

Dummies vs. Dummies

In a crumbling, decaying section of Detroit, one man is trying to hang on. Desperately.

Many of the homes that surround him are vacant. Some are even burned-out. It's a haven for criminals and roving gangs. But he's staying. He's lived in his home for a long time, and has no plans to move away as the neighborhood disintegrates around him.

It's tough, though. His home has been broken into on several occasions. And the company that provides his homeowner's insurance is getting antsy. They'd like to drop his coverage. He doesn't want that to happen.

So he's turned his home into an urban fortress: Bars on all the windows. Two ferocious watch dogs. A high-tech security and surveillance system.

And Dummies...

He's acquired a number of CPR dummies, and dressed them up to look like gang members. They lounge around his home looking defiant - nobody wins a stare-down with them.

Do they work? They help.

Criminals and thugs tend not to be the sharpest tools in the box, but even the dummies eventually figure out that they're looking at dummies. But by the time they figure that out, they've also figured out that a surveillance system has been watching and recording their every move. Some of the dummies themselves are even equipped with mini-cameras, placed in their mouths or behind their eyes - dummies recording dummies.

Just a bit of ingenuity employed in one man's stand against the tides of change, in a grand old city that's fallen upon hard times.

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