

BLACKBIN FOREST.

THE FORTACHE.

I'VE THOUGHT FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE THAT THEY WERE DEAD. I WAS TOLD THEY WERE DEAD. WE ALL WERE.

AND I WAS SO PROUD OF MY FORTACHE HERITAGE, BUT STANDING IN FRONT OF THESE PEOPLE, MY PEOPLE... I SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE A FRAUD.





DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT HONOR. YOU WERE DUE DAYS AGO.

WELL, SOMEONE TRIED TO KILL ME AND SOMEONE ELSE TRIED TO MARRY ME. BUT BOTH PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN HANDLED.



AND WHO IS THIS?

SANDER IS MY GUARD, AND A FORTACHE LIVING IN LANTERN CITY.

PROOF THAT MY PROMISES CAN BE MADE REAL, AND HOPEFULLY, THE REASSURANCE YOU REQUESTED.



I'M NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS BOY IS FORTACHE JUST BECAUSE SOME CITY MAN CLAIMS IT'S SO.

YONO, STOP! WE ARE NOT HERE FOR THIS.



LET US DISCUSS THIS MORE, MR. GREY. OUR ATTENDANTS CAN TAKE CARE OF YOUR SHIPMENT.

OF COURSE.

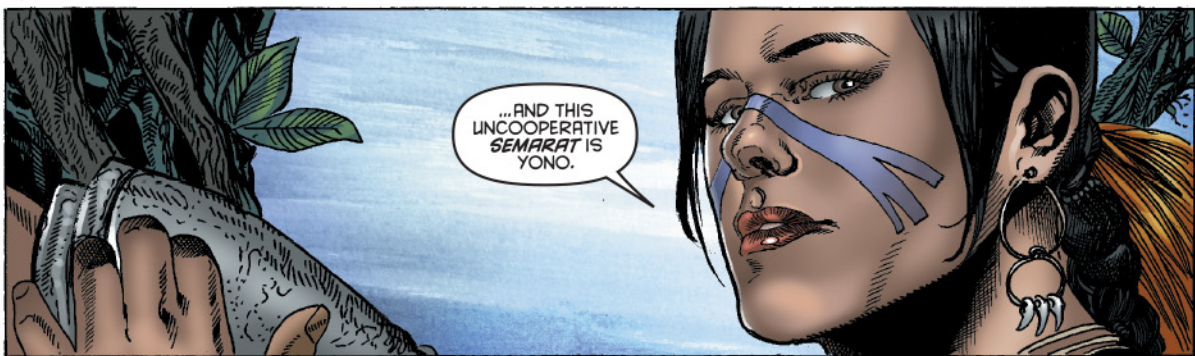
TAKE THEM TO THE SHIP, SANDER.



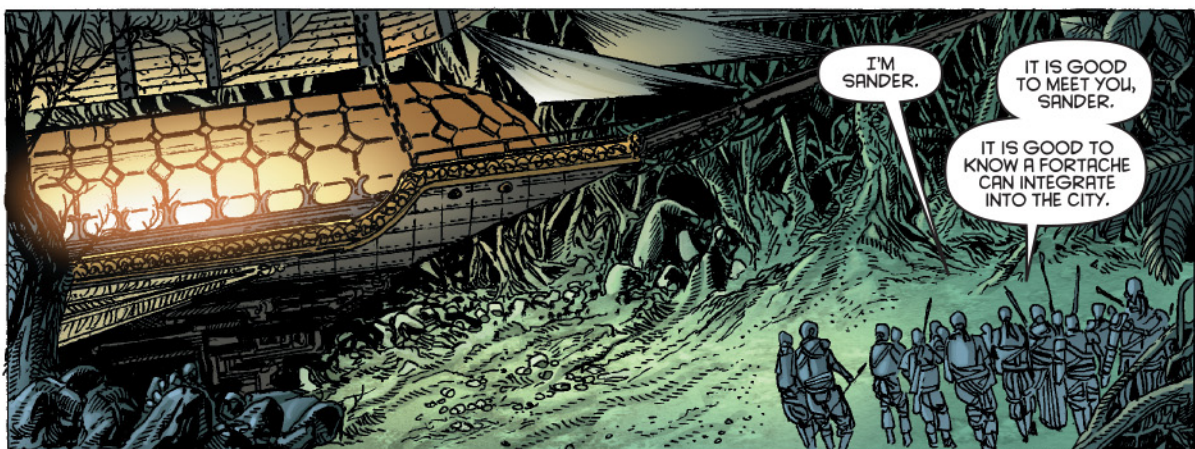
THIS FEELS WRONG.  
ALL OF IT.

I AM ARAH,  
BY THE WAY,  
AND THIS...

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...AND THIS  
UNCOOPERATIVE  
SEMARAT IS  
YONO.



I'M  
SANDER.

IT IS GOOD  
TO MEET YOU,  
SANDER.

IT IS GOOD TO  
KNOW A FORTACHE  
CAN INTEGRATE  
INTO THE CITY.



I'M SORRY,  
WHAT EXACTLY  
ARE WE GIVING  
YOU?

HA! WHAT DO  
YOU THINK AN  
ARMY NEEDS,  
SEMARAT?



WEAPONS.

HEY!



THIS MAY BE YOUR SHIPMENT, BUT IT ISN'T YOUR SHIP!



IT'S NOT YOURS, EITHER.  
WE'VE DONE THIS BEFORE. WITHOUT YOU. SO HELP, OR STAY OUT OF OUR WAY.



STACK THEM IN THREES AND MOVE QUICKLY.

WE HAVE MUCH TO DO TODAY.



SANDER. COULD YOU HELP ME?

THEY'RE A BIT TOO HEAVY FOR ME TO TAKE BOTH.

I--OF COURSE.



DON'T MIND YONG TOO MUCH. HE'S JUST ANXIOUS TO SEE OUR DEAL FINALLY CLOSED.

THE DEAL TO ATTACK LANTERN CITY?

IT'S NOT REALLY ATTACKING. KILLIAN RULES LANTERN CITY, AND WE'RE HELPING HIM PURGE THESE PONT BANDITS FROM HIS RIGHTFUL REALM.



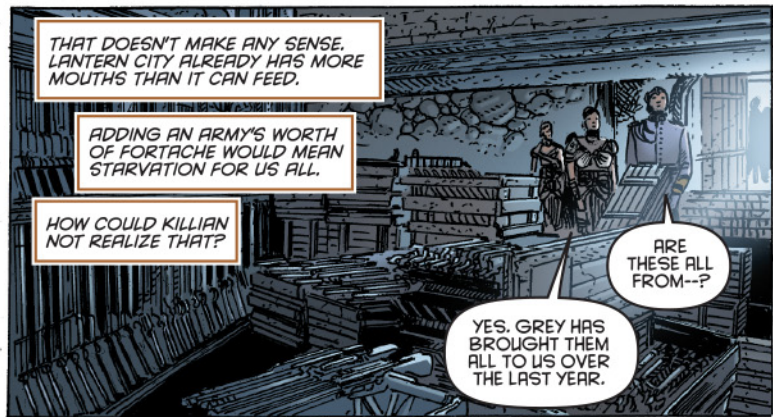
OKAY, BUT WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF IT?

WHAT YOU HAVE.

WE GET TO LIVE IN THE CITY.



LIKE YOU.



THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. LANTERN CITY ALREADY HAS MORE MOUTHS THAN IT CAN FEED.

ADDING AN ARMY'S WORTH OF FORTACHE WOULD MEAN STARVATION FOR US ALL.

HOW COULD KILLIAN NOT REALIZE THAT?

ARE THESE ALL FROM--?

YES. GREY HAS BROUGHT THEM ALL TO US OVER THE LAST YEAR.



IS THIS WHAT HE'S BEEN BRINGING YOU EVERY TIME?

YES. KILLIAN HAS BEEN MOST GENEROUS.

NO, HE HASN'T.



THESE WEAPONS ARE OLD, USELESS ONE-SHOT RIFLES. THEY'D NEED THIS MANY JUST TO STAND A CHANCE OF OVERTHROWING PONT.

YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH US USING YOUR WEAPONS?

...AMMUNITION. DO YOU HAVE BULLETS?



A FEW. GREY IS GIVING US CRATES OF BULLETS WHEN WE REACH YOUR CITY.

BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR TALKING. WE STILL NEED TO HUNT.

ALL FORTACHE HUNT, SEMARAT.