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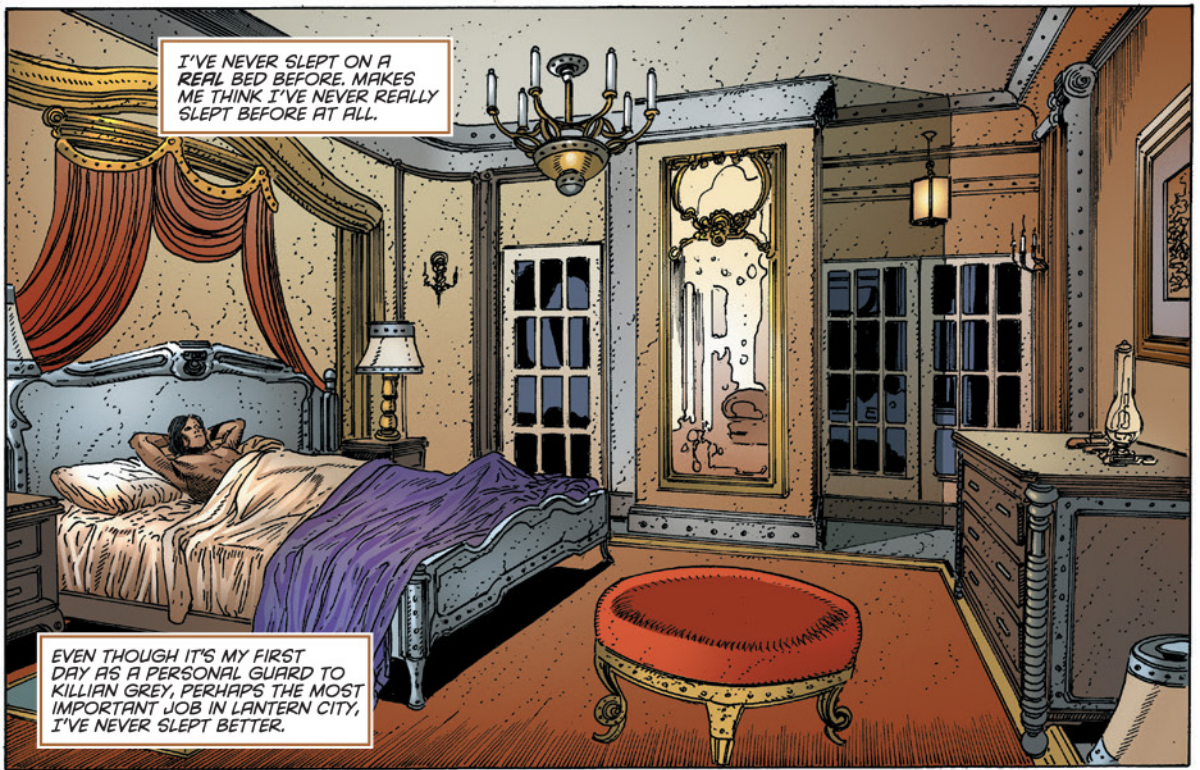
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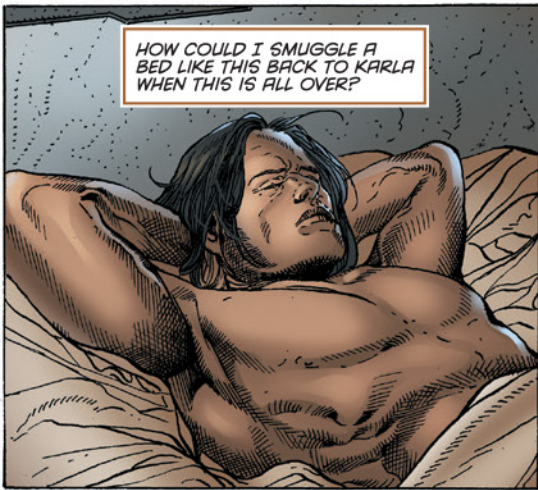
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I'VE NEVER SLEPT ON A REAL BED BEFORE. MAKES ME THINK I'VE NEVER REALLY SLEPT BEFORE AT ALL.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S MY FIRST DAY AS A PERSONAL GUARD TO KILLIAN GREY, PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB IN LANTERN CITY, I'VE NEVER SLEPT BETTER.



HOW COULD I SMUGGLE A BED LIKE THIS BACK TO KARLA WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER?



IS THAT SMELL-- FIRE!



TERNA! JOM! WHERE ARE YOU?!

IN HERE!~



EVERYTHING WAS GOING SO WELL. I GOT THE VEGETABLES CUT, THE MEAT PREPARED. YOU KNOW I HAD TRAINING FOR ALL OF THIS. BUT I'VE BEEN COOKING WITH FOOD FROM TINS FOR SO LONG, I FORGOT WHAT FRESH STUFF WAS LIKE.

I ACCIDENTALLY POURED SOME GRAIN LIQUOR IN THE PAN INSTEAD OF OIL. I TURNED FOR ONE SECOND AND--EVERYTHING WAS UP IN FLAMES. INCLUDING OUR BREAKFAST.



...MOM? IS EVERYTHING--

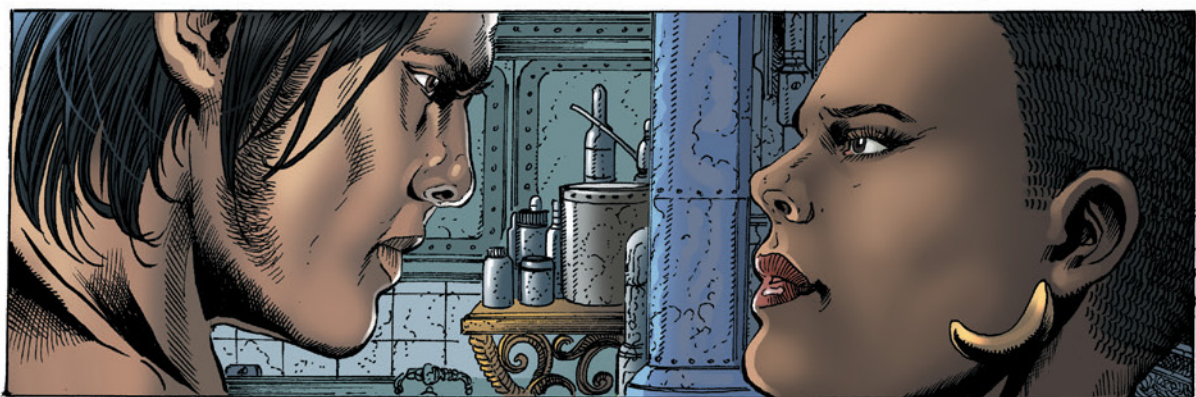
EVERYTHING'S OKAY, JOM! GO BACK TO BED.

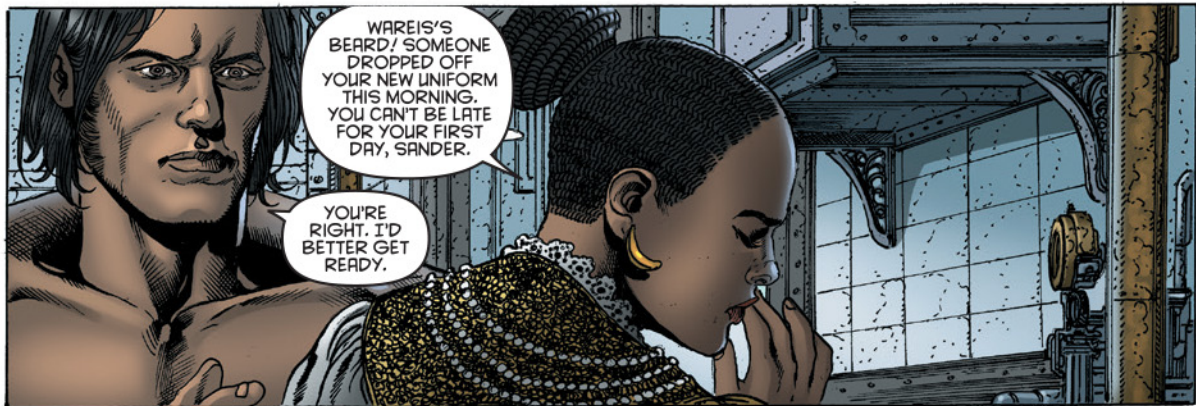
BREAKFAST WILL BE READY IN NO TIME.



IT'S FINE, TERNA...EVEN BURNT, I BET IT TASTES BETTER THAN TINNED FOOD.

YOU'RE SWEET, SANDER. A LIAR, BUT SWEET.





WAREIS'S BEARD/ SOMEONE DROPPED OFF YOUR NEW UNIFORM THIS MORNING. YOU CAN'T BE LATE FOR YOUR FIRST DAY, SANDER.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I'D BETTER GET READY.



SO, DO I LOOK THE PART?

ALMOST--



THIS CLIP IS TRICKY. YOU'LL LEARN.

YOU SHOULD TIE YOUR HAIR BACK, TOO. IT'LL HELP YOU BLEND IN. I'VE GOT SOMETHING YOU CAN USE.



EAT THIS. BREAKFAST WILL BE BETTER TOMORROW. I PROMISE.

YOU KNOW, I COULD GET USED TO EATING FRUIT--

BANG BANG BANG



GOOD MORNING. I'M GUSTAVO FINE, KILLIAN'S PERSONAL SERVANT. HE SENT ME TO RETRIEVE YOU. IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO REPORT FOR DUTY.

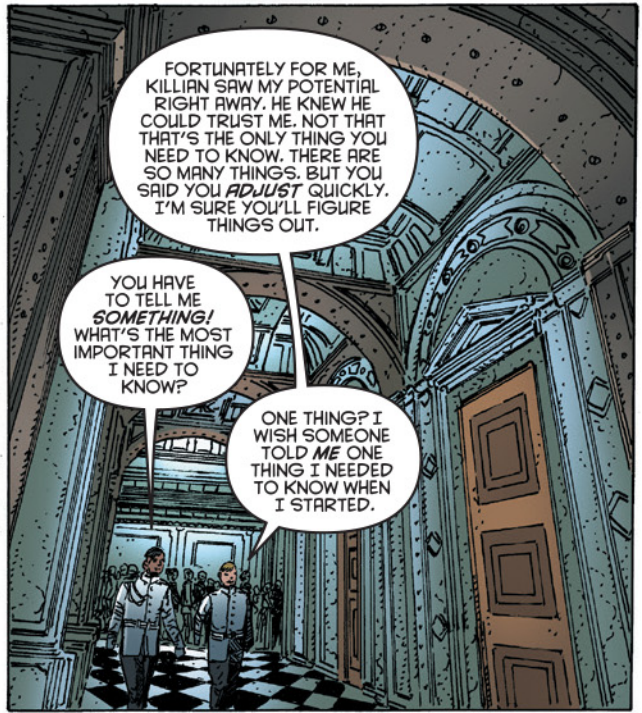
OF COURSE. I'M--I'M READY NOW.



THERE ARE MANY THINGS YOU'LL NEED TO LEARN, AND YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN THEM ALL REALLY FAST.

I ADJUST QUICKLY.

NOT ADJUST. **LEARN.** A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM THE DEPTHS THINK THIS WILL BE EASY. THAT'S WHAT GETS THEM IN TROUBLE. OR WORSE.



FORTUNATELY FOR ME, KILLIAN SAW MY POTENTIAL RIGHT AWAY. HE KNEW HE COULD TRUST ME. NOT THAT THAT'S THE ONLY THING YOU NEED TO KNOW. THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS, BUT YOU SAID YOU **ADJUST** QUICKLY. I'M SURE YOU'LL FIGURE THINGS OUT.

YOU HAVE TO TELL ME **SOMETHING!** WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I NEED TO KNOW?

ONE THING? I WISH SOMEONE TOLD **ME** ONE THING I NEEDED TO KNOW WHEN I STARTED.



I'VE BEEN KILLIAN GREY'S PERSONAL SERVANT FOR THREE YEARS. IN THAT TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN TWENTY-EIGHT MEN WHO'VE HAD YOUR JOB.

IF YOU DON'T LEARN, YOU DISAPPEAR.



GOOD MORNING, SANDER. I HOPE GUSTAVO DIDN'T FRIGHTEN YOU WITH HIS STORIES.

NO, SIR.

HE TENDS TO EXAGGERATE AT TIMES.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FOR YOU.

IS THIS THE LIBRARY FOR GREY TOWERS?

YES AND NO.



IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER WITH YOUR UNIFORM. YOU NEARLY BLEND IN.

APPEARANCES ARE EVERYTHING HERE IN GREY TOWERS.

HERE. IT WAS WRITTEN OVER 250 YEARS AGO. LAST SURVIVING COPY. IT BELONGED TO MY GREAT GRANDFATHER... BUT I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR PEOPLE.



I KNOW READING'S NOT YOUR STRONG SUIT, BUT THERE'S MUCH YOU CAN LEARN FROM THIS BOOK. FOR EXAMPLE:

FORTACHE NEVER TIE THEIR HAIR BACK.

MAYBE I... JUST DIDN'T WANT TO LOOK TOO NATIVE UP HERE.



THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, SANDER. YOU'RE A TERRIBLE LIAR.

NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I HAVE A CITY TO RULE.