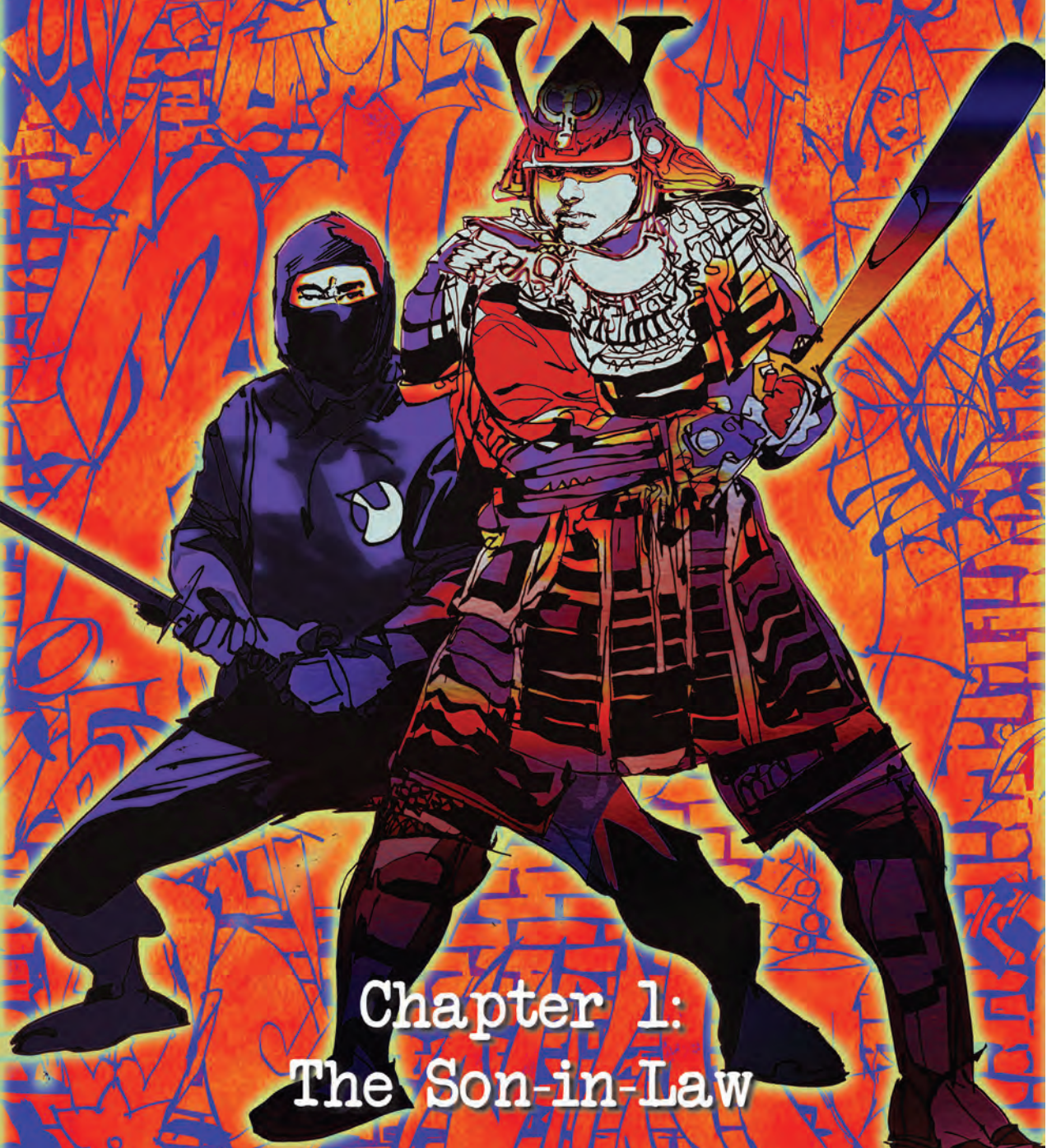


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“They are just like nature—instinctively good and instinctively cruel. All the strength of life lies waiting within them.”

The Outlaws, Ernst von Salomon

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A FEW DAYS AGO

I know what you're thinking, Jake.

You're afraid I'm going to turn you into a serial killer or something.

I just don't want to end up an episode of, like, Dateline.

48 Hours Mystery.



That would be so cool! It's important to have an exit strategy.

Leo. Reality TV is not an exit strategy.

Jake

Leo





Okay, but listen, I've thought about this.

The FBI has this checklist for when they're profiling suspects in a serial murder case.

There's five, like, categories, okay?

1) An abusive childhood or some other profound trauma.



We know you had that--

I did not! My dad's an asshole, but--

Dude, your dad's a classic narcissist who punishes his kids for his own failures.

Harsh.

Now, my childhood was weird and fucked up, but I always knew I was loved and I have good self esteem.



So you have one serial killer point and I have none.

Harsh!

2) Sociopathy. Do you feel sociopathic?

Uh, I think most people are douchebags and I don't care what happens to them.



See, that just seems like common sense to me, but just to be on the safe side we'll both take half a point.

3) Compulsive behavior, irrational obsessions...

I don't, but you do.

What?

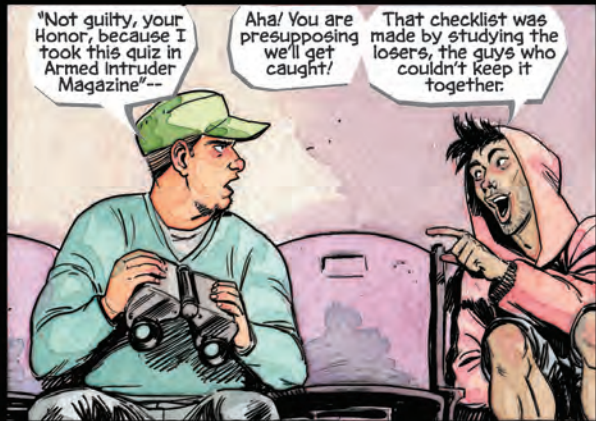
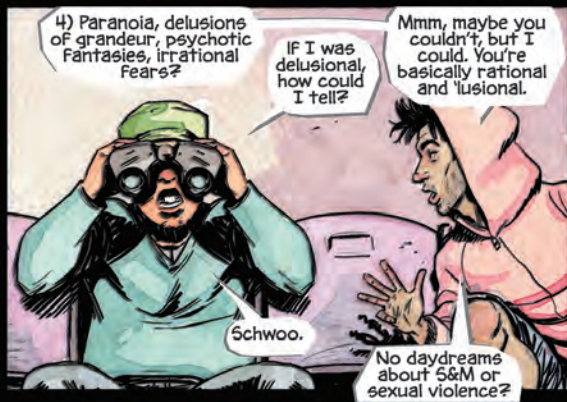
All the working out, the "training exercises"...



Dude, I *enjoy* that stuff. It makes me feel good about myself. But I don't think something bad will happen if I don't do it.

Okay, cool. No crunches for a month.

Fine. I'll take a half point.



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