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I'M NOT THE HERO. IN MOST STORIES, THE FIRST PERSON YOU MEET IS THE PROTAGONIST. THE GUY YOU ROOT FOR. THE GUY YOU GET BEHIND.

IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS YOU MIGHT AS WELL GET THAT IDEA RIGHT OUT OF YOUR HEAD.



THIS MIGHT BE MY STORY, BUT I'M NOT THAT GUY.



I'M NO HERO. IF ANYTHING...

A man with blonde hair and sunglasses, wearing a dark blue suit and a striped tie, stands in a heavy rain. He is holding a white rose in his right hand. The rain is depicted as numerous white lines falling diagonally across the frame. Several leaves are floating in the air around him. In the bottom left corner, a portion of a dark, classical-style building with columns is visible.

...I'M THE
MONSTER.

I'M SORRY,
DREW. SORRY I
WASN'T THERE
FOR YOU.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D
FIND MY WAY BACK HERE.
THE LAST PLACE ON
EARTH I WANT TO BE.

EIGHT YEARS AGO
I LEFT THIS PLACE AND
NEVER LOOKED BACK.

BUT AS FAR AS I RAN, AS MUCH AS I
CHANGED THE WHO AND THE WHAT
AND THE WHERE OF MYSELF AND MY
LIFE I KNEW THAT AT THE END OF THE
DAY I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO
ESCAPE MY PAST.

THAT THE MONSTER
WOULD ALWAYS BE
THERE... WAITING...

I KNEW
YOU'D BE
BACK.

WAITING FOR
ME TO COME
HOME.

GOODBYE,
LITTLE
BROTHER.

I SHOULDN'T
HAVE COME. I
SHOULDN'T
BE HERE.

THIS IS
ALL YOUR
FAULT.

DAD?

AND IF I AM THE MONSTER
IN THIS PARTICULAR TALE
THEN MY FATHER IS MY
DOCTOR FRANKENSTEIN.

ALL THAT I AM. ALL
THAT I HATE. I OWE
IT ALL TO HIM.





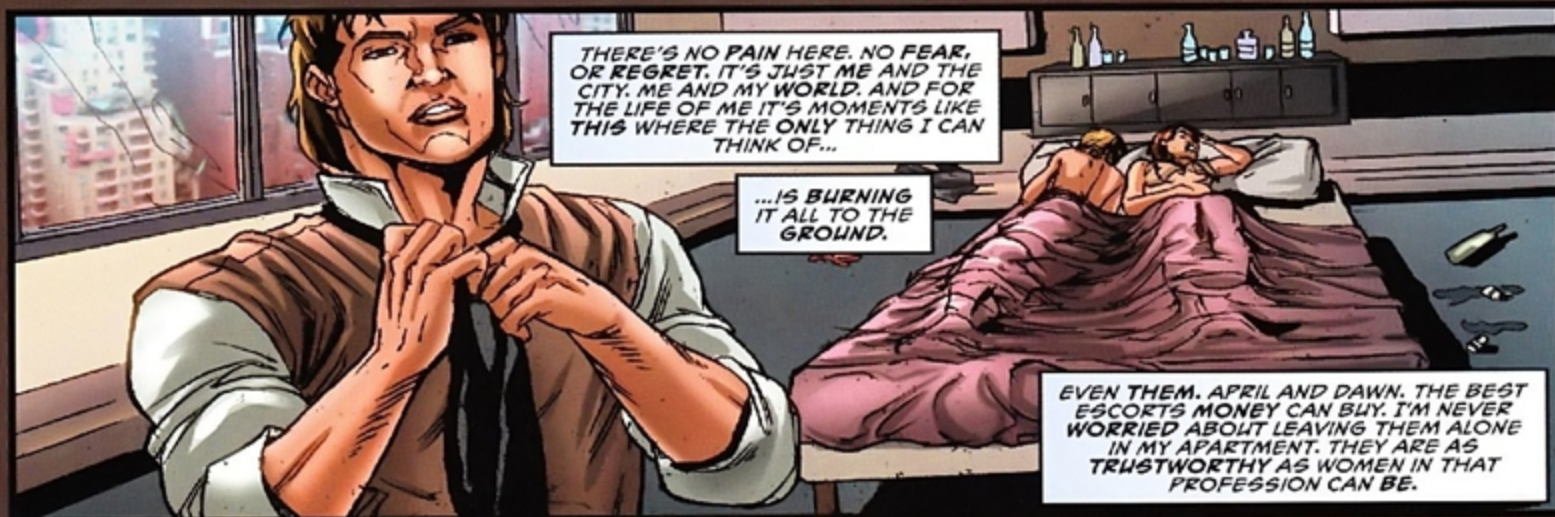
SIX YEARS
LATER.

SOMETIMES I STAND HERE LOOKING
OUT ON THE CITY AND ITS BEAUTY
TAKES MY BREATH AWAY. THE CITY IS A
CONSTANT REMINDER OF MY NEW LIFE.
A LIFE WHERE I HAVE EVERYTHING
I COULD EVER WANT.



THERE'S NO PAIN HERE. NO FEAR,
OR REGRET. IT'S JUST ME AND THE
CITY. ME AND MY WORLD. AND FOR
THE LIFE OF ME IT'S MOMENTS LIKE
THIS WHERE THE ONLY THING I CAN
THINK OF...

...IS BURNING
IT ALL TO THE
GROUND.



EVEN THEM. APRIL AND DAWN. THE BEST
ESCORTS MONEY CAN BUY. I'M NEVER
WORRIED ABOUT LEAVING THEM ALONE
IN MY APARTMENT. THEY ARE AS
TRUSTWORTHY AS WOMEN IN THAT
PROFESSION CAN BE.



AND IF NOT, THE SERVICE HAS
INFORMED ALL THE GIRLS OF WHAT
HAPPENED TO THE LAST GIRL WHO
STOLE FROM ME. SOMETIMES AN
EXAMPLE MUST BE MADE. A FEW
THOUSAND DOLLARS BUYS A LOT
OF SILENCE BUT IT DOESN'T BUY A
NEW FACE AND THEY KNOW THAT
ALL TOO WELL.



THEY KNOW BETTER
THAN TO CROSS THE
PRINCE OF NEW
YORK.





I FEEL ALONE WALKING IN
A CITY OF MILLIONS. I FEEL
NUMB AND DISCONNECTED
FROM EVERYTHING
AROUND ME.



HEY, PAL. YOU
GOT AN EXTRA
BUCK YOU CAN
SPARE?
NICE SUIT
LIKE THAT, YOU
GOTTA HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SPARE,
YEAH?



EVERYTHING
EXCEPT MY ANGER.
EVERYTHING EXCEPT
THE MONSTER THAT
WAITS WITHIN.

WAITING TO BE
UNLEASHED.



HOW'S
THIS?

IS THAT
ENOUGH? IT'S
NOT?

YOU WANT
MORE, YOU
SAY?

THWAK

NOT A PROBLEM. NOT
A PROBLEM AT ALL, YOU
BLOOD-SUCKING
LEECH.

HOW'S
THAT?

DOES
THAT HELP,
PAL?



THWAK

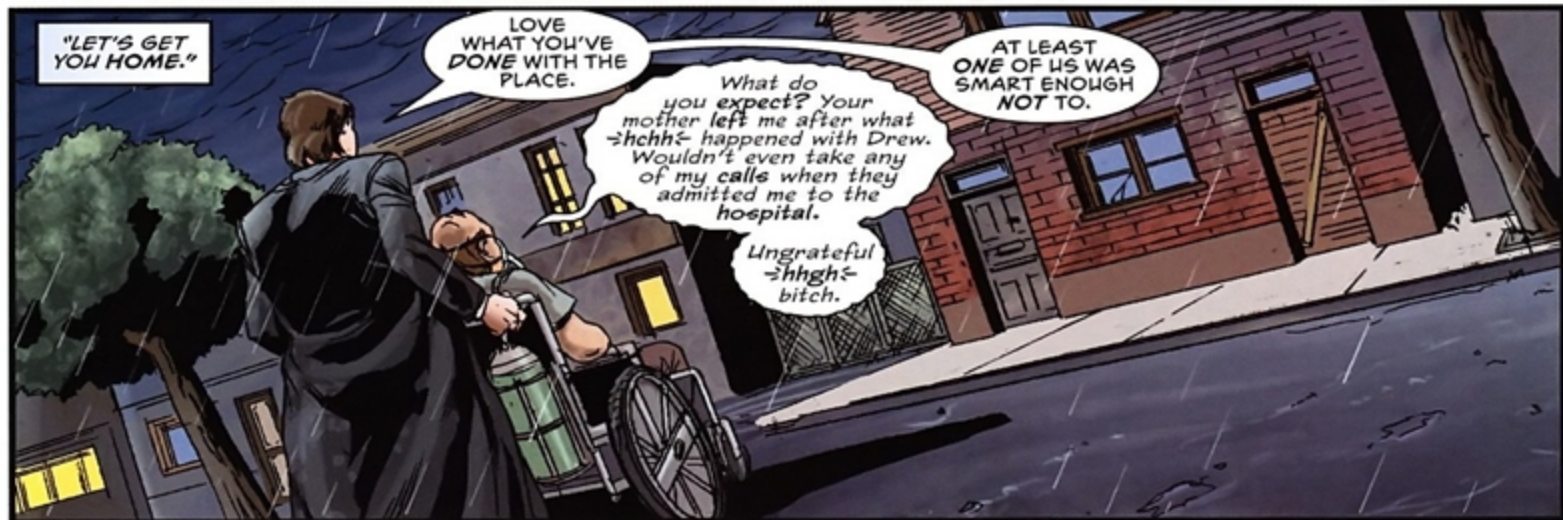
DOES
IT?!

HEY,
PAL. IT'S NOT
POLITE TO
STARE.









"LET'S GET YOU HOME."

LOVE WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH THE PLACE.

AT LEAST ONE OF US WAS SMART ENOUGH NOT TO.

What do you expect? Your mother left me after what *~hchh~* happened with Drew. Wouldn't even take any of my calls when they admitted me to the hospital.

Ungrateful *~hhgh~* bitch.



WHAT DID THE DOCTOR SAY ABOUT BEER?

I'm dead either way, boy. Might as well go out *~hhk~* with a smile on my face.

HAVE IT YOUR WAY.

Where do you *~hhh~* think you're going?

I MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU UNTIL THIS IS DONE BUT NO ONE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HAVING TO LISTEN TO YOUR BULLSHIT.



~SIGH~ AT LEAST HE LEFT THE PICTURES UP.

MAN, LOOK AT US, DREW. WE WERE SO YOUNG. SO FULL OF LIFE. WE HAD THE WHOLE WORLD AHEAD OF US.



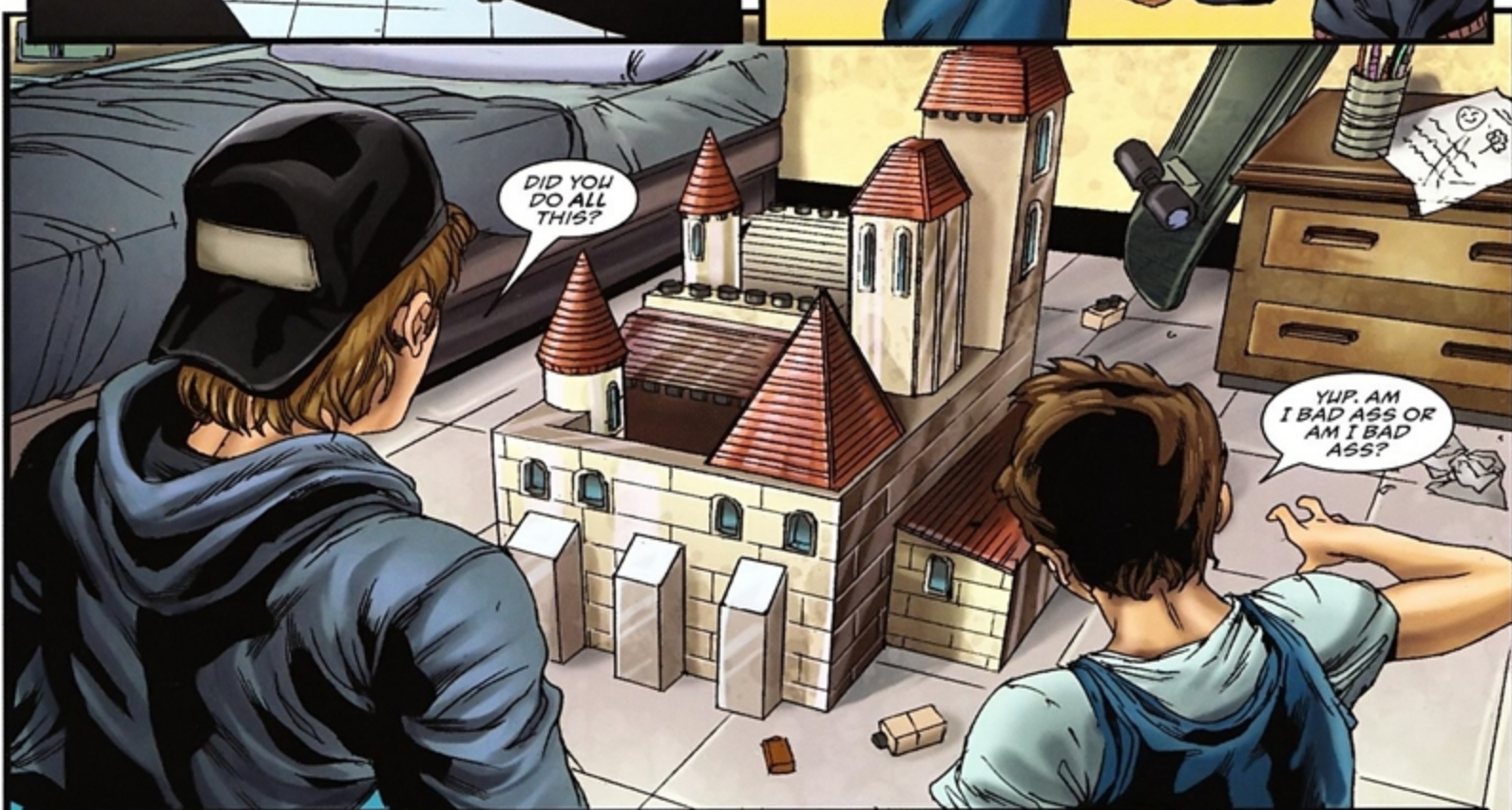
KEEP OUT!!!

WHY'D YOU HAVE TO DO IT? WHY COULDN'T YOU HAVE HELD ON JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER?



EDWARD? IS THAT YOU?

DREW?













BUT I NEVER
MADE IT BACK,
DID I?



HEH. YOU
ACTUALLY KEPT A
PIECE OF THE
CASTLE.



OUCH!
DAMN
THORNS.



SO I GUESS THIS IS
HER, EH? THE BITCH
YOU WENT AND
KILLED YOURSELF
OVER?



I COULD
HAVE BOUGHT YOU
A HUNDRED WOMEN
A THOUSAND TIMES
BETTER THAN HER,
SQUIRT.

WHAT
THE HELL
MADE HER SO
SPECIAL?

I LOVE HER,
BRO. I REALLY LOVE
HER AND I THINK I MAY
HAVE LOST HER FOR
GOOD. I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH ME.

IT'S LIKE I HAVE
THIS MONSTER...
THIS BEAST INSIDE
ME THAT I JUST
CAN'T CONTROL.*

*Editor's Note: See
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EDWARD? PLEASE,
MAN. I NEED YOU.
I THINK I'M GONNA
DO SOMETHING
REALLY STUPID AND
I NEED YOU TO TALK
ME OUT OF THIS.

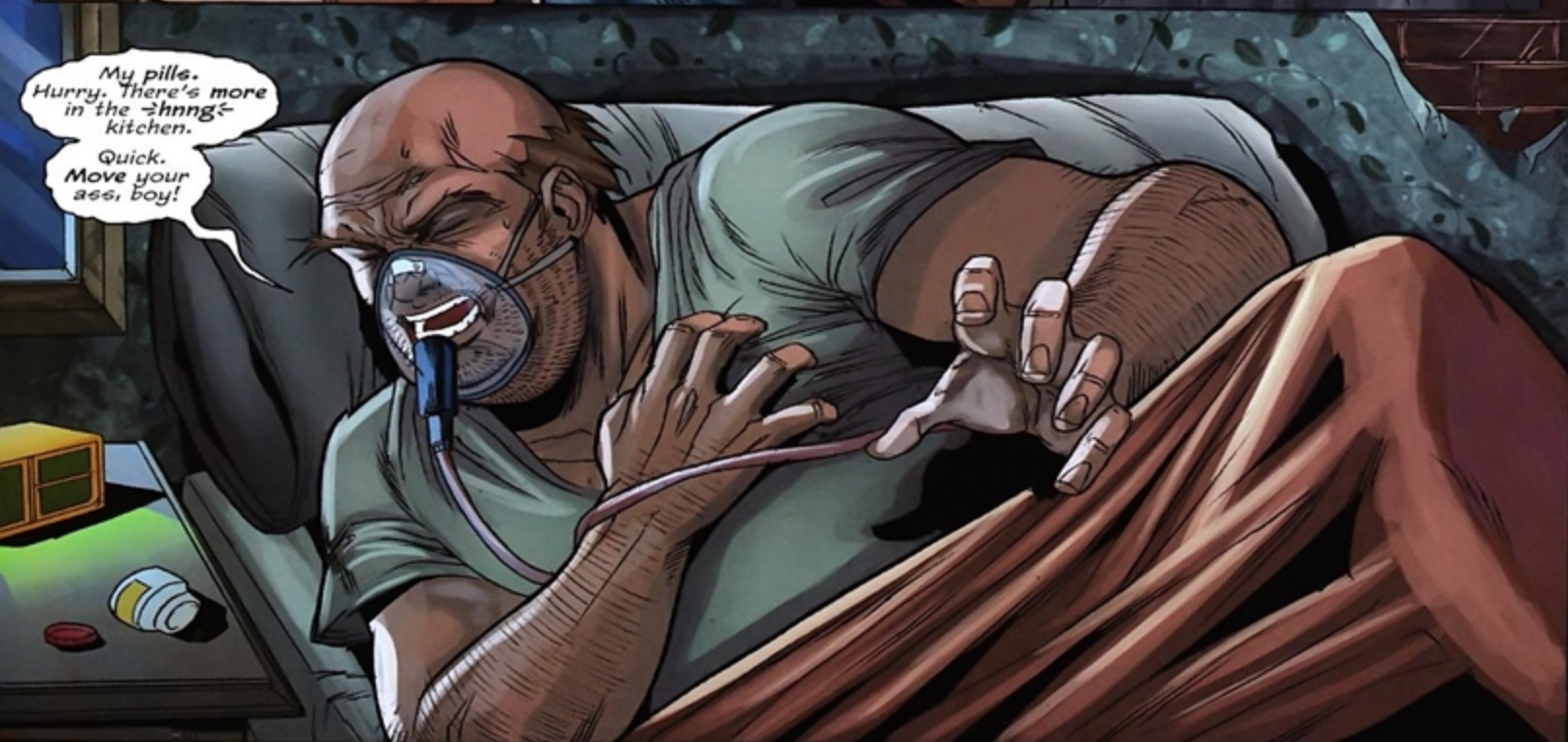
LISTEN, EDDIE,
NO MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS I WANT YOU
TO KNOW I DON'T
BLAME YOU. I DON'T
BLAME YOU FOR ANY
OF THIS.

I KNOW YOU HAVE TO
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF,
EVERYBODY HAS TO TAKE
CARE OF THEMSELVES, AND
I GET WHY YOU NEVER CAME
BACK... I WOULDN'T HAVE
COME BACK EITHER. I
JUST... I ALWAYS HOPED
YOU WOULD. I DID.

I LOVE YOU,
EDDIE.

IT TOOK ME A WEEK TO CALL BACK. I WAS SO BUSY IT
TOOK ME A WHOLE @#%ING WEEK JUST TO @#%ING
CALL. AND BY THEN... IT WAS TOO LATE.

HMMF.
HNNG.





Hurry the hell up, you worthless piece of shit!



What the hell took you so long? You ~~~kchh~~~ trying to kill me? That's it, isn't it? You're trying to kill me.

It's not enough that you abandoned us. Drove your brother to kill himself. Made your mother throw me away like a piece ~~~hkk~~~ of trash.



But now you want to kill me, too.

You got some balls, kid. You think I can't still whup your ass? You're a real big man now, aren't you? You wait ~~~ghhk~~~ until I can barely breathe to try and take me on.

Well, then, come on! What are you ~~~hchh~~~ waiting for? If you want to kill me, then kill me.

The only thing I wish is that your little bitch brother was here ~~~ghhg~~~ to see what a man you've become.



He always did look up to you.

YEAH. HE DID.



Edward, what are you doing?

WHAT I SHOULD HAVE DONE A LONG TIME AGO.

Please. ~~~ucch~~~ My heart. My pills.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TALKED ABOUT DREW LIKE THAT, POP. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.

ONE CAN ONLY FIGHT ONE'S
TRUE NATURE FOR SO LONG.
EVENTUALLY WE MUST GIVE
IN. EVENTUALLY THE BEAST
DEVOURS US ALL.



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CONTINUED



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EDDIE CONFRONTS JENNA OVER HIS BROTHER'S DEATH AND BEGINS HIS OWN JOURNEY DOWN THE DARK PATH. HIS THIRST FOR VENGEANCE TAKES ON A LIFE OF ITS OWN AS A TRANSFORMATION BEGINS TO OCCUR THAT WILL CHANGE EDDIE'S WORLD FOREVER. THE DARKEST GRIMM STORY YET CONTINUES HERE IN PART TWO OF THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST STORY ARC.

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