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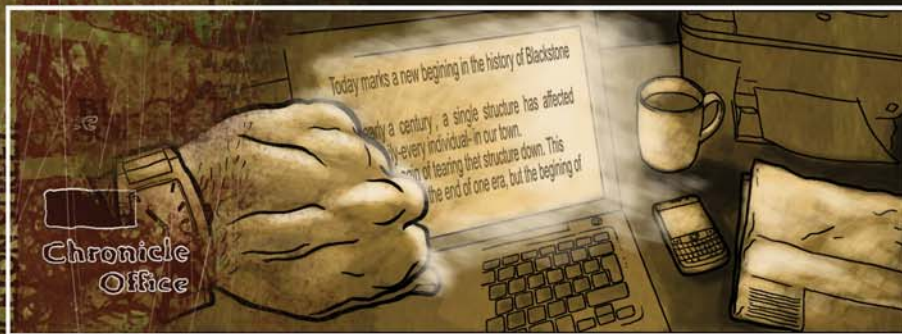
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PART ONE

An Eye for an Eye: The Doll

"2011. Today marks a new beginning in the history of our town of Blackstone."

"Replacing Blackstone Asylum with Blackstone Center will not be simple. The facade will look much like it does today. The stones will be the same. But the meaning... All of it... will be different. One of hope."





DECADES EARLIER...

NO....



NO, DADDY....



"Open your eyes, Oliver."



NOW...

OPEN YOUR EYES, OLIVER.

SORRY, UNCLE HARVEY. THESE HEADACHES. I GET... LOST IN THEM. I HATE GIVING SPEECHES. LET ME WRITE MY EDITORIALS. THERE, I'M COMFORTABLE.



YOU SPOKE WELL OF THE RENOVATION. FROM "ASYLUM TO A SHOPPING CENTER." IT SEEMS YOUR GRANDFATHER'S LEGACY KEEPS THE TOWN EMPLOYED IN ANY SEASON.

HE WAS YOUR FATHER. AREN'T YOU JUST A LITTLE SORRY TO SEE IT GO?

"No. And we should forget everything that happened there. Everything."

THEY SHOULD. BUT THEY WON'T. NOT AS ONE, LONE RESIDENT CATALOGUES THE LONG-FORGOTTEN SOUVENIRS OF THOSE WHO PASSED THROUGH THE ASYLUM'S CHAMBERS, LATER THAT NIGHT.



IN A HIDDEN CUBICLE WITHIN THE BUILDING'S CORE, EACH, DEAR ARTIFACT HAS AN AUDIENCE.



LOOKING.



FOR A MEMORY.



A MEMORY THAT LOOKS BACK.



DECADES AGO...

MOTHER, AND CHILD,
AND CHILD.



BUT A FAMILY HAS
MORE THAN THAT.

A REAL FAMILY HAS
DADDIES, TOO.



CL-I-CHUNK



HE'S...
HOME
EARLY.



ALL THIS
MAKE-UP....
OH, NO....



THUD
THUD

NO,
MOMMY....
I LIKE IT!

"This was NOT to
happen again!"

THIS TIME IS
THE LAST TIME. DIDN'T
I TELL YOU WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN IF
YOU CONTINUED?



OH, GOD,
DON'T!

