

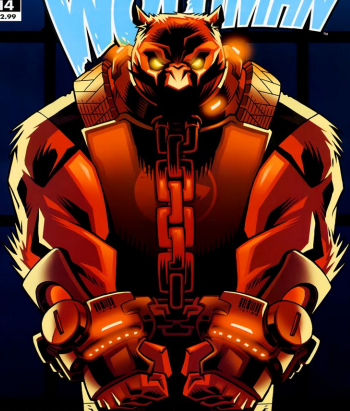


THE ASTOUNDING

WOLFEMAN

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JUST OUTSIDE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS--ABOUT A MILE AWAY FROM STEINWOLD PENITENTIARY.



UH, IS THAT...?

YES, IT'S HER. HE'S ACTING LIKE WE'RE NOT HERE.

TRYING TO ACT LIKE HE'S NOT SCARED.



THE ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN IS GOING TO BE LOCKED UP WITH ALL THE REST OF US?

LOCKED AWAY WITH VILLAINS HE PUT AWAY?



THIS SHOULD BE INTERESTING.

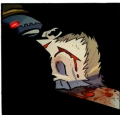
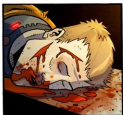
















BRING HIM TO ME.

YOU'VE DONE WELL, ANDERSON.

THANK YOU, SIR.



IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, MISTER HAMPTON. ALTHOUGH, I DO HAVE TO APOLOGIZE, THERE'S ANOTHER MATTER I MUST TAKE CARE OF BEFORE I GET TO YOU.

ANDERSON, STEP FORWARD.

YES, SIR.



YOU DID WELL GETTING HAMPTON HERE WITHOUT BEING SEEN--BUT YOU DIDN'T DO WELL THIS MORNING. WERE YOU AWARE THAT MY SHIPMENT WAS CONFISCATED?

YES, SIR.

THEN I'M SURE, KNOWING THAT YOU HAD AN INCLINATION THAT I SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED YOU TO BRING ME THIS FINE GENTLEMAN FOR A REASON--AND WERE PROBABLY MORE CAREFUL BECAUSE OF THAT.

SMART MAN.

SMART IS VERY SAFE AROUND HERE... AND VERY USEFUL.

HAHAH.



CUT OFF TWO OF HIS FINGERS, ONE FOR THE LOST SHIPMENT AND ANOTHER AS A DOWN PAYMENT ON KEEPING THE NEXT ONE SAFE.

THEN SEND HIM HOME, HE COULD STILL BE USEFUL TO ME... NO NEED TO KILL HIM NOW.

THANK YOU.



HAMPTON... YOUR TURN.



NICE, ISN'T IT? I HAVE THEM BEING ME OUT HERE AT NIGHT WHEN THE OTHER PRISONERS ARE SLEEPING. IT'S VERY PEACEFUL.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

VERY DIRECT. I DON'T SEE YOU AS ONE TO MINCE WORDS. I LIKE THAT. VERY WELL, LET'S GET DOWN TO IT.

I WOULD LIKE TO KILL YOU, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I THINK THERE ARE WAYS YOU COULD BE OF BETTER SERVICE TO ME ALIVE. YOU ARE HERE TO DISCUSS THOSE WAYS, IF THEY EXIST.

YOU'RE HERE TO SAVE YOUR LIFE.



WHAT IF I REFUSE?



THEN THINGS COULD GET VERY UGLY FOR YOU, VERY QUICKLY. IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR PRISONERS TO DIE HERE, ESPECIALLY NOT HIGH PROFILE PRISONERS LIKE YOURSELF.

HAVE YOU BEEN ONLINE? HAVE YOU SEEN HOW MANY CELEBRITY DEAD POOLS YOU APPEAR ON? IT'S ASTOUNDING.

PROBABLY BEST YOU STEER CLEAR--SELF-ESTEEM ISSUES AND ALL...



I'M LISTENING.



YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME DO THIS FOR YOU? YOU LOVE POINTS IF I HAVE TO DO ALL THE TALKING.



VERY WELL.



IT'S NICE IN HERE, I'M AFFORDED A CERTAIN LEVEL OF... COMFORT, BECAUSE OF MY STATUS ON THE OUTSIDE... BUT I DO NOT WISH TO STAY HERE FOREVER.

YOUR HELP IN FACILITATING MY ESCAPE WOULD BE APPRECIATED BUT IS NOT NECESSARY. I AM WORKING ON A FEW POSSIBLE MEANS OF ESCAPE. I'M CONFIDENT ONE OF THEM WILL WORK.



NO, WHAT I NEED YOU FOR IS HELP ON THE OUTSIDE. I, OF COURSE, HAVE RESOURCES OF MY OWN, BUT IN MY PRESENT STATE OF INCARCERATION THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE CLOSED TO ME AT THE MOMENT.

I HAVE BIG PLANS... THERE ARE A LOT OF VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE OUT THERE I'D LIKE TO PISS OFF, BUT I CAN'T DO THAT IF I'M BEING PURSUED BY THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW.

A MAN WITH YOUR LEVEL OF BUSINESS SUCCESS MUST HAVE COUNTLESS OVERSEAS CONTACTS. CONTACTS YOU CAN USE TO GET ME SAFELY OUT OF THE COUNTRY--TO A COMFORTABLE STRIKING DISTANCE.



THE UNASSUMING
TOWNHOUSE HOME
OF ZECHARIAH.

THAT'S
ENOUGH...
ANYTHING MORE
WOULD WEAKEN
ME TOO MUCH
TO TEAR
YOU.

HOW MUCH
MORE WOULD
IT BE TO
MAKE ME A
VAMPIRE?

FOR THAT I WOULD HAVE
TO DRAIN YOU, NEARLY
COMPLETELY--AND YOU
WOULD HAVE TO DRINK
MY BLOOD TO SUSTAIN
YOURSELF. SIMPLY
DRINKING MY BLOOD
WILL GIVE YOU LIMITED
POWERS--ENOUGH
FOR YOU TO GET
YOUR REVENGE.

I CANNOT
TURN YOU
INTO A TRUE
VAMPIRE.
I REFUSE.

WOULD I
NOT BE MORE
POWERFUL, AS
A VAMPIRE?

THAT IS
WHAT I WANT.
I WANT THAT
POWER.

YOU DO
NOT KNOW THE
BURDEN OF THE
HUNGER.

JUST TRUST
IN MY WISDOM--
THAT IS SOMETHING
YOU DO NOT WANT.
I WILL SPARE
YOU THAT
FATE.

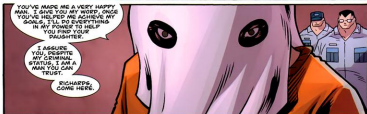














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PRISON RAMPAGE!

