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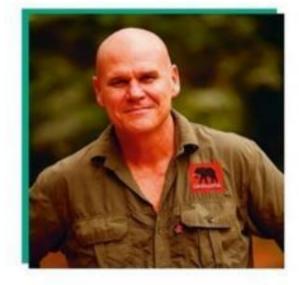
Greenpeace

Fernando Pereira, Photographer (who was killed when the Rainbow Warrior was bombed and sunk in 1985)



Pole Pole's death at London Zoo inspired the creation of Born Free. She is symbolic of all wild animals in need, whether free or living in captivity, that we have dedicated our lives to helping.





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Dedicated to all the people who are still trying to make a difference.

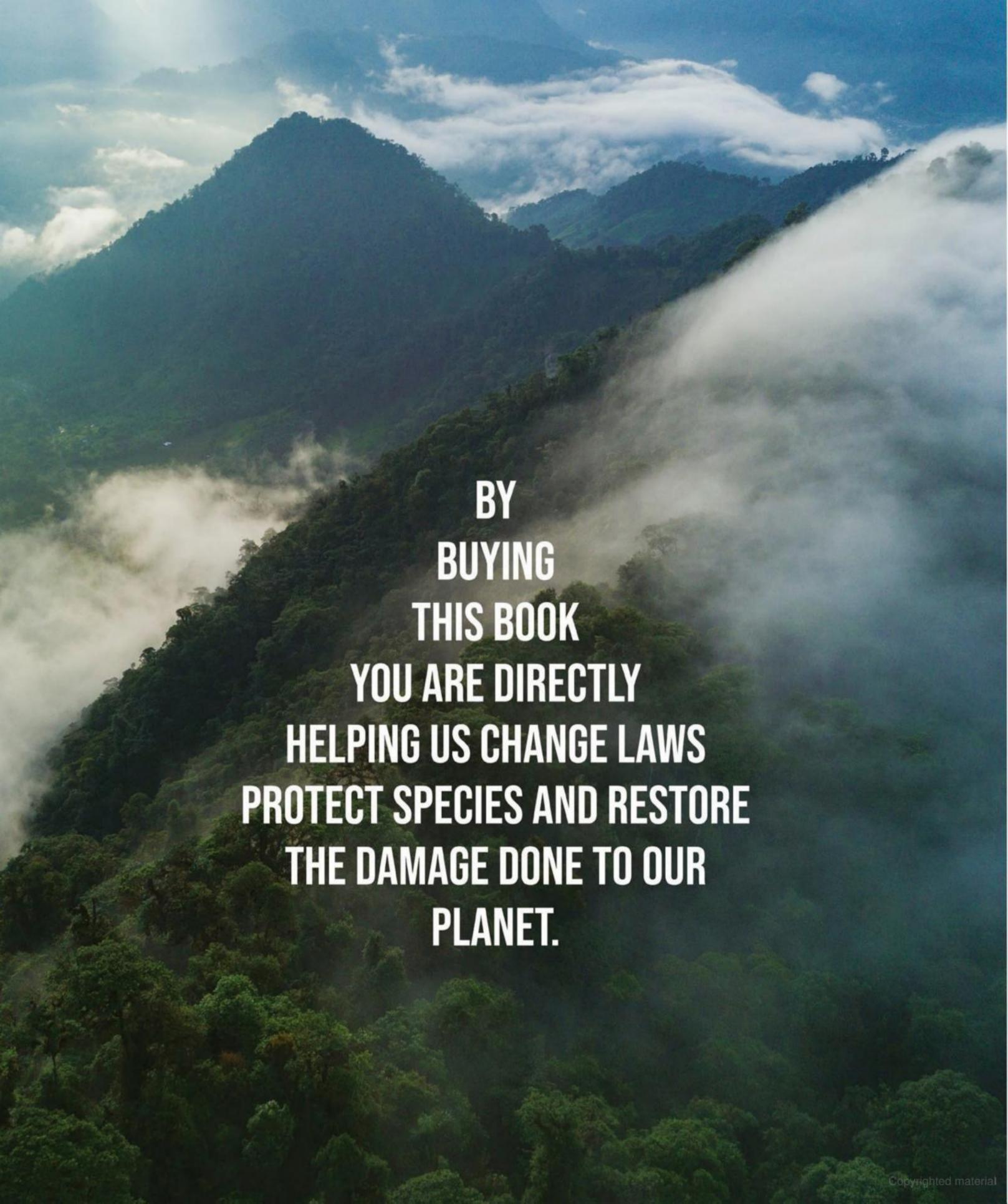




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Dedicated to all the species who lost their fight with extinction, and to those fighting for survival right now.







FOREWORDS

SCOTT SNYDER

WRITER, BATMAN, UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY, NOCTERRA Comics. What are they? To most people they're books about caped heroes, individuals with extraordinary powers who fight universe-shattering battles. And comics are about these folks, yes, but like their titular superheroes, beneath the tights and masks, comics have a secret identity, a true face. See, deep down, at the most fundamental level, comics are about connection.

Every comic is an act of expression, an attempt to reach across distances—some literal, some existential, all real—to connect with someone else in wonder, in fear, in hope. The very act of creating them is connective. They're collaborative by nature. To make one requires sharing your deepest aspirations and anxieties with all these other people—creative partners, editors...it's a collective creation. And comic books like THIS are hardest of all to make, but also the most rewarding. So many great talents coming together to connect with you about an issue that affects us all—our ecological crisis and the urgent, dire need for ACTION.

So thank you for picking this book up. Because it is a true comic. One that inverts the old formula, maybe, but in the best way: instead of luring you in with aliens and lasers, it shows you what it's about first. Then asks YOU to don the tights, the capes, and go out and be superheroes. To get out there and change it for the better.





One day soon, these words will be obsolete...

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...people will screw their face up at the idea that at one point in history, which is now, of course, there was once two hundred species going extinct every day.

They'll ask us, "What did you do during the climate crisis? What did you do to help?"

Well, we made this. Three hundred of the most passionate, astounding, and beautiful people on the planet got together and devoted their hearts and lives to making a collection of stories that could save as many species from extinction as humanly possible.

We made this book for every one of you.

We made it to help you help them—the species who have no voice.* We hope our stories open your hearts and your minds and give you the direction and power you need to join us in this fight.

Because if they do, today's problems, and every word I've written, will be obsolete. And we'll all be able to say we helped save the planet.

And what a wonderful thing that will be.

*Correct at time of writing. Check out Peter Gabriel's Interspecies Internet if you want to see how him and some amazing people are helping us (quite literally) talk to the animals.



With the help of organizations like Greenpeace, Stop Ecocide International, along with experts and other charities, our aim with this project is to highlight, challenge, and rewrite the system, forever.

Sponsored project









MAKE EARTH GREAT AGAIN

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RELATIONSHIPS CAN CHANGE















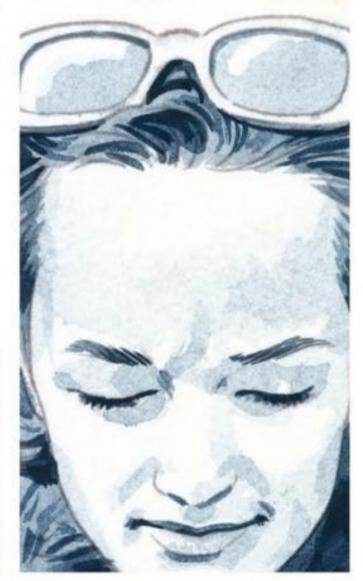


I hadn't seen her for ages. She may as well not exist, really...

Sometimes it's hard to believe we all look up at the same sky.



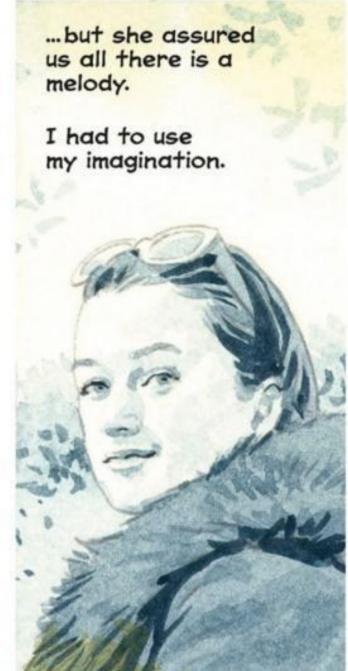
She shared some lyrics she'd written...



They were heartfelt, lonely, wanting. The light hit the image just so. It made me presume she'd used a filter.

But no. It was real.





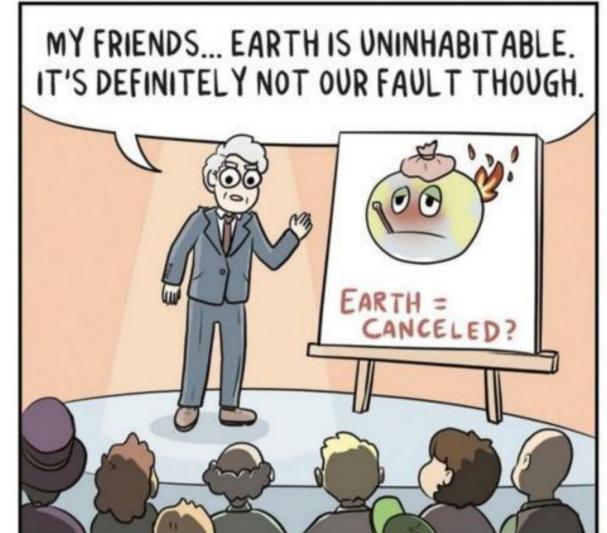






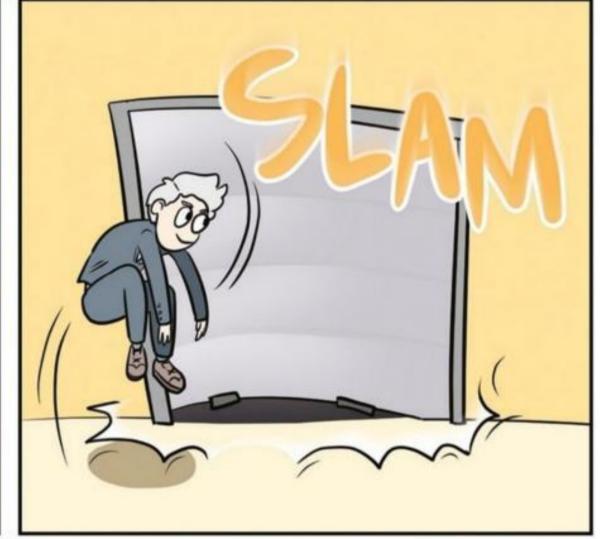
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CARA DELEVINGNE AND ECORESOLUTION PAUL GOODENOUGH & DAMI LEE DAMI LEE









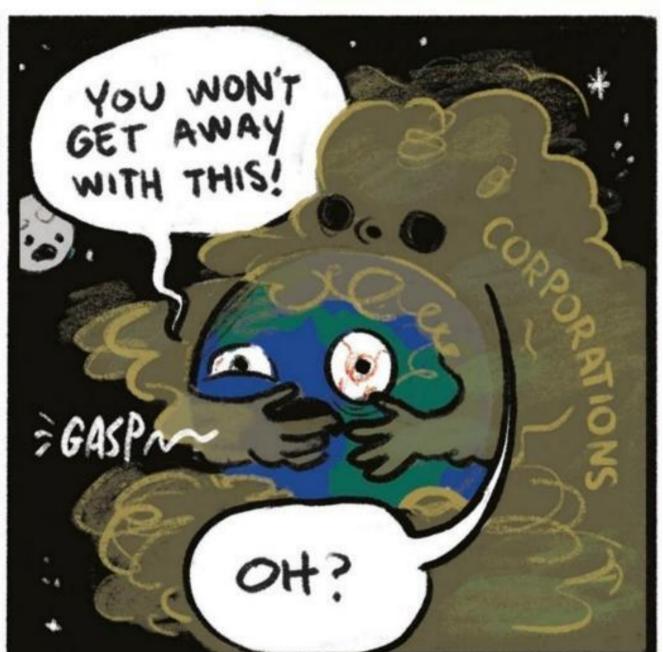




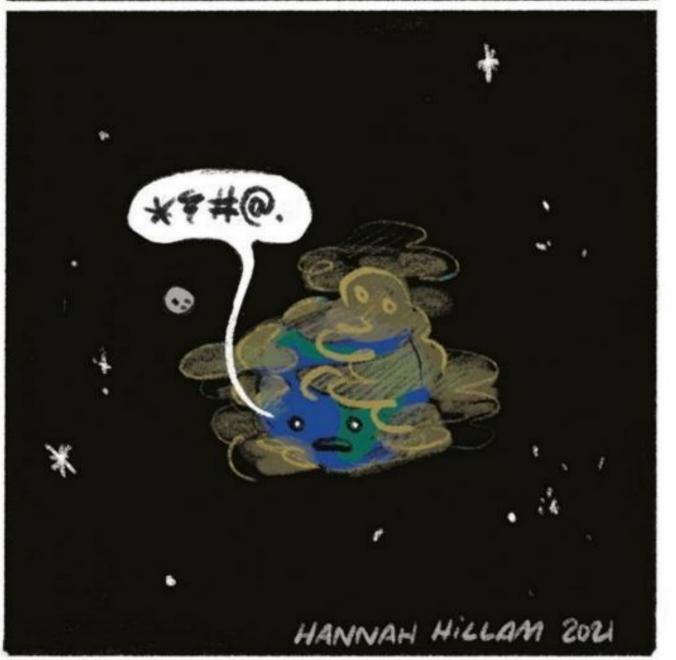
SMOTHER EARTH

JOJO MEHTA WRITTEN & DRAWN BY









DID YOU KNOW THAT IN MOST OF THE WORLD, DESTRUCTION OF NATURE ISN'T A CRIME?

By Jojo Mehta

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Well, most laws about how we treat the natural living world are in the form of environmental regulations, lists of detailed "do's and don'ts." Big companies pay expensive lawyers to work around these rules, and often get little more than a fine and a slap on the wrist if they don't follow them.

What we need to do is make destroying the planet an international crime.

This means the people who make the decisions can't hide behind their businesses, but can be brought to justice individually and held personally responsible.

Chief executives, board members, and key decision makers in the world's most destructive companies could face jail time if their decisions lead directly to serious planetary damage.

Imagine what a difference this would make...

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Protecting the future of life on Earth means stopping the mass damage and destruction of ecosystems taking place globally.

We call this serious harm to nature Ecocide. And right now, in most of the world, no-one is held responsible for it.

It's time to change the rules.

It's time to make Ecocide an international crime.

Together with lawyers, diplomats, and civil society, we* work toward amending the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to include a crime of Ecocide.

The Rome Statute governs the "most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole," currently Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity, War Crimes, and the Crime of Aggression.

By adding Ecocide to this list, we send a powerful message to the whole world that severe harm to nature is both legally and morally unacceptable.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Follow Stop Ecocide International for more information and actions you can take.



*Stop Ecocide International (global campaign) and the Stop Ecocide Foundation (NL charitable foundation)

ECOCIDE

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THE XR DIARIES

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LETTERING BY

BERNARDO BRICE

LIAM NORTON, ELECTRICIAN. U.K.

I HEARD ABOUT EXTINCTION
REBELLION FROM THE LETTER IN
THE GUARDIAN AND WENT TO THE
BRIDGE BLOCKADE, JUST TO SEE
WHAT WAS GOING ON REALLY.



IT GOT ME INTERESTED ENOUGH TO ATTEND A "HEADING FOR EXTINCTION" MEETING. UNTIL THEN, I SUPPOSE, I'D BEEN IN DENIAL. OH, I KNEW THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE CLIMATE, I JUST HADN'T REALIZED HOW BAD THINGS WERE. OR PERHAPS I DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW.

I REMEMBER SAYING TO ONE OF THE PEOPLE LEADING THE MEETING -- "IF EVERYTHING YOU'VE SAID IS TRUE THEN OUR JOBS DON'T MATTER."

> A COUPLE OF WEEKS LATER I WAS THROWING FAKE BLOOD OUTSIDE DOWNING STREET.

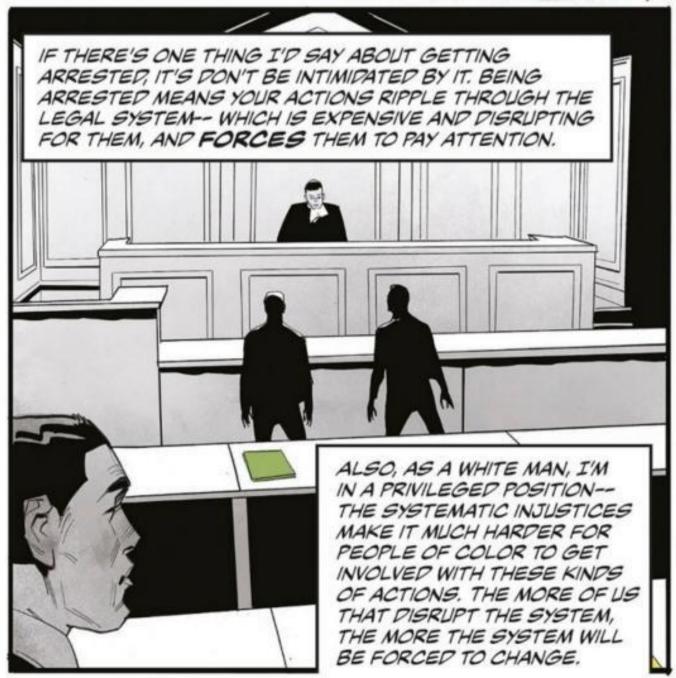




"I'd been in denial."



I SEE GETTING ARRESTED AS A NECESSARY SACRIFICE, ANOTHER WAY OF HELPING TO FORCE CHANGE. BECAUSE THE GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY HAVE ONLY COME ABOUT BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO STAND UP FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVED IN. TO **PO** SOMETHING.

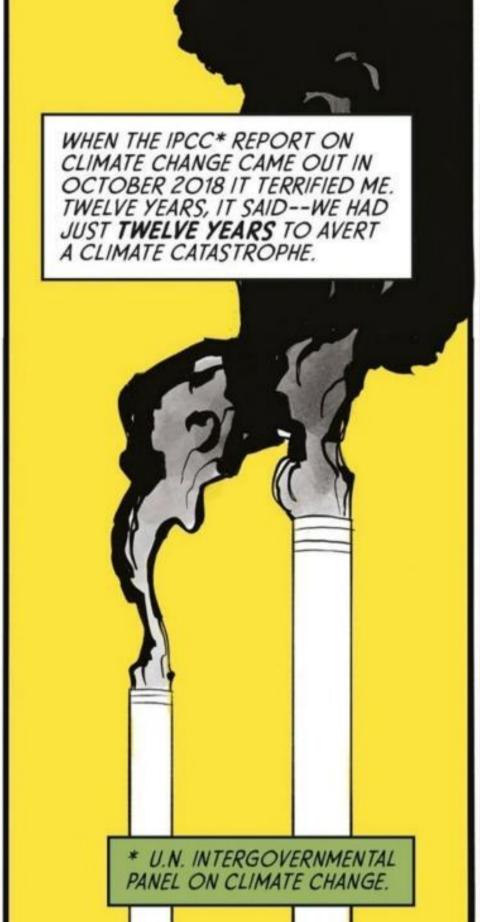




CATHY EASTBURN, MUSICIAN. U.K.

I WAS AWARE THAT PEOPLE WERE CONSUMING TOO MUCH, BUT I HOPED WE'D BE OK AND REIGN OURSELVES IN. YET FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS I'VE HAD THE GROWING FEAR THAT WE WEREN'T GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.





MY GENERATION KNEW ABOUT THIS STUFF LONG AGO, AND WE ALL PRETENDED IF WE JUST DID THE SMALL THINGS--A BIT OF RECYCLING, LESS FLYING--EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALL RIGHT. BUT IT WASN'T GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.

I FELT ASHAMED, AND TERRIFIED FOR MY CHILDREN. I REMEMBER HUGGING MY DAUGHTER AND FEELING RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS WHOLE MESS.



"I need to take action for my children. Or else my children won't have a future."

MEANWHILE, LIAM FOX WAS SPEAKING,

DISCUSSING GOVERNMENT PLANS TO











AT OUR TRIAL WE PLEADED THAT OUR ACTIONS WERE TAKEN IN SELF-DEFENSE. WE WERE TRYING TO SAVE OUR LIVES--AND THE PLANET.







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DETECTIVE SERGEANT PAUL STEPHENS. U.K.

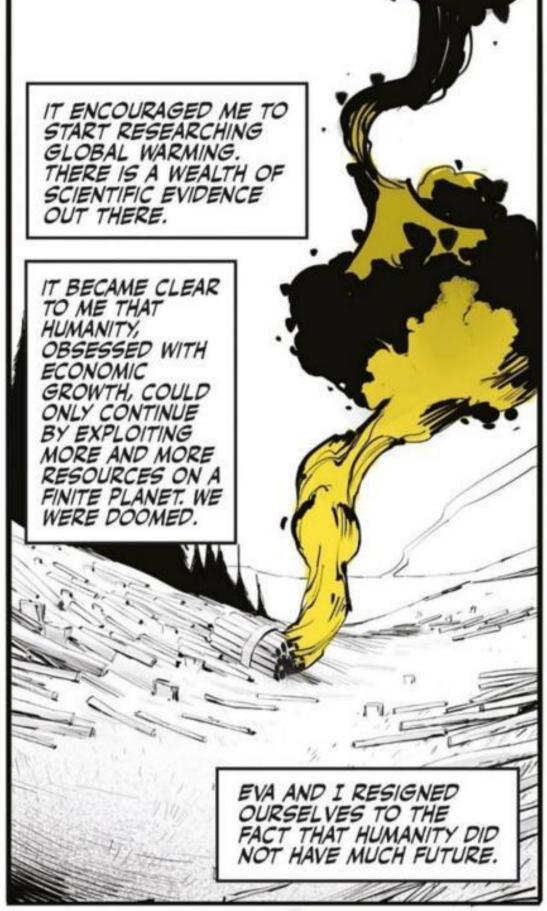
I JOINED THE METROPOLITAN POLICE IN 1983 AND RETIRED IN 2018 WITH THE RANK OF DETECTIVE SERGEANT.



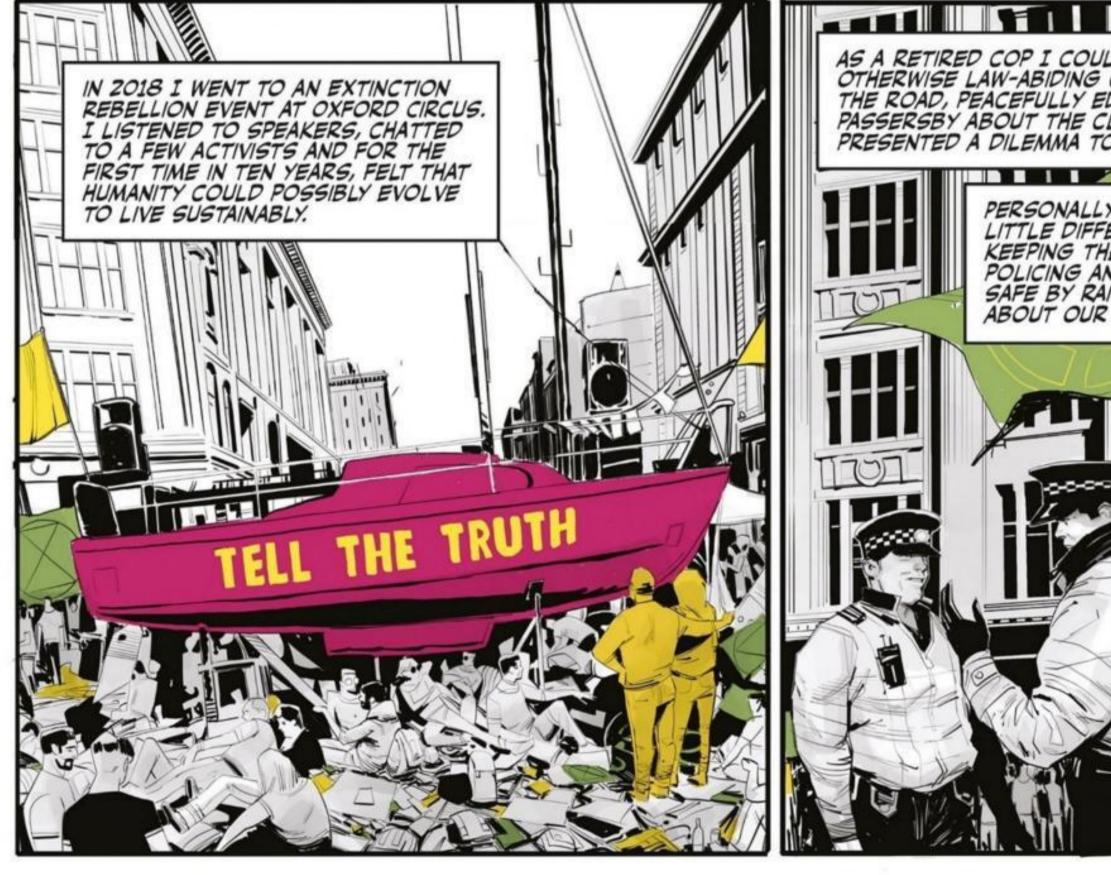
MOST OF MY SERVICE WAS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, INTELLIGENCE, HOMICIDE, HATE CRIME, RISK MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION.

> EVA, MY WIFE, IS SWISS. WE'VE SPENT MANY YEARS TAKING HOLIDAYS IN THE SWISS MOUNTAINS, AND EACH YEAR WE'VE NOTICED THE GLACIERS GROWING SMALLER AND MORE HOLES IN THE ICE APPEARING. EACH YEAR IT'S BEEN GETTING WORSE.





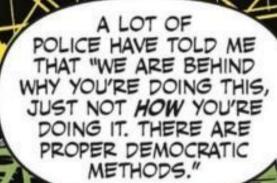
"The danger is so great that it threatens the very existence of our species."





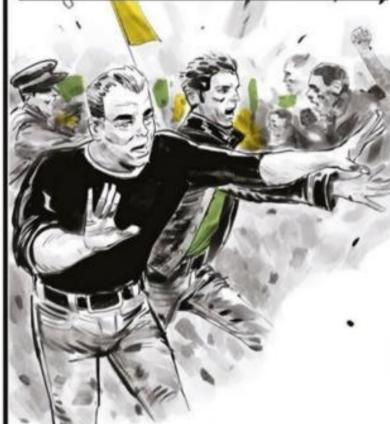


IN THE OCTOBER ACTION, AFTER THE BAND MASSIVE ATTACK HAD ADDRESSED THE CROWD, I WAS DRAGGED ONTO THE PLATFORM. I RECOUNTED A CONVERSATION I HAD HAD WITH POLICE...











I'VE SINCE BEEN INTERVIEWED ON BREAKFAST TELEVISION AND ON LOCAL RADIO. FINE WITH ME. I'LL GO ON DOING WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP.

IN THE END POLICE DID

MOVE IN. THEY ARRESTED

FIRST ROLE WAS GIVING

OVER 1,100 PEOPLE, SO MY

SUPPORT AT COURT. IT WAS

ATTITUDE OF THE JUDICIARY

HEARTED AND EMOTIONALLY

HEARTENING TO SEE THE

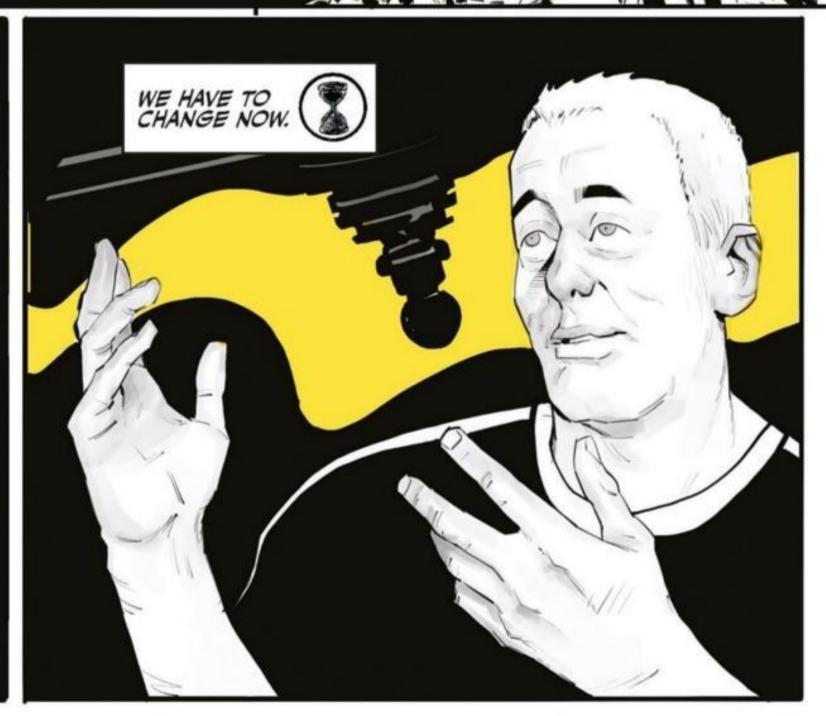
MELT FROM DISMISSIVE

IRRITATION TO WHOLE-

ENGAGED SUPPORT.



WHEN THE DANGER IS SO GREAT THAT IT THREATENS THE VERY EXISTENCE OF OUR SPECIES, AS WELL AS EVERY OTHER SPECIES THAT WE LIVE WITH AND DEPEND UPON, I FIND IT INCREDIBLE THAT APPARENTLY INTELLIGENT PEOPLE DO NOT GRASP THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO CHANGE DRASTICALLY.







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