

I'M FALLING THROUGH LOS ANGELES AND JOLT AWAKE BEFORE HITTING THE GROUND.

THE STENCH OF HOME FADES INTO VANILLA AND RASPBERRY MIGNONETTES.

THE SCREAMS OF THE STARVING GIVE WAY TO TEPPEY'S HEART BEATING AND THE TRICKLE OF CLEAN WATER.

THE SWEETEST REALIZATION-- IT WAS JUST A DREAM-- WE'RE NOT THERE.

AND I HAVE EVERYTHING I EVER WANTED.

BAD DREAM?

OVER NOW.

YEAH, HAD ONE OF MY OWN, ABOUT THE LAST TIME I SAW MY DAD.

HE'D BEEN JACKED IN FOR YEARS BY THE END, ONLY CAME OUT TO REBOOT.

NORMALLY WOULDN'T ACKNOWLEDGE ME WHEN HE DID.

BUT THIS TIME...



HE LOOKED RIGHT AT ME.

ASKED ME TO HELP HIM UP.

TO THE OLD PHOTO ALBUMS MOM HAD PRINTED.



WE SAT TOGETHER LOOKING AT PICTURES OF THE TRIP WE TOOK TO YUMA BEACH WHERE NANA LIVED.

HE SAID THE ALBUMS WERE FOR ME, REMINDERS THAT HE WASN'T ALL BAD.

HE KNEW HE WASN'T COMING OUT AGAIN, AND HE DIDN'T.



I'M SORRY, BABY, BUT IT'S HARD TO TAKE YOUR EMOTIONAL RECOLLECTIONS SERIOUSLY WHILE YOUR [REDACTED] SHRINKS UP IN FRONT OF ME.

YEAH, IT GETS COLD ENOUGH HE'LL SHRIVEL UP INTO MY TORSO LIKE A FRIGHTENED TORTOISE.

IT'S A GOOD [REDACTED],  
JUST BREAKING  
THE TENSION.

I KNOW.

IT'S JUST...  
FIRST TIME IN  
YEARS I CAN  
REMEMBER  
THOSE  
PICTURES.

THEY'RE  
ALL I CAN  
RECALL  
FROM MY  
CHILDHOOD.

THAT'S  
BEAUTIFUL,  
TEPPY.

IT JUST  
MAKES ME  
SAD.

MAKES ME  
THINK ABOUT  
ALL THE TIME WE  
DIDN'T HAVE  
TOGETHER.

ALL THE  
MOMENTS  
HE GAVE  
AWAY.

A REAL  
CRIME  
THAT.



WHEN SOMEONE  
STEALS BIG PIECES  
OF YOUR LIFE--  
NO WORSE  
THING.

JUST AGREEING--  
NOTHING HADN'T  
A MAN LIKE WHAT  
COULD HAVE  
BEEN.

NO OTHER  
ACHE FOLLOWS  
YOU QUITE  
THE SAME.

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE, YOU  
PERVERT?

YOU DON'T GET THE  
BACK YOU'LL  
FEEL A WORSE  
ACHE.

SHWIP





I WAS A TROUBLED CHILD. WE ALL WERE IN THAT TOXIC WASTELAND, RIGHT, LEFT?

SO WHEN MY BIG BROTHER JIMMY OFFERED ME A SPOT IN HIS GANG, WELL...

IT WAS SAFETY, RIGHT? PRIDE, SOME ACCEPTANCE.



SURE, WE WERE UP TO MISCHIEF.

FRANKS DESIGNED TO HUMILIATE MOSTLY.

MISGUIDED YOUTHS, IN A WORLD THAT HAD NO PLACE FOR US. WHAT WE DID WAS CERTAINLY WRONG...



"...BUT WE SURE AS PIPN'T DESERVE THE PUNISHMENT YOU DOLEP OUT, CONSTABLE.

RUN-- IT'S A PEELER!

"WE'D MET VICIOUS PIGS BEFORE.



"BUT NOTHING LIKE YOU."

SHURAK

"NO WARNING GIVEN.

"ANTHONY AND LINPA JUST GONE IN A RED MIST.



"I TURNED AROUND TO GIVE MYSELF UP--

"--IN TIME TO SEE YOU TEAR JIMMY'S ARM FROM ITS SOCKET."

GHAGARGH--!



YOU... GOT THE WRONG GUY.

HE STUTTERS.

BARELY ABLE TO SELL THE LIE TO HIMSELF.



WE WERE JUST KIDS.

BUT NOT ANYMORE.

NOW WE ARE ONI.

BROKEN AND REBORN.



GHOSTS CURSED BY DREAMS OF REVENGE.



I RUSH.

WISE TEDDY FOLLOWS.



NO WAY THROUGH THIS WITHOUT A SCRAP.

WE DIDN'T COME HUNTIN' YOU--



--BUT I'LL BE BEFORE I LET YOU POISON THIS PLACE!



