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## Podcast Transcript

### Episode 179: Villains Who Had a Point

Ok, hear us out... we know they're villains, but some of them kinda had a point to their villany. We're gonna make our case for villains who had a point in doing what they did. Let's see if you agree with us!

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Joshua: Welcome to Geekology 101.

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Joshua: My name is Joshua.

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Diego: And I'm Diego.

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Joshua: And today, we're going to be diving into villains that kind of had a point.

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Diego: Yeah, they say that a broken clock is right twice a day.

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Joshua: They, they say that?

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Diego: They say that.

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Diego: You've never heard that?

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Joshua: I've heard it, like, I've never heard anyone say that.

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Diego: Really?

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Joshua: Like, I've heard-

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Diego: We say it about you all the time.

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Joshua: I've-

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Diego: So sad.

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Diego: He's crying.

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Diego: Anyway, yeah, so we're going to talk about how some villains actually kind of made a good point.

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Diego: Like, maybe their tactics or their methods were, you know, murderous, genocidal, you know, those things.

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Diego: But it's kind of had a good point deep down inside.

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Joshua: It's a classic example of like, he's a little confused, but he has the spirit.

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Diego: Well, I mean, I feel like that's a, you know, something you can give to like Red Hood or, you know, a kind of the Punisher, but, you know, some guys take it pretty far, like, you know, erasing a third of all life in the entire universe.

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Diego: It's a little, it's a little much.

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Joshua: But like the motive behind it was good, though.

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Diego: I guess so.

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Diego: So let's go ahead and start there, right?

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Diego: So there are some villains who have a purpose that is like, that they consider higher than themselves.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: Right?

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Joshua: Like that they consider would be doing good for everybody.

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: Even, even, even if people don't understand where they're coming from, like they consider that they are ultimately doing some good or whatever for existence or the planet or whatever.

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Joshua: And I actually have a couple examples of that.

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Joshua: My first is definitely one that you were thinking about too, Thanos, of course, which, I mean, obviously his whole thing is just wiping half of existence throughout the entire universe.

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Diego: Is it half or a third?

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Joshua: It's a half.

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Joshua: It's a half.

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Joshua: It was half?

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Joshua: And his, yeah, his whole thing is just wiping half of existence to create balance because he like sensed that everything was getting a little bit too, like, I guess, overcrowded and just.

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: And his whole point about like resources, right?

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: When he was talking to, who was it, Gamora, then he was saying, you know, like, everything is finite.

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Diego: Resources are finite.

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Diego: We can't, like, reproduce infinitely because resources are eventually going to run out.

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Diego: And so, and of course, right, like, that's kind of like the whole eco-terrorist mentality.

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Diego: Like, yeah, we're going to go and do horrible things to people that we consider are responsible for hurting the planet or, you know, whatever the ecosystem that we live in.

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Diego: And that's, you know, it's a pretty valid point.

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Diego: Like, yeah, like on Earth, we have an issue with overpopulation, right?

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Joshua: Yeah, but then there's kind of the, like, opposite side to that, because obviously nobody is 100% right ever.

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Joshua: So like, obviously, there's the, like, wiping half of existence, but obviously that half will come back and will get even like, it'll grow larger than that.

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Diego: Right.

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Joshua: Eventually, could he not just knowing that that half of existence would come back and grow even larger, could he not just double or triple or quadruple the resources?

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Diego: Okay, right.

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Diego: That is a good question.

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Diego: Like, you got this thing that can basically alter reality in the form of the Infinity Gauntlet, can't you just, like, instead of reducing the amount of people that are consuming resources, increase the amount of resources to supply for all people.

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Joshua: It is, like, kind of a little bit, not really, but it's kind of like a glass half empty half full.

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Joshua: I feel like the half empty scenario would be the wiping one half of existence, and then half full in this scenario would be adding just double or just however many amount of resources, I feel like.

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Diego: Yeah, yeah, I see what you're saying.

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Joshua: Because like that adding resources is more optimistic, I feel like.

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Joshua: And then it's just you're still like technically doing good.

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Joshua: It's just kind of in a more like cynical way.

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Diego: Right, right, right.

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Diego: Well, I think if you really sit down and think about it, the solution ultimately really does have to do with reducing population, because even if you increase resources, there's still the issue of space.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: Right.

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Diego: So what would Thanos then become?

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Diego: Like, you know, would he have to become a god to like start creating new planets, new worlds for people to go off onto?

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Diego: And then eventually you end up like with a problem of like locusts, like you just end up swarming the entirety of the universe, populating whatever planet can be populated so that you can continue to expand, right?

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Joshua: And I feel like sometimes in like a specifically in this situation, sometimes what seems like the more like bad or like evil quote unquote approach would be the one that is more effective.

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Diego: It is.

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: Because, you know, the most pragmatic solution is always the one that doesn't take into consideration people's feelings, right?

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: It's a tough one.

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Diego: But honestly, like the core of it, I think it's like, it's almost impossible to disprove him.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: You know?

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: Of course, it's one thing to like talk about it theoretically.

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Diego: And then another thing to be like, all right, let's do something about it.

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Diego: Like there's been countries that have, you know, imposed the limit on how many children people can have, for example.

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Diego: That's not, that doesn't seem like that terrible to me.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: You know, like seems like a pretty humane thing.

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Diego: You're not ending any lives, you're just preventing a whole bunch of more lives from being created.

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Diego: Or like people deciding, you know, nowadays a lot more people are deciding that they don't want to have any children, you know, they want to like kind of live life on their own, whatever.

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Diego: So, you know, I guess there's methods, there's other ways of trying to achieve that.

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Diego: But of course, they're not going to be as effective as let me snap my fingers and then half of everybody's gone.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: But then like, how long does the trauma take to heal?

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Diego: Like if the Avengers hadn't undone all that, how long would it have taken the universe to heal from an event like that?

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Joshua: You know, like I feel like it really, it definitely, it definitely couldn't have gotten to the same point that it was, I feel like.

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Diego: I think it would have.

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Joshua: Well, like it wouldn't be the same because some, like half of the universe means that like, it's not picking who is going to go, it's just, it's like the Infinity Gauntlet just knows half of the half of all of existence just gone.

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Joshua: So it could like, it could wipe some like really important people.

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Diego: Oh yeah, no doubt.

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Joshua: Like in people that would...

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Diego: Yeah, because that was one of Thanos' points is that it was going to be indiscriminate, like it was going to be random.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Joshua: So like, people that could have helped the advancement of civilization and humanity would be white.

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Diego: Right, right.

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: Or flipped.

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Diego: There's other people, there's other villains that are, that have also spotted like similar problems with like organic beings, particularly on earth being responsible for like the downfall of the planet because of, you know, wars and because of violence and because of mistreatment of the environment, that sort of thing.

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Diego: Like Skynet, for example, right?

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Diego: And the whole term, in the Terminator world, Skynet is another one that kind of had a pretty good point.

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Diego: Like Skynet was basically like, I'm going to go ahead and eliminate the problem from this planet that is keeping this planet miserable, you know, and that's eventually going to end up driving the planet to its own destruction.

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Diego: You know, and they're machines, they're computers.

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Diego: So of course, you know, they're going to be like, very pragmatic about it.

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Diego: They're not going to care about feelings.

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Diego: And apparently they don't even care.

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Diego: Like the machine wouldn't even care about the fact that they are, you know, they're essentially, wiping out an entire species from the planet.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: Like they're thinking is, if this species has gotten evolved enough and powerful enough that they can destroy this planet, then I, as the number one defense of this planet, need to eradicate this virus, basically.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: Similar to also the machines in The Matrix.

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Diego: If you watch the Animatrix movies, those second renaissance or whatever, short films within the Animatrix that show the history of how it is that The Matrix came to be, they show how humans created artificial intelligence, created very humanoid kind of robots.

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Diego: It's kind of freaky that we're actually seeing that happening right now.

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: It's no longer like one day it'll happen.

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Diego: No, I just finished seeing a robot that is powered with open AI, artificial intelligence technology and it could reason and have a conversation with a person.

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Diego: You know how smart ChatGPT is.

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Joshua: Yeah, it's crazy.

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Diego: And it's now inside of a robot.

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Diego: And I'm watching that.

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Diego: Wait, does no one making these things watch Terminator and Matrix?

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Joshua: They put the open AI in a robot?

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Diego: Yeah, in a humanoid looking robot.

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Diego: Oh, wow.

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Diego: Yeah, yeah.

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Diego: It's pretty freaky, man.

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Diego: And so, you know, if we give these machines the ability to start like reasoning on their own and to have abstract thought, which I mean, you ask ChatGPT to write you something creative.

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Diego: Sure, it's pulling from other sources in the internet to put that together, but like, oh, or don't we do the same thing ultimately?

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Diego: Like when you're, if I tell you to write me a short story out of your own imagination, is it truly all coming out of your imagination or are you like pulling little bits and pieces from different stories, comics, books, movies, whatever that you've seen and read, right?

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Joshua: Yeah, so like really the ability of like those AI pulling from other sources, even though it makes it seem like they're really just AI and robots and like that's all they can really do to think, it kind of makes them more human, I feel like.

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Diego: Yeah, I think it does, because ultimately, I mean, our brain is a computer just way slower than theirs, you know?

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Diego: And so like, when you follow that thread, you end up getting to a point where you realize it's like, wait a minute, doesn't that mean necessarily that like their logic, being devoid of emotion, like they don't think emotionally, right?

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Diego: Their logic could ultimately be possibly the most correct logic, like, again, logically speaking, when it comes to, you know, risk and benefit, when it comes to what is the best thing for the big picture, aren't they kind of right in that conclusion, like Skynet and the machines from The Matrix, I like humans.

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Joshua: I mean, yeah.

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Diego: And it's kind of freaky, man.

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Diego: It's kind of freaky.

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Joshua: Something that I feel like is kind of like Skynet, but a little bit different is in Attack on Titan, the main character, like former main character Aaron, he, in the end of the show, kind of spoilers, becomes the villain.

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Joshua: And his whole thing is like the entire, most of the show, he was fighting for like his people's freedom, and because like everyone was oppressing them and stuff.

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Joshua: And then he learns that his people, the Eldians, are like the cause of all the problems in the world, because the Eldians were like oppressing everybody else, and now they are the oppressed.

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Joshua: And so he like kind of realizes that if his people didn't exist anymore, then all of the problems in the world would end.

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Diego: So he turns on his own people.

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Joshua: He kind of does, and then there's this other perspective of what if everybody but my people are eliminated, then there's no problem.

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Joshua: So in either situation, there's like two forces in the show.

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Joshua: And the side that wants every Eldian to be gone is kind of working with Aaron.

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Joshua: But Aaron wants everybody but the Eldians to be gone.

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Joshua: And he kind of makes them think that he's on their side, and then kind of quickly switches it up.

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Joshua: Okay, in the end, he ends up wiping out like 80% of humanity.

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Joshua: What he ends?

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Joshua: Yeah, like 80% most of humanity.

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Joshua: And it was all because in the end, he was trying to do the right thing.

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Joshua: All he wanted was for all the problems in the world at that current time to be ended.

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Joshua: But was he, I don't know, I feel like either solution wasn't really right.

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Diego: Right.

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Diego: But you almost understand, I feel like those villains who come from a point of having been oppressed or being part of a people who have been oppressed, I feel like those villains, it's hard to justify because they a lot of times take almost like a terrorist route with it, or it feels like out of pure vengeance.

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Diego: But think of like a Killmonger, for example.

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Joshua: Yeah, I was going to mention that.

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Diego: Yeah, Killmonger, can you really blame him for wanting to take the throne of the most powerful nation in the world, most advanced nation in the world, and then weaponize all his people so that basically like black people could now become the dominant race on the planet, after centuries upon centuries of the white race being the dominant race on the planet.

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Diego: Like, you know, you kind of understand, right?

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: And because of the oppression and the suffering and the slavery and the mass genocide and killings and people being ripped from their home continents and, you know, being sold to servitude elsewhere, like, yeah, you kind of get where he's coming from.

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Diego: Or like, think of somebody like Magneto, for example, right?

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Diego: Where like Magneto, the classic story of Magneto is that he was a Jew in concentration camps.

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Diego: He was a child when he saw all of his people being stripped from their homes, tossed into concentration camps, you know, murdered.

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Diego: And then suddenly he discovers that he is not only part of a minority that's been oppressed in that way, and then, you know, genocide has been attempted against him.

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Diego: But now he discovers that he's a different kind of minority, right?

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Diego: When he discovers his identity as a mutant and his abilities and all this stuff, and he realizes that it's not just him, it's a whole bunch of other people.

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Diego: So it's almost like he sees it as this thing of where like, oh no, like hell no, I'm not going to let this happen now to my new people when it was done already to my birth people.

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Diego: And like, that is a really powerful place that he's coming from, you know?

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Diego: And of course, again, he takes the route of like a terrorist organization, where he's like, I'm going to basically establish my people as the superior species in the planet, the whole whole superior thing, right?

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Diego: So yeah, man, it's kind of tough almost to like, you know, look at him and be like, you know, you're just one more villain, because there's a lot of villains out there that are doing things out of just like pure malice, right?

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Diego: Like they're just evil for whatever reason.

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Diego: Like the Joker is just an agent of chaos, right?

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Diego: Like he's just doing things to do things or whatever.

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Diego: There's a bunch of villains out there who are doing things to get rich, right?

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Diego: Or to become more powerful.



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Diego: But with people like Killmonger, like Magneto, you kind of like look at him and you're like, no, yeah, man, I get it.

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Diego: You're coming from a place of like serious oppression, and you're almost fighting for survival in a way.

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Diego: Because if you don't do anything, I think this is the mentality of Magneto.

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Diego: Like, if I don't do anything, they're going to wipe us out, you know, because people, humans fear that they don't understand.

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Diego: So eventually, they're going to wipe us out.

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Diego: And he's kind of right.

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Diego: Like, look at the Mutant Registration Act and the Sentinels, you know, like all the stuff that Magneto is kind of like saying would happen, really did happen in the pages of the comics and in the movies and stuff.

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Diego: So, you know, is he really totally wrong?

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Diego: Maybe not.

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Joshua: And I feel like, well, something I wanted to mention is a Naruto villain, Pain, his name's Pain, and his goal is basically to unite the world by causing something like devastating to the entire world, which will unite them, because everybody will have felt the same shared pain.

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Joshua: And I feel like, obviously, uniting the world, I mean, that's a good goal.

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Joshua: But honestly, I kind of agree, because I feel like pain is needed for a lot of things.

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Joshua: And I feel like to...

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Diego: You mean like in life, like feeling pain, yeah.

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Joshua: And I feel like in this situation, it's not that crazy.

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Joshua: I feel like in the show, it's like, obviously, he's a villain.

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Joshua: All the main characters are very oppositions, of course.

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Joshua: But I feel like that's not really right.

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Joshua: I feel like if you really start to think about his goal and why he wants to cause the entire world pain, like just thinking about it, if he says it, like I want to cause massive pain to the whole world, it sounds evil.

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Joshua: But if you really think about why he wants to, it's not that bad, really.

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Diego: Yeah, that actually reminds me of, I just watched the movie The First Omen, which is a prequel to the original Omen movie, which came out back in the 70s, right?

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Diego: And so this movie takes place early 70s, and it's revealed that the Catholic Church has this faction within it that has concluded that people are leaving the Catholic Church in mass, and they need to find a way to bring people back.

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Diego: And so the tactic that they decide to use is by causing the birth of the Antichrist.

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Diego: And so they start kidnapping women and forcing them to mate with this demon, the devil, pretty much, and to bring about the birth of the Antichrist, who is supposed to be the child of the devil, right?

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Diego: And so eventually that's what leads to Damian, the character who is the Antichrist in the first Omen movie, or who is meant to become the Antichrist.

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Diego: He's just like an evil child in that movie.

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Diego: So there's that same similar concept, is like, let's try to do something good by doing something really terrible, because if we bring the Antichrist to life, basically that person is going to bring all sorts of evil and misery upon the world, and thus people are going to flock back to the Catholic Church.

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Joshua: Well, I feel like that's kind of different, though.

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Joshua: Because they're kind of just doing it so that they can get people to join the Catholic Church.

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Diego: Yeah, for their own benefit.

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Joshua: But I feel like with pain's ideology or whatever, it's for the good of the world.

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Diego: Yeah, I got you.

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Diego: Yeah, that is different.

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Joshua: I mean, it is obviously a similar concept.

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Diego: And I wouldn't classify these people from The First Omen as one of these villains who had a good point.

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Diego: Not really, but it just reminded me of that.

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Diego: Someone trying to achieve something that they consider is positive by doing something really terrible.

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Diego: You know who else, going back to the whole point of Killmonger and Magneto, who were kind of coming from a place of fear and survival and not wanting for their whole race to be wiped out?

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Diego: I also think of Vegeta when it comes to that in the Dragon Ball world, because you look at Vegeta and you're like, oh my God, this guy, he can never shake off this kind of dark side to him and this whole thing of I'm the Prince of Saiyans, you know, all that stuff.

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Diego: But like, can you blame him, though?

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Joshua: You know, because like his people are kind of like his people are what his people are kind of like gone.

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Joshua: So I feel like it's kind of not that weird that he would want to.

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Joshua: Like, I don't know.

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Joshua: I feel like it's not that weird to think that he would want to like acknowledge his birthright.

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Diego: Right, right.

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Diego: Exactly.

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Diego: No, and not only that, but like you would imagine that he would probably be holding on to the dream of being able to like eventually kind of like bring back the same race, you know, somehow.

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Diego: It really sucks.

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Diego: Like, not only were they wiped out, but before they were wiped out, they were basically like enslaved by Frieza to go and conquer planets for him, you know?

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Diego: So it's like, yeah, you can kind of understand why this guy holds on to his Saiyan pride and why he refuses to stop calling himself the Prince of all Saiyans and why he kind of like has the attitude that he has.

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Diego: You know, he has a chip on his shoulder.

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Diego: He feels like the world owes him something.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: And it kind of does, you know?

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Diego: It's difficult to argue with those kinds of situations, for sure.

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Joshua: Something I want to mention is if, like I'm just talking like generally to like about most people here, if you were to, for the rest of your life, live in your ideal world, like just your ideal world, your ideal life, everything would be how you want it to be.

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Joshua: But you knew that it was, it seemed exactly real, but you know that it's not.

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Diego: Like the matrix, I think?

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Joshua: Yeah, but like if you could for the rest of your life live in your ideal world, but you knew that it was fake, would you?

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Diego: Me personally, no.

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Diego: I prefer to live within reality, even if it's not my ideal situation.

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Joshua: Because in, this is another Naruto movie, in Naruto, Madara, his whole, his like his end, like his big thing that he does, is he casts what's called an infinite Sukiyomi across the whole world.

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Joshua: And it basically, like, sets everybody into their own unique, ideal universe.

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Joshua: Like everything would be how they would want it to be.

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Joshua: And like, it would be different for everybody.

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Diego: And what's happening with them in the real world?

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Joshua: In the real world, it's kind of interesting because for the rest of their life, they would live out however they wanted to.

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Diego: Okay.

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Joshua: Like in that world.

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Joshua: But in the real world, they're kind of being, like, harvested.

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Diego: Oh, like the Matrix?

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Joshua: It's a very similar situation to the Matrix.

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Diego: Okay, okay.

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Joshua: And I don't know, I feel like if I knew that at least for the rest of my life, I would live ideally.

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Joshua: I'm not sure.

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Joshua: I feel like it's not...

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Diego: You would like that?

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Diego: That you would be willing to surrender, like, reality or whatever?

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Joshua: I just don't know if it's something that I would, like, easily say no to.

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Diego: Yeah, that's fair.

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Diego: That's fair.

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Joshua: And I feel like he definitely...

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Joshua: He's kind of doing good in the sense that everybody gets to live ideally.

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Joshua: It's just not real, and they're being harvested.

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Diego: Right.

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Diego: Yeah, right, right.

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Diego: It's the exact same issue with The Matrix, right?

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Diego: But yeah, even within the world of The Matrix, there were people who, given the chance to come out into the real world, preferred to go back into The Matrix.

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Diego: They would prefer to be plugged in again.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: Because not everybody deals with reality the same way, right?

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Diego: So a lot of people would prefer to live in La La Land.

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Diego: Yeah, that's a tough one.

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Diego: That's a tough one.

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Diego: But I think that'll be different for everybody.

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Diego: But yeah, it's almost like if the villain in that case, like the machines in The Matrix and this guy that you're talking about, they are offering a pretty humane alternative.



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Diego: They're not saying, I'm going to kill you, right?

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Diego: They're saying, I'm going to let you live in bliss in exchange for me getting what I need and what I want.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: And, you know, I don't know.

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Diego: Is it terrible?

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Diego: You know, it reminds me also of like of God Doom, God of Doom in Secret Wars, where like, you know, he...

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Diego: Doom is all about control, like him as a villain, he considers that the world should be ruled properly to have control, to have peace.

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Diego: You know, like the Templars in the Assassin's Creed world, where they're all about like, controlling...

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Diego: Yeah, order through control, right?

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Diego: But of course, he considers being the eagle maniacal guy he is, he considers he's the one that should be leading, like no one else.

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Diego: So, he got that in Battleworld, you know?

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Diego: He got to be like God, basically.

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Diego: And, you know, people didn't seem to have terrible lives there either.

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Diego: But it's all just like this whole thing of the curiosity of am I, what am I missing out on here?

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Diego: What is the real world without this person or this entity in charge?

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Diego: So, yeah, I think even the most benevolent villains, or not benevolent villains, but the villains who have the most humane ways of achieving their goals still, they're never going to get everybody to agree, you know?

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Diego: It's kind of impossible.

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Diego: What about people, what about villains who are all about feeling threatened by...

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Diego: Like, they feel like they are the solution or the thing that is holding back something worse.

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Joshua: Maybe Light from Death Note?

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Diego: Is that what's going on with him?

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Joshua: I mean, he is basically like...

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Joshua: He is...

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Joshua: With the Death Note, he's trying to, at least throughout the series, eliminate every single criminal.

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Joshua: Like, in the world.

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Diego: And what is it that happens if he doesn't write a name?

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Diego: I forgot.

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Joshua: Well, I mean, they don't die.

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Joshua: I don't get what you mean.

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Diego: But doesn't he have to write a name?

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Diego: Like, doesn't he have to pick someone?

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Diego: Or else, or something else happens?

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Diego: I forget that part.

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Joshua: I don't think so.

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Joshua: But, I mean, his goal is just to...

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Joshua: Because he finds his Death Note, like, obviously, the whole beginning is he just...

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Joshua: He sees this note look like fall from the heavens, basically.

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Diego: Right.

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Joshua: Or hell, but it's, like, up.

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Joshua: And he sees this notebook just fall from the sky, and then he finds out he writes...

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Joshua: He sees something bad happening, and then he writes down the person's name, and then they die.

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Joshua: And he, like, writes down the specific type of death, and then they die in that way, and then he realizes this could be used for good.

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Joshua: But then, like, he starts off using it for good, because he's, like, eliminating crime, but he's, like, just killing them directly.

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Joshua: And then there's the thing of if people are starting to catch on, is he, like, he's gonna kill them, but that's not humane, is it?

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Joshua: Because, like, trying to keep the whole thing of killing criminals, like, obviously, people are gonna kind of start to catch on, and then if you want to silence them, you have to kill them, but that's not humane.

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Diego: Yeah, it's a tricky thing, like, the villain who puts himself in the place of, like, judge, jury, and executioner.

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Diego: I don't think you're ever gonna get, like, the masses being okay with that.

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Diego: You're always gonna get people, like, like, who are you to be the one to decide, you know, who gets to live and die sort of thing?

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Joshua: Like, he really is...

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Joshua: I feel like he is, like, an example of that.

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Joshua: Like, he's holding back the, just the mass, like, the entirety of just crime across the world.

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Joshua: But in doing so, he's not any better than any of the criminals that he's holding back.

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Diego: Well, that reminds me of the League of Assassins or the League of Shadows, depending on which version of it you're looking at, right?

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Diego: Like, in the Batman world or in the DC world, that is the league that is led by Ra's Al Ghul.

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Diego: And their whole thing is also similar to the Templars in Assassin's Creed.

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Diego: It's like control through killing, I guess.

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Diego: You know, through...

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Diego: Not necessarily through killing.

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Diego: It's control.

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Diego: They're controlling the events of things, or the direction that society moves or that a city moves or that a country moves in by creating certain events in the shadows, causing things to happen.

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Diego: So in the Nolan trilogy, he talked about who released the rats, the plague, the day did that, who burned Rome.

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Diego: They started taking responsibility for a whole bunch of important events, and they're basically talking about that they are kind of like a purging fire, that when an ecosystem starts running too wild and out of control and where crime runs rampant and drugs and violence and all this stuff, that's when they come in and they purify.

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Diego: And that is like a pretty, almost like a righteous mission.

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Diego: But again, they're taking it upon themselves to be judge, jury, executioner.

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Joshua: Yeah, which I mean...

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Diego: Nobody appointed them that.

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Diego: So that's like...

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Joshua: And the decisions that they make, even if it is like overall helping, the individual little decision that they make are like kind of evil.

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: Then also like He Who Remains from the Loki series.

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Diego: Particularly from the Loki series, so I don't think He Who Remains had like the same kind of mission or purpose in the comics.

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Diego: But in the Loki series, He Who Remains was basically like...

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Diego: He saw himself in everything he was doing in the creation of the TVA as like the thing that was holding back a greater evil.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: Right?

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Diego: When he told Loki and Sylvie, you think I'm bad, wait till you meet my variants.

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Diego: He saw himself as the guy who was actually keeping something much, much worse from happening or from coming to pass.

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Diego: I don't know, what do you think of that character?

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Diego: Because I ended up being kind of conflicted, even all the way through the end of it.

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Diego: Look, Loki, spoiler alert for the Loki show, if you haven't seen season two, in the end, someone has to take his place to keep doing what he was doing.

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Diego: Right?

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Diego: That's essentially what Loki ended up doing, by sitting on that throne and grabbing all the branches and all that stuff of the timelines.

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Diego: You basically couldn't do without that person.

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Diego: It just went on from being he who remains to being now Loki, god of stories or whatever.

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Joshua: And I feel like there is kind of a difference because it's clearly shown in Loki that it could have been done in a very different way as it was shown with Loki.

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Joshua: Like, you don't have to purge all these timelines.

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Joshua: You don't have to do all this because Loki showed us.

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Joshua: You can kind of just not...

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Joshua: I mean, I guess...

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Diego: Well, but Loki still has to keep control of things, though, which means that if there's a multiversal level threat coming out of any of the branch timelines, like, wouldn't he prune that?

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Diego: I don't know.

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Diego: Like, he's the one now with the burden.

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Joshua: Well, I mean, I wouldn't think so because, I mean, that was a very big thing.

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Joshua: That's kind of like what Sylvie's whole point was.

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Diego: Right, right.

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Joshua: I wouldn't think that he would just go back to...

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Diego: I guess that's bound to get out of control, though.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: Like, someone's gonna find a way within the multiverse to break...



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Diego: Obviously, we're gonna end the Fourth Secret Wars, but...

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: You know.

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Diego: So, again, that makes me think, like, right back to the whole point of he who remains, like, how wrong was he?

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Diego: You know?

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Diego: His measures were very extreme.

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Joshua: I don't think he was wrong.

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Joshua: I just think that there is different ways to do it.

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Diego: I guess.

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Diego: I mean, there is until there isn't, because, again, we're headed to Secret Wars, and that's an example right there that even Loki's solution isn't going to be the solution to it all.

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Joshua: I mean, isn't, at least in the comics, like, in the comics, was it that, I mean, I know I just read the comic, but in the comics, was it that there was an incursion already happening and Doom, like, kind of saved everyone by creating Battle World?

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Joshua: Oh.

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Diego: Yeah, because the last incursion was going to happen between the 616 and the 1610 or whatever, and that was going to mean the end of both universes.

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Diego: So what Doom did was basically, like, save parts of both by doing what he did.

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Diego: So I don't know.

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Diego: Still, it was a lot of loss, a lot of death.

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Joshua: Mm-hmm.

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Joshua: So maybe there is...

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Joshua: Maybe, I mean, there just isn't and won't be...

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Diego: A solution for it...

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Joshua: .

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Joshua: a, like, permanent solution to the problem.

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Diego: It could be a thing where you got to keep on, like, reinventing solutions as the threats arise, I guess.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Joshua: I really don't think that there's a permanent solution to the problem of the multiverse.

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Diego: Yeah, probably not.

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Diego: What do you think about people who are doing things out of, like, fear?

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Diego: Like, I think of Lex Luthor, for example, who's, like, you know, Superman is, like, the most classic villain.

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Joshua: Mm-hmm.

00:39:31.088 --> 00:39:45.008

Diego: But especially in, like, stories in the latter years, like, you see that what he's doing is out of fear because there is, like, basically a god now amongst them, right?

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Joshua: Mm-hmm.

00:39:45.928 --> 00:39:50.308

Diego: And, like, he's, like, you know, who's gonna keep him in check?

00:39:50.968 --> 00:39:57.688

Diego: If he ever decides to change his mind about being our protector and decides to be our ruler, like, who's gonna stand up to him?

00:39:58.108 --> 00:39:58.368

Joshua: Yeah.

00:39:58.388 --> 00:39:58.628

Diego: Right?

00:39:59.108 --> 00:40:09.908

Diego: So, like, if I don't do something about it, no one else is doing anything about it, like, I'm gonna be the one who figures out what makes him weak, how can we neutralize him, how can we control him?

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Diego: And it was Amanda Waller's whole thing, too, with Task Force X, you know, her whole thing of, like, you know, Superman, we got lucky, basically, with Superman, because he just happened to be a good guy, you know?

00:40:22.888 --> 00:40:23.248

Joshua: Yeah.

00:40:23.268 --> 00:40:25.328

Diego: But what happens when the next Superman comes around?

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Diego: Like, how are we gonna be able to neutralize that, you know?

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Diego: So, what about those people, you know, who are, like, it's almost like they have this agenda, and granted, Lex Luthor is a very, you know, maniacal, kind of egotistical dude, right?

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Joshua: Yeah.

00:40:42.868 --> 00:40:44.548

Diego: But he makes a good point, though.

00:40:44.648 --> 00:40:48.668

Diego: Like, Superman is a really problematic character, you know?

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Diego: And, like, Wonder Woman is a very problematic character.

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Diego: These people are basically immortals who, at any moment, as the injustice storylines show us, at any moment could ever rule the planet.

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Joshua: Yeah.

00:41:03.408 --> 00:41:03.728

Diego: Right?

00:41:04.648 --> 00:41:06.348

Diego: So, I don't know.

00:41:06.468 --> 00:41:15.968

Diego: Is it that bad that somebody, even if they're pretty twisted, can, granted, Luther has done some pretty bad stuff, but not bad enough that he couldn't get elected as president.

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Joshua: I guess.

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Diego: He was president for a while in the comics.

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Diego: So, clearly, and, like, you got people like the kingpin who got elected as mayor of, oh, but granted, I think that was after, like, the memory of his crimes were wiped out or something.

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Diego: Anyway, but yeah.

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Diego: Lex Luther.

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Diego: I'm afraid of this being who has come to our planet could literally wipe us all out.

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Diego: Like, why aren't we doing something about this?

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Joshua: I honestly think...

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Diego: That's kind of a valid point...

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Joshua: .

00:41:45.808 --> 00:41:50.408

Joshua: that, like, putting aside him as a person...

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Joshua: I feel like him as a person is kind of the cause of why people view him as a villain a lot.

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Joshua: But also, I feel like he kind of seeks out Superman.

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Joshua: I feel like he doesn't wait until the moment where he does kind of snap.

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Joshua: He kind of is...

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Diego: He's doing it preemptively.

00:42:18.648 --> 00:42:19.028

Joshua: Yeah.

00:42:19.168 --> 00:42:20.248

Joshua: And I feel like that's...

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Joshua: If he wasn't doing that, I honestly think there's literally nothing to classify him as a villain.

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Diego: That's true.

00:42:28.868 --> 00:42:34.508

Diego: When you think of, for example, Tony Stark, Tony Stark built the Hulkbuster just in case, right?

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Joshua: Yeah.

00:42:35.168 --> 00:42:43.528

Diego: And that's something meant to neutralize one of the most powerful beings in the world who's currently a superhero but at any point could turn into a villain.

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Diego: So he didn't get negative feedback for that, but he did get negative feedback for Ultron, the Ultron Initiative.

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Diego: But then again, here comes Ultron, another villain who kind of has the same motivation as Skynet.

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Diego: He was built to secure peace in the world, and he realized that humanity is the number one source of lack of peace in the world.

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Diego: Every other species knows how to live in harmony within their ecosystem and play their role except humanity.

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Diego: We're just here like a virus.

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Diego: And thus, he wants to strike the world with a meteor, basically, and wipe everything clean.

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Diego: Is he wrong?

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Diego: I don't know.

00:43:30.568 --> 00:43:51.668

Joshua: Something else that I find interesting is in the case of brainwashing, and I'm specifically talking about the Winter Soldier, kind of, if someone's being brainwashed to do something, and say killing your parents, or killing somebody that is close to you.

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Joshua: And they did it, but they weren't in control of themselves.

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Diego: Right.

00:43:58.808 --> 00:43:59.568

Joshua: It's kind of...

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Joshua: I understand where Tony's obviously...

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Joshua: I understand why he's mad, because he's like, you killed my parents, but it wasn't his fault, really.

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Joshua: I feel like situations where...

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Joshua: There is multiple situations where brainwashing has happened, but I don't know if...

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Joshua: I am kind of conflicted on that.

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Diego: It's kind of tough, but crimes were committed, and somebody should pay for those crimes, wouldn't you agree?

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Diego: So wouldn't it be the closest thing to a responsible person, for those crimes, wouldn't it be the person whose body actually committed the crimes?

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Diego: Even if there isn't a mind attached in control at that moment to committing the crimes, it seems like the closest thing that you could possibly have to a responsible person for the crime.

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Joshua: I mean, yeah, but then again, in that same...

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Joshua: like that person, they like...

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Joshua: because we are our brain, right?

00:45:10.188 --> 00:45:13.468

Joshua: Like that person is innocent.

00:45:14.708 --> 00:45:15.668

Diego: Yeah, it's a good point.

00:45:15.708 --> 00:45:16.488

Diego: That's a tough one.



00:45:17.268 --> 00:45:18.068

Diego: That's a tough one.

00:45:18.448 --> 00:45:20.148

Diego: Okay, let me put it to you like this.

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Diego: If you were brainwashed and committed crimes, and you have no recollection and you have no mental control over it, and now you're free of the brainwashing, and now they come and they tell you you murdered 12 people while brainwashed, what would you do?

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Diego: Like you morally, what would you do?

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Diego: Would you just be like, y'all, I'm sorry, but it wasn't me, technically.

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Diego: What would you do?

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Joshua: I mean, if it's the situation where I was being brainwashed by people, I would at least try to have those people found out.

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Joshua: Right.

00:46:05.468 --> 00:46:15.348

Joshua: But if it was just like maybe something like Moon Knight, which is kind of different, but he kind of blacks out.

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Joshua: And then when that consciousness wakes back up, he's like, a bunch of stuff has happened.

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Diego: Yeah, right.

00:46:23.928 --> 00:46:24.308

Diego: He's lost.

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Diego: He doesn't know what happened.

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Joshua: I feel like...

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Diego: Would you turn yourself in?

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Diego: Would you be willing to serve time?

00:46:31.108 --> 00:46:35.508

Diego: Would you try to make amends or pay for it in some way?

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Diego: Or would you actually try to be like, no, it's someone else's fault, not mine?

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Joshua: I mean, I'm so conflicted.

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Diego: Oh, this guy.

00:46:43.928 --> 00:46:46.668

Diego: Okay, so he's just rising in pain for the crimes.

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Diego: Clearly.

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Diego: I would turn myself in, I think.

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Diego: I'd be willing to serve time.

00:46:50.448 --> 00:46:55.848

Diego: Because I would think of the victims too much, like the families and all the people that were hurt in the process.

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Diego: It's like, you know, I wasn't in my mental capacity, but it just locked me up for a while, you know.

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Diego: Maybe while I'm locked in, while I'm locked behind bars, like I can try to do some good.

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Diego: And maybe through like whatever initiatives I put forth, maybe I'll try to collaborate, be an informant on the people who were brainwashing me, and I try to do stuff to retribute for what was done.

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Diego: Maybe that'll grant me freedom, right?

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Diego: Because they're like, okay, he wasn't in mental control of himself, and he's proving that he's like actually a good person now, that he's not brainwashed.

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Diego: I would probably take like a similar approach to that, but clearly you would just go on the run and like try to...

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Joshua: I said I was conflicted.

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Diego: Joshua would run to Wakanda, that's where he would go.

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Diego: Wakanda and become the brown wolf.

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Diego: Become the brown wolf, bro.

00:47:49.968 --> 00:47:52.408

Diego: You're brown, you're like a caramel color, caramel wolf.

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Diego: How about that?

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Diego: Caramel wolf.

00:47:55.488 --> 00:47:56.308

Joshua: Caramel.

00:47:58.068 --> 00:48:01.208

Diego: Hey, there's another category that I find pretty intriguing.

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Diego: And I go back to the Kingpin, but the Kingpin specifically in the Netflix show, the Daredevil show, one thing that I really loved about that is that when he started like having one-on-one fights with Daredevil, he was trying to like explain to him that they were actually trying to achieve the same thing, which is save the city.

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Joshua: Yeah.

00:48:27.328 --> 00:48:31.108

Diego: And that sounds like a whole bunch of, as you would say, yapping by a villain.

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Joshua: I would not say yapping.

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Diego: But you would totally say yapping.

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Diego: You say yapping more than you say the word and.

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Joshua: Okay, well, to be honest, like I feel like the, you know, you and I aren't so different.

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Joshua: I feel like that speech is like kind of really played out in villains.

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Joshua: Yeah, because like Joker.

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Joshua: Oh, Joker.

00:48:50.848 --> 00:48:53.328

Joshua: Joker glazes that speech.

00:48:53.328 --> 00:48:53.868

Diego: Yes, he does.

00:48:53.888 --> 00:48:54.268

Diego: You're right.

00:48:55.508 --> 00:48:56.128

Diego: Yeah, he does.

00:48:56.688 --> 00:48:58.648

Diego: No, no, but this is, I think, a little bit more than that.

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Diego: So here's here's here's the point that he was making.

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Diego: And at first Daredevil had the same reaction that you're having to it.

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Diego: It's like, you know, I'm nothing like you.

00:49:05.968 --> 00:49:06.288

Diego: Shut up.

00:49:06.308 --> 00:49:06.608

Diego: Whatever.

00:49:06.628 --> 00:49:07.848

Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: But but yeah, Daredevil was like, you yapping, bro, but he went on to explain that this city, I mean, Hell's Kitchen in New York has a system of crime in place.

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Diego: And that depending on the people who are running that system of crime, more crime will happen, more people will die, or less people will die.

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Diego: And he was trying to make the point to him that like, when I took power, I consolidated all the power on me and became the kingpin of crime.

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Diego: And in doing so, I'm able to control the quality of the crime in the city.

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Diego: And that's interesting to me, because it's true.

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Diego: Like, depending on the person that you got in charge of the crime organizations or the people, because at that point there were like several families or whatever, you know, you could have some more ruthless than others.

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Diego: But the kingpin had like a higher class when it comes to crime, right?

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Diego: Like you've seen him, like, you know, he's all fancy and stuff with his suits and his stuff, you know?

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Diego: Like he's more like, he's like a criminal slash businessman, more of that mobster mentality, you know, like Italian mafia type thing.

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Diego: And so like he was trying to tell him, like, let me do my job within the criminal underworld, and you do your job with the everyday criminals.

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Diego: And we're both going to help this city.

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Diego: And I kind of see a point to that.

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Diego: This guy, because like crime is always going to be a thing.

00:50:53.768 --> 00:50:54.148

Joshua: Yeah.

00:50:54.288 --> 00:50:56.888

Diego: You know, like, it's just going to be a thing.

00:50:57.068 --> 00:51:08.448

Diego: So if you could have a criminal, Kingpin, who would do things a bit more organized and humanely, I don't know, is that terrible?

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Diego: Am I going to get hit up by the CIA right now?

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Joshua: I mean, but like, why is he committing the crime in the first place?

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Diego: Because someone's going to do it.

00:51:23.588 --> 00:51:23.808

Joshua: Yeah.

00:51:23.828 --> 00:51:26.348

Joshua: And like, you might as well do it while you're looking cool.

00:51:26.608 --> 00:51:31.888

Diego: Look, man, don't take the high road right now, because you were about to run away to Wakanda after you got unbrainwashed.

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Diego: So like, don't pretend like you're more moral than me now.

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Diego: There's another group in the Batman world that does this.

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Diego: This is the Court of Owls.

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Diego: Like, the Court of Owls is basically like Illuminati, right?

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Diego: Like, what the Illuminati are supposed to be, which is like this secret group of people who are very powerful, and they're basically like pulling the strings of the city or the country or the world or whatever.

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Joshua: Yeah.

00:51:55.908 --> 00:52:09.548

Diego: And like, they lived for years with Batman in place, like for like 10 years or something like that, with Batman operating in Gotham City, and Batman didn't even know about them.

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Joshua: And like, they didn't really cause a problem.

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Diego: No, they didn't cause a problem.

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Diego: And they knew that Batman has like a role to play in Gotham City, and they were totally fine letting him do his thing.

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Diego: And then secretly behind the scenes, they were continuing to pull their strings, and they were puppeteering the city and like, controlling like all aspects of it, the aspects in the light and the aspects in the dark, you know what I mean?

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Diego: And it wasn't until like Batman got in their face and in their business that suddenly now, you know, it causes a problem and a beef between them.

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Diego: But like they even tried to reach out to him, or not to reach out to him, they tried to reason with him and tell him is like, we're going to give you a chance, like back the heck up, you know?

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Diego: And we'll leave you alone to keep doing your thing, running around in your Batmobile, and we're going to do our thing, you know?

00:53:01.328 --> 00:53:07.868

Diego: And like, I don't know, how terrible is that?



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Diego: Like, if Batman wanted to mess with them, the Night of the Owls wouldn't have happened, which the Night of the Owls is this event in the comics where basically they have this warrior that does their secret killings, you know, when they need to take somebody out, like an assassin, called the Talon.

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Joshua: I mean, didn't the Talon...

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Diego: It was like one guy at a time.

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Joshua: Didn't he, like, specifically go out to Damien, and he was yapping at him?

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Diego: Uh, only after things started getting...

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Diego: So Batman started, like, getting...

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Diego: Seeking them out.

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Diego: It really was Batman that started seeking them out.

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Diego: And again, had he not gotten in their face and tried to take them down and all that, he...

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Diego: The Night of the Owls wouldn't have happened where they ended up, like, resurrecting all their, like, stash of talons.

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Diego: And suddenly there was, like, dozens of these super, you know, skilled warriors, zombies, going out, you know, across all the Gotham and stuff.

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Diego: But, like, it's almost like there's an ecosystem, right?

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Diego: And back to the whole kingpin thing, like, there's an ecosystem, and there's a...

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Diego: Everybody plays a role in the ecosystem.

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Diego: Yes, there is crime and there's bad stuff and whatever, but, like, things could be a lot worse if the people who are pulling the strings were not pulling the strings.

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Diego: And so I just wonder, like, this is one of those categories that just, you know, makes me wonder is, like, like, do we...

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Diego: If we take it out, I think the real risk is, like, imagine Gotham City, people pulling the strings from behind the scenes, the Court of Owls.

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Diego: You take away the Court of Owls, what happens?

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Joshua: Mm-hmm.

00:54:55.548 --> 00:54:56.688

Diego: Does the city collapse?

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Diego: What happens to the economy in Gotham?

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Diego: What happens to, like, the highest seats of power in Gotham?

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Diego: Like...

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Diego: Like, Batman doesn't even know who is a member of the Court of Owls.

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Diego: You know what I mean?

00:55:07.908 --> 00:55:14.968

Diego: So, like, you're risking, like, almost, like, ripping out a skeleton or a part of the skeleton from a body, and now what happens to that body?

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Diego: It's gonna collapse, it has no base, no foundation.

00:55:17.308 --> 00:55:17.768

Joshua: Yeah.

00:55:18.288 --> 00:55:20.768

Diego: So, like, what's the solution there?

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Diego: Restart Gotham from scratch without the criminal element?

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Diego: That's impossible.

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Joshua: Mm-hmm.

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Diego: So, it's a little bit conflicting, I think.

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Diego: It's a little bit difficult to come to a conclusion of, like, how wrong are they?

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Diego: Or are we always going to need somebody pulling those strings?

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Diego: I actually have, like, this head...

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Diego: not head cannon, but fantasy story in my head of, like, Batman having to take the place of the Court of Owls.

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Diego: Like, taking them down and then seeing things in Gotham slowly collapsing.

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Joshua: And so he asked to, like...

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Diego: realizing that, like, the Batm family becoming the new Court of Owls, basically, behind the scenes.

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Diego: I have this whole story in my head.

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Joshua: Yeah!

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Diego: Don't steal my story, Jits.

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Diego: I'm warning you.

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Diego: Anyway, so yeah, that's another interesting category for me.

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Diego: Any others in your list?

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Diego: Any kinds or categories?

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Joshua: This one's, like, kind of, like, pretty different.

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Joshua: I was gonna say Zuko from Avatar.

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Joshua: And in this one, he's kind of...

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Joshua: It's not really for the good of anybody else, but it's for, like, the personal, like, bettering...

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Joshua: Is that a word?

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Diego: Do you hear this?

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Joshua: Bettering and, like, redemption of his own character.

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Joshua: Because in the show, he got banished.

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Joshua: He got exiled, basically, from the Fire Nation.

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Joshua: And his whole thing is, I need to catch the Avatar to restore my honor.

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Joshua: Because, like, his dad banished him from the Fire Nation and basically said, You can come back once you found the Avatar.

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Joshua: And this whole thing, and his uncle was banished along with him.

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Joshua: And throughout him trying to find the Avatar, his uncle is kind of slowly planting ideas in him that are kind of making him a better person.

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Joshua: But the thing is, eventually, because in the Avatar, the Avatar needs to learn all four elements.

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Joshua: And he didn't have anybody to teach him firebending.

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Joshua: And after Zuko kind of comes to his senses, he goes over and he wants to join Team Avatar to teach Zuko fire or to teach Aang firebending.

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Joshua: And the thing is, they don't trust him because he's done a lot of bad things.

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Joshua: And it's kind of like you really think we would trust you after all of the lying that you've done.

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Joshua: Okay.

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Joshua: I feel like...

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Diego: Was he like legit or...

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Joshua: Yeah, he was.

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Joshua: Oh.

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Joshua: But I feel like villains that have changed after doing so many bad things, they're destined to really never have anyone trust them again.

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Diego: Yeah, like Vegeta, right?

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: Yeah.

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Diego: Yeah, that's a tough one.

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Diego: I feel like Piccolo got away pretty well with that one.

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Joshua: Yeah, Piccolo.

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Diego: Like, dude was literally being called to babysit a child.

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Joshua: He's like, yeah.

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Diego: And just a few years back, he was a demon king trying to kill everybody.

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Diego: Anyway, yeah, but the point also of being misunderstood, I think being misunderstood and being classified as a villain because you're misunderstood, like I think, for example, of the zombie-like horde of I Am Legend, where the whole progression of that movie, basically, like you see Robert Neville, Will Smith's character, as the hero, you know, surrounded by all these horrible creatures.

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Diego: And then by the end of it, you come to realize that, like, no, these creatures actually have an entire organizational structure, social structure.

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Diego: And like they even pair up, you know, with mates and stuff like that.

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Diego: And he had captured the wife of or the partner of one of them, like the leader guy of the little group.

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Diego: And that's a really interesting one, right?

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Diego: It's like how long the story goes before you realize, like, oh, no, these people are just like kind of trying to live their lives in a way.

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Diego: And they're like, you are the intruder basically, you know, in their world, because they're kind of taken over already.

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Diego: And that kind of applies to most zombie hordes, I think.

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Diego: Like, we depict them always as monsters, but I mean, through conquest, don't you kind of at some point become the majority?

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Diego: Like, you're kind of, you rule the planet now, you know?

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Diego: So who's the villain at that point?

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Diego: Who knows?

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Diego: And then the last one that I have is the example of, I don't know how to classify this one, but it's the example of Baron Mordo from Doctor Strange.

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Joshua: Is that the guy who...

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Joshua: I've only watched Doctor Strange once, and I kind of forgot.

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Joshua: Is that the guy who, like, Doctor Strange, like, he, like, walked through a thing, he, like, walked through a brick wall, and then Doctor Strange, like, reversed time, and then he walked back, and then he got, like, trapped in the wall?

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Diego: You're talking about the dude who got, like, his eyes all purple and stuff.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: No, not, like, the villain of the thing, but Mordo is one of the sorcerers.

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Joshua: Oh, is that the guy who appeared in Multiverse of Madness?



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Diego: Yeah, yeah, same guy, right.

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Diego: And so, like, at the end of Doctor Strange 1, which storyline was completely dropped and forgotten for Doctor Strange 2, he was gonna, like...

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Diego: He took it upon himself, like, he realized, he realized there's too many sorcerers.

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Diego: And, like, I can't really blame the guy, because you have people who were going, learning sorcery, becoming essentially, like, very powerful beings, and then, like, going away and just, like, living, using their sorcery for their own pleasure, you know, for their own needs.

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Joshua: Yeah, like that one guy who had the messed-up knee.

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Diego: It wasn't a messed-up knee, like, he was a paraplegic.

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Diego: And so, through magic, he was making himself be able to live a normal life.

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Diego: And, hey, that's, like...

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Diego: I mean, you can't blame him for wanting to do that once he acquired those skills.

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Diego: But, like, not everybody has, like, such a noble cause for themselves.

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Diego: Like, some other people are clearly going to use it for more selfish purposes.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: And, um...

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Diego: And so, like, him taking on that mission of, like, I'm gonna basically steal the magic away from all these sorcerers who don't deserve it, it's kind of a righteous cause in a way.

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Diego: Because, like, if you really think about it, I feel like that's a really big risk, having a whole bunch of sorcerers out there.

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Joshua: Mm-hmm.

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Diego: That's a pretty dangerous thing.

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Diego: So, yeah, I can't really blame the guy for wanting to do that after, like, all the chaos that happened in Doctor Strange 1.

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Diego: Like, it had to do with how many people had the abilities of sorcerers.

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Diego: So, yeah, very interesting, man.

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Diego: Oh, the last one I had was Palpatine.

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Diego: Some Star Wars fans are of the mind that Palpatine wasn't actually, like, that far off in his thoughts.

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Diego: No?

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Joshua: I don't know about this one.

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Diego: Is he too Hitlerish for you?

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Joshua: I don't know about that one.

01:02:59.128 --> 01:03:06.168

Diego: I mean, look, all I know is Jedi were kind of getting to a whack point by that point.

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Joshua: Well, I mean, Jedi were, like, there's no such thing as pure good.

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Diego: Right.

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Joshua: And there's, well, I don't know if there's no such thing as pure evil, but there's definitely no such thing as pure good.

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Diego: Right.

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Diego: I see what you're saying.

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Joshua: So, I mean...

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Diego: Palpatine was another one of those cases, I think, of, like, control through, I mean, like, trying to bring peace.

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Joshua: Peace through control?

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Diego: Yeah, exactly.

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Diego: Yeah, through power, you know, like, through force.

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Joshua: Yeah, like the 10th force.

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Diego: BFPs are all, you know, that type thing.

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Diego: BFPs are all kill you.

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Diego: Yikes.

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Diego: A little extreme, you know.

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Joshua: That's, like, kind of very knock, and it's very dictator.

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Joshua: I mean, he was.

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Diego: He definitely was a dictator, yes.

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Joshua: He quite literally was.

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Diego: Yes, yes, yes.

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Joshua: Exactly a dictator.

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Diego: He was a dictator.

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Diego: Although he did retain a whole Congress, a whole, like, Galactic Congress Senate.

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Joshua: He's kind of, like, an anomaly.

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Diego: I don't know.

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Diego: The dude is interesting because, like, when he says that he wants to establish order and peace in the galaxy, I kind of believe him.

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Diego: It's just, like, again, the methods are horrendous, you know?

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: But, like, he feels the same burden that, like, that the Templars feel, or that, you know, Dr.

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Diego: Doom feels.

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Diego: Like, people were out to conquer the world because they want to bring order to it.

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Diego: It's just that, yeah, their tactics are kind of rough.

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Joshua: Yeah.

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Diego: So, out of all these villains that we talked about, like, who's the one that you're like, you know what, bro?

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Diego: You get the pass.

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Diego: Who are you giving it to?

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Joshua: Like, you get the passes, and, like, you weren't really that evil at all.

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Diego: You know, or your actions were justified.

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Diego: Who would you give it to?

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Joshua: I feel like if the Avengers hadn't brought all the people back...

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Diego: Yeah...

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Joshua: .

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Joshua: that Thanos had snapped...

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Diego: Yeah...

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Joshua: .

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Joshua: I feel like his actions would be justified.

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Diego: Really?

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Diego: In a few dozen generations, maybe?

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Diego: I'm just saying, man.

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Diego: I'm just saying.

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Diego: Why are you putting it into your chin?

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Diego: What's going on there with your jaw?

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Diego: Are you okay?

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Joshua: Okay, I feel like, honestly, probably Payne...

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Joshua: .

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Joshua: who is the guy who wanted to unite the world through shared pain.

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Joshua: Because in the end, everybody would have felt the same thing, and everybody would have...

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Joshua: Not just physical pain, but losing people and everything, which people would have to die for that.

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Joshua: But everybody left would have a strong connection with each other, and it would have united the world for the rest of time, kind of.

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Joshua: But, I mean, he never really got to fulfill his plan.

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Diego: Right.

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Joshua: But I feel like if he did, the world would honestly grow stronger.

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Diego: I'll probably give the past to Magneto, because I feel like, you know, Dude suffered enough in the past.

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Diego: His people, Jews, you know, suffered enough.

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Diego: And he knows what humanity is capable of when there's prejudice and racism or whatever schism.

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Joshua: Religionism?

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Diego: No, that's not religionism.

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Diego: The real religionism is at work.

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Joshua: Are you sure?

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Diego: I'm pretty sure it's not.

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Diego: But anyway, yeah, I give it to him because I feel like he knows the dark side of humanity, and he's really kind of doing what he's doing for the sake of survival.

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Diego: And he doesn't trust humanity to have the best interests of mutants at heart.

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Diego: And I kind of got to give it to him, and I got to give him the pass a little bit.

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Diego: I mean, I don't condone acts of terror, obviously, but...

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Joshua: What?

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Diego: Like, I feel like if people were to not label him villain and terrorist, and instead be like, hold on, hold on, let's have a conversation here, come here.



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Diego: All right, you know, give you your own nation or something for your people.

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Diego: Like, we acknowledge that there's something really critical and different going on here.

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Diego: We acknowledge that you guys are, like, a new form of human, and that you need space to thrive and grow in peace without feeling any kind of threats.

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Diego: Like, you know, would you like to rule that nation?

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Diego: I don't know, something like that.

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Diego: Like, approach him more in a diplomatic way as opposed to trying to, like, classify him immediately as a villain because he's trying to defend his people.

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Joshua: But then again, humans will always respond to new things.

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Joshua: As dangerous.

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Diego: Always, yeah.

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Joshua: Because, like, that's why I always, like, in alien movies, I always hate, because, like, it's, like, in every movie where when the aliens first land, like, without even doing anything, humans, like, the military always, like, fires at them.

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Diego: Right, right.

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Diego: We always take the first shot, yeah.

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Joshua: And so that's just, like, why, that's just how, like, humans respond for some reason.

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Diego: Yeah, absolutely.

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Diego: I really think you should give a chance to be hugged by that face hugger.

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Diego: Like, give him a chance.

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Diego: You don't know what his intentions are.

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Diego: Let him hug your face a little bit.

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Diego: Just let him hug you.

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Diego: Thank you all for joining us for this episode of Geekology 101.

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Diego: This whole topic of villains who kind of had a point is, it's a controversial one.

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Diego: It's a pretty dicey one, you know, you don't know at some point where to draw the line between like, yeah, dude, you're doing some horrible stuff, so I'm not gonna give you the pass.

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Diego: Or, you know, like, I kind of get where you're coming from.

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Diego: So very curious to see what you all out there have to say about this.

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Diego: Like, is there a villain that you're particularly sympathetic to, that maybe, like, you want to toss us a name and see who you back up?

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Diego: If you do, you can get in contact with us by going over to our website.

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Diego: There you can find out about us.

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Diego: You can find out how to subscribe to the podcast, find links to our YouTube channel, and then all the way at the bottom, you're gonna be able to see a contact form that you can fill out and send us a message.

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Diego: So let us know which villain gets the pass from you guys.

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Diego: The Geekology website is [geekology101.com](http://geekology101.com), and you can hit us up there through that contact form, or...

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Joshua: If you want to contact us through more traditional means, you can hit us up at [geekology101podcasts@gmail.com](mailto:geekology101podcasts@gmail.com).

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Diego: Thank you all for listening, and we will catch you in the next episode.

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Diego: Just let it hug you.