

HANK from OLD DOG by Joshua James

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So I guess I couldn't really tell ya how many beers I drink a day, not as many as I'd like, that's fer sure. But beer drinkin' ain't serious drinkin'. The REAL drinkin' starts with the Jack Daniels, which wuz the only good thing I picked up in the army. Jack'll take you around the world an' back again, an' ya never have to leave the comforts 'a your home. The great thing 'bout Jack is that he kicks in right away.

Drinkin' problem, the only drinkin' problem I got is when they ain't nothin' left t'drink, that's the only problem, other than that, things is just dandy.

I hooked up with this widow once, maybe fifteen years ago, Lord that woman had a mouth on her, but she wuz loaded, Doc, nothin' but time an' a shitload 'a money on her hands, which is the first thing I look for in a women, an' she said she wuz gonna make me her project an' save me from my drinkin' problem. She lasted 'bout three weeks. She wuz talkin' 'bout sendin' me to that Betty Ford place an all, shit. Yeah, I could just see myself in there with all them famous women movie stars, all of them falling all over me and in love and the next thing you know I'm hooked up with one 'a them and MARRIED, and hell, Doc, you go into those hospitals to get better, not to get WORSE.

Alcoholic, I ain't no damn alcohol-ic. I'm a drinkin' man. There's a Goddamn difference.