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SO
DON'T
FEEL TOO
BAD.

YOU
NEVER HAD A
CHANCE.

UNH?

JOHN RAYMOND WAS BORN RICH AND SPOILED BUT SPURNED BY HIS FATHER WHO ADMIRER HIS SELFLESS BROTHER INSTEAD. WHEN JOHN'S INACTION LED TO HIS BROTHER'S DEATH, JOHN DETERMINED TO BECOME THE MAN HIS FATHER HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HIS BROTHER AS, SEEKING TO REDEEM HIMSELF AS THE HIGH-TECH HERO KNOWN ONLY AS...

THE WEB

NEW YORK.
THE RAYMOND BUILDING.

MY WEBSITE,
WWW.SUMMONTHEWEB.COM,
COLLECTS PLEAS FOR HELP
FROM PEOPLE IN NEED.

IT'S A LITANY
OF SUFFERING,
A CATALOG OF
MAN'S INHUMANITY
TO MAN.

"I WAS ROBBED
AT GUNPOINT."

"MY HUSBAND
BEATS ME."

"I NEED FIFTY
BUCKS TO CATCH
A TRAIN HOME."

SEEN ALL
TOGETHER,
IT CAN BRING
YOU DOWN. I
WON'T LIE.



NAME: PATRICIA FLETCHER

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TALK OF WOF: MY GRANDMOTHER
FLETCHER WAS MURDERED, BUT
THE POLICE DON'T BELIEVE ME.

BUT I WON'T
LET THAT
STOP ME.

...WHAT'S
THIS? TRISH
FLETCHER?

THAT COULD
POTENTIALLY BE VERY
INTERESTING.



LATER.

THE WEB DID THIS.

TEN MEN IN JAIL, A HUNDRED THOUSAND IN PRODUCT LOST.

IT APPEARS I'VE GOT A NEMESIS.



YOU MADE AN INVESTMENT WITHOUT A CONCOMITANT HEDGE. A SADLY PREVENTABLE LOSS, THIS.

YOU ARE DEUCES WILDE, ARE YOU NOT?

WHO ARE YOU?



MY NAME IS RUDOLPH HARBINGER, AND I REPRESENT A... GLOBAL CONCERN OF SORTS.

I'M HERE TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU'VE BEEN SELECTED TO JOIN OUR RANKS.



AH, WELL, THANKS FOR THE OFFER, BUT I DON'T JOIN THE RANKS OF OTHERS.

THEY JOIN MY RANKS.



OH, YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME. I WASN'T OFFERING ANYTHING.



I WAS INFORMING.



BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT YOU'LL BE MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH THE ARRANGEMENT.

YOU SEE, YOUR PROBLEMS ARE NOW OUR PROBLEMS.



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

ONE OF YOUR MAIN COMPETITORS IN THE ILLEGAL DRUG MARKET MET AN UNHAPPY END THIS MORNING, DID HE NOT?

JOHNNY RAMOS? YES. BUT HE GOT SHOT UP BY THE HONDURANS.



OH, GOODNESS NO. I REPRESENT SOMETHING RATHER... LARGER.

BUT YOU'LL UNDERSTAND SOON ENOUGH. THIS IS MERELY AN INTRODUCTION.



ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU REPRESENT THE HONDURANS? BECAUSE I FIND THAT A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE.



NICE MEETING YOU, HARBINGER.

LET'S GO, SWIEN.