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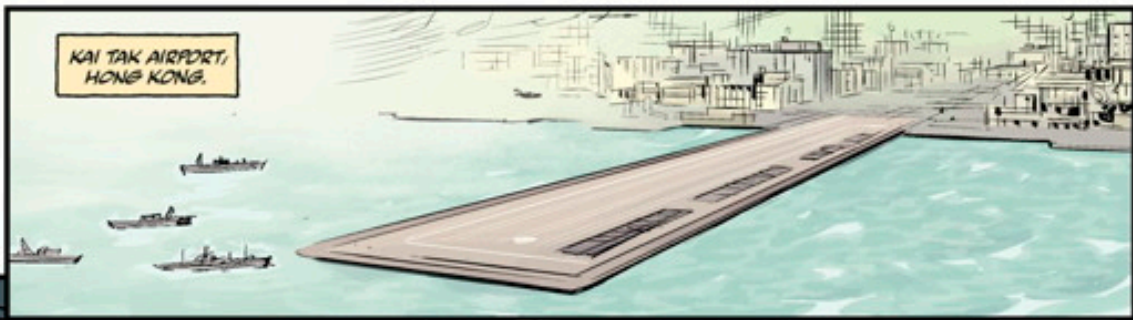
## AND THE B.P.R.D. 1954



### GHOST MOON

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WELL, THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE.



LET'S SEE IF THERE'S ANYONE HOME.

**KNOCK  
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ARE YOU ROLAND CHILDE?



DEPENDS ON WHO'S ASKING, LOVE.



WE'RE WITH THE BUREAU FOR PARANORMAL RESEARCH AND DEFENSE.

CHINA'S A BIT OUTSIDE OF OUR USUAL STOMPING GROUNDS, BUT OUR BOSS IS DOING A FAVOR FOR SOME BLUEBLOOD HE KNEW BACK IN THE WAR.



IN THAT CASE, YES, YOU CAN CALL ME ROLAND CHILDE.



FROM TIME TO TIME MY ASSOCIATES AND I GET DIRECTION FROM LADY CYNTHIA, WHO HAS A WAY OF FINDING OUT ABOUT POTENTIALLY LUCRATIVE OPPORTUNITIES.

RECENTLY WE WERE TASKED WITH MEETING A CHINESE NATIONAL WHO WAS IN POSSESSION OF AN ITEM OF SOME VALUE, BUT IT WASN'T EASY TO FIND HIM.



"THE LAST FIVE YEARS MIGHT HAVE BEEN ALL SUNSHINE AND DAFFODILS FOR CHAIRMAN MAO AND THE PARTY FAITHFUL, BUT NOT EVERYONE HAS HAD SUCH A GOOD TIME WITH IT.



"THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE FLED SOUTH TO ESCAPE PERSECUTION, AND MOST OF THEM END UP HERE."



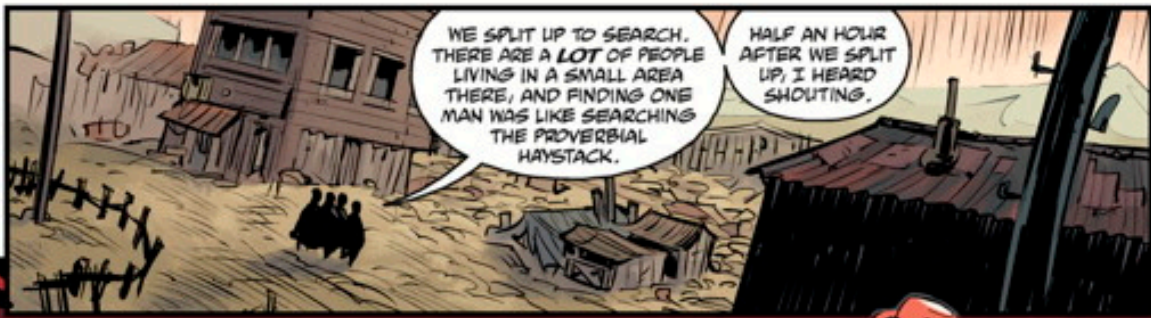
THERE ARE ENTIRE COMMUNITIES OF SQUATTERS IN AND AROUND THE CITY, WITH MORE ARRIVING EVERY DAY.

I WENT TO ONE OF THE SETTLEMENTS WITH TWO OF MY ASSOCIATES, THOMAS RHYME AND MARGERY DAW--



THOSE AREN'T YOUR REAL NAMES, SURELY.

ANYWAY, WE WENT OUT TO KOWLOON WALLED CITY TO MEET THE MAN.



WE SPLIT UP TO SEARCH. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE LIVING IN A SMALL AREA THERE, AND FINDING ONE MAN WAS LIKE SEARCHING THE PROVERBIAL HAYSTACK.

HALF AN HOUR AFTER WE SPLIT UP, I HEARD SHOUTING.

"I FOUND MARGERY UNCONSCIOUS AND BLEEDING FROM A BLOW TO THE HEAD. BEFORE I WAS ABLE TO SEARCH FOR THOMAS, WELL..."



"I DIDN'T GET A VERY GOOD LOOK AT THEM, BUT THEY WERE **BIG**, AND THEY WERE... **CLEARLY** NOT FROM AROUND HERE. SOME KIND OF **MONSTERS**, I GUESS YOU'D SAY."



I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RETREAT.

MARGERY HASN'T YET REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT THE DOCTORS ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT SHE'LL PULL THROUGH. THOMAS NEVER CAME OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT AGAIN.



AND IN THE DAYS SINCE, THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF ALL SORTS OF STRANGE DOINGS IN KOWLOON WALLED CITY.

"WALLED CITY?"