



"REPTILE."

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"LIZARD ON
A ROCK."



"I MEAN THE FATHER, HE WAS PRETTY
MUCH WHAT I EXPECTED—RICH ASSHOLE,
UBER-PRICK, HOW DARE THE WORLD NOT
DO LIKE I WANT. BUT DERSHOWITZ..."

"HE NEVER GOT EXCITED. NEVER SHOWED A
THING. ALL HE NEEDED WAS A FEW DETAILS
AND YOU COULD ALMOST SEE HIM FIGURING
OUT HOW IT HAD GONE DOWN."

"HE COULD SEE
RIGHT AWAY THAT
ERIC HADN'T BEEN
COERCED. WE MIGHT
HAVE PULLED SOME
[REDACTED] BUT NOTHING HE
COULD USE. WHAT WAS
IT HE SAID ABOUT ME
NOT CALLING HIS CELL,
THAT WAS NAUGHTY?"



"NO POINT GETTING EXCITED."

"SAVE THE ENERGY."

"MY TIME WILL COME."



"YOU KNOW, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S LIKE HE COULD ALREADY TELL."

"AND HE DIDN'T STOP THE DAD FROM SCREAMING, BECAUSE HE KNEW HE HAD TO GET IT OUT OF HIS SYSTEM—SO WHAT THE HELL, LET'S WAIT 'TIL HE'S DONE."

"WORLD'LL STILL BE TURNING WHEN HE RUNS OUT OF STEAM."

"ROUND AND ROUND. YOU DIDN'T CALL DAVID? THEY SAID THEY DID. YOU KNOW YOU GET A PHONE CALL? THEY SAID THEY CALLED HIM."

"YOU DIDN'T CALL ME—OKAY, THAT WAS INTERESTING, YOU COULD SEE ERIC WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED DEAR OLD DAD IN A MILLION YEARS. BUT THEN IT'S LIKE, SO WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL DAVID, AGAIN..."

"SO PISSED, BUT SO CONFUSED, TOO, LIKE HE'S TRYING TO PRY OPEN HIS SON'S HEAD AND CLIMB INSIDE TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY THAT WAY."



"NOT DERSHOWITZ."

"HE ALREADY HAS EVERYTHING HE NEEDS."

"THAT'S IT. AND EVEN WHEN I BRING UP THE DEAL, AND YOU CAN HEAR DAD'S TICKER BANGING AWAY IN HIS CHEST LIKE A ██████████ JACKHAMMER--"

"WHEN YOU SAID WEAR A WIRE? I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO ██████████"

"MM-HM. BUT NOT OUR HERO. NO SIR."



"YOU CAN KIND OF SEE IT: BODIES--MURDER WEAPON--POSSESSION--INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE, THERE'S NO WAY THEY WON'T THROW THAT IN..."

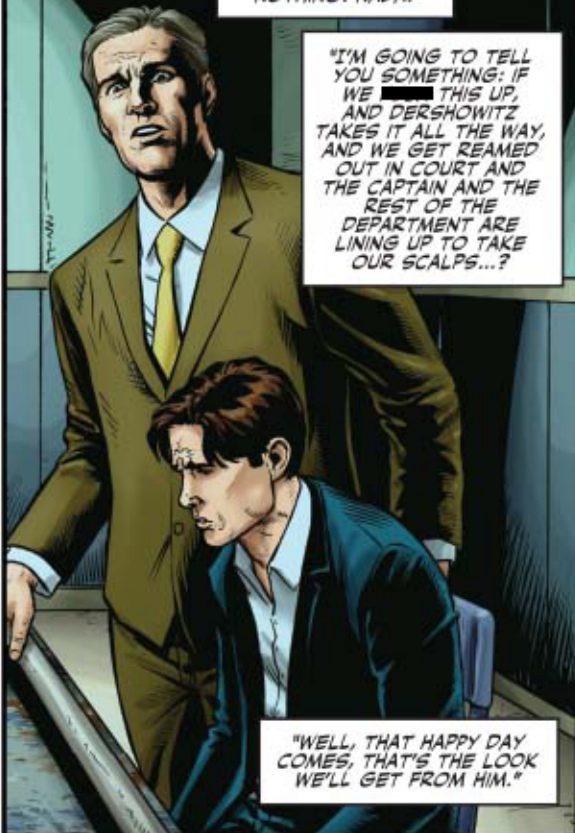
"YEAH, MAY AS WELL LISTEN, NOTHING ELSE TO BE DONE. AND EVEN WHEN THE BIG MOMENT COMES, AND ERIC DROPS THE BOMBSHELL--"

"OH ██████████ YES. I WANT TO, I WANT TO, I WANT TO, YOU KNOW I ALMOST FELT SORRY FOR THE LITTLE BASTARD THEN?"

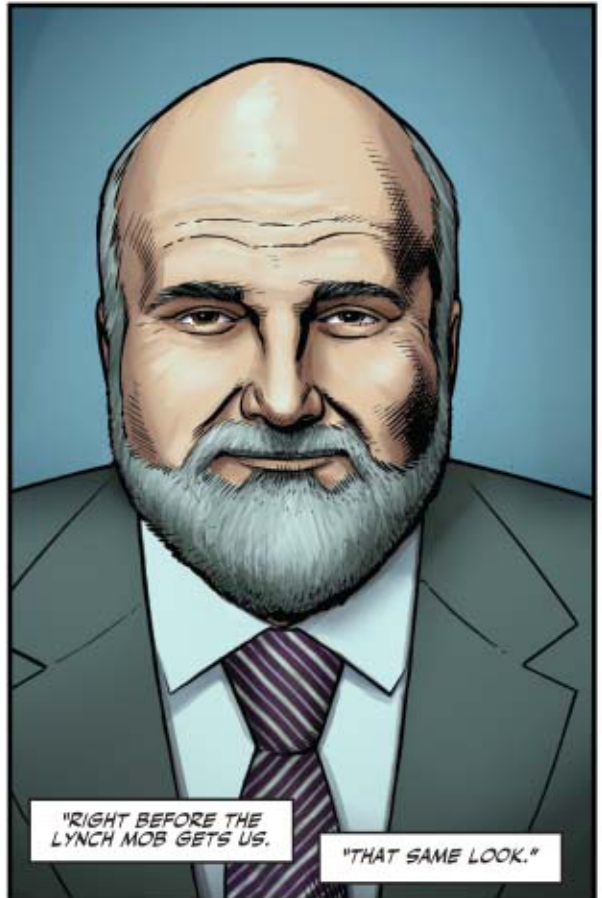


"BUT NO REACTION. NOTHING. NADA."

"I'M GOING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING: IF WE ██████████ THIS UP, AND DERSHOWITZ TAKES IT ALL THE WAY, AND WE GET REAMED OUT IN COURT AND THE CAPTAIN AND THE REST OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE LINING UP TO TAKE OUR SCALPS...?"



"WELL, THAT HAPPY DAY COMES, THAT'S THE LOOK WE'LL GET FROM HIM."



"RIGHT BEFORE THE LYNCH MOB GETS US."

"THAT SAME LOOK."



**3: READY FOR
MY CLOSE-UP**



I MEAN I'M ALREADY IN THE [REDACTED] I DIDN'T KNOW I HAD TO DRESS UP FOR THIS...

LOOK AT YOU, ALL GONNA-MAKE-IT-WORK-THIS-TIME...!



[REDACTED] YOU.

YOU KNOW, THERE IS ONE THING: EVEN WITH WHAT WE HAVE ON HIM, I DON'T GET WHY ERIC'S SO SET ON DOING THIS—

ENJOYING YOURSELVES?



YEAH, MAN, IT'S COOL.

IT SEEMS LIKE A BIG CROWD, I GUESS YOUR BOSS MUST BE PRETTY PLEASED...

I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF SOME OF THE PIECES.



UH, WELL, WE HAVEN'T REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO, TO...

WHY NOT TAKE A LOOK?

I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE, BABY, I JUST HAVE TO TALK TO A COUPLE OF PEOPLE.

AH, SURE.