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"WHERE ARE WE?"

"THE GENTLEMEN'S FOREST ... JUST BEFORE THE RIVER."

IMPOSSIBLE. THE FOREST IS BARELY AN HOUR'S RIDE.

THEY DOUBLED BACK.

HOW DO YOU...?

A man with a blindfold and a woman with a blindfold are riding horses through a forest. The man is on a white horse, and the woman is on a white horse. They are both looking towards the camera with concerned expressions.

I'VE SPENT MY SHARE OF TIME THROWING THE HOUNDS FROM THE SCENT.

BUT YOU HAVE NO NEED FOR THIS OLD FOX.

THESE PRODIGALS WILL PROTECT YOU.

A man with dark hair and a green cloak is riding a dark horse. He is looking back over his shoulder towards the camera. He has a serious expression.

YOU PROMISED TO PROTECT ME.

YOU PAID ME TO PROTECT YOU. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE. YOU SHOULD BE WARY OF THOSE YOU GIVE GOLD.

I'VE NOT PAID THEE A SINGLE DUCAT AND ALREADY YOU'VE FOUGHT FOR ME TWICE.

A LOT OF GOOD IT DID YOUR FRIEND.

The man and woman from the previous panels are now facing each other on their horses. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. They are both looking at each other. The man has a blindfold, and the woman has a blindfold.



BENVOLIO...



ANOTHER NAME TO HAUNT MY NIGHTS.

LIKE THE WOMAN?

WHAT?

IN THE TAVERN, AND AGAIN IN MY ROOM, YOU THOUGHT I WAS SOMEONE ELSE.

'TIS NOTHING.



YOU DID NOT LOOK AT ME LIKE T'WAS NOTHING.

YOU BOUGHT MY SWORD, NOT MY STORIES.

DID I BUY YOUR NAME?



CASSIO.



CASSIO... YOU ARE BETTER THAN YOU BELIEVE.



WELCOME TO THE SEAT OF THE PRODIGAL REBELLION.



I THOUGHT THE PRODIGALS WERE A DISORGANIZED RABBLE...

THAT IS WHAT RICHARD WISHES THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE. TO FRIGHTEN THEM FROM OUR RANKS.



"HOW MANY ARE YOU?"

"MY APOLOGIES, LADY CAPULET, BUT I MUST KEEP THAT SECRET. AT LEAST FOR NOW."

"BUT YOU ARE ENOUGH TO HELP ME END CORNWALL?"



MY LADY. SUCH BLOODY WORDS FLOW ROUGHLY FROM YOUR LIPS.

ARE YOU NOT A WOMAN OF BLOOD?

I WAS. BUT NOW I AM A WOMAN OF WAR.

MEANING?



MEANING IN WAR THERE IS NO GAIN IN RASH ACTION.

IS THERE ONE IN COWARDICE?



DO YOU THINK I DO NOT MOURN SHYLOCK AND YOUR MOTHER? I WAS THEIR FELLOW. I RESPECT THEIR SACRIFICE MORE THAN YOU CAN KNOW.

BUT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN THEIR MEMORY.



I'LL NOT RISK MY MEN'S LIVES FOR SOMETHING AS SMALL AS REVENGE.

I CAME WITH THEE BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU WOULD HELP ME HAVE THAT REVENGE!



CORNWALL IS RICHARD'S MAN! YOU SAY RICHARD LIES ABOUT YOUR ABILITY TO STAND AGAINST HIM. WOULD'ST NOT KILLING CORNWALL HELP SHOW THE TRUTH?

THE COST OF SHOWING OUR TRUE STRENGTH OUTWEIGHS THE VICTORY OF CORNWALL'S DEATH.

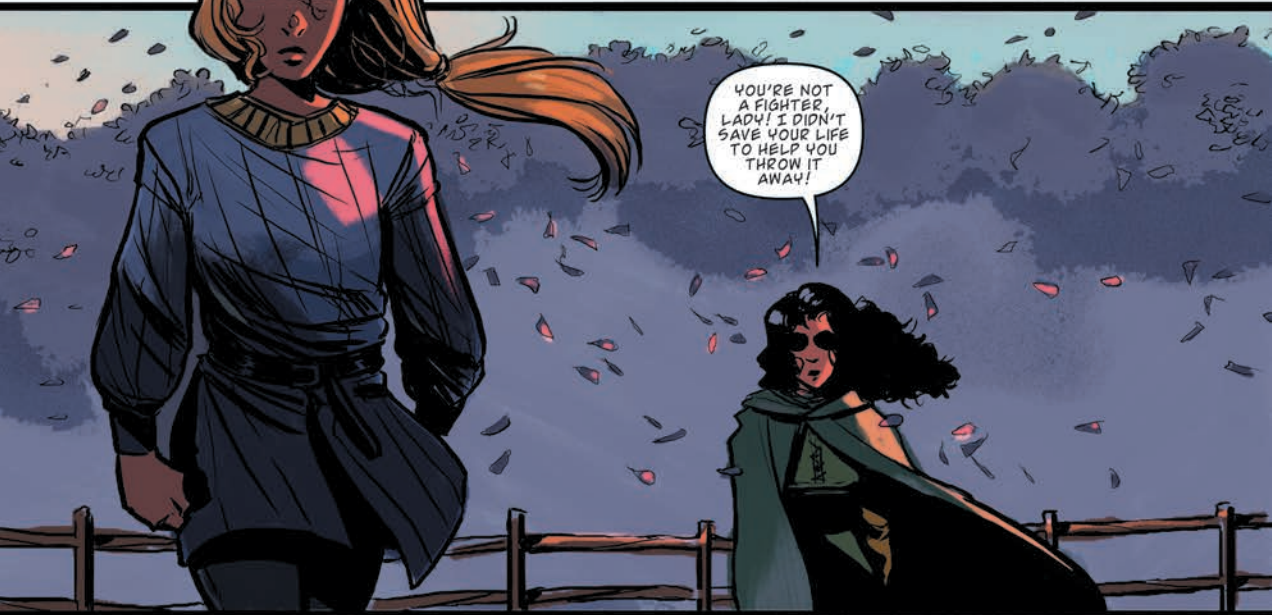


BE PATIENT. STAY HERE WITH US. LEARN.

WITH TIME YOU COULD TAKE SHYLOCK AND YOUR MOTHER'S ROLE.

GAINING ALLIES AMONGST THE MERCHANTS, FINDING US COIN FOR FOOD, WEAPONS, HORSES...

I WANT BLOOD, NOT BANKING...



YOU'RE NOT A FIGHTER, LADY! I DIDN'T SAVE YOUR LIFE TO HELP YOU THROW IT AWAY!

