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THE FERNALDI PLAINS



I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ALL WEAR SUCH LONG FACES. YOU APPEAR WELL-FED.



AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WELL-STOCKED.

W-WE HAVE TRIED TO WORK HARD TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH.

ENOUGH FOR US TO TAKE US THREE BAGS OF GRAIN THIS TIME. SUCH A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST.



WHAT DO YOU SAY, BOYS? IT APPEARS AS THOUGH FORTUNE SHINES UPON US, TODAY.



IT IS NOT FORTUNE THAT LOOKS UPON YOU, THIEF...

IT IS FATE.



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WHAT HAVE WE HERE? A NEW MEMBER OF YOUR LITTLE FAMILY, BARTON.
BIG. STRONG. BEAUTIFUL. QUITE THE COMBINATION.

SHE IS NOBODY, HANDISH. MERELY A TRAVELER PASSING THROUGH—HELPING US IN THE FIELDS IN EXCHANGE FOR FOOD AND SHELTER.

IS THAT SO?



I SUPPOSE THEN THAT WE HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR THE INCREASED SUPPLY.

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YOU CAN KEEP YOUR GRATITUDE. WHAT I HARVESTED WAS NOT MEANT FOR YOU. IT IS MEANT FOR THEM.

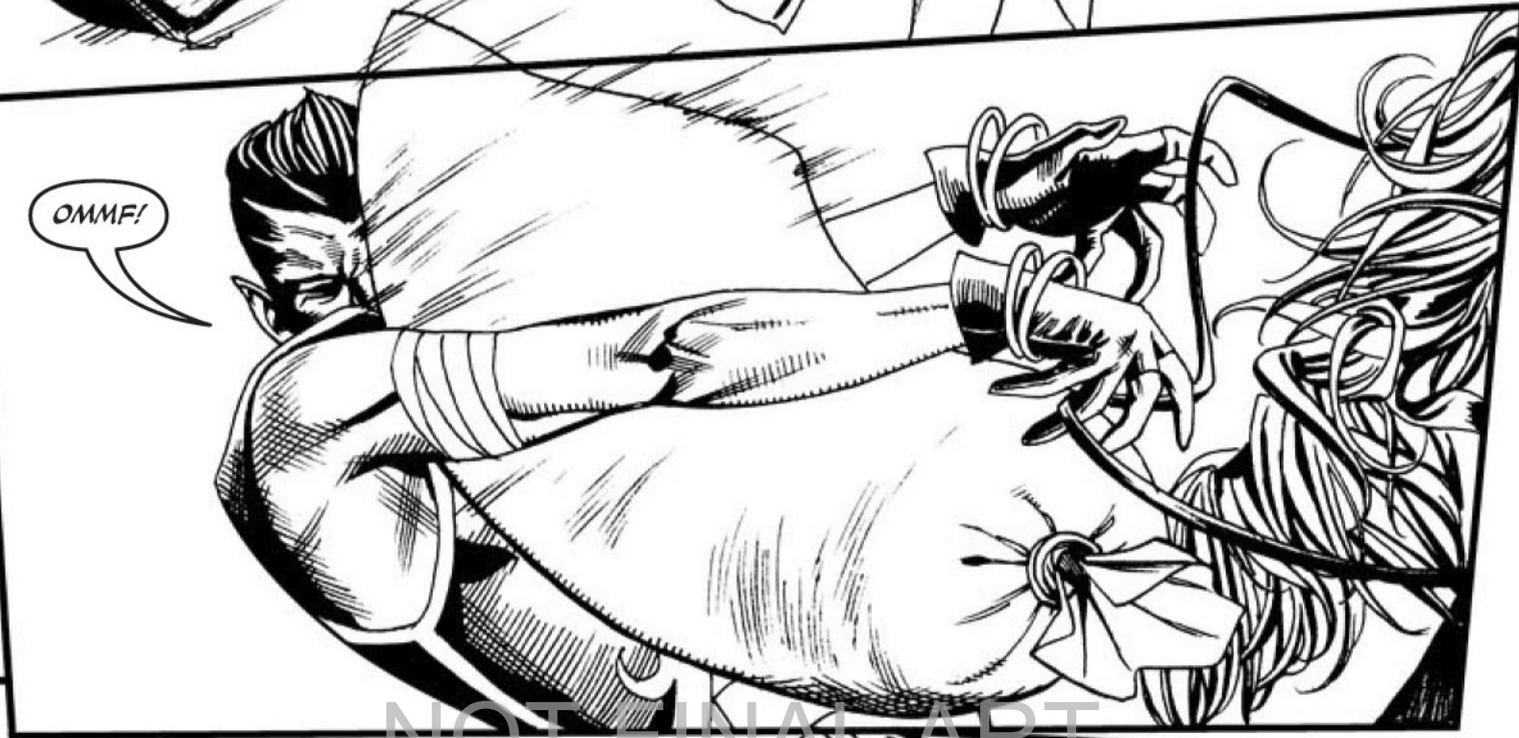
I WONDERED WHY THEY SEEMED SO MALNOURISHED LIVING IN SUCH FERTILE LANDS. THEN, THEY TOLD ME OF YOUR... ARRANGEMENT.

WE COULD SLAUGHTER THE LOT AND BURN THE VILLAGE, BUT THAT WOULD SEEM SUCH A WASTE. IS THAT WHAT YOU WOULD PREFER, STRANGER?

I SEE YOUR POINT, HANDISH. AND, I HAVE RECONSIDERED. IF IT IS GRAIN YOU SEEK...



TAKE MINE!



OMMF!



BAD MOVE. WE ARE HAPPY TO GUT WOMEN JUST AS EASILY AS MEN.

PERHAPS NOT AS EASY AS YOU MIGHT THINK.

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AWWWWK!



STOP.

GGGARRRRGGG.

DEFEAT IS PREFERABLE TO DEATH, IS IT NOT?

A DAGGER, EH? THAT IS YOUR DECISION?



SO BE IT.

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