



YOU WERE RIGHT TO COME TO US. THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT UNIT WON'T HELP YOU.

INSPECTOR NIGHTINGALE HAS HIS OWN AGENDA.



I TOLD YOU THAT WE SHOULD DEAL WITH THIS OURSELVES.

HUSH.

CAN YOU HELP US?



NOT DIRECTLY, BUT WE CAN HELP YOU MANAGE THE SITUATION.



MANAGE?

WE CAN HELP YOU PUT PRESSURE ON INSPECTOR NIGHTINGALE.

AND WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF THIS?

THAT'S OUR BUSINESS.



AND HOW DO WE GET TO THIS NIGHTINGALE?

THROUGH HIS APPRENTICE.

AND HOW DO WE GET TO HIM?

THE SAME WAY YOU GET TO ANYONE.



"YOU JUST NEED TO FIND THEIR WEAK SPOT.

AND GIVE IT A GOOD SQUEEZE."





THE LESHY.

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'HE OF THE FOREST.'

SOME SAY HE'S AN EVIL CHILD-STEALING WOOD DEMON, OTHERS BELIEVE HE IS MERELY TEMPERAMENTAL.

SO FAR, SO WIKIPEDIA.



I WAS HOPING VARVARA WOULD KNOW MORE.

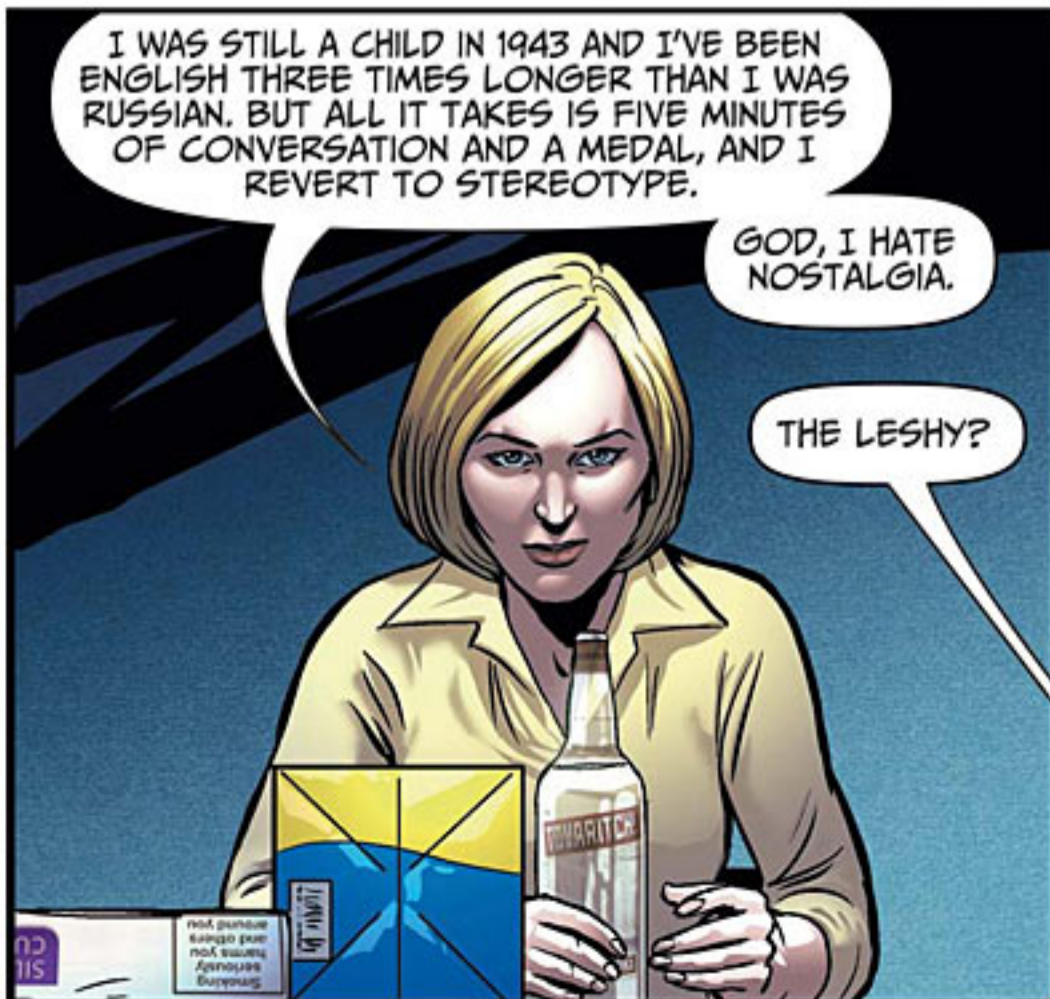
THEY WERE WHAT YOU WOULD CALL GENIUS LOCI-SPIRITS OF THE FOREST.

VERY DANGEROUS.

DID YOU BRING ANY VODKA?

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT IT?

HAND IT OVER.



I WAS STILL A CHILD IN 1943 AND I'VE BEEN ENGLISH THREE TIMES LONGER THAN I WAS RUSSIAN. BUT ALL IT TAKES IS FIVE MINUTES OF CONVERSATION AND A MEDAL, AND I REVERT TO STEREOTYPE.

GOD, I HATE NOSTALGIA.

THE LESHY?



THE NKVD HAD SPECIAL UNITS OF THEIR OWN. THEIR JOB WAS TO 'MOBILISE THE NATURAL DEFENCES OF THE MOTHERLAND AGAINST THE FASCISTS.'

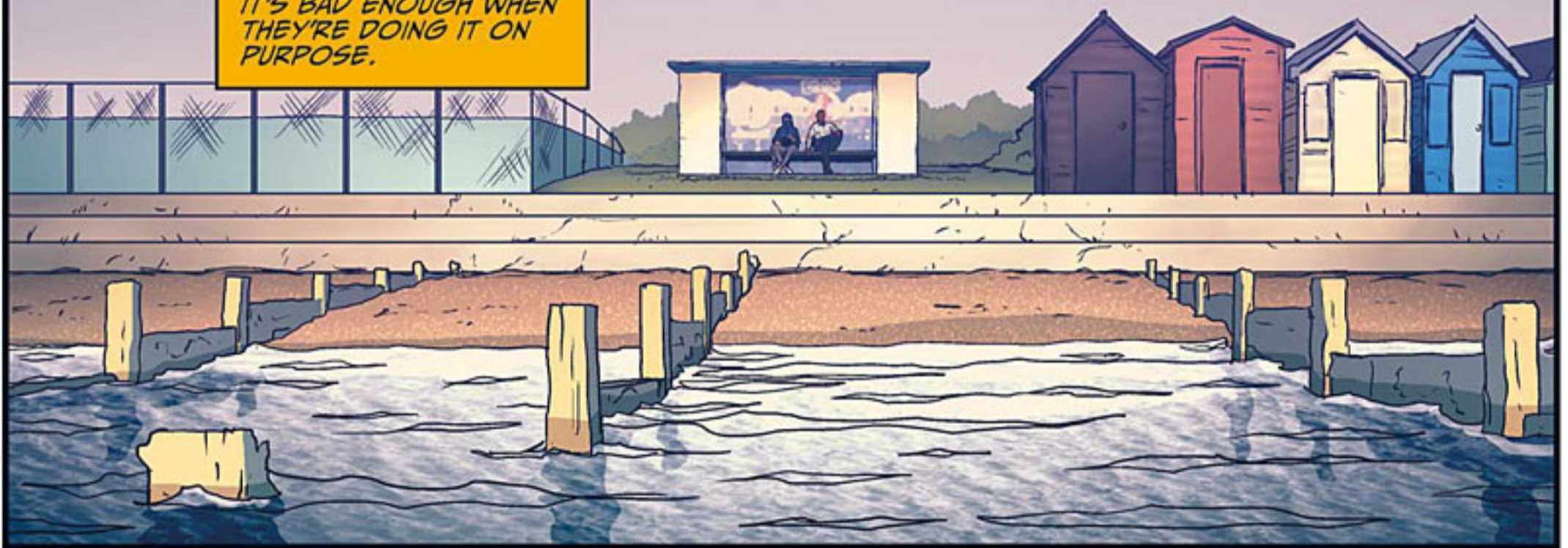
THEY USED TO GOAD THE LESHY INTO A FRENZY AND THEN DRIVE IT TOWARDS THE GERMANS,

I NEVER HAD DIRECT DEALINGS WITH IT MYSELF.

WELCOME TO BRIGHTLINGSEA

I'VE ALWAYS HATED IT
WHEN PEOPLE LIE TO ME.

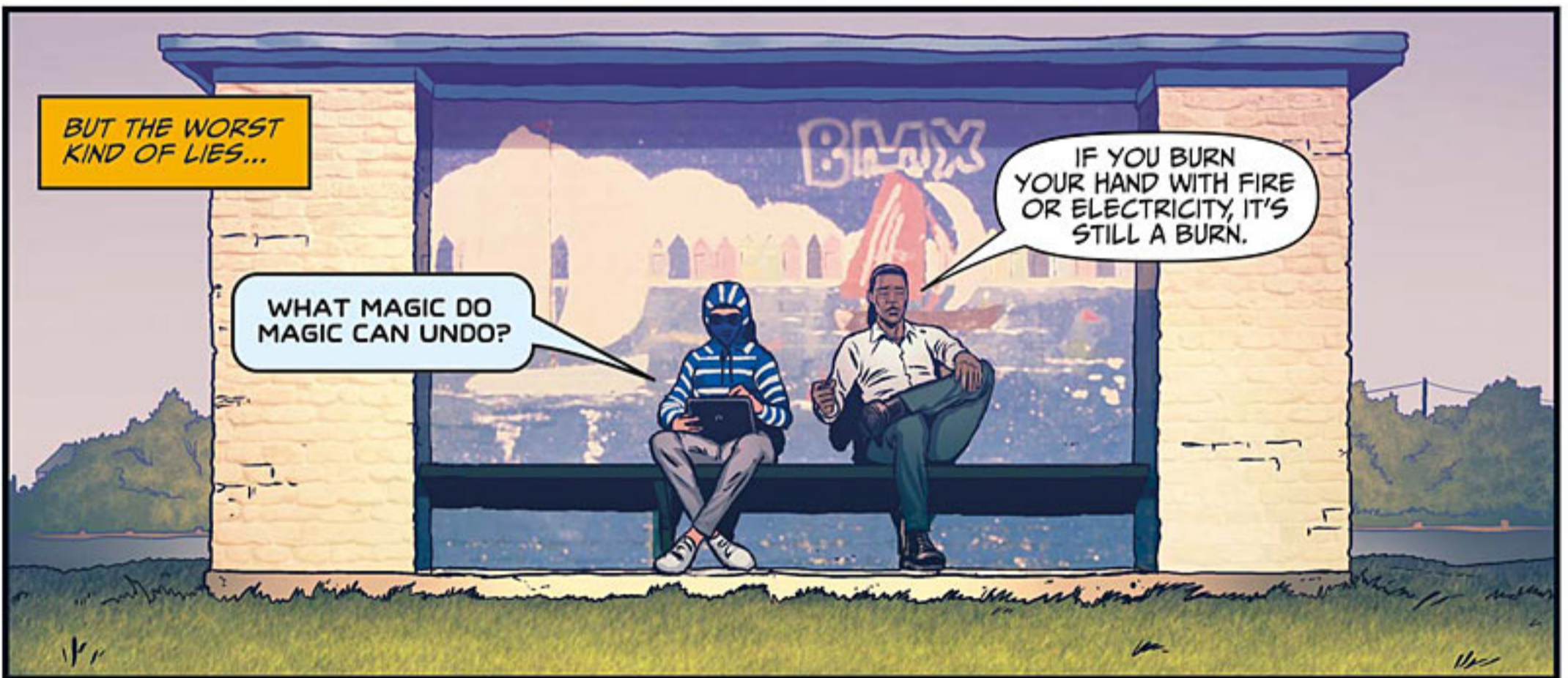
IT'S BAD ENOUGH WHEN
THEY'RE DOING IT ON
PURPOSE.



BUT THE WORST
KIND OF LIES...

WHAT MAGIC DO
MAGIC CAN UNDO?

IF YOU BURN
YOUR HAND WITH FIRE
OR ELECTRICITY, IT'S
STILL A BURN.



...ARE THE LIES
THAT THEY MISTAKE
FOR THE TRUTH.

YOU FIX IT WITH
BANDAGES AND CREAM AND
STUFF LIKE THAT. YOU DON'T
USE MORE ELECTRICITY
OR MORE FIRE.

YOU CAN'T
JUST WISH IT
AWAY.

