

Take Your Time

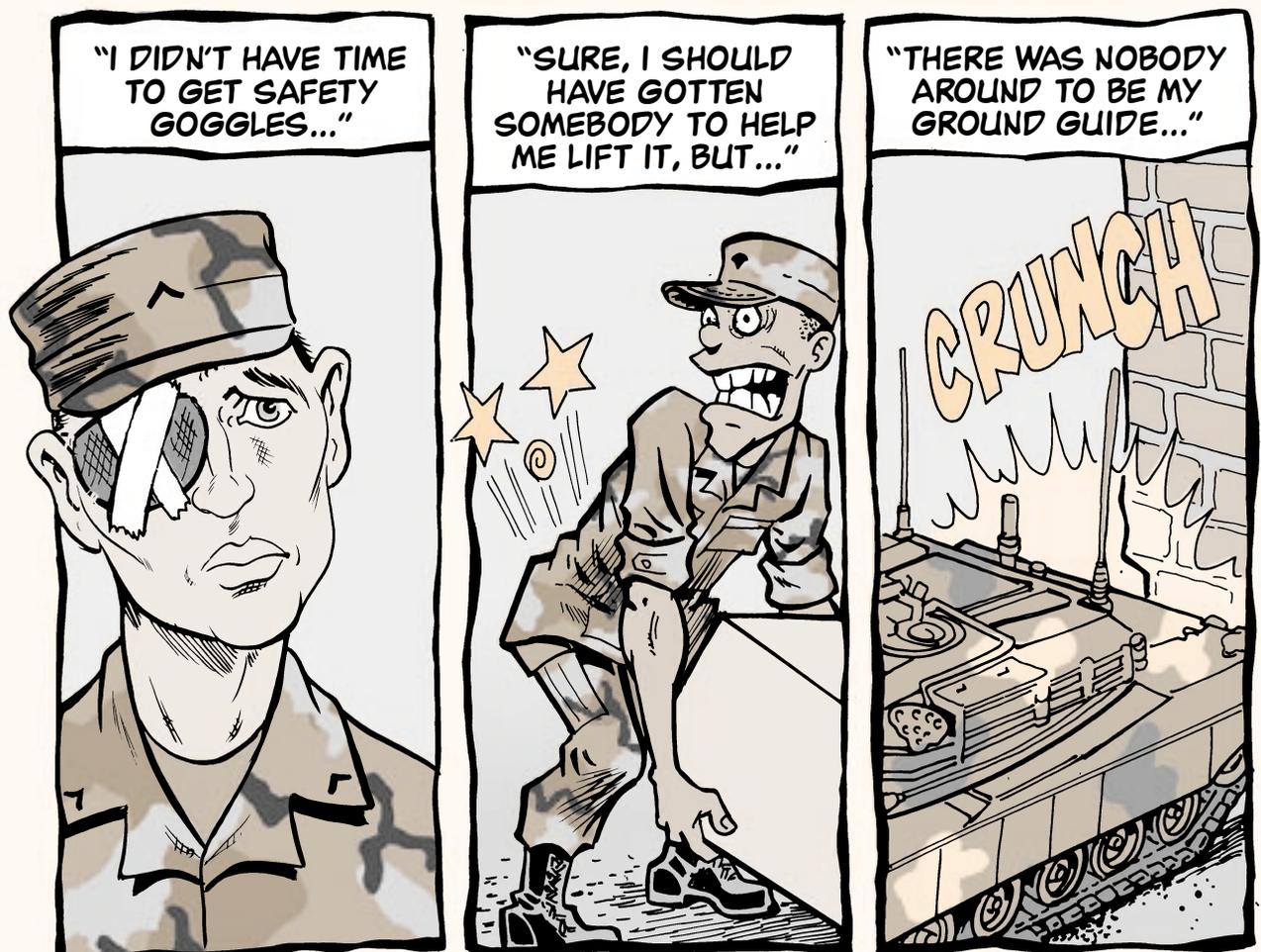
Time seems to rule our lives. Hurry up and wait. Wait and then hurry up.

Well, sure, some things—like PT tests—are supposed to be governed by time.

But other things should not be governed by time. Maintenance, for example. Maintenance is done when it's done. It's done when the right tools are used in the right way with the right result.

That doesn't mean you can't work fast. It just means you have to work smart. Follow the procedures in your TMs and the SOPs of your unit.

Students in the hurry-up school of maintenance have to learn phrases like:



The hurry-up school of maintenance is what leads to a split ring putting a big dent in somebody's head. It leads to trucks breaking down during a mission, or runaway .50-cal machine guns, or generator sets that won't start.

Never cut corners. Don't try to save time by ignoring safety or using the wrong tool.

No amount of saved time can undo an injury or death.