

FROM THE CREATOR OF THE "YELLOW STREAK"

HARLEM HAMMER



HARD TIME



ZIGURSKY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, PARAGON CITY. THE "ZIGGURAT" OR JUST PLAIN OLD "ZIGGY" TO THOSE INCARCERATED THERE....THE WORST OF THE WORST....



INCLUDING ME.... JEREMIAH BROWN.... THE "HARLEM HAMMER".. AKA PRISONER 18459X. SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER.



IT HADN'T ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY. I'D BEEN A HERO ONCE, A REAL LIVE SUPERHERO...

I'D HAD A CAPE AND EVERYTHING. BUT THEN I GOT SET UP I BECAME A 'MURDERER'!



I TOLD THEM I WAS INNOCENT, THAT I'D BEEN FRAMED, BUT NONE OF IT MATTERED IN THE END. THE PUBLIC WANTED SOMEONE TO BLAME, SOMEONE TO PUNISH AND THEY GOT ME...

IT WAS THE BIGGEST THING SINCE O.J. THEY CLAIMED I KILLED A WEALTHY WOMAN...A WEALTHY WHITE WOMAN, AND NOT JUST ANYONE, BUT THE NIECE OF COUNT CREY. SURE, I HATED THE CREY CORP, BUT I HAD NO BEEF WITH SOME POOR GIRL WITH BAD RELATIVES...



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HERO ARRESTED FOR MURDER!

Murder arrest shocks community!

By Jeb McDoogie

Outspoken superhero and black civil rights activist Jeremiah Brown aka the "Harlem Hammer" was arrested this morning for the murder of Ms Paige Saunders, 24, Niece of Count Alphonse Crey of Crey Industries.

Count Crey was unavailable for comment today but a spokesperson did confirm that the Crey Corporate Headquarters was closed today as a mark of respect and mourning.



Arrested: Jeremiah "Harlem Hammer" Brown have failed to come forward.

In a trial that may even eclipse OJ Simpson in terms of media interest, the Harlem Hammer is expected to plead "not guilty".

When pressed about the arrest, Statesman simply stated "It is an incredible shame to see such a gifted hero use his powers to break the laws he swore to uphold".

The Hammer is known to be a vocal critic of Crey Industries and Count Crey himself after a series of accidents in the poor Kings Row district and unpaid compensation claims by minority workers against the Crey Corporation for injuries



Dead: Ms Paige Saunders, niece of Count Crey
Ms Saunders body was found in the penthouse of the Founder's Fall apartment building that she resided in, that is owned by her uncle Count Crey. Police have not released details of her death as yet, but have confirmed they have witness reports and

MY BEEF WAS WITH THE COUNT HIMSELF AND THAT WIFE OF HIS, THEY'D BUILT THEIR EMPIRE ON THE BREAKING BACKS OF POOR MINORITIES, CUTTING COSTS AND CORNERS TO MAKE MORE PROFIT. NOT THAT ANY OF THAT MATTERED, I WAS ANOTHER BLACK MAN KILLIN' A WHITE WOMAN AND O.J. GOT OFF SO THE MEDIA NEEDED A NEW TARGET....

THE FACTS DIDN'T REALLY MATTER AND I ENDED UP ON THE INSIDE. THE KING'S ROW KILLER. THE FALLEN HERO. JUST ANOTHER INMATE WHO CLAIMS HE DIDN'T DO IT RIGHT?

I'M TELLIN' YA HAMMER,
THIS ONE IS FER REAL!
I HEARD FROM VERDE
OVER IN C BLOCK THAT
HE HEARD FROM A GUY
WHILE IN SOLITARY THAT
SOMETHING BIG'S
COMIN' SOON!

LIKE THE
LAST TIME?

AWW DON'T
BE LIKE THAT! THIS
TIME'S DIFFERENT!
JUST ASK VERDE,
YOU'LL SEE!

LENNY "THE SNITCH" WAS ALWAYS TALKIN' ALOT OF B.S., ALWAYS GOIN' ON ABOUT ESCAPE ATTEMPTS AND JAILBREAKS AND SUCH. FOOL CHATTERED MORE THAN AN OLD WOMAN...

HE SEEMED DIFFERENT THIS TIME THOUGH. MAYBE SOMETHING WAS GOIN' ON?

GO SEE VERDE,
HE'LL BACK ME UP
ON THIS ONE,
SOMETHING BIG'S
GONNA HAPPEN
MARK MY WORDS!

VERDE WAS BIG UGLY AND GREEN. WHAT LITTLE BRAINS HE HAD WERE SCRAMBLED BY 'DYNE LONG BEFORE HE GOT PUT IN HERE. I DOUBTED HE KNEW WHAT DAY IT WAS, LET ALONE ABOUT AN ESCAPE PLAN...

WOT YOO WANT?

VERDE NO LIKE YOO!

ZIGIRSKY

GUESS HE WAS STILL SORE THAT I BROKE HIS ARM LAST MONTH...

VERDE TELL YOO
NUTHIN'! BUT WHEN
DE BIG BANG TIME
COME, VERDE FIND
YOO...

AND VERDE BREAK
YOO ARM BEFORE
VERDE ESCAPE!

YUP, AS STUPID AS HE WAS GREEN. I WASN'T WORRIED
ABOUT THE THREAT, BUT HE SEEMED PRETTY
CONVINCED SOMETHING WAS GONNA HAPPEN SOON.

Kat boom!!!

WHAT THE...?

SCREEEEEEEECH!

AWOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!

TAKE THIS
SCREW!
VEEHAAA!

WHACK!

WHACK!

SOMETHING BIG WAS GOIN' DOWN. THE
ALARM SIREN WAS BLARING LIKE A BANSHEE
AND THE AIR WAS FILLED WITH SMOKE

A FAMILIAR FACE AMONGST THE CHAOS...

E-DAY MY MAN!
E FOR ESCAPE!

SOMEONE BLEW SIX KINDS OF
CRAP OUTTA OLD ZIGGY! GET
YER ASS OUTTA HERE QUICK AS
YA CAN HAMMER!

HI. WHAT THE
HELL'S GOIN' ON
OUT HERE?

TIGGURSKY
CORRECTIONAL UNIT

AWOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!

IS THIS WHAT LENNY WAS TALKIN' ABOUT?

WHO ARE THESE GUYS? WHO BREAKS INTO A PRISON?

AWOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!

KA-CHICK!

MOVE A MUSCLE
AND I'LL BLOW YOU
AWAY!

WASTE
HIM ANYWAY!
WE GOT WORK
TO DO!

SOMEONE SURE DID A NUMBER ON THIS PLACE.



GUESS THIS IS THE WAY OUT...

WHAT'S THAT SMELL? DAMN, THE SEWER?



SOMEONE UP AHEAD....COPS?

MORE OF THESE GUYS....



GET OUTTA HERE
JAILBIRD, BEFORE WE
BRING THE WHOLE
PLACE DOWN!

ARMED
AND
READY!

WHO ARE THEY?

HE DOESN'T NEED TO TELL ME TWICE



MY FEET THINK FOR ME AND BEFORE I
KNOW IT I'M OFF..

I'M MOVIN' SO FAST I DON'T EVEN STOP TO THINK WHAT MAY BE OUTSIDE....



I HIT THE YARD RUNNING AND SURVEY THE SCENE AROUND ME. IT'S LITTER CHAOS.



GUARDS BEATING ON PRISONERS...



INMATES BEATIN' ON GUARDS.....



ONCE UPON A TIME I WOULDN'T HAVE HESITATED IN BREAKING IT UP AND BUSTIN' THEIR HEADS. BUT 10 YEARS ON THE INSIDE CHANGES A MAN, ANY MAN. EVEN A SUPER-HERO..

I AIN'T BEEN A HERO IN A LONG TIME, AND TODAY AIN'T THE DAY TO START UP AGAIN. I HAD TO FIND A WAY OUT - FAST. MOST OF THESE GUYS SEEMED CONTENT TO RUN RIOT OVER THE GUARDS, BUT I KNEW THE HEAVY ARTILERY WOULD BE HERE SOON....



THESE MYSTERY GUYS MUSTA BUSTED IN FOR A REASON, AND THEY MUST HAVE A WAY OF GETTIN' OUT TOO....AND IF THERE'S A WAY OUTTA HERE, I'M FINDIN' IT!

STRANGEST DAMN CHOPPER I EVER SAW....

BUT RIGHT ABOUT NOW I AIN'T PICKY ABOUT HOW I GET OUT...

HE LOOKS LIKE THE PILOT...WAITIN' FOR SOMETHING...OR SOMEONE...

I DOUBT I CAN FLY THAT THING MYSELF, SO I DECIDE TO PLAY IT NICE...

WHAT'S A MAN GOTTA DO TO GET A LIFT OUTTA HERE?

THE BOMB IN THE RADAR STATION ISN'T ARMING REMOTELY. YOU GO IN THERE AND ARM IT, I BLOW IT TO HELL...

..YOU DO THAT, I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

I AIN'T GOT TOO MANY OTHER CHOICES..

THE RADAR STATION IS CLOSE BY...



I PAUSE FOR A MOMENT. IN TEN YEARS ON THE INSIDE I'VE NEVER HIT A GUARD, NEVER HIT A PRISONER WHO DIDN'T HIT ME FIRST...

I AIN'T NO SUPERHERO NO MORE, BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN A CRIMINAL EITHER...



HOPE THERE'S NOONE IN HERE

..BUT I DON'T EVEN MAKE IT 5 STEPS...



**FREEZE
SCUMBAG!**



BLAM!

PING!

LUCKY FOR ME I'M BULLET-PROOF..

UNLUCKY FOR HIM I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO TEAR A CAR IN HALF



KA-POW!

I GO THROUGH HIM AND HIS FRIEND IN 5 SECONDS FLAT...I ALMOST FEEL GUILTY ABOUT IT

THE BOMB'S RIGHT HERE, JUST LIKE HE SAID.



I ARM IT AND HIGHTAIL IT OUTTA THERE...

5 MINUTES AND ONE BIG BANG LATER WE'RE IN THE AIR...



I'M FINALLY OUTTA THAT HELLHOLE. I'M A 'FREE' MAN, AS LONG AS I STAY AHEAD OF THE LAW. I DON'T EVEN ASK THE PILOT WHERE WE'RE HEADED, MY MIND IS TOO FOCUSED ON ONE THING AND ONE THING ONLY. **PAYBACK!** PAYBACK FOR TEN YEARS IN THE SLAMMER. IT DON'T MATTER IF IT TAKES ME TEN MORE YEARS, I'M GONNA DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO FIND OUT WHO SET ME UP.....AND TAKE THEM **DOWN!**

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