




VERY GOOD OF YOU TO TALK TO ME LIKE THIS, MRS. CUTTER.



NO PROBLEM, DETECTIVE GUZMAN. IT'S NOT AS THOUGH WE'VE GOT ANYTHING TO HIDE.


I ALWAYS TELL MY HUSBAND, PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE SURVEILLANCE PROBABLY HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE.



ACTUALLY, IT WAS ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND THAT I WANTED TO TALK.



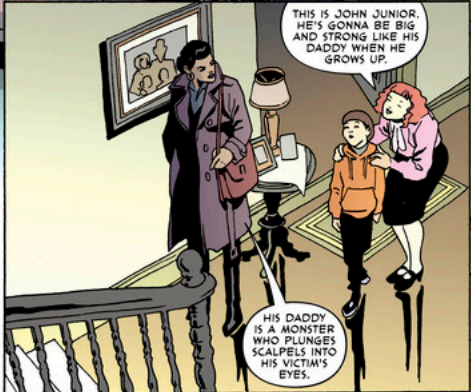
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG? JOHN HASN'T HAD AN ACCIDENT?



WE'D JUST LIKE A WORD WITH HIM. WE WONDERED IF YOU KNEW WHERE HE WAS.

A BUSINESS TRIP. HE'S IN FINANCE. HE DOESN'T TELL ME WHERE HE IS, AND I DON'T FEEL IT'S MY CONCERN TO ASK HIM.

AH!




THIS IS JOHN JUNIOR. HE'S GONNA BE BIG AND STRONG LIKE HIS DADDY WHEN HE GROWS UP.

E-EXCUSE ME?


I SAID, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, MRS. CUTTER. I'LL LET YOU GET BACK TO YOUR DAY...

HIS DADDY IS A MONSTER WHO PLUNGES SCALPES INTO HIS VICTIM'S EYES.



"MORGAN STANLEY,
SOLOMON MURPHY.

"BANK DE LYON.




"AROUND THE WORLD,
HEAD OFFICES AND
TRADING CENTERS ARE
BEING ATTACKED.

"A SPONTANEOUS FLASH
MOB ASSAULT ON OUR
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
AND THE PEOPLE WHO
RUN THEM.

"AS WE SPEAK, CEOs
AND CORPORATE
TRADERS ARE BEING
DRAGGED FROM
COMFORTABLE OFFICES
AND TOP OF THE
RANGE *BMWs*...

"IT'S TRUE, NEARLY
ALL THESE INSTITUTIONS
AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE
THEIR FINGERPRINTS
ALL OVER THE LAST
CRASH...



"BUT MOST OF THEM HAVE
ALREADY BEEN NAMED IN
DOZENS OF BOOKS ABOUT
THE CRASH. THEY'VE BEEN
SHOWN TO BE *LIARS* AND
THIEVES.

"SO WHY IS THE
PUBLIC JUST GETTING
ANGRY *NOW*?"

ARE ALL THE INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE BEING ATTACKED RUN BY THE NAMES?

WE HAVE OUR PEOPLE IN ALL OF THEM.

AFTER THE CRASH, THE NAMES MANIPULATED PUBLIC OPINION PERFECTLY. WE GOT AWAY WITH IT, LEE.

SO WHY THE SUDDEN OUTRAGE? UNLESS...

YOU THINK IT'S THAT THING IN THERE?

THE DARK LOOP HAS BEEN MAKING NOISES. NOISES THAT STARTED AROUND THE TIME OF THE WORLD-WIDE ATTACKS...

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yhhhhgg!

"OUR BEST PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO DECODE WHAT IT'S SAYING. BUT ITS LANGUAGE, IF IT CAN BE CALLED THAT, IS TOO FLUID AND UNPREDICTABLE FOR OUR BEST ALGORITHMS..."

BEFORE HE DIED, POOR GILES CAMERON SUGGESTED WE BOMB THE CENTRAL COMPUTER SYSTEMS, FROM WHICH THESE CREATURES ARE GROWING.

IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM AS WE KNOW IT. BUT IT MIGHT DESTROY THEM.

GOOD GOD, STOKER. I HOPE THAT'S NOT YOUR ONLY IDEA.

OH, I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA. THE PROBLEM IS...