

THE NOCTURNAL KNIGHT



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LIVING NEAR THE EDGE
OF OPPORTUNITY, YOU
GET TO SEE
BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN.
YOU LEARN TO APPRECIATE
THE LITTLE THINGS

WHEN YOUR COUNTRY DECIDES
TO STEAL YOUR FOOD AND ALL OF
YOUR HARD WORK FROM YOU,
YOU THINK WHY BOTHER. YOU CLING
ON TO HOPE THINKING THESE
PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER

JUAREZ MEX

I NEED TO
CLOSE UP,
NO ONES
GONNA SHOW
UP EVERYONES
CROSSED
THE BORDER
ALLREADY

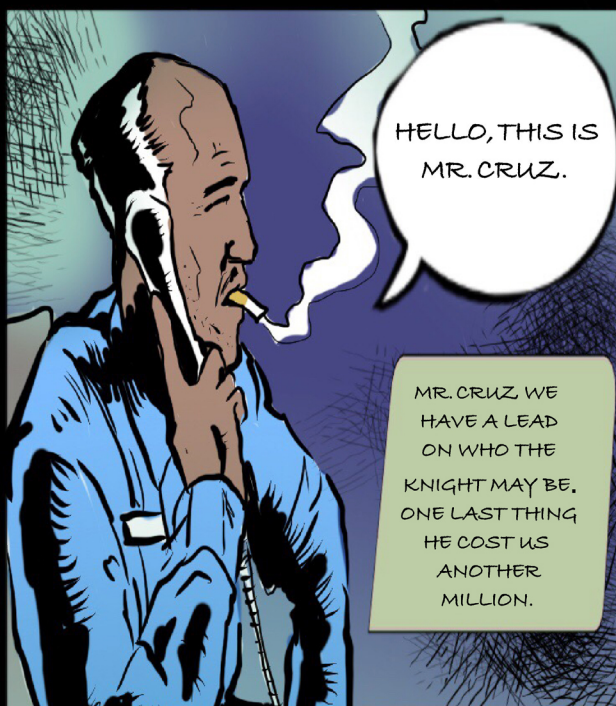
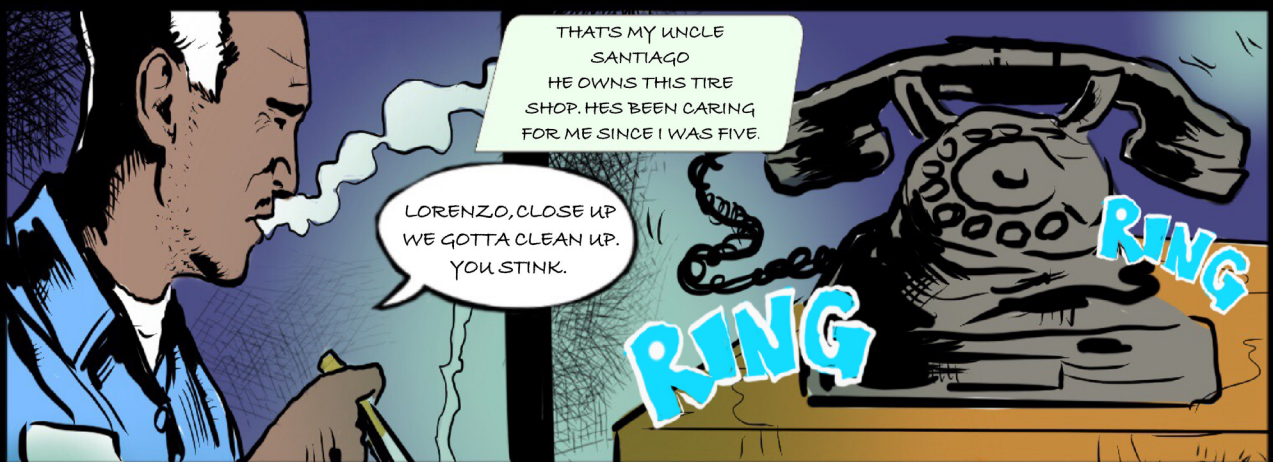
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GET OUT
OF HERE.
I STINK.

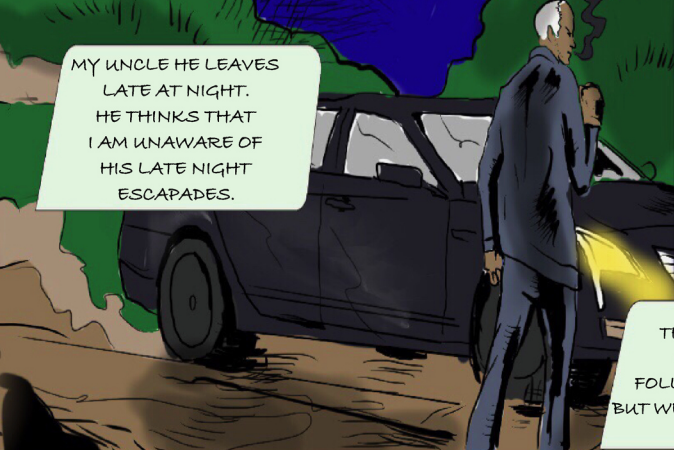
ANOTHER DAY
IN PARADISE.
AT LEAST I GOT
A TIP. TACO FUND.
HEHE

TRYING TO EARN AN HONEST
LIVING HAS BECOME IMPOSSIBLE
WE THINK WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING
BUT WERE ONLY FEEDING
THE GREEDY.


TONIGHT IS THE
NIGHT, LIVE OR DIE.
I NEED TO STOP WHO EVER
IS KILLING THOSE
REPORTERS, THEY'RE STUCK
IN THE CROSSFIRE.
EXPOSE THE GOVERNMENT
OR DIE. QUITE SAD.

HONEST REPORTERS EXPOSING
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
DIE DAILY. HUMAN LIFE
HAS NO MEANING.
ITS ALL ABOUT POWER
WHILE THE PEOPLE STARVE.






MY UNCLE HE LEAVES
LATE AT NIGHT.
HE THINKS THAT
I AM UNAWARE OF
HIS LATE NIGHT
ESCAPADES.



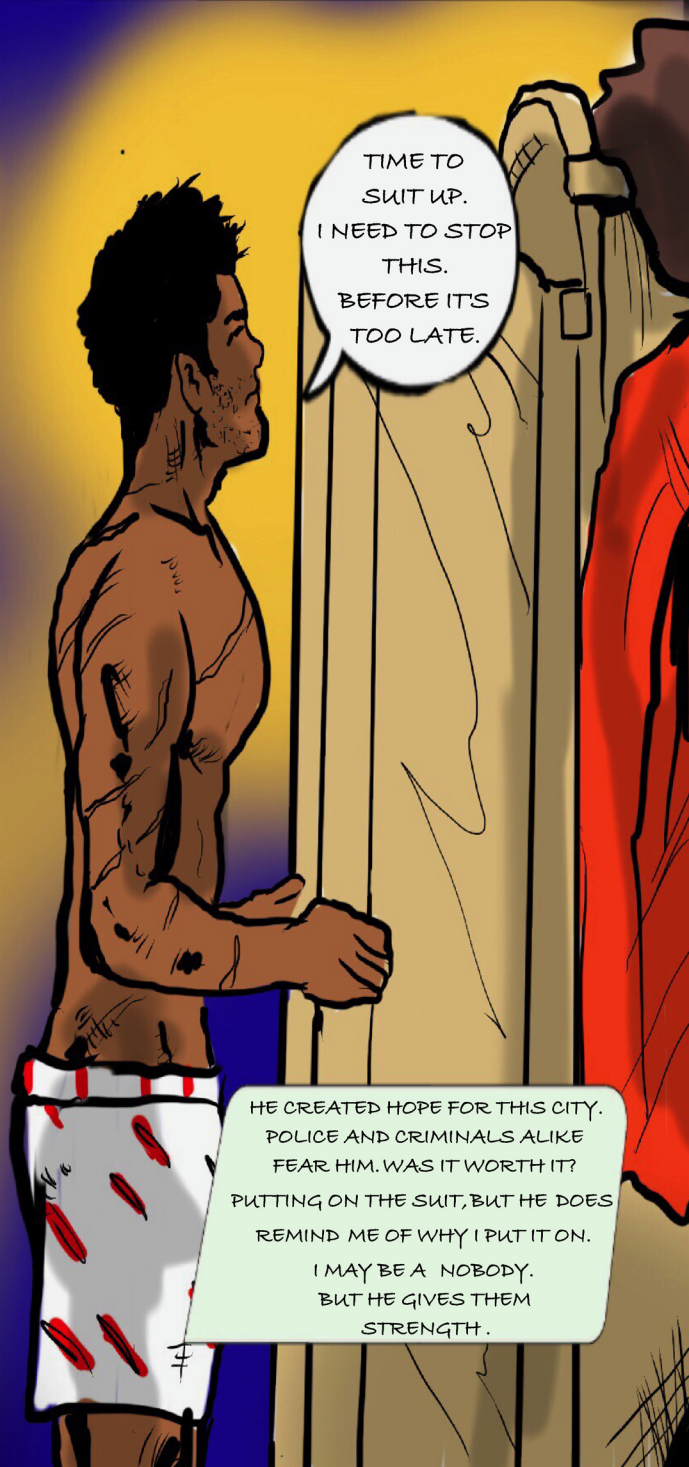
THAT'S THE SAME
CAR I'VE BEEN
FOLLOWING AS A LEAD.
BUT WE ALL HAVE SECRETS.



I TOLD MYSELF
I WOULDN'T WEAR IT
IT WAS A ONE TIME THING
NOW EVERYONE HAS
HOPE. WHEN
THEY SEE HIM.



TIME TO
SUIT UP.
I NEED TO STOP
THIS.
BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE.



HE CREATED HOPE FOR THIS CITY.
POLICE AND CRIMINALS ALIKE
FEAR HIM. WAS IT WORTH IT?
PUTTING ON THE SUIT, BUT HE DOES
REMIND ME OF WHY I PUT IT ON.
I MAY BE A NOBODY.
BUT HE GIVES THEM
STRENGTH.



I MADE THE SUIT FROM OLD MOTORCYCLE GEAR. YEAH STOLE SOME BULLET PROOF VESTS. BUT THE POLICE DON'T NEED THEM.

TONIGHT I WILL MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WHO I TRULY AM. IT'S ALWAYS SCARY PUTTING THIS ON. BUT THE DEATHS NEED TO STOP.

THEY'RE CALLING ME THE RED BIRD, SERIOUSLY?



SOMETIMES I THINK. WHY BOTHER BUT THEN I REMEMBER, IF SOMEONE HAD STOOD UP TO THEM BEFORE. WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS. SEEKING PARADISE ACROSS THE BORDER WHERE PERHAPS WE ARE NOT WANTED.



LA HERRADURA CARTEL. THEY CONTROL THIS SECTOR. MAINLY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. BELOW THEM ARE THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. LIKE MY UNCLE.



I KEEP ALL MY
EQUIPMENT IN ABANDONED
WARE HOUSES.



TONIGHT
SEEMS
CALM.
SOMETHING
BIG IS
GOING DOWN.



ALL RIGHT
LET'S
DO THIS.
ONE LAST
TIME!

TONIGHT I WILL PUT AN END TO THIS
ONCE AND FOR ALL. EVEN IF I HAVE TO
PUT HIM DOWN.

I TELL MYSELF EVERYTIME THAT
THIS WILL BE THE LAST. BUT THESE
PEOPLE SIMPLY DON'T CARE ABOUT HUMAN
LIFE. MONEY AND POWER. SO MANY
INNOCENT PEOPLE CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE.

MEANWHILE...

THEY USE CHURCHES
TO KEEP ALL THEIR
DRUGS AND MONEY
AWAY FROM BANK
ACCOUNTS. NO TRACE
LIKE GHOSTS.

LA HERRADURA
CARTEL THEY
DO HELP THE POOR.
BUT WOULD YOU REALLY
TAKE IT KNOWING
THAT MONEY IS STAINED
WITH BLOOD.

MR. CRUZ
AND MR. LOPEZ
GLAD YOU
CAN JOIN US.

WE SEEM TO HAVE
CAUGHT SOME
RATS DIGGING
IN OUR TRASHCANS.
WHAT SHALL
WE DO WITH THEM?

WE CAN'T RISK
BEING SEEN TOGETHER.
I SAY, CHOP THEM
UP. PLACE THEM
IN THE PLAZA.
SO THEY
KNOW WE
MEAN BUSINESS.

PADRE, WHY
ARE WE
HERE?

I AGREE,
I HAVE MANY
THINGS I NEED
TO TEND TO

PLEASE, WE
HAVEN'T DONE
ANYTHING WRONG.
LET US GO.
YOU'RE A
MAN OF GOD.
WHY
ARE YOU DOING THIS?

IT SEEMS
THESE
TWO ARE
GIVING THE
KNIGHT
INFORMATION.
YOU KNOW WE
USE RELIGION
TO PREY ON THE
WEAK AND
THE GUILTY

THESE TWO AND
THAT DAMN KNIGHT
COST ME
A FORTUNE. TORTURE THEM
SO WE CAN FINALLY KNOW
WHO THIS KNIGHT IS.

THEY ARE SUPPLIED BY GOVERNMENT FUNDING. MAN TONIGHT IS GOING TO BE A LONG ROUGH NIGHT.

OH BOY THE PARTY STARTED WITHOUT ME.

WHAT THE HELL! CALL FOR BACK UP!

SHOOT HIM!

CRASH!

I TRIED THE NO KILLING THING. DIDN'T WORKOUT. SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO END THE CYCLE. THERES NO GOING BACK.

POW!!

WHAM!!

TAKING OUT THE TRASH.



GET HIM
THEY WANT
HIM ALIVE.

THEY MUST
BE ON TO
ME.

POW!!

THESE GUYS ARE MILITARY
TRAINED. WHAT IS
GOING ON HERE.

WHY DO THEY FIGHT
FOR THE WRONG SIDE.
DO THEY NOT
SEE THEY WILL ALWAYS
HIDE IN THE SHADOWS.

DAMN, BROKE
A SWEAT.
DEFINITELY
GONNA FEEL THAT
IN THE MORNING.

I NEED TO
HURRY
INSIDE.
BEFORE ITS
TOO LATE.

THEY SEEK THE WRONG
KIND OF POWER.
THEIR SOULS CORRUPTED.
STAINED BY THE BLOOD
OF INNOCENTS.



TELL ME WHO IS THE KNIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW PLEASE LET ME GO, I HAVE A FAMILY



KNIT 6 WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE? COME IN, OVER.



HE'S HERE TO CAST JUDGEMENT



UNIT 6, COME IN! OVER. WHAT IS GOING ON OUT THERE!



NOW LETS SEE WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE.



WAIT WHY IS, MY INFORMANT'S WALLET HERE. THEY SHOULDN'T BE HERE.



IF THEY TALK IT'S ALL OVER.

