



# THE WEB

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\$5 BILLION  
OR WE WILL TELL THE WORLD  
WHO YOU REALLY ARE



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ROBINSON

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SECOND FEATURE

The  
**HANGMAN**





# EMPOWERED

## PART THREE OF "BETTER OFF DEAD"

NEW YORK CITY.

THE RAYMOND BUILDING.

OKAY, THE SUIT'S ALMOST FULLY POWERED, THROWING-WEBBS RESTOCKED, EXOPOLYMERS REPAIRED AND REFITTED.

CAN I COME OUT NOW, KITCAT?

NOT YET.

I ALSO INSTALLED NEW DIGITAL ZOOM SOFTWARE ON THE GOGGLES, A WIMAX TRANSCIVER, AND A PEZ DISPENSER IN THE FOREARM.

NO YOU DIDN'T.

IF YOU SAY SO.

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**

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SO, WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA FOR THE DAY?

FIGHTING SOME BAD GUYS, ARE YOU? GETTING IN SOME DUSTUPS? YES?

NOT TODAY.



NO, TODAY I'M JOHN RAYMOND. GOING TO DO A LITTLE INVESTIGATING IN SECRET IDENTITY MODE.

WHOA! BOUNDARIES!



HEY, IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE WORK ENVIRONMENT, YOU'RE FREE TO QUIT.

I DIDN'T HIRE YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE, IF YOU'LL RECALL.



INVESTIGATING? IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY RACQUETBALL.

WHAT CAN I SAY? RICH GUYS LIKE TO YAP WHEN THEY'RE ON THE COURT.

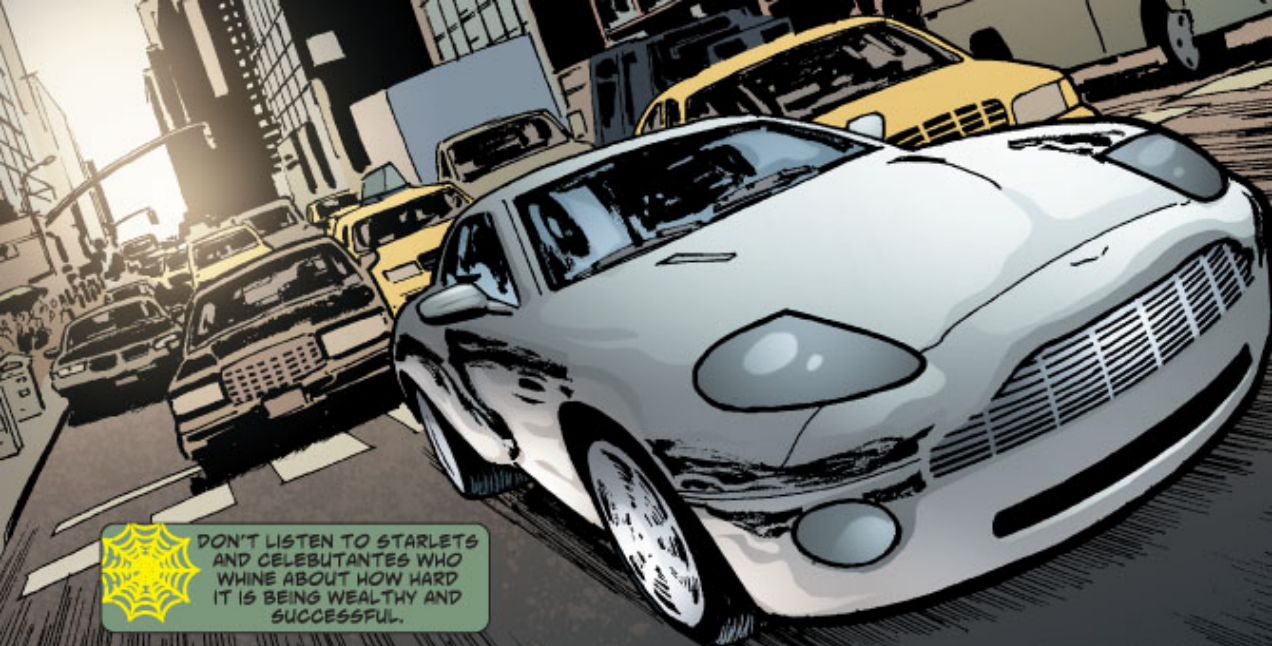


MUST BE NICE TO BE RICH.



IT IS.





DON'T LISTEN TO STARLETS AND CELEBRITANTES WHO WHINE ABOUT HOW HARD IT IS BEING WEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL.



PEOPLE WHO SAY MONEY CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS JUST AREN'T DOING IT RIGHT.



BETWEEN YOU AND ME, BEING RICH IS FANTASTIC.



SEE, MONEY BUYS THIS GORGEOUS CAR. WHICH MAKES ME HAPPY.



AND THIS CAR GETS THE ATTENTION OF THAT HOT GIRL. WHICH MAKES ME VERY HAPPY INDEED.



MONEY IS QUANTIFIED, CONDENSED POWER, AND IT TAKES SKILL TO WIELD PROPERLY.





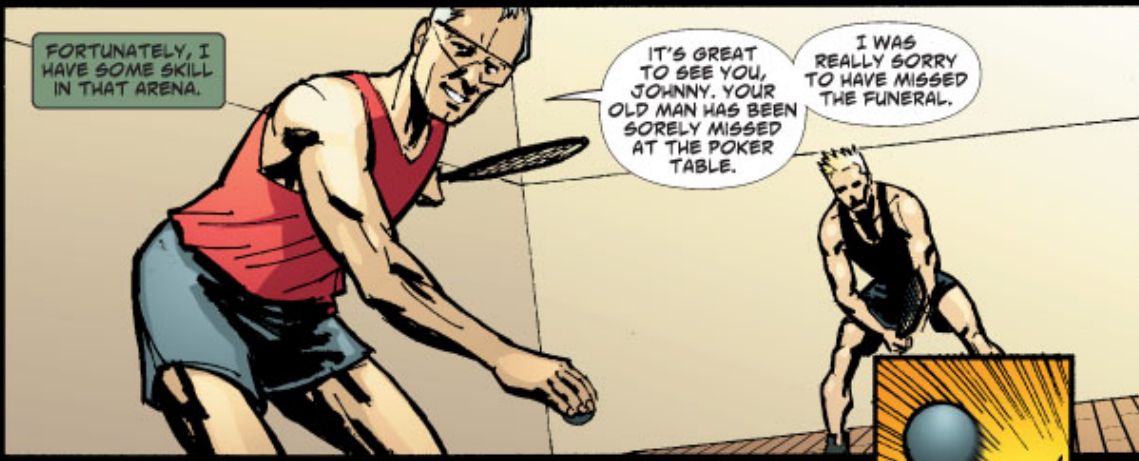
AND POWER IS LIKE A LOADED GUN. IF YOU'RE NOT TRAINED IN ITS USE, YOU CAN SHOOT YOURSELF WITH IT.



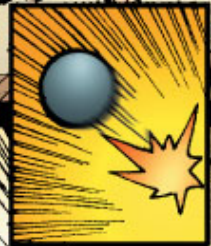
FORTUNATELY, I HAVE SOME SKILL IN THAT ARENA.

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU, JOHNNY. YOUR OLD MAN HAS BEEN SORELY MISSED AT THE POKER TABLE.

I WAS REALLY SORRY TO HAVE MISSED THE FUNERAL.

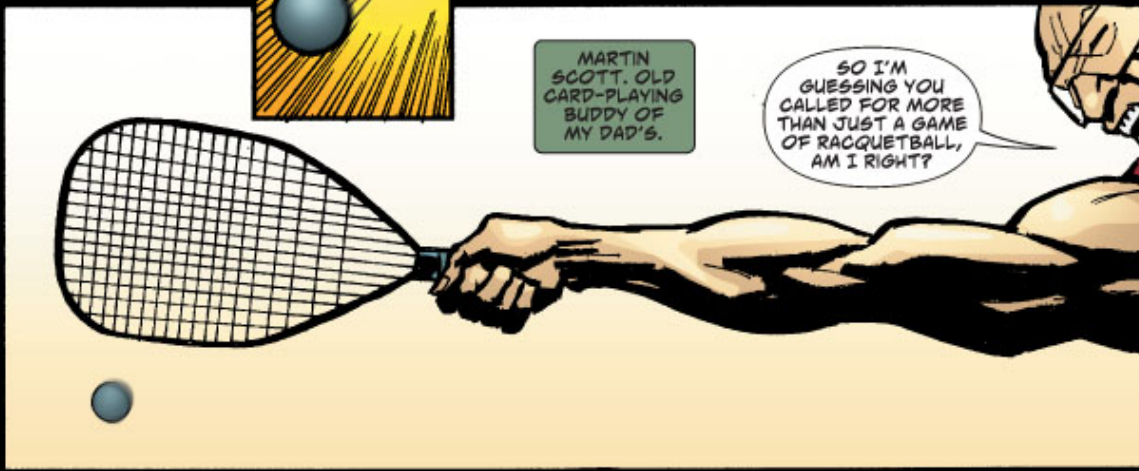


DON'T BE. I WISH I'D MISSED IT.



MARTIN SCOTT. OLD CARD-PLAYING BUDDY OF MY DAD'S.

SO I'M GUESSING YOU CALLED FOR MORE THAN JUST A GAME OF RACQUETBALL, AM I RIGHT?





ALSO,  
C.F.O. OF  
ADVANTAGE  
HEALTH.



I'M  
LOOKING INTO  
SOMETHING FOR  
A FRIEND.  
  
CRAZIEST DAMN  
THING--A FEW  
PEOPLE HAVE DIED  
UNDER "MYSTERIOUS  
CIRCUMSTANCES".



WOW. AND  
HERE I THOUGHT YOU  
WERE GOING TO ASK  
FOR A LOAN.

WHAT MAKES  
YOU THINK I  
COULD HELP WITH  
SOMETHING LIKE  
THAT?

ALL OF THESE  
PEOPLE WERE  
INSURED BY YOUR  
COMPANY.



ARE YOU  
ASKING IF WE HAD  
THEM RUBBED OUT FOR  
NOT PAYING THEIR  
PREMIUMS?

FIFTY-TWO  
PERCENT OF THE  
COUNTRY IS COVERED  
BY ADVANTAGE HEALTH.  
IT'S JUST A  
COINCIDENCE.



OH, I'M  
NOT IMPLYING  
ANYTHING  
SINISTER.

