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FANS BREAK OUT

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SPORTS RIOT - On November 1, a massive riot broke out at midnight in Queens, New York, on the corner of Roosevelt Avenue and 126th. There was only one thing going on at this time: the most influential baseball game of the season had just ended. It was Game 5 of the World Series, and Kansas City had come back from an 0-2 deficit in the top of the 9th, tying the game up 2-2. Mets fans were three outs away from winning the game, pushing for a Game 6. They *needed* to win. But they didn't, after 12 innings.



Mets fans are known to be aggressive and in your face. But after this tough loss, they went haywire as they were leaving the stadium. Kansas City fans were targets to glass beer bottles, shoes, and smelly trash.

A striking 381 Royals fans were victims of this violent outburst. It is staggering to hear that among those 381 fans victimized, 22 died. Blood was spurted all over the streets while gunshots echoed, and while screams and cries of young ones filled the air.

A Breakdown Theorist would identify this riot as one that has no goal; it is sporadic and clustered. Mets fans were letting their feelings of frustration build up and burst open. Since it is not goal oriented, it seems almost pointless. It is just the reaction of anger that demands to be heard. There is no solution. The Mets cannot replay the game just because they killed some fans.

As authorities fought to end this non-routine action, it ended with no resolution, just continuing anger and hurt in fans hearts.



This horrific experience affected not only the surrounding neighborhoods of Queens, but also the entire country. Never before has there been such an outburst of anger and rebellion from a *baseball game*, the game of patience and strategy, the game we call America's pastime. What does this say about America?

This collective action is non-routine, violent, and demands the attention of the governing elite to put a stop to the violence. KC fans should be basking in glory, not blood.



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