

PEOPLE LOOK UP
WHEN THEY THINK
OF HEAVEN. ANGELS
BED DOWN IN CLOUDS.
STARS SHINE LIKE THE
BRIGHTEST OF SOULS.

BUT
HELL?

HELL IS
DOWN.

BELOW.

MY STORY--AS GREEN
ARROW, AS A *HERO* AND
AS AN *OUTLAW*--BEGINS
WITH THE OCEAN TRYING
AND FAILING TO CLAIM ME.

I ASSOCIATE
THE UNDERWORLD
NOT WITH FIRE,
BUT *WATER*.

NOT THE COLOR RED,
BUT THE BLUE-BLACK
OF THE CRUSHING,
FATHOMLESS VOID.

AND IF
HELL IS THE
OCEAN...

...IT'S FITTING THAT
I'M HERE--7,000
FEET BENEATH THE
SURFACE--WITH MY
MOTHER, MOIRA
QUEEN...



...WHO, UP UNTIL
YESTERDAY, I
BELIEVED DEAD.

MAYBE SHE
IS. MAYBE WE
BOTH ARE.



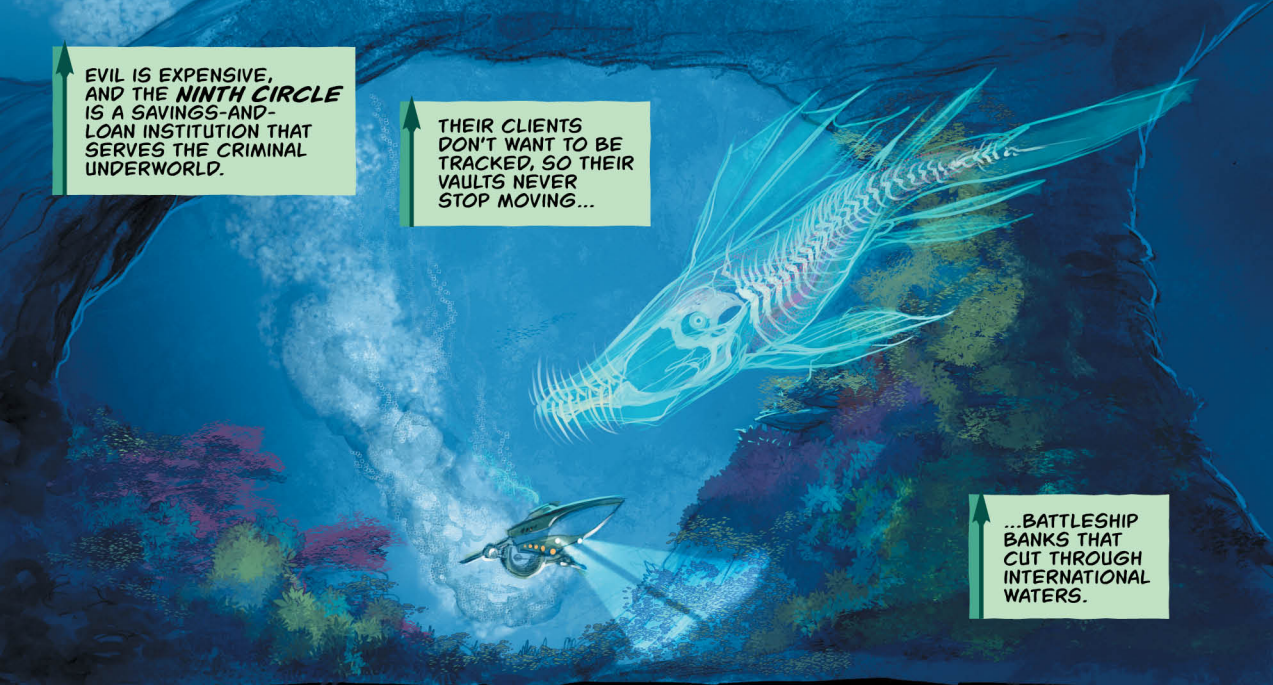
MAYBE THIS IS
WHAT DAMNATION
LOOKS LIKE.



THANK YOU,
OLIVER. FOR
BELIEVING
IN ME.

WE'RE GOING
TO MAKE IT
OUT OF THIS.
TOGETHER.





EVIL IS EXPENSIVE,
AND THE **NINTH CIRCLE**
IS A SAVINGS-AND-
LOAN INSTITUTION THAT
SERVES THE CRIMINAL
UNDERWORLD.

↑ THEIR CLIENTS
DON'T WANT TO BE
TRACKED, SO THEIR
VAULTS NEVER
STOP MOVING...


↑ ...BATTLESHIP
BANKS THAT
CUT THROUGH
INTERNATIONAL
WATERS.



↑ MORE THAN
A YEAR AGO,
I **DESTROYED**
ONE OF THEM.



↑ ITS RUINS SANK INTO
ONE OF THE DEEPEST,
DEADLIEST TRENCHES
IN THE PACIFIC.



↑ AND NOW MY
SALVATION--AND
MY MOTHER'S
SURVIVAL--
DEPENDS ON...



...THE
INFERNO.



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