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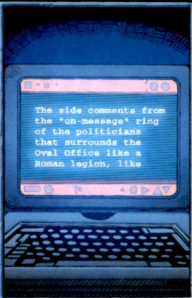
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IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS.



The side comments from the "on-message" ring of the politicians that surrounds the oval office like a Roman legion, like

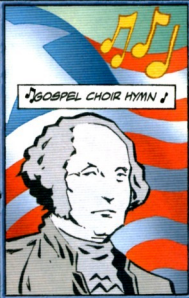
WE'D REALLY LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY OUT OF SEXUAL SURGERY PRACTICES.



DON'T THINK I NEED TO TRANSLATE THAT ONE FOR YOU. TRY THIS:



IT WAS GEORGE WASHINGTON WHO SAID THAT GOD SHOULD NOT BE SUBTRACTED FROM POLITICS. WHO ARE WE TO ARGUE WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON?



♪GOSPEL CHOIR HYMN ♪

THE PRODUCT OF MANY HUNDREDS OF YEARS WORTH OF EVOLUTION SINCE GEORGE WASHINGTON'S TREE-KILLING ASS WENT IN THE DIRT, THE OBVIOUS ANSWER.



NOW, GOD IS SOMETHING COMPLETELY MEANINGLESS IN A CITY THAT STILL GENERATES ONE NEW RELIGION EACH HOUR. BUT THAT'S NOT THE MESSAGE.



WHEN HE SAYS GOD, HE MEANS RULES. MORALITY.

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT GIVE THESE PEOPLE AWAY.

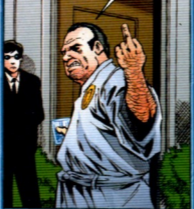


THE BEAST,  
WHOM THE SMILER  
CUSTOD AND NOW  
LIVES IN HATE-RIDDEN  
RETIREMENT



CS5N LIVE

--FLUCK  
ALLA YOU--



WAS AN AUTHENTIC  
MONSTER. BUT HE WAS A  
LITTLE MONSTER, A MALLEABLE  
AND PREDICTABLE MONSTER:  
ULTIMATELY, A MONSTER WE  
COULD HANDLE.



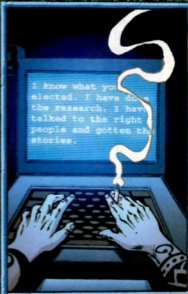
A MONSTER  
WE COULD LIVE  
THROUGH.



THAT IS NOT  
WHAT YOU ELECTED  
THIS TIME.



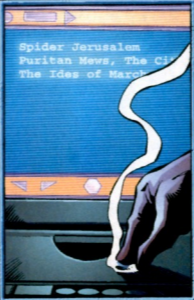
I know what you  
elected. I have done  
the research. I have  
talked to the right  
people and gotten the  
stories.



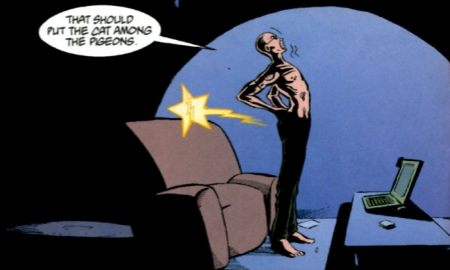
AND OVER THE NEXT  
FEW EDITIONS OF THIS COLUMN,  
I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU EXACTLY  
WHAT GARY CALLAHAN IS.



Spider Jerusalem  
Puritan News, The City  
The Ides of March



THAT SHOULD  
PUT THE CAT AMONG  
THE PIGEONS.



THERE IS  
SOMEONE AT  
THE DOOR. HE  
HAS BEEN  
CLEARED BY  
SECURITY.





ARE WE CLEAN HERE?

I HAD YOU CHECKED THROUGH PURITAN NEWS' SECURITY SYSTEM AND GOT A COURTESY SHUTDOWN ON THE CAMS.



SOUND-PROOFING CAN, IN CASE ANY AIRBORNE AMBIENT MIKES ARE STILL ON.

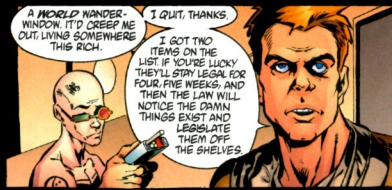
WHAT'VE YOU GOT FOR ME?



WELL, LISTEN, SOME OF THE STUFF YOU ASKED FOR WASN'T JUST ILLEGAL, IT BORDERED ON THE OBSCENE, MAN.

WHAT IS THIS? A WANDERWINDOW?

YEAH. DAWN OVER THE KIRABATI ISLANDS.



A WORLD WANDERWINDOW. IT'D CREEP ME OUT, LIVING SOMEWHERE THIS RICH.

I QUIT, THANKS.

I GOT TWO ITEMS ON THE LIST IF YOU'RE LUCKY THEY'LL STAY LEGAL FOR FOUR, FIVE WEEKS, AND THEN THE LAW WILL NOTICE THE DAMN THINGS EXIST AND LEGISLATE THEM OFF THE SHELVES.



ANYONE ASKS YOU, THEY'RE PERSONAL USE, JOURNALISTIC RESEARCH OR SOMETHING.

AND NATURALLY, YOU NEVER EVEN HEARD OF ME.



**G-SANITIZE**, ONE CARTON. REMOVES ALL TRACE OF YOUR PRESENCE FROM SITE. TEN SQUARE METERS PER AMPULE.

**ID TRASHCAN**, TWO STRIPS. RENDERS ORGANIC MATERIAL IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY VISUALLY OR FORENSICALLY.



AND YOU KNOW WHAT THESE ARE.



BEST OF LUCK, MAN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THIS ORDNANCE, BUT I HOPE IT WORKS OUT FOR YOU.



YOU'RE OUR MAN, YOU KNOW?

EVEN AFTER THEY TURNED YOU INTO A CARTOON.

YOU'RE OUR MAN. DON'T BLOW IT FOR US.



YAWWWWWN

MORNIN',  
YELENA,  
COFFEE?

*SUPERCOFFEE*



SPIDER?

YEAH.

WHAT'RE YOU  
DOING AWAKE IN  
THE MORNING?  
SHALL I CALL THE  
PARAMEDICS?



WHERE  
ARE YOU  
GOING?

FOLLOWING  
UP A STORY.  
ALONE.



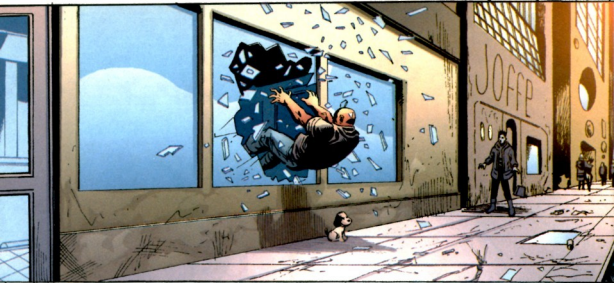
IF I NEED  
YOU, I'LL CALL. TOOK  
SOME PHONE TRAIT  
LAST NIGHT.

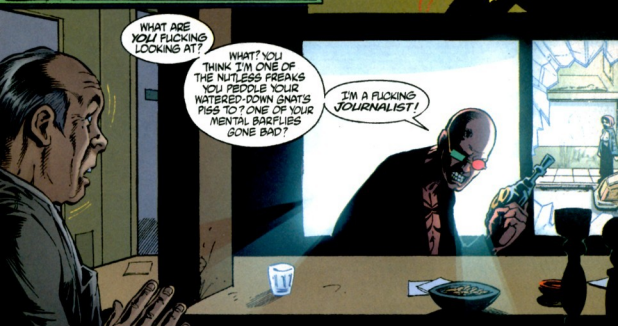
OTHERWISE,  
FULL SECURITY  
MEASURES.













SPIDER.  
SUCH A NICE  
SURPRISE.

NOW FLICK  
OFF. I'M NOT  
DEALING, AND I'M  
NOT DEALING  
TO YOU.

FROM POLITICAL  
FIXER TO PUSHER TO BAR  
OWNER. INTERESTING CAREER  
ARC, KRISTIN.

YOU NOTICED,  
DID YOU? IN BETWEEN  
BECOMING A MEDIA  
CELEB AND CARTOON,  
I MEAN?



YOU THINK THAT'S ALL  
I'VE BEEN DOING?

WHILE YOU WERE WATCHING  
*MAGICAL TRUTHSAYING*  
*BASTARD SPIDEY* AND HAVING  
A GOOD LAUGH AT MY EXPENSE--

--I WAS INVESTIGATING  
EXACTLY HOW YOU PONYED UP THE  
CASH FOR THIS BAR.

BECAUSE,  
YOU KNOW, AT  
FIRST, I FIGURED  
YOU WERE JUST  
LAUNDERING CASH  
FROM YOUR PREVIOUS  
POSITION AS DRUGS  
MOMMY TO THE  
NEW SCUM.

BUT IT  
WASN'T THAT,  
WAS IT?





WE BOTH KNOW THAT YOU NEVER GAVE UP YOUR POLITICAL CONTACTS.

BUT IT CAME AS A SURPRISE TO FIND OUT YOU'RE A BETTING WOMAN, KRISTIN.



BETTING, IN FACT, ON THE ODDS OF AN ASSASSINATION AMONG THE POLITICAL STAFF OF EITHER CANDIDATE DURING THE ELECTION.

INTERESTING BET. FAR MORE ORIGINAL THAN PUTTING MONEY ON THE CHANCES OF SNOW ON CHRISTMAS DAY.



BIG PAYOUT, TOO.



YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME.



I WOULDN'T WANT TO TOUCH YOU UNLESS I WAS WEARING A SPACESUIT.

YOU KEPT THE CONTACTS. YOU KNEW THEY WERE GOING TO KILL VITA SEVERN, AND YOU DECIDED TO MAKE SOME MONEY OFF IT.

SO I WANT TO KNOW: WHO DID YOU GET THE WORD FROM?



CAN I GET YOU SOME PILLS, SPIDER?

ON THE HOUSE, ANYTHING YOU WANT. LET'S RELAX AND TALK A LITTLE HERE.

THERE'S SOME RARE STUFF COMING OUT OF OLD VILNIUS. I HAVE SOME. IT'S YOURS.



SPEAK.



COME ON, SPIDER. WE CAN DO BUSINESS HERE. THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.



YOU'VE NEVER MET ME BEFORE.



CAN I HELP YOU?  
I JUST NEED A FEW MOMENTS MORE WITH THIS YOUNG LADY.





GO HOME, SWEETHEART. DON'T COME BACK. IF YOU HAVE TO HANG AROUND IN CHURCHES, FIND ANOTHER ONE.

THIS MAN HAS A LONG HISTORY OF TAKING KIDS LIKE YOU AND HOLDING THEM DOWN AND FLUCKING THEM IN THE ASS.



GET A CAB HOME. ONE WITH THE "SAFE RIDE" LOGO. THEY'VE GOT INSIDE CAMERAS TO KEEP THE DRIVERS HONEST.

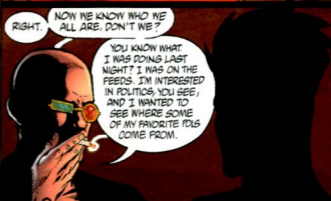
Thank you, Spider.

MY PLEASURE. NOW GO.



RIGHT. NOW WE KNOW WHO WE ALL ARE, DON'T WE?

YOU KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING LAST NIGHT? I WAS ON THE FEEDS. I'M INTERESTED IN POLITICS, YOU SEE, AND I WANTED TO SEE WHERE SOME OF MY FAVORITE POLS COME FROM.





YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW THRILLED I WAS, AS A MAN BORN AND BRED IN THE CITY, TO DISCOVER ALAN SCHACT IS ORIGINALLY FROM HERE.

YOU KNOW ALAN SCHACT, ONE-TIME POLITICAL DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN, NOW PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER.

THAT JUST FASCINATED MY ASS.



AND, WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THE FEEDS ARE LIKE.


ACTUALLY, NO. I AVOID THE FEEDS.

REALLY? YOU'RE MISSING A TREAT, FATHER.



YOU CAN FOLLOW ALL KINDS OF WEIRD PATHS OFF JUST ONE FACT, ON THE FEEDS. ALL KINDS OF ODD CONNECTIONS THERE TO BE MADE, FACTS THAT FIT INTO OTHER FACTS.

HERE: DID YOU KNOW THAT WE NATURALLY LEAVE COMPUTER-ARCHIVED ACTIVITY RECORDS EVERYWHERE WE GO, THESE DAYS?



LIKE YOUR CHURCH DOORS THERE, THEY REGISTER THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EVERYONE WHO WALKS THROUGH THEM BY COMPARING SCANNED DNA TO THE CENSUS RECORDS.



I HAD NO IDEA THAT ALAN SCHACT WAS A REGULAR VISITOR TO YOUR CHURCH.



I REMEMBER MR. SCHACT AS A VERY DEVOUT MAN.

YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU KNOW? YOU'RE RIGHT.

VERY DEVOUT, WELL KNOWN.

A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN CLASSICIST.

AND THIS IS A CHURCH OF MARY VESTAL SLUT.



HOW ODD, I THOUGHT NO GOOD REASON FOR SCHACT TO VISIT A CHURCH OF HERETIC BELIEF THAT OFTEN.

I MEAN, TO SOMEONE OF SCHACT'S FAITH, YOU REALLY ARE... THE BAD GUYS.

AND WITH THAT THOUGHT IN MIND... I CHECKED YOU OUT, FATHER.

WHICH BRINGS US FULL CIRCLE IN OUR LITTLE CONVERSATION, FATHER.

BECAUSE YOU USED TO RUN THE LOCAL RIGHT LOVE CELL.



NOT CELL.

ORGANIZED LOBBYING ENTITY, AND, IN THIS CASE, DISCUSSION GROUP.



OKAY.  
DISCUSSION  
GROUP.

SPECIFICALLY  
DISCUSSING THE  
LEGALIZATION OF  
SEX WITH MINORS.

"MINORS" IS  
AN OUTDATED  
LEGAL TERM.

KIDS.  
PRE-SEXUAL  
HUMANS.  
TAKE YOUR  
PICK.

BUT I CAN  
UNDERSTAND YOUR  
ATTITUDE. YOU ESCAPED  
PROSECUTION FOR RAPING  
SIX CHILDREN, SO YOU  
FIGURE YOU CAN  
DICTATE TERMS  
TO ME.



YOUR CHURCH  
COVERED IT UP. YOUR  
FRIENDS COVERED IT UP.  
RIGHT LOVE MUDDIED THE  
TRAIL A LITTLE.

BUT I KNOW YOU  
HELD CELL MEETINGS  
RIGHT HERE IN YOUR  
DAMN CHURCH.

AND I KNOW YOU  
DON'T USE THE FEEDS. YOU'RE  
OLD-FASHIONED AND POMPUS.  
YOU REALLY BELIEVE YOU WERE  
RUNNING A LOBBYING  
GROUP.

THEREFORE,  
YOU'LL HAVE TAKEN  
MINUTES OF MEETINGS.  
AND MEMBERSHIP  
ROSTERS ON  
PAPER.

AND  
YOU'LL  
HAVE KEPT  
THEM.







I'M NOBODY'S FUCKING CARTOON.

Kenny Levy  
Tough



BACK  
2K  
POP  
CULTURE