



# resident alien

The Sam Hain Mystery

Part One

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Two and a half  
years ago.

I NEED **MONEY**.

SOONER OR LATER MY  
LUCK WILL RUN OUT.

ONE OF THE NOTES I'VE  
DUPLICATED WILL BE  
CHALLENGED. I WILL BE  
STOPPED AND QUESTIONED.  
I CAN RUN THIS RISK NO  
LONGER.

IT IS TIME TO FIND A  
**NEW** SOURCE OF FUNDING.







OF COURSE. I AM **ALSO**  
HERE TO WIN, BUT THEN...

I DO POSSESS  
CERTAIN...ADVANTAGES.



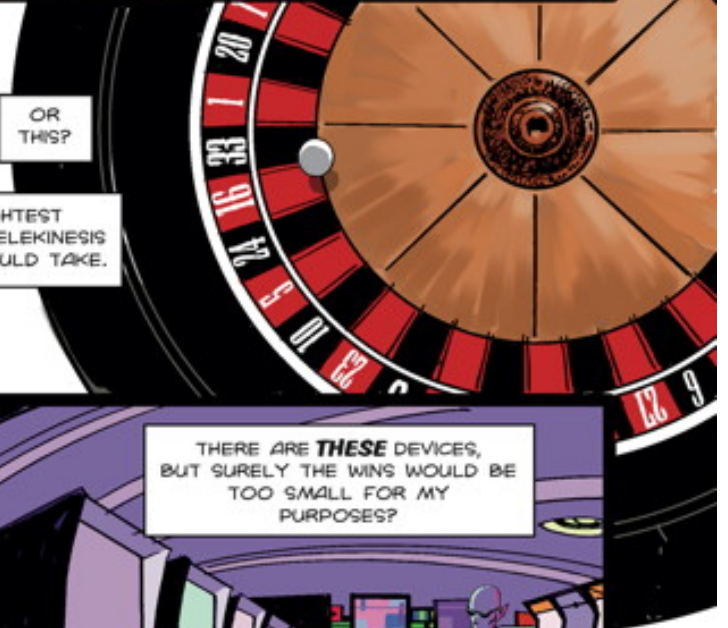
THERE ARE SO MANY OPTIONS HERE...

IT WOULD BE SIMPLE  
ENOUGH TO CALCULATE  
EXACTLY WHICH CARDS  
REMAIN **HIDDEN FROM  
VIEW...**



OR  
THIS?

THE SLIGHTEST  
TOUCH OF TELEKINESIS  
IS ALL IT WOULD TAKE.



BUT A WIN AT EITHER MIGHT  
ATTRACT UNDUE ATTENTION.

I NEED SOMETHING  
MORE...**ANONYMOUS.**



THERE ARE **THESE** DEVICES,  
BUT SURELY THE WINS WOULD BE  
TOO SMALL FOR MY  
PURPOSES?



AND IF I WON **REPEATEDLY**  
QUESTIONS WOULD BE ASKED.  
UNLESS...

















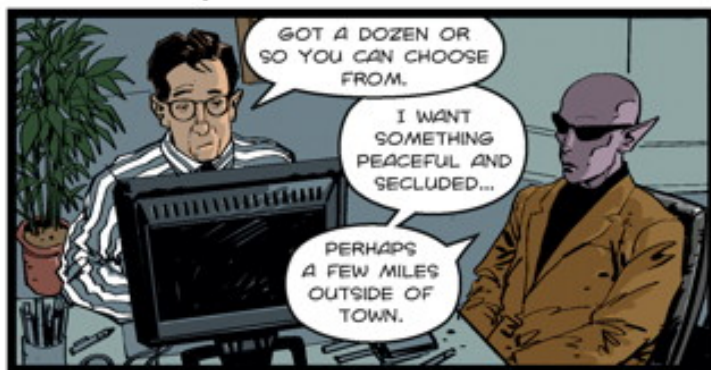
PATIENCE. THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD OMEN...

AFTER ALL, I'M GOING TO **NEED** A LOT OF PATIENCE.

GOOD AFTERNOON...

I'M LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT IN THIS AREA.

SURE THING.



GOT A DOZEN OR SO YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM.

I WANT SOMETHING PEACEFUL AND SECLUDED...

PERHAPS A FEW MILES OUTSIDE OF TOWN.



GOT A CABIN BY A LAKE, 'BOUT FOUR MILES AWAY.

HOW DOES THAT SOUND?



IT SOUNDS...

**PERFECT.**