



...LIKE THIS WHITE FROTH, *CONSTANTLY POURING DOWN*, AND I MEAN IT WAS SORT OF *MESMERISING*—BUT WITH THE *NOISE* ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE, I REALIZED I JUST COULDN'T *TAKE ANY MORE...!*

HUH.

SO, UH, WHERE DID YOU MOVE TO AFTER YOU LEFT NIAGARA FALLS?



OH, I WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE. L.A. FOR A LITTLE BIT, BUT I COULDN'T GET A HANDLE ON IT. SAN FRANCISCO I REALLY LOVED—I'D GO BACK THERE.

THEN AUSTIN, THEN CLEVELAND, THEN PHILLY... AND NOW I'M HERE.

THEN JEV.



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PENNY, I HOPE I'M NOT GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF HERE, BUT YOU—YOU REALLY HAVE BEEN SO NICE TO ME. IT'S REALLY EASY TO TALK TO YOU, TO LIKE CONFIDE IN YOU.

PLEASE LET THIS STAY BETWEEN US FOR NOW—



BUT I THINK JEV MIGHT BE THE ONE.



YOU DO?

UM, I, UH—
HOW LONG HAS IT
BEEN AGAIN?

NEARLY
A MONTH.

I KNOW
HOW IT SOUNDS.
BELIEVE ME.



BUT HE'S
SO SWEET.
I'VE NEVER
REALLY KNOWN A
GUY LIKE HIM.



HE DOESN'T SEEM TO
HAVE ANYTHING TO
PROVE.

HE'S
COMFORTABLE IN
HIS OWN SKIN.

SO LONG AS HE HAS
HIS APPS AND HIS BLOG,
AND HIS BLUEBERRIES ON HIS
MUESLI, HE'S HAPPY.



AND I KNOW WHAT THAT SOUNDS
LIKE, BUT I'VE SEEN THE ALTERNATIVE.
I'VE GOTTEN HURT.

YOU KNOW
DAVE, THEIR ACTOR
FRIEND...?

CALL-ME-
DAVE--?



JEV INTRODUCED US
JUST BEFORE I MET YOU AND
MARV. I GOT THE SMILE WHEN
JEV WASN'T LOOKING.

I'VE BEEN THERE
BEFORE AND IT *NEVER*
WORKS OUT; THEY CAN HAVE
WHOEVER THEY WANT SO
THEY ALWAYS WANDER,
ALWAYS...





OH GOD,
PLEASE DON'T
KILL ME, I JUST
HAVE SO MUCH
LEFT TO
GIVE...!

7: KNOWN AS THE RAT



DAMN.

I'M SO YOUNG...

FOOL, WHERE THE [REDACTED] AT?

PLEEEASE...!



AIN'T ON YOU. AIN'T IN THE [REDACTED] MOBILE.

DON'T COME THROUGH, WE GONNA HAVE TO HURT YO' [REDACTED]

VALERIE... I'M AFRAID IT DOES RATHER LOOK AS IF YOUR SISTER'S BOYFRIEND IS ABOUT TO BE SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD...

NO, NO, MOMMY, DON'T LET THEM HURT MY [REDACTED]...

OH, MARV, YOU USELESS [REDACTED] RODENT-!



WOULD SHE MISS HIM, D'YOU THINK?

I WOULDN'T.

BUT... YOU KNOW... THERE'S ABOUT A ONE PERCENT CHANCE THAT SHE MIGHT SOMEHOW STILL THINK OF HIM AS SEMI-WORTHWHILE...



NO [REDACTED] YOU DON'T QUIT THAT BAWLIN' AN' TALK TO ME RIGHT NOW, I'M A-

S-S-S-S-SIR-?