



*EVERYTHING
BURNS.*

*IT WAS SUPPOSED TO
BE DIFFERENT. THIS WAS
SUPPOSED TO SAVE ME.
SAVE MY TOWN.*

*BUT IT ALL ENDS
THE SAME WAY.*

*EVERYTHING
BURNS.*

EARLIER THAT DAY.

IT WAS NEVER A BIG PLACE, YORK HILLS. BUT IT WAS GREAT ONCE.

BEFORE THE SCHOOLS CLOSED, BEFORE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM MY CHILDHOOD CLOSED AND WENT AWAY.

AND MY CHILDHOOD WASN'T ALL THAT LONG AGO.

YORK HILLS WAS HERE BECAUSE OF COAL. WHEN THE COAL LEFT, THE FACTORIES CAME. WHEN THE FACTORIES LEFT...



...NOTHING CAME.

SO IF YOU WANT A JOB, YOU NEED TO LEAVE. WHICH MEANS YOU NEED A CAR. WHICH YOU NEED A JOB TO HAVE.

**SPUTTER
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COME ON, COME ON.



YEAH, I KNOW, I CAN SEE THE LIGHT TOO, MAN. I AM TRYING.



THIS PIECE OF CRAP CAR PROBABLY ISN'T ENOUGH TO GET ME OVER THE MOUNTAIN TO THE JOB I JUST APPLIED FOR.



KEEPING THIS THING RUNNING TAKES ALL THE MONEY I HAVE, SO I CAN'T GET A NEW CAR.

IT'S A TRAP.

HONK



I AM TRYING, DAMN IT!

THIS CAR, THIS TOWN, THIS PLACE. IT'S A TRAP. I KNOW IT'S A TRAP.



I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. "HEY, JOE, WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE?"

LEAVE? WITH WHAT MONEY? WITH WHAT SKILLS? I COULDN'T LEAVE IF I WANTED TO.



YORK HILLS USED TO BE GREAT. A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE COULD WORK A GOOD JOB AND HAVE A GOOD LIFE.

KEEP YOUR PIECE OF CRAP OFF THE ROAD, CHAMBERLAIN! SOME OF US HAVE JOBS.

IT'S A FORGOTTEN PLACE NOW. FULL OF FORGOTTEN PEOPLE.



YORK HILL DINER





YEAH, THINGS ARE GOING GREAT.

COFFEE. I NEED COFFEE.

YOU ON SECOND AGAIN, OFFICER FIGARD?

SORRY, ANNIE, CAN'T ANSWER QUESTIONS BEFORE CAFFEINE.



YOU WANT A SIDE OF CONTEMPLATION WITH THAT?

GOD, NO.

THE LAST THING I NEED IS TO THINK ABOUT MY LIFE.

THAT WAY LIES BAD MOJO.



MR. CHAMBERLAIN. TOM.

HOW'S YOUR DAD? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR A SPELL.

HE'S FINE.

HOW ABOUT YOU? YOU DOING ALL RIGHT?



DO YOU CARE?

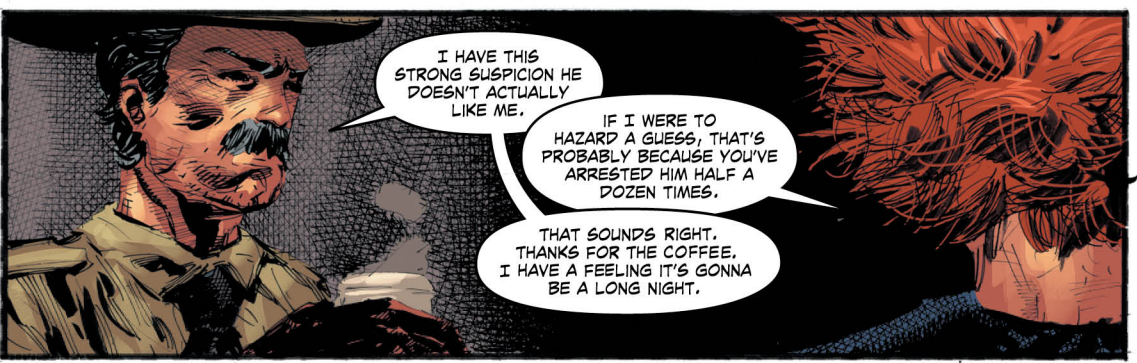


I ASKED.



I'M FINE.

SEE YOU AT HOME, ANNIE.



I HAVE THIS STRONG SUSPICION HE DOESN'T ACTUALLY LIKE ME.

IF I WERE TO HAZARD A GUESS, THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU'VE ARRESTED HIM HALF A DOZEN TIMES.

THAT SOUNDS RIGHT. THANKS FOR THE COFFEE. I HAVE A FEELING IT'S GONNA BE A LONG NIGHT.