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"The Sun is gone but I have my light."

Kurt Cobain 1993

EXT. KILL CITY - NIGHT

It's a DEAD night, shadows everywhere. Street lamps devilishly flicker on and off as a fluorescent hum cuts through the eerie silence.

Abandoned on the dirty side walk is a large COOLER with "The MUNSTERS" decal. It's bright hue decal is splattered with BLOOD.

A small, pale HAND quickly snatches it up. WE FOLLOW, DIRTY MELODY, 19, a waif of a girl, thick red hair, torn dress. Barefoot. she struts the streets with an unerring confidence through the darkest alleyways.

She stops at an old crumbling four story BROWNSTONE. As she sashays up the front stoop a large MAN is there. He leans casually against one of the marble pillars.

DIRTY MELODY (purrs) Jupppi!

JUPI, 30, wears a tailored black suit and has slicked-back, thick black hair. Standing at six foot two, he's built like a small tank. What's distinctive about him is the massive SCAR over his left eye and a dead, milky-white pupil that projects a canine, predatory look. He's the eldest member of A Corpse Can't Laugh krew.

Jupi simply nods his head and points the way in.

INT. BROWNSTONE - NIGHT

It's an old brownstone with dirty marble floors and crumbling plaster everywhere. Dirty Melody dances up the stairs with carefree abandon. At the fourth floor she stops.

There's a red door at the end of the hallway. She knocks with false politeness. The door swings open.

INT. BROWNSTONE - APARTMENT - NIGHT

It's a large three-bedroom, vaulted ceilings, large bay windows. It's a space age bachelors pad in here. Inside, comfortably seated on a leather red Chesterfield-style chair is Mr. CARLOS, 40s, a man of money, power and class. Diminutive in size, but refined. He bear's a crown of gold rings on his left hand as he puffs on a fat Cuban cigar. His suit is impeccable.

His expression, bemused, distant as dirty melody saunters into the tune of The Expressions - Money is king. Contrasting the groovy vibe is a MAN hung upside down in chains, inches away from Mr. Carlos, He's bleeding from the various wounds inflicted on his body.

The mans eyes are closed, face calm almost in a meditative state.

MR.CARLOS Bring it here Melody.

DIRTY MELODY

Si Senor!

Dirty Melody dances over and places the cooler carefully at the feet of Mr.Carlos.

Mr.Carlos pays no attention as he diverts his gaze at the tortured man instead.

MR.CARLOS Mr.Lux, I pray this meeting of ours goes smoothly from here on.

Lux, 35, tilts his strained neck towards his captor and responds in the most deadpan manner despite all the damage done to him.

LUX From crucifixion comes resurrection.

MR.CARLOS Is that so?

Lux doesn't respond. Mr.Carlos just grins a wide devilish smirk as he inhales deeply and blows out cigar smoke.

MR.CARLOS I'm a man of many talents. Drugs, robbery, extortion, genuine ways of persuasion. My one failing though (MORE)

MR.CARLOS (cont'd) is torture. I simply lack the stomach and talent for it.

Lux remains stoic,...unapologetic.

MR.CARLOS Nothing? No? Perhaps if I show my hand you'll be more apt to respond?

No dice, Lux is a wall.

MR.CARLOS

Very well.

Mr. Carlos reaches down and snatches the cooler. The BLOOD, now dry and cracked has formed a thick protective layer over the lid.

He puts his CUBAN down on a golden ashtray and tries to open the Lunch box, it resist.

Lux grins the smallest grin.

MR.CARLOS This damn thing, please excuse me Mr.lux.

Mr.Carlos being small in stature doesn't seem to have the strength to break the blood seal.

Again he tries with much greater effort. The damn thing won't open.

MR.CARLOS Oh, my,...so..much...blood.

DIRTY MELODY Can I help sir!

Breathing hard now as he strains.

MR.CARLOS No need Melody I almost have this...

The cooler lid suddenly springs open and from it out pops a HEAD.

It bounces off the floor and twirls away towards the entrance door.

Dirty Melody burst out laughing.

MR.CARLOS

Melody!

Smirking at Lux she picks up the head and tosses it up and down like a basket ball in her hands then hands it to Mr.Carlos who places it carefully next to a small table by his chair.

Lux watches intensely.

MR.CARLOS May we chat now?

Lux says nothing. He watches.

MR.CARLOS

Very well.

Mr.Carlos puts his fingers over the heads MOUTH and pries the lips and teeth open. The mouth resists some then pops opens as he inserts his finger and pulls out what looks to be an old silver COIN. Triumphantly he holds to coin up for LUX to see.

The look on Lux's face flashes from stoic to anger in a second.

MR.CARLOS May we talk now.

LUX Valknur will have your head for this Mr.Carlos and perhaps genitals as well.

It's Mr.Carlos turn to smirk now as he barks out a brief laugh.

MR.CARLOS Wonderful! He responds. What an interesting man you are Mr.Lux.

Lux can only give the meanest scowl in response.

MR.CARLOS Don't be angry with me Mr.Lux, you never had a choice, simply tell me the location and this will all end.

LUX This is a decree of WAR. You've crossed a line with Frederick Valknur and you will suffer the (MORE)

LUX (cont'd) consequences for your actions. You and your pathetic little gang of killers you've assembled. You've brought doom upon your own house.

Dirty Melody laughs out loud as she falls to the floor grabbing at her stomach.

MR.CARLOS Now, now Melody, let us be kind to our guest.

MR.CARLOS Give me the exact location and I will personally kill you myself,...a quick death I promise, as a man of leisure. I swear to it.

LUX Die. You and your maggots.

MR.CARLOS Is that a NO then?

Lux's face again flashes from anger to stoicism.

MR.CARLOS (pouting) Fine,..be that way. Pophand!

Pophand, 25, enters. Small, frail, baseball cap, baggy jeans, and a large black hoodie, two sizes to big for him. Hood rat style.

His face, gaunt, large puffy eyes, tight small mouth, heroine sheik.

POPHAND

Yea boss?

MR.CARLOS I'm in need of your expertise tonight.

Dirty Melody sits up instantly, rubbing her hands vigorously in ghoulish anticipation.

POPHAND

Yeah?

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MR.CARLOS One YES is enough, just give me a moment to consult with our guest.

Pophand sheepishly grins and steps away.

MR.CARLOS Lux, I will give you my offer one last time? What say you?

Lux pauses for a second and with a committed look, eyes huge, answers.

LUX It WILL be an eye for and eye and a tooth for a tooth Mr.Carlos.

MR.CARLOS Oh yes, yes! I am happy to hear that! Truly! POPHAND!

Pophand approaches right behind the hanged man.

POPHAND

Where boss?

MR.CARLOS Start with the pinkie please.

Pophand takes the chained mans pinkie and generously rubs it.

POPHAND Keep still please this is my favorite part.

He closes his eyes and smirks a big ol' grin. Within a second the pinkie simply EXPLODES into shards of flesh and bone. The splatter even reaches Dirty Melody as she laughs with wild abandoned.

Lux freezes in shock, his body spasms.

MR.CARLOS Yes, yes, Mr.Lux, my associate here has the ability to channel his life force and magnify it into human body parts. The results are

well, ... what you experience.

Mr.Carlos leans it close to Lux's face.

MR.CARLOS How do you feel good sir?

Lux's eye's are still in the back of his head from the pain in shock.

Mr.Carlos leans back and inhales deeply on his Cuban cigar. He muses as he swirls the smoke in his mouth. Amused at Lux's pain, Mr.Carlos exhales. The scent of tobacco fills the air.

Mr.Carlos continues his villainous monologue, relishing every moment.

MR.CARLOS

You see when certain body parts explode, non-lethal of course, the body reacts by releasing adrenaline among other hormone's in your blood stream, allowing me to inject my own cocktail of drugs into your system.

Mr.Carlos snaps his finger. Dirty Melody jumps up NEEDLE in hand and slams it into Lux's buttock.

Lux winces.

MR.CARLOS Please Melody! A little gentleness for our guest.

DIRTY MELODY I think he likes it!

Dirty Melody steps back and sits back down.

MR.CARLOS Are you feeling it yet? I've designed my cocktail to work fairly quickly.

Lux's eyes snap open. He's aware and awake.

MR.CARLOS Good! Shall we proceed!

LUX If you let me leave now, it will be YOU that will be given a quick death and your troops spared.

The room erupts in mocking laughter.

MR.CARLOS Oh, dear, I never knew you had a sense of humor!

Mr.Carlos claps his chubby little hands in glee. He picks up his Cuban cigar and and takes a quick puff and blows more smoke.

> MR.CARLOS What is your full name Lux?

Lux ignores the question for a moment then his FACE struggles as if compelled.

LUX My... full name...is..Lukas Luxström.

MR.CARLOS Excellent! Now, does the Hand of God know yet of my recent activities?

LUX

N...no.

MR.CARLOS Good! See the progress Mr.Lux!

Excited, Mr.Carlos again leans in into Lux's face. Both men stare eye to eye.

MR.CARLOS Where is the LOCATION of the vault Mr.Lux?

Lux seizes for a moment, his face becomes thick-veined and red, a struggle is happening.

MR.CARLOS Well..Mr.Lux...the LOCATION?

Lux seizes. Mouth starts to foam. Eyes again in the back of his head. Body shudders in agony.

MR.CARLOS (yells) Again! I say where is the location of the vault Mr. Lux?

Luxs' body continues to shudder violently. And at it's WORST, stops. Luxs' eyes pop back, PUPIL'S HUGE. In the most solemn, heavy timbre Lux responds.

LUX

E Tenebris Lux, dum animus ardens tollitur, Mors non vincit, sed viam novam pandit. Spiritus immortalis iterum resurget. - latin - (Out of Darkness, Light, my burning spirit lifted, Death does not conquer, but opens a new path. The immortal spirit shall rise again.)

Mr.Carlos leans back, unamused and confused as the WOUNDS on Luxs' body open and weep BLOOD profusely.

From all the deep cuts and gashes leaks out a LIGHT. A bright golden light.

MR.CARLOS What is this!

The light from Lux's wounds fill the room. Everyone shields their eyes in panic.

The LIGHT intensifies for a moment then nothing. What's left is the crispy CORPSE of LUX. His wounds seared, sizzling from a light that burst forth from his body.

Mr.Carlos buries himself into his chair. A look of disappointment on his face.

MR.CARLOS I'd expect no less from a soldier of Valknur. Plan B it is.

FADE TO BLACK.

SUPER: KILL CITY - 1991 - TWO DAYS BEFORE

EXT. KILL CITY - L.E.S. - DAY

The hood is slamming today. Endless crowds wander the streets of LOWER EAST SIDE. The dirty brownstones seem dirtier today. Garbage everywhere. Rats scurry to and fro unnoticed feasting on refuse.

On one PARTICULAR brownstone, a small three-story is adorned with a COBRA HEAD, embossed just above it's entrance.

NOEL, 18, a dirty cherub, blond hair, serious blue eyes, one of the vast number of lost souls in Kill city.

He's just left Cobra head. Quickly, he sifts through the crowd. An expert. No one notices. He weaves his way to ASTOR PLACE.

The ASTOR PLACE CUBE, dirty as always. A Huge, monolithic eight-foot-square steel sculpture painted black stands solitary in the promenade.

None of the crusty kids are there today. It's a lonely OCTOBER day, orange leaves everywhere. The gentle sunshine gives everything a bright, beautiful glow.

Noel lingers up to the cube and plants himself comfortably in front.

He unstraps his guitar case, opens it and pulls out his blue acoustic STEEL FENDER and gives it a quick strum. It's a bright, somewhat melancholy sound.

Noel causally strums when a SHADOW darkens his peripheral vision. A FACE suddenly pops into his line of vision.

ILL EVANS

YO!

Noel looks up. Ill EVANS, 20s, dressed all in black, black chucks and pocket novel snugly in back pocket. He appears as just one of the many alt kids who haunt the east village.

ILL EVANS

Guess what?

Noel continues to strum absent-mindlessly.

ILL EVANS Chill yo, it's recon today. Finally we get some easy work.

NOEL

You sure?

ILL EVANS What? You saying I don't know my up's from downs?

NOEL We don't have an up or a down.

ILL EVANS The glass is full homie. Let's go.

Noel packs up and both leave. They expertly criss-cross the streets and boulevards of east village into west village by the meat packing district.

They reach their destination. It's a WAREHOUSE. Dusk is almost upon them. The place is a graveyard. A solitary old MAN sits by the door entrance. He looks homeless and smells like it too.

The pair approach the homeless man.

THE MOUSE I need some bourbon,..I want some Widow Jane, nothing cheap.

The smelly man's whispers almost to himself.

ILL EVANS Hold on Mouse, we just got here. What's the situation?

He stops to scratch his flaky, scabbed, scalp, dandruff falls like snow all over his shoulders.

THE MOUSE There gone. All of 'em.

He continues to scratch himself as a bad smell emanates from his body.

ILL EVANS Whacha mean mouse?

THE MOUSE Seen this before,...long ago, guild wars. Was bad. So bad.

ILL EVANS Just EXPLAIN to me. What happened?

THE MOUSE "DEATH...we defy the augury but there is special providence in the fall of a sparrow."

Ill Evans straightens up, disturbed.

NOEL

What?

ILL EVANS Bambie's dead.

NOEL

Fuck.

Both of em march into the warehouse fearlessly.

INT. WAREHOUSE - EVENING

The WAREHOUSE is large, dark and dusty. Huge crates lie around unmoved and unpacked. It's a ghost-house in here.

Some of the LIGHTS are still on. Others off. It's creepy inside. Ill Evans pulls out a small flashlight as both start exploring.

ILL EVANS Mouse never spits Shakespeare,...only heard him do that once and well it's not a good memory.

NOEL

Swell.

CRATES are smashed. It's a mess. Large boxes are thrown everywhere.

ILL EVANS Well, well, what happened here.

Noel stops. And looks up. Ill Evans shines his flash light up towards to cavernous ceiling. DROPS of liquid fall and make a distinct PLOP as both approach.

Hung from the rafters are about twenty BODIES. All upside down and appear dead. Blood drips for the mouths of the victims.

ILL EVANS

Oh shit.

Ill Evans shines his light on the corpses.

NOEL They were gutted. Expertly.

ILL EVANS You can tell?

NOEL

I can tell.

ILL EVANS (sighs) We report.

EXT. WAREHOUSE - EVENING

Both leave. The mouse is still there. Smelling bad.

THE MOUSE I'll want that bottle of Widow Jane. It's a smooth ten year bourbon. I'll give you some son. You'll need it.

Ill Evans tosses a wad of cash at the smelly homeless man.

ILL EVANS Thank you mouse.

HOURS LATER.

INT. ATLAS MEAT MARKET - NIGHT

Ill Evans and Noel walk into the ATLAS MEAT MARKET. Men in large white aprons and heavy blue work shirts methodically carve, cut and select huge pieces of meat. The loud buzz of electric band saw's irritate and tickle his ear as parts of beef or pork are impaled on hooks and wheeled away. It's organized chaos.

Through the assembly line of swirling carcasses at the very corner of the warehouse is DELANCY.

DELANCY, 58, a large slob of a man, puffing a cigar, bloody white t-shirt, small black vest and dress pants. He's the culmination of a lost capitalistic era wrapped in one foul smelling bureaucratic package.

He's busy yelling at one of the workers as both approach.

DELANCY I'm up to my tits in bacon. And the delivery was two days ago. Wanna tell me what happened?

The worker tries to explain and is cut off.

DELANCY Shut up! Or your bacon next. Tell me you're working on it now!

Again the workers tries to respond.

DELANCY Do my tits look like bacon to you? Well, do they?

The worker can barely respond. Both Ill Evans and Noel are there now.

DELANCY One more TIME, you're working on it, yea?

The worker again tries to responds when Ill Evans speaks up.

ILL EVANS Thought bacon was from the ass.

Delancy shoots a nasty glance at the worker then at the two.

DELANCY You two follow.

Without so much a further glance at the worker Delancy waddles back to his office through the chaos.

INT. ATLAS MEAT MARKET - OFFICE - NIGHT

Delancy's office has only one desk, two file cabinets and a desk lamp. It's a small, cramped, urine yellow paint job. Even with closed doors the noise is a decibel or two lower. He squeezes behind his desk and plops down on a task chair that CREAKS in agony from the weight.

Delancy points his chubby finger at the two.

DELANCY What happened? ILL EVANS Well-DELANCY Spit it out. ILL EVANS Their dead. DELANCY Who's dead? ILL EVANS The warehouse workers.

Delancy gazes at Noel.

DELANCY You. Cry baby.

NOEL

Yes.

DELANCY

Tell me.

NOEL Gutted and hung all of em. Was a pro hit.

A look of fear comes of Delancy's chubby red face.

DELANCY Anything else?

ILL EVANS The mouse mentioned "guild wars."

If a stroke was to hit this fat bureaucrat it's now. Delancy's face goes beat red and his veins bulge.

DELANCY Say that again boy.

Ill Evans squirms in his seat. It's gonna be an explosion from Delancy again.

ILL EVANS Mouse said it was guild wars.

Delancy springs up from his task chair and slams both meaty fist into the already cluttered desk. A coffee cup falls and spills all over the floor. The liquid spreads out much like blood.

Delancy stares harshly at both agents. Eye's bloodshot, face, beet red, both Noel and Ill Evans squirm in their seats. After a what seems an eternity of an uncomfortable silence Delancy roars.

> DELANCY Both of you leave, I have calls to make. NOW!

It takes but a moment as both agents get up and are about to leave when the door to the office opens.

MAN Please, don't leave on my account. I've just arrived.

All three stare at the person who's just entered so nonchalantly into Delancy's office.

FREDERICK VALKNUR, 40s, an aristocratic in appearance, at a height of six-two, exudes both intensity and an air of mystery.

His eyes, piercing, his smile, expressive, reveals a subtle sardonic grin. His overall demeanor and posture is elegant and poised as he approaches all three.

> VALKNUR Is there a seat for me?

Another moment of stunned silence.

Valknur raises an eyebrow.

DELANCY Ah, yes, yes, so sorry.

Delancy gestures at both agents harshly pointing his plump finger at the boys.

DELANCY You two give him a chair and scram!

Ill Evans is the closes to a chair and shuffles over to Valknur.

VALKNUR Oh, no please allow them to stay.

Looking over at both agents.

VALKNUR You both found the bodies? Is that correct?

ILL EVANS (taken aback) Y-yes. We did.

VALKNUR Good you both should stay then.

Valknur comfortably settles himself on a chair. Scans the office, see's the spilled coffee on the floor a smile escapes his lips.

VALKNUR Now, I remember you making a great cup of coffee, yes? Or has that changed? 16.

DELANCY Yea, I mean yes. Sure.

Delancy quickly rushes behind his desk and grabs from atop his cabinet a french press and pours out in a tiny cup a small coffee for his guest.

Leans his huge mass over the small desk offering the coffee as his hands subtly shakes.

VALKNUR

Grazie.

Delancy plops back down on his creaking task chair. As both agents look on, insecure as what to do.

Valknur takes a sip from the coffee. An look of satisfaction crosses his face.

VALKNUR Good as I remember. You know Delancy you missed your calling as a barista.

DELANCY

Excuse me?

VALKNUR Ahh, never mind. Do you know why I am here?

Delancy leans back, face now pale unable to answer.

Valknur glances back at both agents just standing there.

VALKNUR Excuse my manners, are you both familiar with me?

The boys exchange worried looks.

ILL EVANS

No.

VALKNUR Ohh! Please, Delancy would you care to do the honors?

Delancy is now a paler shade of white as he tries to speak without stuttering.

DELANCY

This is Fredrick Valknur, Tenth generation, Head familia of the Dutch lords - Knots of the slain. He runs the entire northwestern operation.

VALKNUR

Oh, wonderful introduction! Thank you Delancy! And perhaps you know WHY I am here today in your office?

Delancy stays quite.

VALKNUR

Well?

DELANCY

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VALKNUR

Nothing?

Valknur turns and faces both young agents.

VALKNUR Tell me, both, what did you discover?

Ill Evans is the first to speak.

ILL EVANS It was a smash and execution. No witnesses.

Towards Noel.

VALKNUR And you, young man?

NOEL

Expertly killed. No real signs of a struggle. The cut was along the lower belly, same cut along all the bodies, and hung over fifty feet up in the rafter's. Only a "Special" could've done that.

VALKNUR

Interesting.

Valknur turns his head back at Delancy.

VALKNUR Did you hear that?

Delancy ghost white now, except for his bulbous nose, still a cherry red from too much drinking.

Valknur stands up takes a quiet step forward and leans over Delancy's desk. Face to face now.

VALKNUR

Very valuable property of mine was taken. As you now know and your responsibility to keep it safe. You WILL retrieve it in three days. Understand?

DELANCY

Yes.

Valknur politely puts the his his tiny cup on Delancy's desk and sits back down.

He looks back at both agents.

VALKNUR I want you both to retrieve my property. Is that understood?

Both agents nod and look at Delancy.

DELANCY We WILL have your property back in three days.

VALKNUR

Swear to me.

DELANCY I swear as head of the Atlus familia, north branch, we will have it back safe and sound in three days.

Valknur smiles a wide grin.

VALKNUR GOOD! And to make sure you get the job done....Cadaver Dog!

CADAVER DOG, age unknown, enters the room. At six-feet, he's broad and strong looking. Dressed all in military black. Flak-jacket included, but his most imposing feature is the gas mask he dons including tinted goggles that hide all his features.

VALKNUR This is my agent Cadaver Dog, he will oversee this operation and make sure things run smoothly. Understand?

DELANCY Ye-yes, of course.

VALKNUR Great! I will leave you all to business. I'll be in town for three days. Take care Delancy and you both.

DELANCY

Thank you.

Valnur gets up and is about to leave, just before he closes to door on the way out he gives one more glance back at Delancy.

VALKNUR

And Delancy?

DELANCY

Yes?

VALKNUR Don't fail me.

As Valnur closes the door the tiny cup on Delancy's desk cracks and crumbles to pieces.

ALL four men look at each other.

EXT. KILL CITY - SOUTH SIDE - NIGHT

It's a murderous quite tonight. Crumbling tenements everywhere. A dark gloom looms over the skyline.

The team, Ill Evans, Noel, follow the pack leader, Cadaver Dog.

ILL EVANS You sure about this?

Cadaver Dog say's nothing. He only continues his march. They follow.

Ill Evans whispers into his partners ear.

ILL EVANS Yo you crimeside?

Noel lifts his t-shirt reveals the butt of a gun tucked neatly in and pats at the guitar case over his shoulder.

Cadaver Dog suddenly stops. He looks up towards the tenement roofs.

A SHADOW pops up from the closest tenement rooftop.

A small business CARD flutters down towards the group. Cadaver Dog snatches the card mid-air.

SUPER : "The Luna Familia welcomes you."

Cadaver Dog looks up from the card to the roof as sharp POP is heard and BLOOD spurts from his head.

Cadaver Dog falls like a sack of bricks to the ground.

Both agents pull out there handguns and aim up. The SHADOW up on the roof is gone now.

A voice booms out from behind the pair.

MAN Chill, yo!

Both turn and aim, a young man, JULES KILLINGHAMMER, 20'S, a punk, leather jacket, short blond mohawk and piercings to boot appears behind them. He wields a large heavy HAMMER in one hand.

In a blink of an eye he's up on Ill Evans and pushes the end of his hammer up against Evans gun.

JULES KILLINGHAMMER We got no beef with ya,...yet. We needed the hatchet man dead that's all.

Ill Evans lowers his gun. Noel hesitantly follows.

JULES KILLINGHAMMER Atlus boys huh, heard you might be heading into our neck of the woods.

A man walks up to the pair, he's big and well-dressed. He sports a large thick scar over one eye.

JUPI Bonjour. (Hello)

JULES KILLINGHAMMER Don't mind him. He's french.

He hands the pair a small card.

SUPER: Follow us please.

Ill Evans looks up at the young punk then glances at the large french man.

JULES KILLINGHAMMER Yea, he does that alot. I suggest you follow instructions.

ILL EVANS Well, since you say it so nicely.

JULES KILLINGHAMMER Jupi's all manners, unlike the rest of us. Let's go.

The four leave together. Ill Evans in the front with Noel and Jupi and Jules closely behind them.

As the group leaves, Cadaver Dog's FINGER twitches for a moment.

EXT. KILL CITY - FIVE POINTS - NIGHT

The group reaches a wide intersection of streets. Crumbling buildings are at each crosswalk. One building stands out from the rest. A gray, heavy, stone, brutalist style concrete bunker.

> JULES KILLINGHAMMER We're heading there.

ILL EVANS We having a meeting?

JULES KILLINGHAMMER Guess you could say that.

The four reach the main doors. Jupi stops and holds the door open for the rest to go through.

ILL EVANS You're right he is polite. JULES KILLINGHAMMER

Told ya.

INT. BUILDING - NIGHT

The building is cavernous. No furniture. At the rear, an elevator.

The group enter the elevator and head up to the thirteenth floor.

JULES KILLINGHAMMER Just be cool, your being summoned.

Ill Evans and Noel share a glance.

The elevator doors open. It's a LONG well-lit hallway. Jupi leads the way. At the end, a room, in it, a Chesterfield-style chair. Sitting comfortably, a small diminutive man, Mr. Carlos, dressed to impress and sporting heavy gold rings.

He's Flanked on both sides by his people.

Jupi and killinghammer join the group making it an uneven seven.

MR.CARLOS (smirking) Don't mind my agents, a scandalous lot, Jupi not so much.

A contentious groan erupts from the group.

Noel and Ill Evans remain silent.

MR.CARLOS I see, introductions are an order. We can begin with me, I am -

ILL EVANS Mr.Carlos, head of the Luna Familia, your interest are scattered throughout the city but your main business is

import/export. So what's with the muscle?

MR.CARLOS Ah, excelente! Yes, I specialize in import/export. But there's more to us than that. The Luna familia has (MORE)

MR.CARLOS (cont'd) contracts all over the northern territories causing us "issues" with the head of the Dutch lords, Valknur.

ILL EVANS We have no involvement in that.

MR.CARLOS Oh, but you do boy, you both do. Delancy does send his best I admit. Or was it Valknur?

ILL EVANS

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MR.CARLOS Now, now this won't do! We're here to chat perhaps parlay.

ILL EVANS If this is a guild war it's suicide.

MR.CARLOS Normally, yes but the cards are stacked on my side it seems. Allow me to introduce my people, And a corpse can't laugh Krew.

Mr.Carlos snaps his chubby fingers at his people.

MR.CARLOS You've met Jupi and Jules I assume.

ILL EVANS Yea, we did. And a corpse can't laugh? Isn't that a run-on sentence?

AND A CORPSE CAN'T LAUGH MEMBER No, it's not dumb ass, It's a grammatically correct standalone sentence. Didn't think the Atlus krew had a grammar cop.

ILL EVANS Let me guess, your the sensitive artistic one who came up with the stupid name?

Noel smirks.

YARRY, 20'S, a skinny, lanky white kid sporting a small fro. Decked out all in black and heavy silver chain around his neck. He pulls out a 45.caliber menacingly and aims at Ill Evans.

YARRY Yea, call me that again and see.

MR.CARLOS Enough Yarry, they are our guest, put your weapon away. The rest of you introduce your selves.

Flanked on each side of Mr.Carlos the member's of A corpse can't laugh Krew sound off.

TOCO Toco here.

THE JINXS Jinx or just J.

POPHAND Yo, what's up, Pophand.

DIRTY MELODY Melody sweetie.

YARRY Yarry, asswipe.

MR.CARLOS

Good. Now you know my little group. As for you both, Ill Evans, the thousand lives agent. I wonder how many of those lives we can extinguish in one night? And you the quite one,....I have needs of your talents.

YARRY

The girl? What the hell can this pipsqueak do?

MR.CARLOS Please, manners. This is the sharpshooter known as "Calamity's kiss".

NOEL I never gave myself that moniker. And I'm a boy.

MR.CARLOS Perhaps, but tales of your gift have circulated.

NOEL

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you.

MR.CARLOS Perfect! I am in need of your talent.

ILL EVANS

We don't work for you...never have, never will.

MR.CARLOS

Such a stubborn young man! In life you make changes, adapt or die. I think this is one of those situations, don't you?

ILL EVANS I think you fucked up, bad enough that the Hand of God is gonna hear about it and Valknur is out to get

MR.CARLOS Perhaps but You WILL work for us or you die here where you stand.

Noel and Ill Evans share a glance as they pull guns.

POP, POP.

Both GUNS are shot out of from their hands in seconds.

YARRY You're not the only bad ass here. Let me shoot the mouthy one sir, please.

MR.CARLOS As you an see, my men are more then capable but Valknur is another story.

NOEL We do this it's against our oath.

MR.CARLOS Of course! In exchange you get life and my leave of safety, on my word.

Both agents express a look of disapproval.

MR.CARLOS Excelente! We leave now!

EXT. KILL CITY - OLD HALL STATION - NIGHT

The old but beautiful abandoned SUBWAY STATION still had some class. From the mosaic brick to the old chandelier hanging when first entered, it's a forgotten time capsule.

Mr.Carlos confidently strides in, then a Corpse can't laugh, followed by Ill Evans, Noel and lastly Jupi in the rear.

Despite the large group they are dwarfed by the by subway station.

MR.CARLOS Beautiful is it not?

POPHAND Yo, boss I heard about this place thought it was bullshit.

MR.CARLOS No, bullshit Pophand, this is a forgotten part of the city few people even remember anymore.

DIRTY MELODY Oh, be a righteous rave we could throw here!

MR.CARLOS Melody, my dear, could you do the honors?

DIRTY MELODY

Si Senor!

Dirty melody pulls out a large brass bell and rings it with childish glee.

Looks of surprise and confusion cross faces as the sound of the bell echoes off into the darkness.

Seconds pass. Nothing.

Then a low mechanical rumble followed by vibrations. LIGHT'S floods the darkened subway.

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A TRAIN approaches. It's brights are blinding. The gush of air flows through the tunnels as a single CAR train approaches the group.

MR.CARLOS Everyone, please!

The TRAIN doors open. The group cautiously enter. Last is JUPI, who characteristically waits by the door, head bowed slightly in a small, formal bow.

MR.CARLOS Never a more polite gentleman and assassin.

YARRY Fuck he's annoying!

The group agrees.

MR.CARLOS Jupi, enter please.

As Jupi is about to get in when a POP rings out. BLOOD blossoms and spurts out at the train.

Jupi's stoic expression immediately changes into one of surprise. He silently falls to the ground.

From behind, CADAVER DOG stalks into view, GUN in hand as he aims at the passengers.

POP, POP, POP, he fires as the train doors close. All the shots easily bounce off.

MR.CARLOS (proudly) We are bullet proof, thankfully.

DIRTY MELODY

JUPPPI!!!

MR.CARLOS Not to worry, dear Melody he is more resilient than you know.

JULES KILLINGHAMMER I could've sworn we snuffed that fool, my apologies Mr.Carlos.

MR.CARLOS Fear not, Jupi will handle this. As the train speeds away, a final view of CADAVER DOG watching the train leave when suddenly Jupi jumps up and punches the gas-masked assassin sending him flying to the dirt floor.

JULES KILLINGHAMMER What kinda freak does Valknur have in his crew?

The whole party eyes Ill Evans and Noel.

ILL EVANS We just met to be honest.

MR.CARLOS I believe you, young assassin.

ILL EVANS Why's that?

MR.CARLOS I know who Valknur employs and I know who Delancy employs.

The train comes to a screeching halt. It's another SUBWAY tunnel with beautiful mosaic tiles and stained glass awnings.

Timeless nineteenth century architecture.

The group walks out, led by Mr.Carlos.

MR.CARLOS Truly a marvel of art and engineering. A pity these tunnels were never used.

JULES KILLINGHAMMER We're we going boss?

MR.CARLOS This way, please.

The group walks past the turnstiles and continues down a set of rough-hewn stairs.

INT. UNDER WORLD MUSEUM - NIGHT

It's a massive, palatial ROOM ornately designed white stucco complete with large ornamental columns and sand-colored tiles for a floor.

MR.CARLOS

What was once going to be the underworld museum. A freakish showcase of assassins lore and artifacts.

POPHAND

Sounds dope.

MR.CARLOS A vanity project at best but good for the kids I think.

YARRY Oh, yea the kids!

Both Yarry and Tuco smirk.

MR.CARLOS That is until the other familia's disagreed on certain aspects of the museum. And it all fell into disrepair. Regardless one famila stayed behind.

Mr.Carlos walks up to one of the walls, there almost hidden is a COIN SLOT.

MR.CARLOS

Perfecto!

The old sliver COIN Mr.Carlos has been carrying is inserted.

CRACKS expand on the wall around the coin slot. Dust, plaster and debris rise up in the air as the wall around the coin slot opens outward.

Inside, a slot, SOMETHING large is in the wall embedded.

VALKNUR

So you found it.

The entire group turns and see's Valknur twenty feet away.

Pophand rushes the man, HANDS out. Inches away from reaching him, when both his hands EXPLODE, a shrapnel SHOWER of bone and blood.

Valknur only had to snap a FINGER.

All GUNS are drawn. Yarry is the first to fire. Valknur is no longer in the same spot. He's vanished. But his voice BOOMS throughout the room.

VALKNUR Mr.Carlos, you've taken the life of my familia and stolen my property, for this you WILL pay.

MR.CARLOS (yells) Perhaps, perhaps not Valknur. Maybe you DIE here tonight.

MR.CARLOS (to Noel) Now is the time to shine.

ILL EVANS

Don't.

Mr.Carlos shoves his gun up on Ill Evans dome.

MR.CARLOS Do,...or I shoot him.

NOEL

Fine.

Noel unpacks his guitar case, inside is a Remington Model 700, single bolt action RIFLE.

Noel casually picks it up and aims. Before Noel can fire, Valknur appears.

VALKNUR Young man! I know you're talents no need to act...I have this under control. Mr.Carlos has already lost.

YARRY LIKE HELL you have!

Yarry unloads his clip onto Valknur who is less then twenty feet away.

None of the bullets seems to hit or even come close to Valknur. A look of CONFUSION followed by HORROR, when Yarry's ARMS explode in bloody shrapnel.

Jinx puts his HANDS to the title floor.

MR.CARLOS Oh, I hate this.

The FLOOR and the entire ROOM begins to melt into a PSYCHEDELIC KALEIDOSCOPE.

VALKNUR

CADAVER DOG!

From the roof a loud RUMBLE and CRASH as two FIGURES break through the top of the underground room.

They fall fast and smash deep into the tile floor. From a cloud of DEBRIS emerges CADAVER DOG his HAND around the throat of a very dead JINX.

Also from the smokey debris, Jupi emerges, suit in tatters and FACE bloody as he smashes his FIST into Cadaver Dogs face.

The two men instantly grapple.

Simultaneously Dirty Melody, and Jules kilinghammer flank Valknur, both wielding weapons and STRIKE simultaneously.

Calmly, Valnur dodges both assassins. And with a snap of a FINGER both EXPLODE into a grotesque mess of limbs and gore.

They SCREAM for a second and then silence.

Toco witnesses the massacre and RUNS away while Jupi and Cadaver Dog continue the dog fight.

VALKNUR

(looks at Mr.Carlos)
Is this your grand plan? Waste my
time with newbie killers?

Mr.Carlos stutters and falls back his gun still aimed at Ill Evans head.

MR.CARLOS

Fire now!

Noel calmly aims and fires.

The bullet seems to pass through Valknur. Second later Valknur catches something in his hand.

Blood leaks from a GASH on Valknur's face. More drips from his closed FIST.

VALKNUR (to Noel) Very good, I haven't bled in so very long. MR.CARLOS (shocked) You caught it?

VALKNUR The first pass no, but it seems the young man can control it's trajectory as well.

With that Valknur opens his closed fist. A BULLET falls to the floor.

Mr.Carlos lowers his gun. Ill Evans and Noel step back and bear witness while Cadaver Dog and Jupi continue to tussle.

> VALKNUR Oh, come now did you really think the Knots of the Slain are that easy to kill?

Valknur casually walks up to the section of wall and reaches in and pulls out a LARGE PAINTING that was inserted inside.

> VALKNUR This is the treasure you sought to steal from me Mr.Carlos.

> > MR.CARLOS

A painting?

VALKNUR Not just any painting.

Valknur shows off the painting for all to see.

The painting captures a radiant woman in flowing garments, her serene gaze fixed upon a tiny sparrow perched in her delicate hand as she tenderly blows it a kiss, her lips curved in a whisper of affection.

There's a genuine look of love in her eyes.

MR.CARLOS

You expect me to take this seriously?

VALKNUR

MARGRET my only love, long gone now. This Mr.Carlos IS my treasure. And I would gladly burn my empire down to protect it,..or destroy anything or anyone who is stupid enough to take it from me.

MR.CARLOS Impossible!

VALKNUR

I painted this myself, before I became the man I am now. Life was so very different back then. And I was a different man. Now you know Mr.Carlos.

MR.CARLOS Indeed, JUPI, destroy his insipid painting!

Jupic tosses Cadaver Dog aside like a bag of potatoes and rushes the crime lord.

VALKNUR

STOP!

Valknur's voice is forceful, commanding it immediately stops Jupi.

Suddenly the room goes PITCH BLACK.

VALKNUR You think they wouldn't find out Mr.Carlos?

SPOTLIGHTS hit the room.

MR.CARLOS Ah..blasted Deus ex machina.

VOICE OF GOD Are WE so contrived Mr. Carlos you would set off a potential guild war?

MR.CARLOS (points at Valknur) I have rightful claims to part of the Northern territories that were stolen by these dutch dogs!

VOICE OF GOD A consensus was reached with all the guilds on how the northern territories should be split if you were not happy you should have gone up the chain of command. MR.CARLOS NONSENSE! Those lands belong to my guild and I refuse to give them up!

Mr. Carlos aims his pistol at Valnur's painting. As he attempts to shoot Valknur snaps his finger and Mr.Carlos pistol hand is SHEARED off by some unseen force.

Mr.carlos cries out as his arm is now a bloody stump.

VALKNUR I demand retribution! As head of the Dutch Lords I ask for this.

VOICE OF GOD By the laws of the guild we bestow Frederick Valknur retribution.

Valknur grins at Mr.Carlos.

MR.CARLOS Jupi! Kill Valknur!

Jupi again rushes at Valknur. Valknur simply ask a question.

VALKNUR Do desire your freedom?

Jupi stops in his tracks.

MR.CARLOS What are you stopping for Jupi, kill him!

VALKNUR I ask for the copyhold on his contract and nunc dimittis.

VOICE OF GOD Do you? What say you Jupi? Do you seek absolvement from your contract with Mr.Carlos?

Jupi stops and looks at both Mr.Carlos and Valknur.

MR.CARLOS Jupi would never betray me!

Jupi walks up to a bloody Mr.Carlos, pulls out a small single GLOVE and gently smacks the mafia lord in the face with it.

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JUPI (to the voice of God) Oui. (Yes)

MR.CARLOS (shocked) Even your betrayal is polite!

VOICE OF GOD You are now absolved...go in peace.

Jupi turns to walk away when Valknur speaks up.

VALKNUR Jupi! Come work for me.

Jupi stops and eyes both at both Valknur and Cadaver Dog. Walks up to Cadaver Dog and gestures for a handshake.

Cadaver Dog glances at Valknur who gives a nod of approval. Both men shake hands heartily.

> VALKNUR Good! Now that we are done here I will take my leave. Cadaver dog!

Cadaver Dog approaches Mr.Carlos looming over the bloody small man.

MR.CARLOS Now hear you! DO YOU-

Mr.Carlos is SLAMMED in the gut and picked up by the larger man and slung over Cadaver Dogs shoulder like a bag of potatoes.

All three walk off into the darkness, painting included. Just as Valknur disappears his last words to Noel and Ill Evans hang in the air.

> VALKNUR You both did well young assassins. We WILL meet again,...but perhaps not on the best of terms. Fare thee well.

Both assassins look at each other and a chill crawls down their backs.

VOICE OF GOD Again, we chat under the most inhospitable of circumstances. Noel, Ill Evans go your contract has been fulfilled.

ILL EVANS What did Valknur mean by "not on best of terms"?

VOICE OF GOD Valknur's organization was betrayed. Which led to the death of one of his most cherished agent's. This will most likely not go unpunished. Rumors are the Judas came from the Atlus famila.

ILL EVANS Those are just rumors.

VOICE OF GOD Perhaps. But this is not the end of it. For now at least you are both safe.

The spotlight fades and all the room lights return to norm. The only TWO who are left in palatial room are Ill Evans and Noel.

> NOEL We report?

ILL EVANS (sighs) Yea. But remember the glass is full hommie. Let's go home.

THE END.