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in
THE DEMON OF SATAN'S ALLEY

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Thirteenth day of
September, 1878.

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH.
NOT THE MOST AUSPICIOUS
DATE FOR THIS NIGHT'S VENTURE,
IF YOU BELIEVE IN THAT
SORT OF THING.

THEN AGAIN, WHAT
BETTER NIGHT TO HUNT
"THE DEMON OF
SATAN'S ALLEY"?

I MAY NOT BE SUPERSTITIOUS,
BUT I'VE FOUND THERE'S
USUALLY A KERNEL OF TRUTH IN
EVERY STORY. EVEN THE RUBBISH
PRINTED IN THE TABLOIDS.

BLOODY PAPERS WITH THEIR
OUTRAGEOUS HEADLINES! NOW EVERY
GUN-TOTING FOOL IN THE PARISH IS
OUT, SHOOTING AT SHADOWS.

IT'S EVEN DRAWN THE INTEREST OF
THE BLACKPOOL ARMAMENTS CO.
THE AREA IS SWARMING WITH THEIR
HIRED GUNS, ALL SEARCHING FOR THE
"FEROCIOUS DEMON" TERRORIZING THE
EAST END OF TOWN.

I'VE BEEN KEEPING WATCH
THE LAST THREE NIGHTS,
WAITING FOR IT TO RETURN.

BOOM!

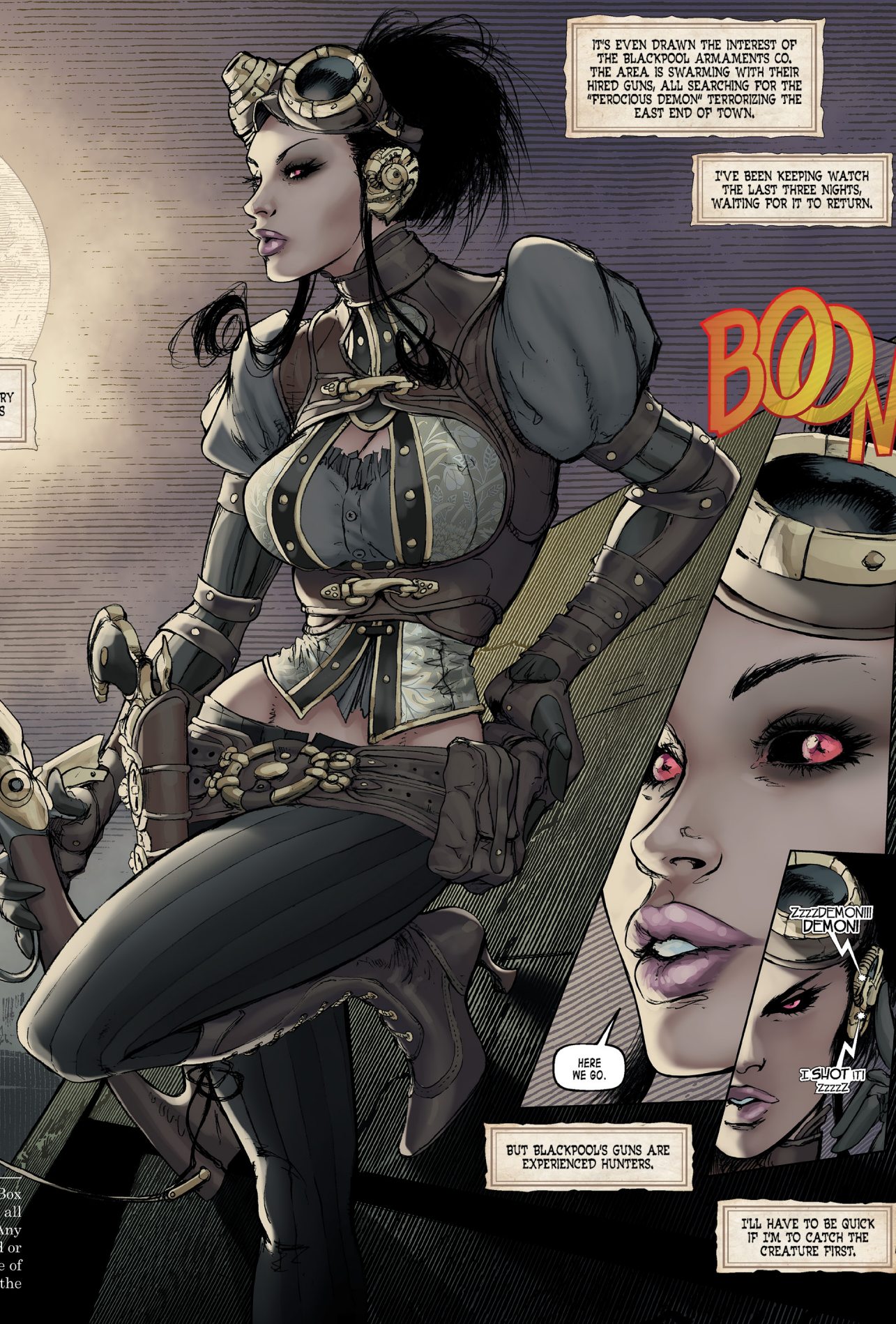
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WE GO.

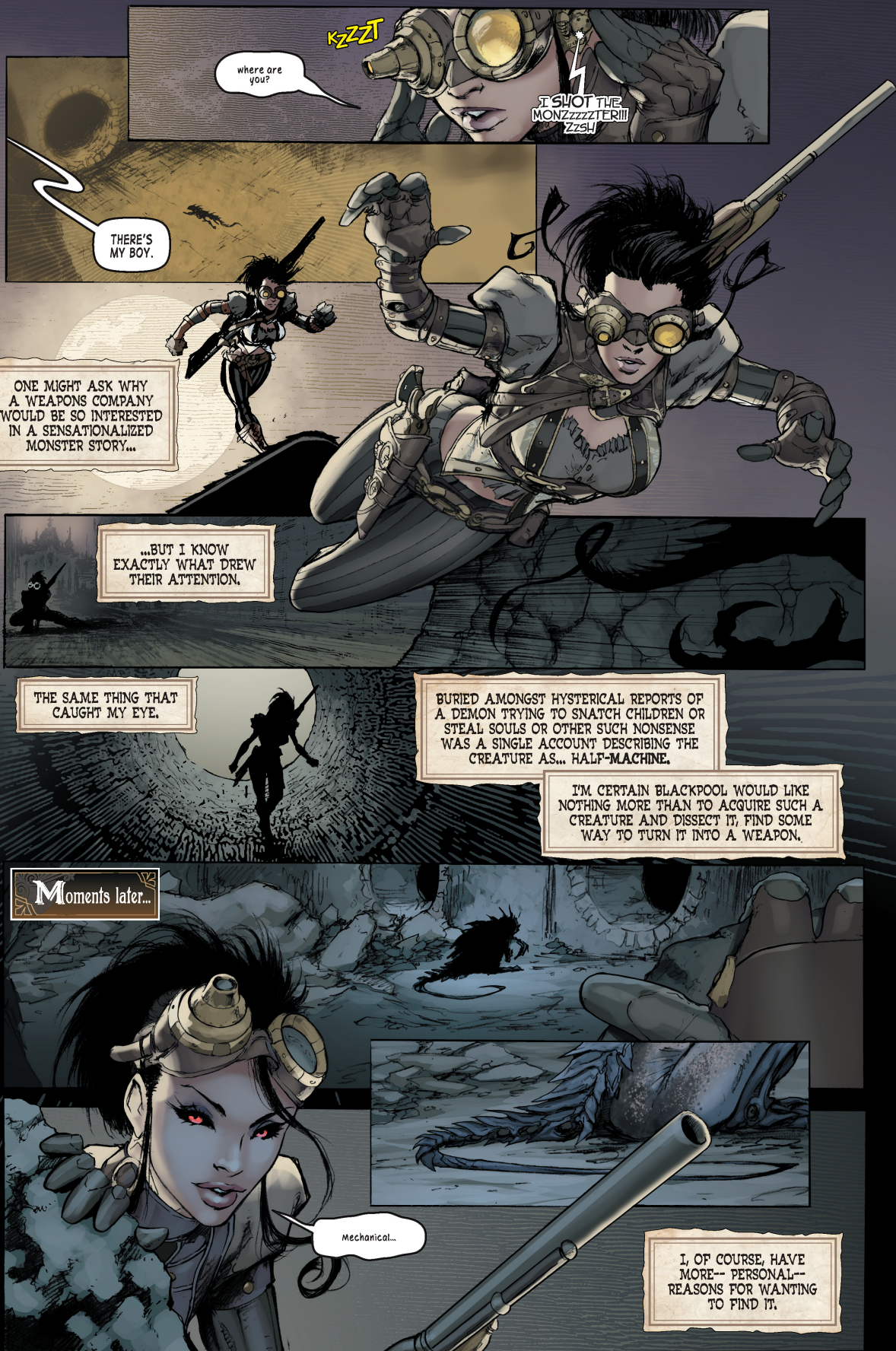
BUT BLACKPOOL'S GUNS ARE
EXPERIENCED HUNTERS.

I'LL HAVE TO BE QUICK
IF I'M TO CATCH THE
CREATURE FIRST.

Zzzz DEMON!!!
DEMON!

I SHOT IT!
Zzzzz





KZZZT

where are
you?

I SHOT THE
MONZZZZTER!!!
Zzzsh!

THERE'S
MY BOY.

ONE MIGHT ASK WHY
A WEAPONS COMPANY
WOULD BE SO INTERESTED
IN A SENSATIONALIZED
MONSTER STORY...

...BUT I KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT DREW
THEIR ATTENTION.

THE SAME THING THAT
CAUGHT MY EYE.

BURIED AMONGST HYSTERICAL REPORTS OF
A DEMON TRYING TO SNATCH CHILDREN OR
STEAL SOULS OR OTHER SUCH NONSENSE
WAS A SINGLE ACCOUNT DESCRIBING THE
CREATURE AS... HALF-MACHINE.

I'M CERTAIN BLACKPOOL WOULD LIKE
NOTHING MORE THAN TO ACQUIRE SUCH A
CREATURE AND DISSECT IT, FIND SOME
WAY TO TURN IT INTO A WEAPON.

Moments later...

Mechanical...

I, OF COURSE, HAVE
MORE-- PERSONAL--
REASONS FOR WANTING
TO FIND IT.



FEEETT

SHINKT

GRHAAA!

ZUNGK

FEEETT

KRSHANK

WHAHH!

CHA-CHINK

WRAHHH!

SHASH

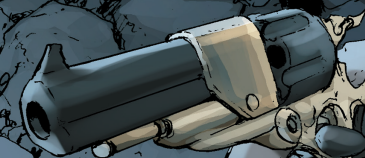
ZHUGNNN

FEISTY LITTLE
BUGGER!

SHLLSSHH

NNGHH!!

I'VE HAD
ZUNGHE JUST
ABOUT...



THANK

ENOUGH!!

DON'T
FORCE ME TO
KILL YOU.

SHUFF HUFFE
...ALRIGHT... I WILL
NOT FIGHT YOU
SHUFFE ANY
MORE.

WHA...IT...IT
SPEAKS?

DEAR GOD! YOU
CAN SPEAK?!

YES...SO
CAN YOU...

ARE, ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

I, I FEEL
SHUFFE VERY
WEAK... AND
TIRED.