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YOU HAVE HELPED  
OUR ENEMIES,  
EARTHLINGS -- AND  
FOR THIS, YOU ARE  
CONDEMNED TO DIE!

**"PRISONERS  
of the  
AQUA-PLANET!"**



# AQUAMAN

AND **AQUALAD**

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SUFFERING SARDINES!  
WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE  
AGAINST THOSE FANTASTIC  
SEA-CREATURES,  
AQUAMAN!

WHO WERE THE STRANGE SEA BEINGS WHO HAD JOURNEYED TO EARTH'S OCEAN FLOOR FROM SOME REMOTE PLACE? WHAT WAS THEIR MISSION HERE? AQUAMAN, KING OF THE SEVEN SEAS, AND HIS YOUNG ALLY, AQUALAD, LEARNED THE ANSWERS SOON ENOUGH, NEVER DREAMING THAT THEY WOULD BECOME...

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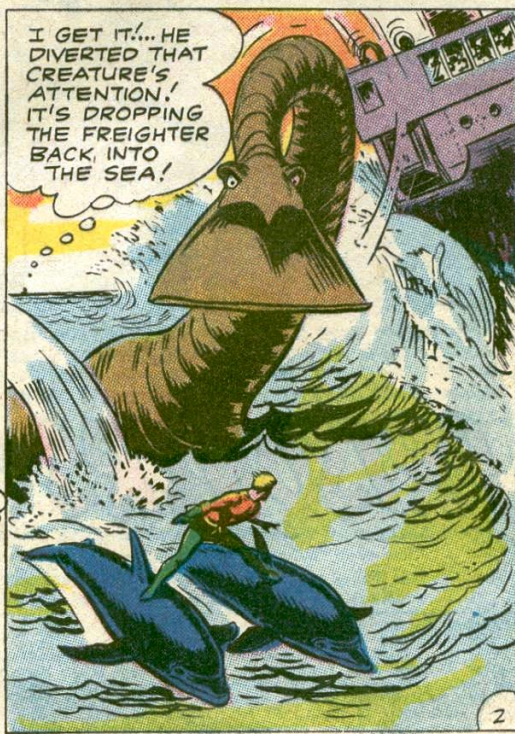
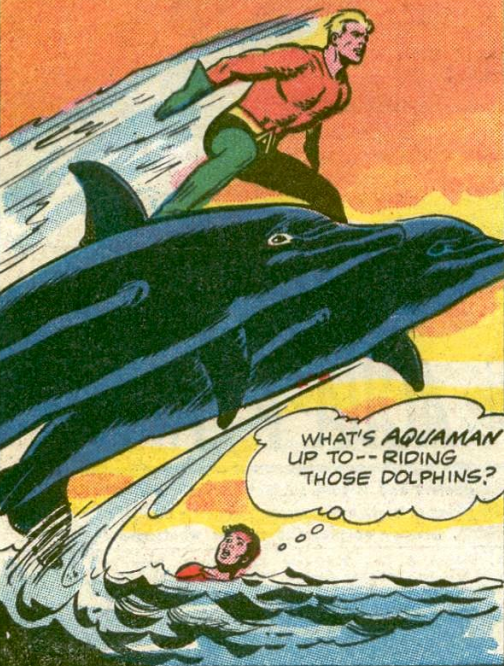
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ONE DAY, AS AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD SWIM A ROUTINE PATROL...

SUFFERING SAILFISH! LOOK, AQUAMAN... A--A FANTASTIC SEA MONSTER-- WITH A DERRICK-LIKE HEAD!

USING HIS AMAZING ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE TELEPATHICALLY WITH THE FISH OF THE SEA, THE OCEANIC ACE SUMMONS INSTANT HELP...

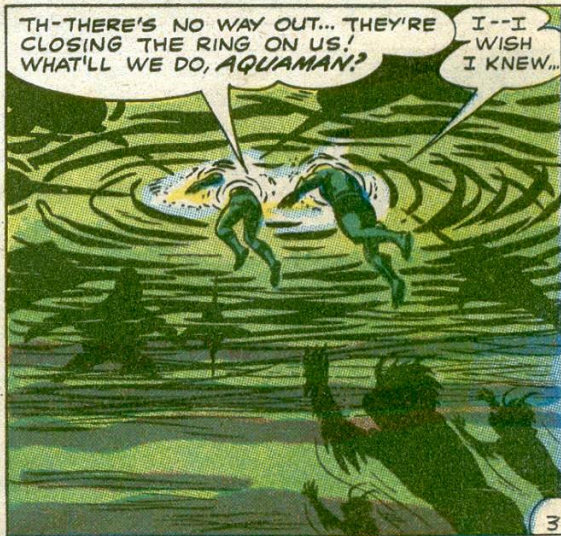
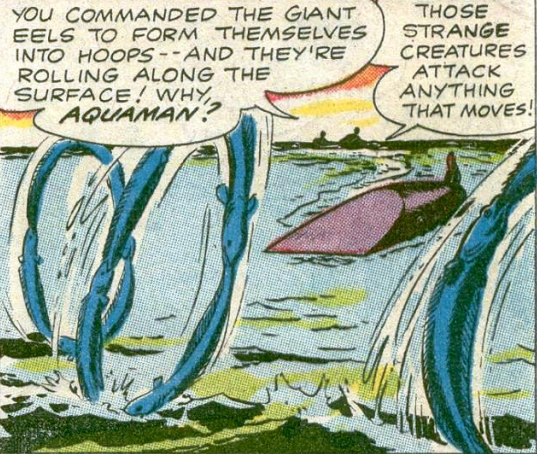




NO SOONER DOES **AQUAMAN** ELUDE THIS FIRST MENACE, HOWEVER, THAN...



ONCE AGAIN, AN UNDERSEA S.O.S. GOES OUT-- AND SOON...



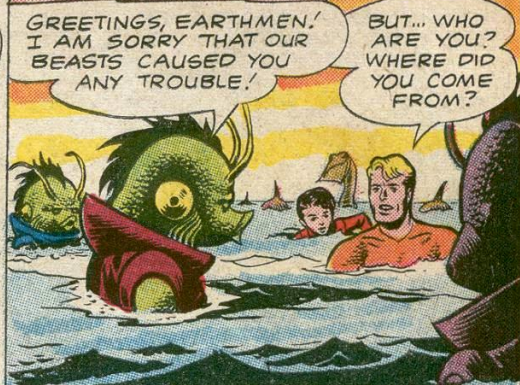


SUDDENLY, THE DARING DUO OF THE DEEP GAPES IN ASTONISHMENT AT...



ALIEN WATER BEINGS!... AND ONE OF THEM IS BLOWING A SUPERSONIC WHISTLE THAT MAKES THE CREATURES DOCILE!

TENSE MOMENTS LATER, A STRANGE MEETING TAKES PLACE...



GREETINGS, EARTHMEN! I AM SORRY THAT OUR BEASTS CAUSED YOU ANY TROUBLE!

BUT... WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

PLEASE--COME BELOW THE SURFACE! WE CANNOT SURVIVE OUT OF WATER FOR MORE THAN A FEW EARTH MINUTES!

WE'RE SEA PEOPLE, TOO-- BUT WE CAN REMAIN OUT OF WATER FOR A WHOLE HOUR!

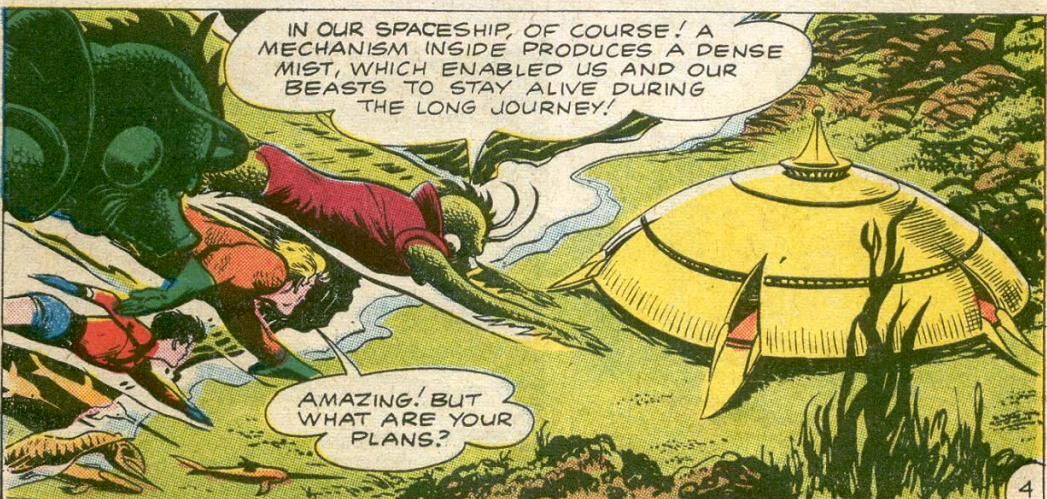


MY NAME IS MERMOR... WE ARE FROM VENUS, THE WATER WORLD! NOT LONG AGO, INVADERS TOOK OVER OUR UNDER-SEA CIVILIZATION! AS THE FORMER RULER, I AND MY FOLLOWERS WERE FORCED TO FLEE FOR OUR VERY LIVES!



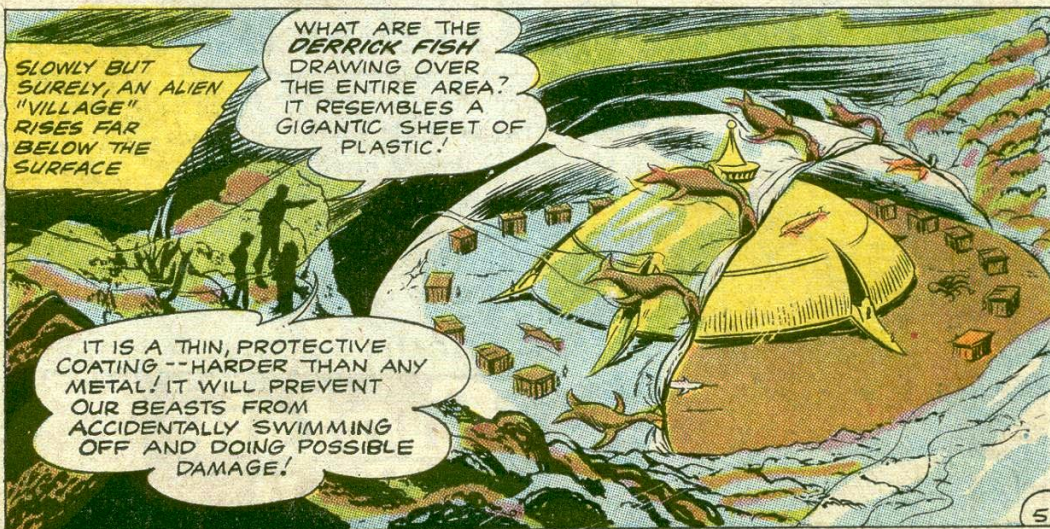
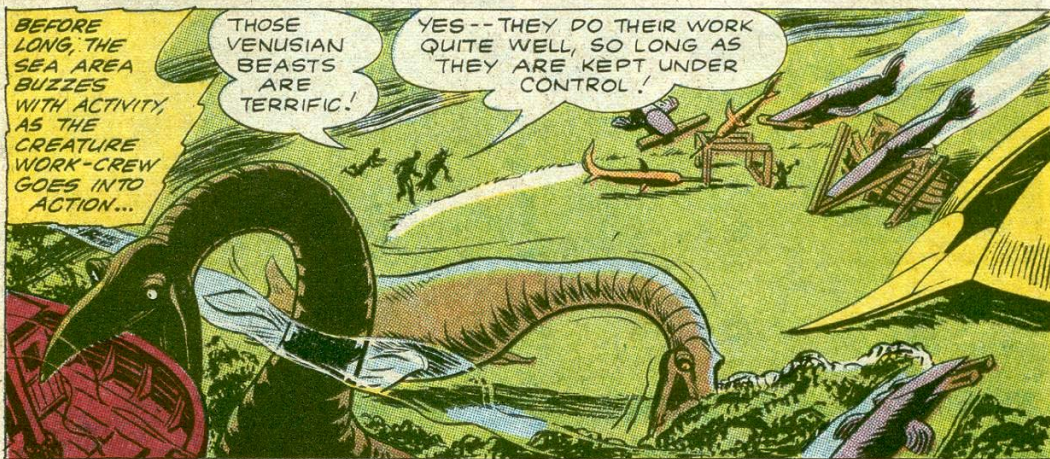
BUT HOW DID YOU REACH EARTH?

IN OUR SPACESHIP, OF COURSE! A MECHANISM INSIDE PRODUCES A DENSE MIST, WHICH ENABLED US AND OUR BEASTS TO STAY ALIVE DURING THE LONG JOURNEY!



AMAZING! BUT WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?







BUT AS SOON AS THE ENTIRE AREA IS ENCASED, THERE IS A SUDDEN JOLT...

GREAT WAVES!  
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

FEELS LIKE  
A SEA  
QUAKE!



NO! OUR ENTIRE STRUCTURE...IT IS  
BEING SWEEPED UP TOWARD THE  
SURFACE! BUT WHY? HOW?



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

GREAT PLANETS! IT  
IS THE GIANT SHIP  
OF THE VENUSIAN  
TYRANT, NAECO! HE  
MUST HAVE TRACKED  
US HERE!

YES... AND  
NOW HE IS  
"TOWING" US  
BACK TO  
NEPTUNE!



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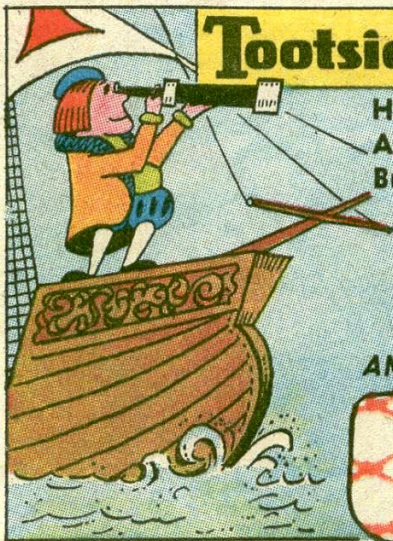
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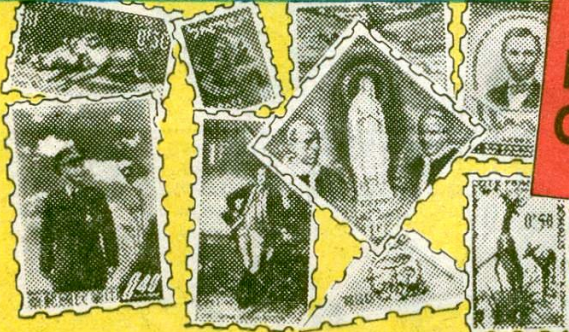
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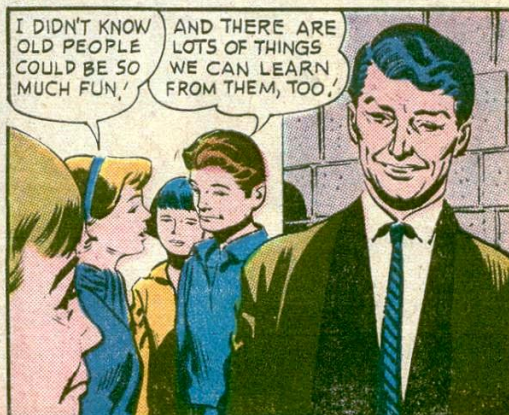
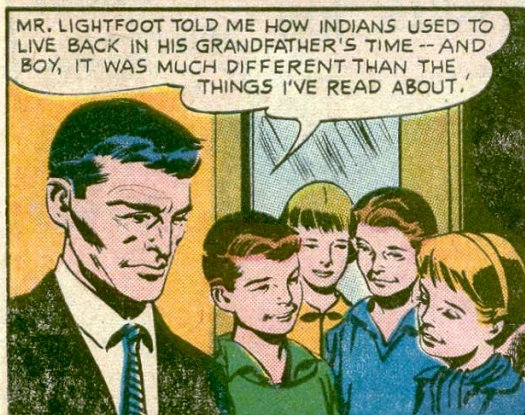
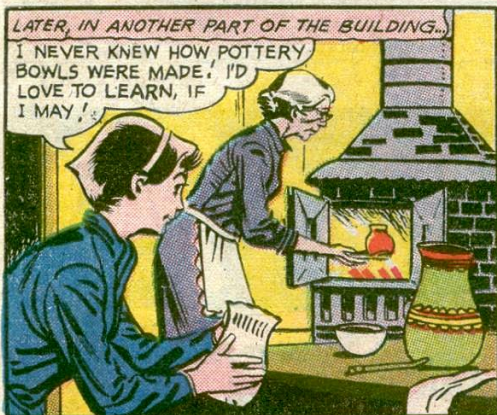
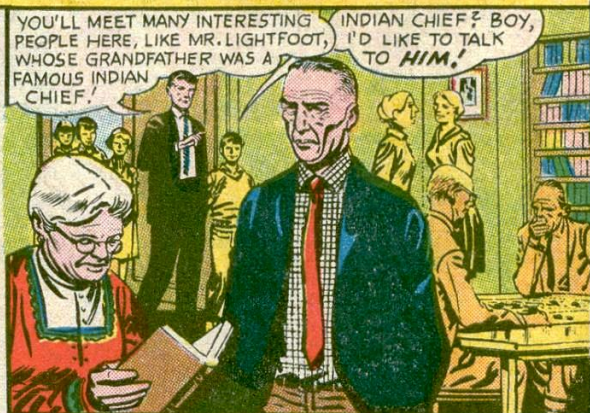
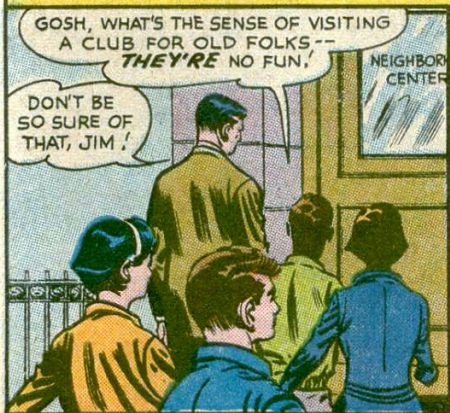
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# Did you KNOW THAT...

WHAT DO YOU THINK  
I'M DOING? I'M  
PANNING FOR  
GOLD!



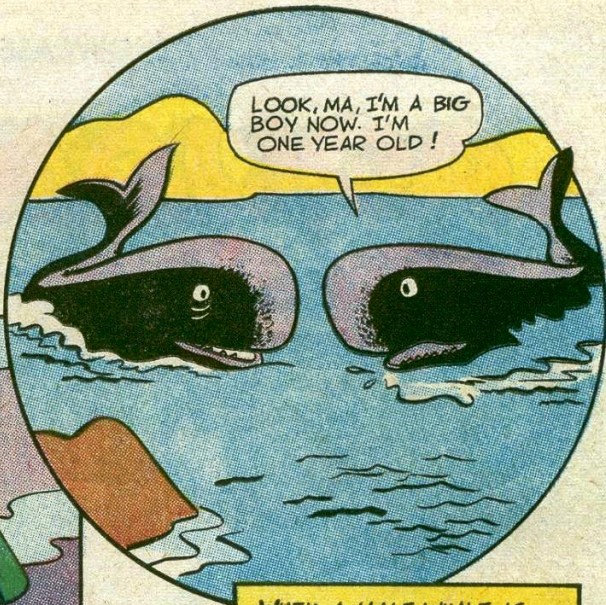
EVERY TON OF SEA WATER CONTAINS ABOUT  
FIVE CENTS' WORTH OF **GOLD**.

I CAN TELL THIS  
ONE IS ASLEEP!



WHEN A CROCODILE SLEEPS - ITS  
**EYES** ARE WIDE OPEN.

LOOK, MA, I'M A BIG  
BOY NOW. I'M  
ONE YEAR OLD!



WHEN A MALE WHALE IS  
ONE YEAR OLD, HE IS AS  
LARGE AS HIS MOTHER.

I SHOULD CATCH SOMETHING  
BIG WITH THIS MINNOW  
I'M USING  
FOR BAIT!



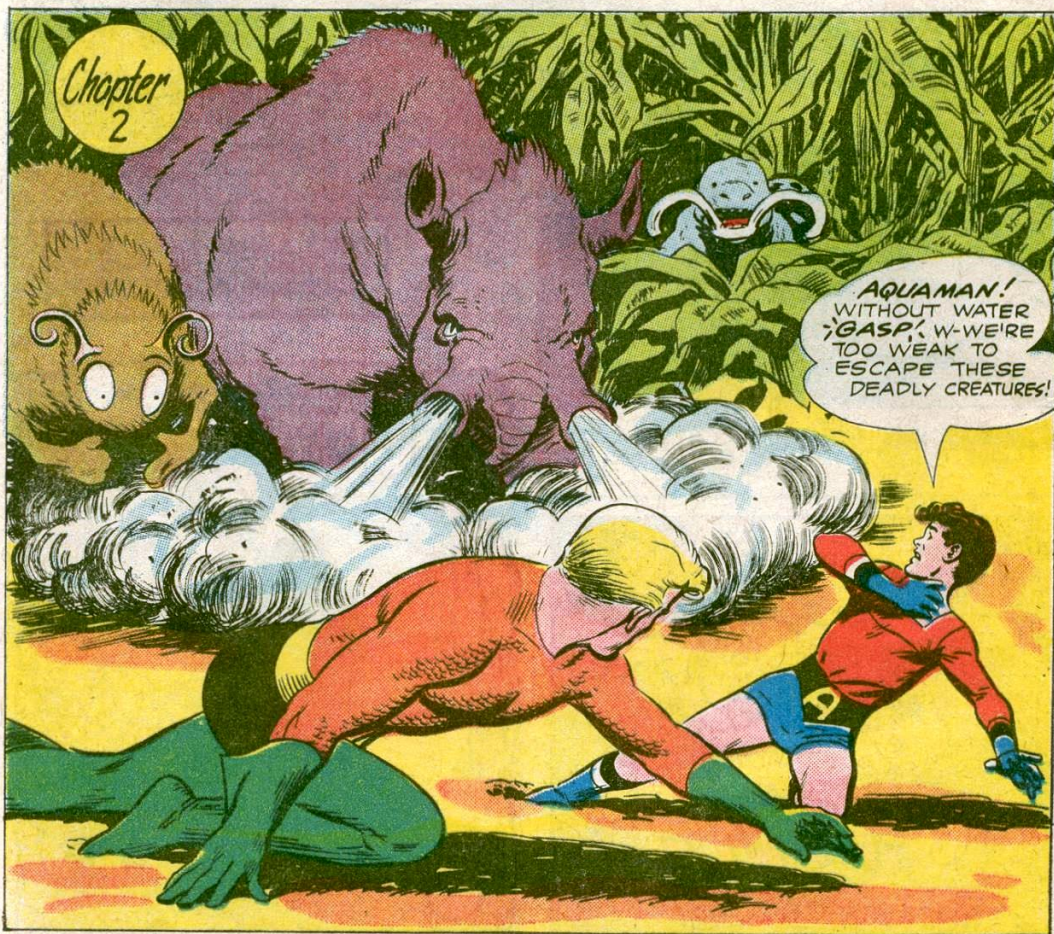
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 UNDERWATER WORLD OF VENUS  
 FOR THE AQUATIC ADVENTURERS  
 FROM EARTH... BUT EVEN GRAVER  
 MENACES AWAIT THEM, WHEN  
 THEY STUMBLE INTO...

the **ALIEN**

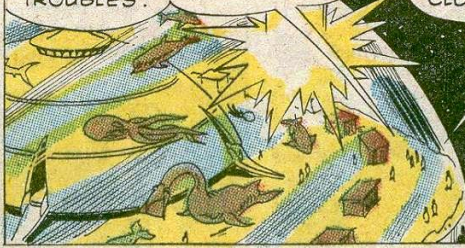
**CREATURE  
 AMBUSH**



THROUGH THE BLACK VOID OF SPACE SPEEDS THE ALIEN SHIP AND ITS FANTASTIC CARGO...



WE REGRET, **AQUAMAN**, THAT WE INVOLVED YOU IN OUR TROUBLES!



FORGET IT, MERMOR... IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT! HOW CLOSE TO VENUS ARE WE NOW?

OBSERVE... WE ARE APPROACHING IT NOW!



GOLLY... THE ONLY **LAND** SURFACE I CAN SEE IS THAT SMALL PATCH OF JUNGLE!

DOWN THEY PLUNGE BENEATH THE SURFACE...



...TO GAZE UPON AN AWESOME SPECTACLE!



GREAT GOLDFISH! IT'S A COMPLETELY BUILT-UP CITY, **AQUAMAN!**



TENSE MINUTES LATER, THE SPACE VOYAGERS REACH VENUS' SEA FLOOR, WHERE...

TAKE THE PRISONERS TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT ONCE! LEADER NAECO IS WAITING FOR THEM.



AND, BEFORE LONG, IN THE VENUSIAN DICTATOR'S CHAMBERS...

NAECO, THE EARTHINGS ARE INNOCENT OF ANY WRONGDOING! YOU MUST RETURN THEM TO THEIR OWN PLANET.

SILENCE!



THE EARTHINGS BEFRIENDED YOU--MY ENEMY--AND THAT IS ENOUGH TO CONDEMN THEM ALONG WITH YOU AND YOUR FOLLOWERS! THROW THEM ALL INTO THE DUNGEONS--TO AWAIT THE ORDER OF EXECUTION!



GOSH, AQUAMAN...IT L-LOOKS LIKE WE'RE--FINISHED!

KEEP YOUR CHIN UP, AQUALAD--WE'RE NOT DEAD YET!



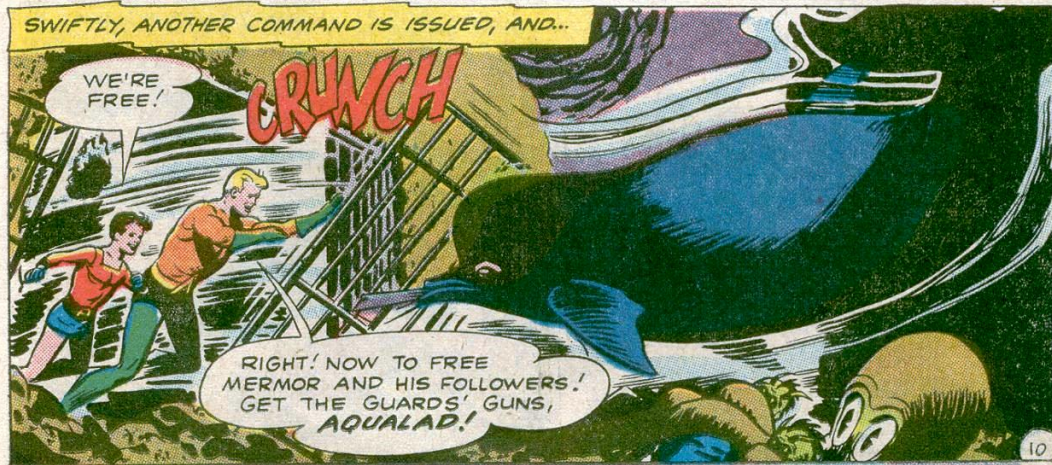
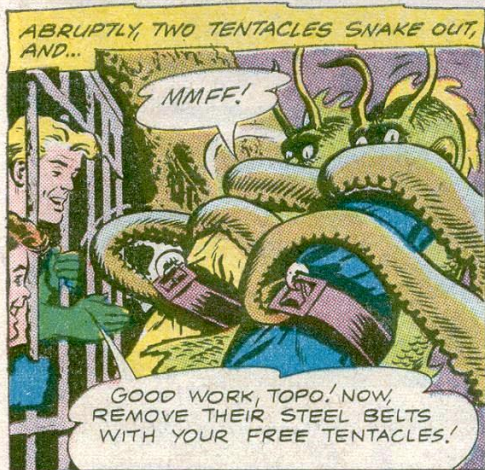
BUT, NOT LONG AFTER, IN THE WATERY CELL BLOCK...

IT'S NO USE, AQUAMAN... WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE--NEVER!

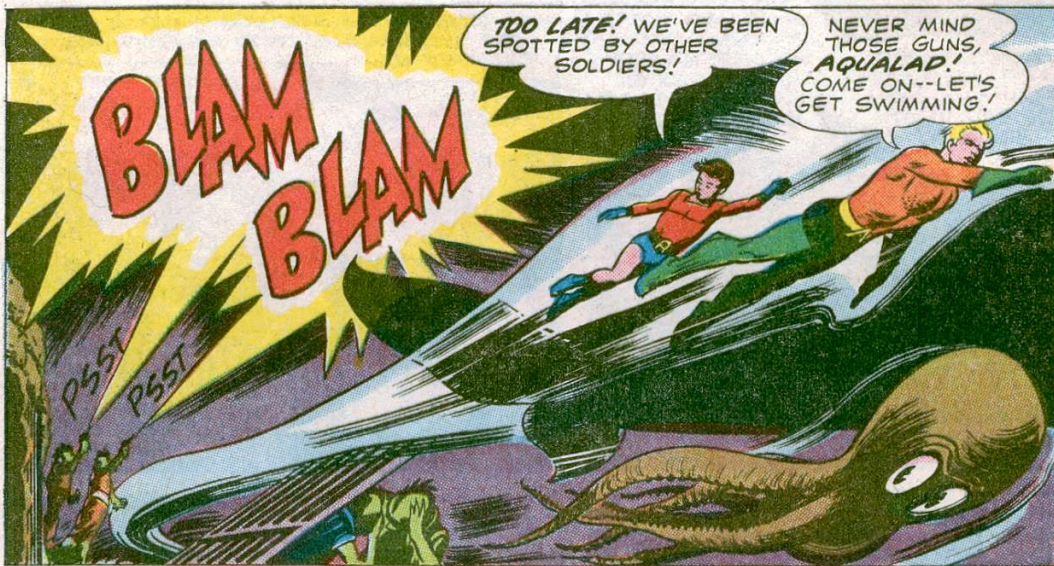
STEADY, AQUALAD... I'VE GOT TO THINK!







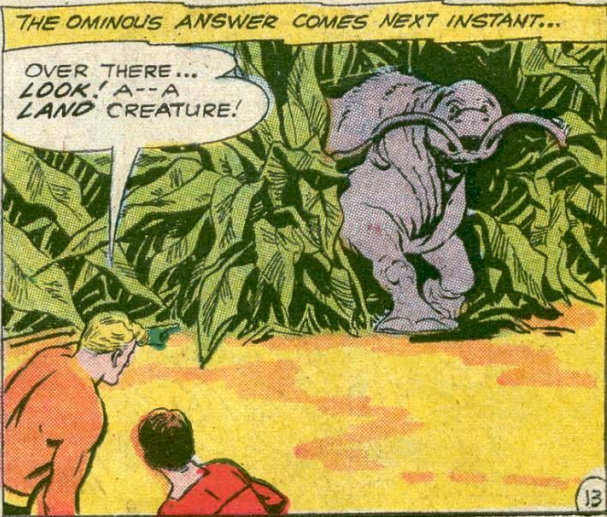




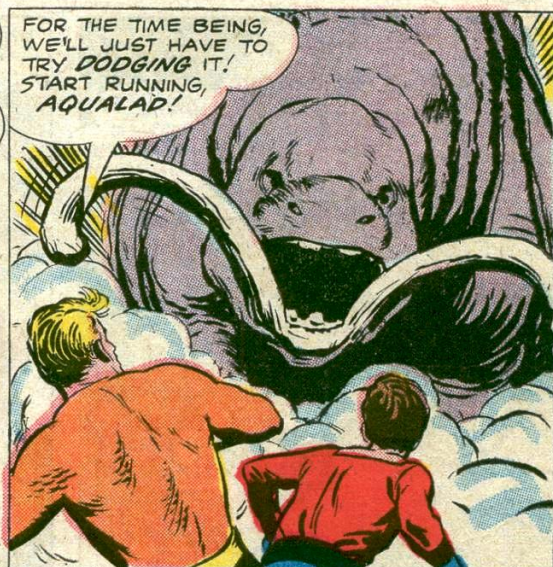














BUT...



YIKES!  
ANOTHER  
CREATURE'S  
GOT ME!

WHEN THE SEA-LAD INSTINCTIVELY STRIKES  
OUT TO DEFEND HIMSELF...



WOWIE!  
TALK ABOUT  
POWERS! WE'VE  
GOT SUPER-  
STRENGTH, TOO!



TAKE A LOOK AT  
THAT BULL-LIKE  
CREATURE, AQUALAD...  
IT SNORTS OUT  
TERRIFIC BLASTS  
OF WIND.

SURE--AND  
LOOK... IT'S  
CHARGING  
LIKE A BULL,  
BECAUSE I'M  
WAVING AT IT!



BUT I CAN HEAVE  
IT AWAY LIKE AN OVER-  
STUFFED BASKETBALL!



OVER AND OVER, THE BEASTS CHARGE, ONLY TO BE HURLED BACK--UNTIL, WITHOUT WARNING...



AQUALAD! I--I'VE SUDDENLY BECOME VERY WEAK!

SAME HERE...I-I CAN HARDLY MOVE!

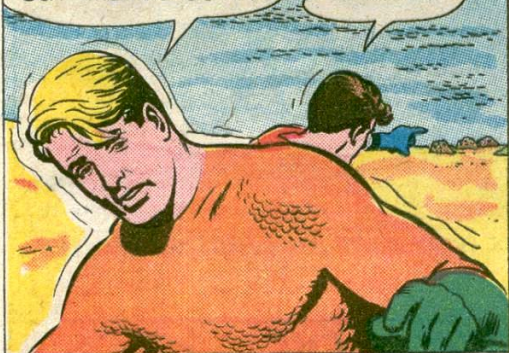
I GASP! KNOW! WE'VE BEEN OUT OF THE SEA FOR ALMOST A FULL EARTH HOUR! W-WE GASP! NEED WATER!

GASP! YOU'RE RIGHT...



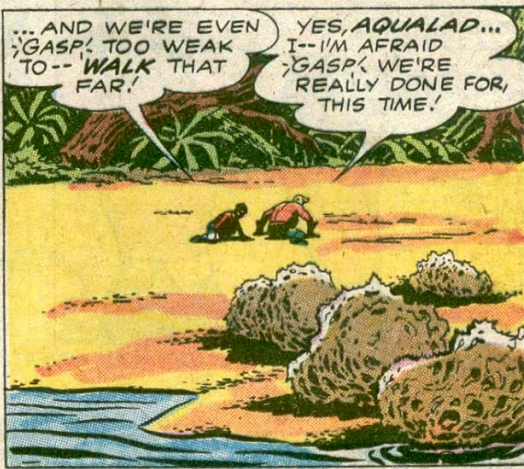
THOSE WATER-FILLED SPONGE PLANTS...I PICKED 'EM FOR JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY! BUT THEY'RE GONE!

LOOK, AQUAMAN-- YOU MUST'VE DROPPED THEM NEAR THE BEACH...

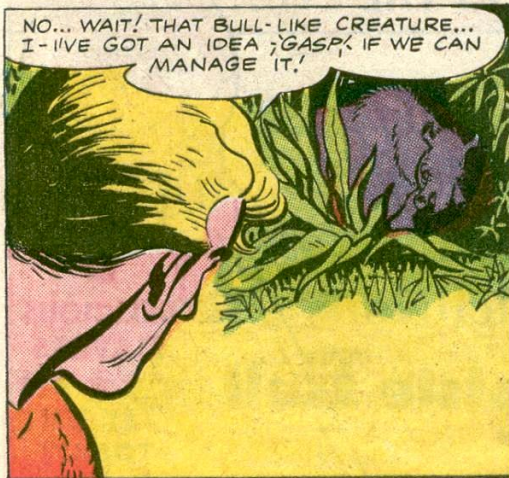


... AND WE'RE EVEN GASP! TOO WEAK TO-- WALK THAT FAR!

YES, AQUALAD... I--I'M AFRAID GASP! WE'RE REALLY DONE FOR, THIS TIME!



NO... WAIT! THAT BULL-LIKE CREATURE... I--I'VE GOT AN IDEA GASP! IF WE CAN MANAGE IT!



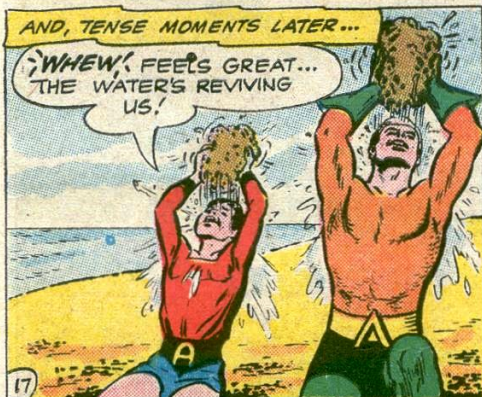
SUMMONING HIS LAST OUNCE OF ENERGY, AQUAMAN LIFTS BOTH ARMS, AND...

PUFF-PUFF! WAVE YOUR ARMS AS I'M DOING, AQUALAD--HARD AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN!



I GASP! I'LL TRY!

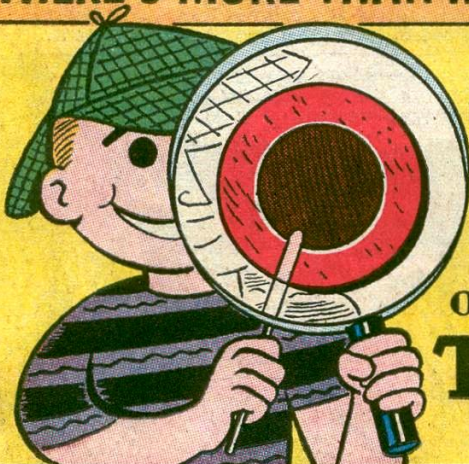




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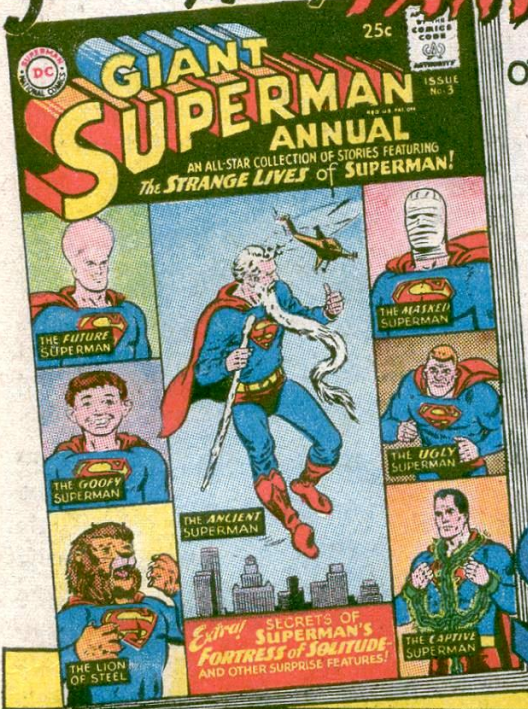


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# BIG GAME OF THE SEA

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The shark occupies the same position in the ocean that the lion does in the jungle. It is the king of all it surveys.

There is a great variety of sharks, ranging from the comparatively harmless Dogfish Shark, whose length is from two to four feet, to the giant Great White Shark, a tropical man-eater, which grows well over 30 feet.

In between, you will find the Hammerhead, a warm-water shark, which grows over 12 feet long and may weigh over 1,000 pounds; the eight-foot Sandbar Shark, the Nurse Shark, which attains a length of 10 feet; the fighting Tiger Shark, usually 14 feet or more, the 20-foot Thresher Shark, a thousand-pounder, and the Soupfin Shark, a sleek six-footer.

The largest of all is the Whale Shark. This monster was first sighted in 1828, and remained a mystery for a long time. The Whale Shark grows to a length of 45 feet, some longer, and may weigh as much as 15 tons. Despite its enormous bulk, this undersea beast is not vicious, and is not equipped to be a killer.

The Devil or Manta Ray is another fish whose size belies its nature. Extending 20 feet across and weighing well over a ton, the Devil Ray has a row of small but useless teeth. While most rays live at the bottom, the Devil Ray prefers the surface, often basking with its huge "wings" barely awash. Apparently in play, they leap completely out of water, falling back with a thunderous splash.

The ray known as "Say's Stingray" is smaller—about 7 feet long—but scrappier.

It has a whiplike tail longer than its body, with a long stinger which can inflict painful wounds. The Torpedo Ray is a squat, stubby fish, which has cells in its head that generate an electric current strong enough to inflict a severe shock.

If the shark is known as the lion of the sea, the Barracuda is called the "tiger" of the sea. It lives in tropical waters, and is feared for its ferocious nature. The Great Barracuda grows to 10 feet long, and moves like lightning.

Skin divers believe that the 'cuda seems to attack more by reflex than plan. Anything bright or flashing may send it into a vicious attack. A gleaming watch band or even a highly colored pair of bathing trunks will often attract one or more barracuda to the scene. This tiger of the sea comes well equipped to handle any enemy, having an awesome array of razor-sharp teeth set in a trip-hammer pair of jaws.

The Moray Eel is another denizen of the deep to avoid. It has powerful jaws and sharp teeth. While not dangerous if undisturbed, it becomes vicious when approached. Armed with sharp teeth, the Moray attains a length of six feet, and a weight of 30 pounds.

We have met the lion and the tiger of the sea. These may be only nicknames, but there IS a family of fish known as the Wolffishes—and the name is deserved. These are northern fishes, with a preference for Arctic waters on both sides of the Atlantic. Wolffishes have a single, long dorsal fin.

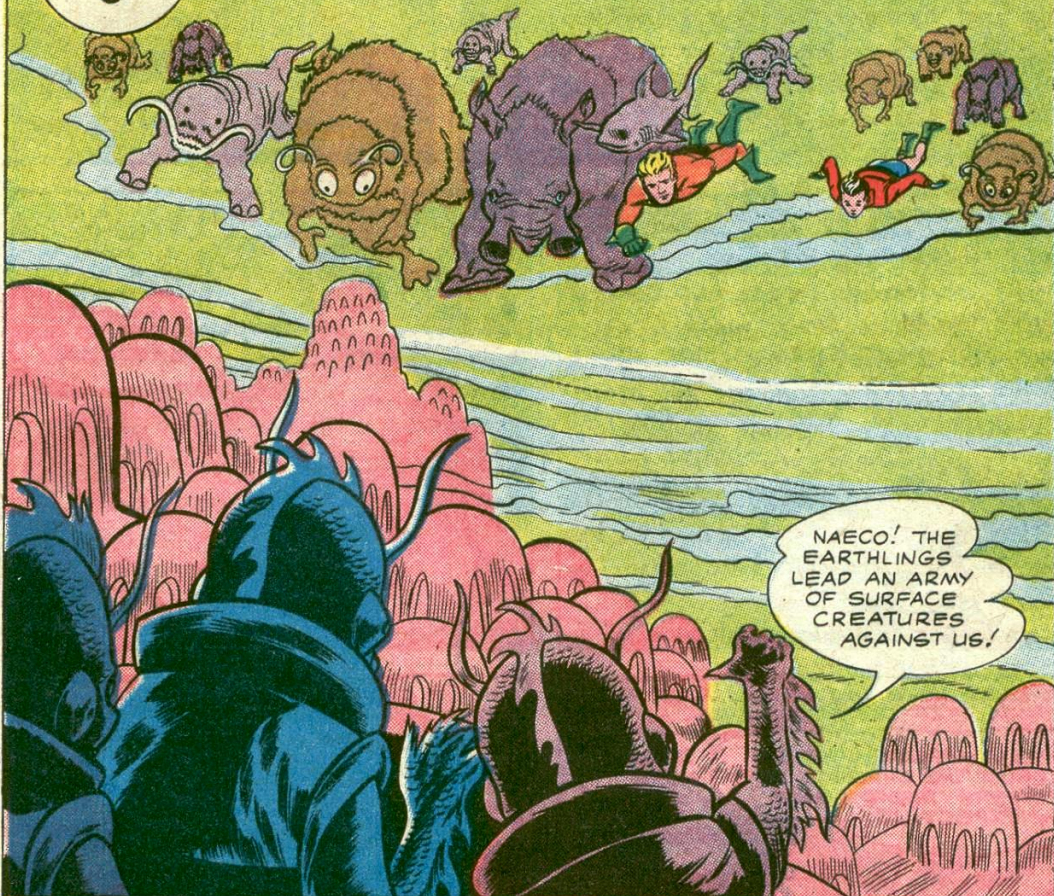
Found from the shoreline out to depths of 500 or 600 feet, it is a "lone wolf," swimming about by itself, hunting for sea urchins, mollusks, and crustaceans. It is a vicious fish and can bite dangerously. The biggest ones attain a length of six feet, and a weight of 40 pounds.



# AQUAMAN

## AND *AQUALAD*

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NOW, AT LONG LAST, THE OPPOSING UNDERWATER FORCES ARE ARRAYED FOR THE FINAL BATTLE, WHILE THE FATE OF THE MARITIME CITY HANGS IN THE BALANCE! AND, AS A LAST DESPERATE MEASURE TO HELP THE EXILED ALIEN RULER, AQUAMAN MUST BECOME...

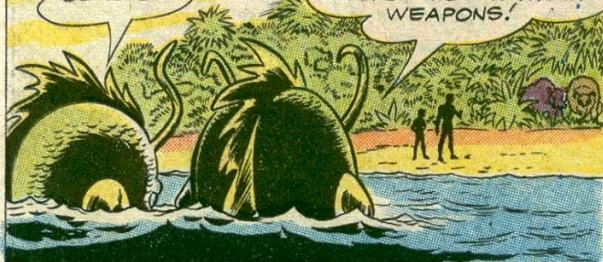
# KING of the LAND CREATURES



BELOW THE SURFACE, WHERE ALIEN EYES HAVE WITNESSED THE AMAZING BATTLE...

DID YOU SEE?... THE EARTHLINGS SEEM TO HAVE FOUND SOME WAY OF CONTROLLING THE AIR-BREATHING BEASTS!

THIS IS BAD NEWS! OUR OWN WEAPONS HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE CREATURES--YET THE VISITORS OVERCAME THEM *WITHOUT* WEAPONS!



QUICKLY!... WE MUST INFORM NEACO OF THIS AT ONCE!



MEANWHILE, ON THE BEACH, WHERE AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD INTERCEPT THE ALIENS' TELEPATHIC THOUGHTS...

LOOK, AQUAMAN... THEY MUST'VE SEEN EVERY-THING!

YES... AND NOW THEY THINK WE CAN *CONTROL* THOSE BEASTS! THEY DON'T REALIZE THE LAND CREATURES ARE SIMPLY WARY OF US, BECAUSE OF OUR SURFACE POWERS!



BUT NOW, *AQUALAD*, WE'VE SOMEHOW GOT TO HELP MERMOR ESCAPE--OR WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF RETURNING TO EARTH!

YES... AND I GUESS OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO SNEAK BACK TO THE CITY-- AND TRY THE SAME TRICK WE USED TO FREE *OURSELVES!*



SHORTLY AFTER, TWO FIGURES SLICE THE SURFACE OF THE WATER, AND...

WE'LL APPROACH THE CITY FROM THE OPPOSITE SIDE WHERE THEY'D LEAST EXPECT US!

I SURE HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, *AQUAMAN!*



ON AND ON THROUGH THE WEIRD UNDER-WATER WORLD RACE THE EARTHLINGS, UNTIL...

I THINK WE'LL FIND THE CITY RIGHT BEYOND THOSE UNDERSEA MOUNTAINS, *AQUALAD!* STEADY AS YOU GO!





BUT, THE INSTANT THEY ENTER THE MOUNTAINOUS REGION...

OH, NO!... WE'VE SWUM INTO AN **AMBUSH!**

**BLAM**

**BLAM**

PSSST

DON'T STOP! THROUGH THIS CORAL CAVE, **AQUALAD!**

IN THE CAVE, HOWEVER, THE AQUATIC DUO REACHES A DEAD END, WHEN...

TAKE ONE MORE STROKE, EARTHINGS, AND YOU BOTH DIE!

DON'T SHOOT!... WE SURRENDER!

POOR MERMOR! NOW WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SAVE HIM!

EH--? WHAT IS THAT YOU SAY?

WE ARE MERMOR'S FOLLOWERS!

AND WE'RE HIS FRIENDS FROM EARTH! BUT--YOU SEEM TO HAVE A LARGE FORCE HERE! WHY HAVEN'T YOU TRIED TO RESCUE YOUR LEADER?

BECAUSE THESE FEW WEAPONS ARE THE ONLY ONES WE POSSESS! OUR ONLY CHANCE WOULD BE TO GET THE ARMS OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT ARSENAL!

HMM... I THINK I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW WE CAN BREAK INTO THAT ARSENAL FOR YOU! LISTEN...



MUCH LATER, A SMALL SCOUTING PARTY STEALTHILY NEARS THE UNDERWATER CITY...

THIS IS THE ATTACK COURSE WE'LL TAKE, AQUALAD!

WHEN YOU BREAK INTO THE ARSENAL, FIRE THIS FLARE GUN! IT WILL SIGNAL US THAT THE COAST IS CLEAR TO GET THE WEAPONS!



JUST THEN...

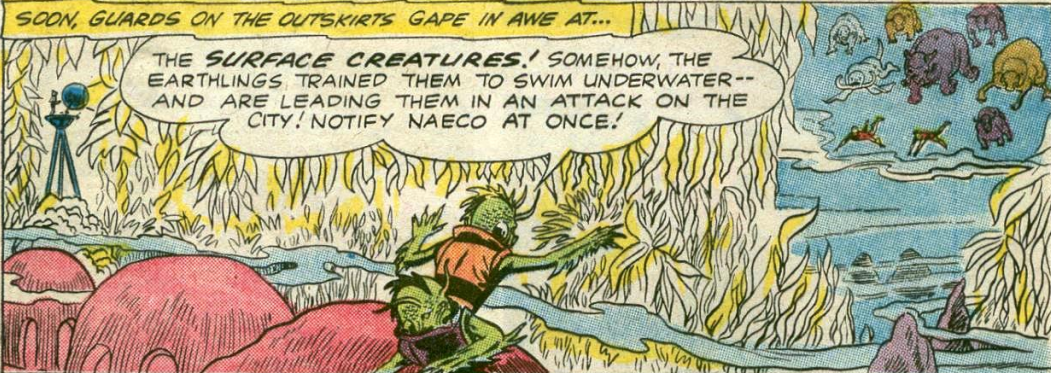
JUMPING JELLYFISH! THAT WATCHTOWER LIGHT IS SO POWERFUL, IT TEMPORARILY BLINDED ME!

LUCKY WE FOUND IT OUT NOW... WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE IT A WIDE BERTH WHEN WE ATTACK! NOW, LET'S GO INTO ACTION...



SOON, GUARDS ON THE OUTSKIRTS GAPE IN AWE AT...

THE SURFACE CREATURES! SOMEHOW, THE EARTHLINGS TRAINED THEM TO SWIM UNDERWATER-- AND ARE LEADING THEM IN AN ATTACK ON THE CITY! NOTIFY NAEKO AT ONCE!



CLOSER AND CLOSER COME THE STRANGE INVADERS, AS...

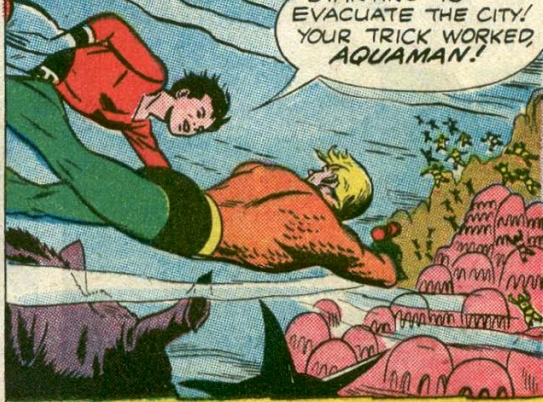
NAECO!... WHAT CAN WE DO? OUR WEAPONS ARE POWERLESS TO STOP THE SURFACE CREATURES THEY COMMAND!

NOTHING! WE ARE DOOMED! ORDER OUR FORCES TO RETREAT IMMEDIATELY!



AT THE SAME TIME...

THERE THEY GO-- STARTING TO EVACUATE THE CITY! YOUR TRICK WORKED, AQUAMAN!

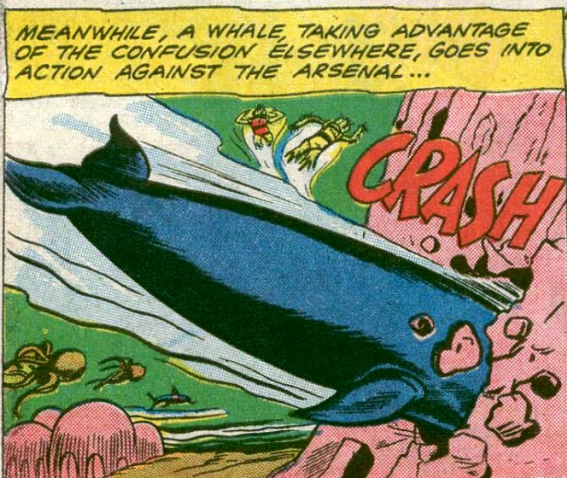
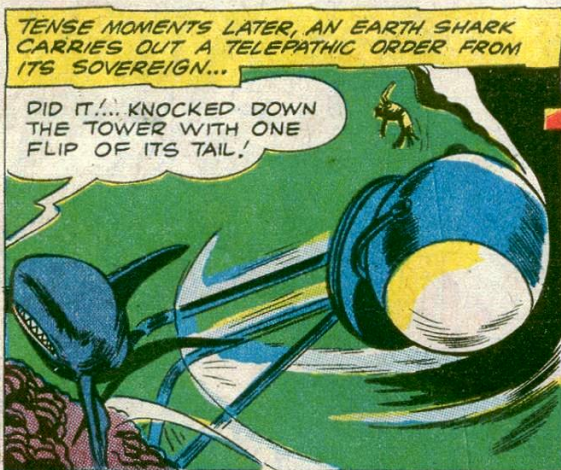
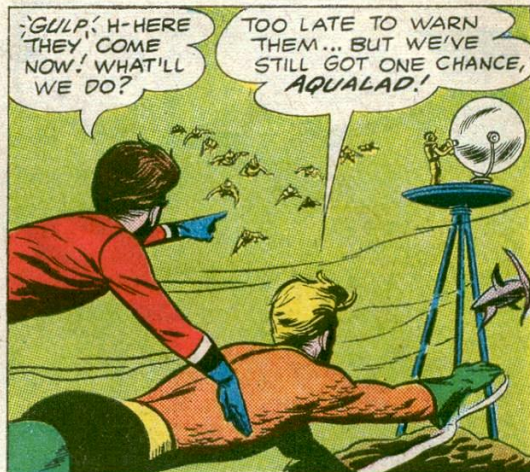


WHAT "TRICK" HAS AQUAMAN PLAYED ON THE TYRANTS? CAN YOU GUESS?











AND SOON...

GOOD WORK! THE OCTOPI AND OTHER FISH BROUGHT THE WEAPONS FROM THE ARSENAL!

FINE... KEEP PASSING THEM OUT! THIS LIGHT IS BEGINNING TO BURN OUT!



AND AS THE FURIOUS FIGHTING REACHES ITS CLIMAX...

I--I THINK WE'VE GOT THEM ON THE RUN, AQUALAD!

YES--BUT LOOK, AQUAMAN... NAEKO IS TRYING TO ESCAPE!



MINUTES LATER, THE WATERS ARE CHURNED UP BY A VIOLENT BATTLE...



TAKE IT EASY, PAL -- YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

SLAM



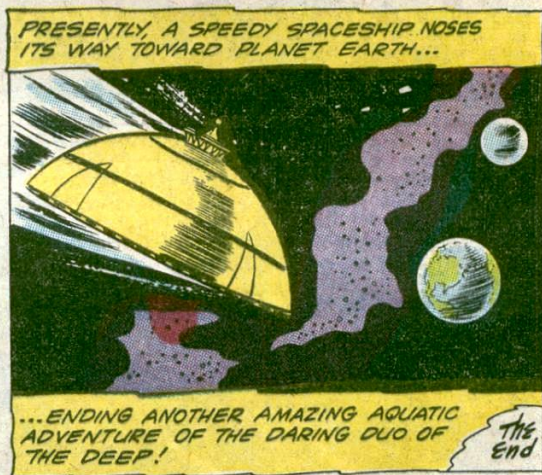
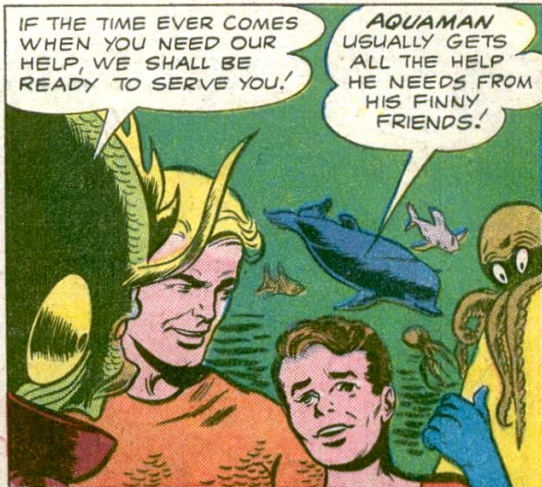
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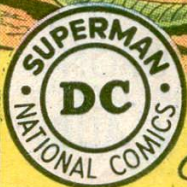
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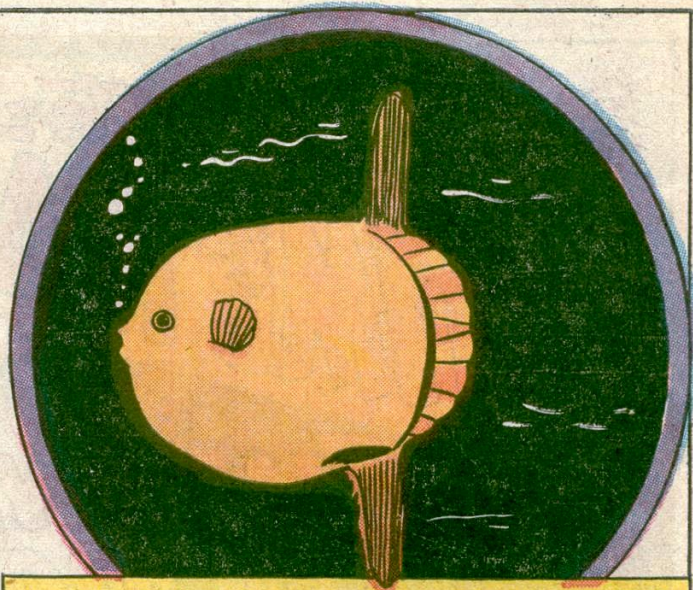
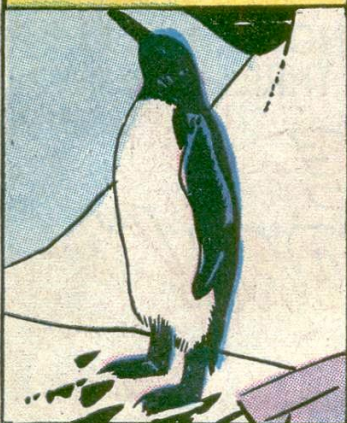
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