

HOW DEEP DO YOU  
HAVE TO GO TO  
PERPETUATE A LIE?

MY NAME IS JOHN MYERS.  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
**MISSILE MATE**. I'M ONE  
OF RODERICK KINGSLEY'S  
NEW HOB-HEROES.


AT LEAST I WAS, UNTIL  
I DECIDED TO BETRAY HIM  
IN FAVOR OF PHIL URICH,  
THE CITY'S NEW SELF-  
APPOINTED GOBLIN KING.

I'VE TRIED MY BEST TO  
CONCEAL MY NEW ALLEGIANCE,  
BUT SOMETIMES I WORRY.



WORRY THAT KINGSLEY'S  
PRYING EYES CAN SEE  
RIGHT THROUGH ME.

CHANGING WHO YOU  
ARE IS NOT AS EASY  
AS YOU MIGHT THINK.  
ALTHOUGH I GUESS  
SOME DO IT WITH EASE.



TAKE KINGSLEY, FOR EXAMPLE.  
FOR YEARS HE WAS THE INSIDIOUS  
**HOBGOBLIN**, YET NOW HE'S  
KNOWN AS A **HERO**. NOT A HINT  
OF HIS OLD SELF.

COULD HIS MORAL  
COMPASS REALLY HAVE  
CHANGED SO QUICKLY?  
I CERTAINLY CAN'T FIND  
ANY PROOF TO THE  
CONTRARY.



AND ANY EXPERT WILL TELL YOU THAT A  
PERSON WITH SOMETHING TO HIDE WILL  
ALWAYS GIVE THEMSELVES AWAY.

THEIR WORDS WILL  
SOUND HOLLOW.



THEIR SENTIMENT  
WILL SEEM FALSE.

AND THEIR ACTIONS  
WILL APPEAR...

...CARTOONISH.



YET HERE HE IS IN FRONT OF A CROWD OF ADORING FANS BEING HONORED FOR ALL THE GOOD WORK HE'S DONE.

WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT THE GOBLIN KNIGHT WANTS. TO TAKE HIM DOWN IN A PUBLIC FORUM SO THAT HIS MESSAGE IS CLEAR.

THE MESSAGE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOBLIN KING, AND URICH IS IT.

WE'VE PLANNED THIS FOR DAYS, YET THE MOMENT IS HERE QUICKER THAN I HAD HOPED.

I SAY "WE," BUT I REALLY MEAN "ME" SINCE URICH HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IF I WANT TO BE HIS NEW GOBLIN KNIGHT, I NEED TO DELIVER THE FATAL BLOW MYSELF. IT'S NOT SOMETHING I'VE DONE BEFORE, BUT REST ASSURED...

I DON'T INTEND TO FAIL.

# Meet **RODERICK KINGSLEY** on **HOBGOBLIN DAY!**



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