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IS KEEP YOU AWAY FROM WATER
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AQUAMAN

AND **AQUALAD**

THERE ARE 30,000 SPECIES OF FISH IN THE WATERS OF THE WORLD-- AND EACH ONE RECOGNIZES AQUAMAN AS ITS SOVEREIGN! BUT, ALL AT ONCE, A NEW MARINE MONARCH APPEARS UNDER THE WAVES-- A FANTASTIC BEING WHOM AQUAMAN HIMSELF WAS TRICKED INTO AIDING-- AND THE SEA KING SOON FACES A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH FROM...

THE CREATURE KING OF THE SEA

"HA, HA! TURN IN YOUR CROWN, AQUAMAN, AND MEET THE NEW MASTER OF THE SEA!"

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MANY FATHOMS BELOW, TWO FAMED FIGURES OF THE SEA SKIRT A CORAL REEF...

I THINK WE'VE GOT ENOUGH RARE CORAL SPECIMENS FOR THE MUSEUM, AQUALAD! LET'S START BACK... *



*EDITOR'S NOTE: AFTER LONG EXPOSURE TO UNDER-SEA LIVING, AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD, LIKE THEIR ATLANTSEAN ANCESTORS, DEVELOPED THE ABILITY TO TRANSMIT AND TRANSLATE SPEECH SOUNDS IN WATER.

SPEEDIER THAN THE FASTEST OF FISH, THE PARING DUO OF THE DEEP RACES TO THE RESCUE...

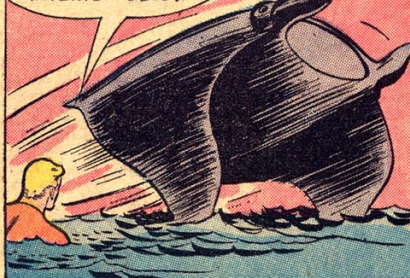
HE ISN'T HURT, AQUAMAN-- BUT IT'LL TAKE US A LITTLE WHILE TO GET THIS CORAL ROCK OFF HIM!

HMM... BUT HE HAS ONLY A FEW MINUTES' SUPPLY OF OXYGEN LEFT IN HIS TANK!



USING HIS FANTASTIC ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE FISH OF THE SEA, AQUAMAN COMMANDS THE BIG CREATURE TO THE SURFACE, WHERE...

THAT'S IT, PAL... SHAPE YOUR BODY LIKE AN INVERTED BELL!



JUST THEN...

GREAT SEA HORSES! LOOK, AQUAMAN... ON THE OCEAN FLOOR--A SKIN DIVER, WAVING FOR HELP!



YOU MEAN-- WE CAN'T SAVE HIM?

NOT UNLESS WE BRING HIM AN EXTRA SUPPLY OF AIR--AND THAT GIANT DEVIL RAY IS JUST THE FISH TO DO IT!



NEXT INSTANT, AS THE DEVIL MANTA PLUMMETS BACK INTO THE WATER...

WE'VE GOT IT... A 20-FOOT POCKET OF AIR! NOW LET'S TAKE IT DOWN FAST!





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AND BEFORE LONG, ON THE SEA FLOOR...

THANKS A LOT, **AQUAMAN!** IMAGINE... ME AT THE OCEAN BOTTOM, BREATHING FRESH AIR!

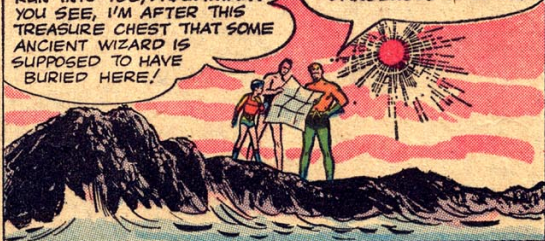


YOU'VE HAD A CLOSE CALL! BUT YOU'RE FREE NOW...LET'S GET BACK TO THE SURFACE!

AFTER A SWIFT ASCENT...

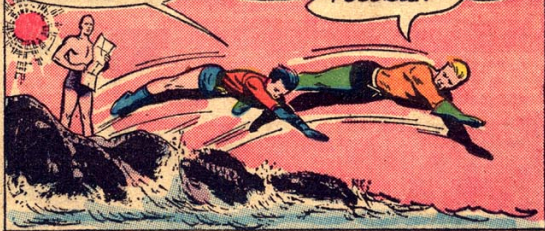
MY NAME IS JED COOMBS...I WAS ACTUALLY **HOPING** TO RUN INTO YOU, **AQUAMAN!** YOU SEE, I'M AFTER THIS TREASURE CHEST THAT SOME ANCIENT WIZARD IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BURIED HERE!

HMM...QUITE A WIZARD! THE TRAIL LEADS RIGHT INTO THE CORAL REEF, TO AN INTERIOR CAVE! PRETTY DANGEROUS TERRITORY!



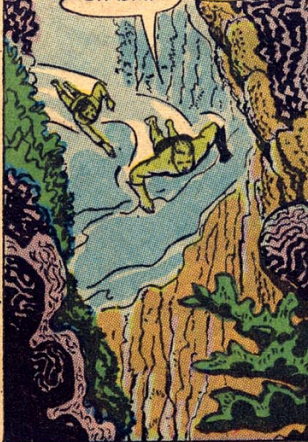
LET'S HELP HIM FIND IT, **AQUAMAN!**

OKAY, **AQUALAD!** WAIT HERE, JED-- WE'LL BE BACK SOON AS POSSIBLE!

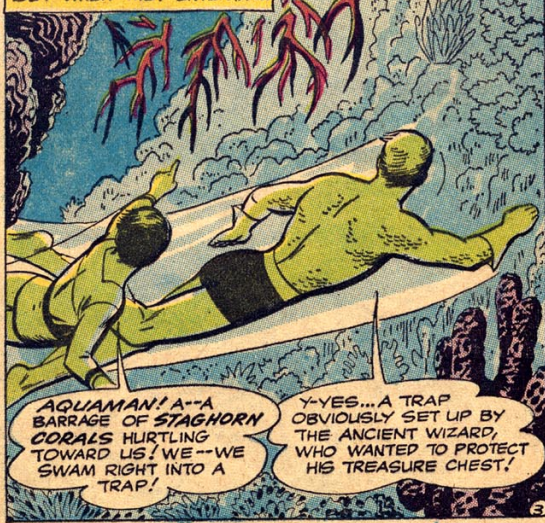


INTO THE CORAL WILDERNESS PARTS THE DARING DUD...

THE TRAIL LEADS THROUGH THIS DEEP, NARROW CORAL CHASM!



BUT WHEN THEY ENTER IT...



AQUAMAN! A--A BARRAGE OF **STAGHORN CORALS** HURLING TOWARD US! WE--WE SWAM RIGHT INTO A TRAP!

Y-YES...A TRAP OBVIOUSLY SET UP BY THE ANCIENT WIZARD, WHO WANTED TO PROTECT HIS TREASURE CHEST!

SWIFTLY THEY DIVE TO AVERT THE DEADLY BARRAGE, BUT...



TH-THERE'S NO WAY OUT, AQUAMAN!

YES, THERE IS! I CAN SEE SOME OF OUR UNDERSEA FRIENDS WHO CAN HELP US OUT!

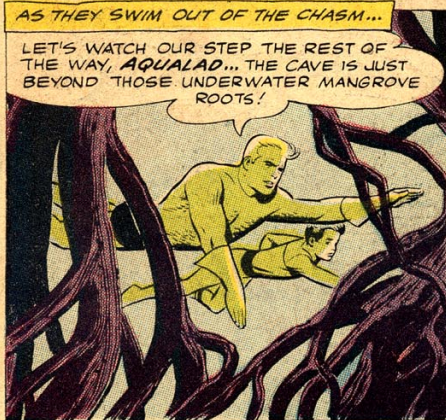
INSTANTS LATER, A TELEPATHIZED SIGNAL IS FOLLOWED BY...



HA, HA! YOU WERE RIGHT, AQUAMAN! THE ARMORED BACKS OF THESE GIANT CLAMS ARE SHATTERING THE STAGHORNS' COLD!

AS THEY SWIM OUT OF THE CHASM...

LET'S WATCH OUR STEP THE REST OF THE WAY, AQUALAD... THE CAVE IS JUST BEYOND THOSE UNDERWATER MANGROVE ROOTS!

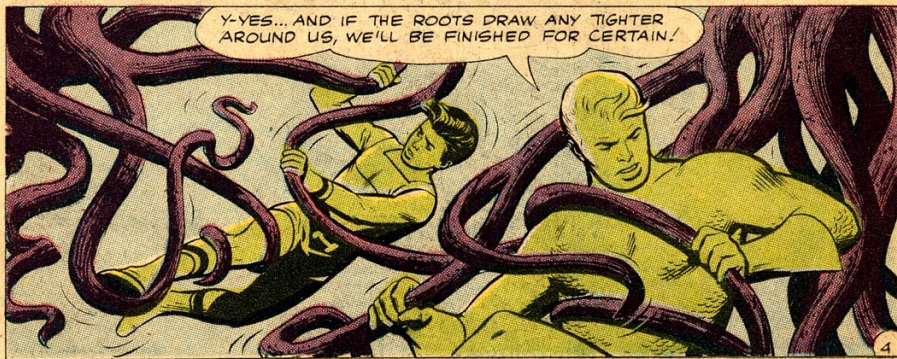


BUT MOMENTS LATER, DANGER STRIKES AGAIN!

SUFFERING STARFISH! THESE MANGROVE ROOTS... THAT WIZARD SOMEHOW TURNED THEM INTO ANOTHER INGENUOUS TRAP!



Y-YES... AND IF THE ROOTS DRAW ANY TIGHTER AROUND US, WE'LL BE FINISHED FOR CERTAIN!





UPON RETURNING TO THE TOP OF THE REEF...

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE TREASURE INSIDE! HURRY!

IT'S--IT'S COMING NOW! **WHEW!** SURE IS HOT WEATHER FOR SUCH HARD WORK!



WHEN THE LID FLIES OPEN...

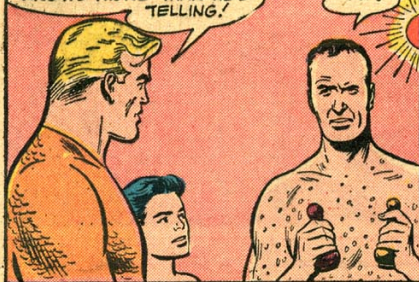
LEAPING LIZARDFISH! THERE'S NOT A BIT OF TREASURE INSIDE... ONLY A PAIR OF VIALS! WONDER WHAT THEY'RE FOR?

SEARCH ME! I'LL TAKE 'EM TO A LAB AND HAVE THEM EXAMINED!



HOLD ON! I'VE GOT AN IDEA THAT JED COOMBS--OR WHATEVER HIS REAL NAME IS-- KNOWS MORE THAN HE'S TELLING!

HUH?... WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?



UNDER THIS BRIGHT, HOT SUN EVERY PART OF YOUR BODY, EXCEPT YOUR FACE, IS PERSPIRING-- AND THAT MEANS, YOU'RE WEARING A FACIAL DISGUISE!



TRUE, **AQUAMAN**... I AM NOT JED COOMBS--AND I CAME DOWN HERE PRECISELY TO OBTAIN THESE FANTASTIC VIALS!

B-BUT WHAT ARE THEY?

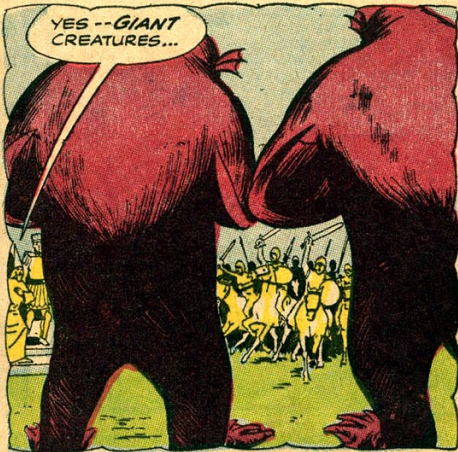


THEY WERE BREWED BY **WILO THE WIZARD**, CENTURIES AGO, WHEN HIS KINGDOM WAS UNDER ATTACK BY INVADERS!



"WIL0 LET THE DEFENDING WARRIORS--
A MERE HANDFUL OF GUARDS--SIP
THE BREW HE HAD MADE, AND..."

WIL0! OUR GUARDS...THEY ARE
CHANGING INTO--INTO FANTASTIC
CREATURES!



YES --GIANT
CREATURES...

... WITH SUPER-
HUMAN POWERS
TO REPEL THE
ENEMY!

B-BUT... WE HAVE NO
RIGHT TO SACRIFICE
OUR GUARDS IN THIS
WAY!

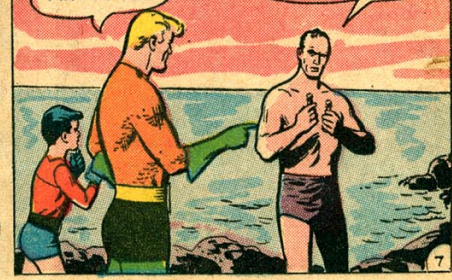


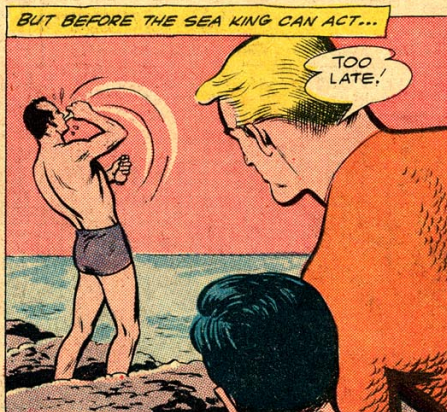
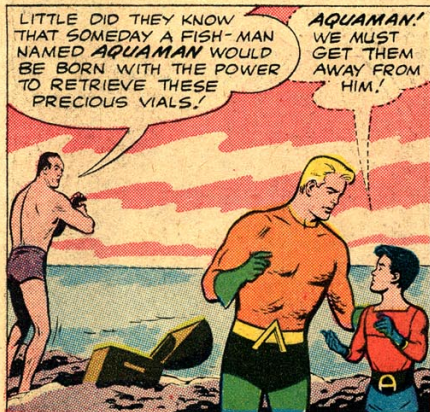
FEAR NOT, YOUR MAJESTY! A DROP FROM
THIS OTHER VIAL WILL RETURN THEM TO
THEIR NORMAL SELVES!



THEN--THEN THOSE
VIALS CONTAIN THE
REST OF THAT
ANCIENT CREATURE
BREW--AND THE
ANTIDOTE?

EXACTLY! SINCE THEY
ARE INDESTRUCTIBLE,
THE WIZARD BURIED
THEM IN THE CAVE
FOR SAFEKEEPING!





Rip Hunter... **TIME MASTER**

in ANOTHER
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"The
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from
500 B.C."

"GONNIE! COME!
ABANDON THE
TIME-SPHERE—
OR YOU'LL BE
KILLED!"

"NO, RIP! WE'VE
GOT TO GET IT
ALDT—OR WE'LL
ALL BE STRANDED
IN THE PAST
FOREVER!"

A FANTASTIC MENACE
OF **TODAY** LAUNCHES
RIP AND HIS DARING
COMPANIONS INTO A
DANGER-PACKED
ADVENTURE IN THE
PAST, WHERE THEY
ARE FACED WITH THE
CHALLENGE OF...

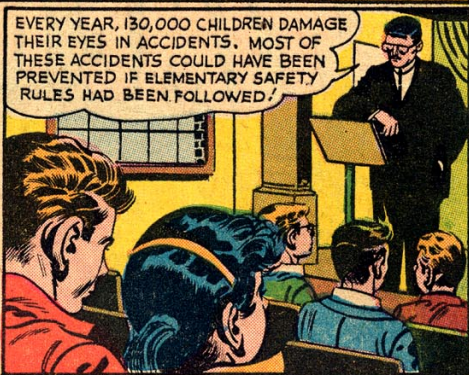
- THE FLAME-THROWING
FUROL!
- THE ENERGY-SHOOTING
SNAAR!
- THE HEAT-BLASTING
DRED!



ON SALE
Everywhere

BE SURE TO GET ABOARD THE
TIME SPHERE
FOR THE MOST EXCITING
VOYAGE OF YOUR LIFE!

How's Your EYE-Q?





NOW, A GRIM UNDERWATER BATTLE IS WAGED BETWEEN A NEW SCOURGE OF THE SEAS, AND THE AQUATIC ACES, **AQUAMAN** AND **AQUALAD**! AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR CAREERS, THE MARINE MARVELS FIND THAT THEY ARE NO MATCH FOR THE FANTASTIC POWERS OF THEIR ADVERSARY, AS THEY BECOME...

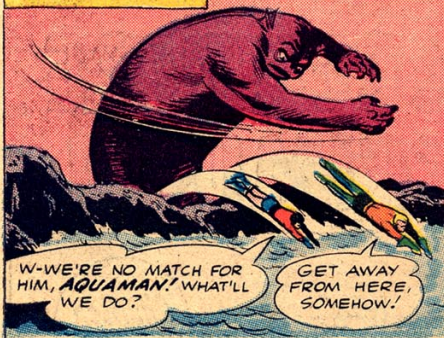
CAPTIVES of the CREATURE CRIMINAL

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SUFFERING SWORDFISH!
THE CRIMINAL CREATURE
IS SMASHING OPEN THE
HULL OF THAT CARGO
SHIP!

Y-YES, **AQUALAD**--AND
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN STOP
HIM FROM GRABBING THE
MILLIONS IN GOLD BULLION
IN THE HOLD!

LITTERING A MUFFLED ROAR OF DEFIANCE, THE DREAD CREATURE LUNGES AT THE DARING DUO OF THE DEER...



W-WE'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM, AQUAMAN! WHAT'LL WE DO?

GET AWAY FROM HERE, SOMEHOW!

HMM... THE REEF WALL SEEMS TO BE NICELY DECORATED WITH HANGING "VINES" TODAY, AQUALAD!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



IN ANSWER, AS THE UNDERWATER WARRIOR EMITS A SIGNAL, AND...

BLAST! THOSE "VINES" ARE ACTUALLY JELLYFISH-- AND THEY'RE CLINGING TO MY FACE! I CAN'T SEE!



MEANWHILE...

IT WORKED! NOW, COME ON... WE NEED HELP -- PLENTY OF IT!



IN MINUTES, A VAST UNDERWATER COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SPRINGS TO LIFE, AS PILOT FISH, LANTERN FISH AND LUMINESCENT MIDSHIP-MAN FISH CARRY THE GRIM NEWS FAR AND WIDE...



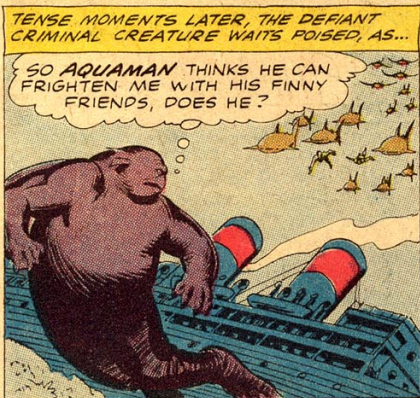
AND BEFORE LONG, AWESOME ARMIES OF MARINE FIGHTERS
ANSWER THE SUMMONS OF THEIR SEA KING...



HERE COME THE
WHALE SHARKS
NOW, AQUAMAN!

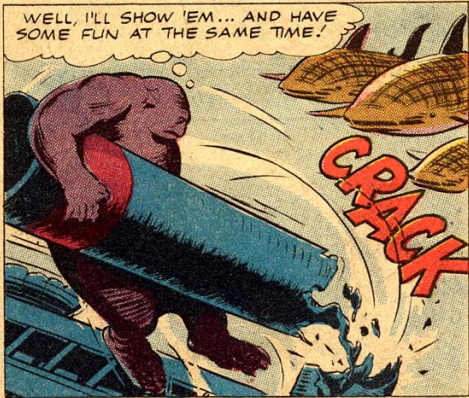
GOOD! WE'LL SEND *THEM* AFTER THE CREATURE
FIRST... THEN, THE SWORDFISH! I'LL KEEP THE
HAMMERHEADS AND STINGRAYS IN RESERVE!

TENSE MOMENTS LATER, THE DEFIANT
CRIMINAL CREATURE WAITS POISED, AS...



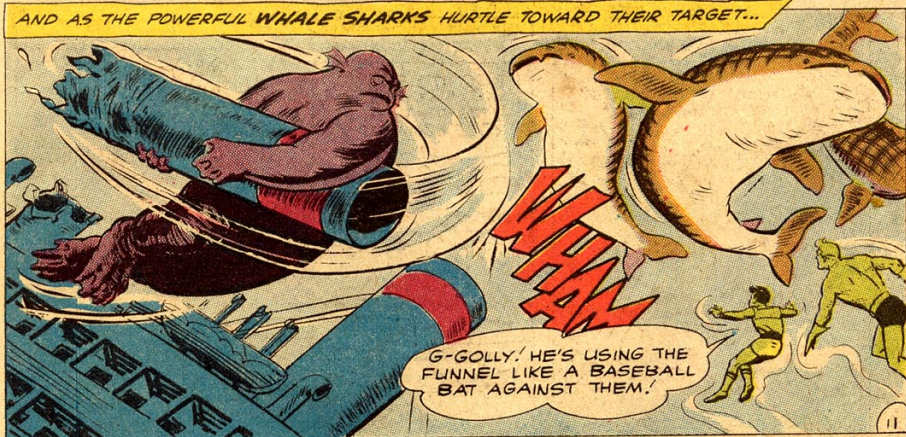
SO AQUAMAN THINKS HE CAN
FRIGHTEN ME WITH HIS FINNY
FRIENDS, DOES HE?

WELL, I'LL SHOW 'EM... AND HAVE
SOME FUN AT THE SAME TIME!



CRACK

AND AS THE POWERFUL WHALE SHARKS HURTLE TOWARD THEIR TARGET...



WHAM

G-GOLLY! HE'S USING THE
FUNNEL LIKE A BASEBALL
BAT AGAINST THEM!

AND AS VALIANT SWORDFISH DART IN ON THE CREATURE'S REAR...



THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR STICKING YOUR LONG NOSES WHERE THEY DON'T BELONG!



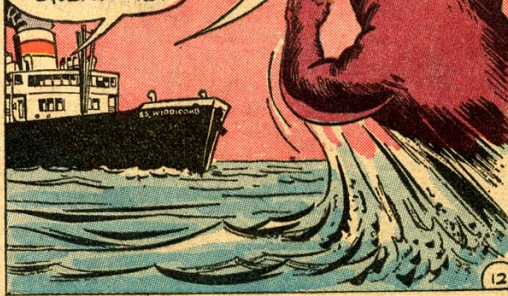
AND AS AN OMINOUS STILLNESS DESCENDS OVER THE WATERY AREA...

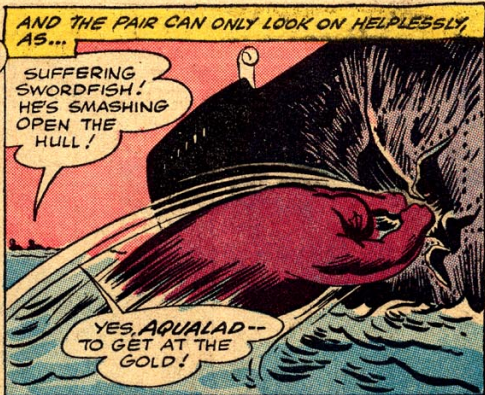


ON THE BRIDGE OF A CARGO SHIP, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

GREAT STARS! TAKE A LOOK AT THAT--THAT CREATURE!

IT'S COMING STRAIGHT AT US!





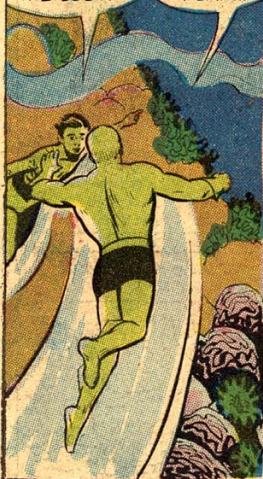
SOON, AT AN UNDERWATER RENDEZVOUS...

THE CREATURE IS BEHIND THAT CORAL HILL, AQUAMAN-- COUNTING THE LOOT!

I SEE! NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY, AQUALAD-- HERE'S MY PLAN...

A MOMENT LATER, THE CRIMINAL CREATURE FROWNS ANGRILY, AS...

THAT STUPID FISH-MAN! DOES HE THINK HE CAN STOP ME SINGLE-HANDED?



WELL...I'LL FIX HIM FOR GOOD THIS TIME!

HA! GOT YOU CORNERED NOW!



BUT AS HE PONCES ON HIS PREY...

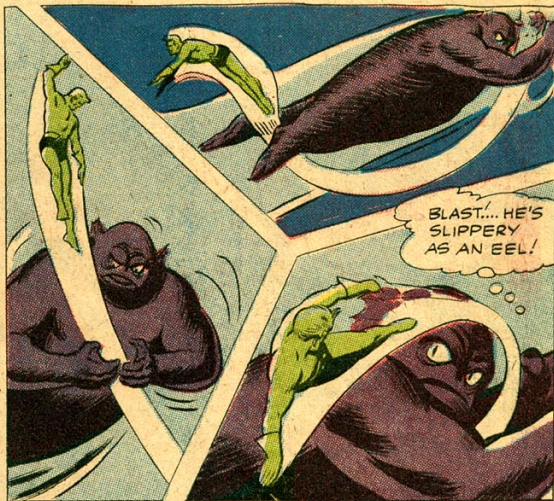
OOF! HE MOVES LIKE LIGHTNING!



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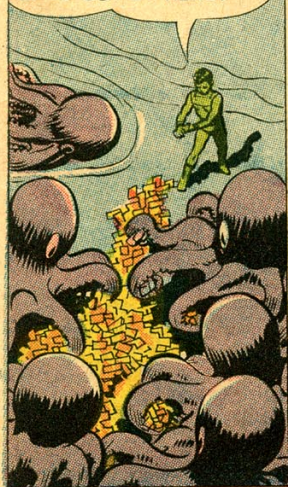


AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE ENRAGED CREATURE DARTS AFTER THE SPEEDY SEA SOVEREIGN, BUT...



AT THE SAME TIME, A STRANGE SCENE UNFOLDS NOT FAR AWAY...

HURRY!...WHILE **AQUAMAN** IS KEEPING THAT CREATURE CROOK BUSY, WE'VE GOT TO GET ALL THESE GOLD BARS OUT OF HERE!

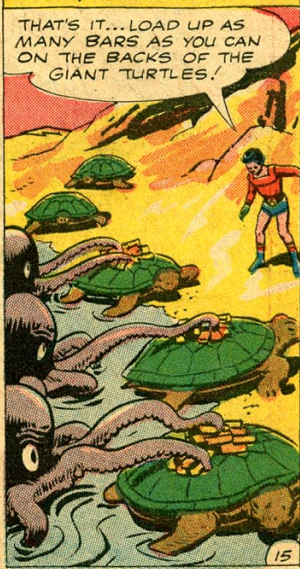


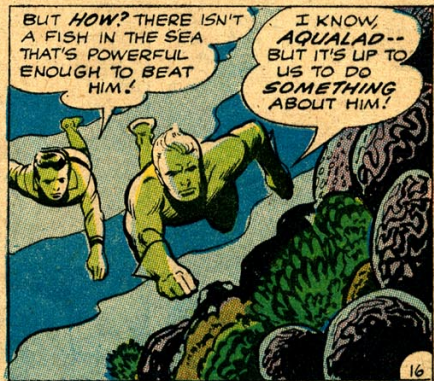
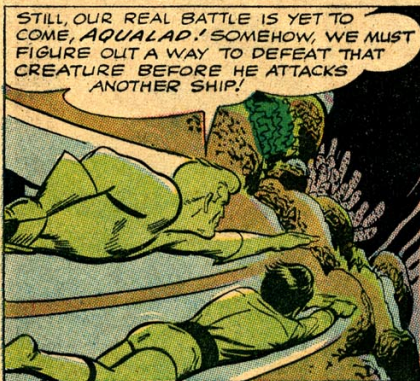
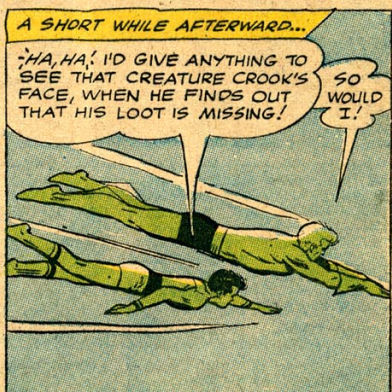
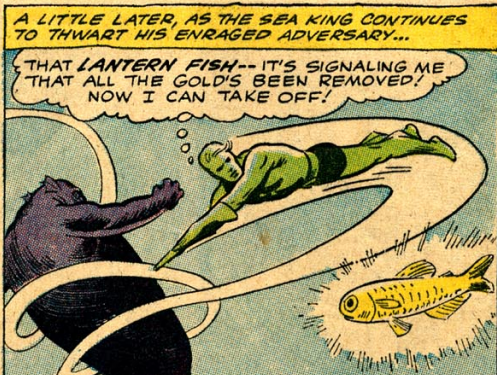
AH...GOT 'EM ALL, I SEE! NOW, QUICKLY -- TO THE SURFACE!

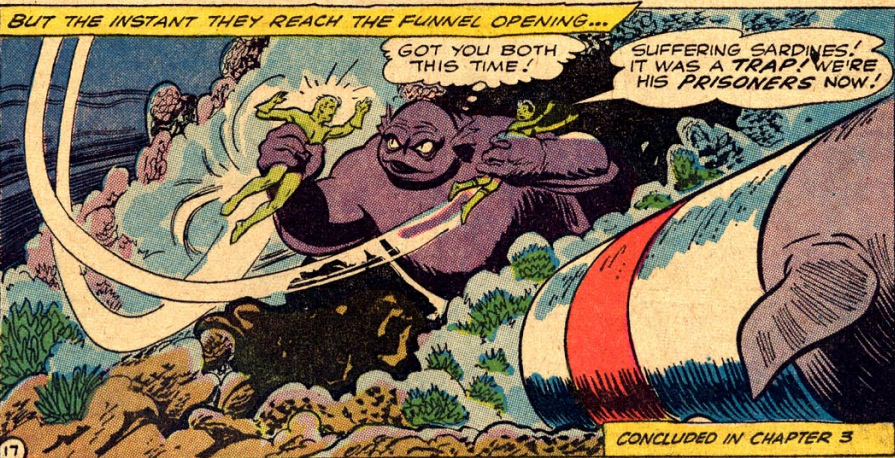
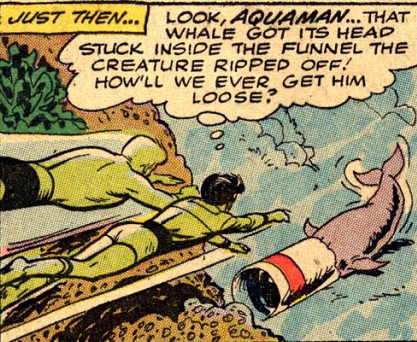


UNDER **AQUALAD'S** DIRECTION, THE OCTOPI TRANSPORT THE GOLD BARS CLOSE TO SHORE, WHERE...

THAT'S IT...LOAD UP AS MANY BARS AS YOU CAN ON THE BACKS OF THE GIANT TURTLES!





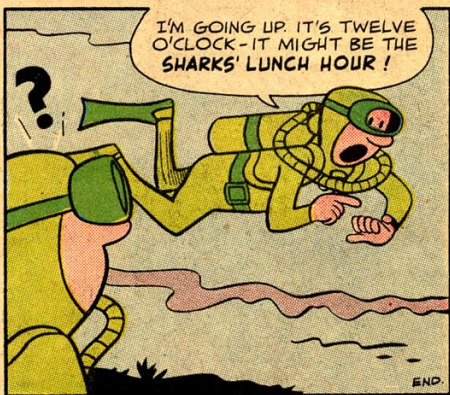
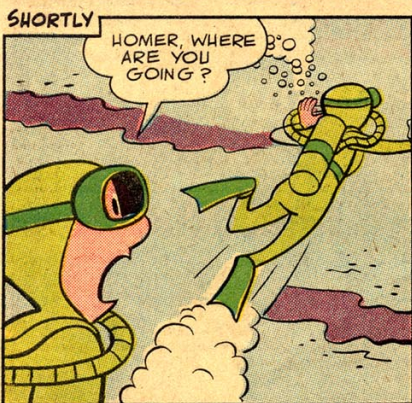
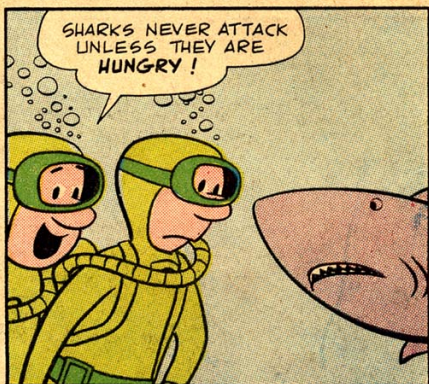
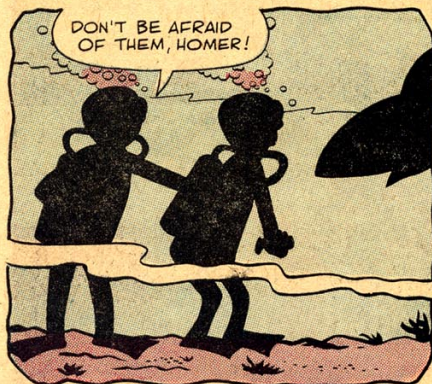
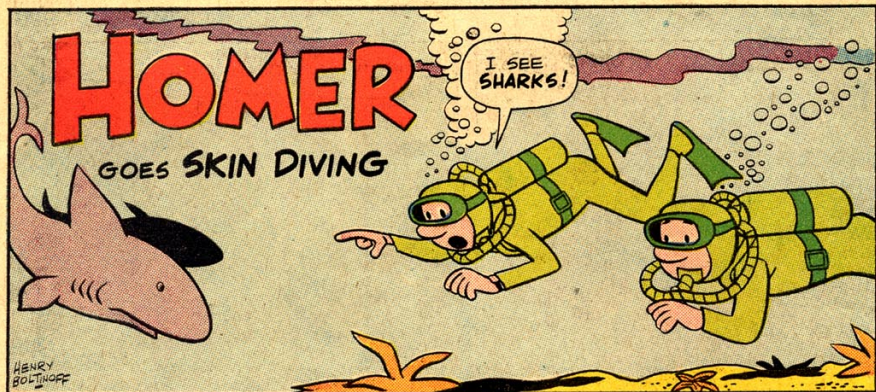


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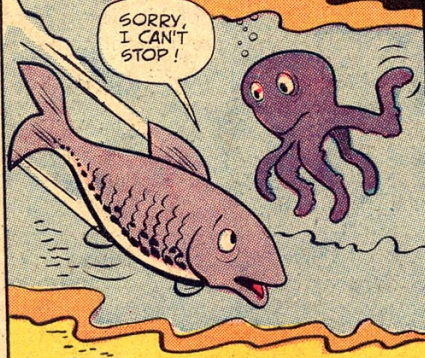
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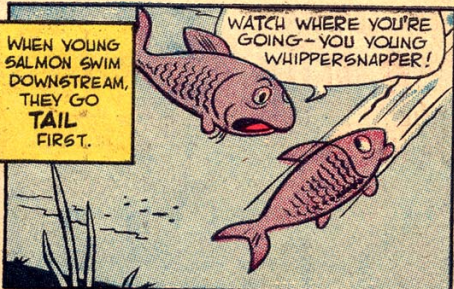
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THE MACKEREL MUST SWIM CONTINUOUSLY TO ENABLE IT TO BREATHE, DUE TO ITS ODD BREATHING APPARATUS.

WHEN YOUNG SALMON SWIM DOWNSTREAM, THEY GO TAIL FIRST.



WITH ALL THIS WATER IN AND OUT OF ME, WHO HAS TIME TO MAKE A PEARL?



WHILE AN OYSTER IS BREATHING, ABOUT 35 QUARTS OF WATER PASS THROUGH ITS GILLS IN AN HOUR.

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Explorers of the "Liquid Sky"

THE sea has been called the new frontier, and with the amazing new equipment available to the daring and the curious, one is now able to investigate a maritime world many times the size of the one above the surface.

In Part I of the thrilling story of diving, we traced the early efforts by daredevils to conquer the domain of the deep. Modern skin diving began with the invention, in 1926, of "frog's feet" by Commander Corlieu of the French Navy. In combination with underwater goggles, the rubber fins gave an underwater swimmer added speed and maneuverability.

Now it needed only the "air-lung" to usher in the era of the skin-diver. A giant step toward this goal was made by another Frenchman, Yves Le Prieur, who invented a lightweight steel cylinder with a breathing-regulator attachment. This was combined with a face mask that covered the diver's nose and mouth. A gauge told the diver the amount of air left in reserve, and a hand-operated valve enabled him to regulate the flow of air into the mask as depth and pressure required.

Ten years later came the Cousteau-Gagnan aqua-lung. Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau, forced to shore by the scuttling of the French fleet in the harbor of Toulon to forestall its falling into Nazi hands, now had the time to work out his plans for a new type of aqua-lung with engineer Emile Gagnan. Instead of steel cylinders, duralumin was used for the air reservoirs which the diver carried on his back. This arrangement, plus the light nature of the equipment, gave the wearer increased mobility with an almost weightlessness underwater.

Another feature of the aqua-lung was an air-demand regulator valve which operated automatically by the pressure of the depths. The mask covered only the eyes and nose while the air tube was held in the mouth by the diver's teeth. Exhaled air was forced out of a rubber non-return valve.

Although this model carried no air-indicator

gauge, a system of air reserves warned the diver when nine-tenths of his air was used up, so that he could use his remaining one-tenth for surfacing.

Throughout 1944, Cousteau conducted numerous underwater tests until he was satisfied as to its safety and utility. Then, two years later, the aqua-lung began appearing on the market, and from that time on the fever of undersea exploration spread all over the world.

It was inevitable that once the problem of providing the diver with suitable breathing apparatus was solved, the problem of underwater transportation would follow. Since the skin-diver carries his own air supply, he needs only a small machine which he can sit on or in. World War II hastened the development of underwater craft.

The British and Italian Navies both developed vehicles which their divers could maneuver and control underwater, while carrying a load of explosives.

The first successful vehicle was called the sea sled. A current model is a delta-shaped wing-type sled, designed to be towed by a motorboat. This craft is provided with a plastic shield, to protect the diver's head, and a set of controls. The slightest pull on the aileron controls will send the machine down to 100 feet or bring it up.

The MiniSub is an actual submarine, despite its size, and can be controlled from the interior by the operator.

The AquaPed, which is an adaptation of the bicycle, is powered by pedals geared to two counter-rotating propellers. The operator sits astride the device, with two suspender straps looped over his shoulders, and applies power to the pedals in the same manner as he would to drive a unicycle or bicycle.

Experts believe that in time diving equipment will be developed to the point that a diver will be able to remain underwater for indefinite periods. When that time comes, all the mysteries of the underwater world will be investigated by explorers of the "liquid sky."

THE PRECIOUS SECONDS TICK OFF OMINOUSLY-- AND THE TWO AQUATIC ACES, WHO CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT WATER FOR LONGER THAN A SINGLE HOUR, NOW FACE CERTAIN DOOM WHEN THEY FALL VICTIM TO...

the DEADLY LAND TRAP

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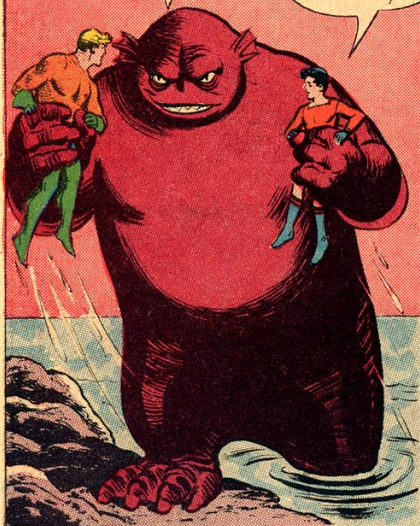
"HA, HA! NOT A RAINCLOUD IN
THE SKY-- NOT A SPRING OR
A STREAM TO BRING YOU THE
WATER YOU NEED! AND IN
MINUTES, YOUR HOUR WILL BE UP!"

Chapter
3

UNABLE TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THE POWERFUL GRIP OF THE CRIMINAL CREATURE, THE CAPTIVES ARE NOW WRNCHED FROM THEIR NATURAL HABITAT, AS...

SO YOU THOUGHT YOU OUTWITTED ME, EH?
HA, HA, IN ONE HOUR, THE SEA WILL BE RID OF YOU FOREVER!

TH-THEN, YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR WEAKNESS?



YES--I KNOW THAT IF YOU ARE REMOVED FROM CONTACT WITH WATER FOR ONE HOUR, YOU WILL PERISH! BUT I WILL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE TO SAVE YOURSELVES!

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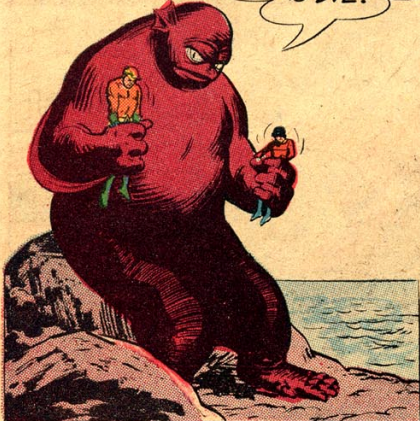


SHOW ME WHERE YOU HID THE GOLD I STOLE!

NO, NEVER-- NEVER!



THEN--PREPARE TO DIE!



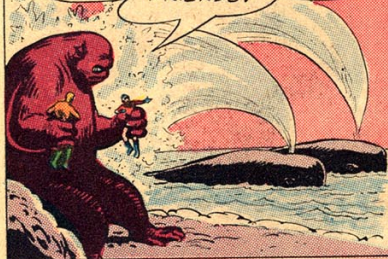
AS PRECIOUS MINUTES ELAPSE...

I--I'M BEGINNING TO GET WEAK, AQUAMAN!

SURE--AND YOU'LL KEEP GETTING WEAKER AND WEAKER--UNTIL YOU'RE FINISHED!



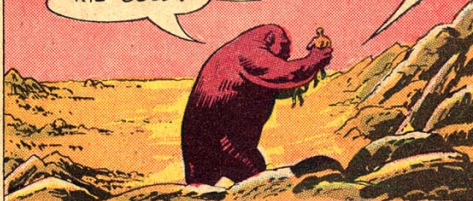
JUST THEN... **BAH!** WHALES SPOUTED SOME WATER ASHORE, REVIVING **AQUALAD!** I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU FARTHER INLAND--BEYOND THE HELP OF YOUR FINNY FRIENDS!



SHORTLY, AS GIANT STRIDES REMOVE THE AQUATIC ACES FROM THE SIGHT AND SOUNDS OF THE SEA...

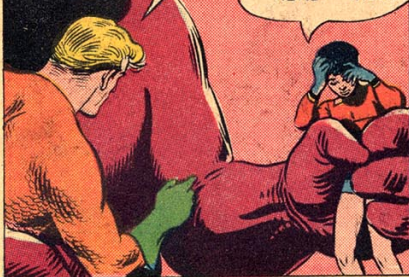
THIS TIME, **NOTHING** CAN SAVE YOU! WHY DON'T YOU STOP BLUFFING, **AQUAMAN?** YOU'RE GOING TO LET YOUR LITTLE PAL DIE -- JUST TO SAVE THE GOLD?

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT... I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!



AQUALAD, THIS IS AN ORDER! DIRECT HIM TO THE CAVE WHERE THE LOOT IS HIDDEN!

GASP! A-ANYTHING YOU SAY, **AQUAMAN!** TURN NORTH RIGHT HERE--THEN...



SOMETIME LATER...

Y-YOU'LL FIND YOUR LOOT JUST INSIDE THIS CAVE!

I HOPE SO--FOR YOUR SAKE!



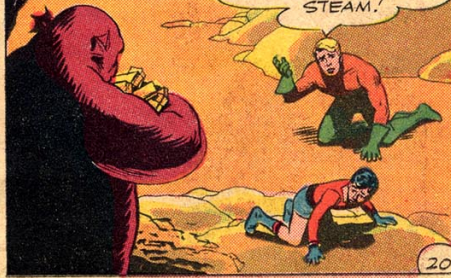
NEXT INSTANT, THE CRIMINAL CREATURE'S EYES GROW ROUND WITH GREED AT THE SIGHT OF...

THE GOLD -- ALL MINE AGAIN!



NOW TO GET THESE BEAUTIFUL YELLOW BARS OUT OF HERE!

WAIT!... WHAT ABOUT **US?** W-WERE ALREADY TOO WEAK TO GET BACK TO THE SEA UNDER OUR OWN STEAM!

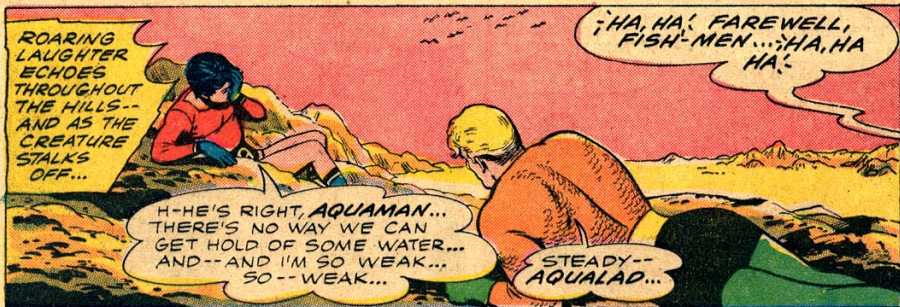




"HA, HA! YOU FOOLS! DID YOU
 REALLY THINK I WOULD **KEEP**
 MY PROMISE TO SAVE YOUR
 LIVES--?



LOOK ABOUT YOU! NOT A RAINCLOUD IN THE
 SKY... NOT A SPRING OR STREAM TO BRING
 YOU THE WATER YOU NEED TO STAY ALIVE!
 AND IN MINUTES, YOUR HOUR ON LAND
 WILL BE UP! TOO BAD!



ROARING
 LAUGHTER
 ECHOES
 THROUGHOUT
 THE HILLS--
 AND AS THE
 CREATURE
 STALKS
 OFF...

"HA, HA! FAREWELL,
 FISH-MEN... HA, HA
 HA!

H-HE'S RIGHT, **AQUAMAN**...
 THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN
 GET HOLD OF SOME WATER...
 AND--AND I'M SO WEAK...
 SO--WEAK...

STEADY--
AQUALAD...



PRESENTLY, AT A REMOTE COVE...

NOW FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF MY
 MASTER PLAN... THERE'S MY
 BOAT-- JUST WHERE I HID IT!

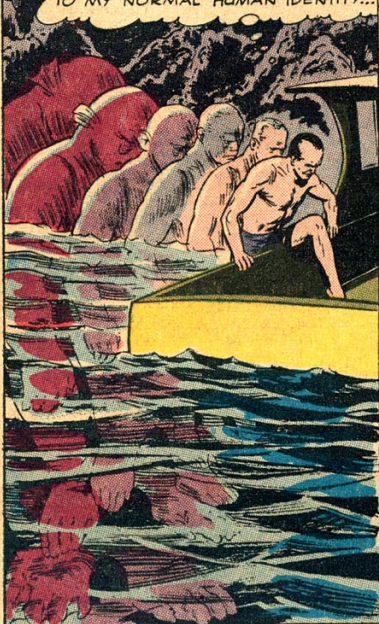


AFTER STORING THE GOLD BULLION IN
 THE HOLD...

EVERYTHING'S ALL SET
 FOR MY GETAWAY-- AFTER I
 SWALLOW THE ANTIDOTE BREW!

IN THE MOMENTS THAT FOLLOW, A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...

"HA, HA! -- I'M RETURNING TO MY NORMAL HUMAN IDENTITY..."



... AND THIS DISGUISE IS THE LAST CLUE THAT CAN CONNECT ME WITH THE CRIME NOW TO BEAT IT!

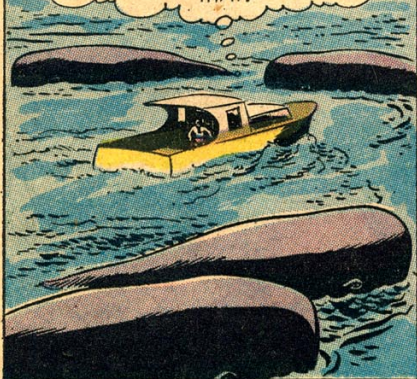


BUT, AS THE CRIMINAL STARTS TO SPEED AWAY FROM THE AREA...

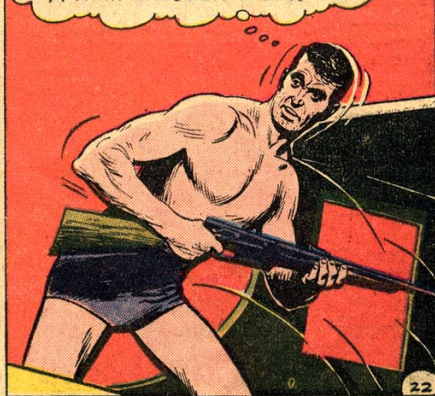
HMM... THOSE FISH-- THEY SEEM TO BE TRAILING ME! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WITHOUT AQUAMAN TO COMMAND THEM, THEY'RE JUST DUMB CREATURES OF THE SEA!

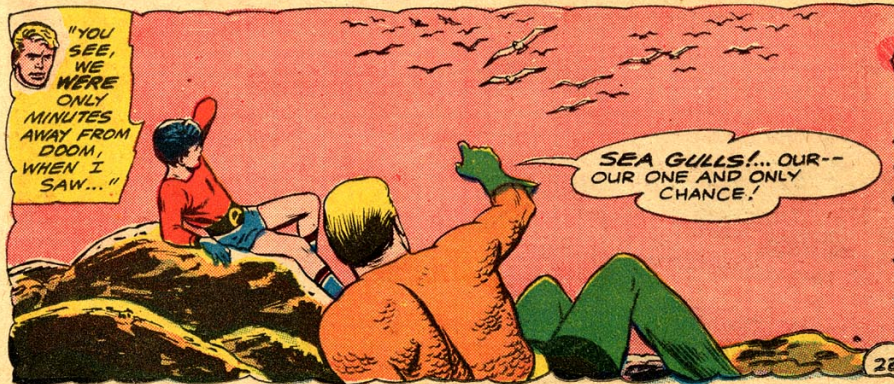
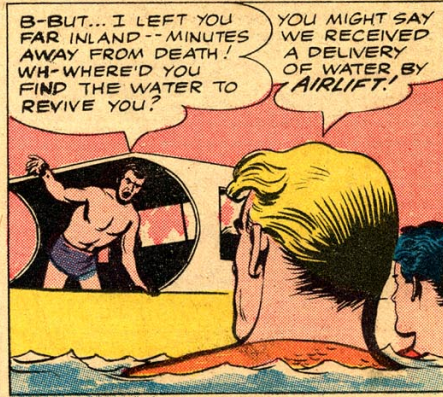
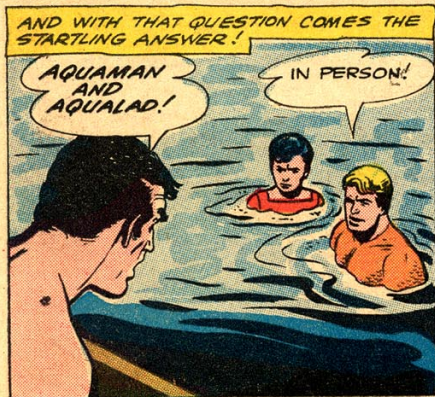
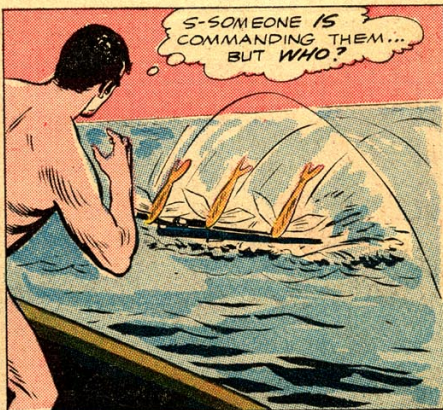
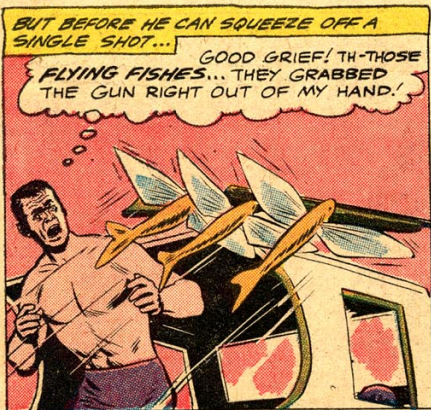


HUH?... THOSE WHALES -- THEY'RE SURROUNDING ME! NOW WHERE'D THEY GET THE SENSE TO DO THAT?

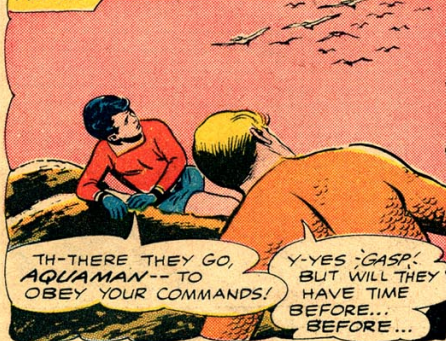


WELL, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? THIS AUTOMATIC RIFLE WILL BLAST A PATH THROUGH THEM!





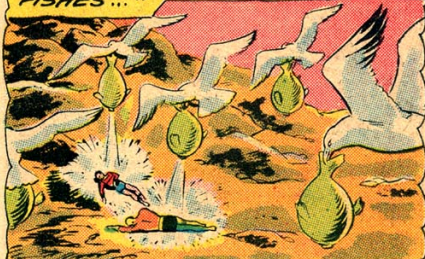
"WITH MY LAST OUNCE OF MENTAL ENERGY, I SENT UP A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE, AND..."



TH-THERE THEY GO, AQUAMAN-- TO OBEY YOUR COMMANDS!

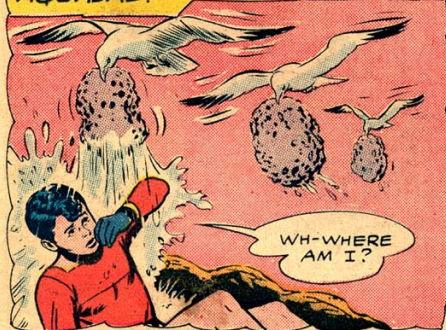
Y-YES 'GASP!' BUT WILL THEY HAVE TIME BEFORE... BEFORE...

"AQUALAD AND I HAD ALREADY LAPSED INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS WHEN THE GULLS RETURNED! SOME OF THEM WERE CARRYING INFLATED BLOW-FISHES..."



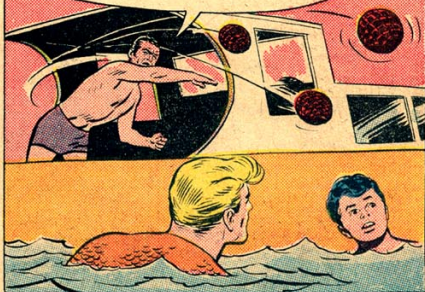
"...WHICH EXHALED THEIR CARGOES OF WATER OVER ME!"

"MEANWHILE, AIRBORNE SPONGES SQUEEZED THEMSELVES DRY TO REVIVE AQUALAD!"



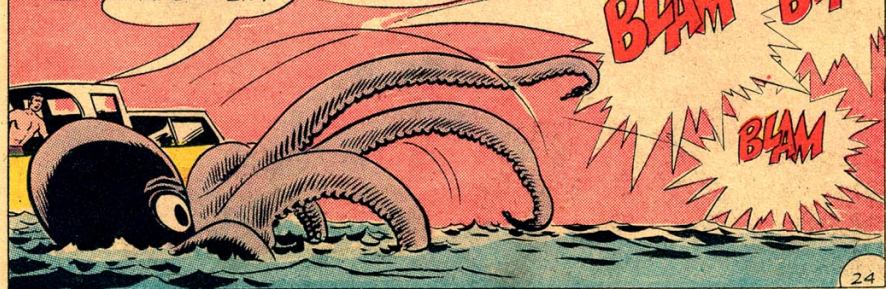
WH-WHERE AM I?

VERY CLEVER... BUT I'M NOT FINISHED YET! THESE HAND GRENADES WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU AND YOUR FISH!



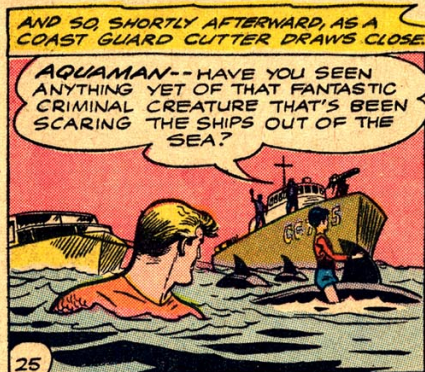
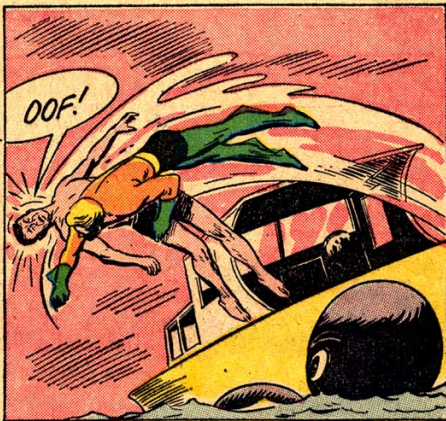
BUT AS THE DEADLY MISSILES REACH THE WATER...

THAT BLASTED OCTOPUS!... IT'S HURLING THE PINEAPPLES AWAY AS FAST AS I THROW 'EM!





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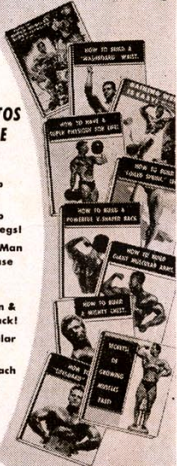
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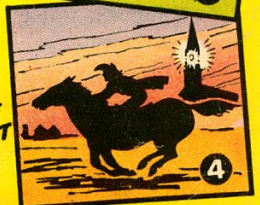
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