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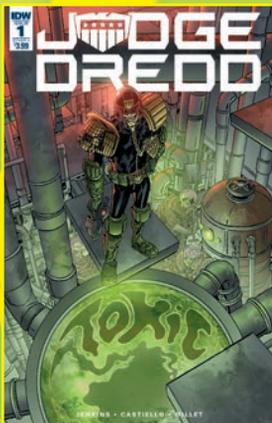


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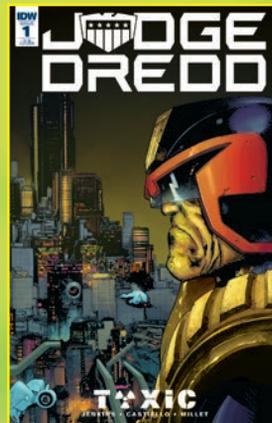
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"THIS CITY.
MEGA-CITY ONE.

"SAY WHATEVER YOU
LIKE, IT'S A MONSTER.
A MONSTROSITY.

"YOU EITHER LOVE
IT, OR YOU HATE IT.



"BELIEVE ME, THERE'S A LOT MORE
HATE AROUND HERE THAN LOVE."





"YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THE BROKEN-DOWN OLD BUILDINGS THAT BECAME OUR FOUNDATION: SOME PLACE THAT USED TO REPRESENT FREEDOM BUT ENDED UP REPRESENTING FAILURE."

"MEGA-CITY ONE IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BUILD ON TOP OF AN OLD CESSPOOL. YOU GET A TOILET."



"EVEN SO, IT'S BETTER IN HERE THAN THAT PILE OF IRRADIATED MUCK ON THE OUTSIDE THEY CALL THE CURSED EARTH."

"ALL THOSE MUTIES TRYIN' TO SURVIVE DAY AFTER DAY IN EXILE. BREATHING IN PLUTONIUM AIR. LIVIN' THE DREAM."



"OH, YEAH, IT'S BETTER HERE IN THE CITY. BUT ONLY JUST."

"'CAUSE IF IT ISN'T THE CRIME, IT'S THE STUPIDITY OF MAN. AND IF IT ISN'T STUPIDITY, THEN IT'S JUST PLAIN OLD GREED."



"ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN THE CHAOS THAT IS HUMANITY AND THE END OF THE WORLD?"

"THE JUDGES."



I ASKED FOR AN OVERVIEW, CORONER LEVINE. I DIDN'T MEAN YOUR PERSONAL WORLDVIEW.

JUST THE AUTOPSY REPORT.



RIGHT, RIGHT... SORRY. IT'S JUST WORKIN' THIS SHIFT, DREDD. THINGS GET KINDA DARK SOMETIMES. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

I DON'T. AUTOPSY REPORT.

BODY'S OVER HERE. YOU'LL NEED TO SEE THIS ONE FOR YOURSELF.

A WRITTEN REPORT WOULD HAVE SUFFICED, CORONER.



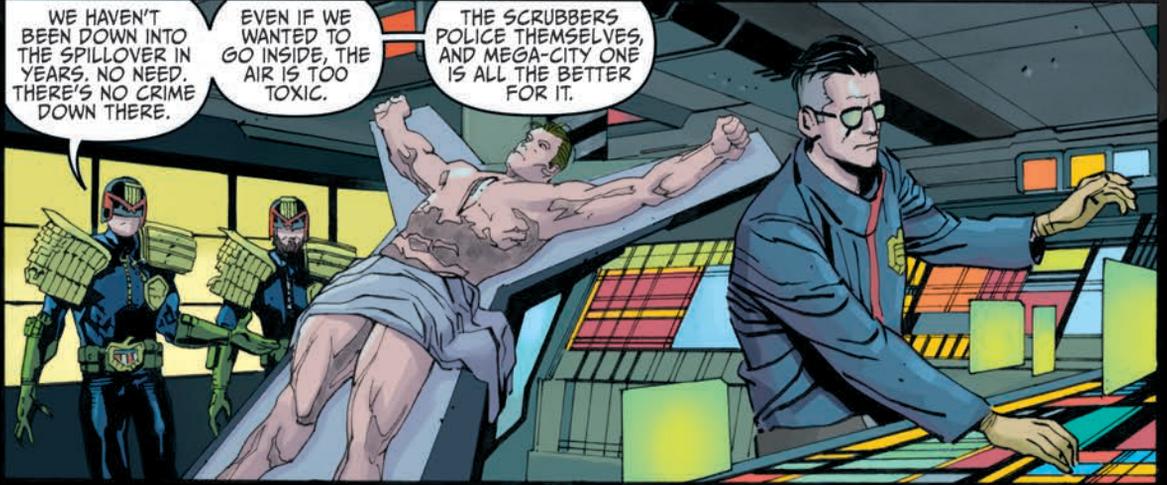
TRUST ME, THIS IS WORTH IT.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SPILLOVER?

WE HAVEN'T BEEN DOWN INTO THE SPILLOVER IN YEARS. NO NEED. THERE'S NO CRIME DOWN THERE.

EVEN IF WE WANTED TO GO INSIDE, THE AIR IS TOO TOXIC.

THE SCRUBBERS POLICE THEMSELVES, AND MEGA-CITY ONE IS ALL THE BETTER FOR IT.



SURE, SURE. I MEANT HOW IT WORKS.

LIKE, WE GOT 800 MILLION PEOPLE UP HERE, AN' NOT TOO MANY OF 'EM ARE INTO RECYCLING, IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT.



"THAT'S 800 MILLION TONS OF POISONOUS WASTE PER YEAR.

"IT ALL FLUSHES DOWNHILL INTO THE SPILLOVER."



"THE SCRUBBERS ARE THE REAL HEROES OF MEGA-CITY ONE. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO UNDERGO GENETIC RECONSTRUCTION JUST SO THEY CAN CLEAN UP OUR MESS.

"THEIR GENETIC MODIFICATION ALLOWS THEM TO LIVE IN THE POISON. THEY CAN BREATHE THE TOXIC AIR JUST AS EASILY AS WE BREATHE OXYGEN.

"BUT THE MODIFICATION COMES AT A PRICE. CUSTOM BODILY FUNCTION RESULTS IN EXTREME MUTATION: MISSHAPEN BODIES AND DISFIGURED FACES.

"THE SCRUBBERS STAY IN THE SPILLOVER BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE WOULD WANT THEM. I MEAN, WHO NEEDS A MUTIE FOR A NEIGHBOR, AM I RIGHT?"

YOU'RE TELLING ME THIS IS A SCRUBBER? THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, JUDGE.

I FIGURED THIS ONE MIGHT HAVE HAD A FULL BODY MOD DONE, BUT THAT'S EXPENSIVE FOR SOMEONE EARNING THOSE KINDA CREDDS.



SUBJECT'S NAME IS CLIFTON CHUD, AGED 33. IF HE HAD ADDITIONAL MODS DONE, THEY WERE ALMOST TOO GOOD. HEART CAPACITY IS DOUBLE THAT OF A NORMAL SCRUBBER.

HIS LUNG, LIVER, SPLEEN AND BOWEL FUNCTIONS ARE OFF THE CHARTS. CELL REPLACEMENT CAPACITY IS IMMEASURABLE.

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.



NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS, EITHER.

