



YOU SERIOUS!?



LISTEN, I'M ALREADY UP TO MY ASS WITH MERCHANTS LOSING IT OVER THE PORT CLOSIN'.

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT SEWAGE PROBLEMS.


SANITATION AIN'T MY PURVIEW.



YOU GOT DRAYAGE, CUSTOMS, OR SECURITY ISSUES?

SURE, GIMME A CALL.

TILL THEN, YOU HANDLE IT.



LOOK, BUDDY, I'M NOT BUGGIN' YOU SO WE CAN SPEND QUALITY TIME TOGETHER.

WE GOT A SEWAGE PROBLEM WHICH IS A PORT PROBLEM.



AND YOU CAN'T JUST TELL ME?

BETTER YOU SEE IT FOR YOURSELF.

I PROMISE.



ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!

BAST ALMIGHTY!

THIS BETTER BE WORTH MY TIME.



HOLY CRAP!

YOU WEREN'T KIDDIN'!

IS THAT A BOAT!?



LAUGH ALL YOU WANT, BUT CHECK IT.

NO PLATES, NO IDENTIFYING MARKS, NOT EVEN A SERIAL NUMBER. FOUND ABANDONED POLAR OPPOSITE THE ACTUAL PORT.



MAYBE THEY DROWNED. SO, WHAT?

SO, THE SEWAGE PROBLEM.



WHAT AM I LOOKING AT?

DRAIN PIPE.

DIRECTLY BELOW THE BOAT.

BUSTED WIDE OPEN.

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ALL RIGHT, THEN.

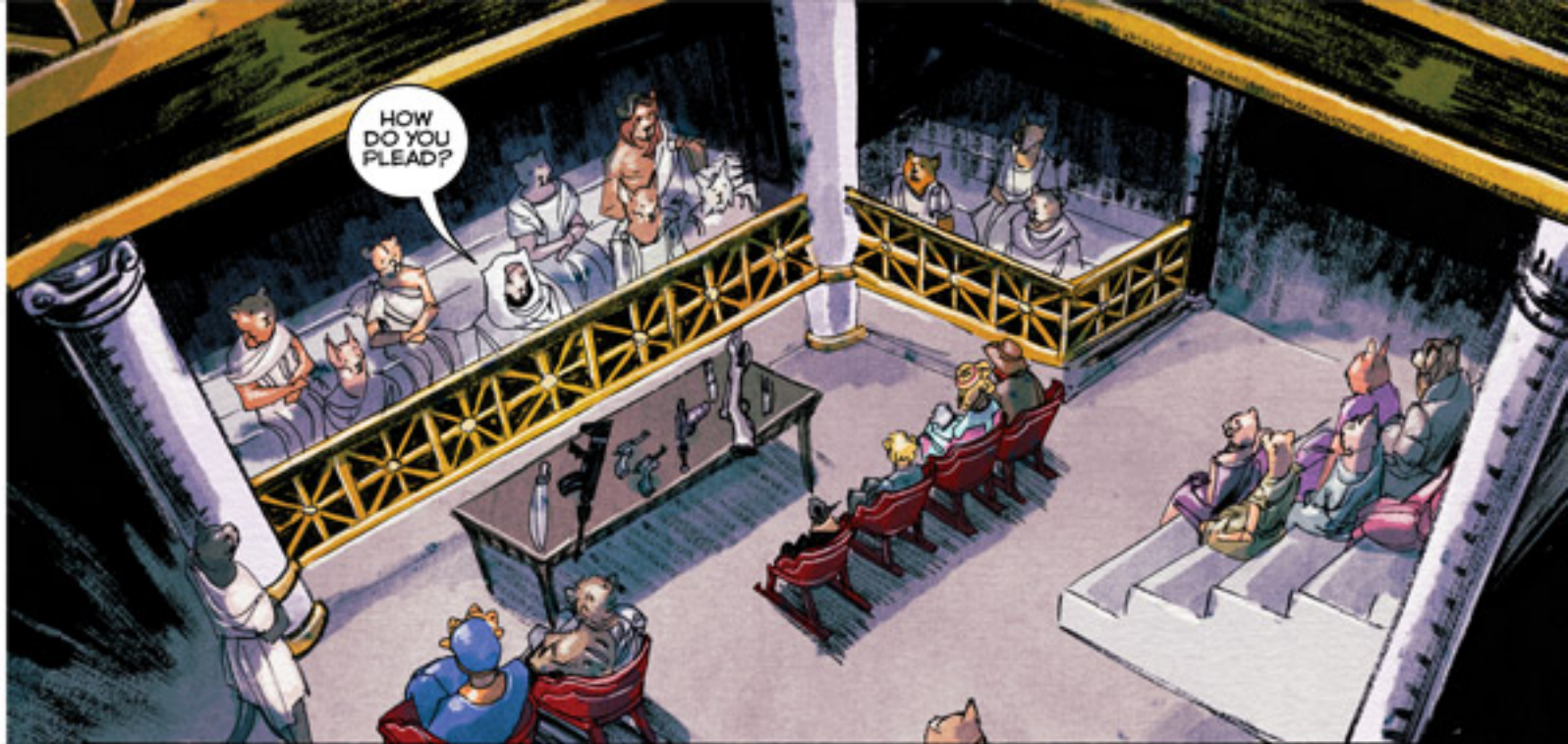
I'LL GET A DETAIL IN THERE ASAP.

WHERE DOES IT LEAD?



WELL,

THAT'S THE **BIG** PROBLEM.



HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

IT'S A BIG QUESTION, ISN'T IT, MS. CHAIRMAN?

LET US CONSIDER.

YOU SEE, I STAND BEFORE THE GRAND REPUBLIC OF LEONIS, ACCUSED OF MULTIPLE COUNTS OF CONSPIRACY AND, MOST HEINOUS OF ALL, THE ASSASSINATION OF ROYALTY.

BUT LET'S LOOK AT THE FACTS.



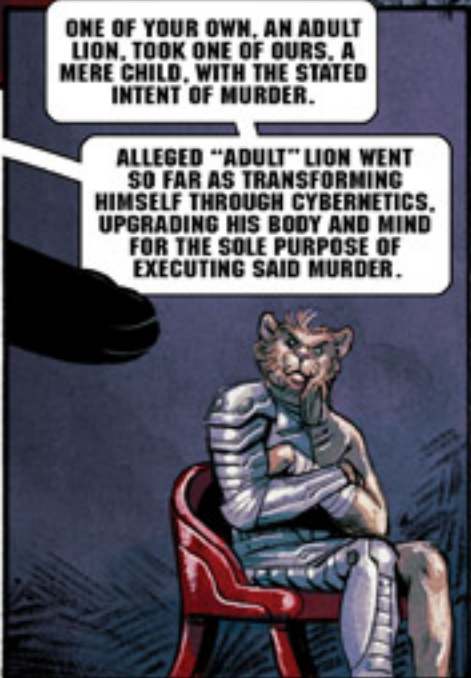
ONE OF YOUR OWN, AN ADULT LION, TOOK ONE OF OURS, A MERE CHILD, WITH THE STATED INTENT OF MURDER.

ALLEGED "ADULT" LION WENT SO FAR AS TRANSFORMING HIMSELF THROUGH CYBERNETICS, UPGRADING HIS BODY AND MIND FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF EXECUTING SAID MURDER.

I MERELY ARRIVED AT LEONIS WITH THE INTENT OF SAVING SAID CHILD, ENSURING HIS WELL BEING IN A NATION HOSTILE TO HIS KIND.

MY DESIRE WAS TO TAKE BACK OUR OWN, LEAVE, AND NEVER BE SEEN.

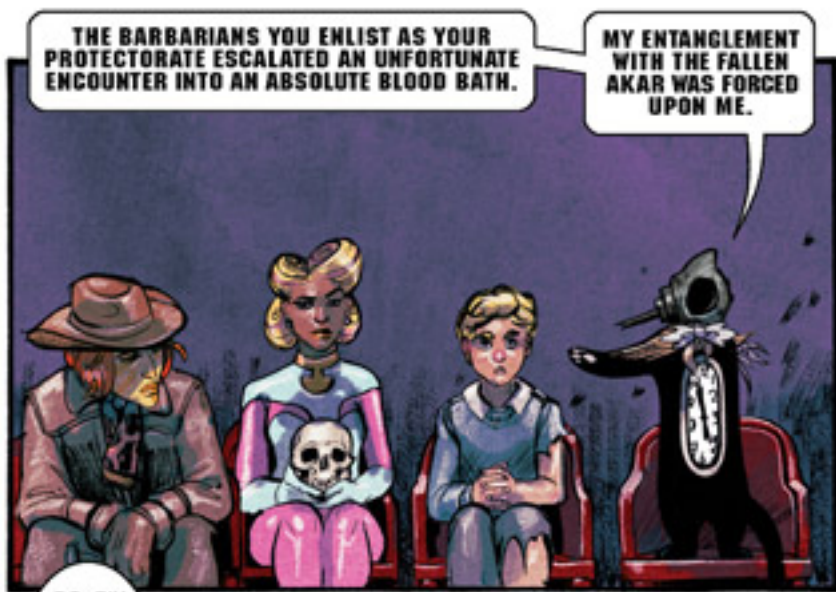
ANY INTERACTION WAS... UNFORTUNATE.





MAN, WHO PROGRAMMED THE LITTLE GUY TO TALK SO FREAKIN' MUCH?

I'M GONNA GO PEE WHILE HE YAPS ON.



THE BARBARIANS YOU ENLIST AS YOUR PROTECTORATE ESCALATED AN UNFORTUNATE ENCOUNTER INTO AN ABSOLUTE BLOOD BATH.

MY ENTANGLEMENT WITH THE FALLEN AKAR WAS FORCED UPON ME.



SO, I'M HERE BY MYSELF? I DON'T THINK SO!

WAIT UNTIL COURT ADJOURNS!

WHATEVER! YOU GOT THIS.

I'LL BE LIKE THIRTY SECONDS.



I FIRED UPON HIM BUT ONCE IN SELF DEFENCE.

SAID PROTECTORATE FIRED UPON US IN AN AIMLESS HAIL OF BULLETS.

ALL TORE THROUGH AKAR.

NOT ONE WAS MINE.



WITH LEONIS CITIZENS KIDNAPPING A CHILD, CREATING A HOSTILE SITUATION, AND FIRING WITHOUT AIM UPON THEIR OWN, MY POSITION SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR.

I PLEAD GO [REDACTED] YOURSELF.