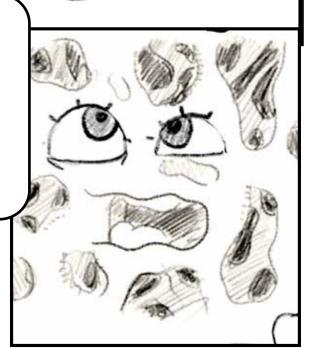


RED, I THINK YOU ARE THE FIRST RED BLOOD CELL IN HUMAN'S HISTORY TO COMPLETELY MESS UP ON THE FIRST DAY IN THE 'STREAM'. WHAT'S THE NUMBER ONE RULE WE HAVE, LITERALLY, THE ONLY RULE WE HAVE...

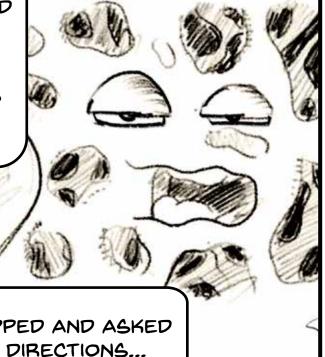


I KNOW MA,
WE PICK UP THE OXYGEN, THEN
WE DROP OFF THE OXYGEN.
AND THEN WE DO IT AGAIN AND
AGAIN AND AGAIN AND...



AND AGAIN AND AGAIN FOREVER...
UNTIL THE DAY YOU EXPLODE AND
THE MACROPHAGES COME TAKE
YOU AWAY...

AND WHAT DID YOU DO INSTEAD?



I STOPPED AND ASKED FOR DIRECTIONS... IT WAS AWESOME NO RED, IT WAS MORTIFYING.

HUMAN'S BODY DEPENDS ON BALANCE, EVERYONE DOING THEIR JOB ALL AT ONCE. IF JUST ONE CELL, JUST ONE CELL, DECIDES TO STRAY FROM THEIR TASK, THE WHOLE SYSTEM GOES INTO CHAOS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WENT WRONG.

AND YESTERDAY, THE SYSTEM FOUND YOU.

DO YOU KNOW HOW THAT MAKES ME LOOK WHEN THE CELLS I PRODUCE ARE... FAULTY!

YOUR TASK IS TO LET THE STREAM TAKE YOU WHERE YOU ARE MEANT TO GO. NO QUESTIONS ASKED. EVER.



I KNOW YOU HAVE THIS, THIS FANTASY
OF BEING THE MOST EFFICIENT RED BLOOD CELL THIS
BODY HAS EVER SEEN BUT FRANKLY, YOU ARE MORE
OF A LIABILITY THEN A HERO.

NOW LET ME GET BACK TO SLEEP, RED. I NEED TO SAVE MY ENERGY FOR YOUR COMPETENT SIBLINGS...

