



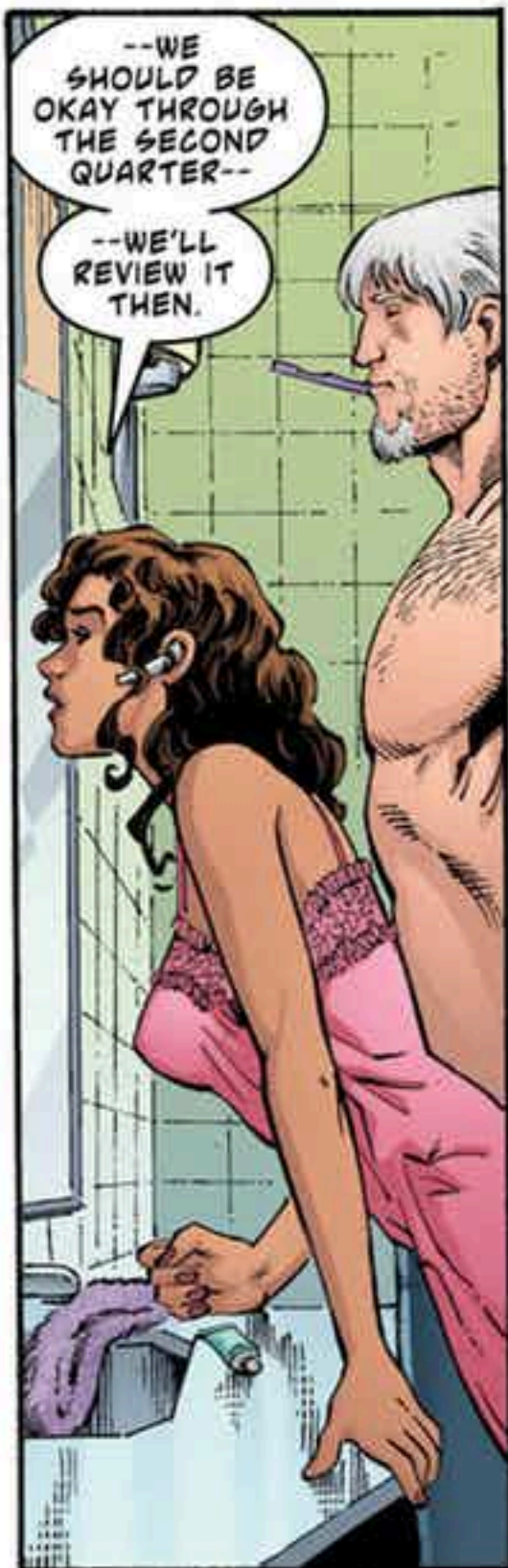
"Rookies"
LOS ANGELES





...SO, GIVEN THE DIFFERENTIAL, I THOUGHT I'D GET YOUR TAKE ON IT.

RAY IS A PROFESSIONAL WORRIER, JOSEPH--



--WE SHOULD BE OKAY THROUGH THE SECOND QUARTER--

--WE'LL REVIEW IT THEN.



YOU COMING IN, OR SHOULD I HAVE THEM SEND UP A TRANSLATOR FROM THE POOL--?

GETTING DRESSED NOW.



YOU'VE GOT THAT SOUND IN YOUR VOICE AGAIN.

MY "VOICE" IS COMPUTER GENERATED.

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. ANOTHER MIGRAINE--?



I JUST... I JUST MISS YOU IS ALL.

WELL, MY SISTER INSISTED ON HELPING WITH THE WEDDING PLANS...

I KNOW...



LET'S GO AWAY THIS WEEKEND. CATCH A FLIGHT.

WE ARE GOING AWAY, JOSEPH--IN A WEEK.



DON'T WANNA WAIT A WEEK.

I...



...I GOTTA GO...

YEAH, OKAY. LOVE YOU.

...LOVE YOU BACK...



SLADE, YOU'RE A JACKASS, YOU KNOW.

SO I'VE BEEN TOLD.



YOU NEED TO BREAK IT OFF WITH HIM.

YOUR SON? ARE YOU AFRAID TO SAY HIS NAME?

ÉTIENNE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO... YET...

...BUT LOVE'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.



YOU'RE WORKING JOEY TO GET TO ME. I FIGURE LET'S CUT OUT THE MIDDLE-MAN.

YOU'RE DOING... THIS... FOR JOSEPH'S OWN GOOD. HOW NOBLE.

AT FIRST I FIGURED YOU WERE WORKING FOR ADELINE, BUT SHE'D NEVER ALLOW THIS. SHE LOVES THAT BOY.

I LOVE HIM. YOUR SON.



THEN THIS IS AN ODD PLACE FOR YOU TO SPEND YOUR NIGHTS.

ACTUALLY FALLING FOR THE MARK IS A ROOKIE MISTAKE, ÉTIENNE.



WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?

PAY OFF A DEBT.



YOU DO KNOW I'LL SLIT YOUR THROAT IF YOU BETRAY US.





"Investments"
MINNEAPOLIS





WELL I'LL BE DAMNED.

"Fetch"
FLORENCE,
COLORADO



I SAID, IF YOU TRUSTED ME, I'D TURN MYSELF IN WHEN THE JOB WAS DONE.* CUFF ME.

YEAH.

LIKE THAT WOULD MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. COFFEE--?

BLACK.

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WHAT'S WITH THE BIRD ON YOUR CHEST--?

RAPTOR DID A LITTLE REDECORATING. SO, NOW WHAT?

YOU DROP YOUR LAWSUIT, WE DROP OUR CASE.

NEVER HAD A CASE, DEX.

YOU ESCAPED FROM SUPER-MAX.



I WAS KIDNAPPED.

I WAS BAR MITZVAHED.

WHAT ELSE.



AN EXCHANGE OF PARTING GIFTS.

YOU GET THIS, AND MAYBE YOU BRING ME SOMETHING...