

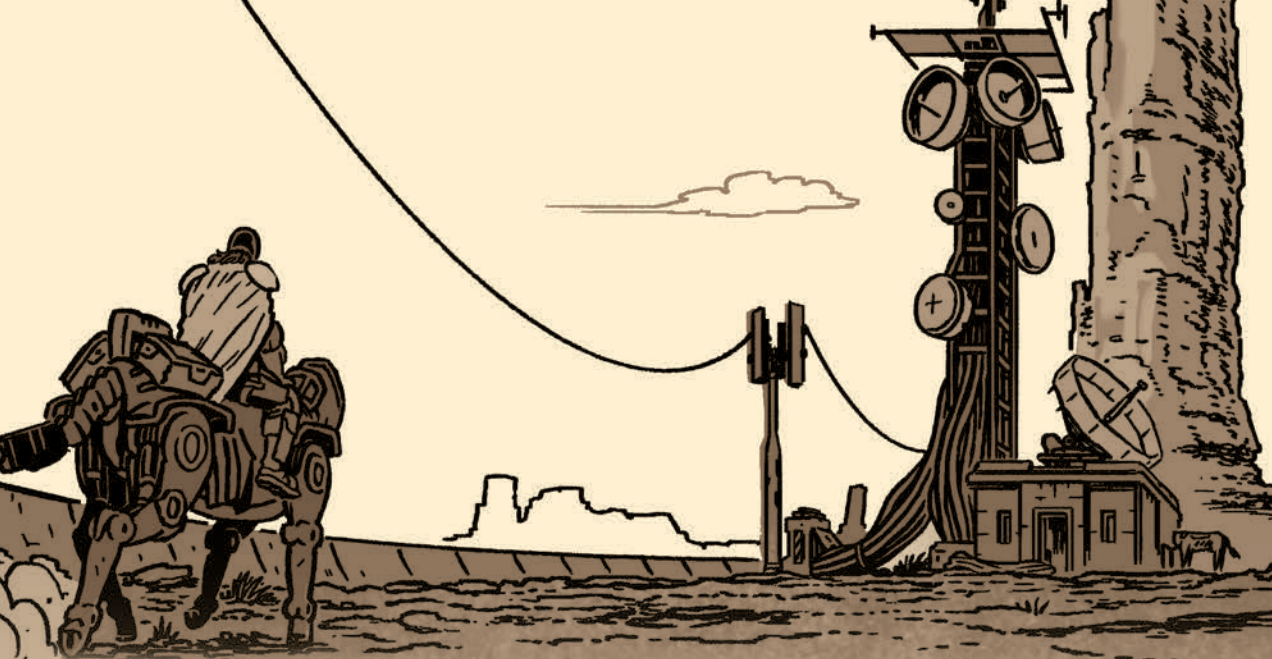
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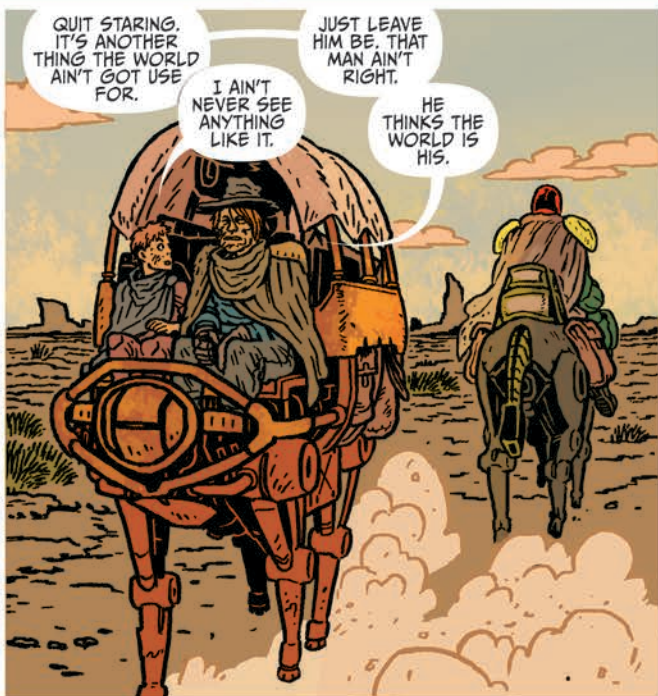
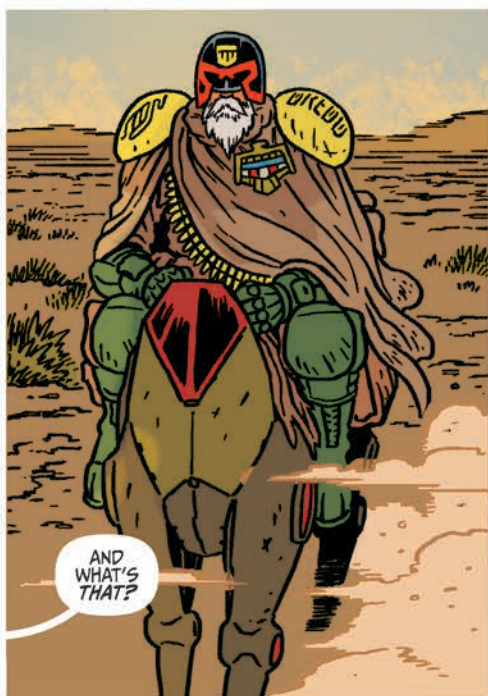
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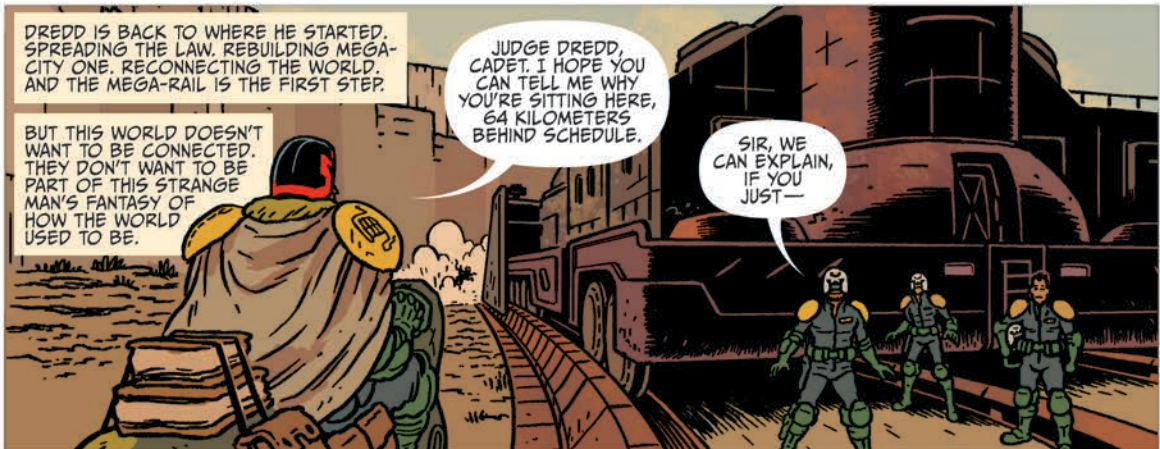
456 MILLION IS WHAT'S LEFT. 36 MILLION DEAD LAST YEAR ALONE.

FILLING UP THE CANYONS OF THE UNDERCITY WITH BODIES. STARVATION. DISEASE. EXPOSURE. MORE THAN THE RESYK PLANTS COULD EVEN HANDLE.



CITY OF FLIES, THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL SECTOR 01. THE ONLY PART OF MEGA-CITY ONE THAT'S BEEN REBUILT.

AFTER DREDD REVERSED THE G.R.A.S.S. PROGRAM, ONLY A HANDFUL OF JUDGES CAME BACK. THE REST ARE DEAD OR MISSING. NO ONE REALLY KNOWS.



DREDD IS BACK TO WHERE HE STARTED. SPREADING THE LAW. REBUILDING MEGA-CITY ONE. RECONNECTING THE WORLD. AND THE MEGA-RAIL IS THE FIRST STEP.

BUT THIS WORLD DOESN'T WANT TO BE CONNECTED. THEY DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF THIS STRANGE MAN'S FANTASY OF HOW THE WORLD USED TO BE.

JUDGE DREDD, CADET. I HOPE YOU CAN TELL ME WHY YOU'RE SITTING HERE, 64 KILOMETERS BEHIND SCHEDULE.

SIR, WE CAN EXPLAIN, IF YOU JUST—



THIS MEGA RAIL NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED, THERE CAN NO LONGER BE ANY PLACE WHERE THE LAW CAN'T REACH.

BUT SIR, WE CAN'T GET NOTHING DONE, THEY HATE JUDGES! THEY BEEN SAYING US EXILES\* GOT NO RIGHT TO TELL THEM WHAT TO DO. THIS MEGA-RAIL AIN'T GOING ANY FURTHER.



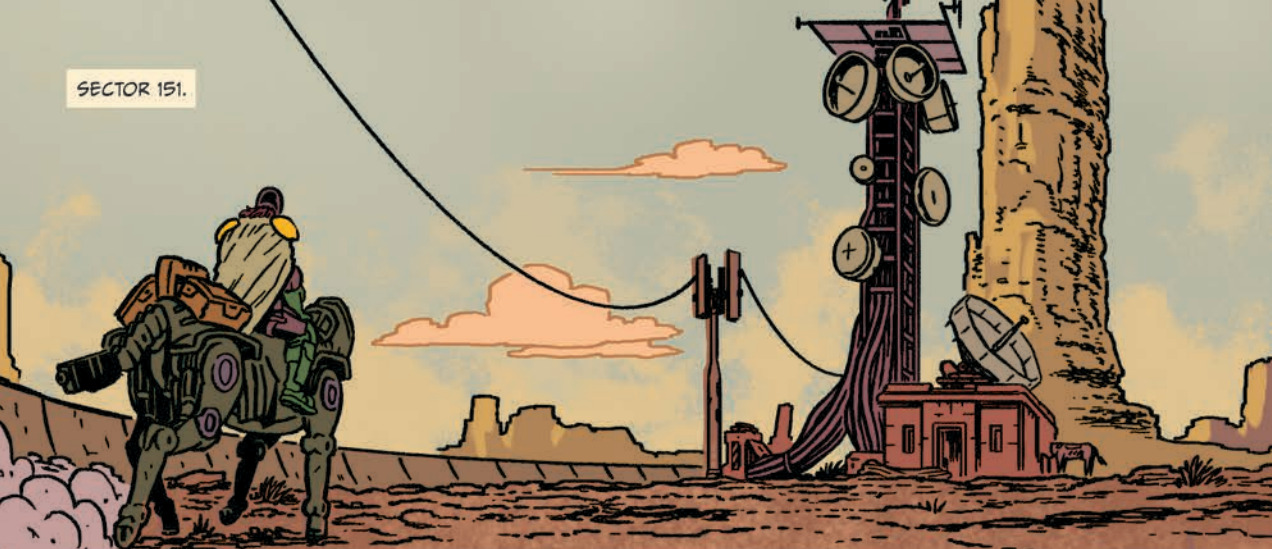
\*EXILES-NICKNAME FOR THE 800 MILLION WHO EMERGED FROM THE GRASS.



FORSAKEN  
population 180  
WE WERE HERE  
FIRST

CALM DOWN, CADET. WHERE'S YOUR SUPERVISOR?

HE'S RIGHT UP THERE, SIR.





DRONE, GIVE ME AN INVENTORY BREAKDOWN. MUNITIONS FIRST. CADET BRONSON, HAS THE TOWN BEEN MADE AWARE OF JUDICIAL ORDER 5-0?

TWO LAWGIVER '86 STANDARD ROUNDS, FOURTEEN HI-EX, NINETEEN ARMOR PIERCING, THIRTY-TWO RICOCHET, FIFTY-SIX INCENDIARY, TWELVE MK2 STUMM GAS GRENADES, TEN XMSB RIOT FORM GRENADES, FIVE T.D.D.'S-

THAT'S ENOUGH, DRONE-ALERT MODE.



JUDICIAL ORDER 5-0?

EACH SETTLEMENT IS TO ELECT A JUDGE TO LIAISE WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

UHH, YEAH. THEIR JUDGE-ELECT'S FIRST ACTING ORDER WAS TO KILL ALL JUDGES ON SIGHT.



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, CADET?

WE AIN'T STAYING. TOWN TOLD US WE GOTTA CLEAR OUT BY NOON OR THEY ARE COMING OUT HERE AND KILLING EVERY LAST ONE OF US.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS BOOTS ON THE GROUND, AND YOU'RE THE ONES FILLING THEM. LET'S GO.



YOU LOOK A LITTLE OLD TO BE A CADET. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

CADET BRAD JOHNSON. WAS A LAW-MAN FOR KENDRICK SETTLEMENT, SECTOR 34.

GOOD, YOU GOT EXPERIENCE. JOHNSON, YOU WATCH THE REAR.

I DON'T WANNA HANG JUST BECAUSE WE WEARING THESE BUCKETS ON OUR HEADS.



ARE YOU REFUSING AN ORDER?

I'M NOT DYING FOR THIS. NONE OF US ARE.

THAT'S YOUR DECISION. YOU'LL DO FIFTEEN YEARS HARD LABOR INSTEAD.

