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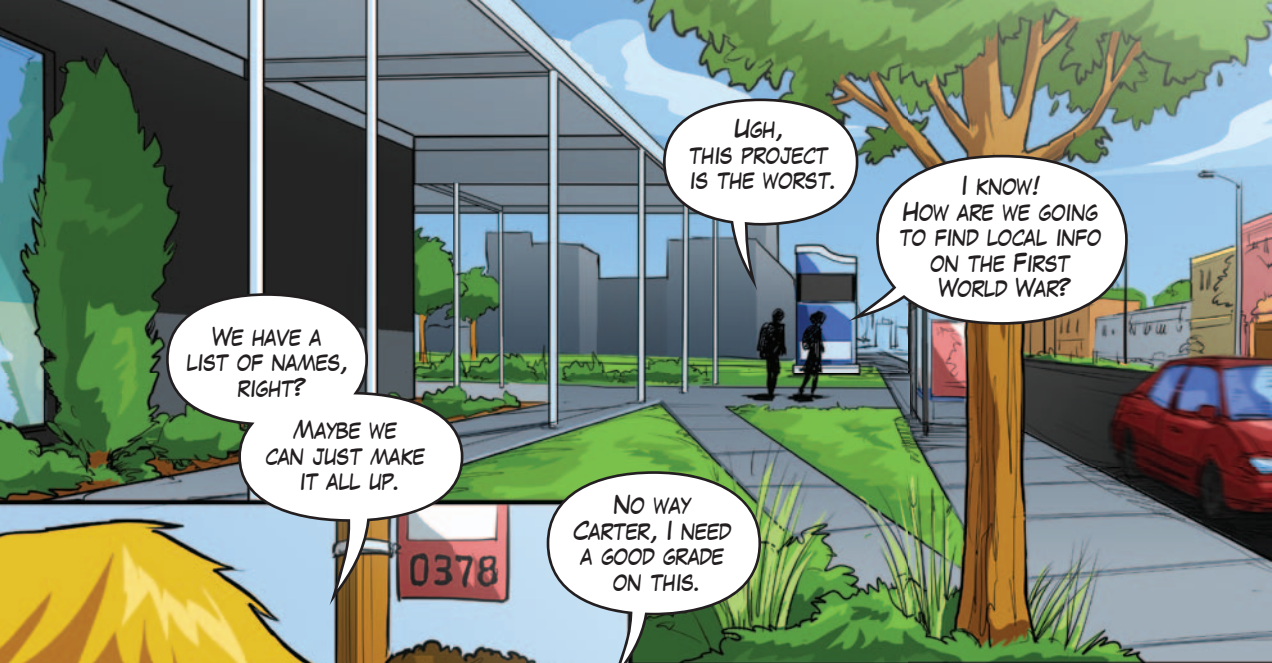
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WE HAVE A LIST OF NAMES, RIGHT?

MAYBE WE CAN JUST MAKE IT ALL UP.

UGH, THIS PROJECT IS THE WORST.

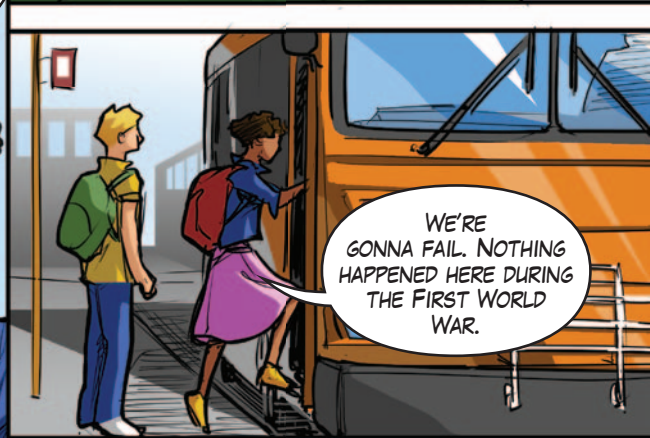
I KNOW! HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND LOCAL INFO ON THE FIRST WORLD WAR?

NO WAY CARTER, I NEED A GOOD GRADE ON THIS.



YOU'RE WRONG KIDS.

A LOT HAPPENED HERE.

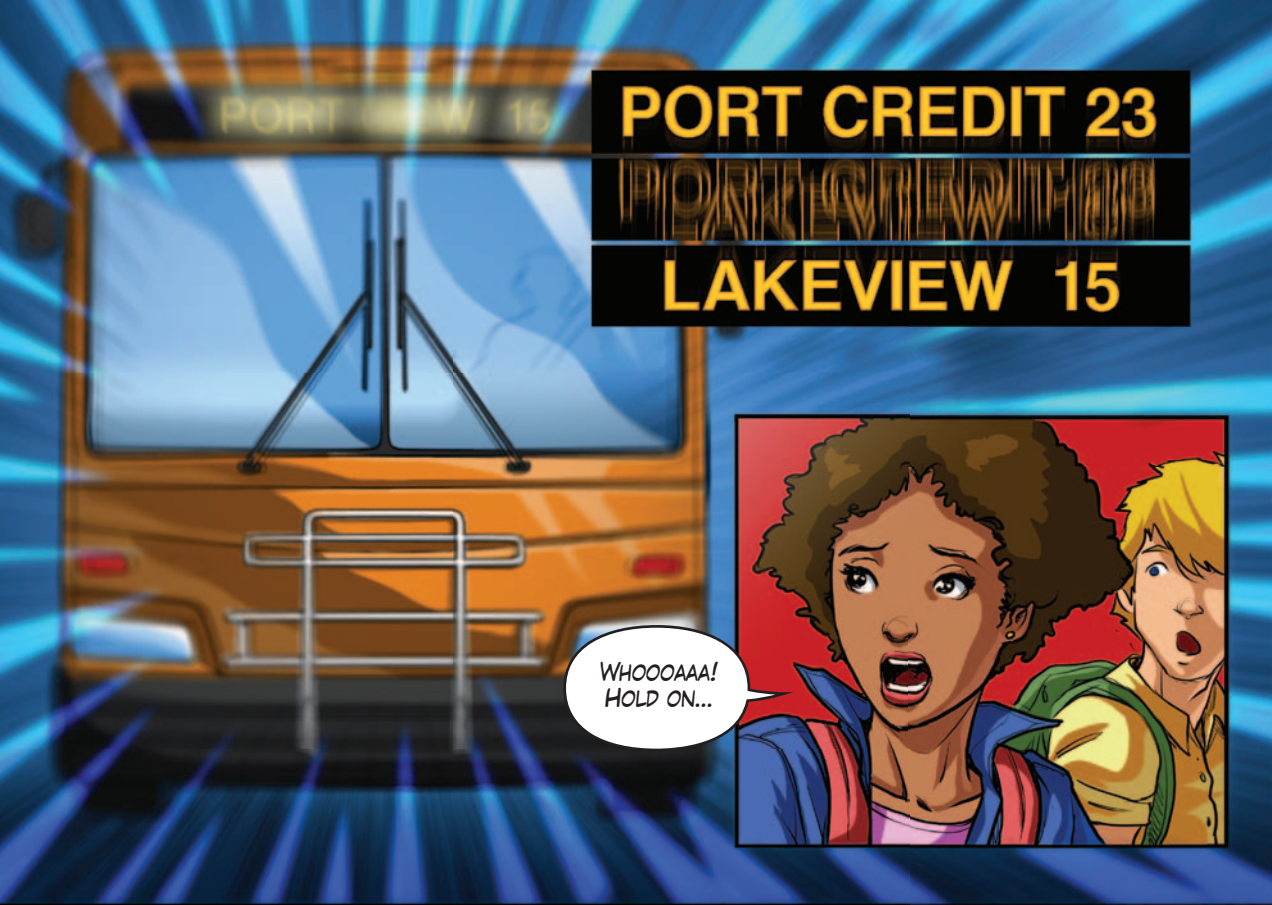


WE'RE GONNA FAIL. NOTHING HAPPENED HERE DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR.



YOU JUST HAVE TO LOOK FOR IT.







EXCUSE ME,
BUT WHERE... OH,
SHE'S GONE.

GANG
WAY!

VRRROOO

HEY!
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

YOU MUST
BE THE NEW
RECRUITS.

IT'S NOT
SAFE TO BE OUT
IN THE OPEN
YOU KNOW?

YOU'RE
TELLING ME,
ALMOST LOST
MY HEAD.

SORRY!

THIS IS
EMILY AND I'M
CARTER.

DO YOU
KNOW WHERE WE
ARE SIR?

YES. WELCOME TO
THE CURTISS AVIATION
SCHOOL, LONG BRANCH, TRAINING
FACILITY FOR THE ROYAL NAVAL
AIR SERVICE AND ROYAL
FLYING CORPS.

I'M CORPORAL
REUBEN CRAWFORD.

YOU'RE
JUST IN TIME
FOR TRAINING.

EMILY, I DON'T
THINK WE'RE IN
2014 ANYMORE.

OH MY.



THIS IS THE
BARRACKS WHERE
YOU'LL BE
STAYING.

FIND AN
EMPTY BUNK
AND
GET YOURSELF
ACQUAINTED.

I'M
TAKING THE
TOP BUNK!



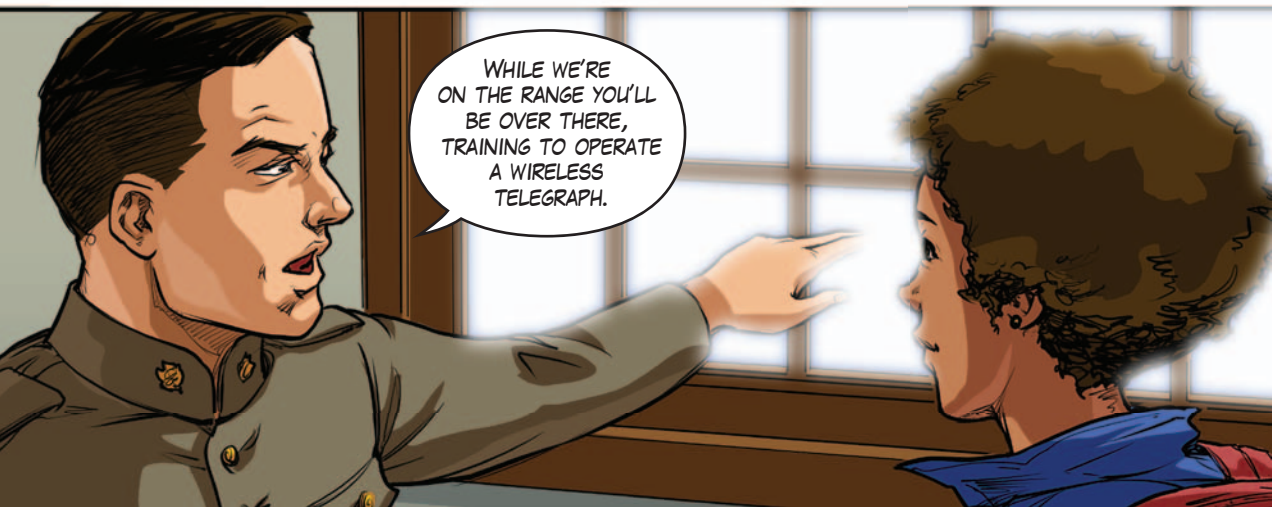
CARTER, GET
READY QUICK. WE'RE
DUE ON THE RIFLE
RANGE IN FIVE
MINUTES.



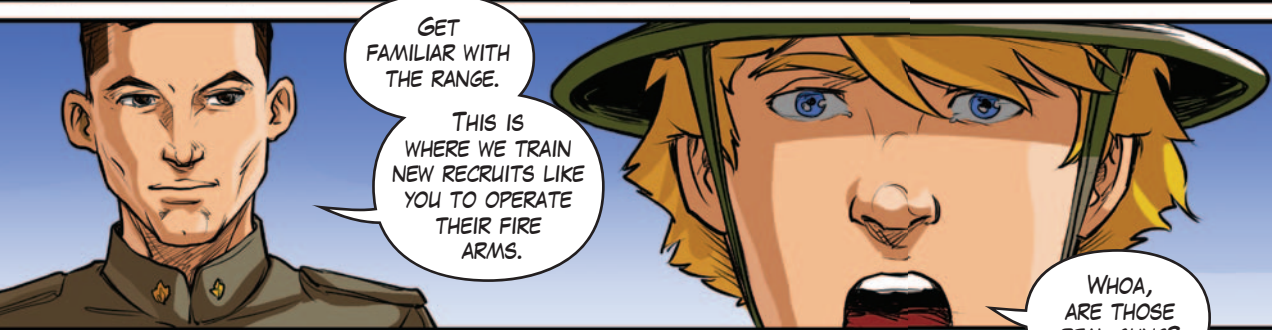
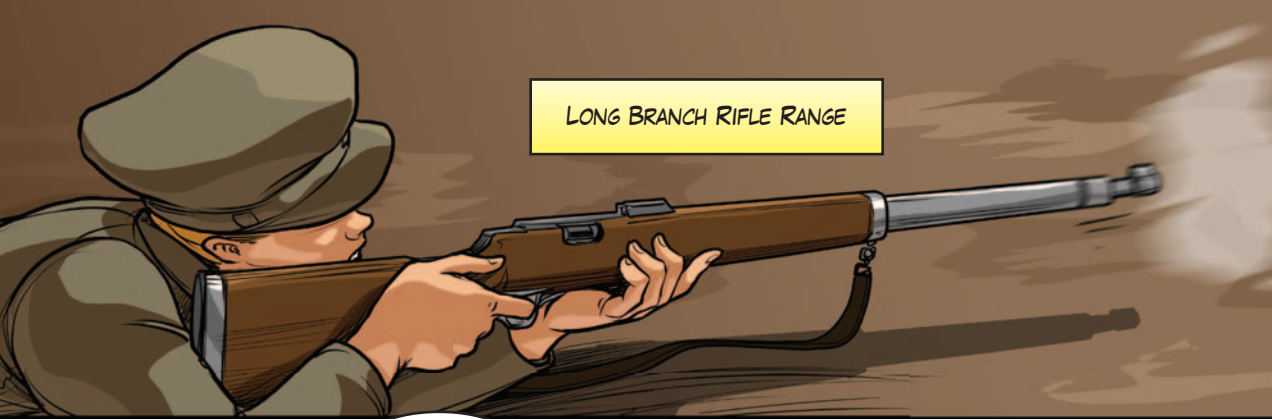
AND DON'T
FORGET YOUR
HELMET.

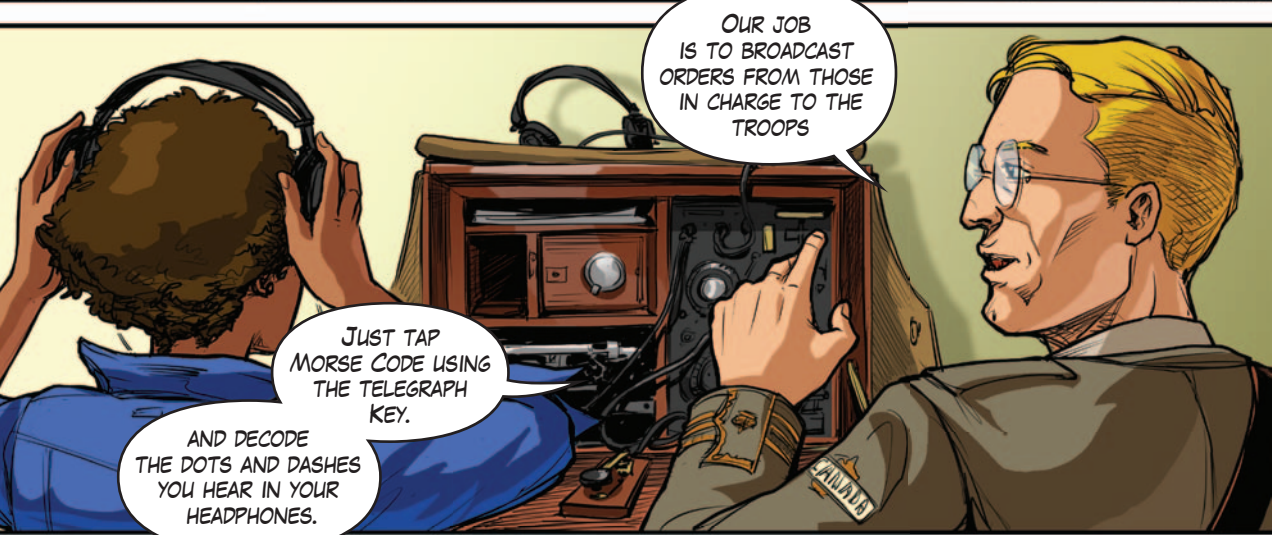
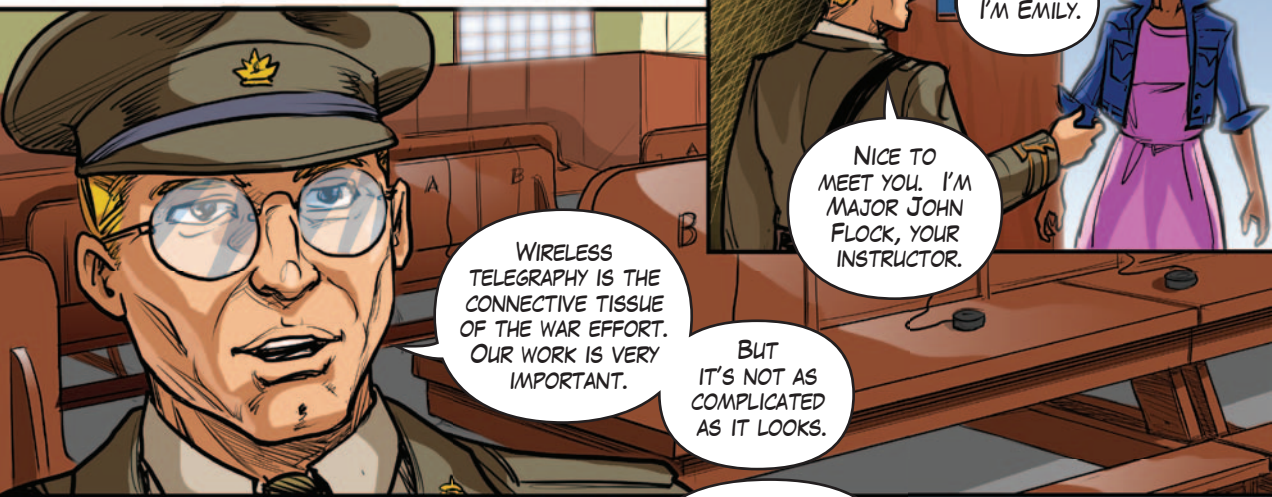
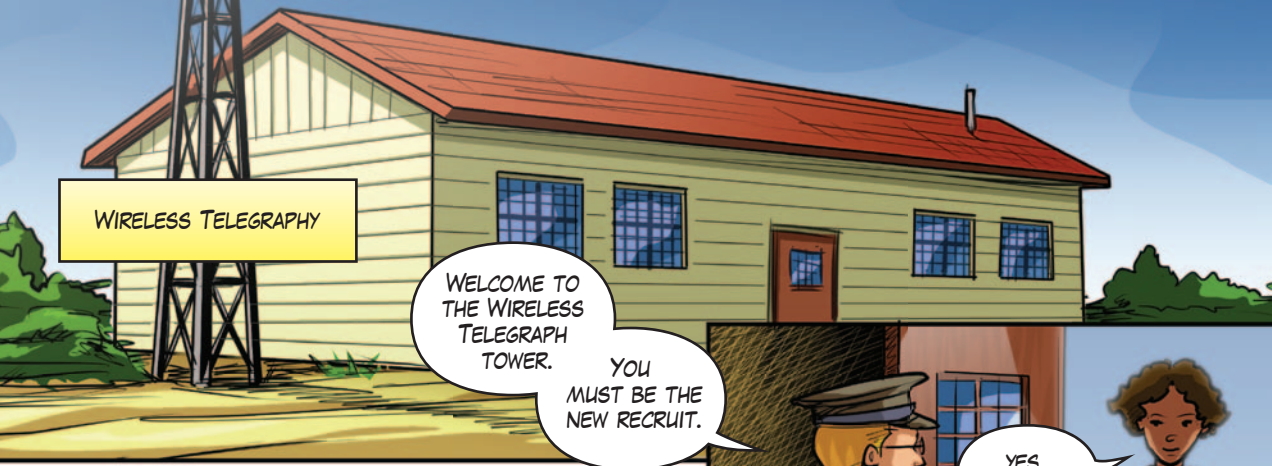


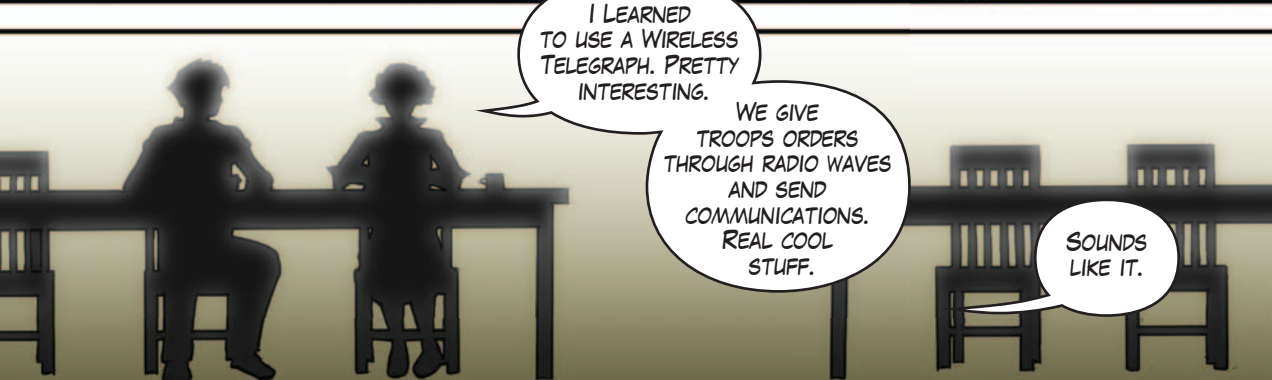
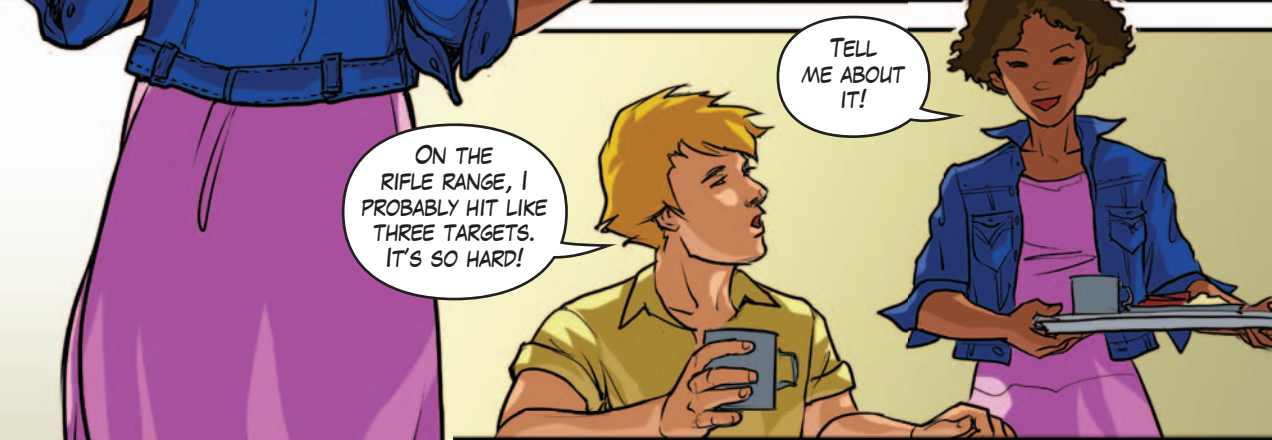
THERE'S A
DENT IN THIS
ONE. IS THAT
NORMAL?

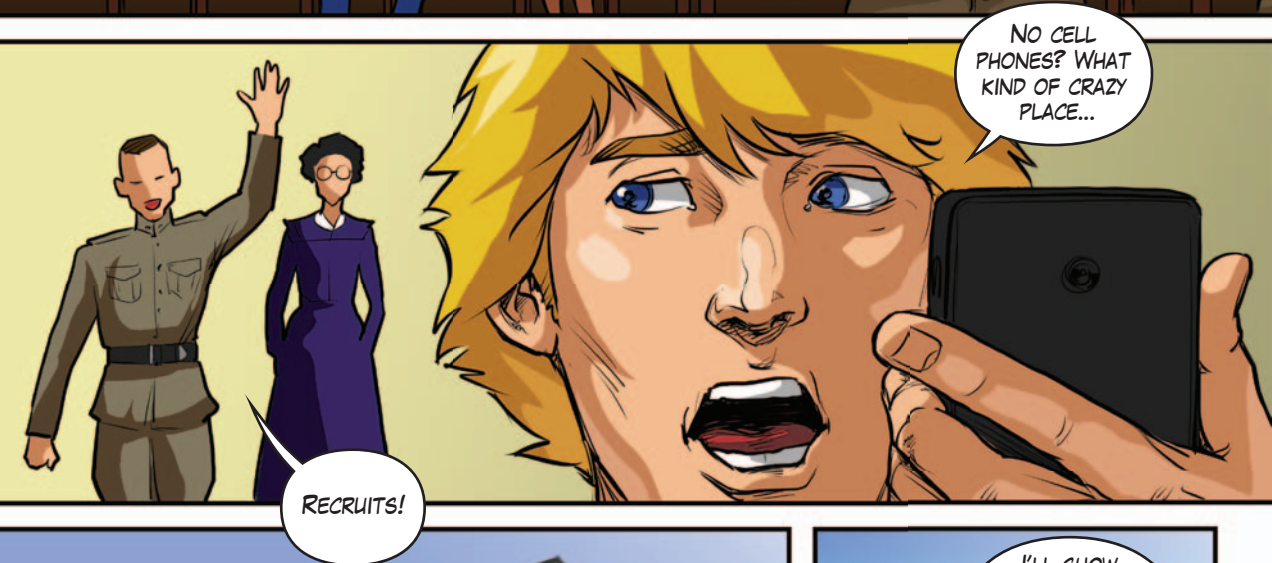
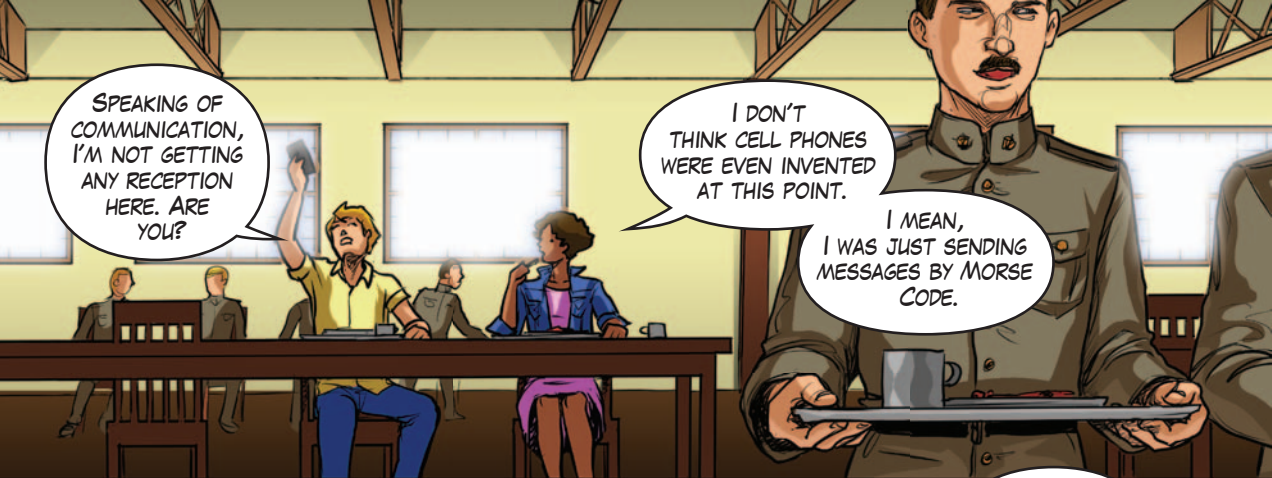



WHILE WE'RE
ON THE RANGE YOU'LL
BE OVER THERE,
TRAINING TO OPERATE
A WIRELESS
TELEGRAPH.











I LIKE TO
THINK THAT IT'S
HERE THAT THE
WAR IS WON.

WELCOME
TO THE
WARM ROOM!

WARM
ROOM?

IT'S A PLAY
ON WORDS,
CHILD.

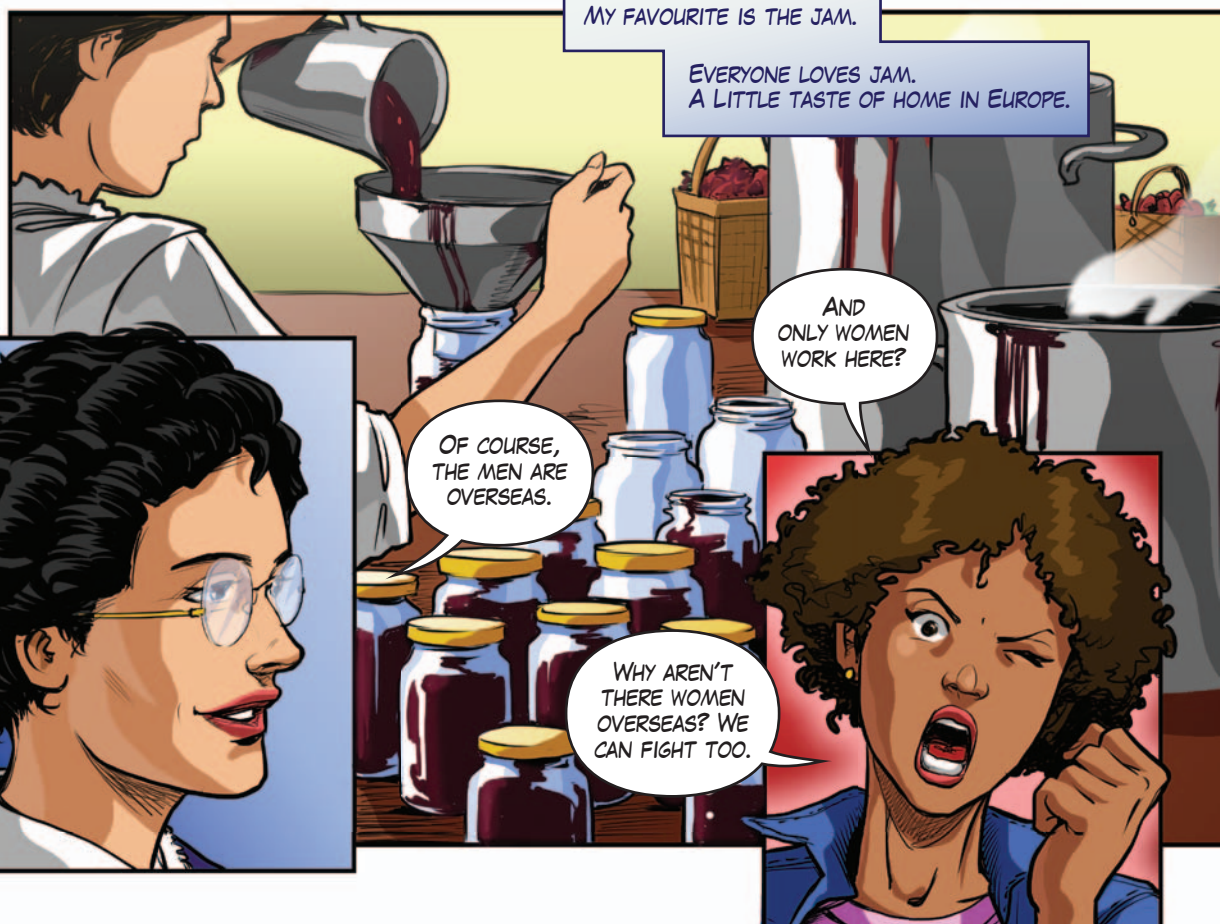
IN HERE, WE
PUT TOGETHER THE CARE
PACKAGES FOR THE MEN
OVERSEAS. WE KEEP OUR
TROOPS HEALTHY AND
WARM.



KNITTED SOCKS FOR
THOSE HARSH TRENCHES.



WE CUT BANDAGES HERE
FOR OUR TROOPS.



MY FAVOURITE IS THE JAM.

EVERYONE LOVES JAM.
A LITTLE TASTE OF HOME IN EUROPE.

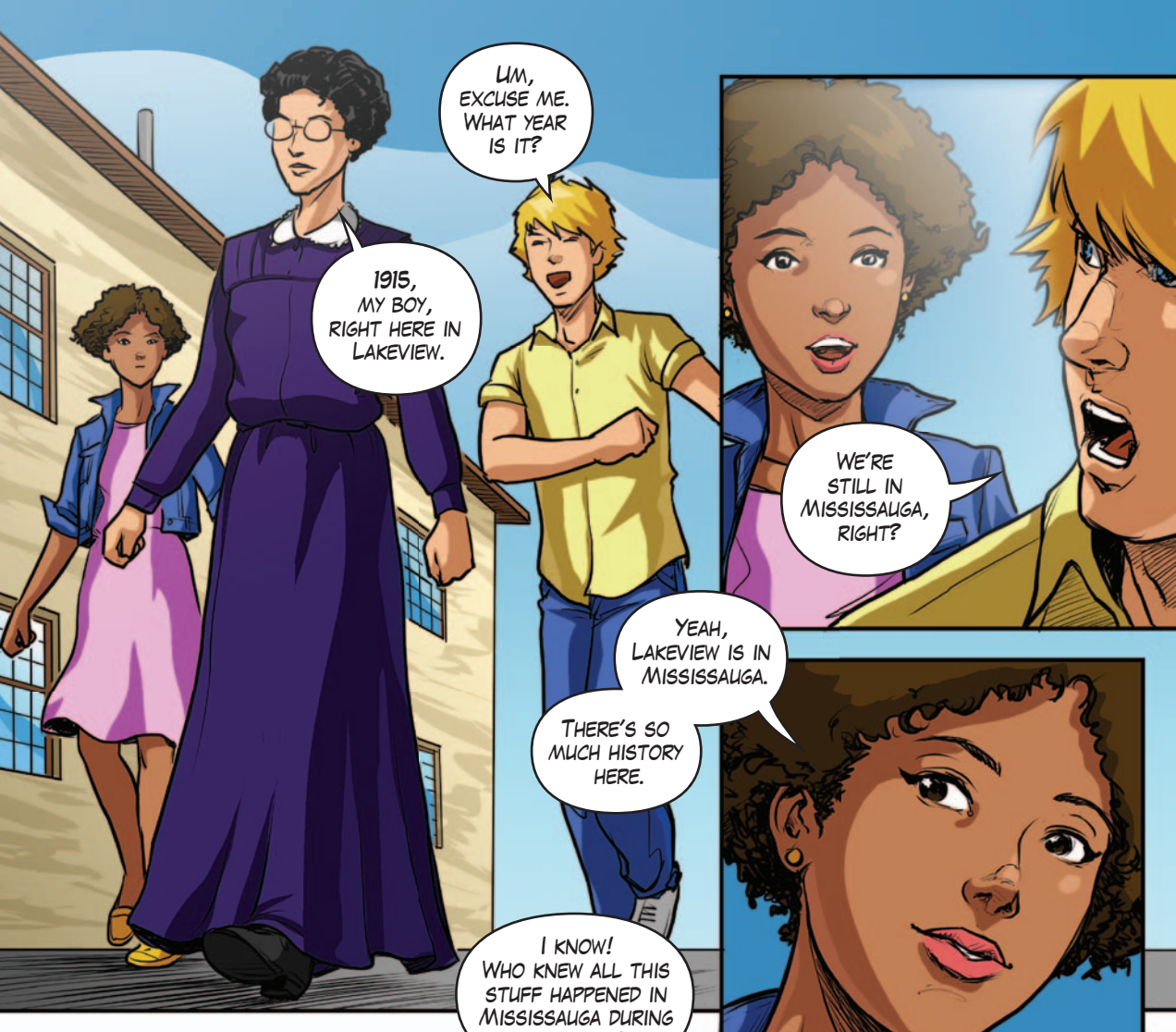
AND
ONLY WOMEN
WORK HERE?

OF COURSE,
THE MEN ARE
OVERSEAS.

WHY AREN'T
THERE WOMEN
OVERSEAS? WE
CAN FIGHT TOO.







HE'LL TAKE YOU TO
THE SKIES.

....GOOD LUCK!



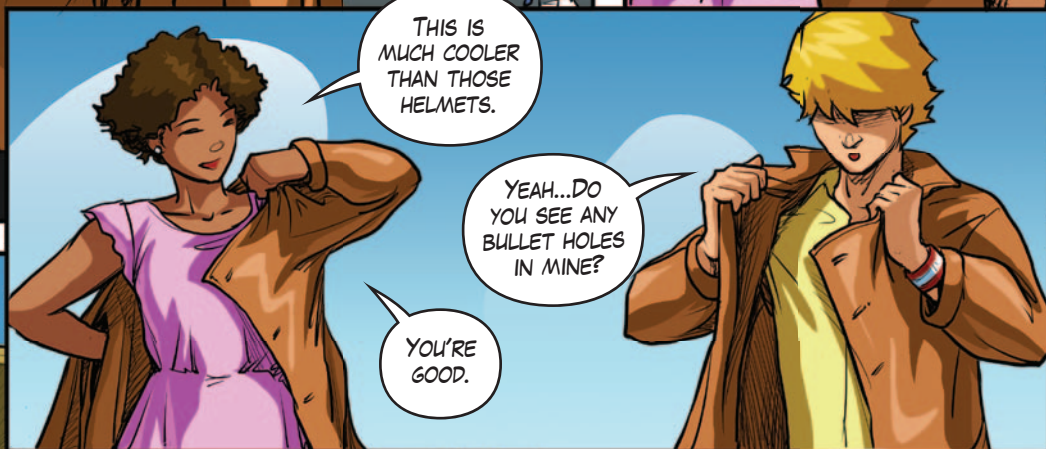


WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME. WE'RE LOSING DAYLIGHT.



SUIT UP, TIME TO FLY!

WHAT? US?



THIS IS MUCH COOLER THAN THOSE HELMETS.

YEAH...DO YOU SEE ANY BULLET HOLES IN MINE?

YOU'RE GOOD.

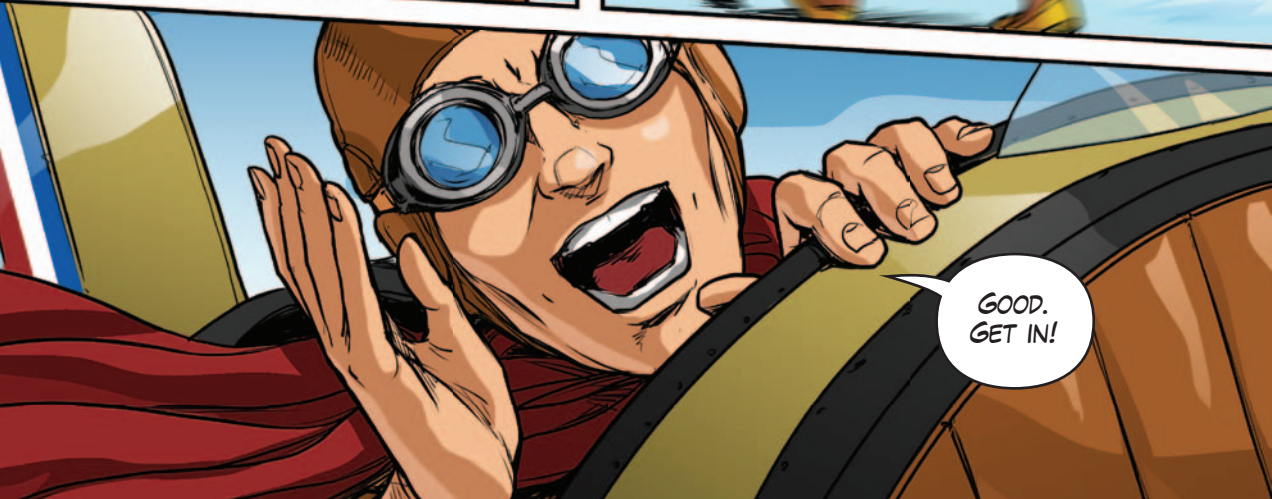
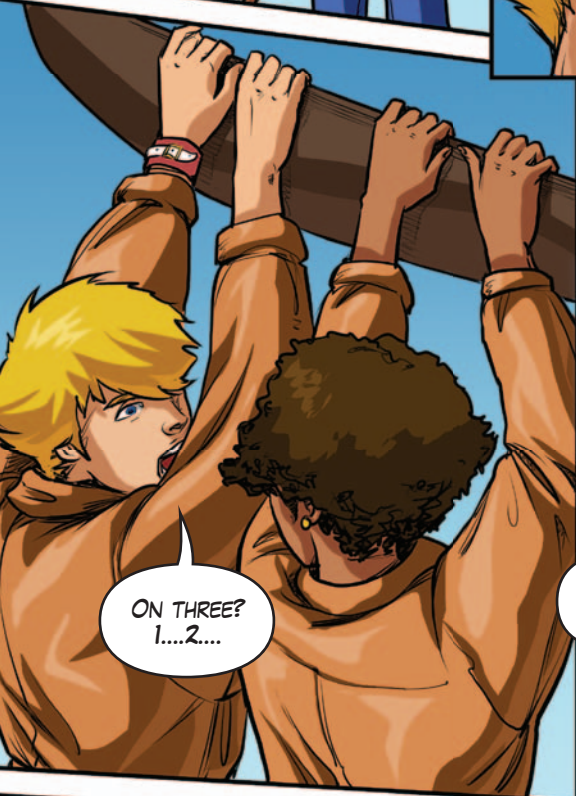
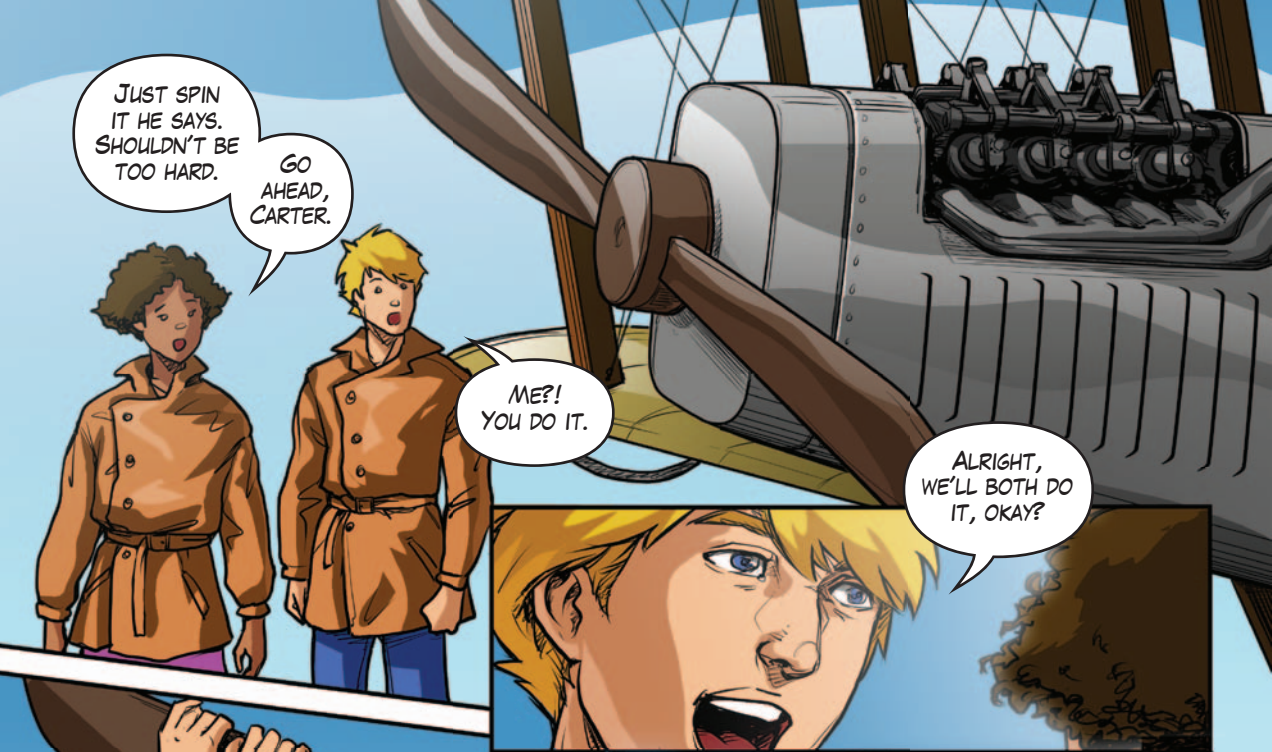


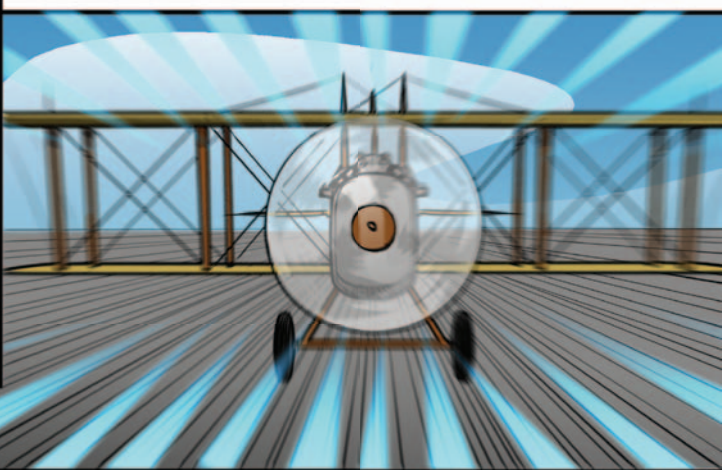
YOU TWO, GET THAT PROPELLER GOING.



HOW DO WE DO THAT, SIR?

YOU SPIN IT!





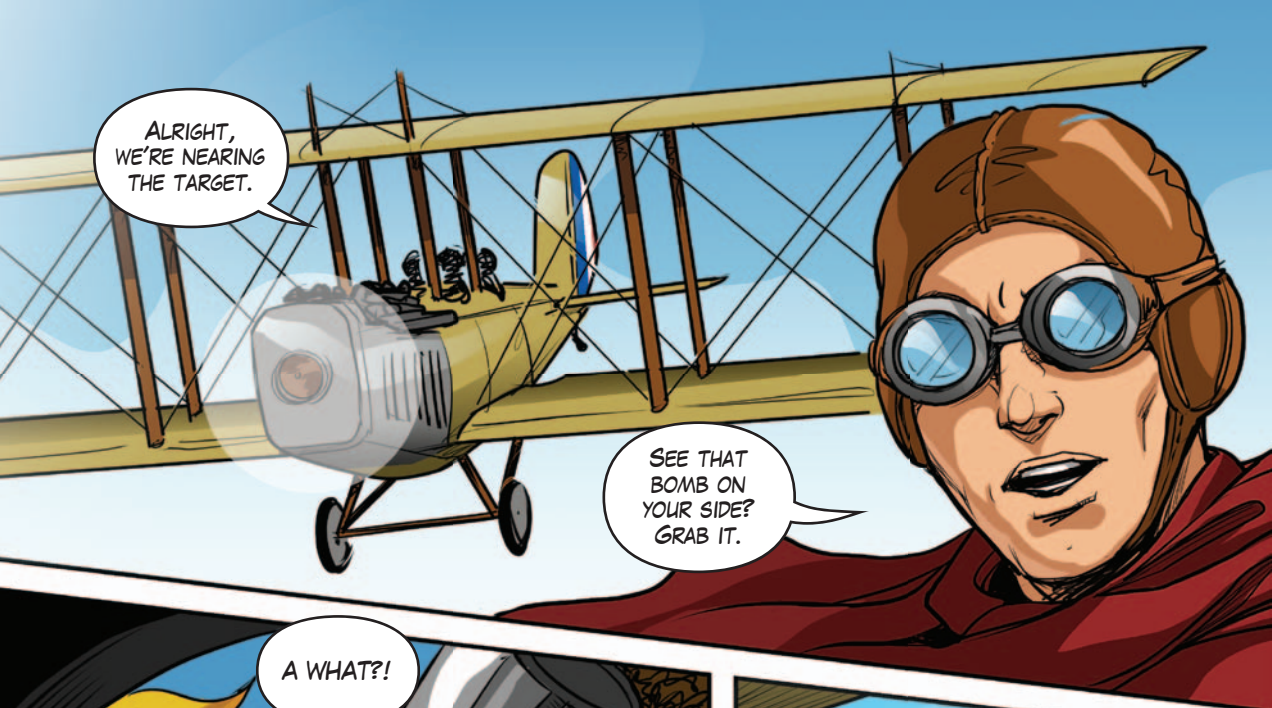
A comic book panel showing two characters, a young man with blonde hair and a young woman with dark curly hair, looking out of a large window. The window is framed by thick wooden beams. Outside, a cityscape is visible, including a river, a bridge, and various buildings. The characters are both wearing orange jackets. The young man is on the left, looking out with an open mouth. The young woman is on the right, looking out with a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression. There are three speech bubbles: one from the young man at the top left, one from the young woman at the top center, and one from the young woman at the bottom right.

WOW,
IT REALLY IS
MISSISSAUGA.

I CAN
SEE MY HOUSE
...I THINK.

EVERYTHING
IS SO
DIFFERENT.

MISSISSAUGA
IS SO
BEAUTIFUL!



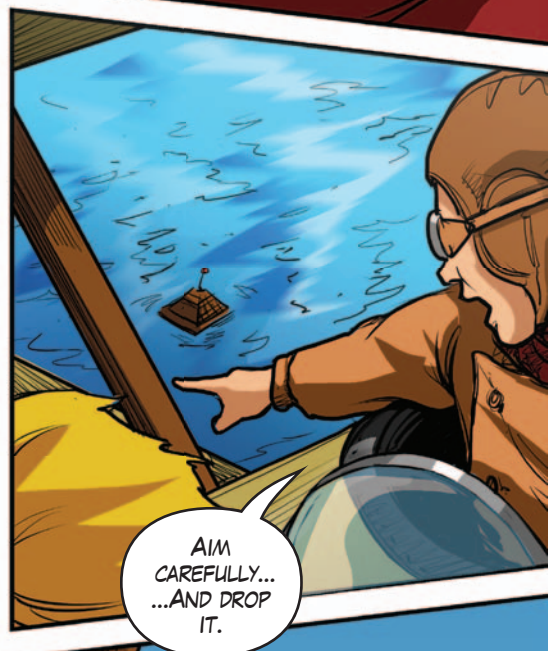
ALRIGHT,
WE'RE NEARING
THE TARGET.

SEE THAT
BOMB ON
YOUR SIDE?
GRAB IT.



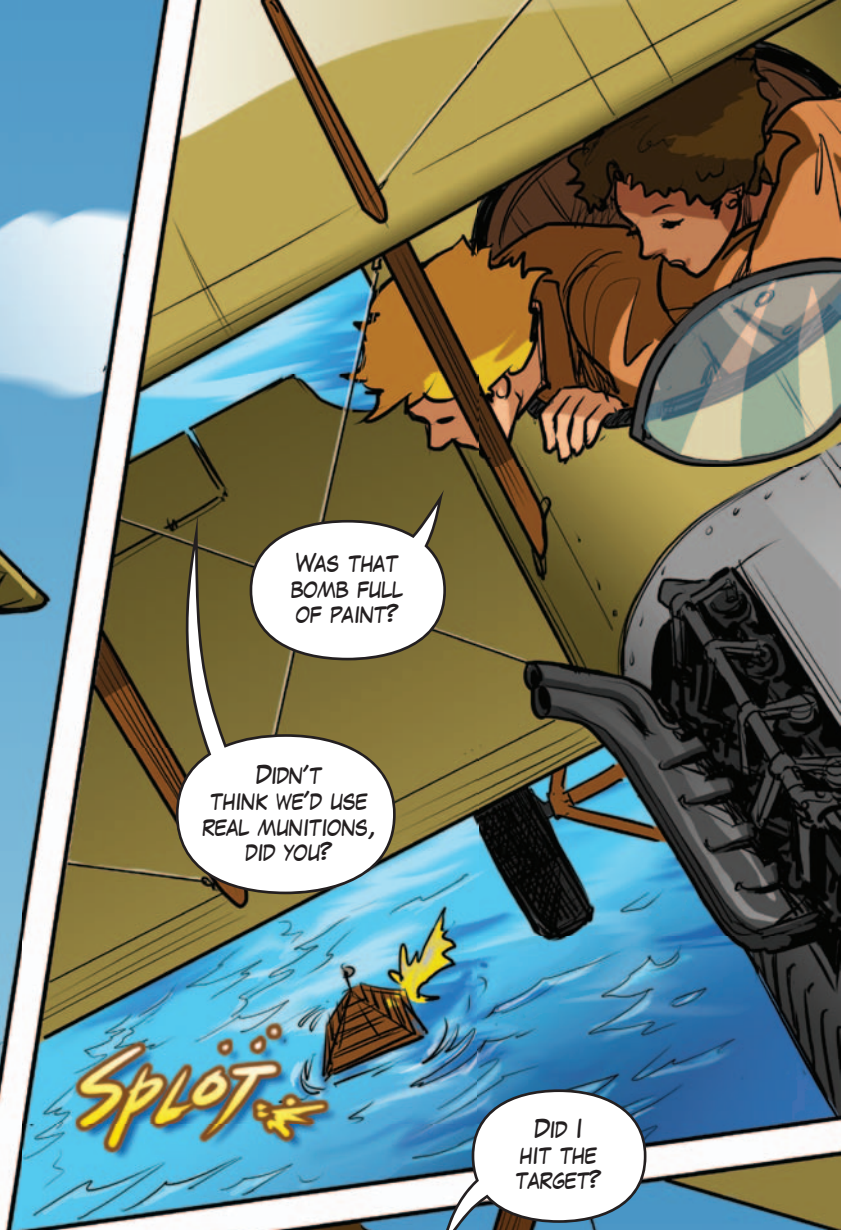
A WHAT?!

I THINK
HE SAID
BOMB.



AIM
CAREFULLY...
...AND DROP
IT.





WAS THAT
BOMB FULL
OF PAINT?

DIDN'T
THINK WE'D USE
REAL MUNITIONS,
DID YOU?

DID I
HIT THE
TARGET?

YOU NICKED
IT, WHICH IS
GREAT FOR YOUR
FIRST TIME.

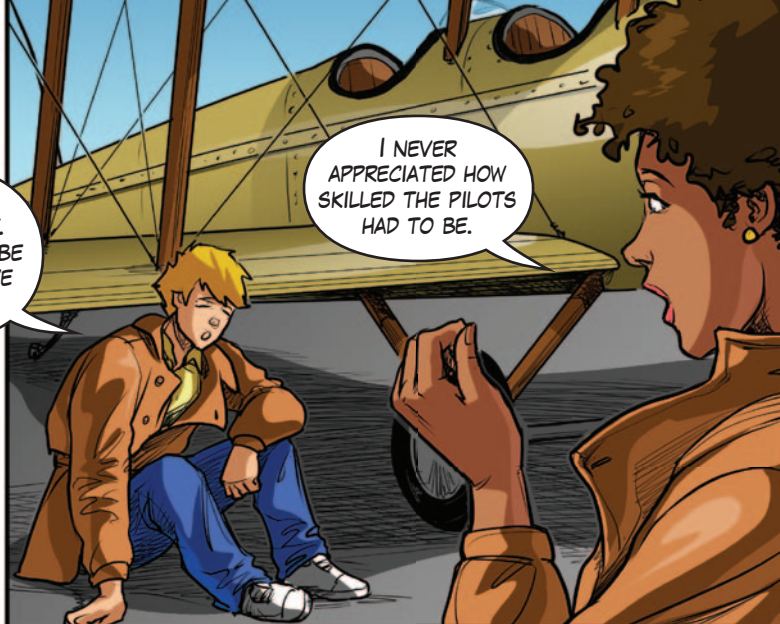
GREAT
JOB, RECRUITS.

LET'S
SET HER
DOWN.





WOW! MY
LEGS ARE JELLY.
PILOTS NEED TO BE
INCREDIBLY BRAVE
TO DO THAT.



I NEVER
APPRECIATED HOW
SKILLED THE PILOTS
HAD TO BE.



SO YOU
TRAIN PILOTS
HERE?

DO THEY
ALL GO
OVERSEAS?

YES,
MOST OF
THEM DO.



IT'S A GREAT HONOUR TO
SERVE YOUR COUNTRY.

AND EVERY SOLDIER
DOES COME HOME TO
GLORY...

MANY GO OVER HOPING
TO SERVE WELL AND
COME HOME TO GLORY.

JUST NOT ALWAYS
ON THEIR OWN FEET.

SOME ON THE BACKS
OF THEIR BROTHERS.

BUT LETS GET
YOU HOME.



I SAW
YOU IN
THE AIR.



HIT THE
TARGET,
GREAT SHOT.

HA,
THANKS.



THIS IS
FOR YOU.

TO KEEP
YOU SAFE.

THANK YOU.



YOU BOTH
DID WELL AND
SHOWED MUCH
PROMISE.

OUR
COUNTRY IS IN
GREAT HANDS.



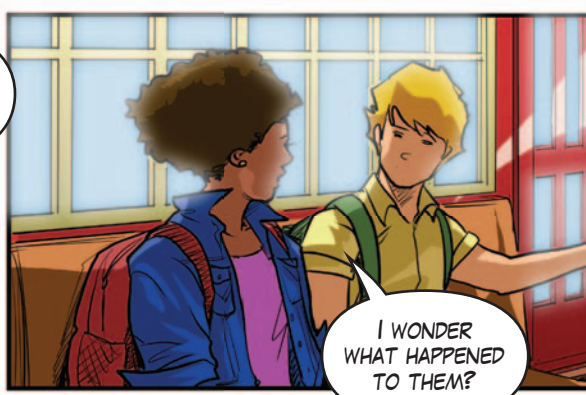
MAN!
I'M GOING
TO MISS THOSE
GUYS.

ME TOO.



LEARN ANYTHING
INTERESTING ABOUT
MISSISSAUGA?

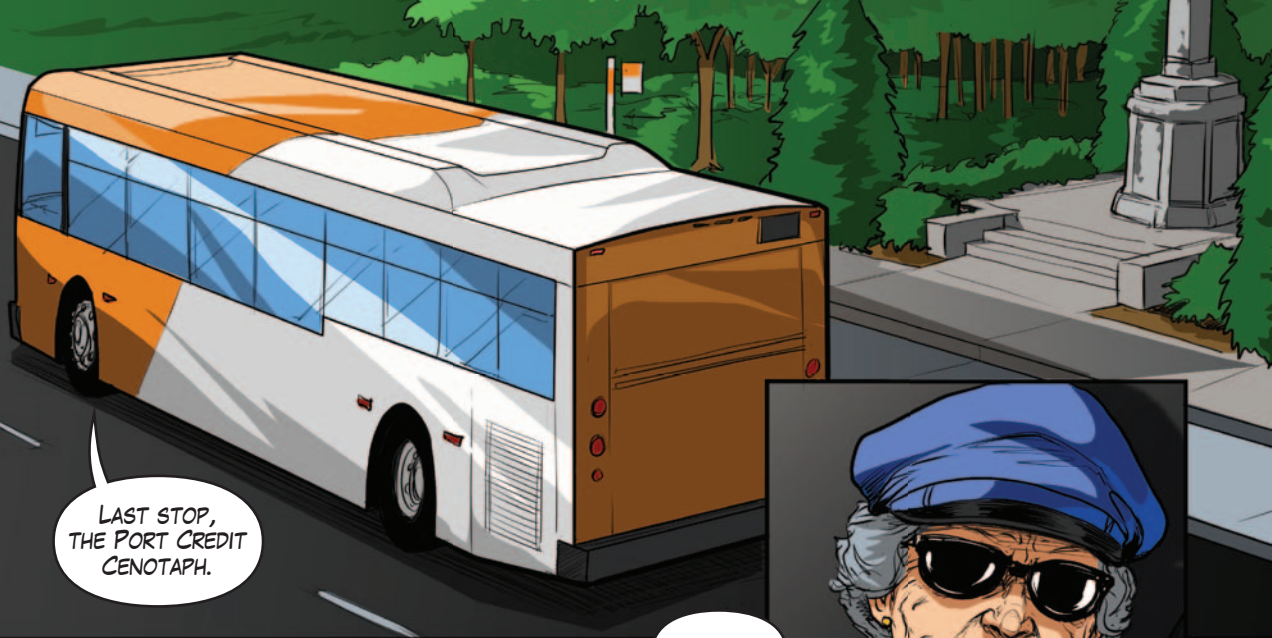
YEAH, WE
DIDN'T KNOW SO
MUCH TRAINING FOR
THE FIRST WORLD
WAR TOOK PLACE
HERE.



I WONDER
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THEM?

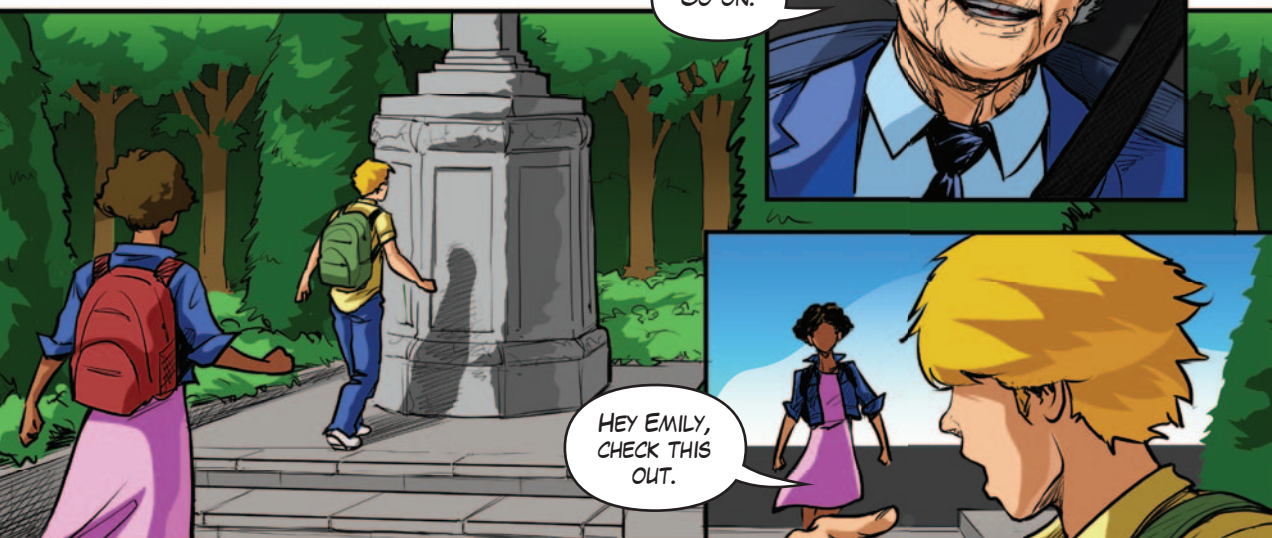


WELL...



LAST STOP,
THE PORT CREDIT
CENOTAPH.

GO ON.



HEY EMILY,
CHECK THIS
OUT.



HERE'S
CYRIL BARBER.

AND
REUBEN
CRAWFORD.



THEY'LL
NEVER BE
FORGOTTEN.

THE ULTIMATE
SACRIFICE FOR
OUR FREEDOM.

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SERVE YOUR COUNTRY.

MANY GO OVER HOPING TO
SERVE WELL AND COME HOME
TO GLORY.

AND EVERY SOLDIER DOES
COME HOME TO GLORY...

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ON THEIR OWN FEET.

SOME ON THE BACKS
OF THEIR BROTHERS.

AND IN OUR HEARTS.

LEGEND OF THE ARSENAL LANDS by Emily and Carter

A large tract of land in the Lakeview area of southeast Mississauga has been used over time for various military purposes, including a rifle range and aerodrome. Facilities included military barracks, parade square, an airfield and hangars.



1.

In 1891 the Ontario Rifle Association relocated their rifle range to Lakeview, naming it the Long Branch Rifle Ranges. The ranges were used as training grounds for cadets, local militia, and the Department of Militia and Defence. The ranges were home to rifle competitions, and during the First World War were used for weapons and armaments training for new recruits into the Canadian Expeditionary Force, the local 36th Peel militia battalion, and training for the Home Guard and the Women's Home Guard. Corporal Reuben Crawford of Cooksville would have trained here as part of the 36th Peel militia. He was killed in action on October 30th, 1917 at the Battle of Passchendaele, and was one of almost 100 residents from historic Mississauga who lost their lives during the First World War. The rifle ranges closed in 1957.



2.

Adjacent to and immediately east of the rifle range was Canada's first aerodrome, which operated here between 1915 and 1919. In May of 1915, Curtiss Aeroplanes and Motors, Ltd. established a flying school in Lakeview. The school, and the nearby Curtiss aircraft factory, were managed by J.A.D. McCurdy, Canada's first aviator. Students at the school piloted Curtiss Model F "Flying Boats" and the Curtiss JN-3 "Jenny" biplane.



3.

Students at the school initially had to pay their own way: \$400 for 400 minutes of flying time. After graduation, pilots went to England for further training and would join either the Royal Flying Corps or the Royal Naval Air Service. The Curtiss Aviation School produced 129 graduates between the spring of 1915 and the end of 1916. Of these pilots 34 lost their lives in training accidents or combat overseas. One of these pilots was Flight Lieutenant Cyril Roaf Barber of Port Credit, who lost his life in an accident in France on January 7th, 1918 at the age of 23. The Curtiss Aviation School closed on December 15th, 1916.



In January of 1917 the Long Branch Aerodrome became home to two squadrons, X and Y, of the Long Branch Cadet Wing with the newly formed Royal Flying Corps Canada. Cadets were trained in clerical work, mechanical transport, aerial gunnery, wireless communication, photography and other military responsibilities. New barracks building were added in the spring of 1918. At its height the aerodrome could accommodate 1200 cadets. The aerodrome closed in 1919.

1 Long Branch Aerodrome Field, c1916, courtesy of the Archives of Ontario

2 Long Branch Rifle Range, 4 Curtiss "Jenny" Biplane, Long Branch Aerodrome c1916, images courtesy of the Charlie Hare Collection, Mississauga South Historical Society

3 Curtiss Flying School, Class of July 1916, courtesy of the Toronto Public Library

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