

Marshall.

Interstitial Lung Disease of Unknown Cause.

“Sure these things happen, Marshall, but not at 41.
Not when you’ re healthy, not when you don’ t
smoke. Not for no reason at all.”



“And you said yourself that it was during the strike that you started to realize you were sick. Away from work, you felt such a difference. It was the only time you could breathe.”



“And have you even told them that you’ve been to the doctor? That you can’t breathe? Don’t you think you should find out what they can do for you?”



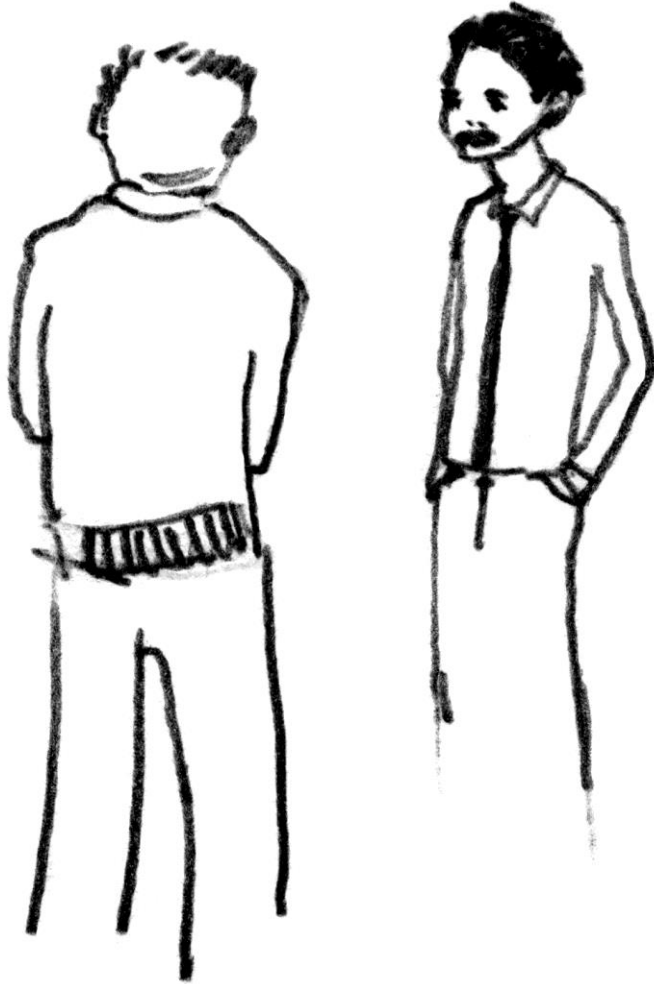
“What else can they do - they’ve already taken me off the line. They were decent about it, too. I was lucky.”

“It was just a rash then. You have to tell them that it’s much more serious now. You have to get Worker’s Comp involved - this is what they’re for.”



“The plant made you sick, Marshall. They need to at least acknowledge that.”





The next day.



“Well what could he say? The ventilation’s good. I’m not on the floor... he’s going to do everything he can. He said that all that happens when you file a claim anyway is their statistics get higher and then the ministry gives them an even harder time... It’s just a lot of paperwork, a lot of different forms. I have enough on my plate of \$.”



“Yes... Look, it felt awful. I felt like one of those guys who’s eyes light up when they get hurt on the line. Like they’ve just won the lottery or something. The ones who hurt themselves on purpose, just to get time off with pay.”

“I’m not like that.”



“I know.”



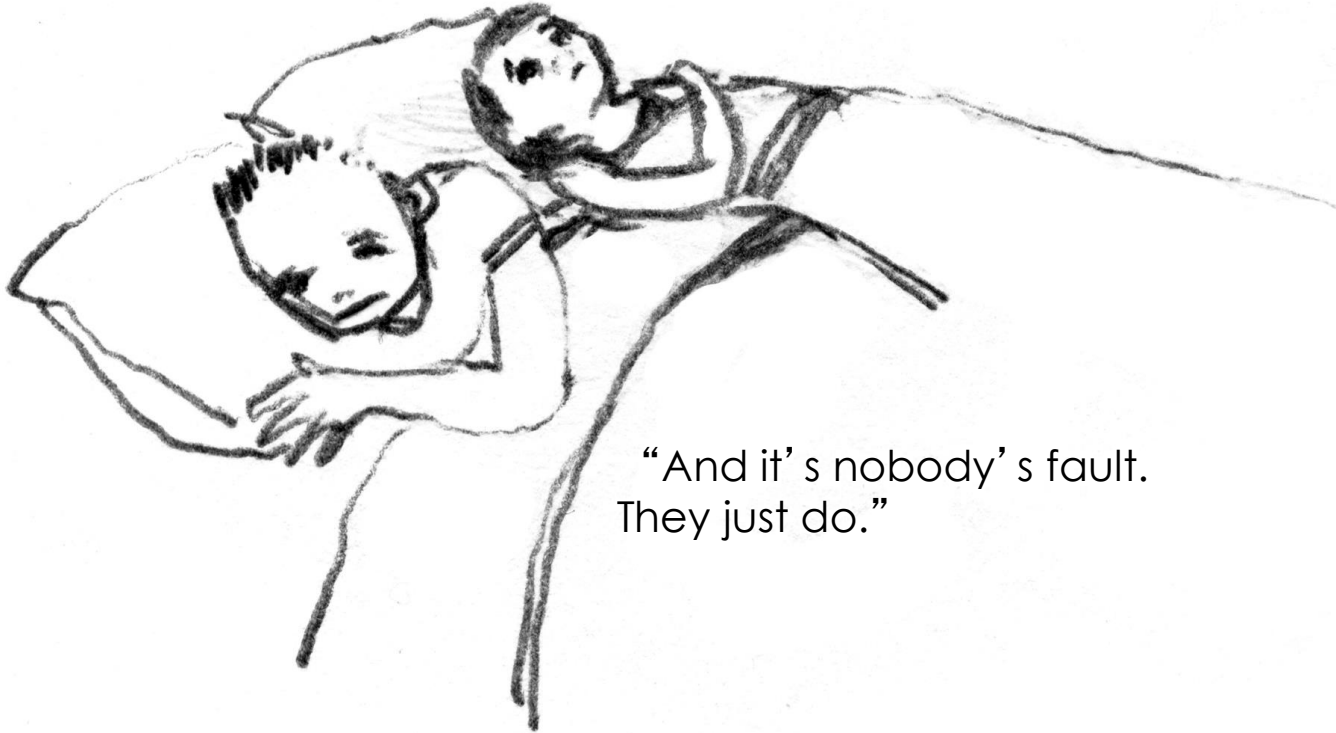
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“So she’s not comfortable isolating occupational exposure as the cause. It would be very difficult to prove, it would take a lot of time. I’d have to rule everything else out. I don’t know how I could do that.



It’s just as well. I really need management on my side right now - I’m missing a lot of work for appointments as it is. I mean, I have to stop worrying about where this came from, and start thinking about the rest of my life.”

“So these things just happen sometimes.”



“And it’s nobody’s fault.
They just do.”



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