



WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

RICH GUYS ALWAYS KEEP THEIR MONEY BEHIND PAINTINGS. IT'S, LIKE, SO CUCHE, IT'S NECESSARY.



DON'T MAKE SENSE... WHY THE HELL WOULD YOU PUT YOUR SAFE IN THE DINING ROOM?

WHY DO YOU THINK EVERYBODY'S ALWAYS LOOKING IN A BEDROOM OR STUDY.



THIS IS TOO EASY... SOMETHIN'S ROTTEN HERE. SURE WE'VE GOT THE RIGHT APARTMENT? THIS GUY PROBABLY HAS A BUNCH OF PLACES ALL OVER THE CITY...

EASY?! YOU CALL WHAT WE JUST DID TO GET IN HERE EASY?! LOOK, IGGY'S THE ONE WHO DROPPED THE INTEL ON THIS PLACE. I TRUST HIM.

OH MAN OH MAN OH MAN, THIS IS NOT GOOD. WE ARE SO SCREWED. GUYS...



# THE HERO BUSINESS

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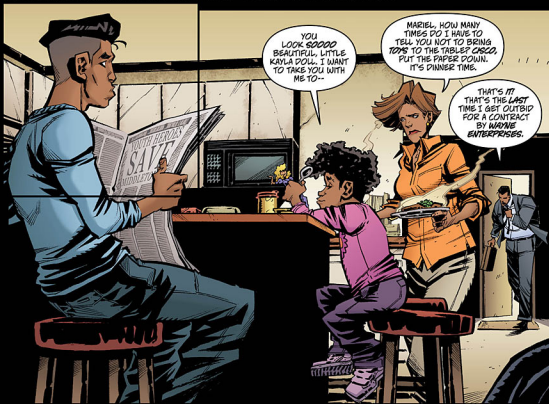
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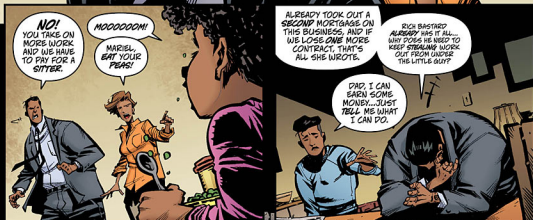
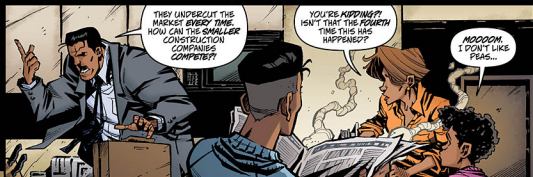
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YOU LOOK SOOOO BEAUTIFUL, LITTLE KAYLA DOLL. I WANT TO TAKE YOU WITH ME TO--

MARIEL, HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOT TO BRING TOPS TO THE TABLE? CASCO, PUT THE PAPER DOWN. IT'S DINNER TIME.

THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE LAST TIME I GET OUTBID FOR A CONTRACT BY WAYNE ENTERPRISES.



SOME PEOPLE THINK A HERO IS SOMEONE WHO DOES THE RIGHT THING WHEN IT'S MOST NECESSARY.

THAT'S JUST DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. A HERO IS SOMETHING MORE.

A REAL HERO KNOWS THAT DOING THE RIGHT THING CAN SOMETIMES MEAN PEOPLE THINKING IT'S THE WRONG THING, AND THEY DO IT ANYWAY.

THEY DO IT WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT THE PERSONAL CONSEQUENCES.

THE RIGHT THING, EVEN WHEN IT'S WRONG, EVEN WHEN IT HURTS THEM.

IT'S ABOUT THE GREATER GOOD.

NO MATTER THE COST.

YOU DISCO?

...YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

DUMPLINGS?

NAH... I ATE.

TONY T SAID YOU WERE SMALLER. WE NEED SOMEONE CAN FIT IN TIGHT SPACES.



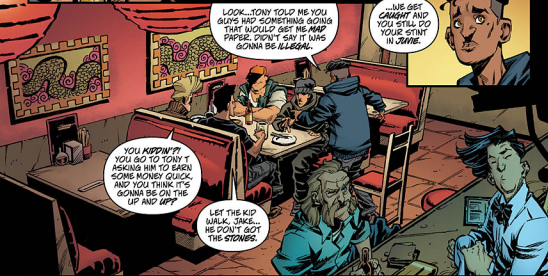
HE'S GOT SMALL SHOULDERS, THOUGH. CAN'T WEIGH MORE THAN A BUCK TWENTY SOAKIN' WET WITH BUCKSHOT IN HIS POCKETS.

I...I GREW A COUPLE INCHES THIS PAST SUMMER.

YEAH, WHAT ARE YOU, SIXTEEN?

SEVENTEEN. TWO MONTHS AGO.

GODD! LOOK AT IT THIS WAY...



LOOK...TONY TOLD ME YOU GUYS HAD SOMETHING GOING THAT WOULD GET ME MAP PAPER. DIDN'T SAY IT WAS GONNA BE ILLEGAL.

...WE GET CAUGHT AND YOU STILL DO YOUR STUNT IN JUVIE.

YOU KIDDIN'?! YOU GO TO TONY T ASKING HIM TO EARN SOME MONEY QUICK, AND YOU THINK IT'S GONNA BE ON THE UP AND UP?

LET THE KID WALK, JAKE... HE DON'T GOT THE STONES.



HEY, WAIT A SEC! TONY SAID YOU WERE ACROBATIC. LIKE, ALMOST WENT TO THE OLYMPICS OR SOMETHING.

YEAH, I WAS ALL STATE. GOT HURT IN THAT HOMELESS RIOT.

WELL, HELL, 1993 HERE'S THE POORMAN AT A BUILDING WITH REAL TREASURE INSIDE, BUT WE STILL NEED A GREASE MAN THAT CAN GET INSIDE THROUGH AN AIR DUCT. TELL 'M, 1993.

WHAT WE GOT GOING HERE COULD BE BIG MONEY, KID. BIGGEST MONEY IN GOTHAM.

WE'RE GONNA RIP OFF BRUCE WAYNE.

