

"Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it."
- Learned Hand



THIS GUY NEVER LEARNS! SIXTEEN YEARS ON THIS BOAT, YOU THINK HE WOULD LEARN HOW TO PLAY A HAND! IT'S SAD.

JUST SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND DEAL. GOT ME SOMETHING TO PROVE THIS TIME AROUND.

ROOKIE, TRUST ME ON THIS ONE, DO NOT FOLLOW IN THIS POOR SOUL'S FOOTSTEPS. HE'S THE ONLY MAN ON THIS SHIP WHO LOSES MORE THAN HE MAKES WORKING ALL DAY.

ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY THAT WE'RE NOT WATCHING THE CARGO? THE CAPTAIN SAID THIS IS--

"THE CAPTAIN SAID" THE CAPTAIN HASN'T VENTURED DOWN TO THE GUTS OF THIS BOAT SINCE I CAN REMEMBER.

OOOOH YEAH. YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU.

BESIDES, ANY PIRATES FEEL LIKE TRYING TO BOARD US, ONE LOOK AT JACK'LL TELL THEM THEY HAPPENED UPON THE WRONG CREW.

AIN'T A SINGLE BANDIT IN THIS CITY OR ANY OTHER THAT'D STAND UP TO THAT MOTHER--

THOOOOM
UHMMM, WHAT WAS THAT?



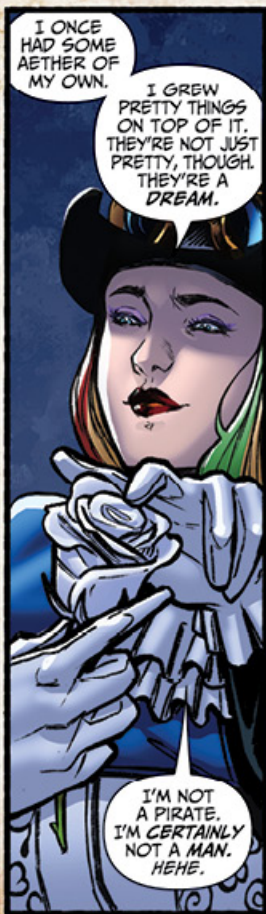


IS THERE A PROBLEM, SIR?



WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE ON THIS BOAT? YOU A PIRATE?

ONE OF SCARLET'S MEN?



I ONCE HAD SOME AETHER OF MY OWN.

I GREW PRETTY THINGS ON TOP OF IT. THEY'RE NOT JUST PRETTY, THOUGH. THEY'RE A DREAM.

I'M NOT A PIRATE. I'M CERTAINLY NOT A MAN. HEHE.



YOU'RE COMING WITH ME--

OH, NO. I'M AFRAID I CAN'T FOLLOW YOU WHERE YOU'RE GOING, SIR.

