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I'D GUESS YOU HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

YEAH, I DO, LIKE...



ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE KIND SOULS?

LANGER! CALM DOWN!



NO! LOOK AT HIM!

CALM DOWN! IT'S WHAT... IT'S WHAT THE TERRACORE IS DOING TO ALL OF US.




ALL OF YOU?

ALL OF US.
WE'RE ALL ON THE WAY.




"IT WAS THE ONLY WAY. THE TERRACORE WAS THE ONLY WAY WE COULD SURVIVE. WE EITHER... DRINK, OR THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE GRINDS US DOWN, KILLS US."




BUT IF WE DO STAY ALIVE, THEN... WELL.

SOONER OR LATER. WE'LL BE... LIKE **THEM**. THE KIND SOULS.



OKAY THEN, WITH THAT UNPLEASANTNESS ASIDE, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

YEAH...



"...WILL THAT OUTSIDE DOOR HOLD?"



IT WILL.

YOU SURE OF THAT?

THOSE PIRATES OUT THERE MIGHT BE CRAZY **BASTARDS**. BUT THEY'RE **STRONG**. **RESOURCEFUL**.



OH, I KNOW.

I USED TO BE ONE.

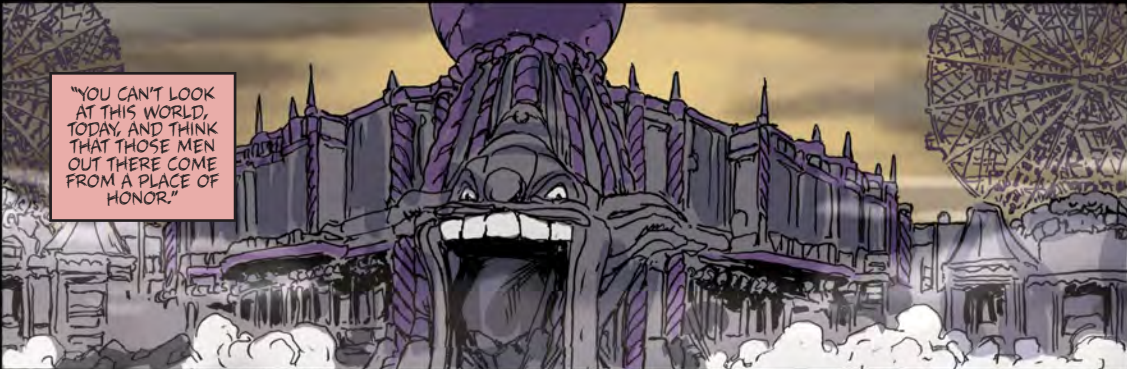


"THIS WAS... QUITE LONG AGO. WHEN THIS PLANET WAS ALIVE. YOU CAN'T HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE ENERGY IN THOSE DAYS. BEING A PIRATE WAS A GAME. THEN. JUST A GAME. THERE WERE BOUNDARIES. RULES. HONOR."



"YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, OF COURSE."

"YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BELIEVE ME."



"YOU CAN'T LOOK AT THIS WORLD, TODAY, AND THINK THAT THOSE MEN OUT THERE COME FROM A PLACE OF HONOR."



"BUT IT'S TRUE, AND IT'S TRUE THAT I LOVE THIS PLANET, AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO TRIGGER THE TERRACORE."

"A BIG ENOUGH BOOST TO LAST FOREVER. A PLANET THAT WILL NEVER DIE. THAT'S WHAT I WANT."

"BECAUSE OF HOW THINGS USED TO BE."



"WE CAN'T BRING BACK THE PAST, BUT... AN ACTUAL FUTURE...?"

"YES. I THINK THERE CAN BE SOMETHING THERE."

"THE FUTURE CAN BE... A CHILD LAUGHING."



"A CHILD LAUGHING?"



"YES."



"A LONG TIME AGO THERE WAS A BOY, LOST IN THE AMUSEMENT PARK. ON THIS WORLD, HIS PARENTS COULD HAVE BEEN A THOUSAND MILES AWAY, OR EVEN FARTHER. IT'S ENDLESS WHEN YOU GET LOST. IT'S ENDLESS."



"I CHANCED TO RUN ACROSS HIM, AND AS I WATCHED HIM IT STRUCK ME THAT, OF ALL THE CHILDREN I'D EVER SEEN GET LOST, BACK IN THOSE DAYS..."



"...MOST OF THEM WERE LAUGHING."



I WANT IT TO BE THAT WAY AGAIN.

BUT, AHM, THAT WAS CENTURIES AGO.



CENTURIES?

YES, TERRACORE CAN KEEP YOU AROUND, BUT I'M TIRED. I'M CHANGING. IT'S TIME.

