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Thirteenth day of
September, 1878.

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH.
NOT THE MOST AUSPICIOUS
DATE FOR THIS NIGHT'S VENTURE,
IF YOU BELIEVE IN THAT
SORT OF THING.

THEN AGAIN, WHAT
BETTER NIGHT TO HUNT
"THE DEMON OF
SATAN'S ALLEY"?

I MAY NOT BE SUPERSTITIOUS,
BUT I'VE FOUND THERE'S
USUALLY A KERNEL OF TRUTH IN
EVERY STORY, EVEN THE RUBBISH
PRINTED IN THE TABLOIDS.

BLOODY PAPERS WITH THEIR
OUTRAGEOUS HEADLINES! NOW EVERY
GUN-TOTING POOL IN THE PARISH IS
OUT, SHOOTING AT SHADOWS.

IT'S EVEN DRAWN THE INTEREST OF
THE BLACKPOOL ARMAMENTS CO.
THE AREA IS SWARMING WITH THEIR
HIRED GUNS, ALL SEARCHING FOR THE
"FEROCIOUS DEMON" TERRORIZING THE
EAST END OF TOWN.

I'VE BEEN KEEPING WATCH
THE LAST THREE NIGHTS,
WAITING FOR IT TO RETURN.

BOOM!

HERE
WE GO.

BUT BLACKPOOL'S GUNS ARE
EXPERIENCED HUNTERS.

I'LL HAVE TO BE QUICK
IF I'M TO CATCH THE
CREATURE FIRST.

ZZZDEMON!!!
DEMON!

ISNOT!!!
zzzz



where are
you?

KZZZT

I SHOT THE
MONZZZZTER!!!
Zzzsh!

THERE'S
MY BOY.

ONE MIGHT ASK WHY
A WEAPONS COMPANY
WOULD BE SO INTERESTED
IN A SENSATIONALIZED
MONSTER STORY...

...BUT I KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT DREW
THEIR ATTENTION.

THE SAME THING THAT
CAUGHT MY EYE.

BURIED AMONGST HYSTERICAL REPORTS OF
A DEMON TRYING TO SNATCH CHILDREN OR
STEAL SOULS OR OTHER SUCH NONSENSE
WAS A SINGLE ACCOUNT DESCRIBING THE
CREATURE AS... HALF-MACHINE.

I'M CERTAIN BLACKPOOL WOULD LIKE
NOTHING MORE THAN TO ACQUIRE SUCH A
CREATURE AND DISSECT IT, FIND SOME
WAY TO TURN IT INTO A WEAPON.

Moments later...



Mechanical...

I, OF COURSE, HAVE
MORE-- PERSONAL--
REASONS FOR WANTING
TO FIND IT.



FEEETT

SHINKT

GRHAAA!

SHAITE!!

ZUNGK

FEEETT

KRSHANK

WHAHH!

CHA-CHINK

WRAAHHH!

SHASH

SHUONNN

FEISTY LITTLE BUGGER!

SHLLSSHH

NNGHH!!

I'VE HAD
ZUNGHE JUST
ABOUT...

ENOUGH!!

DON'T
FORCE ME TO
KILL YOU.

THNK

SHUFF HUFFE
...ALRIGHT... I WILL
NOT FIGHT YOU
SHUFFE ANY
MORE.

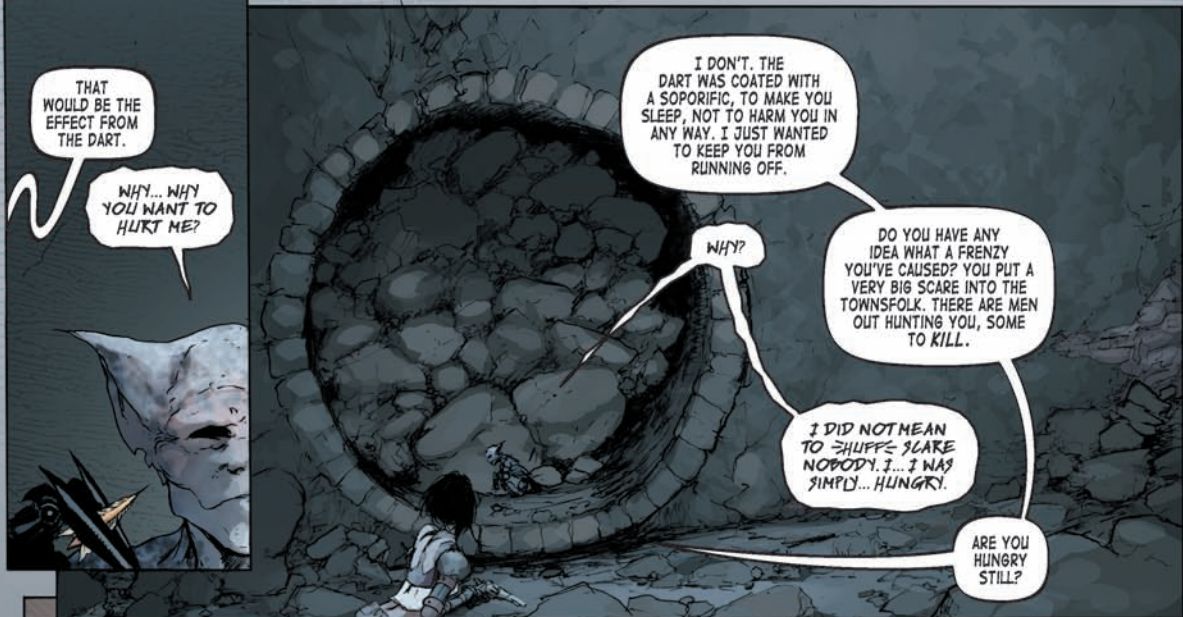
WHA...IT...IT
SPEAKS?

DEAR GOD! YOU
CAN SPEAK?!

YES...SO
CAN YOU...

ARE, ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

I, I FEEL
SHUFFE VERY
WEAK... AND
TIRED.



THAT
WOULD BE THE
EFFECT FROM
THE DART.

WHY... WHY
YOU WANT TO
HURT ME?

I DON'T. THE
DART WAS COATED WITH
A SOPORIFIC, TO MAKE YOU
SLEEP, NOT TO HARM YOU IN
ANY WAY. I JUST WANTED
TO KEEP YOU FROM
RUNNING OFF.

WHY?

DO YOU HAVE ANY
IDEA WHAT A FRENZY
YOU'VE CAUSED? YOU PUT A
VERY BIG SCARE INTO THE
TOWNSFOLK. THERE ARE MEN
OUT HUNTING YOU, SOME
TO KILL.

I DID NOT MEAN
TO SHUFFE SCARE
NOBODY. I... I WAS
SIMPLY... HUNGRY.

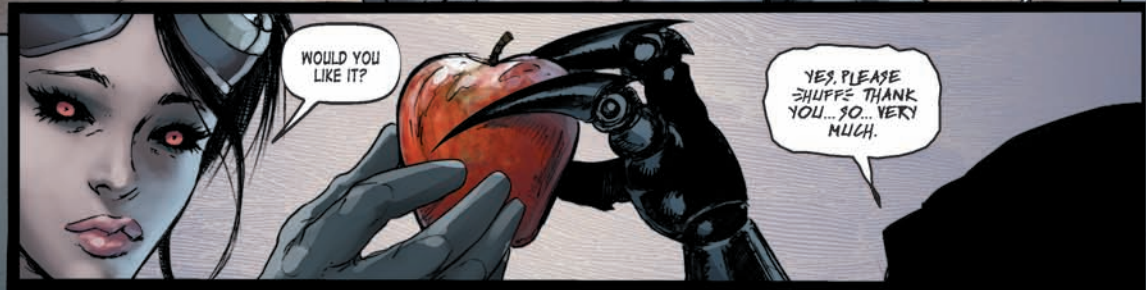
ARE YOU
HUNGRY
STILL?



I... I
AM...

I MAY HAVE
SOMETHING
ON ME.

AH, HERE
WE GO.



WOULD YOU
LIKE IT?

YES, PLEASE
SHUFFE THANK
YOU... SO... VERY
MUCH.



YOU ARE SO VERY
WELCOME! MY, YOU
ARE SUCH A POLITE
LITTLE THING.

MASTER SHUFFE
SSAY WE SHOU
SHUFFE ANASSSS
SSA PLEASES... AN
THANK YOUS...

...SORRY...
BUT... I HAVE
NO EATEN
SHUFFE IN
DAYS.

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

HEH!
IT'S QUITE
ALRIGHT.

MAY I SEE
YOUR ARM? LOOKS
LIKE YOU'RE NOT ALL
MECHANICAL. THOSE
WOUNDS WILL NEED
TENDING.

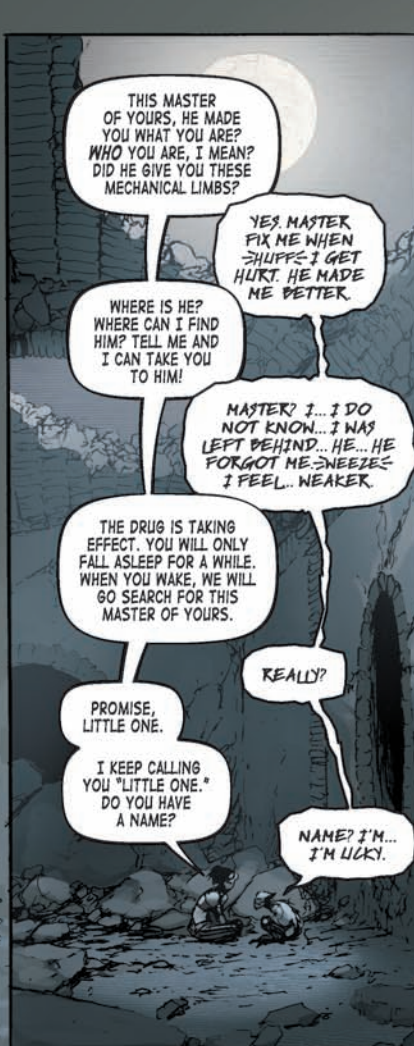
SO WHO
IS THIS
MASTER?

HE IS
SHUFFE MY
MAKER...

MAKER?!?

ANN!!
ANNNN!!

OH! I'M SO
SORRY, LITTLE
ONE.



THIS MASTER OF YOURS, HE MADE YOU WHAT YOU ARE? WHO YOU ARE, I MEAN? DID HE GIVE YOU THESE MECHANICAL LIMBS?

YES, MASTER FIX ME WHEN SHUFFS I GET HURT. HE MADE ME BETTER.

WHERE IS HE? WHERE CAN I FIND HIM? TELL ME AND I CAN TAKE YOU TO HIM!

MASTER? I... I DO NOT KNOW... I WAS LEFT BEHIND... HE... HE FORGOT ME. SNEEZES I FEEL... WEAKER.

THE DRUG IS TAKING EFFECT. YOU WILL ONLY FALL ASLEEP FOR A WHILE. WHEN YOU WAKE, WE WILL GO SEARCH FOR THIS MASTER OF YOURS.

REALLY?

PROMISE, LITTLE ONE.

I KEEP CALLING YOU "LITTLE ONE." DO YOU HAVE A NAME?

NAME? I'M... I'M LUCKY.



LUCKY... WELL, LUCKY, WHEN YOU WAKE YOU WILL HAVE TO TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR MASTER. HE IS SOMEONE THAT I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET.

I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET, LUCKY. YOU AND I ARE TWO OF A KIND. NEVER IN MY DEALINGS HAVE I EVER COME ACROSS SOMEONE ELSE LIKE YOU. YOU ARE VERY SPECIAL TO ME.

SPECIAL?



I...

...I REMEMBER YOU.

I REMEMBER YOU NOW...

YOU WHAT?!



YOUR... YOUR FACE...

WHAT ABOUT IT?

WHAT IS IT?



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

...YOU ARE SHUFFS OLDER... BUT IT IS YOU, LONG, LONG... TIME AGO. I'VE NOT SEEN YOU SNEEZES LONG...

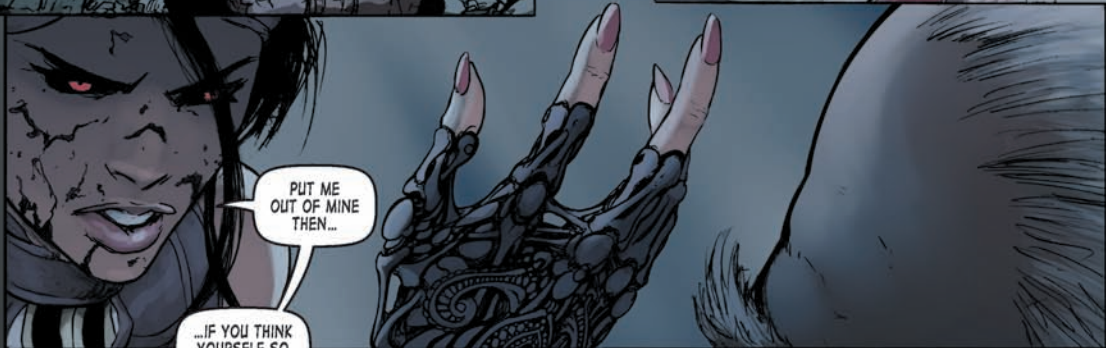
LUCKY, PLEASE TELL ME! WHO AM I? WHAT'S MY NAME? WHERE DID I COME FROM? PLEASE!! I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR SO LONG.

YOU WERE ALWAYS MASTER'S FAVORITE.

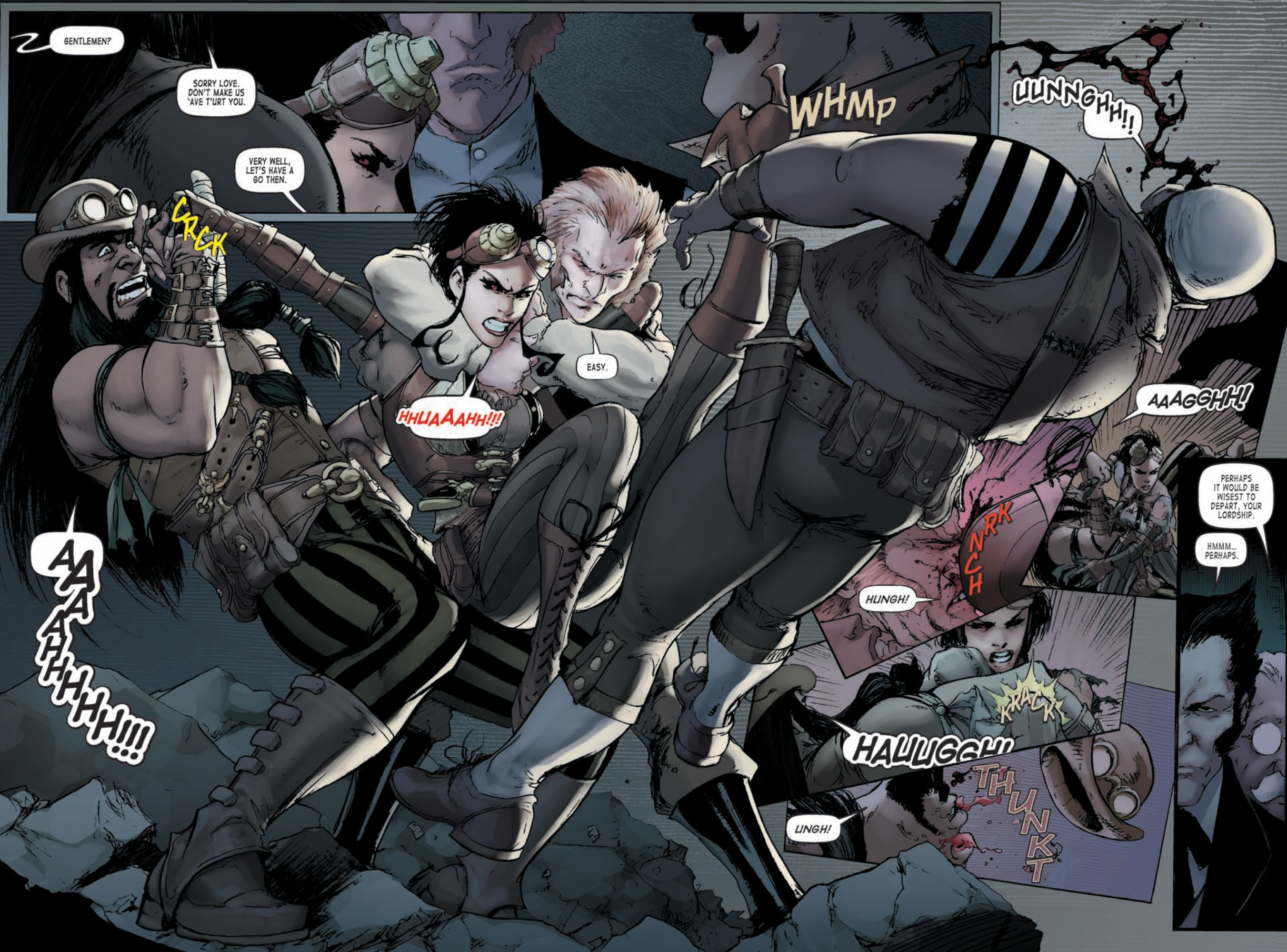
MASTER?!? WHO IS HE? WHAT'S HIS NAME? OH GOD LUCKY... LUCKY!!

LUCKY? YOU SNEEZES YOU NAMED ME...









GENTLEMEN?

SORRY LOVE,
DON'T MAKE US
AVE T'URT YOU.

VERY WELL,
LET'S HAVE A
GO THEN.

EASY.

HHUAAHH!!!

WHMP

UUNNGHH!!

AAAGGHH!!

PERHAPS
IT WOULD BE
WISEST TO
DEPART, YOUR
LORDSHIP.

HMMM...
PERHAPS.

HUNGH!

HUUUUGGGG

THUNKT

LINGH!

AAAGGHH!!!

CRACK

CHNRK



DOCTOR?

YE... YES, MUM?

DO YOU HAVE A BLANKET OR SHEET OF SOME SORT IN THAT BAG OF YOURS TO WRAP AROUND THE CREATURE?

UH, YE-YES, I DO...

BUNDLE HIM UP AND BRING HIM TO ME.

OF... OF COURSE, MUM. RIGHT AWAY.

MR. HIGGINS, TAKE MY PISTOL.

STAY AND HOLD BACK THAT MECHANICAL WITCH FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN.

BUT, BUT... SIR?

MR. HIGGINS?

YOU WOULD BE ILL ADVISED TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR LORD'S ORDERS.

UNLESS, OF COURSE...



...YOU WISH TO TEST ME?



N-N-N-N-NOOOOO...



AAARGGHH!!

SSSHUNKIT

UMMM... HERE YOU GO, MUM.

YOU ARE VERY KIND, DOCTOR. THANK YOU. YOU SHOULD FIND A MORE LIKE-MINDED EMPLOYER.

MR. HIGGINS?

YE... YE... YES... MA'AM?

YOU'RE IN MY WAY.



OH, OH...
OF COURSE...
SO SORRY.



MECHANIKA!



YOU NEED TO
UNDERSTAND, I
AM A MAN OF
VISION!

NEW DISCOVERIES ARE MADE
EVERY DAY, BUT THEY ARE MERE
CHILD'S PLAY COMPARED TO THE
WONDERS I COULD CREATE WITH
YOUR MACHINERY.



THINK OF IT, MECHANIKA!
THINK OF ALL THE MECHANICAL
MARVELS WE COULD CREATE! IT
WOULD REVOLUTIONIZE THE
ENTIRE WORLD!

WE WILL USHER IN A
NEW ERA, THE AGE OF THE
MACHINE! WE WOULD BE
UNSTOPPABLE!



THE KINGS AND QUEENS
OF THE COMING CENTURY

LUNGHH!!!



NNGGH...
LUNGHH...

CONSIDER
YOURSELF WARNED,
LORD BLACKPOOL.

WHEN NEXT WE MEET,
IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE SO
FOOLISH, I WILL NOT BE
AS MERCIFUL.



CHEERS.

LUNGH... HEL...
LHH...

KLK
KLAK
KLK
KLAK
KLK
KLAK
KLK
KLAK

The End
(for now).