



Ruin

R-18





AUTHORIZED  
PERSONNEL  
ONLY





There. That's better, isn't it?

This is where the magic happens!

These PECO units *never* rest!  
or ask for overtime pay.



Someday, you'll—



PECO! PECO!  
I wanna PECO!

Wanna be  
jus' like Daddy!

... I suppose you've  
been a *very* good girl...

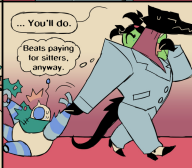


... Let's see, here.



... You'll do.

Beats paying  
for sitters,  
anyway.



LATER...

Hewwo, I'm Katie!  
What's your name?

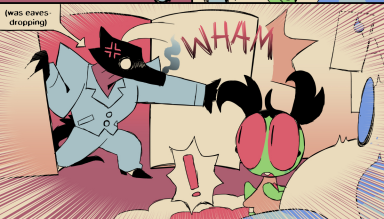
I-I don't have one.  
You're sure you just  
want to play...?

*I'm not in trouble?*

Of course, silly!  
Also, you're  
Coco now.

C'mon, Coco!







Tell me something, sweetheart...



... do you love me?



Of course  
I love y—

More than *anything*  
else in the world?



Um... y-  
yeah...?

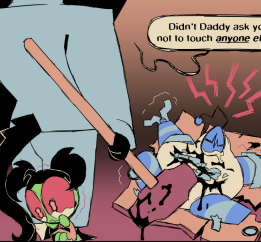


And do you remember  
your *promise*?





W-wait, Daddy,  
don't—



Didn't Daddy ask you *very nicely* not to touch anyone else down there?



Did you not *promise*...

... that you'd always be **MINE**?



Babygirl, *this* is what happens...



CRUNCH



... when you *break* your *promises*.



Let's go to *Daddy's* room, now, sweetie...

...

SOME TIME LATER...

"sniffle"



creak—

?



Well? Don't forget your manners, sweetheart.



*"sniffle"* ... i-it's nice to... to meet you, Ernest... *"hic"*



There's my good girl. ♥



SEVERAL YEARS  
PASS...





Mnn...

You're so *precious* in the mornings, sweetheart.

So *sleepy*...

hah  
hahh

... so *vulnerable*.

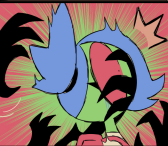


Have a wonderful  
day at school, honey.











Oh? My reputation precedes me!

Excellent.

You would not believe the day I am having!

How was I supposed to predict one of those smuggled paintings coming to life and murdering everyone onboard!?

Murdering my idiot kackays is my job!

... are all organized crime bosses like this?

... you *DO* know what I do, right, kid?

Y-yes.

THEN WHAT'S WITH THE CONSPICUOUS LACK OF COVERING!?

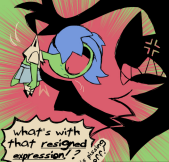
Are—are you gonna kill me?

that's more like it...  
And if I am?

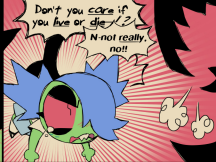
... OK.

...

OK!?



what's with that resigned expression!? it's pissing me off!



Don't you care if you live or die? N-not really, no!!



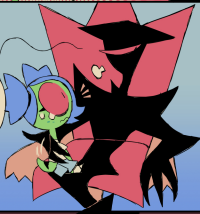
...

... I thought I'd raised you better than that.



"shrink"

Wh...?  
D... D—



DADDY!?



Is that really  
y-you...?

In a sense.

Your father's a world-  
class *shadowmancer*.  
I'll have you know.

Anyway, you'll be  
a good girl,



and *promise* not  
to breathe a *word*  
of this to *anyone*, yes?

... *That's my*  
girl. ♡



Now, could you dispose of  
this in the girl's bathroom  
at school for me, angel?

...



How else would I  
keep an eye on  
you at school?

...

You're too *clever*  
for the *cameras*.

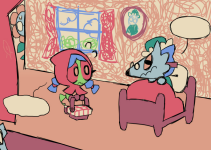


And... is everything OK?  
You can talk to Daddy about  
*anything*, you know...

.....







Katie Columbo  
"Red Riding Hood"



My—my daddy?



Katie Columbo  
Spoiled Princess



H-he's the best!

LATER THAT  
EVENING...



Sweetheart...

...?

Daddy needs you  
to do something  
for him tonight.



This way,  
young miss.

\*step\* \*step\*

Oh, good.  
You made it.



See him *breathing* and *twitching* like this?

Y-yes...?

I'd like you to *fix* that, angel.

YOU WANT ME TO K-K-k-k—

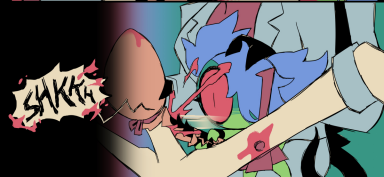
It's OK. He's unconscious.

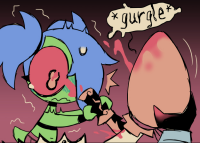
He won't feel a thing... if you do it right.

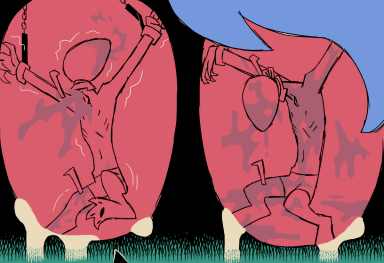
Relax, honey! It's easy!

It's like gutting a fish...









Welcome to the *family*  
business, babygirl! ❤️



LATER STILL...

—first you **KILL** my **MEN**,  
then you **barge** in here  
to propose a **fucking**  
**BUSINESS ARRANGE-**  
**MENT!?!?**

hoo-hoo...  
I do apologize about  
your associates.

I tend to be rather...  
moody when awoken.

Besides, those  
storage conditions  
were simply dreadful!

Don't you know anything  
about proper painting  
preservation?

**BANG!**

dodge!

Oh, my!

Was it some-  
thing I said?

**Get. OUT!!!**



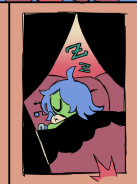
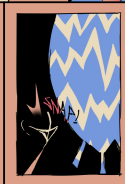


Or *what*, darling?

It'd be terribly boring if you thought you could *harm* me.

Are you *sure* you want to *do* that...

... *Char Columbo?* ♪





EVENTUALLY...



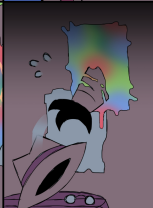
*who's ash*

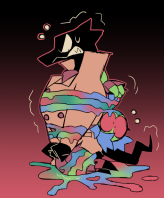


Wh- what's g g going on, D-Daddy...?

Shh, babygirl...

"shiver"  
"shiver"







And unless you'd like a set to *match*, girl—

—I'd suggest you be on your *best* behavior.



bonk.



... Wh-what do you w-want, sir...?



Oh, silly me!

I've forgotten to introduce myself!



\*DARK\*



My name is Diego.

and welcome to the Ocular Rill!



D-did you mean, um, O-Oculus?

**NO!** I had this name *FIRST!*

... Anyway.

I've had quite enough  
of your father running  
the show around here.

Aren't you sick  
of it, too-?

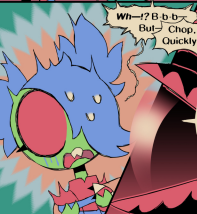
So, here's how this  
will work, darlings.

Entertain me, and  
I just might let you  
escape in one piece.

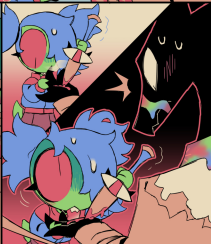
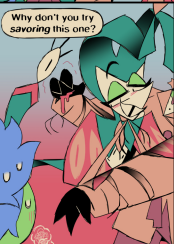
If you fail,  
however...

... well, let's hope  
it doesn't come  
to that!

**SPUNK**







... Hypnotism is the  
cheapest form of magic.

Ha! You  
think I'm  
controlling  
her?

You think your influence  
so unshakeable,

so perfect,

that your *ill-conceived*  
conception couldn't  
possibly *resent* you?

How very  
amusing...

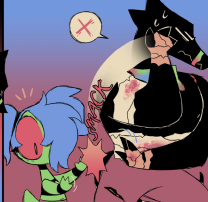
Be good while  
I'm gone, yes?

U Ah, s-sorry.  
U Daddy—

Just... go along with  
whatever that lunatic says.

Daddy will find a  
way out of here.





Y-you're.. you're looking down on me?...



You think—you think you don't need my help?



You think y-you can just—magically *f-fix* this on your own!?



... Babygirl—

**WE'RE TRAPPED!**

**Y-YOU'RE INJURED, AND YOU C-C-CAN'T USE YOUR MAGIC!!**



Why are you p-pretending it's OK?

Why!? I-I'm not STUPID!!



...

I don't know how to get us out of here, sweetheart.



Just, please, Katie, do whatever it takes to stay alive...!



S-so you're... you're giving up?

—



-SWOON-

My! What a touching scene we're having here!



I'm sick of it. ♡

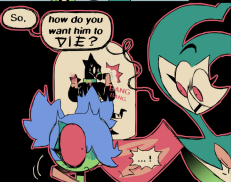


You've had just about enough of *him*, too, haven't you...?



I'll grant you this mercy.

I think you've earned it.



So,

how do you want him to DIE?

...!



Respiratory Toxicology Pt. 1 & 2

ph... phosphine gas.

Oh?



It's a common p-pesticide, and, um.

Really toxic.



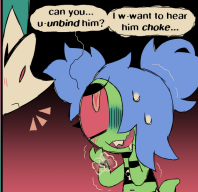
Y-you kill vermin with pesticides, r-right...?

S-sweet-heart?...



Ha! Well played, little girl.

A-and, um...



can you... u-unbind him?

I w-want to hear him choke...



Very well.

SNAP.



KATIE



Ph-phosphine is. It's colorless.

odorless.



a-and, extremely...

flammable



\*A/N: Char is fire-resistant

She's... healing herself...!?

Ho Ho O  
ho  
vE r y  
c Le veR ...

so,

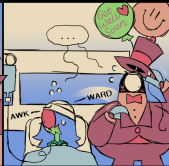
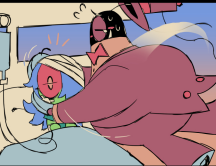
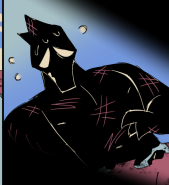
Yo U IHnk  
yOv' vE  
BL&Te d  
rE?? ?



This Is  
Far From  
The End

of Diego,  
The eyes of  
The Void!!!









Daddy.

Ehe...  
Daddy...!

Daddy-♪



Ms. Columbo—

Oh, please!  
Call me  
*Katarina*.

... Ms. Katarina, you  
recently inherited  
your father's position  
at *Charcoal*, after his  
retirement.

Can you describe  
how the transition  
has been for you?

Well, I'm running  
out of places to  
*hide the bodies!*

... Uhh— *Kidding*, of  
course!

You should have  
seen your *face!*

... Anyway,

I've... really enjoyed having this opportunity to better understand my father's work.

I think we've actually grown

closer

as a result...

"sawyer"

"grope"

... Thank you for your time.

Mm-hmm!

STAGGER





# Author's Note

Hey, it's Teeb again! Thank you for reading *Ruin*. I hope you had as much fun reading it as I did making it! By which I mean... a whole lot!! ^\_\_^  
As my second original story (after *Elysium*), I'm still a little shaky on some things, so I hope everything came together sensibly. I'd love to hear your thoughts!

This project actually wormed its way into my brain irresponsibly soon after I finished my previous work (*Refactor Disaster*). With about a week of planning+writing factored in, I spent 51 days on it. While I really enjoyed the experience, maybe I should give myself more of a break between comics next time, ahaha...

For the uninitiated, Char and Katie (and perhaps more transparently, Ernest) were originally fan OCs. It's really cool to see them inhabiting their own setting, now! I wholly encourage anyone else remotely interested in converting their fan OCs in a similar fashion to just go for it!! I love calling the shots, even if it was scary and overwhelming at first. It just means I can be as indulgent as possible, which is ALWAYS a good thing.

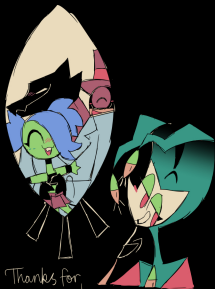


Were you surprised to see Diego? I was, too, actually. He wasn't originally involved in this story at all, but while wracking my brain for a suitably climactic finale, he simply *insisted*.

Also... this is just one of the ways Katie's story could go! I wonder if I'll ever get around to talking about the others. Maybe someday...

A number of people helped me out while I was making this, whether it was writing/paneling advice, or simply offering encouragement I really appreciate you guys, you know who you are. ♥

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