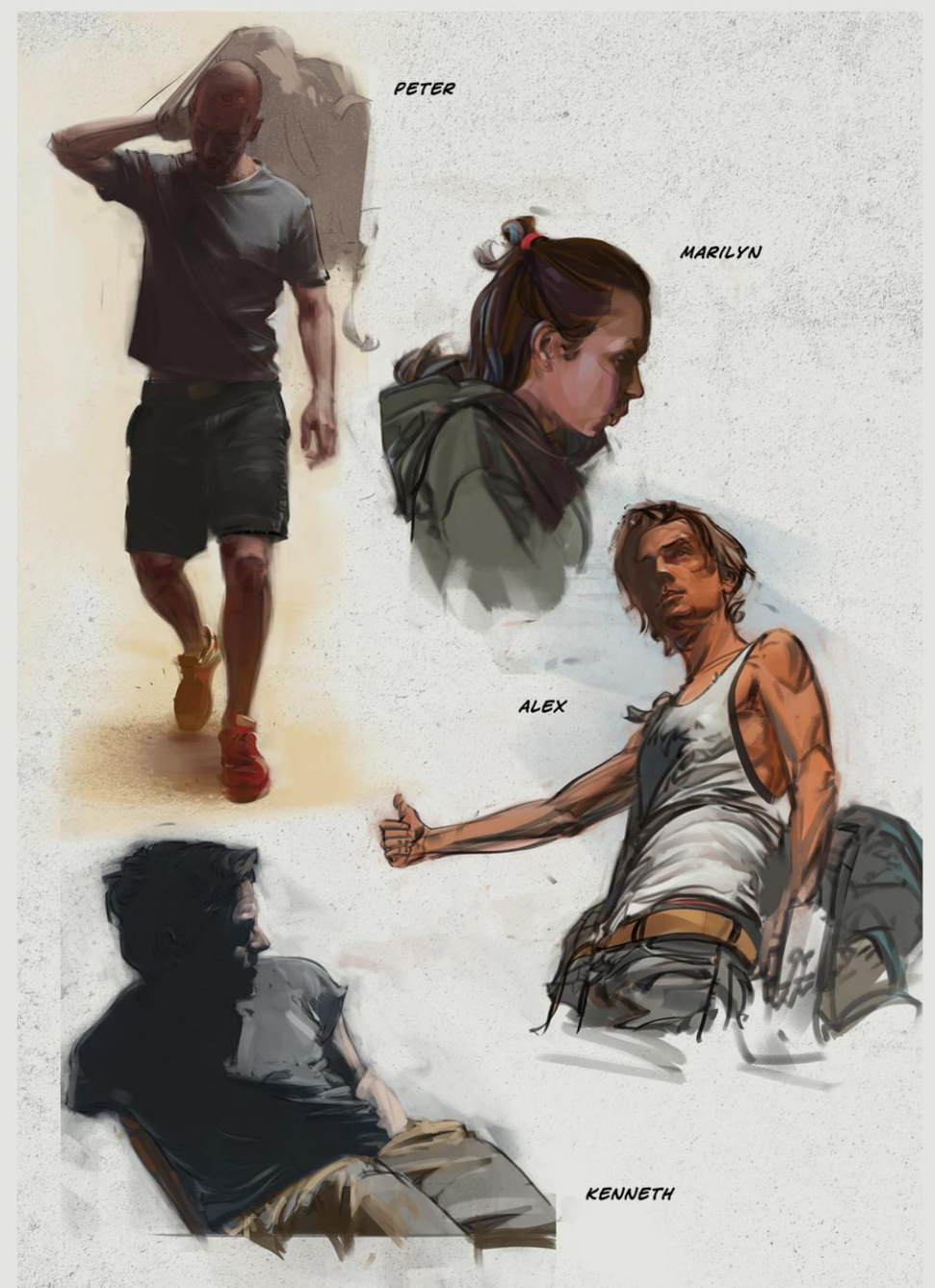




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CHARACTERS



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CHINA



AUSTRALIA

WHILE THE WEATHER BEATEN FOREST WORKERS LIT UP THEIR CIGIES AND DRANK THEIR BEER GRABBING UNTO THE RAILINGS OF THE TRUCK...



...WE HELD ON FOR DEAR LIFE AND TRIED OUR DAMNEST TO STAY ON OUR FEET, DODGING ROCKS AND BRANCHES THAT CAME RACING TOWARD US.



AFTER OUR RIDE WE SPENT A FEW MORE HOURS CLIMBING TOWARDS THE MAJESTIC PEAKS OF THE CAUCASIAN MOUNTAINS...



UNTIL WE FOUND SHELTER IN ONE OF THE HOUSES OF A TINY VILLAGE BATHING IN THE FAREWELL RAYS OF THE SETTING SUN.



THE LOO AT THE END OF THE GARDEN...

...WAS INDEED AT THE END OF THE GARDEN.

THROUGH THE CRACKS IN ITS WOODEN FLOOR A CLEAR VIEW OPENED UNTO THE DEEP SLOPE OF THE GULCH BELOW.

I HAVEN'T BROUGHT ANYTHING TO READ.



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GEORGIA

IN A SMALL VILLAGE A LITTLE BOY SAT DOWN BESIDE ME. WHENEVER SOMETHING TURNED UP HE GLANCED AT ME. IF IT WAS A BUS OR A TAXI I SHOOK MY HEAD.

HE ALSO SHOOK HIS AND WE WAITED ON BY THE ROADSIDE.



WHEN A TRUCK OR A CAR TURNED UP, WE BOTH STUCK OUR THUMBS OUT.



AFTER A WHILE HE WAS ABLE TO DECIDE BY HIMSELF WHICH CAR TO TRY STOPPING AND HE ONLY GLANCED AT ME FOR CONFIRMATION.



JUST AS A TRUCK WAS SLOWING WE SHOOK HANDS.

AS IT STOPPED I SAID GOOD-BYE TO TO MY NEW LITTLE FRIEND AND JUMPED IN TO THE FRONT SEAT NEXT TO THE DRIVER.

NEPAL

WHEN WE TOLD THEM ABOUT THE HUGE,
ABANDONED FACTORY THE TWO DUTCH



GUYS AGREED TO CHECK IT OUT
TOGETHER THE NEXT DAY.

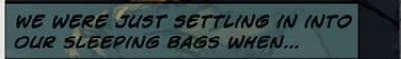


WE WERE JUST SETTLING IN INTO
OUR SLEEPING BAGS WHEN...

WE DROVE TO A SMALLER
ROAD TO SQUAT IN AN
UNFINISHED HOUSE
FOR THE NIGHT.

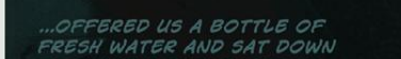
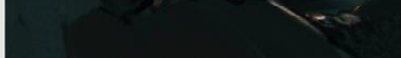
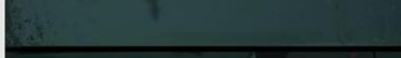
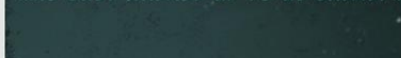


...A SHADOW EMERGED FROM
THE NEIGHBORING HOUSE.



...WITH A HUGE GUN...

...HE JUST WALKED UP TO US CALMLY...

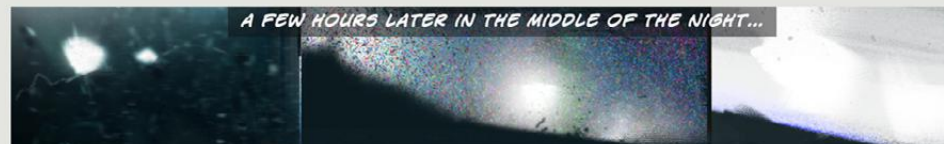


...OFFERED US A BOTTLE OF
FRESH WATER AND SAT DOWN
TO SHARE A SMOKE WITH US.

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ALBANIA

A FEW HOURS LATER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...



"TOURIST! TOURIST!"



"PASSPORT!"



"SURE."

"WHHA...?"



"HUH?"

BUT JUST WHEN THE SITUATION STARTED TO EASE UP A BIT...



A THIRD POLICE MAN RAN UP THE STAIRS SHOUTING TO SAVE THEIR COMRADES.



I DON'T FEEL LIKE ONE BUT
I LIKE THE WORD 'TOURIST' A LOT...

"OK OK OK! WOAH!"

"OK, OK..."

"WOAH!"

ALBANIA





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VIETNAM



VIETNAM

BEFORE THE SUMMER 2009 ELECTIONS IN IRAN...



THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN PERSISTENT IN FENDING OFF ATTACKS BY EXTERNAL FORCES BUT WITHIN ITS BORDERS IT APPLIES FEUDAL METHODS AND RESORTS TO RELIGIOUS LEGITIMACY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS POWER.

...MILLIONS RUSHED TO THE STREETS IN THE SOLID HOPE OF A "GREEN" FUTURE.



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IRAN



THE RESULTS ANNOUNCED HAVE, HOWEVER...

SURPRISED MANY.

THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION CELEBRATED ITS RE-ELECTION.

SINCE THE ELECTIONS PEOPLE HAVE REGULARLY TAKEN TO THE STREETS IN THE LARGER CITIES OF IRAN,



ACCUSING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTRY WITH ELECTION FRAUD. THE MILITIA AND OTHER SPECIAL POLICING FORCES ARE TRYING TO STOP THIS BY EMPLOYING BRUTAL METHODS.



GREEN, THE COLOR OF THE LARGEST OPPOSITION PARTY HAS BY NOW OUTGROWN THE PARTY ITSELF AND HAS BECOME THE SYMBOL FOR "RESISTANCE".



IRAN

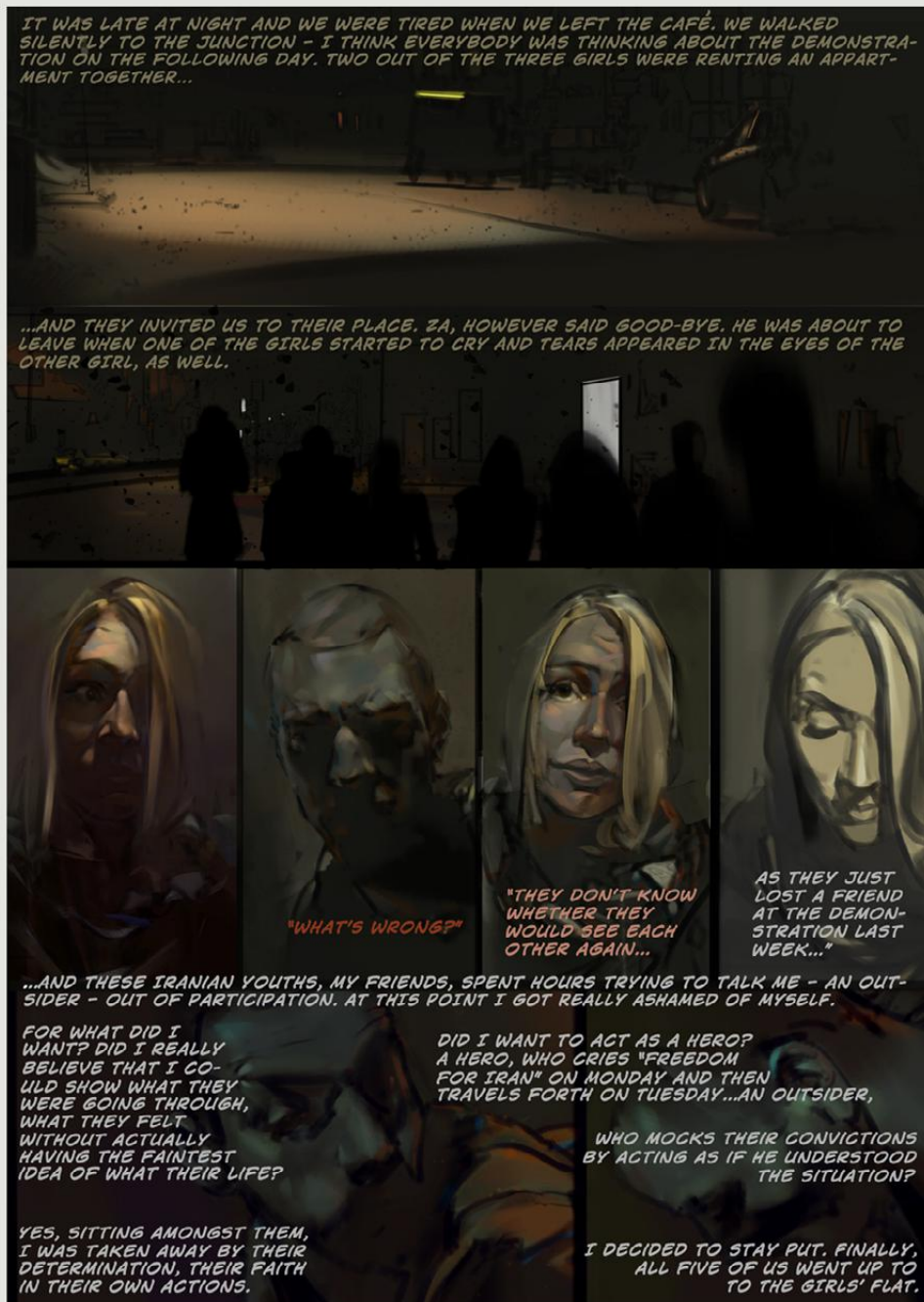


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