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FANTASTIC SEA CREATURES HAVE SEIZED ME! CAN THIS BE A TRAP BY MY OWN MOTHER'S PEOPLE, THE ATLANTANS?

THE WORLD LITTLE SUSPECTS THAT AQUAMAN, KING OF THE SEVEN SEAS, IS DESCENDED FROM A WOMAN OF ATLANTIS, THE CONTINENT WHICH SANK TO THE OCEAN FLOOR, EONS AGO! NOW, A STRANGE SUMMONS BRINGS HIS MARITIME MAJESTY SPEEDING TO THE SUNKEN LAND, ONLY TO BE CAPTURED BY...

THE CREATURES FROM ATLANTIS
SHOWCASE

DAWN... AND A STORM-TOSSC CARGO SHIP STRUGGLES AGAINST MOUNTAINOUS WAVES, WHEN SUDDENLY... SIR!... LIGHTNING HAS STRUCK THE FORWARD AREA—CAUSING A FIRE!

WE'VE GOT TO KEEP IT FROM REACHING THE HOLD—THEY'RE FILLED WITH A NEW RARE POISON! IF THE CARTONS BURN OPEN, AND THE POISON SPILLS OUT, THIS ENTIRE AREA WILL BE CONTAMINATED!

WHAT??

I KNOW THAT, SIR—BUT ALL PASSAGES TO THAT AREA ARE ABLAZE! WE CAN'T GET THROUGH!

BUT LUCKILY, NOT FAR AWAY WHERE TWO FAMILIAR FIGURES PATROL THE WAVES ON A PAIR OF SPEEDY PORPOISES...

AQUAMAN... LOOK! A CARGO SHIP'S AFIRE!

I SEE IT, AQUALAD... THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

SHORTLY, AS THE KING OF THE SEA AND HIS YOUNG ASSISTANT HEAR THE GRIM NEWS...

GREAT GUPPIES!... IF THIS AREA IS CONTAMINATED BY SPILLED POISON, THOUSANDS OF OUR FINNY FRIENDS WILL DIE, AQUAMAN! WE MUST DO SOMETHING!

DON'T WORRY, AQUALAD... WE WILL!

DON'T BE TOO SURE, MATE! I WONDER IF EVEN AQUAMAN CAN GET US OUT OF THIS JAM!

BY THE STARS, FATE'S ON OUR SIDE, AFTER ALL!
USING HIS FANTASTIC POWER TO COMMUNICATE TELEPATHICALLY WITH FISH, AQUAMAN AND HIS FINNY FRIENDS MOVE INTO ACTION...

THE WHALE SPOUTS SHOULD KEEP THE FIRE FROM SPREADING... BUT THEY CAN'T REACH THE BLAZING INTERIOR! WHERE ARE THOSE SWORDFISH?

HERE THEY COME NOW, AQUAMAN!

NEXT MOMENT...

SINCE THE PASSAGEWAYS TO THE HOLD ARE STILL BLOCKED, THE SWORDFISH WILL MAKE ONE FROM THE WATER LINE!

WHEN THE SWORDFISH COMPLETE THEIR TASK, A SCHOOL OF OCTOPUS HURTLING INTO THE HULL OPENING, AND...

THAT'S IT... KEEP PASSING THE CARTONS OUT, TENTACLE OVER TENTACLE -- AND MAKE SURE THAT NONE OF THEM BREAKS OPEN!

FINALLY... THERE... THE CARTONS ARE ALL SAFE ATOPT THE WHALES' BACKS!

BUT WOHN'T THEY FALL OFF IN THIS ROUGH SEA?

NOT AFTER THE ELECTRIC EELS FORM THEMSELVES INTO A LONG ROPE -- AND LASH THE CARTONS SECURELY!

HOW ABOUT THAT?
AQUALAD will pilot the cargo whales to your port, Captain! Will you be able to return under your own steam?

YES -- WE'LL GET THE FIRE UNDER CONTROL NOW, THANKS TO YOU!

His mission successfully completed, AQUAMAN dives into the sea...

...Down, down, down... Deeper than any human has ever descended!

PRESENTLY... GUESS I'LL PREPARE SOME LUNCH IN THE AQUA-CAVE... SO IT'LL BE READY WHEN AQUALAD RETURNS.

BUT JUST THEN... OH OH... THAT LANTERN FISH, JUST ARRIVING, IS BLINKING AN S.O.S. WARNING! THAT CAN ONLY MEAN MORE TROUBLE SOMEWHERE! WONDER WHERE IT IS THIS TIME?

THE TELEPATHICALLY-RELAYED ANSWER STUNS THE SEA KING...

SHADES OF DAVY JONES! THE S.O.S. WAS SENT TO ME FROM -- FROM ATLANTIS!

ATLANTIS -- THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF MY MOTHER... YES, MY DEAR MOTHER, WHO WAS EXPELLED, MANY YEARS AGO, BY THE ATLANTEANS!
AND AQUAMAN'S MIND RECALLS THE STORY TOLD HIM BY HIS FATHER, TOM CURRY, A LIGHTHOUSE-KEEPER, WHO SPOTTED ONE STORMY NIGHT...

A GIRL ON A RAFT: HOW COULD SHE POSSIBLY SURVIVE THOSE POUNDING WAVES?

CURRY BRAVED THE STORMY SEA TO RESCUE THE HELPLESS GIRL...

WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID YOU LIVE THROUGH THIS HURRICANE?

MY NAME IS ATLANNA... I COME FROM FAR AWAY... I... I CANNOT TELL YOU MORE NOW.

MUTUAL LOVE UNITED THEM SHORTLY IN MARRIAGE... AND A YEAR LATER, A SON WAS BORN WHOM THEY NAMED ARTHUR! YET, AMID THEIR HAPPINESS, A STRANGE BARRIER SEPARATED THEM...

SHE SITS THERE FOR HOURS... STARING AT THE SEA! SHE'S NEVER TOLD ME WHERE SHE CAME FROM! WHY IS SHE SO MYSTERIOUS?

NOR WAS THIS THE ONLY MYSTERY--FOR ONE DAY, WHEN LITTLE ARTHUR WAS JUST TWO YEARS OLD...

DON'T WORRY, DEAR-- HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

GREAT SCOTT! THE BABY FELL INTO THE OCEAN!

ARE YOU MAD?... HE'S GONE UNDER! I--I MUST SAVE HIM!

BUT WHEN THE FRANTIC FATHER DIED IN...

OH NO... NOT A SIGN OF MY LITTLE BOY ANYWHERE. I--I'LL HAVE TO COME UP FOR AIR AND DIVE DEEPER!
After several desperate dives, an astonishing sight greeted the frantic man...

Great thunder!...He—he's alive!...He's playing with a turtle and sea shells! But how could he stay down so long? Why didn't he drown?

At that moment...A shark—coming straight at Arthur! I haven't a weapon to fight it off...and I can't stay down here much longer!

Only one thing to do...attract that killer fish away from my son—up toward me!

But in the next split second, Tom Curry got the shock of his life...

W-why...Arthur and the shark are playing together—like two little friends. What's the meaning of this?

A little later, the perplexed father returned to the lighthouse island, where...

Tell me the truth, Atlanna—what is it? Why does our boy possess this strange link with the sea and its creatures?

Some day I'll tell you, Tom...some day!

That sad day came some years later when Atlanna lay on her deathbed...

Tom...there is very little time—and so much to tell you...much that you must do after I'm gone!
SHOWCASE

"I COME FROM ATLANTIS, A CONTINENT THAT SANK INTO THE SEAS AGES AGO! THOUGH OUR PEOPLE HAD TO ADAPT TO A WATERY EXISTENCE, IT WAS A HAPPY PLACE..."

"YES, I WAS HAPPY THERE, BUT I HAD AN UNQUENCHABLE CURIOUSITY TO VISIT THE UPPER EARTH--AND SO, ONE DAY..."

"THIS HATCH LEADS TO THE OUTSIDE OCEAN! SOON, I'LL SEE WHAT LIFE IS LIKE UP THERE!"

"BUT BEFORE I COULD SLIP OUT..."

"THE JUDGMENT AGAINST ME WAS SWIFT AND FINAL..."

"THERE IS A SEVERE PENALTY FOR TRYING TO LEAVE ATLANTIS! TAKE HER BEFORE THE GRAND ATLANTIAN TRIBUNAL AT ONCE!"

"OUR SENTENCE IS--PERMANENT EXILE! NOW, ATLANNA, YOU MAY LIVE FOREVER IN THE WORLD YOU WERE SO ANXIOUS TO VISIT!"

"YOU, MY SON, HAVE INHERITED MY ABILITY TO LIVE UNDERWATER...TO COMMUNICATE WITH SEA CREATURES...AND TO BECOME THEIR RULER! BUT YOU MUST WORK HARD TO PERFECT YOUR SKILL!"

"MOTHER WAS RIGHT--IT WASN'T EASY! HOW TERRIFIED I WAS AT THE BEGINNING!"
Once again, Aquaman's thoughts race back to the years of training he had undergone, before he could claim majesty over the creatures of the deep.

You must show them your son! I don't know what to do!

Filled with doubts, unsure of himself, the young prince of the sea gaped at a school of deadly manta rays he had disturbed...

They're coming straight at me! I'm done for!

But by pure instinct, he held out his hand, as if to command them, and...

I--I did it! I stopped them, and I gave one a telepathic order to take me to the surface... and it's obeying me!

Thus, before long, every sea creature came to do him homage--parading past him for days...

They're pledging me total obedience! My mother's last words have come true. I am ruler of all the oceans!

And now... now the Atlanteans, my mother's people, have sent for me! But why? I'm an outsider--and not permitted in Atlantis! Why are they suddenly summoning me now?
I'll leave at once--after I order the lantern fish to tell Aqualad where I've gone!

But at that instant...

Great Neptune! Fantastic sea creatures...unknown even to me...have seized me! Can this be a trap by my own mother's people, the Atlanteans?

Later, a strange sensation grips the sea king as he approaches Atlantis...

Soon... soon, I'll see my mother's homeland!

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Chapter 2

And if I don't escape, Earth itself will be doomed!

You have learned the secret of our mission! If you try to escape--you will die!
STRUGGLING VAINLY, AQUAMAN IS CARRIED INTO ATLANTIS, WHERE A SHOCKING SCENE
GREETs HIM...

GREAT NEPTUNE!
ATLANTIS HAS BEEN TURNED
INTo A VAST PRISON CAMP
BY THESE STRANGE
CREATURES. WHAT'S IT
ALL MEAN?

I'M BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE
ONE WHO SEEMS TO BE THEIR
LEADER! MAYBE I'LL FIND OUT
WHAT'S GOING ON NOW!

WE DISCOVERED
THIS ONE OUT-
SIDE THE DOME,
TRINO!

EXCELLENT! WE CAN USE
MORE HANDS ON THE
MACHINE! PUT HIM TO
WORK AT ONCE.

WAIT! WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE DO YOU COME
FROM? AND WHY HAVE
YOU ENSLAVED THE
ATLANTEANS?

INSOLENT ONE! FOR DARING TO ADDRESS
ME, YOU WILL DO TWICE THE WORK OF
ANY OTHER! OFF WITH
HIM!
THUS, SHORTLY, AQUAMAN FINDS HIMSELF A MEMBER OF EARTH'S STRANGEST PRISON GANG...

THese parts must be attached to the superstructure on the top. Your mate will show you how, but remember, you must do twice as much as he does!

AND AS THE SEA KING BEGINS HIS LOWLY CHORES...

IS IT REALLY YOU, AQUAMAN? WE SENT FOR YOU WHEN THOSE CREATURES FIRST APPEARED. WE HOPED YOU WOULD RESCUE US!

SORRY I LET YOU DOWN! BUT WHO ARE THEY?

AMPHIBIOUS ALIENS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION! THEY PERFECTED A DEVICE THAT CAN CREATE A PATHWAY FROM ONE DIMENSION TO THE OTHER.

“SEEING THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME WAS A TERRIFYING SIGHT, I CAN TELL YOU…”

GREAT WAVES! A HOLE HAS OPENED UP IN THE WATER AND CREATURES ARE HURTING THROUGH IT!

THEY--THEY OVERWHELMED US AT ONCE! WE HAD JUST ENOUGH TIME TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE ONLY ONE WE HOPED COULD HELP US--YOU, AQUAMAN!

BUT THIS MACHINE WE'RE BEING FORCED TO BUILD... WHAT IS IT FOR?

THAT WE DO NOT KNOW... NOR CAN WE TELL YOU THEIR MISSION IN OUR WORLD!
WELL, WE CAN BE SURE OF ONE THING--THEY'RE UP TO NO GOOD! I--I MUST SEND FOR HELP... BUT HOW?

JUST THEN... SWEET SEAWEED-- LOOK!... A TINY GUPPY MANAGED TO SNEAK IN THROUGH THE HATCH! I WILL BE ABLE TO SUMMON HELP NOW!

OBSERVE... AQUAMAN IS GIVING A MESSAGE TO ONE OF HIS SUBJECTS! I HAVE A FEELING OUR IMPRISONMENT WILL SOON BE OVER!

THE MESSAGE COMPLETED, THE TINY FISH AWAITS ITS CHANCE TO SLIP THROUGH THE HATCH, PAST THE CREATURE GUARDS...

SWIFTLY, IT RELAYS AQUAMAN'S ORDERS--AND A FANTASTIC UNDERSEA SIGNAL SERVICE SWINGS INTO ACTION...

...AS A BLINKING LANTERN FISH FLASHER THE GRIM NEWS TO A COLONY OF MANTAS...
...A SCHOOL OF SWORDFISH TAPS OUT THE
AWESOME MESSAGE ON THE STEEL HULL
OF A SUNKEN SHIP...

...AND SWIFT UNDERSEA CURRENTS
CARRY THE NEWS IN ALL DIRECTIONS...

...SO THAT, BEFORE LONG, A MIGHTY
UNDERSEA ARMADA STORMS
SOUTHWARD!

BUT AS THEY APPROACH THE DOMED
WALL OF THE SUNKEN CONTINENT...

NOTIFY TRINO AT ONCE! WE ARE BEING
ATTACKED BY AN
ARMY OF FISH!

INSTANTLY, CREATURE MARKSMEN, ARMED WITH
STRANGE WEAPONS, RUSH TO THE SCENE...

FIRE AS SOON AS THEY ARE
IN RANGE!
Scant instants later, the captive Atlanteans see their hopes for freedom dashed, as...

"Ha, ha! We are repelling the fish with our fantastic blowguns which create powerful currents in the water!"

Again and again, the hapless fish re-group their forces, until...

I--I've signaled the Guppy to call off the attack! It's--hopeless!

Then--then we are doomed!

Afterward, as the work shift changes...

We are given a little time to eat and rest... then, we must return to our labors!

If--if I could only find out what that machine is for!

Hmm... those long tubes being stacked up near Trino... they give me an idea!

Minutes later...

So far, so good... I've asked the Atlanteans to place the tube I'm in as close as possible to the creatures!
PRESENTLY... THE MASTER WEAPON IS ALMOST READY, TRINO! AND IT RESembles EXACTLY OUR GOVERNMENT'S WEAPON!

OF COURSE... WE FOLLOWED PRECISELY THE STOLEN BLUEPRINTS! IF IT WORKS, WE WILL FORCEn THE ATLANTANS TO BUILD A WHOLE FLEET OF THEM!

"THEN, WE SHALL RIDE THEM TO THE SURFACE, AND KNOCK THIS WORLD'S WARSHIPS OUT OF EXISTENCE..."

GREAT STARS! THE RAY FROM THAT STRANGE CRAFT IS MELTING DOWN OUR SHIP! LEAP FOR YOUR LIVES!

"IF THEY CONTINUE TO RESIST, WE SHALL GO AIRBORNE, AND..."

EVACUATE THE CITY... BEFORE WE'RE ALL TRAPPED BY MOLTEN STEEL!

"IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE..." WE ARE RULERS OF THE SURFACE WORLD! HA, HA! WHAT A FAR CRY FROM THE LIFE WE LED AS LOWLY CRIMINALS IN OUR OWN DIMENSION, TRINO!

SO THAT'S IT... THEY INTEND TO CONQUER ALL OF EARTH! I--I MUST FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO STOP THEM, BEFORE THAT MASTER WEAPON IS COMPLETED!
But as Aquaman tries to slip away...

Hah! A spy... and he probably overheard our plans!

Place him in solitary confinement so he cannot inform the others! They might refuse to work, even against our threats of doom.

Why not destroy this one now, Trino?

Why bother?... he cannot harm us! When the weapon is completed, we will destroy the whole sunken continent if they try to stop us!

Later, as the hapless sea king desperately paces his "cell" in a remote corner of Atlantis...

If I don't get out of here, the entire earth will be doomed! But how... how?

Just then...

Wait! Those aliens open the hatch during the changing of the guards... and that mass of seaweed is floating through! I'm sure glad this faithful guppy keeps standing by for further orders!

Another hasty message--and hours later, Aquaman peers intently upward, as the guards again change shifts...

Did my message get through? That mass of seaweed--is it...?
It's you—Aquaman—on the Swordfish I sent for! You got through, camouflaged with seaweed!

I got here as soon as the guppy brought your message, Aquaman!

But when they rejoin the Atlanteans...

Great news, Aquaman! The creatures took their completed machine—and left our continent!
GET a GRIP on your GRIPES!

WHOA, FRED! HE WAS JUST TRYING TO GET THE BALL AWAY FROM YOU. STOP FLYING OFF THE HANDLE.

AW, LEMME ALONE! WHY DON'T YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, WISE GUY!

SO YOU'RE GETTING MAD AT ME, TOO! YOU'VE BEEN GRUMPY ALL DAY--ALL BECAUSE YOU GOT OFF TO A SLOW START AND LOST THAT TRACK RACE YESTERDAY!

YEAH, THAT'S WHAT IT IS! YOU'RE GETTING MAD AT EVERYBODY BECAUSE YOU'RE MAD AT YOURSELF! THAT'S PRETTY STUPID--AND IF YOU WANT TO GO ON DOING IT, OKAY, GO AHEAD!

WAIT A MINUTE, JOE!

I--I'M SORRY, JOE. I--I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. I WASN'T A VERY GOOD LOSER, AND I JUST STARTED TAKING IT OUT ON EVERYBODY ELSE!

FORGET IT. NOW THAT YOU GOT IT OFF YOUR CHEST, LET'S GO BACK AND PLAY BALL!
FROM behind a dense patch of undersea vegetation slithers a monstrous fifteen-foot rooster fish. Its bright-red comb is slightly luminescent to light its way.

 Nearby, a hatchet fish, so-called because of its amazing resemblance to the tool of that name, rears up. It will chop wickedly with its hatchet edge if attacked. But it is no match for the giant rooster fish, and swims away.

 Still nearer, a bat-like sea slug, grazes on a group of hydroids, which are tiny animals related to the coral polyps. The sea slug is a mollusk without a shell. It moves about by sliding along on a single muscular foot. It feeds by nibbling off the heads of the hydroids. But the hydroids don’t mind. When the sea slug moves off, the hydroids simply grow new heads.

 These are only a few of the fantastic creatures that dwell in the silent world of the sea. There are thousands more, and most of them have only been seen by intrepid explorers in diving bells, for they live near the ocean floor where the pressure is too great for skin-divers to descend.

 In any case, no diver would be foolhardy enough to approach some of these maritime monsters without the protective armor plate of the diving bell.

 The viperfish, for instance, is rather small in size, about a foot long. But it is one of the most frightening fish in the deep. It has a long dragon-like body, topped by a pointed head in which glow two fiery eyes. Two rows of needle-shaped teeth protrude outward from the open mouth, and these are as long as the head itself. The viperfish has two cousins which resemble it. They have the jaw-breaking names of Lamprotoxus Flagellibarba and Photostomias Guerni, and are both a little shorter than the viperfish.

 It was long believed that because sunlight cannot penetrate the layers of water to the depths, where it is eternally dark, the fish dwelling down there were blind. This is true of some of them, but most of them can see. Between 800 and 1,500 feet, the fish have greatly enlarged eyes with a special sensitivity to dim light.

 Farther down, the fish provide their own ghostly illumination. The Cyclothone, for example, which somewhat resembles a feathery parachute, bears rows of glowing lamps or portholes along its sides, which it can turn on and off at will. Others carry torches which they dangle in front of their mouths. In some undersea creatures, the luminescence is generated by bacteria on the body of the animals, in others by special luminescent organs in which a slimy secretion reacts with oxygen in the blood to produce light.

 Most of the denizens of the deep protect themselves by amazing forms of camouflage, imitating the forms and colors of their environment. Flatfish and rockfish, for instance, can change color at will. Decorator crabs cement pieces of seaweed over their shells and legs. Certain sea urchins cover themselves with snails so they will look like a snail colony. The pipefish, when menaced, poses itself vertically among blades of eelgrass, being hardly distinguishable from them in shape, position and color.

 But other fish have more spectacular devices for their self-protection. Outstanding is the blowfish, a denizen of the coral seas, which inflates itself with water, making itself too big a mouthful for most of its enemies. At the same time, it erects wicked-looking spines that normally lie flat on its body.

 Most of these fish have never been glimpsed except by a few scientists, but they live on in a strange sea world miles beneath the surface. Some day, perhaps, a special submarine, with viewing windows, will transport us to this strange undersea world, where we will be able to watch close-hand these fantastic denizens of the deep.
HOMER GOES SKIN DIVING

I'm going spear fishing!

BAH! I'll catch bigger fish with my pole!

I'll show him—I'll get a real big fish!

Shortly

I hooked one! Wow—it weighs as much as a whale! And is it fighting!

HOMER!
SHOWCASE

AQUAMAN
AND AQUALAD

This is the showdown! Will the creature criminals succeed in their diabolical plan to conquer the earth? Or can Aquaman somehow find a way to overcome the deadly master weapon? The answer awaits the outcome of...

the BATTLE of the SEA CREATURES

Chapter 3

AS AQUAMAN AND HIS YOUNG ASSISTANT, AQUALAD, SWIFTLY SURFACE...

THERE'S THE MASTER WEAPON NOW, AQUAMAN... AND IT'S HEADING FOR THE MAINLAND!

WE'VE JUST GOT TO STOP IT EVEN IF WE HAVE TO USE EVERY FISH IN THE SEA! COME ON!

NO FISH WILL EVEN GET CLOSE! SEE? A COUPLE OF MARKSMEN ARE STANDING GUARD!

YOU'RE RIGHT... WE'LL HAVE TO TRY A DIVERSIONARY TACTIC TO GET RID OF THEM.
Swiftly, Aquaman dispatches a telepathic message below the surface—and soon...

Full speed ahead, Porpy! We've got a tough fight ahead of us!

Observe! One of the Atlanteans has surfaced—and dares to challenge us single-handed.

Set your gun to maximum power!

A tense calm descends over the waves, as the sea king and his fantastic foes draw closer...

Golly... I--I sure hope Aquaman knows what he's doing!

Next instant...

Fire!

But before a trigger can be squeezed...

Agh!

Good work, Topo! Now, quickly--pull them below before we're spotted by the creatures inside the master weapon! I'll grab their guns!
LITTLE GOOD THE GUNS WILL DO YOU! THEY CAN BE FIRED ONLY BY ONE WHO KNOWS THE SECRET COMBINATION!

HMM... SO I SEE! WELL, AT LEAST, YOU WON'T BE FIRING THEM EITHER! TAKE THEM DOWN, TOP---AND KEEP THEM THERE!

His first skirmish successful, the sea king rejoins his junior partner to plan the next tactic...

AQUALAD, OUR ONE CHANCE IS TO HIT THEM HARD---BY COMPLETE SURPRISE! THERE'S A SUNKEN WORLD WAR II AMMUNITION SHIP ON THE OCEAN FLOOR NEARBY---SO HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO...

BEFORE LONG, THE DISCIPLINED RANKS OF THE DENIZENS OF THE DEEP TAKE UP THEIR POSITIONS FOR THE IMPENDING BATTLE...

REMEMBER, NOW, ALL WEAPONS MUST BE FIRED AT THE SAME TIME---AND FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!

TENSE MOMENTS LATER, A TELEPATHIC ORDER GOES OUT---AND OCTOPH OPEN THE ATTACK WITH HAND GRENADES...

WHILE WHALES COMBINE THEIR SPOUTS TO UNLEASH DEPTH BOMBS...
At the same moment, flying fish team up to launch live torpedoes, already activated by Aquaman and Aqualad!

Meanwhile, inside the master weapon...

To arms! We are under attack on all sides!

Spin the ray at 1000 revolutions!

As the deadly beam lashes out in all directions...

Leaping sea lions! The ray is melting every missile we hurled! There's no stopping it now! What'll we do?

There's a phone in that deserted lighthouse! We must get to it—and warn the mainland! Come on...

But before the hapless duo of the deep can get much farther...

Oh, no! The creatures are destroying it!
AQUALAD, WE'VE GOT ONE LAST HOPE... BUT WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST!

MINUTES LATER, AS THE MONSTROUS MASTER WEAPON NEARS THE COASTLINE...

LOOK, TRINO... HOW PRETTILY THOSE BIRDS FLY IN FORMATION—LIKE A FLEET OF AIRSHIPS!

BUT NEXT INSTANT, THE CREATURE CRIMINALS GET THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES, AS...

THE SURPRISE AERIAL ATTACK WORKED, AQUAMAN! THE DIVE-BOMBING SEA GULLS ARE LAYING THEIR "EGGS" RIGHT ON TARGET!
AS THE INVADERS LEAP FROM THEIR SINKING MACHINE...

NOW WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON THOSE CREATURES!

NOT QUITE, AQUALAD... THERE ARE STILL TWO MARKSMEN ARMED WITH POWERFUL BLOWGUNS!

WITH THOSE WEAPONS, THEY CAN FORCE THE ATLANTEANS TO BUILD THEM ANOTHER MASTER WEAPON!

YOU'RE RIGHT... IN FACT, THEY SEEM TO BE HEADING DOWN TOWARD ATLANTIS NOW! WHAT'LL WE DO?

HMM-- THAT WEAPON THEIR LEADER IS WEARING... I NOTICE HE'S NEVER FIRED IT-- AND I THINK I KNOW WHY!

AQUALAD-- FROM WHERE THEY ARE NOW, THOSE CREATURES WILL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH AN UNDERSEA FOREST SOUTH OF ATLANTIS. NOW, LISTEN...

SHORTLY AFTER...

ODD... THESE LOW-HANGING BRANCHES SEEM DENSER THAN BEFORE!

SUDDENLY...

EEEOW! TH-- THEY ARE NOT BRANCHES-- BUT-- ELECTRIC EELS!
AND BEFORE THE STARTLED CREATURES CAN RECOVER FROM THE SHOCK, A SINGLE FIGURE STREAMS THROUGH THE WATER AT BLINING SPEED!

DEFTLY, HE GRABS THE SECRET WEAPON FROM TRINO'S SIDE...

...AND DRAWS A BEAD ON THE ENEMY...

NO, NO—DO NOT SHOOT! IT IS THE DEVICE WHICH OPENS UP THE WARP TO OUR OWN DIMENSION, WHERE WE ARE WANTED CRIMINALS!

JUST WHAT I FIGURED.

AS AQUAMAN'S GRIP TIGHTENS ON THE WEAPON...

THERE THEY GO... AND DON'T FORGET THE TWO MARKSMEN TOPO IS BRINGING, AQUAMAN!

AND SO, LATER, IN THE SUNKEN CONTINENT OF ATLANTIS...

AQUAMAN—WE HEREBY AWARD YOU OUR HIGHEST DECORATION... THE HERO OF ATLANTIS MEDAL!

MY MOTHER WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD, IF SHE COULD SEE THIS!

FAREWELL, ATLANTEANS!

FAREWELL, AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD!

HENCEFORTH, WE SHALL LOOK UPON YOU BOTH AS OUR AMBASSADORS TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

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