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THE DARKNESS:

MAFIA HITMAN JACKIE ESTACADO WAS BOTH BLESSED AND CURSED ON HIS 21ST BIRTHDAY: HE BECAME THE BEARER OF THE DARKNESS, WITH ACCESS TO AN OTHERWORLDLY DIMENSION AND THE DEMONS WHO DWELL THERE TO DO THIS BIDDING. WHEN MOB KINGPIN FRANKIE FRANCHETTI KILLED JENNY, THE ONLY WOMAN JACKIE EVER LOVED, JACKIE TURNED AGAINST HIS MAFIA FAMILY, KILLING BOTH FRANKIE AND HIMSELF. BUT THE DARKNESS BROUGHT JACKIE BACK TO LIFE, TO DO ITS OWN MYSTERIOUS BIDDING.

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RECENTLY:

DUE TO RECENT CONFLICTS WITH THE YUEN CRIME FAMILY BACK HOME, JACKIE HAS TRAVELED TO HONG KONG TO ERASE THE PROBLEM AT ITS SOURCE. WHEN JACKIE CONFRONTS THE CRIME LORDS, HE IS SURPRISED THAT THEY KNOW OF HIS WEAKNESS TO SUNLIGHT AND HAVE SET A TRAP FROM WHICH THERE LOOKS TO BE NO ESCAPE. AS HE IS ATTACKED BY THE MYSTERIOUS MR. KUO WHO HAS THE POWER TO PULL DRAGON-LIKE CREATURES FROM A STRANGE MIST, JACKIE MAKES THE ONLY MOVE HE CAN, THROWING HIMSELF OUT THE WINDOW OF THE SKYSCRAPER. NOW JACKIE FINDS HIMSELF FALLING, HANDS CUFFED BEHIND HIS BACK, TO THE HARD CONCRETE FAR BELOW UNDER THE WARMTH OF THE MORNING SUN.

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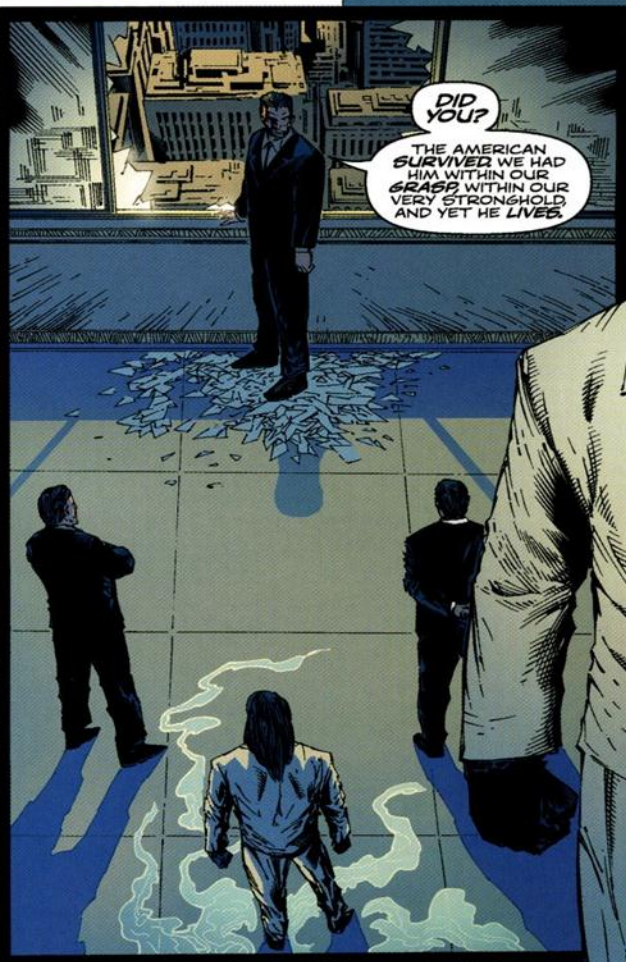
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EASY...

...EASY...

...I THINK YOU
LITTLE BASTARDS
YANKED MY ARMS
OUT OF THE
SOCKETS WHEN
YOU CAUGHT ME.

BETTER
THAN THE
ALTERNATIVE,
WASN'T IT,
BOSS?

HOLD
STILL...

...WE'LL GET
THOSE CUFFS
OFF YOU.

NOT GONNA
MAKE MUCH
DIFFERENCE...

CHANK!



...I CAN'T
MOVE MY
ARMS.

HE
CAN FIX
THAT.

WHAT, HE'S
A **DOCTOR**
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?



HA!

HA! HEE!

WELL...

...HE SURE
DOESN'T MIND
THE SIGHT OF
BLOOD!

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SINCE MY
OTHER OPTIONS
ARE, LET'S SEE,
NONE... OKAY.

JUST DO IT
QUICK. YUEN'S
GOONS WILL BE
DOWN HERE IN A
HEARTBEAT...

...AND
DISLOCATED
SHOULDERS WILL BE
THE **LEAST** OF MY
PROBLEMS IF I'M
STILL AROUND WHEN
THEY SHOW UP

HOLD STILL
THIS WON'T
HURT...









NO, REALLY,
I ONLY NEED TO
BORROW ONE, OR
MAYBE **TWO**, JUST
TO BE ON THE SAFE
SIDE. I SWEAR I'LL
BRING THEM
BACK...

...BUT
PROBABLY NOT
ALL THE **BULLETS**
TO BE PERFECTLY
HONEST.

HELLO?

YOU
GUYS
GETTING
THIS?

GUN?

YOU KNOW,
"BANG"
"BANG."

ANYBODY?

ANYBODY
SPEAK
ENGLISH?

YOU.

OKAY...

...SO AT
LEAST YOU
SPEAK
ENGLISH.


KLIK












...PLENTY
MORE WHERE
THEY CAME
FROM.

I DUNNO
BOSS...



...YOU **SURE**
THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?
BROAD DAYLIGHT
AND ALL?

I SAID I WAS
GOING TO KILL
ALL OF THEM,
RIGHT?

NO TIME
LIKE THE
PRESENT TO
START.




BESIDES, WE
NEED ONE OF
THEM.

I HAVE TO
FIND OUT WHERE
THE OLD MAN CALLS
HOME, BECAUSE
COME NIGHTFALL, HE
SURE AS HELL AIN'T
GONNA BE IN THAT
PENTHOUSE.

**LANGUAGE
BARRIER'S** NOT
GONNA BE A
PROBLEM?

DON'T
WORRY...



...WE'LL FIND
A WAY TO
COMMUNICATE.



GOOD

PLAN ON
TAKING CARE
OF IT...





MR. ESTACADO...



...YOU HAVE
BEEN MAKING
MISCHIEF.

WE HAVE A
LEGEND HERE IN
HONG KONG.

IT DATES BACK
THOUSANDS OF
YEARS, PROBABLY A
LONGER PERIOD THAN
ANYONE FROM YOUR
COUNTRY CAN EVEN
GRASP.

I LEAVE IT
TO YOU TO
JUDGE THE
TRUTH OF
IT.



BUT IT IS SAID
THAT WHEN HONG
KONG IS
THREATENED...









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