

## Defective Merchandise

### Chapter 1

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Page 1:

Panel 1: Shows a chimpanzee in a research lab. The chimp is behind a one way mirror though only the chimp is seen right now however it's clear the chimp is being studied.

Dr. Fukebei Mikami (narration)

When?

Panel 2: The chimpanzee acts as any other chimpanzee would act.

Dr. Fukebei Mikami (narration)

When did it happen?

Panel 3: Shows Dr. Fukebei Mikami writing something on his clipboard

Dr. Fukebei Mikami (narration)

When did it occur?

Panel 4: Shows Dr. Fukebei Mikami looking with scientific interest in researching the chimp

Dr. Fukebei Mikami (narration)

When was it...?

Pages 2 and 3

Panel 1: Splash Panel. Shows a profile view of Dr. Fukebei Mikami looking through the glass at the chimp and the chimp not paying any attention to the scientist. It's a one way mirror anyways.

Dr. Fukebei Mikami

That we became  
so different!









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Panel 1: Dr Mikami grabs his briefcase

Panel 2: Opens the door

Panel 3: and closes the door behind him





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Panel 1: Scene skips to Dr Mikami's home. It is night time.

Panel 2: Shows the motion detection security light installed near the front door turns on

Panel 3: Dr Mikami is standing in front of the door which opens from the inside

Dr Mikami

I'm home dear.

Panel 4: Shows Mrs Mikami. She is pregnant and is soon to deliver.

Mrs Mikami

Welcome home, dear.



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Panels 1-3: Dr Mikami drives speedily.

Panel 4: The doomsday preacher crosses the road not noticing Dr Mikami's incoming car

Panel 5: Shows that the doomsday preacher is crossing at a cross walk

Panel 6: Dr Mikami finally notices that someone is crossing the road

Dr Mikami

Huh!?

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Panel 1: The doomsday preacher is like a deer caught in the headlights

Panel 2: Dr Mikami slams on the brakes

Panel 3: The tires screech to a halt

Panel 4: The car stops just inches before the doomsday preacher

Panel 1: Dr Mikami breathes a sigh of relief

Dr Mikami

Sigh

Panel 2: Dr Mikami's angry eyes can be seen in the rear view mirror

Panel 3: From the doomsday preacher's perspective Dr Mikami is seen sticking his head out the driver's side window yelling angrily

Dr Mikami

Are you blind!?  
Get off the road!!

Panel 4: Shows the doomsday preacher shaking nervously

Panel 5: Dr Mikami is now upset and confused

Dr Mikami

What's that  
look for?

Panel 6: The doomsday preacher looks as if he saw a dragon

Panel 1: Dr Mikami tries to reason with the doomsday preacher

Dr Mikami

Look I'm  
really busy...

Panel 2: The doomsday preacher acts hysterical

Doomsday Preacher

**BEGONE  
YOU DEVIL!!**

Panel 3: The doomsday preacher speaks with a fiery passion

Doomsday Preacher

**YOU BRING NOTHING  
BUT DEATH ITSELF!!!**

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Panel 1: Dr Mikami grips his steering wheel

Dr Mikami

I don't have  
time for this.

Panel 2: Dr Mikami step on the gas

Panel 3: Dr Mikami swerves around the doomsday preacher

Panel 4: Dr Mikami drives away

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Panel 1: The scene jumps forward to a hospital

Panel 2: The doctor and nurses are rushing around. Panel focuses on their feet

Panel 3: Dr Mikami is sitting down waiting nervously in the waiting room

Panel 4: the doctors and nurses are rushing around some more

Panel 5: Close up of Dr Mikami nervously holding his hands together as if he was praying

Panel 6: Dr Mikami closes his eyes tightly

Dr Mikami (thought)

Please...





Panel 1: The doctor's harsh words are repeated in Dr Mikami's mind

Doctor ...a complicated  
and risky  
procedure.

Panel 2: The words are repeated again

Doctor ...a complicated  
and risky  
procedure.

Panel 3: and again

Doctor ...a complicated  
and risky  
procedure.

Panel 4: Dr Mikami remembers back to the Doomsday Preacher

Doomsday Preacher **YOU BRING NOTHING  
BUT DEATH ITSELF!!!**

Panel 5: The shock of the last memory snaps Dr Mikami out of his day dream.

Dr Mikami **GASP!!!**

Panel 1: Dr Mikami tries to catch his breath

Dr Mikami

Pant...pant...pant

Panel 2: Dr Mikami realizes that he was just day dreaming. He is stressed out.

Dr Mikami

Sigh...

Panel 3: Dr Mikami is frantic when the doctor comes out to talk to him

Doctor

Your wife....

Dr Mikami

Is she ok!?  
What's going  
on, doctor!?

Panel 4: Dr Mikami is desperate to not hear bad news

Doctor

Calm down.  
Your wife is fine.

Dr Mikami

Oh thank goodness.

Panel 5: The doctor corrects Dr Mikami

Doctor

That is to say  
physically  
speaking.

Panel 6: Dr Mikami is now unsure again

Dr Mikami

Wait...

Panel 1: The doctor has a glum look on his face. The news is bad.

Panel 2: The doctor tries to be as tactful as possible.

Doctor	I am truly sorry for your loss.
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Panel 3: Dr Mikami walks towards the room his wife is in

Dr Mikami	...
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Panel 4: Shows a door knob turning

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Panel 1: Dr Mikami opens the door to the hospital room his wife is in

Dr Mikami

Dear...

Panel 2: Dr Mikami's eyes go wide

Panel 3: Shows Mrs. Mikami is cradling their own miscarried baby

Panel 4: Close up of Mrs Mikami. She acts as if she was cradling a live baby. She's lost it.

Panel 1: Dr Mikami is scared. He doesn't know what to do in this situation

Panel 2: Dr Mikami rushes out the door. He wants to get away

Panel 3: Dr Mikami closes the door behind him when he gets to the other side

Panel 4: Dr Mikami holds the door knob and leans against the door. It's all too much for him.

Panel 5: Dr Mikami begins to weep.

Panel 1: The scene changes to the lab

CAP

3 months later...

Panel 2: Shows Dr Mikami from behind watching the chimp

Panel 3: At least that's what Dr Mikami is supposed to be doing but in reality he's just staring off into space aimlessly. He has a lot on his mind.

Panel 4: Close up of Dr Mikami. He's thinking to himself. He's zoned out completely.

Panel 5: Dr Mikami hears in his mind stuff he remembers

Mrs Mikami

You're going to be a father

Panel 6: Dr Mikami remembers the doctors bitter words

Doctor

I'm sorry for your loss.

Panel 7: Dr Mikami and his wife were clearly very excited for their baby.

Mrs Mikami

What shall we name the baby?

Panel 8: Dr Mikami gets angry when he remembers this

Doomsday Preacher

**YOU BRING NOTHING  
BUT DEATH ITSELF!!!**

Panel 1: Dr Mikami is startled when he hears someone's voice

Voice Hey!!

Panel 2: Shows a shadowy figure smoking a pipe.

Voice Hey you!!

Panel 3: Dr Mikami has a puzzled look on his face

Voice Hey, I'm talking to you.

Panel 4: shows the voice and pipe belongs to the chimp

Chimp Are you listening or what?



Panel 1: Dr Mikami is completely dumb founded.

Dr Mikami

You mean me?

Chimp

No, I meant the  
invisible man.  
Of course I meant  
you, ya dumb fuck.

Panel 2: The chimp is now speaking as if it were like a human mobster

Chimp

I'm getting sick of  
seeing your sorry ass  
pathetic mug everyday.

Panel 3: Dr Mikami is now being harrassed by a monkey. He's at a complete loss.

Dr Mikami

Wh—wha...

Chimp

Shut up and listen

Panel 4: Dr Mikami listens to the talking chimp.

The Scientist

...

Panel 5: The chimp gives it to Dr Mikami straight

Chimp

You use to come here  
all excited and shit.  
But now you're a  
fucking killjoy.

Panel 6: The chimp does not sugar coat what he says

Chimp

I'm a fucking chimp  
and you're making me  
depressed. That ain't right.

Panel 7: The chimp is rather convincing. He sounds like he knows what he's talking about.

Chimp

You need to get  
your shit together.

Panel 1: Dr Mikami is still an emotional wreck

Dr Mikami

How!?

Panel 2: Dr Mikami just wants to make things better again

Dr Mikami

How do I fix this!?

Panel 3: The chimp shrugs. The chimp doesn't care about Dr Mikami's problems

Chimp

How the hell should I know?

Panel 4: Dr Mikami talks to himself out loud. He is depressed

Dr Mikami

All I want is for her  
to be happy again.

Panel 5: Dr Mikami begins to cry

Dr Mikami

What can I do?

Panel 6: Dr Mikami feels obligated.

Dr Mikami

I have to do something...

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Page 1: Dr Mikami remembers the doomsday preacher again

Doomsday Preacher

YOU BRING NOTHING  
BUT DEATH ITSELF!!!

Panel 2: Dr Mikami yells at the doomsday preacher in his memory

Dr Mikami

Shut up you old blabbering fool!!

Panel 3: Dr Mikami refuses to be haunted by the doomsday preacher's cursed words

Dr Mikami

I will create life itself!!

Panel 4: Dr Mikami boasts to the world though he's really all alone.

Dr Mikami

I will be like a god!

Panel 5: Dr Mikami stops and thinks for a moment

Dr Mikami

No...

Panel 1: Dr. Mikami speaks with fiery ambition

Dr Mikami I will be GREATER!!

Panel 2: Dr Mikami erupts into a hysterical mad laughter

Dr Mikami HAHHAHHAHHAHAHA

Panel 3: Dr Mikami rests his arm on the wall to support himself

Dr Mikami HAHHAHA!!  
Haha.haha.ha...

Panel 3: Dr Mikami is now resting both arms and his head against the wall

Dr Mikami ...

Panel 4: View is from the chimp's perspective seeing Dr Mikami facing the wall.

The Scientist I've gone completely  
mad, haven't I?

Dr Mikami Well you are  
talking to a  
chimpanzee.

Panel 5: View is from the wall facing upwards towards Dr Mikami. His eyes aren't seen but it can be seen that he has been crying. However he is also smiling.

Dr Mikami Haha. You  
Dumb ape

Panel 1: Dr Shelly is starting to open the door to the research lab room

Dr Shelly I'm back from lunch...

Panel 2: Dr Shelly stops and is shocked.

Dr Shelly Wha...

Panel 2: Dr Mikami is seen sitting down against the wall. The chimp is dead.

Dr Shelly What the hell happened!?

Panel 3: Shows the dead chimp from inside it's room. Dr Shelly is seen yelling at Dr Mikami

Dr Shelly How did the subject die!?  
Weren't you watching!?

Panel 4: Dr Shelly is very upset

Dr Shelly What is wrong with you!?

Panel 5: Dr Mikami pays no attention to Dr Shelly. He's completely lost it.

Dr Mikami Hahahaha....

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## Chapter 2

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Panel 1:

CAP

In the year 2018.  
In a blinding flash.

CAP

The city of Damascus, Syria  
was utterly obliterated.

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Panel 1:

CAP

Two years before the  
destruction in Syria...

Panel 2:

CAP

The Israeli government and its allies  
secretly met with the Islamic State.

Panel 3:

CAP

To overthrow the Syrian government.



Page 3

Panel 1:

CAP

But the real concern  
was not with Syria.

Panel 2:

CAP

But with Russia and China

Panel 3:

CAP

The advancement in  
robotics technology  
led to a new arms race.

Panel 4:

CAP

Syria was its testing ground

Page 4

Panel 1:

CAP

The Islamic State knew  
it could not fight such  
advanced technology

Panel 2:

CAP

They had no choice but  
to ally with those who could

Panel 3:

CAP

Dr. Mikami, a Japanese  
scientist living in Belgium  
led a global research group.

Panel 4:

CAP

in A.I development.

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Panel 1:

CAP

Using his research  
the Israeli-Islamic State  
secret alliance created  
a military task force.

Panel 2:

CAP

Composed of not only  
human soldiers but also  
highly weaponized robots.

Panel 3:

CAP

Syria's regime was  
quickly disposed of.

Panel 4:

CAP

Even with Russian and Chinese  
technology they were no match  
for Dr. Mikami's superior robots.

Panel 5:

CAP

Then something went horribly wrong.

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Panel 1:

CAP

One of the robots malfunctioned

Panel 2:

CAP

And turned on its comrades.

Panel 3:

CAP

Video of the massacre  
was transmitted by one  
of the deceased soldiers  
helmet mounted cameras.

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Panel 1

CAP

This video no longer exists.

Panel 2:

CAP

Several months after  
the unexpected tragedy

Panel 3:

CAP

A single lone aircraft  
carrying a nuclear warhead  
crashed kamikaze style.

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Panel 1:

CAP

Over a million people  
were killed in an instant.

Panel 2:

CAP

And the city of Damascus  
no longer exists anymore.

Panel 3:

CAP

Only a ruinous heap.

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Panel 1:

CAP

Officially the nuke was stolen  
by a terrorist from the Islamic State.

Panel 2:

CAP

But the truth of the matter...

Panel 3: The scene changes to a grave yard

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Panel 1: Someone is digging up a grave

Panel 2: The tombstone does not show the name as the grave digger's shadow is blocking it. But the date of birth and death are the same: *Born March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022 Died March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022.*

Panel 3: the moonlight reflects off the glasses off the en-shadowed man

Panel 4: It is revealed to be Dr. Mikami

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