

WELCOME, STUDENTS OF THE BLÜDHAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO THE MARCUS CASINO IN DOWNTOWN BLÜDHAVEN. I'M SO GLAD YOU ALL COULD MAKE IT.

THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES FOR THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE BUSINESS LEADERS OF TOMORROW FORUM. WE HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY TODAY'S SPEAKER.

HE'S THE OWNER AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CASINO AND A LOCAL TO BOOT...

...MR. ROLAND DESMOND!

YOU'RE ON, SIR.

JUST A DAMN SECOND, JOE. STUPID FRIGGIN' TIE.

MAKE A NOOSE, HANG THE LITTLE MAN...

I'M NERVOUS. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE TALKIN' TO MOBSTERS AND CROOKS THAT WOULD KILL ME AS SOON AS LOOK AT ME, AND I'M SWEATIN' OVER A BUNCH OF KIDS.

PROBABLY IT'S 'CUZ THEY'RE JUST LIKE I USED TO BE, RIGHT? FROM DOWN IN THE GUTTERS, BUT WITH STARS IN THEIR EYES.

FRICKIN' A. ARE YOU SURE I CAN'T JUST WEAR A CLIP-ON LIKE USUAL--?

WHY NOT?

RAPTOR'S REVENGE

PART TWO

EVERYTHING
ELSE ABOUT YOU
IS FAKE.

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RAPTOR?!

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SO, YOU'VE HEARD OF ME.

NIGHTWING'S BEEN TELLING TALES.

HE DID IT THEN, huh? THE "SUPERHERO" CAME CRAWLING TO YOU, THE UNDERWORLD BOSS. HE ASKED YOU TO HELP HIM FIND ME.

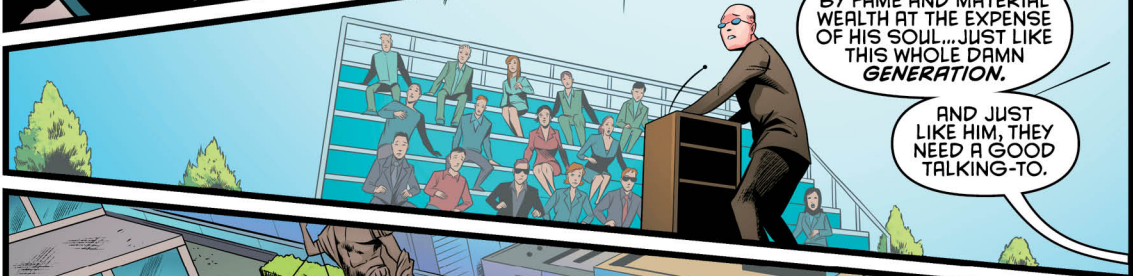
THAT'S WHAT HE DOES, YOU KNOW. WHEN THINGS ARE ROUGH, HE ACCEPTS THE OPEN HAND OF ANY CUTTHROAT CAPITALIST WHO'LL OFFER IT.

HE'LL DUMP EVERYTHING--

--HIS MORALS, HIS HISTORY, HIS FAMILY-- TO BREAK BREAD WITH THE ELITE.

HE'S BLINDED BY FAME AND MATERIAL WEALTH AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS SOUL... JUST LIKE THIS WHOLE DAMN GENERATION.

AND JUST LIKE HIM, THEY NEED A GOOD TALKING-TO.



FUTURE TAX EVADERS AND POLLUTERS OF BLÜDHAVEN! WELCOME TO THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!

YOU'VE BEEN CONNED BY THE INDUSTRIALISTS AND CORPORATISTS INTO BELIEVING THAT BEING POOR IS YOUR FAULT!

YOU CAN'T AFFORD A 4K WIDE-SCREEN TELEVISION! YOU DON'T HAVE A MEMBERSHIP TO THE COUNTRY CLUB! YOU CAN'T BUY STOCKS! THUS, TO THEM, YOUR WAY OF LIFE IS INFERIOR! PATHETIC! SUBHUMAN!



THEY TELL YOU THAT THE ONLY WAY TO RISE ABOVE STREET LEVEL IS BY LISTENING TO MEN LIKE **ROLAND DESMOND!**

HE'S A **SELF-MADE MAN**, THEY SAY! HE PULLED HIMSELF OUT OF THE GUTTERS, DON'T YOU KNOW? BY HIS **BOOTSTRAPS!**

GLK!



BUT WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT BENEATH THE SLICK **BRANDING**, IT'S ALL A LIE, REINFORCED BY CORPORATE NEWS AND A SICK CULTURE IN ITS DEATH THROES?



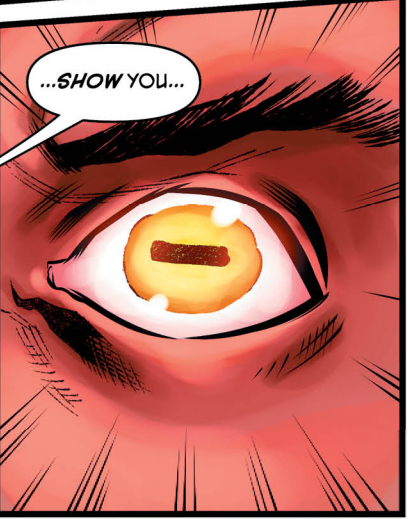
WHAT IF I COULD SHOW YOU THAT **UNDERNEATH** THIS PRESSED SUIT IS THE SAME THING THAT'S LURKING INSIDE **EVERY** EXECUTIVE, EVERY SALESMAN, EVERY "SUCCESSFUL" BUSINESSMAN?



WHAT IF...



...I COULD...



...SHOW YOU...