



BATMAN®: THE DARK KNIGHT® STRIKES AGAIN



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IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE,
IN THE EYES OF THOSE WHO LIVE
ABOVE, I DIED.

I'VE BEEN VERY
PATIENT.

I'VE TRAINED MY STUDENTS
AND HONED MY SKILLS.

I'VE WAITED.

I'VE WAITED -- AND WATCHED
THE WORLD GO RIGHT STRAIGHT
TO HELL...

THE DOW JONES
SOARS PAST 50,000!
AFTER THIS:

YOU
WANT
IT...



JUST
LISTEN TO
THAT SON
OF A
BITCH!



THE STATE OF THE UNION
IS STRONG -- STRONGER THAN
IT HAS EVER BEEN. TRULY,
THESE ARE THE BEST OF
TIMES.



CAREFUL
THERE,
OLSEN.

-- CURFEW
VIOLATIONS
PLUMMET NATION-
WIDE --



SURE IT'S
STRONG! LIKE AN
IRON FIST!



YOU
MUST HAVE
IT...

BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS RISE IN A STANDING OVATION FOR PRESIDENT RICKARD...

THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOU'RE TOO KIND.

NOW, IT'S TAKEN SOME DOING--

YEAH, SOME DOING. LIKE REPEALING THE BILL OF RIGHTS!

OLSEN--WE HAVE SPONSORS TO THINK ABOUT.

-- BUT WE HAVE ARRIVED. WE ARE AT PEACE--

YOU CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT...

AND YOU CAN HAVE IT...

OF COURSE WE'RE AT PEACE!

WE'VE KILLED JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY WHO DISAGREES WITH US!

--OUR CHILDREN LIVE IN A WORLD FREE OF CRIME--

OUR CHILDREN LIVE IN A DAMN POLICE STATE!

--WE ARE PROSPEROUS BEYOND THE DREAMS OF PREVIOUS GENERATIONS--

WE'RE WELL-PAID SLAVES!

WHO WILL STOP THIS?

YOU CAN HAVE IT, ANY TIME. DAY OR NIGHT...

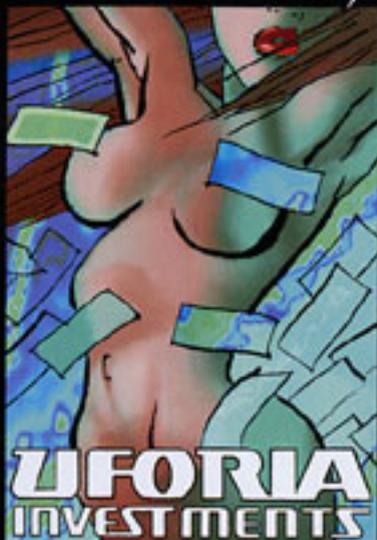
MY PATIENCE IS AT ITS END.

THE TIME HAS COME.

IT'S SAFE.
IT'S LEGAL. IT'S
THE ULTIMATE
HIGH...



...SO LET US
SERVICE YOU. WE'LL
NEVER LET YOUR STOCKS
GO FLACCID.



MAYBE YOU'VE ALL
FORGOTTEN, OUT THERE.
MAYBE YOU THINK THEY
WERE URBAN LEGENDS--
OR JUST COSTUMED
CLOWNS--

-- BUT THERE WERE MEN
AND WOMEN WITH AMAZING
ABILITIES -- AND UNBRIDLED
COURAGE -- WHO BATTLED
TYRANNY AND DEFEATED
IT AT EVERY TURN!



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THEM?
WHERE ARE
THEY?

WHERE
ARE OUR
HEROES?