

"SO WHY DID I SAVE THEM? WHY WOULD ANYONE SAVE THE HUMAN RACE?"

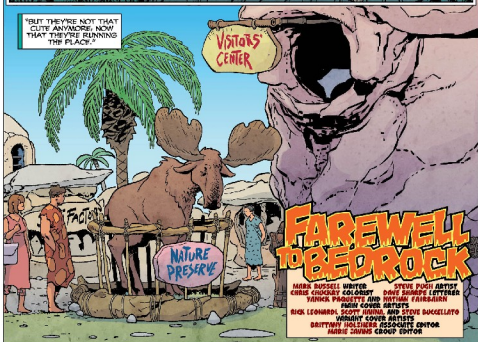


"IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO THAT THIS SPECIES WAS YOUNG, POWERLESS AND VULNERABLE. I GUESS EVERYONE'S CUTE WHEN THEY'RE A BABY."



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"BUT THEY'RE NOT THAT CUTE ANYMORE, NOW THAT THEY'RE RUNNING THE PLACE."



# FAREWELL TO BEDROCK

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"THEIR INSTITUTIONS SEEM PREOCCUPIED WITH TRIVIA, CONTENT TO IGNORE THE QUESTIONS CENTRAL TO THEIR SPECIES' SURVIVAL. THIS DOES NOT IMPROVE THEIR ODDS."

GERALD MADE THE FIRST MAN OUT OF MUD. THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO SHOWER EVERY DAY.

"THEY SEEM TO BE MAKING THINGS UP AS THEY GO ALONG."

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FIRST WOMAN?

UH... GERALD MADE HER OUT OF AN EXTRA RIB OR SOMETHING.

THAT HARDLY SEEMS SATISFACTORY.

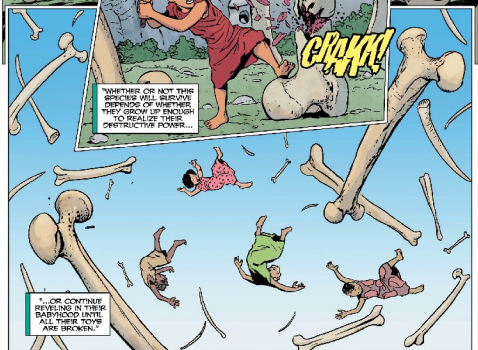
"MY THEORY IS THAT THE HUMAN RACE HAS ENTERED ITS TERRIBLE TWOS. THEY STILL ACT LIKE THIRDS, BABIES, AND BABIES ARE BASICALLY SOCIOPATHS, WHICH IS OKAY, BECAUSE BABIES NEED TO BE GREEDY AND SELF-ABSORBED TO SURVIVE."

PLAYGROUND BEHIND RESTAURANT

WAMMOTH  
EAMMOTH  
THANK YOU  
MAMMOTH



"BUT AT SOME POINT, BABIES GROW INTO CHILDREN. CHILDREN WITH THE STRENGTH TO BREAK THEIR OWN TOYS. TO DESTROY THE PLANET THAT HAS BEEN THEIR NURSERY. THEIR PLAYGROUND."



"WHETHER OR NOT THIS SPECIES WILL SURVIVE DEPENDS ON WHETHER THEY GROW UP ENOUGH TO REALIZE THEIR DESTRUCTIVE POWER..."

"...OR CONTINUE REVELING IN THEIR BABYHOOD UNTIL ALL THEIR TOYS ARE BROKEN."



I'M  
ROCK STONE  
FOR BEDROCK  
NEWS! AND NOW  
FOR SOME VAGUELY  
INFORMATIVE  
STORIES!

"THE MAYOR—I MEAN  
COMPTROLLER—HAS  
REOPENED THE BEDROCK  
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL!"



IN AN  
EFFORT TO  
BECOME A BETTER  
PERSON THROUGH  
PHILANTHROPY, MR.  
SLATE IS OPENING  
AN ANNEX!

WHAT?  
I'M NEW TO  
THIS!



SLATE'S  
HOME FOR  
SUB-PAR  
CHILDREN

"IN OTHER NEWS, THE  
BEDROCK BOWLING  
CHAMPIONSHIP IS  
TOMORROW!"



"THE CHAMPIONSHIP  
MATCH WILL PIT THE  
QUARRYMEN..."



"...AGAINST THE SPARE RIBS!  
THAT'S GREAT, LADY!  
BOWLERS' JUST GREAT!"

