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Paris - Île de la Cité

In the Reign of Louis XIV

BLESS ME,  
FATHER, FOR  
I HAVE  
SINNED...

...I COULD  
NOT SAY HOW  
LONG IT HAS BEEN  
SINCE MY LAST  
CONFESSION...

...AND MY  
**SINS** ARE TOO  
LEGION TO  
LIST.

GO  
ON, MY  
SON.

THERE IS  
**ONE** SIN--ONE  
THAT STILL BURNS  
IN MY HEART.

YOU  
ARE FAMILIAR,  
I ASSUME, WITH  
THE BOOK OF  
ROMANS, CHAPTER  
TWELVE, VERSE  
NINETEEN...?

SPEAK  
IT FOR ME,  
MY SON.





"DO NOT TAKE  
REVENGE, MY DEAR  
FRIENDS, BUT LEAVE  
ROOM FOR GOD'S  
WRATH..."

"FOR IT IS WRITTEN:  
'IT IS MINE TO AVENGE;  
'I WILL RE-PAY,' SAYS  
THE LORD."

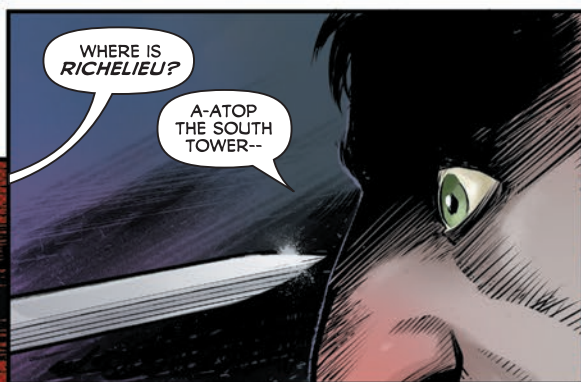


THE  
LORD *IS*  
WISE...

PERHAPS. BUT  
I CANNOT TRUST  
HIM TO ENACT MY  
**REVENGE**. HE HAS  
FAILED ME TOO  
MANY TIMES.



**SWINGSCH**

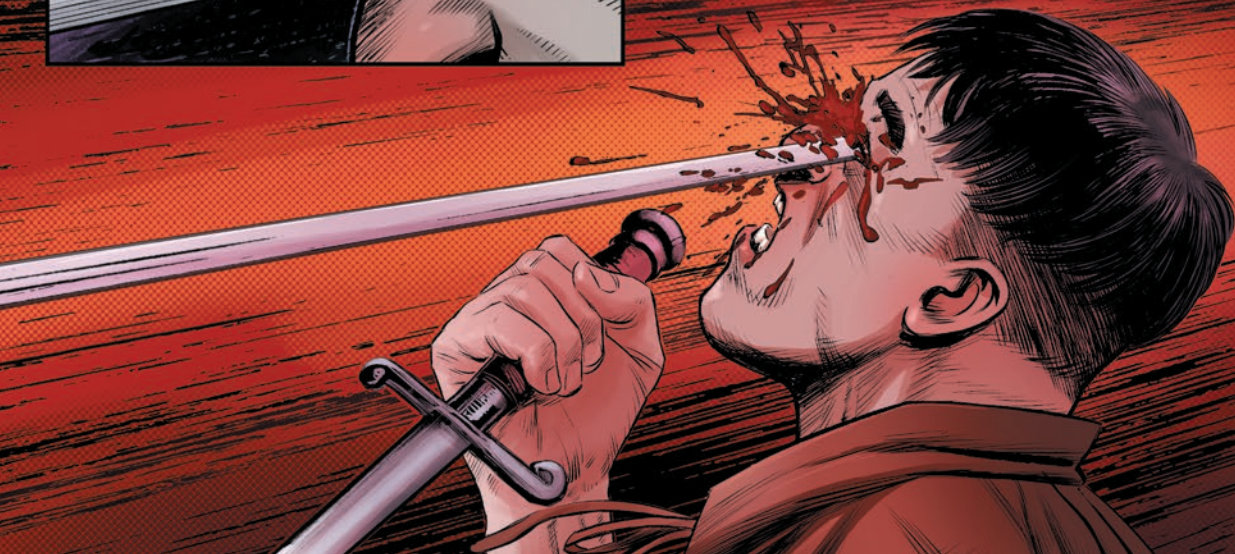


WHERE IS  
**RICHELIEU**?

A-ATOP  
THE SOUTH  
TOWER--



--BUT YOU  
WON'T MAKE  
IT THERE  
ALIVE.









Paris - Quartier Pigalle

Meanwhile, across the Seine...

A CUTTING OF THE HAIR, MONSIEUR? WELL, THAT *IS* WHAT OUR RAZORS WERE *ORIGINALLY* INTENDED FOR...

I FIND MYSELF IN NEED OF A LITTLE TRIM...

MY HAIR NEEDS NO CUTTING. I ASK YOU TO REMOVE SOME PORTION *OF MY FLESH*, AS YOU WOULD A GOUTY OR GANGRENOUS APPENDAGE.

YOU DO NOT LOOK UNWELL, MONSIEUR. SAVE PERHAPS FOR A LUXURIANCE ROUND ABOUT YOUR MIDDLE SECTION...

...AND IF *THAT'S* WHAT NEEDS TRIMMING, THEN I MIGHT PRESCRIBE LESS *PÂTISSERIES* AND MORE *PROMENADES*.

OH... YES... I... I SEE...

I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE FINEST PHYSICIANS IN PARIS. EVEN THOSE AT THE ROYAL COURT. THEY TELL ME *NOTHING* CAN BE DONE.

AND I MUST CONCUR, MONSIEUR...

THEN *YOU* REFUSE ME AS WELL?

IT PUZZLES ME THAT EVERY PHYSICIAN, EVERY MEDI-CASTER, EVERY BARBER I VISIT SHOULD FIND THE TASK OF REMOVING JUST A FEW INCHES TO BE SO HERCULEAN...

...WHEN I COULD DO THE SAME WITH A FLICK OF MY WRIST.

ING-A-DING-DING