

*"You may see whether I keep
the serpent that poisons me
when they confess to have
reward."*



*"By saving of her
life they would have
had mine."*



*"Do I not make myself, trow
ye, a goodly prey for every
wretch to devour?"*

*Letter from Queen
Elizabeth to James I,
January 1586*





JOE, THE RILEYS HAVE TO PAY OFF THE NEW WATCHMEN. THERE'S BEEN A SHIFT CHANGE SINCE THE LAST PLANS.

YES, SIR.

When Nick got caught talking to the cops, my plans changed.

All of them.



ANTONIA, DID HASIGAWA CONFIRM HIS SHIP'S CAPTAIN?

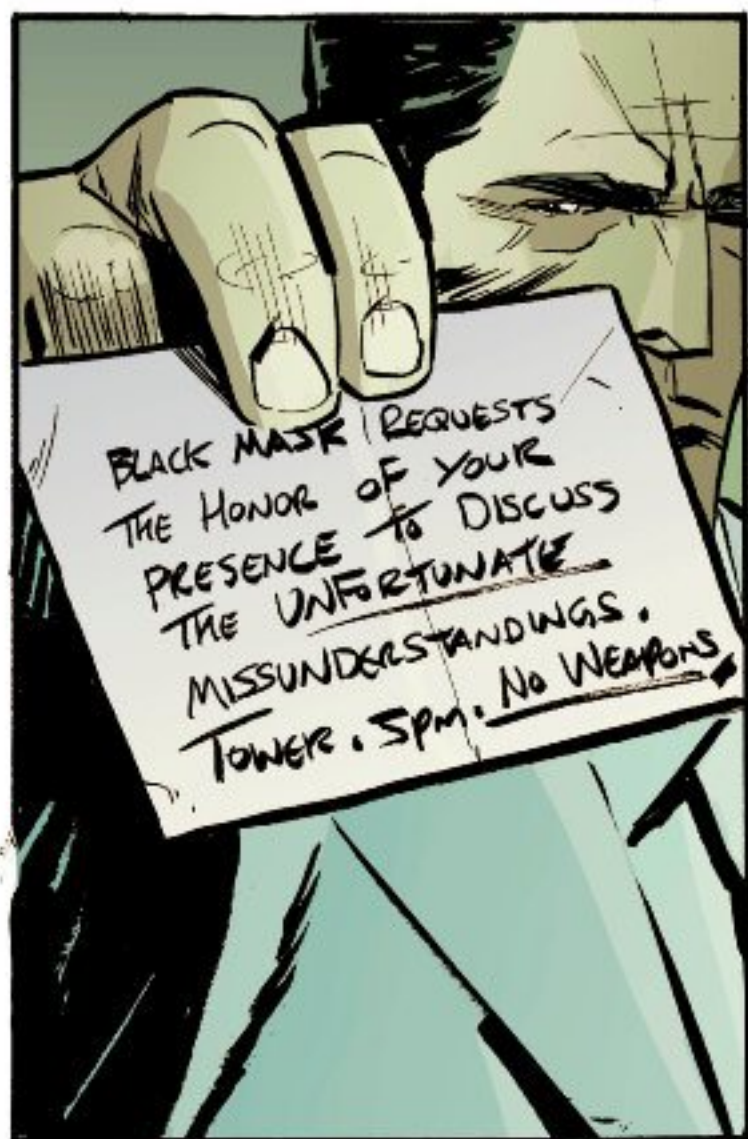
YES, SIR.

I had Nick killed, to keep this alliance from falling apart.

Antonia killed him.



And things
fell apart
another way.



BLACK MASK REQUESTS
THE HONOR OF YOUR
PRESENCE TO DISCUSS
THE UNFORTUNATE
MISSUNDERSTANDINGS.
TOWER. 5PM. NO WEAPONS



HAND LETTERED.
I'M MOVING UP
IN THE WORLD.

HE COULD HAVE
ADDED "IT'S A TRAP,"
BUT IT SEEMS
UNNECESSARY.

I'LL
TAKE THE
CAR.



YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS.



WHY NOT? I WANT TO RUIN HIM. IF HE'D RATHER TRY IT THIS WAY, HE'S WELCOME TO.

ANTONIA, YOU MANAGE THINGS HERE.



DON'T YOU TRUST ME?

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE STAYING.

I'LL GET MY SHOES.



HAS SHE GIVEN YOU ANY DOUBTS?

NO.

HAS SHE SAID SOMETHING? CAN I HELP?

HOW? THE DAMAGE IS DONE.




THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO GO LOOKING FOR MORE.




Queen Elizabeth killed family, too.

She never came to terms with it, either.




The guns don't surprise me. I'm surprised we're alone.



Figured he'd make an example of me. He must be worried it'll backfire.


POOR TERMS, SIONIS.

COME ON, WARD. YOU'VE BEEN A CALABRESE STOUGE YOUR WHOLE LIFE. YOU KNOW HOW THIS GAME IS PLAYED.




OH, I DON'T KNOW. SAFE PASSAGE IS KEY FOR NEGOTIATION, AMONG HONORABLE FAMILIES.

DID YOU HAVE ANY BUSINESS, OR WAS THIS JUST A SOCIAL CALL?



I WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR COUSIN.

ANTONIA MUST BE DEVASTATED, LOSING A BROTHER. HOW'S SHE HOLDING UP?



IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO DISCUSS THAT WITH YOU, JUST SKIP TO THE PART WHERE YOU SHOOT ME.

THE SERPENT

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