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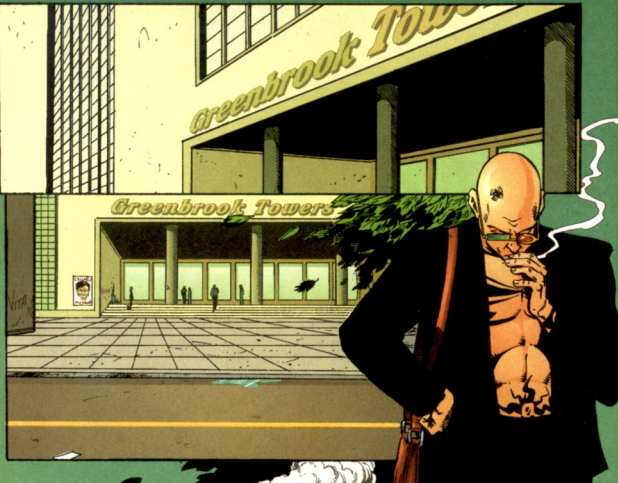
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WELL WELL.
THANKS FOR COMING, SPIDER.



I KNEW YOUR EDITOR WOULD SEE THE WISDOM OF DOING ME THE SAME COURTESY YOU DID THE PRESIDENT.

OH, I'M SURE YOU BELIEVED OTHERWISE. BUT THAT'S THE THING ABOUT AUTHORITY. ISN'T IT?

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE THERE TO SQUEEZE YOU INTO DOING THE RIGHT THING.



UNLESS YOU'RE THE PRESIDENT, OF COURSE.



NO. THERE'S PEOPLE LIKE ME THERE TO SQUEEZE THE PRESIDENT INTO DOING WHAT'S RIGHT.


YOU'RE NOT DOING A STERLING JOB AT THAT, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME SAYING.



I MEAN, YES, YOU BACKED ME INTO A CORNER OVER WHAT YOU PEOPLE CALL "SOCIAL ISSUES"...

...BUT I WASN'T THE PRESIDENT THEN.






*It's been a long hard day
scaring the shit out of children
for the anticlowns of the
Tolerable Terror Infant
Therapy Institute.*




THE THING ABOUT JOSH FREEH WAS...

WELL...



WELL, WE HAD TO ACCEPT HIM AS THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO GET FLORIDA.

SENATOR JOE HELLER CONTROLLED FLORIDA I MEAN, THOSE PEOPLE TREAT HIM LIKE HE WAS JESUS, HE TELLS THEM TO GET THEIR OWN ASSES ON FIRE, THEY SAY, "LIGHTER OR MATCHES?"



FLORIDA HAS A BIG BLOCK OF VOTES, YOU KNOW? STANDS TALL IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND IT ALWAYS GOES TO THE BEASTS PARTY.

BUT WITH HELLER ON OUR SIDE, WE GET TO RIP THAT BLOCK OF VOTES OUT OF THE BEASTS HIDE.



SO THIS WAS THE DEAL FOR FLORIDA, WE TAKE FREEH.

LIKE WE KNEW WHAT WE WERE BUYING.



SHUT UP.



YOU KNEW
WHAT YOU WERE
BUYING. DON'T
PRACTICE YOUR
EXPLANATIONS
ON ME NOW.

HELL, YOU
SHOULD'VE PRACTICED
THEM THE MINUTE YOU GOT
HIM, SO YOU'D HAVE SOME-
THING TO SAY TO ME
WHEN I NAILED YOU
FOR IT.




OKAY.



YOU WANT
IT THIS WAY?
FINE.

I WAS BUYING
A CLEAN VP
CANDIDATE. NOT LIKE
THIS OTHER FUCK,
WHAT'S HIS NAME,
THE NEW VP--



--SCHACT,
WHAT'S HIS NAME,
COME ON--

WELL,
WHATEVER.
WE'VE HAD TO MAKE
A FEW CONVICTIONS
VAPORIZE, HAD TO PAY
OFF A FEW RELIABLE
MEMORIES, YOU KNOW.
HE'S DIRTY.

FREEH
WAS CLEAN.
VIRGINAL. THREE
YEARS OLD, DAMNIT.
NOTHING
COULD GO
WRONG.

EXCEPT FOR
THAT FASCIST
ASSWIFE HELLER
BEING TOO DAMN
ARROGANT TO
COVER HIS
SLIMETRAIL.



WHAT? AM I BEING TOO HONEST FOR EVERYONE?

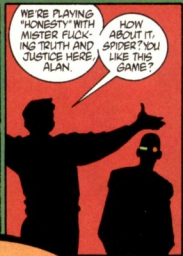
AM I MAKING YOU UNCOMFORTABLE?

WELL...

OH, STOP FUCKING WHINING, ALAN!

WE'RE PLAYING "HONESTY" WITH MISTER FUCKING TRUTH AND JUSTICE HERE, ALAN.

HOW ABOUT IT, SPIDER? YOU LIKE THIS GAME?



I OWN THIS GAME





*And night comes down on the City,
and the hookers and the whiskey priests
and the organ-boosters and the losers
and the boozeheads all come out, alive
for as long as the customers and the
licensing hours hold out. Just us.*







I MEAN, THAT'S OBSCENE. VITA WAS A COLLEAGUE AND A FRIEND--

I THINK YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE HER KILLED, NOT THAT YOU WOULDN'T KILL HER BECAUSE SHE WAS A COLLEAGUE AND A FRIEND.



ODD, ISN'T IT?

VITA MIGHT OUTLIVE US ALL, IN A STRANGE WAY. THIS CULT THAT'S SPRUNG UP OVER HER--YOU SHOULD DO A STORY ON IT.



VITA SEVERN WAS KILLED BY A SINGLE UNKNOWN ASSAILANT WHO DESTROYED HIMSELF WITH A DISASSEMBLER SUICIDE PACK IMMEDIATELY AFTER FIRING.

HIMSELF?



WHAT?

DESTROYED HIMSELF?

IF HE DIS-ASSEMBLED HIMSELF-- HOW THE HELL DO YOU KNOW HE'S A HE?



SHE REALLY LIKED YOU, YOU KNOW, SPIDER. TALKED ABOUT YOU A LOT.

ALL THE TIME, IF SHE COULD.



I THINK SHE WANTED TO FUCK YOU.



WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED THAT?



The New Scum.



BLACK MOB

FREE!
LEW
HARVE
OSWALD

FREE!
SEX

HOME
BUYER

Word

FUCK
YOU

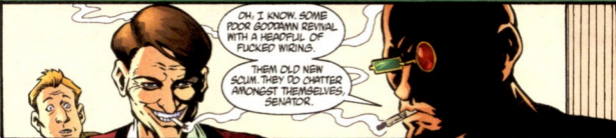
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IT WAS ALAN WHO ARRANGED THE KILL, OF COURSE. ALAN ARRANGES EVERYTHING HE THINKS I DON'T HEAR HIM WHEN HE SAYS, "I AM GREENROCK."

GARY!



OH, I KNOW. SOME POOR GODDAMN REVIVAL WITH A HEADFUL OF FUCKED WIRING.

THEM OLD NEW SCUM. THEY DO CHATTER AMONGST THEMSELVES, SENATOR.



SEE, I'VE BEEN BUSY SINCE VITA'S DEATH. QUIET, BUT BUSY.

YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE HAVE BEEN WATCHING ME BANG OUT COLUMNS, SHOUTING AT THE WORLD FROM MY BALCONY, BEING MAD, ALL THAT.



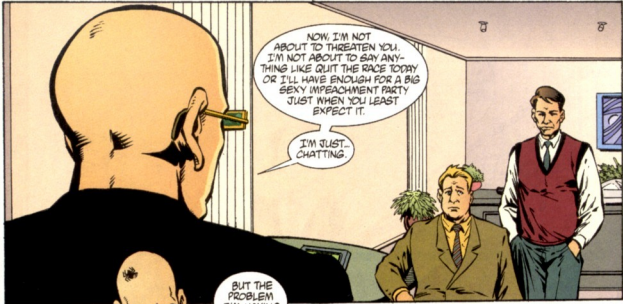
EASY ENOUGH TO DO, I SUPPOSE. TALK THE CRAZY BASTARD INTO TAKING THE SHOT IN RETURN FOR A GUARANTEED INSTANT PAINLESS SUICIDE.

NO MORE FUTURE.



YOU THINK I'VE LOST IT, I KNOW YOU DO. YOU WOULDN'TVE TRIED TO PUSH AND BLUSTER ME INTO DOING THIS INTERVIEW OTHERWISE.

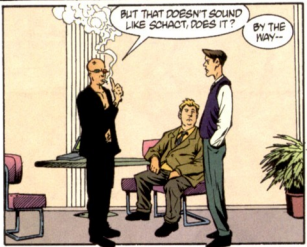
BUT ALL THIS TIME I'VE BEEN GATHERING EVIDENCE.



NOW, I'M NOT ABOUT TO THREATEN YOU. I'M NOT ABOUT TO SAY ANYTHING LIKE QUIT THE RACE TODAY OR I'LL HAVE ENOUGH FOR A BIG SEXY IMPEACHMENT PARTY JUST WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT.

I'M JUST CHATTING.

BUT THE PROBLEM I'M HAVING IS THIS:



BUT THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE SCHACT, DOES IT?

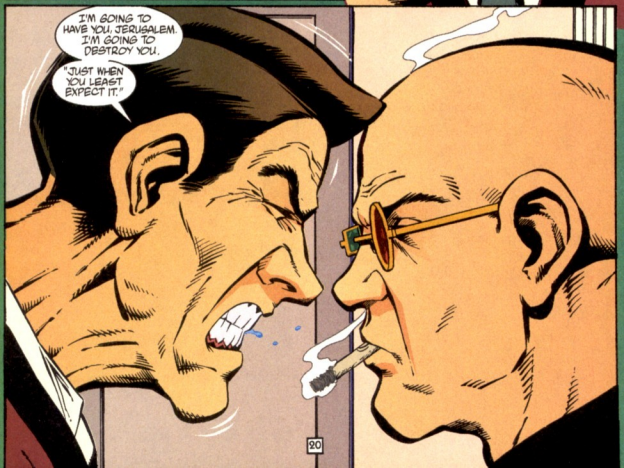
BY THE WAY--

WHY AM I HERE?
I MEAN, MAYBE THIS IS SCHACT'S IDEA: FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY, EXPOSING YOU AS THE OBVIOUS LUNATIC YOU ARE.



OR MAYBE THIS IS ALL JUST A BIG JOKE. CALLAHAN MAKES JERUSALEM BELIEVE HE'S MAD-INCOMPETENT COLUMNIST DROPPED BY WORD.

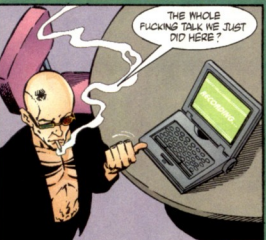






ANYWAY.

WHAT INTERVIEW?



THE WHOLE FUCKING TALK WE JUST DID HERE?



YOU HAVE NO RECORDING OF IT.

OF COURSE I DO, YOU MAD FLUCK. RIGHT HERE--



WHAT TALK?



NO, YOU DON'T.

ALL RECORDING EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING YOUR COMPUTER, YOUR SHADES, SOURCE GAS, BACTERIAL CAMERAS, MEMORY INFECTIONS OR STENOGRAPHY NANO MECHS, WERE NULLIFIED UPON ENTRY.



WE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.

WE WERE NEVER HERE.



*The
Presidential
Election is
tomorrow.*

Lots to do.

TO BE CONCLUDED

**THEY DID IT.
YOU KNOW IT.
THEY DESERVE IT.
YOU'LL GET AWAY
WITH IT.
QUESTION IS:**

**CAN YOU PULL
THE TRIGGER?**

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A NEW MONTHLY SERIES BY
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PAYBACK BEGINS THIS JUNE



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NEXT STOP, CLARK AND LAKE TRANSFER. WATCH THE DOORS.





DO I KNOW YOU?



NO, I KNOW YOU. ISABELLE "DIZZY" CORDOVA. TWENTY-THREE YEARS OLD. JUST RELEASED FROM THE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN STATEVILLE.

WELCOME BACK TO THE WORLD.

I'M AGENT GRAVES.



... FIVE-OH?



YOU WERE FIRST ARRESTED WHEN YOU WERE ELEVEN YEARS OLD, FOR SHOP-LIFTING.

YOUR SECOND ARREST OCCURRED SEVEN HOURS LATER, WHEN YOU ATTEMPTED TO BURN DOWN THE STORE YOU WERE CAUGHT ROBBING.



CUTE.

WAS A LONG TIME AGO. WHAT'S IT TO YOU?



NOTHING.

THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, YOU SPENT BOUNCING IN AND OUT OF JUVIE HALLS AND LOCKUPS FOR GANG-RELATED ACTIVITIES. GRABBING QUITE AN IMPRESSIVE REP FOR YOURSELF ALONG THE WAY. AT FIFTEEN YOU APPEAR TO SETTLE DOWN...



BUT THEN, GANG-BANGING AND BREAST-FEEDING DON'T SEEM TO MIX, DO THEY?





THAT'S
CONSIDERED
A *MAY OUT*,
ISN'T IT? HAVING
A *BABY*,
I MEAN.

IT WASN'T
ABOUT THAT! ME 'N'
HECTOR WERE IN LOVE
FOREVER, WE WERE
PLANNIN' OUR
LIVES--



HE WAS
WHAT WHEN
YOU GOT MARRIED
--SIXTEEN?



WELL, THE FAIRY TALE CAME TO
AN END ONE NIGHT IN JULY...

I WAS JUST A
PASSENGER, HANGIN'
WITH MY HOME GIRLS.
I DIDN'T KNOW--

"RIGHT. WRONG PLACE
AT THE WRONG TIME.
JUST LIKE THAT INNOCENT
MAN WHO GOT CAUGHT
IN THE CROSSFIRE.

"ALONG WITH HIM,
THE FOUR OTHER 'HOME
GIRLS' WITH YOU--ALL
ARMED-- WERE KILLED; AS
WERE THE TWO 'AWAY' GIRLS
THAT FIRED ON YOUR CAR.

"AS THE *SOLE*
SURVIVOR, YOU
CAUGHT THE RAP.

"SO MOMMY GOES
TO JAIL, DADDY GOES
LEGIT MINIMUM WAGE
PLUS FOOD STAMPS
AND BABY MAKES
THREE..."



...YEARS SERVED.
YOU WERE SENTENCED
TO DO FIFTEEN. THANK
GOD FOR *OVER-*
CROWDING, HMM?



HERE.
DO YOU
RECOGNIZE
THESE
MEN?



NO, WHO
THEY?



THEY
KILLED YOUR
FAMILY.



BULLSHIT, MAN.
HECTOR AND SANTIAGO
WERE GUNNED DOWN IN
A DRIVE-BY...



THAT'S RIGHT.
THIS ONE WAS
DRIVING...



-AND THAT
ONE WAS
FIRING.



NO IT
WAS VICE
LORDS.

IT WAS
PAYBACK
FOR WHAT I'D
DONE.



TRUST ME
IT WAS THESE
TWO MEN.
CROOKED
COPS...

"FIVE-O"



I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS--

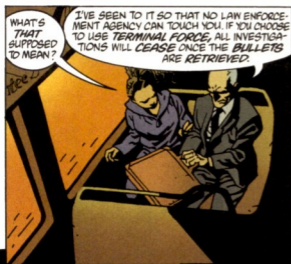
YOU WILL. INSIDE THIS ATTACHE CASE IS IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE THAT WHAT I'M TELLING YOU IS TRUE.



ALSO IN THE ATTACHE IS A GUN, AND ONE-HUNDRED ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. ALL UNTRACEABLE, ALL YOURS. DO WITH IT AS YOU SEE FIT.

IF YOU ACT ON THIS INFORMATION, YOU WILL HAVE CARTE BLANCHE.

NEXT STOP, ASHLAND.



WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

I'VE SEEN TO IT SO THAT NO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CAN TOUCH YOU. IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE TERMINAL FORCE, ALL INVESTIGATIONS WILL CEASE ONCE THE BULLETS ARE RETRIEVED.



THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT?

ONE MORE THING: THIS IS FOR YOUR EYES ONLY. IF YOU SHOW THIS TO ANYONE, OR IT SOMEHOW GETS INTO ANOTHER'S HANDS, WELL, LET'S JUST SAY...



...THERE WILL BE GRAVE REPERCUSSIONS.



...WHY?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, DIZZY?



THEY'RE THE BAD GUYS.