

Thief in the Night

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LELAND'S THE NAME
AND STEALING CARS
IS THE GAME.

138 "STEALS" AND
NEVER BEEN CAUGHT.

THIS NEIGHBORHOOD'S
ALWAYS GOT
SOMETHING GOOD--
RESIDENTIAL RIGHT OFF
SOME BUSINESS
STREETS.

LOT OF APARTMENT
BUILDINGS AND NOT
ENOUGH PARKING--MAKES
THE TENANTS PARK AWAY
FROM WHERE THEY LIVE.
ON THESE DARK STREETS
THAT ARE PRACTICALLY
DESERTED LATE AT NIGHT.

PRIME PICKING. AND
I'M FEELING LUCKY
TONIGHT.

AND I THINK WE HAVE
A WINNER ALREADY!

THE FIRST "GRAB" OF THE NIGHT!
FULLY LOADED--AND NO ALARM!

OKAY, BE COOL...
LOOK NATURAL.

SCAN AROUND FOR
ANY ONLOOKERS OR
CAMERAS...

LOOKS CLEAR! TIME
TO GET TO WORK.

THIS BABY SHOULD BRING
A NICE "FINDER'S FEE"!

WAIT! DOWN THE BLOCK...

WHO'S *THAT* BRUISER?!?

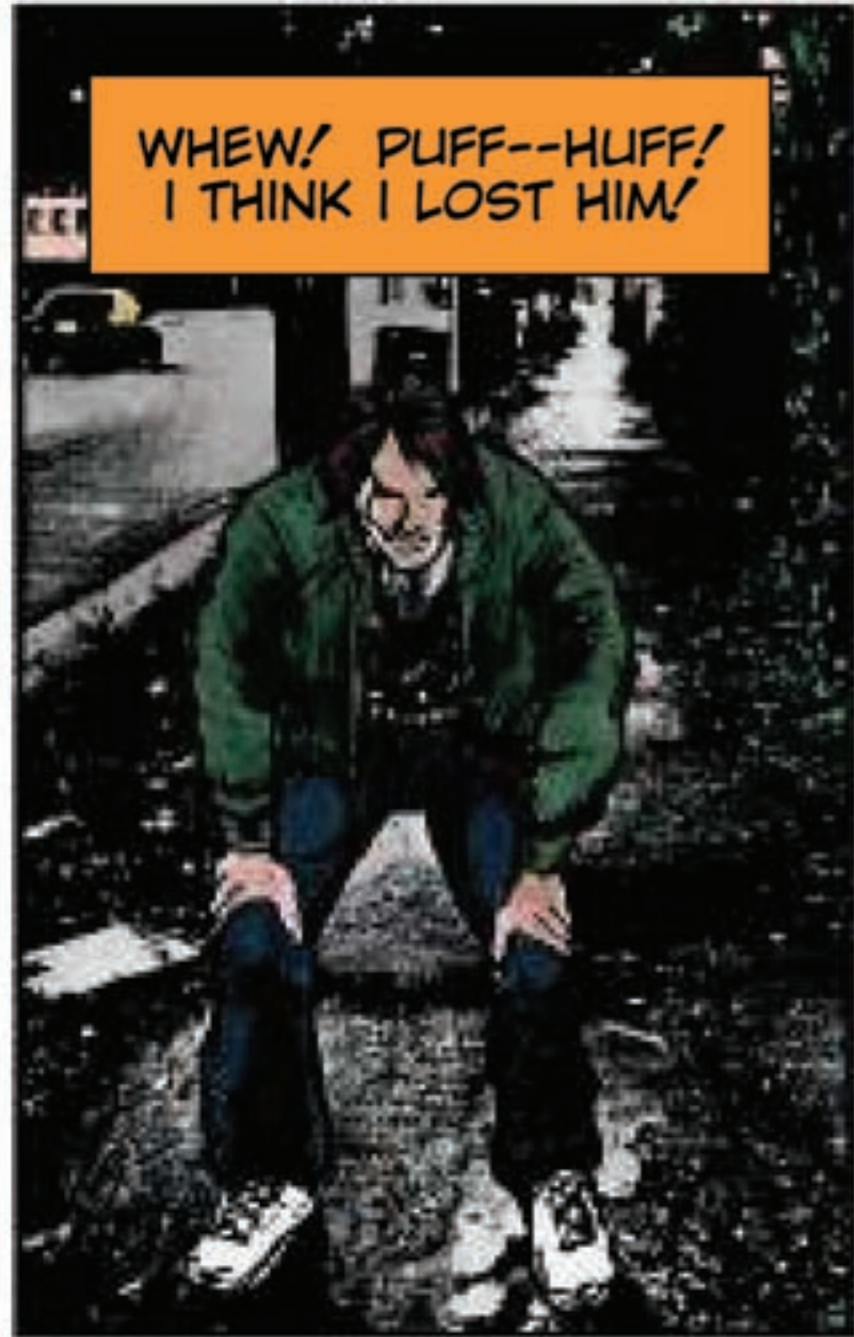
OH NO! I THINK
HE SEES ME!



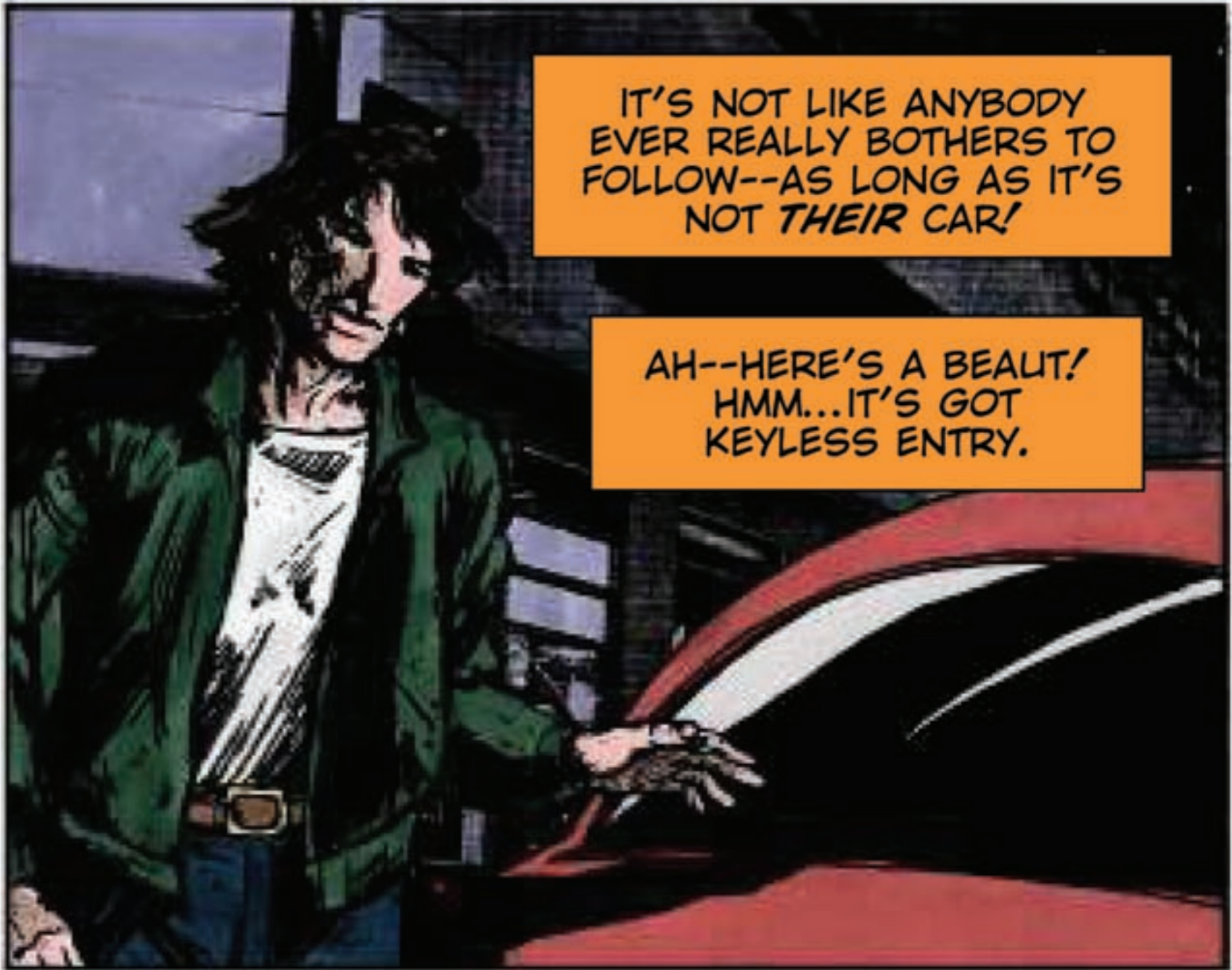
I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!

WAIT...HAVE I SEEN THAT GUY BEFORE?

NAH...



WHEW! PUFF--HUFF!
I THINK I LOST HIM!



IT'S NOT LIKE ANYBODY EVER REALLY BOTHERS TO FOLLOW--AS LONG AS IT'S NOT *THEIR* CAR!

AH--HERE'S A BEAUT!
HMM...IT'S GOT KEYLESS ENTRY.



THAT'S OKAY-- SO DO I.



AND-- VOILA!



I'M TAKING THIS BABY STRAIGHT TO RIGO'S SHOP!

IT'S WORTH DOUBLE JUST FOR PARTS!



HELLO, LELAND.

YAAAHH!!!



GOT TO--

--GET AWAY!!



WHO...



THERE YOU ARE!



YOU STOLE MY TRUCK A MONTH AGO!

I SAW YOU OUT MY WINDOW!



I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!

AND NOW I'VE FOUND YOU!

GASP! GASP!



**RUN!!
RUN!!!**

**GASP!
GASP!
HUFF!**

MAYBE--

**MAYBE I SHOULD
QUIT SMOKING!**



I THINK--

**GASP!
HUFF!**

**I THINK I
LOST HIM!**

HUFF!



**THERE'S
STILL TIME,
LELAND.**

**I CAN
STILL SAVE
YOU.**



NOOO!!

**IT'S--
IT'S YOUR
FAULT HE'S
AFTER ME!**

**HE ALREADY
SAW YOU,
LELAND.**

**HE'S BEEN
LOOKING FOR
YOU FOR A
LONG TIME.**



**THIS WAS
ALWAYS
THE NIGHT
HE WAS
GOING TO
FIND YOU.**

**GET
AWAY!**

HUFF!

CLANG!



**PLEASE--
PLEASE
GO AWAY!**

**I DON'T
WANT
YOU!**



BUT YOU WANT EVERYTHING ELSE, DON'T YOU?

I'VE KNOWN THIEVES LIKE YOU BEFORE.



I DIED WITH TWO OF THEM.

NOOO... GO AWAY...

PLEASE...



I CAN'T GO, LELAND.

THERE'S ALMOST NO TIME LEFT.

I'VE CHASED YOU ALL YOUR LIFE, LELAND.

THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY CHANCES FOR YOU TO LET ME SAVE YOU.



THERE ARE NO CHANCES LEFT.

I WAS *CRUCIFIED* BETWEEN TWO THIEVES, LELAND...



MY HANDS OUTSTRETCHED TO EACH OF THEM.

ONE REJECTED ME AND FOUND ONLY DEATH.

THE OTHER ACCEPTED ME AND FOUND *SALVATION*.

WHICH WILL YOU BE?

THERE'S
STILL TIME--!



THERE
YOU ARE.

THOUGHT I HEARD
YOU BANGIN'
AROUND BACK
THERE.

DID YOU
REALLY THINK
YOU COULD
GET AWAY?



NOBODY
ESCAPES ME.



BLAM!



OH JESUS,
JESUS--



--IS IT
TOO LATE?

WHEN IS IT "TOO LATE"?

LELAND THOUGHT HE HAD ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD, BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHEN THE END MAY DRAW NEAR. LELAND HELD ONTO HIS EMPTY LIFE UNTIL IT WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM AND HE DIED AN EMPTY DEATH. DEATH CAN COME LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT AND STEAL AWAY ALL THAT YOU HOLD DEAR.

BUT JESUS ALSO COMES LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT! NOT TO STEAL OR KILL, BUT TO RESTORE THAT WHICH IS LOST. HAS THE WORLD STOLEN YOUR HOPES? HAS THE ENEMY STOLEN YOUR DREAMS? DOES DEATH SEEK TO STEAL YOUR LIFE? JESUS CAN RESTORE YOUR HOPES. HE CAN FULFILL YOUR DREAMS. HE CAN GIVE YOU A LIFE BETTER THAN ANY YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD HAVE.

WHEN IS IT TOO LATE TO TURN TO HIM? AS LONG AS BREATH REMAINS, IT IS NEVER TOO LATE!

JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED ON A CROSS BETWEEN TWO THIEVES SENTENCED TO DEATH. ONE THIEF MOCKED JESUS, THE OTHER THIEF PRAISED JESUS AND ASKED HIM "REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM." JESUS ANSWERED, "TODAY, YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE!"

MANY HOPE TO LIVE A SINFUL LIFE AND THEN ASK FORGIVENESS AT THE VERY END. AND, YES, IF THEY ARE EARNEST THEN, THE LORD WILL STILL RECEIVE THEM. BUT SIN ISN'T JUST SOMETHING THAT YOU DO, IT IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS TO YOU AS WELL!

SIN LIES TO YOU. SIN HURTS YOU. SIN HURTS THOSE YOU LOVE. SIN STEALS FROM YOU--STEALS YOUR HOPES, YOUR DREAMS, YOUR LIFE. SIN IS A THIEF.

JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PROTECT YOU FROM YOUR OWN SIN! HE DIED ON THAT CROSS TO DEFEAT SIN! HE CAME TO LIFE AGAIN THREE DAYS LATER TO DEFEAT DEATH! HIS VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH CAN BE YOUR VICTORY AS WELL.

INSTEAD OF STEALING YOURSELF AWAY FROM GOD, GIVE YOURSELF TO HIM! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PRAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS--

"LORD GOD, I DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE, I DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO GIVE ME IN THIS LIFE IS STOLEN AWAY FROM ME! I WANT YOUR LIFE, LORD! I WANT THE HOPE THAT ONLY YOU CAN BRING! I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS YOUR SON AND THAT HE DIED ON THE CROSS TO GIVE ME NEW LIFE! I REPENT OF MY SINS AND I ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS AND THE NEW LIFE THAT COMES WITH IT! PLEASE SAVE ME AND HELP ME TO KNOW THAT I AM SAVED. ALL THIS I ASK AND THANK AND PRAISE YOU FOR, IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN!"

IF YOU PRAYED THIS PRAYER AND BELIEVED, YOU ARE NOW A CHILD OF GOD. DO NOT HIDE FROM HIM, BUT SEEK HIM! GO TO CHURCH, READ THE BIBLE, AND PRAY TO HIM EVERY DAY.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO LIVE THE LIFE THAT GOD HAS FOR YOU
--AND IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY EITHER!