

MEN OF WRATH

CHAPTER FOUR MY FATHER'S HOUSE

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*Most days...I forget
I ever even had a son.*

*Wasn't all that hard
really. If that boy was
never nothin' else...*

*He was damn sure
forgettable.*

WHEN'S
MOMMA
COMING
HOME?



I never shoulda let it happen. Never shoulda let it go that far.

But I reckon every man has his moments of weakness.



The boy's momma had been mine.

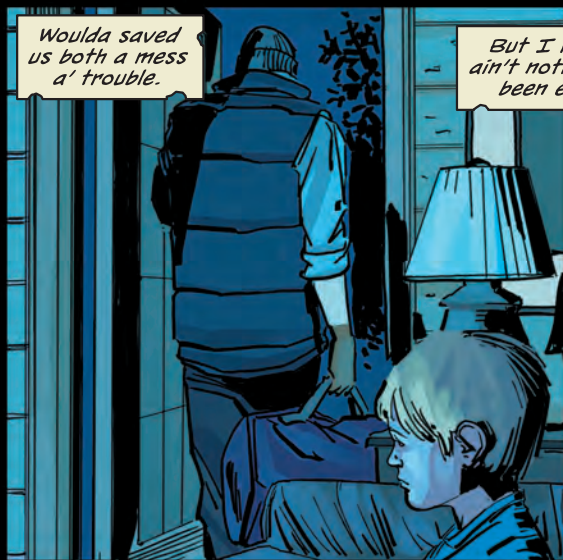
I GOT WORK TONIGHT.



DON'T LEAVE THE DAMN TV ON WHEN YOU GO TO BED.

YES, SIR.

She shoulda taken the boy with her when she left. Or I shoulda run him off a lot sooner.



Woulda saved us both a mess a' trouble.

But I reckon ain't nothin' ever been easy...



When it comes to bein' the son of a Rath.



UM...
HEY THERE,
MR. RATH.



SHERIFF.

YOU UM...
GOT A
MINUTE?

NOT
REALLY.

MAYBE YOU
HEARD ABOUT THE
UH...THE **SHOOTIN'**
THAT HAPPENED
OUT AT FAIRHOPE
CEMETERY COUPLE
DAYS AGO?



I DON'T GO TO
CHURCH MUCH,
SHERIFF.

I KNOW
YA DON'T,
SIR, BUT...

LOTTA PEOPLE
GOT SHOT OUT THERE.
INCLUDIN' THE **PREACHER**.
AND WHOEVER DONE IT,
WELL...LOOKS LIKE...
THEY GOT AWAY
CLEAN.



'CEPT MAYBE...
THEY MIGHT
A' BEEN...

...**WOUNDED**
IN THE...



YOU GOT
A **POINT** TO
MAKE HERE,
SHERIFF, MAYBE
YOU OUGHTTA
GO ON AND
MAKE IT.



I BEEN GETTIN' CALLS FROM THE STATE POLICE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, EVEN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

A PREACHER GETTIN' SHOT... THAT GETS FOLKS' ATTENTION.



NOW...YOU KNOW I...I AIN'T NEVER STUCK MY NOSE IN YOUR BUSINESS BEFORE, MR. RATH, BUT, WELL...

I'M JUST GETTIN' A LOTTA **HEAT** ON THIS HERE CASE, YOU UNDERSTAND?

YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU AIN'T NEVER STUCK YOUR NOSE IN MY BUSINESS. AIN'T NEVER STUCK IT IN MUCH A' **NOTHIN'**, NEAR AS I CAN TELL, 'CEPT MAYBE A WHOLE MESS A' COBBLER.

MAYBE IF YOU'D JUST GO AND DO **YOUR JOB** EVERY ONCE IN A DAMN WHILE, SHERIFF...

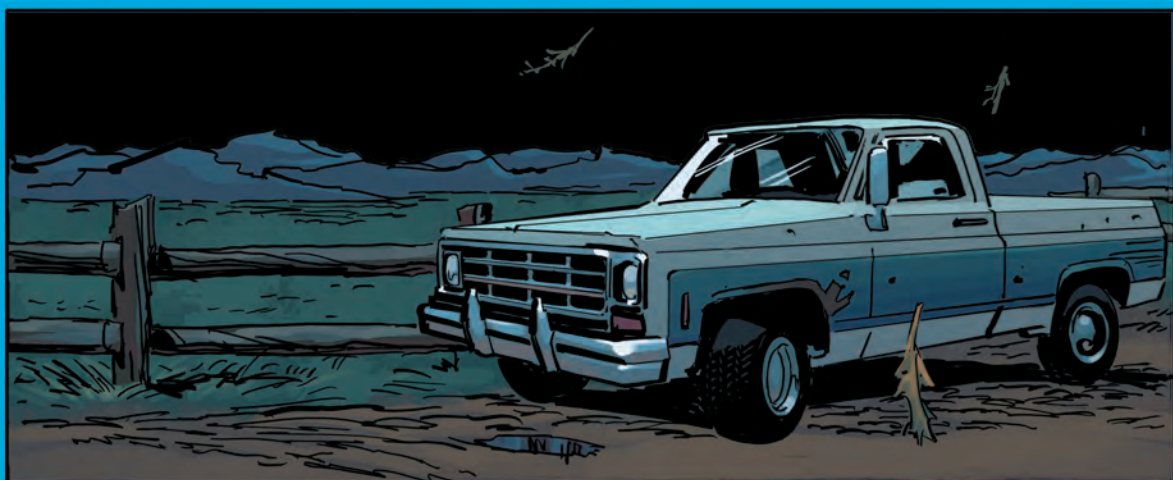


I WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO **MINE** SO GODDAMN MUCH.

YOU'RE... YOU'RE **BLEEDIN'**, MR. RATH.

YEAH, HOW 'BOUT THAT? MUST BE GOIN' 'ROUND.





BLAM