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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..."



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



...BUT I BELIEVE
THIS MIGHT BE
FASTER.



I SEE YOU WITCH. YOU CAN'T
OUTFRIN 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...



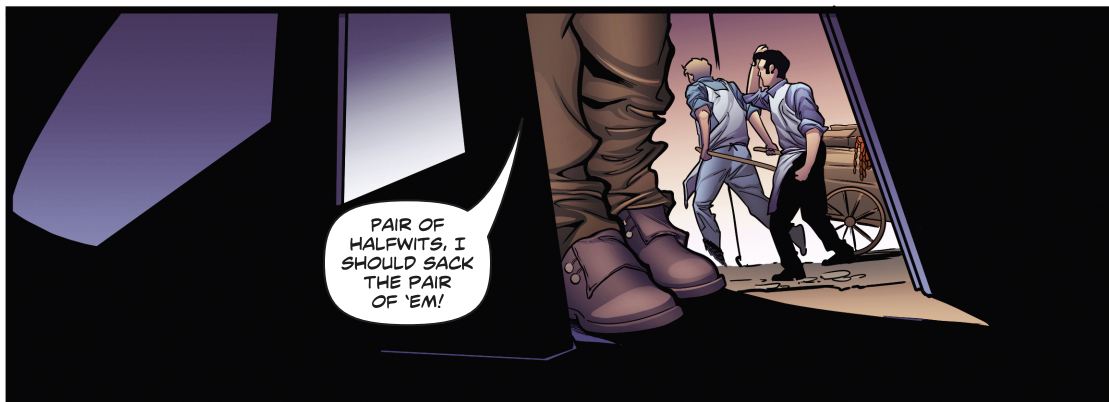


YOU'LL BE BLOODY SORRY!
YOU'LL WISH-



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





PAIR OF
HALFWITS, I
SHOULD SACK
THE PAIR
OF 'EM!



DON'T KNOW
'OW MANY TIMES
I'VE SAID...



...TO SHUT THE
BLEEDIN'...



...DOOR.

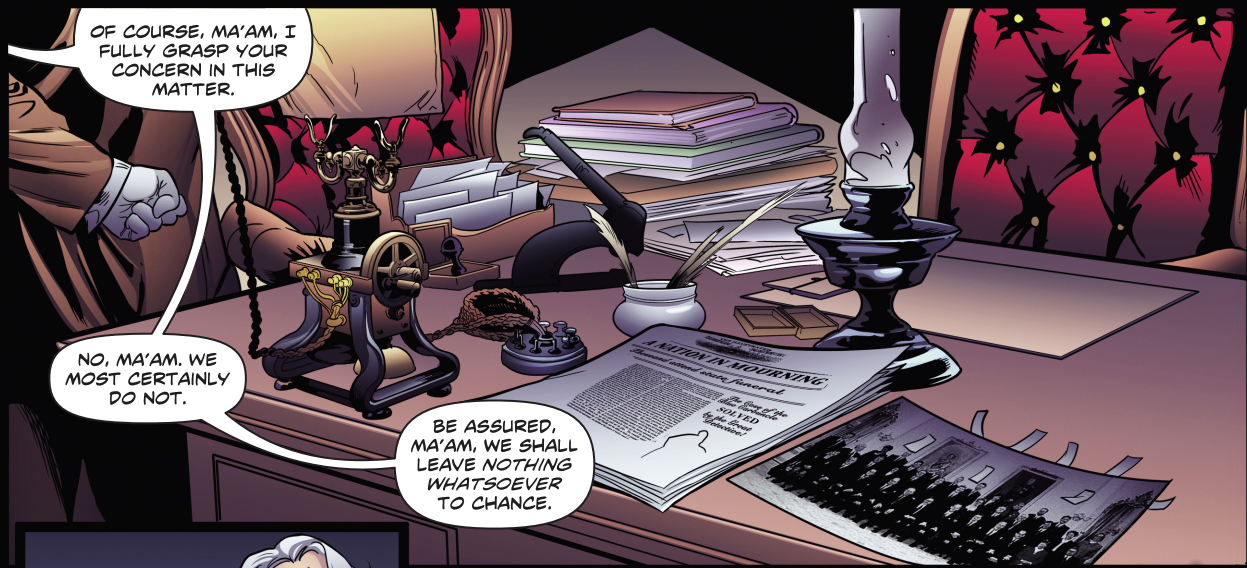


YES, MH47, GOOD MORNING?

HFFFF. IT'S A SHAME, OLD MAN, A DAMNABLE SHAME. YOU WERE A GOOD MAN.

BRRRING

MY PROFOUNDTEST APOLOGIES, YOUR MAJESTY. IT HAS BEEN A LONG NIGHT.



OF COURSE, MA'AM, I FULLY GRASP YOUR CONCERN IN THIS MATTER.

NO, MA'AM. WE MOST CERTAINLY DO NOT.

BE ASSURED, MA'AM, WE SHALL LEAVE NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO CHANCE.



HE WAS A GOOD MAN, MA'AM, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, PEOPLE BELIEVED HE WAS MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

WHOMEVER REPLACES HIM, THEY ARE NO USE TO US UNLESS THEY HAVE THE PEOPLE'S TRUST.



INDEED, MA'AM. THIS SUDDEN VACANCY HAS US ALL ON THE BACK FOOT, BUT I AM TAKING MEASURES I ASSURE YOU.

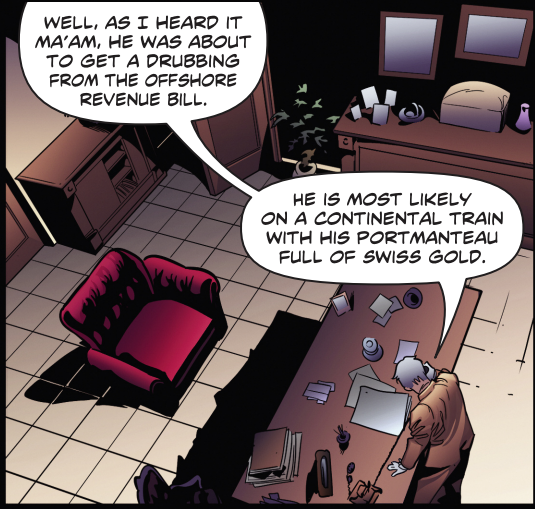


THE BODY? NO, MA'AM, BUT I BELIEVE WE ARE CLOSE TO RECOVERING IT.

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.

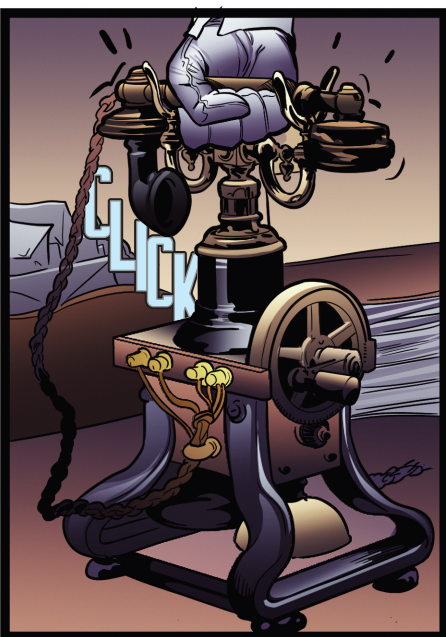


WELL, AS I HEARD IT MA'AM, HE WAS ABOUT TO GET A DRUBBING FROM THE OFFSHORE REVENUE BILL.

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.



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.





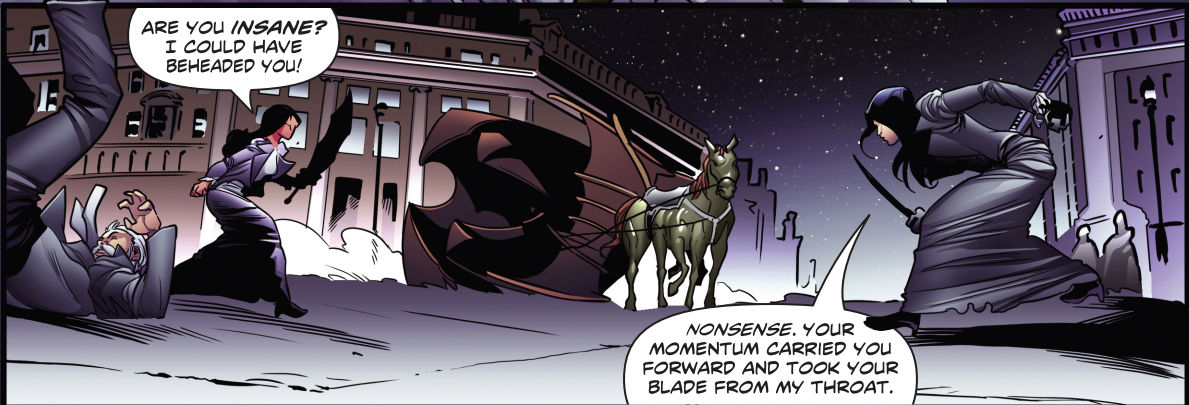
SWORDS AT MY THROAT MAKE ME REALLY UNLIKELY TO DO AS I'M TOLD.



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.



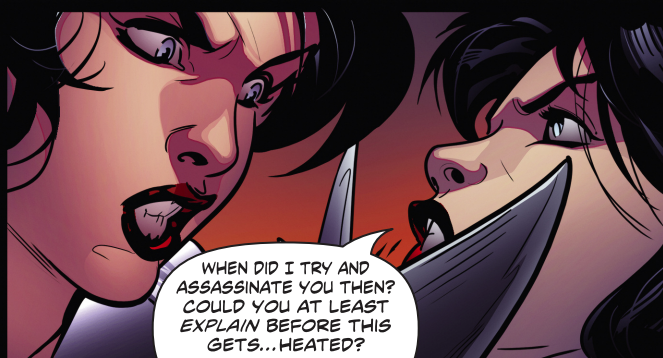
OF COURSE YOU ARE RIGHT...

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

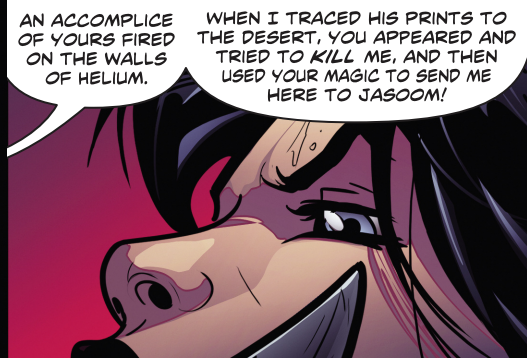


LINGHH. ANYONE KIDNAPPING YOU HAS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES.

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

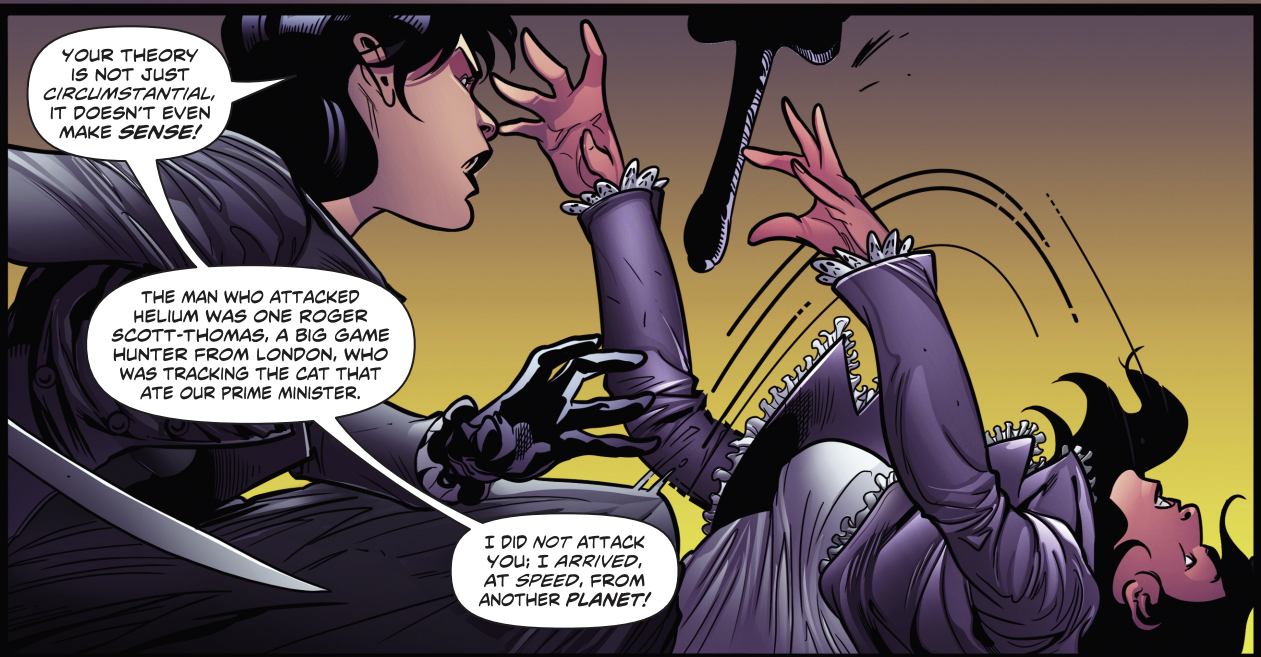


WHEN DID I TRY AND ASSASSINATE YOU THEN? COULD YOU AT LEAST EXPLAIN BEFORE THIS GETS...HEATED?



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...

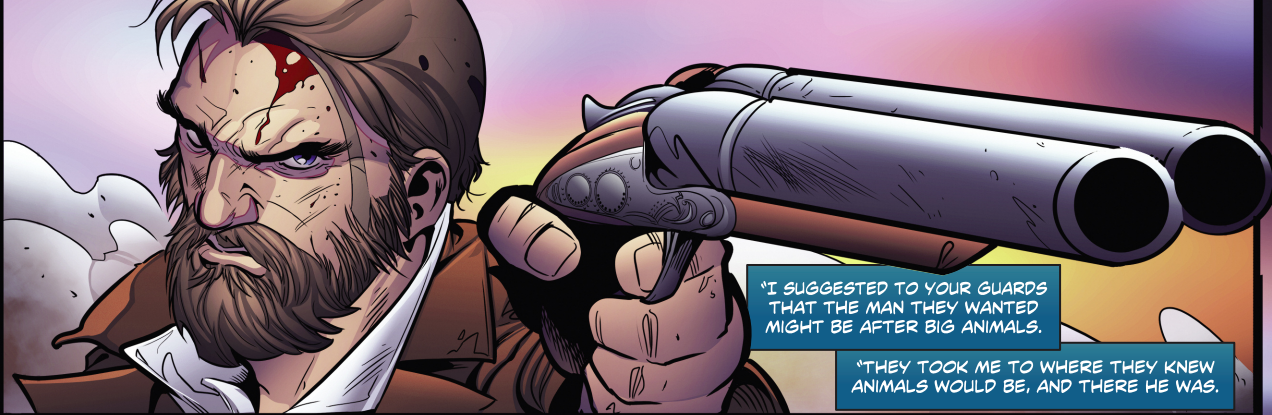
FOR
HOW
LONG?



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.

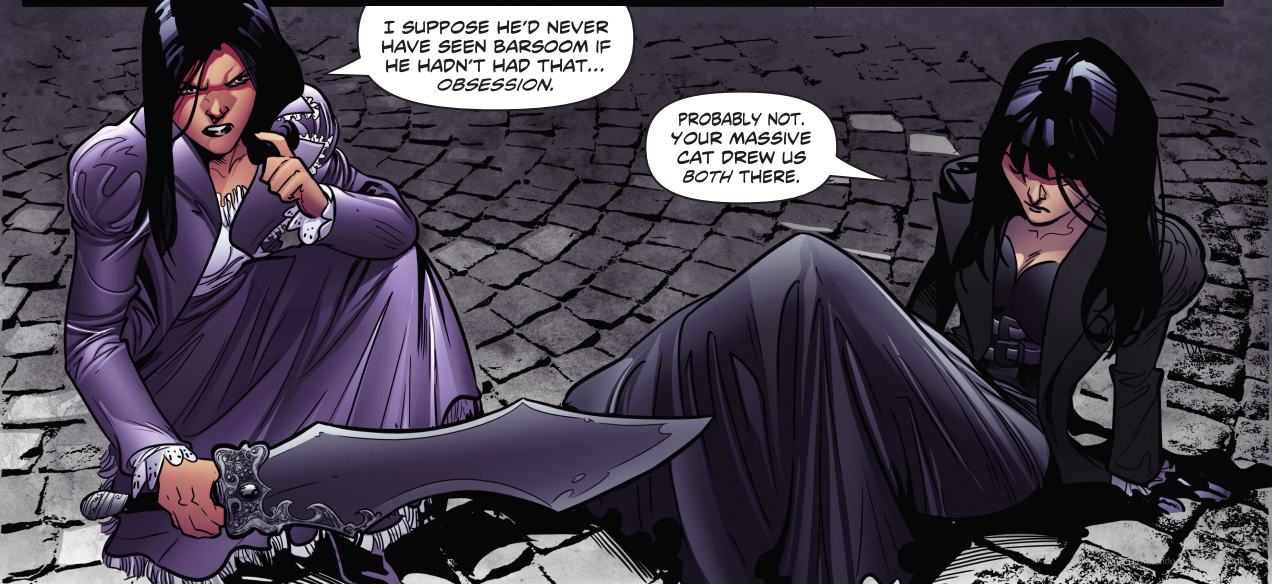
"I IMAGINE IT
LOOKED LIKE
A CHALLENGE.

"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 BARGOOM 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.

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

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



MAYBE WE WON'T HAVE TO...



STOP!

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



"MAYBE IT LIKES ITS DINNER WARM?"







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.

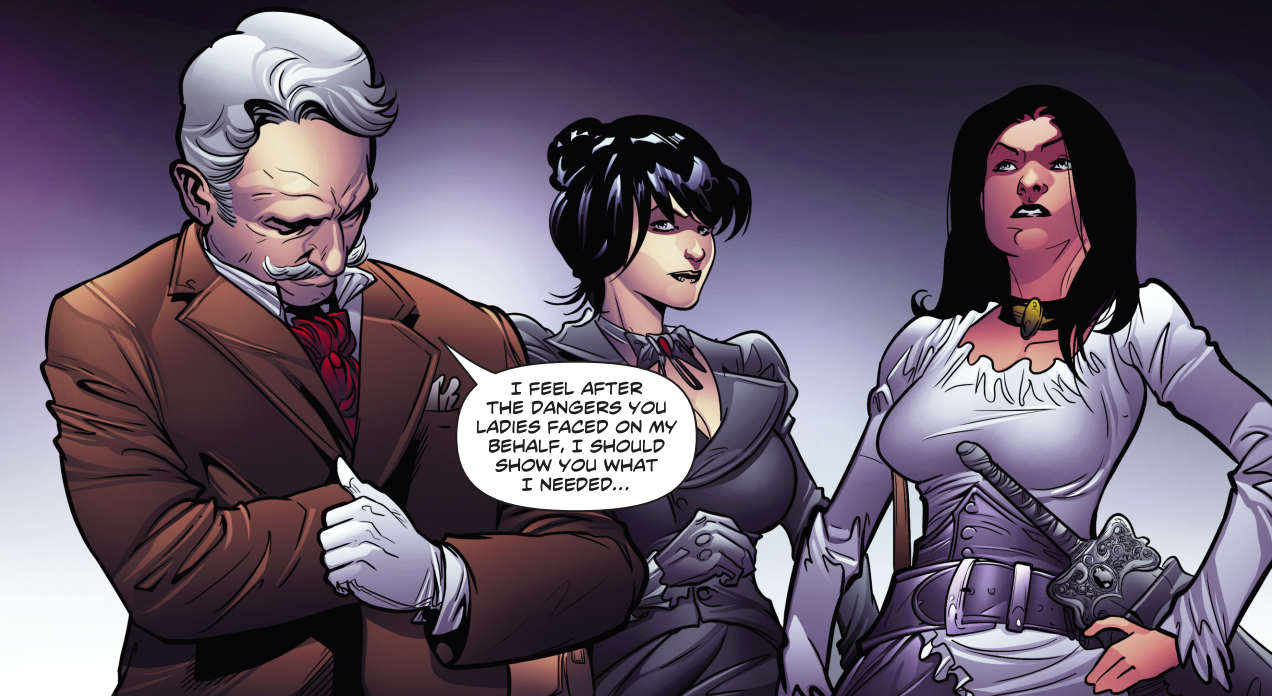
IT ATE HALF
OF LONDON IT
CAN'T POSSIBLY
BE SHY!



NO, SHE
CERTAINLY
ISN'T...



...BUT
THEY
ARE.



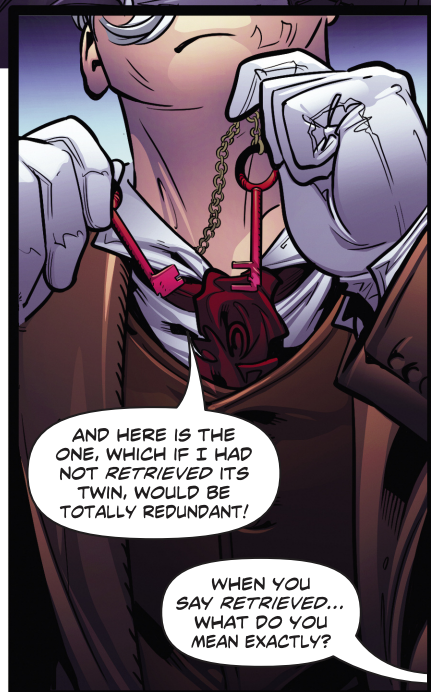
I FEEL AFTER THE DANGERS YOU LADIES FACED ON MY BEHALF, I SHOULD SHOW YOU WHAT I NEEDED...



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

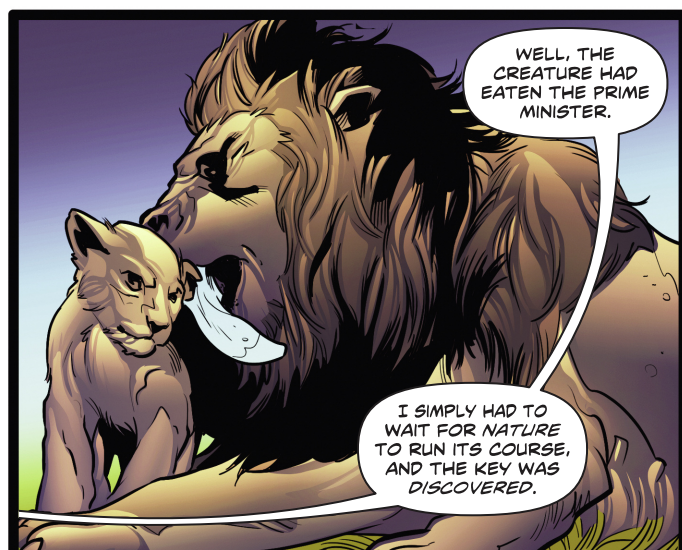


UNTIL RECENT EVENTS, IT HUNG AROUND THE NECK OF OUR LATE PRIME MINISTER.



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?

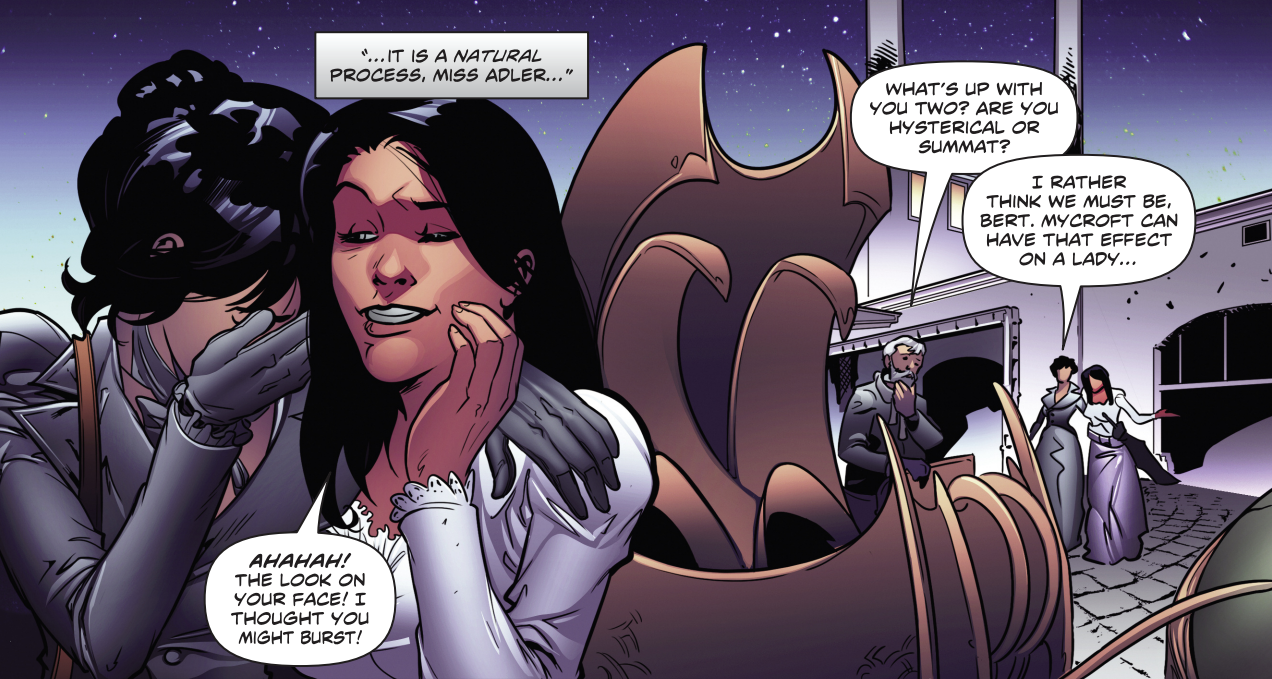


WELL, THE CREATURE HAD EATEN THE PRIME MINISTER.

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!

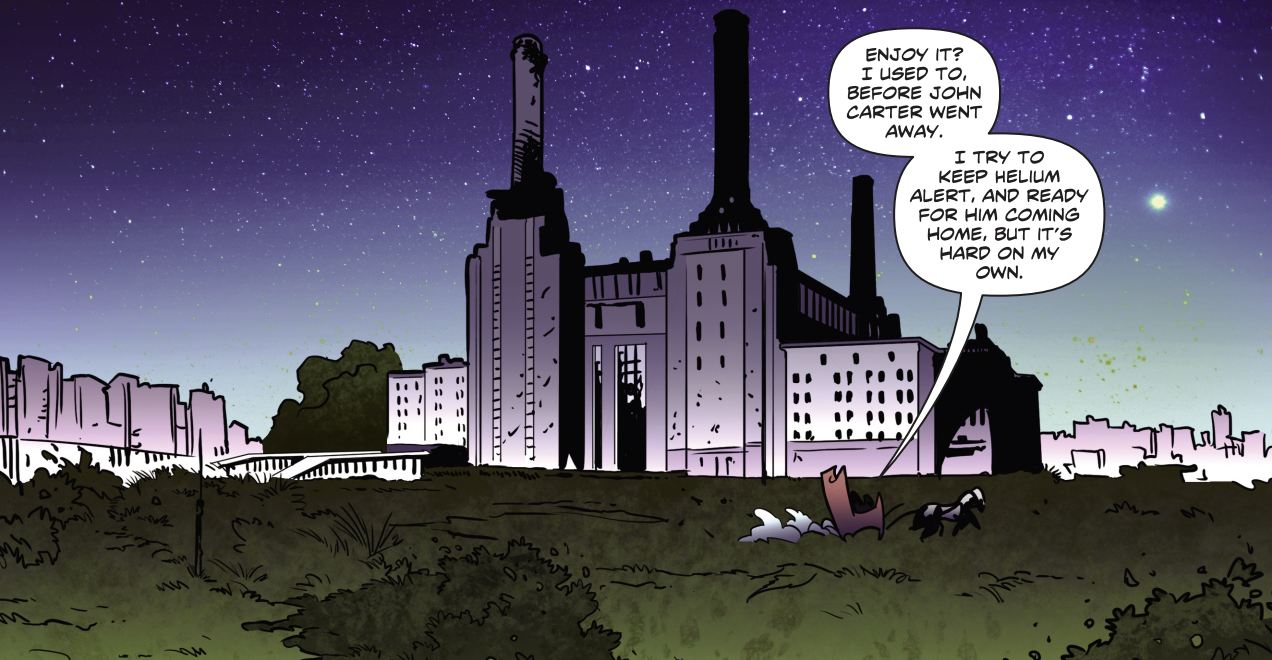


WELL I HAVE TO
SAY, THIS HAS BEEN
AN EDUCATION. FOR
A SWORD-WIELDING
MANIAC, YOU HAVE
A LOT OF FUN,
MISS ADLER.



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.

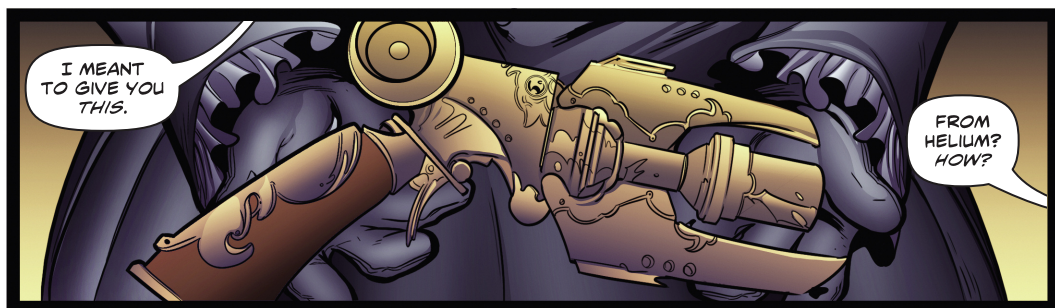


"SO, THIS
IS IT."



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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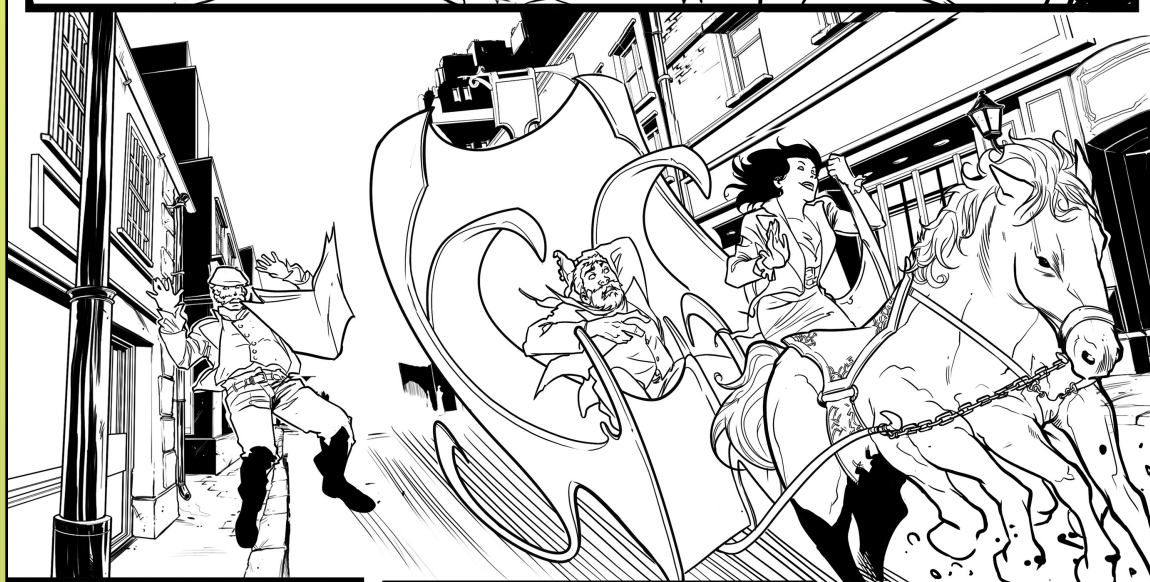
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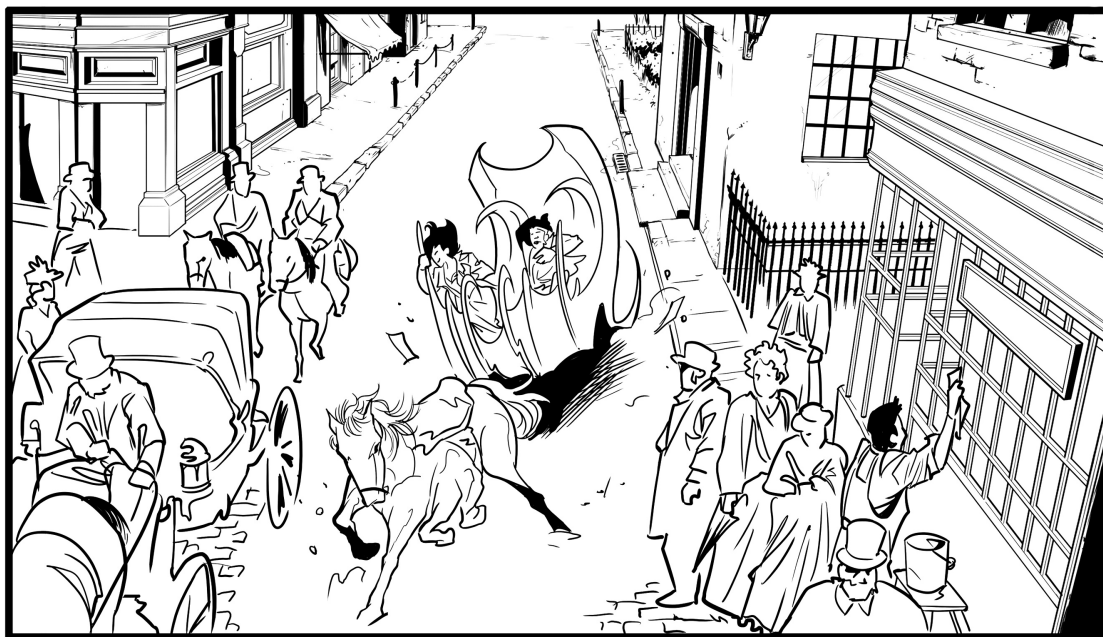
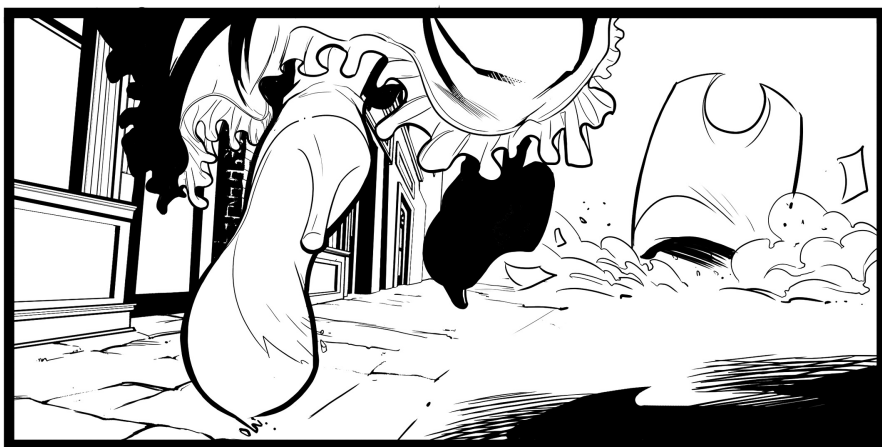
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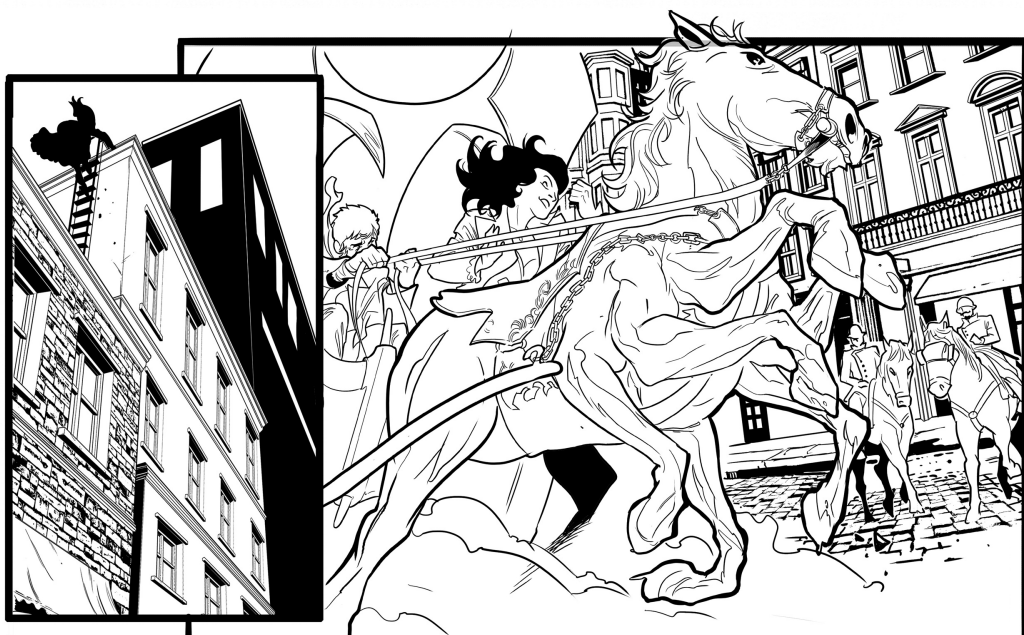
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