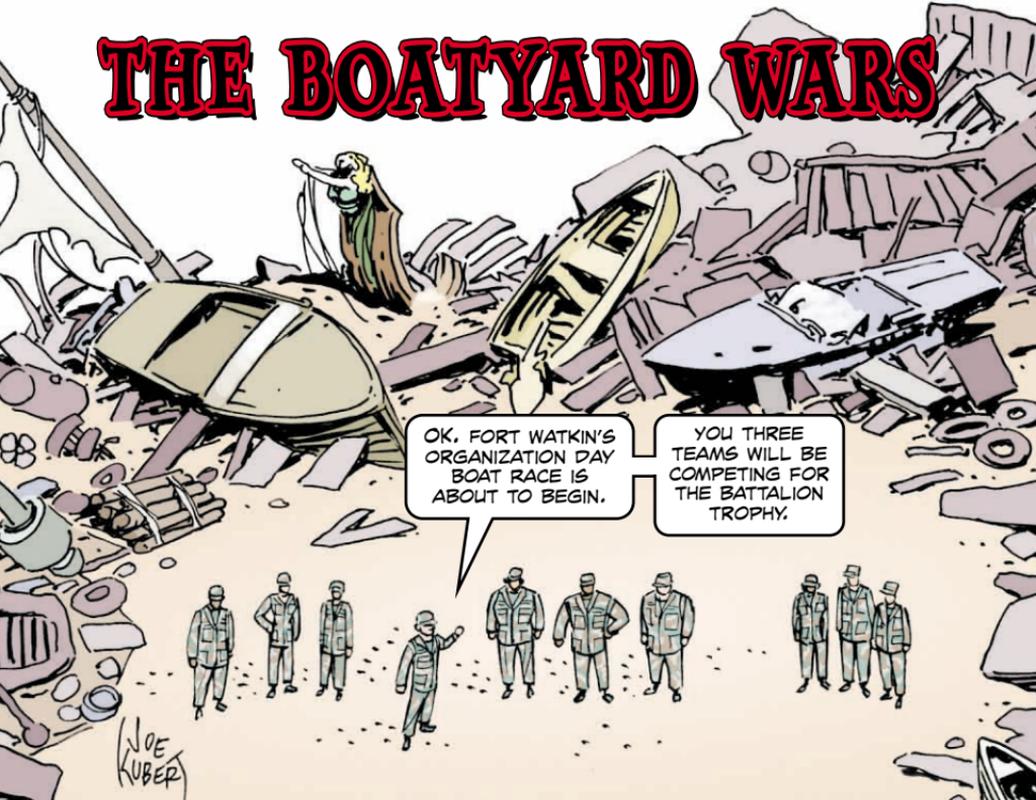


THE BOATYARD WARS



OK, FORT WATKIN'S ORGANIZATION DAY BOAT RACE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

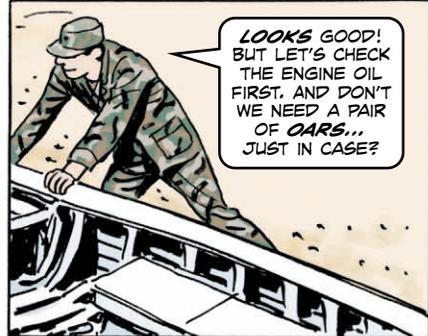
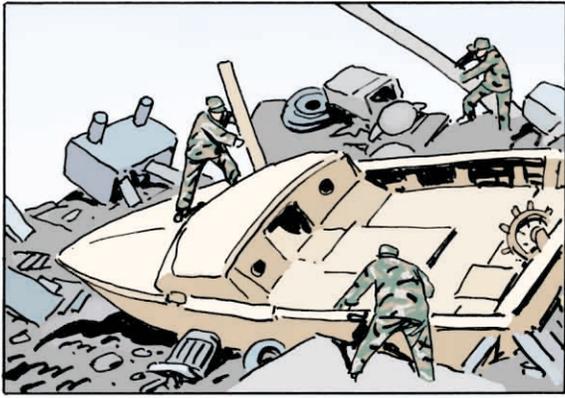
YOU THREE TEAMS WILL BE COMPETING FOR THE BATTALION TROPHY.

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ALPHA UNIT GIVES US PRIVATE JONES, PFC MILLER AND SPECIALIST HERNANDEZ...

...REPRESENTING DELTA UNIT IS PRIVATE CHANG, PFC JOHNSON, AND PRIVATE WILLIAMS.

...AND THE OMEGA TEAM IS SERGEANT PALMER, PFC JONES, AND PRIVATE SIMS.



MEANWHILE, DELTA GETS THINGS SHIP-SHAPE... OR DO THEY?



WE'VE GOT OUR BOAT, JOHNSON... AND THESE OARS LOOK OK.



LET'S SEE IF OMEGA'S AS FULL OF HOT AIR AS THE OTHERS...

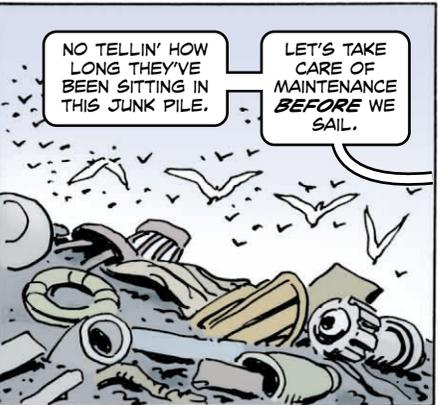
WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, WE WILL WIN THE RACE. WHY?



'CAUSE WE'RE THE OMEGAS!



YEAH, CHANG... BUT SHOULDN'T WE TAKE THAT BOAT REPAIR KIT AND SOME EXTRA OARS?



NO TELLIN' HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN SITTING IN THIS JUNK PILE.

LET'S TAKE CARE OF MAINTENANCE BEFORE WE SAIL.



THAT'S RIGHT! WE DO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO GET WHERE WE HAVE TO GO!



HEY, SERGEANT PALMER, I TOOK CARE OF THE ROPE PM AND SEWED UP THE SAIL.



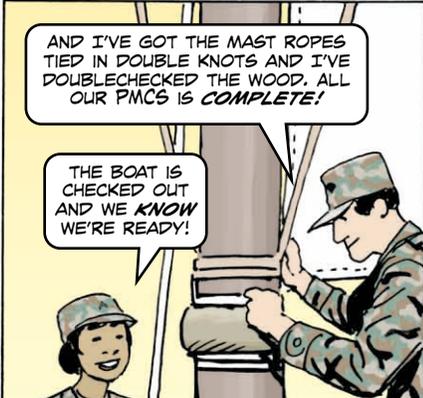
LISTEN UP! THEY DON'T CALL US DELTA FOR NOTHING.

WE GOT THE MUSCLE TO WIN. WE DON'T NEED THE EXTRA WEIGHT OF THE KIT AND OARS. FORGET 'EM!



WE GOT THIS RACE IN THE BAG!

WE'RE NUMBER ONE!



AND I'VE GOT THE MAST ROPES TIED IN DOUBLE KNOTS AND I'VE DOUBLECHECKED THE WOOD. ALL OUR PMCS IS COMPLETE!

THE BOAT IS CHECKED OUT AND WE KNOW WE'RE READY!



TWO HOURS LATER...

READY... SET... GO!!



UH, OH! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

CHECK THE ENGINE, MILLER!



LOOKS LIKE NO ENGINE OIL. HERNANDEZ, I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE HAD OIL.



AND JONES, A VISUAL INSPECTION WASN'T ENOUGH.

NOBODY LISTENED TO ME... AND WE LEFT THE OARS BEHIND!



OK, SO WE OVERLOOKED A FEW THINGS. IF WE WANT TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO PADDLE WITH OUR HANDS!



HEY, LOOK! ALPHA'S DEAD IN THE WATER!!

ROW FASTER AND TAKE THIS RACE!



FASTER!



PONG



PING



UH-OH!



WILLIAMS! WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE BOAT REPAIR KIT BEHIND!?

I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD'VE TAKEN CARE OF THE PROBLEMS FIRST BEFORE WE LEFT!

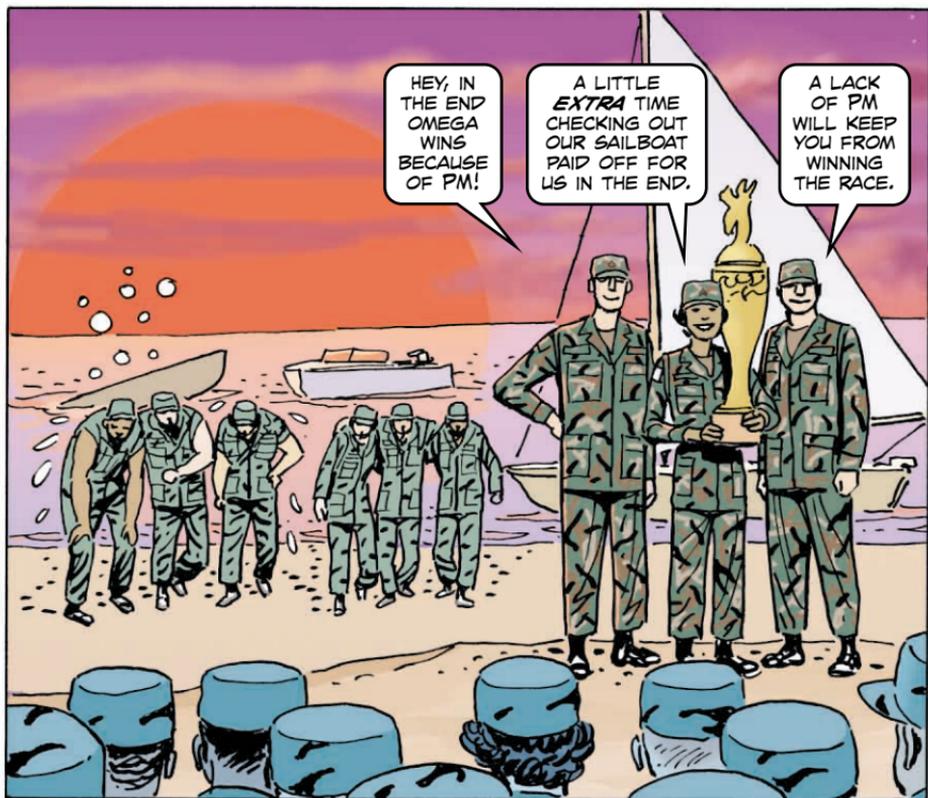
ALL OUR MUSCLE AND MASS CAN'T FIX THE BOAT NOW... NOT WITHOUT THE STUFF WE NEED!



HEY! WE STILL GOT A CHANCE. LET'S JUMP IN THE WATER AND SWIM FOR IT!



SEE YOU GUYS AT THE FINISH LINE!!



HEY, IN THE END OMEGA WINS BECAUSE OF PM!

A LITTLE *EXTRA* TIME CHECKING OUT OUR SAILBOAT PAID OFF FOR US IN THE END.

A LACK OF PM WILL KEEP YOU FROM WINNING THE RACE.

EQUIPMENT *SHOULD NOT* BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

PREVENTIVE AND MAINTENANCE ARE NOT DIRTY WORDS.

YOU HAVE TO GET IN THERE AND GET YOUR *HANDS DIRTY* TO MAKE SURE YOUR EQUIPMENT IS UP TO SNIFF.

THE BATTLE IS NOT NECESSARILY WON BY THE SWIFT, BUT BY THOSE WHO TAKE TIME TO DO MAINTENANCE FIRST.

FROM BOATS TO HELICOPTERS TO TANKS AND TRUCKS, *NOTHING* MOVES OR LASTS LONG WITHOUT PM.

THOSE WHO *IGNORE* PM WILL *ALWAYS* END UP "DEAD IN THE WATER."

