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## THE BLACK BOW

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TO CENTRAL CITY EACH YEAR COME THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRANTS SEEKING REFUGE IN THE MELTING POT THAT IS AMERICA, AND BRINGING WITH THEM THE GOOD AND THE EVIL OF A WORLD IN FLAMES ... FOR EVIL KNOWS NO BOUNDRIES AND TRAVELS SWIFTEST WITH WICKED MEN ... BUT LET THEM BEWARE, FOR TO THE NORTH LIES *WILDWOOD CEMETERY* WHERE LIVES CRIME'S MIGHTIEST FOE ...

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ON OCTOBER TWENTY-THIRD LAST, SHORTLY AFTER THE MOUNTAIN COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL EUROPE FELL, THE GOOD CITIZENS OF THE QUIET FOREIGN SECTION OF CENTRAL CITY WERE STRUCK WITH TERROR BY THE **STRANGE DEATH** OF AUGUSTE PEROT, A LEADER IN THEIR COMMUNITY.



THUS SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER A FRIGHTENED PARTY OF MEN BURIED AUGUSTE PEROT IN SECLUDED WILDWOOD CEMETERY... **WATCHED BY THE SPIRIT!!**



PEROT'S GREAT STONE HOUSE WAS ABANDONED AS IF THE PLACE CONTAINED A GHOST... AND THE WEEDS GREW THICK AROUND IT, WHILE THE WEATHER TORE AT ITS SIDES TILL IT TRULY LOOKED HAUNTED... **NO ONE SEEMED INTERESTED.**



**NO ONE EXCEPT THE SPIRIT...** IN HIS SECRET CRIME LABORATORY DEEP UNDER WILDWOOD CEMETERY THE FAMED CRIME FIGHTER PURSUES THE ONE CLUE HE OVERHEARD...



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, THE SAME GROUP OF MEN HOLD A MEETING. PRESENT IS A **NEW MEMBER** OF THE COMMUNITY.



THEN **THE BLACK BOW** KILLED AUGUSTE WHEN HE FAILED TO PAY TRIBUTE??



THIS IS AMERICA! HERE MEN DO NOT PAY TRIBUTE... WE DO NOT QUAL... WE **FIGHT** OPPRESSION!



**BUT HAD THEY LOOKED UP JUST THEN**



AND THE **BLACK BOW** IS NOT TO  
RE DEF I E D



BUT HIS COMPANION SUCCEEDS IN  
ESCAPING ... FOR THE MOMENT.



AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS ...  
COMMISSIONER DOLAN AWAITS  
A VISITOR WHO HAS BEEN  
ANNOUNCED BY HIS SECRETARY.

