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V vs. Hannibal Lector

V was a very sophisticated super-villain as opposed to Hannibal Lector. Hannibal starts off as a wealthy and somewhat normal human being living in Europe with a lot to live for. V starts off as a prisoner and is experimented on by the Norsefire Government, Larkhill Resettlement Camp. Whereas, Hannibal gradually transforms into a severely disturbed maniac, pursuing his own sister, Mischa, claiming to be in love with her. Then after killing nearly all of his family, he finds himself in the U.S, with his condition worsening.

The character V gets his name from the roman numeral of his cell. While in his room he discovers that he's a genius in nearly everything. Eventually, he develops into a terrorist with the use of his super skills. He plans to get revenge on Norsefire within the next five years. Hannibal gets enough recognition to be called "Hannibal the Cannibal" but is living most of his life as a captive. He suffers lots of injuries like dislocating his shoulder, unlike V, who plots out his murders in his "Shadow Gallery" successfully getting revenge, one murder after another.

For Hannibal, such a sly person can be deceiving, when talking a nurse into taking off his protective gear: a muzzle, and heavy straightjacket, manages to kill her. Instead of being convicted to the chair, the judge rules over him simply being insane.

V has the freedom to move about from place to place to get what he wants, easily confusing the police at every crime scene, and escapes without leaving a trace of evidence. Hannibal is confined to most likely spending his days in a psych-ward.

V, by far, is the better criminal of the two. By a long shot he has the upper hand in evil-doing. He seems to handle being a famous villain and criminal genius much better. Unlike V, Hannibal relies on organized serial murder, revenge and torture. Not that Hannibal isn't smart about hiding his murdered victims, he just doesn't care, he knows how to make a statement.