

SPILLANE ERA (1960's-1977)

In the early 1960's, a man that went by the name of Mickey Spillane would step into position as the founder of a small gang. Mickey would go on to make a deal with the mafia that would ensure the Mafia would stay out of Spillane's way. With this power, Spillane would organize and authorize the murders and robberies of countless businessmen in the city; although more famously, Spillane's gang had their "Snatch Racket". This meant that Spillane's men would kidnap businessmen and other criminals for a ransom.



(Mickey Spillane, 1979)

COONAN ERA (1978-Present)

Around the year 1977, Mickey Spillane was usurped for his spot as Boss. The man responsible for doing this was James "Jimmy C" Coonan. Coonan was the son of an accountant who Spillane's gang kidnapped. Jimmy wanted not to suffer the same fate as his father, so, therefore, he began recruiting his own men to overtake Spillane's operation. Coonan would also do so by turning Spillane's men against him. Jimmy's group (unlike Spillane's), was willing to work with the Mafias in the city; and by doing so, he created deals and connections. Jimmy called his group The Westies.

Spillane had eventually fled the part of the city he would once call his own. It wasn't long before a hit squad got to him. Jimmy now has full control over the territory of Hell's Kitchen, New York. Jimmy recruited his childhood friend to be his lieutenant in arms, this man was Mickey Featherstone. Jimmy and Mickey were responsible for the murder of the most well known loan shark in the city, Ruby Stein.

The Westies quickly gained the reputation as being a ruthless, and violent gang. The gang would demonstrate this in their murders, where they would behead their victims. The Westies continue to live up a brutal legacy, and can be seen doing such to this day..



(Mickey Featherstone & Jimmy C, 1984)

