



ROY?

FOR DINNER...

...DO YOU PREFER CANNED SOUP OR LEFTOVER CHICKEN?



HM.

(I PREFER SZECHUAN BEEF WITH FRIED RICE.)



SOUP OR CHICKEN?

SOUP.



HOW ABOUT DESSERT? I'VE GOT THOSE NICE LEMON COOKIES FROM THE DELI...


ROY?



DIDN'T YOU HEAR M-- OH!

I'M SORRY, DEAR. WE...HAVE A VISITOR.

MADAM... I APOLOGIZE FOR DISRUPTING BOTH YOUR DINNER HOUR AND THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HOME.



BUT I FIND MYSELF  
IN URGENT NEED OF  
YOUR HUSBAND'S WISE  
AND WELL-CONSIDERED  
COUNSEL.

*Among his vast network of operatives, Dr. Roy Tam was the one agent he considered more like a friend. Even to the point of unveiling his identity as Lamont Cranston.*

*Of course, Dr. Tam realized that this too was merely a disguise for the man of many shadows.*



WELL THEN...  
WHY DON'T I  
BRING SOME TEA  
FOR YOU AND  
YOUR GUEST?

THAT  
WOULD  
BE LOVELY,  
DEAR.



THANK YOU,  
DR. TAM...

ROY.

PLEASE...  
MY STUDY IS  
THIS WAY. WE CAN  
TALK THERE.

YOU APPEAR  
ANXIOUS. WHAT  
SEEMS TO BE THE  
PROBLEM?



I...HAVE CONCERNS.  
ABOUT MY EFFICACY.  
AND THE CLARITY OF MY  
MENTAL FOCUS.

HM.

YOU KNOW  
I'M A GENERAL  
PRACTITIONER.

MY INTEREST IN  
PSYCHOLOGY IS MERELY  
A HOBBY. STILL...SIT AND  
LET'S DISCUSS THIS  
FURTHER.



I'M NOT ONE TO  
SUFFER DOUBT...  
NOR TO TAKE  
THE SCOPE OF MY  
ACTIONS LIGHTLY.



YET OF  
LATE, I'VE FELT...  
UNTETHERED.



AND SUBJECT  
TO FOUL EMOTIONS  
I'D LONG SINCE  
THOUGHT BURIED.

BUT I AM A  
COMMANDER IN A WAR.  
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO  
RISK THEIR VERY LIVES  
UNDER MY AUTHORITY.



I CAN NOT  
ABIDE SUCH  
DISTRACTIONS.



YOU FEAR THE REPERCUSSIONS OF YOUR... TURMOIL?

I FEAR THE LOSS OF INNOCENT LIVES, YES.

A PERFECTLY SOUND AND MORAL CONCERN.



IN THE COURSE OF YOUR EXPLOITS, I SUSPECT YOU HAVE SAVED HUNDREDS... PERHAPS THOUSANDS OF LIVES.

AND THOSE WHO ACT AS YOUR AGENTS SURELY KNOW THE RISKS THEY UNDERTAKE IN YOUR SERVICE.



PERHAPS.



AND YET THEY DEPEND ON MY ACUMEN, MY STRATEGY... MY MASTERY TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THEIR MISSIONS.

AND THEIR CONTINUED SAFETY.



HM. WHEN I'VE AIDED YOUR EFFORTS IN A MORE ACTIVE SENSE, I'VE TWICE WITNESSED YOU SEEMINGLY DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW.

EVEN THOUGH I KNOW SUCH AN ACT IS SCIENTIFICALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

HOW IS THIS DONE?



IF ONE CAN  
QUELL ALL EMOTION,  
AND DISPEL THE VEIL  
OF PERSONAL IDENTITY...  
YOU CAN BECOME A  
LIVING SHADOW.

IT'S THUS  
POSSIBLE TO FOOL  
THE UNTRAINED EYE  
INTO IGNORING  
YOUR PHYSICAL  
PRESENCE.

BASE AND CRIMINAL  
MINDS ARE ALWAYS THE EASIEST  
TO CLOUD IN THIS MANNER.  
BOREDOM AND IDLENESS  
MAKE SUCH A CAMOUFLAGE ALL  
BUT ELEMENTARY.

I CAN SNEAK  
PAST MOST GUARDS AND  
SENTRIES WITHOUT PAUSE...  
WITH WEAPONS IN HAND,  
EVEN.

IT'S A  
FACILE ILLUSION.  
CHILD'S PLAY,  
REALLY...

