

ROMAN IS, WAS, MY NUMBER ONE RIVAL. FIRST IN THE KITCHENS, THEN IN THE SCRAMBLE FOR INVESTORS WHEN WE OPENED OUR FIRST RESTAURANTS. THEN FOR REVIEWS. THEN FOR MICHELIN STARS. THEN BOOK AND TELEVISION DEALS.



SURE, WE ACTED LIKE PALS FOR SOME OF THAT TIME...WE'RE TALKING DECADES OF TIME HERE... BUT THE RIVALRY NEVER WENT AWAY.

SINCE MY 'VACATION', HE'S TAKEN FULL ADVANTAGE. STEPPED IN TO BECOME THE DEFENDING CHAMPION ON STARVE, MAKING HIS WAY IN THIS BRAVE, NEWLY [REDACTED] UP WORLD LIKE THE HOLLOW OPPORTUNIST HE IS.



[REDACTED] ROMAN ALGIERS, STEALING MY CAREER.



[REDACTED] STEALING MY MONEY.

AND WHAT DO I HAVE LEFT?

ONE THING.



THIS.

THE NUMBER ONE SHOW ON TELEVISION.

WHEN I CONCEIVED IT, IT WAS A TRAVELOGUE, A HIP LITTLE SHOW WHERE I ROAMED THE PLANET, EXPLORING LOCAL FOOD CULTURE AND TECHNIQUE.

STARVE



NOW IT'S A COMPETITION FOR THE PRIVILEGED ELITE. IN THIS NEW AGE WHERE 99.9% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS FORCED TO GET BY ON FAR, FAR LESS THAN BEFORE...

...THE .1% CELEBRATE THEIR STATION IN LIFE WITH FANTASTICAL EXCESS, IRRESPONSIBLE EXCESS. AT TIMES CRIMINAL EXCESS.



CELEBRATED CHEFS NOW BEING PUT THROUGH THEIR PACES, LIKE TRAINED MONKEYS.

WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S EPISODE OF STARVE. WE'RE IN FOR A REAL TREAT, AS WE WELCOME BACK TO THE SHOW HE -AHEM- CREATED...



...CHEF GAVIN CRUIKSHANK!

HERE TO SEE IF HE HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN THIS ARENA OF CULINARY SPORT!



OR IF, LIKE SO MANY BEFORE HIM, HE'LL STARVE!



SHOULDN'T HAVE COME BACK, GAV. THIS SHOW WILL CRUSH YOU. I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE OF IT.

I WAS WRONG, BEFORE.



I DON'T JUST HAVE ONE THING GOING FOR ME.



NOT THAT I DESERVE IT.

TONIGHT'S CHALLENGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

STAY

SINCE THE ENTIRE PLANET'S FALLEN ON UNFORTUNATE TIMES, *ALL OF US* HAVE BEEN FORCED TO MAKE DIFFICULT CHOICES. BUT WHERE SOME AMONGST US MIGHT ONLY SEE *BLEAKNESS* AND CRY ABOUT *UNFAIRNESS*...

A GOOD CHEF KNOWS ALL ABOUT *ELEVATING THE MUNDANE*.





THE STAPLE OF THE HUDDLED MASSES, THE "COMMON MEAT," TONIGHT'S INGREDIENT IS AS MUNDANE AS IT *GETS*, SOMETHING NO ONE IN THIS AUDIENCE WOULD *DARE* CONSUME. OR *WOULD THEY?*

IN THE HANDS OF OUR SKILLED CHEFS, EVEN THE *UNTHINKABLE* IS POSSIBLE!



WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS?

DOG!
CANIS LUPIS FAMILIARIS!

"THE COMMON MEAT."

ON THE TRIP BACK TO THE STATES, SHELDON WARNED ME ABOUT THIS, THE NEW DISPARITY BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR.

IT'S PRACTICALLY A STATE OF WAR, HE SAID. THE RICH, FEELING UNDER SIEGE IN THEIR TOWERS AND SEGREGATED BLOCKS, HAVE DEVELOPED THE PERFECT WEAPON TO USE AGAINST THE POOR, THE HUDDLED MASSES SURROUNDING THEM LIKE A MOAT.

DEHUMANIZATION.