



**DEFINITIVE
EDITION**

NEMESIS
THE WARLOCK


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*"Kevin O'Neill's
artwork is
wonderfully
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— CHARLIE
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PRESIDENT PURITY BROWN. IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS NOW SINCE THE DEATH OF TORQUEMADA, AND YOUR TERRAN FEDERATION STILL FACES ENORMOUS PROBLEMS...

CIVIL WAR IN THE FRINGE WORLDS BETWEEN HUMAN AND ALIEN... RIOTS AT THE SPIDER PRISON FARM FOR TERMINATORS IN TORQUE-NEVADA...



"AND HERE IN NECROPOLIS, THE SERIAL KILLER NICKNAMED 'THE ACCOUNTANT' HAS SO FAR MURDERED OVER TWO HUNDRED ALIENS AND MANDRAKES."

I CAN'T DENY THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN... CHALLENGING.

SOME OF MY DETRACTORS ARE CALLING ME A FEMALE TORQUEMADA, SIMPLY BECAUSE I HAVE NOT YET REPEALED ALL HIS OLD LAWS AND INSTRUMENTS OF CONTROL.


AH, YES -- YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE TRIVIA-EMISSIONS HE USED TO CONTROL OUR MINDS...

A T.R. IN EVERY APARTMENT TRANQUILISED TERMITES DURING HIS REIGN.

THERE'S ALSO THE HUMAN-ALIEN RELATIONSHIP LAWS. I UNDERSTAND THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS THERE...?

I'M AFRAID SO, YOU SEE, IN SOME CASES -- LIKE THE GROTTUSK -- IT'S NORMAL FOR THE FEMALE TO EAT ITS PARTNER AFTER MATING.

OR THERE'S THE MALE LIB-ANTI WHO -- IN HIS RUTTING SEASON -- CONSUMES THE FEET OF HUMAN FEMALES.



QUITE, IF I SWITCHED THEM OFF TOO SOON, TERMITES WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. TALKING TRIVIA -- NOT THINKING TOO MUCH -- KEEPS THEM HAPPY!

OUR LAWYERS ARE STILL DECIDING WHICH ACTS BETWEEN CONSENTING HUMANS AND EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS SHOULD BE LEGAL.

UNTIL THEN, TORQUEMADA'S OLD LAWS -- FORBIDDING EVERYTHING -- MUST REMAIN IN FORCE, BUT ONLY AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE, OF COURSE...

INDEED, AS THE GRAND MASTER USED TO SAY, "PUT A CORK IN IT FOR TORQUE!"

"NOW WHAT ABOUT THE RECENT OUTBREAKS OF GANG WARFARE BETWEEN YOUNG TERMINATORS AND THE HALF-HUMAN MANDRAKES WHO HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO LIVE IN NECROPOLIS AND MAUSOLEUM?"

UP AHEAD, ISIS!
TUBE-SLIME AT
TWELVE O'CLOCK!

I SEE THEM!
JUST THREE Y.T.
OUTRIDERS!

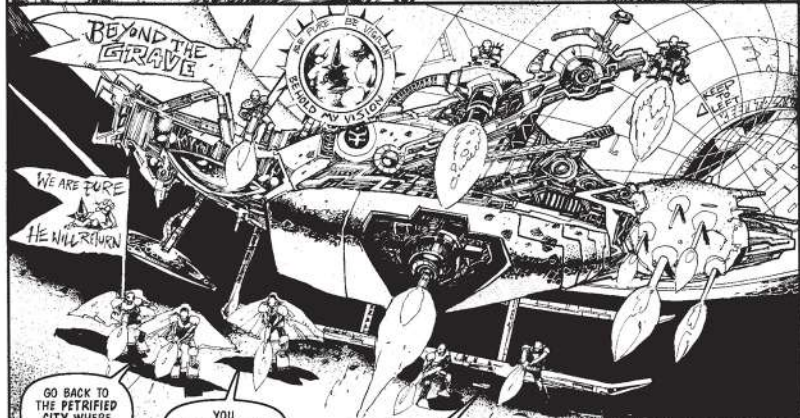
FOR ONCE WE'RE
NOT OUTNUMBERED,
SET!

MANDRAKE BIKER GANG!
LET'S TAKE 'EM!

OKAY, BAD SEEDS...
LET'S SQUARE THE
CIRCLE!

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"I REALISE THESE YOUNG MANDRAKES HAVE BEEN
OPPRESSED IN THE PAST... BUT WE CANNOT APPROVE
OF THEM TAKING THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS!"



GO BACK TO THE PETRIFIED CITY WHERE YOU BELONG!

YOU MANDRAKES ARE IMPURE!

YOUR MOTHERS TRUCKED WITH DIRTY ALIENS!

AND WE'RE GONNA KEEP ON TRUCKING!



"SURELY, MADAM PRESIDENT, THE MANDRAKES ARE ONLY ACTING IN SELF-DEFENCE?"



WATCH OUT -- ONE OF THE FREAKS IS DIMENSIONALLY UNSTABLE!



AND SO ARE MY BULLETS!



"THAT IS THE PATH TO ANARCHY AND CHAOS. WE MUST HAVE ORDER!"

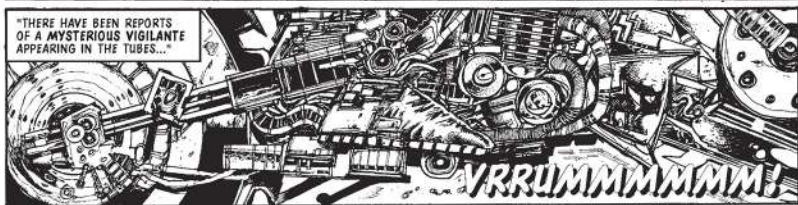
"MADAM PRESIDENT, TURNING NOW
TO THE DEATH OF NEMESIS..."



"SOME BELIEVE THE
WARLOCK MAY HAVE
RETURNED FROM THE
GRAVE!"



"THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS
OF A MYSTERIOUS VIGILANTE
APPEARING IN THE TUBES..."



SKRRREEEEEEEE



"A LONE BIKER EYEWITNESSES HAVE
DESCRIBED AS A ROBOT KNIGHT!"

"NONSENSE! HE'S JUST A
MYTH. AN URBAN LEGEND."

T-TORQUEMADA
PROTECT US -- !



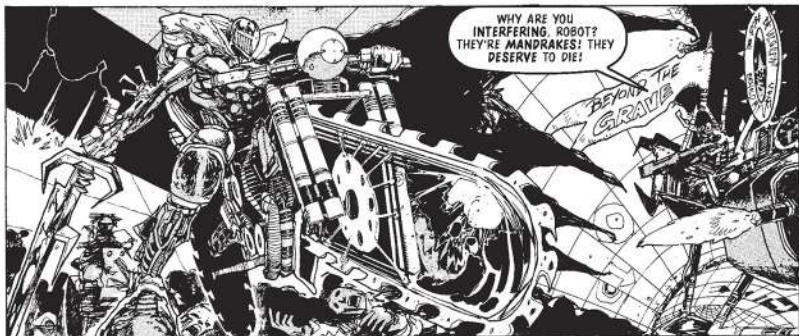
"BUT IS IT NOT TRUE
THAT 'NEMESIS'S' LAST
WORDS SPOKE OF
ONE WHO WOULD
COME AFTER...?"





"VIGILANTE JUSTICE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!"

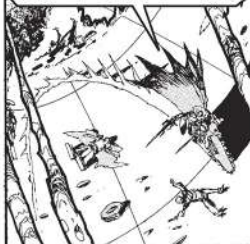




WHY ARE YOU INTERFERING, ROBOT? THEY'RE MANDRAKES! THEY DESERVE TO DIE!

YOU CONVENIENTLY FORGET THAT TERMITES ONCE GENETICALLY MODIFIED THEMSELVES TO BREED WITH ALIENS...

SO THEIR MANDRAKE OFFSPRING COULD BETTER SURVIVE ON HOSTILE WORLDS!



MANDRAKES CREATED THE TERRAN EMPIRE -- NOT HUMANS!



THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAYS IN THE TERMIGHT BOOK OF THE DEAD!

"IN THE BEGINNING, OUR WORLD WAS BEAUTIFUL AND IT WAS CALLED TERRA. THEN THE ALIENS CAME AND TRIED TO DESTROY US..."

DRIVING THE PEOPLE BELOW GROUND WHERE THERE WAS MUCH WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH..."



BLAM!
BLAM!



"AND IT WAS DECREED THAT ALL ALIENS MUST BE EXTERMINATED -- SO THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD NEVER AGAIN LIVE IN FEAR!"

CHAPTER ONE, VERSES ONE TO THREE!



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