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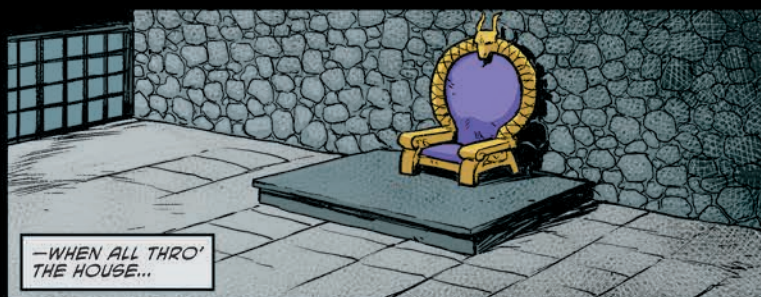
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'T WAS THE NIGHT
BEFORE CHRISTMAS—



—WHEN ALL THRO'
THE HOUSE...



...NOT A CREATURE
WAS STIRRING—

—NOT EVEN
A MOUSE.



THE RAT,
HOWEVER?

THE RAT IS
RESTLESS.



THE RAT IS
LONELY.



KNOCK KNOCK

MASTER SPLINTER, IT'S JENNIKA. MAY I COME IN?



PLEASE ENTER, CHUNIN.



THANK YOU, MASTER. I HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING IMPORTANT.



NONSENSE, CHILD. JUST AN OLD RAT AND HIS NIGHTLY TEA.

WOULD YOU LIKE A CUP? A BIT OF WARMTH ON A COLD NIGHT.

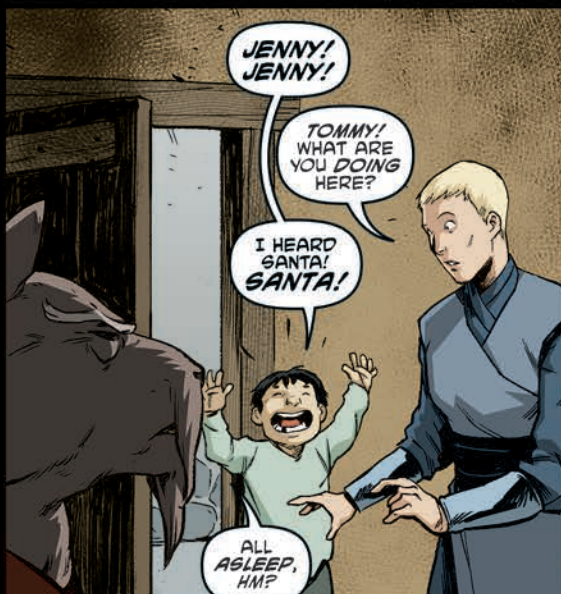
NO, THANK YOU, MASTER. I'M ACTUALLY HERE TO SEE IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND IF I LEAVE THE COMPOUND FOR A FEW HOURS.



LEAVE? WHERE TO?

TO... TO VISIT CASEY JONES. HE'S INVITED ME TO GO ICE SKATING AND, WELL... I WAS ABLE TO GET ALL THE ORPHANS TO SLEEP AND I THOUGHT...

...I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A NICE WAY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE.



JENNY! JENNY!

TOMMY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I HEARD SANTA! SANTA!

ALL ASLEEP, HMP?

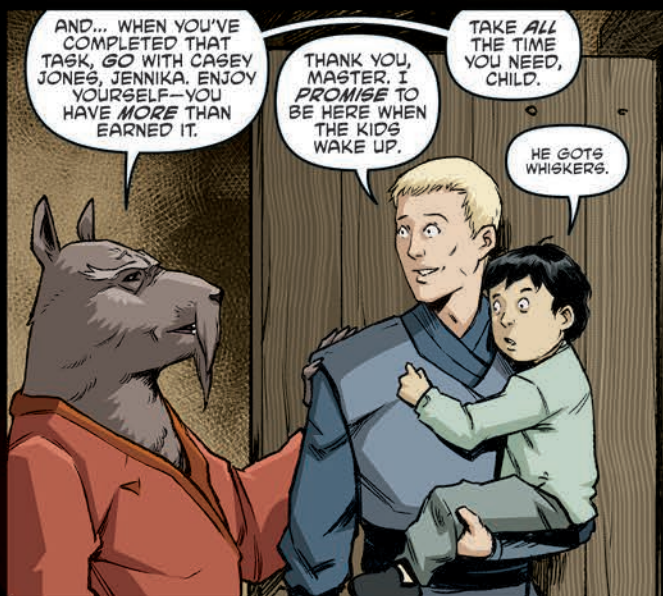


WE REALLY SHOULD NOT HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN RUNNING UNESCORTED WITHIN IN THE COMPOUND, CHUNIN.

I'M SO SORRY, MASTER. I'LL GET HIM BACK WITH THE OTHERS RIGHT AWAY.

SEE THAT YOU DO.

SANTA, JENNY!



AWAKEN,
HAMATO YOSHI...
AWAKEN...

...NOW!

WHA...
WHO?

YOU!

**OROKU
SAKI!**

YES—THAT
IS WHAT I WAS
ONCE CALLED. AND
THEN, FOR A TIME,
THE SHREDDER.

BUT THOSE
NAMES NEED
NOT CONCERN YOU
NOW. THEY ARE
MEANINGLESS.

ALL THAT
SHOULD MATTER TO
YOU AT THIS MOMENT
ARE THE CHAINS THAT
BIND ME—THE VERY
SAME CHAINS THAT
MAY SOON BIND
YOU AS WELL.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? AND *HOW* IS IT THAT YOU ARE HERE?

LIKE MY FORMER NAMES, THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS ARE NOT IMPORTANT.

ALL YOU NEED KNOW IS THAT I COME BEARING A *WARNING* TO YOU, HAMATO YOSHI, ALSO CALLED SPLINTER.



YOU DEEM YOURSELF *MASTER* AND DICTATE TO OTHERS *YOUR* WHIMS AND DESIRES. YOU SEEK TO CONTROL POWERS YOU *CANNOT*—JUST AS I ONCE DID.

UNDERSTAND—THE POWERS CONTROL *YOU*. THEY CORRUPT YOU AND, LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES, WILL IMPRISON YOU FOR *ALL* TIME.



IT IS ONLY THEN YOU WILL REALIZE THE NAMES AND THE TITLES YOU HELD IN THIS LIFE REMAIN *BEHIND*—AS DO YOUR INTENTIONS, WHETHER NOBLE OR OTHERWISE.

ALL THAT YOU CARRY WITH YOU INTO ETERNITY ARE YOUR *TRUE DEEDS*. AND IF YOU DO NOT HEED THE LESSONS OF THIS NIGHT, YOURS WILL BE *NO DIFFERENT* THAN THE SHACKLES I NOW BEAR.



LESSONS? WHAT... LESSONS?



THREE WILL FOLLOW ME... EACH WITH *VISIONS* OF YOUR LIFE. OF YOUR *DEEDS*—BE THEY GOOD OR BAD—AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES.

WHAT WAS... WHAT IS... WHAT MAY YET BE.

IT IS *TOO LATE* TO CHANGE THE FIRST AND THE SECOND. AND I WONDER, FOR YOU, MY BROTHER...



...WILL IT BE *SO* FOR THE THIRD?