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*THE GOOD DOCTOR'S WORK  
WAS NEARLY DONE.*



*AFTER ALL HIS GHOULISH  
TROUBLES THE MIRACLE WAS  
ARRIVING AT COMPLETION.*

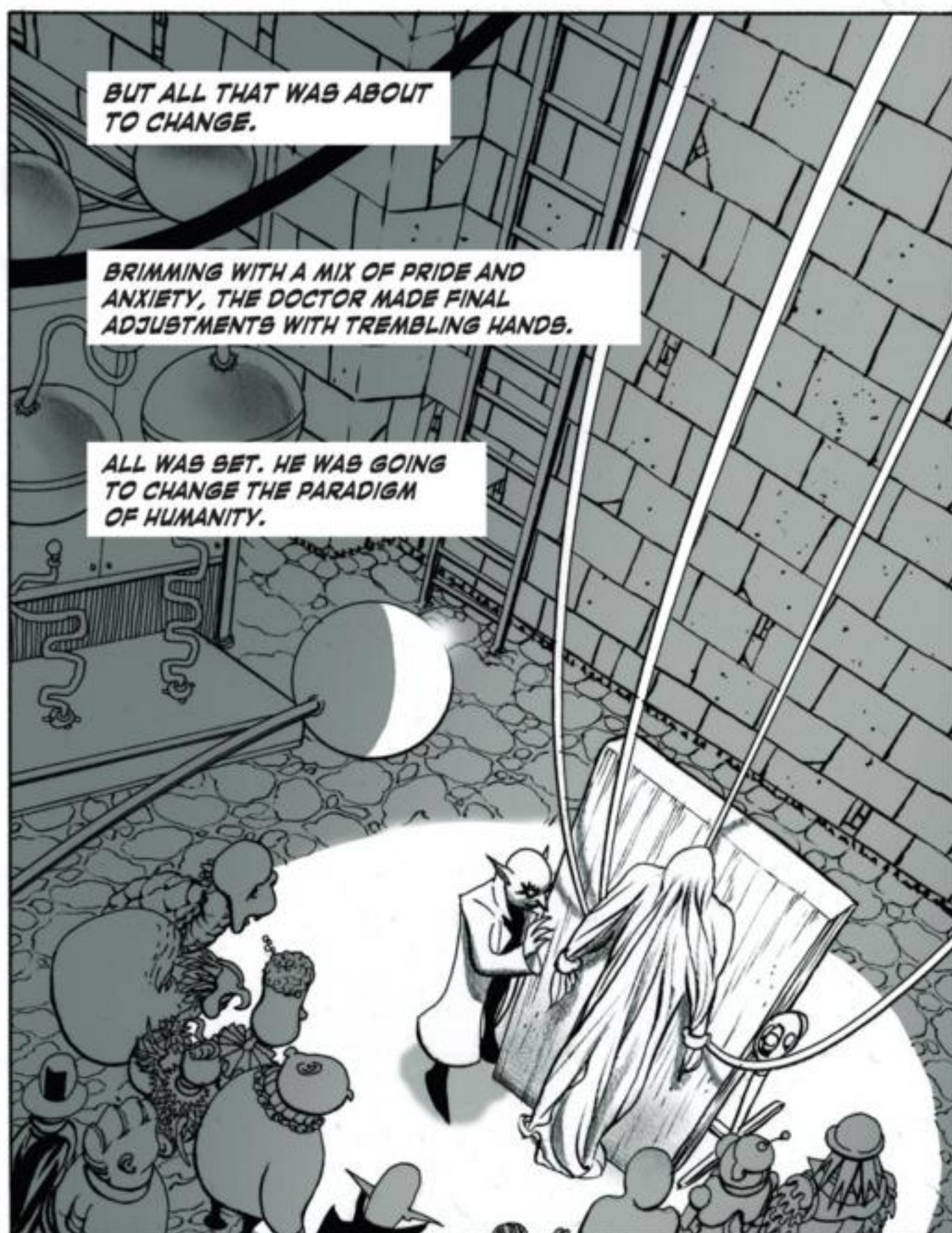


*ALL HIS FRIENDS  
HAD COME TO SEE.*

*HIS HEART WAS POUNDING.*

*ONLY HIS.*





*BUT ALL THAT WAS ABOUT  
TO CHANGE.*

*BRIMMING WITH A MIX OF PRIDE AND  
ANXIETY, THE DOCTOR MADE FINAL  
ADJUSTMENTS WITH TREMBLING HANDS.*

*ALL WAS SET. HE WAS GOING  
TO CHANGE THE PARADIGM  
OF HUMANITY.*



*THE STORM HAD ARRIVED.*

*AND THE HEAVENS WOULD  
NO LONGER LAUGH AT HIM.*



*THEY WOULD NOW  
PROVIDE NOURISHMENT.*



*THE VERY SEED OF LIFE.*

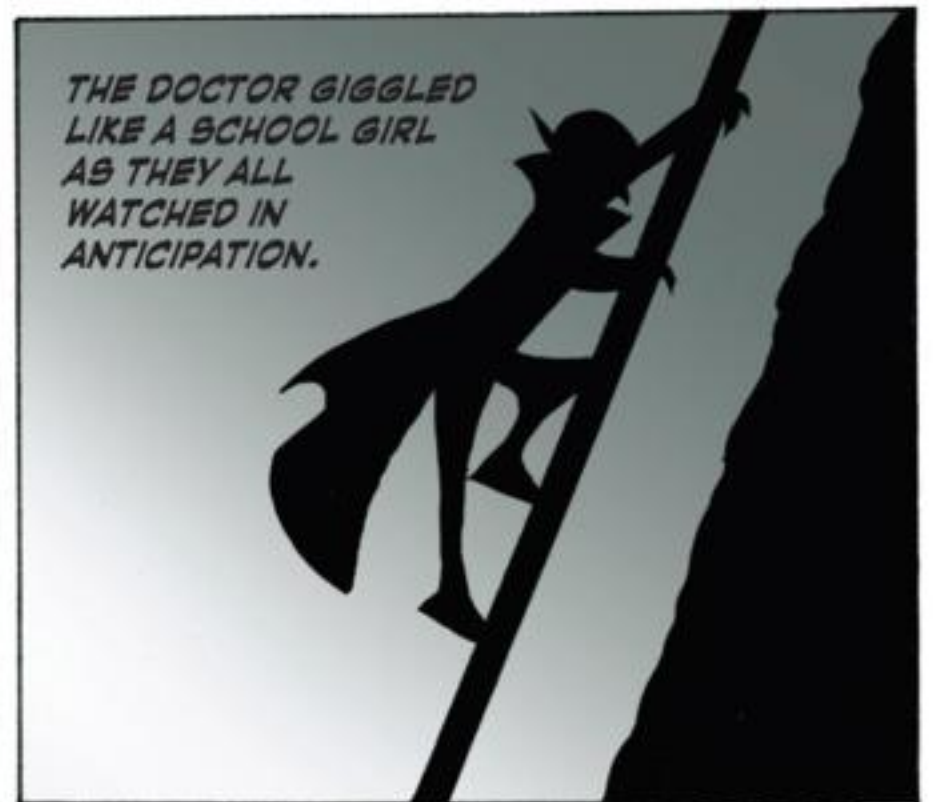


IT'S DEBATABLE WHAT WAS LOUDER,  
THE CRACKLE OF THE LIGHTNING OR  
THE DOCTOR'S MADDENING HOWL!

ELECTRICITY BURGED DOWN THE  
CAREFULLY PLACED CABLES...



AND THE FIGURE THAT LAID  
DEATHLY STILL BEGAN TO PULSATE  
WITH UNSETTLING VIGOR.



THE DOCTOR GIGGLED  
LIKE A SCHOOL GIRL  
AS THEY ALL  
WATCHED IN  
ANTICIPATION.

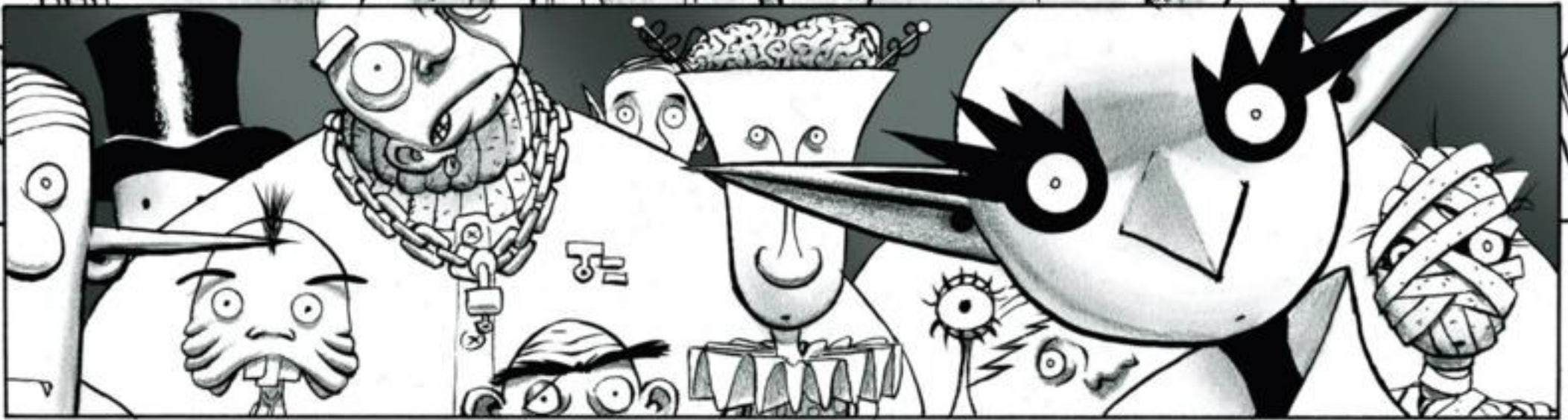


HE WOULD BE GOOD AS A GOD.



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H-HELLO...?

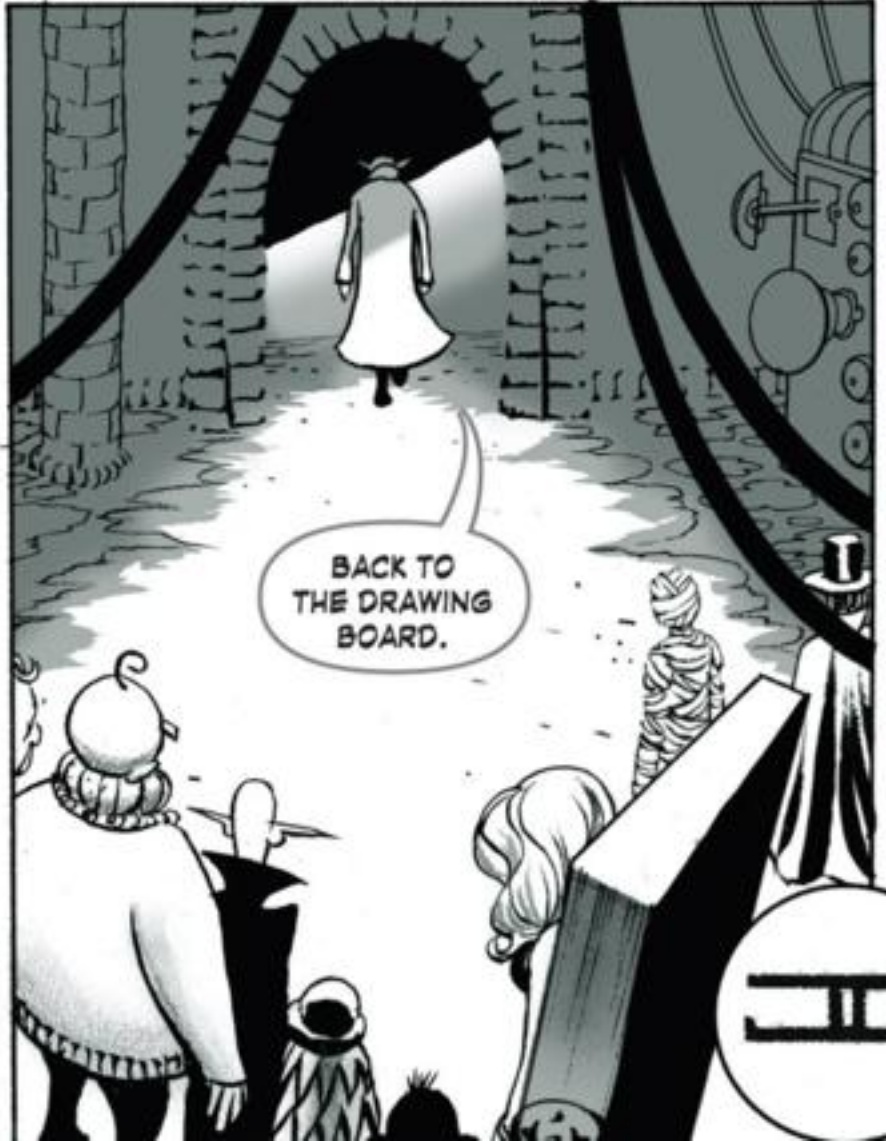
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TO ME!



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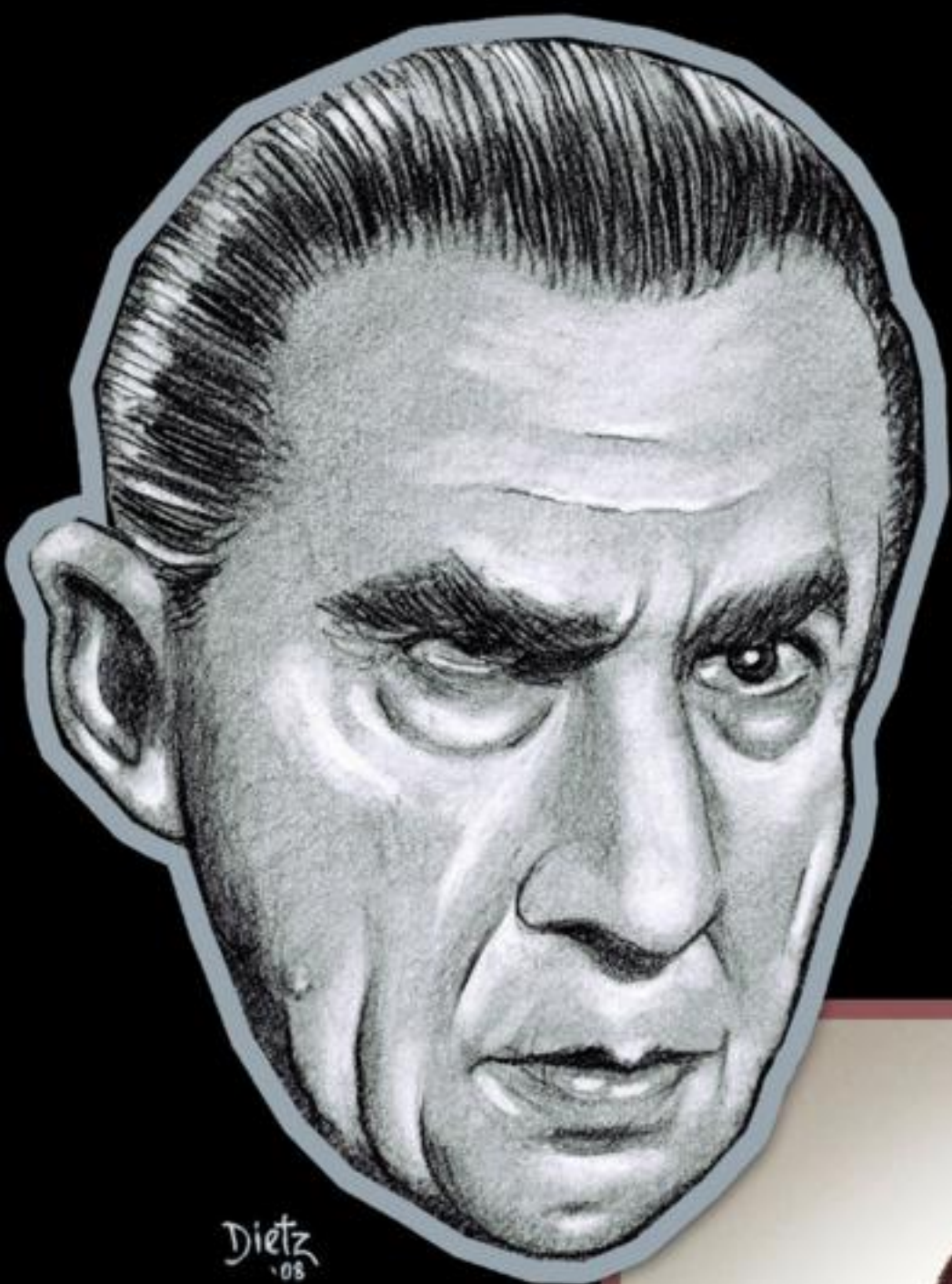


AH, WELL.  
SORRY FELLAS...



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THE DRAWING  
BOARD.

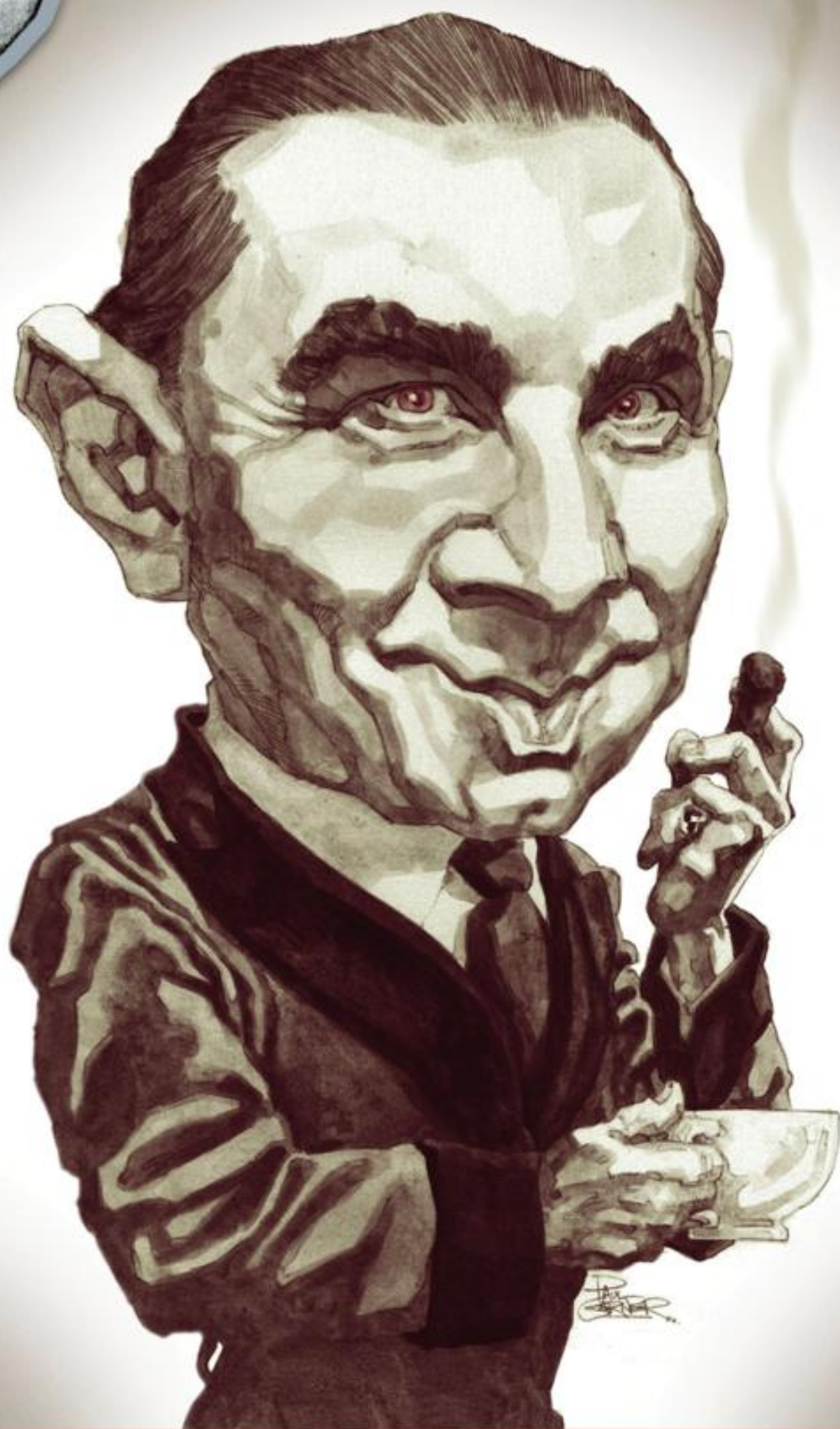




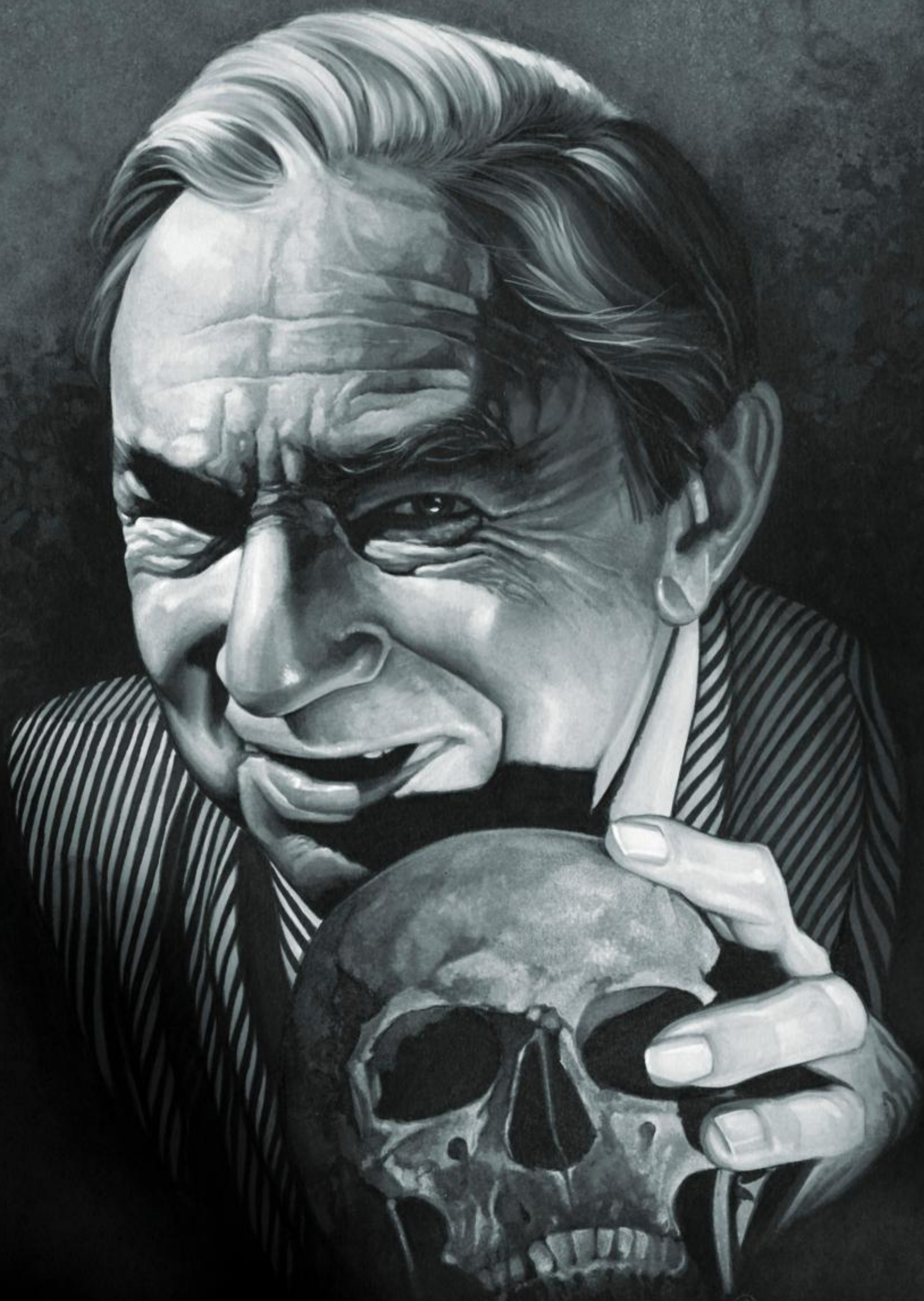
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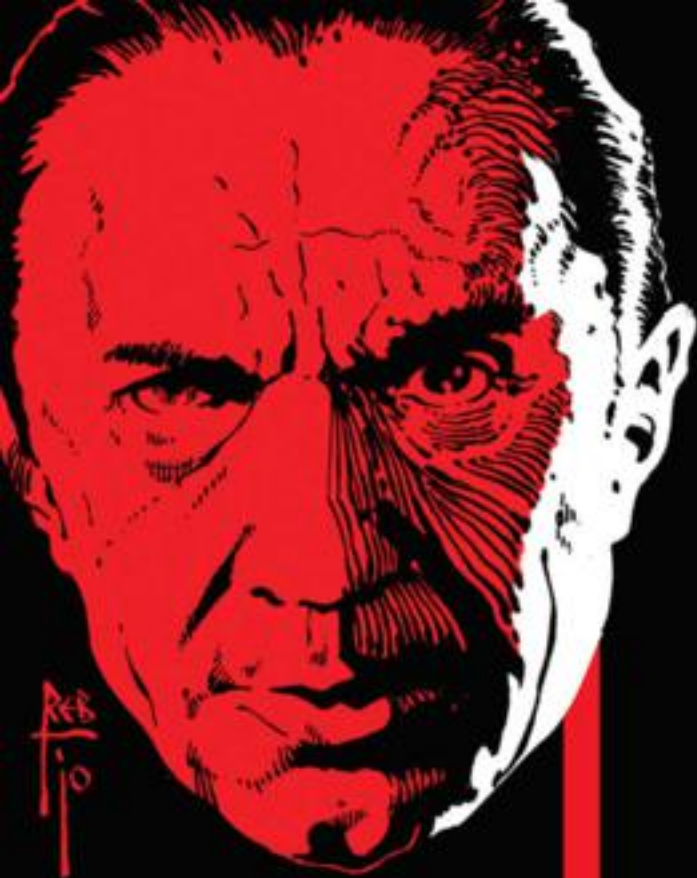
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# BELA IS BACK!

As the Bauhaus song reminds us, Bela Lugosi's dead. But, though he left this realm over fifty years ago, like the undead vampire he played on the screen, Lugosi will never truly die.

He became forever linked with the weird and the supernatural when he captured the world's attention with his hypnotic portrayal of Dracula in 1931. All these decades later, he still has horror fans mesmerized. We here at Monsterverse have been under Lugosi's spell since those monster-crazed days of the '60s when television brought the classic Frankenstein, Dracula, Wolf Man and scores more films to a new generation of young fans who have now come to be known as "Monster Kids". To us, the names Lugosi, Karloff, Chaney and Atwill were almost as well known as John, Paul, George and Ringo (members of a little band that was also becoming popular at that time).

Although horror films have changed and evolved (mutated?) much since the early days of the movies, Bela Lugosi continues to be recognized as one of the icons of horror. The comic you now hold is a result of our love for the classic horror films of stars like Bela Lugosi and our love for the great horror comics of the past. We have attempted to carry on that tradition with BELA LUGOSI'S TALES FROM THE GRAVE. We have also sought to capture Lugosi's strange and magnetic presence in comic book form and add something new and different to the Lugosi legend. It's too bad we can't capture his unique voice and accent on paper, but we're working on that too!

Bringing Bela back for this new series has been a genuine labor of love and we are extremely proud of this premiere issue, as we think Lugosi himself would be. We are exceedingly grateful to all of the contributing artists and writers who made this comic possible. My thanks to my friend Basil Gogos for allowing us to use his beautiful Lugosi portrait on our first cover, through the kind permission of its owner, Rob Zombie.

Our special thanks to Lugosi Enterprises and the Lugosi family for their participation and support in this effort. Working with Lugosi's son, Bela G. Lugosi, and his granddaughter, Lynne Sparks, has been a very pleasant and rewarding experience. If you are a connoisseur of fine wines, you will be interested to know that the Lugosi family has launched the Bela Lugosi Signature Wine series. For more information check out [www.lugosiwines.com](http://www.lugosiwines.com).

And of course, our thanks to you the readers. Whether you're a fan of Lugosi's classic films or you know him only from his appearances in the movies of Ed Wood, or you are simply a fan of good horror comics, we bid you welcome and hope that you enjoy BELA LUGOSI'S TALES FROM THE GRAVE. Look for more great horror comics from Monsterverse in the near future!

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