

**CICERO, ILLINOIS.  
TASK FORCE X BLACK SITE.**

PLEASE  
STATE YOUR  
NAME AND RANK  
FOR THE  
RECORD.

*\*THIS STORY IS SET BEFORE THE  
EVENTS OF JUSTICE LEAGUE VS.  
SUICIDE SQUAD #1.*

MAXWELL  
LORD IV.

DIRECTOR  
AND BLACK KING  
OF THE U.N.'S PEACE-  
KEEPING OPERATION  
CHECKMATE.

MY HOBBIES  
INCLUDE GOLF  
AND COLLECTING  
CIGAR BANDS.

BUT YOU  
ALREADY KNEW  
THAT. IT'S YOUR  
JOB TO KNOW  
EVERYTHING...

...ISN'T IT,  
AMANDA?

YOU'LL REFER TO  
ME AS DIRECTOR  
WALLER. IT'S MY  
JOB TO PURSUE  
JUSTICE.

DO YOU  
KNOW WHY  
YOU'RE HERE,  
MR. LORD?

HM.

IT MUST  
BE ALL THOSE  
UNPAID PARKING  
TICKETS.



THREE DAYS AGO,  
SOUTHWEST KENTUCKY.



A MISTAKE?  
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WHAT POSSIBLE  
REASON COULD  
CHECKMATE HAVE FOR  
ATTACKING ONE OF MY  
DAMN TRAINS?

WE WERE  
ACTING ON VERY  
GOOD INTELLIGENCE  
THAT KOBRA CULTISTS  
WERE SEEKING TO  
COMMANDER THIS  
PRISONER  
TRANSFER!

HAD I SEEN MY OL' PAL  
THE WALL, MAYBE WE  
COULD HAVE AVERTED  
BLOODSHED.

BUT YOU WERE  
HIDING BEHIND A BUNCH  
OF INTERNATIONALLY  
KNOWN AND WANTED  
SUPERCRIMINALS!

NEXT TIME YOU  
MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER  
STANDING OUT IN FRONT, OR  
MAYBE HAVE YOUR CRONIES  
WEAR A SIMPLE PATCH ON  
THEIR SHOULDERS SAYING  
*TASK FORCE DAMN X!*

WAPOW

YOU WANT  
ME TO PUT  
ONE BEHIND HIS  
EAR OR--?

NO, DEADSHOT.  
SECURE HIM.  
I WANT MR. LORD  
TO LEARN THE  
CONSEQUENCES OF  
QUESTIONING MY  
CONTROL.





YOU GRAB MY ARM WHEN I'M A METER MAID, OR AFTER YOU BOTCH A PRISON TRANSFER, YOU GET THE SAME RESULT.

TOUCHY.



YOU HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE RÉSUMÉ. SINGLE REMAINING ROYALTY-RANKING MEMBER OF CHECKMATE. CO-HEAD OF THE CADMUS PROJECT, AND EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER OF THE OMAC INITIATIVE.



BUT YOU'VE GOT SOME RED MARKS. WHENEVER YOU WERE TASKED WITH WORKING WITH OTHER AGENCIES, CONFLICTS AROSE. YOU HAVE VERY POOR REVIEWS FROM THE HEADS OF BOTH S.H.A.D.E. AND SPYRAL.



YOU DON'T PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS. OR MAYBE IT'S THAT YOU HAVE AN ISSUE WITH AUTHORITY FIGURES AND FOLLOWING CHAIN OF COMMAND.



I THOUGHT THIS WAS AN INQUISITION, BUT THIS IS GETTING DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO A PSYCH EVALUATION. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY FATHER?



NO NEED. LIKE YOU SAID, I KNOW ALMOST EVERYTHING. BUT IN THE CASE OF YOUR FATHER, I DIDN'T HAVE TO DIG FAR.

ALBERT LORD.

ENTREPRENEUR AND SELF-MADE MAN. STARTED **CHEMTECH PHARMACEUTICALS** AND MADE MORE MONEY IN A WEEK THAN MY OL' MAN MADE IN A LIFETIME.

BUT THEN THERE WAS THAT BOMBHELL REVELATION THAT ONE OF CHEMTECH'S WEIGHT-LOSS PILLS CAUSED CANCER.

I MEAN, I GUESS THAT IS *ONE* WAY TO LOSE WEIGHT.

POOR ALBERT. HE TOOK IT HARD.

CHEMTECH HEAD SUICIDE SHOCKS SHAREHOLDERS

CEO DEAD AFTER CANCER PROBE

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. ESPECIALLY YOUR MOTHER.

HM. THERE'S NOT MUCH ABOUT HER, THOUGH. SHE DROPPED OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE.

IF THIS FEELS SO MUCH LIKE A PSYCH EVAL TO YOU, WE CAN ALWAYS GO ALL IN.

"PLEASE, MIZTER LORD. TELL ME ABOUT YOUR MOZZER."

NO.