

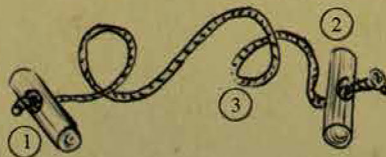
Black Badge Chapter 'Two

VISUAL AID FOR IMPROVISED WEAPONS

How you received your Black Badge is privileged information. Guard it.
— *Black Badge Handbook*



Figure 1. Simple Garrote



1: Double Overhand Stopper Knot

2: Two pieces of 1-inch dowel

3: Two feet of heavy duty rope or wire.

"Scout" used to mean the one on the ground.
We have widened the word.
— *Boy Scouts Handbook*

Hearst strongly believed that young men in scouting organizations should be more than just a training ground for future soldiers. He believed that the age and seeming innocence of young scout troops made them ideal candidates for reconnaissance missions around the world.



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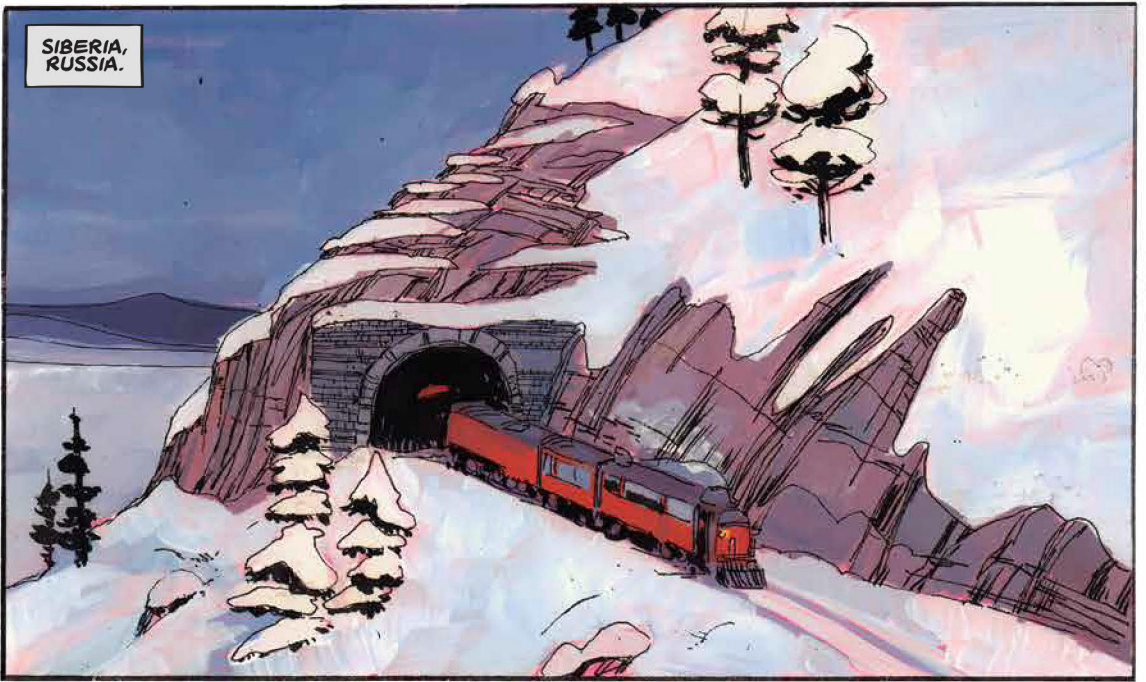
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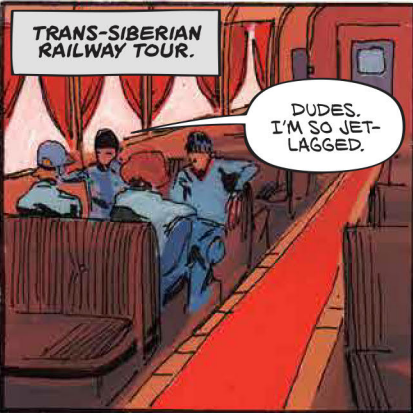


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SIBERIA,
RUSSIA.



TRANS-SIBERIAN
RAILWAY TOUR.



DUDES,
I'M SO JET-
LAGGED.



CLIFF IT'S
ONLY A TWO-HOUR
TIME DIFFERENCE
FROM SEOUL TO
SIBERIA.

STILL.

IS THIS HOW IT ALWAYS IS?
WE GET SENT ON OUR NEXT
MISSION DIRECTLY FROM
THE LAST ONE?

I MEAN...WE
WERE IN KOREA, AND
FLIP THE PAGE...NOW
WE'RE ON A TRAIN IN
SIBERIA?



WHEN DO WE MEET
OUR HANDLER?

I TALKED TO
GOTTSCALK VIA
RADIO. WE WERE
ALREADY NEAR THE
NEXT MISSION
LOCALE.



TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. IN
TWO MINUTES, WE DISCONNECT
THESE CARS FROM THE REST
OF THE TRAIN AND DISAPPEAR
INTO THE WILDERNESS.

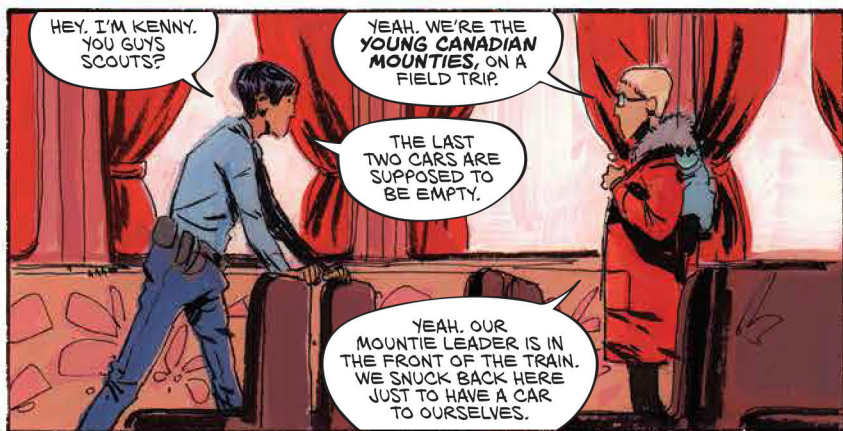
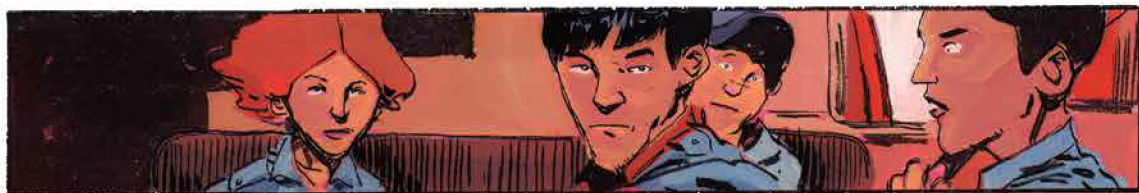
THEN WE
COMPLETE OUR NEXT
MISSION. THEY BOUGHT OUT
THE ENTIRE BACK OF THE
TRAIN FOR US. SO ENJOY
IT WHILE IT LASTS.



HUH.



HEY, GUYS.
HOW ARE YOU
DOING?

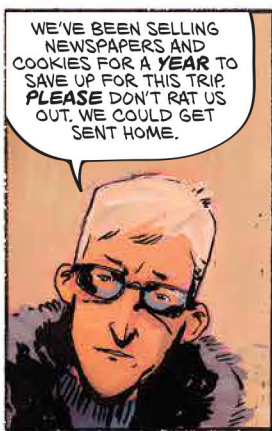


HEY, I'M KENNY.
YOU GUYS
SCOUTS?

YEAH, WE'RE THE
**YOUNG CANADIAN
MOUNTIES**, ON A
FIELD TRIP.

THE LAST
TWO CARS ARE
SUPPOSED TO
BE EMPTY.

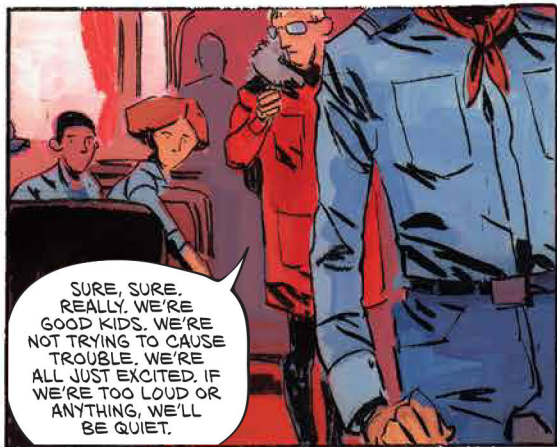
YEAH, OUR
MOUNTIE LEADER IS IN
THE FRONT OF THE TRAIN.
WE SNUCK BACK HERE
JUST TO HAVE A CAR
TO OURSELVES.



WE'VE BEEN SELLING
NEWSPAPERS AND
COOKIES FOR A YEAR TO
SAVE UP FOR THIS TRIP.
**PLEASE DON'T RAT US
OUT. WE COULD GET
SENT HOME.**



FOLLOW ME,
WILL YOU?



SURE, SURE.
REALLY, WE'RE
GOOD KIDS. WE'RE
NOT TRYING TO CAUSE
TROUBLE, WE'RE
ALL JUST EXCITED. IF
WE'RE TOO LOUD OR
ANYTHING, WE'LL
BE QUIET.





UH...WHERE IN CANADA YOU GUYS FROM?

ALL OVER. SASKATOON AND TORONTO.



I'M FIRST NATION. ONTARIO.

I LIKE YOUR DOG.

YEAH. HE'S GUS. HE'S A RESCUE DOG.



AWW. WHO WOULD ABANDON A BEAUTY LIKE THIS?

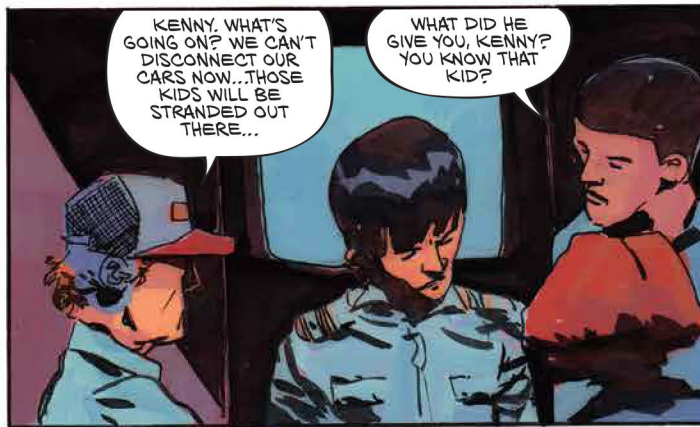
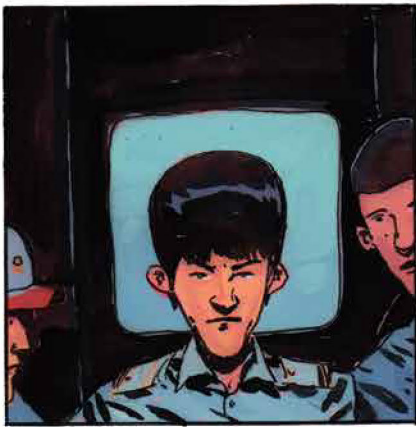
NO. HE'S GOT FIFTEEN HUMAN RESCUES JUST THIS LAST YEAR.

NICE.



WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE? DON'T YOU THINK YOU MOUNTIES SHOULD GET BACK TO YOUR OWN CAR SOON...JUST IN CASE...

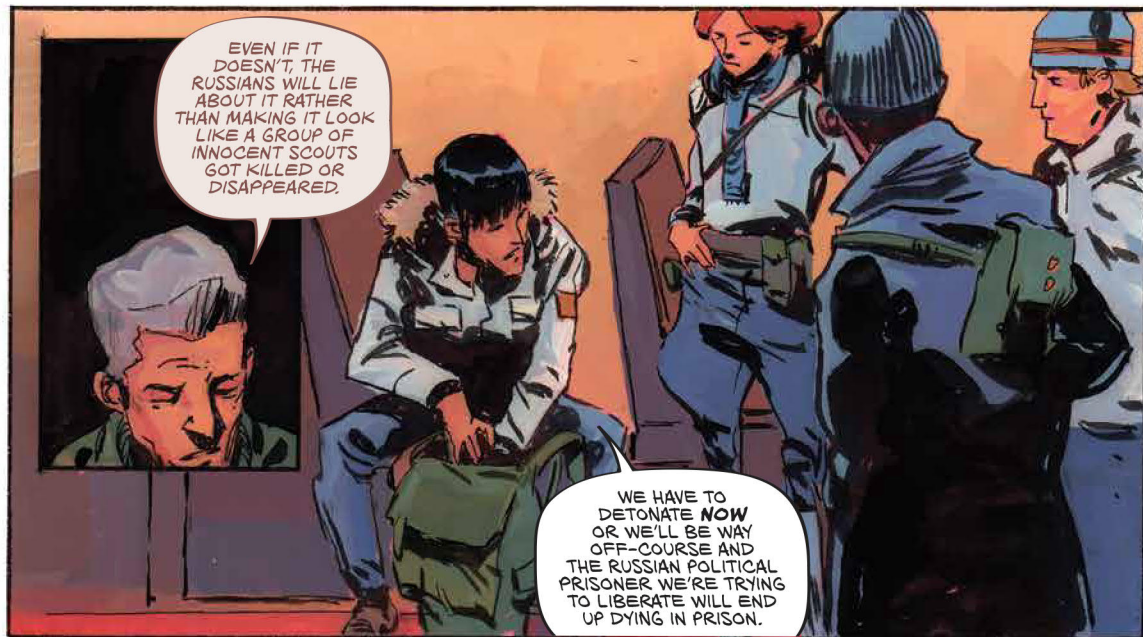
YOU THINK YOUR SCOUT LEADER'S GOING TO RAT US OUT? WE COULD ALL BE SUSPENDED.





USE THE SMALL EXPLOSIVE CHARGES TO DISCONNECT FROM THE REST OF THE TRAIN.

IT'LL LOOK LIKE A MALFUNCTION.



EVEN IF IT DOESN'T, THE RUSSIANS WILL LIE ABOUT IT RATHER THAN MAKING IT LOOK LIKE A GROUP OF INNOCENT SCOUTS GOT KILLED OR DISAPPEARED.

WE HAVE TO DETONATE NOW OR WE'LL BE WAY OFF-COURSE AND THE RUSSIAN POLITICAL PRISONER WE'RE TRYING TO LIBERATE WILL END UP DYING IN PRISON.



WHAT ABOUT THE MOUNTIES? THEY'LL DIE OUT THERE!

THEY DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS, KENNY.



WE'RE ALREADY LATE. GET READY TO JUMP...

