

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, MY LIFE DISAPPEARED.

SPENT EVERY SECOND OF IT JUST GETTING THROUGH.

ALWAYS WAITING FOR MY REAL, BETTER LIFE TO START.

BUT IT NEVER DID.

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, IT'S CLEAR IT'S NEVER GOING TO...

ROACHTOWN IS A SUICIDE DISTRICT.

EVERYONE LOOKING FOR THE BIGGEST THRILL ON THEIR WAY OUT.

THEY'LL ASSUME WE'RE HERE FOR THE SAME.

IF WE DON'T STOP LENA, EVERYONE IN SALUS IS GONNA JOIN THEM.

EVEN POLUMA DIDN'T DESCEND INTO DEBAUCHERY LIKE THIS.

THEY'VE ACCEPTED OUR TIME IS SHORT. THEIR SOLUTION IS BASE PLEASURE.

WITH NO ONE HERE TO SHOW THEM A DIFFERENT WAY, NO ONE TO OFFER ANY--

DON'T SAY IT.

AT LEAST THEY'RE OPERATING ON THE TRUTH.


A SOUR VERSION OF IT.

ENOUGH PEOPLE BELIEVE A THING, IT BECOMES TRUE.

I'D RATHER FACE THE TRUTH THAN LIVE A LIE.

WHEN WE HEAR TRUTH FROM OTHERS, IT OPENS A DOOR.

MAKES IT EASIER TO PASS THROUGH TO THEIR VERSION OF REALITY.



JUST DEPENDS
ON WHICH TRUTH
YOU WANT TO
BUY.

NOT THE
ONE THESE
PEOPLE HAVE
BOUGHT.

MOM USED TO SAY
THAT THE WORLD'S JOB
IS TO TEST YOUR
PETERMINATION.

THERE ARE
THOSE WHO SIT AND
SOAK IN THEIR OWN
PROBLEMS AND
THOSE WHO GET UP
AND HELP
THEMSELVES.



IT ALWAYS
STRUCK ME AS
GOLD.

AS IF THOSE WHO
FAILED SOMEHOW
DID IT TO
THEMSELVES.



IT... IT'S
SO SAD.

YUP.

IT'S
HOPELESSNESS,
TAJO.




IT'S WHAT
YOU MOTHER
FOUGHT
AGAINST.

SHE KNEW
SALUS HELD
THE OPTIMISM
OF AN ENTIRE
SPECIES.



BUT THE MORE WHO GIVE UP,
THE MORE THIS POVERTY OF
THE SPIRIT BECOMES
CONTAGIOUS.

BUT THERE IS
LITERALLY NO
PROSPECT OF A
BETTER
TOMORROW.




IF THAT'S THE TRUTH YOU ACCEPT, THEN NO, THERE ISN'T.

MARIK'S TEACHING SAVED MY LIFE BECAUSE I BELIEVED IT.


BELIEVING IS THE FIRST STEP TO MAKING ANYTHING REAL.



OUR INNER ATTITUDE HAS A REAL EFFECT ON THE OUTER WORLD.



PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT HAS THE POWER TO AFFECT OTHERS.



SO HOPE IS A LIE TO TRICK PEOPLE INTO ACTION.



HOPE IS A LIE THAT BECOMES TRUE.

HOPE MEANS YOU TRY, AND WHEN YOU TRY, YOU INSPIRE OTHERS TO--

RUN AND GUN,

