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AQUAMAN

AND **AQUALAD**

AQUAMAN! WE'RE
BEING ATTACKED BY A
WHOLE ARMY OF
PREHISTORIC FISH! WE'LL
NEVER GET OUT OF
THIS TRAP!



**"THE
SEA BEASTS
FROM
ONE BILLION, B.C.!"**

Are **YOU**
SKINNY
like I was?

a 90 lb.
weakling
who became
world's
strongest
man



George
Jowett
Champion
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NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are, if you are in your teens, twenties or thirties, I'll show you in just 10 thrilling minutes a day in your home, you can make yourself over by the easy, quick method I turned myself from a wreck to a **WORLD CHAMPION**.

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(before it is too late)
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**I GAINED
60 LBS.**

**OF SHAPELY
MIGHTY
MUSCLES**

BEFORE

Mailing
Coupon
I was a
125 lb.
6 ft.
skinny
weakling



This Can Be
YOU in a
Short
Time!



says **JOHN SILL**

I added 7 inches to MY CHEST, 3½ INCHES to EACH ARM. No, Pal! You don't have to be a chicken-chested skinny weakling like I was only a few weeks ago.

AFTER

Mailing
Coupon
185 lb.
HEAD-TO-TOE HE-MAN
POPULAR
ATHLETE
You can
be, too!

BEFORE



**THEY CALLED ME
"SKINNY" —
BUT NOW
THEY CALL ME
MR. MUSCLES**

TONY PASCARELLA

Thanks to Jowett easy methods I GAINED 28 LBS. of **MUSCLE - PACKED STRENGTH** ALL OVER. I won new handsome looks — great athletic ability. Now You do it!

AFTER

**I BROKE A
WORLD'S
STRENGTH
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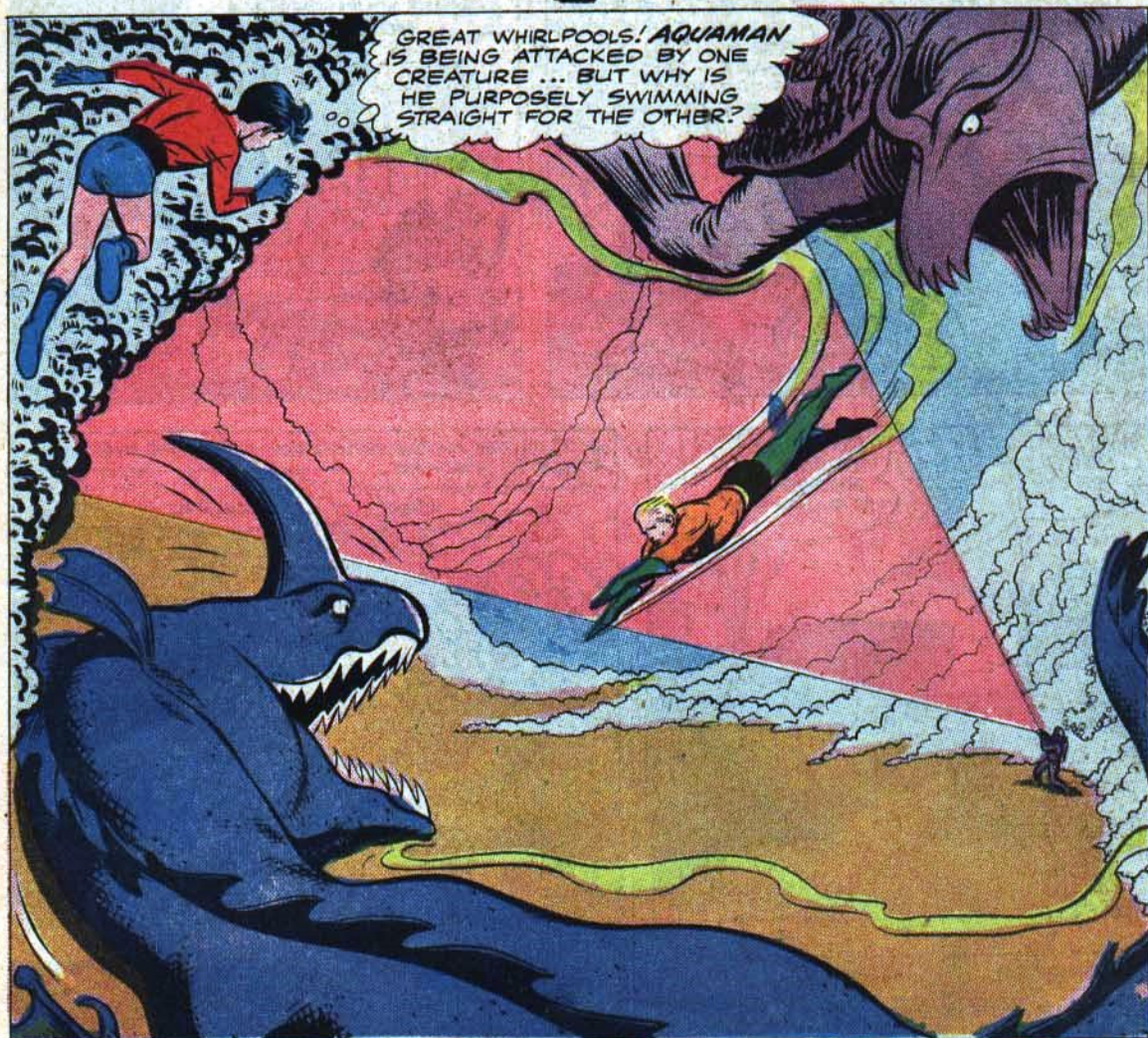
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AND AQUALAD



OUT OF THE DEPTHS THEY CAME, NAMELESS BEASTS POSSESSING AWESOME POWERS, BENT ON SHEER DESTRUCTION! BUT WHEN AQUAMAN, KING OF THE SEVEN SEAS, WENT INTO ACTION, HE DISCOVERED A CRAFTY AND INCREDIBLE PLAN BEHIND THE MARITIME MARAUDING OF...

THE SEA BEASTS

FROM

ONE BILLION B.C.

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ON THE HIGH SEAS, ONE MORNING, A THRILLING SIGHT GREETED THE OFFICERS OF A CARGO SHIP...

LOOK, SIR! IT'S **AQUAMAN** AND **AQUALAD**, RIDING THEIR PORPOISES! THEY MUST BE ON ONE OF THEIR REGULAR PATROLS!

SHADES OF **DAVY JONES**! I'VE BEEN SAILING THE OCEANS FOR NIGH ON 30 YEARS--AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN 'EM!



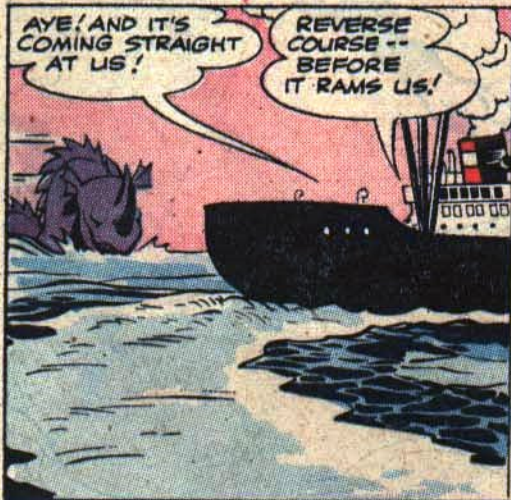
BUT, IN THAT SAME MOMENT, A FAR MORE AWESOME SIGHT REARS UP...

SHIVER MY TIMBERS! S-SOME KIND OF **SEA MONSTER**!



AYE! AND IT'S COMING STRAIGHT AT US!

REVERSE COURSE -- BEFORE IT RAMS US!



BUT AS THE HAPLESS VESSEL SQUIRMS DESPERATELY TO ESCAPE...

YOW!... IT SMASHED IN OUR WHOLE STERN--AND DESTROYED OUR RUDDER! WE'RE A SITTING DUCK NOW!

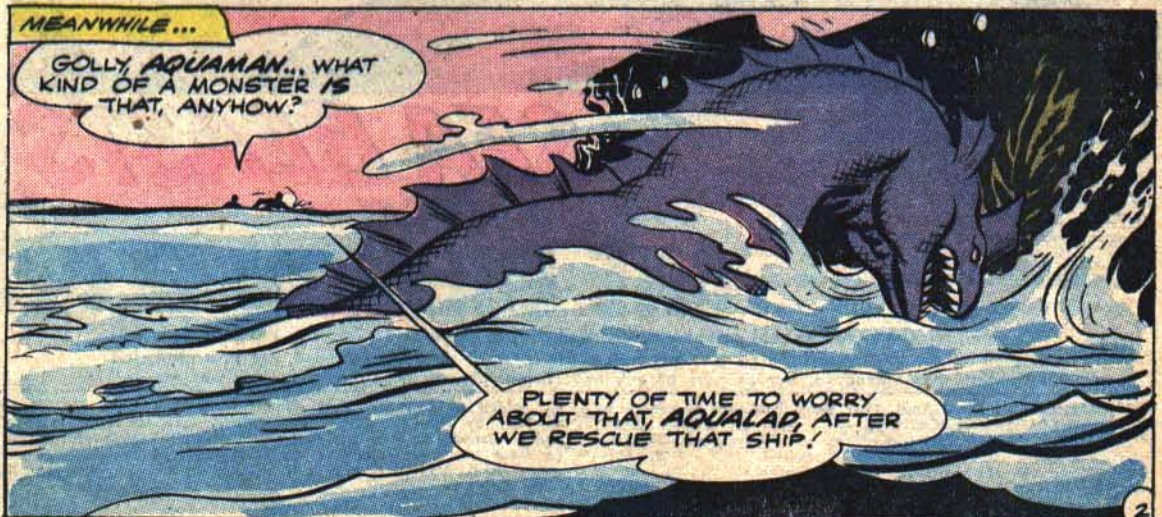
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MEANWHILE...

GOLLY, **AQUAMAN**... WHAT KIND OF A MONSTER IS THAT, ANYHOW?

PLENTY OF TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, **AQUALAD**, AFTER WE RESCUE THAT SHIP!





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BUT **HOW?** THERE'S NO WAY OF GETTING PAST THAT SEA CREATURE!

HMM... THERE'S A SCHOOL OF WHALES NEARBY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA...



SCANT INSTANTS LATER, A TELEPATHIC COMMAND GOES OUT, AND...

GREAT CATFISH! AQUAMAN ORDERED THE WHALES TO COMBINE THEIR SPOUTS-- AND NOW HE'S HURTLING THROUGH THE AIRBORNE WATER!



AQUAMAN-- I DOUBT THAT EVEN YOU CAN GET US AWAY FROM THAT MARAUDING SEA MONSTER!

YOU'RE NOT SUNK YET, CAPTAIN!



ONCE AGAIN, HIS MARITIME MAJESTY ISSUES A TELEPATHIC COMMAND-- AND MINUTES LATER...

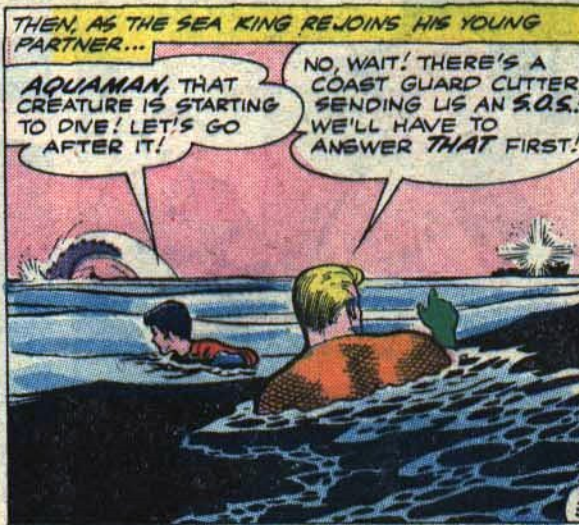
WH-WHAT HAPPENED? MY SHIP'S GOING FASTER THAN IT EVER DID BEFORE...

YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER OFF THE AFT END, CAPTAIN!



WELL, I'LL BE A STARFISH! YOU COMMANDED SOME OCTOPI TO TURN THEMSELVES INTO PROPELLERS!

RIGHT... AND THEY'LL POWER YOU TO THE NEAREST PORT!



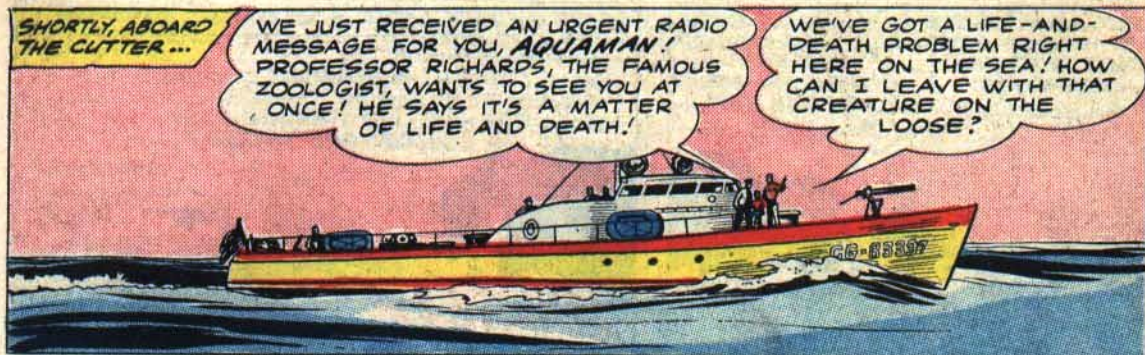
THEN, AS THE SEA KING REJOINS HIS YOUNG PARTNER...

AQUAMAN, THAT CREATURE IS STARTING TO DIVE! LET'S GO AFTER IT!

NO, WAIT! THERE'S A COAST GUARD CUTTER, SENDING US AN S.O.S. WE'LL HAVE TO ANSWER **THAT** FIRST!



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SHORTLY, ABOARD THE CUTTER...

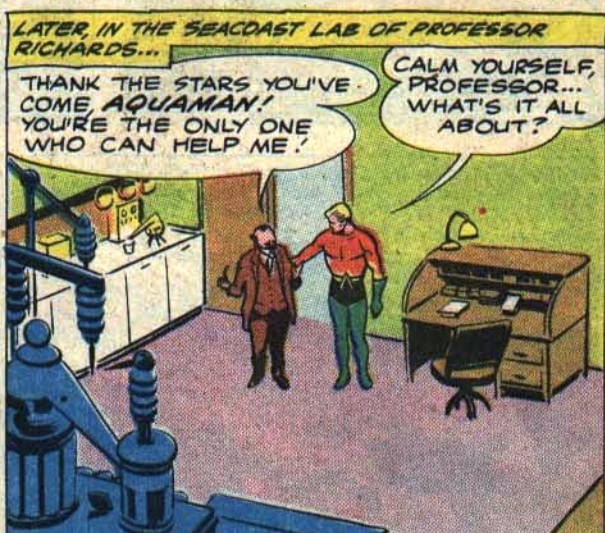
WE JUST RECEIVED AN URGENT RADIO MESSAGE FOR YOU, **AQUAMAN**! PROFESSOR RICHARDS, THE FAMOUS ZOOLOGIST, WANTS TO SEE YOU AT ONCE! HE SAYS IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

WE'VE GOT A LIFE-AND-DEATH PROBLEM RIGHT HERE ON THE SEA! HOW CAN I LEAVE WITH THAT CREATURE ON THE LOOSE?



I CAN TAKE OVER THE PATROL WHILE YOU'RE GONE, **AQUAMAN**... IT'LL ONLY BE FOR A LITTLE WHILE!

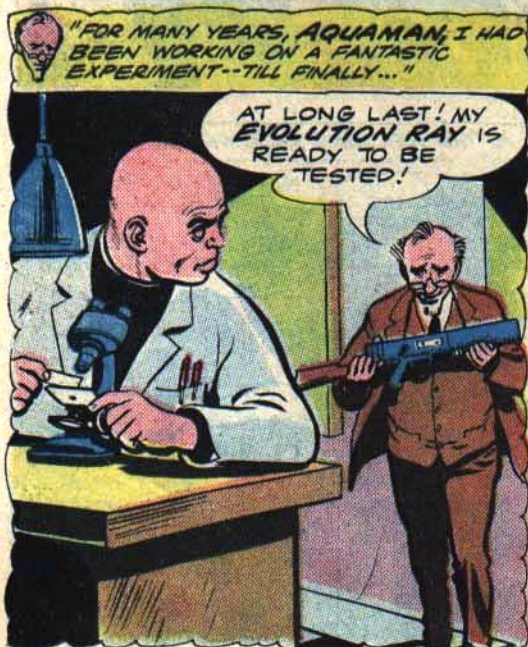
GOOD IDEA! KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT, **AQUALAD**... I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



LATER, IN THE SEACOAST LAB OF PROFESSOR RICHARDS...

THANK THE STARS YOU'VE COME, **AQUAMAN**! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP ME!

CALM YOURSELF, PROFESSOR... WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



"FOR MANY YEARS, **AQUAMAN**, I HAD BEEN WORKING ON A FANTASTIC EXPERIMENT--TILL FINALLY..."

AT LONG LAST! MY **EVOLUTION RAY** IS READY TO BE TESTED!



ARE YOU SURE THIS DEVICE WILL WORK, PROFESSOR?

YES, YES! IT WILL TURN BACK THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS OF ANY FISH IT IS SHINED ON-- RETURNING IT TO THE ORIGINAL SPECIES FROM WHICH IT EVOLVED, A BILLION YEARS AGO! AND THINK, COOK-- THERE IS A PANEL ON THE DEVICE TO **CONTROL** THE FISH, TOO!



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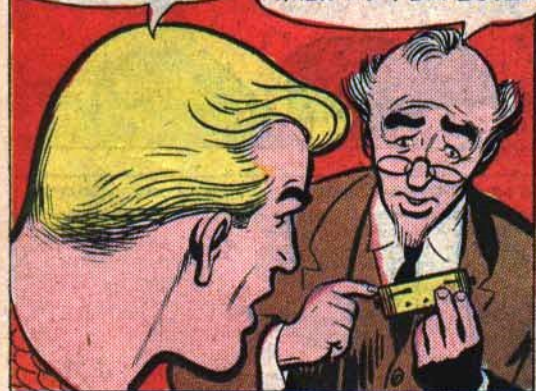
"ABRUPTLY, MY ASSISTANT, JOHN COOK, DREW OUT A GUN, AND..."

HAND IT OVER, PROFESSOR! YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN MAKING PLANS, TOO--JUST IN CASE YOUR EVOLUTION RAY DID WORK! AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE TESTING MYSELF!



SUPPOSE I GOT THAT EVOLUTION RAY FROM COOK--COULD I REVERSE IT AND RETURN THE FISH TO THE WAY THEY WERE?

NO, AQUAMAN... BUT I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS REVERSE CONTROL TO DO EXACTLY THAT! IT WILL FIT RIGHT ON THE EVOLUTION RAY, WHEN IT'S PERFECTED!



HMM... YOUR STORY EXPLAINS WHERE THAT SEA CREATURE I TANGLED WITH THIS MORNING CAME FROM! BUT WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW IS...



IN HIS UNDERSEA LAIR, LATER, WHERE AQUAMAN FINISHES TELLING AQUALAD THE AMAZING STORY...*

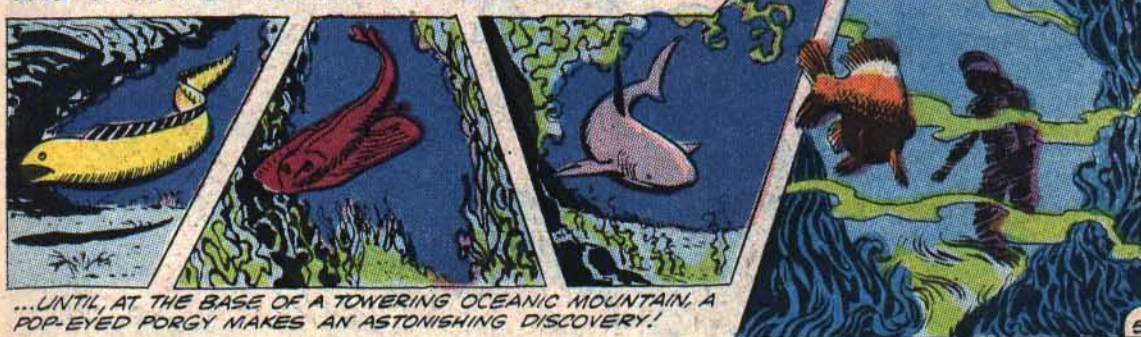
THE PROFESSOR IS RIGHT, AQUAMAN... WE MUST STOP THAT CRIMINAL!

YES--BUT WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM FIRST! I'LL GET THE SIGNAL FISH STARTED ON THE MANHUNT!



*AFTER LONG EXPOSURE TO UNDERWATER LIVING, AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD, LIKE THE ATLANTEANS, HAVE DEVELOPED THE ABILITY TO TRANSMIT AND TRANSLATE SPEECH SOUNDS IN WATER.

DURING THE NEXT HOURS, DENIZENS OF THE DEEP PROBE EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THE MYSTERIOUS UNDERSEA WORLD...



...UNTIL, AT THE BASE OF A TOWERING OCEANIC MOUNTAIN, A POP-EYED PORGY MAKES AN ASTONISHING DISCOVERY!



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THE NEWS IS SWIFTLY RELAYED TO THE SEA KING-- AND SOON...

HMM... COOK APPARENTLY USES THAT SPECIAL ONE-MAN SUB FOR TRANSPORTATION! STAND BY, AQUALAD-- I'M GOING INSIDE!



BUT THE MOMENT AQUAMAN ENTERS THE UNDERSEA CAVE...

AH... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, FISH MAN! MY SPECIAL HELMET ENABLES ME TO SPEAK TO YOU, AND ALSO RECEIVE YOUR SPEECH WAVES ELECTRONICALLY!

VERY CLEVER... BUT WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? WHY DID YOU TURN THAT FISH INTO A PRE-HISTORIC BEAST?



ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?... I PLAN TO SEND CARGO SHIPS TO THE BOTTOM, WHERE I CAN LOOT THEM AT MY LEISURE!

I'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! HAND ME THAT RAY GUN!



BUT SUDDENLY...

WHAT--? TH-THAT RED BEAM!

YES, AQUAMAN... THE ATTACK BEAM! WATCH...



AND FROM THE CAVE'S INTERIOR COMES...

TH-THE PREHISTORIC CREATURE! MUST GET AWAY!



BUT AS AQUAMAN HURTLES FROM THE CAVE...

ANOTHER ONE!... CUTTING OFF MY ESCAPE!



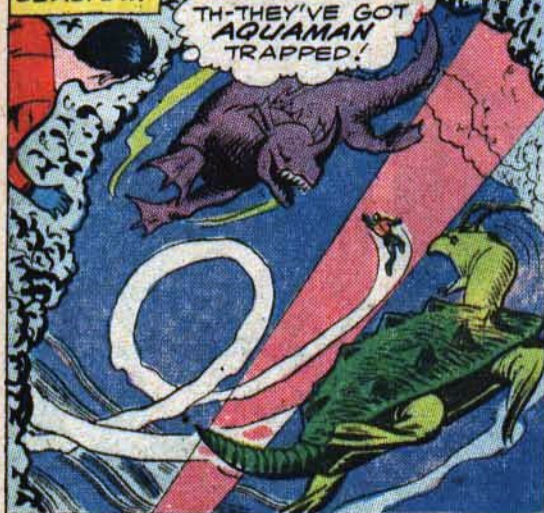


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NEARBY, AQUALAD WATCHES GRIMLY AS THE SEA KING DARTS THIS WAY AND THAT TO EVADE THE CRUSHING LUNGES OF THE BEASTS...

TH-THEY'VE GOT AQUAMAN TRAPPED!



ALL AT ONCE, AQUAMAN MAKES A STARTLING MOVE...

GREAT WHIRLPOOLS! HE'S SWIMMING STRAIGHT AT THE OTHER CREATURE AT TOP SPEED! H-HE MUST HAVE LOST HIS WITS!



BUT TO AQUALAD'S AMAZEMENT...

IT WORKED! I CHANGED COURSE SO FAST THAT COOK'S ATTACK BEAM KEPT ON MOVING TILL IT HIT THE OTHER CREATURE! BY THE TIME COOK UNTANGLES THEM, I'LL BE FAR AWAY FROM HERE!



WHAT NOW, AQUAMAN?

WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE CHANCE. WE MUST STORM THAT FORTRESS CAVE--AND GRAB THAT EVOLUTION RAY FROM COOK!



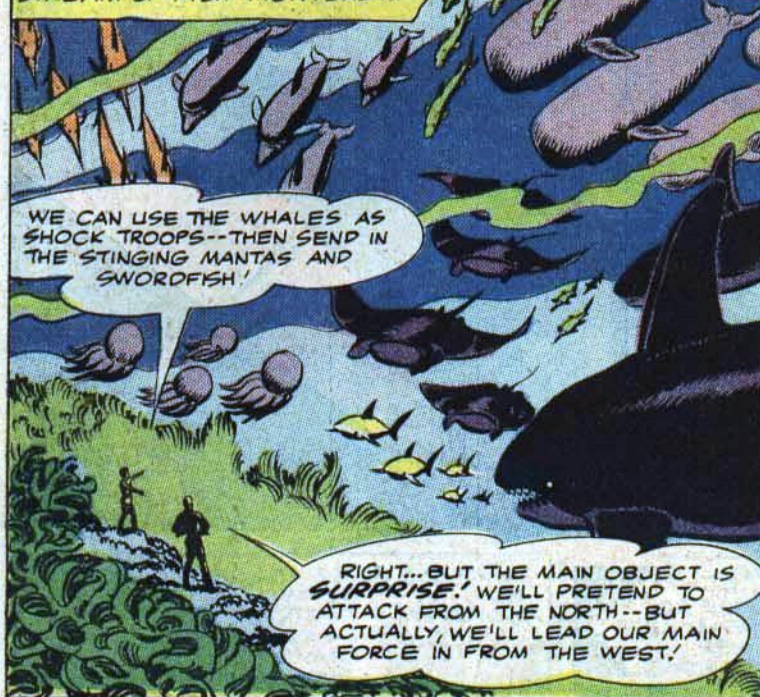
BUT HOW? WITH THOSE BIG PRE-HISTORIC FISH AS GUARDS, WE'D NEVER GET CLOSE!

MAYBE NOT ALONE... BUT WE'VE GOT SOME PRETTY BIG FISH ON OUR SIDE, TOO, AQUALAD! LET'S GET TO WORK AT ONCE!



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AGAIN, A GRIM TELEPATHIC MESSAGE CRACKLES THROUGH THE WATER--AND FROM ALL POINTS COMES A STEADY STREAM OF FISH-FIGHTERS...



WE CAN USE THE WHALES AS SHOCK TROOPS--THEN SEND IN THE STINGING MANTAS AND SWORDFISH!

RIGHT... BUT THE MAIN OBJECT IS **SURPRISE!** WE'LL PRETEND TO ATTACK FROM THE NORTH--BUT ACTUALLY, WE'LL LEAD OUR MAIN FORCE IN FROM THE WEST!

A CLEVER BATTLE PLAN-- BUT, NOT FAR AWAY, A DISGUISED SUB SILENTLY SLIPS AWAY, AS...

HA, HA! I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU WITH A LITTLE SURPRISE OF MY OWN, **AQUAMAN!**

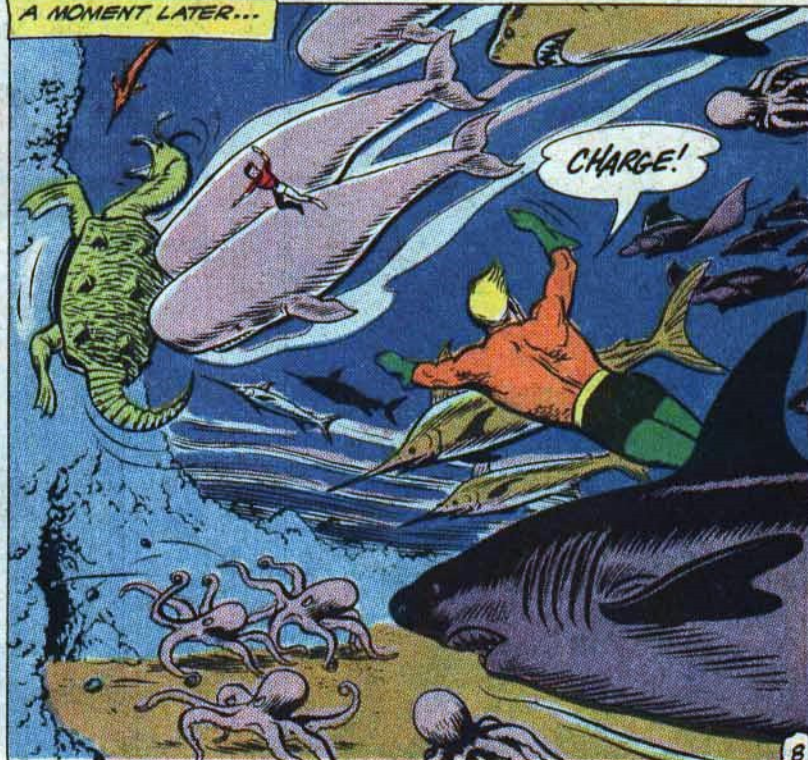


UNAWARE THAT THEIR STRATEGY IS KNOWN TO THE ENEMY, AQUAMAN'S FORCES ATTACK...



WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

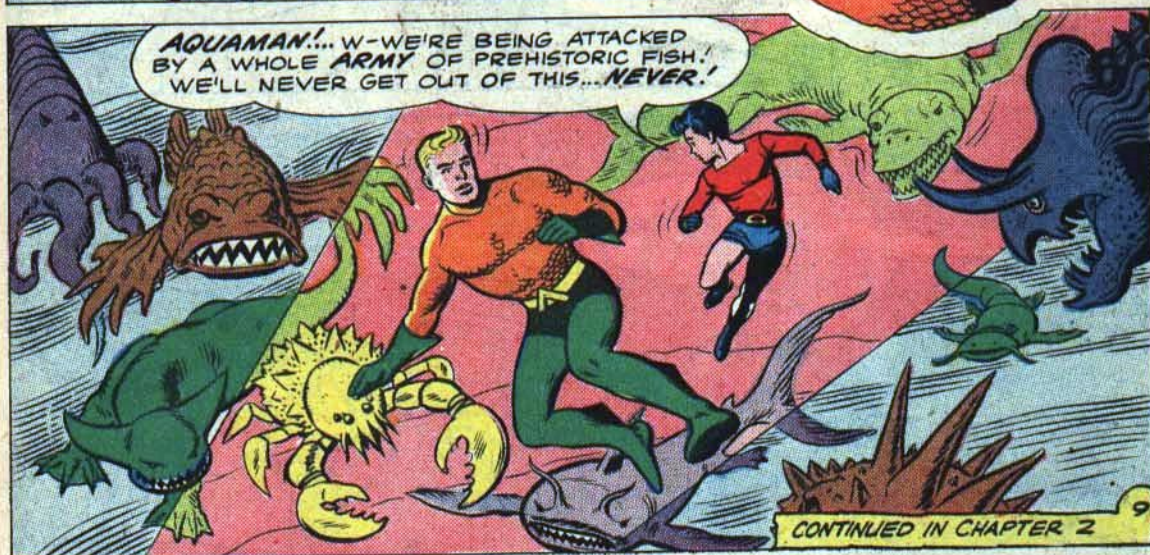
A MOMENT LATER...



CHARGE!



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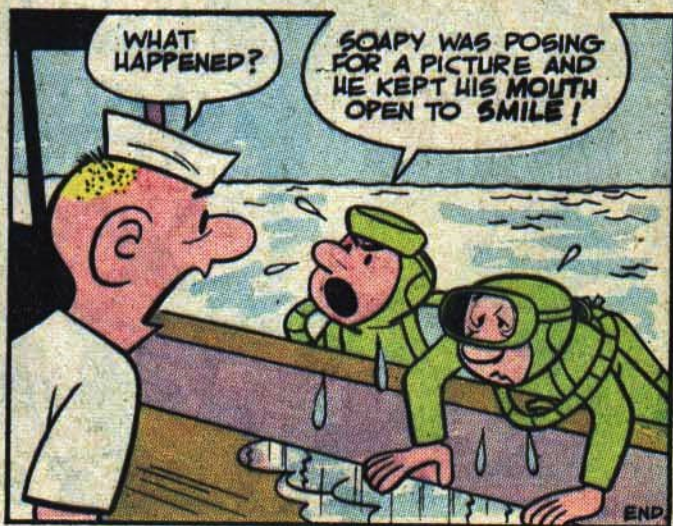


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Rip Hunter... **TIME MASTER**

**NOW IN A MAGAZINE
OF HIS OWN!**

IN EVERY ISSUE YOU
WILL TRAVEL ALONG
WITH **RIP** AND HIS
COMPANIONS IN THE
AMAZING **SPHERE**
THAT SMASHES THE
TIME BARRIER--AND
HURTLES THEM INTO
EXCITING UNKNOWN
EVENTS OF
YESTERYEAR!

FOLLOW THEM NOW
IN THIS 3-PART ACTION-
PACKED NOVEL AS THEY
BATTLE FANTASTIC MENACES
OF THE PAST TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF ...

"The 1,000 YEAR-OLD CURSE!"

ON SALE
EVERYWHERE



Don't Sell **NATURE** Short!

JIM ASKED ME TO HELP HIM AT THE MAYOR'S MEETING WEDNESDAY. THE STATE WANTS TO MAKE THAT MARSHY AREA AT FOUR CORNERS INTO A WILDLIFE REFUGE, BUT JIM WANTS TO FILL IT IN FOR A SHOPPING CENTER!

OH, NO-- YOU CAN'T!



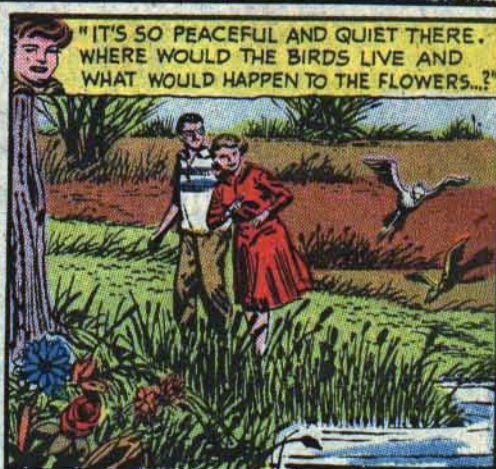
"THAT'S WHERE BILL AND I CATCH OUR FISH AND TURTLES... AND WHERE OLD TIM TRAPS MUSKRATS..."



"AND WHERE THE DUCKS AND GEESE STOP ON THEIR WAY SOUTH..."



"IT'S SO PEACEFUL AND QUIET THERE. WHERE WOULD THE BIRDS LIVE AND WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE FLOWERS...?"



MY TEACHER SAID EVERYTHING LIVING IS GOOD FOR SOMETHING, EVEN SNAKES. THEY EAT MICE AND BUGS...

HMM... YOU'VE ALL GIVEN SOME EXCELLENT REASONS FOR JIM TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER LOCATION FOR HIS SHOPPING CENTER!



AND SO, ON WEDNESDAY... ...WE CAN'T BUY THE GOOD THAT NATURE GIVES US. WE MUST PRESERVE IT. AND SO, GENTLEMEN, I VOTE FOR THE STATE'S PLAN TO MAKE THE MARSH A WILDLIFE REFUGE!



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EEYOW! THAT GIANT BLOWFISH IS BLASTING THIS CAVE TO BITS!

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ATTEMPTING TO OVERCOME THE UNDERWATER CRIMINAL, AQUAMAN SUMMONS AN AWESOME ARRAY OF FIGHTING FISH TO THROW INTO THE FRAY... BUT THE SEA KING'S PLANS ARE SUNK WHEN THE EVOLUTION RAY TURNS HIS ALLIES INTO...

the **CREATURE
ARMY**



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AS AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD FIND THEMSELVES RINGED BY AN AWESOME ARMY OF FISH CREATURES...

LEAPING SEA LIONS! WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS UNDER-WATER AMBUSH, AQUAMAN!

Y-YES... I'M AFRAID THEY'VE GOT US THIS TIME!

TIGHTER AND TIGHTER IS DRAWN THE MENACING RING...

IT--IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

WAIT, AQUALAD-- I JUST NOTICED... THE SEA FLOOR BELOW IS QUITE MUDDY!



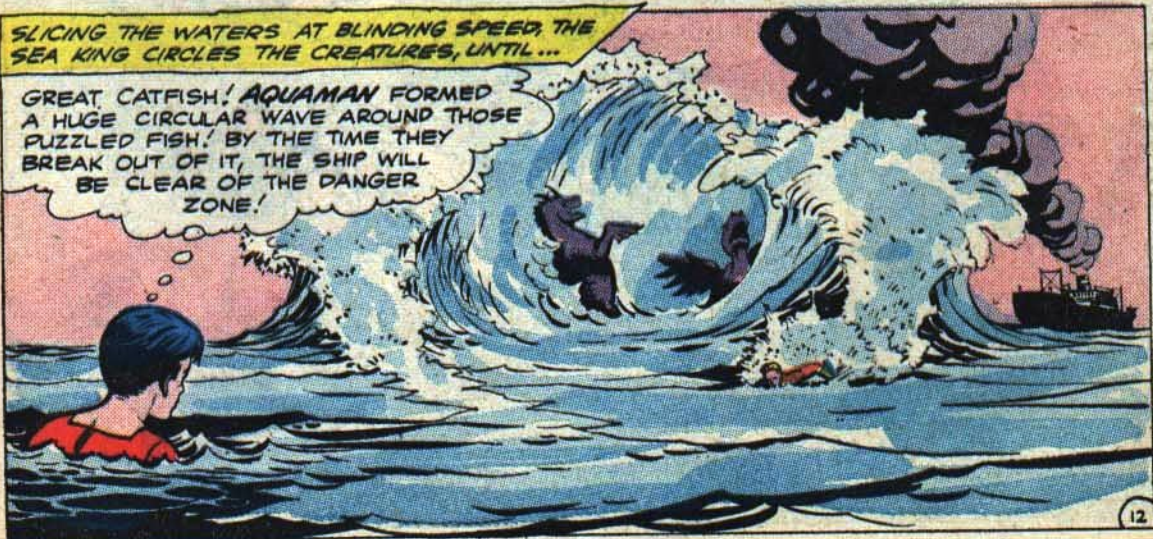
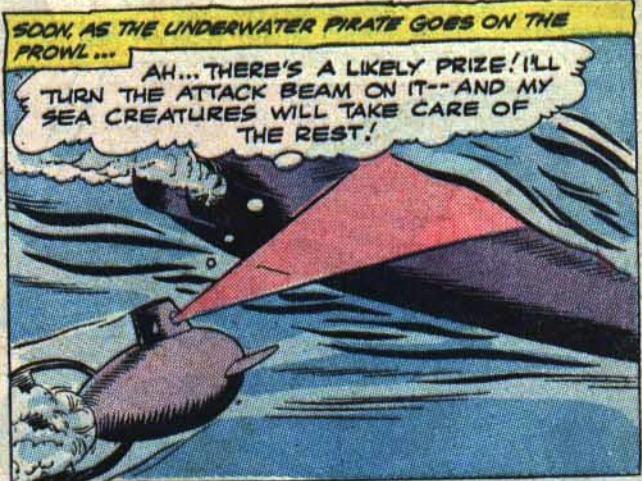
HIT THE BOTTOM! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

NEXT MOMENT, AS THE TWO UNDERWATER WARRIORS SLIDE INTO THE SEA FLOOR...

THAT'S IT... KEEP STIRRING UP THE MUD!

BEFORE LONG...

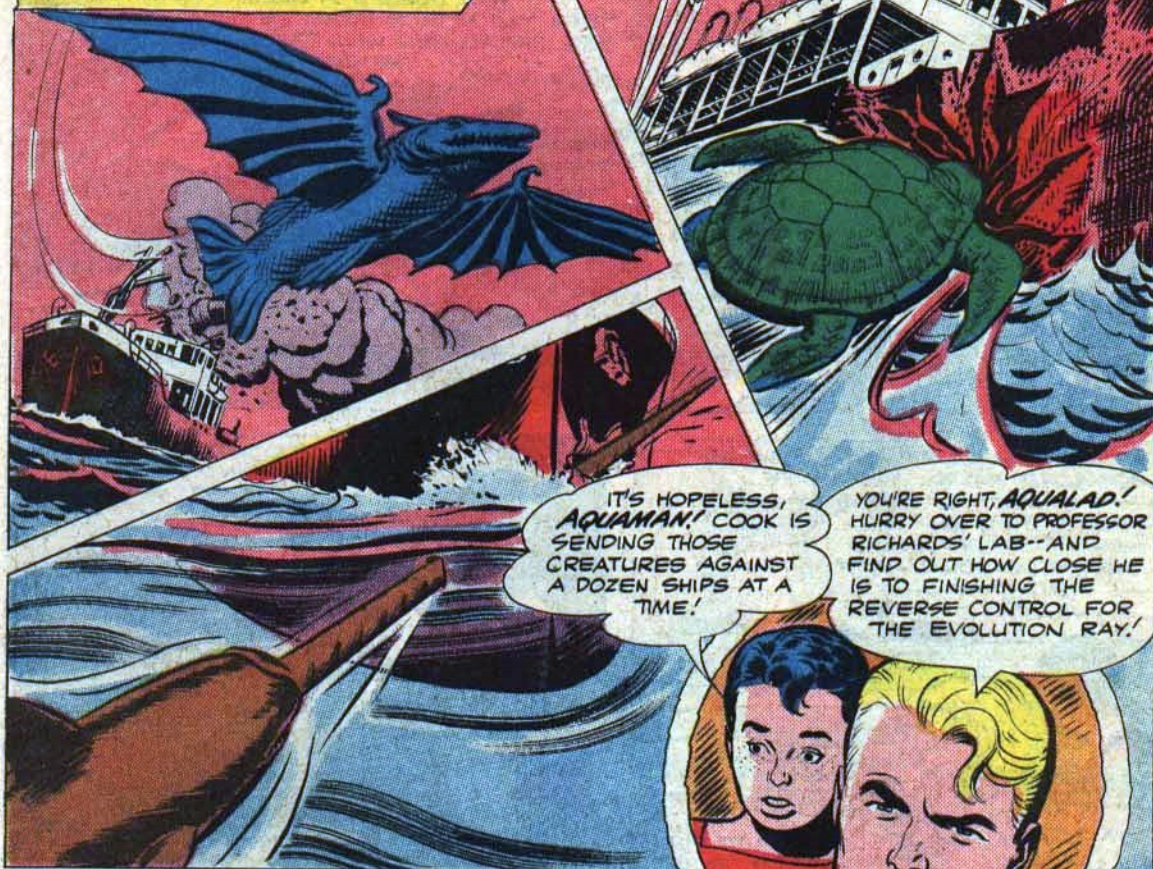
IT WORKED, AQUAMAN! THE MUDDIED WATER HAS TURNED THE AREA SO DARK, WE CAN MAKE OUR GETAWAY NOW!



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BUT THE ENRAGED UNDERSEA CRIMINAL RETALIATES BY SWEEPING EVERY INCH OF THE SEA WITH HIS DEADLY ATTACK BEAM!



WHILE AQUALAD RACES OFF, THE SEA KING HAS HIS HANDS FULL, RESCUING SURVIVORS...



FINALLY, WHEN AQUALAD RETURNS...

GOOD NEWS, AQUAMAN! THE PROFESSOR COMPLETED THE REVERSE CONTROL!

JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME! LET'S GO!



BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET HOLD OF THE EVOLUTION RAY, TO FIT IT ON? REMEMBER, COOK HAS SURROUNDED HIS CAVE WITH THOSE SEA CREATURES!



TRUE... BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW WE CAN GET PAST THEM--AND INTO THE CAVE! FOLLOW ME!

SHORTLY, IN AN UNDERSEA AREA SO DEEP THAT SUNLIGHT CANNOT PENETRATE ITS DARKNESS...

THE ANGLERS AND JEWEL FISH WILL COME IN HANDY!

SO WILL SOME OF THE DEEP-SEA 'SQUID!' AND I THINK THEY COMPLETE OUR COLLECTION! LET'S GO, AQUAMAN!



MEANWHILE, IN THE CRIMINAL'S UNDERWATER LAIR...

'HA, HA,' NOT BAD FOR A SINGLE DAY'S RAIDING! TOMORROW, I'LL TRY TO DOUBLE IT!



JUST THEN...

EH?... AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD! THE FOOLS... DO THEY REALLY THINK THEY CAN CHALLENGE ME SINGLE-HANDED? I'LL SHOW 'EM...





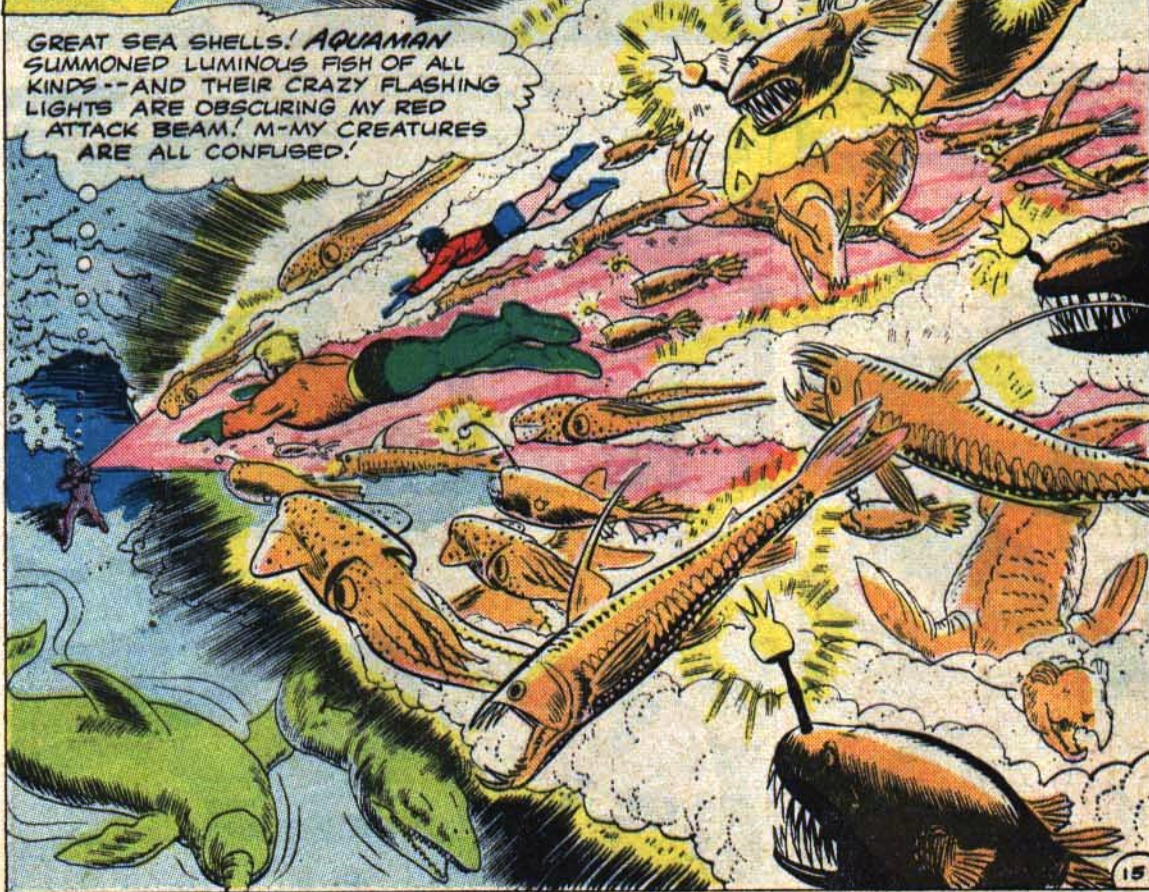
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QUICKLY, THE UNDERWATER PIRATE GRABS THE ATTACK BEAM, AND...



BUT NEXT INSTANT, AT A TELEPATHIC COMMAND FROM THE SEA KING, HUNDREDS OF FANTASTIC LIGHTS SUDDENLY FLASH ON...

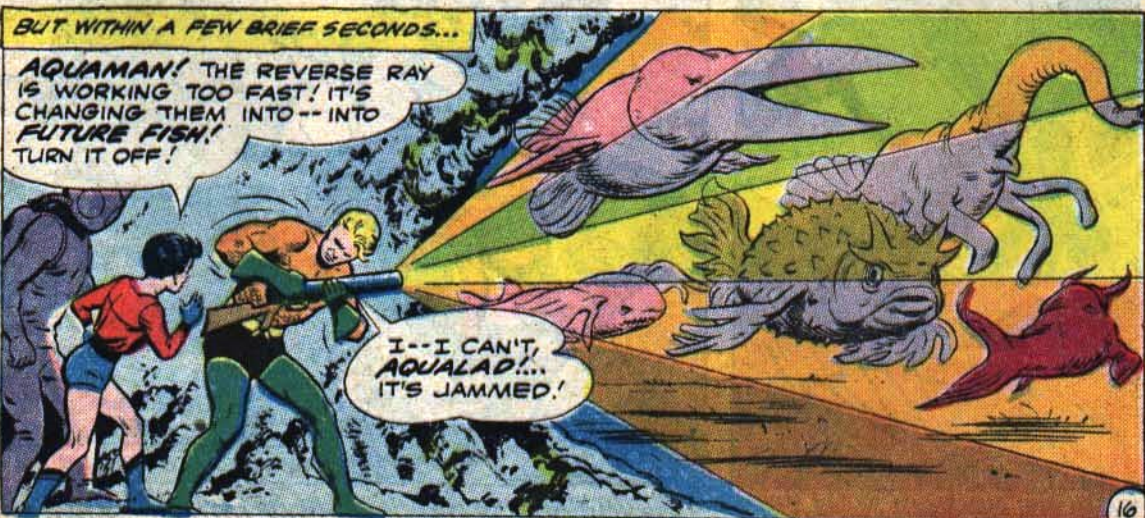




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UNDER COVER OF THE CONFUSION, TWO FIGURES DART INTO THE CAVE, AND...





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FEVERISHLY, AQUAMAN STRUGGLES WITH THE MECHANISM, UNTIL...

THERE... *WHEW!* I FINALLY GOT IT TURNED OFF!

YES... BUT LOOK AT THE FISH! THEY'RE EVEN MORE TERRIBLE THAN THEY WERE BEFORE!



DON'T WORRY... I'LL JUST REMOVE THE REVERSE CONTROL-- AND USE THE REGULAR EVOLUTION RAY TO RETURN THEM TO THE PRESENT!



BUT BEFORE AQUAMAN CAN CARRY OUT HIS PLAN...

EYOW! THE PLACE IS BEING BLOWN TO BITS BY THAT-- THAT FUTURE BLOWFISH!



AND LOOK! THE EVOLUTION RAY... IT WAS HURLED AGAINST THE CAVE WALL-- AND SMASHED! WHAT'LL WE DO NOW?



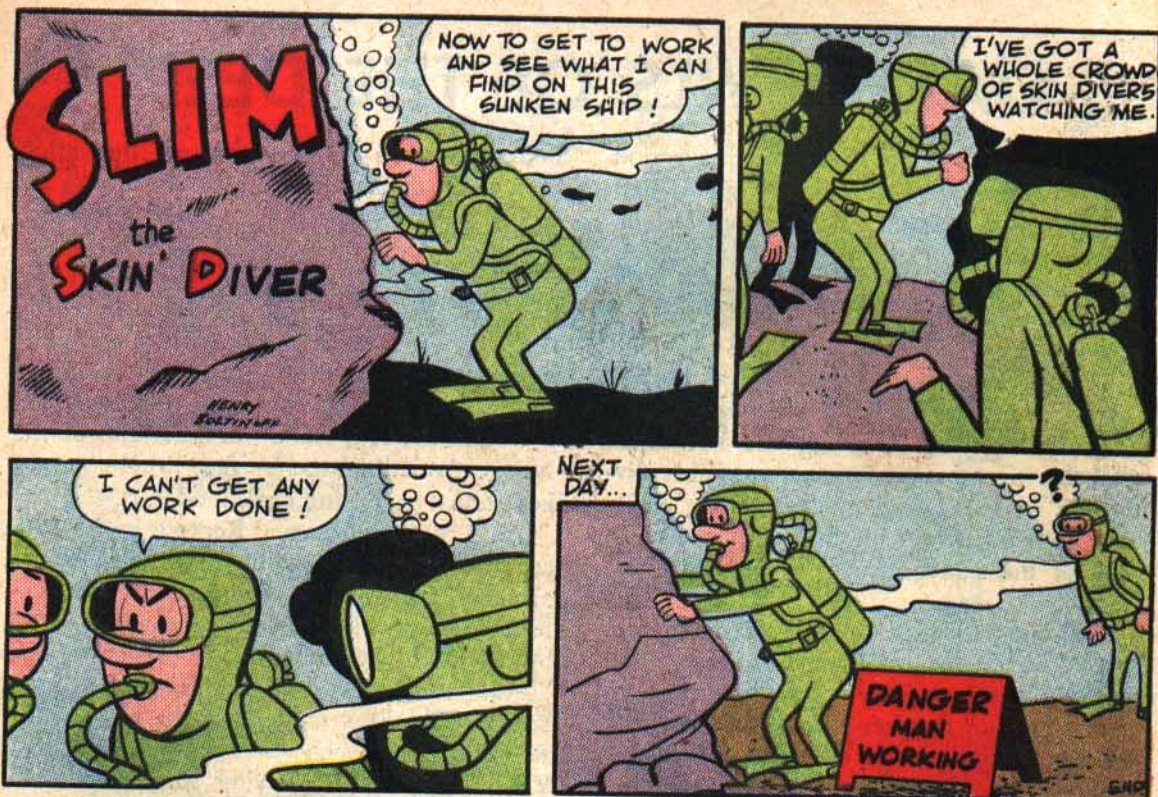
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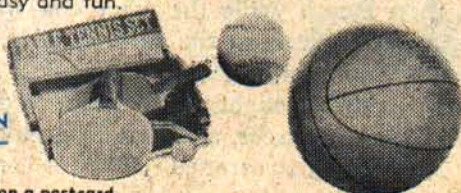
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THE thrilling story of diving spans a period of thousands of years, and in our earliest writings can be found references to the intrepid explorers of the vast and mysterious world under the sea.

Many wonderful and weird contrivances were developed throughout the ages to extend man's stay underwater beyond the natural limitations imposed by the hold-your-breath method. But modern diving did not begin until the invention of the first workable diving suit in 1878. And modern diving really came into its own with the development in 1944 of the famous Cousteau-Gagnan aqua-lung.

Obviously, the full story of diving cannot be treated in one brief article, so we shall concern ourselves here with the history of diving prior to the free-swimming skin diver and his aqua-lung; and in Part 2, which will appear in the next issue of **AQUAMAN**, we shall conclude with the exciting story of the modern frogman.

The most primitive form of diving is still practiced in the seas of southern Asia, where divers descend into shark-infested waters in search of sponges. Their equipment is simple: a rope around their middle, a weight to speed them to the bottom, a knife to cut the sponges from the rock, and a net for their booty. These fearless divers work underwater for about a minute and a half.

But, almost from the outset, divers experimented with devices to extend the capabilities of their own lung-power. The Greek philosopher, Aristotle, wrote about a diver in 360 B.C. who breathed underwater by letting down a metal cylinder containing air. Alexander the Great is reported to have made a descent in a similar contraption called the Colimpha.

Pliny, a Roman writer of antiquity, described divers equipped with a tube which fitted in their mouth while the other end was attached to a float on the surface. Livy, who lived at the same time, wrote a report about vast treasures brought up from the sea during the reign of Perseus, a Macedonian monarch.

The first concentrated effort to provide divers with an underwater breathing apparatus seems to have begun in the 16th century. In a

book printed in 1532 is shown an illustration of a pearl diver under the sea breathing air from a leather gourd he carries in his hand. And in a later edition of the same work appears an engraving of what is probably the first design for a diving helmet. Since the discovery of rubber didn't take place until some time later, the helmet was made of leather. A tube of the same material was joined to the top, while the other end of the tube extended to the surface where it was kept afloat by an inflated bladder.

An Englishman named Repton, in the 17th century, came out with a suit of "water armour," which was unsuccessful. But untested was a "diving case" invented in 1715 by William Lethbridge, of England. The "case" held half a hogshead of air and was so constructed as to permit free play to the wearer's arms.

The first modern diving suit design was brought out by a German, Augustus Siebe, in 1819. A metal helmet and shoulder pads were fixed to a leather jacket, and air was supplied from the surface by a force-pump.

Siebe kept working on his suit, and in 1837, he corrected its defects in the first "closed" diving suit. The helmet of the new model was equipped with an air-regulating outlet valve as well as an intake valve. This gave the diver complete security, making it possible to remain underwater for long periods of time. Although many improvements have been made since then, Siebe's underlying principle remains in effect till this day.

But the long, trailing air hoses and lines limited the movement of divers. Clearly, the next step was to bring down a portable supply of air. The first successful attempt in this direction was made by two Frenchmen: one, a mining engineer named Rouquayrol; the other an officer in the Navy, Denayrouse. Instead of using an air line, the diver carried a heavy steel drum strapped to his back into which enough air had been compressed to enable him to remain at a depth of 30 feet for 22 minutes, or at 90 feet for 11 minutes.

The day of the aqua-lung and the frogman was close at hand. And in Part 2 we shall relate their appearance into the underwater scene.



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SUFFERING SEA SNAILS!
TH- THE FUTURE FISH CAN
LIVE OUT OF WATER --
AND ARE HEADING FOR
THE MAINLAND!

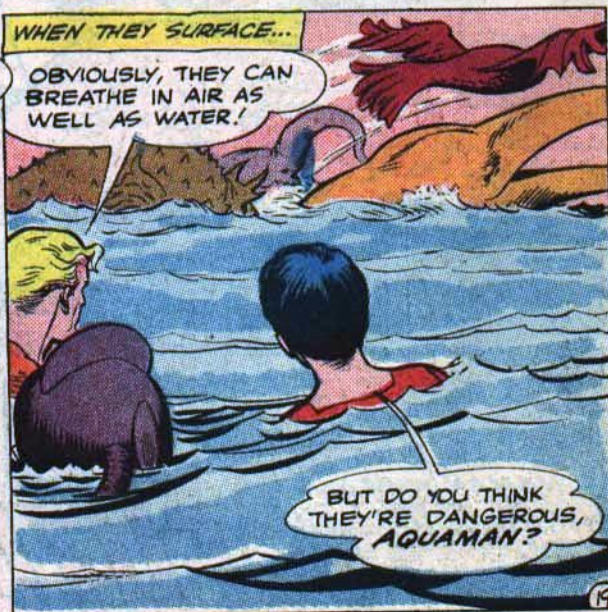
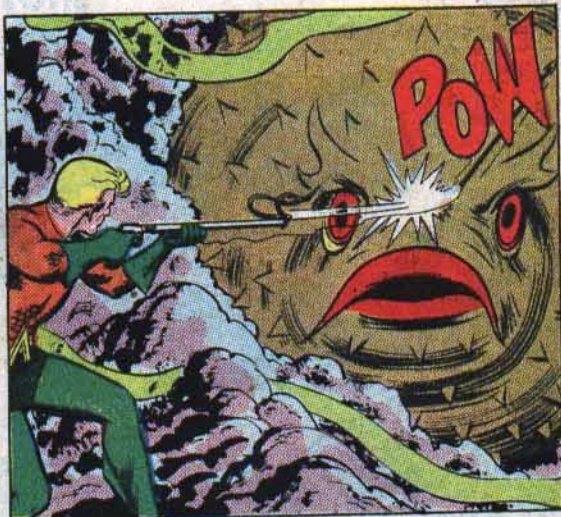
WE'VE GOT TO WARN
THE PEOPLE -- AND
FIND A WAY TO
STOP THEM!

IT WAS AN UNDERSEA PIRATE
WHO HAD FOISTED ON THE
WATER WORLD THE PERILS
OF THE FISH FROM ONE
BILLION B.C.! BUT NOW, IT'S
AQUAMAN HIMSELF,
THROUGH AN IRONIC TWIST
OF FATE, WHO UNLEASHES
AN EVEN DEADLIER
DANGER, WHEN HE UNWIT-
TINGLY BRINGS ABOUT...

the MENACE of the FUTURE FISH



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THE AWESOME ANSWER COMES AN INSTANT LATER, AS...

GOLLY!... THAT HORNED FISH IS CHARGING THAT YACHT!



AT THE SAME TIME...

AND OVER THERE, AQUAMAN-- THAT TRUNK FISH IS WRAPPING ITS LONG SNOUT AROUND A FISHING SHIP...



... AND HURLING IT A MILE! THOSE CREATURES ATTACK ANY OBJECT THAT MOVES! WHAT'LL WE DO, AQUAMAN?

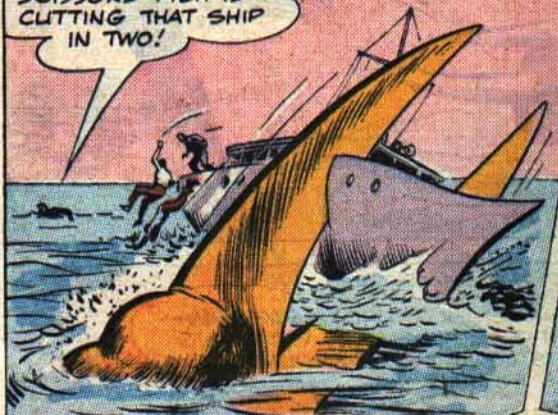
ALL WE CAN DO, RIGHT NOW, IS SAVE LIVES. I'VE COMMANDED THE MANTA RAYS TO ACT AS RAFTS-- AND FLOAT COOK AND THESE SURVIVORS TO SHORE!



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IN THE CRITICAL HOURS THAT FOLLOW, THE ENTIRE SEA ERUPTS INTO SCENES OF INCREDIBLE HAVOC...

GREAT WAVES! THAT SCISSORS FISH IS CUTTING THAT SHIP IN TWO!



AND THERE'S THAT BLOWFISH AGAIN--BLASTING A TANKER IN THE SKY!



AQUALAD-- SOON AS WE GET THESE SURVIVORS TO SHORE, WE'LL CONTACT THE COAST GUARD AND TELL THEM TO BRING THEIR GUN-BOATS HERE AT ONCE!



BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE COASTLINE...

SUFFERING SEA SNAILS! THE FUTURE FISH RAN OUT OF SHIPS TO ATTACK-- AND ARE NOW HEADING FOR THE MAINLAND!



GET TO THE NEAREST COAST GUARD STATION, AQUALAD! TAKE COOK ALONG-- AND NOTIFY PROFESSOR RICHARDS! WE'LL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET! I'M GOING TO WARN THAT TOWN!





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BUT NO SOONER DOES THE SEA KING REACH THE TOWN, THAN ...

LOOK, AQUAMAN! THAT BIG WINGED FISH IS ATTACKING THE BRIDGE!

NO, IT'S GOING AFTER THAT CAR! FOR SOME REASON, THOSE FUTURE FISH GO AFTER ANY OBJECT THAT MOVES!

YOU'RE RIGHT...IT PICKED UP THE ABANDONED CAR--AND CHUCKED IT OVER! :WHEW! LUCKY THE DRIVER GOT OUT IN TIME!

BUT WHAT NOW? MORE CREATURES ARE REACHING LAND... THERE'LL SOON BE ENOUGH OF 'EM TO WRECK THE WHOLE COUNTRY!

JUST THEN...

AQUAMAN! THE COAST GUARD GOT YOUR MESSAGE--AND SENT ME WITH THREE POWERFUL CRAFT! BUT WE CAN'T FIRE AT THEM NOW, WITHOUT DESTROYING THE TOWN, TOO! WHAT'LL WE DO?

HMM...QUITE A NUMBER OF SEA GULLS ABOUT! I'VE GOT AN IDEA...



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MOMENTS LATER, AS THE BIRDS RESPOND TO AQUAMAN'S TELEPATHIC COMMAND...



HUNDREDS OF GULLS-- COMBINING THEIR LIFTING POWER TO BEAR AQUAMAN ALOFT! WHAT'S THE IDEA?

HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN... BUT I'M SURE HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING! MEAN- WHILE, I MUST RETURN TO MY SHIP!

BEFORE LONG, AN AMAZING SCENE TAKES PLACE IN THE AIR...



WHY-- AQUAMAN SEEMS TO BE TEASING THE FUTURE FISH! WHY?

WAIT... I GET IT! AQUAMAN IS ACTUALLY LURING THEM OUT TO SEA!



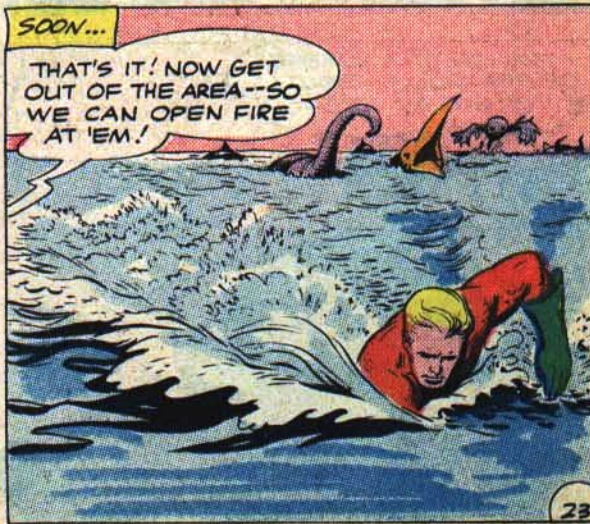
AS THE FUTURE FISH HIT THE WAVES...

GOOD WORK, AQUAMAN! DRAW THEM JUST A LITTLE FARTHER OUT... THEN WE'LL TAKE OVER!



SOON...

THAT'S IT! NOW GET OUT OF THE AREA--SO WE CAN OPEN FIRE AT 'EM!





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TENSE MINUTES LATER...

AQUAMAN IS CLEAR NOW, SIR! SHALL I GIVE THE FIRING ORDER?

YES!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

HOLD IT! AQUAMAN JUST DIVED BACK INTO THE TARGET AREA!

THE FOOL! HE SENT UP A BIG WAVE, SPOILING OUR AIM!

WHAT'S COME OVER HIM? NOW HE'S GOT HIS PORPOISES DOING IT, TOO!

AND LOOK, SIR... THE CREATURES -- THEY'RE COMING REAL CLOSE! WHAT'LL WE DO?

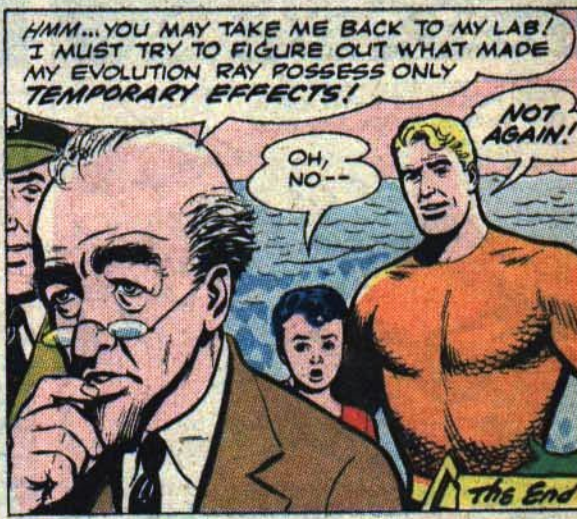
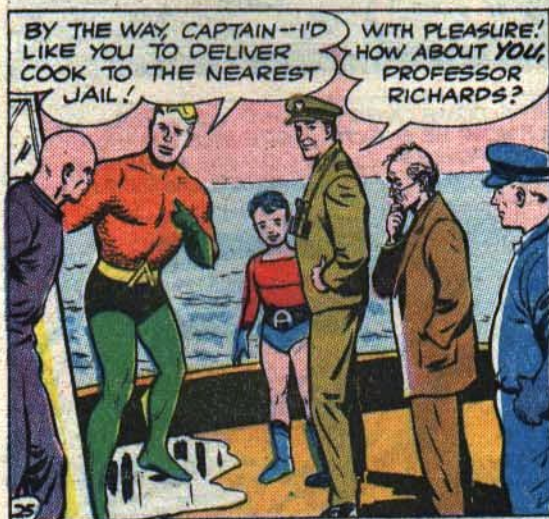
ALL AT ONCE...

GREAT WHALES! TH-THE FISH ... THEY'RE SHRINKING -- CHANGING!

HUH?... WHAT'S GOING ON?



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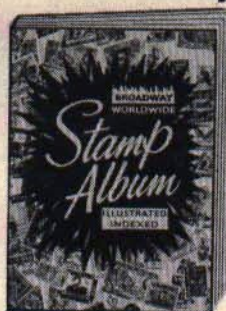
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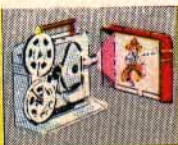
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