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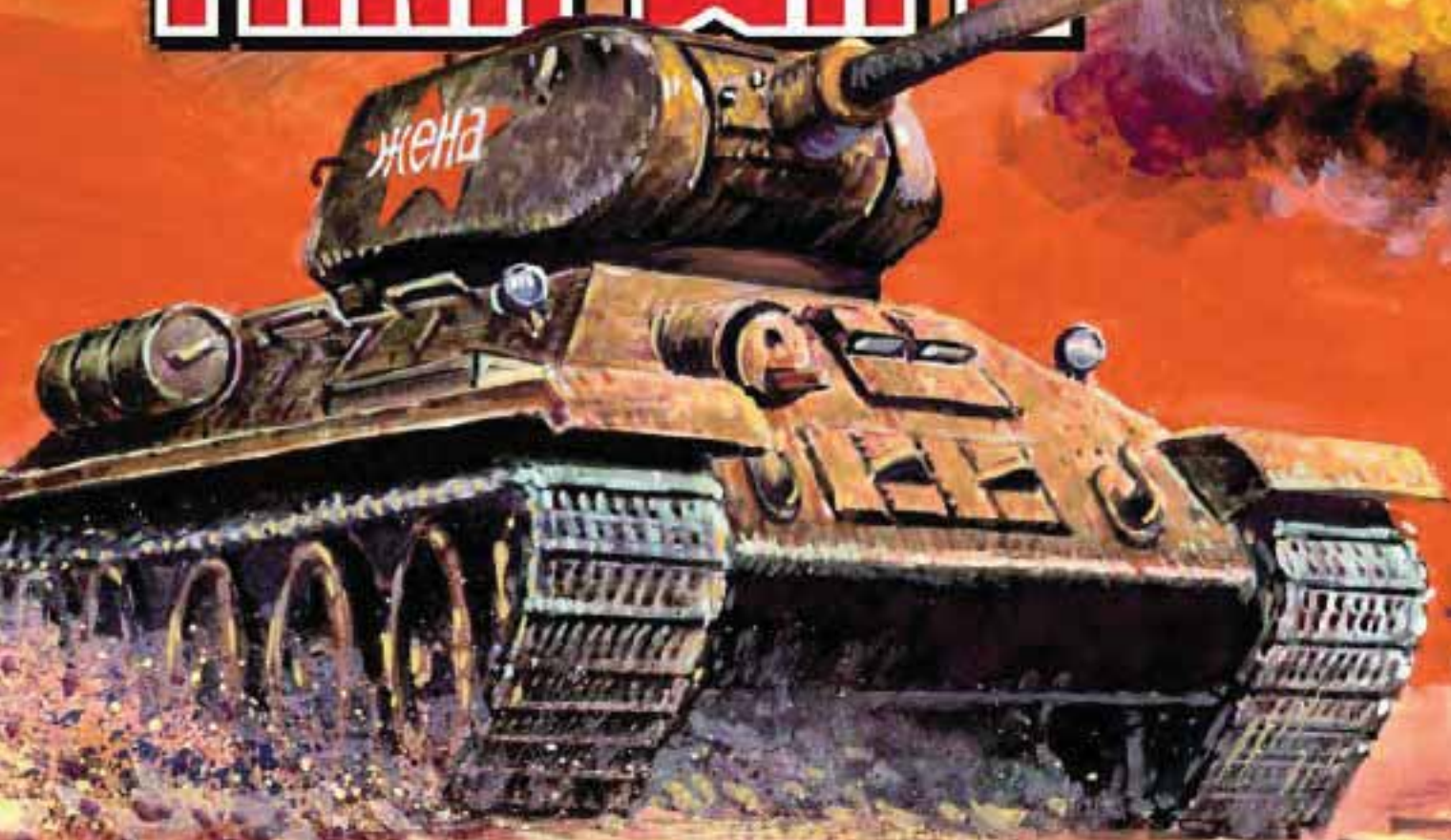
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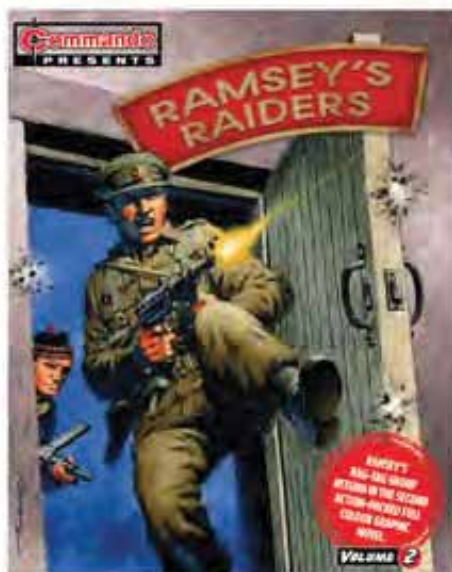


1941-45

TANK WIFE



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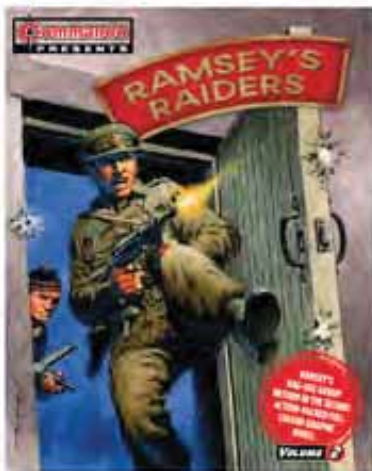
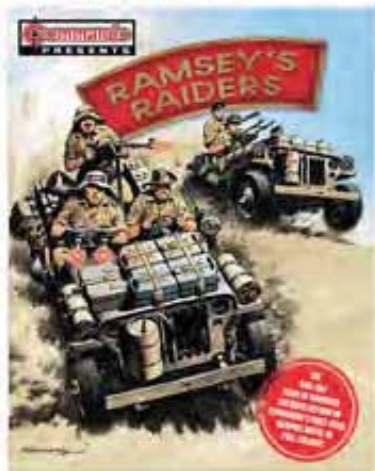


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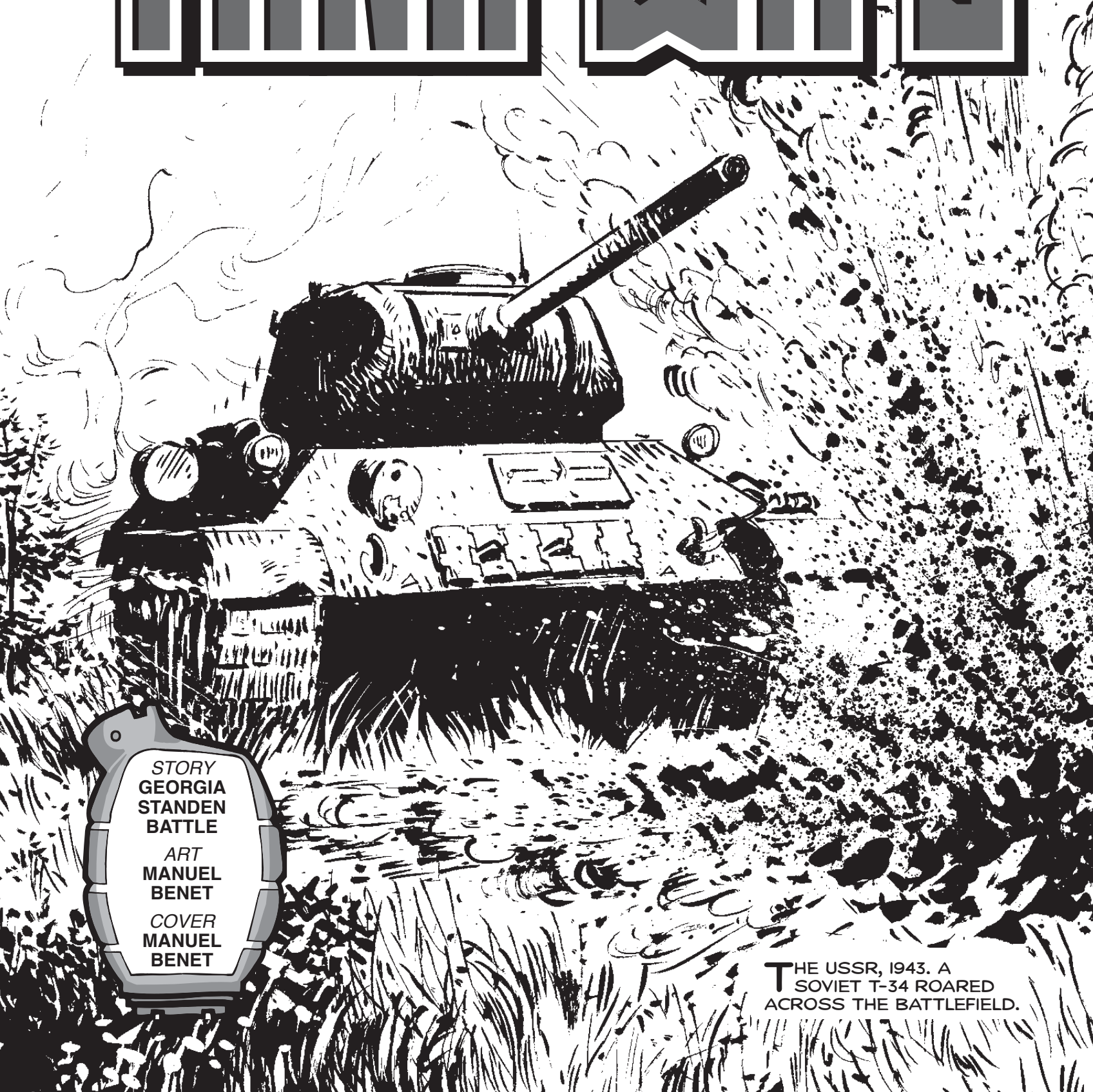
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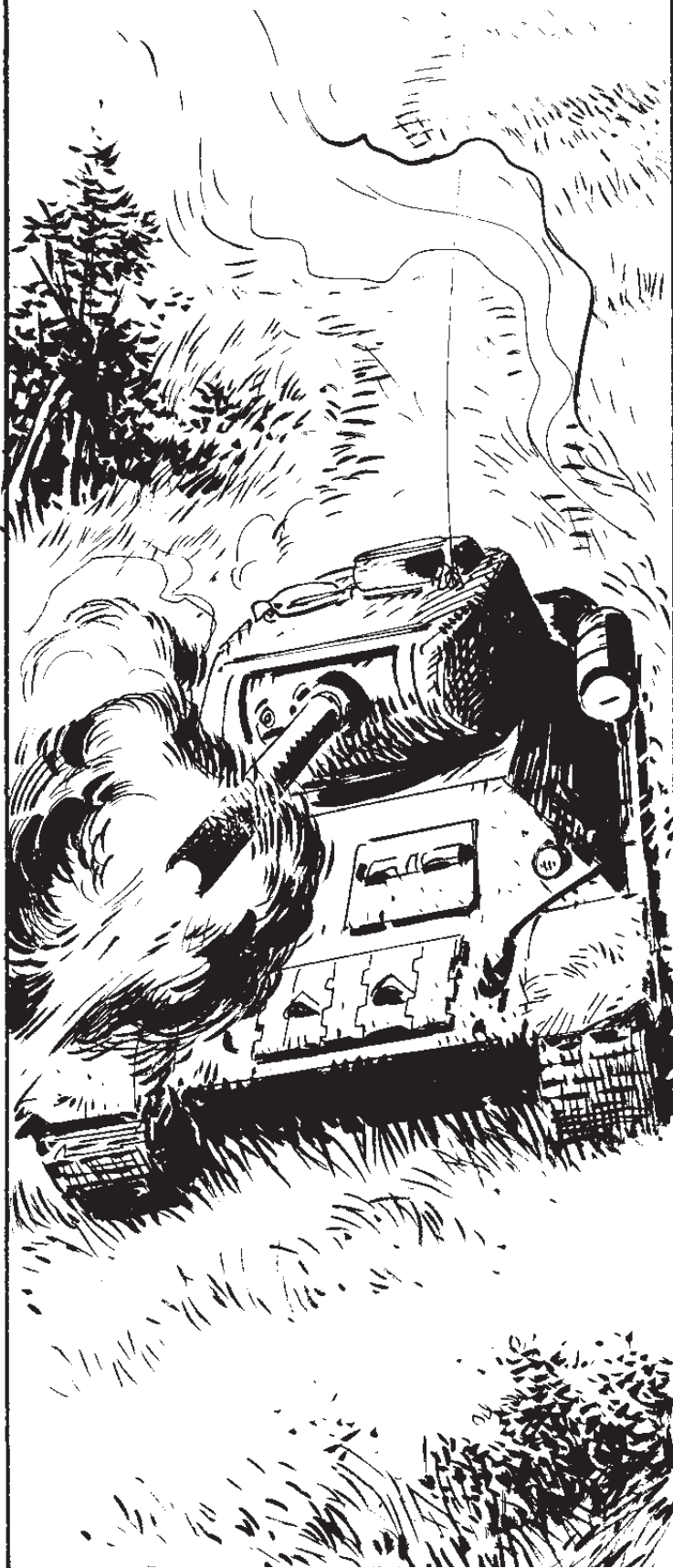
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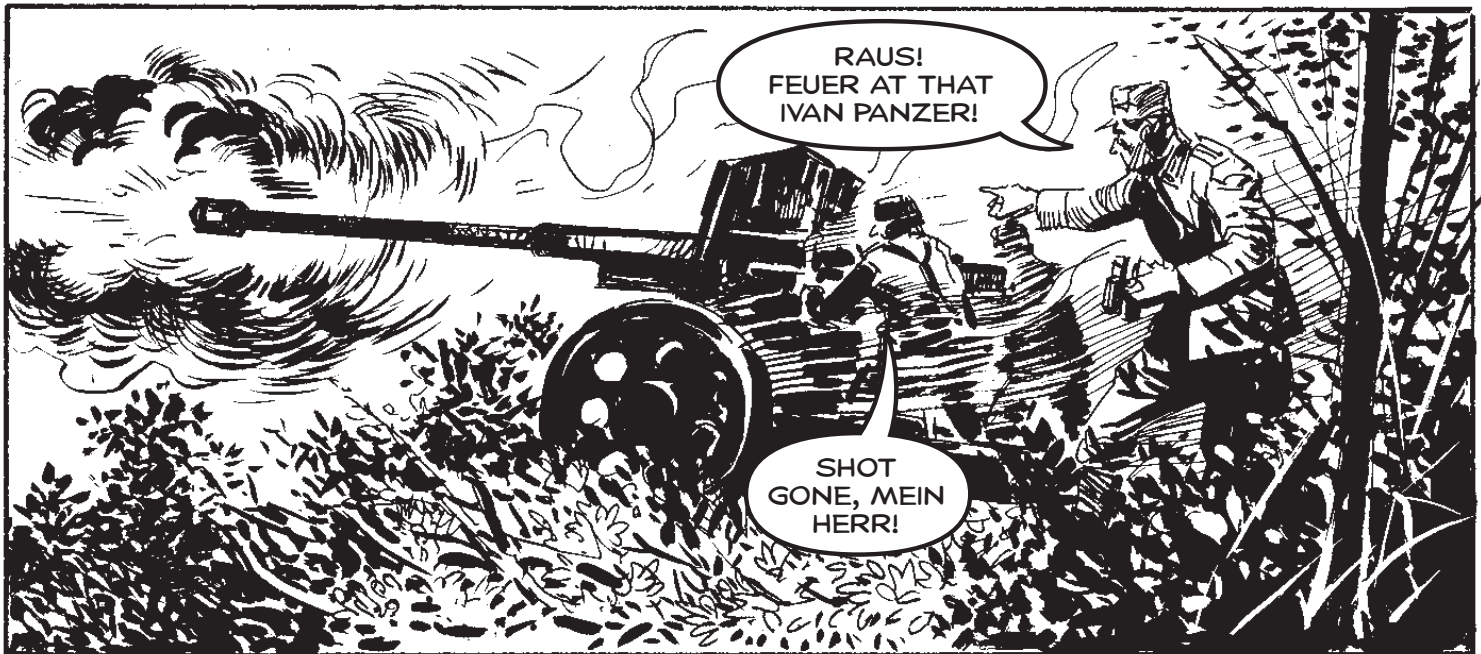
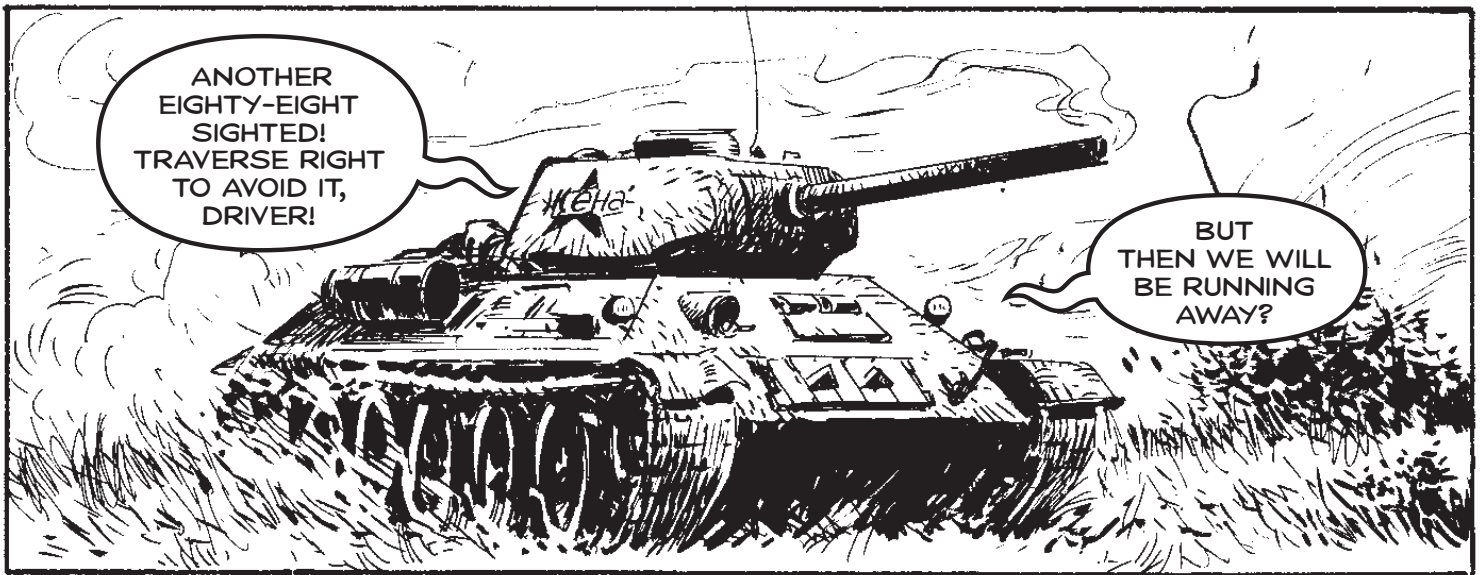
THE USSR, 1943. A
SOVIET T-34 ROARED
ACROSS THE BATTLEFIELD.

BUT THIS T-34 WAS NO ORDINARY TANK. ITS DRIVER HAD MARCHED UP TO JOSEPH STALIN HIMSELF TO DEMAND IT. EMBLAZONED ON ITS TURRET WAS ONE WORD... 'WIFE'.



AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF TRAINING, THE TANK AND ITS DRIVER WERE FINALLY READY TO QUENCH THEIR THIRST FOR VENGEANCE.

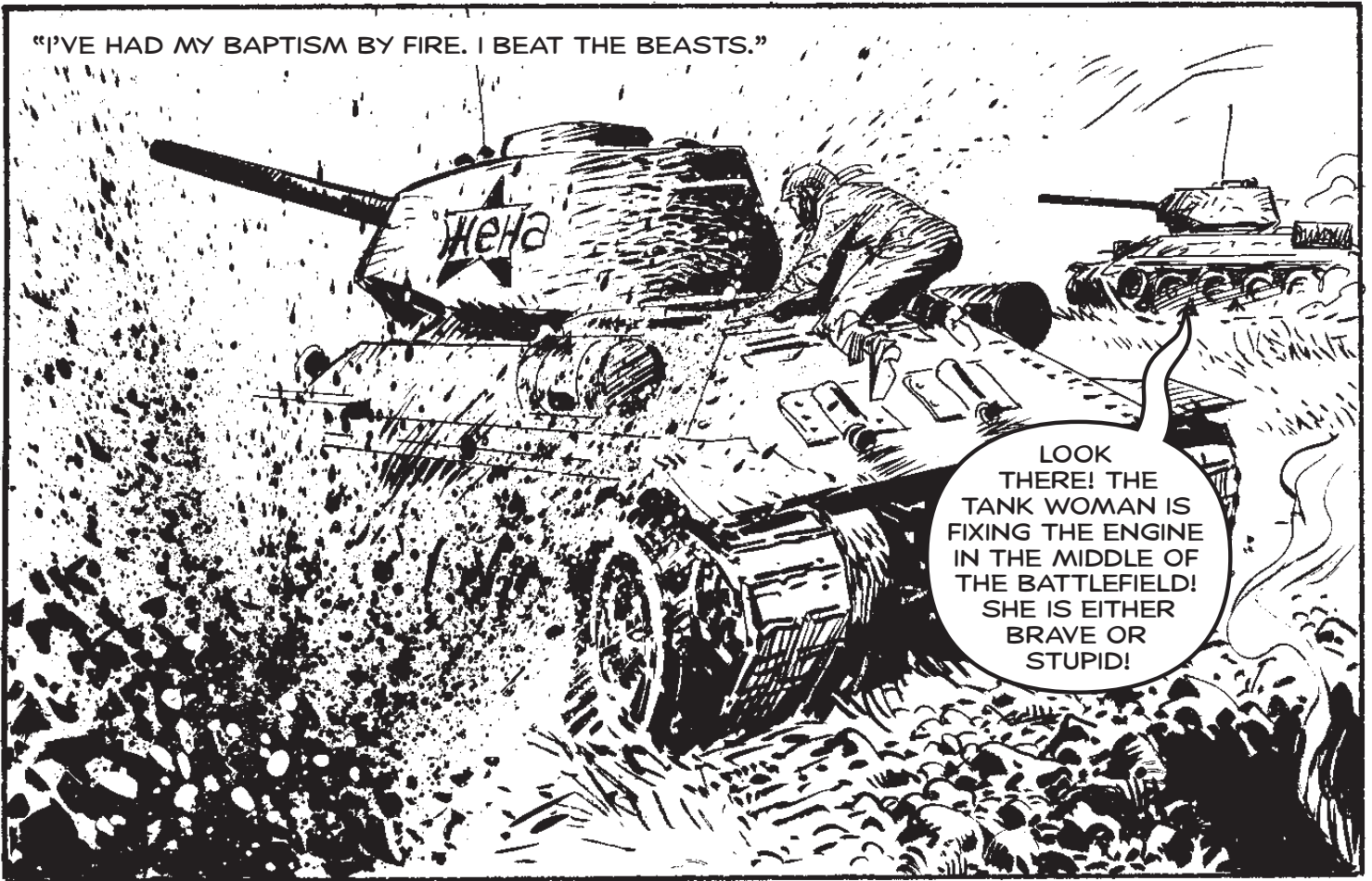








"I'VE HAD MY BAPTISM BY FIRE. I BEAT THE BEASTS."



LOOK
THERE! THE
TANK WOMAN IS
FIXING THE ENGINE
IN THE MIDDLE OF
THE BATTLEFIELD!
SHE IS EITHER
BRAVE OR
STUPID!

YAMAYO!
SHE'S DONE IT!

HOLD
YOUR HORSES.
LET'S SEE IF IT
STARTS FIRST!



"SOMETIMES I'M SO ANGRY I CAN'T EVEN BREATHE."

WIFE'S ENGINE WAS SILENT AMONG THE DIN OF THE BATTLEFIELD. ALL FOUR CREWMEMBERS HELD THEIR BREATH.

COME ON, YOU BEAST! COME ON!

YES! YOU BEAUTY! SPASIBO, WIFE!

THAT WAS CLOSE, COMRADE DRIVER! TOO CLOSE!

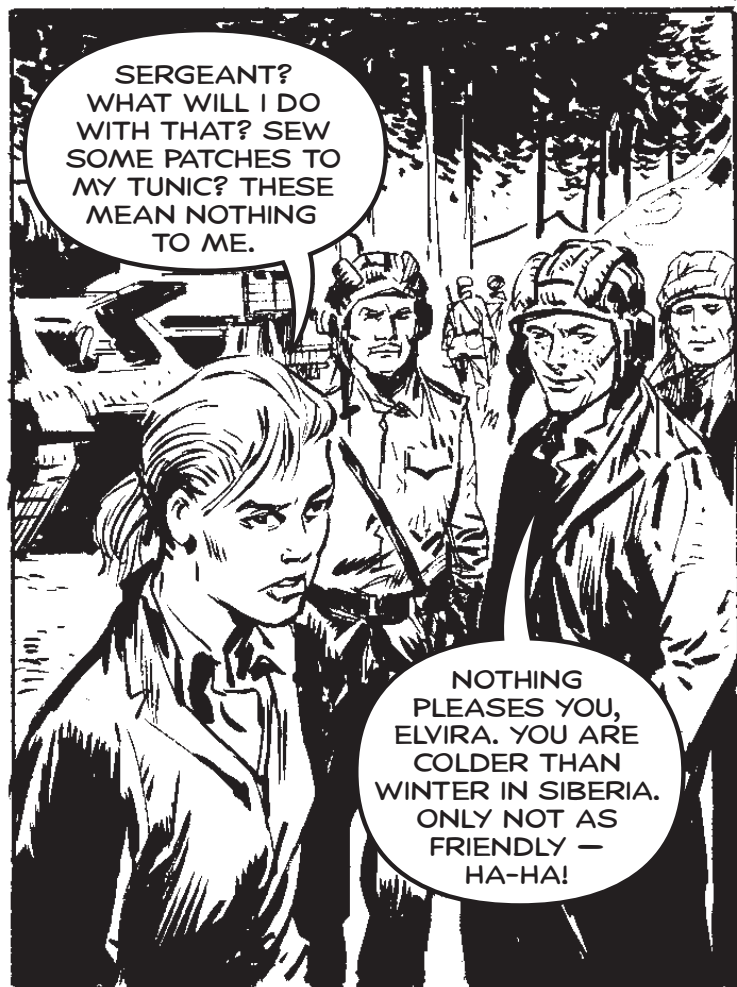
NYET IT WASN'T! WIFE NEVER LETS ME DOWN!





COMRADE
OGARKOVA, CONGRATULATIONS.
YOU'VE BEEN PROMOTED TO SERGEANT
FOR YOUR GLORIOUS ACTIONS ON
THE BATTLEFIELD.

SPASIBO,
COMRADE
MAJOR.



SERGEANT?
WHAT WILL I DO
WITH THAT? SEW
SOME PATCHES TO
MY TUNIC? THESE
MEAN NOTHING
TO ME.

NOTHING
PLEASES YOU,
ELVIRA. YOU ARE
COLDER THAN
WINTER IN SIBERIA.
ONLY NOT AS
FRIENDLY —
HA-HA!



LAUGH
IT UP, VLAD.
I ONLY WANT
TO KILL NAZI
DOGS.

AND
NAZI PIGS, AND
NAZI RATS, AND NAZI
COCKROACHES. ALL
THESE NAZI ANIMALS
YOU WILL WIPE OUT,
HUH?

NOTHING
STANDS
IN THE WAY
OF COMRADE
ELVIRA — NOT
EVEN STALIN
HIMSELF!



DA,
THAT'S WHAT
SCARES ME —
WHEN WILL YOUR
VENGEANCE BE
SATISFIED?

WHEN
EVERY FASCIST IN
THE MOTHERLAND
IS DEAD.

THERE
IS NOTHING IN
YOUR VEINS BUT
HATRED, ELVIRA.

HATRED
IS RIGHT. BUT
COME, THE WAR
IS WAITING.

THE NEXT BATTLE WAS NEVER FAR AWAY.

HALF
SPEED, DRIVER.
WE MUST FOLLOW
THE MAJOR.

HALF
SPEED IT IS THEN,
COMRADE.

PANZER!
TRAVERSE
LEFT! FULL
SPEED!

WHAT?!
WHY ARE
WE RUNNING
AWAY?!

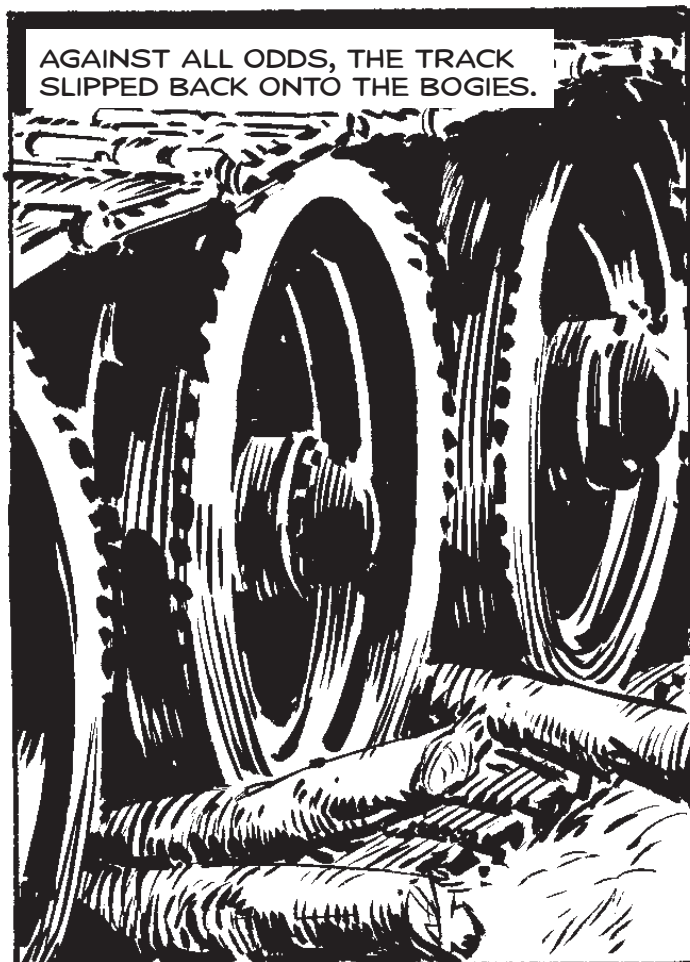
JUST
FOLLOW
THE ORDER,
DRIVER!

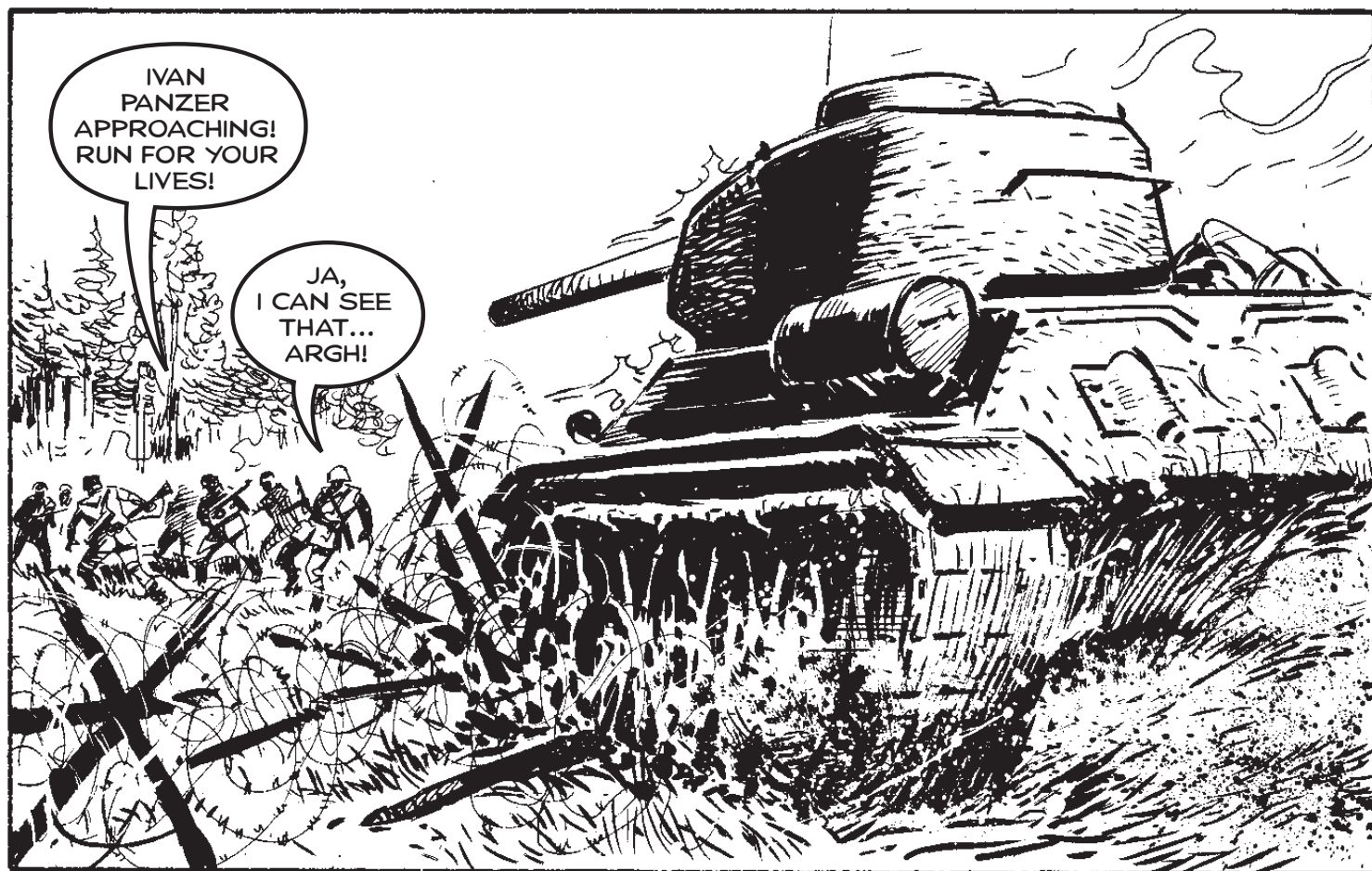
IF YOU
INSIST...

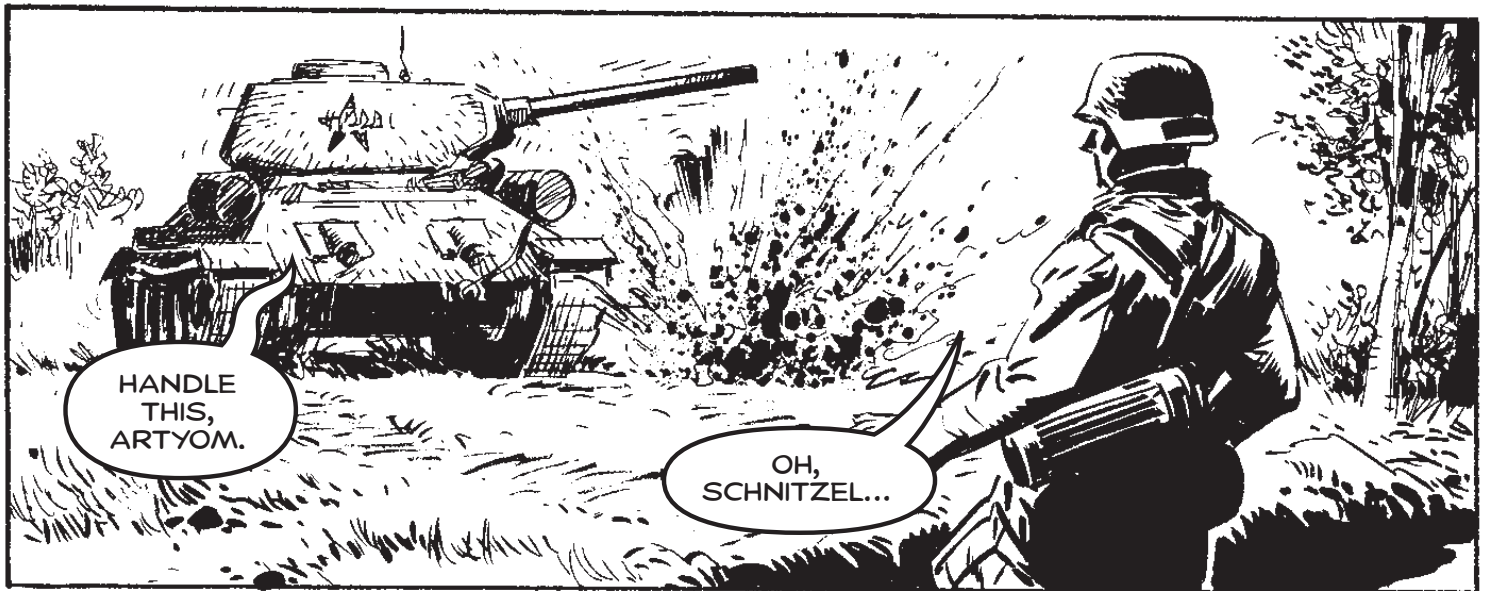
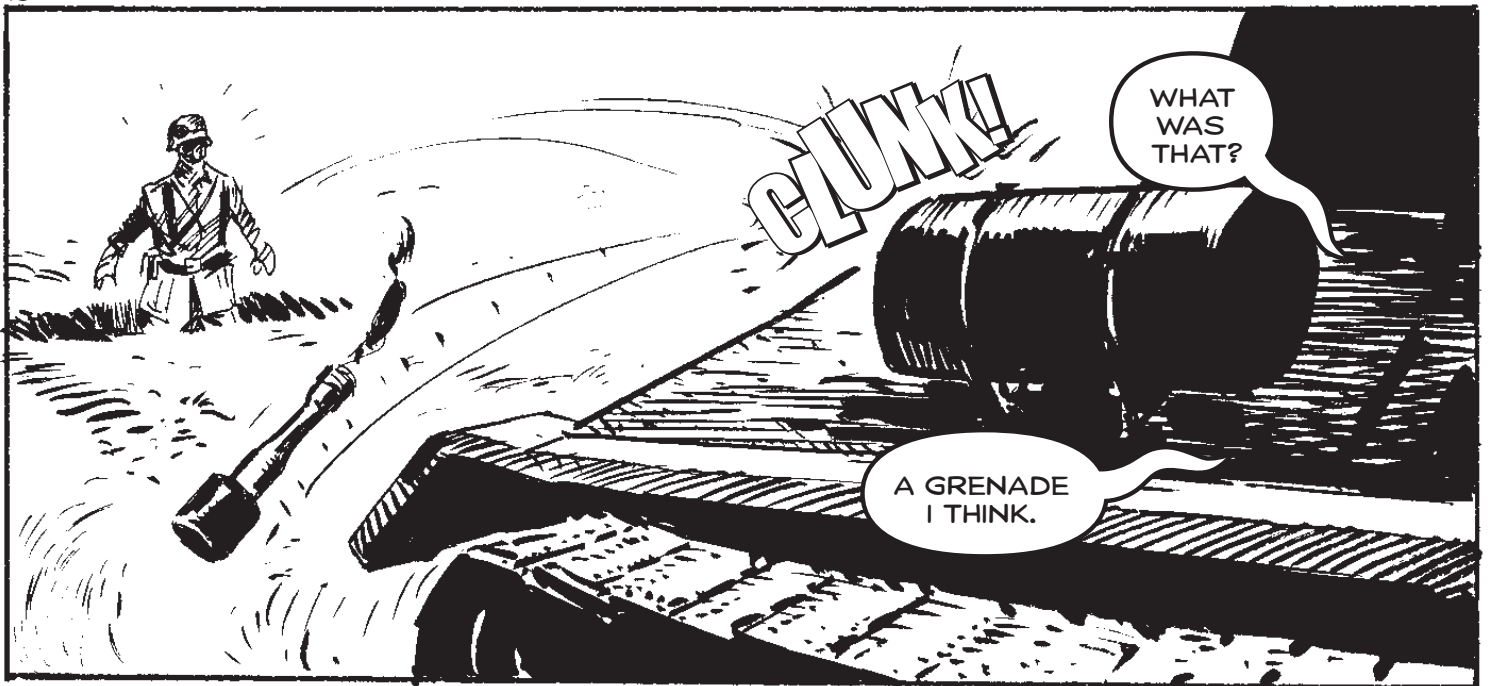
YOLKI-PALKI!
FIRST THE
ENGINE, NOW A
SLIPPED TRACK!

DON'T
PANIC! WE CAN
HANDLE IT!

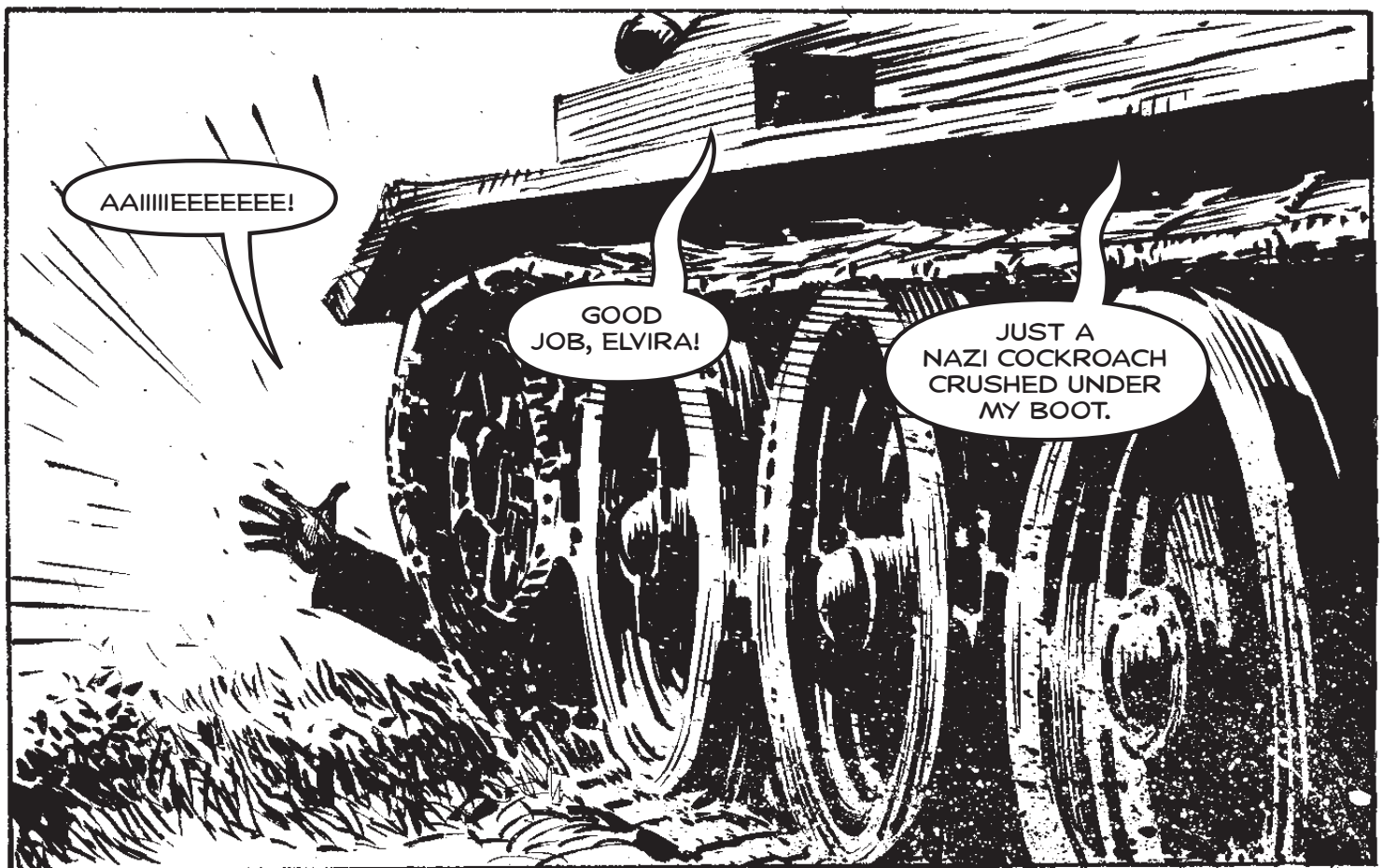






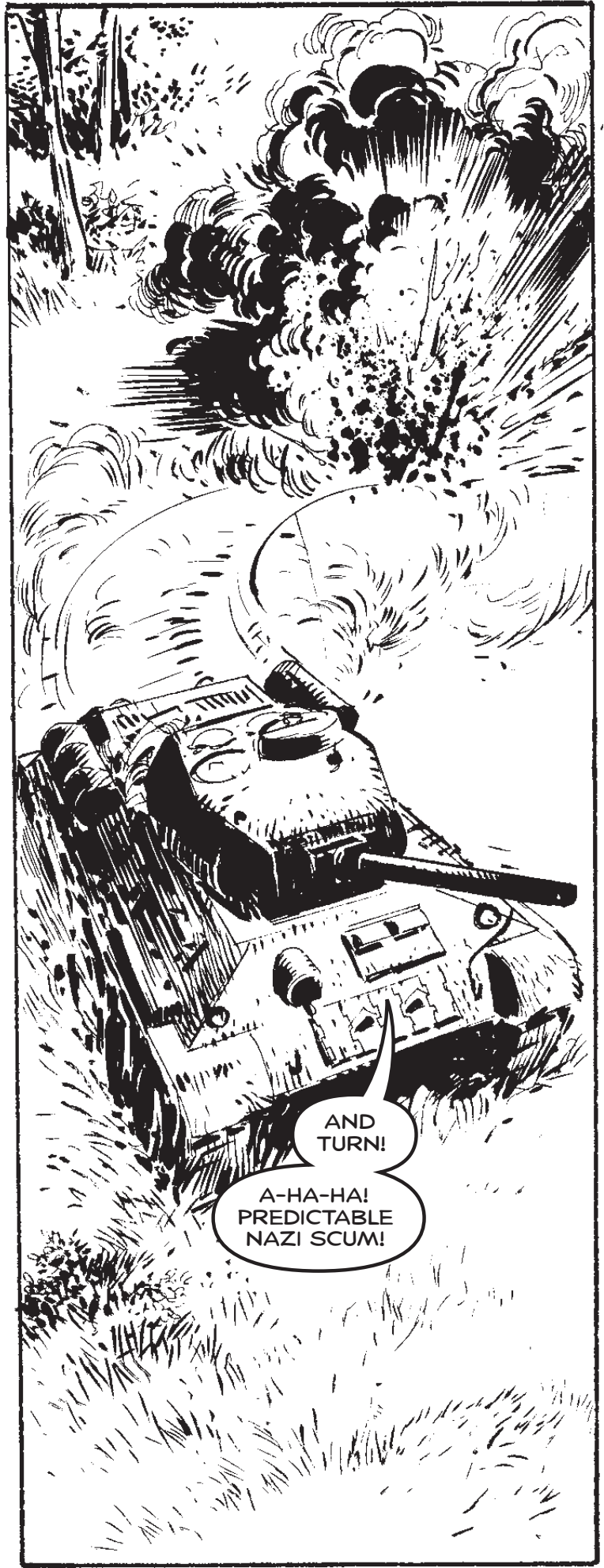






THE PANZER ON THE HILL TURNED ITS TURRET TOWARDS WIFE.









HIS SHELL TORE THROUGH THE
PANZER LIKE A HOT KNIFE.

WE
DID IT! I NEVER
DOUBTED YOU FOR
A SECOND!

I DOUBTED
WE WOULD STILL BE ALIVE.
BOZHE MOI!

AT BASE CAMP...

YOU
MUST LEARN TO
FOLLOW ORDERS
OUT IN THE FIELD,
ELVIRA. YOU WILL
GET US ALL
KILLED!

DID YOU
DIE? NYET. STOP
COMPLAINING.

THAT
IS NOT THE
POINT! I AM YOUR
COMMANDING
OFFICER AND YOU
WILL OBEY MY
ORDERS.

SHOULD
WE STOP
THEM,
ARTYOM?

IT'S
MY TANK. IF
YOU DON'T LIKE
IT, ASK TO BE
REASSIGNED.

NO, IT
DOES THEM
GOOD TO GET
IT OUT.





BREAKING AWAY FROM THE CONVOY, WIFE
PUNCHED THROUGH THE TREES AND STRAIGHT
TOWARDS THE GERMANS HIDING IN THE WOODS.

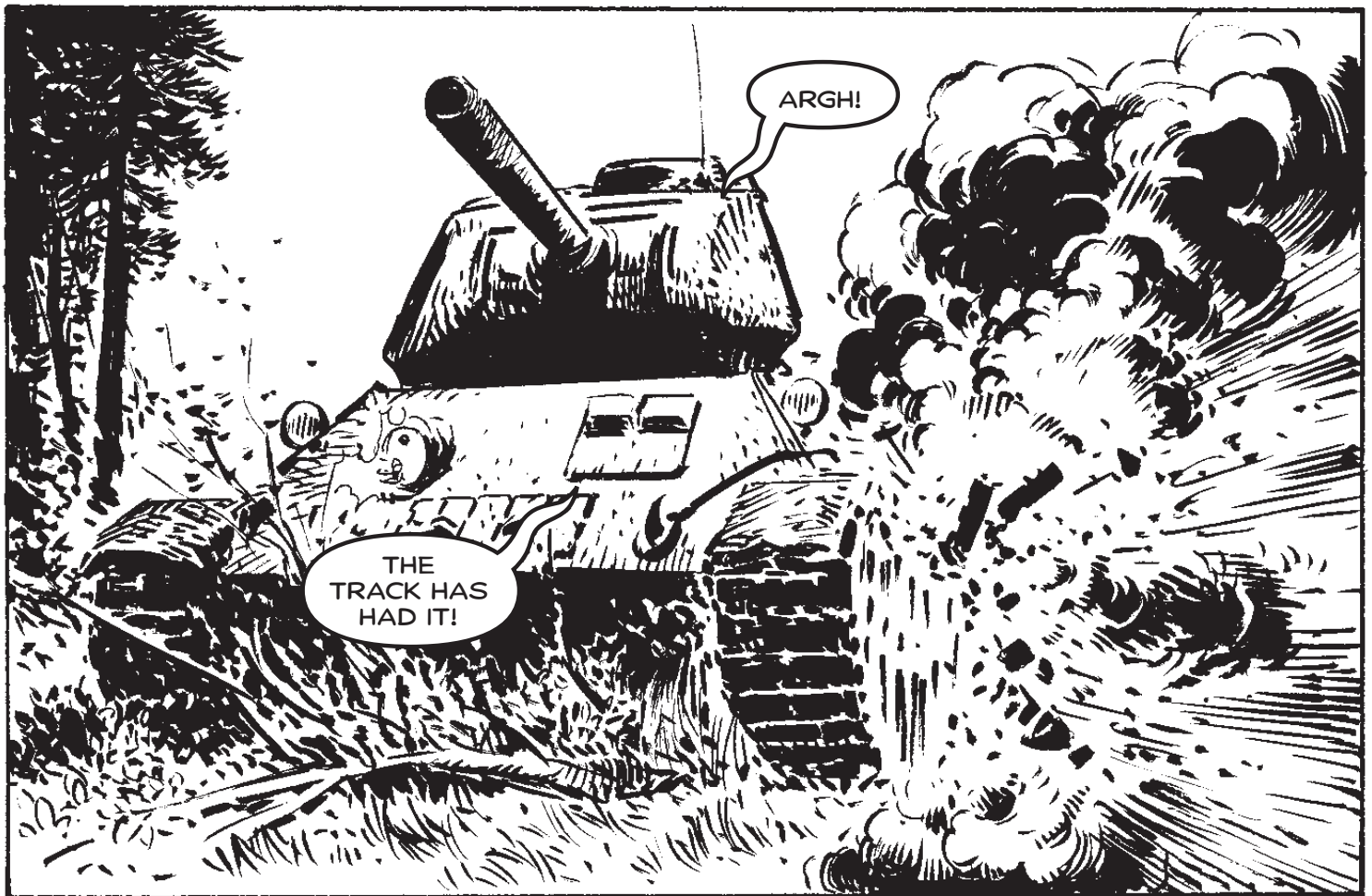
ELVIRA!
WE WERE SUPPOSED
TO PROTECT THE
INFANTRY!

I AM
PROTECTING THE
INFANTRY!

MEIN
GOTT!
RUNAWAY
PANZER!

WE
SEE THAT, KAPITAN
OFFENSICHTLICH!













BOZHE
MOI...I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE IT.

I CAN'T SEE
ANYTHING...IS
SHE ALIVE?

SHE'S
AS LUCKY AS A
CAT. SHE HAS MORE
LIVES THAN ONE
FOR SURE!



REPLACING A TRACK OUT IN THE FIELD WAS NO EASY TASK. MOST WOULD HAVE JUST LEFT THE T-34 TO THE WILDS, BUT NOT ELVIRA.



IS THE
BROKEN TRACK
AT THE FRONT
YET?

QUICKLY!

NYET,
KEEP REVERSING.

QUICKLY,
YOURSELF!

PUT
SOME EFFORT
INTO IT!

YOU'RE
GETTING
ON MY
NERVES,
ELVIRA!

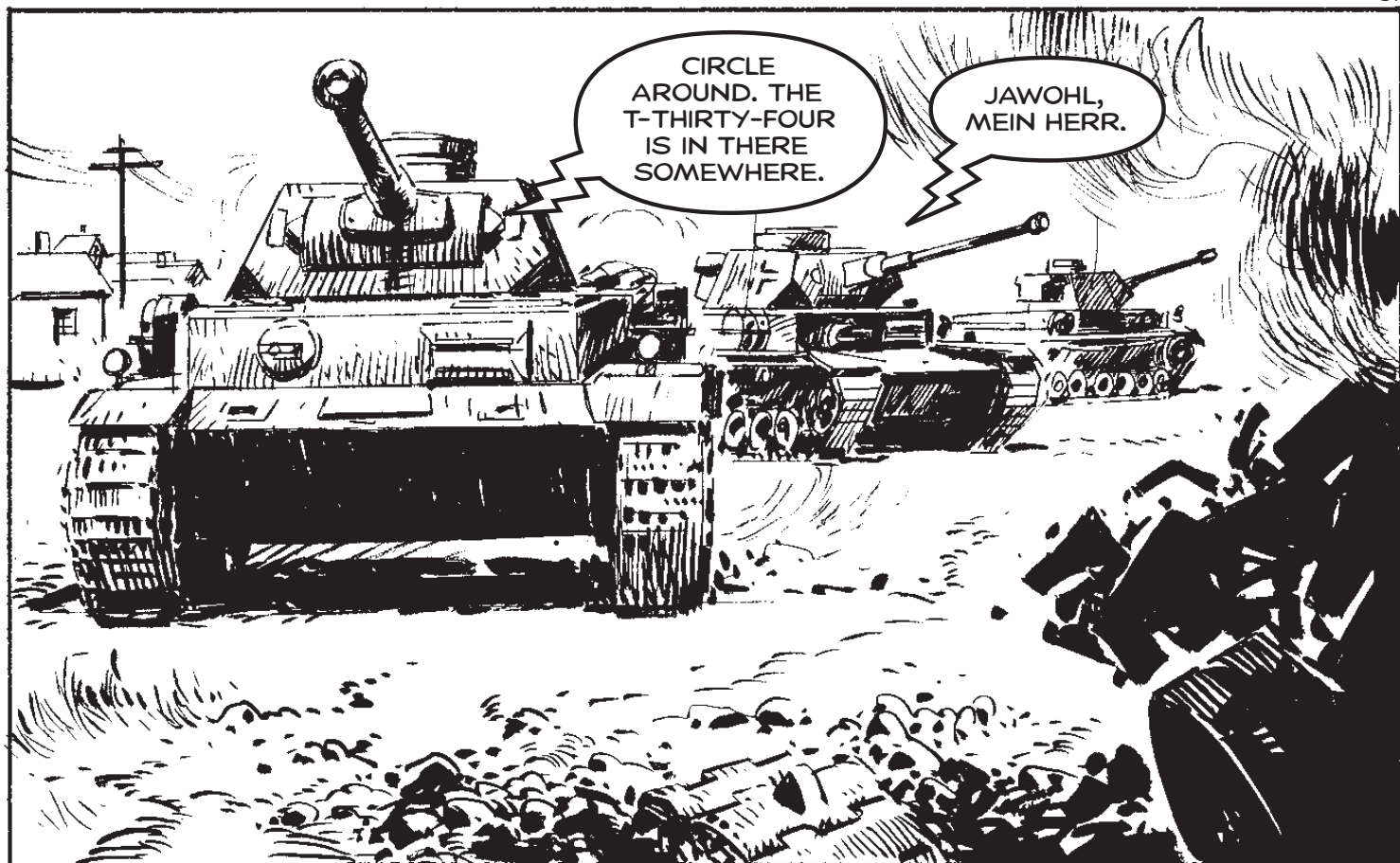
DO
YOU THINK
IT'LL WORK,
ARTYOM?

AFTER
ALL THIS, IT
HAD BETTER.



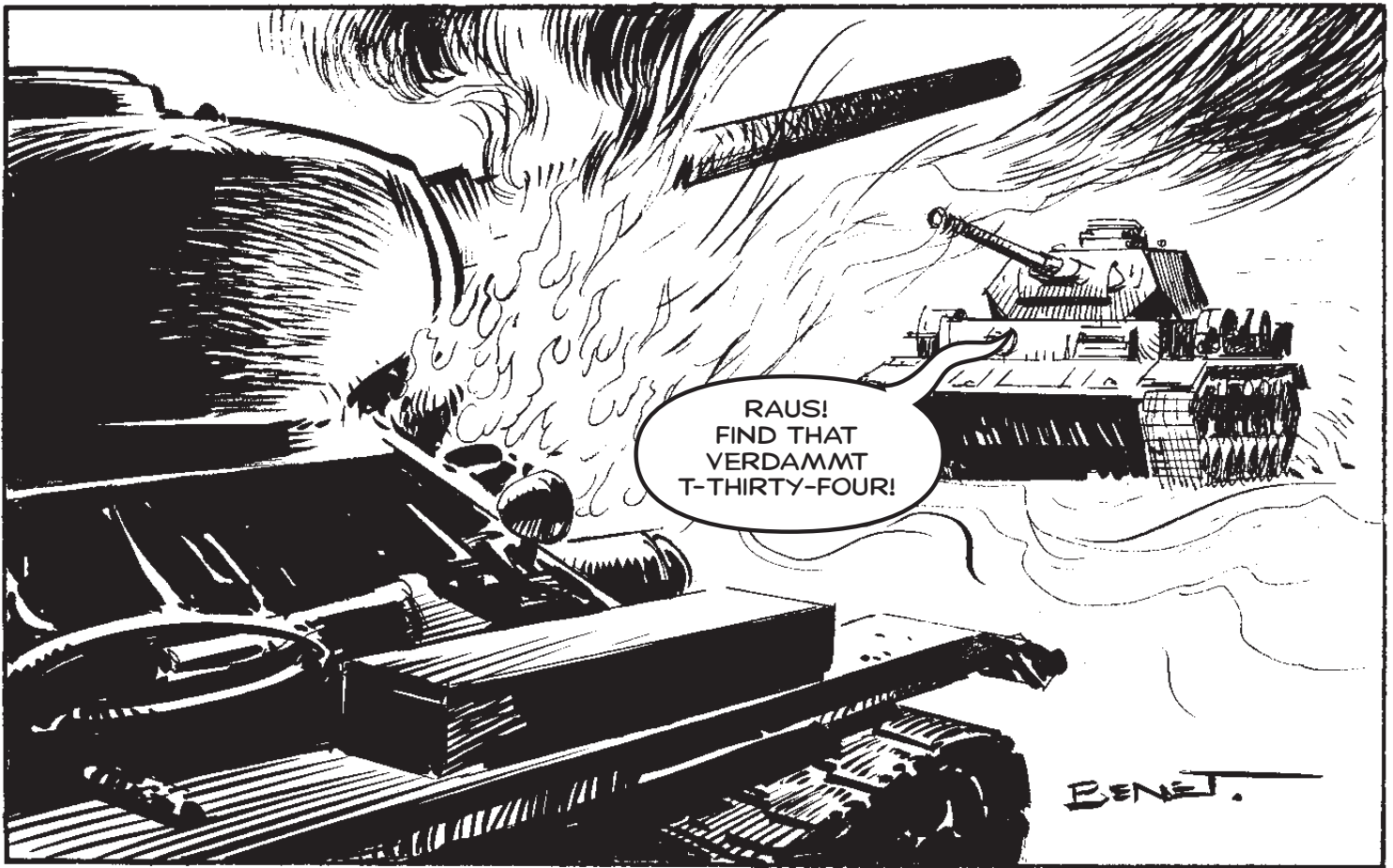


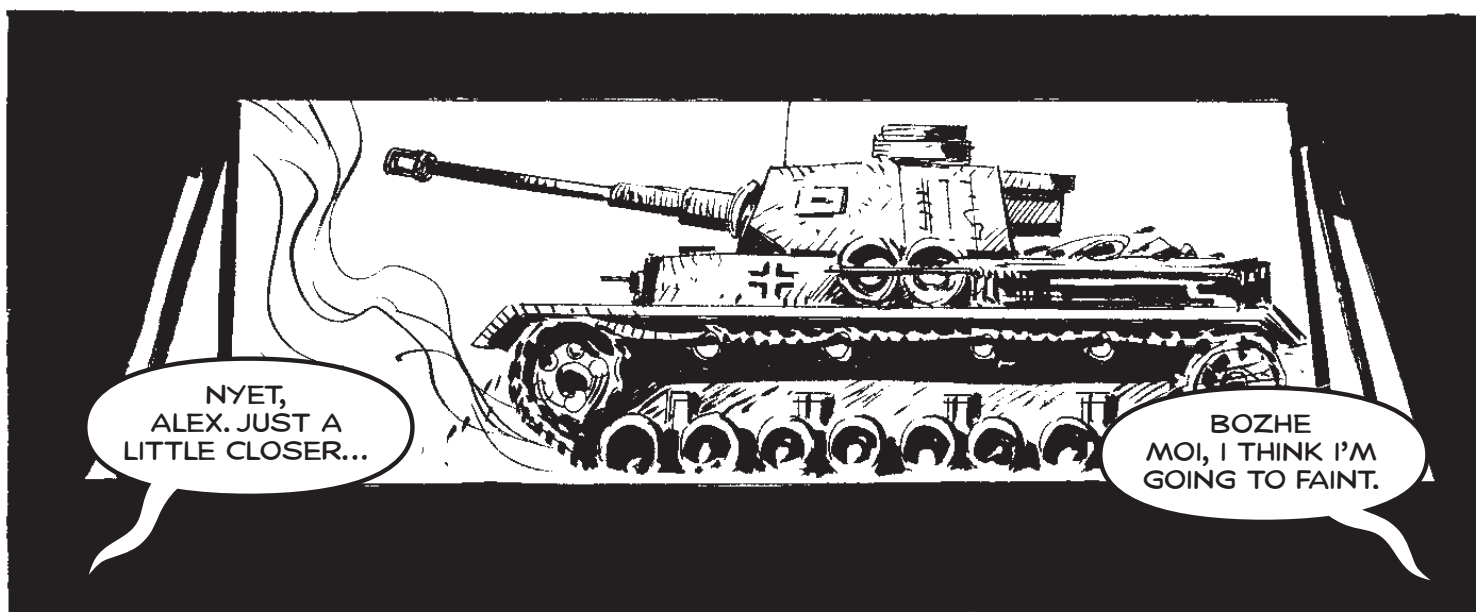




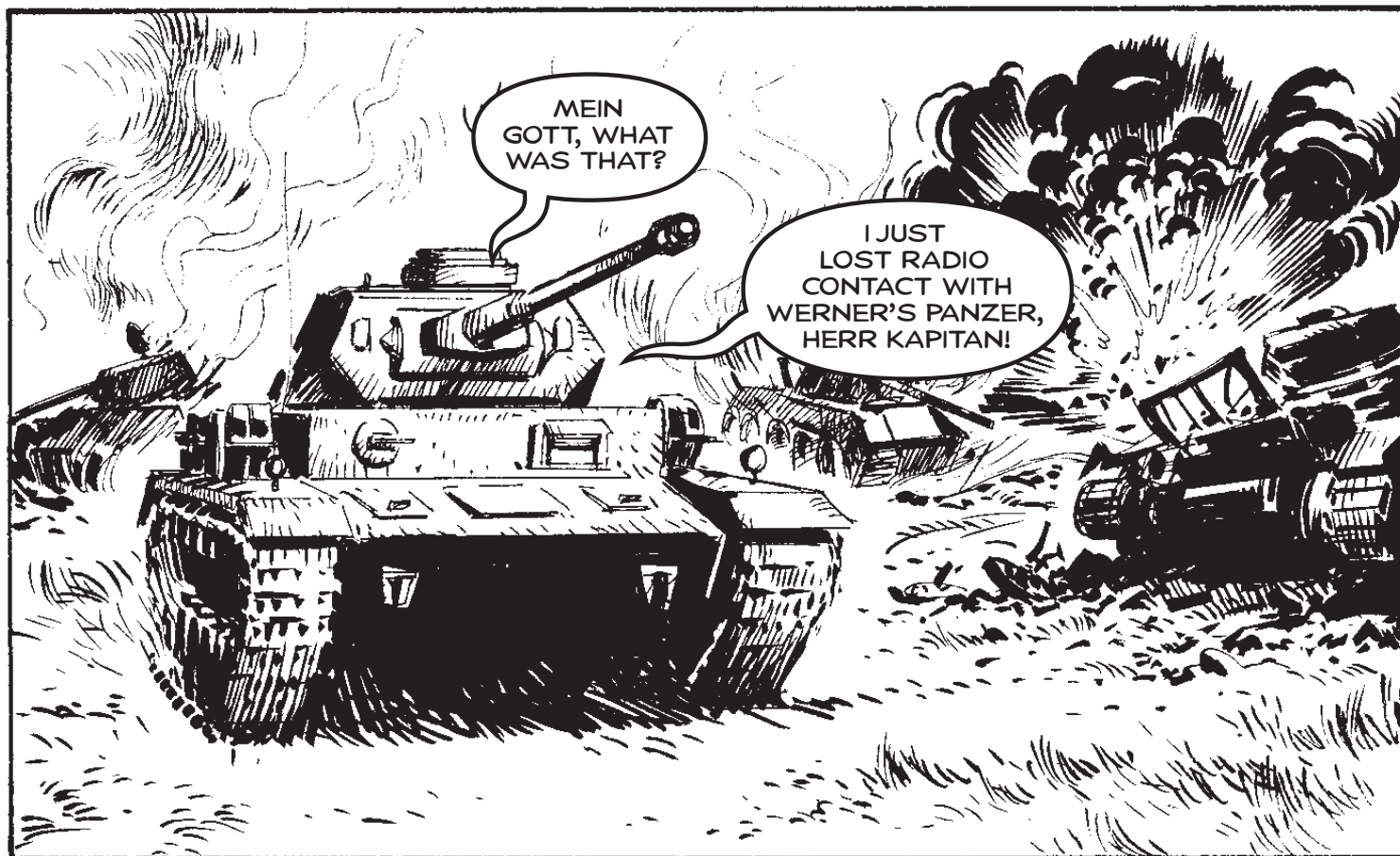




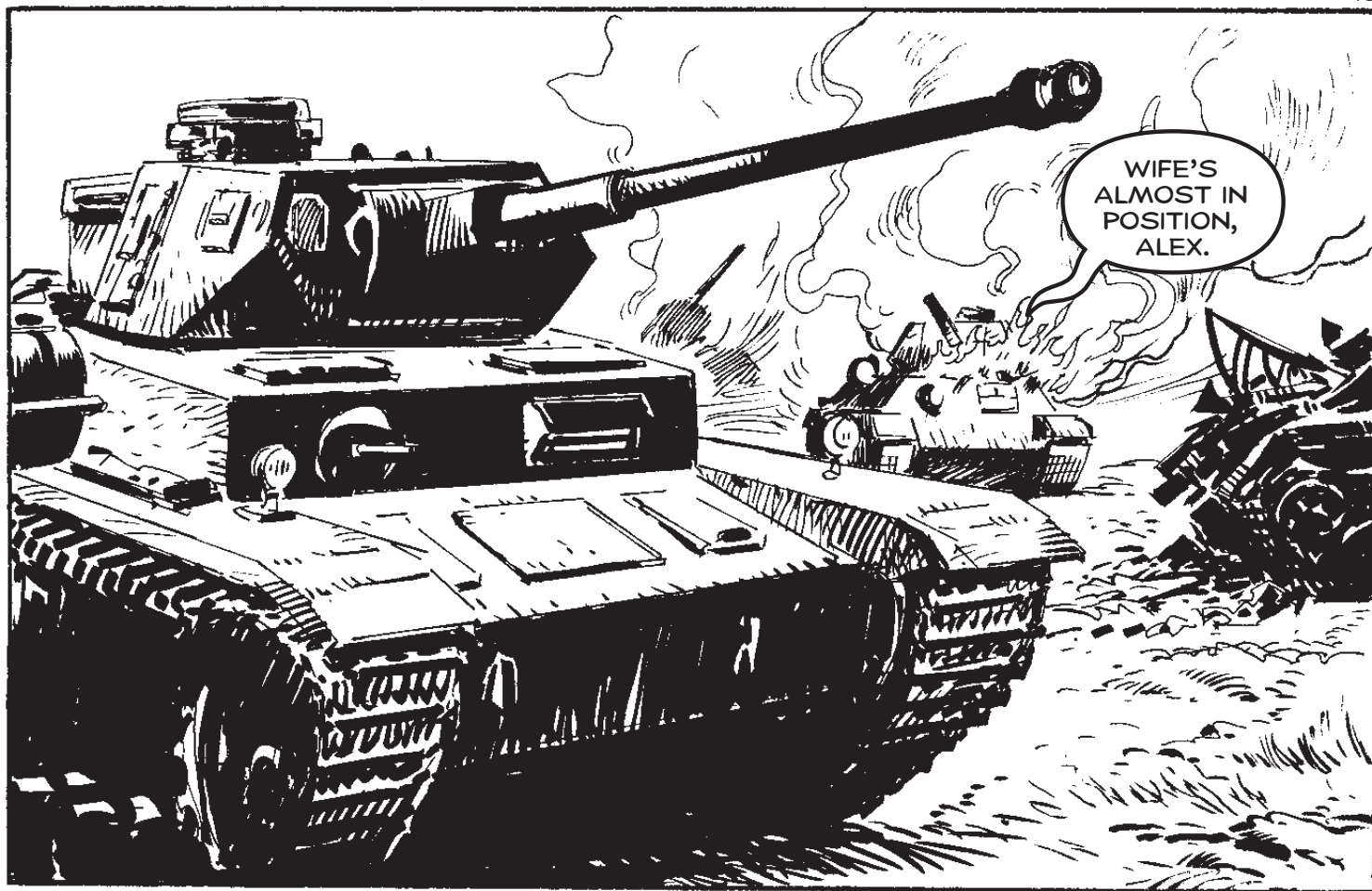


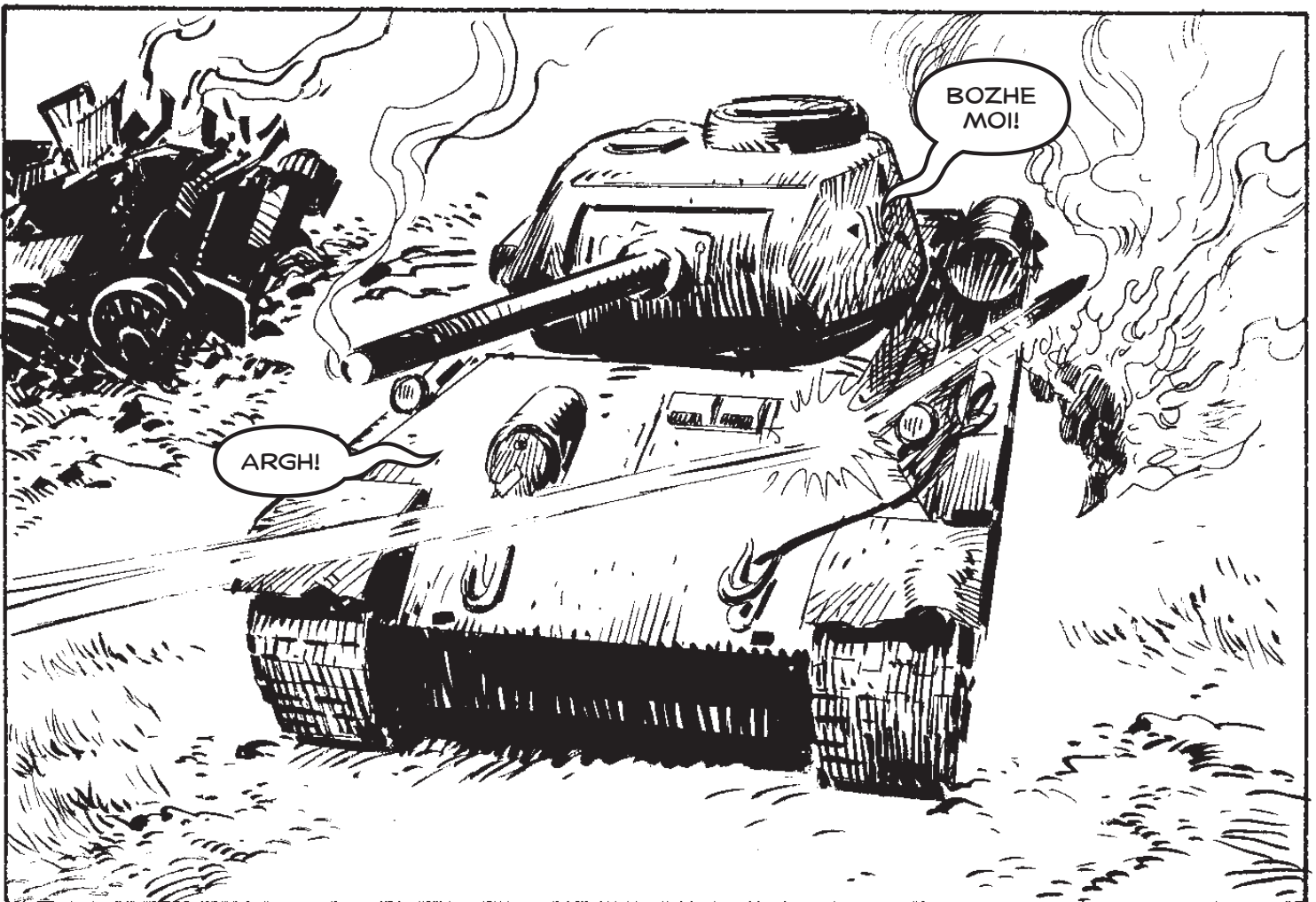
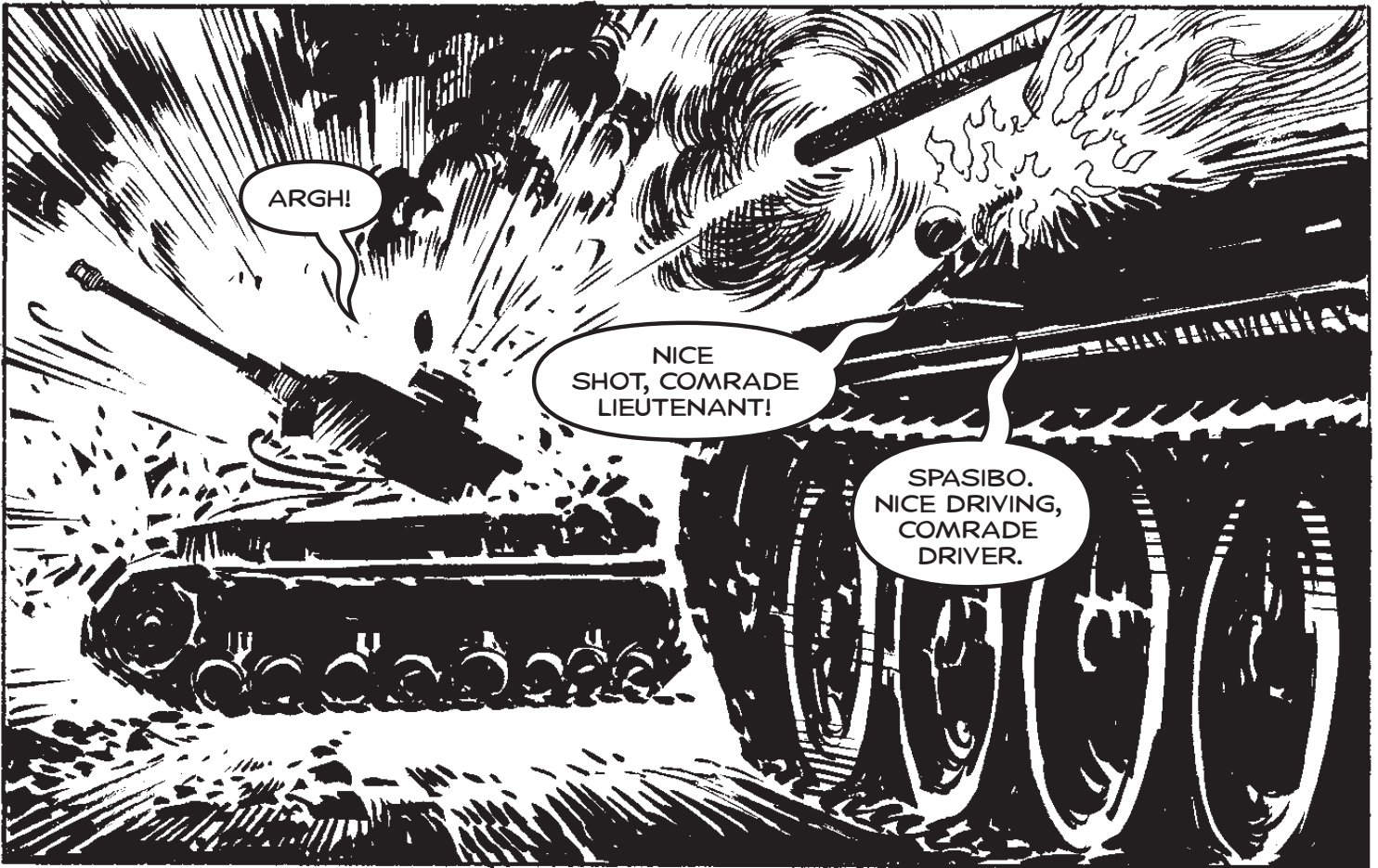








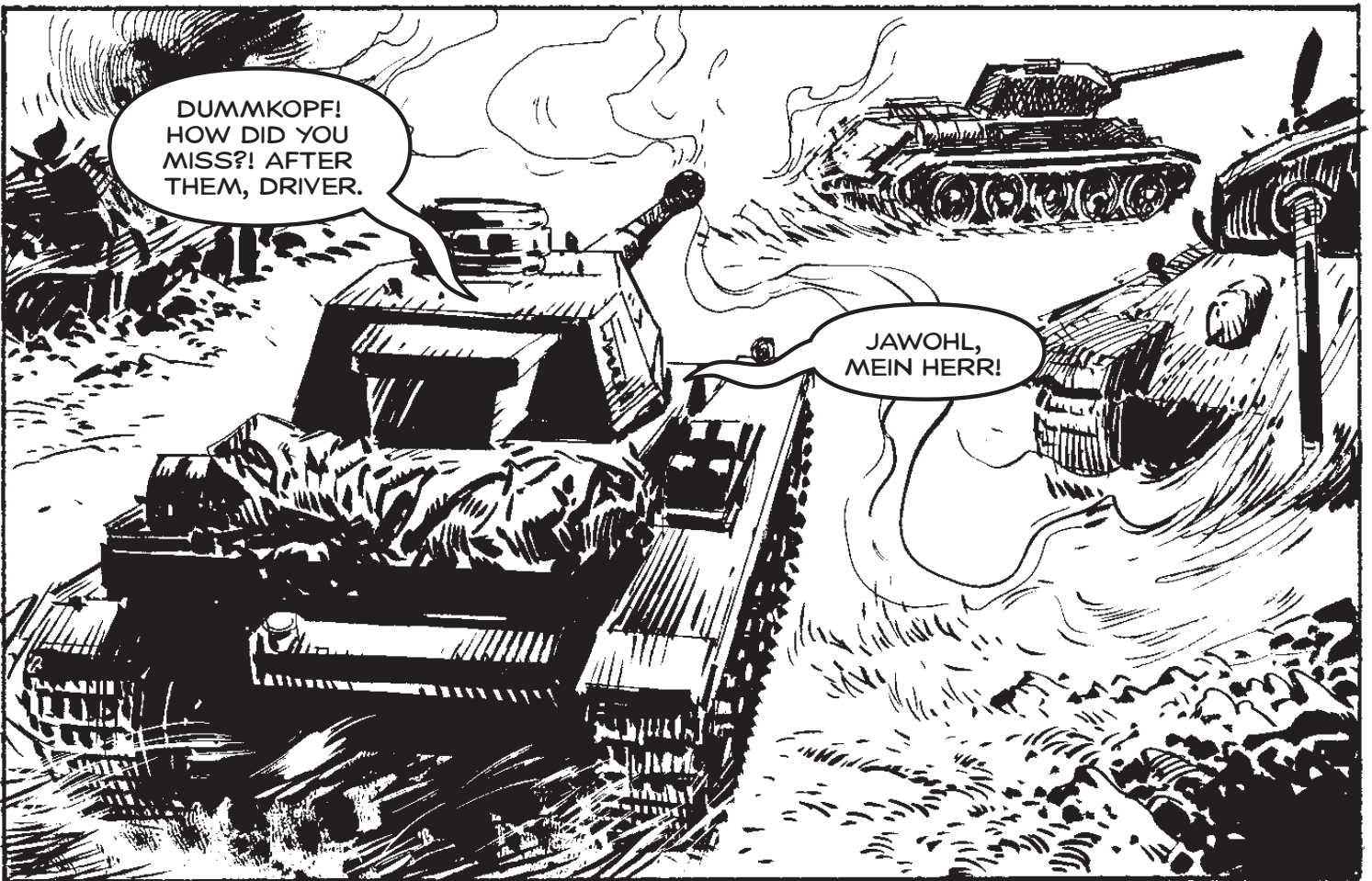




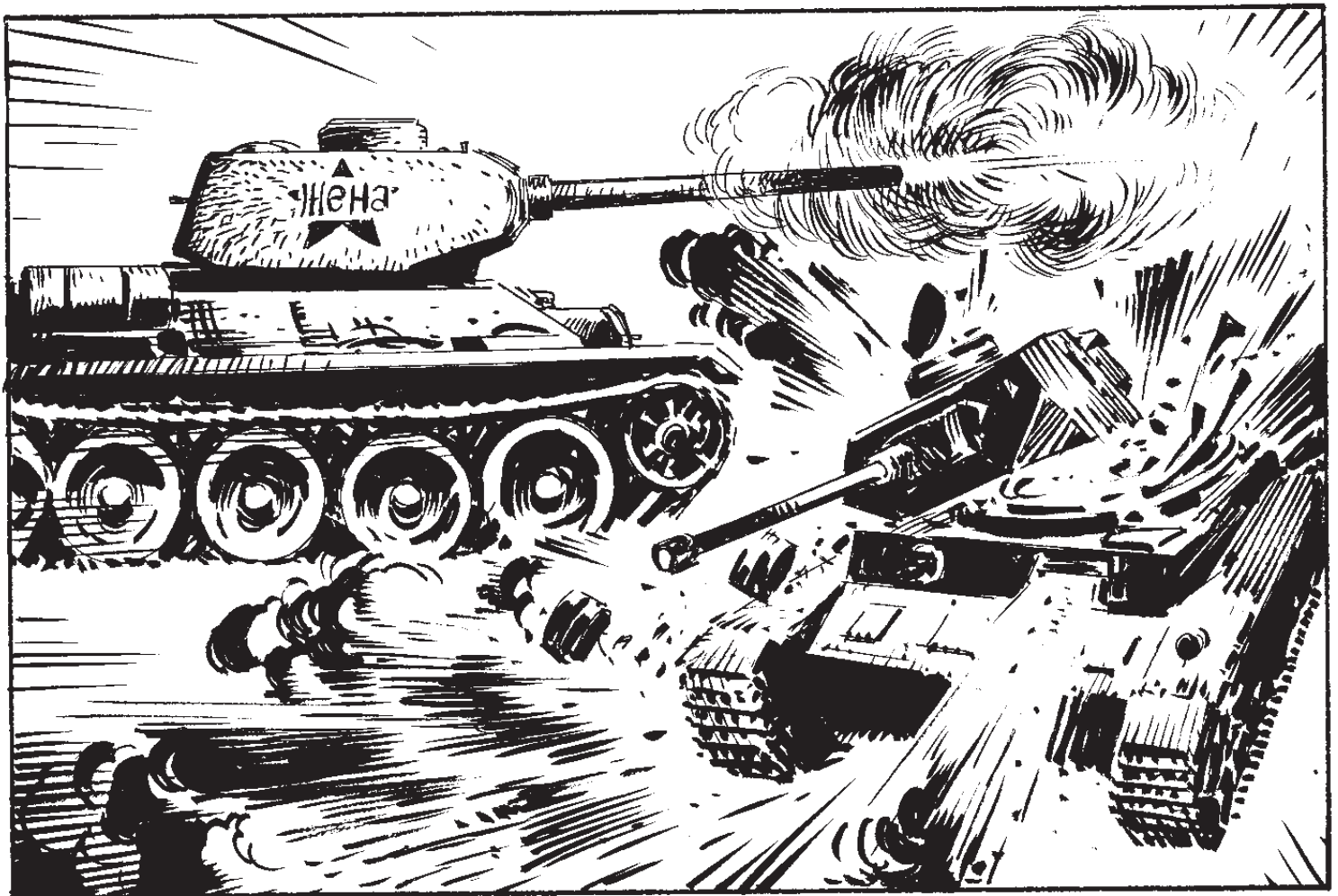
THE SURPRISE SHELL RICOCHETED OFF WIFE AND STRUCK A DEAD T-34 TANK. IT WAS A LUCKY ESCAPE.

YOLKI-PALKI!











WIFE ROLLED CAUTIOUSLY INTO THE VILLAGE WHEN A HAYSTACK WAS STRUCK BY AN ENEMY SHELL.

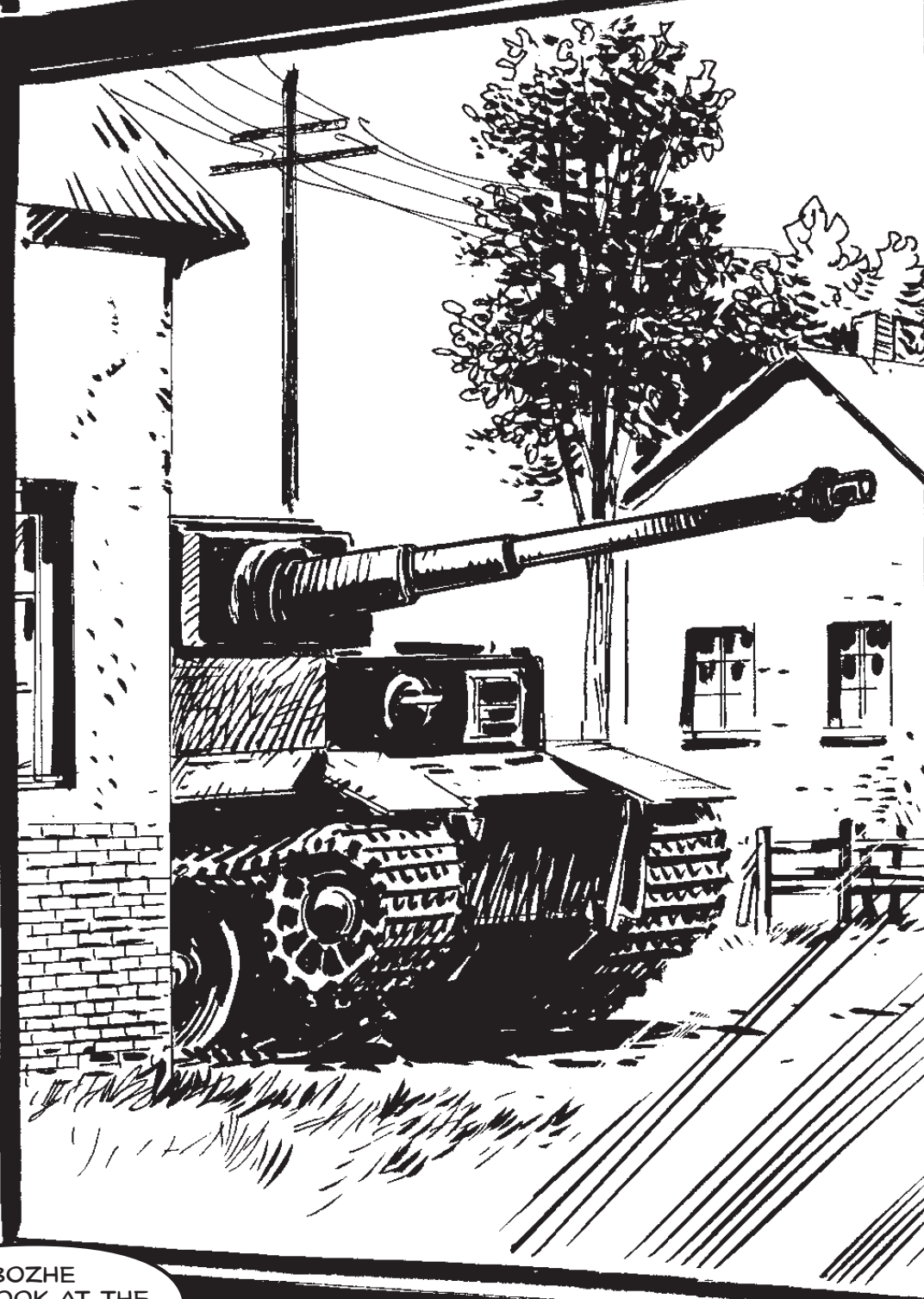
YOLKI-PALKI!

HE
WON'T MISS
TWICE!

WHERE
DID IT COME
FROM? DID YOU
SEE HIM?

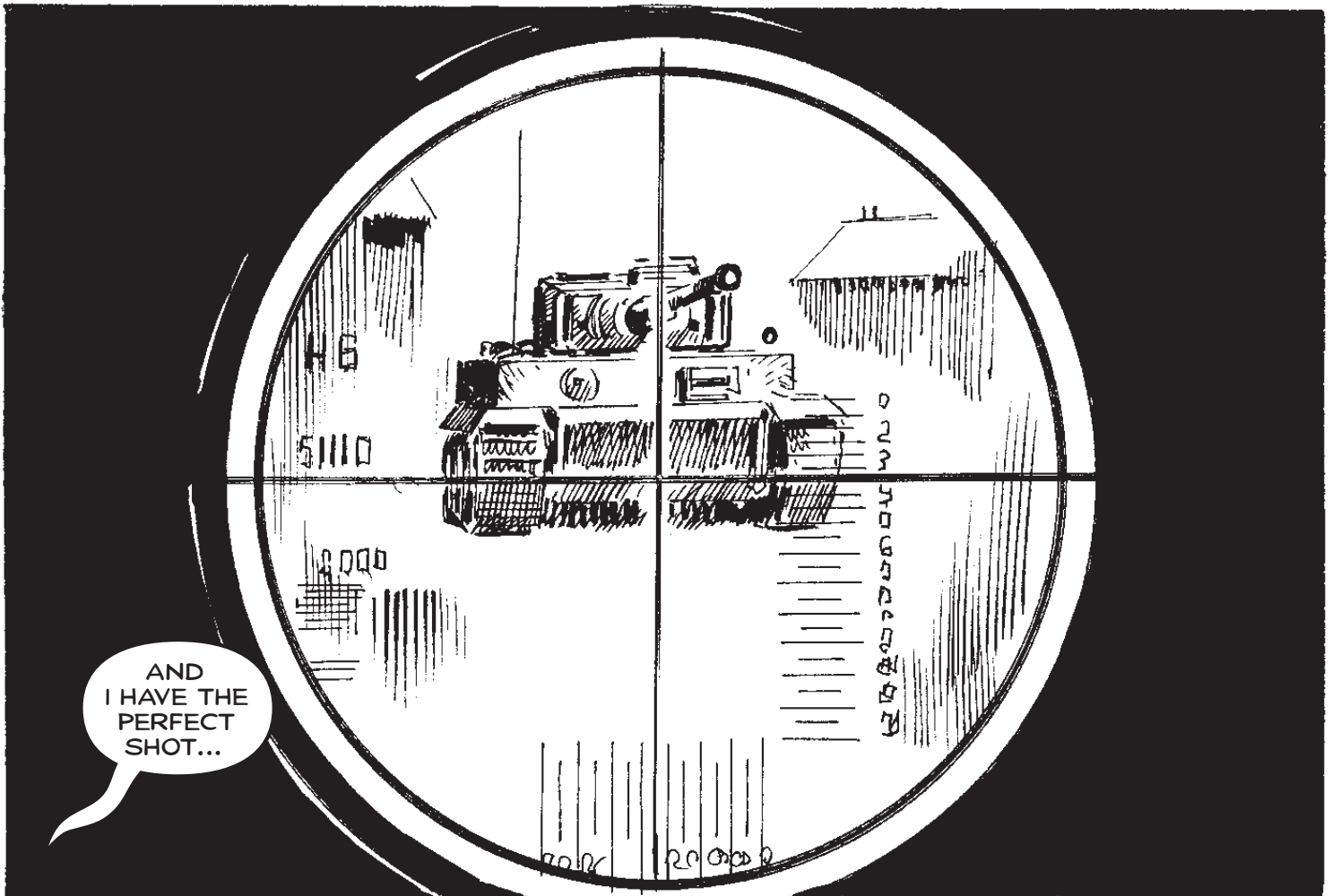
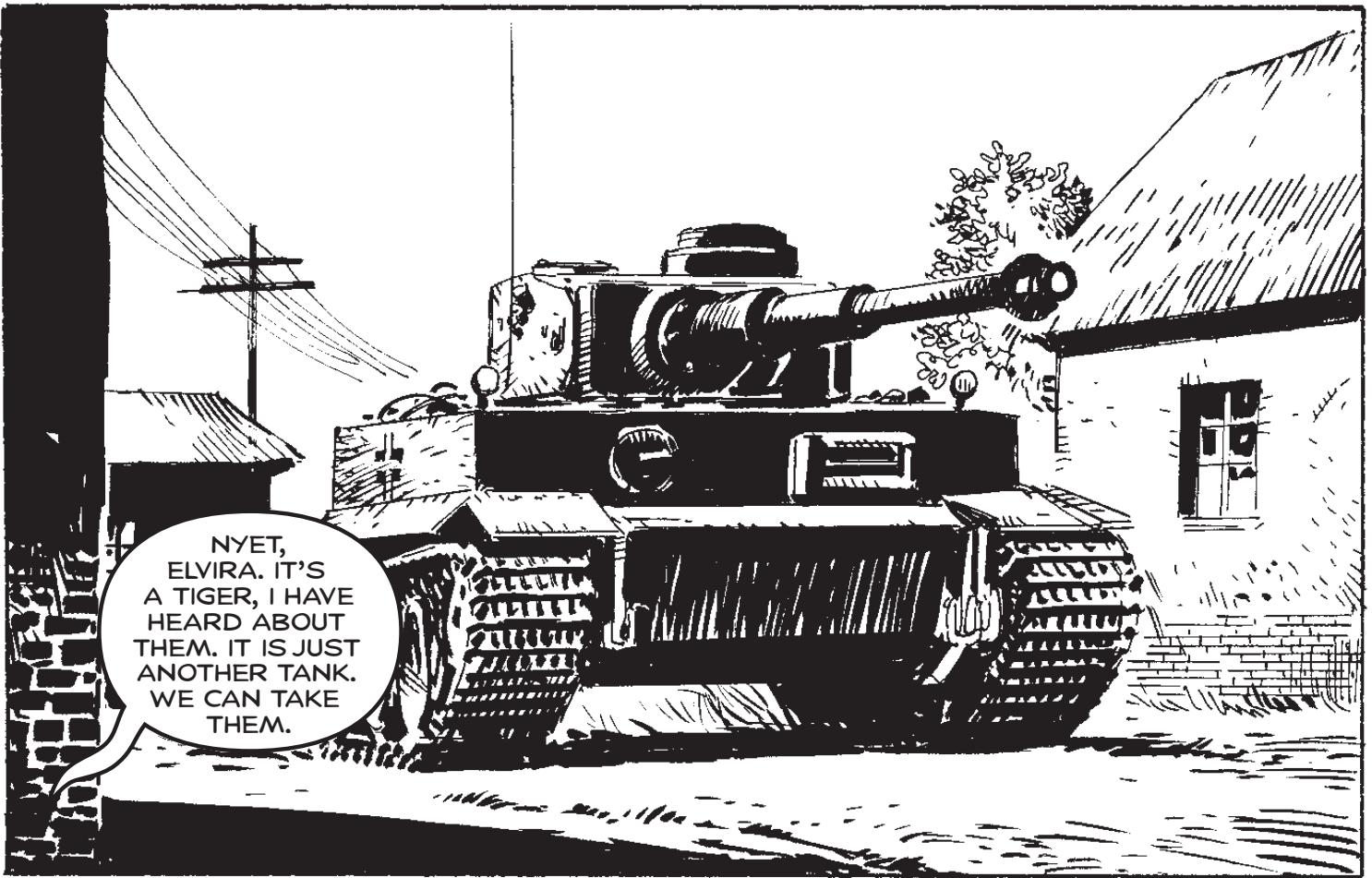
NYET,
HE IS STALKING US
LIKE PREY.

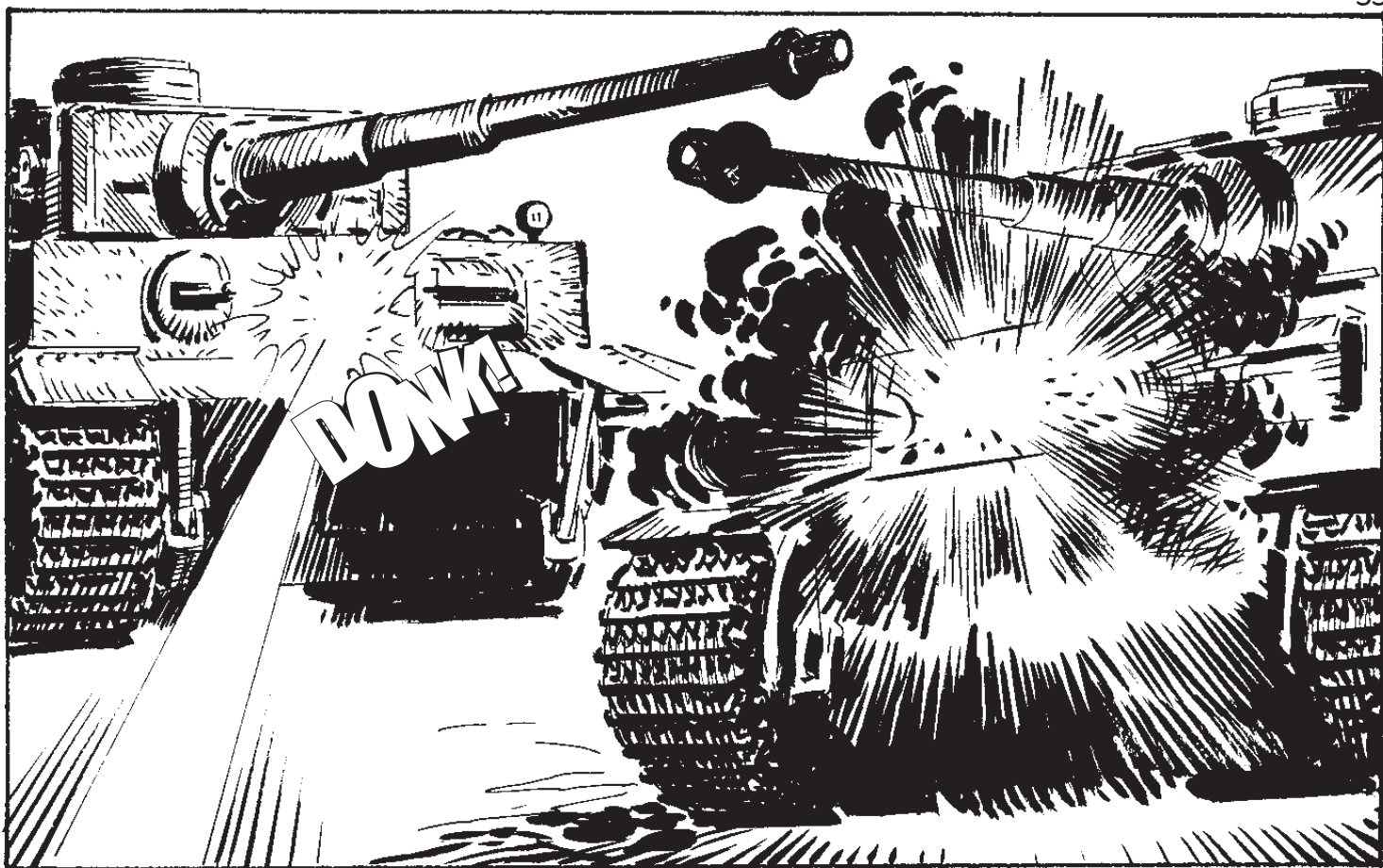
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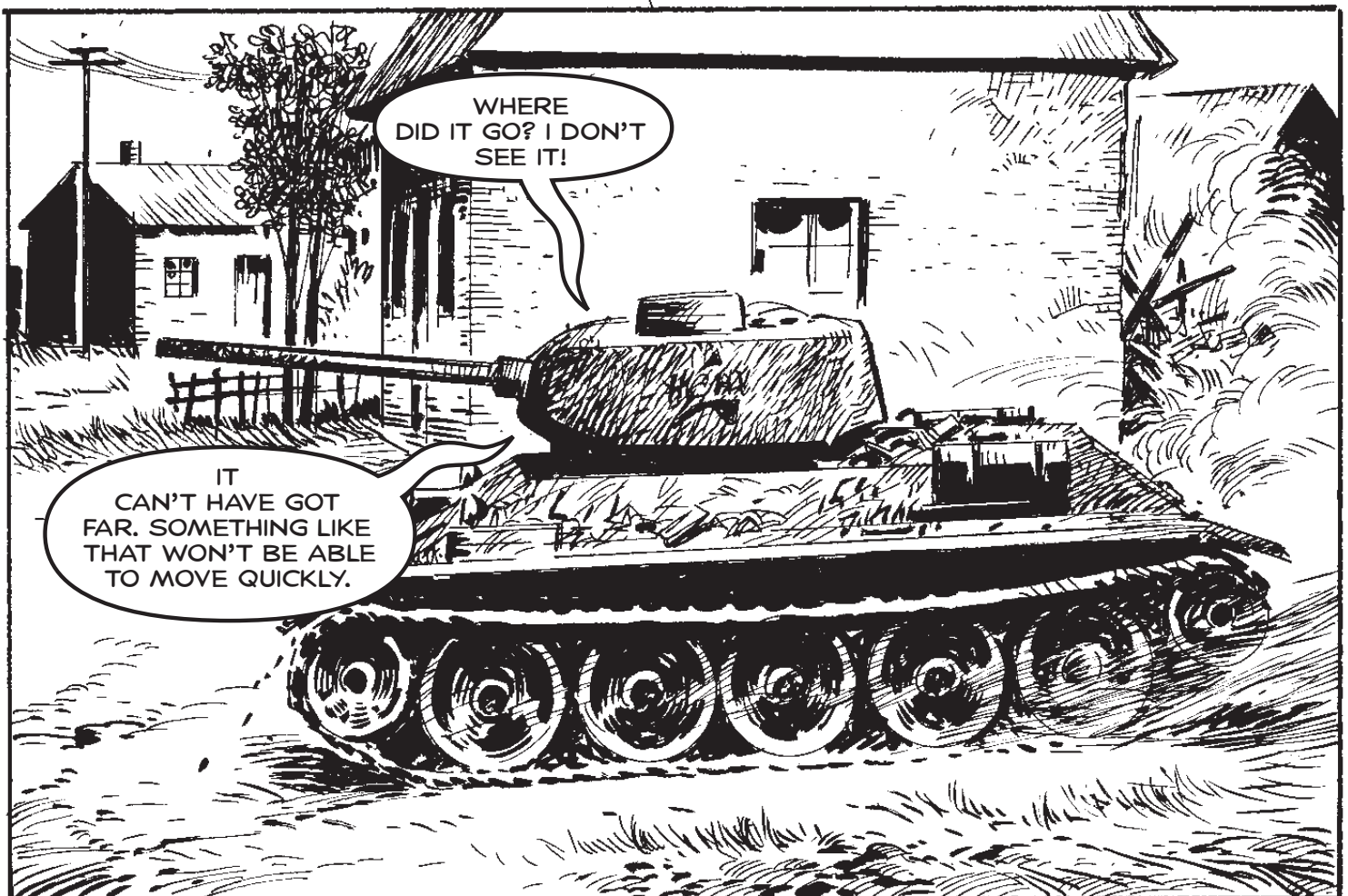


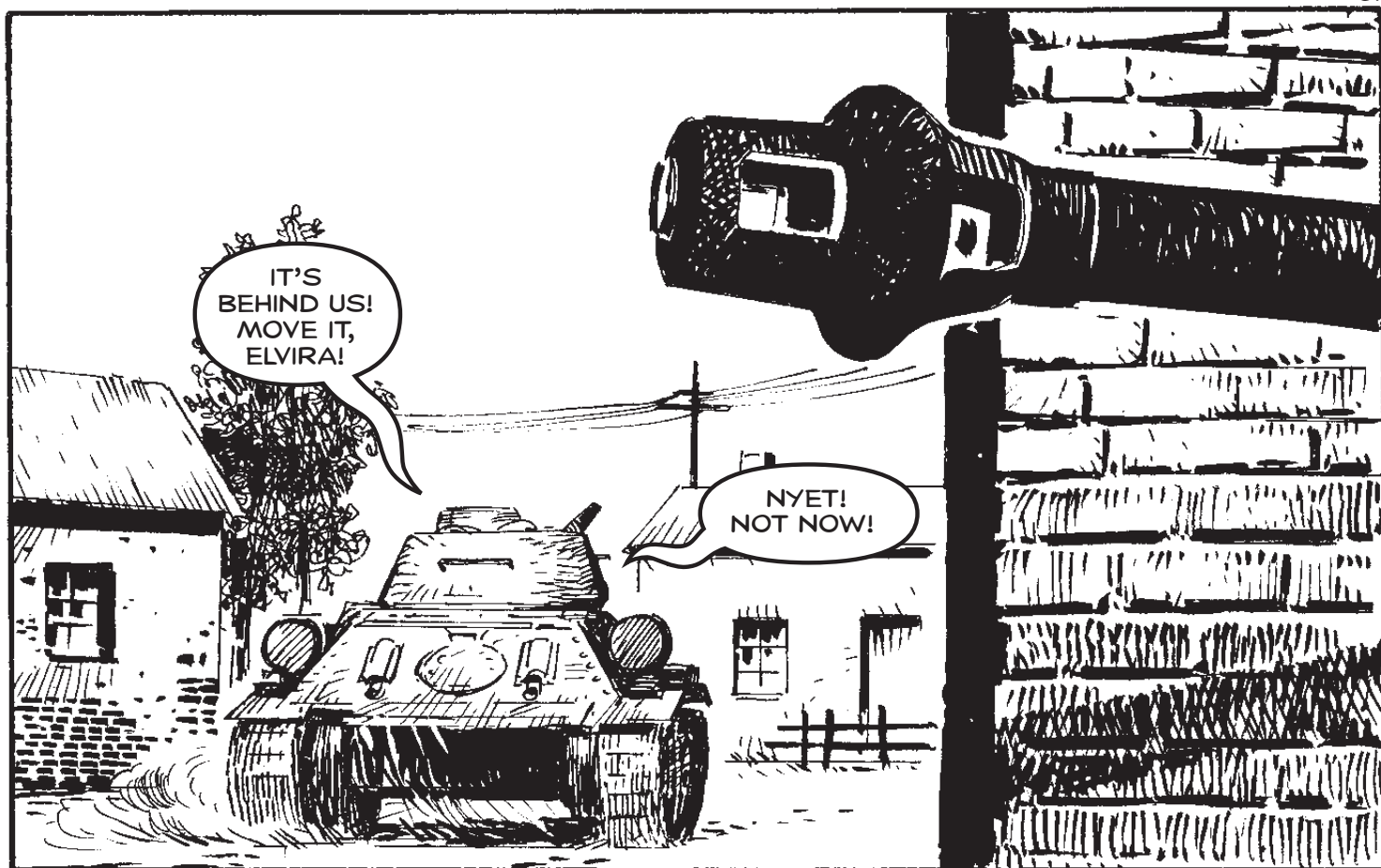
BOZHE
MOI! LOOK AT THE
SIZE OF IT! IT'S A
MONSTER!

I'VE
NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE IT!

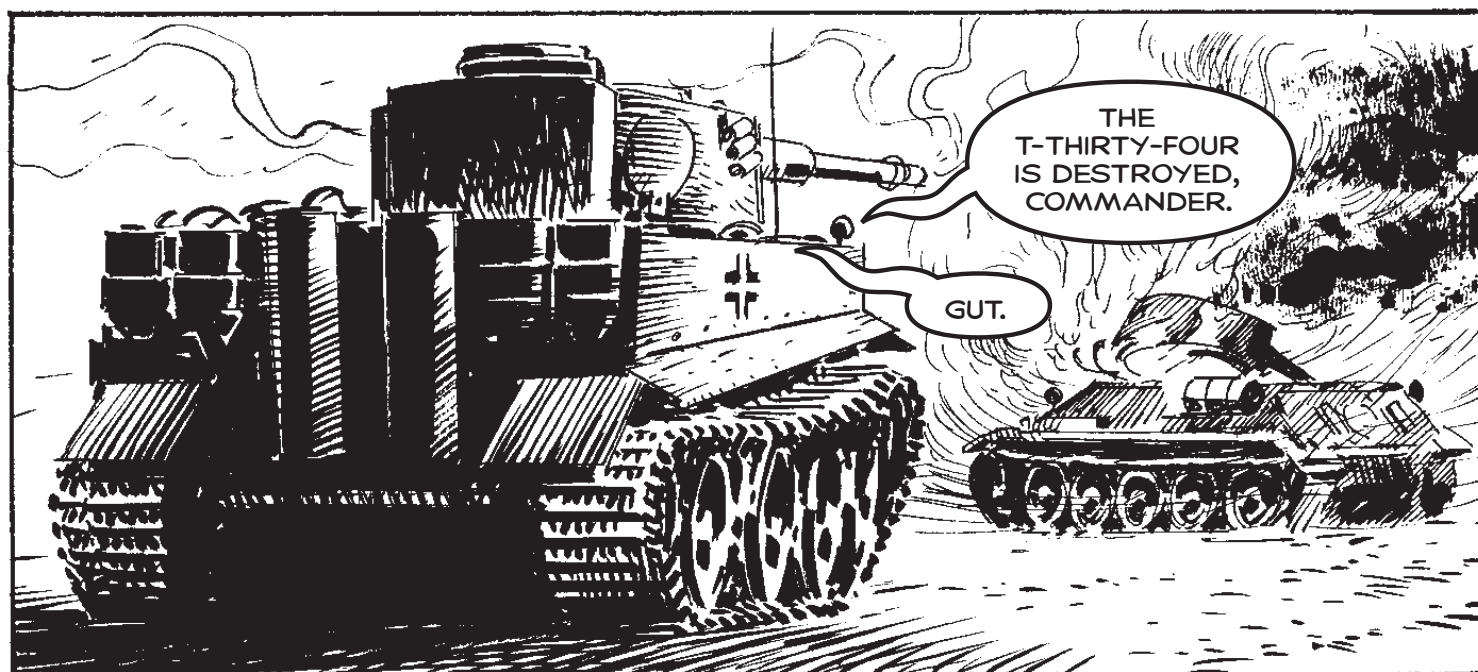


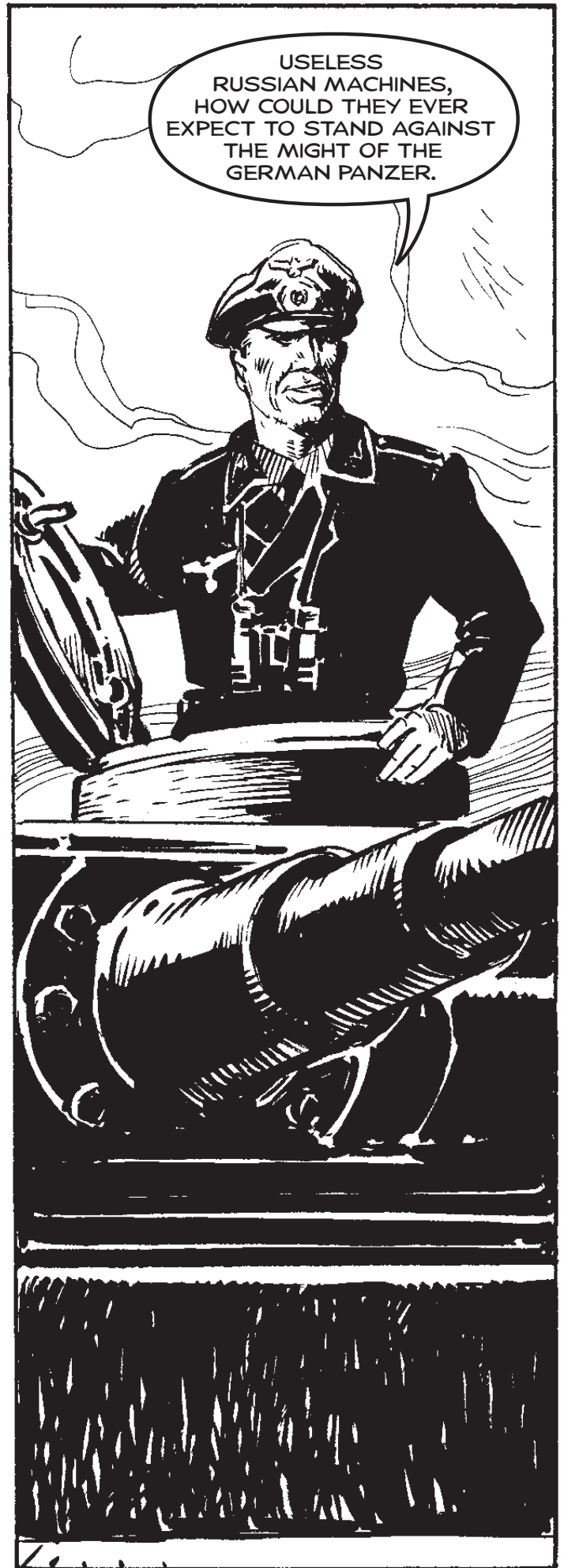


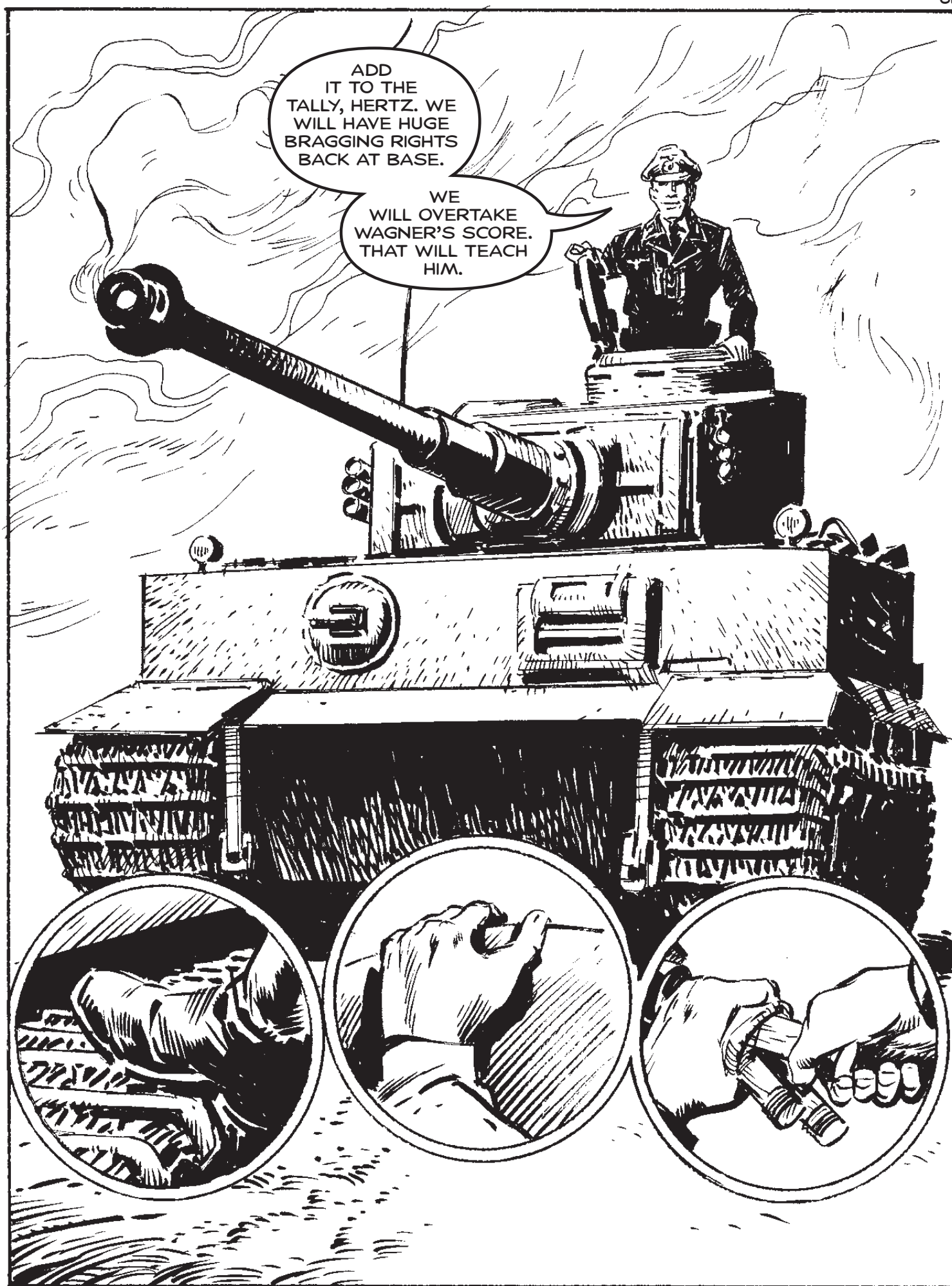














...AND
HER NAME WAS
WIFE!





"I FIGHT FOR MYSELF NOW AND I WON'T STOP UNTIL EVERY FASCIST BEAST IS BEATEN OUT OF MY COUNTRY. I WON'T STOP UNTIL THE FIRE IN MY HEART IS EXTINGUISHED AND MY VENGEANCE QUENCHED."

FOR THE MOTHERLAND!



**THE FOUR
LATEST
ALL-ACTION
COMMANDO
WAR STORIES
ARE OUT NOW!**

**TANK WIFE
ACES WILD
IRON RESISTANCE
A MAN NEEDS LUCK**





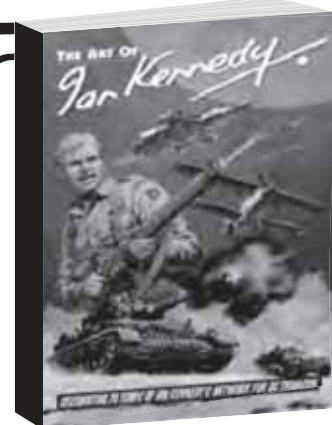
NAH THEN, SQUADDIES. IT'S ALL GO HERE IN MY MESS HALL. I'VE GOT ALL THE LATEST GEN JUST FOR YOU LOT, PLUS A SNEAK PEEK AT ONE OF HQ'S FINEST PRODUCTS. MIND, IF YOU WANT TO LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON ANYTHING COMMANDO, THEN GET IN TOUCH WITH ME OR THE BOFFINS AT COMMANDO HQ. CONTACT DETAILS ARE BELOW, SO GET SCRIBBLING.

COMMANDO NEWS!

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But don't you worry, sunshine, we've got accounts aplenty coming up in Commando. You'll be feasting your eyes on stories from British tankies, Canadian infantry, and even a conchie...



Ever heard of a man by the name of Ian Kennedy? I bet you have. Top British artist, he's even done some proper cracking depictions of yours truly. Well turns out he's been producing some fine art for DC Thomson for over seventy years, and, to celebrate, they went and put together a tasty art book with some of his best work. Pretty sure I've got a page dedicated to me in there too...

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TANK WIFE

"My husband was killed defending the Motherland. I decided I wanted to personally take revenge on the fascist dogs for his death. I won't stop until every German in Russia has tasted every ounce of my anger... sometimes I'm so angry I can't even breathe."

The driver of a T-34 tank named 'Wife' was no ordinary driver, she was a woman scorned and hell awaited any Nazi who stood in her tank's path.

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