

TORRANCE DUMPLIN MURDERS JEFF SIMON

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Kingston, Jamaica August 21st--The CLB breathed a collective sigh of relief when Jamaica Dreds first baseman Torrance Dumplin finally ended nearly two years of tantalizing the public by brutally murdering despised team owner Jeff Simon in a seedy Jamaica bar.

"Torrance had been tracking down Simon for weeks," said Kingston police chief Ubu Noongawi, who assured the public that he had no intention of

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prosecuting the All Star first baseman. "Simon knew his number was up when he found out that Dreds manager Harry Callahan, whom he had hired to be his bodyguard, was actually a confederate of Torrance's. It was only a matter of time."

Simon's time finally came when Dumplin was informed by Noongawi that the owner was holed up in a run-down bar on the outskirts of Kingston following a Dreds home game. The massive first baseman made a bee-line to the watering hole, named "the Shit House", and demanded to see the cowering Simon.

"As soon as I saw Dumplin walk in," said bar owner Mickey Finn, I knew that Jeff was dead. I told Dumplin that Jeff was hiding from him in the cesspool."

Dumplin reached into the collected waste and pulled out the cringing Simon, who had been concealing himself in the feces for the past three weeks. Dumplin wasted no time, but ripped out Simon's heart from his chest and held the beating organ in front of Simon's terrorized face.



Dumplin and Simon in 1992

"That wasn't the worst of it," smiled an impressed Finn, who videotaped the murder for broadcast on *BNB's Wide World of Sports*. "Dumplin told the still breathing Simon that if he didn't *eat* the heart, things would be worse for him. Simon began chowing down, and croaked on the last swallow."

Simon's death was met with enthusiasm by CLB insiders. The late owner's brother Glenn, owner and center fielder of the Tri-State Dipsomaniacs, announced that he would be erecting a statue of Dumplin in downtown Kingston as a monument to his good taste. And tributes came from all over the world, as 67 countries proclaimed

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the date Torrance Dumplin Day in appreciation of the act.

Following the murder, Dumplin announced that he was taking over ownership and management of the Dreds, replacing field manager Callahan, who amassed a 55-58 record as manager of the Dreds. The manager, who will be promoted to the Dreds head of security, was delighted with the change.

"It made my day," said the usually stoic Callahan, breaking into a rare smile at the announcement of Simon's death. "Torrance did the world a great public service."

Simon's will actually named his adopted daughter Paige (who is the illegitimate biological child of TVA center fielder Strongarm Dwarski) as heir to the Dreds, but the estate says that it will not challenge Dumplin's takeover of the team.

"The man did too great a public service in ridding us of Simon," said the late owner's executor Perry Mason. "I have

discussed the matter with all of Simon's survivors, and not only do they want Torrance to have the team, but Jeff's mother is knitting Torrance a sweater."

And so ends one of the most nail-biting episodes in CLB history. Simon's body will be stuffed and sold to a travelling tent show to be shown as Dracula's corpse, but there will be a showing of the body at the Dreds' Torrance Dumplin Memorial Stadium on August 25th prior to the night game against the Mt. Rainier Pugnacious Pilots. Tomatoes will be provided.