

**BAGALIA CITY,  
BAGALIA.**

IF WE'RE  
CAUGHT, IT'S NOT  
JUST US, SKOTTIE.  
OUR FAMILIES ARE  
DEAD. OUR  
FRIENDS.

YOU THINK  
I DON'T KNOW  
THAT? ZEMO SAW  
THE LIGHT.

HE SAW  
THERE'S MORE  
MONEY IN RUNNING  
A RECOGNIZED COUNTRY  
THAN THERE EVER WILL BE  
IN HYDRA. BUT WHEN  
BAGALIA GOES LEGIT,  
WHAT HAPPENS TO  
YOU AND ME?

HOW LONG  
BEFORE CAREER  
GUYS LIKE US ARE IN  
THE WAY OF HIS  
"VISION"?

I GET IT. BUT  
YOU'RE TALKING  
ABOUT STOPPING  
HIM--

NO. I'M  
TALKING ABOUT  
TREASON.

TAP  
TAP  
TAP

&@% OFF,  
MAN. WE  
DON'T HAVE ANY  
CHANGE.

OH,  
I'M NOT  
BEGGING.

THAT'S  
YOUR JOB.



# BAGALIA PRISON.

AS FAR AS PRISON  
BOSSSES GO, YOU'RE  
NOT THE MOST  
INTIMIDATING.

PERHAPS  
THAT'S BECAUSE  
YOU DON'T KNOW ME  
YET, FRANCIS.

WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU  
KNOW ME PRETTY WELL  
NOW. WANT TO GET  
ME A TOWEL?

OH,  
CALM DOWN.  
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST  
TIME I'VE SEEN AN  
AVERAGE PENIS,  
FRANCIS.

AND, AS  
TOUGH AS YOU  
THINK YOU ARE, I AM  
QUITE HAPPILY MARRIED TO  
SOMEONE A BIT MORE  
POWERFUL.

SO THIS IS  
REAL? IT'S NOT  
SOME WILD GETUP?

WHICH  
PART?

YOU'RE  
A REAL  
NUN, SISTER  
MERCEDES?

YOU CAN  
CALL ME SISTER  
MERCY.

I'M NOT  
GOING TO CALL  
YOU THAT.

EVENTUALLY,  
YOU WILL.

AND I WILL  
ANSWER YOUR  
QUESTION WITH ONE  
OF MY OWN. I TOLD  
YOU I WAS HERE  
TO SAVE YOU,  
DID I NOT?

LOTTA  
FOLKS HAVE  
TRIED.

BUT THEY  
WEREN'T ME,  
NOW, WERE  
THEY?

WALK WITH ME,  
FRANCIS. YOU CAN  
TELL ME ABOUT  
YOURSELF.

I DON'T  
DO THAT.

MAYBE YOU MAKE AN  
EXCEPTION FOR A KINDLY  
OLD HALF-BLIND NUN  
WHOSE BEEN LOCKED UP  
IN PRISON FOR  
YEARS?

NO.



I KNOW A BIT ABOUT YOU, FRANCIS. YOU WERE A SOLDIER, YES? A VETERAN?

YOUR COUNTRY ASKS SO MUCH OF ITS YOUNG WARRIORS AND THEN OFFERS THEM SO LITTLE WHEN THEY ARE DONE.

IT IS A THING OF GREAT TRAGEDY.



SO MANY YOUNG MEN LOST ON THOSE BATTLEFIELDS...BUT NOT ALL OF THEM REALIZE IT.

NO, FRANCIS, I AM NOT.

IF YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME THAT WAR IS HELL, I FIGURED THAT OUT ON MY OWN, SISTER.



YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE CONCEPT OF REBIRTH, YES? SOME THINGS ARE BORN AGAIN IN DEATH.

I BELIEVE EVERY MUSHROOM CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING.



WAR GIVES US SO MUCH DEATH, IT STANDS TO REASON IT ALSO GIVES US LIFE.

NOT SURE I FOLLOW.

YES, YOU DO. I'VE HEARD RUMORS YOU WEREN'T BORN IN CENTRAL PARK WHEN YOUR FAMILY DIED. YOU WERE BORN BEFORE THAT. ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

AND YOU MADE IT YOUR HOME. YOU'VE BROUGHT THAT BATTLEFIELD WITH YOU EVERYWHERE YOU WENT SINCE.



YOU BROUGHT IT TO ME.

"YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME, DO YOU? YEARS AGO? IN VENEZUELA? I WAS DOING MISSIONARY WORK IN A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE SHADOW OF THE GREAT TEPLI MOUNTAINS. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL LAND..."



"SILLY ME. WHY AM I TELLING YOU? YOU'VE BEEN THERE."



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"BUT I'M GETTING  
AHEAD OF MYSELF.  
IT WASN'T  
YOU AT FIRST."



"SOMETIMES  
THE LORD  
MOVES IN  
MYSTERIOUS  
WAYS,  
FRANCIS."



YOUR  
VILLAGE IS  
SUFFERING. YOU  
SUFFER BECAUSE  
YOU DO NOT WORK  
IN SERVICE OF  
A HIGHER  
POWER...

I'M  
HERE TO FIX  
THAT.

"BUT SOMETIMES  
DAMNATION COMES TO US IN  
THE GUISE OF SALVATION."

