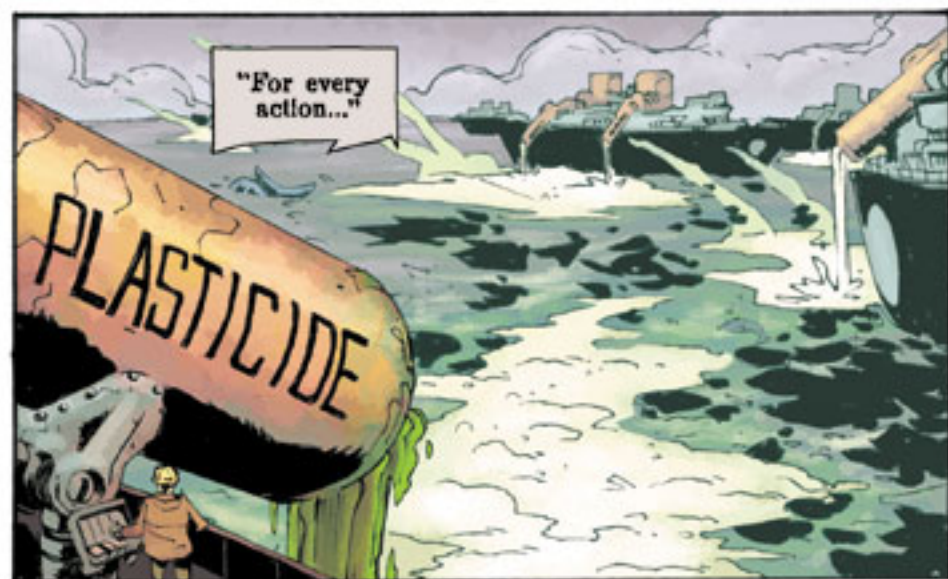



**WHEN THE
SEAS ROSE,
GENETIC CODES
WERE SMASHED.**

"In the days
when humans
could read..."

"...in the days
when slavery
was outlawed..."


"...in the
days when
animals could
be tamed and
domesticated..."





"The human settlements that remain are ringed by THE WILD, a dense, uncharted wilderness from which ferocious new animal species emerge to prey on the helpless.

"The high ground belongs to the rich and powerful. Fortreslike cities overlook vast expanses of desolate swampland, in which the scattered masses of castoff poor huddle in wet shantytowns under crumbling bridges.



"Iron-fisted rule ensures order with pitiless cruelty and allows the wealthy to harvest the poor as slaves.



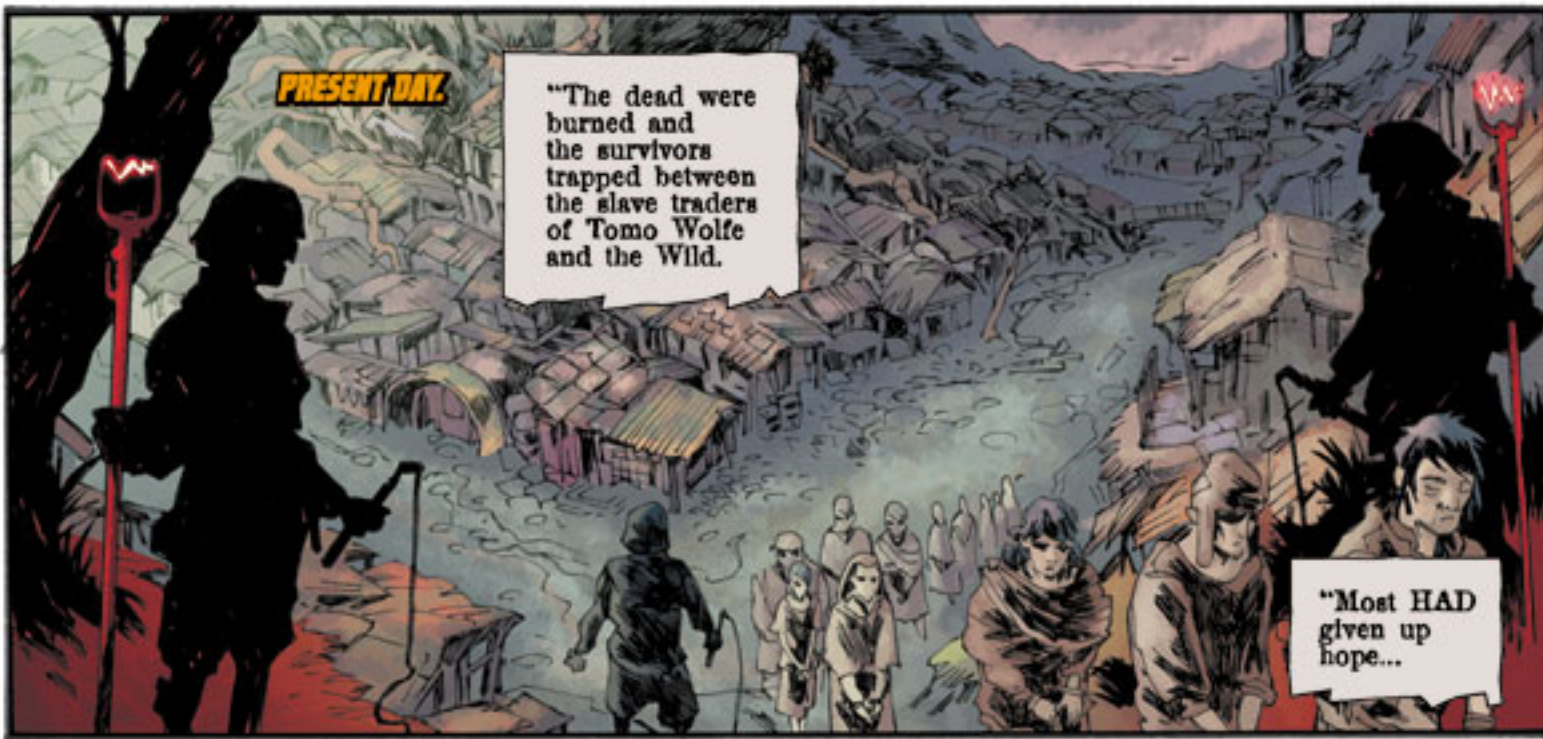
"These wretched BRIDGE PEOPLE, condemned to a life of enslavement and poverty, turned to a quasi-religious mythic warrior for redemption.

"An army of the dispossessed formed under the mysterious General China—a masked leader who led an assault on dictator Tomo Wolfe's impregnable mountain city, Fortress Penuel.



"But the rebellion failed.

"General China died in battle, the infamous mask taken as a prize by Tomo Wolfe."



PRESENT DAY.

"The dead were burned and the survivors trapped between the slave traders of Tomo Wolfe and the Wild.

"Most HAD given up hope..."