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THE THIRD CHILD



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HAVE YOU EVER LOST CONTROL? YOU EVER FEEL YOUR MIND SLIPPING INTO A DARK PLACE, DARKER THAN ANY NIGHTMARE YOU'VE EVER HAD?

COME ON!
KEEP UP.



DO NOT WAIT FOR US, CAL! GET TO THE HOSPITAL!


THAT'S WHAT MY LIFE HAS BECOME.



I'M A FREAK, A MONSTER-- EVERYTHING I'VE EVER HATED.

THERE!

WHATEVER GOT INTO ME IS TRYING TO TAKE OVER. I HAVE TO FIGHT TO KEEP EVERY THOUGHT FROM TURNING TO MURDER, VIOLENCE, AND HATE.



LUCKILY TONIGHT, THE OTHER MONSTERS OF L.A. ARE GIVING ME AN OUTLET.



AAAAHHH!



IT IS...A
MASSACRE!

NOT
YET IT
ISN'T.



TELL YOUR COP
BUDDIES THIS IS
A HEADSHOT
SITUATION. IF THEY
DON'T, THEY'LL
DIE. IT'S THAT
SIMPLE.

I'LL
DO MY
BEST.



PLEASE,
CAL. TRY TO
CONTROL
YOURSELF.

NOT
A CHANCE,
DEAD BOY.



I'M OKAY NOW.

THE AGGRESSORS ARE RETREATING.

I CALLED IN YOUR REQUEST. WE LOST SIX OFFICERS TONIGHT. I THINK THEY'LL LISTEN NOW.



COULD BE WORSE. AT LEAST I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO ARM UP WITH CROSSES AND SILVER BULLETS.

IF IT'D HELP...

WOULDN'T HURT.



THIS ISN'T ABOUT MONSTERS ANYMORE. MAYBE IT NEVER WAS.

I AM NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND, CAL. WHERE IS THIS COMING FROM?

I DON'T KNOW HOW I KNOW, OR WHY. IT'S EATING AT MY GUT. THIS IS ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN A WAR BETWEEN MONSTERS AND HUMANS.



WE'RE ALL POTENTIALLY MONSTERS. I THINK WE'RE ALL ABOUT TO FIND OUT WHO IS AND WHO ISN'T.



WE ARE HEARING REPORTS OF RAMPANT VIOLENCE FROM ALL OVER THE CITY...



...SO IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE GOING HOME, YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO STAY HERE AS LONG AS YOU LIKE. THIS IS A SANCTUARY, AFTER ALL.



WE HAVE MORE VISITORS?