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

“PRISONERS OF THE AQUA-PLANET!”
Chapter 1

SUDDERING 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...

PRISONERS of the AQUA-PLANET

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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!

AND IT'S LIFTING THAT FREIGHTER RIGHT OUT OF THE SEA!

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

I GET IT... HE DIVERTED THAT CREATURE'S ATTENTION! IT'S DROPPING THE FREIGHTER BACK INTO THE SEA!

WHAT'S AQUAMAN UP TO-- RIDING THOSE DOLPHINS?
NO SOONER DOES AQUAMAN ELUDE THIS FIRST MENACE, HOWEVER, THAN...

GREAT GOLDFISH! ANOTHER KIND OF SEA CREATURE... A GIANT, CHISEL-SHAPED MONSTER... HEADING FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE!

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

YOU COMMANDED THE GIANT EELS TO FORM THEMSELVES INTO HOOPS--AND THEY'RE ROLLING ALONG THE SURFACE! WHY, AQUAMAN?

APPELLANTLY, THOSE STRANGE CREATURES ATTACK ANYTHING THAT MOVES.

SEE? THIS ONE TURNED FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE--AND IS TRYING TO GET AT THE EELS!

SURE--BUT THE EELS ARE REALLY RUNNING CIRCLES AROUND IT!

Y-YES... BUT LOOK, AQUALAD! WE'RE BEING SURROUNDED BY--BY DRILL FISH!

JUMPING JELLYFISH! HERE COME THE OTHER ONES, TOO!

TH--THERE'S NO WAY OUT... THEY'RE CLOSING THE RING ON US! WHAT'LL WE DO, AQUAMAN?

I--I WISH I KNEW...
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 underwater 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?
TO LIVE ON THE SEA FLOOR OF YOUR PLANET-- IF WE MAY--UNTIL WE HIT UPON SOME FUTURE ACTION TO WIN BACK OUR COUNTRY!

I'M SURE NO ONE WOULD OBJECT TO YOUR BEING HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE--BUT TELL ME --WHY, DID YOU BRING ALONG THOSE SEA BEASTS?

TO HELP US BUILD OUR NEW HOME! THE REASON THEY WENT BERSERK IS BECAUSE OF THESE STRANGE, NEW SURROUNDINGS!... COME ALONG--AND I SHALL PUT THEM TO WORK!

BEFORE LONG, THE SEA AREA BUZZES WITH ACTIVITY, AS THE CREATURE WORK-CREW GOES INTO ACTION...

THOSE VENUSIAN BEASTS ARE TERRIFIC!

YES--THEY DO THEIR WORK QUITE WELL, SO LONG AS THEY ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL!

SLOWLY BUT SURELY, AN ALIEN "VILLAGE" RISES FAR BELOW THE SURFACE.

WHAT ARE THE DERRICK FISH DRAWING OVER THE ENTIRE AREA? IT RESEMBLES A GIGANTIC SHEET OF PLASTIC!

IT IS A THIN, PROTECTIVE COATING -- HARDER THAN ANY METAL! IT WILL PREVENT OUR BEASTS FROM ACCIDENTALLY SWIMMING OFF AND DOING POSSIBLE DAMAGE!
But as soon as the entire area is encased, there is a sudden jolt...

Great waves! What's happening? Feels like a sea quake!

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!

No! Our entire structure... it is being swept up toward the surface! But why? How?

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GOSH, WHAT'S THE SENSE OF VISITING A CLUB FOR OLD FOLKS—THEY'RE NO FUN. 

DON'T BE SO SURE OF THAT, JIM!

YOU'LL MEET MANY INTERESTING PEOPLE HERE, LIKE MR. LIGHTFOOT, WHOSE GRANDFATHER WAS A FAMOUS INDIAN CHIEF. 

INDIAN CHIEF? BOY, I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HIM!

LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE BUILDING. I NEVER KNEW HOW POTTERY BOWLS WERE MADE. I'D LOVE TO LEARN, IF I MAY!

ELSERER... THAT'S IT—FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR ARM AND BODY.' 

YOU SURE TAUGHT ME THE HANG OF THIS, MR. GREEN!

MR. LIGHTFOOT TOLD ME HOW INDIANS USED TO LIVE BACK IN HIS GRANDFATHER'S TIME—AND BOY, IT WAS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE THINGS I'VE READ ABOUT.

I DIDN'T KNOW OLD PEOPLE COULD BE SO MUCH FUN!

AND THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM, TOO!
Did you know that...

What do you think I'm doing? I'm panning for gold!

When a male whale is one year old, he is as large as his mother.

Every ton of sea water contains about five cents’ worth of gold.

I should catch something big with this minnow I'm using for bait!

I can tell this one is asleep!

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AQUAMAN! WITHOUT WATER "GASP," W-WE'RE TOO WEAK TO ESCAPE THESE DEADLY CREATURES!

UNKNOWN DANGERS LURK IN THE 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, MERMA! IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT. HOW CLOSE TO VENUS ARE WE NOW?

OBSERV...WE ARE APPROACHING IT NOW!

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

DOWN THEY PLUNGE BELOW 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 NAEKO IS WAITING FOR THEM.

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

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

SILENCE!

THE EARTHLINGS 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 LOOKS LIKE WE'RE FINISHED!

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

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

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

BUT, NOT LONG AFTER, IN THE WATERY CELL BLOCK...
LOOK... THERE ARE OUR EARTH FISH--HIDING BEHIND THAT BUILDING!

HMM... AND THERE ARE ONLY TWO SOLDIERS GUARDING US! I'VE GOT AN IDEA, AQUALAD!
LISTEN, CAREFULLY...

BY TELEPATHY, A BRISK COMMAND GOES OUT FROM THE SEA SLEUTH TO HIS FINNY FRIENDS, FOLLOWED BY...

YAAAH!

HERE, HERE--STOP MAKING THAT COMMOTION!

ABRUPTLY, TWO TENTACLES SNAKE OUT, AND...

MMFF!

GOOD WORK, TOPO! NOW, REMOVE THEIR STEEL BELTS WITH YOUR FREE TENTACLES!

HURRY, AQUAMAN--BEFORE ANY MORE SOLDIERS GET HERE!

MOVING AS FAST AS I CAN, AQUALAD!

SWIFTLY, ANOTHER COMMAND IS ISSUED, AND...

WE'RE FREE!

CRUNCH

RIGHT! NOW TO FREE MERMOR AND HIS FOLLOWERS! GET THE GUARDS' GUNS, AQUALAD!
BLAM BLAM

TOO LATE! WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED BY OTHER SOLDIERS!

NEVER MIND THOSE GUNS, AQUALAD! COME ON--LET'S GET SWIMMING!

AS THE DESPERATE DUO RACES AWAY...

THE FOOLS, THEY CANNOT OUTDISTANCE OUR WEAPONS! FIRE, LOR!

BUT, BEFORE THEY CAN PULL THEIR TRIGGERS...

LOOK... OUR PORCUPINE FISH DUG ITS SPINES INTO THE GUARD'S GUN HAND, MAKING HIM DROP HIS WEAPON!

ARGH!

YEY--AND OUR ELECTRIC EEL SHOCKED THE WEAPON OUT OF THE HAND OF THE OTHER GUARD! KEEP GOING!

AIEEE!
But, as they dart from the scene...

Oh, no! Here come still more -- in underwater vehicles!

Quick, Aqualad -- there's a submerged forest dead ahead! We may be able to hide in its dense vegetation!

Whew! Made it.

Yes... but they know where we are! It's only a matter of time before they close the ring on us!

And then -- then we'll be right back where we started...

Exactly -- but... wait a minute! Remember what Mermor told us -- that Venusians can't remain out of water for longer than a few minutes?
SURE... WHAT ABOUT IT?

THAT LAND SURFACE WE SPOTTED WHEN WE ARRIVED... IT'S RIGHT ABOVE US! THOSE VENUSIANS ROUGHNECKS WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW US UP THERE... SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING-- AFTER I PICK SOME OF THESE PLANTS!

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE STRANDED EARTHLINGS ZOOM TOWARDS THE SURFACE...

THEY'VE SPOTTED US AGAIN, AQUAMAN!

DON'T WORRY... I THINK WE'VE GOT ENOUGH OF A HEAD START TO BEAT THEM TO THE TOP!

SURE ENOUGH, AS THEY CLAMBER ONTO THE BEACH... "HA, HA," THEY DON'T DARE LIFT THEIR HEADS OUT OF THE WATER! BUT WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP, AQUAMAN?

FIRST, WELL GET SOME REST... THEN WE'LL START MAPPING OUR FUTURE STRATEGY!

BUT SUDDENLY... GREAT GUPPIES! THE GROUND IS SHAKING-- LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE! WHAT FROM?

THE OMINOUS ANSWER COMES NEXT INSTANT...

OVER THERE... LOOK! A--A LAND CREATURE!
Y-YES... AND IT'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR US! WHAT'LL WE DO NOW, AQUAMAN?

ASK ME ANOTHER! THOSE VENUSIAN GUNMEN ARE STILL HOVERING BENEATH THE SURFACE... SO WE CAN'T GO BACK!

FOR THE TIME BEING, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY DODGING IT! START RUNNING, AQUALAD!

BUT AS THE PAIR LEAPS INTO A SPRINT...

SUFFERIN' SAILFISH! W-WE'RE SAILING HIGH OVER THE CREATURE'S HEAD...

... AND LANDING GENTLY, LIKE BIRDS! HOW CAN THIS BE HAPPENING?

THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE EXPLANATION, AQUALAD...

IT'S THE CHANGED ATMOSPHERE ON VENUS' SURFACE-- GIVING US AMAZING LEAPING POWERS!

YIPPEE! THEN WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
BUT...

YIKES! ANOTHER CREATURE'S GOT ME!

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

KPOW

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...

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

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

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!
SUDDENLY:

CLOSER AND CLOSER COMES THE SNORTING CREATURE, UNTIL...

WE'RE BEING HURTTLED TOWARD THE BEACH!

IT'S WORKING! HERE IT COMES.

AND, TENSE MOMENTS LATER...

WHHEW! FEEL'S GREAT... THE WATER'S REVIVING US!

YES, AQUALAD... BUT WE'VE STILL GOT TO FIGURE OUT SOME PLAN TO OVERCOME THE TYRANT NAECCO--SO WE CAN GET BACK TO EARTH.

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BIG GAME OF THE SEA

To the skin diver, exploring the mysterious and unknown wastelands of the deep, the ocean is like a jungle, teeming with lurking beasts that are ready to strike against the unwary underwater hunter.

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 Wolfishes—and the name is deserved. These are northern fishes, with a preference for Arctic waters on both sides of the Atlantic. Wolfishes 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.
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
BETWEEN THE SURFACE, WHERE ALIEN EYES HAVE WITNESSED THE AMAZING BATTLE...

DID YOU SEE?... THE EARTHLY ENSemble 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!

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

LOOK, AQUAMAN... THEY MUST'VE SEEN EVERYTHING!

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 UNDERWATER WORLD RACE THE EARTHLYNS, 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!

Don't stop! Through this coral cave, Aqualad!

In the cave, however, the aquatic duo reaches a dead end, when...

Take one more stroke, earthlings, 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 Naeco 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?
SUDDENLY... GREAT GUPPIES -- LOOK, AQUAMAN! ONE OF OUR DISGUISED WHALES WENT BETWEEN TWO MOUNDS--AND THE COSTUME YOU MADE FELL OFF!

SO -- THOSE "CREATURES" ARE ACTUALLY COSTUMED EARTH FISH... AND THAT MEANS, THEY ARE NOT INVULNERABLE! OPEN FIRE!

IN AN INSTANT, PANDEMONIUM STRIKES THE INVADING FORCES, AS...

'IVE ORDERED THE FISH TO SCRAMBLE TO AVOID GETTING HIT!' BLAM

BUT AS THE SEA SLEUTH DIVES OUT OF THE WAY...

WHOOOOSHH!

BLAM

OH, NO! YOU ACCIDENTALLY SHOT OFF THE SIGNAL FLARE!

ABOVE YOU, AQUAMAN-- DUCK!
YES, AND THAT’LL BRING MERGOR’S FORCES HERE ON THE DOUBLE—EVEN THOUGH WE FAILED TO CRACK THE ARSENAL!

THEM! THEY’LL BE PICKED OFF LIKE SITTING DUCKS!

GULP! H-HERE THEY COME NOW! WHAT’LL WE DO?

TOO LATE TO WARN THEM... BUT WE’VE STILL GOT ONE CHANCE, AQUALAD!

TENSE MOMENTS LATER, AN EARTH SHARK CARRIES OUT A TELEPATHIC ORDER FROM ITS SOVEREIGN...

DID IT!... KNOCKED DOWN THE TOWER WITH ONE FLIP OF ITS TAIL!

AND AS THE GIANT BEAM COMES HURTLING DOWN...

IT’S WORKING!... YOU’VE TEMPORARILY BLINDED NAECO’S SOLDIERS!

MEANWHILE, A WHALE, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION ELSEWHERE, GOES INTO ACTION AGAINST THE ARSENAL...

CRASH

YES... WAVE TO MERGOR’S TROOPS—AND TELL THEM TO FOLLOW BEHIND!
AND SOON...

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

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

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

AND AS THE FURIOUS FIGHTING REACHES ITS CLIMAX...

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

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

AND SO BEFORE LONG...

IF YOU'LL KINDLY VACATE YOUR QUARTERS, MERMOR--WE HAVE A NEW TENANT FOR THEM!

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

WITH PLEASURE!
THE CITY ISOURS AGAIN—
AND WE OWE IT ALL TO
OUR FRIENDS FROM THE
EARTH SEAS!
WE WERE
HAPPY TO
HELP
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IF THE TIME EVER COMES
WHEN YOU NEED OUR
HELP, WE SHALL BE
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ALL THE HELP
HE NEEDS FROM
HIS FINNY
FRIENDS!

NOW—IT IS TIME TO RETURN
YOU TO YOUR HOME!
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