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I'M NOT WHAT THEY EXPECTED TO SEE. LEGENDS HAVE DISTORTED THEIR IMAGE OF WHAT I AM.

EVEN I DO NOT HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT SEEMINGLY INNOCUOUS QUESTION.

COME ONE! COME ALL! HURRY! HURRY! RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS AND THRILLS AWAIT!

STENGER'S FUNLAND CIRCUS & CARNIVAL

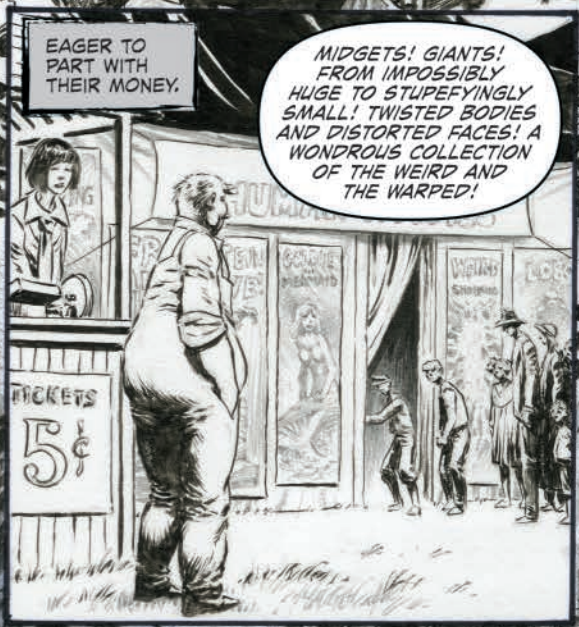
AND THIS, I AM CERTAIN, IS NOT WHERE THEY EXPECTED TO FIND ME. MOST HAVE LONG SINCE ABANDONED ME TO THEIR NIGHTMARES.

THE SOARING SEVERINS! LUNA AND HER WALTZING STALLIONS! AND DON'T MISS THE SIDESHOW!



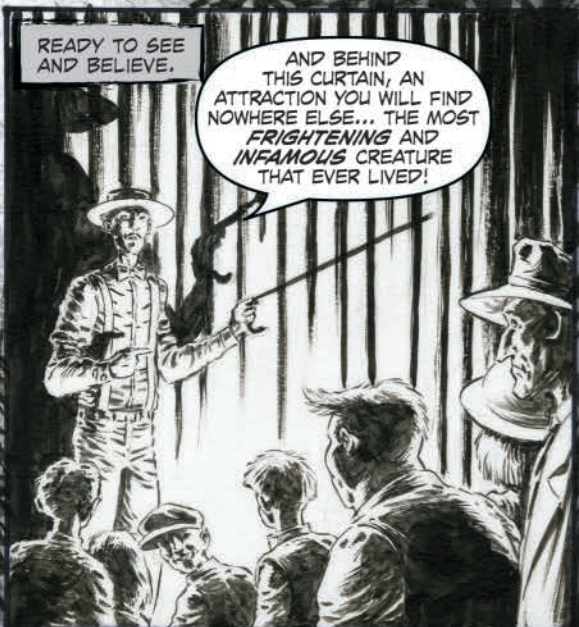
THEY COME EXCITED AND CURIOUS.

THE MOST ASTOUNDING ASSEMBLAGE OF FREAKS AND MONSTROSITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD! JUST ONE THIN DIME TO SEE THE WONDERS!



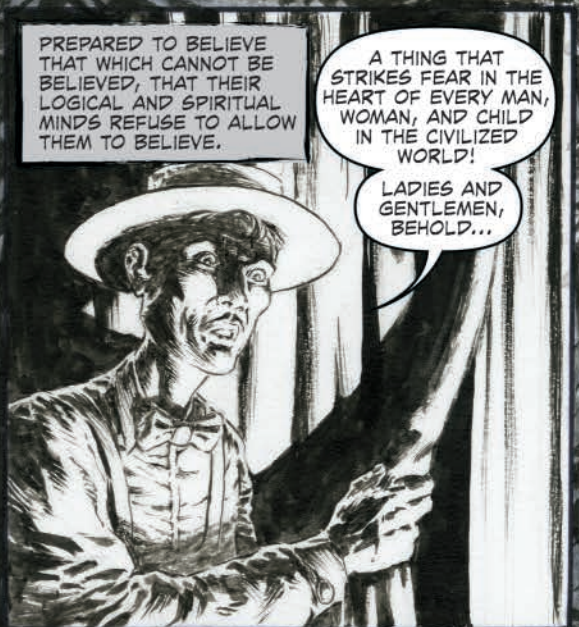
EAGER TO PART WITH THEIR MONEY.

MIDGETS! GIANTS! FROM IMPOSSIBLY HUGE TO STUPEFYINGLY SMALL! TWISTED BODIES AND DISTORTED FACES! A WONDROUS COLLECTION OF THE WEIRD AND THE WARPED!



READY TO SEE AND BELIEVE.

AND BEHIND THIS CURTAIN, AN ATTRACTION YOU WILL FIND NOWHERE ELSE... THE MOST FRIGHTENING AND INFAMOUS CREATURE THAT EVER LIVED!



PREPARED TO BELIEVE THAT WHICH CANNOT BE BELIEVED, THAT THEIR LOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL MINDS REFUSE TO ALLOW THEM TO BELIEVE.

A THING THAT STRIKES FEAR IN THE HEART OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD IN THE CIVILIZED WORLD!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BEHOLD...



THE FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER!

ALL I HAVE TO
DO IS SHOW UP...

...AND WAIT FOR THE
STUNNED SILENCE.

THE HORROR IN THE
ROOM IS TANGIBLE.
ANYTHING COULD
HAPPEN.

IT IS THE MOMENT I
MOST FEAR AND MOST
ANTICIPATE. IT FEELS
LIKE LIFE, HOWEVER
FLEETING.



THEN, THE COLLECTIVE GASP... SOMETIMES A SCREAM OR TWO. THE ENERGY GOES SCATTERSHOT.

HOLY GOD! WHAT THE — ?!



THAT AIN'T FRANKENSTEIN! HE'S 'SPOSED TO HAVE A FLAT HEAD!

YEAH! WHERE THE HECK'S HIS BOLTS?

WHAT A GYP!

I'M GETTING MY MONEY BACK!




I AM NEVER WHAT THEY EXPECT.

SPLAT

...SO I HAVE ALSO LEARNED IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO GIVE THEM WHAT THEY EXPECT.





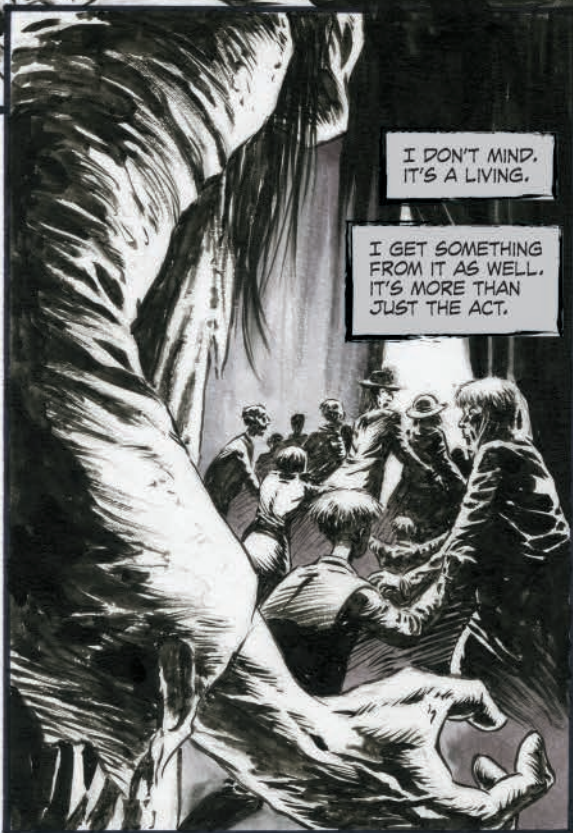
GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT.

RRRAAAAAARGHH

A MONSTER.



I DON'T MIND.
IT'S A LIVING.



I GET SOMETHING
FROM IT AS WELL.
IT'S MORE THAN
JUST THE ACT.

IT'S A
LIFE.