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CHAPTER I

The Rescue

» Verlaßt mich nicht!
Seid um mich zu
meiner Stunde!«

Thomas Mann
(Doktor Faustus)

To M.

Belgium, the Ardennes, late November 1944.

THE FIRST TIME I SAW SNOW DURING THE WAR, THAT DAY, MY JEEP GOT BLOWN UP ON THE WAY TO MALMEDY.



THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I MET GEORGE.

A GERMAN TROOPER WAS ABOUT TO FINISH ME OFF, AS GEORGE LATER TOLD ME ...



BUT I WAS NOT MEANT TO GO YET...





... BECAUSE GEORGE HAPPENED TO BE ON A RECON MISSION NEARBY.



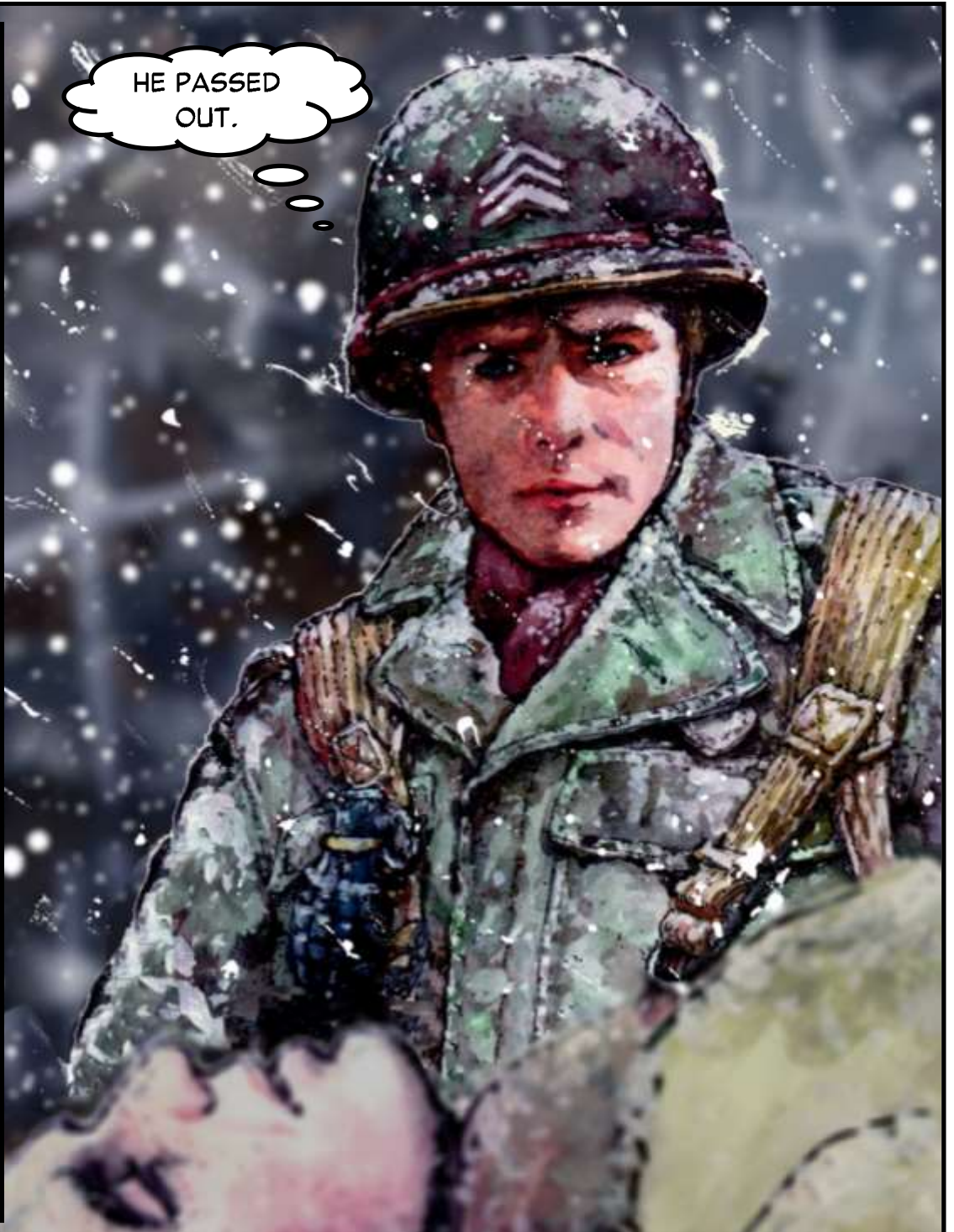
GET UP NOW! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST BEFORE MORE KRAUTS SHOW UP..

AWWGG..I CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING IN MY LEFT LEG. WHAT ABOUT BRUCE, THE DRIVER?

DEAD! I CHECKED ALREADY.



HE CAN'T WALK ON HIS OWN LIKE THIS.



HE PASSED OUT.

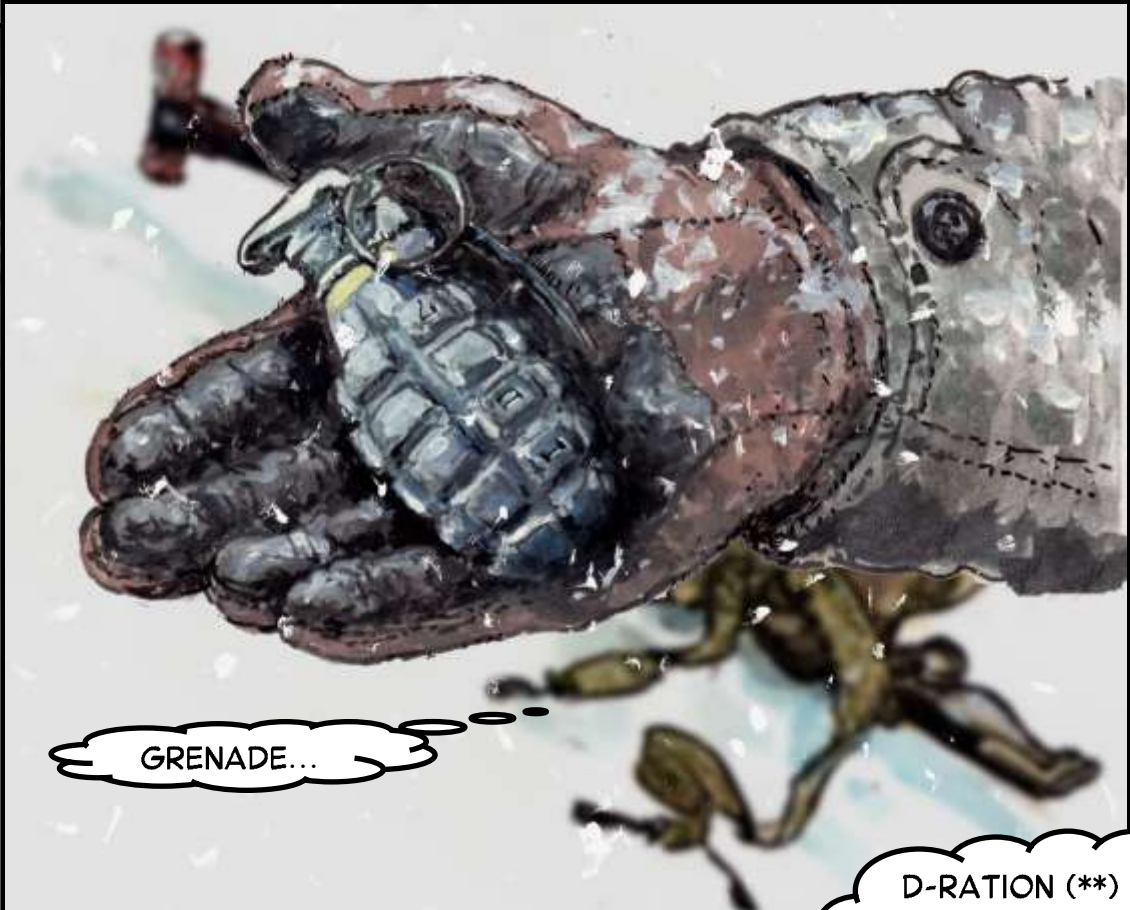


THE GERMANS WILL GET HIM... IF HE DOESN'T FREEZE TO DEATH FIRST.



I DON'T NEED MUCH...

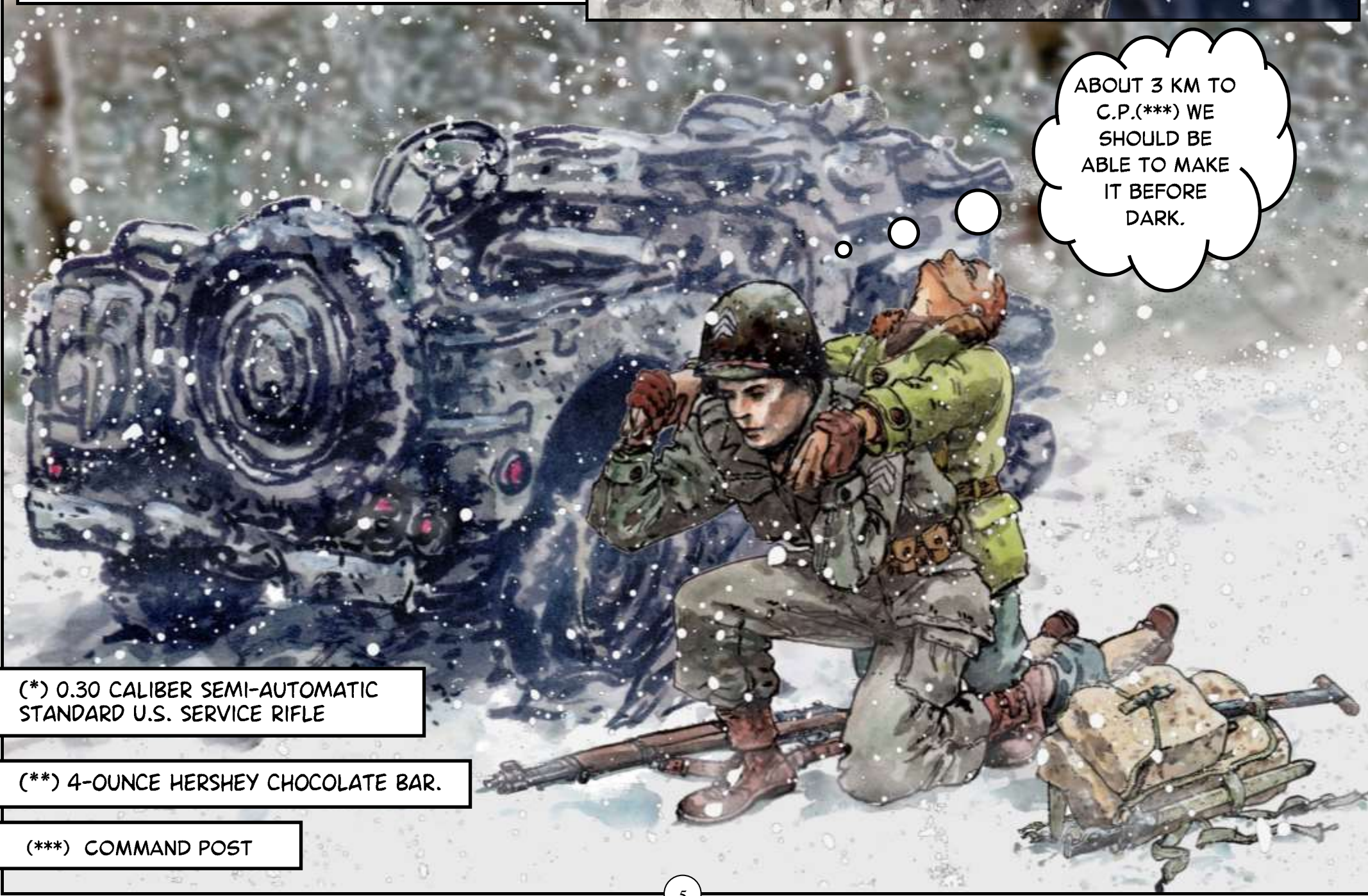
A FEW ROUNDS FOR THE GARAND (*) ...



GRENADE...



D-RATION (**) FOR THE ROAD...



ABOUT 3 KM TO C.P.(***) WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BEFORE DARK.

(*) 0.30 CALIBER SEMI-AUTOMATIC STANDARD U.S. SERVICE RIFLE

(**) 4-OUNCE HERSHEY CHOCOLATE BAR.

(***) COMMAND POST



OH, ALMOST FORGOT...



THIS GUY'S FAMILY DESERVES TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

