

Darqueshire Woods. Seventh day of August, 1879.

I AM ALONE.

IN ALL THE WORLD, I AM UNIQUE.

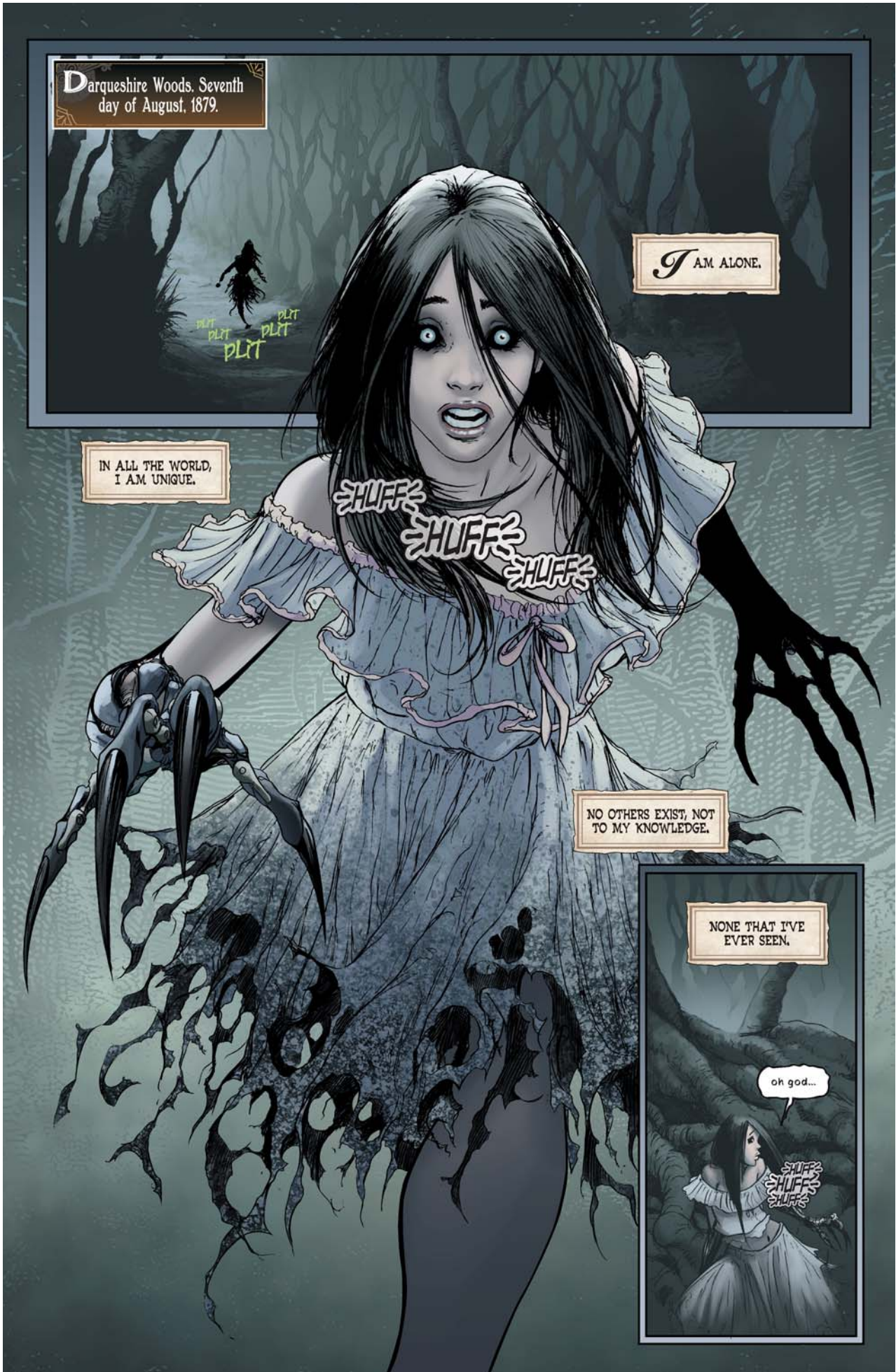
SHUFF SHUFF SHUFF

NO OTHERS EXIST, NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

NONE THAT I'VE EVER SEEN.

oh god...

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PART HUMAN.

PART MACHINE.

FLESH AND METAL
FUSED IN AN
INCOMPREHENSIBLE
MANNER.



AHHRRRGH!

LEAVE ME...

N/NN... WHAT
HAVE THEY DONE
TO ME?



OH NO, PLEASE
NOO... NOOO...

RESTRAIN
HER, **GOD**
DAMN IT!



WE'RE TRYING!!!
THESE @\$\$ING
LECTRODS HAVE
LITTLE EFFECT!

WE NEED
HER ALIVE!

HOW WAS
IT DONE?

BY WHOM, AND FOR
WHAT PURPOSE?



I WILL FIND THE ANSWERS.

LINGH!

SHUNKT

h-help I'm-I'm dying...

...ALONE!!!

SHAAAANKT

CLKCLK
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HUUNGH!

@\$\$ IT! USE YOUR PISTOLS! A BULLET WON'T KILL THAT THING!

I MUST FIND THE ANSWERS.



KFF
KFF
KFF

UNGH!

SIR! SHE'S TOO CLOSE TO THE EDGE!



HELL!

IS SHE DEAD?

I DON'T... WAIT.

WHATEVER IT TAKES, WHATEVER THE COST.



I WILL DISCOVER WHO I AM.

SHE'S STILL MOVING!



SHE'S ALIVE!



FIELD OFFICER HOLLISTER! YOU ALLOWED HER TO ESCAPE!

COMMANDER WINTER!



MY DEEPEST APOLOG-~~UAGH!!~~

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THMPK



IMBECILE!



TROOPER HARRIS!

YES, COMMANDER!

SECURE A LINE TO THE HELIO-ARX. I NEED TO REPORT THIS INCIDENT IMMEDIATELY.

RIGHT AWAY, COMMANDER!

TROOPER ANDERS, YOU ARE IN CHARGE NOW. PREPARE YOUR MEN FOR AN EXCURSION INTO THE CITY.

THE TRAIN WILL CARRY THE SUBJECT STRAIGHT INTO THE HEART OF...

...Mechanika.

"OH, PAPA! IT'S MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I EVER IMAGINED."

"YES, ALLIE. ISN'T IT A MARVEL? THE MOST ADVANCED CITY IN THE ENTIRE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH!"



"DID YOU KNOW YOUR GRANDPA LITTLETON HAD A HAND IN BUILDING MECHANIKA?"

"REALLY? GRANDPAPA?"



"AN OVERHEAD MONORAIL CONNECTING ALL SECTIONS OF THE CITY."



"AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE UNIVERSITY. A GREAT CENTER FOR ALL LEARNING AND INVENTION!"



UNGH...



"ACTUALLY, PAPA, IT'S THE MOST ADVANCED CITY IN THE WHOLE WORLD!"

"HAI YES, OF COURSE, YOU ARE CORRECT."

CHUNK
CHUNK
CHUNK



"OH, YES. HE WAS PART OF THE COLLECTIVE, A GROUP OF THE GREATEST MINDS ON EARTH, WHO SET OUT TO CREATE THE GRANDEST CITY THE WORLD HAD EVER SEEN."

"BUILDINGS DOZENS OF STORIES TALL, WITH STEAM POWERED LIFTS TO TAKE YOU BETWEEN FLOORS."



"TRULY, IT'S AMAZING TO THINK ALL THIS CAME TO BE ONLY TWENTY YEARS AGO!"



UNGFI!

THUMP



YOUNG MISS? ARE YOU IN NEED OF SOME ASSISTANCE?



DEAR GOD!!!



"I CAN STILL RECALL WHEN THIS WAS NOTHING BUT GRASS AND MARSHLANDS AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE."

help... me...

ASSISTANCE! DOCTOR! IS THERE A DOCTOR HERE?!?



PAPA?
YES, I HEAR HIM.

STAY HERE AND WATCH OUR BAGS.
YES, FATHER. I SHALL GUARD THEM WITH MY LIFE.
WELL, NO NEED FOR SUCH EXTREMES. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
DOCTOR! IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THIS STATION?!?

I'M DR. CHARLES LITTLETON. HOW MAY I BE OF ASSISTANCE?
THE YOUNG LADY THERE...
WOULD YOU MIND HOLDING MY HAT?
NOT AT ALL, DOCTOR.
HER ARMS... IS THAT... IS THAT METAL?
MECHANIKA! IT'S THE LADY MECHANIKA!



EVERYBODY STAND ASIDE!
WELL, DOCTOR? CAN YOU DETERMINE WHAT AILS HER?



SHE'S... SHE'S DEAD.