

# HERO IN ACTION BOTTLE OF WINE

ROY LICHTENSTEIN'S "WHAAM/" PAINTING IS BASED ON ONE OF MY PANELS FROM AN OLD DC WAR COMIC. ROY GOT FOUR MILLION DOLLARS FOR IT.



I GOT ZERO.

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART INVITED ME TO THE OPENING WHEN THEY DISPLAYED IT, HOWEVER, I COULDN'T MAKE IT DUE TO DEADLINES...



...BUT I FIGURE LICHTENSTEIN OWED ME A DRINK AT LEAST.

THESE DAYS, I'M ON WHAT THEY CALL A FIXED INCOME. SOCIAL SECURITY SUPPLEMENTED WITH A FEW COMMISSIONS. SOCIAL SECURITY INCHES UP A LITTLE, BUT GROCERIES GO UP A LOT. I HAD TO CUT OUT WINE. COULDN'T AFFORD EVEN A BOTTLE.



DAMN, I'M GOING TO MISS WINE.

FORTUNATELY, HERO INITIATIVE WAS A BIG HELP. THE FIRST TIME I MET WITH THEM, THEY GAVE ME A 250-DOLLAR GIFT CARD FOR THE GROCERY.



THEY EVEN BROUGHT ME A BOTTLE OF WINE.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY KEPT ME GOING WHEN I WAS LAID UP FOR A FEW MONTHS AFTER MY KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY. HEY, IT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE 84 YEARS OLD.



THEY'RE A WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION THAT'S HELPED MANY PEOPLE. WONDERFUL GUYS. BUT OF EVERYTHING THEY'VE DONE, THE THING I LIKED BEST WAS THE BOTTLE OF WINE.



WELL, ROY, I GUESS I FINALLY GOT THAT DRINK.

RUSS HEATH