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# MADNESS

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#7



WHAT'S  
THE  
PROBLEM?

CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN A LAND OF EXTREMES



MADNESS

SOME ORDER HAS BEEN RESTORED AS DALLAS RECOVERS FROM ITS DISASTROUS PAST. THE ECONOMY APPEARS TO BE LOOKING UP, AT LEAST FOR THOSE ATTENDING THIS ELITE FUND RAISER. THE RABBLE OUTSIDE ARE LEFT TO PROTEST.



THE PROTESTERS ARE KEPT UNDER OBSERVATION.

BUT, THE ELITE DON'T NEED TO LOOK DOWN FROM THEIR LOFTY PERCH. THE PROBLEM MAY BE RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM.



DESTRUERE

GRACE'S SYCOPHANT FRIENDS PLAY TO HER EGO.

FOR AN EX-CON, DESTRUERE IS SEXY. BUT, THIS IS FASHION FOR GOD SAKES.

GRACE, YOU SHOULD BE THE STAR.



GRACE

AND YOU, GRACE, RENDER ALL THESE DISCARDED HUSKS OF HUMANS REDUNDANT.

YOU'RE RIGHT, I DESERVE BETTER.

YEAH, SHOW THESE PEONS THEIR PLACE.

HEY PUNK, WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU ARE SO HOT, YOU ALL CONSUMING NARCISSIST?



THOR

NOBODY REALLY CARES ABOUT YOU UNLESS YOU'RE SHOWERING THEM WITH EMPTY FLATTERY, MONEY AND INFLUENCE

EXCUSE ME?

B.A.



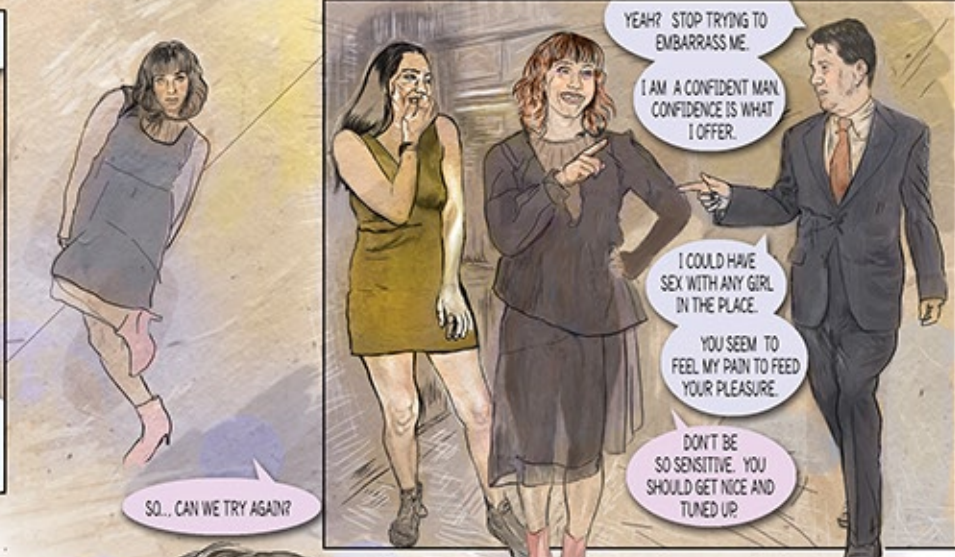
UM, YEAH, THOR, THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE WAITING. LET'S GO.



YEAH, LET'S KEEP MOVING!



OH, WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? WHY CAN'T I SAY WHAT I REALLY FEEL?



HAVING FUN EVERYONE?

GET YOUR POCKET BOOKS OUT. PEOPLE. TIME TO REBUILD!

WITH YOUR MONEY, THESE DALLAS ELITE WILL BUILD A FUTURE FOR US ALL.

LET'S BUILD. BUILD. BUILD.

I MAY HAVE GIVEN YOU THE WRONG IMPRESSION.

FOR A LONG TIME, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO VISIT WITH YOU.

I AM A LITTLE AROUSED. YOU ARE SEXY.

DON'T GET FRUSTRATED. CAUSE, IF YOU WANT IT, YOU WILL HAVE TO WORK FOR IT.

THOR, WHAT IS GOING ON? LOOK.

BUSINESS FIRST.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE RIGHT NOW.

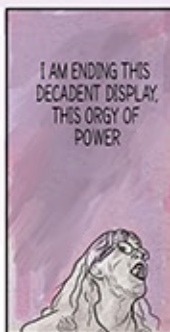
DON'T WORRY, GRACE MY DEAR.

B.A.'S JUST VERY PROTECTIVE.

NO! I MEAN LOOK OVER THERE!

HUH?





LATER AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM.



HE WILL BE OK. JUST LET HIM REST. HE IS ONE LUCKY S.O.B.



THINK I WILL STICK AROUND.

YEAH, I'M HERE TO HELP. HELP MYSELF THAT IS.



HE'S COMING OUT OF IT.



HE'S MUMBLED SOMETHING. TELLS ME THIS COULD PROVE REWARDING...



IT WAS THE PROTESTERS WHO PUT GUS UP TO PLANTING THE BOMB.

WHY DOES THE RABBLE HATE ME SO?

AND THIS GRACE HAD HER PART IN IT.

-NOT HER REAL NAME, BY THE WAY-

SHE HAS SECRETS

OUTRAGEOUS

GROGGY. CAN'T THINK CLEAR. WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

ABOUT TIME YOU WOKE UP AND JOINED THE PARTY

SHE TEASED. WITH PURPOSE.

HA. EASILY MANIPULATED



I WON'T STAND FOR THIS.

I FEEL RAGE.  
THIS MOB IS TRYING TO DESTROY EVERYTHING I AM TRYING TO BUILD.  
TIME FOR ACTION.

TOO MUCH PEACE AND TRANQUILITY.

THIS HUMAN GARBAGE IS TRYING TO DESTROY ME? I WON'T FRICKEN' HAVE IT.



HUMAN GARBAGE

NO  
NOR  
NO



PAY ATTENTION.  
NOT A PUPPET ON A STRING. BESIDES, EVEN IF I WERE,  
I'M MERELY ONE OF THE ELITE TRYING TO HELP YOU.

STORMING THROUGH

OMG. THIS IS AWESOMELY AMUSING. A VERITABLE WASTELAND OF VIOLENT CAPITALISTS AND THEIR HELPLESS, SHITBRAINED VICTIMS.

THIS COULD NOT HAVE GONE BETTER. EVERYONE IS DIVIDED AND IN FEAR OF EACH OTHER.

I AM GOING TO EXPOSE THIS FOOL  
THERE IS ABOUT TO BE A SEA OF CHANGE.  
TIME TO MEET WITH THE BOYS

IN A FRENZY OF ENERGY

THOR JOYFULLY VIOLATES THE PROTESTERS

YOU ARE UNAPPRECIATIVE OF HOW I HELP YOU.

WITHOUT ME, YOU'VE GOT NOTHING.

SHOW SOME FRICKING RESPECT

YOU PEOPLE MAKE ME SICK.

WELL I CERTAINLY HOPE YOUR BACK'S NOT BROKEN WITH ALL SELF-CONGRATULATORY SLAPPING

OUR LIVES ARE NOT YOUR VANITY PROJECT, JERN!  
YOU ARE IN THIS FOR YOURSELF



DISCOMFORT



SO SAD. THOR IS LIKE  
A WOUNDED, TORTURED  
ANIMAL.



HE SEEMS TO  
BE IGNORING ME.



THOR I'M WORRIED  
ABOUT YOU. IT PAINS ME TO SEE YOU  
THIS WAY. I WORRY, NOT SO MUCH FOR YOUR  
PHYSICAL STABILITY, BUT YOUR  
MENTAL WELL-BEING.



YOU CONFUSE ME.

I MEAN, YOU,  
KIND OF... FLATTER ME,  
BUT MOSTLY YOU CONFOUND  
AND DISRUPT MY SENSE  
OF COMFORT.

PRETTY SURE  
I DON'T REALLY GIVE A SHIT,  
BUT I'LL BITE, EVEN FOR  
THE LAUGHS.

SORRY, BUT I AM  
FEELING BETRAYED  
RIGHT NOW, AND I KNOW  
GRACE IS NOT YOUR  
REAL NAME.

OUR NAMES ARE THE ONES  
WE IDENTIFY WITH, NOT THE  
ONES WE'RE GIVEN.

YOU DON'T HAVE  
TO BE SO FLIP, SO  
CAVALIER. ASS.

WHY WORRY ABOUT  
ME? I KNOW MORE  
THAN YOU THINK.



YOU MAY NOT UNDERSTAND  
AS MUCH AS YOU THINK.

YES. I HAVE SECRETS,  
AND GRACE IS NOT  
MY REAL NAME.

THERE  
ARE THINGS  
I CAN'T  
SPEAK OF.

GO NOW.

EVERYTHING IS WRONG.  
I WAS FEELING SUCH HAPPINESS.  
NOW CONFUSION REIGNS

IT ANNOYS ME TO  
NO END THAT SOME PEOPLE  
WOV'T LET ME HAVE NICE  
THINGS AT THEIR  
EXPENSE.

WELL, I LIVE IN A  
GREY AREA, WHERE WE  
SHOULD ALL LIVE.

EVEN A CALCULATING  
BASTARD LIKE MYSELF ISV'T  
ALL BAD. NOT ALL  
GOOD EITHER.

I'M OBVIOUSLY,  
A LITTLE SELF-SERVING,  
SELF-SATISFIED. KIND OF A  
PRICK, AND EVEN KEEPING  
THESE WOMEN AT BAY WITH  
MANIPULATIVE GUILLE  
DIDN'T WORK.

MAYBE I WAS TOO NICE, OR  
TOO ALOOF. BUT I AM AWAKE NOW  
AND I INTEND TO EXACT REVENGE.  
INTENT, AFTER ALL, IS  
EVERYTHING.

GUESS YOU HEARD,  
IT WAS NOT THE  
PROTESTERS

IT WAS  
DESTRUERE, NOT  
THE PROTESTERS.  
GRACE LIKELY  
HELPED.

WELL THEN  
WHO WAS  
IT?

DESTRUERE?  
I CAN SEE IT. SHE'S  
ALL LOOKS AND  
ZERO CHARM.

BUT  
GRACE?

I DON'T  
BELIEVE IT.

WHY,  
WHY,  
WHY.

TOO NICE,  
TOO SOFT.

GUESS  
DESTRUERE WAS  
NOT REHABILITATED  
AFTER ALL.

GUS IS WORKING  
WITH HER.

THE BOMB WAS  
A RUSE TO LOOT  
THE SAFE.

DESTRUERE  
AND HER TEAM.

WHAT A DUPE  
I HAVE BEEN.  
I LET SOMEONE GET  
CLOSE TO ME.

I GUESS I AM LETTING MY  
EMOTIONS GET THE BEST  
OF ME.

OVER THE YEARS,  
I HAVE DONE MANY GOOD  
AND BAD THINGS.

MY COMPASS IS A LITTLE  
MESSED UP BUT I ONLY HAVE THE  
BEST OF INTENTIONS.

I'LL SHOW THEM ALL!  
I WILL LURE THEM  
BOTH HERE.

THEN...





I AM DESTRUERE!  
I HAVE THE POWER TO DESTROY  
AND TO CREATE

MY BAD BOYS AND I HAVE  
KNOCKED OFF THE TOP BLOCK.

I AM IN CHARGE.

IT'S TIME TO RISE UP!

YOU WILL FLOURISH.  
UNDER MY RULE, YOU GET  
FREEDOM FROM THE ELITE.

WITH MY RULE YOU WILL  
ESCAPE THIS MADNESS

THEIR PROMISE OF  
UTOPIA IS GONE

LOOK WHAT ENLIGHTENED REASON  
HAS BROUGHT TO YOU.

THEY USED ME AS THEIR SCAPEGOAT  
BUT NO LONGER.

RETURN WITH ME  
TO YOUR TRIBAL LOYALTIES,  
HOME, SPIRIT,



LIES. SHE IS MAD.  
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO.  
AN ENDLESS CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND  
SUBMISSION, OF HOPELESSNESS  
AND ENDLESSNESS

EVEN WHEN OUR BEST  
INTERESTS ARE ONLY SLIGHTLY  
OUT-OF-REACH, HERE COME THESE  
POWER PLAYERS TO EITHER EXTEND OR  
AMEND THEIR POWER OVER US.  
PROMISES OF RESCUE FROM  
FINANCIAL GUTTERS.



LIAR

STOP!  
I INTEND TO PUT AN END  
TO THIS, RIGHT NOW.



OH, YEAH OK BOYS.  
LET'S GET HER.



DON'T COUNT ON IT.

YOU CAN'T STOP A FORCE OF NATURE.

BUT YOU WILL LEARN THE NATURE OF FORCE

NATURE IS POWER!

NATURE IS TRUTH



LIAR



WHAM









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