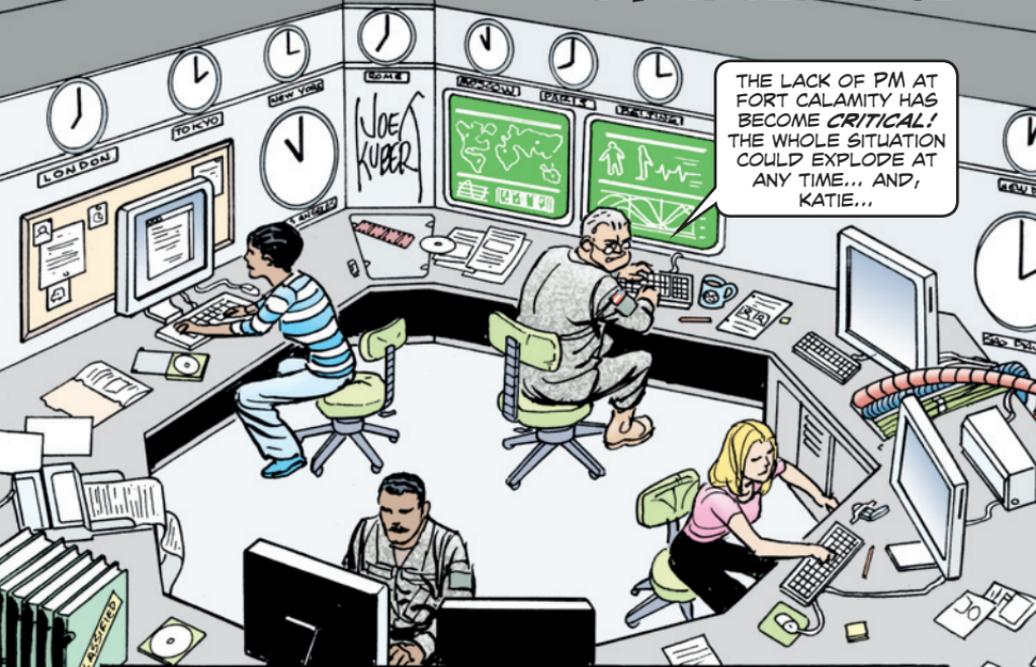


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...BAR THE DOOR IF IT DOES.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS **KATIE**, BUT...

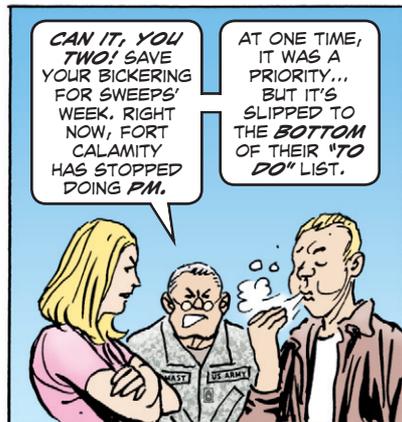
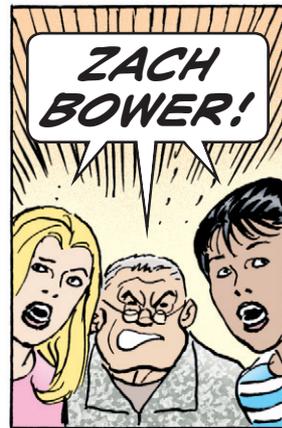


...I CAN HOLD DOWN THE FORT. DO YOU WANT ME TO GO THERE AND SPREAD THE **PM** WORD?



IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOUR SUBTLE APPROACH, CONNIE. WE NEED TO SEND IN THE **BIG GUN**... THE **BIG KAHUNA**... THE **BIG ENCHILADA**

YOU DON'T MEAN...?





SO, IT'S LIKE THAT, HUH? ALL RIGHT, I'LL TALK. IT WASN'T MY IDEA TO PAINT ROCKS.



I WANTED TO DO PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON MY HMMWV. BUT I WAS TOLD THE ROCKS CAME FIRST. HERE AT CALAMITY, IT'S ALL ABOUT APPEARANCE.



YES... APPEARANCE IS IMPORTANT. BUT NOT AS IMPORTANT AS PM.

HIT THE BRICKS PRIVATE!

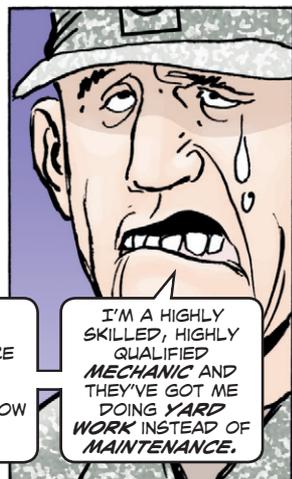


IT'S COUNTRY CAPTAIN'S CHICKEN. IT WAS VOTED THE MOST HIDEOUS TASTING MRE EVER MADE... AND I'VE GOT A CASE OF IT WITH YOUR NAME ON IT.



NO MORE! PLEASE! I'LL TALK.

I'M ALWAYS PULLED AWAY FROM DOING PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR ONE DETAIL OR ANOTHER. TODAY IT'S MOWING GRASS. TOMORROW IT MAY BE WAXING THE BARRACKS' HALLWAY.



I'M A HIGHLY SKILLED, HIGHLY QUALIFIED MECHANIC AND THEY'VE GOT ME DOING YARD WORK INSTEAD OF MAINTENANCE.



ZACH CONTINUES HIS SKULKING...

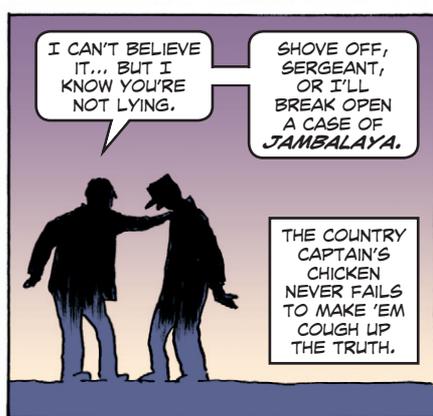


EAT THIS - NOW!

OK! OK!



WHAT IS THIS MRE? IT TASTES LIKE DOG DOO.



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... BUT I KNOW YOU'RE NOT LYING.

SHOVE OFF, SERGEANT, OR I'LL BREAK OPEN A CASE OF JAMBALAYA.

THE COUNTRY CAPTAIN'S CHICKEN NEVER FAILS TO MAKE 'EM COUGH UP THE TRUTH.



ZACH CONTINUES HIS SKULKING...

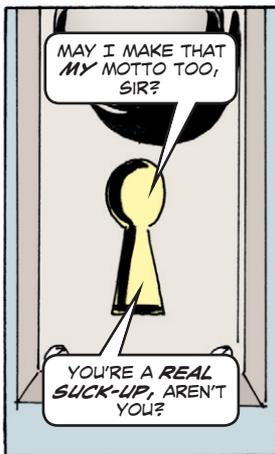


YOU'VE DONE IT, SIR. YOU HAVE THE BEST LOOKING POST IN THE ENTIRE ARMY.

YOU KNOW MY MOTTO...

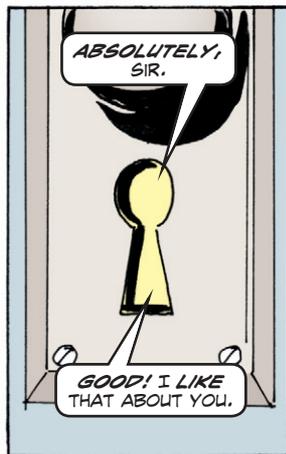


...IF IT LOOKS GOOD, IT IS GOOD.



MAY I MAKE THAT MY MOTTO TOO, SIR?

YOU'RE A REAL SUCK-UP, AREN'T YOU?



ABSOLUTELY, SIR.

GOOD! I LIKE THAT ABOUT YOU.



KEE! RASH



ZACH BOWER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M ON A MISSION FROM THE BIG MAN HIMSELF.



THE PRESIDENT?

BIGGER.

HIS WIFE?

NO! HALF-MAST!

IS THIS ABOUT PM?



YOU BET IT IS. YOU'VE BEEN MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THINGS LOOK THAN HOW THEY WORK. YOU'VE BOUGHT THE SIZZLE, BUT NOT THE STEAK. YOU'RE SINGING THE SONG, BUT YOU'RE OFF KEY. YOU-

GOT IT!



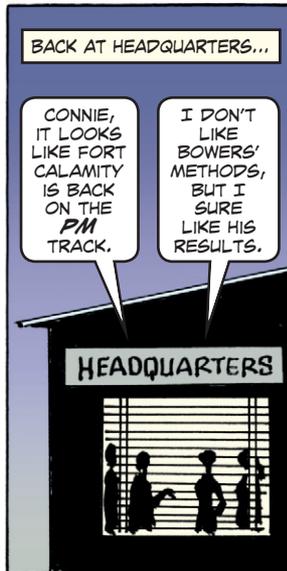
WE'LL PUT PM BACK AT THE TOP OF OUR TO-DO LIST IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO SAY ANOTHER WORD AND LEAVE RIGHT NOW.

I'M OFF.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.



I'M OFF!

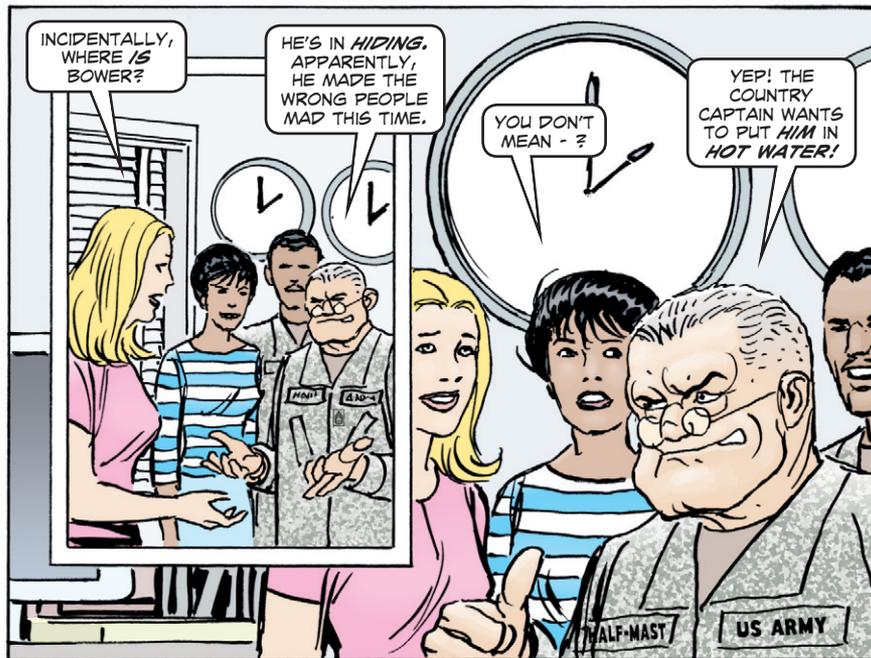


BACK AT HEADQUARTERS...

CONNIE, IT LOOKS LIKE FORT CALAMITY IS BACK ON THE PM TRACK.

I DON'T LIKE BOWERS' METHODS, BUT I SURE LIKE HIS RESULTS.

HEADQUARTERS



INCIDENTALLY, WHERE IS BOWER?

HE'S IN HIDING. APPARENTLY, HE MADE THE WRONG PEOPLE MAD THIS TIME.

YOU DON'T MEAN - ?

YEP! THE COUNTRY CAPTAIN WANTS TO PUT HIM IN HOT WATER!

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