





HOW'D YOU KNOW I WANTED CANDY?

I'M AN OLD MAN. WE *KNOW* THINGS.

YER THE OLDEST MAN I EVER SEEN.



YOU MAY WANT TO KEEP THAT TO YOURSELF. OLD PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO BE TOLD THEY'RE OLD.

WHY?



BECAUSE WE *KNOW* WE ARE-- AND MAYBE WE DON'T LIKE YOU TO KNOW.

BUT YOU LOOK--



DO YOU KNOW HOW I SEE MYSELF IN *HERE*?

MUCH YOUNGER.



LIKE ME?

NO. I'M OLD, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE *THAT* YOUNG AGAIN.



WHY?

YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN YOU'RE OLDER.



OH, MY DEAR,
SO MANY
QUESTIONS...

WHY, SIR,
I HAVEN'T
EVEN OPENED
MY MOUTH
YET.

...

HIRAM HOLT
IS--*WASP*--
MY FATHER.

COME
IN.

THE
BUSINESS
WITH YOUR
FATHER...
I'M SORRY.

THERE
WAS NO
BUSINESS.

IT'S MY
UNDERSTANDING
YOUR FATHER HAD
NO INTEREST.

AND
STUBBORN
PEOPLE HAVE
A WAY OF
ENDING UP
DEAD?

ALL
PEOPLE
DO.

ALMOST
ALL.



TELL ME...?

TEMPEST.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU... TEMPEST?



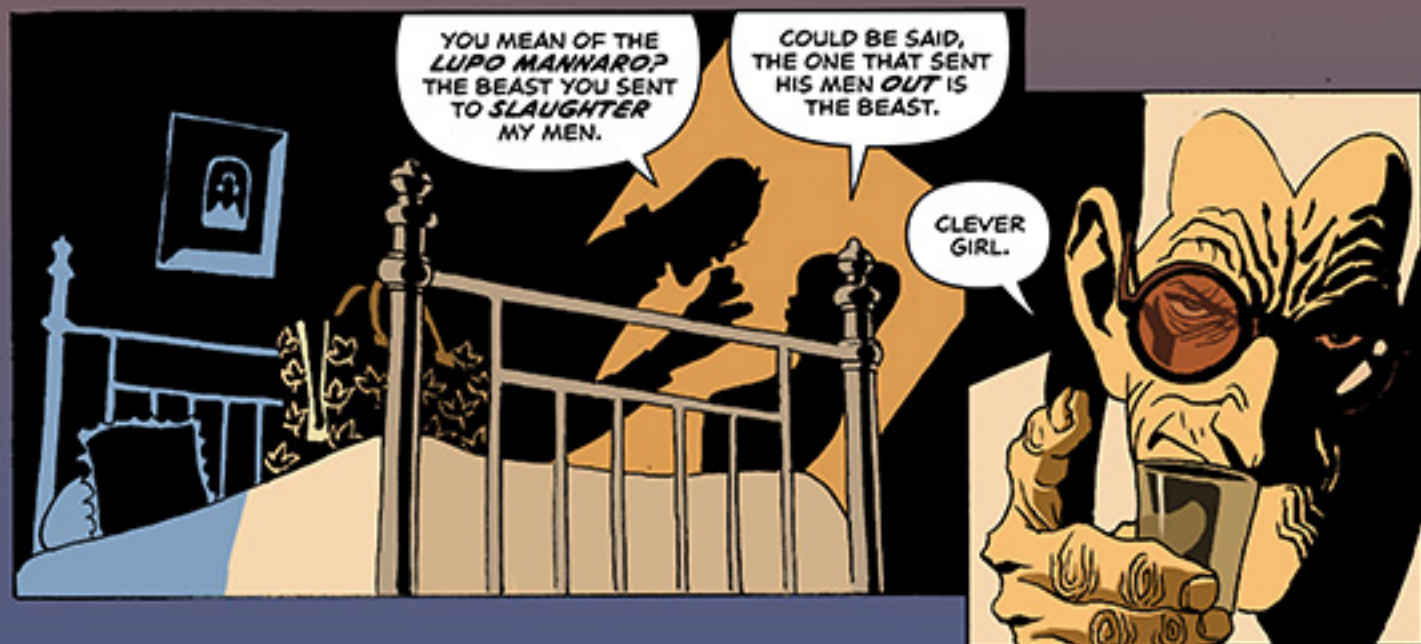
YOU CAN LEAVE.



I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT--




AFRAID-- YES-- YOU SHOULD BE.



YOU MEAN OF THE LUPO MANNARO? THE BEAST YOU SENT TO SLAUGHTER MY MEN.

COULD BE SAID, THE ONE THAT SENT HIS MEN OUT IS THE BEAST.

CLEVER GIRL.



AN' BY THE
BY, THE BEAST'S
THE LEAST 'A YER
WORRIES. HIRAM'S
STUBBORN,
SURE...

BUT MAMA
IS A MULE
TEAM. AN' SHE
AIN'T GONNA QUIT,
NOT 'TIL SHE'S
BURIED NEXT
TO HIM.


WHY ARE
YOU TELLING
ME THIS?



BECAUSE
I'M AFRAID OF
BEIN' BURIED
HERE, TOO...



PLEASE...



WHAT DO
I GET IN
RETURN?



ME.