



# The Shadow in the Dark

by  
Peter Lancett

Dark Man

**Dark Man**

**Dark Man**

**The Shadow in the Dark**

by Peter Lancett

illustrated by Jan Pedroietta

Published by Ransom Publishing Ltd.

Unit 7, Brocklands Farm, West Meon, Hants. GU32 1JN

[www.ransom.co.uk](http://www.ransom.co.uk)

ISBN 978 184167 420 9

First published in 2006

Reprinted 2008, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020

Copyright © 2006 Ransom Publishing Ltd.

Text copyright © 2006 Peter Lancett

Illustrations copyright © 2006 Jan Pedroietta

A CIP catalogue record of this book is available from the British Library.

The rights of Peter Lancett to be identified as the author and of Jan Pedroietta to be identified as the illustrator of this Work have been asserted by them in accordance with sections 77 and 78 of the Copyright, Design and Patents Act 1988.

David Strachan, The Old Man, and The Shadow Masters appear by kind permission of Peter Lancett.

There is a reading comprehension quiz available for this book in the popular Accelerated Reader® software system. For information about ATOS, Accelerated Reader, quiz points and reading levels please visit [www.renaissance.com](http://www.renaissance.com). Accelerated Reader, AR, the Accelerated Reader Logo, and ATOS are trademarks of Renaissance Learning, Inc. and its subsidiaries, registered common law or applied for in the U.S. and other countries. Used under license.

# The Shadow in the Dark

by Peter Lancett

illustrated by Jan Pedroietta



## **Chapter One: Where the Iron Melts**

It is loud here, where the Dark Man stands.

This place is like a man-made hell.

Bang! Bang! Then clank! Clank!

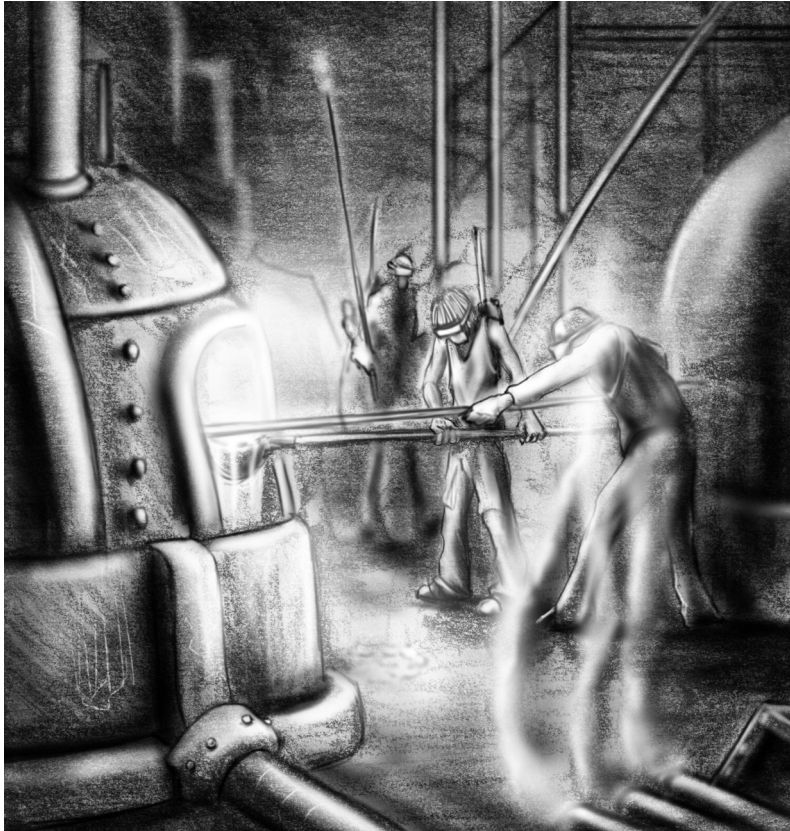
Sounds of metal hitting metal.



Steam hisses from black pipes.

Yellow sparks burst into the night, casting shadows.

It is a place where steel is made, and iron melts.



This is why the Dark Man is here.

A girl told him that a Golden Cup is hidden “where the iron melts.”

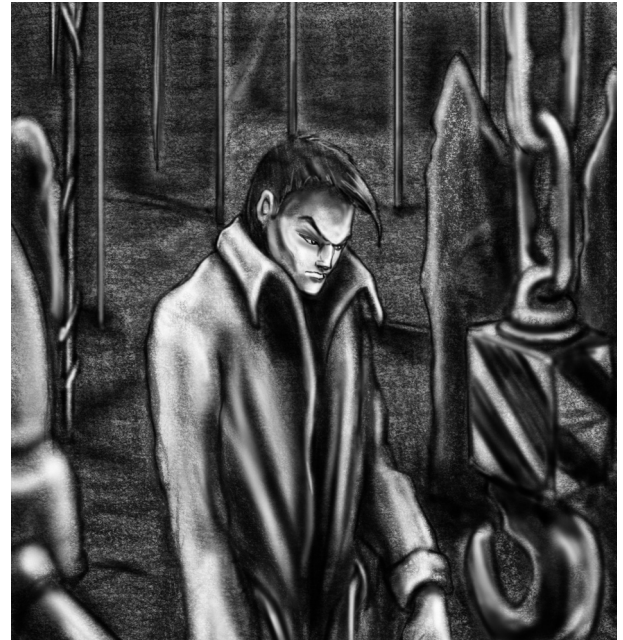
## Chapter Two: The Demon

The Dark Man hears a hiss behind him.

He turns.

This Golden Cup has great power.

The evil Shadow Masters also seek it.



This is not steam from a pipe.

This is a demon!

He has been followed!





The demon is like a shadow and is hard to see.

Talons strike the Dark Man's face.

The Dark Man tries to fight but the demon is fast.

He cannot see it in the darkness.

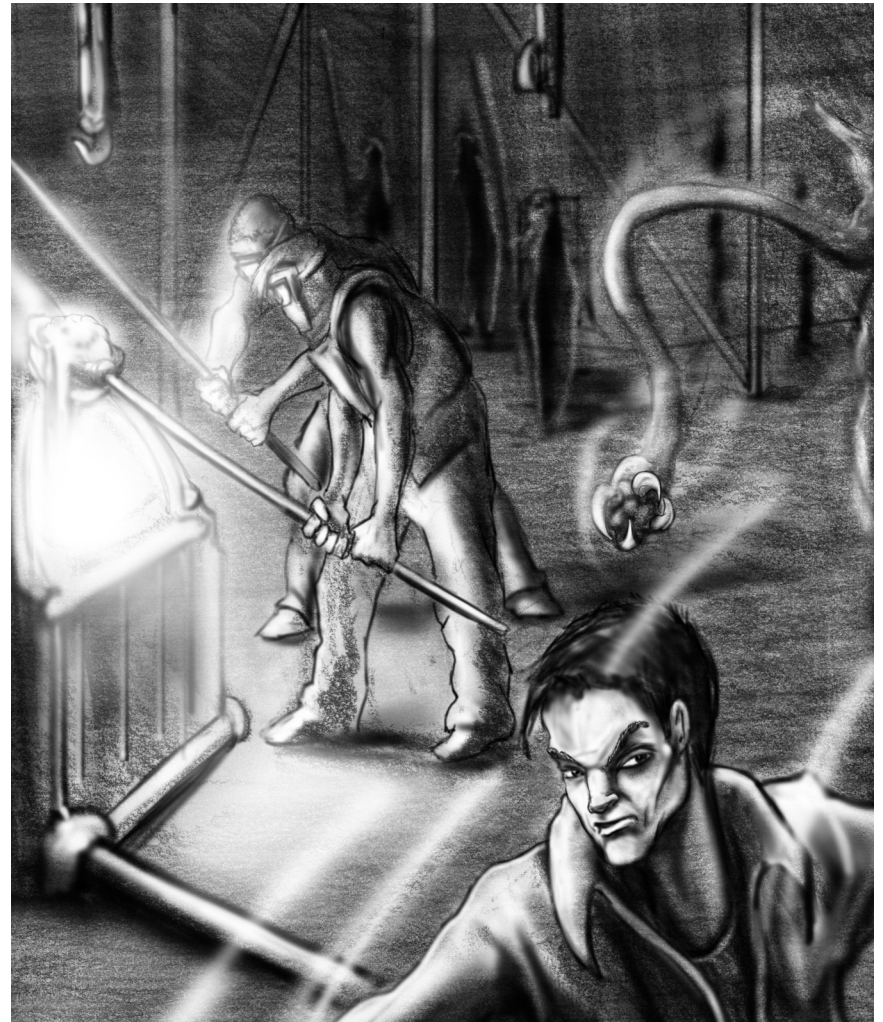




The talons strike again.

He turns and runs.

He needs to find a better place to fight.



He runs past men, working with glowing metal.

They do not notice him.