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YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY
SAY...

A
WOMAN'S
WORK...

...IS
NEVER
DONE.

AAAAAHHH!

SON,
THAT'S NOT
A BLADE...



THIS IS A
BLADE.

WHAT
ABOUT
HIM?

OH, I'M
GUESSING HE'LL
BLEED TO DEATH.

IT'S PROBABLY
NOT A GOOD IDEA TO
BE OUT AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT
BY YOURSELF. DO YOU
ACTUALLY LIVE AROUND
HERE?

SORT OF.
JUST OVER
HERE--

UM--
THIS IS WHERE
YOU LIVE?

WELL, THIS
LEADS TO WHERE
I LIVE.

COME ON DOWN.
I WANT TO THANK YOU
FOR YOUR HELP.




WELCOME
TO THE TALENT
POOL.



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POOL.






THIS IS YOUR--
--HOME? WHERE ARE WE?
I MEAN... I KNOW WHERE
WE ARE, BUT--



THIS IS
WHERE I LIVE.
THIS IS WHERE WE
ALL LIVE...



HEY!
JEREMY! WHAT
THE HELL IS
THIS?




THIS IS...
WELL, I'M NOT SURE
WHAT THIS IS, BUT SHE JUST
SAVED MY LIFE, AND THIS
BAG OF FOOD I MANAGED
TO SCROUNGE.





IF I COULD INTERRUPT -- AS FASCINATING AS THIS CONVERSATION IS, I DO HAVE A QUESTION.

WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?




MY NAME'S JEREMY POLLACK. I'M A SENIOR SALES ANALYST. THIS IS MIKE EVANS. HE'S A REGIONAL ACCOUNT MANAGER. AS CLOSE TO MANAGEMENT AS WE'VE GOT RIGHT NOW, I'M AFRAID.

THAT DOESN'T REALLY ANSWER MY QUESTION--



ALL OF US ARE WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL CORPORATE CASTOFFS, I GUESS. EVERY ONE OF US USED TO WORK FOR THE CORPORATION HOUSED IN THE BUILDING JUST ABOVE THIS-- SEWER.



AND EVERY ONE OF US HOPES TO GET BACK UP THERE ONE DAY.



AND YOU ALL JUST WAIT DOWN HERE? IF YOU WERE BUSINESS PEOPLE, SURELY YOU ALL HAVE HOMES--?









TAKE COVER!
IF WE STAY OUT OF
THEIR WAY, THEY WON'T
HURT US!

HURT YOU?



THEY'RE
STEALING YOUR
SUPPLIES!

IT DOESN'T
MATTER! WE CAN
FIND MORE!



I THINK
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU
STOPPED GMING
THINGS AWAY.

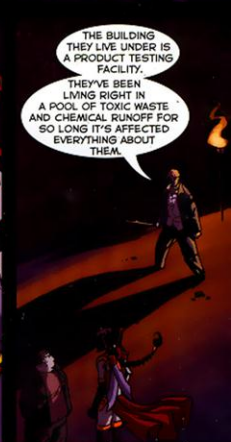


HANDS TO
YOURSELVES, YOU CUT-RATE
FRANKENSTEINS.











WE'VE ESTABLISHED THAT THEY'RE UGLY, BUT THAT'S ABOUT THE ONLY THING WORTH BEING AFRAID OF, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL.

AS FAR AS YOU CAN TELL--



AND AFTER WATCHING YOU RUN AND HIDE WHEN THEY ATTACKED YOU, I CAN SEE WHY THEY DO IT.

TH-THANKS.

YES, WELL... WE'RE NOT TOO EFFECTIVE AT PHYSICAL PURSUITS.




YOU CAN'T ORGANIZE TOKEN RESISTANCE? THESE GUYS WERE HARDLY MASTER STRATEGISTS.

MY GUESS IS SIMPLY STANDING IN THEIR WAY WOULD BE ENOUGH TO SEND THEM SCURRYING BACK TO THEIR TOXIC TUNNELS.

THE ONLY THING WE'VE EVER ACCOMPLISHED BY FIGHTING BACK AGAINST ANYONE IS LOSING OUR LIVES.




SO YOU JUST LET THEM RANSACK YOUR STORES AND WATCH THEM RUN OFF WITH WHATEVER CATCHES THEIR EYE?




I -- I GUESS
IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND
UNLESS YOU COME FROM
THE CORPORATE
CULTURE...

I
GUESS IT
IS.



LOOK, THESE PEOPLE
HAVE ALL BEEN MARGINALIZED...
THE VICTIMS OF FALLING PROFIT MARGINS
AND BUDGET CUTS. WE HAVE ENOUGH
TROUBLE KEEPING THEM TOGETHER,
SINCE MANAGEMENT IS ALWAYS THE
FIRST TO BE PROMOTED...

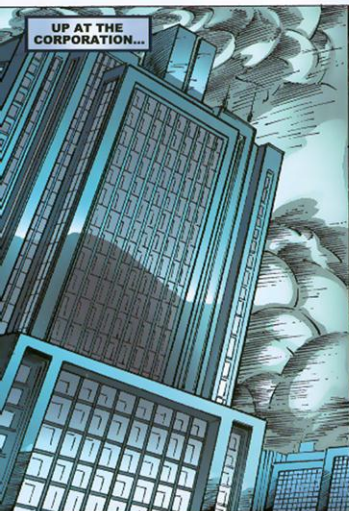


SO, YEAH.
WE JUST TRY TO
SURVIVE. AND WE HOPE
WE CAN MAKE IT BACK UP
TOP WHILE WE STILL
HAVE VALUE TO THE
CORPORATION.



AND I
THOUGHT I
WAS LACKING
DIRECTION?

UP AT THE
CORPORATION...







WELL, THIS
HAS TURNED
OUT TO BE AN
INTERESTING
DAY.

SO
WHAT NOW?



ORDERLY
LINE/ SINGLE
FILE!



YOUR
CORPORATION
NEEDS YOU!

To Be Continued...



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