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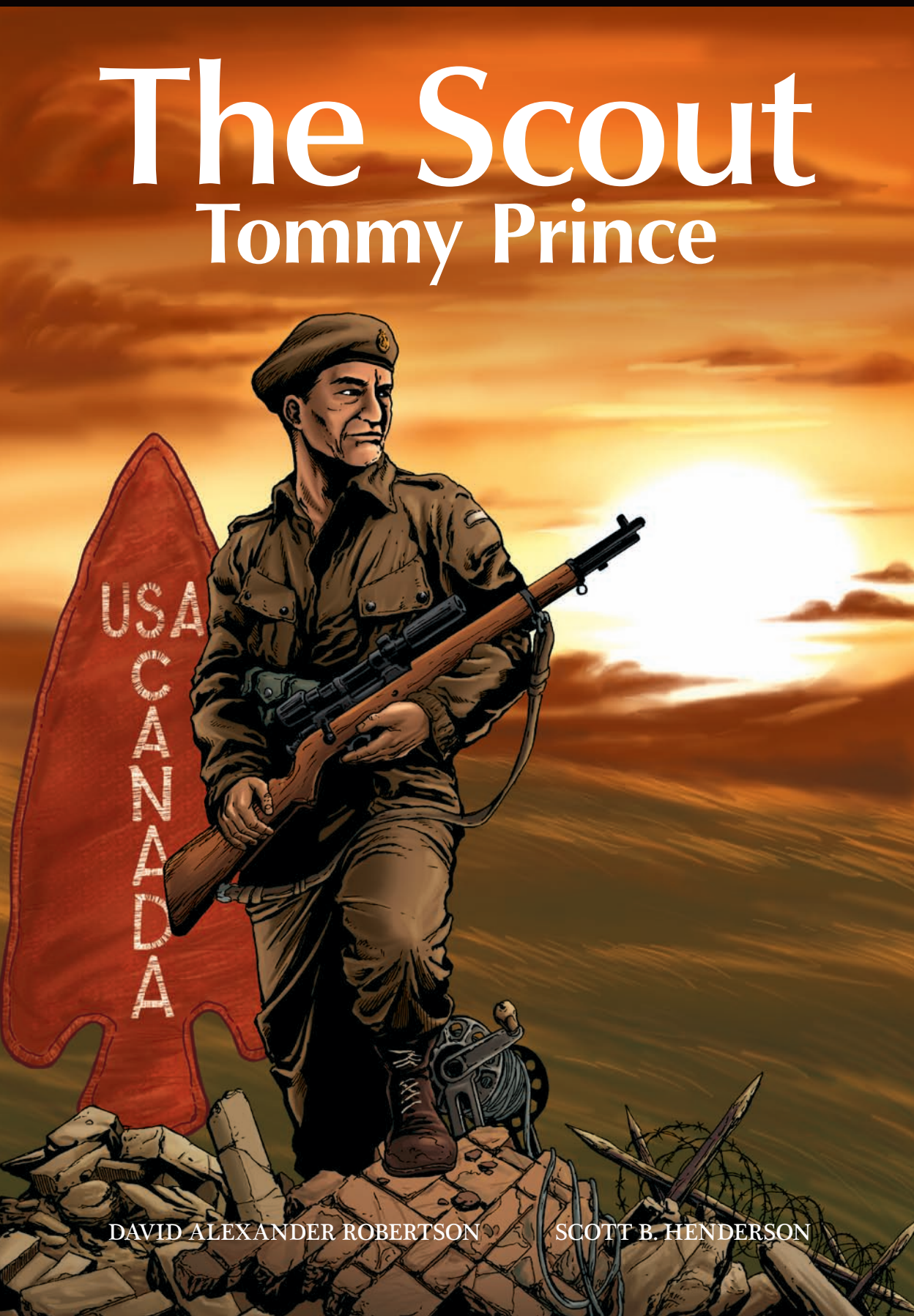


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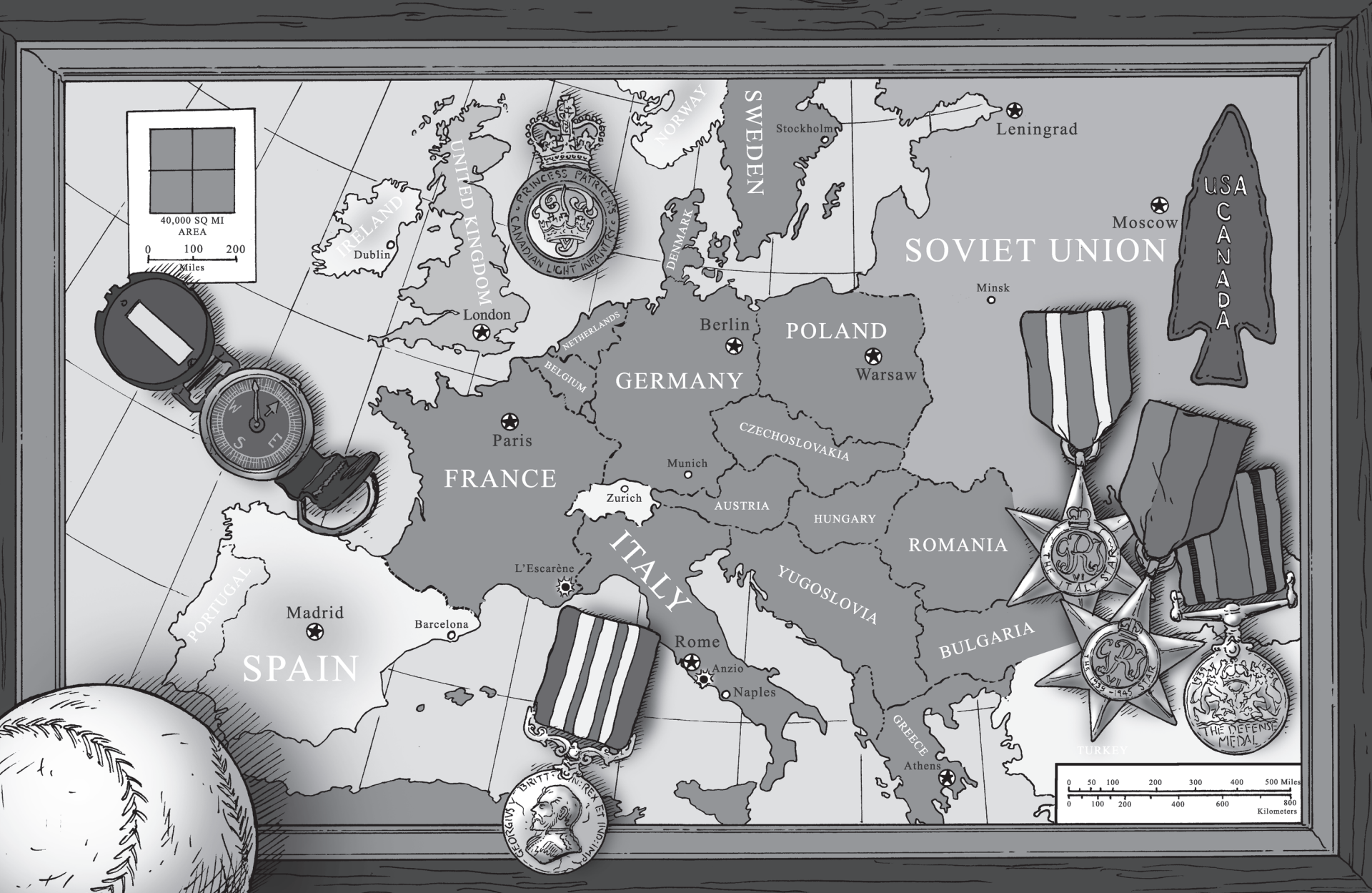
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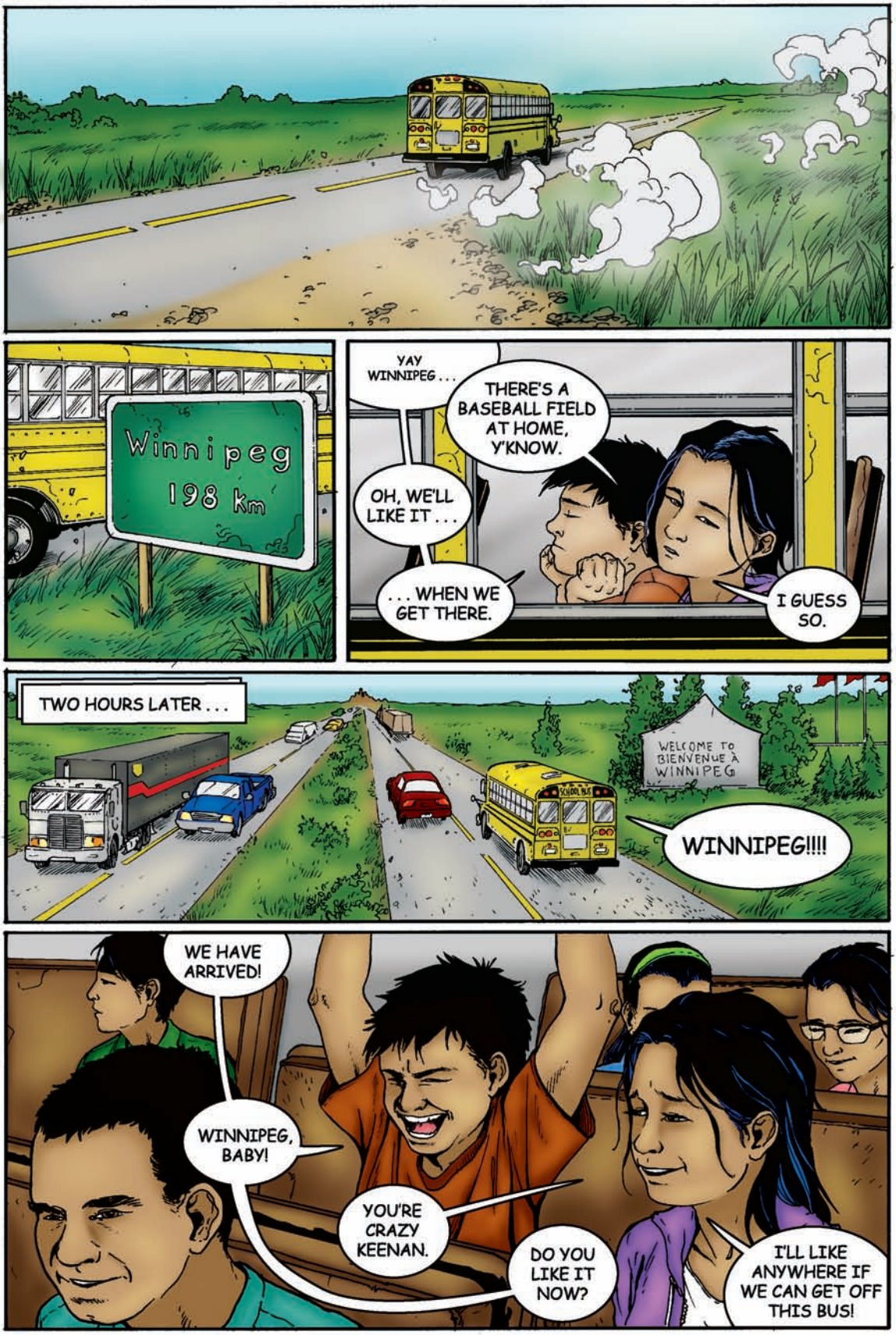
SCHOOL BUS
RIT SCHO
EXCITED FOR WINNIPEG?
OH!
KEENAN!
COME ON!
LET'S HEAR IT!
WOO HOO.
I AM SO EXCITED!
THAT'S BETTER.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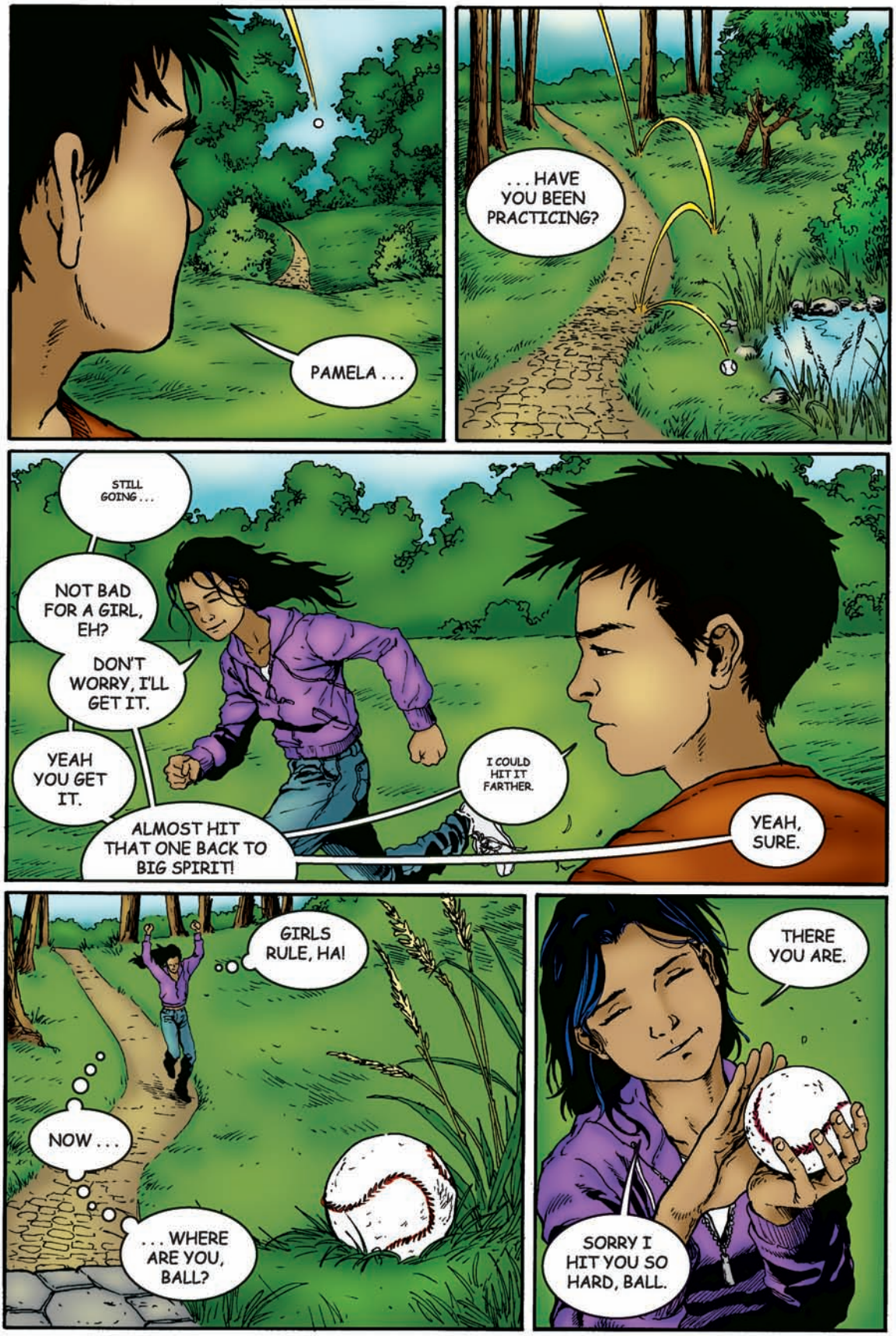
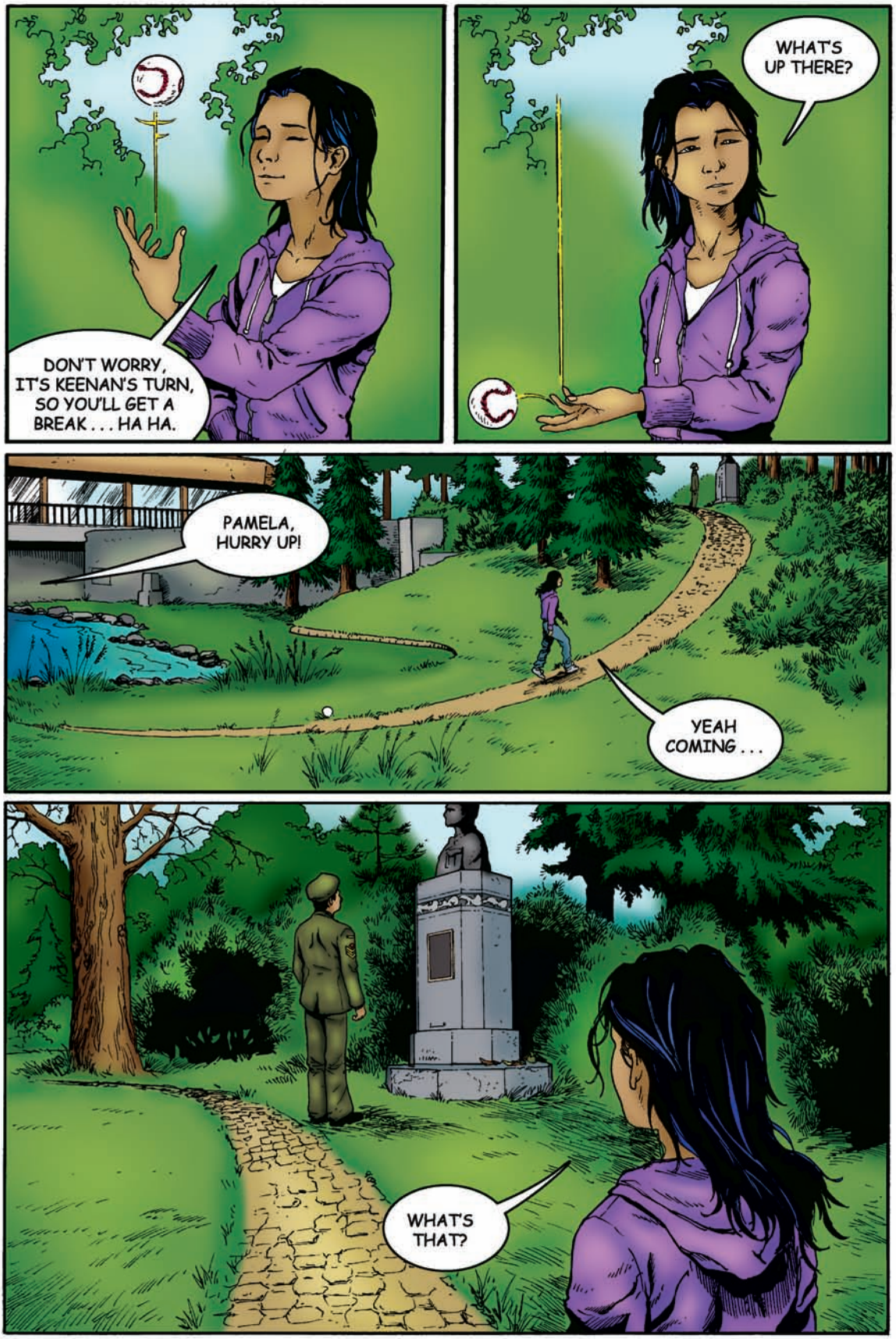
YAY WINNIPEG . . .
THERE'S A BASEBALL FIELD AT HOME, Y'KNOW.
OH, WE'LL LIKE IT . . .
. . . WHEN WE GET THERE.
I GUESS SO.
TWO HOURS LATER . . .
WELCOME TO BIENVENUE À WINNIPEG
WINNIPEG!!!!
WE HAVE ARRIVED!
WINNIPEG, BABY!
YOU'RE CRAZY KEENAN.
DO YOU LIKE IT NOW?
I'LL LIKE ANYWHERE IF WE CAN GET OFF THIS BUS!

KILDONAN PARK, WINNIPEG.
SCHOOL BUS

READY?
GIVE ME YOUR BEST THROW, KEENAN.
YOU GOT IT.
UNNHH!!
KRACK!
WHAT THE . . .


PAMELA . . .
. . . HAVE YOU BEEN PRACTICING?
STILL GOING . . .
NOT BAD FOR A GIRL, EH?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET IT.
YEAH YOU GET IT.
ALMOST HIT THAT ONE BACK TO BIG SPIRIT!
I COULD HIT IT FARTHER.
YEAH, SURE.
GIRLS RULE, HA!
NOW . . .
. . . WHERE ARE YOU, BALL?
THERE YOU ARE.
SORRY I HIT YOU SO HARD, BALL.


DON'T WORRY, IT'S KEENAN'S TURN, SO YOU'LL GET A BREAK . . . HA HA.
WHAT'S UP THERE?
PAMELA, HURRY UP!
YEAH COMING . . .
WHAT'S THAT?

HELLO THERE.
HI.
TOMMY PRINCE
DESCENDANT OF CHIEF PEGUIS
ERECTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LORD SELKIRK ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 11, 1989

WHAT IS THAT?
NOT WHAT, BUT WHO.
THAT'S A MEMORIAL FOR SERGEANT TOMMY PRINCE.
WHO IS THAT, THEN?
MOST WOULD CALL HIM A HERO FOR ALL THE THINGS HE DID, FOR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE AND CANADA.
WELL WHAT KIND OF STUFF DID HE DO?
IF YOU HAVE A MINUTE, I'LL TELL ABOUT HIM. HOW'S THAT?
YEAH, SURE!
OKAY, JUST . . .
. . . UNHHH . . .
. . . GIVE ME A SECOND.
THESE OLD KNEES DON'T WORK LIKE THEY USED TO.
HA HA, THANKS.
WELL I WON'T RACE YOU OR ANYTHING, SIR.

A search down a wooded path for a well-hit baseball turns into an encounter between Pamela and a veteran soldier standing in front of a monument. The statue commemorates the heroism of Sgt. Tommy Prince, the most decorated Indigenous soldier in Canada. Pamela is curious, and the veteran is happy to regale her with the story of the expert marksman and tracker, renowned for his daring and bravery in World War II and the Korean War.

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*The Land of Os* (John Ramsey)

*The Poet* (Pauline Johnson)

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