



COME IN.

Nothing is *ever* what we think it will be.



OWENS. THIS IS GIBBS. WE'RE WORKIN' VICE OUTTA MID-TOWN.

HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, SHAFT. VIC ANDEROSZI SAYS YOU'RE AN OKAY GUY.

Doesn't matter what it is.

Doesn't matter if it is love or loss, or every thing in between...



AND YOU *BELIEVED* ANDEROSZI?

HOPING YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON A CASE WE'RE WORKING.

YOU GUYS'RE VICE SQUAD, AND I DON'T PAY FOR IT. DON'T SEE HOW I CAN BE MUCH HELP.

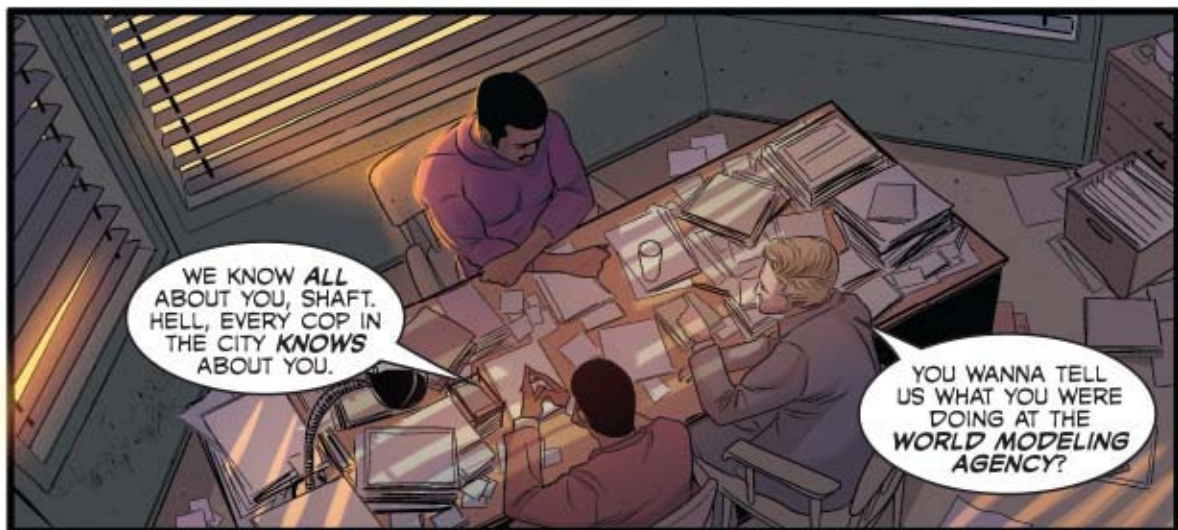


I WOULDN'T BE SO *SURE* ABOUT THAT, SHAFT.



WELL, [REDACTED] WHAT'VE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO *THIS* TIME?

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WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, SHAFT. HELL, EVERY COP IN THE CITY KNOWS ABOUT YOU.

YOU WANNA TELL US WHAT YOU WERE DOING AT THE WORLD MODELING AGENCY?



BEEN THININ' 'BOUT A SECOND CAREER, IN CASE THIS DETECTIVE THING DON'T WORK OUT.

ME BEIN' SUCH A PRETTY [REDACTED], I THOUGHT I'D TRY MODELING.



CUT THE [REDACTED] WE'VE ALREADY TALKED TO THE OTHER GUY IN THE PICTURE— YOUR FRIEND— YOUR FRIEND, THE [REDACTED]...



I DON'T LIKE THAT WORD.



OKAY.

WE TALKED TO TITO SALAZAR.

HE TOLD US YOU WERE HELPING HIM LOOK FOR HIS BOYFRIEND.

TURNS OUT THE FA...TURNS OUT THE FRIEND WENT BACK HOME TO OHIO.

YEAH, LIFE IN THE BIG CITY WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

GOOD TO KNOW. NOW, WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?



WE'RE WONDERING IF YOU DID ANY **SNOOPING** AROUND--TRIED TO DIG UP ANY DIRT ON WORLD MODELING AGENCY.

NO. WENT WITH TITO, AND GOT HIM OUTTA THERE BEFORE WE BOTH GOT INTO TROUBLE.

TROUBLE?



PLACE HAD A DISTINCTLY ITALIAN SMELL, IF YOU CATCH MY **MEANING**.

WORLD MODELING AGENCY IS RUN BY SAMMY RIZZO...



...RIZZO WORKS FOR LOU PERIANO--**LOLLIPOP LOU**. THE GUY'S A REAL PIECE OF **██** KIDNAPPING. EXTORTION. MURDER.

PERIANO'S ALSO INTO PORN--AND NOT THE WHOLESOME STUFF, LIKE **DEEP THROAT**. WE'RE TALKIN' THE KIND OF STUFF THAT LED GOD TO DESTROY SODOM AND GOMORRAH.

WE'RE PRETTY SURE HE'S MADE SOME **SNUFF FILMS**, USING **TALENT** FROM WORLD MODELING, BUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PROVE A DAMN THING.

I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU GUYS...



...BUT I AIN'T GOT A THING TO DO WITH ANY OF THAT **██**

TITO ASKED FOR HELP.



THE MOMENT I **REALIZED** THE KIND OF PEOPLE INVOLVED, I GOT THE HELL OUTTA THERE.

THE DAYS OF RISKING MY NECK ARE OVER. NOW IT'S NOTHING BUT **SIMPLE** CASES...





DONE TOLD YOU ONCE, YOU JIVE-ASS HONKY

NO ONE WITH ME AND MY LADIES!

Expectation comes from thinking about something--thinking about how something will be, or should be, or how we want it to be.



And nothing is ever what we think it will be.

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I'M SORRY. CAN WE DO THAT AGAIN?