

WE LIKE TO THINK WE'VE
GOT FREE WILL, BUT
THAT'S [REDACTED]

WE'RE ALL JUST
ANIMALS, AT THE
MERCY OF OUR
IMPULSES.

THE RED CURTAIN DROPS,
THE RAGE COMES, AND
FIGHT OR FLIGHT TAKES
CARE OF THE REST.



...AND ON TOP
OF EVERYTHING,
YOU'RE LATE!

LIKE RIGHT
NOW.

THE BACK PATS
WE GET FOR HIRING
VETS DON'T MEAN MUCH
WHEN THEY SHOW UP AN
HOUR LATE SMELLING
LIKE MY GRANDMA'S
TRAILER ON FRIDAY
NIGHT!

PEOPLE KISS YOUR [REDACTED] LUCAS, BUT
I'M GONNA DO YOU A FAVOR AND
TELL YOU THE TRUTH:

YOU'RE A
WASHED-UP JARHEAD
WHO'S COME UP LAME, BUT
THAT'S NOT WHY YOU'RE
WASTING YOUR LIFE AS
A MALL COP.

YOU'RE
HERE BECAUSE
YOU'RE A LOSER.
ALWAYS WERE.
ALWAYS--



TOLD
YOU.

THWAK



THE [REDACTED]
ARE YOU GOING
TO DO NOW,
HANDSOME?

I COULD TALK TO YOU
ABOUT TOLERANCE. FOR
PAIN. FOR [REDACTED]



BUT THE ONLY
TOLERANCE THAT
INTERESTS ME
THESE DAYS IS
THE ADENYLATE
CYCLASE
ENZYME.



THE ENZYME THAT ADAPTS TO
AN INFLUX OF OPIATES WHEN IT
HITS YOUR BRAIN, KNOCKING
DOWN YOUR HIGH.



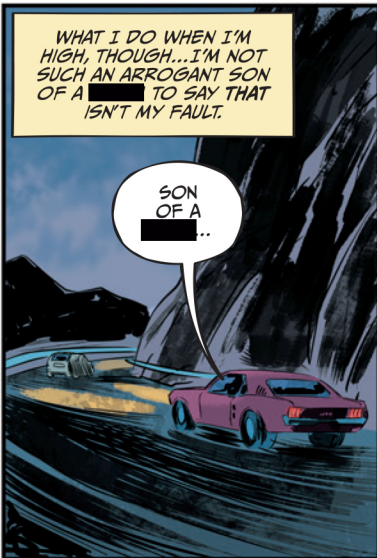
I'M NOT A JUNKIE. I
DIDN'T START OUT AS
ONE, AT LEAST. BUT I
GUESS ALL JUNKIES
SAY THAT.



IT WASN'T MY FAULT, AT LEAST TO START. ALL JUNKIES SAY THAT TOO. I ACTUALLY MEAN IT.



WHAT I DO WHEN I'M HIGH, THOUGH... I'M NOT SUCH AN ARROGANT SON OF A [REDACTED] TO SAY THAT ISN'T MY FAULT.



SON OF A [REDACTED]

IT'S NOT THE PILLS OR THE WHISKEY THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THINGS I DO.



THAT'S ALL ME.



[REDACTED]

I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY.



VETS ARE CAPTAIN AMERICA, OR THE TRAGICALLY WOUNDED, GUYS WHO BEAR THEIR NIGHTMARES QUIETLY AND SHOW A STOIC FACE WITH A CREW CUT RIDING ON TOP OF THE WORLD.

