

2021.
SOMEWHERE
NEAR FREIBURG.



I'M A
SOLDIER.



LIKE
NEARLY
EVERYBO-
DY THESE
DAYS.



AND I LEAD MY GROUP INTO
THE COUNTERATTACK.





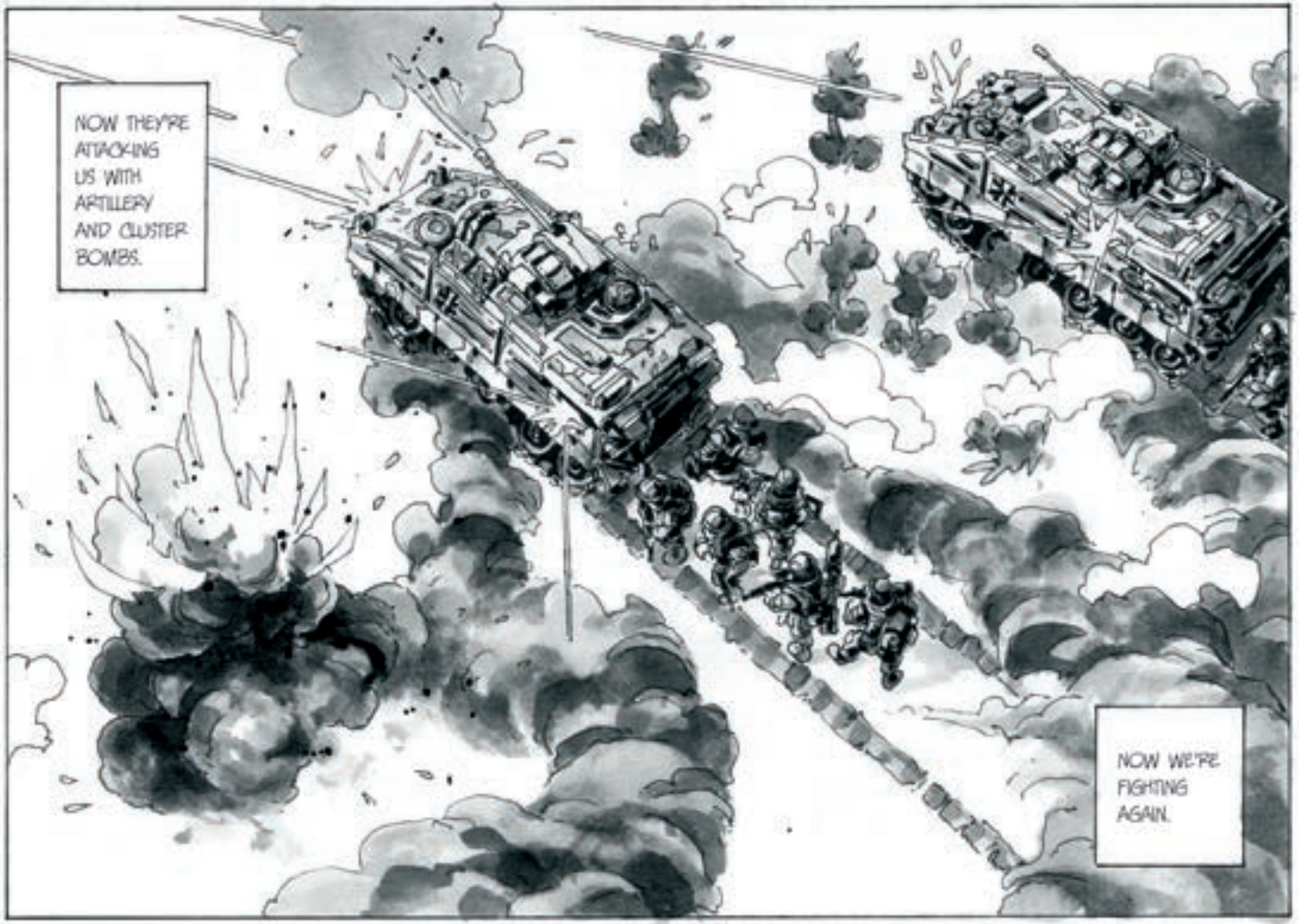
NO BORDERS
FOR MEN AND
GOODS. THAT
WAS THE VISION.

A VISION THAT
HAD BEEN
REALITY FOR
QUITE SOME
TIME.



WE TOOK THIS
REALITY FOR
GRANTED.

FOUR YEARS
AGO I WAS IN
PARIS. SEMESTER
ABROAD. IT WAS
WONDERFUL. THE
FRENCH WERE
AMAZING HOSTS.

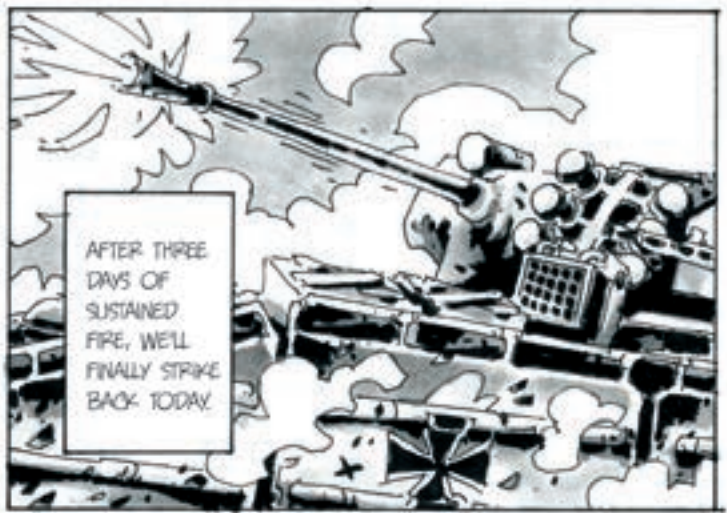


NOW THEY'RE
ATTACKING
US WITH
ARTILLERY
AND CLUSTER
BOMBS.

NOW WE'RE
FIGHTING
AGAIN.



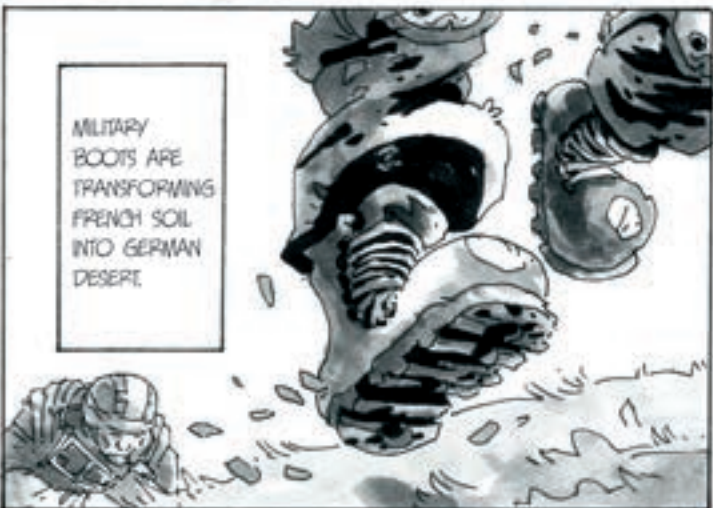
THE GERMAN-FRENCH FRIENDSHIP IS LONG DEAD. THE HEART OF EUROPE IS NO LONGER BEATING.



AFTER THREE DAYS OF SUSTAINED FIRE, WE'LL FINALLY STRIKE BACK TODAY.



THE AIR FORCE IS PAVING THE WAY FOR US.



MILITARY BOOTS ARE TRANSFORMING FRENCH SOIL INTO GERMAN DESERT.



EVEN THOUGH THIS BATTLEFIELD WAS MEANT TO BE A FERTILE EUROPEAN FIELD.



TODAY WE
HAVE THE
UPPER HAND
TODAY WE
DEFEAT OUR
NEW OLD
ENEMY.



WE APPLY
OUR BLOO-
DY CRAFT,
MECHANICALLY
ROUTINELY
THIS IS NOT
OUR FIRST
BATTLE.



LAST YEAR
WE DEFEATED
POLAND,
JUST TO BE
IMMEDIATELY
TRANSFERRED
TO THE
SCANDINAVIAN
FRONT.



AND WHILE
THE FIGHT
RAGES ON IN
THE EAST, MY
COMRADES
AND I ARE
HALTING
THE FRENCH
ATTACK.



THE BEGINNING OF THE END WAS WHEN GREAT BRITAIN LEFT THE COMMUNITY.

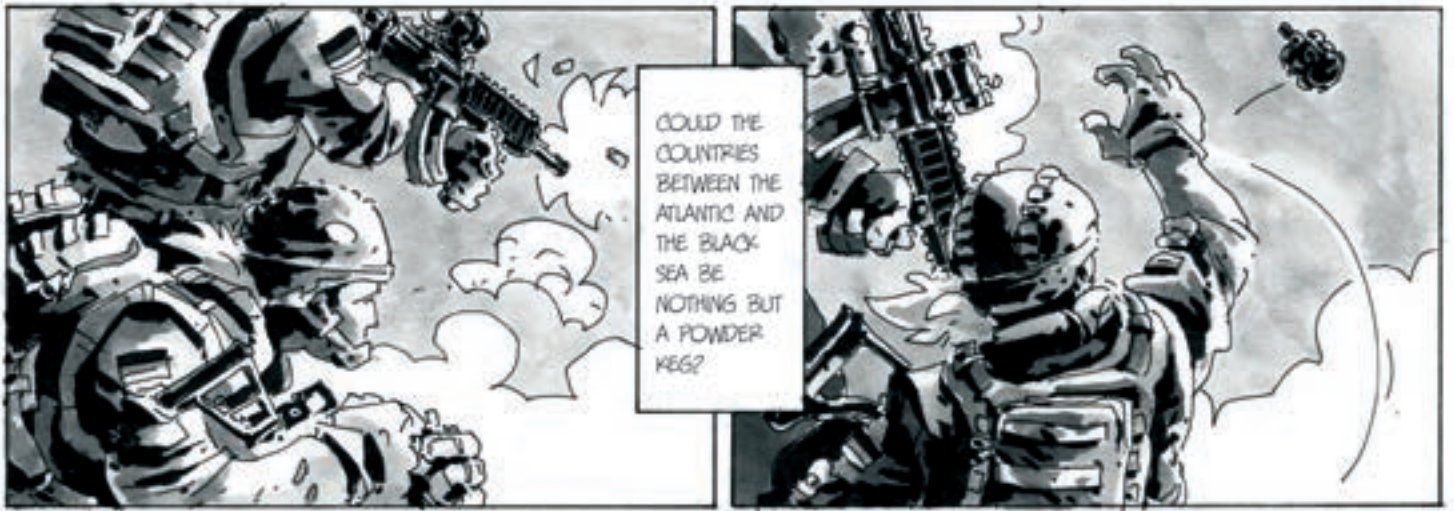
LESS THAN A YEAR LATER, THE NATIONALISTS WON THE ELECTION IN FRANCE. THAT WAS THE POINT WHEN THE EUROPEAN MOTOR STARTED TO SLUTTER.



AT THE SAME TIME MANY COUNTRIES OF THE UNION CUT THEMSELVES OFF MORE AND MORE AS THE STREAM OF REFUGEES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA BECAME BIGGER AND BIGGER.



ONCE AGAIN, EUROPE BECAME A CONTINENT OF WALLS AND DISTRUST, BECAUSE NOBODY OPENLY COMMITTED TO THE IDEAS OF OUR STILL YOUNG COMMUNITY.



COULD THE COUNTRIES BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC AND THE BLACK SEA BE NOTHING BUT A POWDER KEG?



NOBODY COULD OR WANTED TO GIVE OUR OLD CONTINENT THE IMPULSE IT HAD NEEDED TO REFOCUS ON WHAT HAD LONG BEEN INVENTED!



THE DIVIDED SOCIETIES MADE MANY COUNTRIES UNGOVERNABLE AND INCAPABLE OF REACTING TO THESE PROBLEMS.

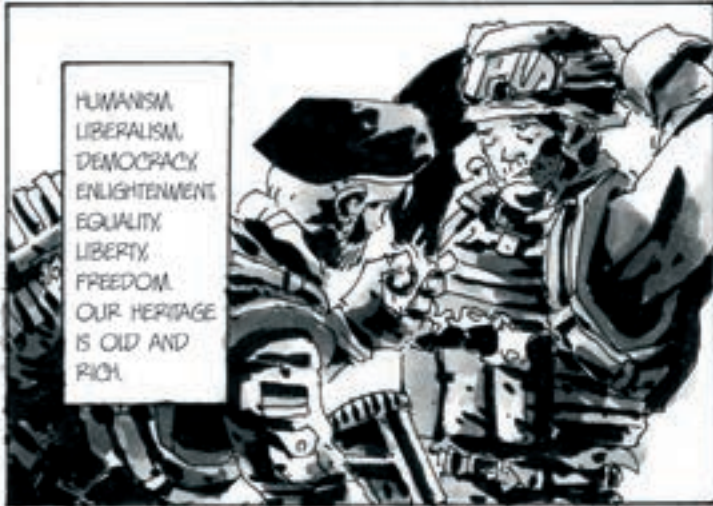


EVEN THE MOST OPTIMISTIC MEMBERS OF THE UNION LEFT THE SINKING SHIP HOPING TO SAVE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT COULD BE SAVED.

AND EVEN US
WHO'D REPLACED
OUR DARK PAST
WITH A SHINING
PRESENCE WEREN'T
CAPABLE OF
THINKING ABOUT
ANYTHING BUT
STOCK PRICES
AND SAVINGS.



HUMANISM,
LIBERALISM,
DEMOCRACY,
ENLIGHTENMENT,
EQUALITY,
LIBERTY,
FREEDOM.
OUR HERITAGE
IS OLD AND
RICH.



AND WE
ARE SO
INCAPABLE.



IN TIMES LIKE
THESE EUROPE
HAD ALWAYS
FOUND THE
SPARK TO
TURN OUR
CONTINENT INTO
AN INFERNO.



WE'VE WON
THE DAY,
BUT WHAT
WAS IT ALL
FOR?



HALF OF MY
COMRADES
SPEAK FRENCH,
SPANISH,
ITALIAN, OR
ENGLISH
ANYWAY.



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SOMETIMES I
COULD CHAT
IN GERMAN
WITH THE
DANISH WAR
PRISONERS.

DECADES OF
PROGRESS
TO CHAT
WITH WAR
PRISONERS.



I MISS
PARIS.

I HOPE I'LL
NEVER SEE
IT AGAIN -
BECAUSE IN
THIS CASE, I'D
COME AS A
CONQUEROR.