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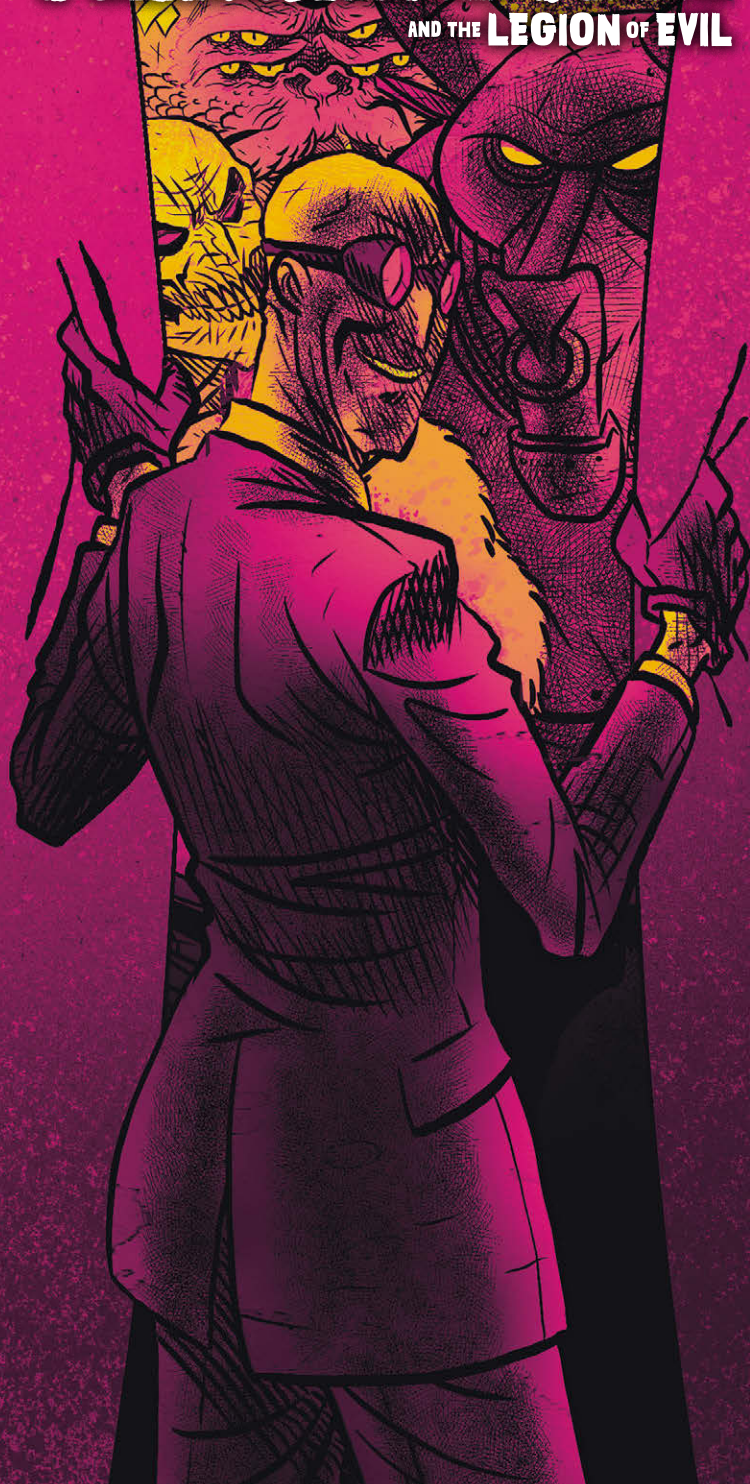




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**Global Planet reporter Lucy Weber is determined to find out what happened to her father: The Black Hammer!** All answers seem to lie in Spiral City's infamous asylum, where its most dangerous super-villains reside. As she searches for the truth, Lucy uncovers the dark origins of Black Hammer's greatest foes . . . Could they be connected to the mysterious disappearance of Spiral City's greatest heroes?

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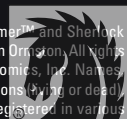
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**VILLAIN FILES:**

MY NAME IS LUCY WEBER.

☐ MANACONDA

TEN YEARS AGO MY FATHER DISAPPEARED.

☐ SHERLOCK FRANKENSTEIN

EVERYONE ELSE THINKS HE'S DEAD.

☐ METAL MINOT

BUT I KNOW HE'S NOT.

☐ CTHU-LOU

☐ BLACK STALLION

**PART ONE:**

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SHERLOCK FRANKENSTEIN?

I HAVE NO PROOF TO BACK THIS BELIEF UP.

NO FACTS TO HELP SUPPORT MY CLAIM THAT HE'S STILL OUT THERE SOMEWHERE.

AND I'M A JOURNALIST,  
SO I SHOULD KNOW BETTER.

YET I'VE DEDICATED MY LIFE  
TO FINDING HIM AND HIS FRIENDS.

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THIS BLIND FAITH MAY BE UNCONVENTIONAL,  
BUT THEN SO WAS MY FATHER..

MY DAD WAS BLACK HAMMER,  
CHAMPION OF SPIRAL CITY.

TEN YEARS AGO HE FOUGHT AGAINST A COSMIC  
ENTITY CALLED ANTI-GOD ALONG WITH THE CITY'S  
OTHER HEROES: GOLDEN GAIL, ABRAHAM SLAM,  
COLONEL WEIRD, AND MADAME DRAGONFLY.

THEY WON, BUT IN DEFEATING ANTI-GOD  
THEY ALL DISAPPEARED AND HAVEN'T  
BEEN SEEN OR HEARD FROM SINCE.

AND HERE I SIT,  
SURROUNDED BY THE  
SECRET EPHEMERA OF HIS  
LIFE, IN HIS HIDDEN BASE,  
THE HALL OF HAMMER,  
WITH NO CLUES AND  
NO LEADS.

SO IF I REALLY WANT  
TO FIND THEM,  
THERE'S ONLY ONE  
THING I CAN DO..





...I NEED TO GET TO WORK.



IF THERE AREN'T ANY CLUES, I NEED TO FIND SOME.

IF THERE AREN'T ANY LEADS, I NEED TO SEEK THEM OUT.

AND I WON'T STOP UNTIL I DO.

I MAY NOT HAVE A COSMICALLY POWERED HAMMER, BUT I DO HAVE ONE SUPERPOWER OF MY OWN.



I'M REALLY DAMN STUBBORN.

DOES THIS BUS GO ALL THE WAY WEST?

PAST THE BLUFFS?

YEP.

LAST STOP IS SPIRAL MANOR.

GREAT. THANKS.



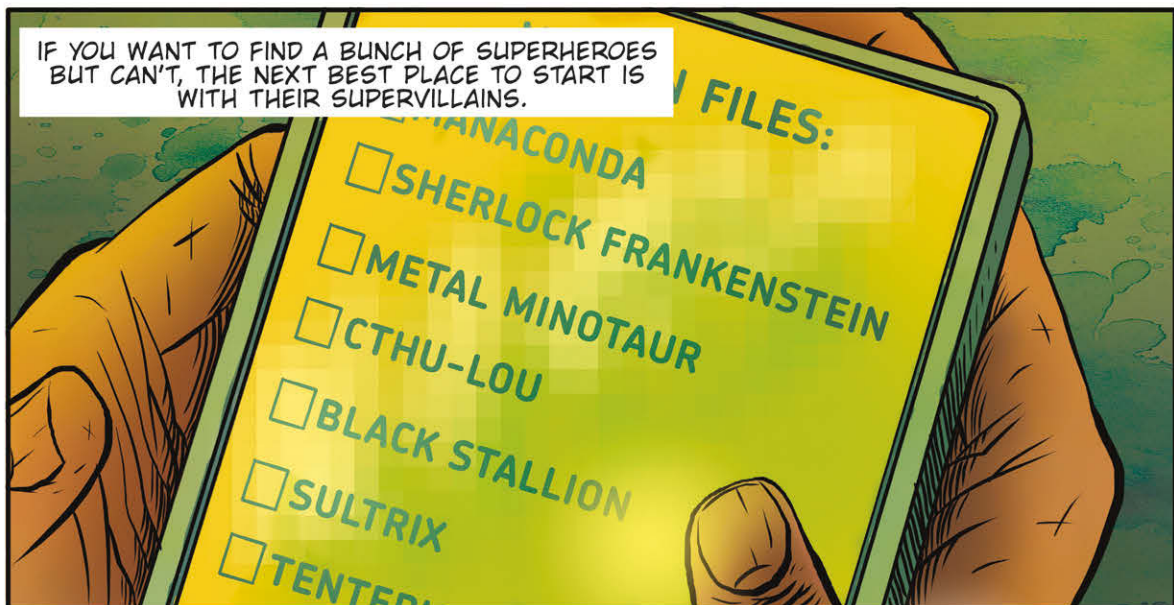




I'LL ADMIT, I WAS ALMOST READY TO GIVE UP A FEW WEEKS AGO.

I'D EXHAUSTED EVERY AVENUE LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.

THEN I FOUND MY DAD'S OLD HIDDEN HEADQUARTERS AND IT HIT ME...



IF YOU WANT TO FIND A BUNCH OF SUPERHEROES BUT CAN'T, THE NEXT BEST PLACE TO START IS WITH THEIR SUPERVILLAINS.

FILES:

☐ ANACONDA

☐ SHERLOCK FRANKENSTEIN

☐ METAL MINOTAUR

☐ CTHU-LOU

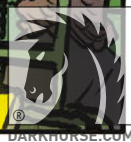
☐ BLACK STALLION

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AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO START WITH VILLAINS, THEN WHY NOT START WITH THE BIGGEST, BADDEST VILLAIN OF THEM ALL...



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...SHERLOCK FRANKENSTEIN...

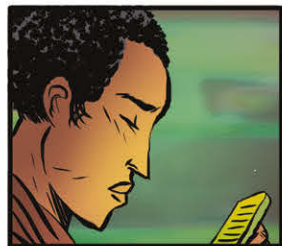
SCOURGE OF THE SUPERHEROES  
FOR AS LONG AS ANYONE  
CAN REMEMBER.

VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN  
ABOUT HIS ORIGINS,  
BUT THERE ARE REPORTS  
MATCHING HIS DESCRIPTION  
AND MO GOING WAAAAAY  
BACK TO THE FIRST HALF  
OF THE NINETEENTH  
CENTURY IN LONDON.

WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS ACTUALLY  
THE SAME MAN MAY SEEM  
DOUBTFUL,  
BUT THEN AGAIN, HE IS SOME SORT  
OF ZOMBIE, OR UNDEAD GHOUL, OR  
SOMETHING, SO...



WHAT WE DO KNOW IS  
THAT SHERLOCK WAS  
ATTACKING SPIRAL CITY  
AND ITS HEROES--  
ESPECIALLY GOLDEN GAIL  
AND THE GOLDEN FAMILY--  
AS FAR BACK AS THE  
NINETEEN FORTIES.



ONLY ONE PROBLEM.

NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE IS NOW.



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IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES HE WENT LEGIT.

OR AT LEAST ON PAPER HE DID.

HE STARTED FRANKENLOCK WORLDWIDE.

AND USED HIS GENIUS TO INVENT AND  
SUPPLY WEAPONS TO THE U.S.  
MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX  
FOR DECADES.

BUT IT WAS ALL A FRONT.



BEHIND THE SCENES HE WAS AS BAD  
AS EVER AND WENT UP AGAINST  
MY DAD AND THE OTHER HEROES  
A NUMBER OF TIMES RIGHT THROUGH  
THE EIGHTIES.

SAY WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT HIM, HE IS  
WITHOUT A DOUBT ONE OF THE  
SMARTEST MEN (IF YOU CAN STILL  
CALL HIM THAT) IN THE WORLD.

SO THERE'S NO BETTER  
PLACE TO START LOOKING  
FOR CLUES ABOUT WHERE  
MY DAD AND THE OTHER  
HEROES WENT THAN TO  
QUESTION SHERLOCK  
FRANKENSTEIN.



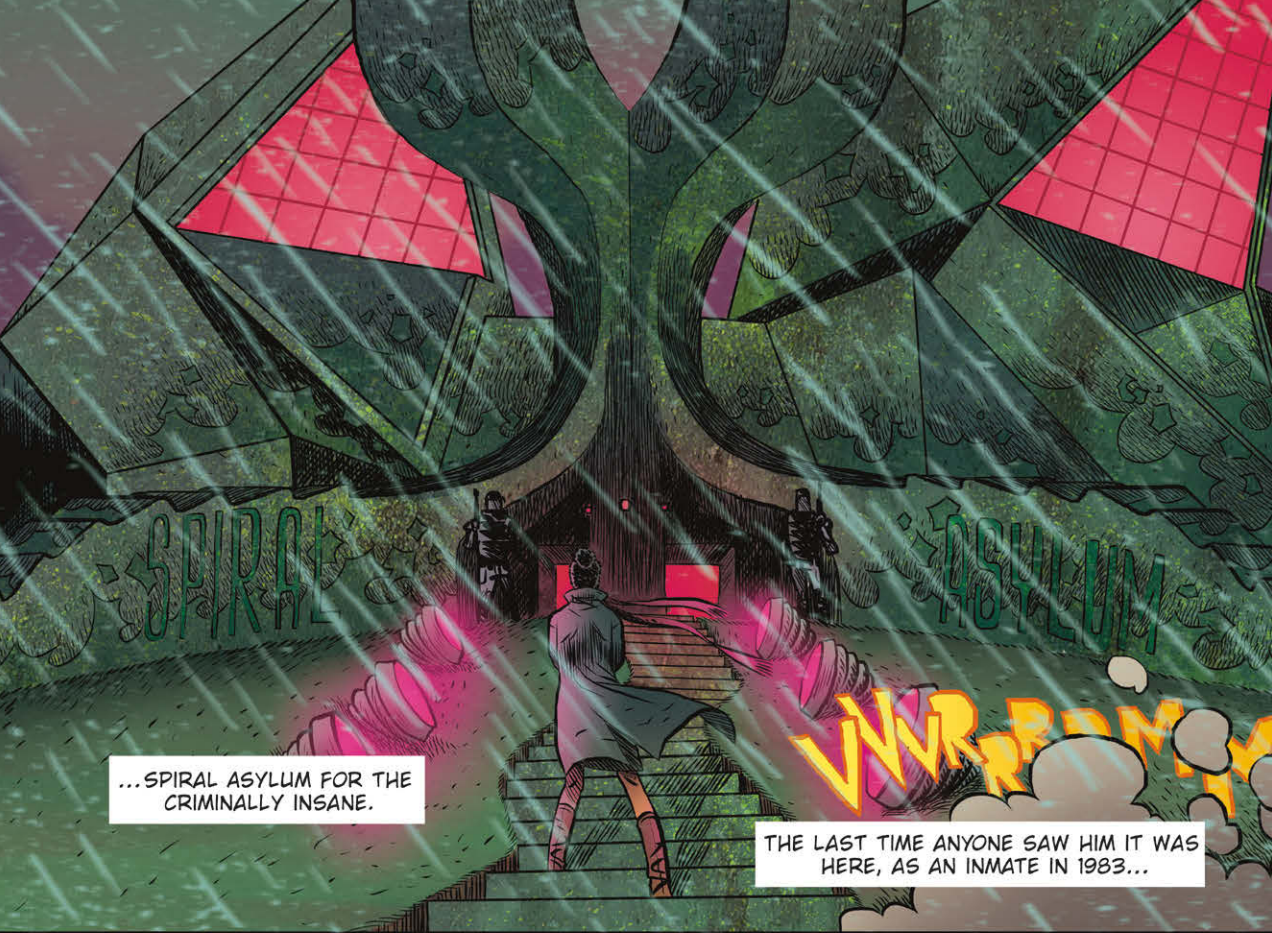
WHICH IS WHAT BRINGS ME HERE...

NO ONE HAS SEEN OR HEARD  
FROM SHERLOCK IN YEARS.



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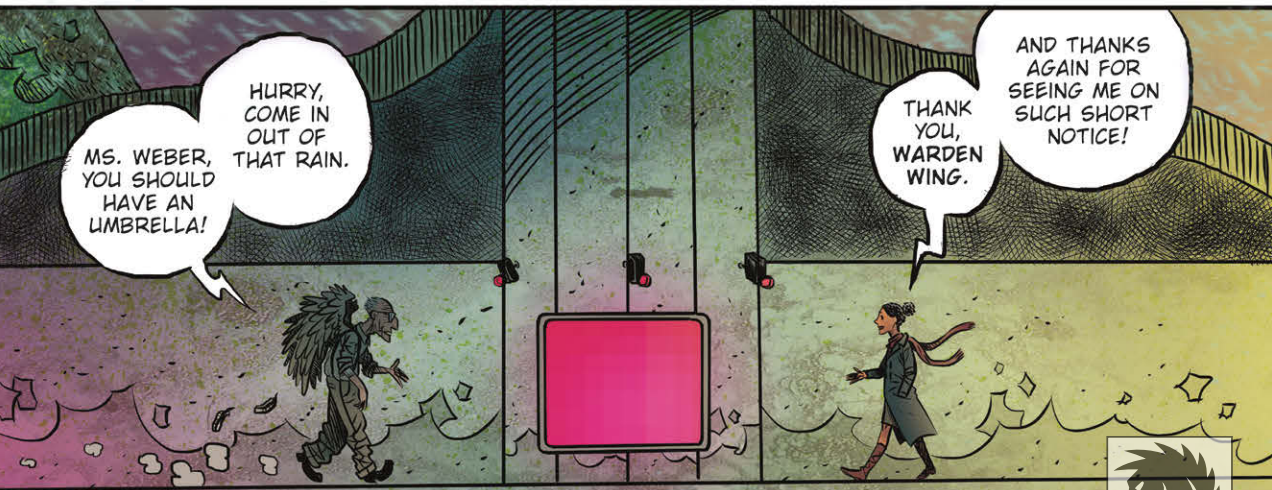


...SPIRAL ASYLUM FOR THE  
CRIMINALLY INSANE.

THE LAST TIME ANYONE SAW HIM IT WAS  
HERE, AS AN INMATE IN 1983...



SO THIS IS WHERE THE HUNT  
FOR SHERLOCK FRANKENSTEIN  
BEGINS.



MS. WEBER,  
YOU SHOULD  
HAVE AN  
UMBRELLA!

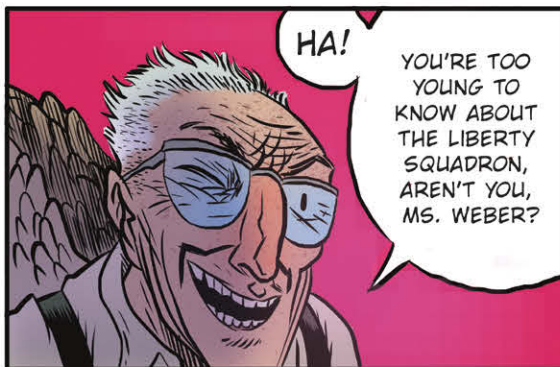
HURRY,  
COME IN  
OUT OF  
THAT RAIN.

THANK  
YOU,  
WARDEN  
WING.

AND THANKS  
AGAIN FOR  
SEEING ME ON  
SUCH SHORT  
NOTICE!



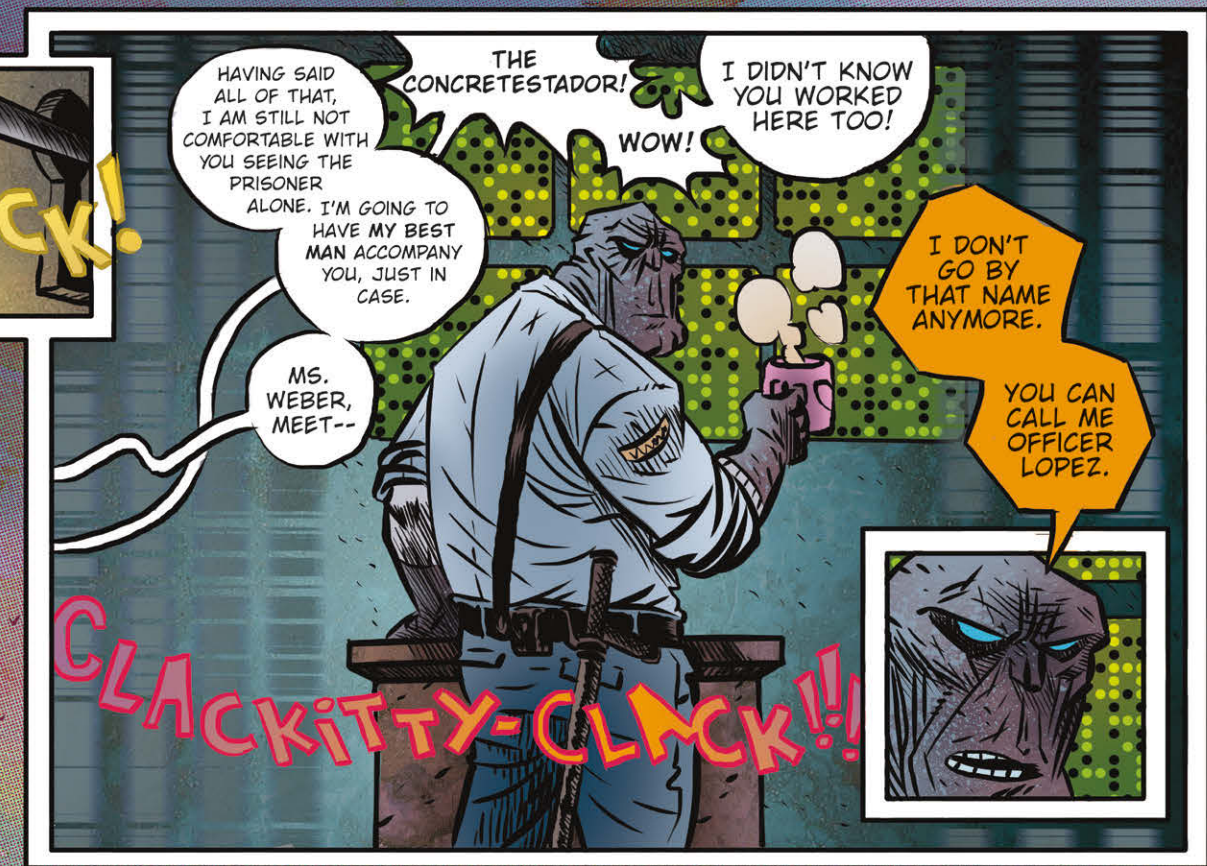




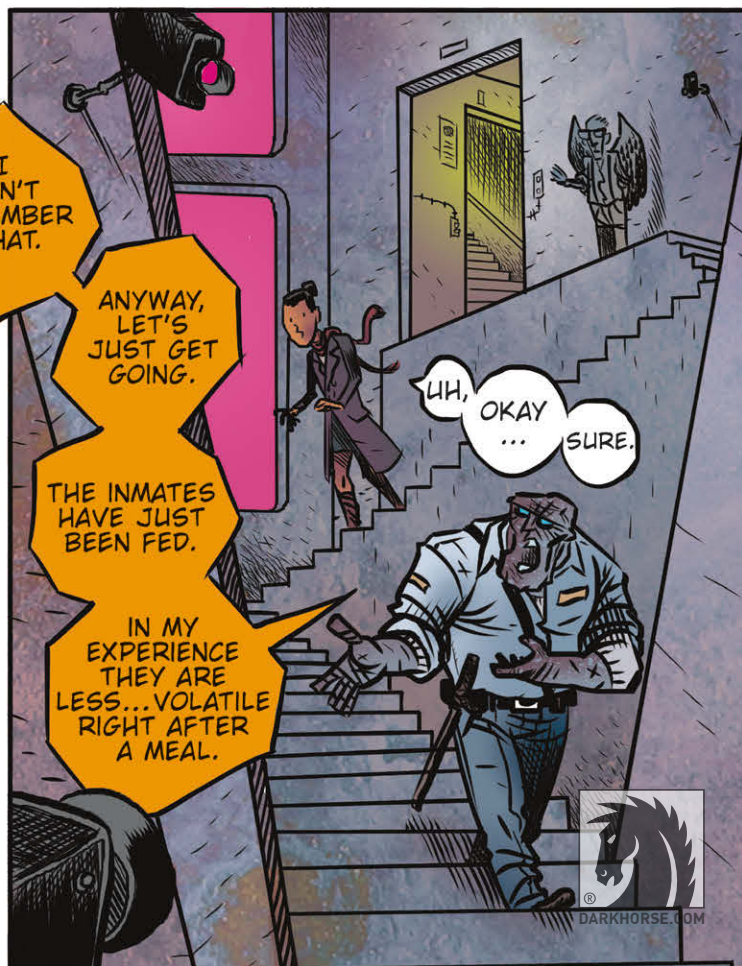









...IT WAS AT ONE OF ABRAHAM SLAM'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES, I THINK.



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MOST OF THE BAD GUYS RETIRED JUST LIKE US AFTER YOUR DAD AND THE OTHER HEROES DIED IN THE CATAclysm.



BUT THIS PLACE STILL HOLDS MOST OF THE ONES THAT ARE JUST TOO DANGEROUS TO BE ALLOWED TO ROAM FREE.



DISAPPEARED.

SHERLOCK FRANKENSTEIN EMPLOYED A LOT OF FLUNKIES OVER THE YEARS.




HE DIDN'T ALWAYS DO HIS DIRTY WORK HIMSELF.



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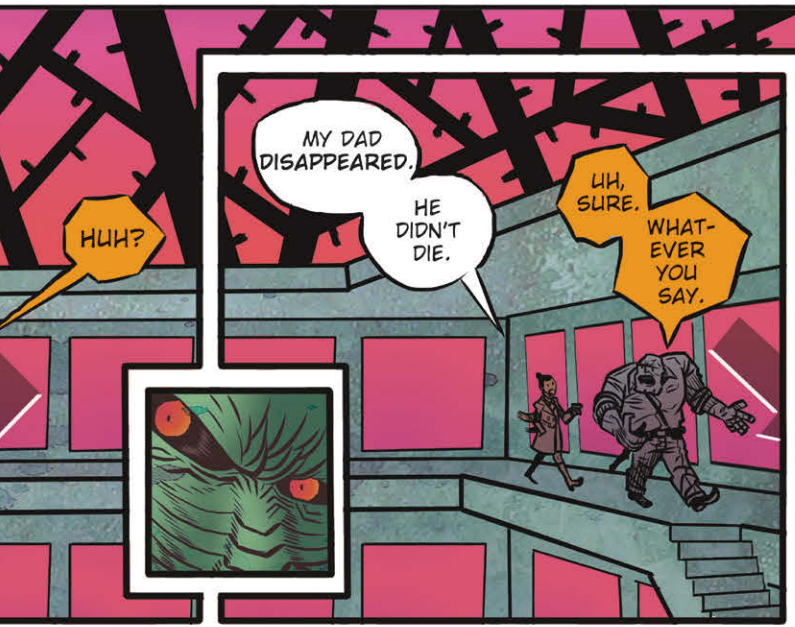
I'LL BE OKAY.

...OFFICER LOPEZ.

THANKS, CONCR--  
UH...









...EUGENE TREMBLAY, AKA MECTOPLASM.

BEING A SUPERHERO'S DAUGHTER  
YOU SEE A LOT OF WEIRD STUFF,  
BUT EVEN SO IT TAKES EVERY BIT  
OF WILLPOWER I HAVE NOT TO  
PEE MYSELF.

H--HELLO,  
EUGENE.

WHAT DO  
YOU WANT?

EASY, LUCE...EASY.

JUST DO YOUR JOB.

I CAME  
TO ASK  
YOU SOME  
QUESTIONS.

WOULD--  
WOULD THAT  
BE ALL  
RIGHT?







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I GUESS SO.

DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY THOUGH.

BUT HE DOES.

I KNOW HE DOES.



MY DAD ALONE FOUGHT MECTOPLASM AT LEAST THREE TIMES.

HE ALSO WENT UP AGAINST MADAME DRAGONFLY AND ABRAHAM SLAM ON SEVERAL SEPARATE OCCASIONS.

BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE.



NEED TO FOCUS.

I ACTUALLY WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT SHERLOCK FRANKENSTEIN.

HE-- HE MADE YOU, RIGHT?



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SHEER-LOCK?!!

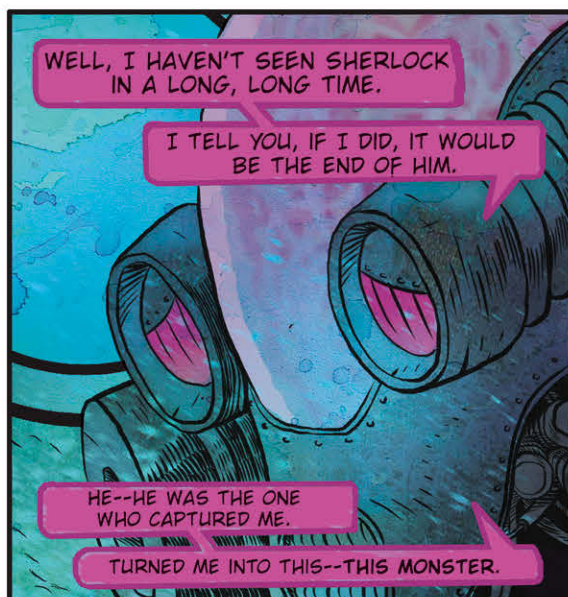
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HOW DARE YOU TALK TO ME ABOUT HIM!!



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I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT WHO I WAS.

I KNOW I WASN'T VERY OLD.

I REMEMBER BEING A KID.

PLAYING.

I REMEMBER MY  
MOM AND DAD.

THEN THERE WAS SOME  
KIND OF ACCIDENT.

I REMEMBER THAT IT  
HURT REAL BAD...

...JUST DARK.

...AND THEN IT  
WAS DARK.

THEN THERE WAS LIGHT  
AND MORE PAIN.

LOTS MORE PAIN.

AND I WOKE UP IN THIS CAGE.

AND SHERLOCK  
FRANKENSTEIN WAS THERE.

HE'S THE ONE WHO DID IT.

PULLED ME FROM  
THE DARKNESS.

TRAPPED ME IN  
THIS METAL BODY.

YOU--  
YOU WERE  
JUST A CHILD  
WHEN YOU  
DIED!

JUST  
A BOY!

DON'T KNOW.

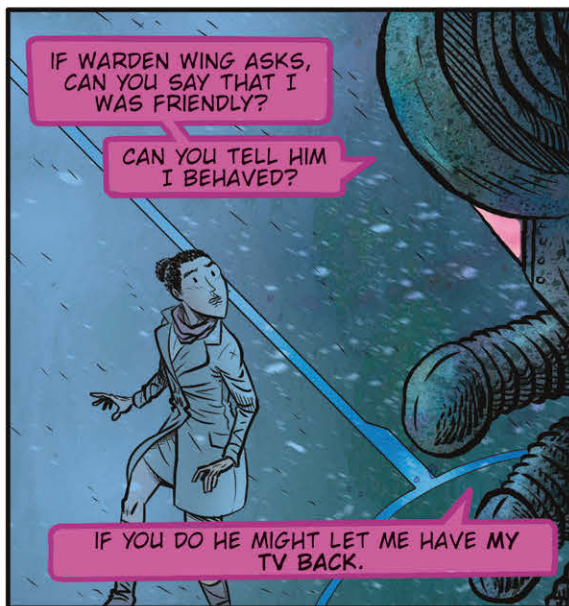
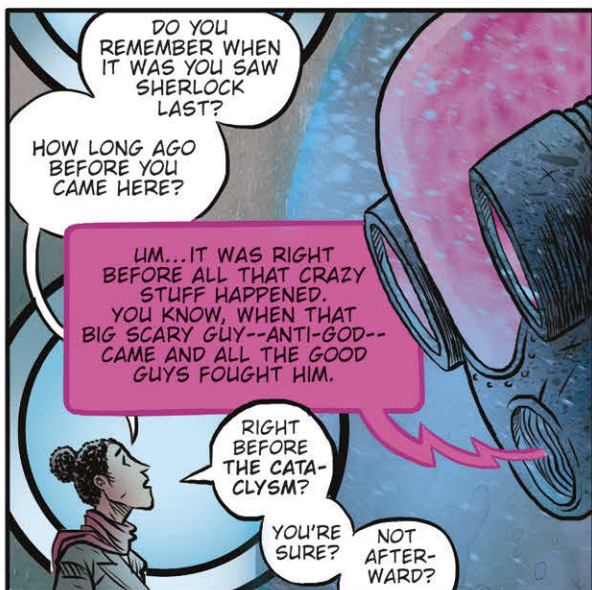
I THINK SO.

LIKE I SAID, I DON'T  
REMEMBER MUCH.

BUT AFTER HE  
BROUGHT ME BACK  
AND TRAPPED ME IN  
THIS BODY, SHERLOCK  
MADE ME DO LOTS  
OF BAD STUFF.

BUT I LEARNED HOW  
TO RESIST HIM AND  
I RAN AWAY. HE  
TRIED TO CONVINCE  
ME TO JOIN HIM  
AGAIN A FEW  
TIMES. BUT--

















"...EVERYONE WAS SO BUSY WORRYING ABOUT ANTI-GOD THAT MY BOYS AND I DECIDED TO HAVE US A LITTLE PARTY.

"BUT THEN EVERYTHING STARTED SHAKING.



"WE THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS ENDING AT FIRST, UNTIL I LOOKED UP AND SAW HIM...





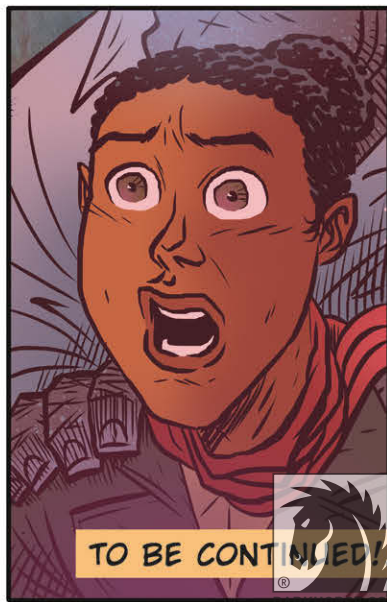


"SHERLOCK FRANKENSTEIN!"

"THE CRAZY OLD  
BASTARD WAS HEADED  
RIGHT TOWARD IT."









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Lou Kamiski was just a regular ol' Spiral City plumber . . . until he was plunged into the horrific world of the great Old Ones and became Cthu-Lou! Witness how a mild-mannered handy man became not only the emissary for a cosmic god, but also one of the Black Hammer's most feared opponents.



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