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## **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!

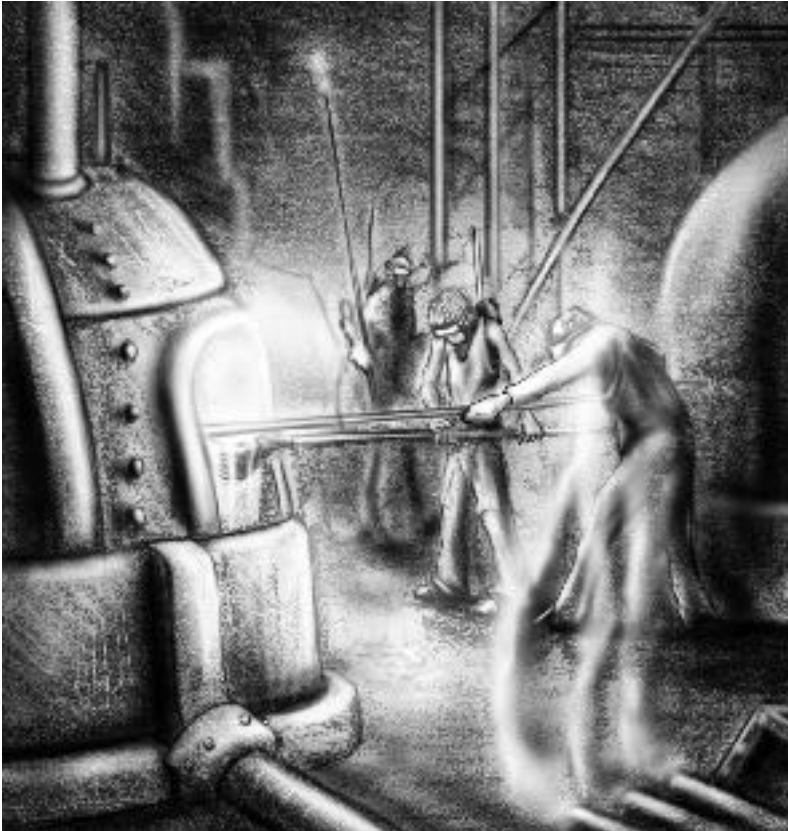
Sounds of metal hitting metal.



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.