

OUR ATTEMPTS TO FIND THREE WOMEN ABDUCTED BY THE CRIME LORD, DEMONE, HAVE LED US TO ONE OF HIS SAFE HOUSES. THE WOMEN HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO SAFETY BY THIS VIGILANTE, THE SWASHBUCKLER.

AND NOW HE WANTS TO BE PALS.

YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING A DEEP GAME, HORNET, BUT I AM CONVINCED YOU ARE TRULY A HERO, NOT A VILLAIN.

IT'S TIME FOR US TO JOIN FORCES AND DEFEAT DEMONE.

EVEN IF THIS CHUMP WASN'T GETTING ON MY NERVES, THERE WOULD BE NO DEAL.

SHALL WE SHAKE ON IT?

SURE.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT CASEY ISN'T WEARING A MASK, AND I CAN'T RISK HIM GETTING A GOOD LOOK AT HER FACE.

THOUGH MAYBE NOT THE SORT OF SHAKING YOU HAD IN MIND.

HE'S GOT A FEW TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE, SO LET'S BEAT IT WHILE WE CAN.





WHAT ABOUT THE *WOMEN*. WE CAN'T JUST--

AND WE WON'T. BUT ONE THING AT A TIME.



THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING.

HE *DOES* HAVE A FEW TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE, DOESN'T HE?



WHY IS THERE A ZIP LINE FROM THE ROOF?

AND HOW DID HE GET TO THE ROOF FROM THE BASEMENT SO QUICKLY?

I SET UP A SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND PULLEYS BEFORE INFILTRATING THE HOUSE. IT SEEMED PRUDENT.



I ALSO TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF FOLLOWING DEMONE'S EXAMPLE AND PROTECTING MYSELF AGAINST ELECTRICAL SHOCKS.

DOESN'T THAT SEEM A LITTLE EXCESSIVE?



GIVEN THAT I'M STANDING ON YOUR CAR, AND YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT, I THINK NOT.



I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU INSIST ON MAKING ME OUT TO BE YOUR ADVERSARY. I THINK THAT IF YOU CONSIDER--



I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO TRY OUT THIS NEW RADIO CONTROL DEVICE.



YOU GET ALL THAT? THE GREEN HORNET? THE SWASHBUCKLER!

YOU BET, MISS TRAVIS. THAT TIP YOU GOT TURNED OUT TO BE ACES.

I JUST WISH WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN A BETTER LOOK AT THAT GIRL.





THE NEXT DAY.

THE PAPERS LOVE THIS GUY.



YOU WANTED THE WORLD TO THINK YOU'RE A VILLAIN. YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS A HERO.

MORE LIKE A NUISANCE.



HE MAY SEEM LIKE HE'S ON THE UP AND UP, BUT HE'S STILL AN UNKNOWN. I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA FOR THE PUBLIC TO IDOLIZE HIM.

I'LL GET IT DONE. BUT I HOPE LAST NIGHT SHOWED YOU I CAN DO MORE THAN RESEARCH AND DELIVER ORDERS AT THE RADIO STATION.



CASEY, HAVE THE STATION RUN STORIES QUESTIONING THE SWASHBUCKLER'S MOTIVES.

IT'S NOT SOUR GRAPES, IS IT?