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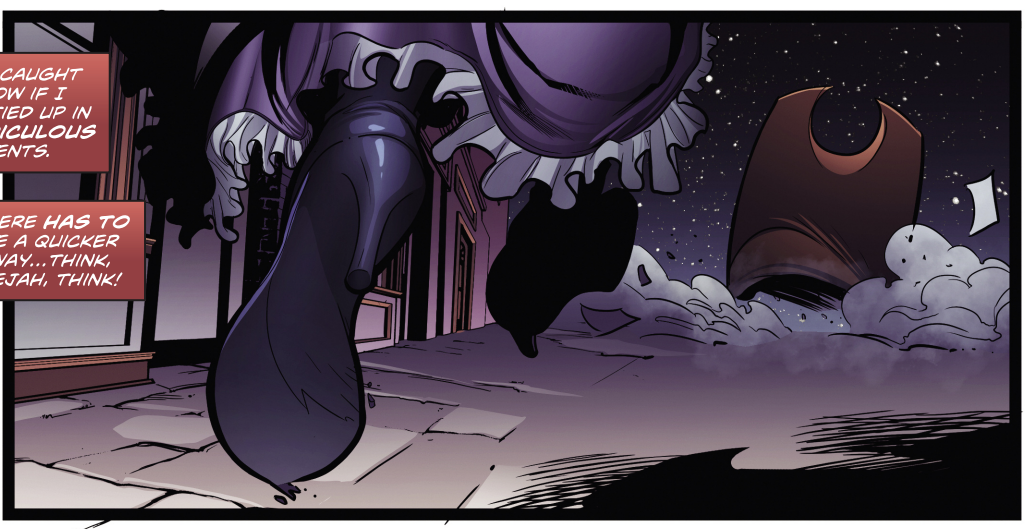
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I'D HAVE CAUGHT IT BY NOW IF I WEREN'T TIED UP IN THESE RIDICULOUS GARMENTS.

THERE HAS TO BE A QUICKER WAY... THINK, DEJAH, THINK!



THE ATTACKS WERE CLUSTERED; I'LL BET THE CAT HASN'T GONE FAR.

AND WHY DO WE WANT TO CATCH IT AGAIN?



THAT IS CLASSIFIED. I'M CERTAINLY NOT PERMITTED TO TELL A LONDON CABBIE OF ALL PEOPLE.

BUT, SINCE YOU ASK, MY BOSS WANTS THE CAT BECAUSE IT ATE THE PRIME MINISTER.



WHERE'S THE WHEELS GONE? HOW'S IT STILL GOING?



"I'M SORRY, MY EARS ARE PLAYING UP. I THOUGHT YOU JUST SAID IT--"

"ATE THE PRIME MINISTER. YES. IT DID."



SO...YOU'RE GONNA ARREST IT THEN? IS THAT IT?

HA! AND MAKE IT STAND TRIAL ACCUSED OF MURDER?

I BELIEVE BRITISH LAW HAS PROGRESSED PAST TRYING ANIMALS, BUT I MIGHT BE WRONG I SUPPOSE.



"I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WANTS WITH IT."

"MAYBE HE WANTS TO TRACK THE OWNER, OR STUDY IT, OR MAKE A PET OF IT. I MAKE A POINT OF NEVER ASKING."



"I'D HATE TO GIVE HIM THE SATISFACTION OF HAVING INTRIGUED ME..."



UNGH!

THAT WITCH ASSASSIN IS FAST IN HER BARSOOMIAN CHARIOT...



...BUT I BELIEVE THIS MIGHT BE FASTER.



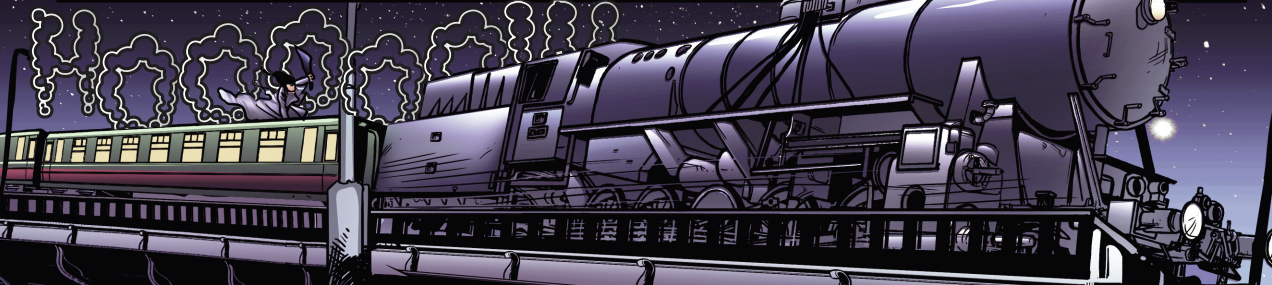
I SEE YOU WITCH. YOU CAN'T OURLIN ME. I'M GOING HOME, AND YOU'RE GOING TO SHOW ME HOW.



WOOO

IF ONLY JOHN  
COULD SEE  
ME NOW.

HE WOULDN'T  
BELIEVE ME IF  
I TOLD HIM...





AAAAGH!



SOMETHIN' WRONG, MATE?



YOU DIRTY ROTTEN SWINE!

SWINE? AHAAAAHAH-LUFF!

YOU'LL BE BLOODY SORRY! YOU'LL WISH-



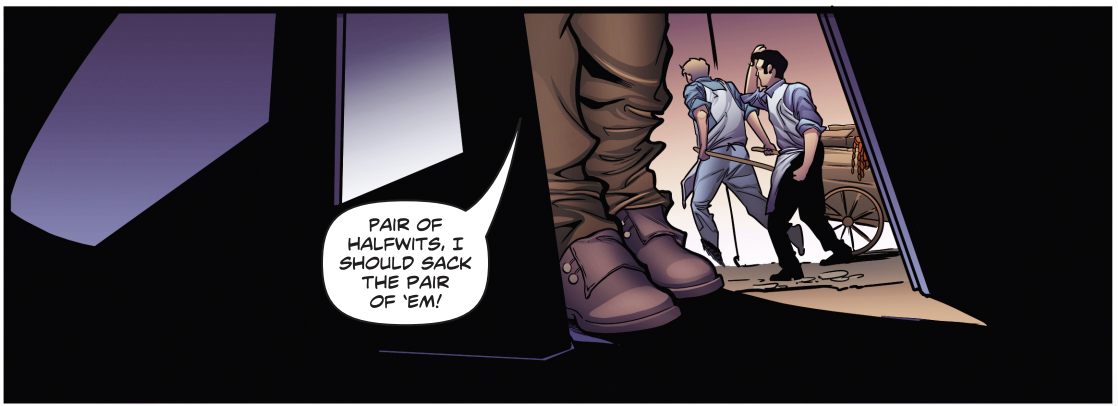
I'M WISHIN' I'D NEVER HIRED EITHER OF YOU WORTHLESS RAT BAGS!

GET UP! GET! YOU'RE LATE AND YOU'VE LEFT THE ICEBOX DOOR OPEN!



IF ONE SAUSAGE IS SPOILT, OR IF I FIND A MAGGOT, IT'S YOUR 'EADS ON THE BLOCK!

D'YOU 'EAR ME? YOUR 'EADS!







THE BODY? NO, MA'AM, BUT I BELIEVE WE ARE CLOSE TO RECOVERING IT.

I HAVE MY BEST OPERATIVES ON IT.

A CREATURE THAT SIZE CANNOT HIDE FOR LONG, MA'AM. I ASSURE YOU. LONDON IS NOT SO WILD AS THAT.



YES, I DID SPEAK WITH LADY SCOTT-THOMAS... NO; I HAVE NO REASON TO SEE THE TWO EVENTS AS CONNECTED AT THIS TIME.

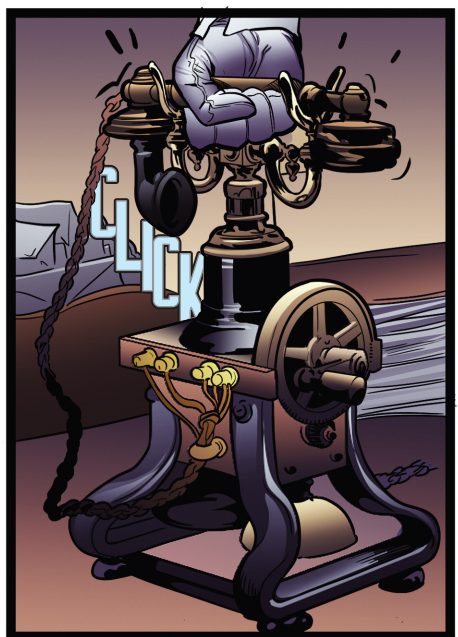


WELL, AS I HEARD IT MA'AM, HE WAS ABOUT TO GET A DRUBBING FROM THE OFFSHORE REVENUE BILL.

HE IS MOST LIKELY ON A CONTINENTAL TRAIN WITH HIS PORTMANTEAU FULL OF SWISS GOLD.



I UNDERSTAND, MA'AM. I CONCUR COMPLETELY. I SHALL NOT LET YOU DOWN.



THE CLOCK IS TICKING, MISS ADLER. THE CLOCK IS MOST DEFINITELY TICKING.



AGH!  
WHAT WAS  
THAT?

DID YOU  
JUS-

THE ASSASSIN AND HER  
ACCOMPLICE, RIDING A  
BARSOOMIAN CRAFT,  
AND WITH A STOLEN  
THOAT.

IT'S LIKE YOU  
WANT ME TO  
HATE YOU.



LISTEN TO ME...  
I'M NOT AN  
ASSASS-

I SHOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER,  
BUT I'M AFRAID I'M THE WRONG  
WOMAN TO ASK.



QUIET, WITCH! I  
KNOW WHAT YOU DID.  
IF YOU WANT TO SAVE  
YOUR HIDE, GET ME OFF  
THIS PLANET. NOW.



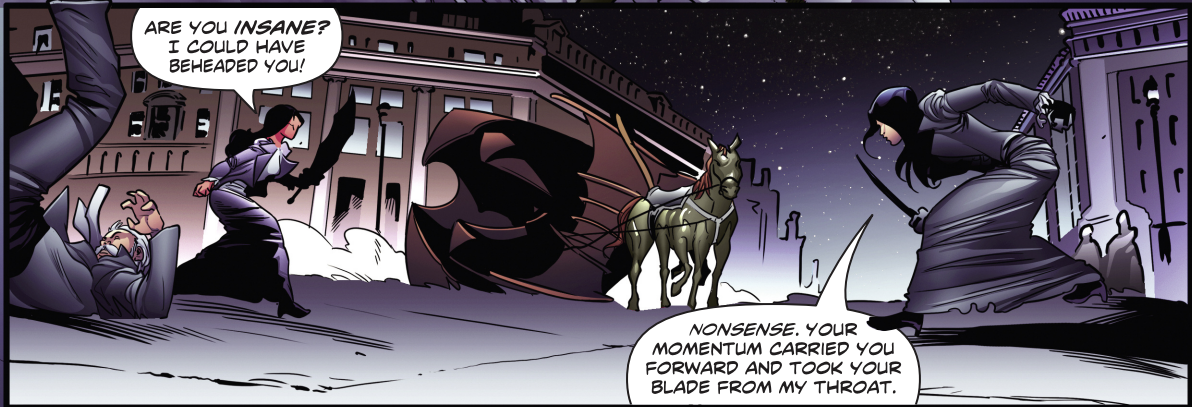
SWORDS AT MY THROAT MAKE ME REALLY UNLIKELY TO DO AS I'M TOLD.



WEEEAAGH



AAAH! YOU CRAZY WITCH!



ARE YOU INSANE? I COULD HAVE BEHEADED YOU!

NONSENSE. YOUR MOMENTUM CARRIED YOU FORWARD AND TOOK YOUR BLADE FROM MY THROAT.



NOW, PRINCESS...

...SHALL WE DANCE?



YOU DO NOT SCARE ME; I'VE HAD A SWORD IN MY HAND SINCE I COULD HOLD ONE!

PRIVATE TUITION DOES NOT A WARRIOR MAKE, PRINCESS.



OF COURSE YOU ARE RIGHT...

THE CONSTANT THREAT OF INVASION, ASSASSINATION OR KIDNAPPING, AND A BRUTAL TRAINING REGIMEN DID MOST OF THAT.

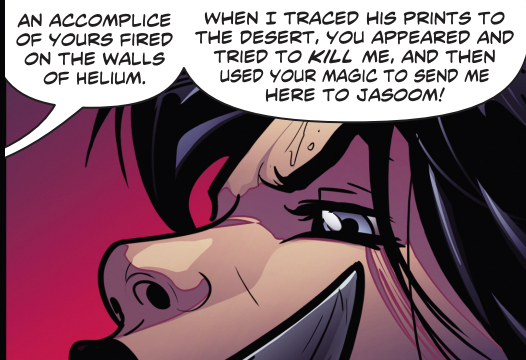


LINGHH. ANYONE KIDNAPPING YOU HAS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES.

OH, JUST WAIT, ASSASSIN. I'M SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST!

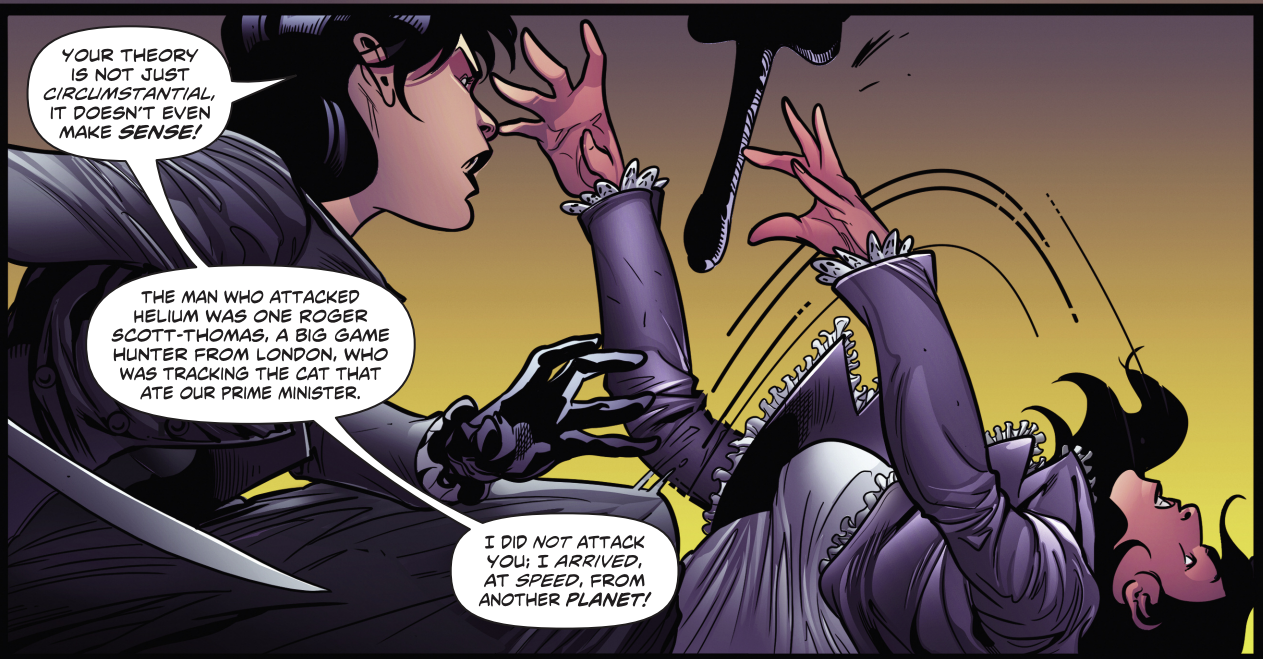


WHEN DID I TRY AND ASSASSINATE YOU THEN? COULD YOU AT LEAST EXPLAIN BEFORE THIS GETS...HEATED?



AN ACCOMPLICE OF YOURS FIRED ON THE WALLS OF HELIUM.

WHEN I TRACED HIS PRINTS TO THE DESERT, YOU APPEARED AND TRIED TO KILL ME, AND THEN USED YOUR MAGIC TO SEND ME HERE TO JASOOM!



YOUR THEORY IS NOT JUST CIRCUMSTANTIAL, IT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE!

THE MAN WHO ATTACKED HELIUM WAS ONE ROGER SCOTT-THOMAS, A BIG GAME HUNTER FROM LONDON, WHO WAS TRACKING THE CAT THAT ATE OUR PRIME MINISTER.

I DID NOT ATTACK YOU; I ARRIVED, AT SPEED, FROM ANOTHER PLANET!



I WAS TRACKING THE CAT, TOO, AS IT HAPPENS, AND ARRIVED HERE THE SAME WAY.

AND SCOTT-THOMAS? IS HE STILL ON BARSOOM?

NO, HE'S DEAD. HE SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN IN SOME KIND OF FINANCIAL TROUBLE. HE WAS RANTING ABOUT THE TAXMAN.



MAYBE HE WANTED THE CAT FOR ITS PELT, I HAVE NO IDEA. THE MAN WAS UNHINGED, CLEARLY.

BUT, IT'S STILL HERE, IN LONDON. IT KILLED AGAIN JUST YESTERDAY. I BOUGHT A NEWS... SHEET THAT SAID SO.

NOBODY WOULD STAND A CHANCE, UNLESS THEY CARRIED A CARBINE IN THEIR BAG.

WHICH MR. SCOTT-THOMAS ACTUALLY DID, IT APPEARS, THOUGH IT DID HIM NO GOOD IN THE END.

BOTH HE AND I ARRIVED AT THE ALLEY THE SAME WAY I IMAGINE...



"BY MAPPING THE SIGHTINGS AND TRACING THEM BACK CHRONOLOGICALLY..."

"FROM WHAT I FOUND, HE HAD PACKED ENOUGH WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO FELL AN OX.



"INDEED A HERD OF OXEN WOULD HAVE BEEN IN TROUBLE I THINK.

"BUT HE PACKED NO FOOD, HE DID NOT NEED TO, IN LONDON, HE COULD EAT ANYWHERE FOR A FEW PENCE."



SO HE WAS IN THE DESERT WITHOUT FOOD, WITHOUT WATER...

FOR HOW LONG?



LONG ENOUGH. I THINK WHEN HE GOT TO HELIUM, HE MUST HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEHYDRATED.

WITH THE FIREFIGHT THAT FOLLOWED, I'D IMAGINE THINGS GOT RATHER UNCERTAIN FOR HIM.





"I SUGGESTED TO YOUR GUARDS THAT THE MAN THEY WANTED MIGHT BE AFTER BIG ANIMALS."

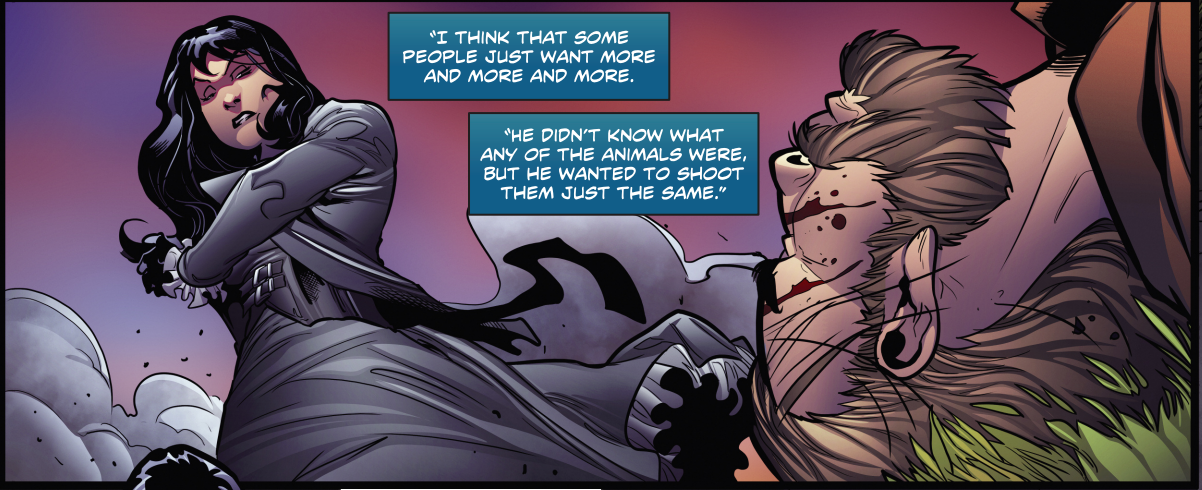
"THEY TOOK ME TO WHERE THEY KNEW ANIMALS WOULD BE, AND THERE HE WAS."

"HE MUST'VE BEEN AMAZED BY THE LOCAL WILDLIFE."

"I IMAGINE IT LOOKED LIKE A CHALLENGE."

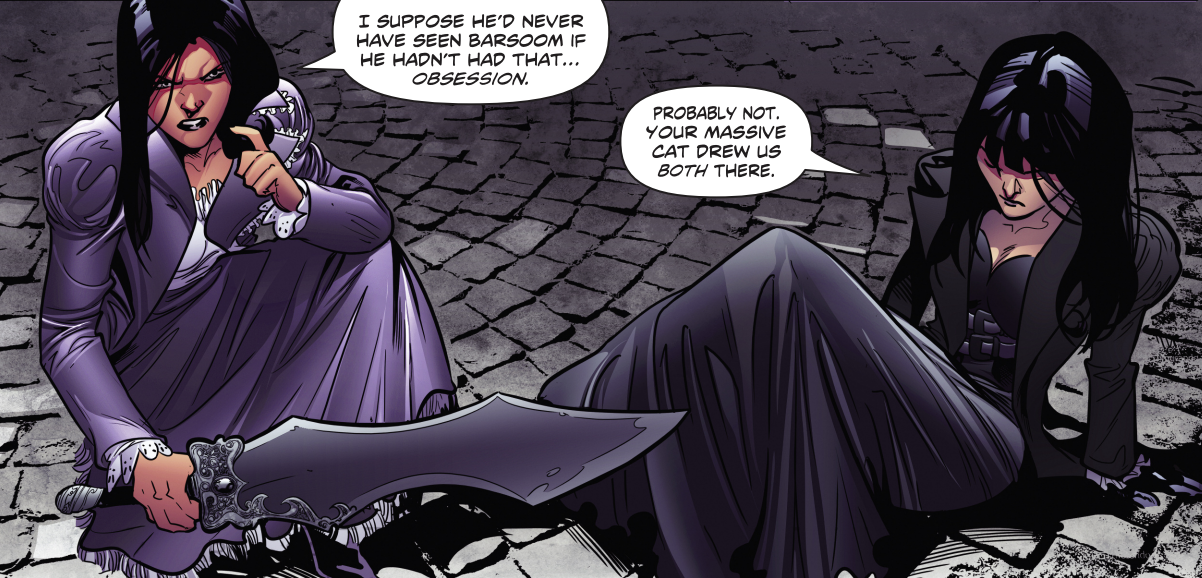


"I DON'T THINK HE KNEW WHAT HIT HIM."



"I THINK THAT SOME PEOPLE JUST WANT MORE AND MORE AND MORE."

"HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ANY OF THE ANIMALS WERE, BUT HE WANTED TO SHOOT THEM JUST THE SAME."



I SUPPOSE HE'D NEVER HAVE SEEN BARSOOM IF HE HADN'T HAD THAT... OBSESSION.

PROBABLY NOT. YOUR MASSIVE CAT DREW US BOTH THERE.



"BANTH. IT'S CALLED A BANTH."

"SORRY, WHAT IS?"

THE THING YOU KEEP CALLING IT A 'CAT.' THEY AREN'T USUALLY SO AGGRESSIVE TOWARD PEOPLE...



...WONDER WHAT'S GOT IT SO RILED?

H.M. LONDON PROBABLY. I GET LIKE THAT MYSELF TO BE HONEST.

THIS IS RIDICULOUS! IT COULD BE ANYWHERE. WE CAN'T SEARCH THE WHOLE OF LONDON!

I THINK THE MAJORITY OF THE SIGHTINGS WERE HERE, WHICH IS BETWEEN WESTMINSTER AND THE ALLEY IT ARRIVED IN.



MAYBE WE WON'T HAVE TO...



STOP!

"POOR MAN. I WONDER WHY IT DIDN'T JUST EAT THE CARCASSES?"

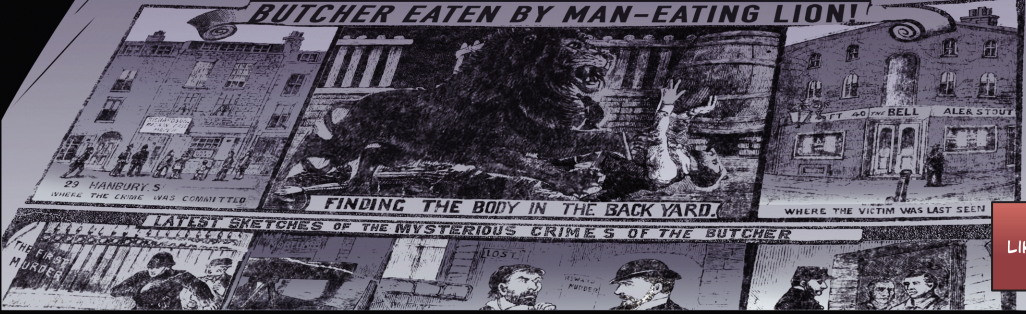
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"MAYBE IT LIKES ITS DINNER WARM?"



WHATEVER THE REASON, IT SEEMS TO HAVE A RAPACIOUS HUNGER. I'D IMAGINE IT WOULD NEED A SLEEP AFTER THAT LOT.

IN WHICH CASE, WE SHOULD LOOK FOR A DEN. SOMEWHERE WARM AND DRY, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE QUITE BIG, TOO...



...LIKE THAT MAYBE?



THE GROUND IS TORN UP THERE, I THINK THIS IS THE PLACE.

IN THAT CASE, I NEED TO SEND A TELEGRAM.



YOUR FRIEND DIDN'T SAY WHERE HE TOOK IT?

I WOULDN'T CALL HIM A 'FRIEND' EXACTLY... ASSOCIATE MAYBE... HE SAID HE KNEW A COLLECTOR WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.

"WELL I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS!"



SO HE WANTS ANIMALS? LIKE SCOTT-THOMAS YOU MEAN?

OH, QUITE THE OPPOSITE I THINK, I DON'T THINK HE'D BE INTERESTED IF THEY WERE STUFFED.



YOU SEE IT WITH A LOT OF THESE WEALTHY GENTS...

...THEY LIKE COLLECTING THINGS.

SO DO I! I LIKE PRIMITIVE EARLY BARSOOMIAN ART... NOT HUGE CREATURES!



SORRY TO KEEP YOU LADIES, I HAD A SMALL MATTER TO ATTEND TO.

YOUR BROTHER, I BET, DOWN IN THE DUMPS BECAUSE HE FOUND THE CARBUNCLE.

MISS ADLER,  
I AM NOT GOING TO  
SAY YOU ARE RIGHT,  
BUT I SHALL ALSO  
NOT SAY THAT YOU  
ARE WRONG.

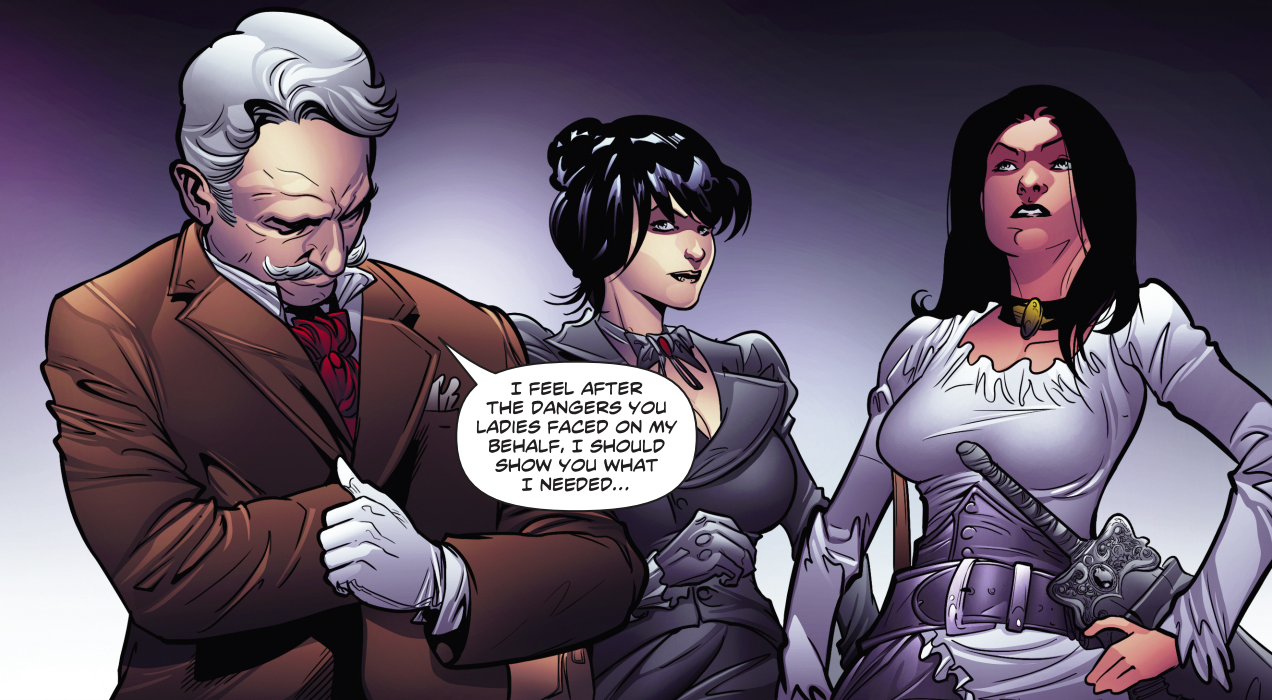
NOW IS  
THIS IT? AH,  
YES...

THIS WAY LADIES, AND  
DO KEEP YOUR VOICES  
LOW IF YOU DON'T  
MIND.

NO, SHE  
CERTAINLY  
ISN'T...

IT ATE HALF  
OF LONDON IT  
CAN'T POSSIBLY  
BE SHY!

... BUT  
THEY  
ARE.



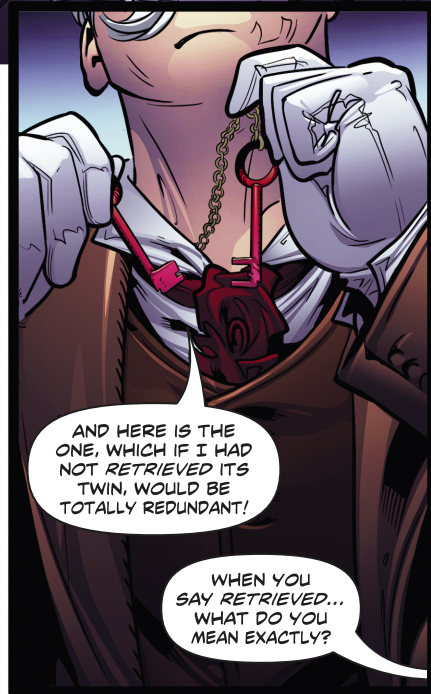
I FEEL AFTER THE DANGERS YOU LADIES FACED ON MY BEHALF, I SHOULD SHOW YOU WHAT I NEEDED...



HERE, WITHOUT THIS, OUR GREAT LAND WOULD BE UTTERLY HOBBLED, TACTICALLY.

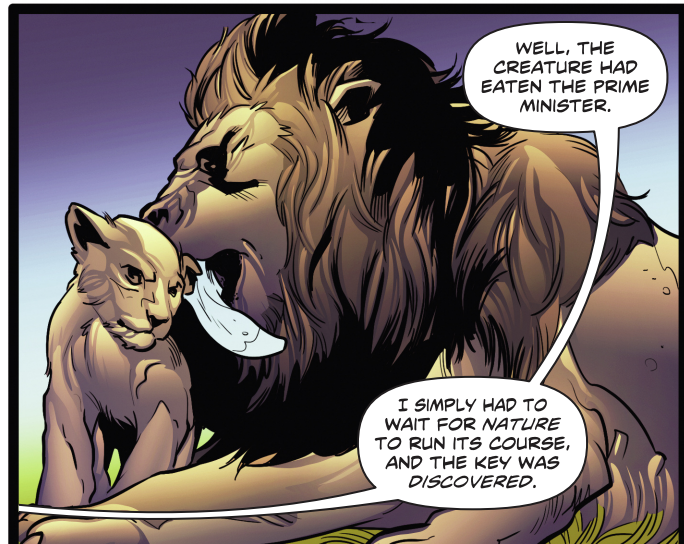


UNTIL RECENT EVENTS, IT HUNG AROUND THE NECK OF OUR LATE PRIME MINISTER.



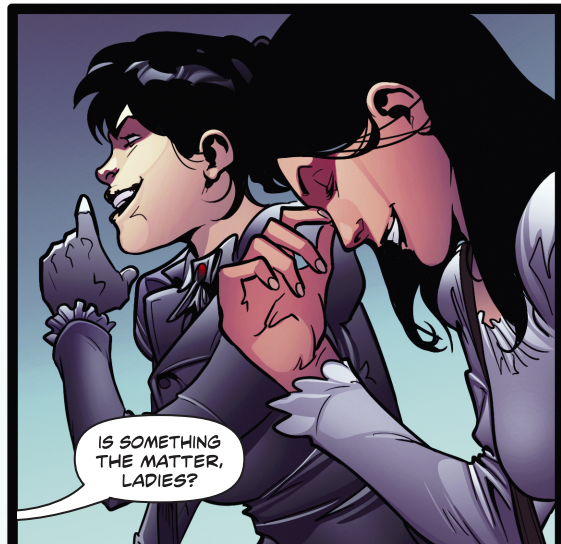
AND HERE IS THE ONE, WHICH IF I HAD NOT RETRIEVED ITS TWIN, WOULD BE TOTALLY REDUNDANT!

WHEN YOU SAY RETRIEVED... WHAT DO YOU MEAN EXACTLY?



WELL, THE CREATURE HAD EATEN THE PRIME MINISTER.

I SIMPLY HAD TO WAIT FOR NATURE TO RUN ITS COURSE, AND THE KEY WAS DISCOVERED.



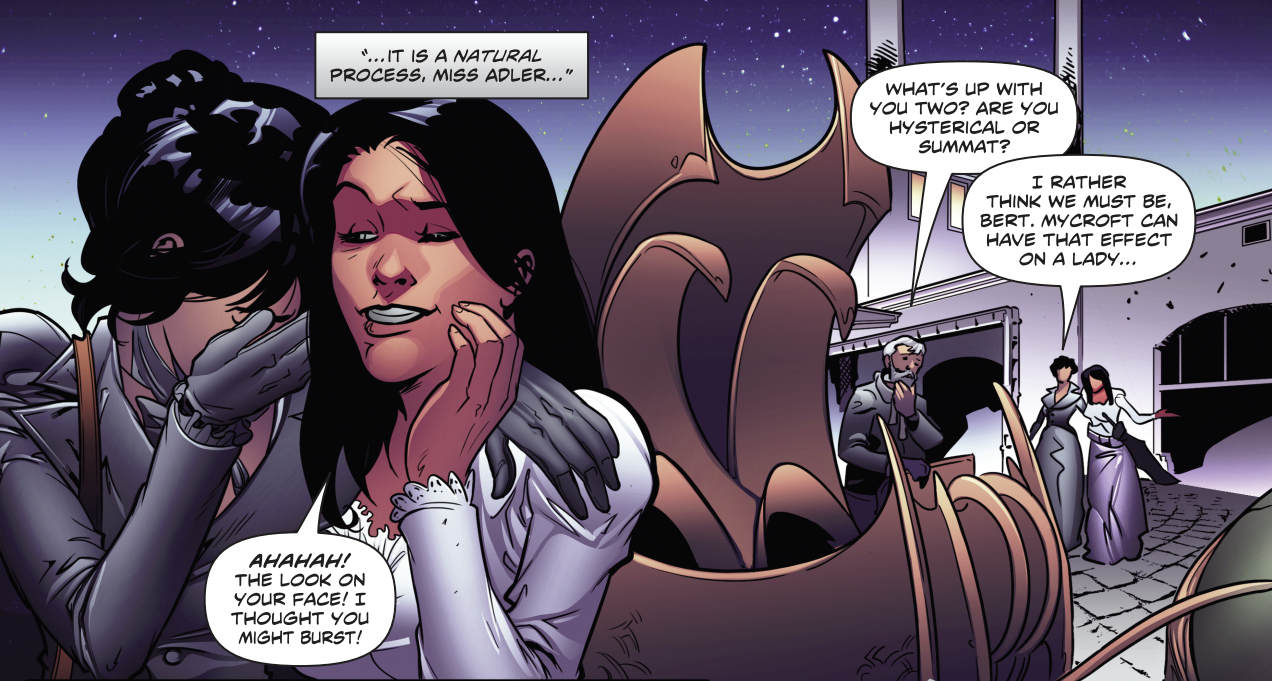
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, LADIES?

"...IT IS A NATURAL PROCESS, MISS ADLER..."

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU TWO? ARE YOU HYSTERICAL OR SUMMAT?

I RATHER THINK WE MUST BE, BERT. MYCROFT CAN HAVE THAT EFFECT ON A LADY...

AHAHAH! THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE! I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BURST!

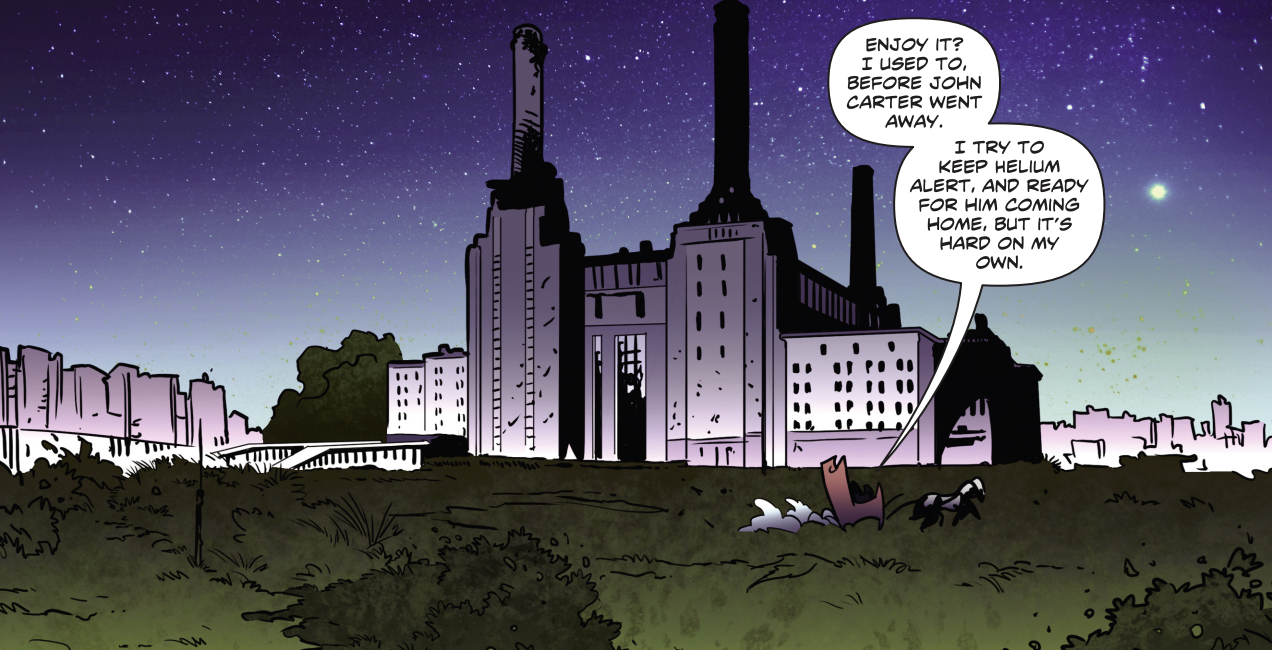


WELL I HAVE TO SAY, THIS HAS BEEN AN EDUCATION. FOR A SWORD-WIELDING MANIAC, YOU HAVE A LOT OF FUN, MISS ADLER.



I WOULDN'T DO IT IF I DIDN'T. WHERE'S THE POINT IN THAT?

WHAT ABOUT YOU? DO YOU ENJOY WHAT YOU DO, ON BARSOOM I MEAN?



ENJOY IT? I USED TO, BEFORE JOHN CARTER WENT AWAY.

I TRY TO KEEP HELIUM ALERT, AND READY FOR HIM COMING HOME, BUT IT'S HARD ON MY OWN.

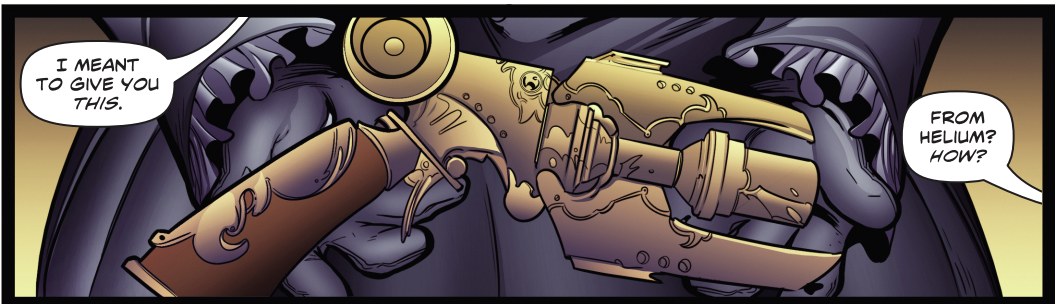


"SO, THIS IS IT."



WELL THEN, THIS IS GOODBYE.

OH, HANG ON...



I MEANT TO GIVE YOU THIS.

FROM HELIUM? HOW?



THE CAPTAIN OF YOUR GUARD GAVE ME TWO, TO DEFEND AGAINST THE BRIGANDS OF MY WORLD.

WELL I HAVE MY SWORD, BUT THIS... I SUPPOSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT ADVENTURES I'LL BE HAVING...



LOTS, PROBABLY. BOUND TO.



THE END.

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## IN THE NEWS - JULY 2015

### GRUMPY CAT INKS DYNAMITE COMIC BOOK DEAL

### POP CULTURE SENSATION TO DEBUT COMIC BOOKS, COMIC STRIPS, AND GRAPHIC NOVELS THIS YEAR



Dynamite is proud to announce a collaborative licensing partnership with Grumpy Cat Limited to develop print and digital comic books and graphic novels featuring "The World's Grumpiest Cat" and her brother, Pokey. Grumpy Cat will debut the first of her all-new misadventures in a three-issue miniseries, released in Fall 2015, and collected into a hardcover graphic novel in time for the holiday season. Dynamite also plans to launch a website this summer where new *Grumpy Cat* comic strips will go up online every week.

"With her ever-present pout and sassy disposition, Grumpy Cat has won the hearts of people everywhere. I can tell you, we're thrilled, just absolutely thrilled, to bring this adorable curmudgeon's misadventures to the comic world!" says Keith Davidsen, Marketing Manager of Dynamite Entertainment. "One of the most important responsibilities for today's comic publishers is creating content that will attract fresh new audiences to experience the wonders of the medium, and *Grumpy Cat* is the perfect combination of unbearable cuteness, instant fan appeal, and established multimedia presence to make just such a thing happen. If you love the memes, the videos, and that irresistible scowl, then get ready for the wildly fun antics of Grumpy Cat and Pokey in Dynamite's all-new, all-sensational *Grumpy Cat* comics!"

Grumpy Cat's global following includes 7.6 million Facebook fans and over 31 million YouTube views. Since her photos

first went viral in 2012, Grumpy Cat has gone from Internet star to real-life celebrity. She has two New York Times Best Selling Books, her own Lifetime movie *Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever* (voiced by actress Aubrey Plaza), has made numerous appearances including the *MTV Movie Awards*, *American Idol*, *The Bachelorette*, *The Today Show*, *SXSW*, *Good Morning America*, and even hosted *WWE Monday Night Raw*. Grumpy Cat is Friskies official "Spokescat", has filmed videos with Disney and Sesame Street, and appears in commercials for McDonald's and Honey Nut Cheerios. Licensed Grumpy Cat merchandise is currently available at retailers worldwide.

Dynamite Entertainment's *Grumpy Cat* comic books and graphic novels will be available to consumers through the comic book specialty market, and its graphic novels will be available at major bookstore chains, online booksellers, and independent bookstores courtesy of Diamond Book Distributors. Grumpy Cat comics will also be available for purchase through digital platforms courtesy of Comixology, Dynamite Digital, iVerse, and Dark Horse Digital. Fans and retailers are encouraged to follow Dynamite Entertainment and Grumpy Cat's official social media channel for the latest updates regarding creative teams and release dates.



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The wildest Dynamite crossover epic ever told continues at whole cities are smashed together in the prelude to inter-dimensional war! It's Martians versus Monsters versus Barbarians and more, with the women of Chaos on the wrong side of Good Vs. Evil...plus, where are Red Sonja, Vampirella and Dejah Thoris in their worlds' time of need? Guest stars galore in this massive tale of battle, blades and bikinis!

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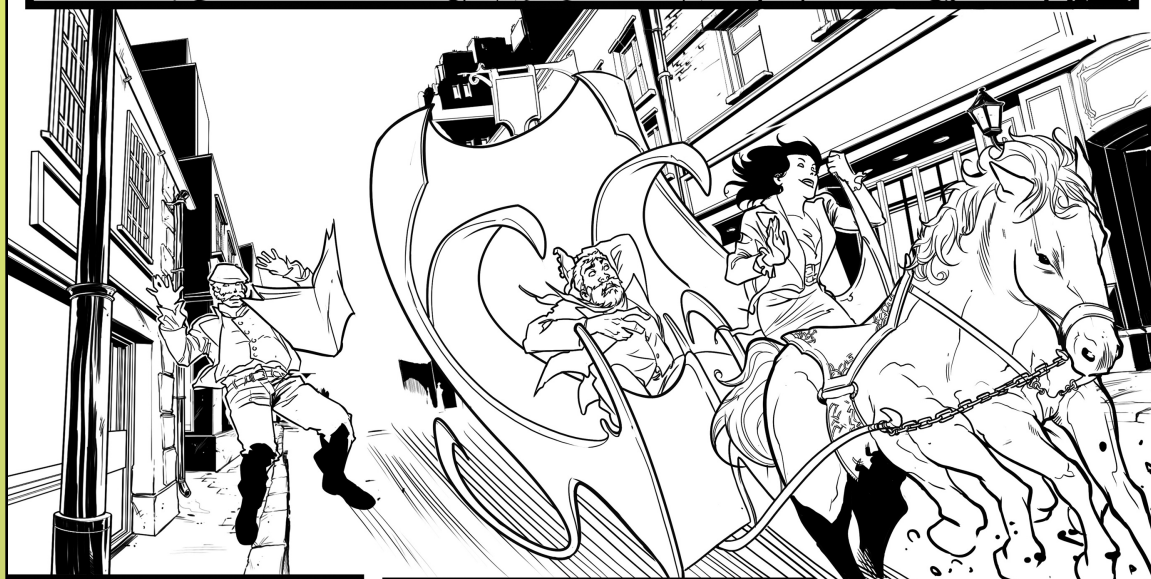
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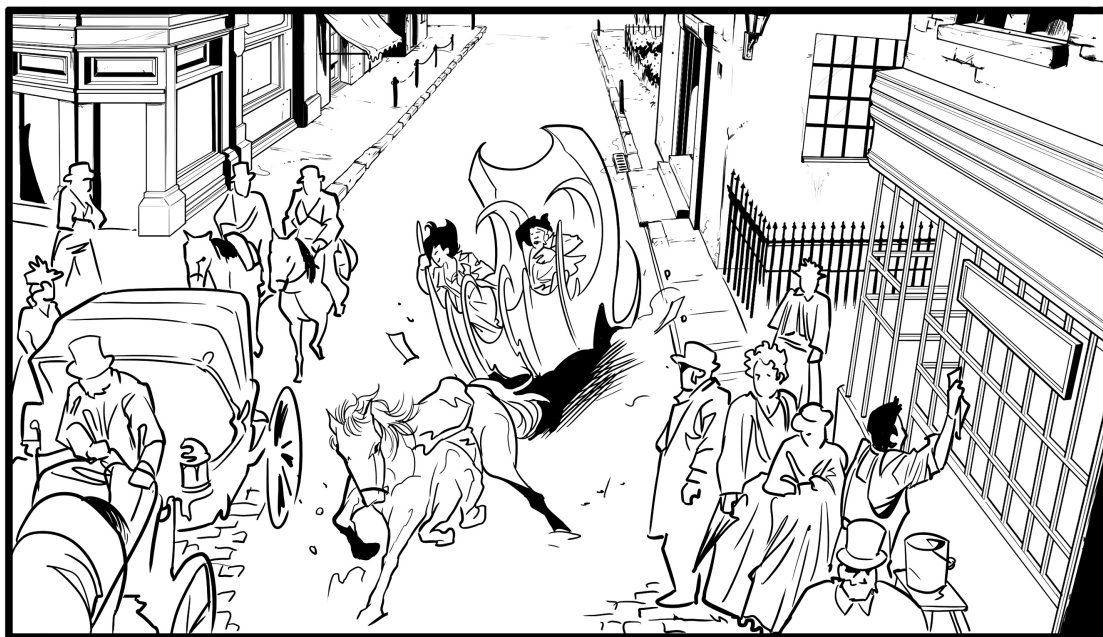
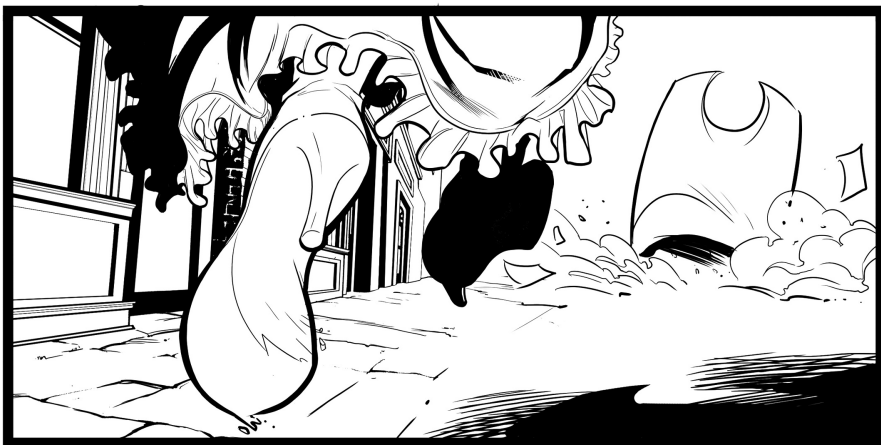
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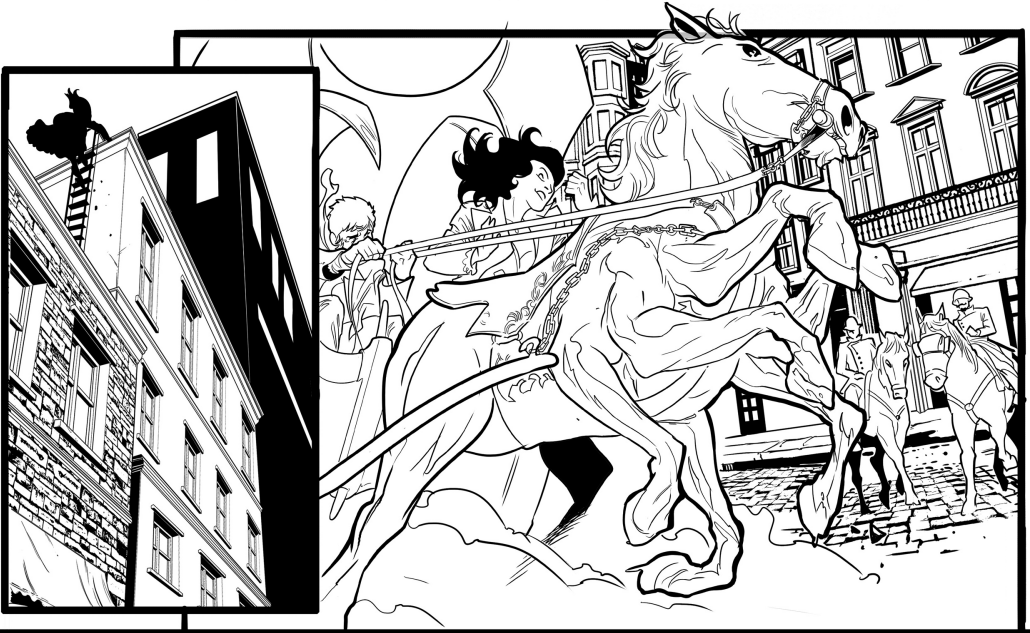
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