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# UNKNOWN

## THE LAND

AT A ZEPPELIN LANDING FIELD IN LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A STRANGE VOYAGE.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT AS MUCH METAL AS POSSIBLE BE REPLACED IN THE AIRCRAFT BY ALUMINUM, PLASTIC OR WOOD.

I KNEW THAT WE'D HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE MAGNETIC FORCES AT THE POLAR OPENING, BUT THE MAIN STRUCTURE HAS TO BE REINFORCED STEEL OR IT WON'T HOLD UNDER THE STRESS.

I'M WORKING ON A DEGAUSSING FIELD FOR THOSE SECTIONS TO NEUTRALIZE THE MAGNETIC FORCES AROUND THOSE POINTS.

OH, YEAH. THEY DID THAT IN WORLD WAR TWO TO KEEP SHIPS FROM SETTING OFF MAGNETIC MINES.

YOU'RE GOING TO SO MUCH TROUBLE JUST TO RETURN ME TO MY HOMETLAND.

THE "EXTRA RUGGED BAGGAGE COMPANY" IS PICKING UP THE TAB BECAUSE THIS WILL BE WORLDWIDE FREE ADVERTISING FOR THEM, ESPECIALLY IF WE COME BACK! BESIDES, WE LIKE YOU, SPIKE!

WHEN I ESCAPED FROM THE LAND AT THE CORE OF THE WORLD, I NEVER DREAMED I'D ENCOUNTER ANOTHER INTELLIGENT CIVILIZATION.

WHEN I WAS RESCUED BY OTHER BI-PEDES SUCH AS YOURSELVES, I WAS AFRAID I'D FLED ONE TYRANT ONLY TO FIND NEW DANGERS.

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WHEN EGON AND RAY CONVINCED YOUR AUTHORITIES TO RELEASE ME FROM CONFINEMENT, I THOUGHT MY LUCK HAD TURNED, UNTIL NURTOG APPEARED!



WITH HIS STRANGE POWERS HE HAD PURSUED ME. I'M JUST SORRY THE ECTO-4 CAN'T PASS THROUGH THE MAGNETIC BARRIER BACK TO MY WORLD.



MEETING UP WITH LIZARDTEETH AGAIN ISN'T MY IDEA OF A GOOD TIME EITHER, BUT EGON'S THE MAN WITH THE PLAN.



EGON, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN DAYS



UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO EQUIP A STATE-OF-THE-ART ZEPPELIN AND THAT TENDS TO BE TIME-CONSUMING.

I KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE GONE FOR WEEKS. SHOULD I JUST HANG AN ON VACATION SIGN ON THE DOOR OR WHAT?



THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN DO. IT'LL GIVE YOU MORE TIME TO SPEND WITH LOUIS. BUT DON'T LET HIM DRIVE THE ECTOMOBILE. IT COULD BE...



MEANWHILE, PETER IS AT WORK ON A SPECIAL PROJECT ALL HIS OWN.



I WISH I'D THOUGHT OF THIS A LONG TIME AGO.



NO WONDER SLIMER HATES JAPANESE MOVIES. I THOUGHT HE JUST DIDN'T LIKE SUSHI.



YUM! SLIME-BURGER AT TWELVE O'CLOCK!

RARRH!!



YOUR FAVORITE MUNCHOSAURUS CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR HIS GREEN SUPREME!



WITH ANY LUCK HE'LL REACH ESCAPE VELOCITY AND GO INTO ORBIT!

YAAAAAAA!



BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REAL MUNCHOSAURUS IN THAT WEIRD, SAVAGE REALM AT THE EARTH'S CORE WHERE THE GHOSTBUSTERS ARE DETERMINED TO TRAVEL? (NOTE: LANGUAGE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE NOT CONVERSANT WITH DINO-BABBLE.)



BACK IN THE SOMEWHAT LESS SURROUNDINGS IN LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, A PALEONTOLOGIST IS CHALLENGING THE GHOSTBUSTERS CLAIMS ABOUT SPIKE.

YOU CAN'T CONVINCE ME THAT'S A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVANCED EVOLUTIONARY RACE OF DINOSAUR MEN FROM THE EARTH'S CORE! I'VE SEEN BETTER SUITS ON HALLOWEEN!

THAT'S NOT SPIKE! THAT'S DR. VENKMAN!

NO ONE INSISTS THAT PETER'S A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVANCED EVOLUTIONARY RACE!

SO YOU ADMIT IT! YOU'VE BEEN PASSING YOUR COLLEAGUE OFF AS A LIZARD-MAN!

NO! SEEING SPIKOROLLEUSDENNUM IS WHAT GAVE HIM THE IDEA!

ATTRACTED BY THE COMMOTION SPIKE STROLLS UP BEHIND THEM.

A CONVENIENT STORY! AS SOON AS SOMEONE WITH MY SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND COMES AROUND YOU TRY TO PLAY THIS SHELL GAME!

AND NO WONDER! LOOK AT THIS! TOTALLY UNBELIEVABLE! IT LOOKS LIKE ALLIGATOR HIDE DYED GREEN! AND THESE TEETH! THIS SILLY MASK!

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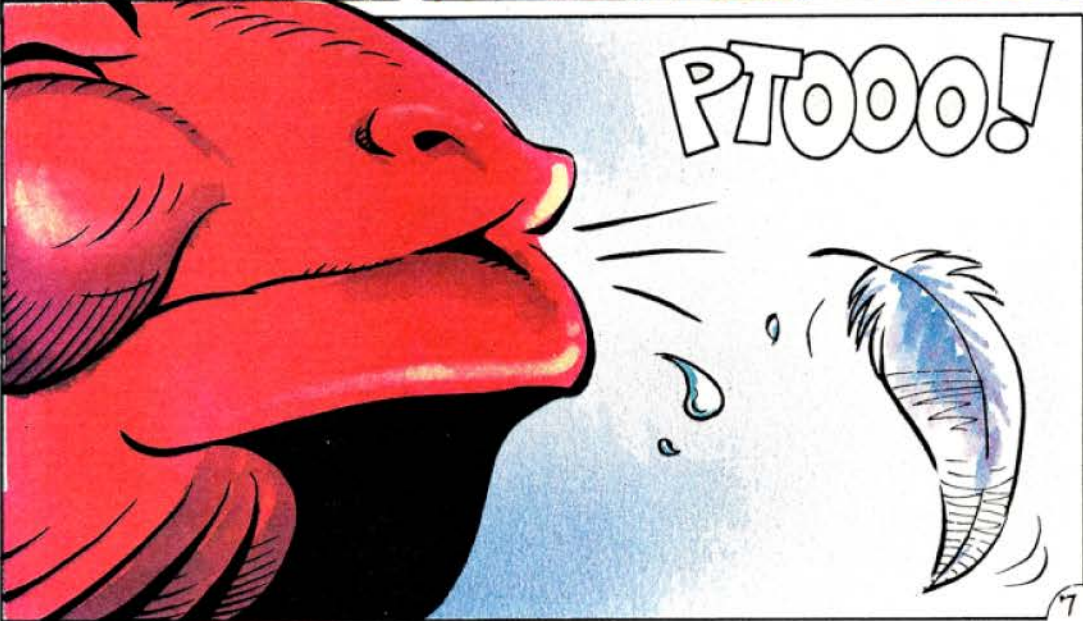
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I THINK IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE OF PREVENTING US FROM BEING VULNERABLE TO THE AIRBORNE PREDATORS WE'LL ENCOUNTER.

THAT DISGUISE IS SUCH A STRANGE IDEA THAT I'M SURPRISED THAT I DIDN'T THINK OF IT!

THE GROUND CREW MAKES READY TO CAST OFF THE LINES AND THE PROPELLERS ON THE AIRCRAFT BEGIN TO REV UP.

THE WEIRD AIRSHIP RISES MAJESTICALLY INTO THE SKY, CRUISES DOWN OVER THE NEW YORK HARBOR TO BID A FOND FAREWELL, AND THEN TURNS ITS NOSE NORTH, TOWARDS THE LAND UNKNOWN.



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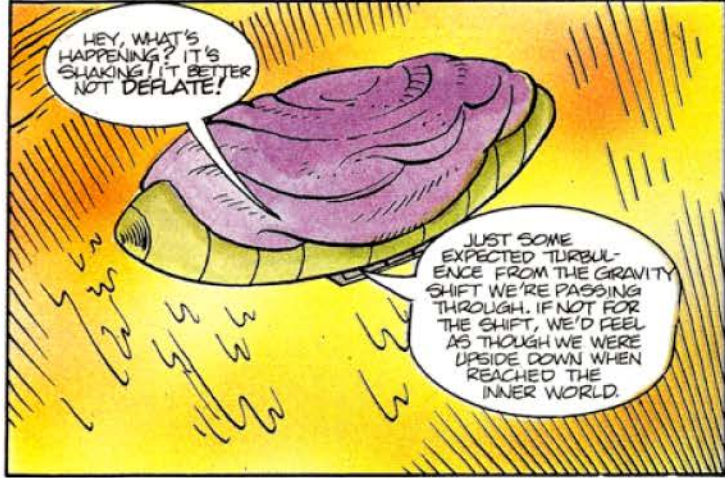
MAYBE NOT. WHAT ABOUT REPORTS OVER THE YEARS OF SEA SERPENTS AND THE LOCH NESS MONSTER?



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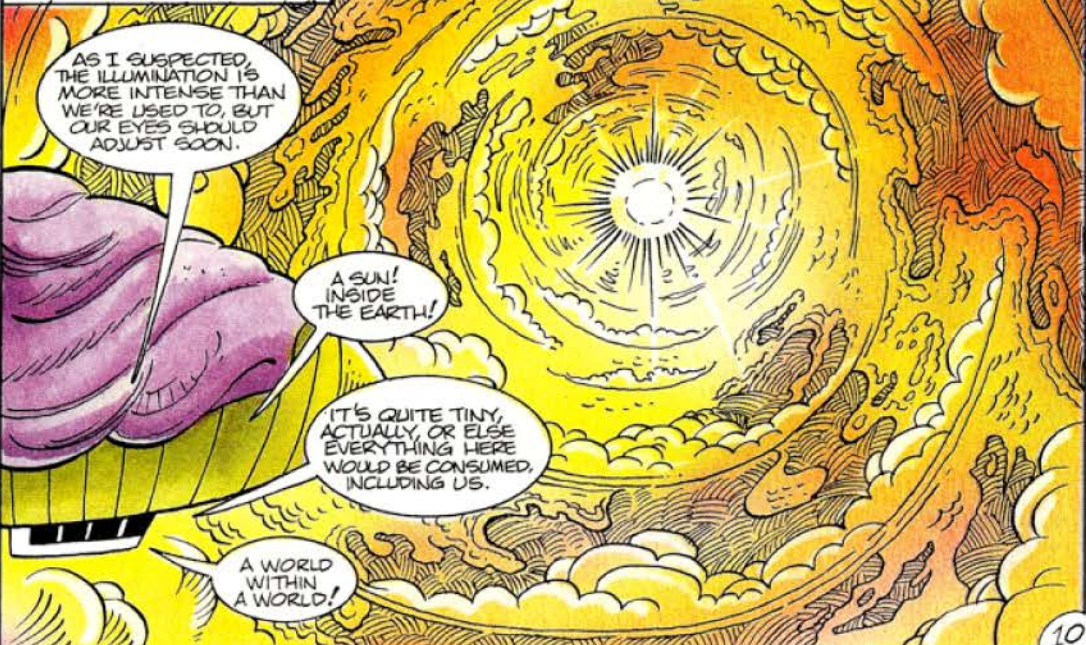
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HEY, WHAT'S HAPPENING? IT'S SHAKING! IT BETTER NOT DEFLATE!

JUST SOME EXPECTED TURBULENCE FROM THE GRAVITY SHIFT WE'RE PASSING THROUGH. IF NOT FOR THE SHIFT, WE'D FEEL AS THOUGH WE WERE UPSIDE DOWN WHEN REACHED THE INNER WORLD.

THEN THE WORLD INSIDE STANDS REVEALED AS THEY EMERGE FROM THE POLAR PASSAGE.



AS I SUSPECTED, THE ILLUMINATION IS MORE INTENSE THAN WE'RE USED TO, BUT OUR EYES SHOULD ADJUST SOON.

A SUN! INSIDE THE EARTH!

IT'S QUITE TINY, ACTUALLY, OR ELSE EVERYTHING HERE WOULD BE CONSUMED, INCLUDING US.

A WORLD WITHIN A WORLD!

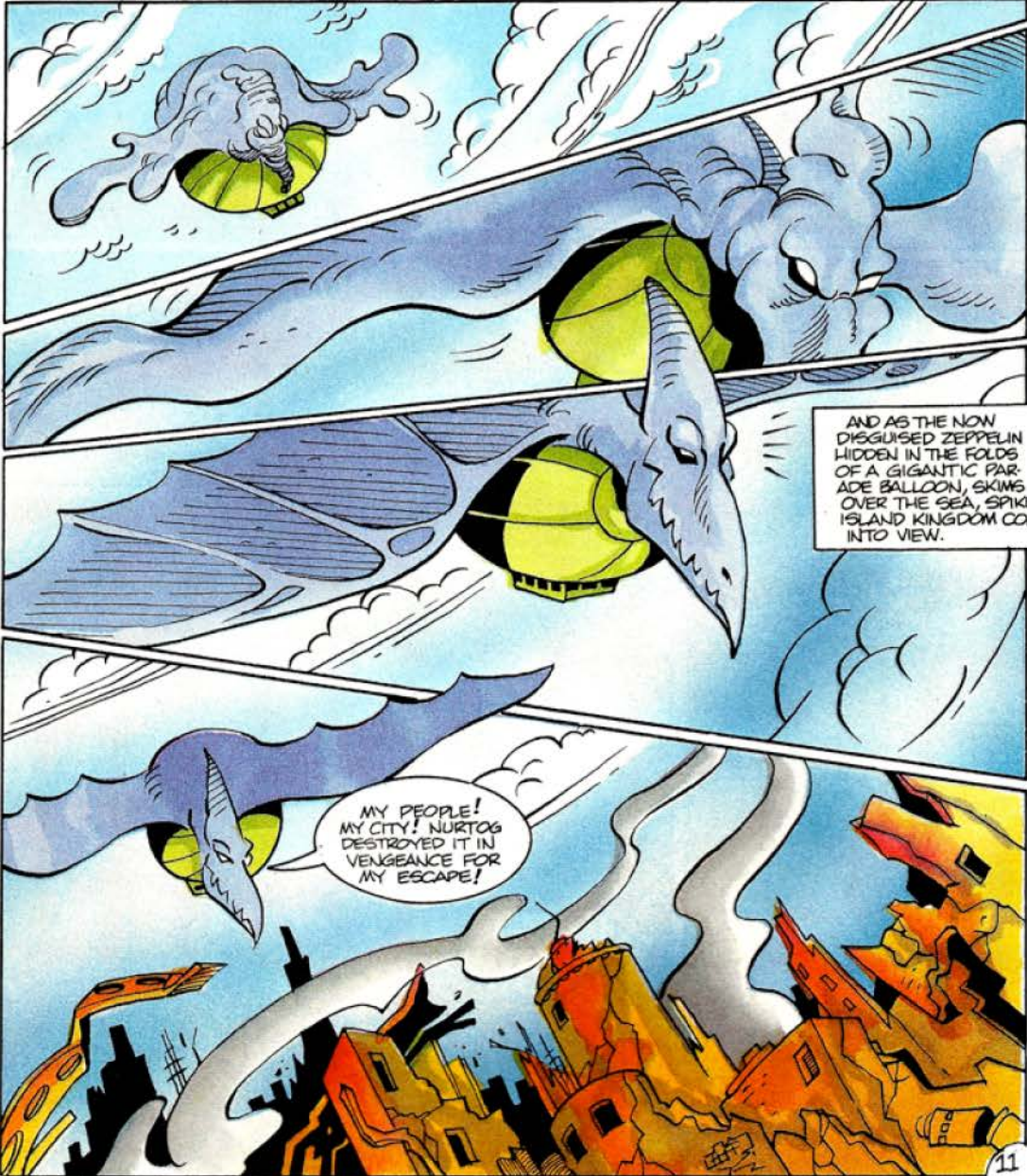


ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR PROJECT BIG BIRD?

I ALMOST FORGOT! WE'D BETTER DEPLOY RIGHT AWAY! I'LL ACTIVATE THE COMPRESSED AIR TANKS. WITH ANY LUCK WE'LL BLEND RIGHT IN DOWN HERE!



I'VE NEVER BEEN INSIDE A PARADE ATTRACTION BEFORE.



AND AS THE NOW DISGUISED ZEPPELIN HIDDEN IN THE FOLDS OF A GIANTIC PARADE BALLOON, SKIMS OVER THE SEA, SPIKE'S ISLAND KINGDOM COMES INTO VIEW.

MY PEOPLE! MY CITY! NURTOS DESTROYED IT IN VENGEANCE FOR MY ESCAPE!







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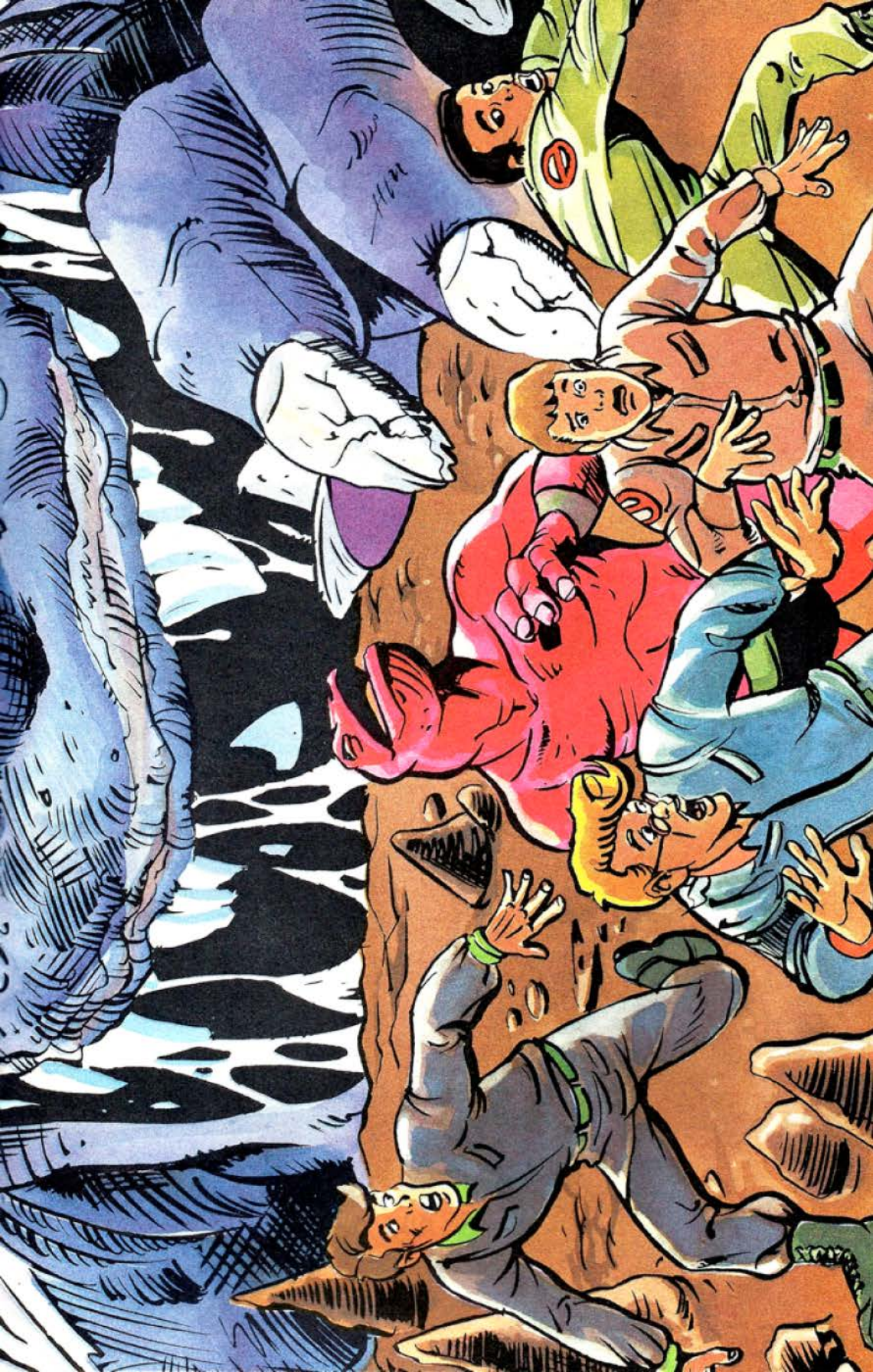
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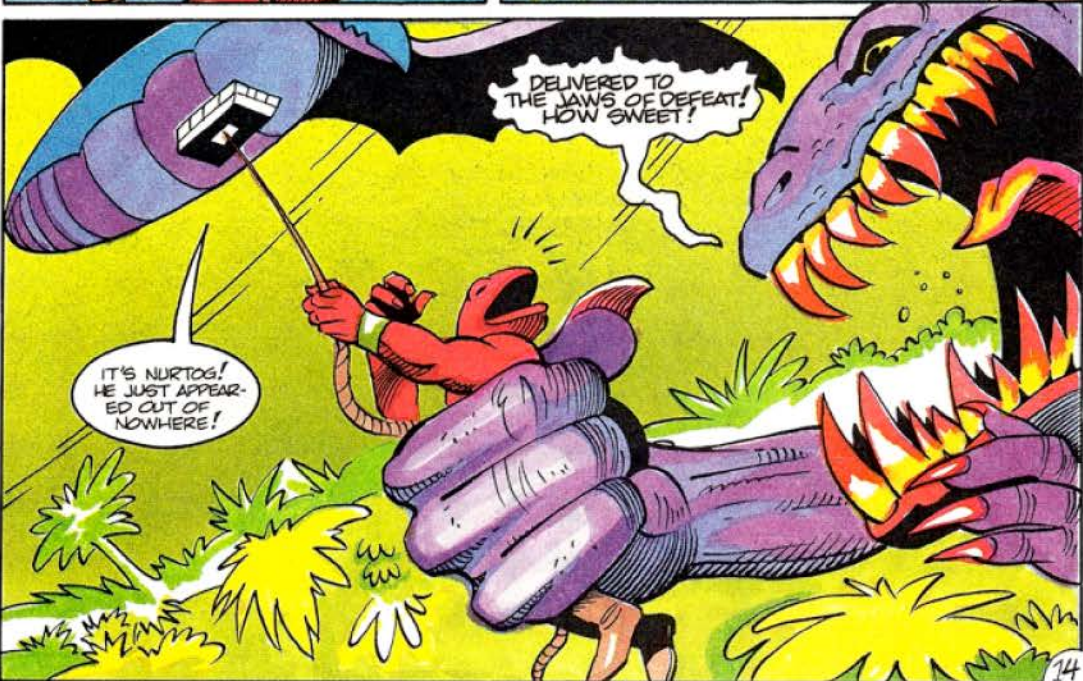
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BLAST HIM BEFORE HE CAN DO A FAST FADE!



PUT ON YOUR PROTON PACKS! WE'RE GOING DOWN!

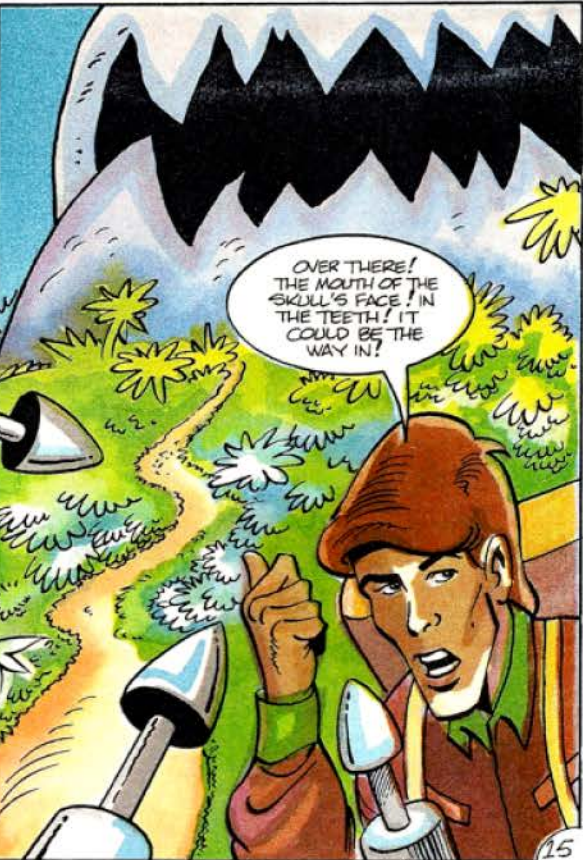


I GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO HELP SPIKE!

YEAH, HE KIND OF GROWS ON YOU, EVEN IF HE DOES EAT WHOLE CHICKENS IN ONE BITE.



I'LL PUT THE SHIP ON AUTO PILOT AND TAKE THE REMOTE CONTROL WITH ME.



OVER THERE! THE MOUTH OF THE SKULL'S FACE! IN THE TEETH! IT COULD BE THE WAY IN!



IF THIS ISN'T THE WAY IN, WE'LL DO SOME DENTAL SURGERY GHOST-BUSTERS STYLE!

THIS TUNNEL LEADS STRAIGHT AHEAD. LIGHT YOUR HEADLAMPS.

UPON EMERGING FROM THE TUNNEL INTO A HUGE CHAMBER, THEY SUDDENLY FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTING THAT TERRIBLE TYRAN: NOGAUR, NURTOG!

EH? NO!

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'CAUSE WE BE FAST AND HE BE SLOW!



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BUT AS THE POWERED IMAGE OF NURTOG VANISHES, THE REAL NURTOG AWAKENS AND GRABS PETER!



ALMOST, FLESHING BUT YOU MADE THE MISTAKE OF NOT PRESSING YOUR MOMENTARY ADVANTAGE UNMERCIFULLY!



I LIKED YOU BETTER WHEN I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE SAYING. IT LEFT MORE ROOM FOR HOPE.



YOU CAN HOPE I EAT YOU QUICKLY AND TAKE BIG BITES!

SUDDENLY NURTOG STARTS COUGHING AND DROPS HIS HELPLESS PRISONER.



ACK!  
ACK!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

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MY BODY FAILS ME, BUT MY MIND IS STILL SUPREME!



YOUR MIND IS TRAPPED IN AN ANCIENT, WITHERED HUSK! YOU'VE LIVED BEYOND YOUR TIME, NURTOGA!





BUT THIS WORLD IS MINE! I HAVE RECAPTURED THE SAVAGE DAYS AND ANCIENT WAYS!

SPEAKING OF ANCIENT, YOU LOOK LIKE HISTORY TO ME.



WE'VE LEARNED HIS SECRET AND NOW HE'S TRYING TO DESTROY THIS PLACE!



FEAR KEPT HIS FOLLOWERS AWAY FROM THIS PLACE!

FEAR AND I ARE GETTING REAL WELL ACQUAINTED RIGHT NOW.



WHEN MONARCHS ARE ENTOMBED, NONE SURVIVE TO REVEAL THEIR LOCATION!



HE MUST'VE RIGGED THIS AS A FINAL DEFENSE. WE WERE LUCKY TO OUTFRAN IT!



HERE IT COMES! I WISH THAT BIRD WERE BUILT FOR SPEED!

JUST GRAB THE ROPES AND JUMP! WE'VE GOT COMPANY!



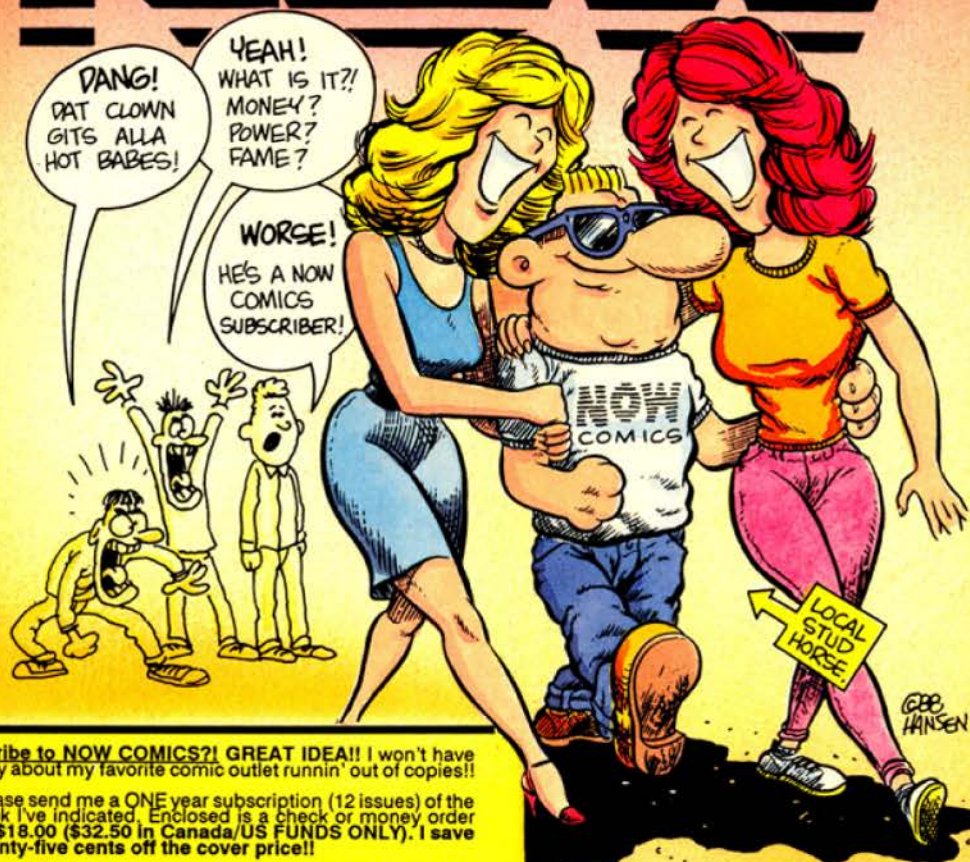
I CAN'T WORK THE REMOTE FROM THIS POSITION!

WELL, WE'RE NOT GOING BACK DOWN THERE! GANGWAY, I'M COMING ABOARD!

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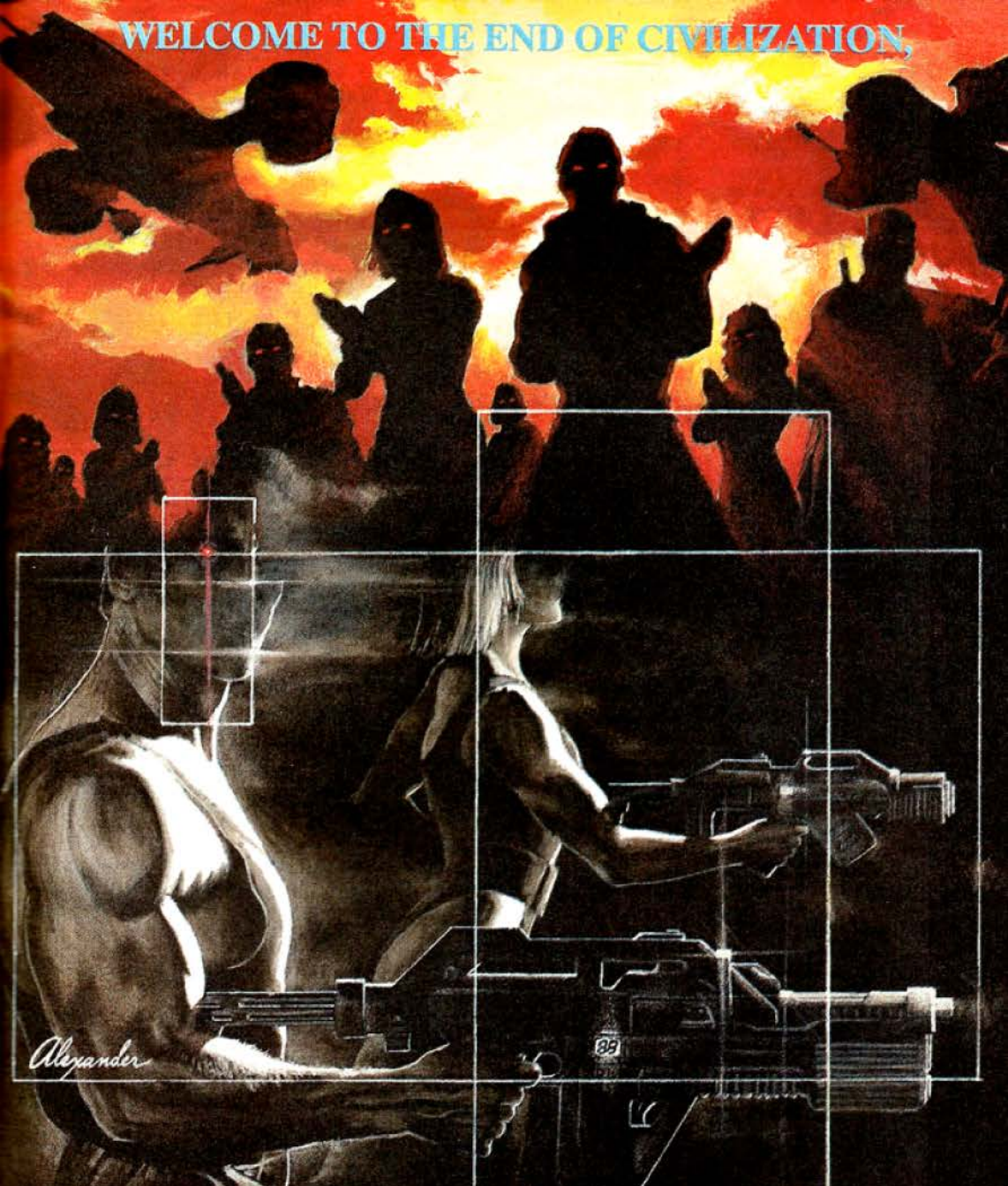
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