

**BURNSIDE.  
HEADING  
DOWNTOWN.**

WHEN I SAY TRAFFIC  
IN BURNSIDE IS EVIL,  
I DON'T MEAN THAT  
IT'S CONGESTED.

# Art of the Crime

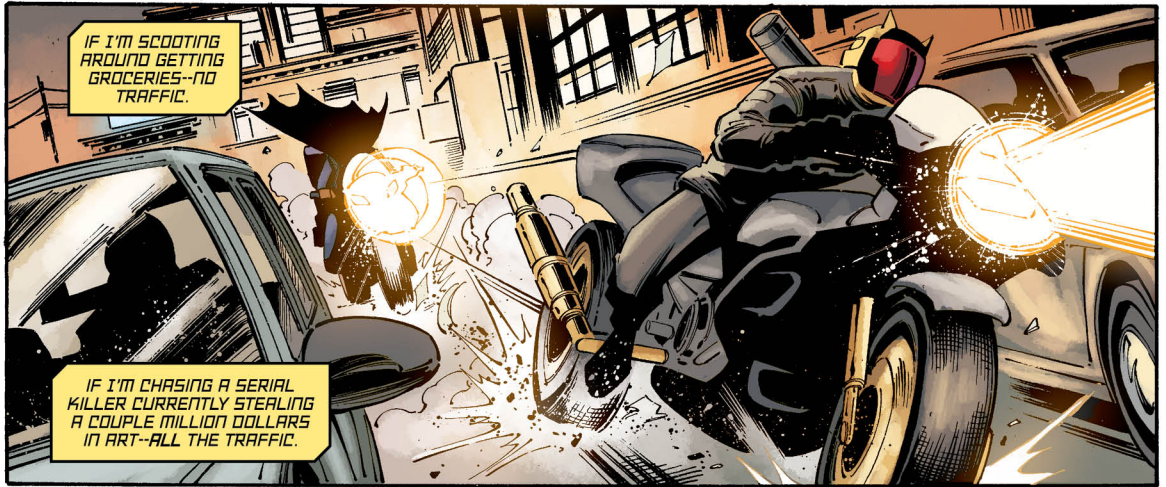
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HEY! THAT  
WAS YOUR  
RED!

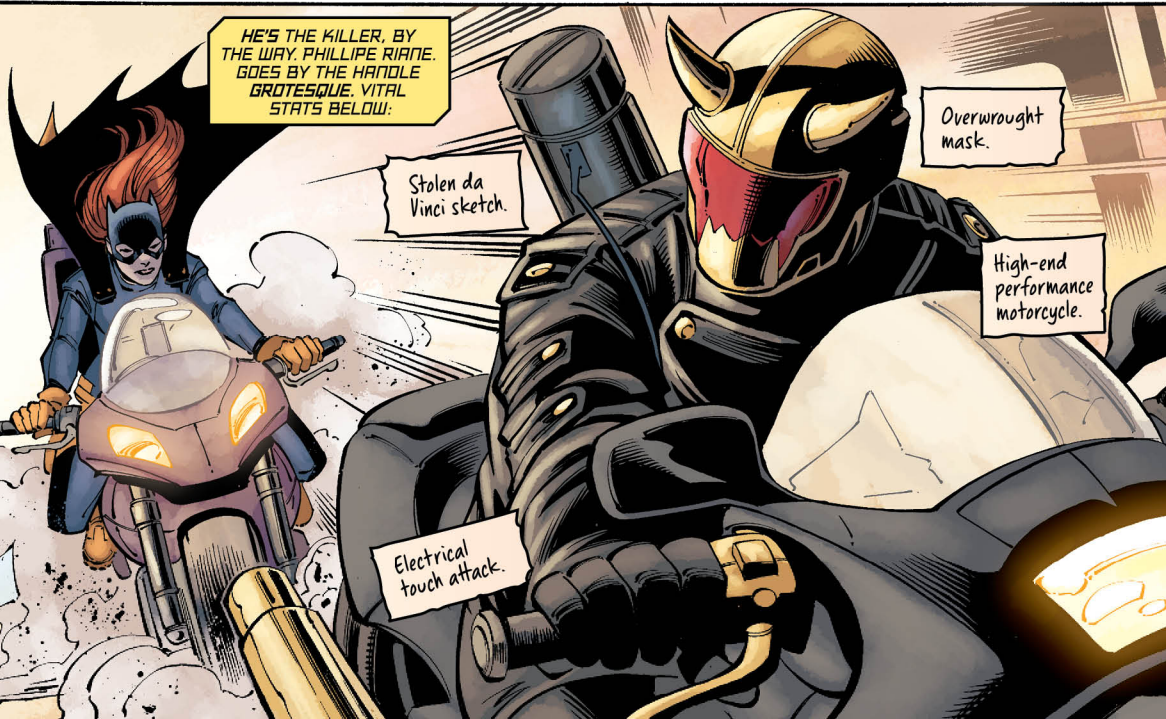
**BRRR**

I MEAN THERE'S A GOOD  
CHANCE IT IS SOMEHOW DIRECTLY  
EFFECTED BY A CRIME-LOVING  
SUPERNATURAL FORCE.



IF I'M SCOOTING  
AROUND GETTING  
GROCERIES-NO  
TRAFFIC.

IF I'M CHASING A SERIAL  
KILLER CURRENTLY STEALING  
A COUPLE MILLION DOLLARS  
IN ART-ALL THE TRAFFIC.



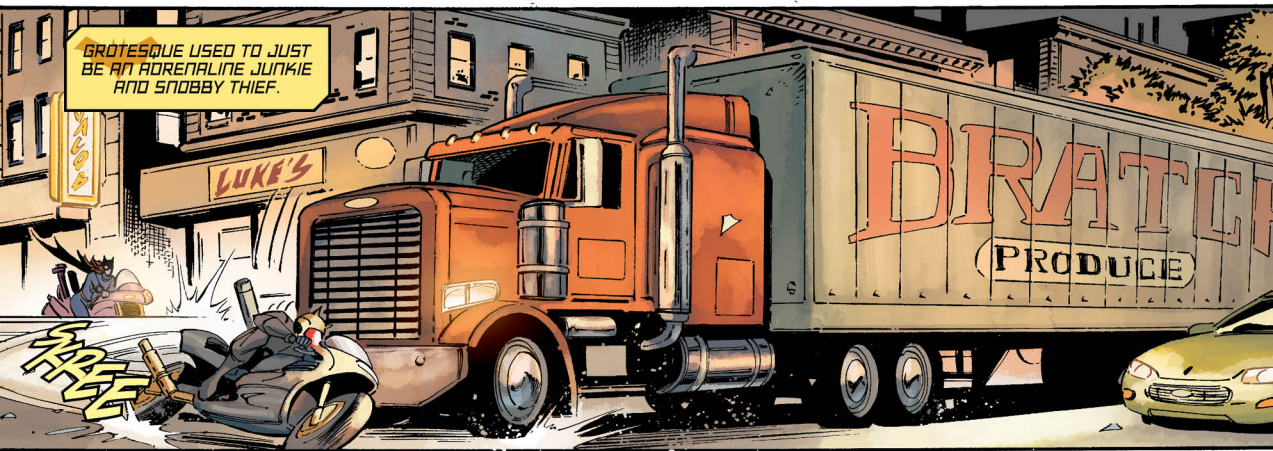
HE'S THE KILLER, BY  
THE WAY. PHILLIPE RIANE.  
GOES BY THE HANDLE  
GROTESQUE. VITAL  
STATS BELOW:

Stolen da  
Vinci sketch.

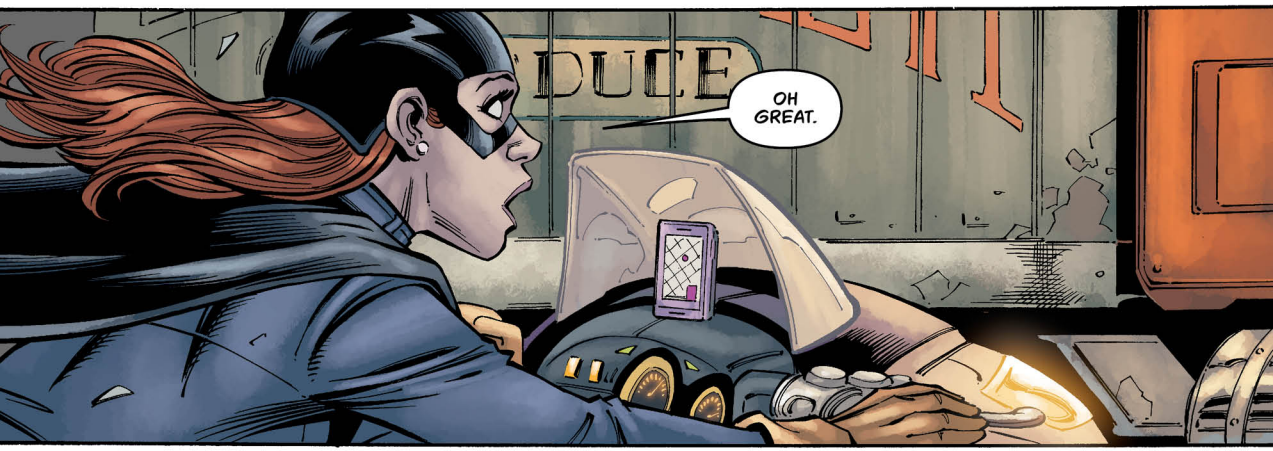
Overwrought  
mask.

High-end  
performance  
motorcycle.

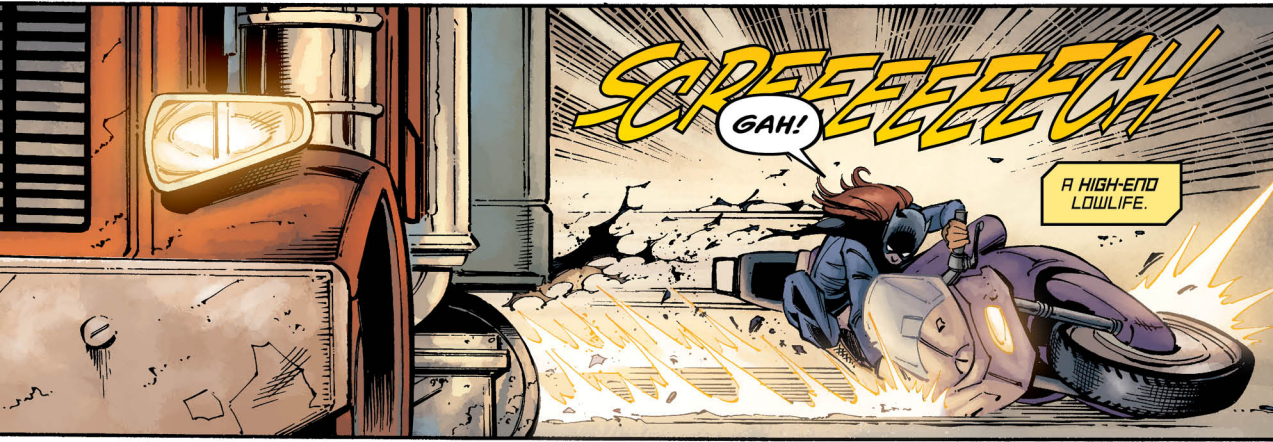
Electrical  
touch attack.



GROTESQUE USED TO JUST BE AN ADRENALINE JUNKIE AND SNOBBY THIEF.



OH GREAT.



SCREEEEEEEECH

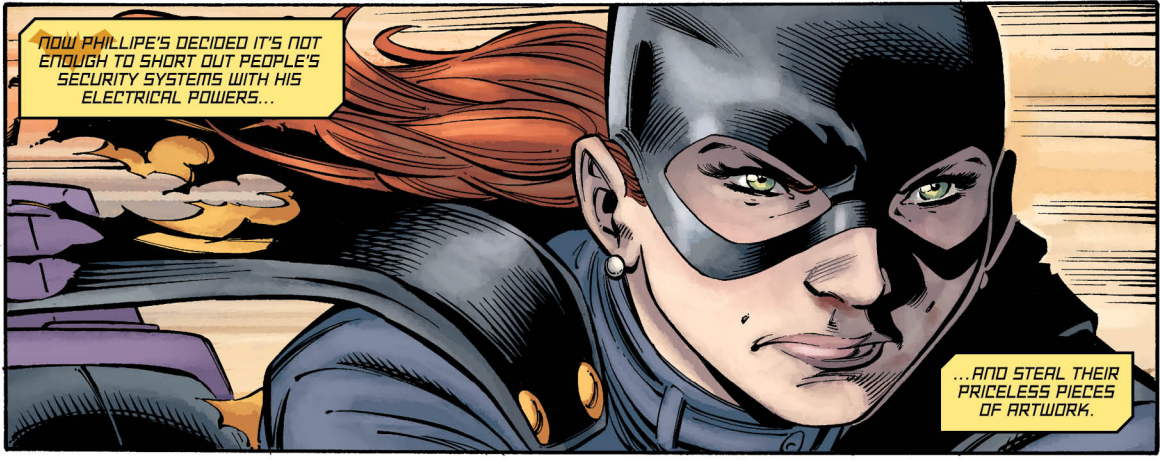
GAH!

A HIGH-END LOWLIFE.



BUT THAT WAS UNTIL HE BROKE OUT OF BLACKGATE.

YOU'RE SO BUYING ME A NEW JACKET, GROTESQUE.



NOW PHILLIPS HAS DECIDED IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SHORT OUT PEOPLE'S SECURITY SYSTEMS WITH HIS ELECTRICAL POWERS...

...AND STEAL THEIR PRICELESS PIECES OF ARTWORK.



GROTESQUE HAS BECOME AN ARTIST HIMSELF.

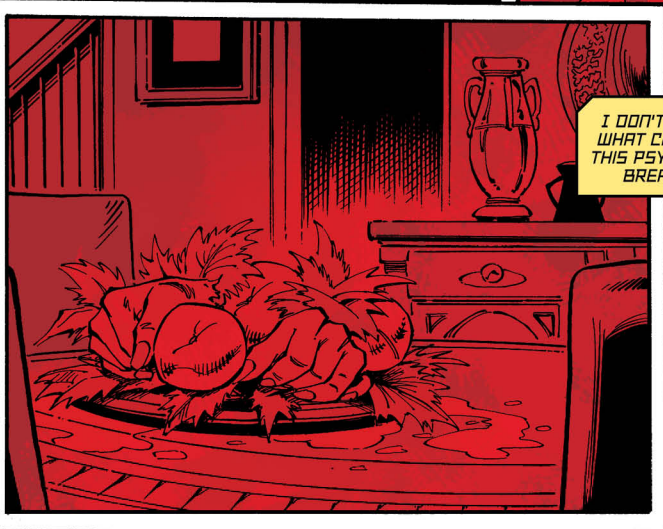
HE KILLS THE OWNERS AND MUTILATES THEM TO LOOK LIKE FAMOUS WORKS OF ART.

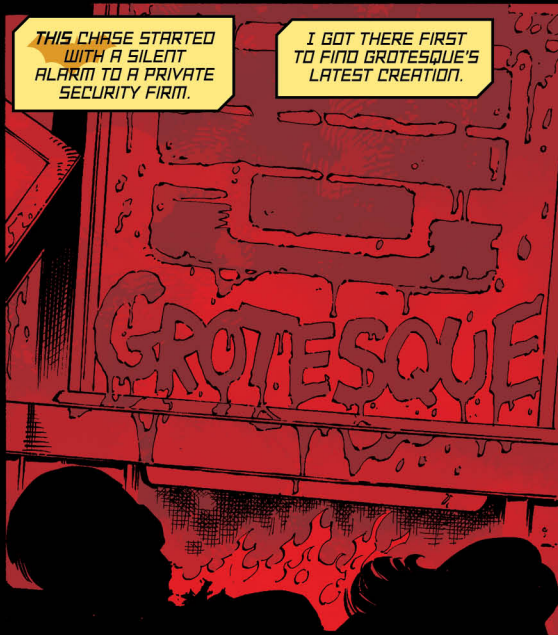
NOW THERE'S A RAGE THERE I DIDN'T THINK PHILLIPS WAS CAPABLE OF.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED THIS PSYCHOTIC BREAK...

...BUT I'M MAKING SURE HIS DAYS OF HURTING PEOPLE ARE OVER.





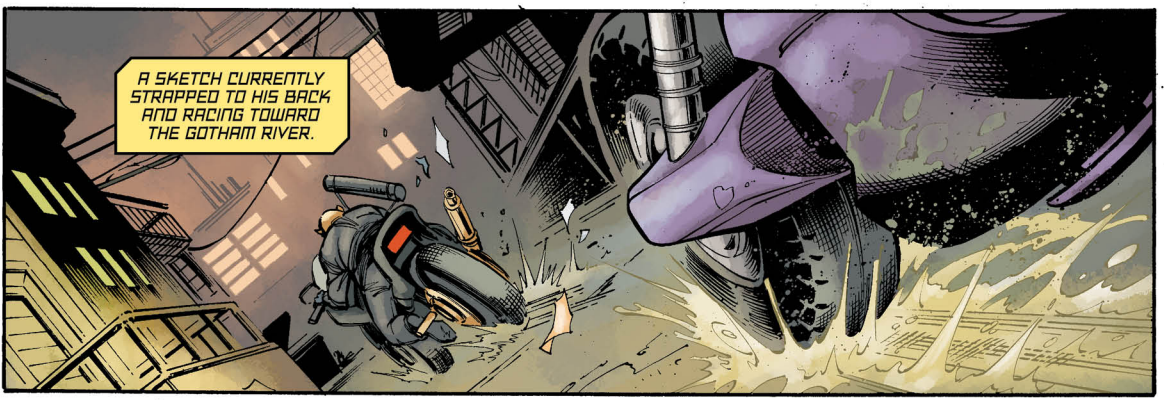
THIS CHASE STARTED WITH A SILENT ALARM TO A PRIVATE SECURITY FIRM.

I GOT THERE FIRST TO FIND GROTESQUE'S LATEST CREATION.



WHICH IS ALL JUST A GRUESOME DISTRACTION FROM A SMASH-AND-GRAB.

A DA VINCI SKETCH I ALMOST GOT BACK WHEN I CAUGHT HIM IN THE GARAGE, MID-GETAWAY.

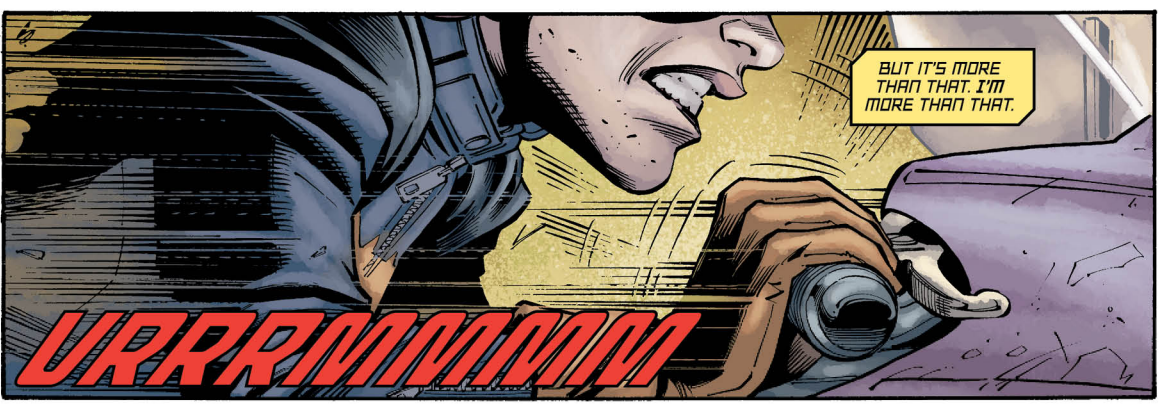


A SKETCH CURRENTLY STRAPPED TO HIS BACK AND RACING TOWARD THE GOTHAM RIVER.



I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE TREATED LIKE AN OBJECT. TO BE SOMEONE'S SICK, LITTLE ART PROJECT.

AND I WON'T LIE. SEEING THAT HAPPEN ALL OVER AGAIN, IT MAKES ME WANNA BARF MY GUTS OUT.



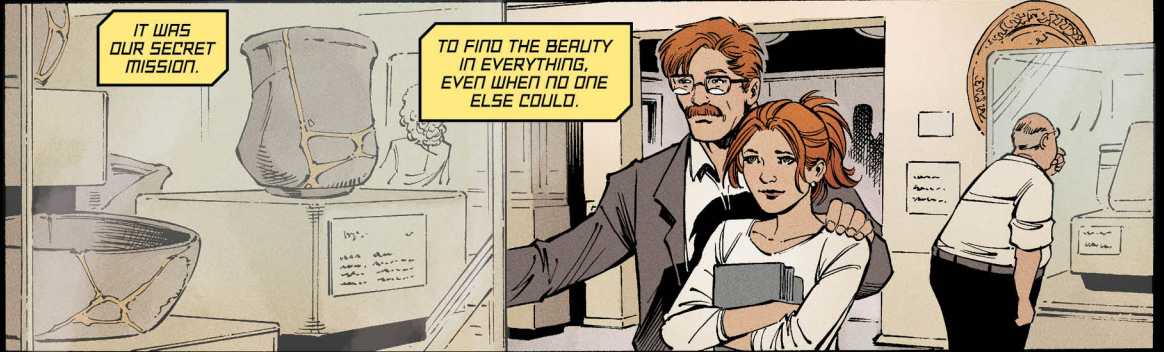
BUT IT'S MORE THAN THAT. I'M MORE THAN THAT.

**URRRRRRRRRRR**



THERE AREN'T A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE TRULY BEAUTIFUL IN GOTHAM.

BUT MY DAD TRIED HARD TO FIND THEM ALL.

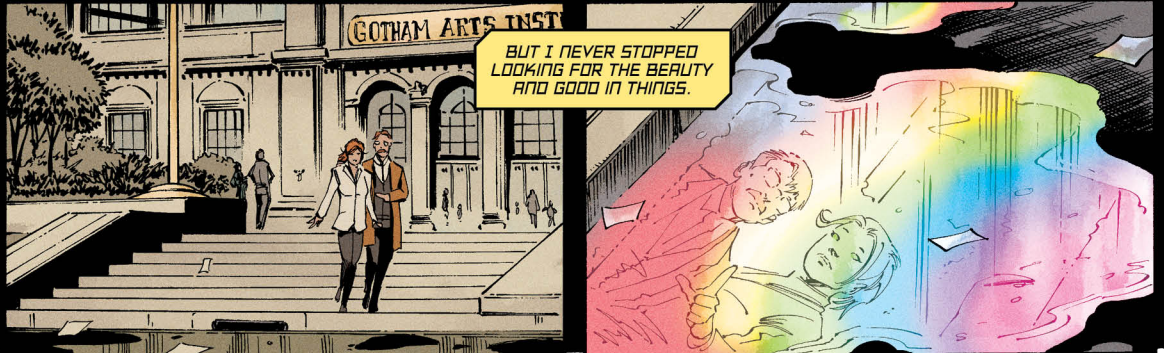


IT WAS OUR SECRET MISSION.

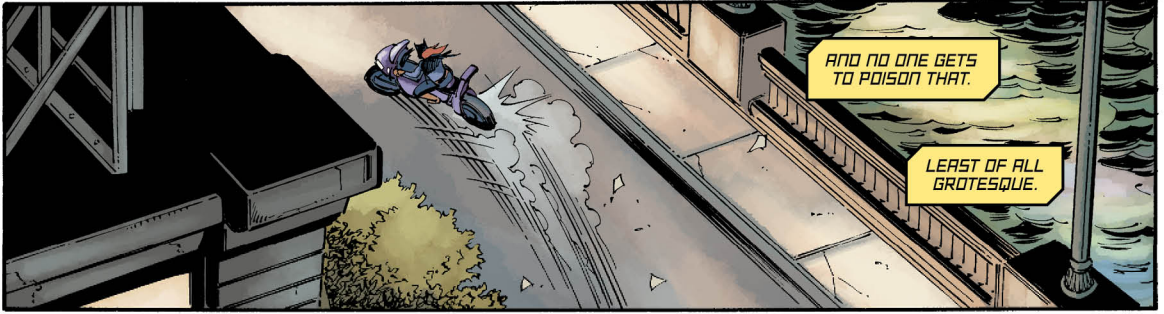
TO FIND THE BEAUTY IN EVERYTHING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE ELSE COULD.



I NEVER BECAME AN ARTIST.



BUT I NEVER STOPPED LOOKING FOR THE BEAUTY AND GOOD IN THINGS.



AND NO ONE GETS TO POISON THAT.

LEAST OF ALL GROTESQUE.