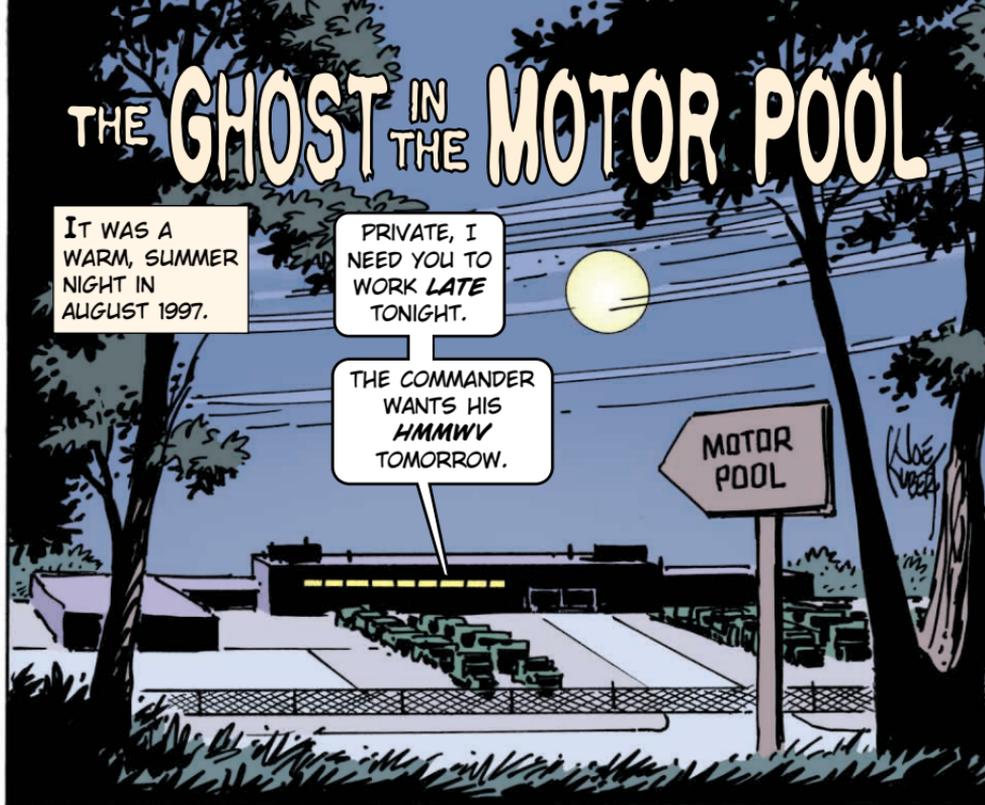


THE GHOST IN THE MOTOR POOL

IT WAS A WARM, SUMMER NIGHT IN AUGUST 1997.

PRIVATE, I NEED YOU TO WORK LATE TONIGHT.

THE COMMANDER WANTS HIS HMMVV TOMORROW.



BUT SERGEANT ...

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS AT THIS UNIT—WE STAY UNTIL THE WORK IS DONE.





LATER THAT NIGHT...

IT'S ALREADY NINE O'CLOCK ...AN' I'M BEAT.



ZZZZZZ

HUH?

KLUK

WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?



OOW... I-I MUST'VE FALLEN ASLEEP AN' IT'S ALREADY MID-NIGHT!



MAYBE A CUP OF COFFEE'LL WAKE ME UP. I'LL GET SOME IN THE BREAK ROOM.



LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE LEFT THE LIGHT ON!

BREAK ROOM



HEY... I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE WAS HERE IN THE MOTOR POOL.

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE SO LATE, SERGEANT?

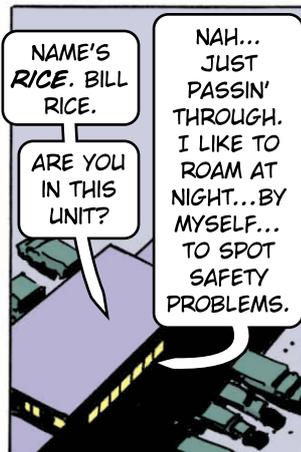


JUST HAVIN' A CUP OF JOE.



JOE? DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS JOE?

JOE'S GOOD ENOUGH AND YOU ARE-?



NAME'S RICE. BILL RICE.

ARE YOU IN THIS UNIT?

NAH... JUST PASSIN' THROUGH. I LIKE TO ROAM AT NIGHT...BY MYSELF... TO SPOT SAFETY PROBLEMS.



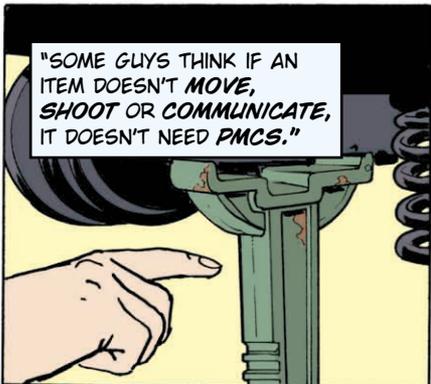
AND THIS SHOP'S GOT A FEW PROBLEMS... STARTIN' WITH YOU

YOU SHOULDN'T BE WORKIN' AT NIGHT ALL BY YOURSELF.

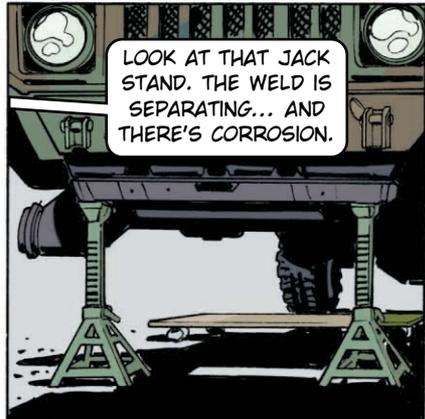


BUT, IT WAS JUST A **ONE MAN** JOB...

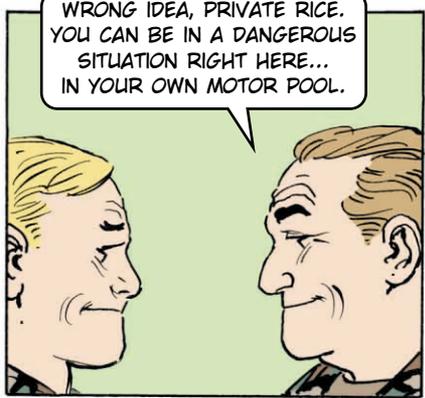
AND WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG? WHO GIVES FIRST AID? WHO CALLS FOR HELP?



"SOME GUYS THINK IF AN ITEM DOESN'T **MOVE, SHOOT OR COMMUNICATE**, IT DOESN'T NEED **PMCS.**"



LOOK AT THAT JACK STAND. THE WELD IS SEPARATING... AND THERE'S CORROSION.



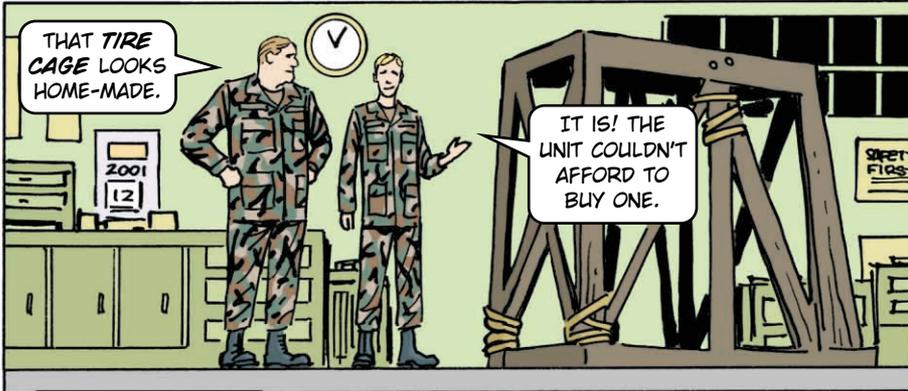
WRONG IDEA, PRIVATE RICE. YOU CAN BE IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION RIGHT HERE... IN YOUR OWN MOTOR POOL.



"FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU HAPPEN TO KICK THIS STAND... AND YOU'VE GOT NO SECONDARY SUPPORT... YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM."



THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, PRIVATE RICE. C'MON OVER HERE...



THAT **TIRE CAGE** LOOKS HOME-MADE.

IT IS! THE UNIT COULDN'T AFFORD TO BUY ONE.



YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE TAG ON SAFETY! A COMMERCIAL CAGE COULD PREVENT SOME BROKEN BONES... OR WORSE!

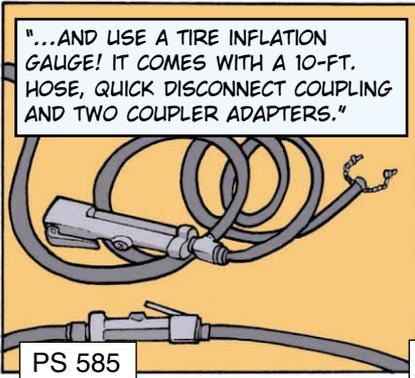


"ONLY **OSHA-APPROVED** SAFETY CAGES ARE AUTHORIZED FOR USE."



HOME-MADE CAGES GET PEOPLE **KILLED.**

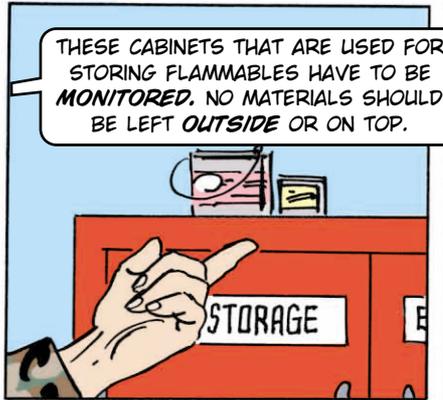
I UNDERSTAND, SERGEANT.



"...AND USE A TIRE INFLATION GAUGE! IT COMES WITH A 10-FT. HOSE, QUICK DISCONNECT COUPLING AND TWO COUPLER ADAPTERS."



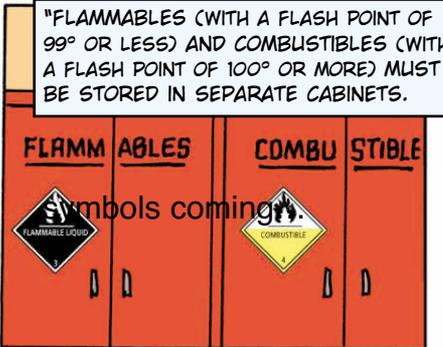
HERE'S SOMETHING **ELSE** I WANT TO POINT OUT TO YOU, PRIVATE RICE...



THESE CABINETS THAT ARE USED FOR STORING FLAMMABLES HAVE TO BE **MONITORED**. NO MATERIALS SHOULD BE LEFT **OUTSIDE** OR ON TOP.



"ALL CANS SHOULD BE **STORED** AND **TIGHTLY SEALED**."



"FLAMMABLES (WITH A FLASH POINT OF 99° OR LESS) AND COMBUSTIBLES (WITH A FLASH POINT OF 100° OR MORE) MUST BE STORED IN SEPARATE CABINETS.



"REMOVE LEAKING CONTAINERS **IMMEDIATELY**...

...AND CLEAN UP SPILLS."



WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, CHECK ALL **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**. MAKE SURE THEY'VE BEEN INSPECTED RECENTLY.



"THIS ONE'S IN THE **RED**. IN AN EMERGENCY, YOU'D DO BETTER **SPITTIN'** ON THE FIRE."



THAT MAKES A **LOT OF SENSE**, SERGEANT. I'M WITH YOU ALL THE WAY.



I SEE YOU USE **FLEXIBLE EXHAUST EXTENSIONS** TO FUNNEL EXHAUST OUT.

THAT'S RIGHT.

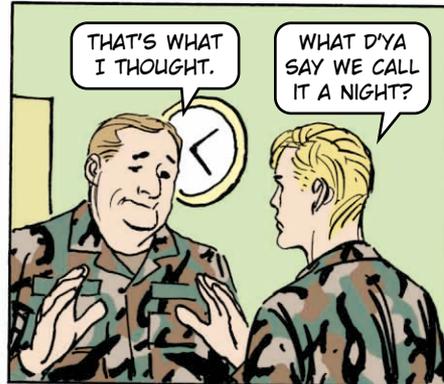


"GOOD! BUT SOME OF THESE EXTENSIONS ARE **CRACKED**. THAT MEANS EXHAUST IS **SEEPING** INTO THE WORK AREA."



WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU ATTENDED **ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE TRAINING**?

I-I... UH...



THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

WHAT D'YA SAY WE CALL IT A NIGHT?



GO HOME AND GET SOME REST ...TOMORROW'S ANOTHER DAY.



NEXT DAY...

WELL, JOE... HOW DID THE INSPECTION GO LAST NIGHT?

NOT GOOD. YOU HAVE SOME PROBLEMS... STARTIN' WITH **WHY** YOU HAD A PRIVATE WORKING ALL ALONE LATE LAST NIGHT.

A PRIVATE!?
WORKING ALONE!?
YOU'RE NUTS!!

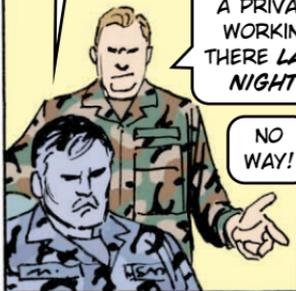
ESPECIALLY
AFTER THAT JACK
STAND ACCIDENT
FOUR YEARS AGO.



A PRIVATE GOT
KILLED IN THIS MOTOR
POOL WHEN A JACK
LET GO. NO ONE
EVER WORKS ALONE...
ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT!

THERE WAS
A PRIVATE
WORKING
THERE LAST
NIGHT!

NO
WAY!



I'M TELLING
YOU THERE
WAS A PRIVATE
WORKING HERE
...ALONE
...LAST NIGHT.
HE SAID HIS
NAME WAS BILL
SOMETHING--



"BILL!? NOT...
BILL RICE!?"

"BILL RICE WAS
THE NAME OF
THE PRIVATE
WHO DIED FOUR
YEARS AGO!"

"TELL ME,
JOE...
DO YOU
BELIEVE IN
GHOSTS?"

