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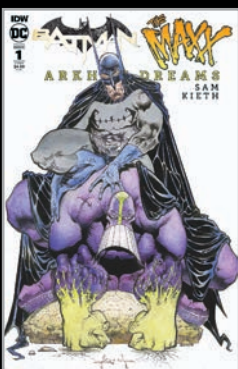
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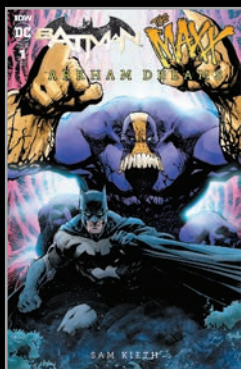
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THIS IS HOW I
REMEMBER...

the OUTBACK

NOT THE AUSTRALIAN
ONE FOUND ON MAPS,
THE REAL ONE, THE
ONE IN MY MIND.

WIDE OPEN PLAINS, HEART-
POUNDED DANGERS, STRANGE
SAVAGE BEASTS... I CAN SMELL
RET' QUARK'N HUNTING AGAIN,
FEEL THE CLEAR AIR, TOUCH EARTH
THAT'S MOIST AND FERTILE. I
SENSE THE JUNGLE QUEEN'S
CREATURES ARE HEALTHY,
PLENTIFUL AND FLOURISH.

FOR I AM THE
MAXX, AND THIS IS
HOW I REMEMBER
THE MYSTERIOUS
OUTBACK...



BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG.

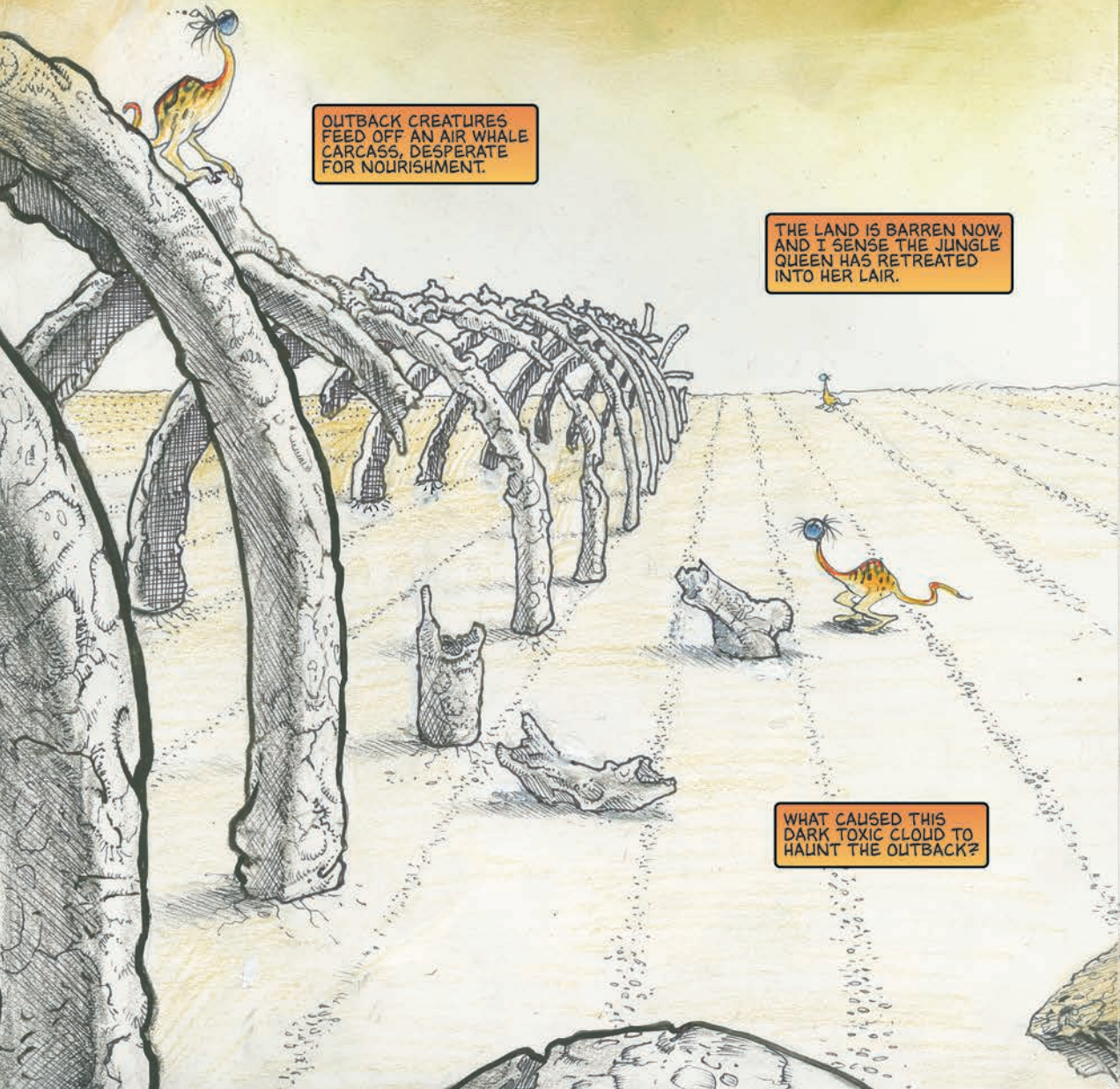
WHERE THE HELL AM I?
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED,
THE GOD CLAN PEOPLE ARE
UNHAPPY, RET' QUARK'N'S
BELLY IS EMPTY.

THE OUTBACK FEELS DIFFERENT,
THE SMELL OF BURNT EARTH,
WINDY, FOREBODING CLOUDS,
DROUGHT AND FAMINE HAUNT
THE EMPTY PLAINS.

OUTBACK CREATURES
FEED OFF AN AIR WHALE
CARCASS, DESPERATE
FOR NOURISHMENT.

THE LAND IS BARREN NOW,
AND I SENSE THE JUNGLE
QUEEN HAS RETREATED
INTO HER LAIR.

WHAT CAUSED THIS
DARK TOXIC CLOUD TO
HAUNT THE OUTBACK?

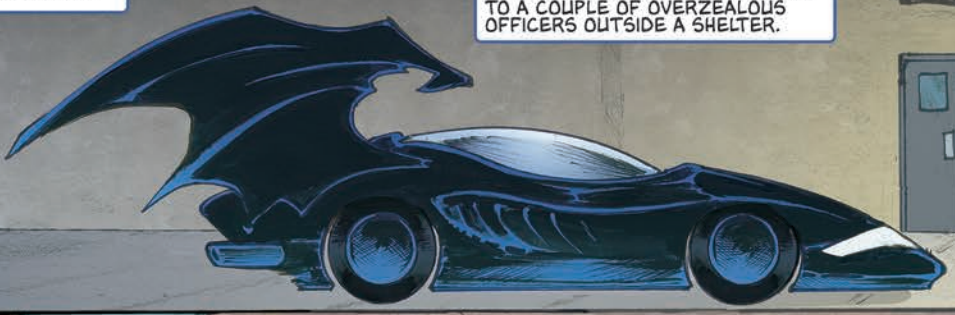




I WAS IN THE BATMOBILE WHEN MY HEADLIGHTS CAUGHT SIGHT OF GOTHAM CITY'S HOMELESS SWEEP.

PART OF THE MAYOR'S NEW "CLEAN UP THE STREETS" INITIATIVE, WHICH HAS WORKED ITS WAY DOWN TO A COUPLE OF OVERZEALOUS OFFICERS OUTSIDE A SHELTER.

SOUP LINE



NOT THAT THE BULKY GUY IN RAGS BARGING OUT OF THE ALLEY AND RAVING LIKE A LUNATIC IS HELPING MATTERS ANY.

THE OUTBACK IS PLAGUED BY DISEASE, FERAL CREATURES ARE STARVING...!

CALM DOWN THERE, MY FRIEND, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I AM... THE MAXX.



BUT... WAIT— WHERE AM I? WHERE IS THE OUTBACK?

OUTBACK? THIS GUY REALLY IS OUT TO LUNCH.





...NOT WITH THOSE CLAWS IT'S NOT—YOUR NAME'S MORE LIKE "ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE. THERE'S SOMETHING CURIOUS ABOUT THIS STRANGER.

I'D LIKE TO COME ALONG, OFFICERS.