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Nocturnus and Galahad have pieced the clues together. They think they finally know who's behind the string of crimes linked to their past, but there's still one thing they'll never see coming.



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DIDN'T THINK YOU NEEDED THEM. I TOLD YOU, THOSE WERE YOUR WIFE'S ASHES.

DNA MATCHED THE SAMPLES I PROVIDED, DID IT?

I'M SORRY.



SO ARE WE.

THAT YOU THINK I'M SO STUPID AS TO BELIEVE YOU CAN RUN A DNA TEST ON CREMATED REMAINS.



I-- --WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH THIS?

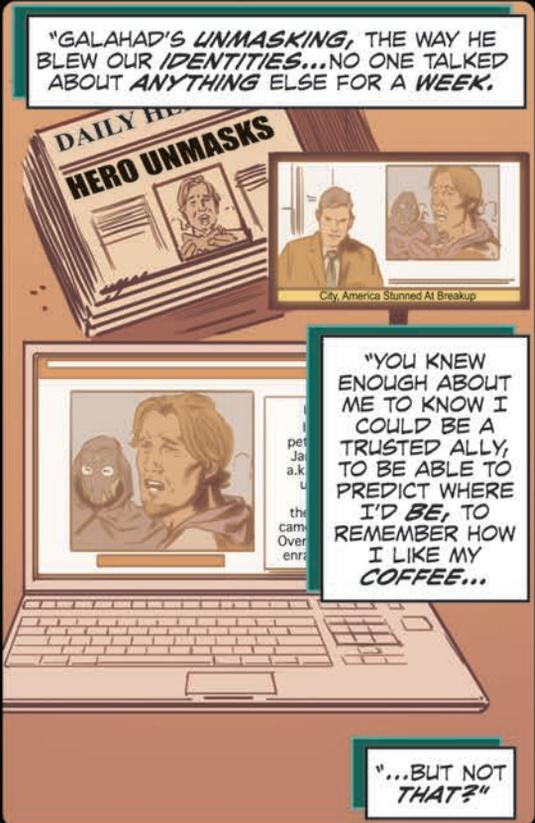
YOU OVERPLAYED YOUR HAND.



GALAHAD'S YOUR SON? LIKE, BLOOD RELATIVE? THAT'S NOT JUST AN URBAN MYTH?

IT MADE HEADLINES BEFORE YOU CAME TO TOWN.

"IT MADE HEADLINES ACROSS THE NATION, FOR GOD'S SAKE."



"GALAHAD'S UNMASKING, THE WAY HE BLEW OUR IDENTITIES...NO ONE TALKED ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE FOR A WEEK."

DAILY HERO UNMASKS

City, America Stunned At Breakup

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"YOU KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT ME TO KNOW I COULD BE A TRUSTED ALLY, TO BE ABLE TO PREDICT WHERE I'D BE, TO REMEMBER HOW I LIKE MY COFFEE..."

"...BUT NOT THAT?"



IT WAS A *SMALL* THING, BUT I FOUND IT SUSPICIOUS.

DON'T BE FLATTERED. HE FINDS EVERYTHING SUSPICIOUS.



"SO I CAME TO YOU WITH THE ASHES AND RAN A HARMLESS BLUFF.

"NO ONE WITH YOUR YEARS IN HOMICIDE WOULD *HESITATE* TO TELL ME THAT CREMATION *ERADICATES* ANY *TRACE* OF DNA...

"...UNLESS THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD USE MY 'IGNORANCE' TO *PLAY* ME SOME MORE."



I'VE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT I HAVE TRIED TO *HELP* YOU, AND IF YOU'RE--

HELP ME? LIKE YOU HELPED *PRAETOREAN*?

WHAT?

HE GAVE YOU *UP*, ANNE. WITH HIS DYING WORD.



"*LOW*."

LIEUTENANT.





Nocturnus:
Attached find confidential files from Galahad Global, Inc. As we discussed, I don't want to think about what would happen to my position as Galahad's personal assistant--or what my legal liability would be--were Galahad to learn of this. I trust you to be discreet until absolutely necessary.

Take special note of the file on Operations V.P. **Joachim Reinwutt**. I supplemented it with the private log of his misdeeds and abuses I have kept since my first month at GGI.

SEPT 8 2010 Shortfall in Public Relations cash account. Joachim practically accused me in front of everyone. I think **he** took the money. Something in his smirk. Must be careful around him.

DEC 23 2010 Joachim forgot to sign and return a contract, giving Dusk2Dawn Energy Chews an excuse to cancel its promotion. He loudly and publicly blamed Cathy Reeves, office assistant. She resigned in tears.