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MAGMA MONSTERS



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THERE WERE DAYS, PRIMAL DAYS,
IN THE YEARS PREDATING MEN,
BEFORE THE CITIES, THE SUPER
HIGHWAYS, THE POWER LUNCHES,
EVEN SOCIAL MEDIA...



...WHEN EVERY CREATURE ON THE
PLANET FELL INTO ONE OF TWO
CATEGORIES - PREDATORS OR PREY.



SURVIVAL OF THE
MOST SAVAGE.



BUT EVEN THE TOP OF THE FOOD
CHAIN PALES IN COMPARISON
TO THE POWER OF THE MOUNTAIN.

WHEN MOTHER NATURE
DECIDES IT'S TIME TO HIT
THE RESET BUTTON.



SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON -
MOUNT ST. HELEN'S. PRESENT DAY.



LOOWIT TRAIL.



♪ SOMETIMES
YOU'VE JUST
GOTTA.... FEEL THE
BUUUURRRNNN,
BABY. ♪



OW. JUST
GREAT. IT'S
AT LEAST THREE
MILES BACK
TO TOWN.

WHACK!



GRRRRRRR

WHAT WAS
THAT?





THE NEXT MORNING, HIGHER ON THE MOUNTAIN, BUDDING VOLCANOLOGIST KAT ROBINSON CONTINUES HER STUDIES.

THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT, BUT ALL THE DATA ADDS UP.



THIS AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY IS IMPOSSIBLE. I NEED TO GET AHOOD OF SOMEONE - LET THEM KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING UP HERE.



CRACK!

WHO'S THERE?



I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT. THEY ALMOST LOOK... REPTILIAN?



WHAT IN THE WORLD?



THIS IS KAT ROBINSON. I NEED A PARK RANGER UP HERE. I'M A HALF MILE UP ON LOOWIT TRAIL. SOMEBODY NEEDS TO SEE THIS.



PARK RANGER ASH MARROW IS ABOUT TO MAKE A DISCOVERY OF HIS OWN.

LET'S GO. I NEED EVERYONE OVER HERE, NOW! MOVE IT! MOVE IT!

THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF JUNIOR RANGER PACK 623 ARE HARDER TO KEEP IN ONE SPOT THAN A PACK OF WILD RABBITS.

EVERYBODY FIND A SEAT. YOU CAN PUT YOUR HAND DOWN, DEWEY. YOU WON'T GET COOTIES FROM SITTING ON THE GROUND. I WANT TO TELL EVERYONE A STORY ABOUT THESE MOUNTAINS.

IS THERE GOING TO BE A TEST?

SIT DOWN, DEWEY.

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE KICKITAT PEOPLE? THE BRIDGE OF THE GODS? NO. WELL, LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE CHIEF HAD TWO SONS, PAHTO AND WY'EAST.

THE KIT KAT PEOPLE?

UHHH, MORON.

THEIR FATHER BUILT A BRIDGE FOR THEM TO MEET ON AND TALK, BUT THEN THEY MET A GIRL, LOOWIT, AND SHE COULDN'T DECIDE WHICH OF THE SONS SHE WANTED TO BE WITH.

EWWW, GIRLS! THEY RUIN EVERYTHING!

SHUT UP, STANLEY!

WELL, THAT'S WHY THE CHIEF ENDED UP DESTROYING THE BRIDGE, WHICH IN TURN CREATED THE MOUNTAINS WE NOW KNOW AS MOUNT HOOD, MOUNT ADAMS, AND MOUNT ST. HELENS.

RANGER MARROW! WE'VE GOT A DISTRESS CALL FROM UP ABOVE LOOWIT TRAIL.

WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?

KICKITAT. TO KEEP HIS SONS FROM FIGHTING, THE CHIEF SHOT TWO ARROWS, ONE NORTH AND ONE SOUTH. PAHTO WENT NORTH, HIS BROTHER SOUTH.

SOME COLLEGE STUDENT SAYS SHE NEEDS SOMEONE UP THERE RIGHT AWAY.

I'M ON MY WAY.

ANOTHER PART OF THE MOUNTAIN.

I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR THIS.

TIME TO COME OUT OF HIBERNATION, GIRL. WE GOT US A SCORE TO SETTLE.

THE TOWN OF COUGAR - 11 MILES OFF THE MOUNTAIN.

JUST GET UP THERE AND GET IT UNDER CONTROL! I DON'T NEED ANYTHING RUINING TODAY'S FOURTH OF JULY STREET FESTIVAL! THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR!

I'M ALMOST TO THE SITE, MAYOR. I'M SURE THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. SHE PROBABLY SAW SOME KIND OF BEAR TRACKS.

KAT ROBINSON, I'M GUESSING? I'M RANGER MARROW. YOU RADIOED FOR SOME ASSISTANCE?

I DID. THERE'S SOMETHING OVER HERE THAT I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO SEE.

OH! WELL, NOT RIGHT HERE, BUT FOLLOW ME. IT'S OVER HERE.

I GUESS YOU'VE BEEN UP HERE AWHILE.





RUN!
FASTER!
WE'RE NEVER
GONNA
MAKE IT!

SHUT
UP AND
HOLD ON!
HERE IT
COMES!



AAAAHHH!



SPLOOSH!



THAT WAS
AWESOME!

I TOLD
YOU IT WOULD
WORK! WE JUST
NEEDED ENOUGH
SPEED.

YOU TWO ARE
COMPLETE MORONS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I
AGREED TO HIKE ALL THE
WAY UP HERE JUST TO
WATCH YOU TWO
IDIOTS DIE.



OH,
COME ON,
RHONDA. YOU
GOTTA ADMIT,
THAT WAS
COOL.

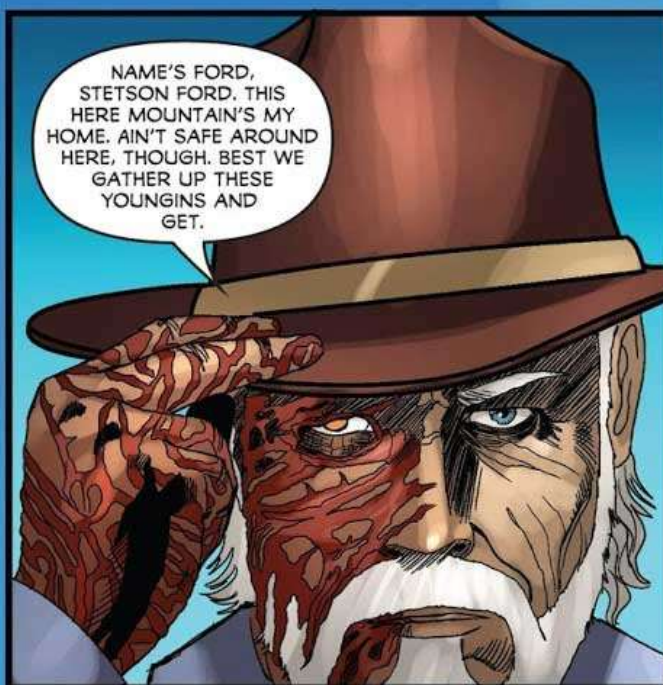
WE SHOULD
HAVE GOT YOU TO
VIDEO IT. WE'D GET
LIKE A MILLION
HITS.

LET'S
DO IT
AGAIN.

OH,
BROTHER. I
NEED BETTER
FRIENDS.







BACK IN COUGAR...

RANGER MARROW!
MARROW! COME IN!
WHAT'S GOING ON UP
THERE? WE'RE GETTING
READY TO START
DOWN HERE.

WHAT'S
THE PROBLEM,
MAYOR?

ONE
OF THE PARK
RANGERS IS CHECKING
ON A DISTURBANCE
UP OFF LOOWIT TRAIL.
I CAN'T GET AHOLD
OF HIM.

HOW
ABOUT I GET
ROY TO TAKE THE
CHOPPER UP THAT
WAY AND TAKE
A LOOK?

THAT
WOULD BE
GREAT, SHERIFF.
WE DON'T NEED
ANY PROBLEMS
TODAY.

THE STETSON HOMESTEAD.

THIS
PLACE MUST
BE LIKE A
MILLION
YEARS OLD.

SO HOW
LONG HAVE YOU
BEEN LIVING UP
HERE? I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW THIS
PLACE EXISTED.

I WAS
RAISED ON
THIS MOUNTAIN,
SON. IT'S ALL
I'VE EVER
KNOWN.

AND
YOUR FACE?
DO YOU MIND ME
ASKING WHAT
HAPPENED?

LAST TIME
HELEN BLEW HER
TOP, THEY TOOK MY
LUCY AWAY. THAT'S WHAT
HAPPENED. SHE WAS MY
EVERYTHING, AND
THEY TOOK HER.

I'VE BEEN
HERE WAITING
FOR 'EM EVER
SINCE.

WHO
TOOK
HER?

HEY!
WHAT'S UNDER
HERE?

AAAH!!!





IT'S GONNA GET ME! HELP!

GET BACK. I'VE GOT IT.



HOLD YOUR BRITCHES. THIS AIN'T NO REAL DEMON, LEAST NOT ANYMORE. I SHOT THIS NASTY PURT NEAR FORTY YEARS AGO.

KNOCK.
KNOCK.

BUT... BUT... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. HOW COULD THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN AROUND ALL THAT TIME AND NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER SEEN ONE.



THEY ONLY COMES AROUND WHEN THE MOUNTAIN GETS HOT. AIN'T MANY FOLKS AROUND WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE. WE NEED PHOTOS, SKIN SAMPLES, DNA....

WHAT WE **NEED** TO DO IS GET A MESSAGE DOWN TO COUGAR AND WARN THEM WHAT'S COMING. YOU DON'T HAVE A RADIO UP HERE BY CHANCE?

IT LOOKS SO REAL.

TOUCH IT. I DARE YOU.



NEVER HAD A NEED FOR ONE OF THEM FANCY GADGETS, BUT I GOT SOMETHING EVEN BETTER. C'MON.



WE'LL TAKE THE ROCKET INTO TOWN. SHE'LL GET US THERE IN NO TIME.

OH.

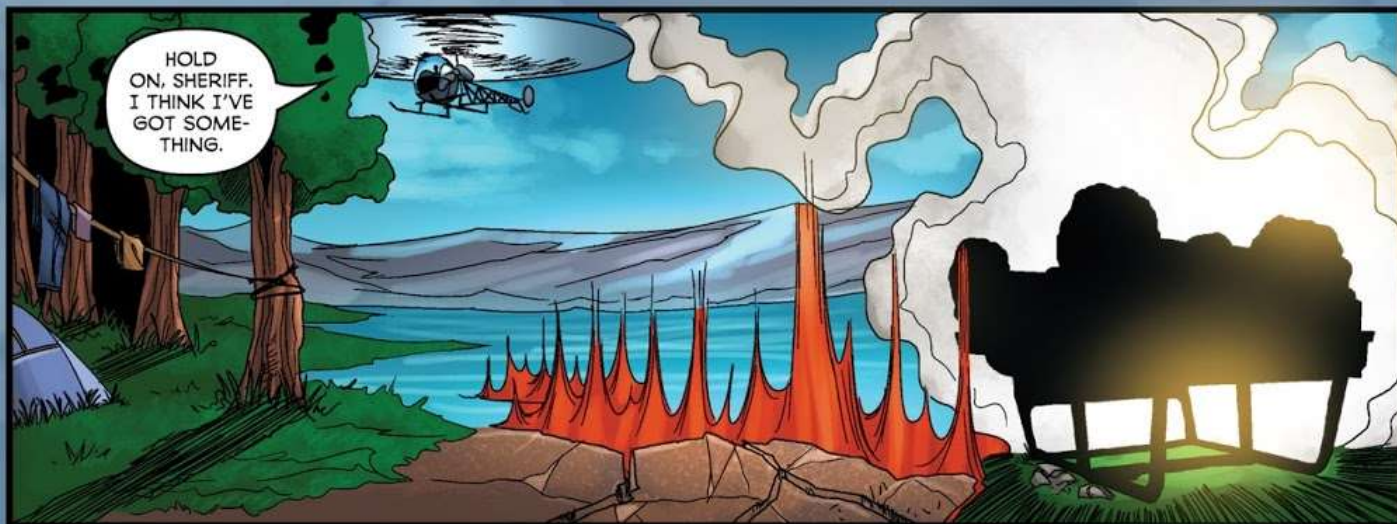
DOES IT EVEN RUN?



COURSE IT RUNS. LET'S HAUL ASS. WE AIN'T GOT MUCH TIME.

OUR CHARIOT AWAITS.

I THINK IT WOULD BE QUICKER TO WALK.







I DON'T SUPPOSE THE ROCKET HAS A SECOND GEAR, DOES IT?

THIS IS A CLASSIC, BOY. YOU TREAT HER WITH RESPECT.

EXCUSE ME, MR. RANGER, SIR I DON'T THINK MY MOM WOULD APPROVE OF ME NOT WEARING A SEATBELT.



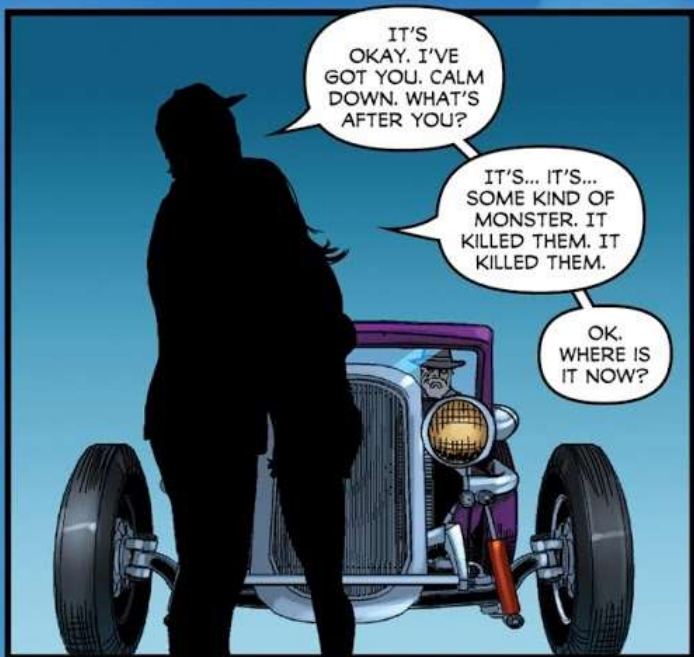
WHAT IN TARNATION?!



SCRRREEECH!



OH, THANK GOD. HELP. IT'S AFTER ME.



IT'S OKAY. I'VE GOT YOU. CALM DOWN. WHAT'S AFTER YOU?

IT'S... IT'S... SOME KIND OF MONSTER. IT KILLED THEM. IT KILLED THEM.

OK. WHERE IS IT NOW?



AAAAHHHHH!

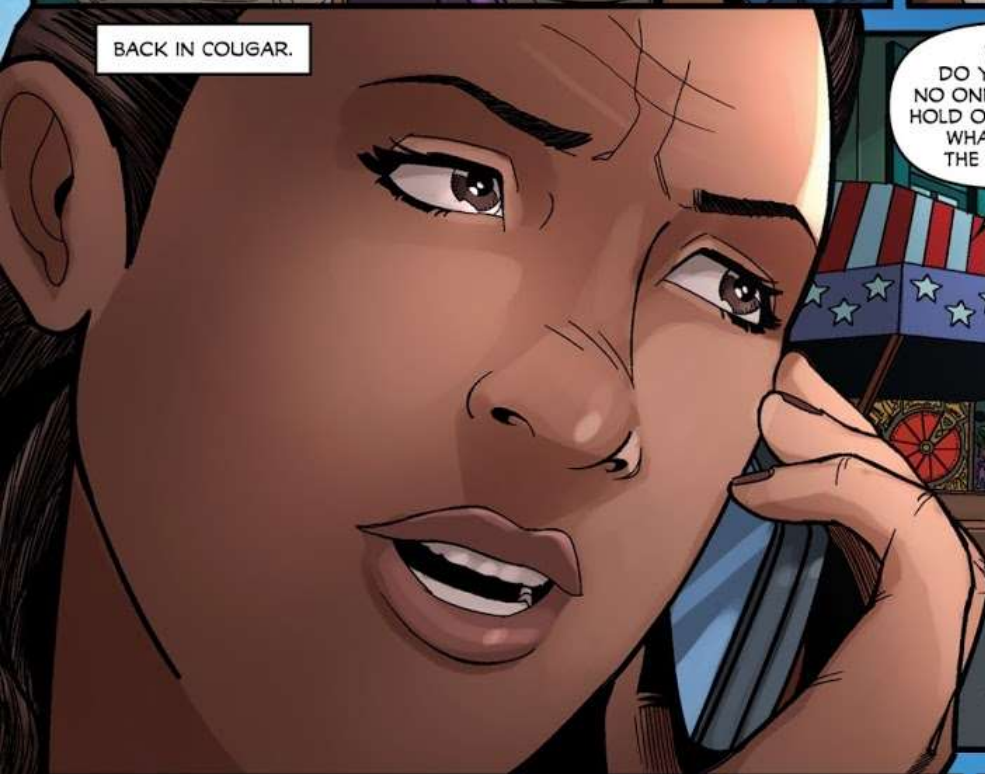
WHAM!



HSSSSSSSS!

GO BACK TO HELL!

KA-POW!





WE NEED TO GET TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND GET SOME HEAVIER GUNS. MAYBE CALL IN THE NATIONAL GUARD.

AIN'T NOTHING MY BABY CAN'T HANDLE.

LOOK!



IT'S HAPPENING, LUCY. JUST LIKE BEFORE.



THERE'S MORE THAN ONE OF THEM?

IF I WAS A BETTIN' MAN, I'D SAY THEY ALREADY FOUND OUT ABOUT 'EM.

COUGAR CITY LIMITS



WE HAVE TO HELP THEM! KIDS! STAY IN THE TRUCK!

COME TO PAPA, YOU LITTLE RED DEVILS!



BADADOOM!

WHOA!



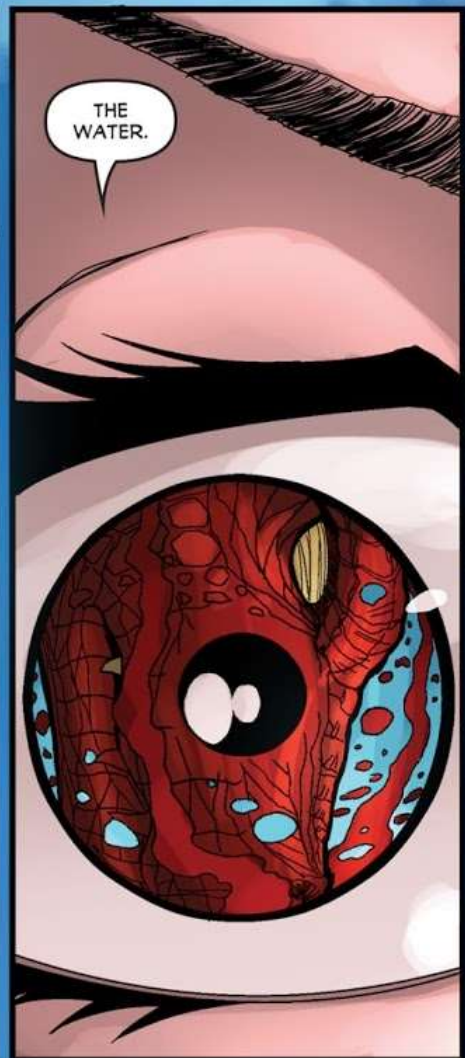
SCREEEAA!

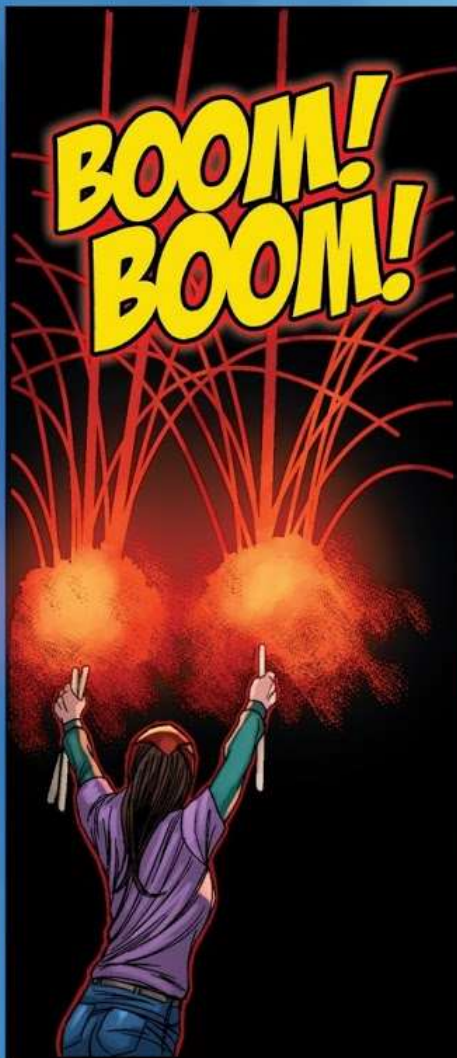
I GOT YOU COVERED, RANGER RICK.



BLAM!

THANKS, STETSON.







HIGH ON THE MOUNTAIN.

THE VOLCANOSAURUS
REX HAS AWAKENED.

CRACK!

WRRROOARR!

TO BE CONTINUED!