

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL.  
EMERGENCY ROOM.**



WE CALLED LIKE SIX HOURS AGO.

IT'S A BIG CITY.

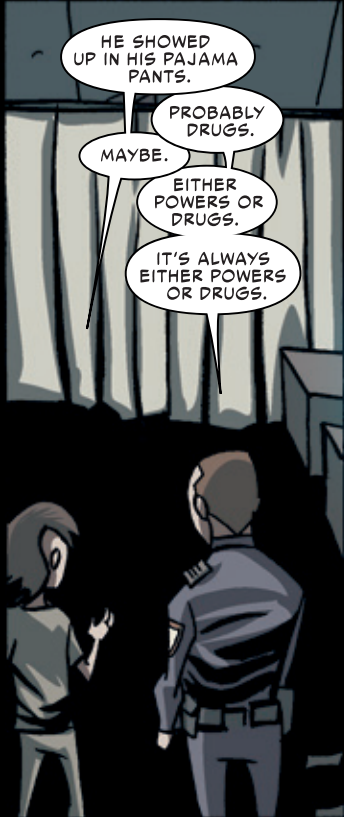
WHAT'S THE STORY?

HAS THIS GUY BEEN GIVING YOU A HARD TIME?

NO. HE'S NOT TALKING.

ONE OF THE OTHER NURSES THOUGHT HE LOOKED FAMILIAR.

NO NAME? WALLET?



HE SHOWED UP IN HIS PAJAMA PANTS.

PROBABLY DRUGS.

MAYBE.

EITHER POWERS OR DRUGS.

IT'S ALWAYS EITHER POWERS OR DRUGS.



YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN WHAT WE HAD IN HERE LAST NIGHT.

GUY HAD A FLAMING DRAGON HEAD AND WAS SPOUTING SCRIPTURE.

I KNOW THAT GUY.

PLEASE SIT DOWN. PLEASE-



COMPLETE

OH!

OH MAN...

YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THIS IS?

DO YOU?



YOU NEED TO REST!!

THE DOCTOR HAS TO RELEASE YOU!!

I'M FINE. M'GOING TO LEAVE.

CHRISTIAN WALKER?



PLEASE, I'M FINE.

OH MY GOD. IT IS YOU.

WHO?



WHAT HAPPENED? BAR FIGHT? POWERS RICOCHET?

SIT DOWN, SIR!!

YOU'RE GOING TO POP YOUR STITCHES!!



I'M FIII-



DAMN IT! I TOLD YOU.

AAGH!

AH [REDACTED]!

DISPATCH, THIS IS OFFICER VALERIO. I HAVE A 10-97R.

LISTEN IT'S- IT'S CHRISTIAN WALKER.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?



MAYBE TELL SOMEONE OVER AT POWERS DIVISION.

HE'S NOT- HE'S REALLY NOT IN GOOD SHAPE.





COME ON!

I ASKED YOU A QUESTION, DETECTIVE PILGRIM.

YEAH? IS THAT WHAT THAT WAS, CHIEF? BECAUSE IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU-

I'LL ASK AGAIN: HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU [REDACTED] THIS UP?



LISTEN!

THE GUY JUMPED OUT A WINDOW.

WE DIDN'T TOUCH HIM. WE DIDN'T MAKE HIM.

HE JUST DID IT.

IT WAS WEIRD.

WHY?

"WHY?"

BECAUSE WE'RE ON TO SOMETHING!

WE COME IN TO QUESTION HIM ABOUT THE MURDER AND HE BABBLES SOME [REDACTED] AND HE JUMPS!

CAN YOU PIN IT ON HIM?



NO.

WE NEED TO GO THROUGH HIS ENCRYPTED FILES.

WE'RE CLOSE.

IF YOU WERE CLOSE YOU'D KNOW IT.

CHIEF CONWAY-

NOTHING TO SHOW-

LISTEN OH-SO-CAREFULLY...

I HAVE A CASE TO CLOSE AND YOU DRAGGING ME BACK HERE SPECIFICALLY TO RIP ME ONE IS, REALLY, A WASTE OF BOTH OF OUR TIME.

AND ON TOP OF IT I FIND IT INSANELY DISRESPECTFUL.

I DIDN'T LIKE IT WHEN I WAS A BEAT COP AND I ABSOLUTELY HATE IT NOW.

YOU CALL ME IN HERE SO YOU CAN TELL WHOEVER YOU NEED TO TELL THAT YOU'RE ALL OVER ME... FINE.

CONSIDER MYSELF SCHOOLED AND YOUR COVERED.

SEE, IT'S [REDACTED] LIKE THIS- THIS IS WHY I DON'T LIKE DETECTIVES GETTING BOOK DEALS.

THIS IS THE KIND OF SMART BACK-TALK YOU GET WHEN A COP HAS MONEY.

OH, I WAS LIKE THIS WAAAAAY BEFORE I GOT MYSELF A BOOK DEAL.

ASK ANYBODY.



BUT, YEAH, HAVING A COUPLE BUCKS IN THE BANK MAKES ME HAVING THE BALLS TO TELL YOU WHEN YOU'RE BEING AN [REDACTED] TO ME MUCH EASIER.

IT ALSO BRINGS ME A SENSE OF CALM AND RELIEF TO KNOW THAT YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU DO FIRE ME, [REDACTED] ME OVER OR SPEAK TO ME IN A WAY THAT I FIND DISRESPECTFUL...

THAT YOU KNOW I MIGHT WRITE A BOOK ABOUT IT.



I CAN SEE THE COVER NOW: FROM THE BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF...



YOU ASKED ME TO TAKE THIS CASE BECAUSE YOU NEED THIS CASE CLOSED.

AND I WILL CLOSE THE CASE, BUT GOOD LORD, MAN, HAVE THE SELF-RESPECT AND COURTESY TO HELP US AND NOT BE THAT OTHER THING.

