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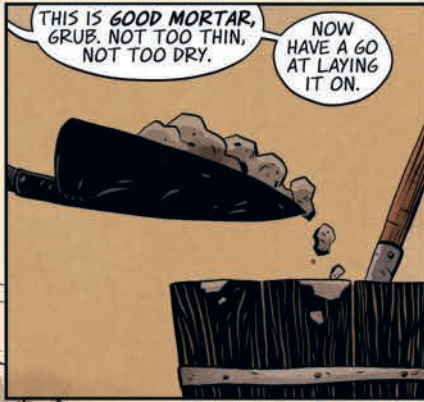
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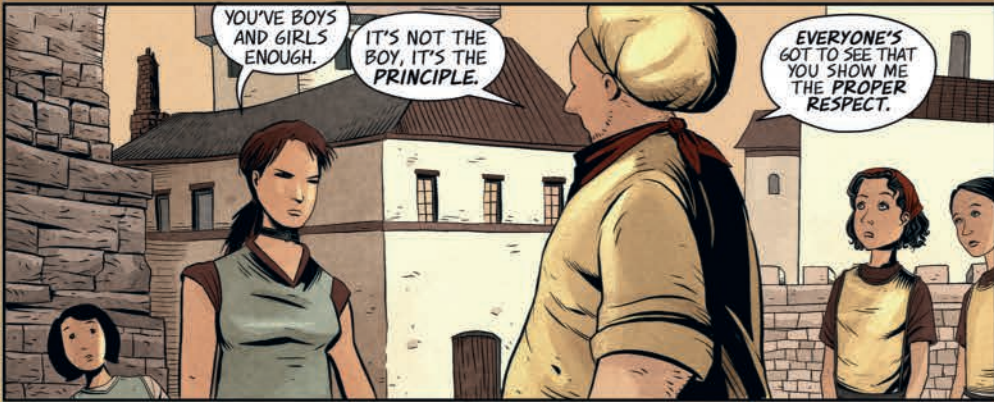
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YOU'VE BOYS AND GIRLS ENOUGH.

IT'S NOT THE BOY, IT'S THE PRINCIPLE.

EVERYONE'S GOT TO SEE THAT YOU SHOW ME THE PROPER RESPECT.



I HAVE NO RESPECT FOR YOU AT ALL.

AND YOU CAN'T HAVE HIM.



THEN YOU'D BEST LOOK BEHIND YOU WHEN YOU WALK ABROAD. MY KITCHEN'S FULL OF SHARP THINGS.

AYE, BUT YOUR WIT'S NOT ONE OF THEM.

BUGGER OFF, GREASY MAN.



WELL, I WARNED OU. NONE CAN SAY I DIDN'T.

GODDESS LOOK AWAY WHEN NEXT WE MEET, BITCH.



FLESS--

IT'S NOTHING, MOTH. DON'T MIND HIM. TEMTOLLER IS ALL WALLS AND NO WINDOWS, AS MY MOTHER USED TO SAY.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



NOWHERE FOR THE LIGHT TO GET IN. SO HE NEVER SEES HIS WAY TO HIS PURPOSES.

IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL MORTARING A WALL, GRUB? GO TO IT!



TEMTOLLER?
HE'S A BAD ONE.

DON'T GO
FRIGHTING
THE LAD,
NESTOR.



IT'S PLAIN
TRUTH. YOU KNOW THAT
BOY YERRY, WHO
NEVER TALKS?



TEMTOLLER TOOK HIS
TONGUE. CUT IT RIGHT OUT.
BECAUSE YERRY SANG AS HE
WORKED, AND THE NOISE
VEXED HIM.

THAT'S THE
KIND OF MAN
TEMTOLLER IS.



YOU SEE
HOW IT IS,
CHILD.

GO AWAY.
I'M NOT
LISTENING
TO YOU!

YOU'RE
SURROUNDED
BY ENEMIES,
AND YOU'VE
NO FRIENDS
TO CALL ON.
NOT ONE.



THERE'S
FLESH.

SHE'S A
SLAVE, LIKE
YOU. SHE CAN'T
HELP YOU,
ONLY I
CAN.

I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHO YOU
ARE.



CALL ME OBSIDIAN. AND MAKE
A SIGN WHEN YOU SAY IT.
WITH THE MIDDLE TWO
FINGERS OF YOUR LEFT
HAND AGAINST
YOUR CHEST.

WHY??

IT'S
A CUSTOM.
OR IT WAS.
ONCE.
A LONG
TIME AGO.



I WILL
BE YOUR
ROCK, MOTH.
CLING TO
ME. ONLY
TO ME.

AND
NOTHING
CAN HURT
YOU.



THIS ISN'T A ROOF!

YOU'RE NEVER SATISFIED. WE'RE OFF THE GROUND, AREN'T WE?

ONLY JUST.

A ROOF IS A ROOF. THOUGH THIS ONE'S NONE TOO HEALTHY. CAN YOU SEE?



THE SLATES HAVE SLIPPED.

YES. WHY?



BECAUSE THE PEGS HAVE ROTTED.



THEN LET'S FIX THEM. WHAT SAY YOU?



OH THE LASSIE WENT TO THE FISHERIES, AND GOT ALL THE FISH SHE COULD HOLD.

"T'WAS BOLDLY DONE, HER MOTHER SAID, 'BUT WHAT DID YOU USE FOR GOLD?"



WHAT'S TO DO, EENA OF THE KITCHENS?

SIEUR EXTAT SENT ME TO FETCH YOUR BOY TO HIM.

HE'S TO COME RIGHT NOW AND NOT TO TARRY ON THE WAY.



WELL, OFF YOU GO, THEN.



WHY WOULD THE STEWARD WANT TO SPEAK TO ME?

LIKE AS NOT HE'LL TELL YOU HIMSELF. SPEAK HIM FAIR, BE OBEDIENT AND HE'LL NOT HURT YOU.

WAS HIS FACE ANGRY, OR--?

I DIDN'T LOOK AT HIS FACE, RAGAMUFFIN BOY.

SIEUR EXTAT IS A WIZARD AND HE CAN PLUCK YOUR SOUL OUT OF YOUR EYES.

I LOOKED AT THE GROUND.



