

The Amazing Screw-On Head and Other Curious Objects: Twentieth Anniversary Edition

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A robot in the service of President Abraham Lincoln fights against supernatural foes in the humorous graphic novel *The Amazing Screw-On Head and Other Curious Objects*.

Screw-On Head, a robot whose head can attach to a number of different metal bodies, is summoned by the president to retrieve the Kalakistan Fragment, an ancient manuscript that's been stolen from a museum by the villainous Emperor Zombie. Zombie seeks to use the manuscript to gain access to an ancient temple and a powerful object inside it. But Screw-On Head, his servant Mr. Groin, and his dog, Mr. Dog, have other plans.

This edition reprints the original Eisner Award-winning Screw-On Head story, but it also includes other stories and extras that have never been published before. The artwork is dynamic and moody thanks to its expert use of shadow and weights. A section of hypnotic, striking stand-alone illustrations, in keeping with the Victorian-era horror atmosphere, features skeletons in formal garb and creepy cemeteries and churches. A half-finished black-and-white story, "Axorr, Slayer of Demons," is entertaining—a curiosity that holds unforgettable visual treasures, like a hero's sword fight with a giant, evil octopus.

There are notes on the backgrounds and context for each story, and pencil sketches that offer a glimpse into the creative process. *The Amazing Screw-On Head and Other Curious Objects* is a collection of graphic novel odds and ends with enough imaginative power to delight everyone.

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