

# TET #3

*In 1968, Marine Chip Lindsay is murdered in Hue City, Vietnam, along with a city official. Lieutenant Eugene Smith works with Vietnamese detective Bao Nguyen, to solve the murder, but the case is derailed by the start of the Tet Offensive. Eugene is shot and wounded during the battle, while searching for Ha, his fiancée. In 1984, Ha is married to Bao, and Eugene has returned to Hue City, summoned by a letter from Vietnam.*

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I was alive.



How the hell did that happen?

I know I should have felt relief. Maybe even joy.



Instead, I just felt pain.

And disappointment.

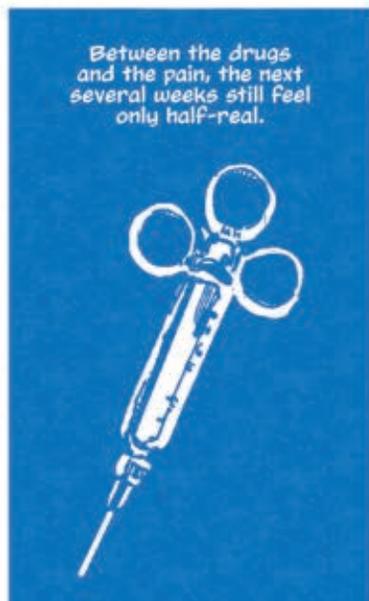


Lieutenant Eugene Smith. How are we feeling?

Like someone doused me with gasoline and lit a match, doc.



Nurse! Morphine!



Between the drugs and the pain, the next several weeks still feel only half-real.



I had one surgery at the evacuation hospital, and two more in Okinawa.



I heard reports from the Battle of Huế. We had secured the city, but nearly destroyed it in the process.

Nurse. Have you heard from Hà? She's probably looking for me.

I'm afraid I don't know who that is, sir.



I wanted to search for her. I didn't care how injured I was. I wanted to go back to Vietnam, and scour the countryside until I found her. But instead they sent me stateside, to begin my long-term recovery.



He was right. I had no idea if my words were even reaching her. I was sending love letters to a bombed-out city, in the middle of a war zone.

I needed to go back.





