





EVERYTHING A'RIGHT?

UH...FINE, HAMNER. EVERYTHING IS FINE.

WE'RE GETTIN' AN EARLY START TODAY. I WANT STEAM'S BELLY VOLCANIC IN SIXTY MINUTES.

SIR, YES SIR!



DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.


JOHN FEATHER IS MERELY A REFLECTION FOR CAPTAIN BEADLE'S INSECURITIES.




OH, LORD, TAKE ME NOW. I BEG THEE.



I KNOW IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE DAYLIGHT ON OUR SIDE...




BUT EVEN DURING THE DAY, THE DARK RIDER HAS PROTECTION.




WE'RE CLOSER NOW THAN WE'VE EVER BEEN.


IT'S OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE WE HAVE EVERY ADVANTAGE AVAILABLE TO US ON THIS DAY.




BUT I FIND IT'S BEST NOT TO THINK ABOUT ANY OF THAT.



IT'S BEST JUST TO PUSH ON, TAKE IT AS IT COMES...



...AND PLAY IT AS IT LIES.



IN OTHER WORDS...

LET'S GO  
KILL THAT  
MONKEY.



...NO...

...STAY AWAY...

...I SAID...

GET AWAY!

**CHAPTER TWO:  
THE DARK  
RIDER'S TALE**



