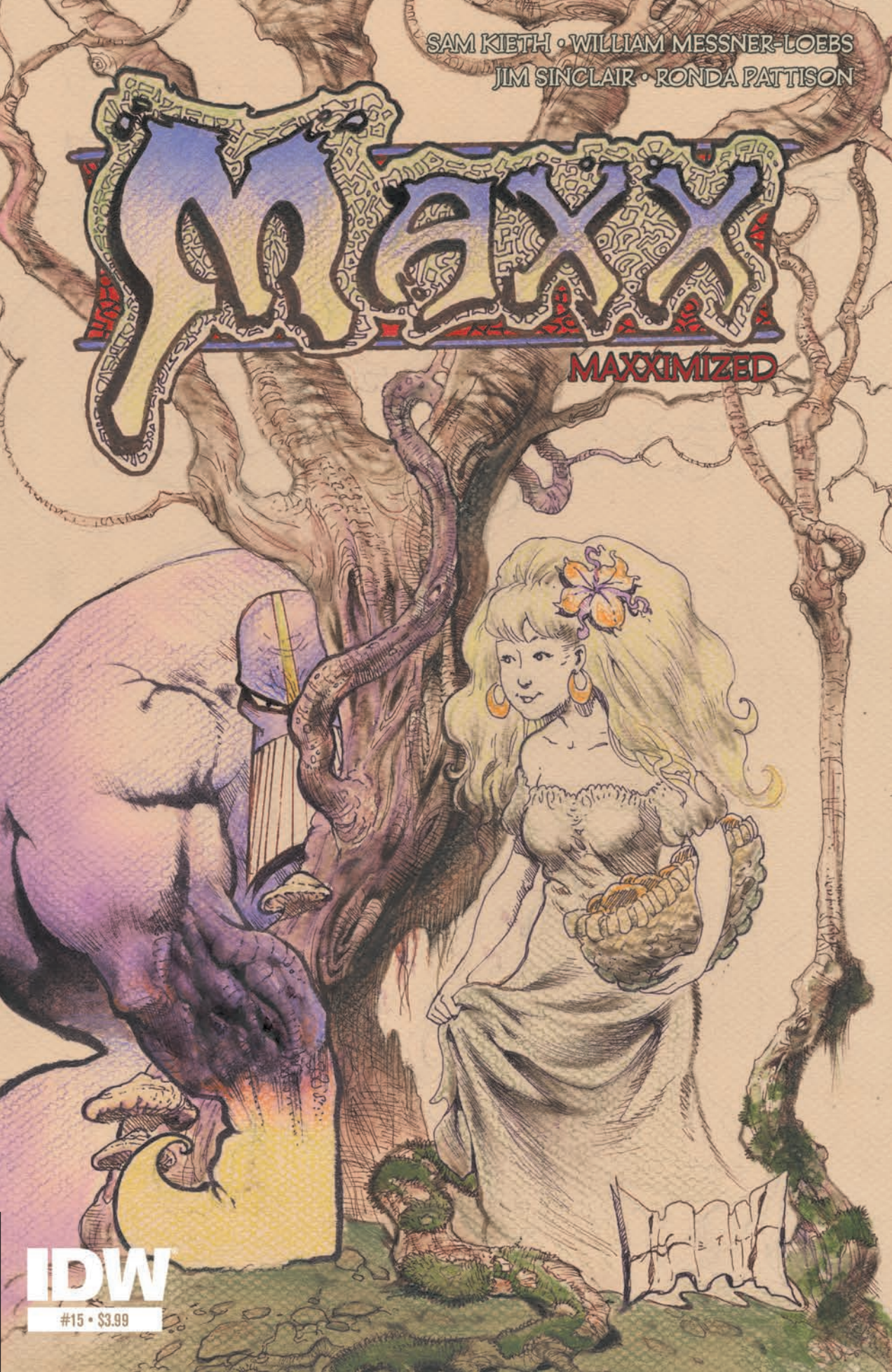


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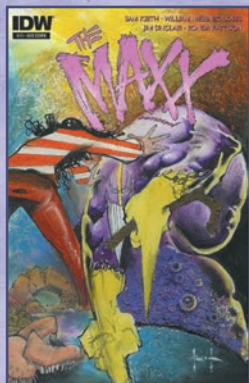
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HOW  
COULD  
YOU?






Um. YOU, JULIE. YOUR HAIR. IT'S...



FORGET HER HAIR. WHAT ABOUT HER...



IT'S CALLED A BELLY, MAXX. AND IT FEELS AS BIG AS A HOUSE!



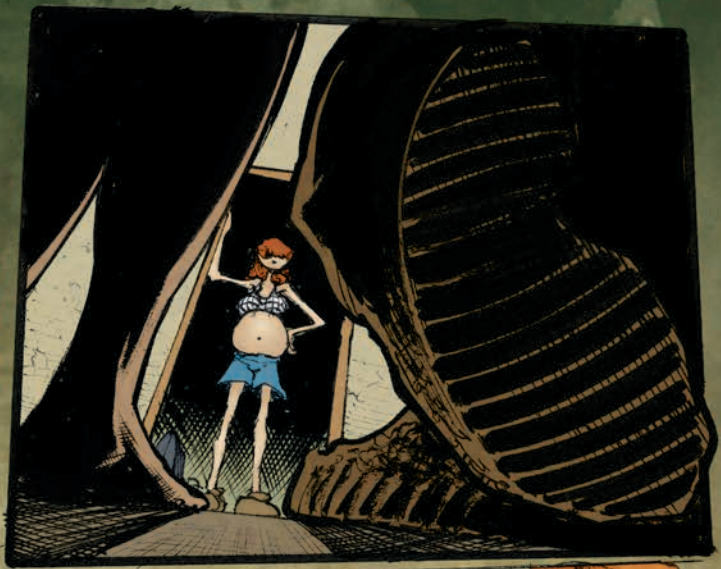
HOW DID IT HAPPEN, YOU ASK? WELL... AFTER I MOVED AWAY TO FIND MYSELF, LIFE STILL SUCKED. SO I CHANGED MY NAME, BORROWED A CAR, FILLED UP ON SUGAR AND CARBS, AND RODE HIGH UNTIL I BOTTOMED OUT AND HAD TO FIND MORE SUGAR, MORE GUYS, ANOTHER CAR... YOU GET THE IDEA. ANYWAY, THEN I THOUGHT I KILLED THIS GUY, BUT HE TURNED OUT TO BE AN XMAS TREE. THEN THIS OTHER GUY SHOWED UP. HE WAS HOT-LOOKING SO I SLEPT WITH HIM IN A GIANT DONUT. BUT THEN I STOLE HIS CAR.







I'M KNOCKED UP, ENCLIENTE, WITH CHILD. PREGGERS. ISN'T ANYONE GONNA SAY ANYTHING?



WE... err, WE WERE JUST SURPRISED IS ALL. WE JUST... ARE WE GONNA MEET THE DADDY?

WHO? OH, THE DONUT GUY? I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF HE'S THE SHARPSHOOTER, REALLY.



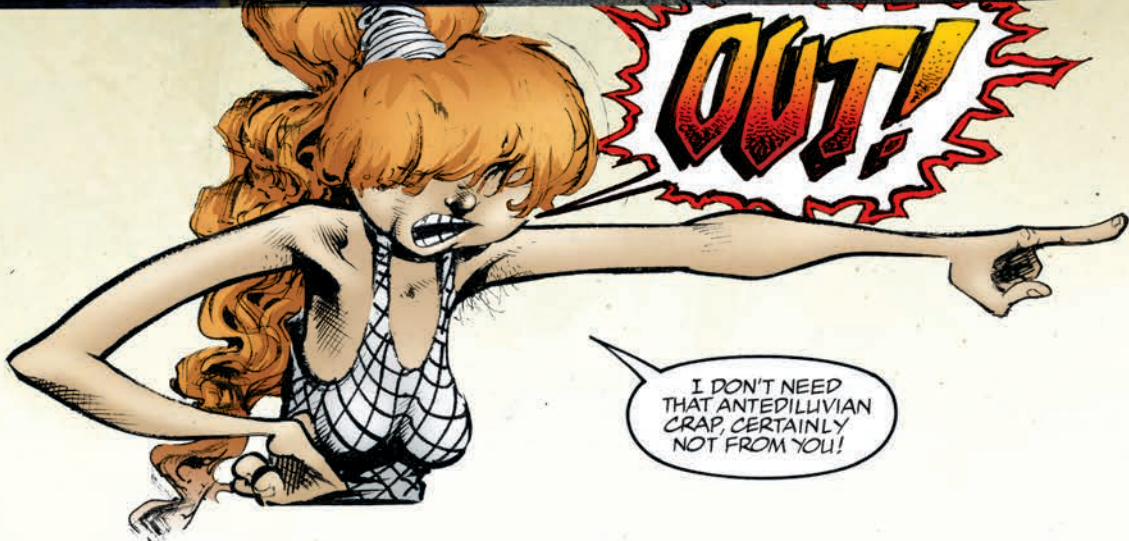
JRRR...

GEE, YOU DON'T EVEN... WELL, I GUESS, I MEAN, IT'S YOUR LIFE.

IT'S JUST IT SEEMS, WELL... KIND OF...

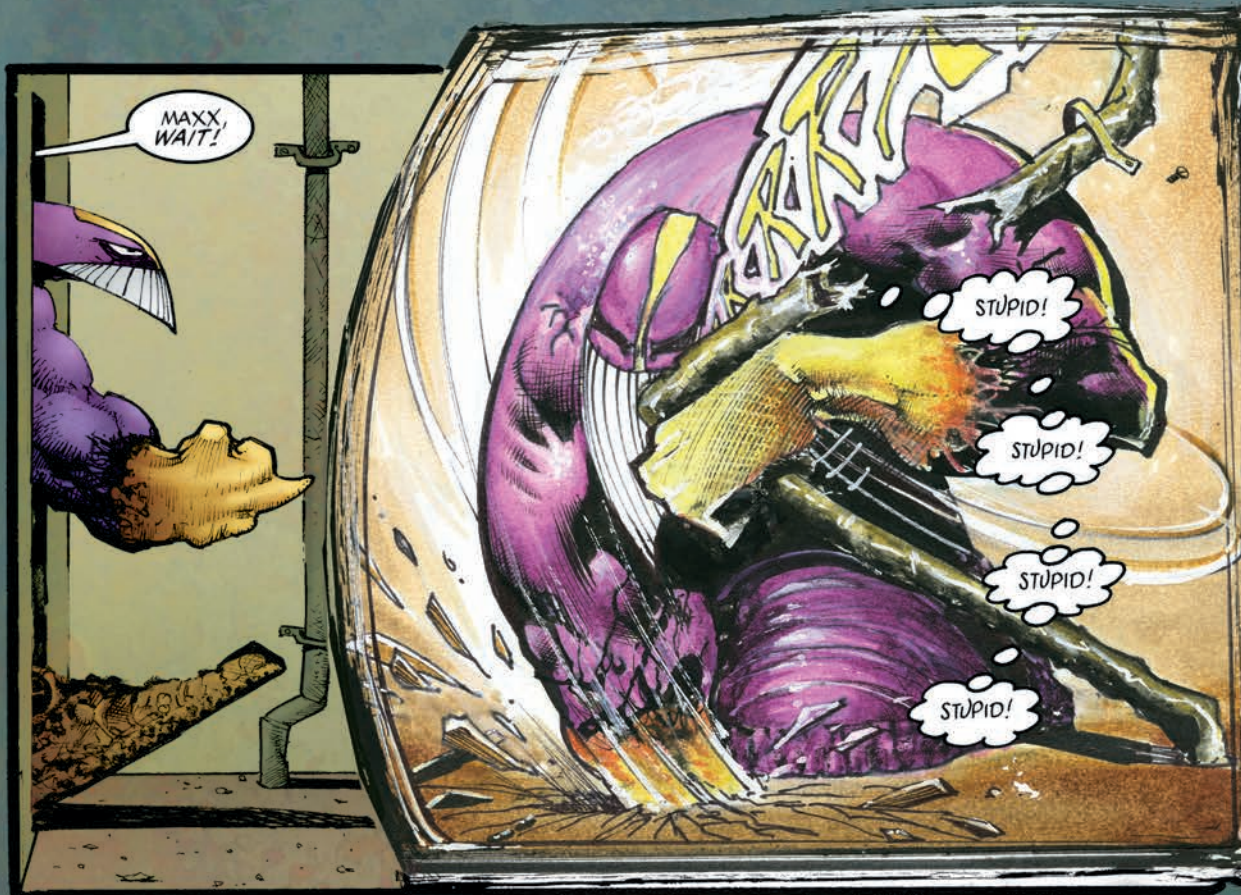
SLUTTY.

WHAT?



I DON'T NEED THAT ANTEDELLIVIAN CRAP, CERTAINLY NOT FROM YOU!





MAXX,  
WAIT!

STUPID!

STUPID!

STUPID!

STUPID!

DON'T YOU  
WANT TO HEAR  
ABOUT MY  
DREAM...?

DAMN.  
HE'S GONE.

YOU CAN'T  
JUST BREEZE  
BACK INTO  
HIS LIFE AND  
EXPECT HIM TO  
ACT LIKE  
NOTHING'S  
CHANGED.

YOU'RE HIS  
PROTECTOR  
NOW?

SO, THAT  
WAS  
DRAMATIC.

"I'M HIS  
FRIEND.

"I DON'T  
WANT TO  
SEE HIM  
HURT..."

"AND THE ONE  
WHO MOSTLY  
HURTS HIM..."

...IS  
YOU.

SLAM!



A comic book panel showing a man in a cage on the left and a woman in a cage on the right. The man is speaking to the woman through a series of speech bubbles. The woman is sitting on a bench in her cage, looking towards the man. The cages are made of vertical metal bars.

I'VE BEEN  
TO PARADISE,  
BUT I'VE NEVER  
BEEN TO ME...

HEY LADY,  
YOU KNOW WHAT  
PARADISE IS?

IT'S AN  
ILLUSION.

AND YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
REALITY IS?

IT'S YOUR  
HUSBAND.

THE ONE  
YOU FOUGHT  
WITH THIS  
MORNING...

...THE SAME  
ONE YOU'RE GOING  
TO MAKE LOVE TO  
TONIGHT.

THAT'S  
TRUTH...

SHUT UP  
MAN! YOU'RE  
DRIVIN' ME  
NUTS!