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LANDLORD'S BAR, 1:23AM.

HEY,  
YOU!

I'LL GIVE  
YOU A HUNDRED  
CREDITS TO TRY  
TO KILL ME.

HEY! YOU  
LISTENING TO ME,  
GIRLY? DO YOUR  
EARS WORK?

I HEAR JUST  
FINE. WHAT THIS IDIOT  
DOESN'T KNOW IS  
THAT I'M ACTUALLY  
AT THIS BAR TONIGHT  
BECAUSE OF HIM.

C'MON TIN CAN, I'M  
GOING TO GIVE YOU  
A HUNDRED CREDITS  
TO SHOOT ME.  
YOU CAN COLLECT A  
REWARD TOO!

WHAT'S WRONG,  
GIRLY? SCARED  
OF A MAN ON THE  
TOP TEN MOST  
WANTED LIST?

BRING ME  
IN, YOU'LL GET  
TEN THOUSAND  
SMACKERS. PLUS  
THE HUNDRED  
RIGHT HERE IN  
MY HAND.

HE'S NEVER  
EVEN CRACKED THE  
TOP TEN. TOPPED  
OUT AT FIFTEEN.  
WHAT'S WITH MEN  
ALWAYS INFLATING  
THEIR NUMBERS?

ALL YOU  
GOTTA DO  
IS KILL ME.

I'M JUST WAITING FOR  
THE RIGHT MOMENT  
TO TAKE THIS GUY OUT.  
THERE'S NO REASON  
TO CAUSE A SCENE.

MORE PRECISELY,  
I'M AFTER THE  
REWARD HE KEEPS  
BLABBING ABOUT.

WITH THAT KIND  
OF DOUGH, YOU CAN  
GET THAT MESSED  
UP **STAINED** FACE OF  
YOURS FIXED!

OR MAYBE  
THERE IS...







CENTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.



10,000 MINUS TAXES AND FEES. 3,400 CREDITS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO YOUR ACCOUNT. WILL THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE?

ANY MAKE-UP TIPS?



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OKAY, NO PROBLEM. I CAN SEE YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK RIGHT NOW.

I'M NOT MUCH OF A TALKER EITHER. MAYBE WE'LL CATCH UP NEXT TIME.



GEORGE?  
YOU HERE?





EMMA?! I'M JUST PUTTING SOME OLD CASE FILES AWAY. C'MON BACK.



HOW'D EVERYTHING GO? YOU GET THE BAD GUY?

SURE DID.

THE BASTARD INSULTED MY FACE. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR FACE? I LOVE YOUR FACE!

MAYBE THE GUY IS BLIND...

HE IS NOW. TEMPORARILY, ANYWAYS.



WHAT?

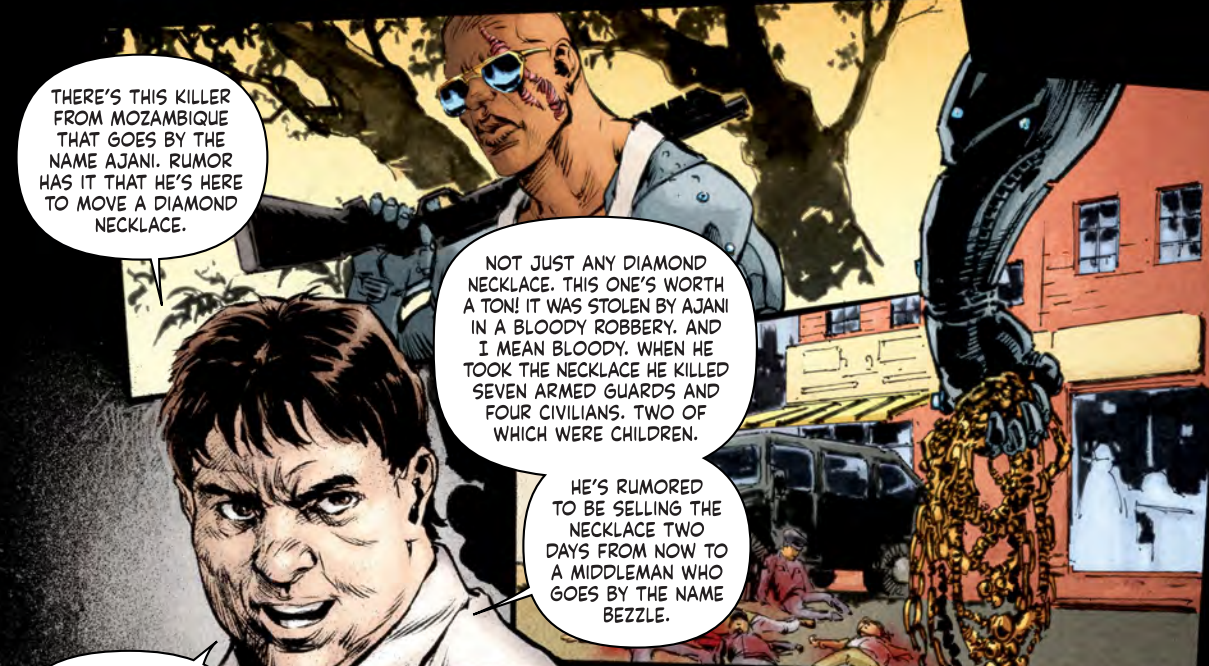
NOTHING.

YOU HEAR OF ANYTHING AROUND THE OFFICE THAT MIGHT GIVE ME MY NEXT PAY DAY? I CAN REALLY USE THE CREDITS. RENT'S DUE SOON AND TAXES KEEP TAKING ALL THE FUN OUT OF THIS JOB.



NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I'VE HEARD SOME WHISPERS ABOUT SOME BAD GUYS WHO MIGHT BE IN TOWN THIS WEEK FOR AN EXCHANGE OF GOODS. THE STOLEN TYPE. DANGEROUS STUFF!





THERE'S THIS KILLER FROM MOZAMBIQUE THAT GOES BY THE NAME AJANI. RUMOR HAS IT THAT HE'S HERE TO MOVE A DIAMOND NECKLACE.

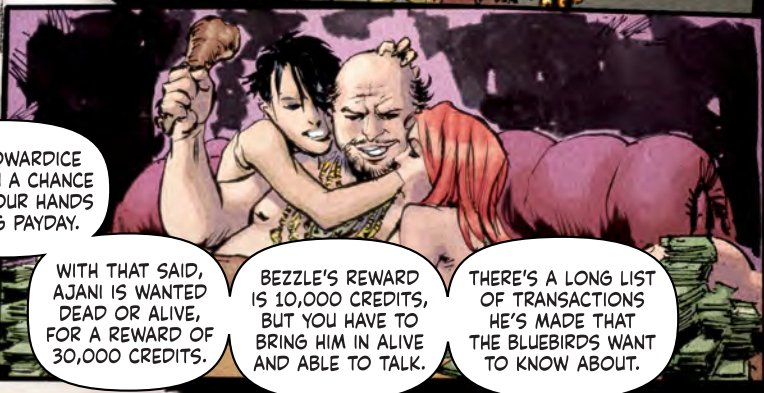
NOT JUST ANY DIAMOND NECKLACE. THIS ONE'S WORTH A TON! IT WAS STOLEN BY AJANI IN A BLOODY ROBBERY. AND I MEAN BLOODY. WHEN HE TOOK THE NECKLACE HE KILLED SEVEN ARMED GUARDS AND FOUR CIVILIANS. TWO OF WHICH WERE CHILDREN.

HE'S RUMORED TO BE SELLING THE NECKLACE TWO DAYS FROM NOW TO A MIDDLEMAN WHO GOES BY THE NAME BEZZLE.

HE'S SOMEONE YOU CAN FIND AROUND DIRTY MONEY, BUT NOT THE TYPE TO GET DIRTY HIMSELF.

IT'S JUST A RUMOR THAT THEY ARE IN TOWN, BUT IF IT'S TRUE, AND YOU INTERCEPT THE TRANSACTION, YOU COULD MAKE A SMALL FORTUNE. THE CCPD DOESN'T WANT TO TOUCH IT UNTIL AJANI IS OUT OF THE PICTURE. YOU KNOW, CONSIDERING HE SEEMS TO KILL EVERYONE HE DOESN'T LIKE.

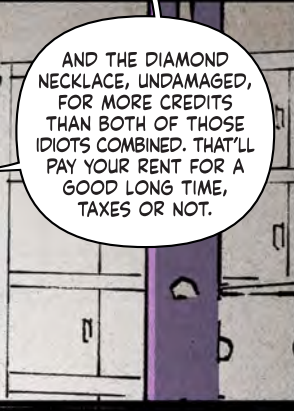
THEIR COWARDICE GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO GET YOUR HANDS ON A BIG PAYDAY.



WITH THAT SAID, AJANI IS WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE, FOR A REWARD OF 30,000 CREDITS.

BEZZLE'S REWARD IS 10,000 CREDITS, BUT YOU HAVE TO BRING HIM IN ALIVE AND ABLE TO TALK.

THERE'S A LONG LIST OF TRANSACTIONS HE'S MADE THAT THE BLUEBIRDS WANT TO KNOW ABOUT.



HURT THE PEOPLE, PROTECT THE DIAMONDS. SOUNDS LIKE I'M THE RIGHT GIRL FOR THE JOB.

AND THE DIAMOND NECKLACE, UNDAMAGED, FOR MORE CREDITS THAN BOTH OF THOSE IDIOTS COMBINED. THAT'LL PAY YOUR RENT FOR A GOOD LONG TIME, TAXES OR NOT.

BE CAREFUL EMMA, THIS COULD GET MESSIER THAN YOU THINK. BEZZLE MIGHT BE A WORM, BUT WHAT I HEAR ABOUT THIS AJANI FELLA, HE'S NOT SOMEONE TO MESS WITH.



I LOVE IT WHEN YOU WORRY ABOUT ME, GEORGE. MAKES ME ALL WARM INSIDE.

AND DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT PLANNING TO GET THAT CLOSE TO HIM.