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JOE BENITEZ'S

# Lady Mechanika

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AND SO THE FIRST REAL CONNECTION TO MY PAST WAS SUDDENLY AND TRAGICALLY SNATCHED FROM MY HANDS.

YEARS WOULD PASS BEFORE I MANAGED TO FIND ANOTHER CLUE TO MY UNKNOWN ORIGINS...

**KNOCK  
KNOCK  
KNOCK**

WHO THE...?

**KNOCK  
KNOCK  
KNOCK**

MECHANIKA!  
I JUST 'EARD  
SOMETHIN' YOU  
MIGH' FIND  
INTERESTIN'!

IT'S  
THE MIDDLE OF  
THE NIGHT, MR.  
LEWIS. GO HOME  
AND SLEEP IT  
OFF!



THIS IS IMPORANT, AND I'M NO' TOSSED THIS TIME...

WELL...NO' COMPLETELY.

GO AWAY, MR. LEWIS. I'M FOR BED.





MECHANIKA!



PSIGHE  
I REALLY  
MUST CHANGE  
THE LOCKS.



I WAS  
OUT WITH  
PHILIPPE...

DRINKING.

WELL...  
YES.



ANYWAY,  
WE CHANCED  
UPON SOME OLD  
CO-WORKERS AT  
THE PUB.

THEY STILL  
WORK FOR BLACKPOOL  
ARMAMENTS, AND THEY LET  
ON THAT BLACKPOOL FOUND  
SOMETHIN'...SOMETHIN'  
EXTRAORDINARY.

A  
MECHANICAL  
ARM.



BLACKPOOL  
DOES DO WORK IN  
AUTOMATONS AND  
PROSTHETICS--

THIS  
IS SOMETHIN'  
DIFFERENT. THE NEW  
BUYER OF SOME OLD  
HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY  
FOUND IT, HIDDEN  
AWAY IN THE  
CELLAR.



BLACKPOOL  
LEARNED OF IT  
AND PURCHASED  
THE RELIC.



EVERYONE  
IS TALKIN' 'ABOU'  
IT, THOUGH IT'S  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
A SECRET.

SOME O' THE  
OLD BLOKES ARE ON  
THE TEAM THAT'S BEEN  
EXAMININ' IT. THEY SAY  
THE DESIGN IS INCREDIBLY  
ADVANCED. LIKE NOTHIN'  
THEY'VE EVER SEEN  
OR 'EARD OF.

EXCEPT,  
POSSIBLY...ON  
YOU.





WHERE IS THIS ITEM NOW?

BLACKPOOL'S RESEARCH FACILITY, SOUTH OF THE CITY. THEY 'AVE IT LOCKED AWAY IN THE LABORATORY FOR BIOLOGICAL AND MECHANICAL RESEARCH.

THE SOUTH RESEARCH FACILITY, ISN'T THAT THE BUILDING WHERE YOU WERE ONCE EMPLOYED? COULD YOU SMUGGLE ME INSIDE?

IT...IT WAS WHERE... YES, WHERE I USED TO WORK.

OH, I'M SORRY, I...

I MIGH' KNOW A WAY IN. DO YOU...DO YOU NEED ME TO GO WIT' YOU?

THANK YOU FOR OFFERING, MR. LEWIS, BUT I'D PREFER TO WORK THIS ONE ALONE.

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE I GET IN?

THE FACILITY IS GUARDED DAY AND NIGH', BUT THERE'S ONE ACCESS POINT THAT ISN'T PATROLLED...



"...THE ROOF.

"THE BUILDIN' HAS A FANCY ATRIUM THAT IS OPEN TO EVERY LEVEL, WIT' A GLASS SKYLIGHT ON THE ROOF.

"GUARDS ARE STATIONED ON THE GROUND FLOOR, BUT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET IN UNDETECTED, AS LONG AS NO ONE LOOKS UP.

"AND YOU CAN TRY OUT MY NEWEST INVENTION, THE LEWIS MINIATURE MELTER!

"IT WILL QUICKLY AND SILENTLY MELT A HOLE IN THE SKYLIGHT LARGE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO PASS THROUGH.

"YOU'LL FIND THE LABORATORY ON LEVEL SEVEN.

"OH, AND WATCH OUT FOR STRAY ENGINEERS. WE'RE A STRANGE LOT AND OFTEN WORK LATE INTO THE WEE HOURS OF THE NIGH'.







JOE BENITEZ'S  
*Lady*  
**Mechanika**

The tabloids dubbed her "Lady Mechanika," the sole survivor of a mad scientist's horrific experiments which left her with mechanical limbs.

Having no memory of her captivity or her former life, Mechanika eventually built a new life for herself as a private investigator, using her unique abilities to solve cases the proper authorities couldn't or wouldn't handle. But she never stopped searching for the answers to her own past.

Set in a fictionalized steampunk turn of the century England, a time when magic and superstition clashed with new scientific discoveries and inventions, Lady Mechanika is about a young woman's search for her own identity as she solves other mysteries involving science and the supernatural.

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