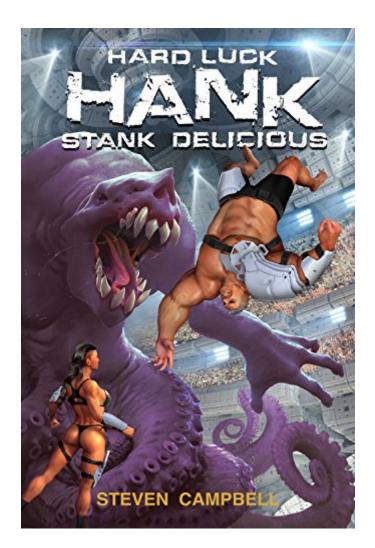
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Hard Luck Hank: Stank Delicious





Synopsis

Belvaille has cemented its place as the most important System in the galaxy and Hank is working as an official Factotum, negotiating deals between gangs and noblemen under the watchful eye of the Arch Minister.When his ever-capable butler, Cliston, is approached to become the general manager of a Super Class glocken team, Hank is hired not only as protection, but as a player.Hank finds himself thrown into the most grueling bloodsport in the galaxy and he is tasked with finding out how and why players are being abducted.The friendly rivalries turn into full-scale conflict and Hank unravels a far more insidious plot than the fixing of gambling results. In the process, Hank learns a lot about his history that he never even dreamed had existed.Many of Hank's friends and enemies return in this action-packed and humorous take on the professional sporting world.NOTE: Sequel to Hard Luck Hank - Screw the Galaxy, Hard Luck Hank - Basketful of Crap, Hard Luck Hank - Prince of Suck, and Hard Luck Hank - Suck My Cosmos

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Customer Reviews

In this outing, none-too-smart, morally-flexible, good-natured thug Hard Luck Hank is drafted as a professional athlete playing the brutal game of glocken primarily as a cover for his factorum work of investigating the disappearances of a number of his fellow athletes. Sure, space station Belvaille

has devolved from an imperfect republic into an hereditary monarchy (thanks, in large part, to Hank's clumsy investigation of a murder in the prior novel, Suck My Cosmos) but Hank has made out OK. Rewarded with heraldry for his unwilling and inadvertent help in assassinating the last governor, and keeping his mouth shut about it, he is in the oxymoronic postion of a factotum; i.e., servant, with aspects of nobility; i.e., heraldry, providing him with a certain ambiguous comfort given that he is bullied by his robot butler who not only dictates how he dresses (retro-pimp), what he eats, and how his building is furnished (contemporary high explosive) but also Cliston, the butler, earns more than Hank, the master. This is because Cliston is able to fulfill several roles, butler, agent, manager, for each of which he scrapes a little cream off the top leaving Hank's cup in no danger of flowing over. So Hank investigates the disappearances and finds they seem to lead to personal and galactic apocalyptic revelations. Meanwhile, he's still got romantic problems considering his ex-girlfriend/assassin and his crush are both playing on the team. So Hank stumbles through neither wisely nor too well but in his inimicable style. Funny and exciting, as all the Hank books are, I do not hesitate to recommend this book. It is not really necessary to have read the prior novels although you might enjoy them more in order. In my opinion, this is one of the best of Hank's adventures.

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