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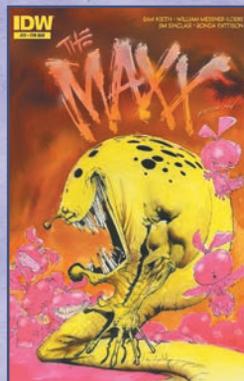
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HAVING To BELIEVE



SARA,
ARE YOU
AWAKE?

I AM
NOW...

I'M HERE
TO SHOW YOU
PANGEA.

AT
3 A.M.?

LOOK,
NORBERT...
I DUNNO...

YES.

CAN'T
THIS WAIT UNTIL
MORNING?

IT'S THE
ONLY WAY TO
STOP IAGO
THE SLUG
FROM KILLING
AGAIN.

SARA,
IF I TOLD YOU
THAT STEVE WAS
HURT AND NEEDED
YOUR HELP, AND I
COULD TAKE YOU TO
HIM, WOULD YOU
COME WITH ME
THEN?

→SIGH←

I DON'T
GET OUT OF BED
IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT
FOR JUST
ANYBODY...

OF COURSE
NOT, YOU'RE VERY
DISCRIMINATING.

OKAY, I CHECKED...
HE'S **NOT** IN BED, BUT
YOU BETTER NOT BE
SCREWING WITH ME,
NORBERT...

WE'RE HOME.

SARA, YOU'RE ABOUT TO ENTER A MAGICAL PLACE.

IN PANGEA THIS AREA ISN'T A JUNKYARD, BUT A POWER SPOT. CAN YOU FEEL IT?

A JUNKYARD...?

I FEEL COLD...AND LIKE I'M ABOUT TO BURST.

YES. I ALSO FEEL COLD AND EMPTY IN THIS PLACE...

NO, I'M FREEZING AND I HAVE TO PEE.

OH.

I CHOSE THIS SPOT TO REBUILD THE WORLD I CAME FROM, PANGEA.

THUNDERPIG!
LOOK OUT!
SARA, DUCK!

WHAT?!
I DON'T SEE--

COME, SARA. WE MUST TRAVEL AS CHILDREN UPON OUR HANDS AND KNEES THROUGH THE CASTLE OF QUILTS.

AND THAT'S WHERE WE'LL FIND STEVE?

WHEN YOU LOOK UPON THEIR FACES, YOU WILL REMEMBER THEM, AND WILL RETURN TO PANGEA.

THERE YOU WILL SEE THE FIRST FOUR, WHO WERE SENT BEFORE ME TO STOP IAGO. BUT ALL FAILED.

WE'LL BE SAFE DOWN HERE. THUNDERPIGS ARE FOOLISH AND AFRAID. THEY WILL NOT JUMP DOWN A HOLE IF THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE IT LEADS.

UNLIKE US.

WHUMP

SARA,
ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT?

FOLLOW ME,
IT'S **OOOF!**
WATCH THAT
FIRST--

I THINK SO...
BUT I CAN'T SEE A
THING! HOW DO WE
FIND STEVE? IS HE
HURT BAD?

OOOF! THANKS
FOR THE **WARNING**.
ANYWAY, WHAT'S THIS
PLACE YOU COME
FROM LIKE? DO THE
WHALES FLOAT IN
THE AIR?

DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS, OF
COURSE NOT.
EVERYONE KNOWS
THAT WHALES PUSH
THROUGH THE **EARTH**,
NOT THE **AIR**.

WOW, AN
"EARTH WHALE".
COOL.

OKAY, SO
WHAT ELSE
GOES ON
THERE?

I THOUGHT
YOU DIDN'T
BELIEVE
IN ANOTHER
WORLD?

LOOK, MAXX, I WON'T
LIE... I'D LOVE TO
BE STEVE, YOU, OR MY
OLD FRIENDS DAVE AND
JULIE AND **PRETEND**
THERE'S ANOTHER
WORLD.

BUT I HAVE A
SERIES OF BELIEFS.
I DON'T WANT TO
BELIEVE THEM--I **HAVE**
TO. IF THEY'RE NOT
TRUE, THEN THE WHOLE
WORLD MEANS
NOTHING.

OKAY,
SARA...WHAT
DO YOU
BELIEVE?

THE PRINCESS IN
HER QUILT CASTLE **COULD**
MOVE THINGS WITH HER
MIND. HER LEFT HAND WOULD
START TO GLOW AND...

I **DON'T** BELIEVE
THAT THERE'S ANOTHER WORLD,
OR THAT PEOPLE CAN **MOVE**
THINGS WITH THEIR MINDS, OR
THAT MY MOM'S GOING TO RECOVER
FROM CANCER OVERNIGHT JUST
TO MAKE **ME** FEEL BETTER--OR
THAT MY DAD'S JUST A SWELL GUY
WHO'S **MISUNDERSTOOD**.

MAXX,
WILL YOU
SHUT
UP!

BESIDES, EVEN IF
YOU **COULD** MOVE A
GLASS OF WATER WITH
YOUR MIND, YOU'D
STILL BE THE SAME
SCREWED-UP PERSON
YOU WERE BEFORE,
RIGHT?

SORRY.

KEEP GOING,
WE'RE ALMOST
THERE! CAN YOU
FEEL THE MAGIC,
MY PRINCESS?

OH, YEAH.
CRAWLING ON MY
HANDS AND KNEES
THROUGH GARBAGE
ALWAYS MAKES
ME FEEL
MAGICAL.

A CYNICAL
ATTITUDE MASKS
A BROKEN
HEART.

DEEP.

NOW YOU'RE
SURE HE'S RIGHT
HERE, MAXX? WAIT--
I THINK I SEE THE
OPENING...

YOU'VE
MADE IT,
MY
PRINCESS.
YOU'RE IN
PANGEA!

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT. MY
CHILDHOOD TOYS.
I HAVEN'T SEEN
THEM SINCE I WAS
A LITTLE
GIRL!

PUMPKIN!

THEY'RE
REAL--

MR. YAKITY-
TAKITY!

AND MR.
DIAL-A-
DOODLE!

--AND
THEY'RE
HUGE!

POOCHIE!

PUMPKIN!



HEY WAAAIIIT
A MINUTE! I MUST
BE LOSING MY
MARBLES!

SARA, WAIT!
YOU'RE SLIPPING
BACK!

IT'S JUST
JUNK! A CHEESY
STONEHENGE
BUILT TO LOOK
LIKE MY **OLD**
TOYS!



BUT **WHY**
NORBERT? AND
WHERE THE HELL
IS **STEVE?**

YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHERE
STEVE IS, DO YOU?
HE'S PROBABLY OUT
BOOZING IT UP
WITH **SKYE**.

BOY,
AM I A
SUCKER.