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We applaud them We celebrate them We frown when they are criticized

Their narrative; simply put— Restoration of forefathers' wealth

Sweet yet dumb Started as thieves Now blood thirsty

In a bid to sustain and build more They tear bodies in pieces Incapacitation looms—

Destruction aflame walls of griefs falling bit by bit

Men wailing in suicidal force Without comfort to grab of destruction caused on built wealth for years

No matter the sugarcoating You are a THIEF

In case you've forgotten THIEVES take what isn't theirs

Hey, you, you can drop it all today You can disrupt your quest for greed And embrace life the right way

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