

THE OLD MAN WAS TRYING TO TELL THE FUTURE, LOOKING FOR PICTURES IN THE CAMPFIRE...

EVIL...  
OH... I SEE  
EVIL...

EVIL,  
BORN DEEP  
BENEATH THE  
CITY... FAR  
FROM THE  
LIGHT OF  
DAY...

I SEE IT  
GROWING, SAFE  
BELOW A SKY OF  
STEEL... SCHEMING  
IN THE DARK  
...GATHERING  
STRENGTH...

AND  
NOW... OH...  
NOW THE  
EVIL  
SPREADS!

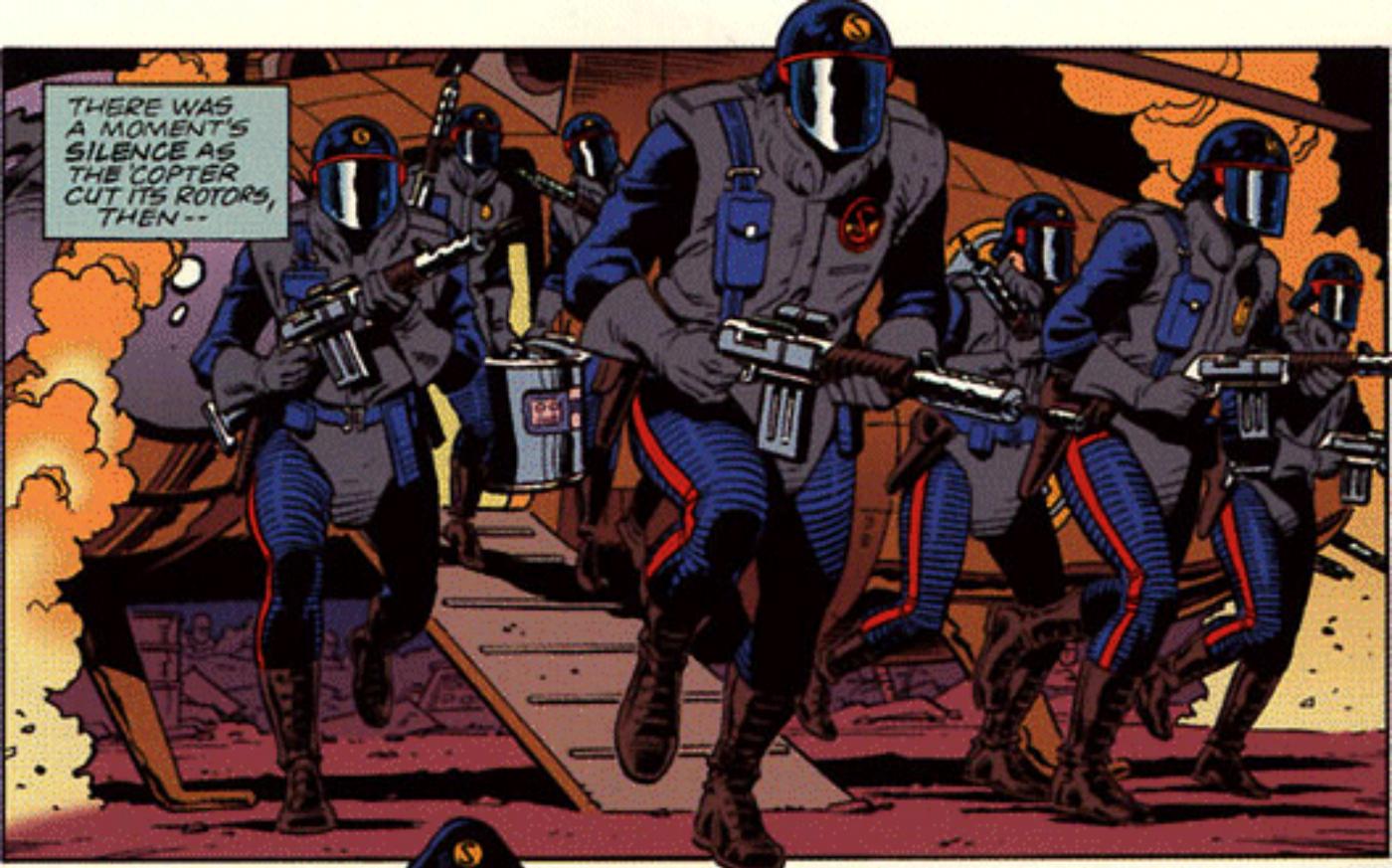
IT SENDS  
DEADLY FEELERS  
OVER THE LAND  
ABOVE...

ACROSS  
THE GAP...  
REACHING  
TOWARDS THIS  
VERY PLACE!

I'D SEEN  
HIM DO THIS  
A HUNDRED  
TIMES, BUT  
I HUMOURED  
HIM.

AFTER ALL,  
HE'D BEEN  
LIKE A FATHER  
TO ME.

AND  
WHAT DOES  
THIS EVIL  
WANT  
HERE?



THERE WAS A MOMENT'S SILENCE AS THE COPTER CUT ITS ROTORS, THEN --



WHOEVER IS IN CHARGE HERE, COME FORWARD--

NOW!

ONLY A FOOL WOULDVE ARGUED WITH THAT FIREPOWER.



I -- I AM THE LEADER OF THESE PEOPLE... WE ARE PEACEFUL--

BRING HIM HERE.

AT ONCE, COMMANDER REICH.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.

SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T BELONG HERE... WHO WASN'T BORN IN THIS GARBAGE DUMP... WHO CAME FROM THE CITY AS A CHILD...



WE WANT TO TAKE HIM HOME AGAIN.

MY MIND RACING, I REMEMBERED WHERE I'D SEEN THAT SYMBOL BEFORE...

OH,  
MY SON,  
I FEAR...

I  
FEAR THE  
EVIL WANTS  
YOU!

THAT WAS  
WHEN JOEY  
PIPED UP--

FOSTER!  
SENSORS  
DETECT  
INCOMING  
AUDIO  
SOURCE!



THEN THE REST OF US HEARD IT, TOO.

THE EVIL! THE EVIL IS NEARLY HERE--

WHUP WHUP WHUP

IT SOUNDED MORE LIKE A 'COPTER THAN A DEMON.



BUT, NEXT THING, ALL HELL LET LOOSE ANYWAY--

RUN, FOSTER! RUN! HIDE FROM THE EVIL!

AIEEE!

BUDDA BUDDA



FOSTER!  
>KZZT<  
H-HELP!

KCHANG

BUDDA BUDDA



BETTER  
>BZZT<  
MAKE MY  
>TZZKT<  
NEXT BODY  
MOVE >KTZX<  
FASTER,  
FOSTER...

HE WAS ONLY A ROBOT, BUT, WELL, I LOVED THE LITTLE GUY.

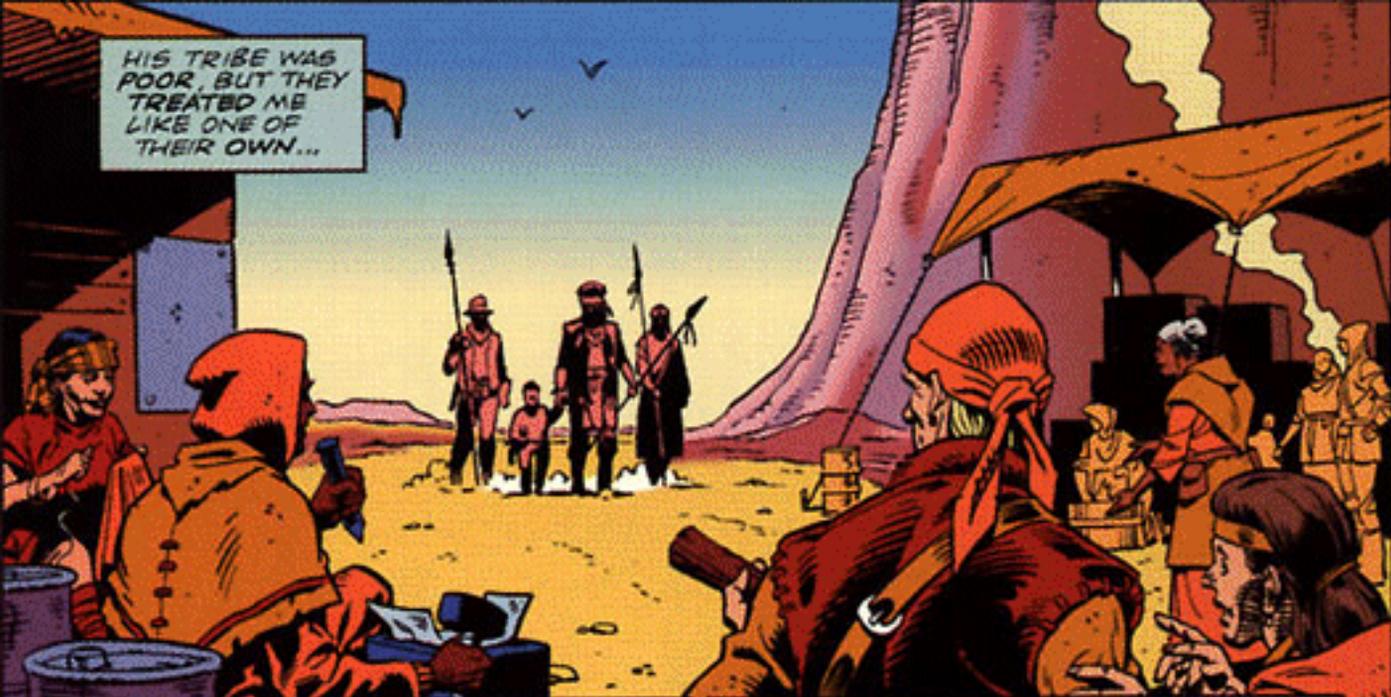


THEN, AS SUDDENLY AS IT STARTED, THE SHOOTING STOPPED.

WHUP WHUP

>TZZT<

HIS TRIBE WAS POOR, BUT THEY TREATED ME LIKE ONE OF THEIR OWN...



I LEARNED HOW TO SURVIVE, HUNTING IN THE WASTELAND THEY CALLED THE GAP...



AND SCAVENGING FROM THE CITY DUMPS.



AS THE YEARS PASSED, I FORGOT MY LIFE IN THE CITY

DISCOVERED NEW TALENTS...

I'M YOUR »KZZT« FRIEND ... CALL ME »TZZT« JOEY.

HAH!



AND GOT A SECOND NAME.

THIS IS WHAT WE'LL CALL YOU, NOW YOU'VE COME OF AGE, SON! WE FOUND YOU, FOSTERED YOU...

SO THAT MAKES YOU ROBERT FOSTER!



...WASTED ENOUGH TIME!

GIVE US THE RUNAWAY OR WE'LL SHOOT EVERYONE-- STARTING WITH YOU, GRANDAD!

THE OLD MAN HAD BEEN RIGHT, FOR ONCE...

