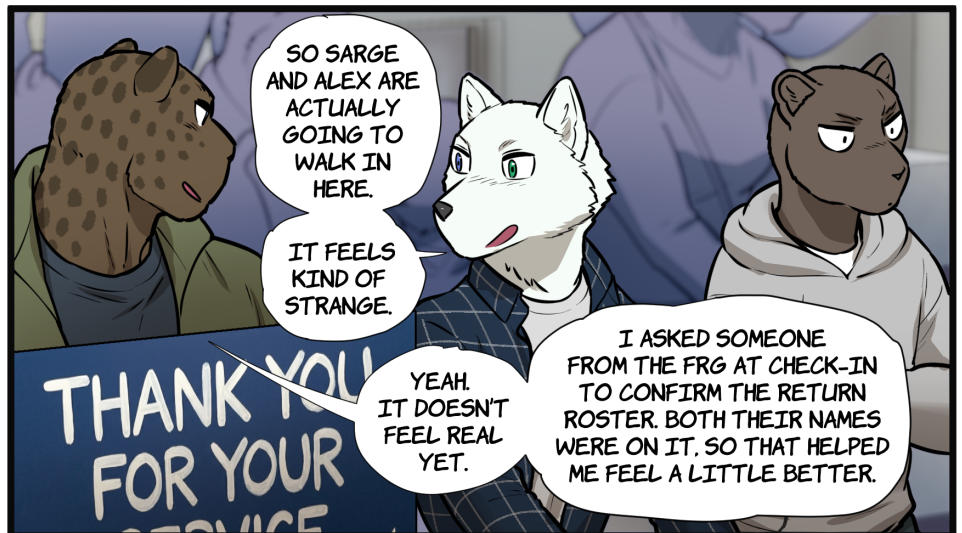


SEVERAL WEEKS LATER.



132ND INFANTRY DIVISION
1ST BATTALION
BRAVO COMPANY
1ST & 2ND PLATOONS
HOMECOMING CEREMONY
FORT BURROUGHS
GYMNASIUM.





WE'D BEEN
WAITING SO LONG
FOR THIS DAY.



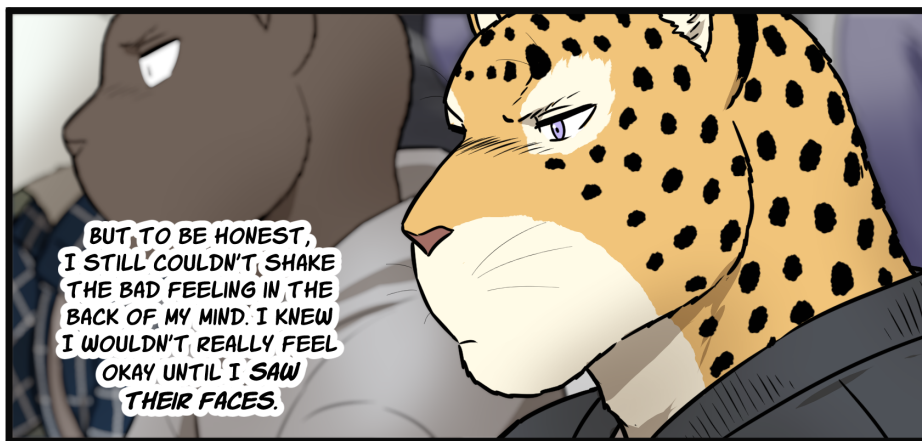
WE'D ONLY LEARNED
THE DATE OF THEIR
HOMECOMING ABOUT
TWO WEEKS EARLIER.



WE GOT AN EMAIL
FROM THE FRG
SAYING CHARR'S
PLATOON WAS
SCHEDULED TO
RETURN TO FORT
BURROUGHS.



WE'D BEEN LIVING
IN FEAR THAT THE
WORST NEWS COULD
COME AT ANY MOMENT.
WHEN THAT EMAIL CAME,
WE COULD FINALLY
BREATHE AGAIN.



BUT TO BE HONEST,
I STILL COULDN'T SHAKE
THE BAD FEELING IN THE
BACK OF MY MIND. I KNEW
I WOULDN'T REALLY FEEL
OKAY UNTIL I SAW
THEIR FACES.



COAL SEEMED TO FEEL
THE SAME WAY. EVEN
AT THE CEREMONY,
HE STILL LOOKED
TENSE AND UNEASY.







DID YOU
SEE THEM?

NO.
NOT OVER
HERE.



NOT ON
OUR SIDE
EITHER...



IT'LL BE QUICKER
TO ASK SOMEONE...

EXCUSE ME!





THERE'S SOMETHING
I NEED TO EXPLAIN
ABOUT BOTH
OF THEM...

TO BE CONTINUED...