

THE INFERNO

DON'T BE AFRAID OF FIRE.



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"WITHOUT THE *SUN*, THE EARTH WOULD BE A LIFELESS BALL OF *ICE*."



NEAL ADAMS and BILL SIENKIEWICZ with JEREMY COX VARIANT COVER

ARE YOU LISTENING, BLACK CANARY?

FOREST FIRES RELEASE SEEDS. VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS BUILD NEW GEOGRAPHIES.

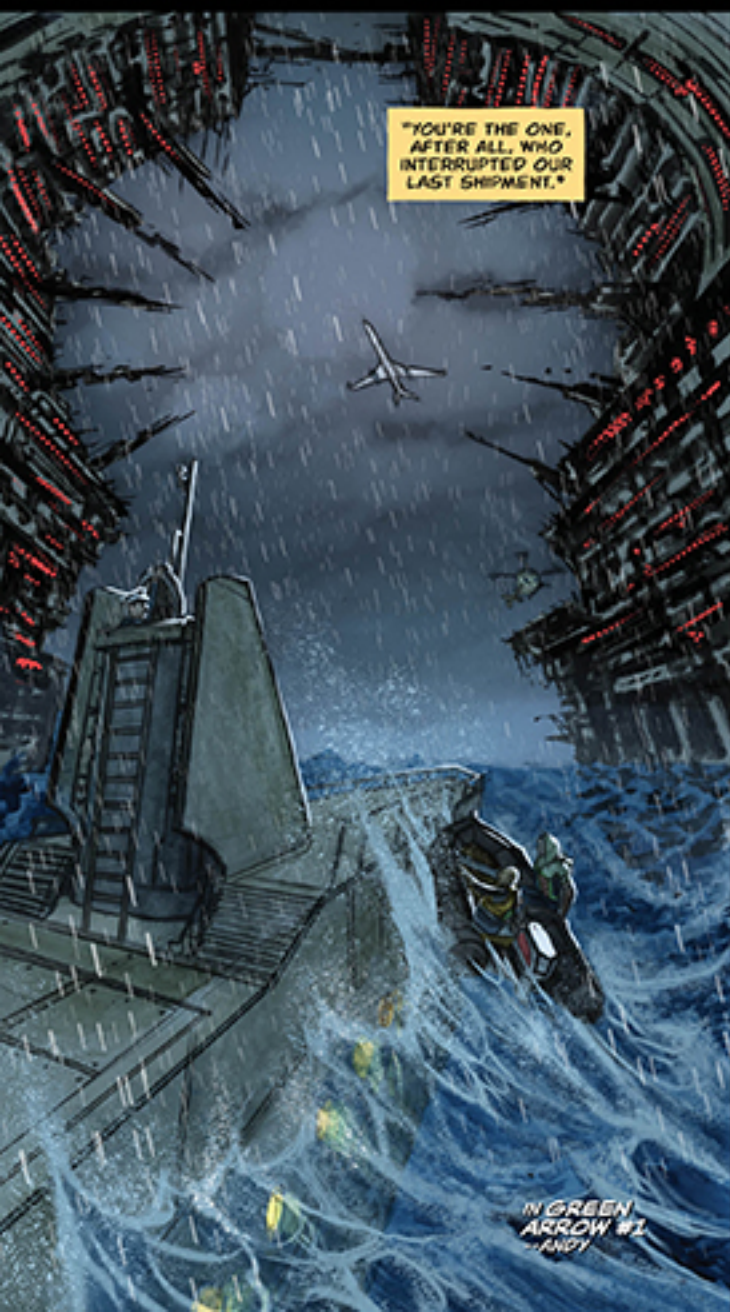


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"BOILING WATER PURIFIES THE MOST LOATHSOME BACTERIA AND VIRUSES. THE VERY HEART OF OUR EXISTENCE ON THIS EARTH IS FIRE."

"I AM WHAT I AM, THANKS TO FIRE."







RADAR IS PICKING UP ALL KINDS OF TRAFFIC CONVERGING ON THE INFERNO.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, DIGGLE?



"ARE THE BAD GUYS HOSTING A TUPPERWARE PARTY?"



HOW DO I LOOK, O? DEVILISHLY HANDSOME?

WHATEVER MEETING IS TAKING PLACE, YOU'RE NOW A PART OF. I'LL BE LISTENING OVER THE COMM...

...WHILE I HUNT DOWN THE CAGE WHERE EMI AND SHADO ARE KEEPING CANARY.



GOT ANOTHER ERRAND FOR YOU. THERE'S A LOT OF **BOOM** IN THIS BELT. STAGGER THE MAGNETIZED EXPLOSIVES THROUGHOUT THE INFERNO AND MAKE IT LIVE UP TO ITS NAME.

NO. NO WAY. DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY IS SUPPOSEDLY ON BOARD THIS THING? HOWEVER MUCH OF IT **MINE?**


THINK ABOUT THE **GOOD** IT CAN DO. I'M NOT SENDING THE ULTIMATE TREASURE CHEST TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN, ALONG WITH WHATEVER EVIDENCE MIGHT **CLEAR MY NAME!**



WE MIGHT NOT HAVE A **CHOICE**. CONSIDER THIS OUR **WORST-CASE SCENARIO.**



"GENTLEMEN, THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE **TRANS-PACIFIC RAILWAY**, WHICH WILL BE OPERATIONAL SOON. WE NEED TO FINALIZE OUR SMUGGLING OPERATIONS.



"BUT I MOVE TO **DELAY** THAT TOPIC FOR OUR NEXT MEETING AS SOMETHING MORE **PRESSING** HAS ARISEN."



SEVERAL MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN NATIONS ARE ON THE VERGE OF SIGNING A PEACE TREATY. THIS WOULD BE FINANCIALLY DISASTROUS, GIVEN OUR INVESTMENTS.

MAY I HAVE THE FLOOR?

TO ARRANGE **PEACE** WITH THE MIDDLE EAST...

...IS TO DECLARE **WAR** WITH QUEEN INDUSTRIES.

I KNOW THAT VOICE. **CYRUS BRODERICK**, MY CFO...

FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THROUGH OUR SUBSIDIARIES, WE HAVE BEEN SECRETLY ENGINEERING AND SELLING HOSTILE TECHNOLOGY.