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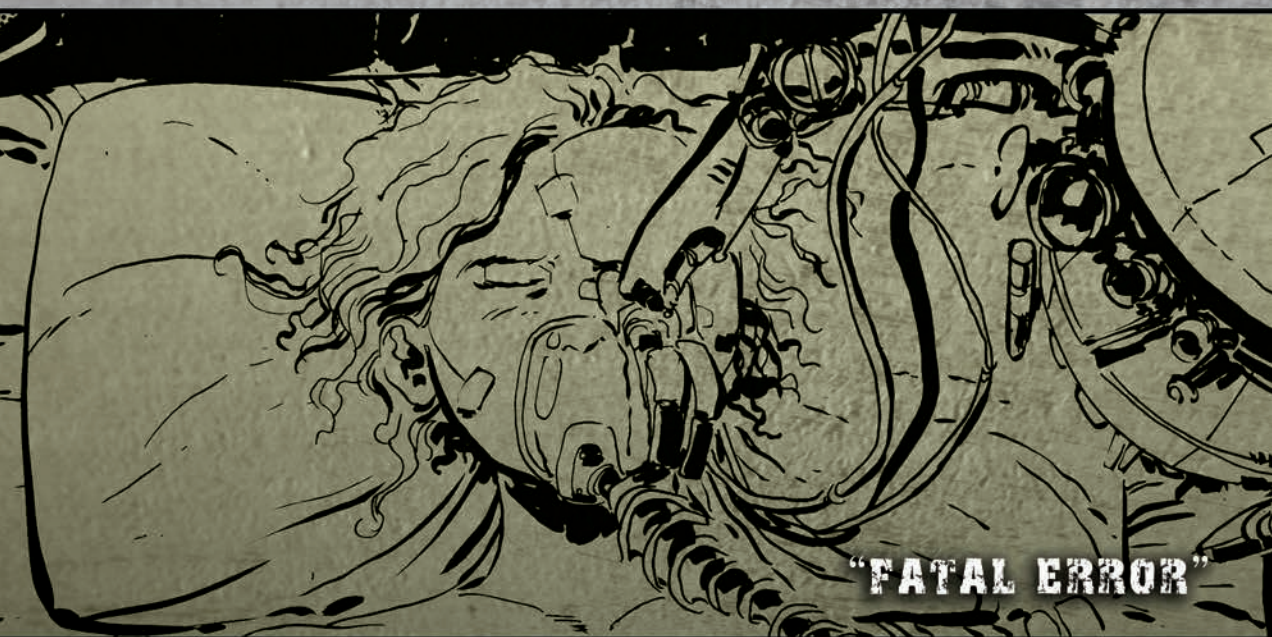
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MEGA-CITY ZERO: PART ELEVEN



"FATAL ERROR"

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I THINK ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS THAT ENDING CRIME SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF EVERY JUDGE.

ENDING CRIME?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CADET? AND I REMIND YOU TO BE CAREFUL WITH HOW YOU ANSWER.

BY PLACING THE LAW IN THE HANDS OF A RESTRICTED RULING CLASS, AS THE LOWER CLASSES OF SOCIETY LIVE IN FUNCTIONAL ANARCHY, IT ENSURES THAT ONLY THOSE WHO ADAPT BEST CAN SURVIVE A PREDATORY SYSTEM.

IT MOST DEFINITELY CREATES AN ECOLOGY OF SUPER-CRIMINALS. THUS, THE JUDGES HAVE CREATED A CYCLE THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN.

HM. AND HOW DO YOU PLAN ON FIXING IT?

I DON'T KNOW YET. MAYBE WE HAVE TO START OVER.

AS A CHILD, YOU WERE THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF YOUR MEGA-BLOCK WHEN THE SISTERS OF DEATH TRANSFORMED THE CITY INTO A NECROPOLIS.


TEN THOUSAND CITIZENS DIED EVERY DAY; SOMEHOW I LIVED THROUGH IT...




"MY PARENTS WERE BOTANISTS."




BERGER'S BOTANICAL GARDENS
Remember a world that once was!
REAL flowers! ~~ARTIFICIAL~~
NATURAL OXYGEN!



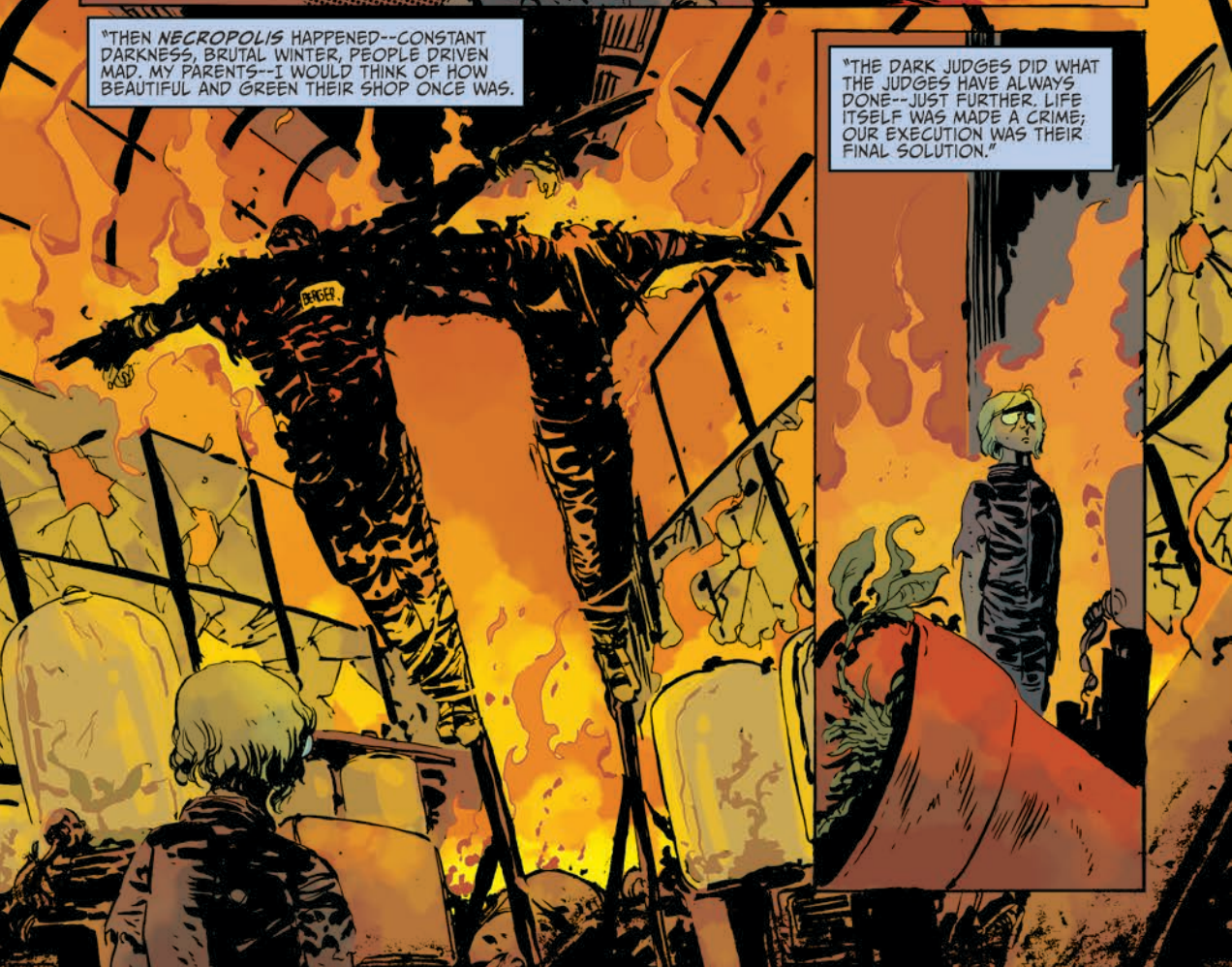
"THEY MADE MEGA-CITY ONE A BEAUTIFUL PLACE FOR MANY. THEY TAUGHT ME ABOUT SEASONS, ABOUT CYCLES OF LIFE AND DEATH."




"THEN **NECROPOLIS** HAPPENED--CONSTANT DARKNESS, BRUTAL WINTER, PEOPLE DRIVEN MAD. MY PARENTS--I WOULD THINK OF HOW BEAUTIFUL AND GREEN THEIR SHOP ONCE WAS."




"THE DARK JUDGES DID WHAT THE JUDGES HAVE ALWAYS DONE--JUST FURTHER. LIFE ITSELF WAS MADE A CRIME; OUR EXECUTION WAS THEIR FINAL SOLUTION."







"MILLIONS DIED,
BECAUSE THEIR
SOLUTION WAS
INELEGANT."




YOU BELIEVE
JUDGES ARE NO
DIFFERENT THAN THE
SISTERS OF DEATH,
FROM THE DARK
JUDGES?




"IN A WORLD WHERE
THE RULERS ARE
JUDGES, EVERY CITIZEN
BECOMES A CRIMINAL."




"I COULD NOT ESCAPE
THE FACT THAT TO FREE
CITIZENS FROM THEIR
EXECUTION, I MUST
PREVENT IT MYSELF."



"I KNEW I HAD TO
BECOME A JUDGE."



"WE'RE JUDGED, WHETHER
WE LIKE IT OR NOT. CITIZEN
OR PERP. LIVING OR DEAD."



"MILLIONS OF PEOPLE,
MILLIONS OF JUDGMENTS."



MILLIONS OF
LITTLE CUTS,
SNIPS, TRIMMINGS.
THE JUDGE IS A
CONSTANT GARDENER
OF A BEAUTIFUL
GARDEN. BOTANISTS,
JUST LIKE MY
PARENTS."

SHE'S A HUNDRED POUNDS SOAKING WET. SHE'S GOT NO BUSINESS WALKING A BEAT. AND WHAT THE DROCK WAS ALL THAT ABOUT GARDENING?

HER IQ SCORES ARE SO HIGH THAT SHE SINGLE-HANDEDLY OVERHAULED OUR TESTS SO THAT SHE COULD BE EVALUATED.

THERE'S TESTS AND THEN THERE'S A JUDGE'S INSTINCTS. YOU KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT, AND I DON'T SEE IT.

CONGRATULATIONS, JUDGE BERGER.

BERGER

Overview

APPROVED

Berger has a criminal record...
under a lot of the names of
Law Dept. in a former...
She has a consistent...
of her class...
The high...
be a...
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be a...
The high...
be a...

JUSTICE DEPT.

JUST DO YOURSELF ONE FAVOR.

ALL THAT NONSENSE ABOUT THE CYCLE OF CRIMINALITY...?

KEEP IT TO YOURSELF.

AND TAKE SOME BOXING LESSONS OR SOMETHING WHILE YOU'RE AT IT.





THREE WEEKS LATER.

DON'T WORRY NOW, IT'S JUST A ROUTINE VEHICLE INSPECTION, THE LAST THING YOU NEED TO BE IS NERVOUS.



I'M RIGHT HERE. DON'T WORRY--

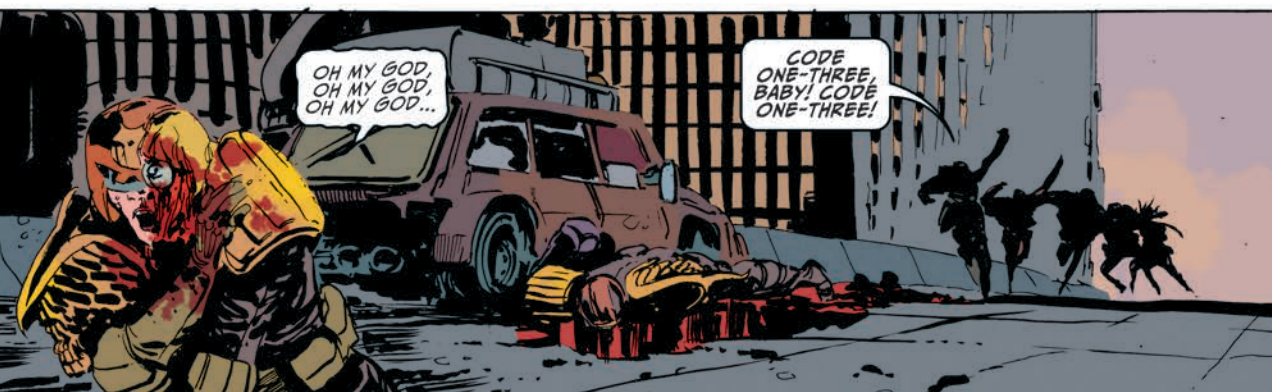


DROKK! IT'S A CODE ONE-THREE!

CODE ONE-THREE?



BERGER! LOOK OUT!



OH MY GOD, OH MY GOD, OH MY GOD...

CODE ONE-THREE, BABY! CODE ONE-THREE!