

RISING TIDE

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A scene for a fan based mod of the Bioshock 1 universe told entirely through dialogue in the form of an audio log.

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ROGER O'MALLEY

Hello Carlos. Gonna record this for the council's records. Hope you don't mind.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

You! You were with those men, the men who destroyed my shop! I don't understand señor! Why did you do that? Why am I here?

ROGER O'MALLEY

Ah... Sorry about that. Rough times we live in. I'm Roger O'Malley, Rapture's new head of security.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

Por favor! I run a simple printing press! I've done nothing wrong!

ROGER O'MALLEY

Rumors suggest otherwise. We hear you've been printing material questionable to the well-being of our great city.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

You think I've sided with that... that terrorist Atlas?

ROGER O'MALLEY

No, actually. Not at all.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

Then who? Lamb? The Ratpure Family? That woman is loco! I would never...

ROGER O'MALLEY

Carlos, do you know what I did before I came to Rapture? Well, I worked the beat in Hell's Kitchen when Ryan and Sullivan found me, but before that? You know what I did?

CARLOS GIMENEZ

I... I... don't understand? How would I...

ROGER O'MALLEY

I served in the US army on the western front during the war. Infantry. Right there in the thick of it. Germans did things to people I don't think I'll ever be able to unsee.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

That is...

ROGER O'MALLEY

Over the years, I've tried to put a cork in those memories. Keep 'em from gettin' too loud in my head. But every now and then somethin' triggers one of 'em. Usually an unpleasant, nasty one. This box right here? Prime example of a trigger.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

Señor I...

ROGER O'MALLEY

Now, I'm not a famous, knowledgeable purveyor of fine printed goods like yourself, but I'll be damned if what's in this box don't look especially familiar. What'cha think?

CARLOS GIMENEZ

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ROGER O'MALLEY

Nothin'? Lemme bring it out into the light so you can see it a bit better. How 'bout now?

CARLOS GIMENEZ

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ROGER O'MALLEY

Huh, that's really odd. 'Cause I'm pretty sure there ain't a man, woman, or child in this whole wide world who wouldn't call this a swastika.

(pause)

Last chance Carlos.

(MORE)

ROGER O'MALLEY (CONT'D)

Let me know where I can find the other members of your little fan club and I'll see to it you don't find yourself bolted to a wall and left to die.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

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ROGER O'MALLEY

Still nothing huh? Goodbye Carlos. Looking forward to seeing you hang on the wall with the other scum.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

(now in German accent)

You are a fool, herr O'Malley.

ROGER O'MALLEY

Your throat must be a little dry there pal. Could have swore I heard a familiar accent.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

You want truth? Hm? Look around you. Ryan's "Great Chain" is shattered. Atlas beats the drums of revolution that will only bring ruin. Lamb is a delusional zealot. All of your vaunted, progressive ideologies lead to the same destination: chaos. To save the human race, my people will finish what we started.

ROGER O'MALLEY

Last time I checked the world rejected your fascist bullshit pretty soundly.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

There will come a time when people are done starving at the feet of arrogant men of industry. When they are tired of lawless thugs and rampant looting. When they are begging for order and purpose that does not come from false gods. And when they do, they will realize what my people have known all along. They will realize this world needs a Führer.

ROGER O'MALLEY

Buddy, the only Führer you'll ever see is six feet under with a bullet in his head.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

Ja, indeed he is. That is why my fellow spies were delighted to hear of Rapture's developments with Vita-Chambers and ADAM.

ROGER O'MALLEY

Fat chance you make off with that, all surface access has been shut down for months.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

Maybe today. But who knows what tomorrow brings. And we are patient.

ROGER O'MALLEY

I will make it my mission to hunt every single one of you. Every second. Of every day. I will find all of you and none of you assholes will ever make it to the surface alive.

CARLOS GIMENEZ

Our Rattenlinien extended to Rapture years ago herr O'Malley. Through ratlines we infiltrated you from many nations. But don't worry, our people on the surface will keep your secret... for now. The tide of The Fourth Reich is rising.

ROGER O'MALLEY

Listen pal... wait, stop! He's biting down, need help in here! Open your damn mouth! Come on, come on.... Goddamnit!

(pause)

He's dead. Turn off that fucking recorder.