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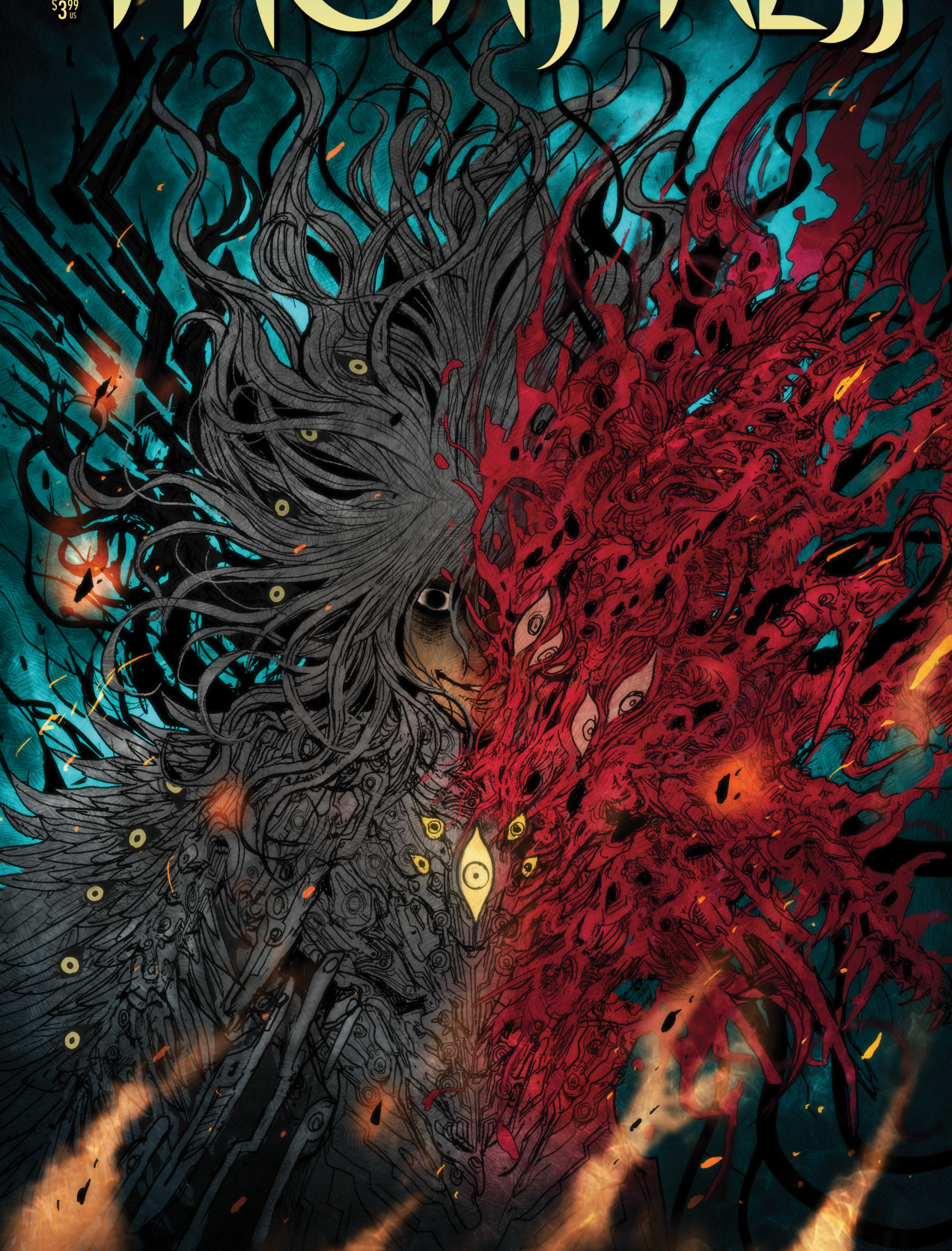
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# MONSTRESS



"Every leader will tell you the same damn thing:

*No army should recruit children to fill its ranks.*

Very moral and high-minded - civilians love to hear those words. So do politicians.

But the rest of us who fight, who live on the battlefield? We know the killing-trade doesn't care about your age, or protecting innocence. War demands bodies. Any body, so long as it can hold a weapon.

You don't like that? You think it's cruel?

Well, when you send your child to the factory to earn a few pennies, and they lose fingers to the machine - ask *yourself*, who is cruel? And when your neighbor beats her child every night and no one stops her - who is cruel, then?

Every day children starve, children are abused, children are murdered, children are tossed away like garbage. All the time, every hour, children die when they could have lived.

So don't tell me children shouldn't be soldiers. Not when they're already fighting for their lives under the caring eyes of the *moral and high-minded.*"

- An excerpt from an interview with an anonymous Arcanic soldier, archived with [The Claw Unsheathed: A Treatise on Secret Wars](#) by The Committee of the Thirty



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YOU'LL NEED TO CHECK THIS PANEL'S ALIGNMENT EVERY FEW MONTHS.

CONSTANT MOVEMENT CAUSES TENSION, AND EVEN THE SLIGHTEST DEVIATION COULD --

≠UNGH!≠

FATHER, WHAT IS IT?

NOTHING, DAUGHTER.

I LOST TRACK OF TIME, THAT'S ALL.

RUMBLE  
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THERE'S AN URGENT MATTER I MUST SEE TO.

BUT, MY ARMS --

-- I'LL FINISH THE ADJUSTMENT TOMORROW.

≠SIGH≠

