



PROOF

**IS HE A MAN OR AN ANIMAL?
...PROOF CROSSES THE LINE!**



ISSUE EIGHT

**GRECIAN
ROSSMO
STAPLES**

"Grecian's writing displays wit and intelligence... The work of artist Rossmo, meanwhile, ranges from the nicely fantastical to, when required, the memorably gruesome..."
-Entertainment Weekly.com



I'VE
ALWAYS
HATED
YOU.

DO I CONTRADICT MYSELF?
VERY WELL THEN I CONTRADICT MYSELF,
(I AM LARGE, I CONTAIN MULTITUDES.)
-WALT WHITMAN from SONG OF MYSELF

YOUR
HEART IS
SPOKEN FOR,
BUT I ASKED
FOR YOUR
LIVER.

AN OLD
MONKEY LIKE
YOU, IT'LL PROBABLY
BE PRETTY
TOUGH.

BUT
I'M GONNA
EAT EVERY
BITE.

WITH
ONIONS.

THE COMPANY OF MEN

PART THREE: CIRCLE HUNT

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WE'RE
ALMOST READY
TO BRING HIM
OUT.

JOIN
ME OUT
HERE?

I'M
DONE
HERE.



WHY?
WHY
DO YOU HATE
ME?

WHY?

BECAUSE
I HAVE A GODDAMN
MASTER'S DEGREE AND
I'VE SPENT THE PAST
FIVE YEARS PLAYING
ZOOKEEPER'S ASSISTANT
FOR A BUNCH OF
FREAKS.



WHILE
A GLORIFIED
HOUSE PET
GETS--

YOU KNOW
WHAT? NEVER
MIND.

ALL YOU
ARE...



YOU'RE
WHAT'S FOR
DINNER.

I HAVE A
DOCTORATE IN
ANTHROPOLOGY.



CRYPTOID:

IN 2002, A VOLCANO ERUPTED IN THE CONGO, KILLING APPROXIMATELY A HUNDRED PEOPLE.



CRYPTOID:

AN EARTHQUAKE, MEASURING 6.8 ON THE RICHTER SCALE, STRUCK THE SAME REGION IN 2005.



MRRRAWW

EVERYBODY
STAND
DOWN!

YOU'RE
ALL UNDER
ARREST!

KA-SMASH!

CRYPTOID:

ALTHOUGH COLONEL DACHSHUND IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, GINGER WOULD HAVE TROUBLE PROVING JURISDICTION AND HER ARREST PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE UPHELD IN ANY COURT.



CRASH



YOU
HEARD THE
LADY. YOU'RE
ALL UNDER
ARREST.

WHOA,
LITTLE
DUDE!

THE SKY IS
FALLING, ELVIS
CHESTNUT.

ELVIS!
DID THE
DEMON
GET PAST
YOU?

NO,
HE'S
RIGHT--

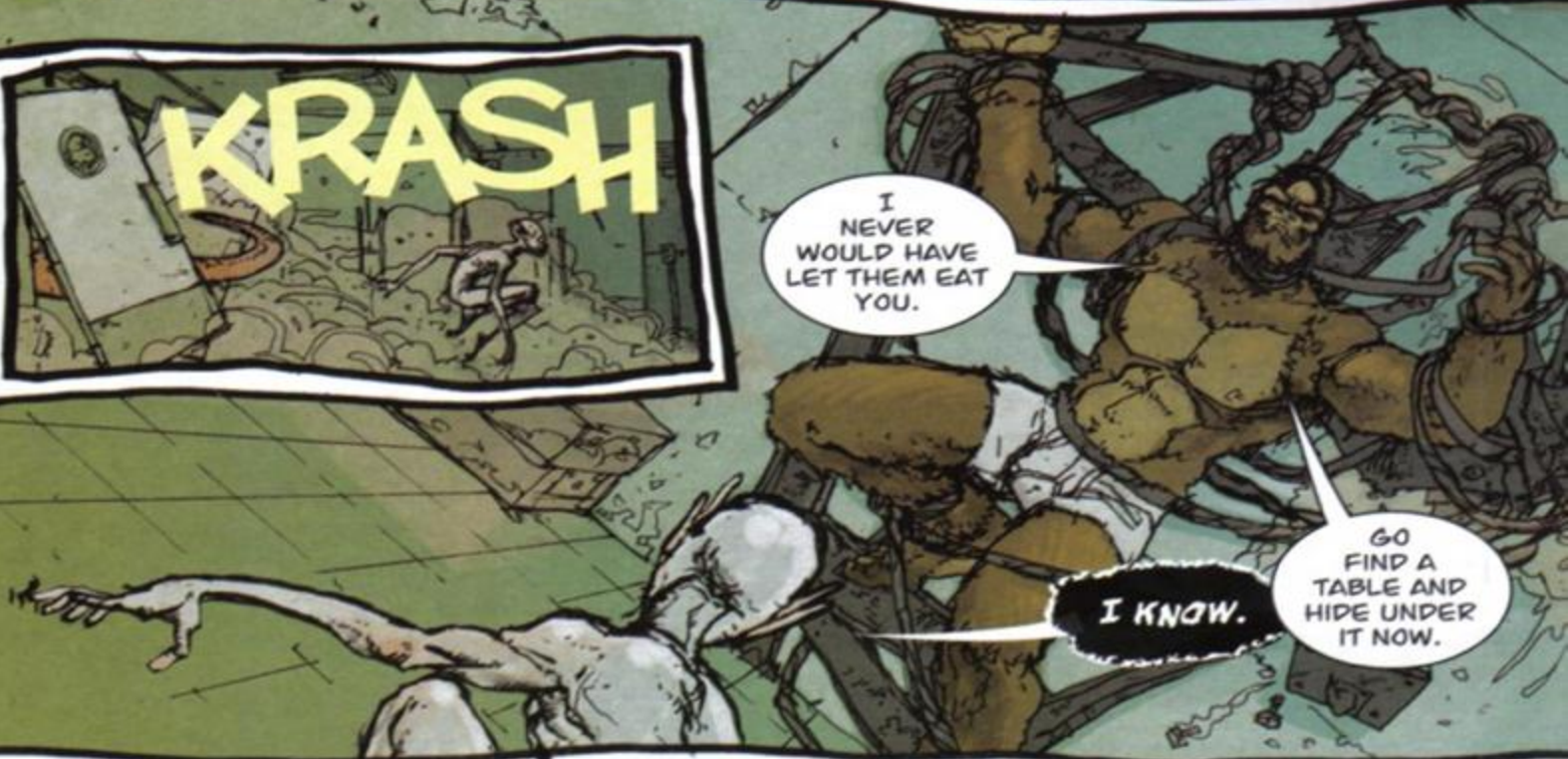
OH.

OKAY,
EVERYBODY
WATCH YOUR
STEP. MY LITTLE...
MY FRIEND IS
LOOSE.



CRYPTOID:

GINGER IS UNAWARE THAT AUTUMN HAS BETRAYED THE LODGE.





RRAAARRGH!





WE
NEED TO
BE OUT THERE
WITH HIM. HELP
ME FIND THE
DEMON
FAST.



THIS
IS A BIG
KITCHEN. HOW
'BOUT YOU TAKE
THE OTHER
END AND I'LL
LOOK OVER
HERE.



WHAT
TH--?

AUTUMN
WAS NOT TO
HARM YOU.

THERE WAS
NO OTHER WAY
TO MAKE IT NOT
HAPPEN.

I DON'T
HAVE A CLUE
WHAT'S GOING
ON, BUT
THANKS.

HOW
'BOUT WE
FIND A SAFER
PLACE FOR
YOU.

I WILL
BE SAFE RIGHT
HERE, GINGER
BROWN.

HEY,
WHERE'D
SHE--?

WELL,
IF THAT'S
TRUE, THEN I'D
BETTER CHECK ON
PROOF...



DON'T
SHOOT MY
PARTNER. I'M
JUST STARTING
TO GET USED
TO HIM.





I'LL
JUST WALK
AWAY FROM ALL
THIS AND THERE'S
NOTHING YOU CAN
DO ABOUT
IT.



NOOO!



WELL,
THERE'S
THAT.







CONGRATULATIONS.
YOU AND YOUR COMPANY
HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING
THE FIRST HUMANS
TO OCCUPY THIS
HABITAT.

WE'VE
BUILT THIS
LITTLE VILLAGE
JUST FOR
YOU.

IT'S NOT
EXTRAVAGANT,
BUT YOU'LL BE
PROVIDED ALL
THE BASIC
NECESSITIES.



KIDNAPPING'S
A FEDERAL OFFENSE,
LEANDER.



AND
I DON'T
SQUIRREL
MYSELF AWAY
IN THE WOODS
LIKE YOU
LOT.

PEOPLE
WILL COME
LOOKING
FOR ME.

FOR
ME AND
MY MEN.



WHAT
WILL YOU
DO WHEN
THEY FIND
US?

NOBODY'S
LOOKING FOR YOU,
WERNER.





THERE WERE NO BODIES.

IT'S OFTEN DIFFICULT WORKING WITHIN GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS, BUT IN THIS CASE THERE ARE CERTAIN...



THE BODIES?

WELL, THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO HAVING THOSE CONNECTIONS.



SO YOU HAD A STORY FAKED.

THERE WAS NO WRECKED AIRPLANE.

OH, WE CRASHED A PLANE IN THE JUNGLE, ALL RIGHT...



BUT OBVIOUSLY YOU WEREN'T ON IT.


I BELIEVE YOUR FUNERAL IS BEING HELD ON TUESDAY.

I DO WISH I COULD POP IN TO PAY MY RESPECTS.



CRYPTOID:


WHEN CONTACTED ABOUT FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HER FATHER, DACHSHUND'S DAUGHTER LAUGHED AND HUNG UP THE PHONE.



"FOR SOME REASON,
FAIRIES SEEM TO BE
ALLERGIC TO IRON."

"WON'T GO NEAR IT,
WON'T FLY OVER IT."

BUT
I'M SURE
YOU REMEMBER
WHAT'LL HAPPEN
IF YOU CROSS
THAT IRON
LINE...



THOSE
LITTLE FLYING
PIRANHAS WILL STRIP
YOU AND YOUR MEN
TO THE BONE IN
SECONDS.

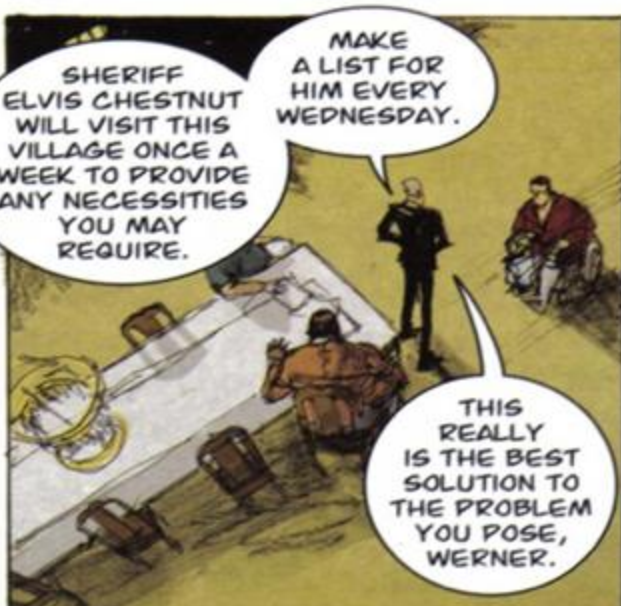


THIS
PLACE IS
COMPLETELY
DEVOID OF
ANYTHING
MADE OF
IRON.

THERE'S
NOTHING HERE
THAT YOU COULD
CARRY ALONG
WITH YOU TO
KEEP THEM
AT BAY.



I'D
STAY PUT
IF I WERE
YOU.



SHERIFF
ELVIS CHESTNUT
WILL VISIT THIS
VILLAGE ONCE A
WEEK TO PROVIDE
ANY NECESSITIES
YOU MAY
REQUIRE.

MAKE
A LIST FOR
HIM EVERY
WEDNESDAY.

THIS
REALLY
IS THE BEST
SOLUTION TO
THE PROBLEM
YOU POSE,
WERNER.

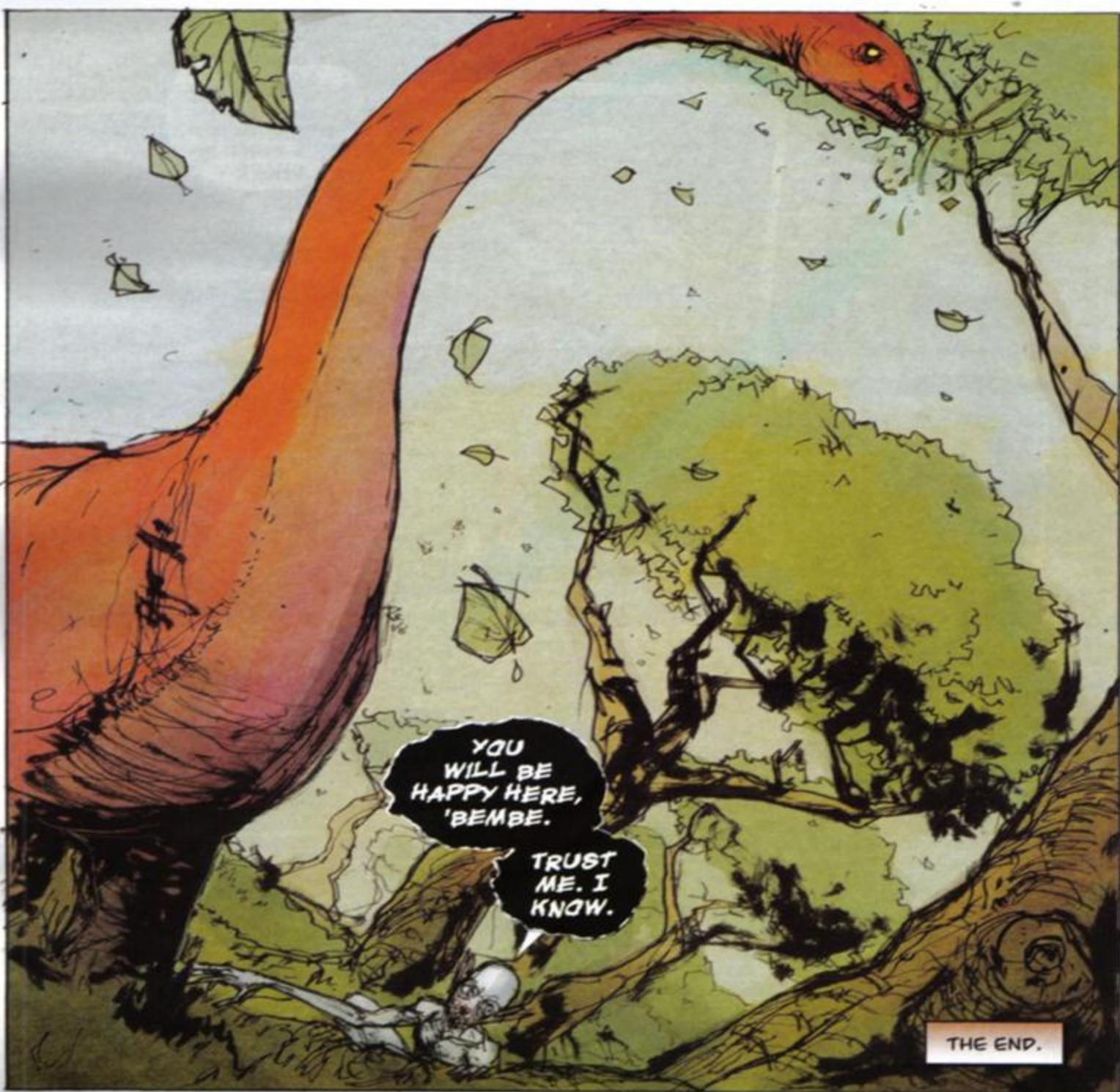




YOU HEARD THE MAN!

HOP TO! LET'S START WITH A BASIC INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES.







NEXT ISSUE:

**What does Bigfoot
do on his day off?**

**He goes shopping,
of course!**

Be here in one month for big revelations with a dash of style!
From Grecian, Rossmo, Guzowski and Image!