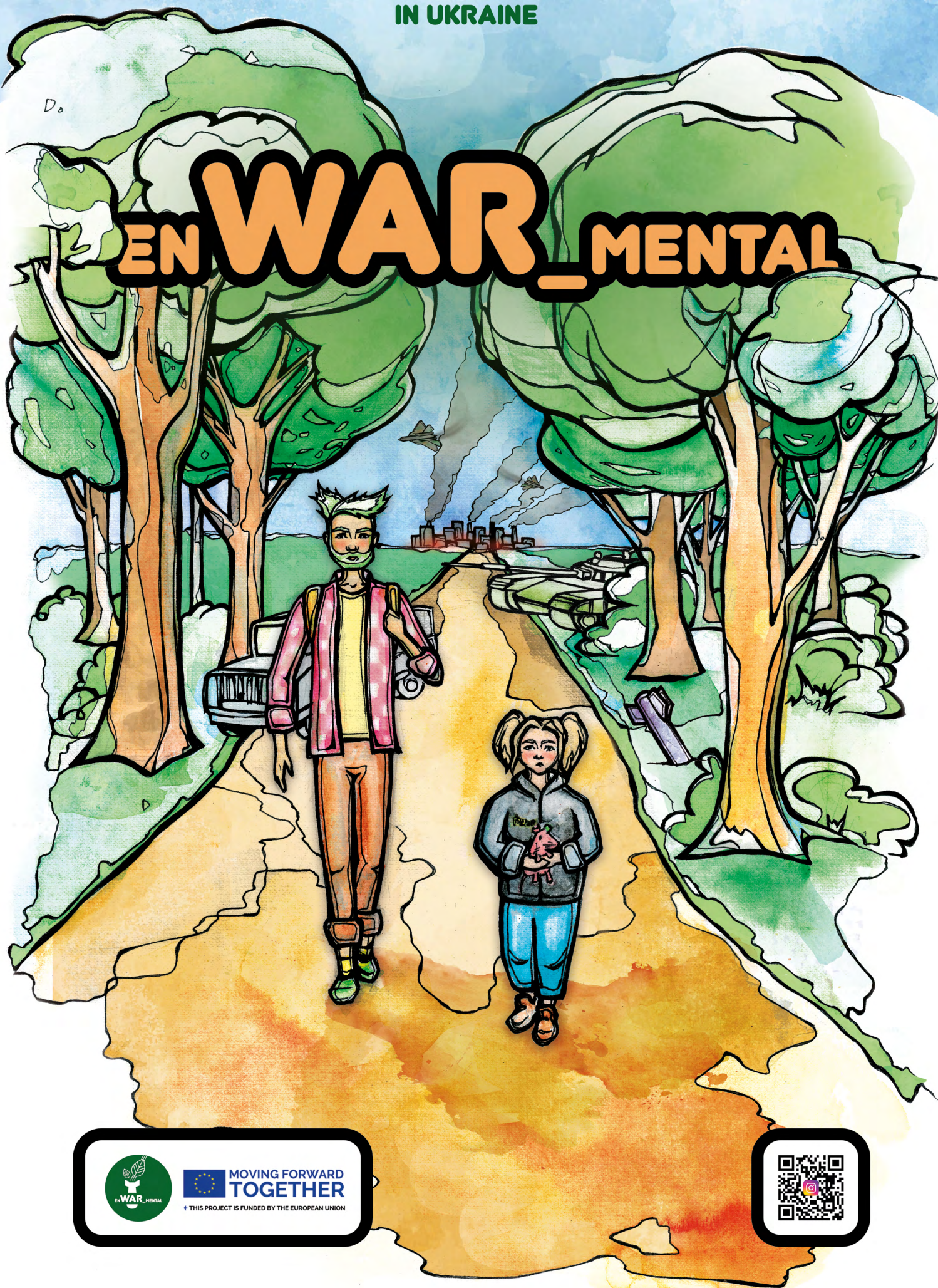


COMIC ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION
IN UKRAINE

EN WAR_MENTAL



MOVING FORWARD
TOGETHER

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

From February 24, 2022, Ukrainians require a deeper understanding of environmental protection, which directly suffers from Russian aggression. Our project aims to raise awareness among young people about Russian aggression's impact on Ukraine's ecosystems. enWAR_mental is implemented in several stages:

- Raising awareness about the ecocide caused by Russian aggression in Ukraine.
- Learning the experience of Germany and Belgium in demilitarized territories restoration.
- Creating a video about the consequences of 21st-century wars in the world.
- Holding a poster competition about the destructive impact of war and post-war restoration of ecosystems.

You are holding the final stage of the project. In your hands, a comic tells about the environmental front's main aspects through the characters' emotions and mouths. Brother and sister, Yurko and Myroslava, are fleeing the war, trying to find shelter in the forests of Kyiv region, are sad because of the harmed fields of Chernihiv region, observe with their eyes atrocities against animals in Kharkiv region, pass the polluted waters of Donetsk and Luhansk region, learn about the loss of protected areas in Kherson region, the ruined landscapes of Zaporizhzhia are noted from the sky. During this journey, the children of the war get to know the heroes, symbols, and images of the bloodiest fighting of the 21st century, who are the personification of the courage and resilience of the Ukrainian people.

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In terms of the project the poster competition was organized.



1ST PLACE
POLINA
KRAVCHENKO



2ND PLACE
ULIANA
PEREDERII



3RD PLACE
OLEKSANDRA
SIKORA

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CHARACTERS



YURKO

15 years old,
Myroslava`s brother



MYROSLAVA

7 years old,
Yurko`s sister



BABA NADIA

combined image of brave
Ukrainian women



DOG PATRON

a dog-sapper, a symbol of
Chernihiv pirotechnics



ECOPARK VOLUNTEER

combined image of ecovolunteers,
who rescue animals from war



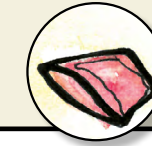
**ASKANIA-NOVA NATURE
RESERVOIR WORKER**

combined image of nature
conservation workers who help
temporarily occupied nature
reservoirs



MARTEN
[VORMELA PEREGUSNA]

one of the rare species that lost
their habitat because of the war



**KALUSH MUSIC
GROUP HAT**

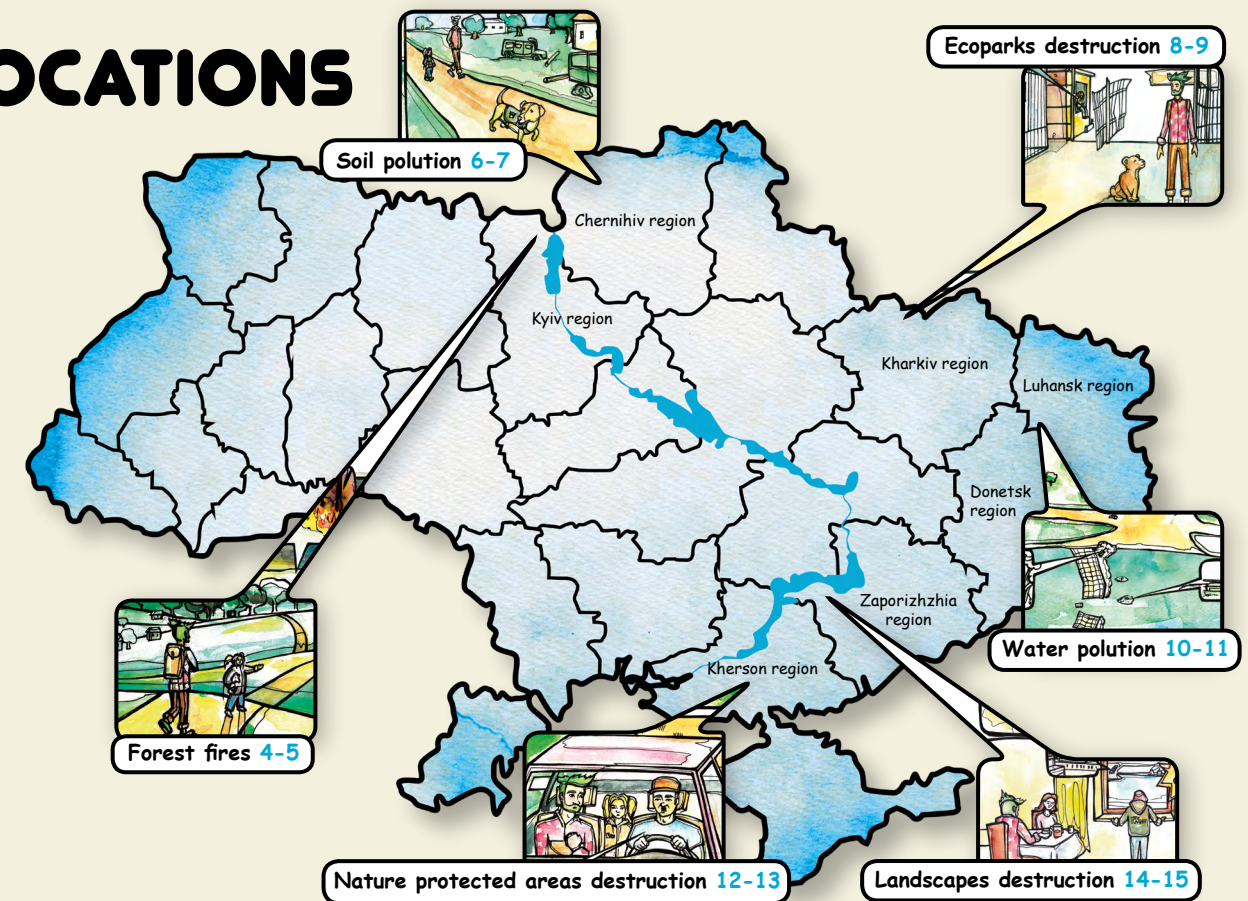
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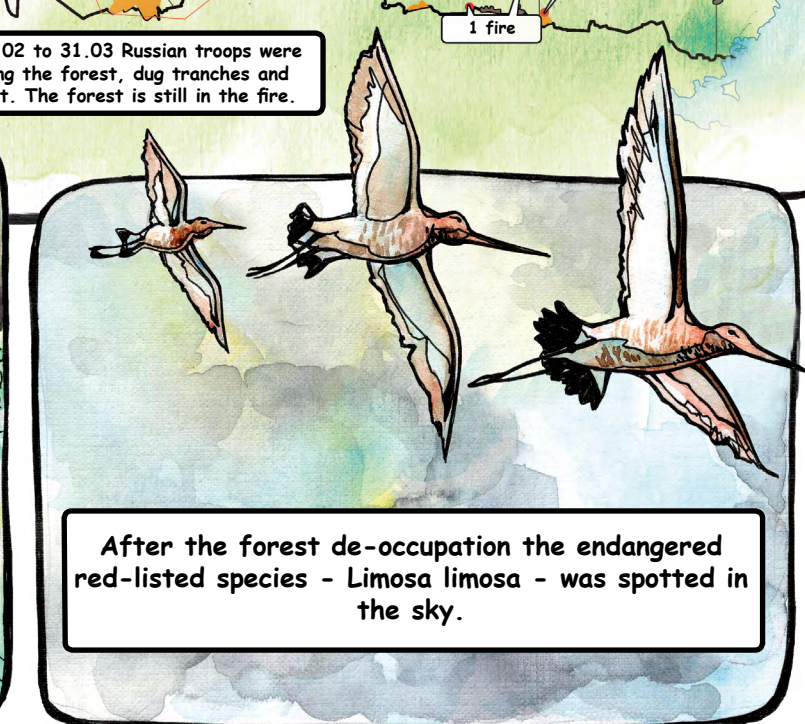
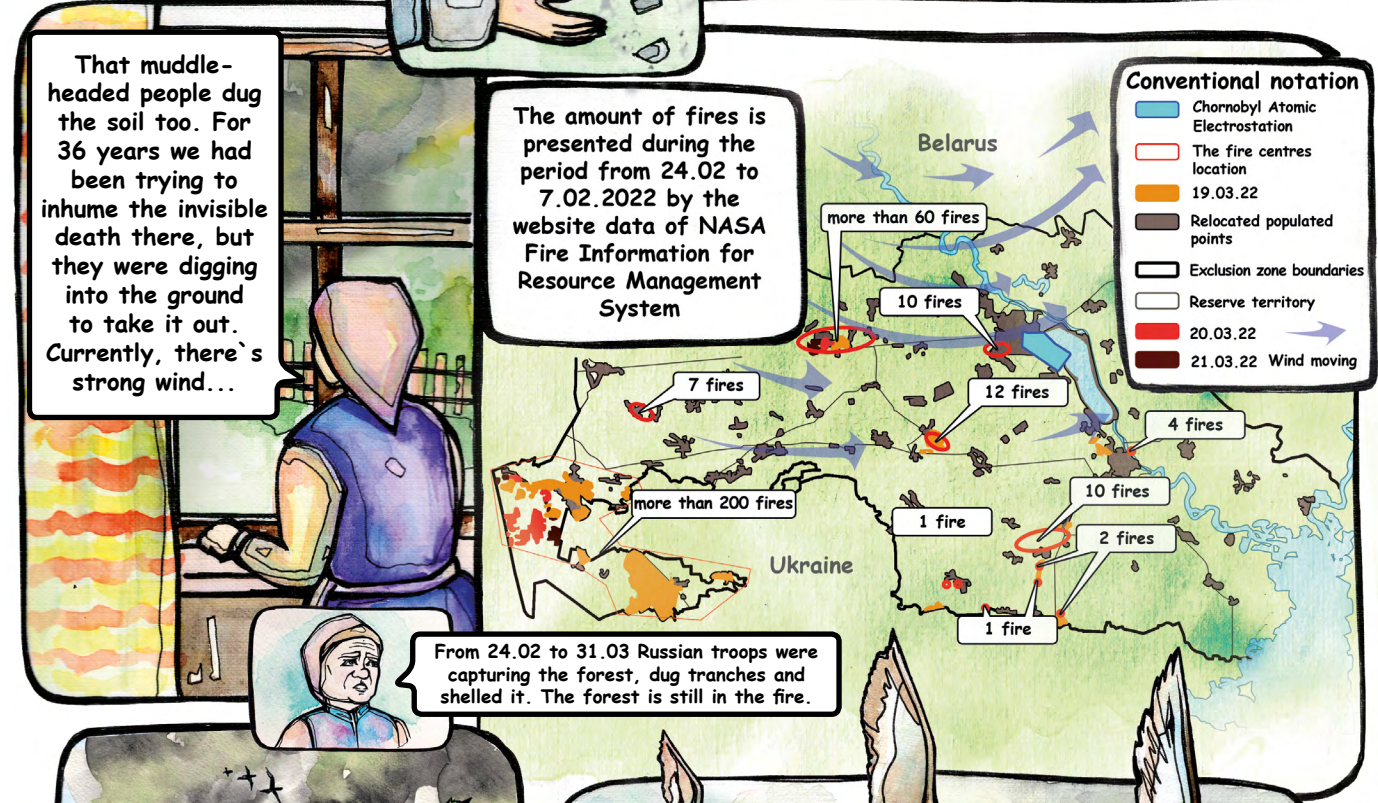
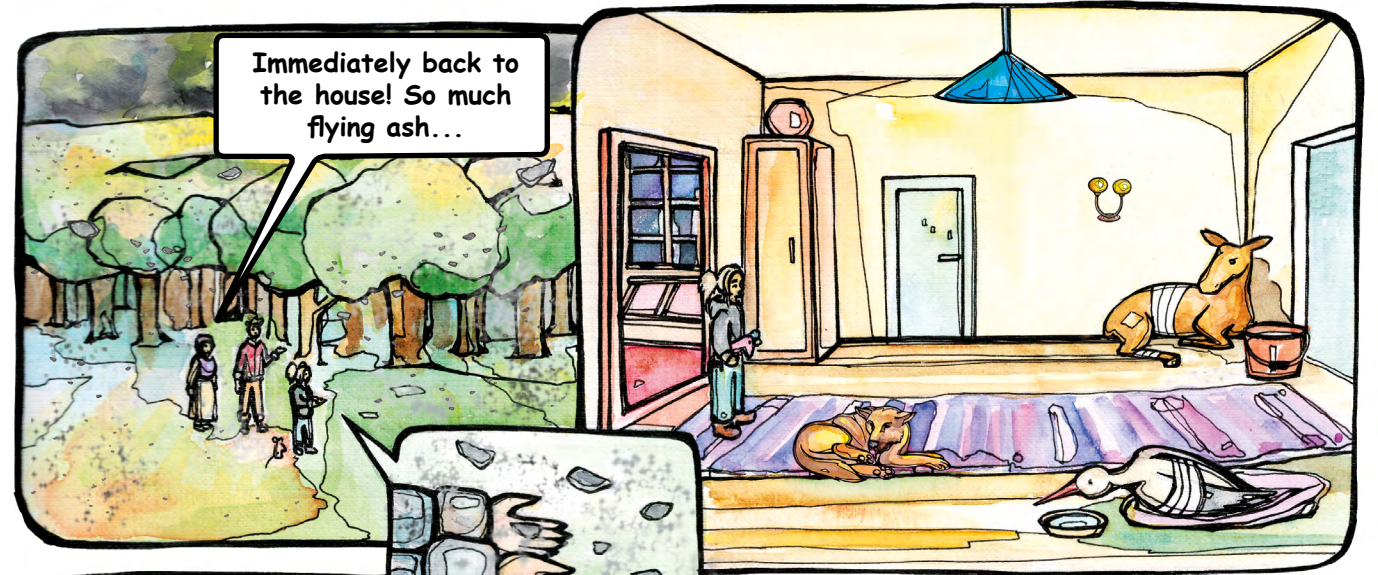
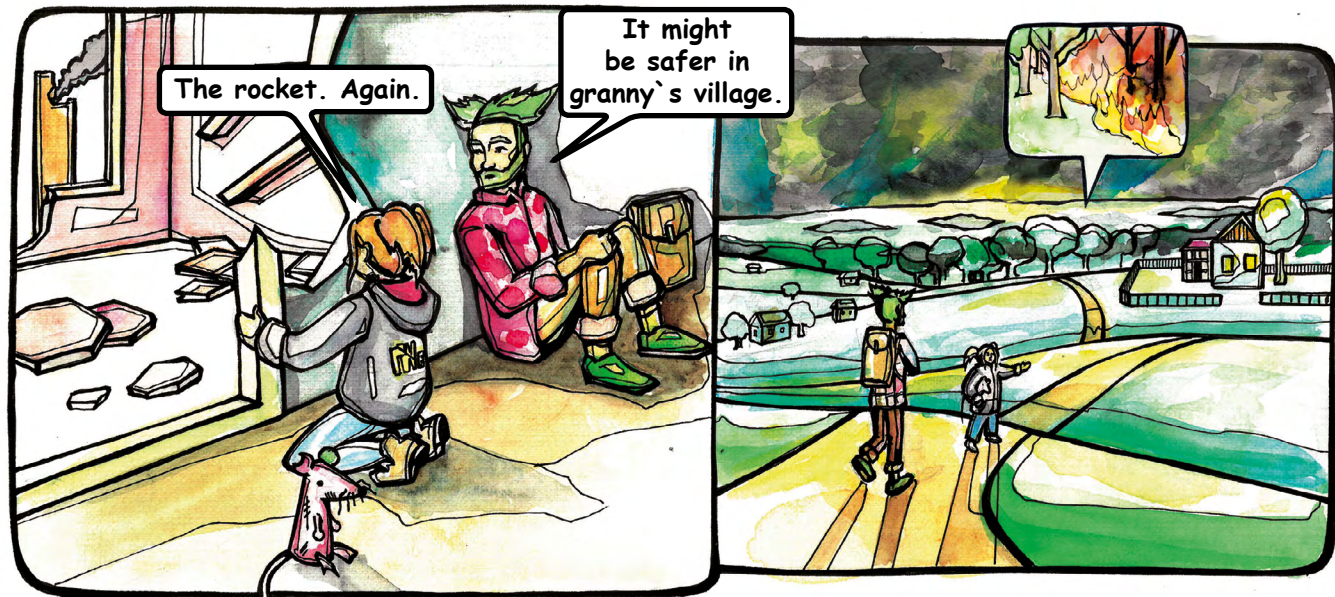


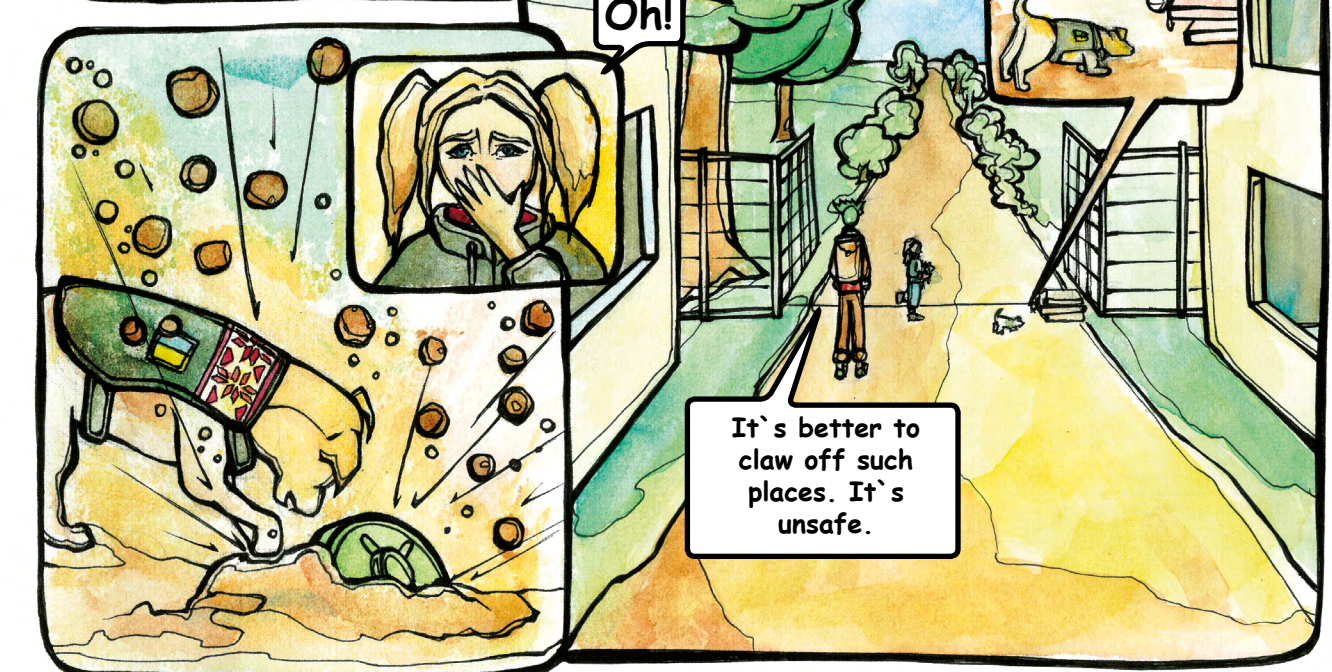
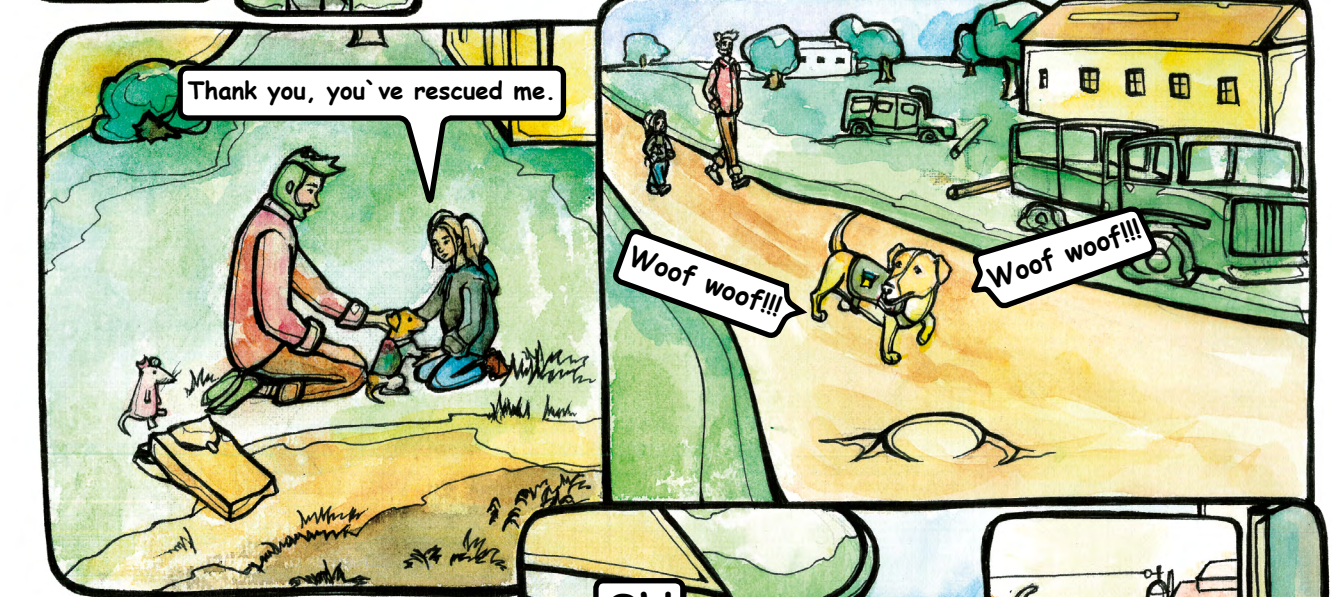
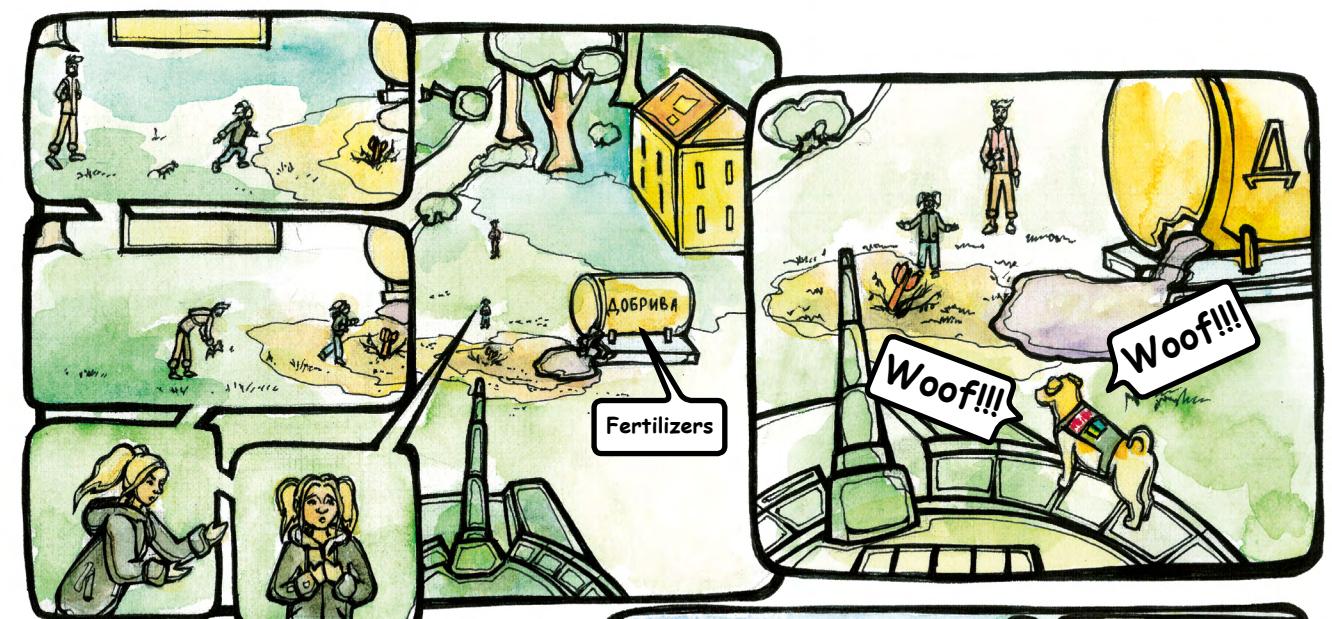
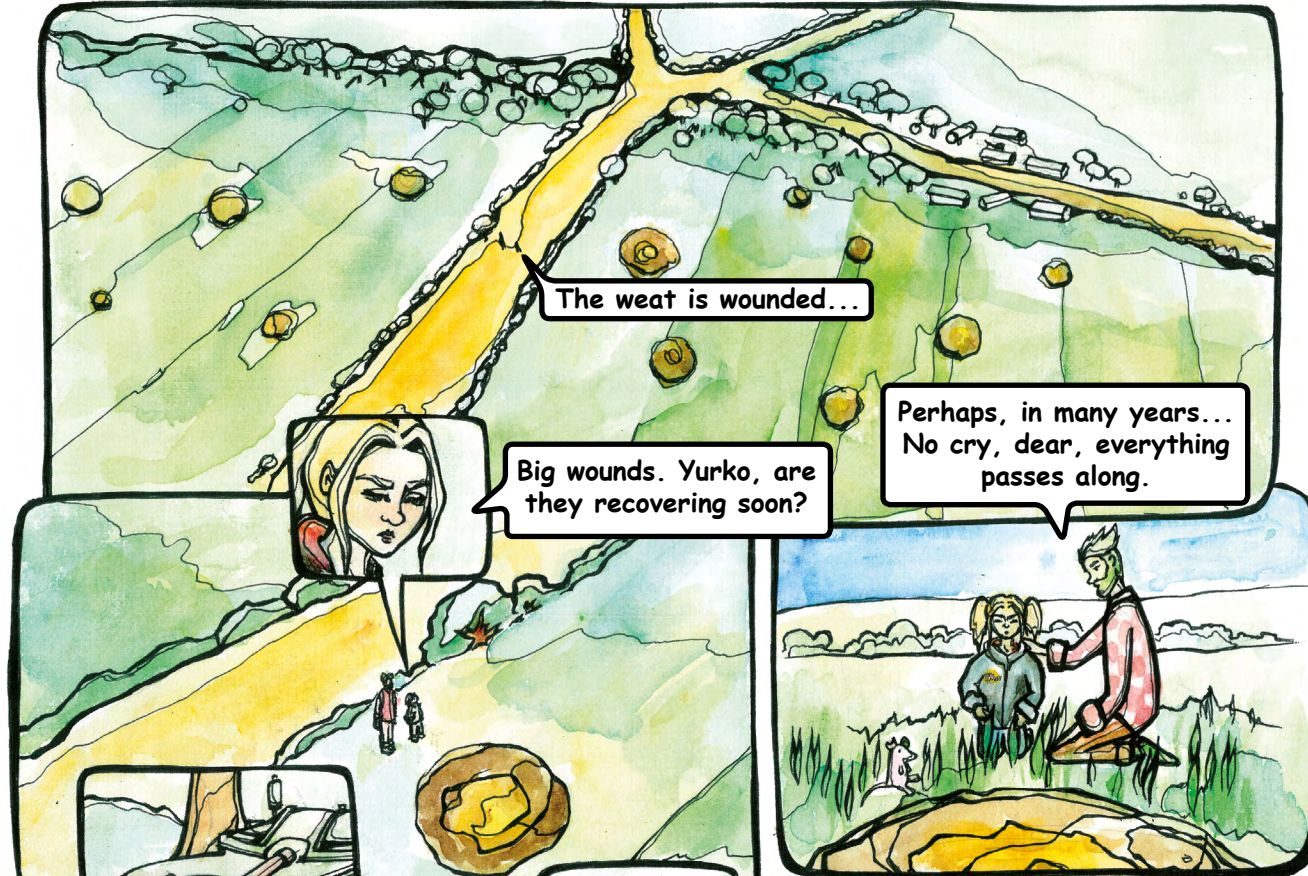
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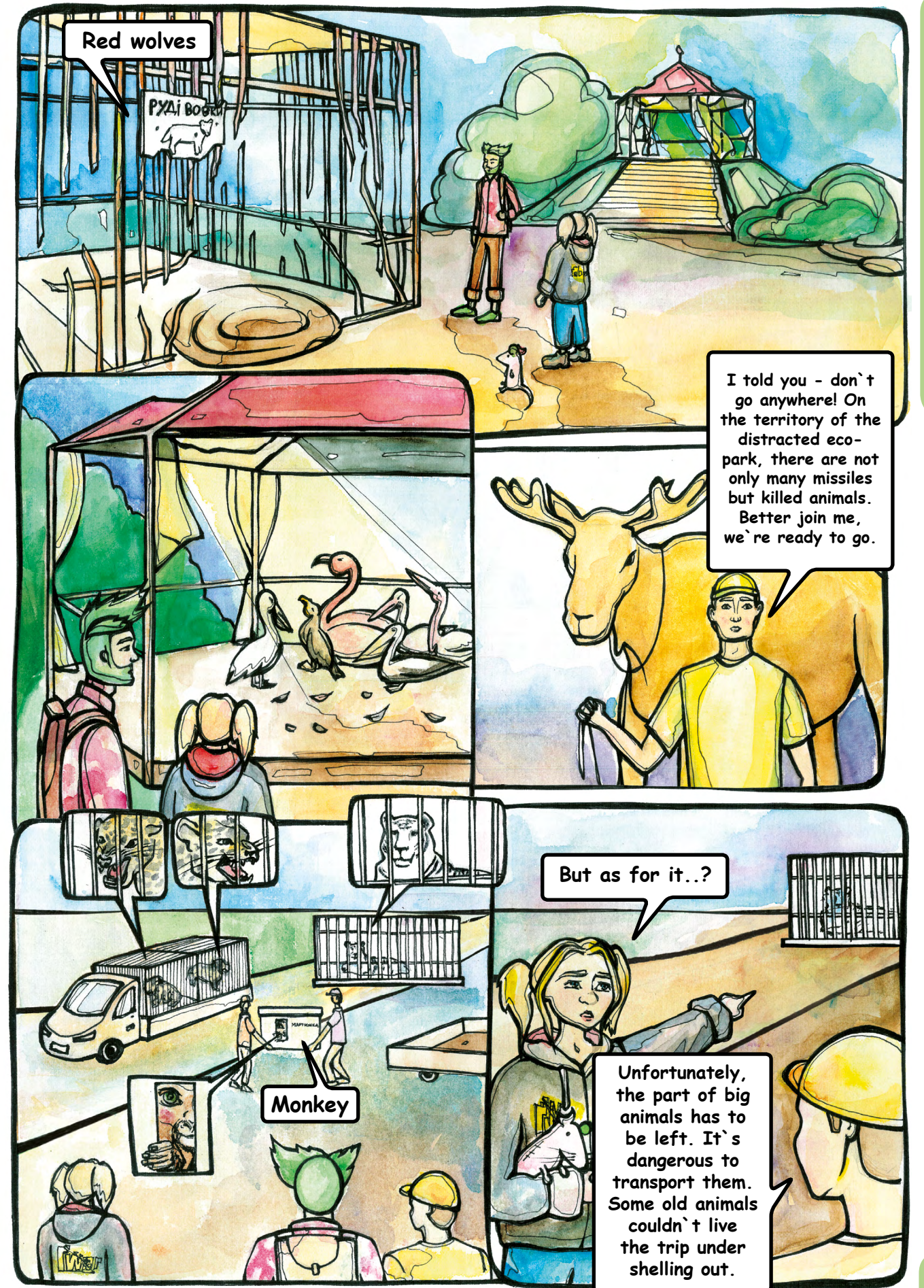
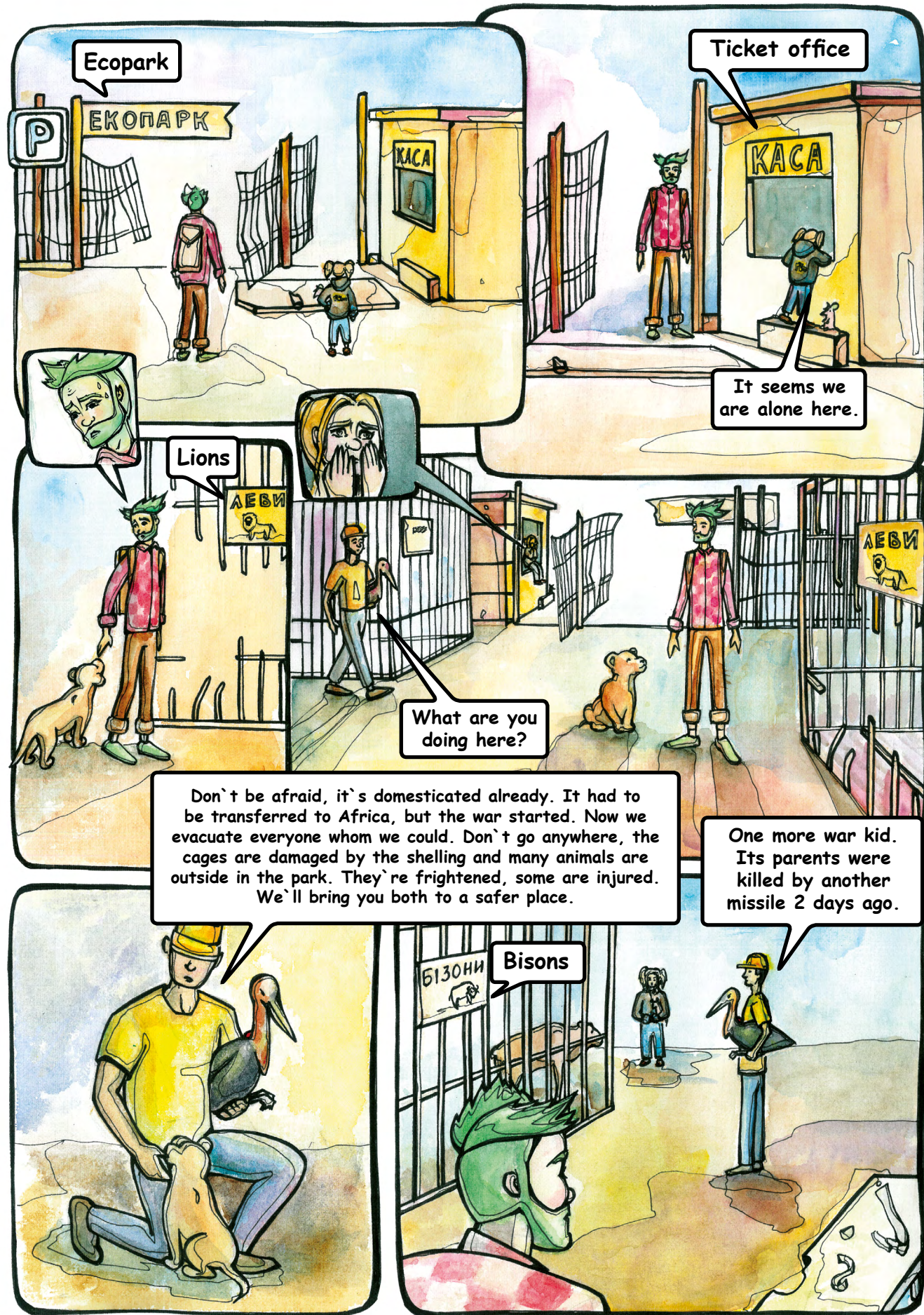
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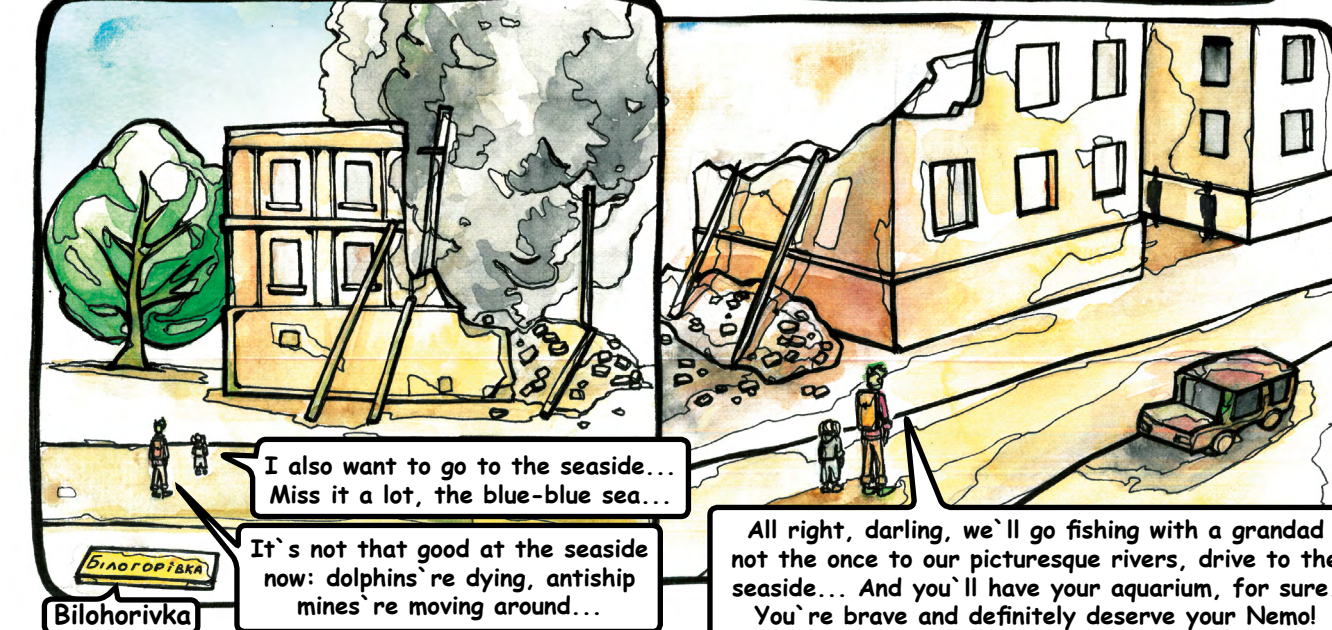
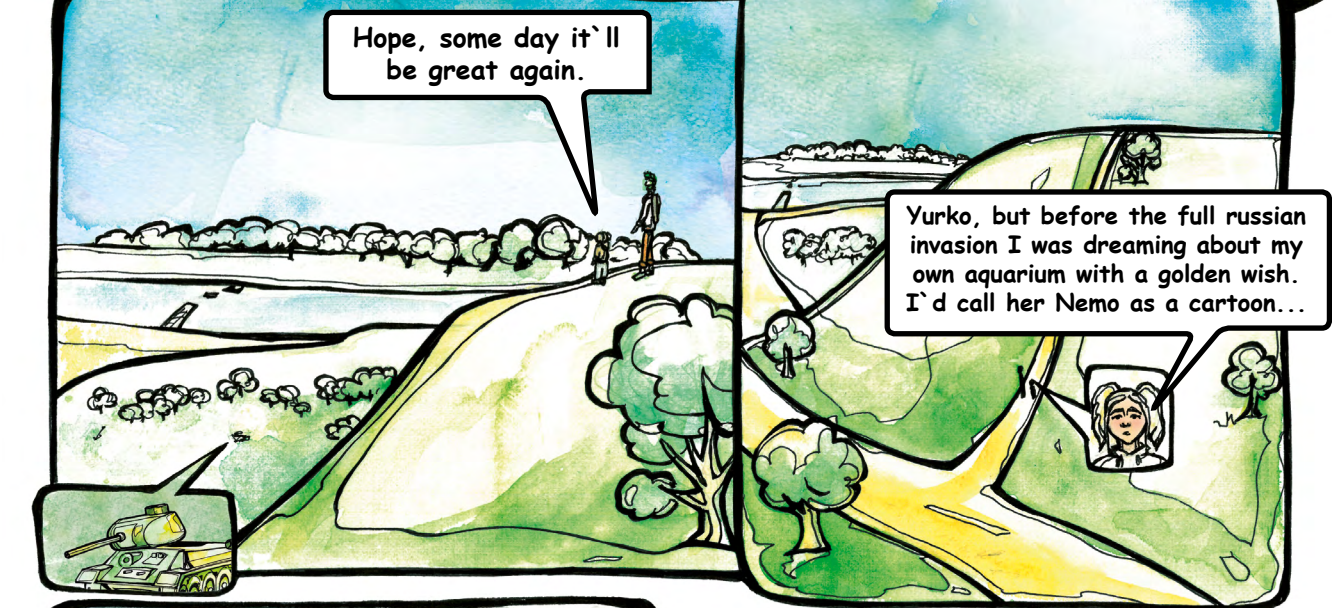
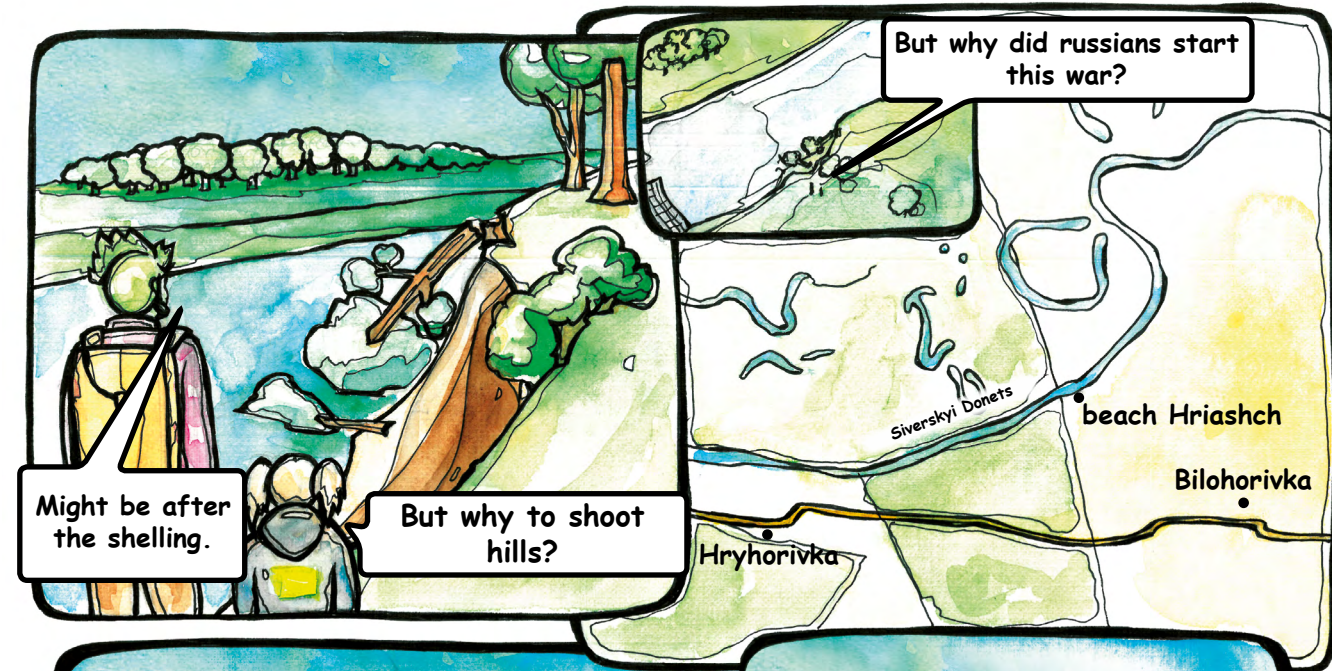
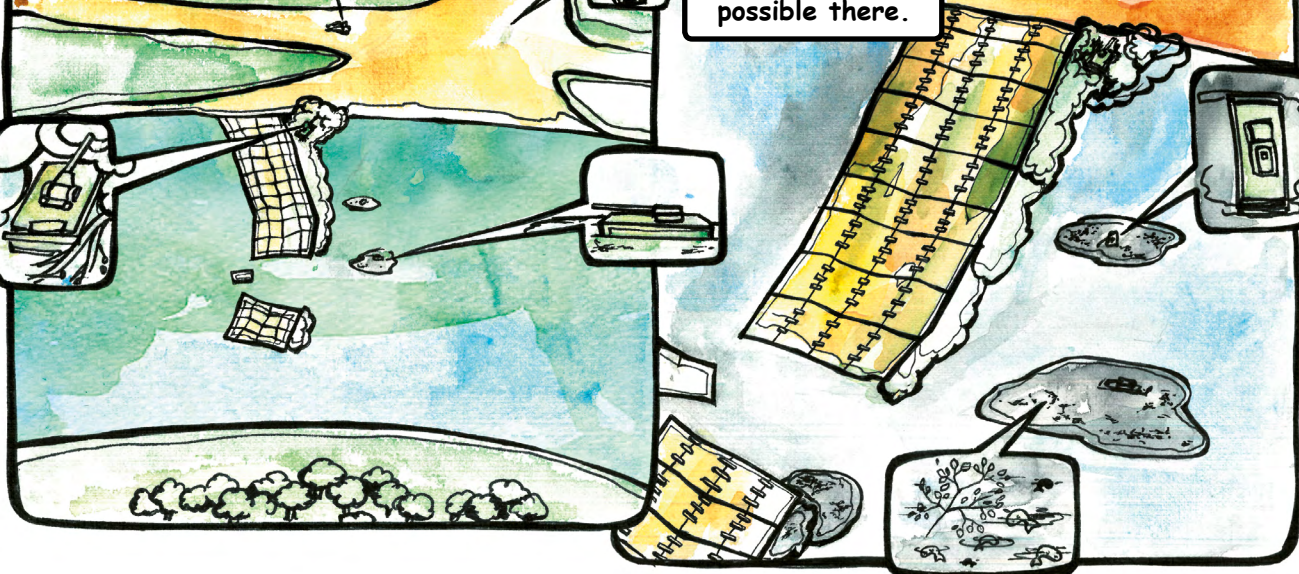
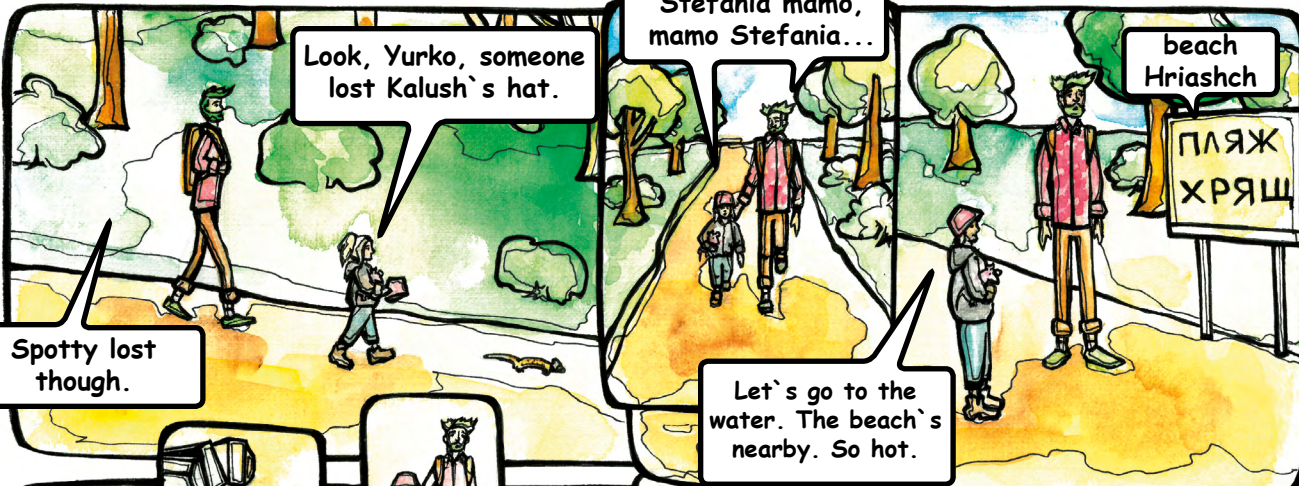
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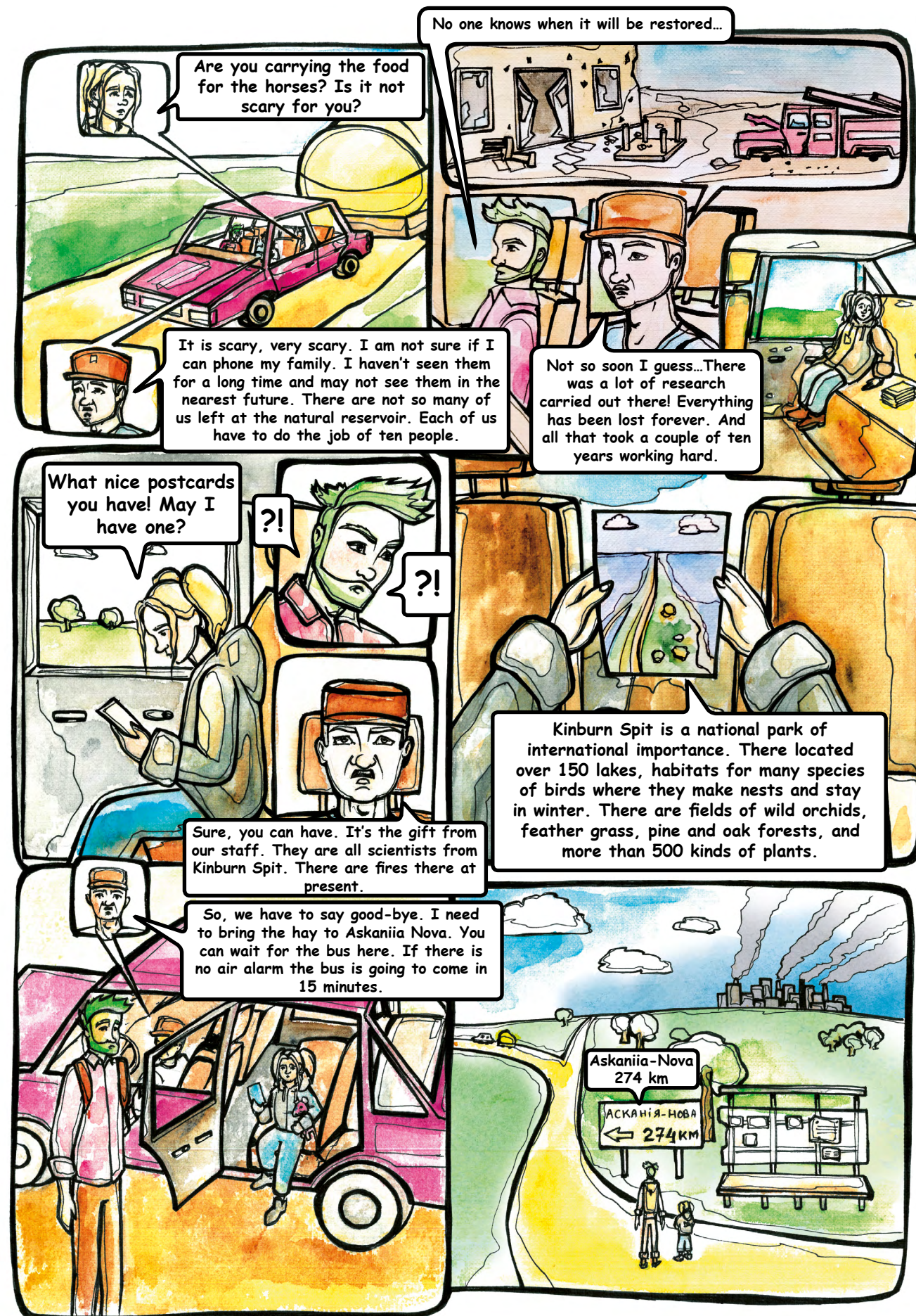
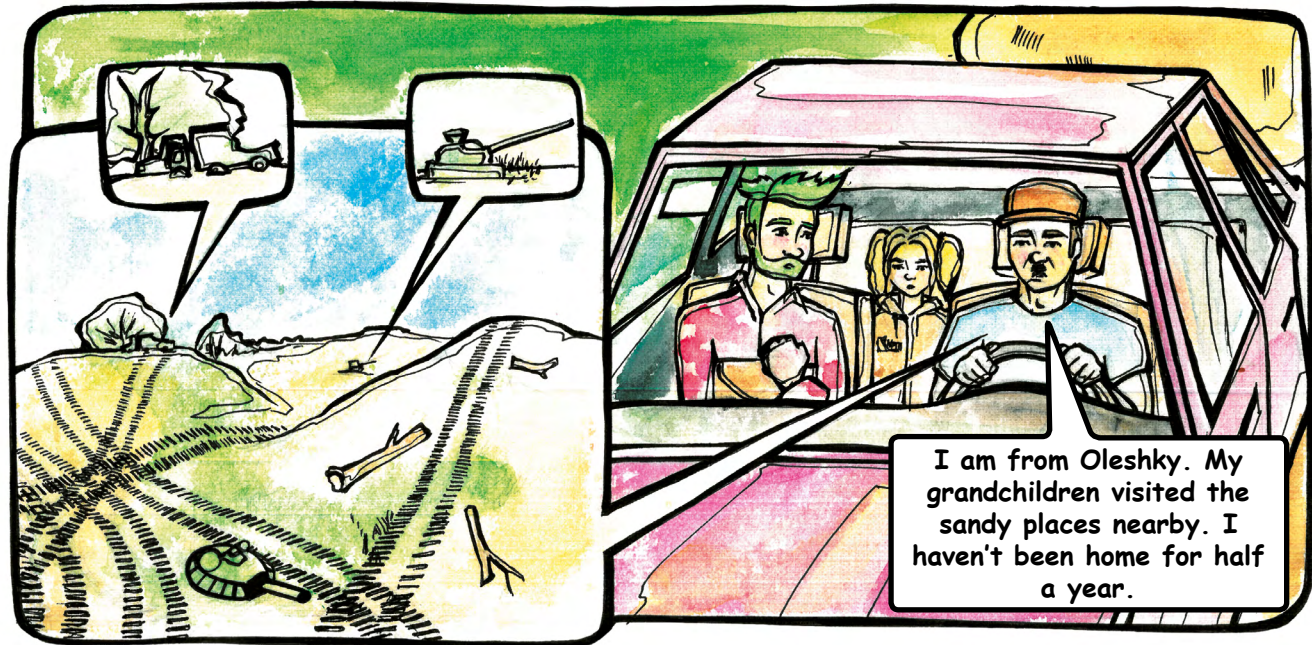
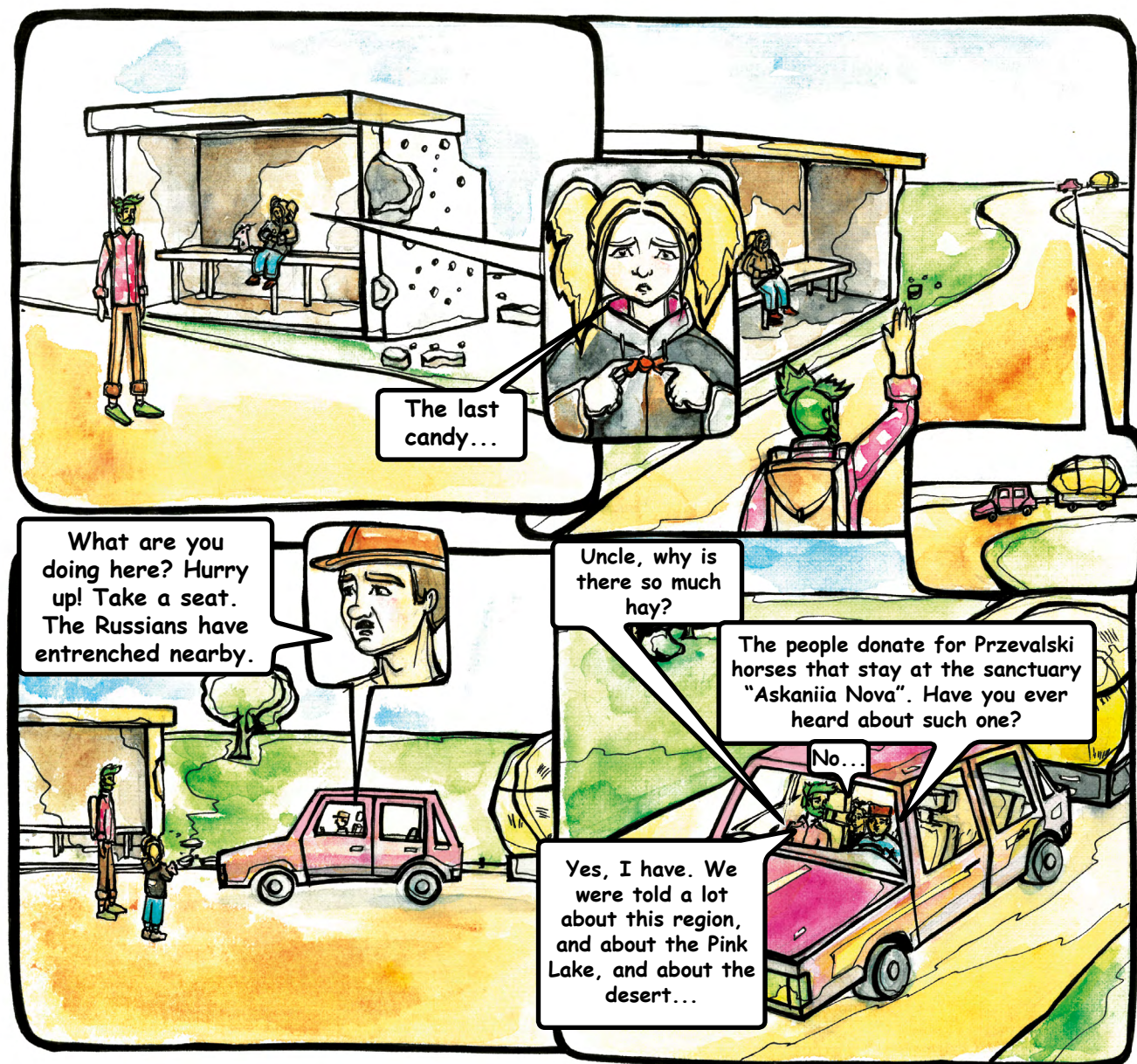


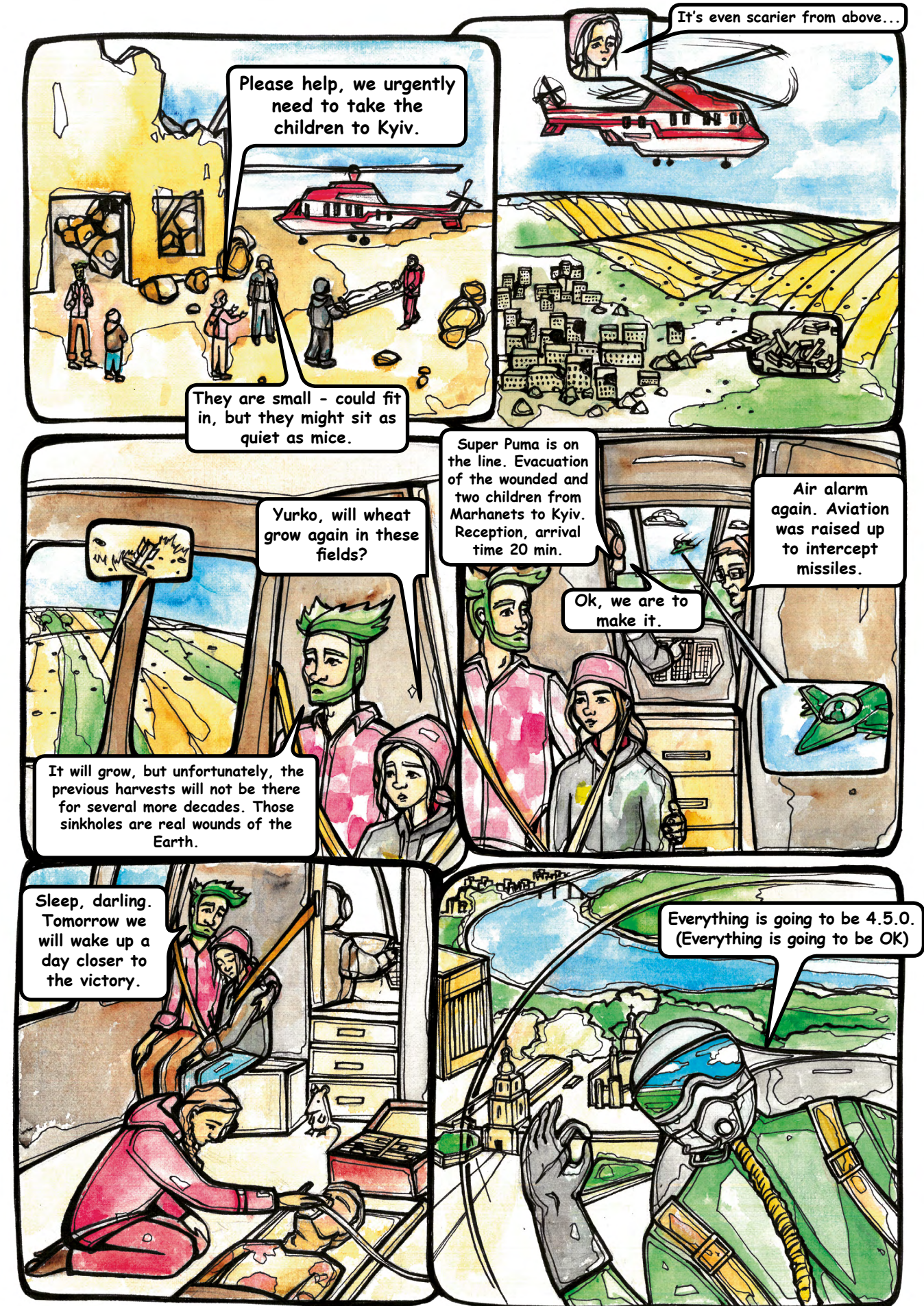
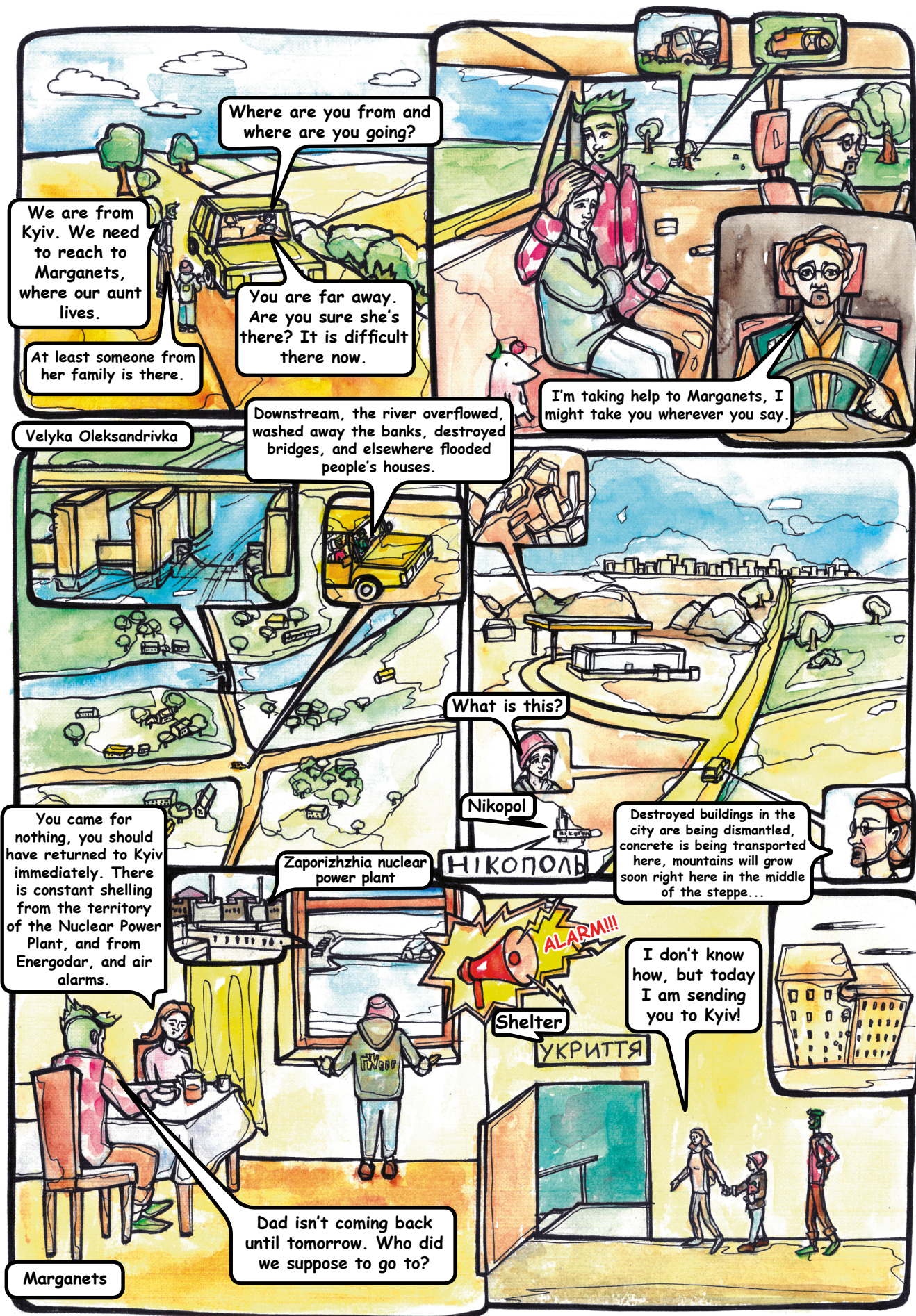












TEAM



NATALIIA YAROSHENKO **PROJECT FOUNDER**

I had a dream - to create a graphic story that would link eco-habits with global consequences. Confirmation about becoming the EaP Civil Society Fellow was received on 21 March, almost a month from the beginning of a full-scale invasion. The current situation made new adjustments - and here it is, a product of our interaction that speaks in three languages, numbers, and facts from Ukrainians who advocate the problem of ecocides caused by the occupiers in Ukraine.



IRYNA ROMANUKHA **PROJECT MANAGER**

This project is a logical continuation of our «Green office» project with Nataliia Yaroshenko, where we used to work with students` eco habits. The project is timely precisely because wars never stop on Earth. Today the war is in the center of Europe. We seek to show the perniciousness of military actions for the environment and nature, although recovering but never becoming the same, to convey to the general public that ecosystems are significantly more sensitive to human activities than it seems. People should remember that their efforts can destroy our home - the Earth.



DARYNA LYNNYK **COMMUNICATION MANAGER**

I have been interested in ecoactivism and the conservation environment for over three years. Through the beginning of a full-scale Russian invasion, our team had to complete the project, which popularized eco-habits, and we started work on the information frontier, spreading the word about the war's impact on the environment of Ukraine. enWAR_mental is our way to resist Russian aggression by speaking about what hurts. We aim to show the international community those Russian crimes against the environment to prevent these struggles from happening in the future.



YARYNA KATOROZH **ILLUSTRATOR, PROJECT DESIGNER**

Last year I worked on creating illustrations for a story about beneficial environmental habits. So drawing a comic «enWAR_mental» became peculiar to me; I was «raised» by this topic. It was more complex and of higher responsibility because the colorful frames of history are due to the war now everywhere. «enWAR_mental» is a unique prism through which we try to show more people the horrors of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine as much as possible. Working on a comic was emotional and sometimes difficult, but I am grateful for this experience.