

OAKLAND.

TRY TO KEEP UP, MATT. THERE'S NO FITNESS REQUIREMENT FOR DATING A SUPERHERO?



LOOK AT THAT THING ON YOUR HIP, DUDE. IT'S QUAIN.



IT'S A CLASSIC. I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO THROW IT OUT.



SAY WHAT YOU WANT. I'VE HAD IT SINCE I WAS A KID.



WELL, I THREW AWAY MY SECURITY BLANKET.

WHAT'S IT FEEL LIKE TO BE LAPPED BY OLD MEN?

FEELS GOOD, JOE. GIVES ME HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.





JASON IS JASON. JOE AND JEROL ARE GREAT, YOU KNOW? I'LL BE LUCKY TO BE LIKE THEM WHEN I GROW UP.

HOPEFULLY YOU'LL BE LIKE YOU WHEN YOU GROW UP.

ANYWAY, IT FEELS GOOD TO BE UP AND OUT EARLY. MISS YOU. HOW'S IT GOING? DID YOU...FIND ANYTHING? THE GUY SELLING THE STOLEN GOD GARDEN TECH?

## KAZAN. RUSSIA.



IT'S GOING VERY RUSSIAN. I BEAT SOMEONE WITH A BIRCH BRANCH.

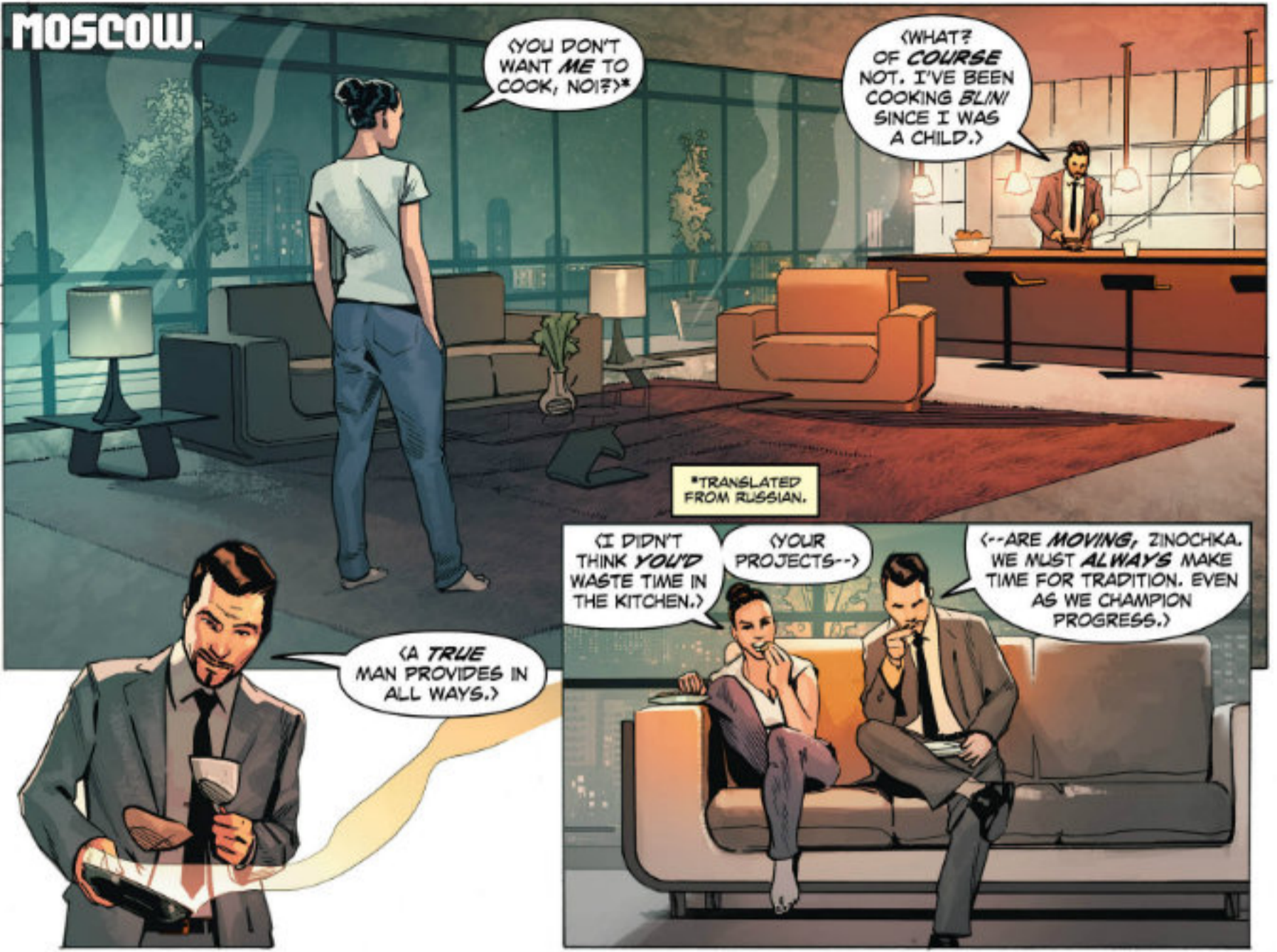
AS FOR NOI AKAKYEVICH, MY HAND'S ON THE NOOSE. AGENT 37'S HOLDING THE ROPE.



AGENT 37? WAIT-- YOU BROUGHT BACKUP?

THAT'S HISTORICALLY AN UNATTRACTIVE WORD. HE'S AN INTERN AT BEST.

MOSCOW.



(YOU DON'T WANT ME TO COOK, NO?)\*

(WHAT? OF COURSE NOT. I'VE BEEN COOKING BLINI SINCE I WAS A CHILD.)

\*TRANSLATED FROM RUSSIAN.



(A TRUE MAN PROVIDES IN ALL WAYS.)

(I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D WASTE TIME IN THE KITCHEN.)

(YOUR PROJECTS--)

(--ARE MOVING, ZINOOKA. WE MUST ALWAYS MAKE TIME FOR TRADITION. EVEN AS WE CHAMPION PROGRESS.)



(TOMORROW, BY DESIGN...)



(...IS RIPPED FROM THE CAUL OF YESTERDAY.)

KAZAN.



(THAT'LL BE AKAKYEVICH. BEGIN LOOKING **BUSY**, SLUG WORKERS.)



(PIOTR VSEVOLODOVICH. YOU'RE SMILING. THAT'S **UNUSUAL**.)

(MUST BE A **REFLEX**. THE BEAST BATTALION IS **EXCEEDING** PROJECTIONS. THE MARTIAN CELLS ARE **EASILY** MANIPULATED, AND **AGGRESSIVE** ONCE YOU PUT A FIRE UNDER THEM. WE HAVE THE MARKET **CORNERED** ON MONSTERS, SIR.)

(THIS, HOWEVER, **DEGRADES** MY SMILE.)



(WE CAPTURED RETINAL SURVEILLANCE OF TWO MEN ATTACKING OUR STREET FENCES, A SPYRAL AGENT, AND **MIDNIGHTER**.)

(THEY'RE BEHIND **SCHEDULE**. LET'S THROW UP A **FLARE**.)

(SIR?)

(AND PIOTR? PREPARE TO **REVERSE ENGINEER** A SUPERHUMAN BRAIN.)

**KAZAN.**

HIS *NANO-SIGNATURE* GOT US THIS FAR. BUT THESE *FENCES* ARE DATA-BLIND. I WANT AKAKYEVICH. YOUR LEAD'S *LEGIT?*

A DEVICE THAT BLOCKS MY TELEPORT DOORS FROM THE GOD GARDEN. HE JUST TURNED IT ON. *SIMPLE.* WHERE WE *CAN'T* DOOR? *THERE* HE IS.

AN UNMAPPED *METRO* STOP. ETHICALLY QUESTIONABLE SCIENCE WAITING IN *AMBUSH.* SHOULD BE *FUN,* GRAYSON.

I HATE YOU *MORE AND MORE.*

WAIT. WHAT ARE YOU--  
--WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR *COAT?*

PREPARATION.

I'VE HEARD PUBLIC TRANSIT CAN BE THE *WORST.*

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