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THE WEB

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GREENWICH,
CONNECTICUT.

MY NAME
IS JOHN
RAYMOND.

I'M THE
WEB.

IS HE
DEAD?

OH, YES.
I FELT HIM
DIE.

I ALSO HAPPEN
TO BE DECEASED
AT THE MOMENT.

THAT'S...
STRANGE.

I'D THINK YOU'D
BE DELIGHTED,
MISTER WILDE.

WE'VE
JUST KILLED
YOUR "NEMESIS,"
AFTER ALL.

NO, IT'S
JUST THAT
THE VYCE
SHOWED ME A
VISION OF HIM
VERY MUCH
ALIVE.

HE'S
REALLY MOST
SINCERELY
DEAD.

HM. IT
MUST BE THAT
VYCE SOMETIMES
SHOWS ONLY ONE
OF SEVERAL
POTENTIAL
FUTURES.

BASED ON
QUANTUM-LEVEL
PROBABILITIES?
WHO THE HELL
KNOWS?

MURDERED PART FOUR OF "BETTER OFF DEAD"

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JOHN RAYMOND WAS BORN RICH
AND SPOILED BUT SPURNED BY HIS FATHER
WHO ADMIRED 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



THE STUNNER--THE HOT TICKET IN BLACK THERE BY THE WALL-- THINKS SHE STOLE MY "LIFE FORCE."

SO, WEB, LET'S JUST SEE IF YOU ARE WHO I THINK YOU ARE.

WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY A BUNCH OF NONSENSE.

I'LL BE DOUBLE-DOG DAMNED.

WHAT SHE ACTUALLY DOES IS STRIP ENERGY FROM THE ELECTROCHEMICAL H+ GRADIENT ACROSS THE INNER MITOCHONDRIAL MEMBRANE OF HER VICTIMS' CELLS.

WELL, MISTER SCOTT? WHO IS HE?

THOUGH, HONESTLY, I GUESS IT'S PRETTY MUCH THE SAME THING.

IF I FELT IT WOULD PROFIT THE GLOBAL CONCERN FOR YOU TO KNOW, I'D TELL YOU.

BUT IT DOESN'T.

GET HIM OUT OF HERE. DISPOSE OF THE BODY CAREFULLY, BUT KEEP THE SUIT.

WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WHAT I DO AND DON'T NEED TO KNOW--

--I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS EXACTLY HOW I GET PAID TO DO THE WORK THAT THE CONCERN WANTS ME TO DO.

ZZZZ



REGARDLESS, I AM DEAD.



THAT'S ONE OF THE BEAUTIES OF OUR SYSTEM.



WE DON'T PAY YOU AT ALL.



HOW IS THAT A "BEAUTY"?

YOU WILL RECEIVE A MATHEMATICAL FORMULA EACH WEEK IN A SECURE EMAIL.

THIS FORMULA CAN BE USED TO DERIVE CERTAIN STOCK MARKET TRENDS OVER THE SHORT TERM.



SO... LET'S FIX THAT.



YOU CAN MAKE A FEW MILLION BETTING ON SPORTING EVENTS AND SUCH WITH YOUR DRUG, CERTAINLY.



BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT REAL MONEY.



JUST
TAKING BACK
WHAT'S MINE,
THANKS.





UHH.



BACK OFF!



WOW, THAT WAS WILD.

BEING DEAD IS A...UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.



NO BRIGHT LIGHT, THOUGH.

I WAS HOPING FOR THAT BRIGHT LIGHT, WITH THE TUNNEL AND ALL THAT.

YOU GUYS ARE LOOKING AT ME LIKE I'M CRAZY.