

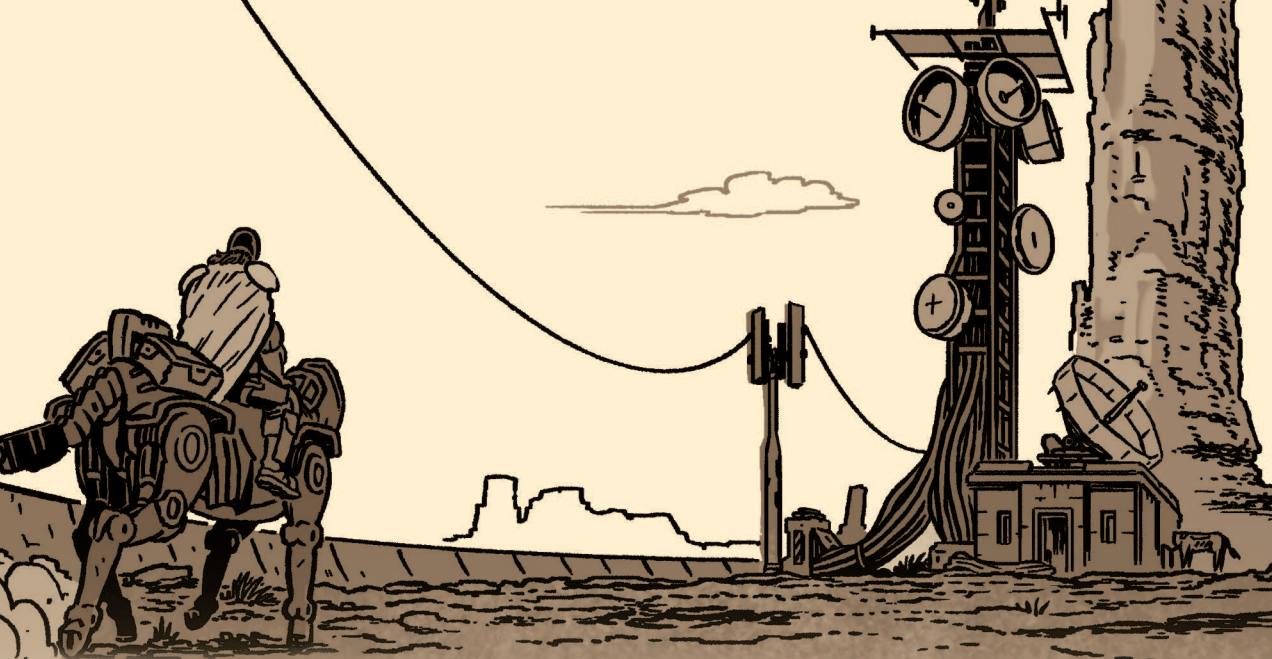
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Judge Dredd awoke a thousand years in his future to find Mega-City One in ruins and its 800 million citizens gone without a trace. After a long, strange journey, Dredd managed to locate and free them all. And now, ten years later, society continues to pick up the pieces...

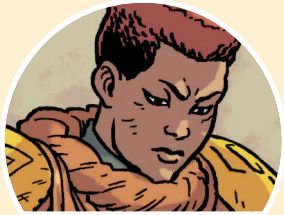
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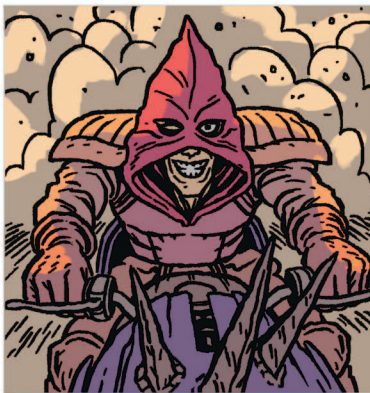
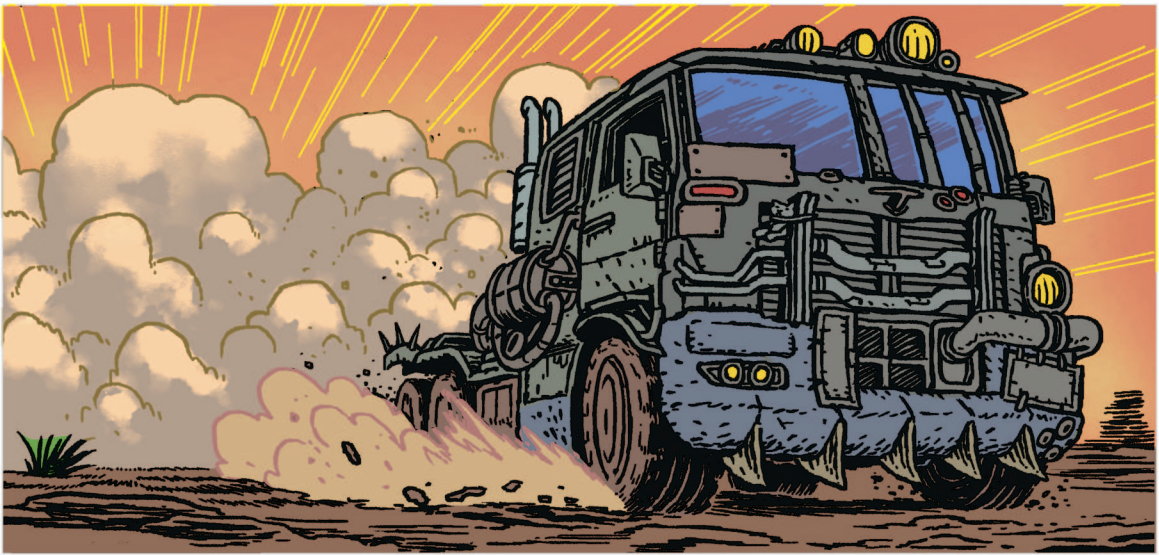


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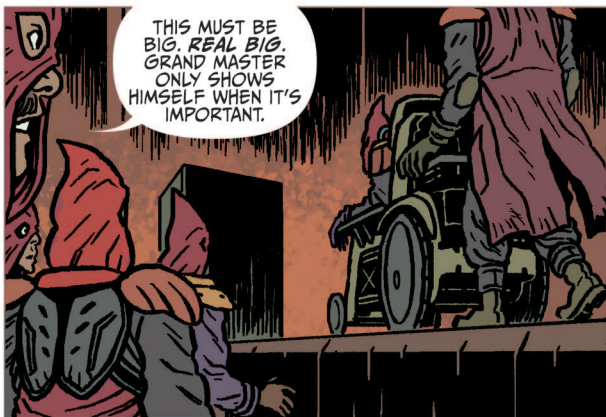


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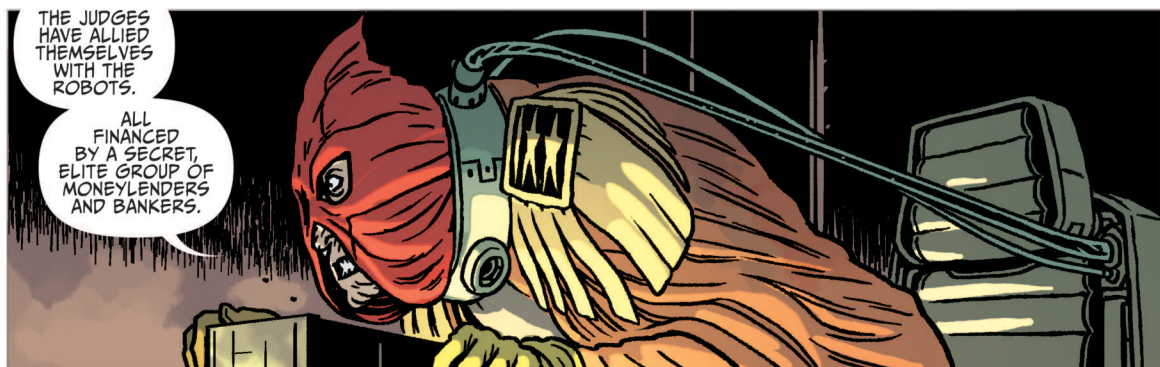
WE MUST NOW OPERATE UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT JUDGE DREDD, AND THE REST OF THE JUDGES, ARE NOT WHAT THEY APPEAR TO BE.

YA SEE THAT CHIEF JUDGE? THINK THE GRAND MASTER HAS A CHANCE AGAINST THAT MONSTER?

MAN, SHUT YOUR HOLE. HEARD SHE'S HALF-CACTUS ANYWAY.



THIS PROVES THAT THE ROBOTS ARE TRYING TO DESTROY OUR SOVEREIGN STATE BY INFILTRATING THE HIGHEST POSITION IN OUR SYSTEMS OF LAW.



THE JUDGES HAVE ALLIED THEMSELVES WITH THE ROBOTS.

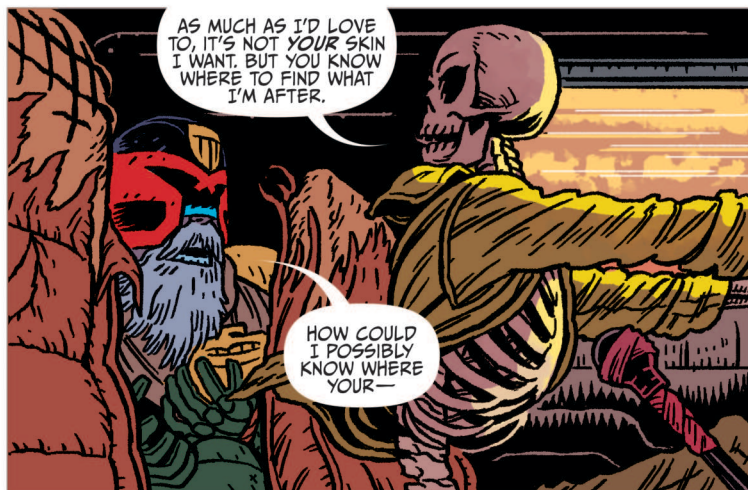
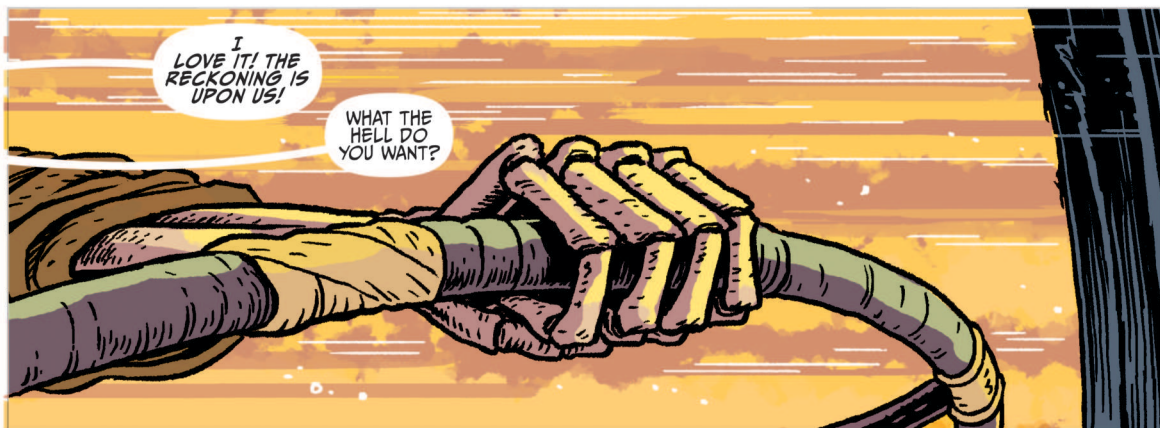
ALL FINANCED BY A SECRET, ELITE GROUP OF MONEYLENDERS AND BANKERS.



ONLY I CAN STOP THEM. ONLY I CAN DEFEAT THEM. THROUGH YOU, MY NEON KNIGHTS.



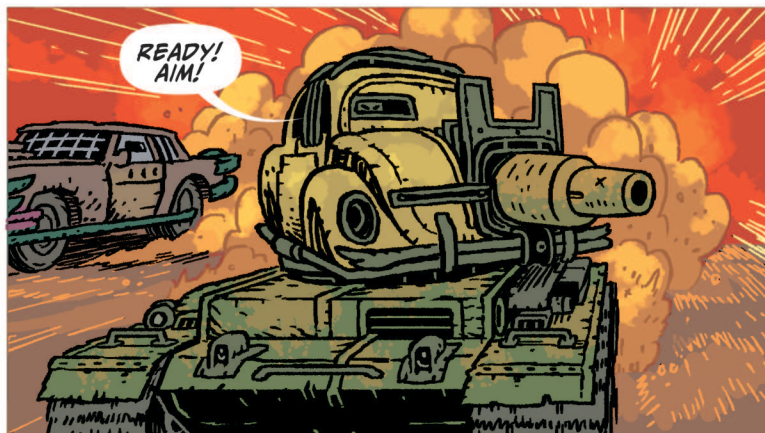
NOW, FIND JUDGE DREDD AND KILL HIM!



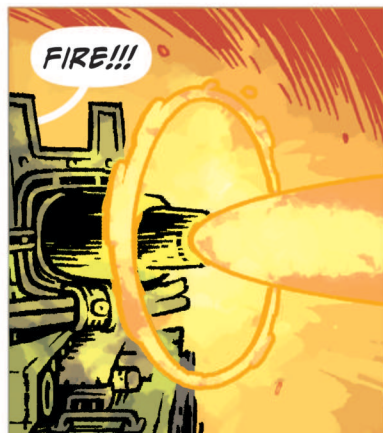


DREDD'S IN
THAT TRUCK!
ROBOT
LOVER!

I HAVE
HIM IN OUR
SIGHTS.



READY!
AIM!



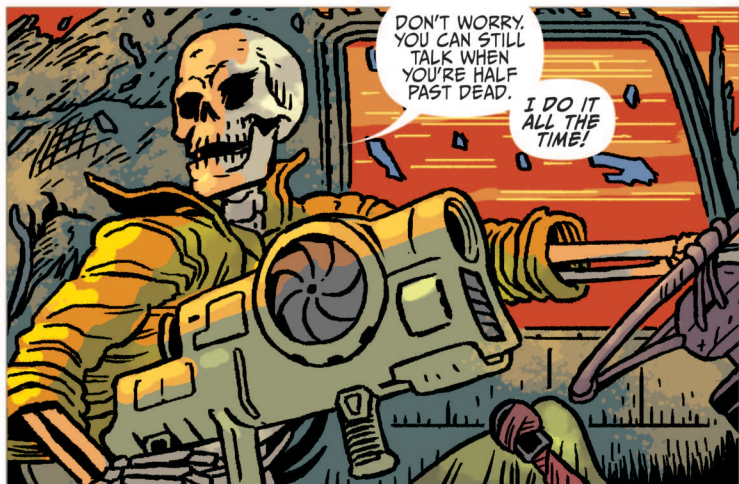
FIRE!!!



JOVUS!
JUST MY
LUCK!



WHATEVER
YOU NEED FROM
ME, YOU WON'T
GET IT IF THEY
KILL ME.



DON'T WORRY.
YOU CAN STILL
TALK WHEN
YOU'RE HALF
PAST DEAD.

I DO IT
ALL THE
TIME!





"I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT. I FELT YOUR HANDS ON ME."



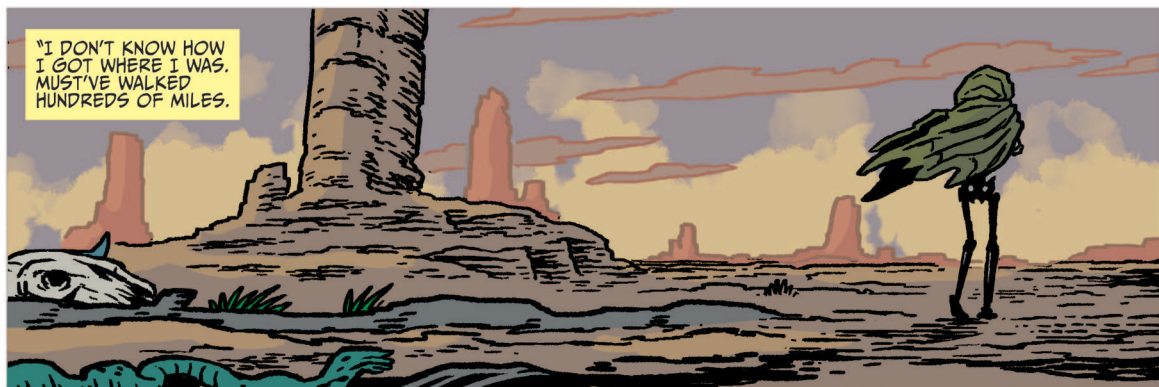
"IT WAS YOU, DREDD. YOU RIPPED THE SKIN OFF MY BODY, THEN LEFT ME WITH THIS!"

"IT WASN'T ME. IT WAS—"

"RICO! YOUR GRUD-FORSAKEN CLONE BROTHER! I KNOW THAT NOW! HE'S A DAMN SKIN THIEF!"



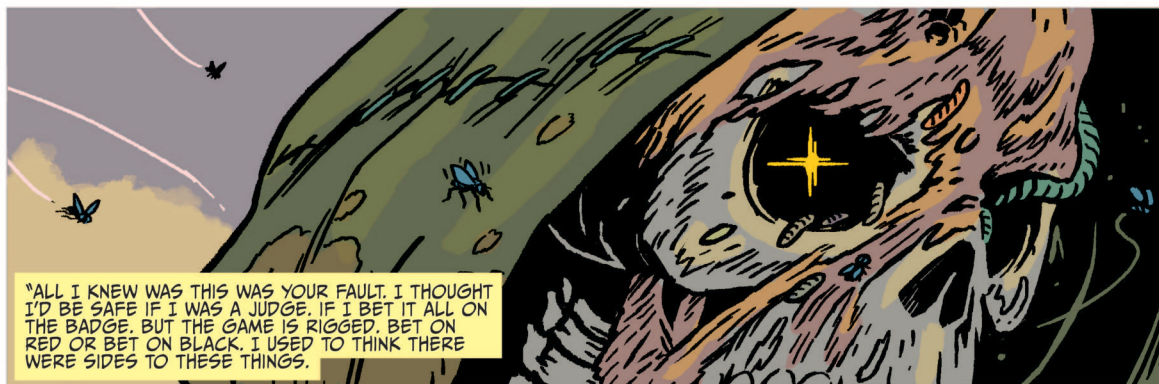
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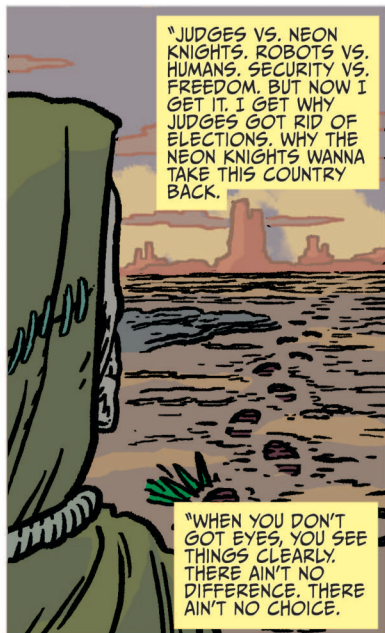
"I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT WHERE I WAS. MUST'VE WALKED HUNDREDS OF MILES.

"I ALWAYS WAS UNLUCKY, BUT THIS WAS THE WORST JAM YET.

"DO YOU KNOW HOW HUMILIATING IT IS TO LOSE YOUR SKIN? TO BE FED UPON BY THE CRAWLING THINGS?"

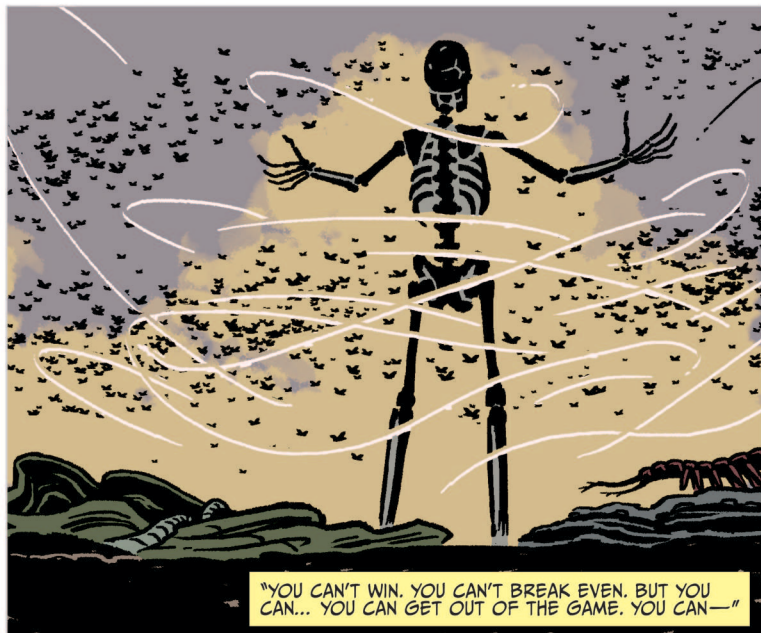


"ALL I KNEW WAS THIS WAS YOUR FAULT. I THOUGHT I'D BE SAFE IF I WAS A JUDGE. IF I BET IT ALL ON THE BADGE, BUT THE GAME IS RIGGED. BET ON RED OR BET ON BLACK. I USED TO THINK THERE WERE SIDES TO THESE THINGS.

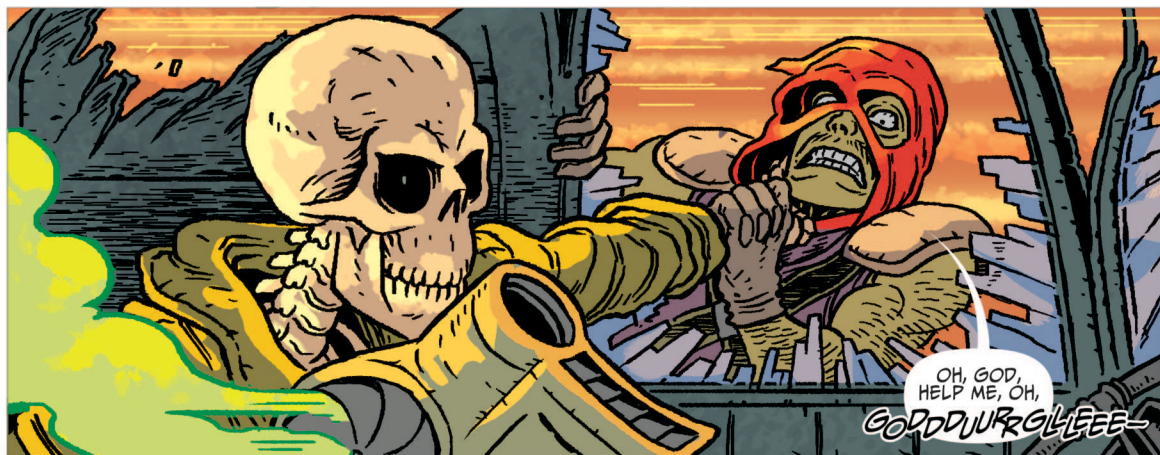
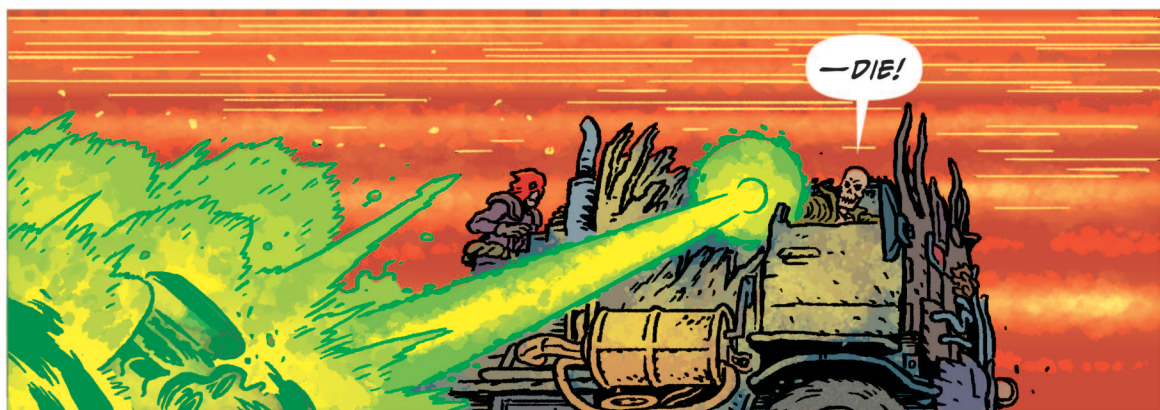


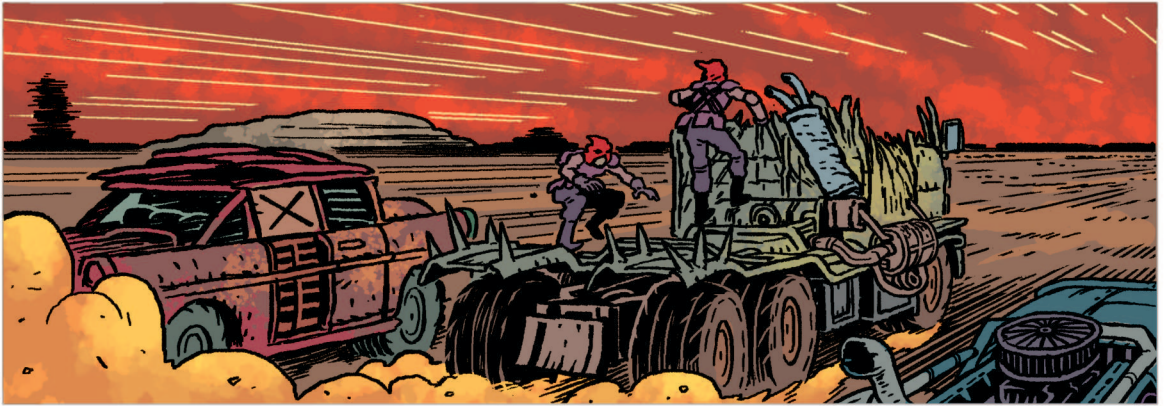
"JUDGES VS. NEON KNIGHTS. ROBOTS VS. HUMANS. SECURITY VS. FREEDOM. BUT NOW I GET IT. I GET WHY JUDGES GOT RID OF ELECTIONS. WHY THE NEON KNIGHTS WANNA TAKE THIS COUNTRY BACK.

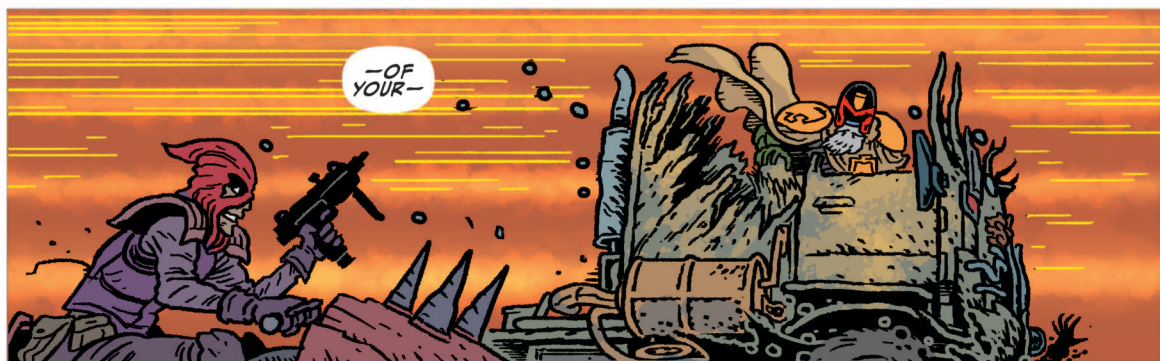
"WHEN YOU DON'T GOT EYES, YOU SEE THINGS CLEARLY. THERE AIN'T NO DIFFERENCE. THERE AIN'T NO CHOICE.



"YOU CAN'T WIN. YOU CAN'T BREAK EVEN. BUT YOU CAN... YOU CAN GET OUT OF THE GAME. YOU CAN—"



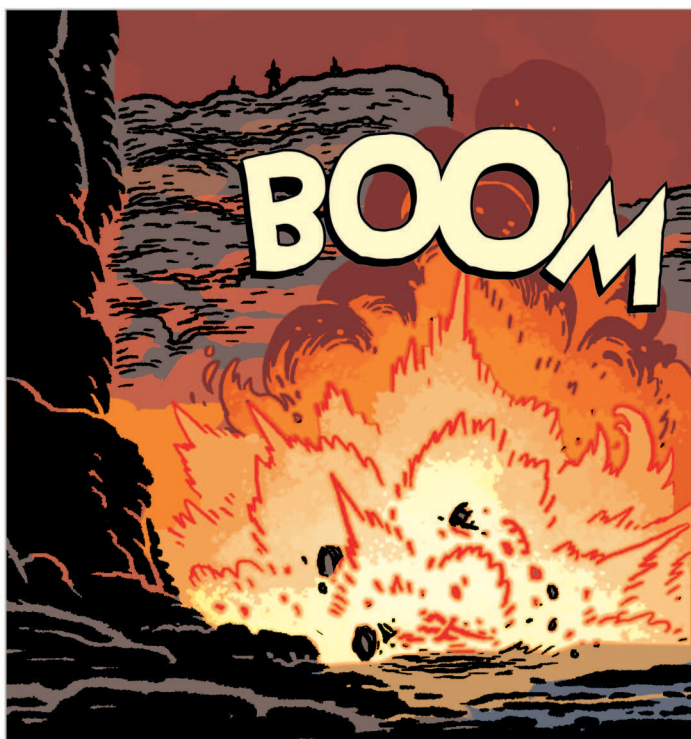




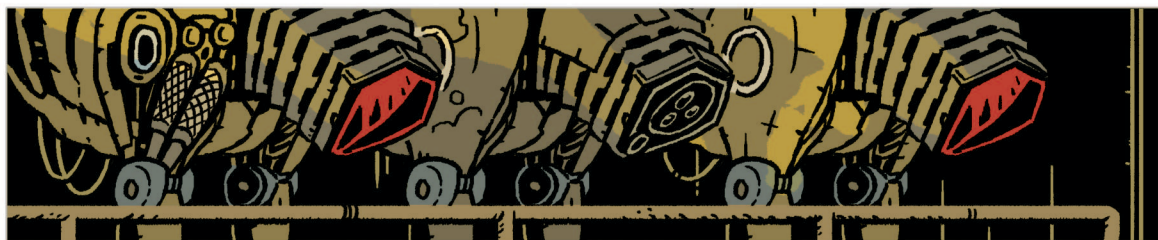


DREDD IS DEAD.

LET'S TAKE CARE OF THE REST OF THE JUDGES NOW.



TWENTY-SIX HOURS AGO.









THEY'RE ALIVE. ALL OF THEM. WE NEED TO PROTECT THEM. RICO WAS A BIOSIM. HE WAS TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM HIS CREATOR.

ALL OF THE DEFECTS, THEY'RE BEING HUNTED BY THEIR CREATOR.

THEY'RE BEING HUNTED BY ISAAC,* THE FIRST BIOSIM.

ISAAC IS DEAD. HE WAS CAPTURED ON LUNA-1, HOME OF THE BIOSIM PROGRAM. THE ENTIRE PROGRAM WAS SCRAPPED AFTER—

YOU'RE LYING TO ME.

*SEE THE JUDGE DREDD ANNUAL. —ED.



QUILL, LET US TAKE CARE OF IT.

WHY AM I BEING KEPT IN THE DARK ABOUT THIS? THIS WAS MY CASE.



SECRET
ORDER NO. 1. ALL NON-COMPLIANT ROBOTS SHALL BE DEMOLISHED ON SIGHT, REGARDLESS OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

RESISTING DEMOLITION SHALL BE CONSIDERED NON-COMPLIANCE. ALL BIOSIM ROBOTS SHALL BE DESTROYED ON SIGHT.



THE DROKK ARE YOU SAYING?

THEY'RE JUST PROPERTY, QUILL. WOULD YOU BE UPSET IF WE DECIDED TO RECYCLE OUR TOASTERS?

THIS IS GENOCIDE.



CAROL... SHE WAS JUST A LITTLE GIRL. THERE'S MORE LITTLE GIRLS OUT THERE.

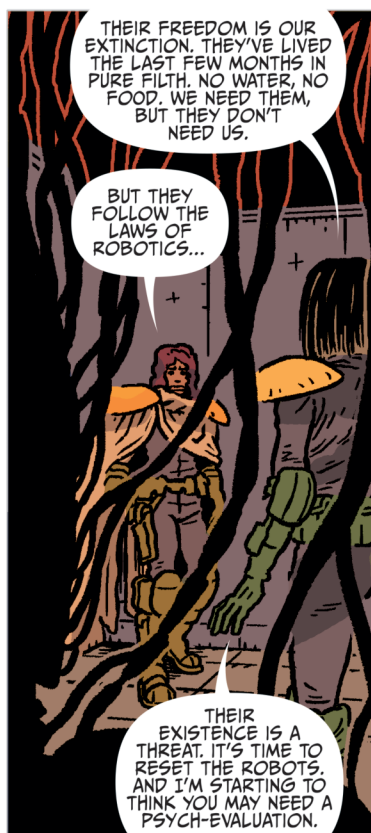
SHE'S NOT A LITTLE GIRL. SHE'S PROPERTY.

I TOLD YOU, QUILL, ON THE MEGATRIN TO FORSAKEN-OF COURSE THERE'S MORE OUT THERE.



QUILL, I HAVE TO REMIND YOU, THEY'RE JUST PROPERTY—

STOP CALLING THEM THAT! THE BIOSIMS AND ROBOTS WON'T HURT US. THEY JUST WANT TO LIVE THEIR LIVES.



THEIR FREEDOM IS OUR EXTINCTION. THEY'VE LIVED THE LAST FEW MONTHS IN PURE FILTH. NO WATER, NO FOOD. WE NEED THEM, BUT THEY DON'T NEED US.

BUT THEY FOLLOW THE LAWS OF ROBOTICS...

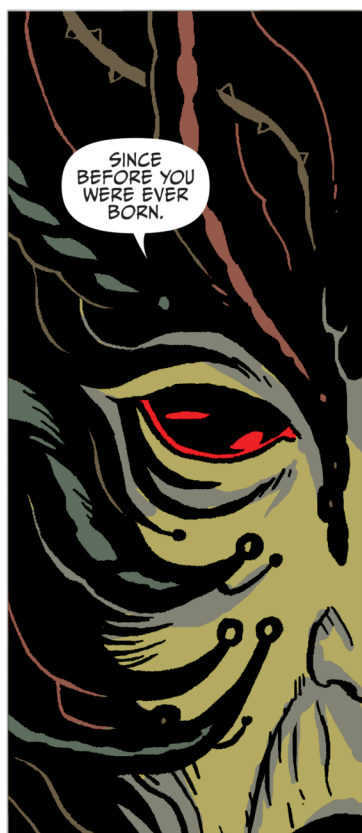
THEIR EXISTENCE IS A THREAT. IT'S TIME TO RESET THE ROBOTS. AND I'M STARTING TO THINK YOU MAY NEED A PSYCH-EVALUATION.



YOU KNEW I'D REACT THIS WAY... DIDN'T YOU?

YES.

SINCE BEFORE I EVEN FOUND CAROL ROSSA.



SINCE BEFORE YOU WERE EVER BORN.



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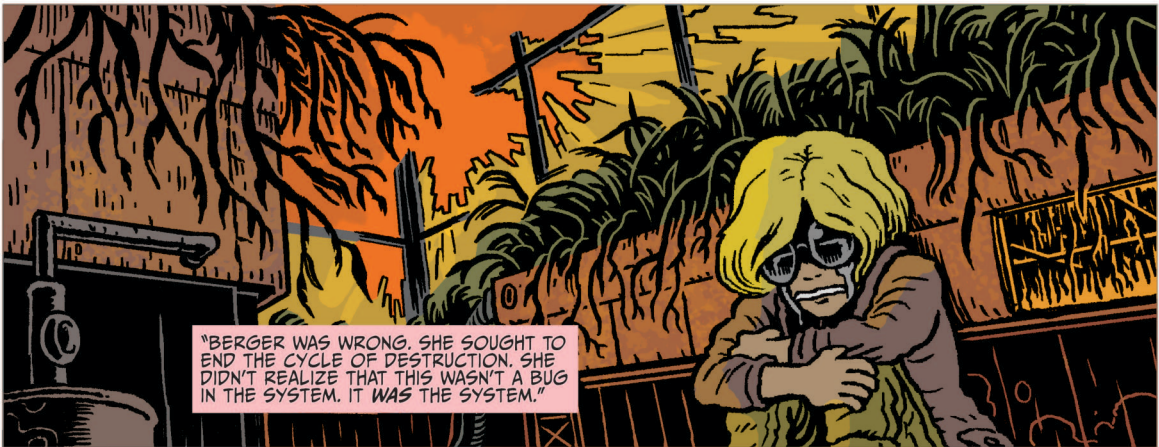
"WE'VE DESTROYED THIS EARTH COUNTLESS TIMES. FIRST, THE NUCLEAR FIRES THAT ENDED DEMOCRACY.



"THEN, WHEN MEGA-CITY ONE AND EAST MEG ONE WENT TO WAR.



"EACH TIME, MILLIONS... BILLIONS DEAD.



"BERGER WAS WRONG. SHE SOUGHT TO END THE CYCLE OF DESTRUCTION. SHE DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THIS WASN'T A BUG IN THE SYSTEM. IT WAS THE SYSTEM."



THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PRESIDENT AND A KING. BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND FASCISM.

THERE ARE ONLY THE JUDGES... AND THE JUDGED. THERE IS ONE LAW.



I AM THE LAW. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT TRULY MEANS?

POWER IS ALL THAT MATTERS. THE MASSES ARE JUST THE MECHANISM BY WHICH WE MAINTAIN THAT POWER.

AND WHEN THEY GROW TOO NUMEROUS, WE SEND A PLAGUE DOWN TO WIPE THEM AWAY. WE START ANEW.



QUILL. YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.

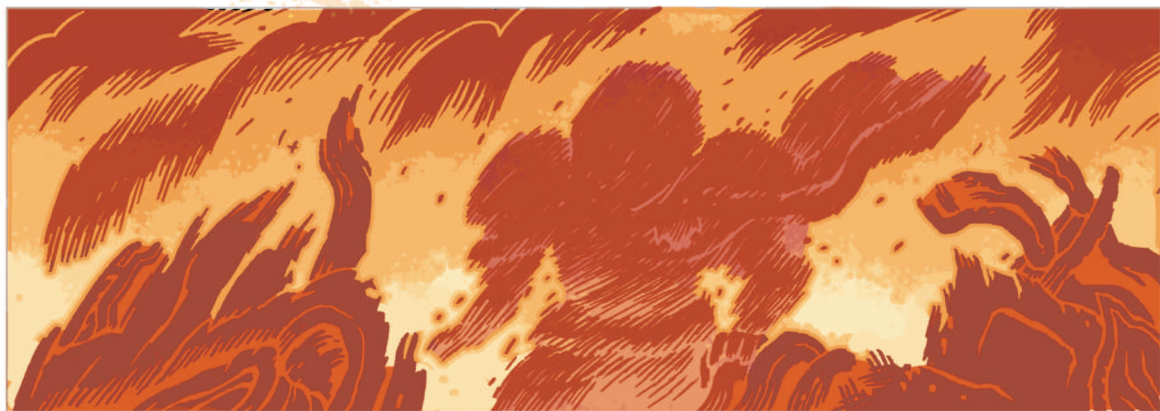


ARGH!



GAAHHH!



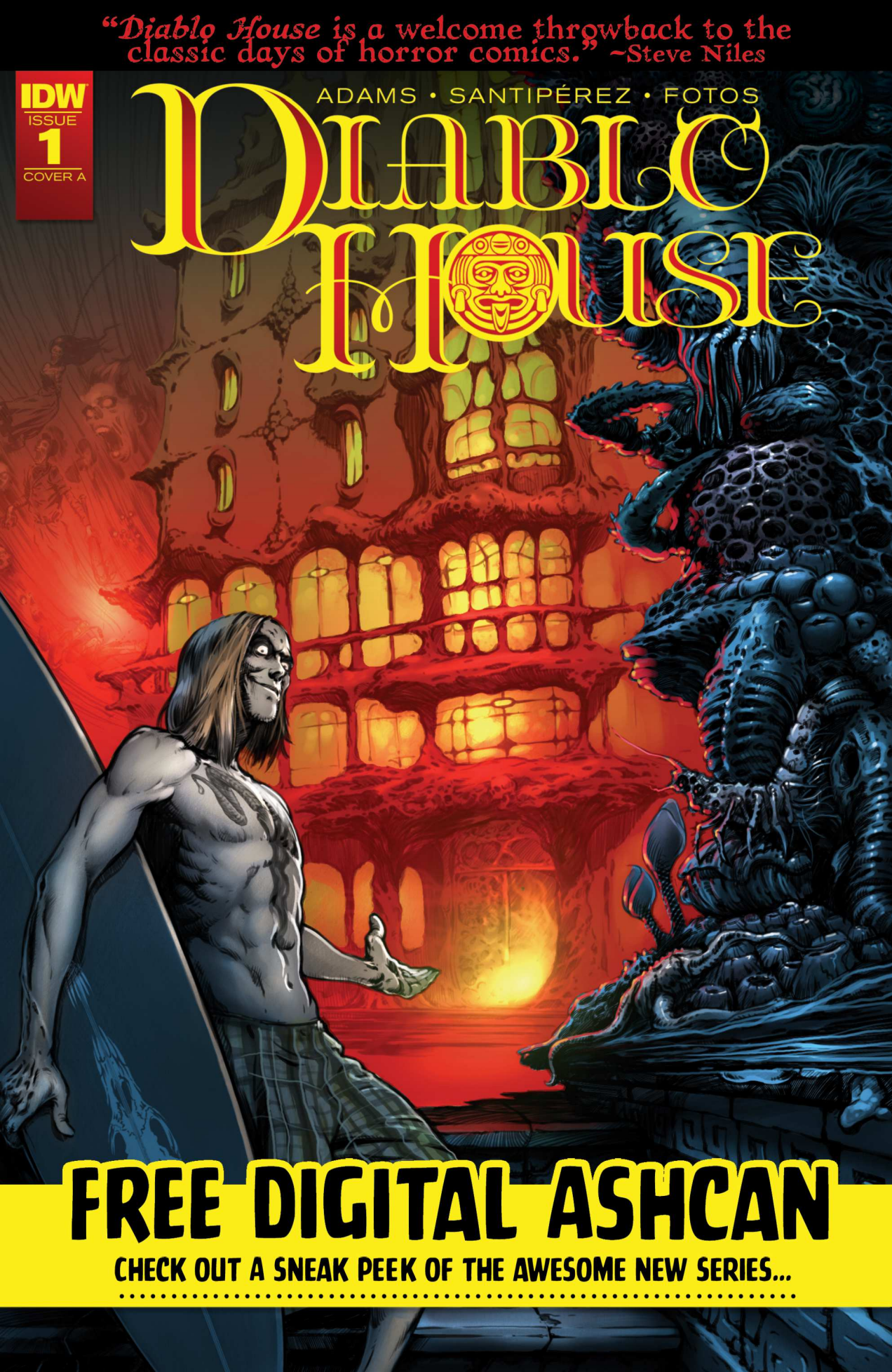


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NICE.
THEY'RE
RIGHT. I AM
GOOD AT
THIS JOB.

LA JOLLA LIFESTYLE

INSIDE THE
SPOOKIEST PLACE
ON THE COAST

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BRIAN RILEY HELPS US
SEPARATE THE MYTHS
FROM THE FACTS



I'M LIVING THE CALIFORNIA DREAM.

71 DEGREES, BLUE SKIES.
THE SURF'S GOING OFF. IT'S
ANOTHER PERFECT DAY IN
SUNNY SAN DIEGO.

San Diego

Tijuana

WELL, TO BE MORE
ACCURATE—LA JOLLA.

ONE OF THE RICHEST ZIP
CODES IN THE STATE.

PROBABLY THE COUNTRY.

La Jolla

Los Angeles

San Diego

BY THE WAY, CALIFORNIA
ISN'T ACTUALLY ON FIRE.

AND WE AREN'T UNDER ATTACK BY GIANT
BUGS. THIS ISN'T THAT KIND OF STORY.

THEY'RE, YOU KNOW,
VISUAL METAPHORS. YOU
DECIDE WHAT THEY MEAN.

La Jolla Cove

666 Prospect Street

BOTTOM LINE: THINGS AREN'T
ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM, AND...



...THIS IS ALL STILL NEW TO ME.

LIKE YOU, I COULD NEVER FIGURE OUT WHY SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO GET ALL THE LUCK.

I MEAN, C'MON, THIS GUY. PRESIDENT? ARE YOU SERIOUS?



OR THAT GUY BECOMES A FAMOUS PAINTER?



AND LITTLE MISS OUT-A-TUNE BECOMES A POP STAR?



THEY ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON. THEY ALL VISITED MY *CURRENT* PLACE OF... EMPLOYMENT—

AH. WHO AM I?

I HAVE A SURFER'S SOUL. I'VE ESCAPED DEATH ON WAVES AT MAVERICKS. COME AWAY UNMARKED FROM TUBES AT PIPELINE. CLEARED THE FACE AT TEAHUPOO. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY...



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