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# MISSING BOY FOUND DEAD

## INFORMATION WANTED

BETWEEN DATES MARCH 23 AND APRIL 3, 1957

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
KINDLY NOTIFY W. H. PARKER, CHIEF OF POLICE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

THOMAS ELDON BOWMAN, alias: TOMMY, missing since March 23, 1957, was found dead in the Warehouse District of Downtown Los Angeles. Male, American, 13 years, 5 ft. 1 in., 100 lbs., blond hair, brown eyes, missing 2 teeth. Wearing a grey shirt, brown shorts, brown shoes, Davy Crockett belt buckle, lying in alley alone with bullet wound in chest. Boy's parents identified the body on April 4, 1957.

Bowman was found outside of a warehouse on April 3, 1957, where inside police found another 21 dead. Most of the bodies that had identification were New York residents with a small mix of Cleveland and Los Angeles residents. Police also discovered a large supply of weapons and ammunitions, pointing to an arms deal with possible mafia ties. Ricardo "Slick Ricky" Durante is a suspect in this case and also the lead suspect in the murder investigation of Boone Martinbrough.

It is unknown whether Bowman was part of the warehouse operation or an innocent bystander. His family and police are continuing to search for information regarding the boy's whereabouts between the time of his disappearance and the time of his death. Information during this window

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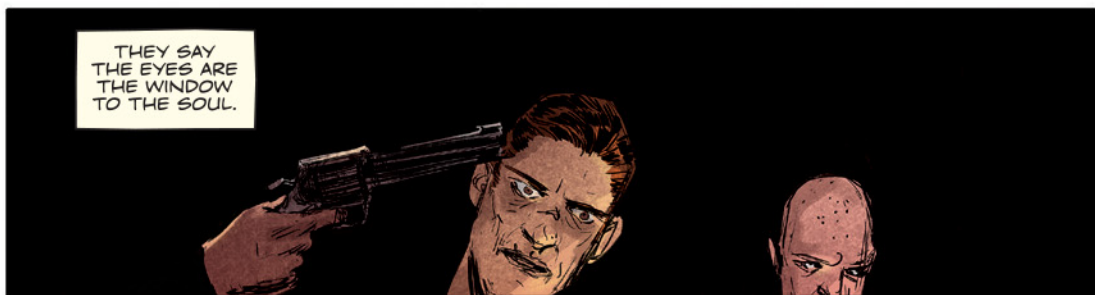
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THEY SAY  
THE EYES ARE  
THE WINDOW  
TO THE SOUL.



BUT SOMETIMES,  
EVEN WHEN YOU  
CAN SEE INTO A  
MAN'S SOUL...



...THERE'S STILL  
NO TELLING WHAT  
HE'S CAPABLE OF.





THE ONLY THING HARVEY SLATER WANTED IN 1940 WAS TO LEAVE HOME AND FIGHT IN THE WAR.

HE WANTED THAT UNIFORM SO BAD HE LIED ABOUT HIS AGE ON THE APPLICATION.



BUT IT DIDN'T WORK, AND SLATER WAS STUCK AT HOME--EIGHTEEN AND BROKE, LIVING WITH HIS POOR EXCUSE FOR A FATHER.

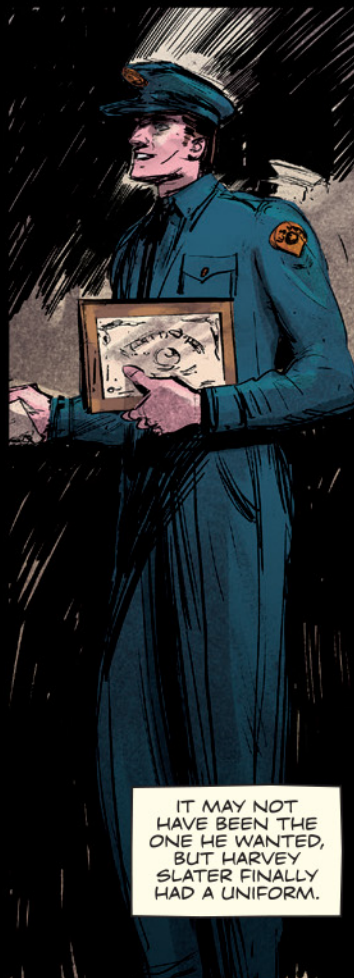
SO HE HAD TO IMPROVISE.



HE STUDIED IN PARKS AND DINERS SO HIS FATHER WOULDN'T KNOW HE HAD JOINED THE LOS ANGELES POLICE ACADEMY.



EVERY TEST, EVERY FEAT, EVERY TARGET WAS ONE STEP CLOSER TO GETTING AWAY FROM HIS FATHER.



IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE ONE HE WANTED, BUT HARVEY SLATER FINALLY HAD A UNIFORM.

THE JOB DIDN'T  
PAY MUCH AND  
THE ONLY  
GOING-AWAY GIFT  
HE GOT FROM  
HIS DAD WAS A  
LEFT HOOK.  
SLATER HAD THE  
SHIRT ON HIS  
BACK AND A FULL  
PACK OF  
CIGARETTES,  
AND THAT WAS  
PLENTY.



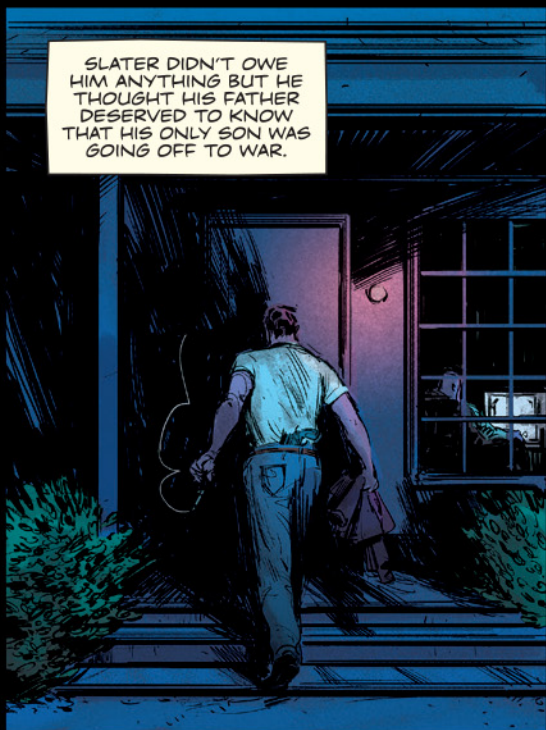
BUT THEN 1942 SHOWED UP.  
SLATER WAS WORKING NEWTON  
DIVISION WITH TERRY RIGGS  
WHEN HE GOT THE NEWS.



THE DRAFT AGE  
HAD BEEN DROPPED  
FROM 21 TO 18,  
WHICH MEANT  
SLATER AND EVERY  
OTHER ABLE-BODIED  
WHITE MAN HE  
KNEW WAS ABOUT  
TO PUT ON A NEW  
UNIFORM.

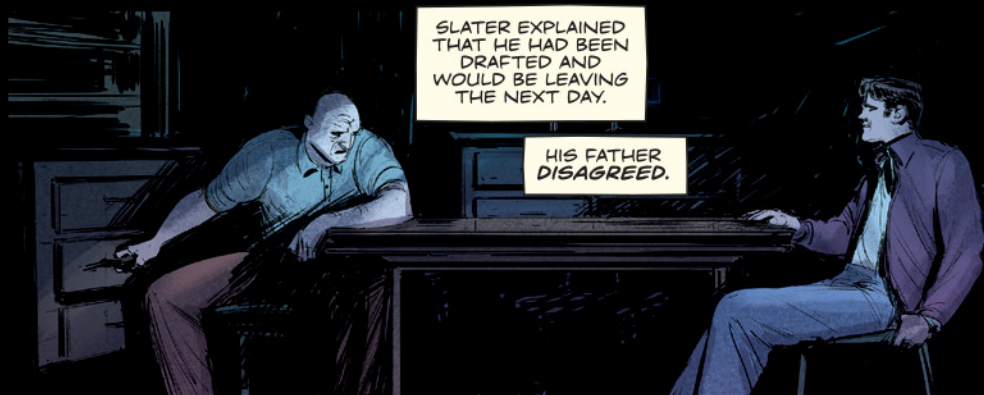
SERIAL NUMBER <b>774</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>Harvey Lewis Slater</b>	ORDER NUMBER <b>10,264</b>
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) <b>1383 W. 22nd St.</b>		
(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THIS LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)		
3. MAILING ADDRESS <i>same</i>		
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS <b>20</b>	6. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Los Angeles</b>
	DATE OF BIRTH <b>May 9 - 1922</b>	<b>C.A.</b>
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO EMPLOYERS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>Lewis Slater Los Angeles, C.A.</b>		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <b>Los Angeles Police Department</b>		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <b>150 N. Los Angeles St Los Angeles C.A.</b>		

SLATER DIDN'T OWE  
HIM ANYTHING BUT HE  
THOUGHT HIS FATHER  
DESERVED TO KNOW  
THAT HIS ONLY SON WAS  
GOING OFF TO WAR.



THEY HADN'T  
SPOKEN IN  
OVER A YEAR,  
AND IT WAS THE  
LAST TIME  
THEY WOULD  
EVER TALK...





SLATER EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN DRAFTED AND WOULD BE LEAVING THE NEXT DAY.

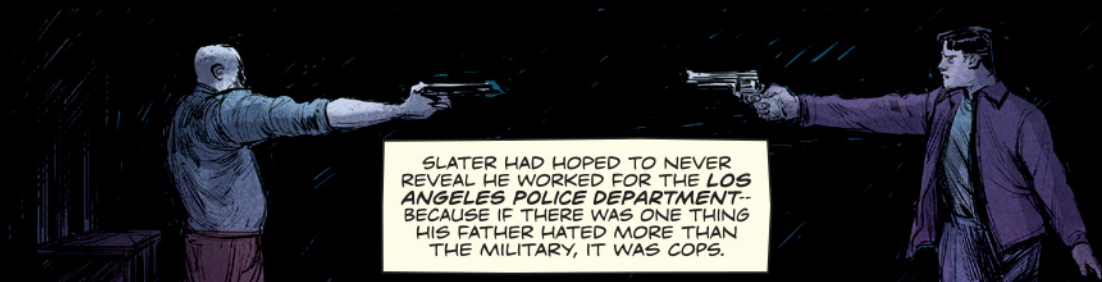
HIS FATHER DISAGREED.



BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER. SLATER WAS HIS OWN MAN, READY TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY AND KILL THE ENEMY. AND NOTHING WAS GOING TO GET IN THE WAY OF THAT.



EVEN HIS FATHER.



SLATER HAD HOPED TO NEVER REVEAL HE WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT-- BECAUSE IF THERE WAS ONE THING HIS FATHER HATED MORE THAN THE MILITARY, IT WAS COPS.



BUT HE DIDN'T CARE ANYMORE. HE WAS FINALLY GOING TO WEAR THE UNIFORM. NOTHING HIS FATHER SAID OR DID COULD CHANGE THAT. HARVEY SLATER WAS LEAVING.



NO. NO, HE WASN'T.

# HIGHLAND PARK

SOONER  
OR LATER,  
EVERYONE  
HAS TO MAKE  
A HARD  
DECISION.

FOR STICKY, THE  
LINE WAS BLURRED.  
HE WANTED THE  
RIGHT THING; HE  
WANTED JUSTICE.

BUT IT WAS HARD  
NOT TO TAKE  
JUSTICE INTO HIS  
OWN HANDS.

HE HAD TO FORCE  
HIMSELF TO ACCEPT  
THAT, THIS TIME, THE  
HARD THING AND  
THE RIGHT THING  
WERE THE SAME...

LAPD!  
PUT YOUR  
HANDS  
WHERE I  
CAN--

