

PROLOGUE:

YEARS AGO.

BACK WHEN THE BIRD FLU HIT.



GOT A COLD?  
TRY OUR  
CLUCKIN'  
CHICKEN  
SOUP!!!

BOOT  
STORE

ICE  
CREAM

JAVA!

BUY  
MONTERO  
INDUSTRIES

BIRD FLU  
SPREADS  
ACROSS  
COUNTRY

AND THEN JUST  
A FEW MONTHS  
LATER:

MY SINCERE  
THANKS TO YOU FOR  
TAKING THE TIME TO MEET  
WITH ME, SENATOR  
HAMANTASCHEN.

AND I WANT TO  
EXPRESS MY PROFOUND  
AND GENUINE ASSURANCES  
OF MY UNFLAGGING COMMIT-  
MENT TO UNCOVERING THE  
*TRUTH* BEHIND THIS DEADLY  
ILLNESS WHICH RESULTED  
IN THE SUDDEN, TRAGIC  
DEATHS OF SO,  
SO MANY.

THIS  
CONTAGION  
I VERY MUCH BELIEVE  
WAS *NOT* NATURALLY  
OCCURRING. ITS  
RELEASE WAS A  
*DELIBERATE*  
ACT.

AND THE  
DECREE THAT FOLLOWED  
TO CREATE A NATIONAL  
*PROHIBITION* ON POULTRY-  
BASED FOODSTUFFS  
WAS LIKEWISE  
DELIBERATE.

*NOT* A  
REACTION TO SAFE-  
GUARD AGAINST FURTHER  
OUTBREAKS, BUT INSTITUTED  
BY THE *SAME* FORCES  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
RELEASE OF THE GREAT  
SICKNESS.

PART OF A  
COVERT AND ENIGMATIC  
AGENDA THAT I LIKEWISE  
PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I  
*WILL ENDEAVOR TO*  
DISCOVER...

...AND  
*EXPOSE.*

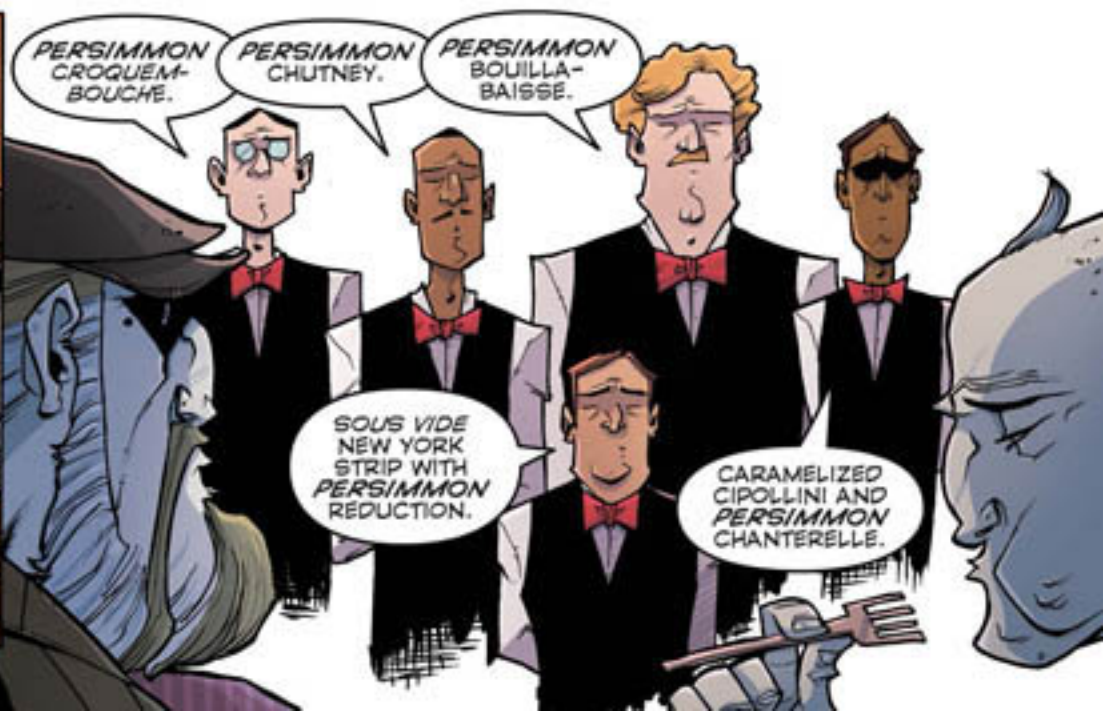
THIS I VOW, AS A  
CITIZEN OF AMERICA,  
AND THE WORLD, AS WELL  
AS AN AGENT OF THE  
NEWLY-FORMED SPECIAL  
CRIMES DIVISION OF THE  
UNITED STATES FOOD  
AND DRUG ADMINI-  
STRATION.

AND AS A  
CIBOPATH.

I HAVE  
NO DOUBT  
AS TO YOUR  
DETERMINATION,  
MR. SAVOY.

THAT'S  
"AGENT"  
SAVOY.

PERHAPS  
WE SHOULD  
DISCUSS THIS  
FURTHER OVER  
*DINNER.*





END PROLOGUE.