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UMBRAL


SEVEN † KILLING THE SUNRISE






A week ago
I would have
kicked "Kind
uncle Anold"
in the bollocks,
and if he called
the Redguard,
I'd outrun them.

Now I daren't
do anything, in
case there's an
Umbral hanging
around.



And if shadow
monsters and dirty
old men weren't bad
enough, it turns out
there's something else
I need to worry about.



Another guild.
The only one
that dates back
to before the
Shadow War...



*The Kin of the
Whispered Blade.*



My blade stands ready, Father.

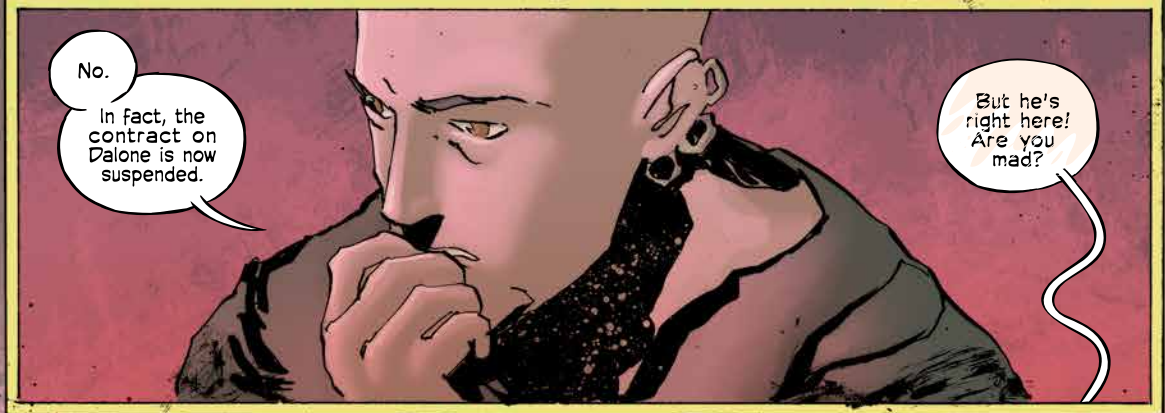


May your whispers be ever silent, my child.

Are you still with the traitor? And the girl?



We're at the farm, yes. But Dalone is already teaching Rascal magic. Should I whisper to him now, before it goes too far?



No.
In fact, the contract on Dalone is now suspended.

But he's right here! Are you mad?



Perhaps, but I'm also your Father. Watch your bloody tongue.

Dalone is our oldest contract! For god's sake, until this week we all thought he was a myth! The immortal, evil wizard--

Don't quote the Kin's textbooks at me, child!



Rascal is your new priority.

Don't fuck it up.

STRAKAN'S KNIFE AND THE BULASWODE



AZQARI
SEA

STRAKHELM

ESTWATER

MEDDENLOUGH

KORFEN

STRAK'S
RIDING

SUNRISE

TO GENDIN
& NORHODEN

VAN POINT

BAYMARK

THE BULASWODE

LAPLAKE

TOLGLEAM

KNOTBRIDGE

STRAKAN'S
KNIFE

THE GENDWATER

GENDWAKE

SUNBAR

GOLDSHELM

STRAKAN'S REST

STALLION
BAY

TO ENDMONTIN
& BLACKREDE

CORRDIN

SOMERSKELL

TO HELLPORT
& THE SEA OF
CALAMITY

HORSANDS



How did you find me?

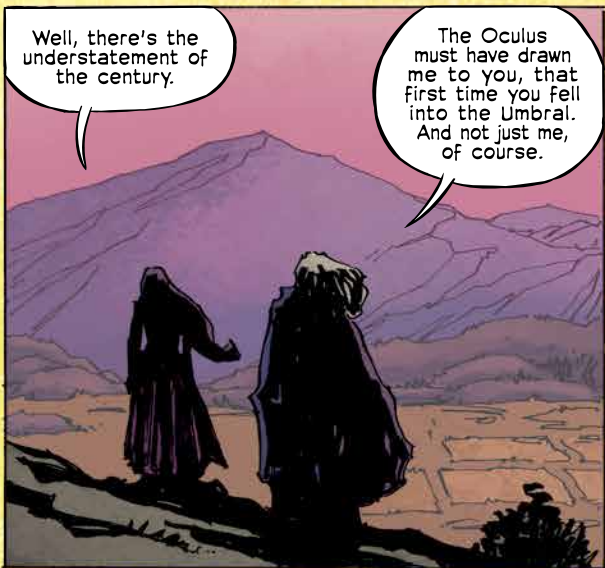


Familiarity and proximity have made locating you in the Umbral much easier.

No, not this morning. I mean the first time, in the Red Palace.



I was...I stayed close to the palace, for a long time. I wanted to be near the Oculus, if something happened.



Well, there's the understatement of the century.

The Oculus must have drawn me to you, that first time you fell into the Umbral. And not just me, of course.



You knew this was going to happen, didn't you? You knew it was coming!

Why didn't you warn people?!

I did! How well do you think that went down?





God almighty, I've half a mind to just throw this fucking thing in the sea.

The very bad idea.



You still haven't explained why someone needs to stand watch.

Shit on your mother's arse, bastard Yuilangan baby-eater.



Well, that was nice.



She may be harsh, but Shayim is right. Fendin would be doomed before the Oculus hit bottom.



That's why I'd do it from a boat.

And then keep on going.

Fuck Fendin.





Yaaa
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a
h!



You haven't thought it through, Dalorie. If she closes the gate, you'll be stuck here with us, forever...

I escaped you once! I can escape again!



No one escapes the dark, wizard. Not really.



You of all people should know that.

Now... we really need to talk.