





AS I FOLLOWED JUAN DIABLO TO DEALEY PLAZA, I BECAME AWARE OF A SUFFERING. DISAPPROVING RABBLE, A DEPRAVED ASSORTMENT LIVING IN THE SQUALOR BELOW THE BRIDGE.

KITTY: WHO ARE THESE POOR SOULS?

JUAN: POOR? MAYBE NOT. BUT THEY ARE SOME-THING.

JUAN: THEY WERE CONSPIRACY RAG PEDDLERS, RECENTLY RELEASED PRISONERS FROM LU LU, TOURISTS, AND COMMON WINOS; SOME ALL THREE. WORSE STILL, MANY OF THEM WERE THE SAME VILE CREATURES YOU MIGHT'VE SEEN IN THAT MOVIE, WALL STREET.

KITTY: GREED IS GOOD.

JUAN: IT'S NOT. BUT WHATEVER HELPS YOU SLEEP.

KITTY: NO. IT'S FROM THE MOVIE.

AN "UNCLEAN MAN" APPROACHED US AS IF TO SOLICIT BUT STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS.

UNCLEAN MAN: WELL SHIT, I GUESS THAT MEANS THE COUCH POTATO AIN'T GOT NO MONEY.

KITTY: SWEET PEAZUS, YOU FRIGHTENED MEI

UNCLEAN MAN: IT'S JUST SLANG FOR YOU FOLKS WHO ALWAYS BE REFERENCING TV AND MOVIES. YOU'RE COUCH POTATOES. KITTY: WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?

UNCLEAN MAN: NOTHING. TELEVISION IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO ME. A POP CULTURAL REFERENCE MEANS A SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH REVOLUTION. EVEN IN THE MIRE OF FILTH, IT'S LIKE SPITTING IN MY FACE.

UNCLEAN MAN: I JUST... I FEAR I'VE LOST THE BATTLE AND THE WAR. ONCE UPON A TIME, I INSPIRED MEN TO RESIST THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE CHAOS IN THESE TIMES. NOW, I JUST HOPE THEY DON'T SHANK ME WHILE I SLEEP FOR THE LAST OF THESE PILLS THAT SEEM TO BE IN DEMAND.

JUAN: TO BE FAIR, I USED THE FILM TO CONTEXTUALIZE THE SITUATION.

KITTY: PILLS YOU SAY?

KITTY: LOL, I WOULDN'T DARE SHANK YOU.

UNCLEAN MAN: YOU JUST SAID LOL. YOU DIDN'T LAUGH. YOU SAID LOL. NOW I FEEL SAFE!

KITTY: WHATEVER WOULDN'T YOU BE BETTER SERVED MINISTERING TO NEW REVOLUTIONARY BROTHERS-IN-ARMS AS OPPOSED TO BEGGING MONEY FROM STRANGERS?

JUAN: OKAY, ENOUGH. WE HAVE TO GO NOW.

UNCLEAN MAN: I WON'T LIE. YOU'VE HURT MY FEELINGS. BUT YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S NO USE. MONEY BUYS NOTHING ANYMORE.





























