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Nearly a century ago, World War II spiraled out of control when wizards on both sides entered the conflict. Together, they sparked a magical arms race that brought the world to the brink of armageddon.

In the aftermath, a strange mix of sorcerors, fantastic creatures, and ordinary people banded together, founding a new civilization upon the ruins of the old world. Powerful wizards and their servants inhabit its shining towers, wielding magic and powers that defy imagination. Below, the vast majority ekes out a meager life on the crumbs thrown down from above.

For them, there are no wands to wave or spells to chant – just countless days spent toiling in the shadows of the towers. And yet, they grasp at whatever meager charms and talismans they can, hungry for even a taste of what the mages enjoy.

The mages, looking down from on high, have a term for these little scraps of power, they call it—*Gutter Magic*



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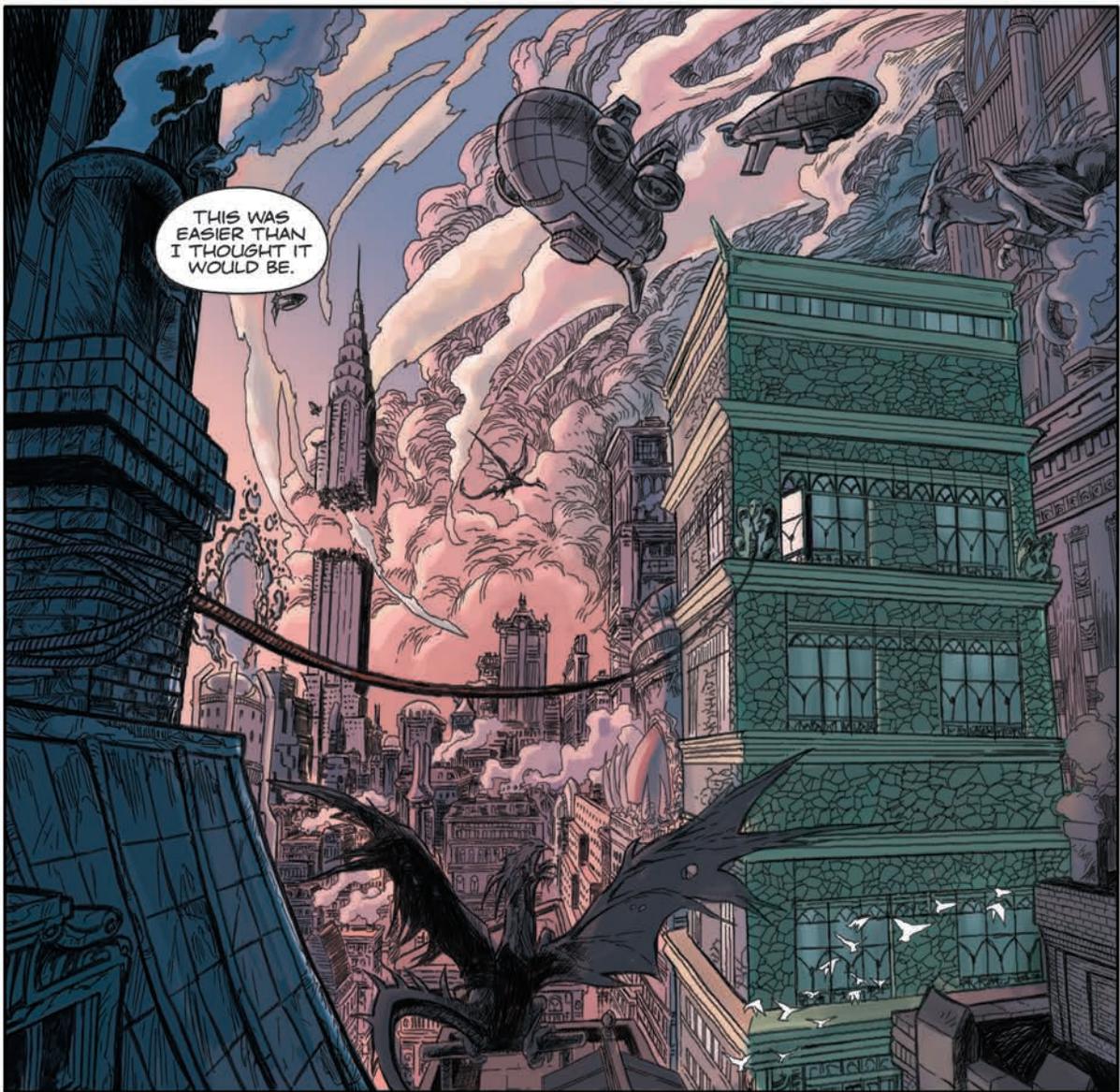
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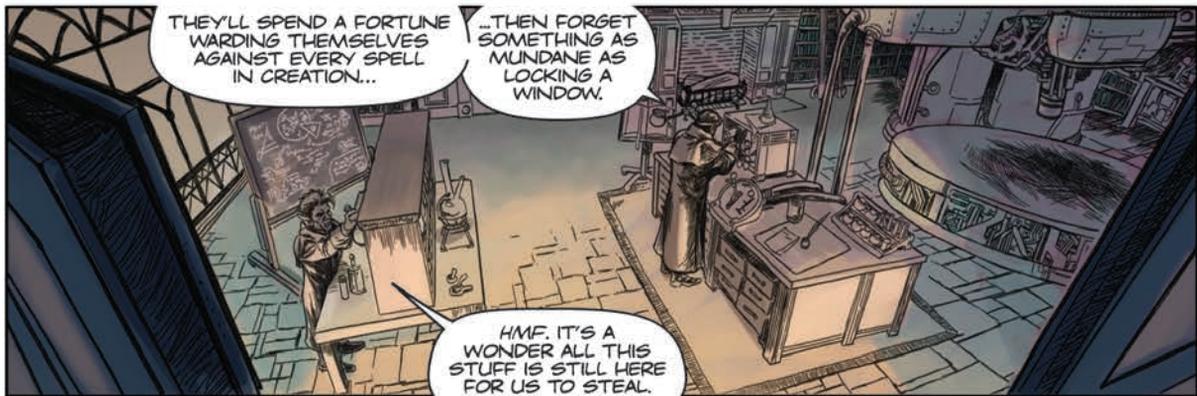
THIS WAS EASIER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.



DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO PICK THE LOCK.



WELL, THAT'S THE THING WITH THESE WIZARDS...



THEY'LL SPEND A FORTUNE WARDING THEMSELVES AGAINST EVERY SPELL IN CREATION...

...THEN FORGET SOMETHING AS MUNDANE AS LOCKING A WINDOW.

HMF. IT'S A WONDER ALL THIS STUFF IS STILL HERE FOR US TO STEAL.



EURGH. FIND WHAT YOU'RE AFTER YET, CINDER?



I THINK SO, BLACK-TOOTH.



THIS LOOKS LIKE THE RIGHT--



WATCH IT! ARE YOU TRYING TO GET US KILLED?



WHAT? IT SMELLS...

...WELL, IT SMELLS FOUL, BUT NOT--

DEADLY? TRUST ME, IT'S ALMOST AS BAD AS THAT CRAP YOU PUT IN YOUR CIGARS.



NOW PUT IT BACK, BEFORE--

YES. PLEASE DO...



AND PLACE MY SCROLLS BACK IN THE CASE AS WELL.



STEALING FROM ME IS A GRAVE MISTAKE.



NOT THAT YOU'LL LIVE TO REGRET IT.

那那那
个头头头
个头头头



GET DOWN!



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? BLAST HIM BACK!

WITH WHAT?

WITH... I DON'T KNOW... MAGIC!



WHAT, YOU FOUND SOME THAT WILL WORK FOR ME?



THAT WAS THE WHOLE POINT OF COMING HERE!

YOU SAID IT WAS FINALLY GOING TO WORK!



