



MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING.

GETTING RICH IS EASY, RELATIVELY SPEAKING.

CAPITAL IS A VIRUS. IT WANTS TO GROW. IF YOU SET UP THE RIGHT CONDITIONS, MONEY MAKES ITSELF.

BUT WHAT A PERSON DOES WITH THEIR CAPITAL, THE CHOICES THEY MAKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD... THAT'S WHERE THINGS GET INTERESTING TO ME, IAN.

AND AM I INTERESTING TO YOU, MAIA?



NOT YET, IAN.

BUT THE NIGHT IS YOUNG.



WELL, I WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN WHERE I AM IF I DIDN'T LIKE A CHALLENGE.

COME ALONG, MS. STONE. LET ME SHOW YOU SOME OF MY CHOICES.

YOU KNOW I MADE MY MONEY IN FINANCE. I'M AN ALGORITHMIST-A NUMBER SCULPTOR.

I FIND THE MATH BEHIND THE WORLD'S SYSTEMS AND BUILD WAYS TO TWEAK IT.

SOUNDS LIKE MAGIC.

FEELS LIKE IT, TOO.

ANYWAY, I'VE PULLED TOGETHER A COLLECTION OF MATHEMATICAL THEORY FROM AS FAR BACK AS ANCIENT GREECE, EGYPT, ALL OVER.

THAT'S ALL IN THIS ONE ROOM. MY LIBRARY. ALL THE RULES OF THE UNIVERSE, RIGHT HERE. AND I HAVEN'T KEPT IT TO MYSELF, EITHER.

I'VE PAID TO HAVE IT ALL DIGITIZED, AND PUT IT UP ONLINE, FREE OF CHARGE, FOR ANYONE TO VIEW.



AND WHAT GREAT THINGS DO YOU SUSPECT WILL BE ACHIEVED WITH THIS TREASURE TROVE OF ARCAINE KNOWLEDGE, IAN?

I'M A HIGHLY EDUCATED, VERY INTELLIGENT WOMAN, AND THIS MEANS NOTHING TO ME. IT'S JUST MARKS ON A PAGE.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CAN UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS, MUCH LESS USE IT... IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T FILL YOUR STANDARD COACH.



HUH.

IT'S A LOVELY SET OF BOOKS. IT REALLY IS.

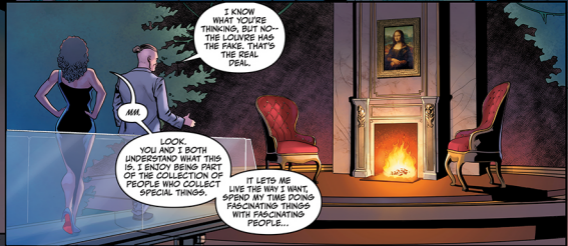
COME ALONG, MY DEAR. I'LL BLOW YOUR HAIR BACK YET.



THYLACINE--  
TASMANIAN TIGER.  
EXTINCT SINCE THE  
1930s. I'VE CLONED  
THIS ONE, BROUGHT  
IT BACK FROM  
THE DEAD.

YES,  
I KNOW WHAT  
IT IS. ELON HAD  
A BREEDING PAIR.  
HE'S WORKING TO  
BRING BACK  
THE WHOLE  
SPECIES.

AH OF  
COURSE  
HE IS.



I KNOW  
WHAT YOU'RE  
THINKING, BUT NO--  
THE LOUVRE HAS  
THE FAKE. THAT'S  
THE REAL  
DEAL.

MM.

LOOK,  
YOU AND I BOTH  
UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS  
IS. I ENJOY BEING PART  
OF THE COLLECTION OF  
PEOPLE WHO COLLECT  
SPECIAL THINGS.

IT LETS ME  
LIVE THE WAY I WANT,  
SPEND MY TIME DOING  
FASCINATING THINGS  
WITH FASCINATING  
PEOPLE...



IT'S AN  
EXCELLENT  
LIFE, AND SEEMS  
LIKE A FAIR  
DEAL.

FORGIVE  
ME FOR PUTTING  
THIS SO BLUNTLY,  
BUT THIS IS ALL  
PRETTY TYPICAL  
BILLIONAIRE



I'VE  
SEEN IT ALL  
BEFORE.



SO, IAN  
MACREADY... IF  
YOU WANT TO ADD  
THIS SPECIAL THING TO  
YOUR COLLECTION  
FOR A LITTLE  
WHILE...

...CONVINCE  
ME THAT I'LL BE  
IN GOOD COMPANY.  
SHOW ME SOMETHING  
NO ONE ELSE  
HAS.

MY  
SPECIAL  
THING,  
EH?

ALL RIGHT,  
LADY, LET ME TELL  
YOU A STORY--AND I  
GUARANTEE YOU'VE  
NEVER HEARD THIS  
ONE BEFORE.

IT BEGINS  
WITH THREE  
WORDS.



HELL IS  
REAL.



WELL...  
THEN I'M IN  
TROUBLE.



THIS  
ISN'T ABOUT  
RELIGION. HELL IS  
A PLACE, CONNECTED  
TO OUR WORLD IN VERY  
PARTICULAR WAYS.  
VERY POWERFUL  
BEINGS LIVE  
THERE.

THEY HAVE A  
HIERARCHY. THEY HAVE  
RULES, AND MOST  
IMPORTANTLY...

\*...THEY HAVE MONEY\*

<I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THIS VERY MUCH, LORD SIX-PERCENT-YEAR-OVER-YEAR-GROWTH.>

<YOU HAVEN'T DISAPPOINTED ME YET, MASTER DIVESTITURE. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT.>

