

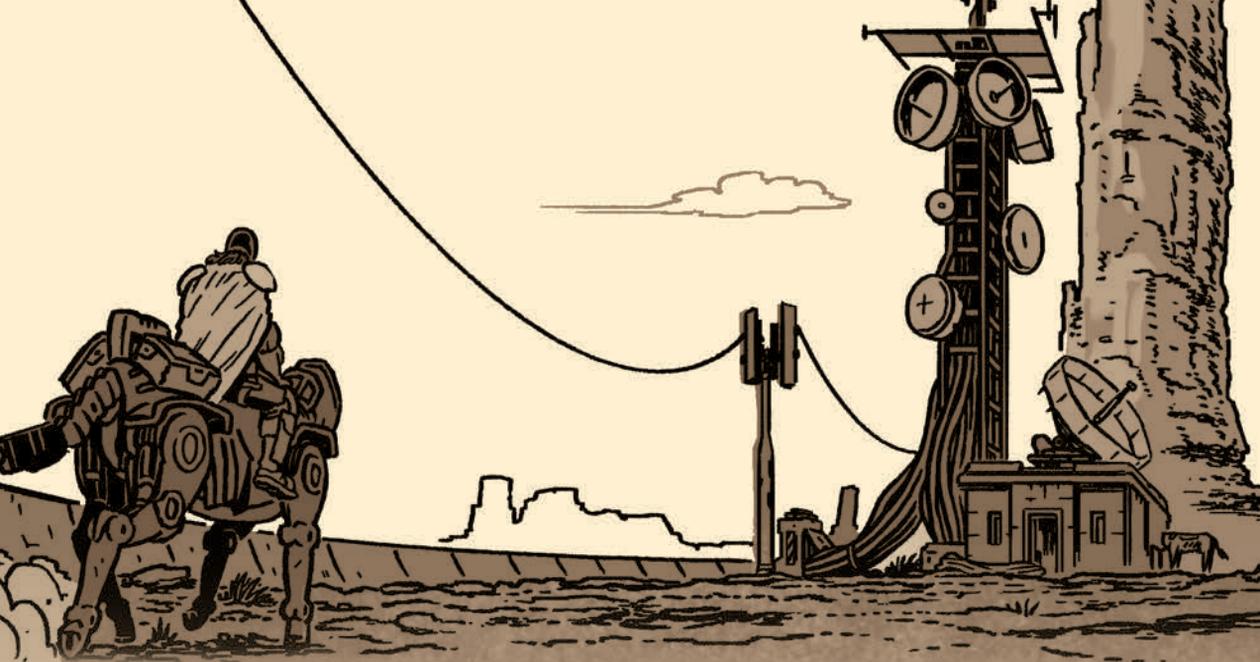
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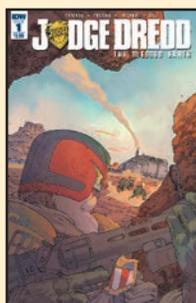
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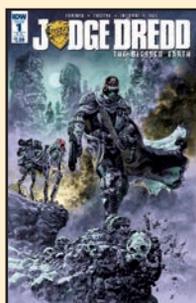
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SECTOR 159.



I DON'T LIKE IT.

DON'T LIKE WHAT?



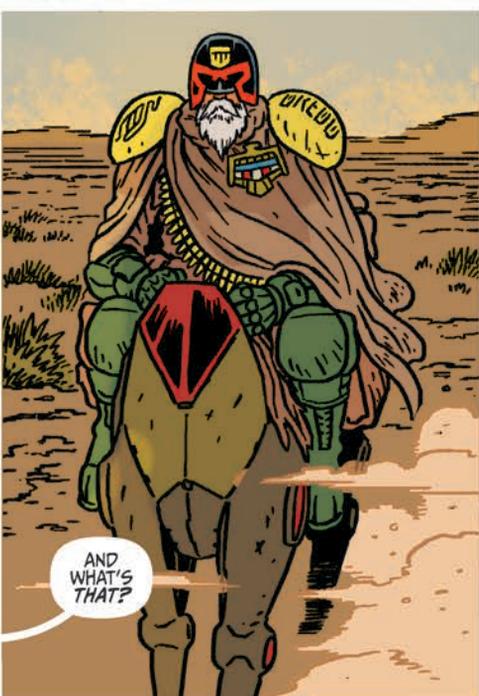
MEGA-CITY. WHY THEY CALL IT THAT?

IT'S AN ARTIFACT.

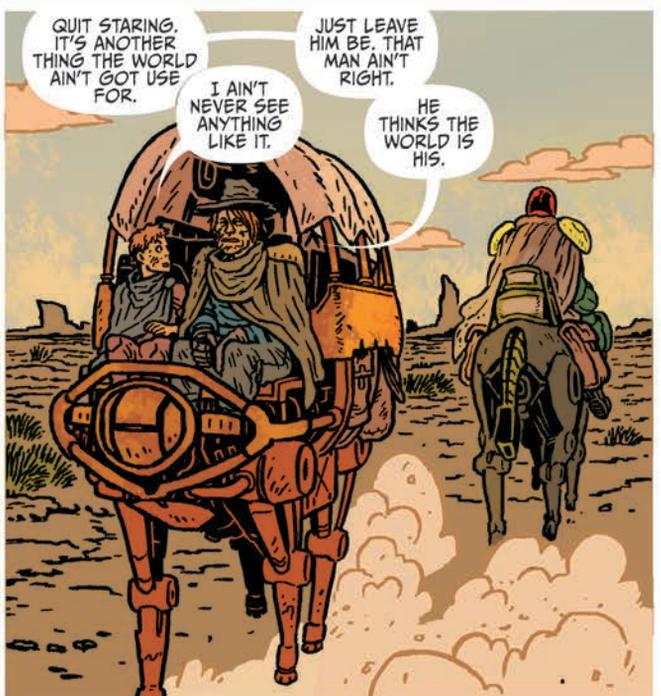
WHAT'S THAT, PA?



SOMETHING OLD THAT AIN'T GOT NO USE ANYMORE.



AND WHAT'S THAT?



QUIT STARING. IT'S ANOTHER THING THE WORLD AIN'T GOT USE FOR.

I AIN'T NEVER SEE ANYTHING LIKE IT.

JUST LEAVE HIM BE. THAT MAN AIN'T RIGHT.

HE THINKS THE WORLD IS HIS.

456 MILLION IS WHAT'S LEFT. 36 MILLION DEAD LAST YEAR ALONE.

FILLING UP THE CANYONS OF THE UNDERCITY WITH BODIES. STARVATION. DISEASE. EXPOSURE. MORE THAN THE RESYK PLANTS COULD EVEN HANDLE.

CITY OF FLIES, THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL SECTOR 01. THE ONLY PART OF MEGA-CITY ONE THAT'S BEEN REBUILT.

AFTER DREDD REVERSED THE G.R.A.S.S. PROGRAM, ONLY A HANDFUL OF JUDGES CAME BACK. THE REST ARE DEAD OR MISSING. NO ONE REALLY KNOWS.

DREDD IS BACK TO WHERE HE STARTED. SPREADING THE LAW. REBUILDING MEGA-CITY ONE. RECONNECTING THE WORLD. AND THE MEGA-RAIL IS THE FIRST STEP.

BUT THIS WORLD DOESN'T WANT TO BE CONNECTED. THEY DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF THIS STRANGE MAN'S FANTASY OF HOW THE WORLD USED TO BE.

JUDGE DREDD, CADET. I HOPE YOU CAN TELL ME WHY YOU'RE SITTING HERE, 64 KILOMETERS BEHIND SCHEDULE.

SIR, WE CAN EXPLAIN, IF YOU JUST—

THIS MEGA RAIL NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED, THERE CAN NO LONGER BE ANY PLACE WHERE THE LAW CAN'T REACH.

BUT SIR, WE CAN'T GET NOTHING DONE, THEY HATE JUDGES! THEY BEEN SAYING US EXILES* GOT NO RIGHT TO TELL THEM WHAT TO DO. THIS MEGA-RAIL AIN'T GOING ANY FURTHER.

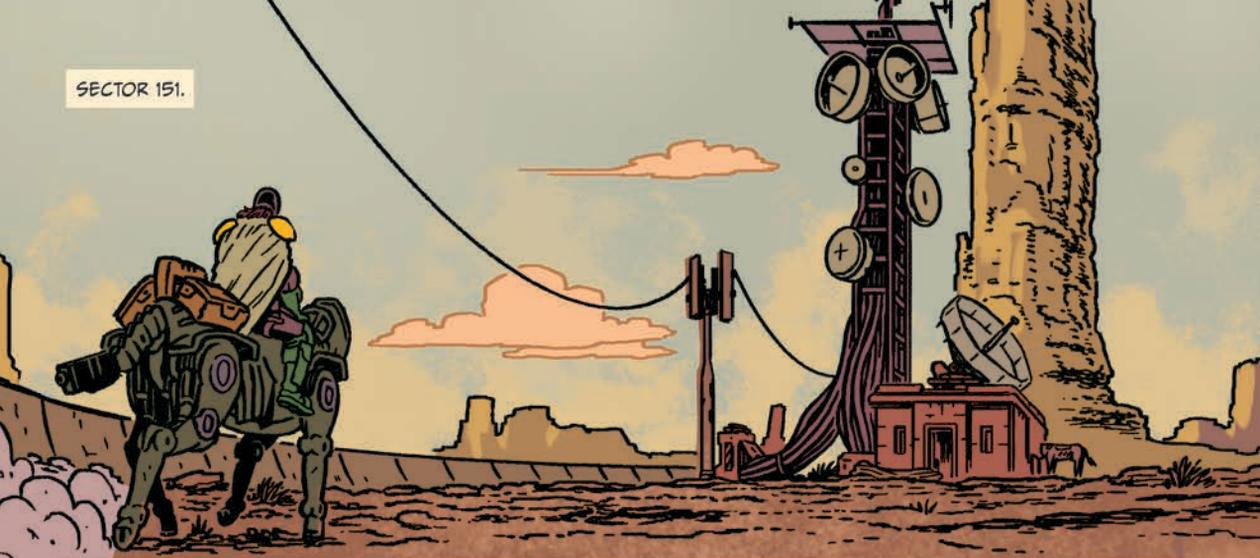
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*EXILES-NICKNAME FOR THE 800 MILLION WHO EMERGED FROM THE GRASS.

FORSAKEN
population 180
WE WERE HERE FIRST

CALM DOWN, CADET. WHERE'S YOUR SUPERVISOR?

HE'S RIGHT UP THERE, SIR.



ANY WORD FROM DREDD?

I WOULDN'T KNOW, COULDA CALLED WHILE I WAS NAPPING.



YOU COULD TRY TO RESPECT THE BADGE A LITTLE.

IT'S GONNA TAKE A LOT MORE THAN A SHINY BADGE AND A BAD ATTITUDE FOR ME TO RESPECT THIS WHOLE ENTERPRISE.

THEY JUST CALLED IN A MURDER, AND IF DREDD'S NOT HERE, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME.

THE HELL I AM.



I THINK I'LL JUST KEEP SITTING HERE. AS I'M THE ONLY JUDGE OF THIS SETTLEMENT—

I READ THE LAW BOOKS, TOO.

THIS ISN'T A SETTLEMENT.

REMEMBER YOU'RE A JUDGE-ELECT. STAND AT ATTENTION WHEN AN OFFICIAL JUDGE ENTERS THE PREMISES.

SAYS RELAY STATIONS ARE CATEGORIZED AS LEGAL SETTLEMENTS REGARDLESS OF POPULATION SIZE.

IF I LEFT THIS STATION I WOULD BE ABANDONING MY POST.

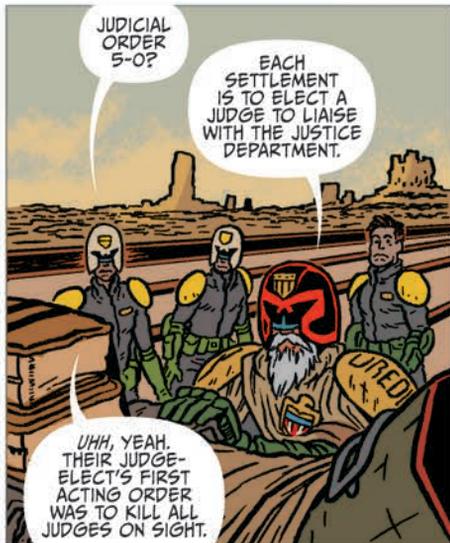
QUIT!



DRONE, GIVE ME AN INVENTORY BREAKDOWN. MUNITIONS FIRST. CADET BRONSON, HAS THE TOWN BEEN MADE AWARE OF JUDICIAL ORDER 5-0?

TWO LAWGIVER '86 STANDARD ROUNDS, FOURTEEN HI-EX, NINETEEN ARMOR PIERCING, THIRTY-TWO RICOCHET, FIFTY-SIX INCENDIARY, TWELVE MK2 STUMM GAS GRENADES, TEN XMSB RIOT FORM GRENADES, FIVE T.D.D.'S-

THAT'S ENOUGH, DRONE-ALERT MODE.



JUDICIAL ORDER 5-0?

EACH SETTLEMENT IS TO ELECT A JUDGE TO LIAISE WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

UHH, YEAH. THEIR JUDGE-ELECT'S FIRST ACTING ORDER WAS TO KILL ALL JUDGES ON SIGHT.



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, CADET?

WE AIN'T STAYING, TOWN TOLD US WE GOTTA CLEAR OUT BY NOON OR THEY ARE COMING OUT HERE AND KILLING EVERY LAST ONE OF US.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS BOOTS ON THE GROUND, AND YOU'RE THE ONES FILLING THEM. LET'S GO.



YOU LOOK A LITTLE OLD TO BE A CADET. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

CADET BRAD JOHNSON. WAS A LAW-MAN FOR KENDRICK SETTLEMENT, SECTOR 3A.

GOOD, YOU GOT EXPERIENCE. JOHNSON, YOU WATCH THE REAR.

I DON'T WANNA HANG JUST BECAUSE WE WEARING THESE BUCKETS ON OUR HEADS.



ARE YOU REFUSING AN ORDER?

I'M NOT DYING FOR THIS. NONE OF US ARE.

THAT'S YOUR DECISION. YOU'LL DO FIFTEEN YEARS HARD LABOR INSTEAD.

