

WELCOME BACK TO *DNN*. WE CONTINUE TONIGHT WITH THE RECENT INFLUX OF VIOLENCE THAT HAS LEFT THE CITY OF DETROIT IN TURMOIL.

THANK YOU, JANINE. UNDER RONAN'S ADMINISTRATION, CRIME HAS RISEN OVER TEN PERCENT.

WE'VE SEEN THIS NUMBER GROW SIGNIFICANTLY, ESPECIALLY OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

I HAVE WITH ME LUTHER BENNETT, WHO BELIEVES THIS STEMS FROM MAYOR RONAN'S LACK OF LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY.

BESIDES, WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO RELY ON SOME "SUPER DETECTIVE" TO SAVE THE DAY WITH NO LEADS OR EVIDENCE EVERY TIME.

IT'S JUST NOT REALISTIC!



YES, BUT DETECTIVE AIDEN MCCORMICK HAS SINGLE-HANDEDLY SOLVED THE CASES YOU SPEAK OF.

HE MAY AS WELL BE A ONE-MAN TASK FORCE.



LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT AIDEN MCCORMICK...



THE GUY'S A HACK, A BAD CLICHÉ WITH TERRIBLE TABLE MANNERS.

IF YOU LOOK PAST THAT LONG, GREASY HAIR, BEHIND THOSE RETRO GOGGLES, AND UNDER THAT OUTDATED LONG COAT...



AIDEN'S APARTMENT

"...THE MAN'S JUST NOT AS **EXCITING** AS YOU MAKE HIM OUT TO BE."

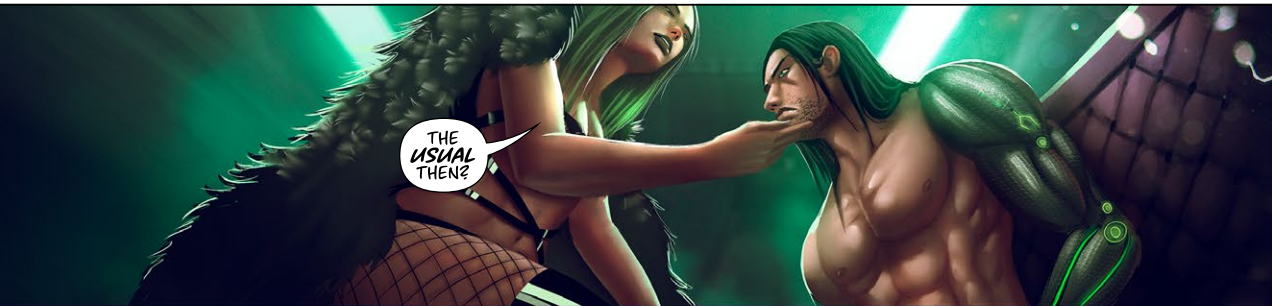
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IT'S OPEN.



GOT THE MONEY?

YOU'LL GET IT.



THE USUAL THEN?

FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER...



...IT'S DIFFICULT HAVING TO PUSH EVERYONE AWAY. IT'S HARD TO MAKE SENSE AT TIMES, PENNY.

I GO BY "TULIP" WHILE WORKING. WE STILL HAVE A COUPLE MORE MINUTES BEFORE OUR TIME IS UP...

ALREADY, HUH? WELL, MONEY'S ON THE DRESSER, "TULIP."



"ALWAYS A PLEASURE, AIDEN. SAME TIME NEXT WEEK?"

SHE'S NICE. I LIKE HER.

AND SHE'S CHEAPER THAN A THERAPIST.

SHHH. SOMEONE'S COMING.



I THOUGHT YOU QUIT THAT STRANGE HABIT.



HABITS TEND TO CREEP BACK IN.