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**BLACKPOOL**  
ARMAMENTS AND  
INNOVATIONS,  
MECHANIKA CITY  
HEADQUARTERS.

THAT WAS FAST.

LORD BLACKPOOL  
WAS UNAVAILABLE, BUT I  
WAS WELCOME TO REQUEST  
AN APPOINTMENT FOR  
NEXT WEEK.

APPARENTLY, IT'S  
MORE IMPORTANT FOR  
LORD BLACKPOOL TO  
ATTEND THE OPERA  
THAN ASSIST THE POLICE  
IN A MISSING PERSON  
INVESTIGATION.

OPERA?

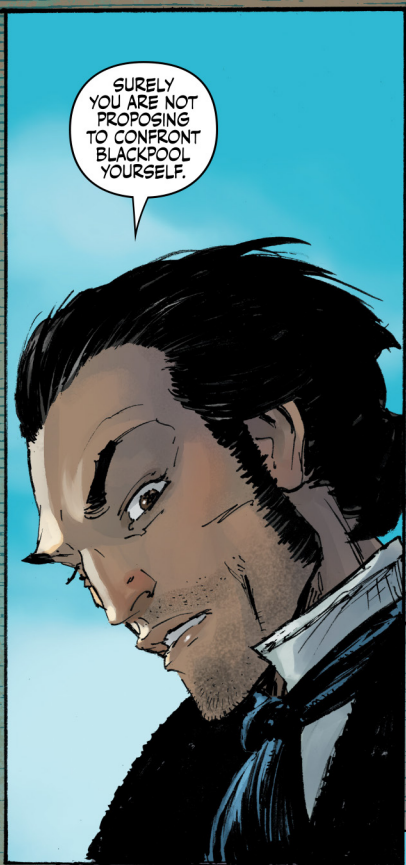
I OVERHEARD  
SOME ASSISTANTS AS  
THEY WERE RUSHING  
TO ENSURE HIS  
ACCOMMODATIONS  
WERE PROPERLY  
PREPARED.

MAYBE I  
CAN CATCH HIM  
ON HIS WAY  
HOME.

HMMM...VERDI  
HAS ALWAYS BEEN A  
LITTLE DOUR FOR MY  
TASTE, BUT THEY SAY  
THIS PRODUCTION IS  
WONDERFUL. PERHAPS  
I SHOULD GIVE IT  
A TRY.

THE  
EVENT  
OF THE  
YEAR

GIUSEPPE VERDI  
CITY OPERA  
GOLETT



SURELY YOU ARE NOT PROPOSING TO CONFRONT BLACKPOOL YOURSELF.



I AM SIMPLY THINKING OF TAKING IN A SHOW. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT SUPPORTER OF THE ARTS.



IN THAT CASE, I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.



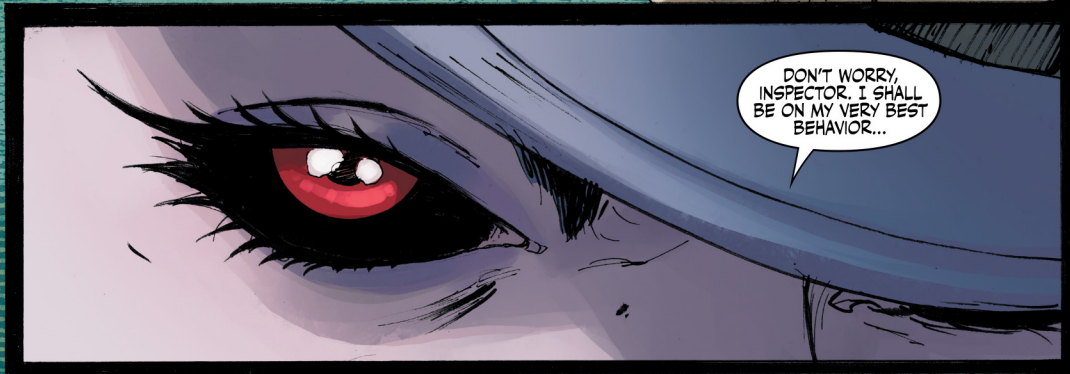
IT... MAY BE BEST IF I'M NOT ACCOMPANIED BY AN AGENT OF THE LAW.

MECHANIKA...

YES, DETECTIVE INSPECTOR?

VERY WELL, I'LL HEAD BACK TO THE STATION AND SEE WHAT INFORMATION I CAN FIND ON THIS WORLD OF WHIMZIES.

TRY NOT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD REQUIRE ME TO HAUL YOU INTO CUSTODY.



DON'T WORRY, INSPECTOR. I SHALL BE ON MY VERY BEST BEHAVIOR...

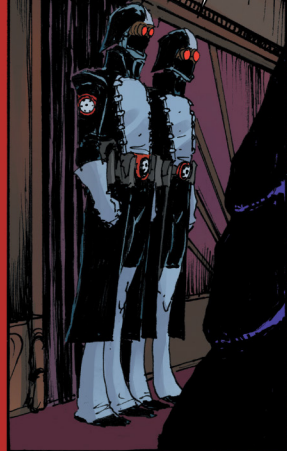


MECHANIKA CITY OPERA HOUSE

♪ QUESTA O' QUELLA... ♪

IS THERE ANYTHIN' MORE BLOODY BORIN' THAN THE OPERA?

I KINDA LIKE IT, MATE. FIND IT RATHER SOOTH--



PARDON ME GENTLEMEN.

I SEEM TO HAVE LOST MY WAY. MIGHT YOU BE SO KIND AS TO ASSIST ME?

MOST OBLIGED.



LORD BLACKPOOL.

IT HAS BEEN FAR TOO LONG SINCE OUR LAST ENCOUNTER.

♪ NON VIVA AMOR... ♪



MECHANIKA!

TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS RATHER DUBIOUS HONOR?

