

FOWL BREW [DRAFT]

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CHAPTER 1

[Case reading | Mayor's office, City Hall: 11 PM]

It was a cold windy day as a storm was beginning to brew after a long week of summer head. A silhouette looms behind the mayor's desk revealing a pale body of the once beloved mayor. That night, the curtains were left open allowing the passionate rain to soak the mayor on the spot. His body was discovered by his daughter Kale who has reached out to him to return for dinner. No evidence was found in the scene of the crime.

[Scene reveals to be the police station]

CHIEF

What kind of bastard would do such a thing.
And here I thought this town was finally getting peaceful.
Ma'am, do you remember anything else that night?

MADAM HOPPIN

Not that I know of my daughter was the one who...found him.
I'm sure she can provide more details but, right now... we'd like to be left alone for the time being. Im sure you understand, cheif.

CHIEF

Yes, of course. I understand.

[The chief packs up and heads out to of the room to investigate the area further bu twas stopped by Madam Hoppin.]

MADAM HOPPIN

Chief.

CHIEF

Yes, Madam?

MADAM HOPPIN

I want you to find whoever did this and bring them to me by any means

necessary. They have disrupted the balance of not only this town but the lives of this family. My husband was a peaceful man who was selfless and cared for this town for years...Stop at nothing until the monster who did this gets the punishment they deserve.

CHIEF
Understood.

[Chief leaves city hall to return to the police station]

CHIEF
...Unbelievable. Were already piled on with missing cases and now the mayor... Things are getting out of hand.

[The chief looks at the piles of papers stacked on their desks looking defeated]

[Player Options #1]

CHIEF
?!
Oh you, I didn't see you there.
Sorry, my memory is still a bit fuzzy...what was your name again?

[Player inserts name]

CHIEF
Ah yes, [player]. Your new here, aren't you?
You've come at the right time detective. I'm sure you've already heard of what happened in city hall... The entire station is backed up and we could you as much help as we can get.

[Player Options #2]

Chief [If options 1 or 2]

CHIEF [IF OPTION 3]: ?! I will not tolerate such disrespect in my office. The force has been working hard to ensure that the townsfolk feel safe for generations to come. And I won't allow some spoiled, asshole from the city poison this town's safety with your attitude.

CHIEF [AFTERWARDS]: Anyway, your still new here so I can't just trust a new detective from the academy for such a hefty case. Here take

this, I need you to go to this address and look for this person. They just got off retirement but the best person for this job. I need you to track them down and make them take the case. With all the distractions we have at the station, we need a seasoned point of view to solve this case. Will you, do it?

[IF PLAYER AGREES]

CHIEF

Perfect, knew I can count on you! Good luck and don't let me down.

[Case File received.]

Panel 1: Vermont's Garden

[Pans to the street sign with address in case]

[It was bright, clear sky on this wonderful Saturday morning. Lush fruitful trees, colorful flowers dancing in the wind, not a worry in sight on this beautiful day.]

[PLAYER]

This must be the place.

[The player walks up to a beautiful garden with trees and flowers of many a variety. Curious they stop to smell the flowers and appreciate the scenery.]

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Enjoying the Magnolias?

[PLAYER]

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[A tall elderly badger appeared behind you. They're wearing a flowery apron and wreath of roses.]

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Those are magnolias, one of my prized flowers.
They were a gift from an old friend.

[PLAYER]

They are gorgeous, I don't think I've seen these types of flowers on the island.

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Excellent observation, they are native on another island not too far from here, but I do appreciate the compliment, [Player].

[PLAYER]

How did you???

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It's a small town. Its not hard to know who is who around here. Oh, mind my manners, I'm Vermont the owner of this garden.

[PLAYER]

I'm Detective [Player].

VERMONT

Pleasure to meet you detective [Player]. What brings you here?

[PLAYER]

I'm here under order from chief to deliver this to this address.

[Vermont receives the case papers]

VERMONT

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Would you like some lemonade? Walking here must have been exhausting and I could use a glass myself.

[PLAYER]

I'm sorry, madam but my orders were to give this to you.
I should return to the station

VERMONT

I insist please come in

[Player enters Vermont's living room]

[The room has a strong tropical appearance with lots of potted plants and a wood stove. Its small yet cozy. Vermont sits with you with a glass of lemonade.]

[PLAYER]

I appreciate the hospitality but...

VERMONT

You need help with the mayor's murder case?

[PLAYER]

The chief doesn't trust me with a case this big, so they're requesting help from you it seems.

VERMONT

I see, I'm sorry but I can't take the case. I'm retired and have been out of the field for years. I came to this town to finally find some peace. Please tell your Chief that I respectfully decline. This is none of my business and I don't want anymore stress in my life.

[PLAYER]

Please ma'am. This isn't just a regular case; the livelihood of the whole town is at stake.

[The player and Vermont are interrupted by MADAM HOPPIN who appears with several bodyguards standing right by the room door]

MADAM HOPPIN

I'm afraid the young detective is correct.

BOTH VERMONT AND PLAYER

?!]

MADAM HOPPIN

The townsfolk are feeling restless after the assassination of my husband. And I fear things are getting worse.

[MADAM HOPPIN gives more reports of missing people in town]

MADAM HOPPIN

People are going Missing Vermont and the police...they won't disclose this to the public but even they are fearful of their own lives to do anything about it.

VERMONT

This has nothing to do with me.

MADAM HOPPIN

That may be so, but this isn't just a regular late night bar quarrel. This is

real, Vermont. If the police won't do anything, I can only trust a true professional to handle this case. You came to this town to finally have your freedom and I respect that but please, please help us Inspector Vermont.

[Vermont reflects on the decision and looks at MADAM HOPPIN who reminds her of her ex-wife and stands up]

VERMONT

MADAM HOPPIN. I humbly accept your case. Ill do whatever I get to the bottom of it.

MADAM HOPPIN

Thank you...Thank you Inspector...

[Player looks on and was stopped by Vermont]

VERMONT

[Player] would you like to join me on this case? Ill need the help of familiar face if we are to get to the bottom of this.

[Player hesitates but agrees]

[Vermont dawns their coat and join the player as they return to city hall to begin their investigation]

CHAPTER 1 END

CHAPTER 2

[City Hall in the Mayor's room. Scene of the crime, player and Vermont are in the mayor's office. The three are standing over an outline of where Hoppins was found with other officers in the background.]

VERMONT

...I'm sorry things had to end this way, Hoppin...
Madam, was there anyone else here at the scene of the crime?

MADAM HOPPIN

My daughter Kale was the one who found him here. I'm sure she could help with that.

KALE

...

VERMONT

Hello there, I'm Inspector Vermont. You must be Kale, it's a pleasure to meet you.

KALE

...

MADAM HOPPIN

Its okay dear, they're only here to help. Would you like to speak to the detectives? Or would you like to go outside?

KALE

I'm ok with talking to them. I want to help with this case too.

MADAM HOPPIN

Thank you dear, if you ever get uncomfortable just let me know.

[OPTIONS: Mayor Hoppins | Did you see anyone?]

KALE [1]:

You mean my dad? That night, it was getting close to midnight so my mom told me to get my dad so we can all eat at the dinner table. When I got there the room was dark and the windows were open so there were puddles of water all over the floor. I figured dad must've fallen asleep at his desk again, so I went to close the windows and wake him up...I tried nudging him to wake him up, but he didn't move. His body flipped to the side, and he was limp without a sign of life in his eyes. I rushed to mom and that was all I saw.

KALE [2]

When I went to check on him, I didn't notice anyone there at the time. All I remember was seeing him...lying there.

VERMONT

I'm so sorry to hear that.

KALE

I have to go...

[Kale leaves the room]

MADAM HOPPIN

She's going through a lot right now, please forgive her

VERMONT

Its not a problem Ms. Hoppins. I'm sure this must've been a lot to take in on a regular night. [Player] and I will inspect the area for clues.

MADAM HOPPIN

Of course, I shall leave it to you both

[MADAM HOPPIN leaves the office for the two to inspect the area]

[OPTIONS: Window | Door | Desk | Bookshelves | Floor]

[If floor is chosen]

VERMONT

What's this? Coffee grinds?

Must've come from the mayor's coffee mug. (They smell them)

These are still fresh, and I don't see any signs of a coffee maker in here.

Not sure how useful this will be but let's hang on to this.

[PLAYER RECEIVES NEW EVIDENCE]

VERMONT

I think that should be everything, lets see if we can find anyone else to speak to about this incident.

[Player gets option to go outside if needed]

Panel 1: The Drive through

VERMONT

Huh...No ones here. Well since were already outside lets see if we can find anything out of place. The mayor's office is just above here so the culprit must have jumped through the window and landed here.

[Player has option to scout the area. If side walk is chosen:]

VERMONT

Did you find something?

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A foot print? And it looks like it got engraved in the cement

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Hey you there! You cant be here.

VERMONT

Apologies, who might you be?

DIESEL

Diesel, a contractor, I work here. And you are?

VERMONT

Im Inspector Vermont and this is my partner [Player] Were here to...

DIESEL

Im gonna have to stop you right there. I heard about the mayor and the whole kerfuffle but your stepping on wet cement there bud.

[Vermont scrambles to get out and wipe their hooves]

DIESEL

No one reads the signs these days. Its bad enough I have to lay a fresh coat after some idiot messed up the last one.

VERMONT

You mean the footprint?

DIESEL

Yeah, see. The sidewalk needs a bit of polishin'. People have been complaining nowadays so I was hired to rework the thing.

[Player Options: Where were you | Who do you work for?]

DIESEL

[If asked: Who do you work for?]

Listen pal, enough with the questions. Im just here to grab my coffee, lay out cement and go home. Don't want any part of this mayor thing

VERMONT

I understand. Could we perhaps keep this piece here?

DIESEL

Do whatever you want, just get out of here.

[Player receives footprint and gets kicked out to the city street]

VERMONT

Well that was pleasant. I know Im new here but Ive never seen there face before. At least we retrieved more evidence, we couldn't find anything else on the scene....

[Player has a chance to look through evidence]

VERMONT

All we have are a few coffee beans and a footprint. Given from the looks of it the culprit must have been an avian of some kind.

[Player: Lets stop at the café]

VERMONT

Your right, no sense standing here thinking.

Panel 1: Wild Roost Cafe

[The player and Vermont enter the café and gets started by a loud squawk]

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Number 94, Caramel Latter extra cream hold the sugar!

VERMONT

Wow, wasn't what I was prepared for.

[A chatty barista is spotted behind the register]

CYRUS

There you go Ma'am, thank you for coming to the Wild Roost, enjoy your day! Next in line!

VERMONT

Hi, Can I have a Large Green tea, no sugar please. What would you like
[Player]

[Player] will have [Choice]

CYRUS

Sure thing, would you like this for here or to-go?

VERMONT

Here please

CYRUS

Here's your number, we'll deliver your order to your seat when ready!

VERMONT

Thank you

[Player and Vermont sit at table with their table number erect on the table]

VERMONT

Not a fan of coming to this place, it smells weird.

[Player: Smells fine to me. | Is it the coffee | That's weird]

VERMONT

Ive been here before since I moved.

For some reason the coffee just wreaks... Ive had coffee else where but this café is just, not for me Although that barista... noticed anything weird about them [Player]

[Player mentions their feet]

VERMONT

Precisely, theyre an avian with an similar footprint to the evidence we retrieved at Town Hall. We should speak to them

[Player: We should leave them alone | Invite them to the table | Just enjoy your drink]

CYRUS

There you go, one green tea and a [Drink choice]

VERMONT

This is a stunning design, sir, did you make this?

CYRUS

Oh thank you I did, Ive been working on my technique since I started

working here *squawk*

VERMONT

Please, do take a seat with us. We'd love to learn more.

[Cyrus hesitates]

CYRUS

I should probably get back, theres probably a few customers waiting in line.

VERMONT

It seems its just us. I insist.

[Cyrus squawks then take a seat]

[Vermont sips theyre drink.]

VERMONT

A fine brew sir. I usually make my own tea at home but this is well done.
Is this a popular drink here?

CYRUS

Thank you and yeah it is, we usually have a bunch of customers coming in for it. But our most popular drink is our espresso

VERMONT

People really love their coffee here

[Cyrus squawk in excitement]

CYRUS

Would you blame them, its so popular even Kale stops by for her morning brew.
Havent seen her in a while though, hope she's okay. Probably meditating in the forest again.

VERMONT

You know Kale?

CYRUS

Yeah, she's a regular here! We chat every now and then, she usually stops by after visiting the salon across the street.

VERMONT

You watched her cross the street?

CYRUS

Well yeah, it is a glass window. Usually see people pass by all the time, some even stop by to get a drink.

VERMONT

Strange that people get so excited over just some coffee.

CYRUS

Its not JUST any coffee this is an exotic imported coffee from off the island! Beans grown here are too sweet. Folks really love the new imported brand because its just the right blend of sweet and bitter. [] Coffee is one of a kind and were honestly having a hard time keeping our shelves stocked haha

[Vermont taps at Player to look down at Cyrus's feet and take a picture.]

[Picture acquired]

VERMONT

Do you know where its from?

CYRUS

Unfortunately, I only know its imported. Though I heard a new coffee plant is being built just off the outskirts of town. Its been pretty empty so Im glad something new is happening around here.

MANAGER

Cyrus, we've got customers coming in!

CYRUS

That's my queue. It was nice talking to you all. Enjoy your drink

[Cyrus leaves the table.]

[Player: Why did you make me take a picture of their feet?]

VERMONT

While they are avian, I didn't want to scare them off by mentioning the murder and showing evidence. Dont look at me like that! Its clearly needed for our investigation! Plus, she's a civilian. We shouldn't be running

around causing mass panic just because were looking for a murderer. The best thing we can do is to keep the peace as best as we can.

[Player shows pictures side by side]

VERMONT

The toes on the engraving is vastly different from that young barista. The nails on the print were well trimmed too. While the hunch about the suspect being avian may be leading us in an interesting direction. Were not making much progress... The barista had mentioned that Kale stops by here after their spa. Kind of grasping at straws here but I think our next best bet is to check it out.

CH 2 END

CH 3

[Vermont and their assistant make their way to the salon just a few blocks from the cafe. There they are greeted with melodious chimes from the door and met the receptionist]

VERMONT

Hi, Inspector Vermont with the local Police. Id like to speak with you regarding intel on a regular at your salon.

PHARA

Oh no no no no. Not here.
I'm tired of your police folk coming in here interrupting my business.

VERMONT

This town's really friendly... Im sorry ma'am, we'll be out of your way shortly, we just need to speak to someone for a moment.

PHARA

If ya aint here for business then I suggest you leave.

VERMONT

Oh dear... we need to speak to a few people in the area but the receptionist isnt the friendliest. How do we do this?

[Player Options]

VERMONT

Good idea! Ma'am, would it be possible to have a quick pedicure while we were here. My colleague and I have been walking quite a bit and it would be nice to treat ourselves even for just a few minutes.

PHARA

Hmm... I don't trust ya but my shop needs the customers...Fine. Sit over there and I'll have Puddin' take care of yah.

[Vermont and player are escorted to their chairs to get their pedicure]

PUDDING

Welcome.

VERMONT

Oh hello there!

PUDDING

Pedicure for two? Feet in the tray please.

VERMONT

You must be pudding it's a pleasure to meet you.

PUDDING

...

VERMONT

I take it that I'm not welcomed here. [Player] could you help me out with this situation? We need as much intel as possible and I take it that they trust you more.

[PLAYER SECTION:

(Option 1: Pleasure to meet you Pudding!

Pudding

Hello

Option 2: How long have you worked here? Pudding: I've worked here all my life. I care for big people. Player: Big People? Pudding: Large folk with claws and sharp teeth. Vermont: Ah, strange that she describes people like that... Option 3: What do you do outside of work?

Pudding: I...don't really go anywhere. This job is all I'm good at.

Option 4: Do you go out to meet other people? Pudding: I've tried

but someone like me doesnt get by that easily here. I was adopted by my grandparents and grew up here. Option 5: Im sorry about Vermont

Player: Im sorry if my partner scared you. She means no harm.

Pudding: ...]

VERMONT

Miss Pudding, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Vermont, terribly sorry if I spooked you earlier.

PUDDING

Your the inspector from across the street.

VERMONT

Huh?

PUDDING

Ive seen you walking around talking to everyone. You spoke to Cyrus and she looked scared. I thought you were going to do something to them

VERMONT

Oh, not at all. Apologies! [Shes gotta sharp eye on things] So Im assuming you know why were here?

PUDDING

Yes.But we must be quiet, the walls have ears.

VERMONT

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PUDDING

Of course ma'am, one moment while I give you a hair cut.

VERMONT

[playing along] Hope its not too much of a bother haha, its been a while since ive had a hair cut!

[Pudding turns on the blow dryer]

[Pudding leans into their ears]

PUDDING

My livelihood is at stake speaking to you two. You have to promise me to not get me involved if anything else happens?

[Vermont clears their throat]

PUDDING

Im not sure how useful this is, but I had a client come in recently looking suspiciously calm.

VERMONT

Calm?

PUDDING

I cant describe it beyond that but when he came in he requested a private pedicure.

VERMONT

I see.

PUDDING

Ive never seen him around town before so I thought he was a tourist. We dont get many of them around here so thought he was just nervous and needed something to calm himself. I took on the request and did his pedicure. He took off his shoes and it was covered in cement.

VERMONT

Cement?

PUDDING

Im not sure if he was involved in a construction accident but Im assuming that was the reason he was so riled up about.

VERMONT

Do you have a name?

PHARA

Pudding! Hurry up with those two, weve got a few more clients coming in

PUDDING

Yes, Ma'am. Follow me up front.

[The two dried off and went to the front desk to pay while pudding ran the register]

PUDDING

That'll be \$40.

[Pudding lifts a book onto the front desk and points at a name "Orion"]

VERMONT

That was an excellent massage, ma'am. Have a good day.

PUDDING

Thank you for stopping by.

[The player and Vermont left the spa]

VERMONT

Orion... does that name sound familiar to you?

[Player: No]

VERMONT

Alright, looks like were making some progress. We know that Kale stops by for coffee regularly here but what I'm more concerned is who this Orion is.

[Player]

But where do we go from here...

VERMONT

Well we cant just walk around town asking everyone about this "Orion" fellow.

[Player Options]

CH 3 End

Chapter 4

Vermont

Kale is mostly likely with their mother so its best we head back to town hall to gather more information

The Player and Vermont return to the Town hall and meets Madam Hoppins

Madam Hoppins
Welcome back inspectors
Did you manage to find anything?

Vermont
We managed to get more Intel from the towns folk but we just have a few details we'd like to confirm if you don't mind.

Madam Hoppins
Of Course, Id like to help however I can

Vermont
Thats very thoughtful of you ma'am

[Player Options]
- Orion, Kale, Mayor

If Orion is chosen

Madam Hoppins
My dear, we cant reveal details regarding our towns folk. The people who reside here come to escape from their previous lives and start a fresh slate. As much as I have trusted you with this investigation, I just cant offer you details of that nature.

Vermont
I understand.
Could you possibly give us any details on what he does here?

Madam Hoppins
He's owns the Big Beak estate just south of town near the pier. He's helped many residents find homes so his services have greatly helped our small town.

Vermont
I'm sure he has.
Thank you so much Madam, we will be on our way

Madam Hoppins
Take care.

[The investigator and Player go to the parking lot outside]

Vermont

Something about her feels off to me.

Very quick to defend the townsfolk once we have mentioned Orion. Its just a hunch but I think theres more to this man than it seems based on Pudding's findings.

[Vermont and player hears clanging and noises in the background. A wild Kale appears]

Kale

Hey, hows it going fellas

Vermont

Kale?!

Kale

What? Oh, yeah thats me.

Vermont

Are you OK?

Kale

Fine fine, just had a quick run and now I am back in action Woo!

Vermont

[Player- I think he's intoxicated in some way and wreaks of coffee. This might be our chance to get some Intel]

I'm glad!

Kale

So what're you guys doing here?! Chatting with my mom

Vermont

Um, yes, we spoke to her earlier about a few matters.

Kale do you by any chance know Orion?

Kale

Pssh, course I know him. Used to run a few errands for the guy.

Vermont

Errands?

Kale

Yeah, being the kid of the towns politicians gets a little boring.
So I go out and take odd jobs here and there.

Vermont
What kind of jobs did you do for Orion.

Kale
The dude pays well so I just do whatever he asks. Cleaning, lawn work,
you know the usual.

Vermont
So he just hires you to do some cleaning.

Kale
Those are the only job I take from him.
My mom hates the guy, thinks he's real shady so I try to keep my
distance.

Vermont
Shady? Has he done anything weird to you

Kale
Well.
Nothing to me, but the way he acts makes me feel as if, its just a mask
he's hiding behind. And Id rather not joke around with him and find out
whats underneath it.

Vermont
Hm, seems like the people here are afraid of this Orion fellow.

Vermont
How long has he lived here.

Kale
Oh he just got here a few months back.
Got real chumming with the people here and now he's got his own little
fan club. Its kind of weird now that you mention it.

Vermont
I see. Do you know where he is right now?

Kale
Probably at his estates down the street. Hes a big fluffy guy, cant miss

him.

Vermont
Thank you, Kale

Kale
No biggie.
Also uh, don't tell mom what I told you guys...
I don't usually get much freedom and things have gotten pretty rocky
since dad..you know.

Vermont
Your secrets safe with us.

Kale
Thank you.

[The two arrive near the condo and spot two shadowy figures facing
each other]

Cyrus
I'm sorry sir, I'm late again this month. I promise Ill pay you back

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Oh, don't worry son. I'm just glad that your doing well these days.
Hows Paige and the cafe.

Cyrus
Shes doing great and the coffee you gave us is doing wonder for sales
recently.
People just cant stop drinking the stuff its insane, like...
What your secret ingredient man??

???
Haha, thats something you'd have to figure out on your own.
What good is a businessman if he gives away all his secrets.

Cyrus
Thats true, I'm sorry Mr. Orion

Orion
No need. Its getting dark now, how about we head in and discuss all this
another time.

Cyrus
Sure, well, have a good night sir!

Orion
You too!

[Cyrus leaves the scene]

Orion
I see you've decided to stop by for a visit, Vermont, [Player]

Player and Vermont
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Vermont
I didn't think we were invited.

Orion
Nonsense, everyone is welcome here.
I take it you aren't here for a special tour aren't you detective

Vermont
You seem to know who we are before we even got the chance to
introduce ourselves.

Orion
With the ehem recent incident with our beloved mayor. Word tends to go
around pretty quickly, especially about a certain detective and their partner
roaming about.

Vermont
...
I'm guessing we aren't as welcomed as you made out to be.

Orion
I wouldn't say that.
You just happened to be in the neighborhood and...well
For the sake of my tenants, I'm going to ask you kindly to leave the
premises.

Vermont
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But we have said anything?

Orion

I think your presence has done enough.
If you don't I'll have no choice but to use force.

Vermont

I can assure you there's no need for that.
We would just like to request an offer of your time.

Orion

And I'm afraid I'd have to offer you to leave.

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What's going on here?

Vermont and Player

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Vermont

What the who?!

[Orion disappears behind the blinding light]

Vermont

We mean no harm, we're just here to meet Orion her-

[Vermont notices that Orion flees the scene but the wet pavement is
there]

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...No one else is here but the two of you

Vermont

It seems our conversation got cut short. We will be on our way now

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Upupup, not so fast. You're coming with me.
Can't let two wanderers go under Neighborhood Watch's patrol.

[The two are escorted to the pier with the neighborhood watch patrol
officer]

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I've been seeing you two wandering around lately.

Vermont

Forgive the rudeness but I believe we are owed an introduction of some kind.

We were meeting with the Mr Orion and now got dragged to the other side of town.

Monty

Alright, just to make things easier.

My name is Monty, I run the pier near the coast of town and part of the neighborhood watch. I scout the area and try my best to keep the folks here safe.

Vermont

How many people are in this neighborhood watch of yours

Monty

Oh it's just me for the time being. Not many people are eager to walk around at night for creeps. Especially with all the...recent incidents.

Vermont

I take it you speak of the incident with the mayor

Monty

Have you been living under a rock or something?

Yes, the mayor's case is the biggest one yet but... folks around here have gone missing too. And I hate to say it but a few folks may be suspecting that the two of you may be involved.

Vermont

We are investigators tasked by Madam Hoppins to investigate the case of her late husband. Why in the world would we do such a thing.

Monty

Well it's not you and your partner folks are worried about. It's just you, tall badger wandering around town does draw suspicion.

Vermont

I've lived here for a few months, I would never hurt anyone.

Monty

I get that, but with a small town its easy for folks to recognize newcomers and locals.

Vermont

Are you saying that I may have something to do with the missing cases.

Monty

Don't get me wrong officer, I'm not one to judge but picture this.
If you were living in a small town of lets say 5-10 folks and someone new stops by, people would immediately know that your not from around here.
Now lets say that missing people started to disappear one after the other during the time when this new comer is conveniently not in town.

Vermont

With all due respect, I'm here to retire peacefully.
I have no intentions to harm anyone on this island and that fact that people are accusing me of such thing is insulting.

Monty

Your being insulted by rumors then
Just as how you are offended by these accusations, nothing is confirmed.
But I take it, if the mayor's wife tasked you to investigate the mayor's murder then I assume theres more to meet the eyes.

Vermont

...

This all feels like an interrogation.
How can someone in the neighbor hood watch know so much about these sort of thing anyway.

Monty

Your not the only one who's not from here who came for a peaceful life inspector.

Vermont

...

Monty

Ive seen my fair share of misjudgment in my life.
An old soul like me gets tired of it after a while.

Vermont

I take it your from off the island as well?

Monty

Yup, used to be a professional wrestler back in the good old days.
Things got a little rough so came here not too long ago.

Vermont

What happened?

Monty

Sigh.. 40 years ago I was the national champion in my league.
Traveled far and wide to every tournament in the world and always
made it to the top.
“Mad Dog Monty” is what they used to call me.

Vermont

Mad Dog huh, back in the field they used to call me “Vermont the
Vacant”

Monty

Vacant?

Vermont

Yeah, I used to work in private investigations for 40 years. Always found
the killer no matter what. I was told that with every case I'd give a blank
look. As if I'm a predator stalking their prey or something.

Monty

He-he, I know that feeling.

People in the ring always got that look from me. Scare the crap out of
them but I didn't mind all too much.

So uh, if things were so good what made you come all the way out here?

Vermont

...

Despite the nick name, things didn't feel right.

You can only get reports of innocent people getting hurt for so long. All
the trials, the phone calls, the testimonies... it eats away at your sanity one
by one.

At first I joined the force to help the community, but at the cost I lost
everything... my sanity, my will to live. Only after losing my late wife that I
had to retire and leave the town I valiantly served.

Monty

Sound rough, I'm uh, sorry that happened to you.

Vermont

Its nothing to apologize for, if anything im sorry you had to hear this old soul ramble about the past.

Monty

I wouldn't say that.

Went through kind of the same thing as well.

A few years ago, I decided one last match before the road, things were changing about me that I didn't like. On my final match, things were heating up as usual, one more punch and the belt is mine but...something took over that day.

I felt a rush. Things went dark and before I knew it my opponent was down on the ground with a gaping bit would...from me.

Vermont

You bit him?

Monty

I didn't mean to!

I don't know what happened but since that day I ran. Ran as far as I could.

What happened, why did I bite him.

I was scare but most of all I was scared of myself.

I him away from the public and word got around that I murdered the guy.

Vermont

If you felt so guilty why didn't you turn yourself in.

Monty

You know from a cop's point of view, it'd be that easy but... look at me.

People like me don't get a slap on the wrist for an accidental bite.

They were gonna kill me.

Vermont

Oh.

Monty

I knew that if I stayed where I was that if they ever caught me, Id never see the light of day. I didn't wanna leave, that was my home...

Vermont
What did you do?

Monty

...

I paid an old friend a visit at the hospital. The guy I bit.
Luckily he was recovering well and forgave me, but even with that I
couldn't forgive myself. I loved wrestling but I'd never hurt a fly outside the
ring.

Once I said my goodbyes, I headed to the shore and swam...swam as far
away as possible.

Washed up on this right here island and Mayor Hoppins took me in.
Folks were afraid of me but eventually warmed up to me.
Hoppins wanted me to be his official bodyguard but I couldn't risk it, not
like what happened last time. So I offered to run this here pier and run
neighborhood watch and here we are.

Vermont
You've been through quite a lot Monty.

Monty
Yeah, you got me crying over here in front of a bunch of people I don't
even know.

Vermont
I understand though Monty.
You don't want anyone to be harmed in anyway, even if it meant
isolating yourself.
Believing that the only way to keep a peaceful life is to isolate yourself as
much as possible until your final breathe...
But there's definitely more out there for you.
The town might be small but we've met some great people who care
about this town just as much as you do...and if you ever need a friend, I'm
here for you.
I know what it's like to be treated differently and...as hard as things
might be...it gets better, I promise

Monty
You know, for a cop. You're not so bad yourself

Vermont
When you've been in the field this long, you've seen a lot.
But what hurts the most is seeing your fellow officers treat the people

they protect like dust.
I solemnly promise that my partner and I haven't he towns best interest
at heart and would never hurt anyone. However, this final case is big.

Monty
I know.

Vermont
We cant allow things to keep going like this and for more and more
people we care about to get hurt.
I was tasked by Madam to find the culprit and end this. Apologies if I
seemed suspicious speaking to Mr Orion but that fellow just feels off.

Monty
I thought I was the only one who thought that.

Vermont
You too?!

Monty
He's new around here. A rich tycoon who drifted a little off shore and
discovers the island. He funded a few living spaces for the town and people
love him.

Vermont
Ive heard.

Monty
But think about it, a billionaire just conveniently wanders into town and
now he's got a whole fan club.

Vermont
Do you think he's up to something.

Monty
No doubt it, Ive met my fair share of rich folk back in my career and if
theres one thing Ive learned is that no ones truly satisfied with what they
have. People like that always crave more.

Vermont
Why didn't you report him to the police.

Monty

Vermont, do you hear yourself.
People look at me and would think In the killer over here.
A man of that much power isn't a person you can just report to the police
and get away scot free.

Vermont
Your right. What we need is hard evidence that this Orion fellow is up to
something.
But no matter what we try, we cant seem to get any concrete evidence
besides rumors.

Monty
I know I said I wouldn't be involved. But Ive noticed something weird on
my usual patrols. Ive seen folks wander around the woods holding sacks of
some kind.

Vermont
Sacks? Could you describe the person you saw holding it.

Monty
Sharks don't have good eye sight but that bag, wreaked of meat and
roses.

Vermont
Roses... The receptionist, Phara?!
[Player] we need to leave now

Monty
Where are you going?

Vermont
Thank you so much Monty but we need to leave now.
Oh and if you ever need a friend to chat with I live just north from here.
Stop by for some tea sometime!

Monty
He-he, will do.

[Vermont and Player rush off to the salon now that the newest suspect
has been reveled]

CH 4 END

CH5

[Vermont and player rush into the salon]

Vermont
Hello, is anyone here?

Pudding
Detective? Your back, whats wrong?

Vermont
Nothing of concern but I need to speak to your manager.

Pudding
Phara? She just left, its closing hour so she left me to clean up shop.

Vermont
Do you know when she'll be back.

Pudding
I dont know. She always leaves early and she's not the type to share her personal business.

Vermont
I see, mind if we wait around while incase she comes back?

Pudding
Of course!

[Player and vermont wait out at the front of teh salon]

Vermont
I think were starting to get the big picture here [Player]
Just as Monty mentioned, we have a prime suspect in the wait but we cant just barge in and make accusations. We have to figure out how to expose this man for who he truly is and fast.

[Vermont picks up on the smell again and sees a shadowy figure in the distance]

Vermont
Over there!

[Player and Vermont pick up on the scent and book it towards the pier]

Vermont
Wait, stop!

[The figure dives into the water and Vermont follows suit. The figure then grabs Vermont's leg and pulls him down. Unable to breathe Vermont struggles to swim up to the surface and is then rescued by Monty]

Monty
The hell are you doing out here!

Vermont
Cough cough. I was close

Monty
Are you nuts?! You cant swim, you couldve drowned.

Vermont
Monty, I saw them!

Monty
What?

Vermont
The person who smelled of meat and roses.
We chased them all the way to the pier and they jumped into the
ocean...did you see them?

Monty
Sorry, detective. I was in the shack I didnt even see anyone jump in.

Vermont
DAMN. And we were so close too.

Monty
Perhaps you should rest a bit.

Vermont
NO.
This case has gone on long enough, dont you see.
Liek you said, people are going missing, that crazy chicken threatened to
kill me and I nearly drowned.

Monty

Listen.

I know this is tough but you gotta keep it together man.
Ill help however way I can, you have me and player to help as well.
What did you both see.

Vermont

I saw a figure with a long tail jumping in with a sack.

Monty

The water...that mustve been the reason Ive been the only one who's
noticed that weird smell. Whomever did this knew what they were doing
and had the experience behind it.

Vermont

There was a trail that they left while we chased them...

Monty

Alright, lets follwo the trail and see where it leads.

Vermont

Your coming with us?

Monty

Your gonna need all the help you can get.

[The three follow the trail that leads to near the cafe]

Vermont

Stay here Monty, Player and I have a few questions we need to ask.

[Vermont enters the cafe]

Cyrus

Vermont, its good to see you again!

Vermont

Wonderful to see you as well Cyrus, hows everything.

Cyrus

Nothing out of the usual, just the same old.

Vermont
I saw you just the other day with Orion.

Cyrus
Oh him? Yeah we were just chatting about the usual business. A friend of his stopped by with another sack of those special coffee beans.

Vermont
Aside from said friend do you know where he got these beans.

Cyrus
Theyre imported from what im told but between you and me. Mr Orion said that since business has been booming with these new beans that he's planning on building a coffee plant for the town!

Vermont
A coffee plant!

Cyrus
Yeah! And he said he'll make me the manager of it once its ready!
Isnt that exciting!

Vermont
Interesting, so Orion is the one behind these beans.

Cyrus
Thats right!
Care for a sample?!

Vermont
You know what, maybe I will. Thank you
[Vermont takes a cup and leaves the shop]

Vermont
...
[Vermont takes a sip of the coffee]

Vermont
Cough cough, ahahahaha!! This is great, woo!

Monty

You alright?

Vermont

Never felt so good! Monty want me to do anything for you buddy?!
Ill do anything anything!

Monty

The matter with you???

[Player splashes them with water]

Vermont

What what happened?

Monty

You drank that sample and went full on crazy.
As if you were addicted to teh stuff. Have you had coffee before?

Vermont

Im not the biggest fan of it but... if what you said is true then...
Were going to Orion.

Monty

What?

Vermont

We never got the chance to properly speak to him... Monty, I wont make
you come along if you arent comfortable.

Monty

Ill follow the trail from earlier, you can go on ahead.

Vermont

Alright. [Player] this is our last shot. I dont know who this man is... but
if what Kale said is true, we MUST be on our toes. He's the only one in town
we havent spoken with... its all or nothing.

[Vermont storms off with Player back to the condominiums]

Vermont

Were here but where the hell could he be...

[Vermont rings the doorbell then a shadowy figure knocks them both

out]

CH5 END

CH6 FINAL

[Vermont and Player wake up with Diesel and Orion standing before them. Both locked onto a Pillory in the middle of the forest with little to no presence.]

Vermont

What the?! [Player} are you ok??
Orion, you parasite! What have you done with us.

Orion

Oh, why little ol me didnt do a thing. Its you who's the true parasite,
meddling in my business with your interruptions.

Vermont

Is this what you call a business? Meddling with these poor innocent
townsfolk. And that coffee of yours...what did you do to them?

Orion

Id watch that attitude of yours if I were you.Diesel..

[Vermont is punched by Diesel]

Vermont

AGH!

Orion

Interesting that you have the audacity to invade my new island with
these assumptions.

[Orion lifts Vermonts head with a knife by his neck]

Orion

But a little cutie like you, itd be a shame for me to kill you right this
second. Though, the wishbone society would be quite displeased if I left one
alive..

Vermont

Wishbone? The fuck are you getting at?

Orion

You see, my dear Vermont. People like you...predators with your claws and sharp teeth, scare little ol folks like us. Prey constantly on the watch for people like you. There were too many of you and I just had to simple do some...damage control.

Vermont

Your the one behind those missing people.

Orion

It'd be a lie if I said I wasn't but it was all for good reason detective don't you worry.

Vermont

What good of a reason could possibly have had to murder all these townsfolks and get away with it. What did you eat them or something.

Orion

Oh that would be simply barbaric, do I look like a man who would even think of eating you fiends. I had them buried of course.

Vermont

Liar! Its that coffee... ever since youve shown up and that time I drank it... Those beans came from YOU. What did you do to those innocent people.

Orion

Oh detective, I wish I could spoil the ending but I think a smart detective like yourself could put two and two together.

Vermont

No...you didn't.

Orion

The missing predators merely became fertilizer for my coffee beans. I find that natural decomposition of flesh is the perfect additive for my concoction.

Vermont

You... Why?! Why go through all this! Was the mayor one of your fertilizers?!

Orion
Pfft, that filthy ingrate.
No it would have been too easy if rolled the dice with that man.

[Orion casually sits next to Vermont knife in hand]

Orion
You see, I have a dream... to make this island great!
When I got to this boring wasteland, I saw something missing, a
direction. With this island slowly wasting away, these people needed
something.

Vermont
Coffee??

Orion
A new leader.
At first I simply wanted a little coffee plant on this island, itd provide the
people here with new hope and opportunities. But that ingrate denied my
request... NOONE SAYS NO TO ORION.
I had to make an example out of him.

Vermont
You killed the man for some dumb coffee.

Orion
Oh silly, is that what you think? Open your ears~
This town needed a direction, a new leader...me. I was hoping that the
mayour would I accept my new construction plans but I had enough.
I Am Orion Von Revitora, billionaire extroidinaire... he was just a lowly
frog who though low of me. So I did what I could, the old man had a slight
cough you see and I offered him some medicine of my own device. A fiber
pill.

Vermont
No... you didnt!

Orion
The sucker, swallowed it with some water and slowly passed before me.
Oh you should have seen it detective, such a wonderful sight.
Seeing your enemies, learn their lesson.

Vermont

You bastard! He was an innocent man, they were all innocent!

Orion

Tisk tisk... is someone getting a little riled up.
I think its time for me to help you and your little partner here get some rest.

[Kale bursts from the bushes with Monty following suit]

Kale

You fucker! Your the one who did it and after I trusted you!

Orion

Unhand me! Diesel get them!

[Diesel attempts to break Kale off Orion but Monty interrupts and start fighting]

Orion

You idiot, forget him and help ME.
Ill kill you and your who fucking family!

[Orion clearly losing the fight, retreats to town. Kale follows suit.]

Kale

Get back here!

Vermont

Kale! No get away from him!

[Monty helps teh player and vermont get out of the pillory. Kale and Orion make it to the town square. Kale blindly continues to throw puchhes at Orion while he submits.]

Orion

Stop! Please no!

[Kale in a blind rage grabs Orion and waterboards him in the fountain. While Orion was flaily he grabs a fiber pill and swallows it, then swallows the water from the fountain]

[The towns folk watch in horror as Kale chokes Orion until his arm goes limp. Kale, recovering from her rage breathes heavily and takes a few steps

back to see what theyve done. Vermont, Player and Monty make it to town
and sees teh aftermath]

Townsfolk

Murderer! It was Kale all along! She murdered Orion! How could you!
The mayor's daughter!

Kale
I... I...

[Kale in shock looks at their hands as the police arrive and arrests them]

Chief

Kale Hoppins, you have been arrested and charged for homicide and the
murder of Orion.

Kale
Im sorry, I just...

[Kale looks at Vermont as they are locked into the police car and slowly
driven away]

Vermont
Kale... I...damn it

[The town disburse as the remaining officers slowly cover and dispose of
Orions body.]

[A few months later in the penetentiary]

Officer

Kale Hoppins, you bail has been covered. You free to leave.

Kale
What? Who?

[Vermont, Kale and Monty showed up]

Vermont
Hi Kale.

Kale
...Vermont

[Kale rushes over to Vermont and gives her a hug]

Kale

Im sorry, I knew I shouldnt have... I just didnt

[Vermont gives them a hug]

Vermont

Its ok, I know... you did what you could.

Kale (crying)

Mom, never visited either....

I dont think I can go back home, Vermont.

Vermont

... would you like to stay with me?

Kale

?!

Vermont

I have plenty of room at my home, your always welcome to-

Kale

Yes, thank you!

[Kale continues to hug Vermont as Player and Monty watch the two. A few weeks later, the four are tending to Vermont's garden and Monty notices the sky getting darker than usual With paper started falling from the sky. Vermont hesitates and picked up one of the flier. The flier, painted in blood read "The WishBone Society will return". The four stare in horror of the new flier and worry about the future of the island.]

THE END