

THE BLACKAVELLIAN KNIGHTS

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TEASER

FADE IN.

INT. BASEMENT OF THE CORNER STORE - NIGHT

The room is dimly lit and partially filled with people. A large fan circulates warm air and smoke.

The last bit of coffee is poured and the empty pot placed back on the hot burner.

Debris spills from the overflowing trash cans on both sides of the table. A sign-in sheet circulates the room.

LENNY B's (36) diamond earring, white suit, businessman and masked leader of the vigilante group, The Blackavellian Knights,

He's concluding his speech as guest speaker at a recovery meeting.

EXT. CEMETERY - NIGHT

A car passes through the cemetery gates, which close automatically. The vehicle parks in the last open space enclosing the circle.

Folks are shooting dice, exchanging war stories or making deals via cell phones.

ROYAM's (45) the Kingpin of The Drug Star Cartel and Mayor of the City of Brotherly Love.

He flashes his lights three times and the meeting officially begins.

Royam exits his vehicle along with his bodyguards.

Seconds later, two hooded, bound and gagged prisoners are thrown at his feet.

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The facilitator arrives at the podium and shakes Lenny B's hand. He turns and faces the audience.

FACILITATOR

Let's give our guest speaker, Lenny B, a round of applause.

He gives Lenny B two thumbs up.

FACILITATOR

You can learn a lot from this good brother. Anything else you'd like to add?

LENNY B

Just keep coming back; it gets better. Connect with a higher power of your choice. Most importantly, remember it's one day at a time.

EXT. CEMETERY - NIGHT

Royam breaks his walking stick over the first captive's head.

He punches the other in the throat. He removes their hoods exposing a male and female.

ROYAM

Regardless of race, creed, gender or sexual preference, I've allowed you all to achieve the American Dream in my organization. But betrayal will not be tolerated.

The man begins sobbing, then crying. The woman tries to break free, but is apprehended immediately.

ROYAM

Secure that bitch.

Royam pulls out a knife and scalps the woman. She bucks wildly as blood splatters everywhere. She passes out and falls to the ground.

ROYAM

And as you can see, I also dispense punishment equally.

INT. BASEMENT OF THE CORNER STORE - NIGHT

FACILITATOR

Does anyone have any additional questions before we close out?

There's a loud pop as the unattended coffee pot explodes. People duck for cover then realize it was the coffeepot.

The janitor scurries to clean up the mess and the meeting continues.

A young woman raises her hand and is acknowledged by Lenny.

LENNY B

Yes.

WOMAN #1

Lenny B, how long was it before "it" stuck?

LENNY B

There were many, many trials and tribulations, but I never gave up.

WOMAN #2

You didn't answer her question. How long was it before you got with the program?

LENNY B

Ladies, you're trying to cross the finish line before you've started the race.

WOMAN #1

I'm trying to figure out how long I'm going to have to do this program stuff.

LENNY B

Everyone's journey is different so there's no definitive timeline. Please just start with one second, minute, hour or day and let it happen.

EXT. CEMETERY - NIGHT

Royam scratches his chin then looks up at the stars. He then stands nose-to-nose with the second captive.

ROYAM

You cut my shit to make more bags to increase your profits? I pay you pussies top dollar and provide you with medical and dental benefits.

Royam shakes his finger in the captive's face. He prepares to backhand him, but changes his mind.

ROYAM

You killed some of my dearest friends and most loyal customers. You've tainted my name and reputation. These offenses are unforgivable.

Royam retrieves two large plastic bags and a crowbar from his car.

He tosses the bags then breaks the kneecaps and pummels the face of the remaining prisoner.

ROYAM

Bag them bitches. If any of you ever try to fuck me, this will be your fate, too. Now watch them die.

INT. BASEMENT OF THE CORNER STORE - NIGHT

FACILITATOR

Any more questions.

The facilitator shakes Lenny B's hand and he takes a seat.

FACILITATOR

I'm passing the basket for donations. We buy coffee, tea and treats for you to enjoy during the gatherings.

The basket quickly circulates the room.

EXT. CEMETERY - NIGHT

Royam puts his limo in reverse exposing a hole. He gets out of the vehicle and signals his guards.

They drag the bodies towards Royam. Others join in to expedite the task.

INT. BASEMENT OF THE CORNER STORE - NIGHT

The basket reaches a very disappointed facilitator. Lenny B reads his face, gets up and removes some money from his pocket.

Drops money into the basket.

FACILITATOR
Thank you for your generous
donation, Lenny B.

EXT. CEMETERY - NIGHT

ROYAM
Now let's donate their souls to
hell.

Signals men to dump bodies into grave.

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER