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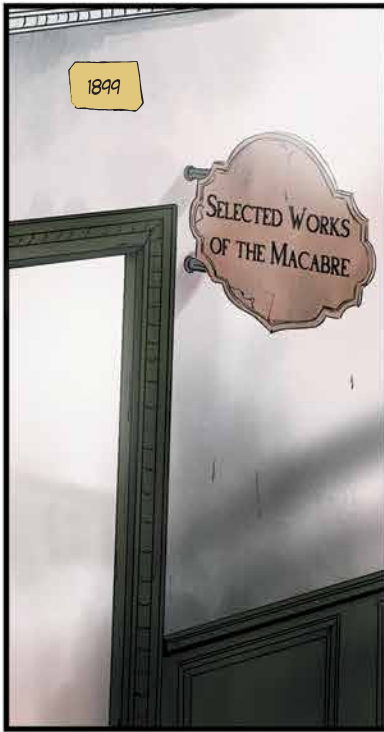
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I AVENGE  
YE, EDWARD  
DERBY!









MASTER DERBY!

CHRIST, I SWEAR SHE HAS X-RAY VISION. WELL, THERE GOES MY FUN FOR THE DAY.



WELL, LOOK, HERE'S MY CARD. IF YOU EVER GET AWAY, I'D BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THE ARTWORK WITH YOU.



MUCH OBLIGED. I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU. SEE WHAT YOU THINK.



IT'S A BOOK OF MY POEMS. NOT GREAT, BUT I'D BE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT YOU THINK.

OF COURSE.



I HOPE HE WASN'T BOTHERING YOU, SIR.

NOT AT ALL.

1901



DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE GOING TO MAKE IT.



YOU NEED TO HAVE MORE FAITH, DANIEL.



I DIDN'T MISS ANYTHING, DID I?

NO.



THANK THE GODS. I SWEAR THAT NURSE WILL BE THE DEATH OF ME.

1904





TELL THAT TO HER. I SWEAR ONE DAY I'LL PUSH HER IN FRONT OF A TRAIN. WHILST NO-ONE'S WATCHING, OF COURSE.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY.



CAN I HELP YOU?

THAT BOOK. CAN I SEE IT?

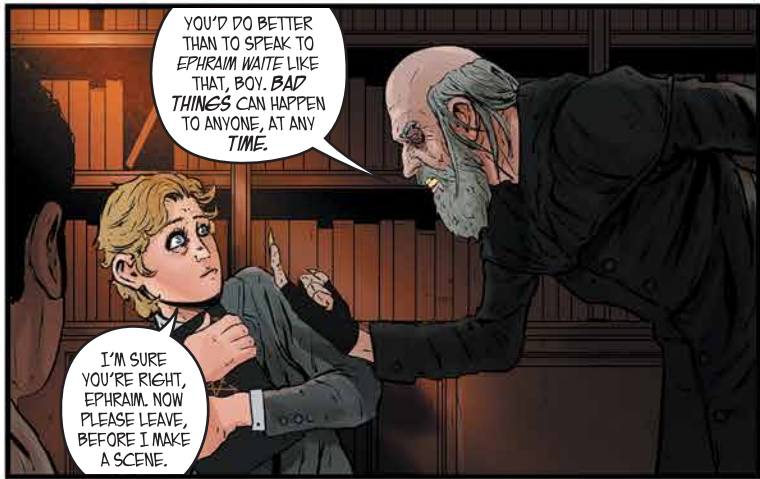
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WHEN I'VE FINISHED WITH IT, PERHAPS.

DON'T YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE SPEAKING TO?

I NEITHER KNOW, NOR CARE.



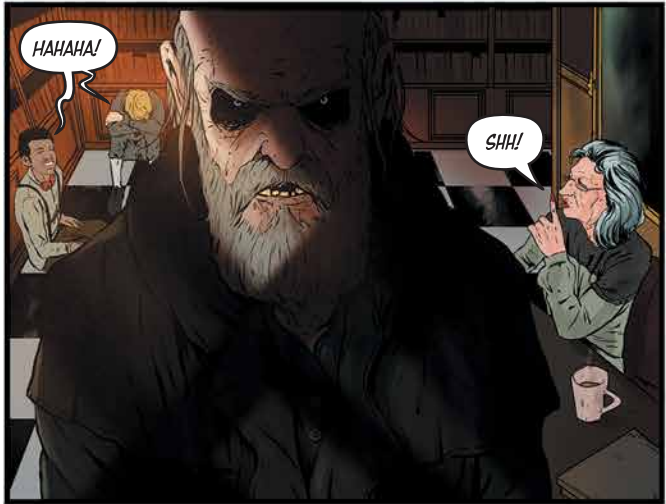
YOU'D DO BETTER THAN TO SPEAK TO EPHRAIM WAITE LIKE THAT, BOY. BAD THINGS CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE, AT ANY TIME.

I'M SURE YOU'RE RIGHT, EPHRAIM. NOW PLEASE LEAVE, BEFORE I MAKE A SCENE.



HOW ODD. LET'S HOPE WE NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN.

OR IF WE DO, IT'S FROM A VERY LONG WAY OFF.



HAHAHA!

SHH!

