

## SGT MEAT - Synopsis Report

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<p>The Captain assigns Meath to be the one interviewed by Geraldo Rivera. "Sadly, Meat, you're the only smart one that we trust won't say anything stupid." The Captian is confused by Meath's name, calling him "Meat," a misnomer that will follow him through his whole tour. "It's Meath, sir. With an 'H.'" "There's no 'H' in Meat, Sergeant." Geraldo Rivera doesn't show up.</p>	1
<p>Flash forward Iraq 2004. Geraldo Rivera wants to interview one of the troops. Captain Block assigns Meath, warning him not to say anything stupid. He also asks, Why do they call you that? "Meat." It's my name sir. Meath, with an "H." There's no "H" in Meat, Sergeant. Dismissed.</p>	2
<p>Meath waits for 3 hours, but Rivera never shows up. Meath finds out from a passing private that: Captain was afraid the guy he assigned to him was gonna say something stupid. He sent Rivera over to B Company.</p>	2
<p>Recruiting office: Meath is informed that because of a speeding ticket he got for going 1 MPH over the limit, he won't be assigned to special forces airborne. The recruiter promises him he can get in later down the line if he still signs up now.</p>	3
<p>NOT WRITTEN: Goodbyes to family and friends.</p>	5
<p>NOT WRITTEN: Something missing here. Maybe just the arrival? Or did more interesting things happen? The "slow-fro" guy Mike had to help all the time?</p>	5
<p>NOT WRITTEN: Someone at the airport thanks him for his service.</p>	5
<p>BT: A private thinks God struck him when lightning hits nearby. A nurse sets up IVs and CAT scans for soldiers who were never hit—which means all of them.</p>	5
<p>At the hospital, a nurse starts doing IVs and CAT scans on soldiers who were not struck by lightning. No one was.</p>	6
<p>Meath, Jessup, and Ginnie are all assigned to Kansas.</p>	7
<p>Meath and buddies Jessup and Ginnie are all assigned to Kansas.</p>	7

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There is lead and asbestos in the barracks.	8
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Meath and Jessup are assigned to a vehicle nicknamed Betty, which takes on lurch forward and promptly dies.	9
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Meath and Jessup encounter troops coming back from Bosnia. They're "battle-hardened" and Meath says "I wanna be like that." One of them assures a worried Meath that they'll get brand new vehicles once they get to the war zone—not the crappy training vehicles.	13
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Major Maxwell gives Meath some marriage advice, since he heard Meath just got married. Meath asks him to not call him "Meat." The Major says "No, I like Meat better."	16
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"Betty" breaks down in the desert. The LT tells Meath to stay with the vvehicle and assures him they'll be back for him soon. Meath spends several days alone in the desert, and when they do finally get him it's by accident.	17
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Meath's fellow soldiers razz ihm for sleeping and reading while stranded, because they had to work while he "didn't do shit." Suarez says he's sick of the Army and is just going to slack until his term runs out.	22
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A civilian mechanic fixes Betty, but advises Meath that "I wouldn't trust her in battle." Meath assures him Betty won't be going into battle with them.	25
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GET A PARTY NIGHT STORY FROM MEATH: Meath and the guys go out drinking because the next day is funeral detail so no hard physical stuff.	26
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FUNERAL DETAIL: GET A STORY. 9/11 happens. Get Mike's description of getting funding and new equipment all of a sudden.	27
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GET A BRIEF DESCRIPTION.	27
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They arrive in Kuwait, and there's Broke Doen Betty again! Meath complains that shel's a piece of shit. The LT explains that so is Meath and that by definition, everyone there is a piece of shit, since if the Army valued you they wouldn't have sent you here.	28
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Jessup rants about Meath being lucky and likeable. Says Meath is going to get the cute Korean girl instead of him.	30
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They are sent out on patrol with no bullets. Meath is upset, but no one backs him up on his comolaint. Jessup is veyr zen about it. He says: "If you don't have bullets, then you don't need bullets."	31
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On a mission to pick up Schwartz, "Big Sarge" (a.k.a. "BS") won't admit he's got them lost. He finally arrives triumphantly—at the wrong HQ.	33
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They are at the wrong HQ, but there is a soldier there named Schwartz, so they pick him up and bring him back.	36
They find out they're shipping out the next day, instead of having a 5-day notice.	37
They have so many flat tires, they start making bets on who will get the most.	39
A dud mortar lands while Meath is in the shitter.	40
In the aftermath of a battle, they call Meath over in a panic to treat a downed comrade, but it turns out to be a cow. Funny joke, haha.	41
On a "Hearts and Minds" mission giving out soccer balls, a boy pushes down a girl who wants one so that he can have it instead. A female gunner jumps off her vehicle "like Wonder Woman", picks up the boy over her shoulders and throws him in a ditch. She gives the ball to the beaming girl.	42
When a gung-ho sergent major goes off on a crazy charge on a sniper position, Meath is ordered to go with him "and make sure he doesn't hurt himself." When Meath complains it's not fair that he's the one to get sent, Jessup tells him: You shoulda checked the box on your enlistment papers that said, "Only send me to places where things are fair.	44
Shamed by Jessup about his lack of stamina, Meath goes for a run, only to have a grenade thrown at him. Jessup says, "I didn't say you should go for a run, I just said some other guys are doing it."	45
Perez makes a brave charge and takes out a sniper, but gets shot in the process. Meath is unable to save him. Back at the barracks, another soldier questions whether Meath treated the guy properly, considering he might've had diabetes. Meath counters angrily: "It was fucking bullets that killed him, okay? Fucking bullets."	48
After some rough experiences, no sleep, and losing Perez, Meath is completely out of it. The LT orders the guys to take him to the medical tent to rest up. Meath inquires, "Is it my birthday? Is it because it's my birthday?"	49
This is just a Note reminding me that these scenes need to be dispersed through the text, but for now they were writteen together.	52
Meath makes friends with Captain Perkins at the gym, who tells him "Just call me Dave." They decide to work out 3 days a week.	52
Meath does a chiropractic treatment on Perkins's neck at the gym. Perkins says he can probably process some papers to get Meath back to the States a little early in time for him to take his chiropractic certification.	53
Mortar rounds land in the area in and around the shitters. Two soldiers pop out of the shitters, wounded but not seriously.	55

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A soldier is hit by mortar shrapnel while in the shitter. But instead of coming out right away, he finishes what he was doing first: jerking off.	55
Shrapnel went through the window where Captain Perkins was typing an email to his wife. Meath and Jessup are called over to help. Meath shudders when he sees that a big chunk of the captain's head is gone. Knowing that Meath and Perkins are friends, Jessup says, "I've got this, Meath," and Meath steps outside.	55
A big black soldier is wounded, with his guts hanging out, crying loudly, saying, "I'm gonna die!" Meath assures him he'll be fine. He won't. Meath calls out for some morphine.	56
A soldier tells a heroic story of Sanchez that might be considered politically incorrect outside the military. But here everyone including Sanchez enjoy it.	57
Meath starts pummeling a guy who disrespects the memory of his friend Captain Perkins who was just killed.	57
The Lt Col takes them out on a hunt for a weapons cache in Sector 8. Meath runs past whizzing bullets to help a casualty who turns out to be an Iraqi who is now "hamburger." They tell Meath to stick an IV in him "for practice." Someone finds a "clicker" on the wounded man. The Major speculates there might have been a daisy chain of IEDs.	59
Meath almost shoots a bunch of Iraqi National Guard ("the guys on our side") except the ammo belt for the SAW gun jams.	61
Meath has to ask another soldier to cover him so he can make it to the shitter in the middle of the night.	64
The shitters are full—"up to my ass," says the Major, and he orders them to go find the damn shitter sucker guy.	65
Out looking for the shitter sucker guy.	66
A gung-ho sergeant at a checkpoint opens up on a pickup truck for no apparent reason, killing the occupants. He orders Meath to load up the bodies in his vehicle. The search for the shitter guy continues.	66
The Bradley gunners make quick work of a brief ambush. Meath loads up more bodies and they put them in body bags. Oops, some of these guys aren't dead yet. Hanson has to get in back with the bodies. Kenworth is getting kind of weird. He and Meath start singing "Scaramouche" from Queen. Hanson throws up.	67
Hansen has been riding in the back with dead and dying bodies and now he's lost it, for some reason ranting in German. At the hospital, they do the shake test on the body bags to separate the live ones from the dead ones. They take Hansen too. Meath and Kenworth are having trouble finding the morgue and	70

the hospital attendant doesn't know where it is. Kenworth notices that Meath is starting to lose it. His eyes...they don't look good. Kenworth doesn't look any better.

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Meath and Kenworth throw, drag, and roll the bodies into the morgue. 73

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The Commander tells Kenworth to get some sleep, and tells Meath to go back and search the bodies. Kenworth says, "I'll sleep when I'm dead," and drives Meath back to the morgue. 75

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Meath finds a ton of money on the bodies. He starts to bundle it up to take, but two morgue attendants arrive. When he draws his 9-millimeter and yells at them to "Get the fuck back! it's clear from the fear in their eyes they think he's going to shoot them so he can have the money. He tosses the money into the corner and runs back out to Kenworth waiting in the vehicle. Kenworth asks him if there was any booty, and he lies. He asks Kenworth what he would've done if he would've found money but the morgue attendants wanted it. Kenworth replies, "Oh, I'd a shot 'em." 76

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Back at the barracks, Meath is finally asleep. Jessup wakes him up and tells him he has to clean out the Meat Wagon of all the body parts and bits. Meath gets up and does it, and is so sleepy he forgets to use gloves to scrape an ear off the when the hose can't quite wash it off. 78

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The Major calls Meath in and asks him about a rumor about some money. Running on one hour of sleep in three days, Meath babbles incoherently about "blood and bit and parts and the neck snapped and Kenworth woulda shot 'em and I dunno man, sir, I'm just a medic." The Major takes Meath off the line, and orders the LT to let him sleep for a day or two and then give him some easy duty. 79

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At the gym, a fellow soldier asks Meath about a rumor that fat guy from Turkey paid a bunch of money for the shitter guy to plant bombs in the shitters, but the guy got shot up by a SAW at a checkpoint. He says he heard Meath had his hands on the money but let it go. Meath says, again, "I dunno, I'm just a medic." 82

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Meath is assigned the "easy duty" of training Iraqis in medical procedures. But they're doing weapons training in the same area, and Meath nearly gets killed when a 12-year-old "recruit" accidentally fires off several automatic rounds. 83

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Night guard. Another "easy duty." Meath almost gets killed by rounds falling from the sky fired by Iraqis at a nearby wedding. He panics and gives out ammo clips to the Iraqis they'e training, thinking they are under attack. 85

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Jimmy got killed, so, per regulations, the soldiers can't call home for 24 hours to make sure Jimmy's family doesn't get word second-hand. One of the guys is pissed because he can't call his girlfriend, but others are okay with it. 90

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Jessup and Meath have some down time on the banks of the Euphrates River. Meath is reading the Bible and marveling at being in biblical lands. Jessup tells him that some scholars believe this was the Garden of Eden. And the Mormons think it's in Jackson County, Missouri. (True, apparently.) 91

Trying to get a wounded soldier to the hospital through a traffic jam, Meath's driver rams a scared Iraqi family in a car.	92
Now in the war theater, the soldiers get to wear their combat patches. Meath has a buddy who got a Bronze Star, and he says he wants one too.	93
LT commends Meath on his medic performance in the recent battle, and tells him: "You should get a medal. But you're not gonna. Admin's not set up yet."	94
LT commends Meath about another battle. He was getting shot at and still managed to save some lives. Sadly, Admin's still not set up. No medal.	94
With the LT again. Meath tells how he patched up seven guys while getting shot at, and in between even picked up his rifle and fired back. Admin set up yet? Nope, sorry.	95
Big battle yesterday. Just about everyone is going to get a medal. Meath will get one too, but he's disappointed because he should've had three by now. Jessup says: Yeah, war is so unfair sometimes."	96
A pansy-ass mechanic has a bit of shrapnel go through his boot and cause a one-inch scratch—enough to get him a Purple Heart. Jessup puts a band-aid on it as Meath leaves in disgust.	97
Just before load-in to go back stateside on the C-130 transport plane, Meath agrees to give a soldier a chiropractic adjustment. They step away from the waiting crowd so Meath doesn't get stuck doing adjustments for everyone the whole ride back. Mortar rounds hit, sending shrapnel tearing through the windsock where they had just been standing.	98
Meath is thanked by soldiers he treated on the battlefield. One remarks on Meath's heroism for dragging him out of the line of fire. Not heroic enough for a medal, Meath explains. Since he's a medic, he was technically just doing his job so it doesn't qualify for a medal. Meath sees a soldier with multiple scars on his face, neck and arms. Not from battle, but from his girlfriend stabbing him, 50 times.	100
Meath explains to another medic about how his brother died right in front of him when he was 16, so he has learned to understand that "Everybody dies, so just try to appreciate life while you got it."	102
Meath and Jessup discuss how when they're kicking down doors it's intense, and kinda fun—but later on it doesn't feel quite right. "Savage joy," says Jessup. "Just move on, Meat."	103
Being screened for PTSD, Meath laughs when asked Question #4: "While in the field, did you ever fire your weapon?" "Are you kidding? I was in country for 355 days. I went on like, I dunno, dozens of missions." But if he gives the right answer, everything is made simpler and he walks away with no more paperwork. He replies: "No, I was just a medic."	104

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MORE TO ADD, earlier in script:  
Serving beer with the guy with the prosthetic arm.  
Ginnie reading his name tag in a sexy way.  
Other Ginnie stuff while in USA.  
Contact with Ginnie while overseas.  
(Sorry, probably spelling it wrong.)

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