

TEAM CHALLENGER



Oceanographic survey vessel the *Derleth*, currently chartered to *Dunsany College*, and anchored at 49°51'S 128°34'W in the South Pacific seas--

--base camp for what's happening down below.

Looks like we got here too late. Most of this place probably fell into that old earthquake rift long ago.

Abyssal trench. A deep one, too. No telling what else might be down there.

No knowing, either. Not this trip. My contract runs out at anything below 200 metres.

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Well, could you at least take a closer look? From images taken on earlier dives, some of the architectural details there look a little--

Non-Euclidian?

Most amusing, but these ruins certainly aren't **R-Point** related. From what we've seen so far, I'd say we're leaning more toward an unmapped offshoot of post-cataclysm Lemuria.



Wouldn't you agree, Victor?

Hhng



You see? Victor concurs. Now, according to the sonar readings, you should be approaching--

Hold on, my dear. We appear to have company up here.



Professor Trondheim? Professor Tovar? I'm--

--interrupting an important and dangerous operation? Yes, you are.

And it's *De Tovar*. My ancestor didn't lead the pillage of Seville just so some New World barbarian could later reduce the family name back to commoner status again.



My apologies, professor. I'm--

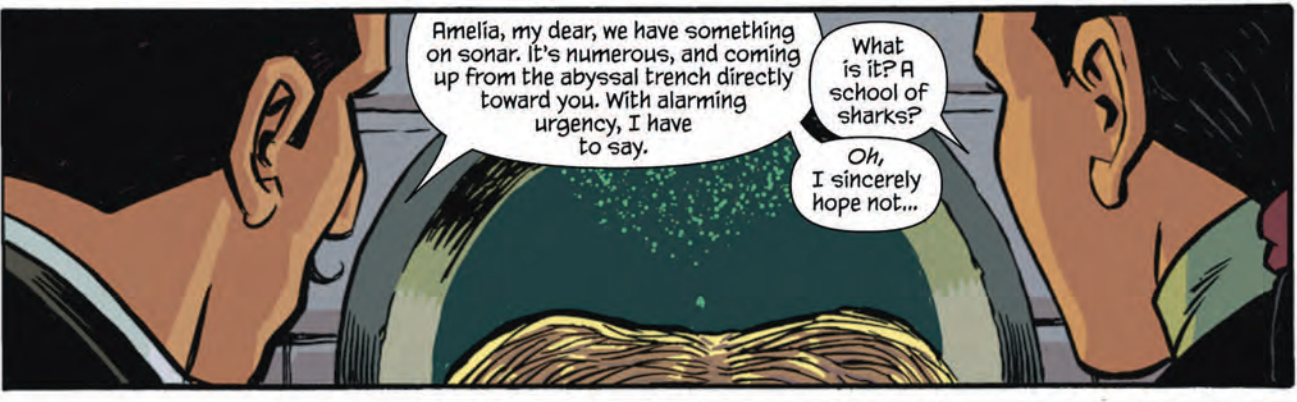
--the money. *Emma Hampton*, descendant of our enlightened benefactor, here to see how exactly we squander all that precious Hampton Foundation grant money.

Isn't that right, Victor?



Rrrrg


Really? Are you sure?



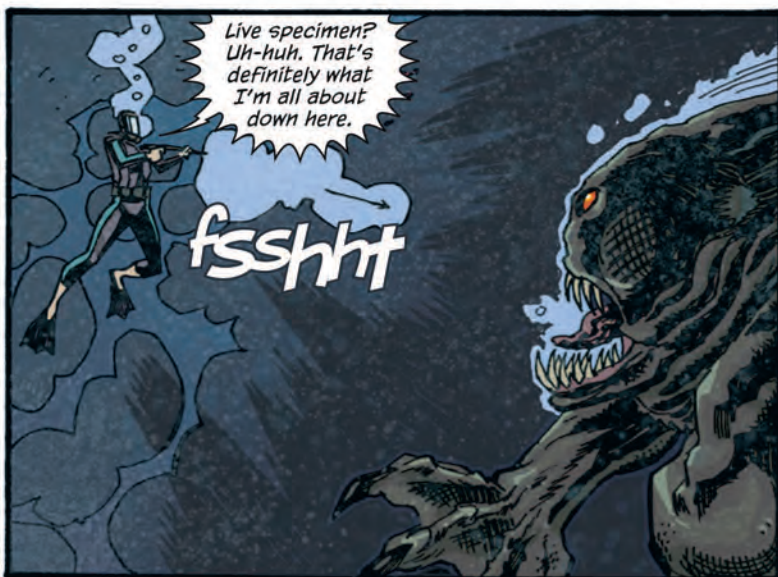
Amelia, my dear, we have something on sonar. It's numerous, and coming up from the abyssal trench directly toward you. With alarming urgency, I have to say.

What is it? A school of sharks?

Oh, I sincerely hope not...



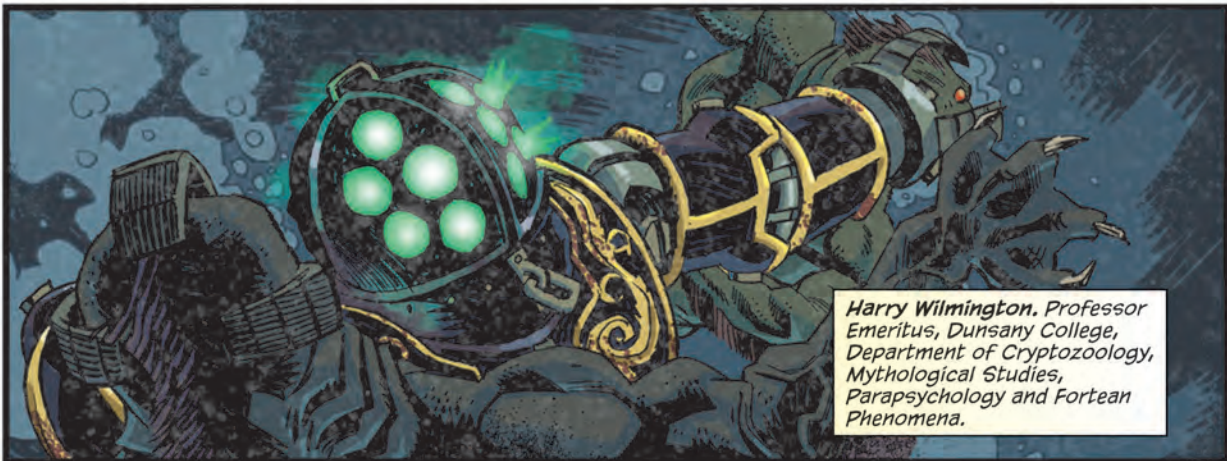
"...it would be a pity to come so far, just for something as mundane as that."



"...that is the help."

HARRY!





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An awful lot of violent activity on the sonar readings. I hope you're taking pains to ensure the integrity of the site?

Uuuh, sure.