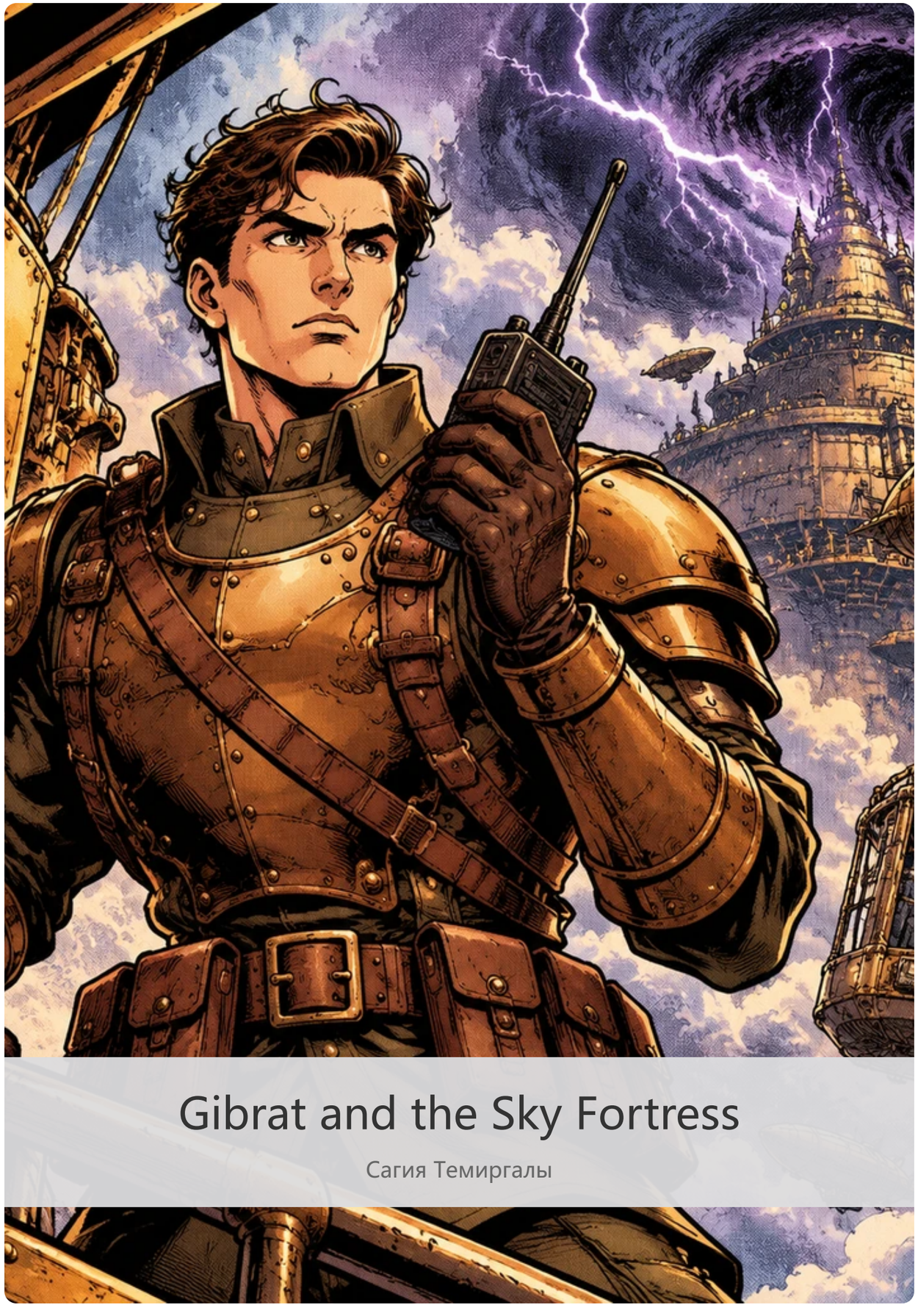

Gibrat and the Sky Fortress

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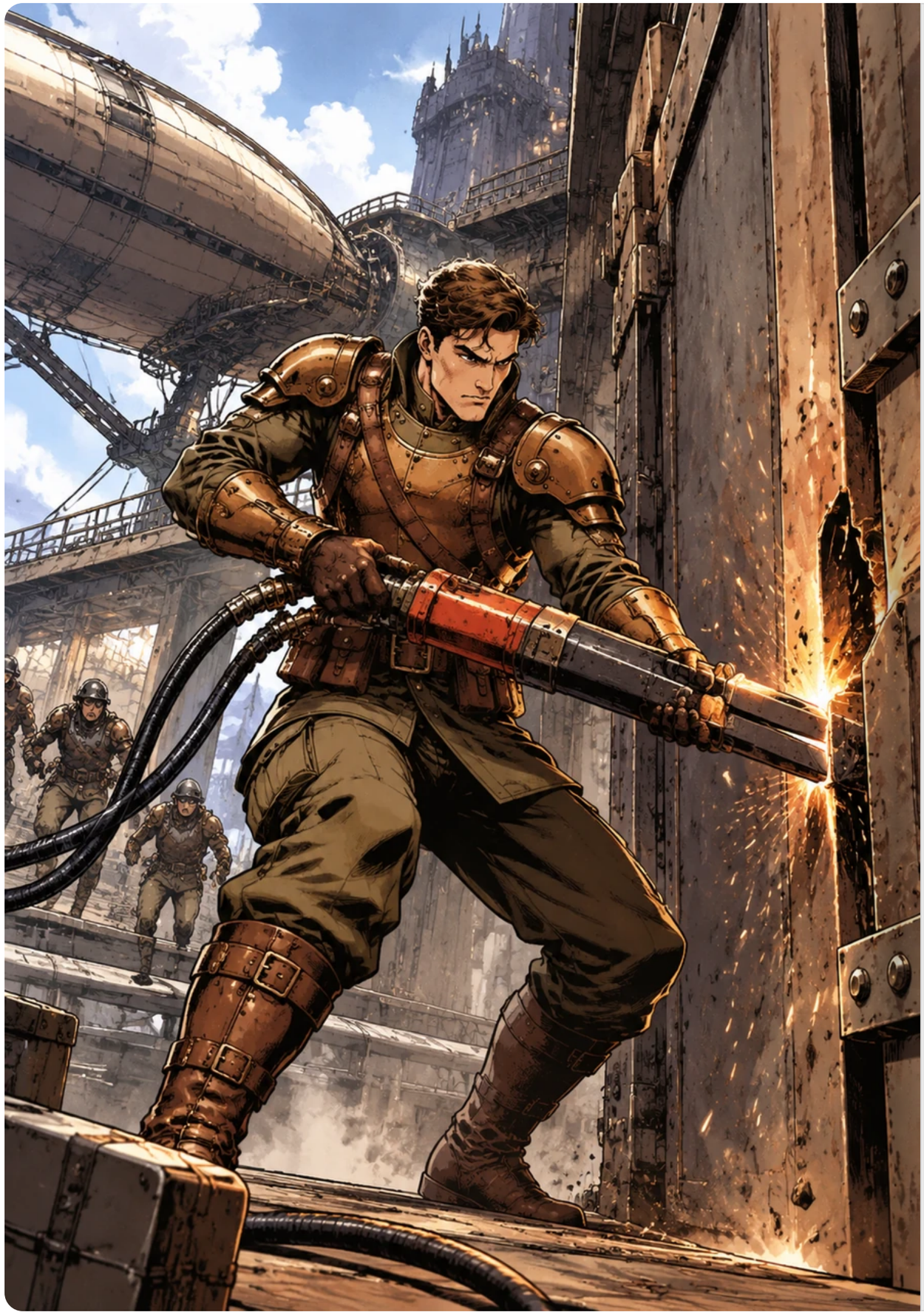
The wind was rising when Gibrat noticed the strange signal flashing from the distant copper tower. Someone had switched off the primary storm beacon before the storm began, plunging the floating archipelago into dangerous silence. As a dedicated rescue soldier, Gibrat knew that every second counted. Someone had tampered with the vital equipment, and the heavy airship crew needed immediate answers.

While the senior commander was preparing the garrison for an incoming enemy fleet, Gibrat examined the damaged radio console. The captain believed an attack was imminent, but Gibrat needed solid facts before sounding a general alarm. He checked the station log while heavy rain battered the brass-panes of the observation deck. Someone had logged into the system right before the power outage occurred.

Gibrat gathered the junior crew in the briefing room to present his surprising discovery. While everyone else was preparing for a battle, Gibrat showed them the corrupted route data on his handheld tablet. The flickering signal was not an enemy warning at all, but an automated distress call from an isolated weather station. Someone had locked the main shelter doors from the inside.

The wind was howling fiercely as Gibrat and his loyal team boarded the nimble patrol airship. They had packed emergency medical equipment and heavy-duty repair tools into the cargo hold just in case. The captain had finally agreed to let Gibrat investigate the broken beacon tower firsthand. Someone needed to restore communications before the storm damaged the entire residential island.

Navigating through thick thunderclouds required absolute concentration and precise teamwork. The engine hummed loudly while lightning flashed across the dark, stormy blue sky. Gibrat adjusted the compass and checked the flight route against the navigational charts. Someone had altered the safety markers, making the approach extremely hazardous for any incoming vessel.



Upon reaching the towering metal fortress, Gibrat secured their airship to the docking ring with thick copper cables. The heavy iron doors of the beacon chamber were firmly jammed, leaving the repair crew trapped inside. Gibrat used his portable hydraulic tool to pry the metal panels open. Someone had deliberately disabled the manual release valve during the initial panic.

Inside the dimly lit control room, the stranded engineers were shivering but safe. They explained that a sudden electrical surge had blinded their navigation systems hours before the storm arrived. Gibrat immediately recognized that no enemy attack had ever taken place. Someone had simply misread the emergency indicators during the severe weather transition.

The rescue ship successfully guided the stranded repair crew back to the main garrison through the clearing skies. Gibrat completed his official duty report, highlighting the importance of thorough verification before taking defensive action. The commander praised Gibrat for his professional responsibility and calm leadership. Gibrat stood proudly on the balcony, watching the copper fleet shine in the golden sunset.

Language Lab: Master Past Simple, Past Continuous, and Past Perfect structures. Review key terms: beacon, rescue, shelter, signal, crew, route, equipment, and responsibility.