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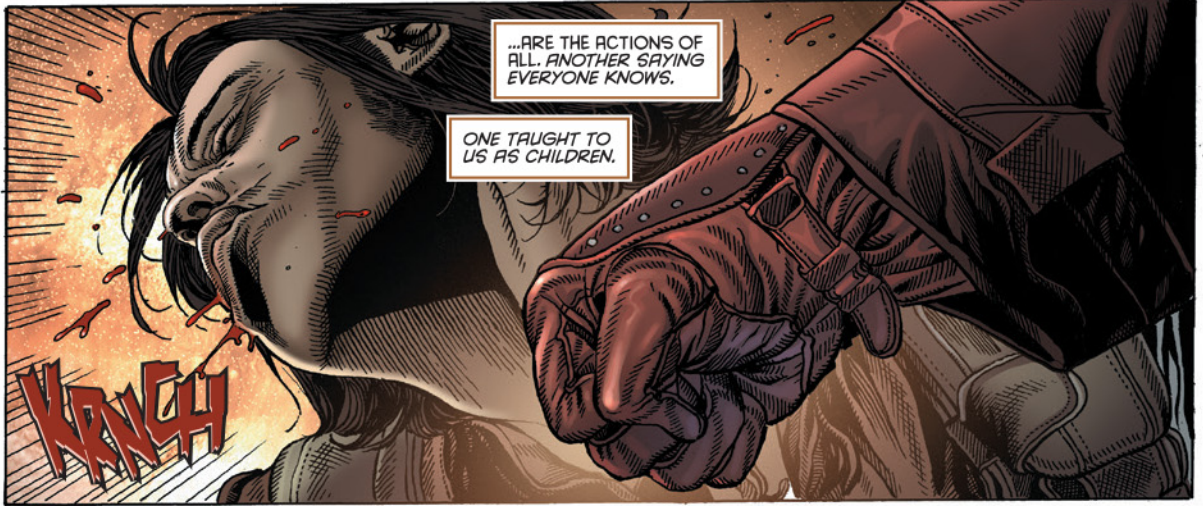


THE GREYS PROVIDE SO WE SURVIVE.



THE GUARD PROTECTS SO WE MAY SERVE.

THE ACTIONS OF ONE...



...ARE THE ACTIONS OF ALL. ANOTHER SAYING EVERYONE KNOWS.

ONE TAUGHT TO US AS CHILDREN.



TWENTY YEARS AGO

DADDY, NO!

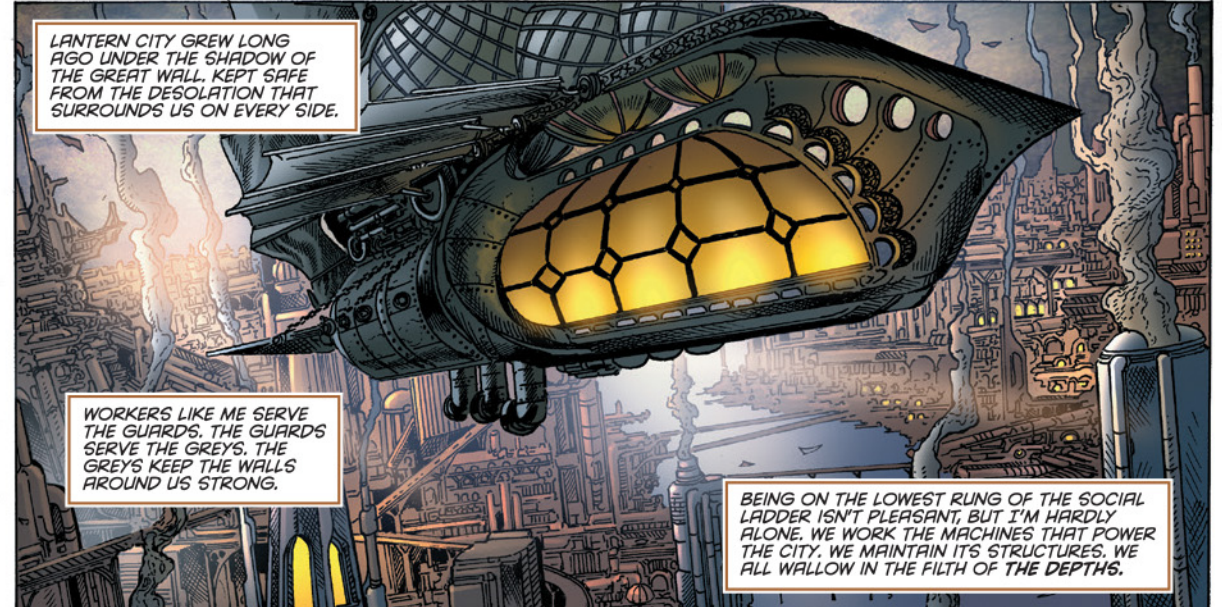
SHH, SANDER!



WE LEARN MANY THINGS AS CHILDREN HERE.




I APOLOGIZE, SIR. WE WON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN.



LANTERN CITY GREW LONG AGO UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE GREAT WALL, KEPT SAFE FROM THE DESOLATION THAT SURROUNDS US ON EVERY SIDE.

WORKERS LIKE ME SERVE THE GUARDS. THE GUARDS SERVE THE GREYS. THE GREYS KEEP THE WALLS AROUND US STRONG.

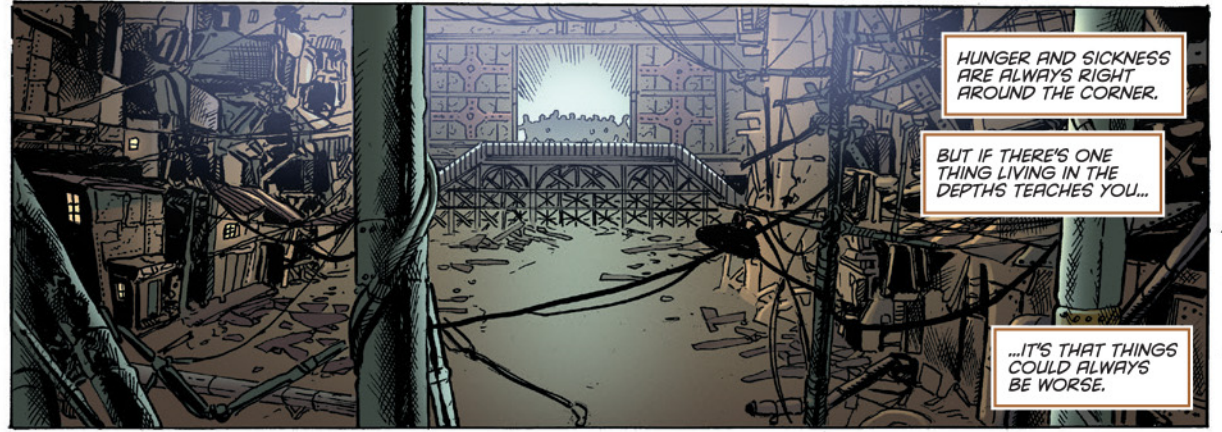
BEING ON THE LOWEST RUNG OF THE SOCIAL LADDER ISN'T PLEASANT, BUT I'M HARDLY ALONE. WE WORK THE MACHINES THAT POWER THE CITY. WE MAINTAIN ITS STRUCTURES. WE ALL WALLOW IN THE FILTH OF THE DEPTHS.



I'M ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES PERMITTED TO WORK THE FIELDS. BETTER THAN BEING STUCK INSIDE, TRAPPED IN THE SHADOWS OF GREY TOWERS.



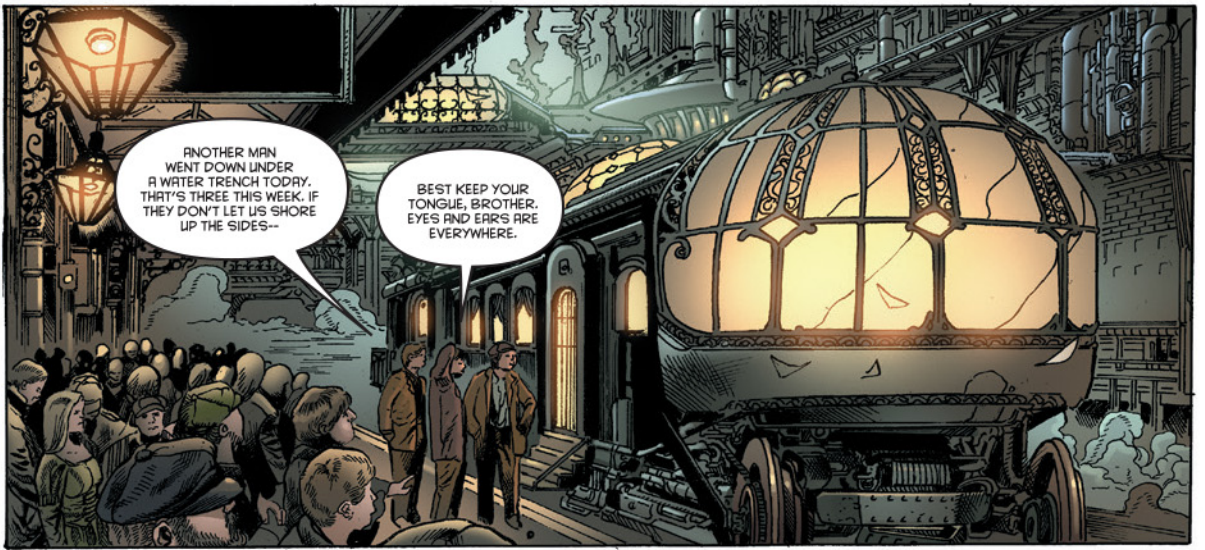
WHEN THE WORK IS DONE, WE LIVE OFF THE CRUMBS THAT FALL FROM ABOVE.



HUNGER AND SICKNESS ARE ALWAYS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING LIVING IN THE DEPTHS TEACHES YOU...

...IT'S THAT THINGS COULD ALWAYS BE WORSE.



ANOTHER MAN
WENT DOWN UNDER
A WATER TRENCH TODAY.
THAT'S THREE THIS WEEK. IF
THEY DON'T LET US SHORE
UP THE SIDES--

BEST KEEP YOUR
TONGUE, BROTHER.
EYES AND EARS ARE
EVERYWHERE.



HE'S RIGHT
ABOUT THAT.



THERE'S ALWAYS
SOMEONE WATCHING IN
LANTERN CITY, EVEN IF
YOU CAN'T SEE THEM.



NO REASON
TO LEAD TROUBLE
TO YOUR DOOR.