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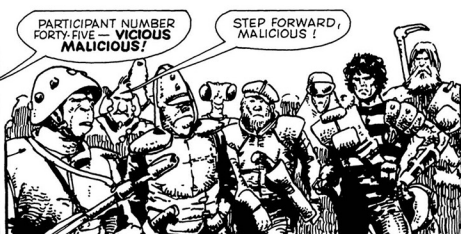
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THE
2000AD
FEATURING JUDGE DREDD
YEARS



THE KILLING IS AN ANCIENT **DEATH-RITE**, DATING BACK FOUR MILLENNIA, TO THE DAYS OF THE FIRST **DESPOTS OF ZED**. NOWADAYS, THEIR DESCENDANTS UPHOLD THE TRADITION RELIGIOUSLY —

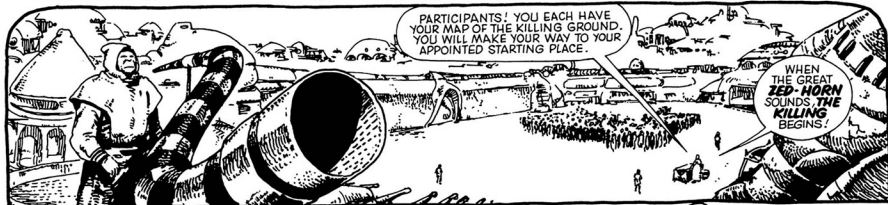
NOBLE DESPOTS, WE HAVE NINETY-FIVE PARTICIPANTS THIS YEAR, REPRESENTING FORTY-THREE ALIEN RACES. I'M SURE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A TRULY **MEMORABLE** KILLING.



REHOUSE THEM? I SENT THEM TO THE SLAVE MINES!









YOU KNOW THE PLAN, WULF. WE MEET UP ON DISEMBOWELLERS' ROW. TRY TO STAY OUTA TROUBLE TILL WE RENDEZVOUS.

WITH NINETY-THREE KILLERS OUT TO GET US, IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THERE'S SOMEBODY WATCHING YOUR BACK!



ACH, JOHNNY! IS DER DANGEROUS GAME VE PLAY?

YEAH, BUT WHERE ELSE WOULD YOU FIND SUCH WORK FOR A STRONTIUM DOG? JUST ABOUT EVERY ONE OF OUR PLAYMATES HAS A PRICE ON HIS HEAD!



JA, IN THEORY IS GREAT! BUT VOT IF WE GET KILLED?



WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM WHEN WE COME TO IT.

SEE YOU ON DISEMBOWELLERS'.



MUTANT BOUNTY HUNTER JOHNNY ALPHA AND HIS NORMA PARTNER WULF MAKE THEIR WAY TO THEIR STARTING POINTS AND SETTLE DOWN TO WAIT.



SOON, THE BULLETS WILL FLY. EACH PARTICIPANT IS KEENLY AWARE THAT HE MIGHT BE FIRST.



THE PLANET **ZED** IS A REMARKABLY UNREMARKABLE WORLD, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING . . .

HERE, EVERY YEAR THE GREAT **ZED HORN** SOUNDS— AND THE AGE-OLD RITUAL OF **THE KILLING** TAKES PLACE.

THE OBJECT OF THIS GRISLY BLOOD-RITE IS SIMPLE: EACH PARTICIPANT MUST ENDEAVOUR TO KILL EVERY OTHER PARTICIPANT.

THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF **THE KILLING**— AND THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE— WILL RECEIVE ONE BILLION ZEDDIES— WHICH IS NOT TOE-NAIL CLIPPINGS IN ANYBODY'S LANGUAGE.

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THE KILLING PART 2

THE ORIGINS OF THIS QUAINT CUSTOM ARE LOST IN THE MISTS OF TIME, BUT THE TRADITION IS RELIGIOUSLY UPHOLD.

THE DESPOTS OF ZED ARE ABSOLUTE STICKLERS FOR TRADITION. BESIDES AS DESPOT **ODIOUS ZED** SAYS—

THE KILLING IS SUCH WIZARD
RUN!