

GOTHAM CITY.
THE OTRANTO DISTRICT.
CORNER OF MATURIN AND MAURIER.
SEVERAL YEARS AGO.



LOOK AT THIS. CRANE'S PLACE IS INFESTED WITH COPS!

WHY COME BACK HERE? IS HE REALLY THAT STUPID?



WHY HIDE IN A CHURCH SO CLOSE TO YOUR APARTMENT THAT YOU CAN SEE IF THE MAIL CAME?

WHAT'S WORTH THE RISK?

--FZZT--
 PRAGUE--ME--
 --FZT--
 GET--

THE CHURCH'S ACOUSTICS ARE FIGHTING THE PENETRATING MIC. SOUND'S COMING BACK LIKE A KALEIDOSCOPE.

BUT CRANE IS NOT STUPID, ROBIN, AND NOT RUNNING. THERE'RE TWO VOICES. THIS IS A MEET.

--YOU--
 --FZT--
 PRAGUE--OWN--
 --FFZT--
 DEAL--

--PRAGUE--

WHOEVER'S IN THERE, CRANE FEARS THEM MORE THAN THE POLICE.

OR US?





PRAISE TO SAINT ELIJAH THE THUNDERER FOR HIS WELCOMING, TERRIFYING ARMS. I STILL BELIEVE.

SHUT UP, CRANE. YOU'RE ONLY HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO LOUD.

SCARECROW IS GETTING ATTENTION. TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE TALKING.



THAT'S HOW YOU UNSEW MINDS, ORPHAN. WHISPERS, WHIMPERING WORD OF MOUTH. HERD MENTALITY FUELS SCARECROW.



BUT THIS ISN'T ABOUT SCARECROW. LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF.

I'M HERE AS PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER. WE TAKE A LIFE TO CHANGE A LIFE.

UNTIL I STRIKE, I HOLD THAT LIFE IN MY HANDS.

HGGG



CHK



SPARK



BUT BECAUSE OF YOU, THAT CHANGE IS DELAYED. THOSE PLANS ARE UP IN SMOKE.

YOU'RE TOO LOUD. BRING TOO MUCH HEAT ON THE STREET.

HEAT?
THEN LET'S
GET HOT,
KILLER.

I DIDN'T ASK
FOR AN INVITE TO
YOUR CLUBHOUSE.
BUT I NEED TO BE
IN PRAGUE. YOU'RE
GOING TO TAKE
ME.

YOU DON'T
GIVE ME ORDERS.
SUPPLY AND DEMAND.
I SEE YOU HITTING MY
FEAR GAS TO STAY
LUCID. CHANGE YOUR
TONE. YOU'LL DO
WHAT I SAY.



BECAUSE
I'M THE ONE
THAT LETS YOU
BE YOU--

WSSSSHHH



SSHHING



TO THAT
POINT, I LET
SOMEONE
ELSE IN.

AGAIN YOU THINK YOU'RE
BIGGER THAN YOU ARE.
WE GO TO PRAGUE. THAT
ORDER'S BEEN GIVEN.
BUT NOT BY YOU.



WE'RE
COMPROMISED.
LET'S GO.



WAIT.

