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DEADWATER

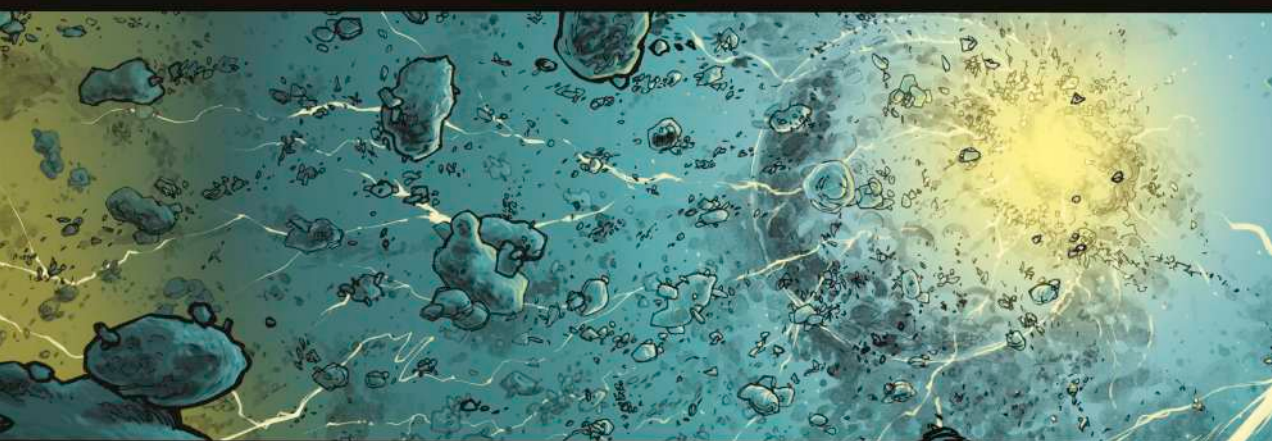




WE WERE SO
ARROGANT.



WE THOUGHT WE HELD THE
BALANCE OF THE FATE OF
OUR PLANET IN OUR HANDS.



WE WERE WRONG.

AT FIRST THERE
WAS CHAOS.



THEN LAW AND ORDER STEPPED
IN AND THINGS ESCALATED.



MOTHER NATURE GREW
BORED AND DECIDED IT WAS
TIME TO THIN DOWN THE HERD.



IT TOOK MANY YEARS, BUT
WHAT WAS LEFT OF MANKIND
ONCE AGAIN REGROUPED
AND GAVE IT ANOTHER TRY.



JIMMY,
ANYTHING ON
THE RADAR?

YEAH, WITHIN
OUR PERIMETER,
BEARING TOWARD
US. I WISH THESE
THINGS HAD MORE
RANGE.

WOULDN'T
MATTER. MOST
SHIPS HAVE A
BLOCKER. WOULD
MAKE OUR JOB EASIER
FOR SURE TO SEE
THEM COMING ON
LONG-RANGE
RADAR.

JANE,
HIT THE
LANDING
LIGHTS.

SO WHAT
DO WE KNOW
ABOUT THESE
TWO?



NOT MUCH. DRIFTERS LOOKING FOR REFUGE, SPONSORED BY A CITIZEN.

THEY CAME UP CLEAN. NO JAIL TIME ANYWHERE. SUPPOSEDLY NOT CARRYING ANY INFECTIONS. THEY'VE BEEN ON ROTATION ONE HUNDRED MILES OUT FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

IT'S A SHAME WE CAN'T TAKE MORE PEOPLE IN.

IT'S NOT OUR JOB TO DECIDE WHO GETS IN OR NOT. OURS IS TO PATROL AND POLICE.

HELLO. MY NAME IS LANCE BOONE, AND THIS IS MY WIFE, LISA.



I'M OFFICER FLYNN.



PLEASE DOCK YOUR VESSEL AND STAND ASIDE WHILE MY TEAM CONDUCTS A SEARCH.



THERE ARE NO DRUGS, WEAPONS, OR NON-SANCTIONED HUMANS ONBOARD, CORRECT?



YES, THAT IS CORRECT.



STEP
ASIDE
PLEASE.

I WANT TO MAKE
SURE YOU BOTH ARE FULLY
AWARE OF THE LAWS FOR THE CITY
OF DENVER. HARBORING ANY
WEAPONS IS PUNISHABLE
BY DEATH.

SMUGGLING ANY
KIND OF CONTRABAND IS
ILLEGAL AND PUNISHABLE BY
IMPRISONMENT. TRYING
TO BRING...

YES, SIR.
WE HAVE BEEN
MADE FULLY AWARE
OF THE LAWS BY OUR
SPONSORS. WE
UNDERSTAND.



ALL CLEAR
HERE, OFFICER
DUKE?



ALMOST
DONE HERE.
GOOD SO
FAR.



FOLKS, I'M
GOING TO HAVE
TO ASK YOU BOTH
TO DISROBE. WE HAVE
TO CHECK FOR
INFECTION.



YOU'VE GOT
TO BE KIDDING.
IT'S FREEZING
OUT HERE.

YOU'VE
GOT OUR
REPORTS!

LANCE...



I'M SORRY, BUT
IT'S A NECESSARY
PART OF THE PROCEDURE.
WE DO ONE LAST VISUAL
CHECK, AND THEN WE
ARE ALL GOOD.

EITHER OBEY
MY COMMAND, OR
WE TURN YOUR VESSEL
AROUND, AND YOU
FEND FOR
YOURSELVES.



JESUS.

PLEASE...
I HAD HIM LESS
THAN A MONTH AGO.
WE DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO.

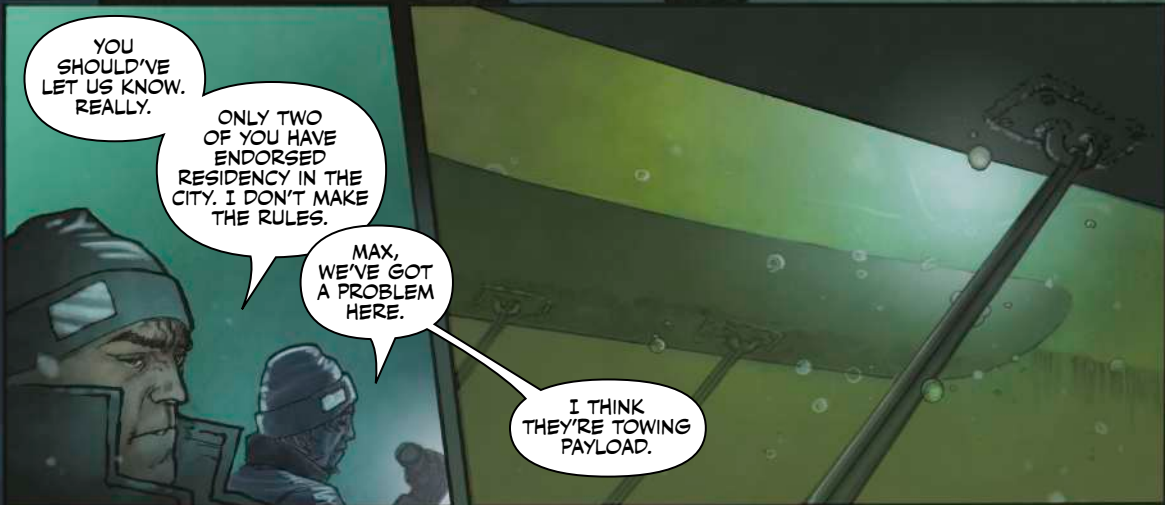


YOU
SHOULD'VE
LET US KNOW.
REALLY.

ONLY TWO
OF YOU HAVE
ENDORSED
RESIDENCY IN THE
CITY. I DON'T MAKE
THE RULES.

MAX,
WE'VE GOT
A PROBLEM
HERE.

I THINK
THEY'RE TOWING
PAYLOAD.



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