

--I UNDERSTAND THAT, CHARLIE, BUT DEADLINES ARE THE LAST THING ON MY MIND RIGHT NOW.

OF COURSE, PAT. I MEAN, YOUR FATHER HAD A STROKE. YOU SHOULD BE WITH HIM.

BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, YOU ALSO HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, YOUR DEADLINE FOR THE FIRST DRAFT WAS OVER TWO WEEKS AGO.



I KNOW, AND I TOLD YOU, I'M ALMOST DONE.

ALMOST DONE, AS IN YOU'LL SEND IT TO ME THIS WEEK?

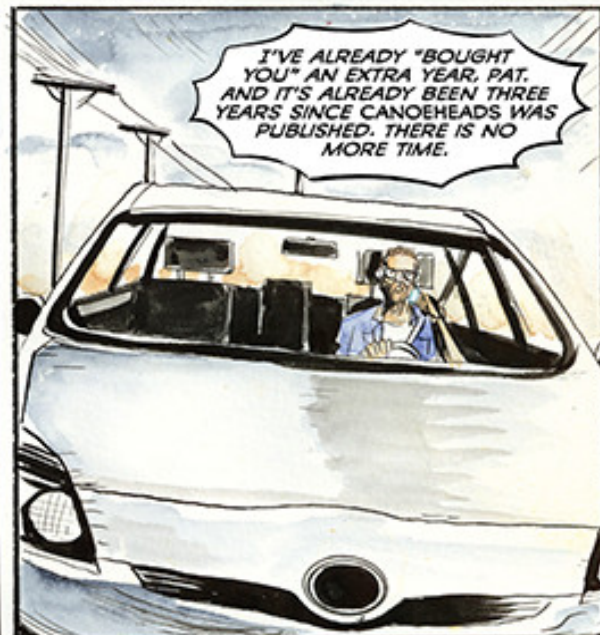


ALMOST DONE, AS IN IT'S ALL IN MY NOTEBOOK. THE WHOLE NOVEL. ALL I NEED TO DO IS TYPE IT UP AND PUSH IT A BIT.

IN YOUR NOTEBOOK?! JESUS, PATRICK!



I KNOW, I KNOW, IT'S BEEN HARD, CHARLIE. I JUST NEED YOU TO BUY ME A LITTLE MORE TIME WHILE I DEAL WITH THIS STUFF BACK HOME.



I'VE ALREADY "BOUGHT YOU" AN EXTRA YEAR, PAT. AND IT'S ALREADY BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE CANOEHEADS WAS PUBLISHED. THERE IS NO MORE TIME.



