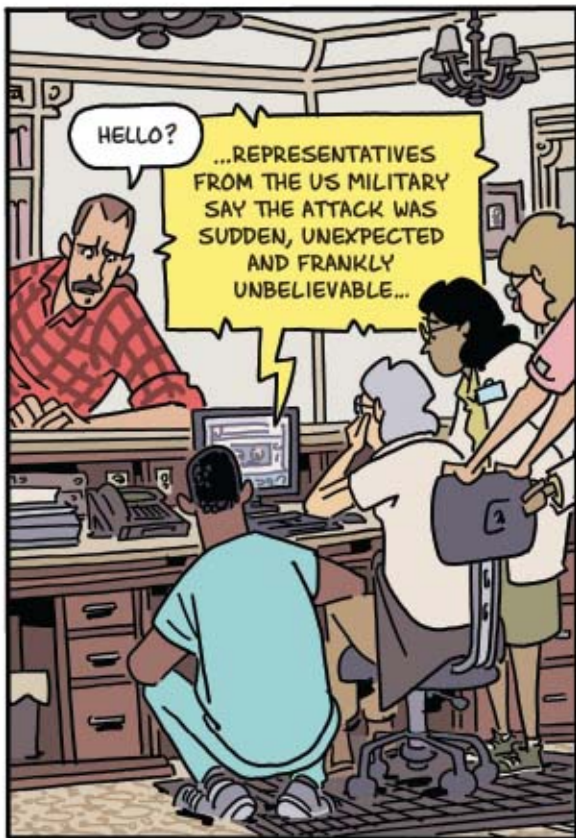




I'M HERE TO  
SEE MY DAD.

UH

MAJOR  
CARBUTT.



HELLO?

...REPRESENTATIVES  
FROM THE US MILITARY  
SAY THE ATTACK WAS  
SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED  
AND FRANKLY  
UNBELIEVABLE...



I'LL JUST  
LET MYSELF  
IN.

LET'S CUT TO  
OUR ON-THE-SCENE  
REPORTER...



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THIS, ANYWAY? WE **LOST**. WHY NOT CELEBRATE, LIKE, THE LONG TAN OR THE BATTLE OF HODOV THOSE GUYS **WON**, DESPITE THE ODDS.

BECAUSE THE ALAMO AIN'T ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING. IT'S ABOUT **STANDING** FOR SOMETHING. BELIEVING IN SOMETHING ENOUGH? TO PUT IT ALL ON THE DAMN LINE.



WHY ARE YOU HERE, ANYWAY? IT MUST BE PRETTY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO VIOLATE YOUR FIRM ONLY-VISIT-ON-SUNDAY POLICY.



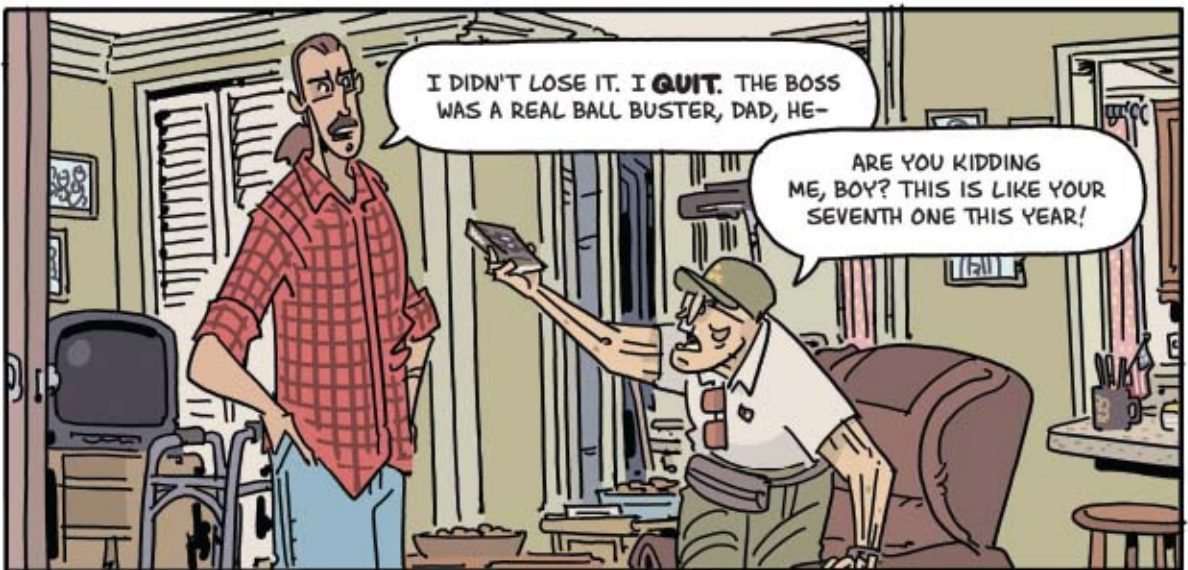
YOU LOST ANOTHER JOB.

DAMMIT, SPENCER.



I DIDN'T LOSE IT. I **QUIT**. THE BOSS WAS A REAL BALL BUSTER, DAD, HE-

ARE YOU KIDDING ME, BOY? THIS IS LIKE YOUR SEVENTH ONE THIS YEAR!



YOU QUIT EVERYTHING, SPENCER. YOU NEVER FINISHED ANYTHING YOU STARTED IN SCHOOL, YOU QUIT THE SERVICE - AND I'LL **NEVER** UNDERSTAND **THAT**. EVERY GENERATION OF A CARBUTT MAN SERVED.



I DON'T HAVE **ANY** INTEREST IN BEING SENT SOMEWHERE JUST TO DIE, POPS.

LIKE THIS PLACE?



THIS PLACE SUCKS, SPENCER. EVERY CORNER OF IT SMELLS LIKE DUST AND DEATH AND ANYONE YOUNG ENOUGH THEIR BUTTHOLES STILL WORK RIGHT TALKS TO ME LIKE I'M A CHILD.



I THINK THIS TYPE OF PLACE IS INEVITABLE. WE'RE ALL EITHER DYING IN A HOSPITAL OR ENDING UP HERE. IT'S THE CYCLE OF MODERN LIFE.



I SURVIVED 'NAM, NUMEROUS TOURS ON FOREIGN SOIL, TWO HEART ATTACKS, AND THE DEATH OF YOUR MOTHER TO DIE **HERE?**

LIKE A FART IN A CLOSET: QUIET AND NOT INCONVENIENT TO ANYONE.



AIN'T NO WAY FOR A MAN TO DIE.



