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[GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN']

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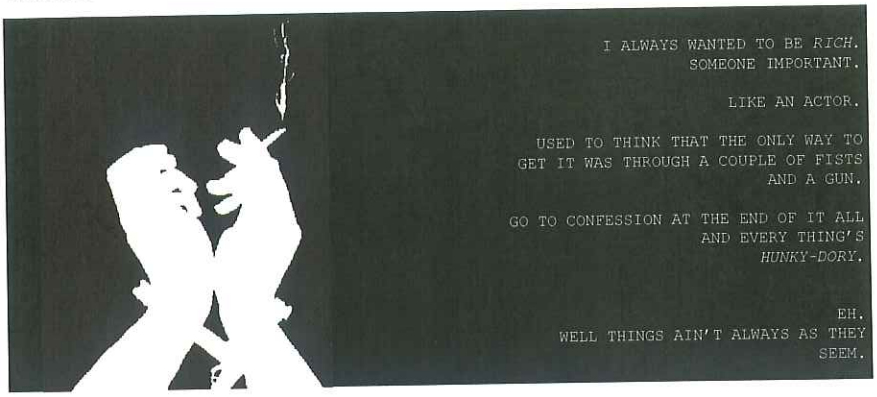


I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE *RICH*.
SOMEONE IMPORTANT.

LIKE AN ACTOR.

USED TO THINK THAT THE ONLY WAY TO GET IT WAS THROUGH A COUPLE OF FISTS AND A GUN.

GO TO CONFESSION AT THE END OF IT ALL AND EVERY THING'S *HUNKY-DORY*.

EH.
WELL THINGS AIN'T ALWAYS AS THEY SEEM.

MY LITTLE CAREER STARTED BACK IN 'NINETY-NINE.

BOUGHT SOME BULLETS AT K-MART AND HIT THE ROAD.

HELD UP A COUPLE BANKS.

LAID LOW FOR A COUPLE YEARS.
THEN CAME BACK AND SMACKED SOME BIG-SHOT STOCK JOCKS AROUND.

HEY. THEY ALL *DESERVED* IT.
THE WAY I SEE IT, IT'S ALL PAYBACK FOR GETTING US INTO THAT WALL STREET MESS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

LIARS AND CHEATS THE LOT OF THEM.

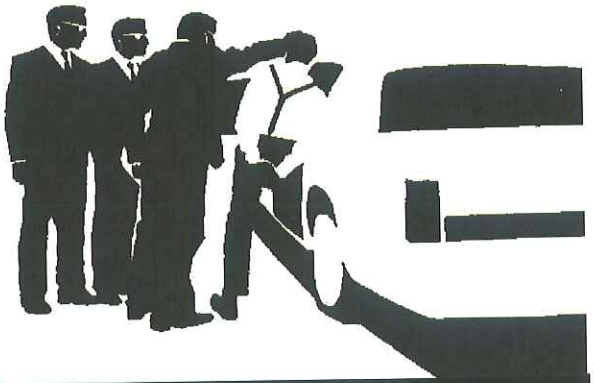
SEE HOW *THEY* LIKE IT WHEN ALL THEIR *HARD-EARNED* MONEY IS REAPPROPRIATED.

BUT MY PLAN TO *GET RICH OR DIE TRYING* BLEW UP IN MY FACE.

I LEFT A TRAIL BIGGER AND BLACKER THAN THE MISSISSIPPI AND I SUPPOSE IT WAS NONE TOO HARD FOR THE POLICE TO TRACK ME DOWN.

BUSTED IN MY FRONT DOOR WITH ONE OF THOSE RAMS WHILE I WAS STILL EATING MY FILET.
RECKON I DIDN'T GIVE THEM TOO MUCH OF A *FIGHT*.

SEEMS THAT'S WHAT THEY CAME LOOKING FOR.



AS THE LIGHTS GO DOWN IN THIS PLACE, I START LOOKING BACK ON MY LIFE.

GET TO THINKING THAT MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO BEN FRANKLIN.
TAKEN THINGS ONE *PENNY* AT A TIME.

WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER ON MY FAMILY AND SURE WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER ON ME.

ALL THE CHOICES I MADE IN MY LIFE.
DO I REGRET THEM?

THAT'S A STUPID QUESTION.

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