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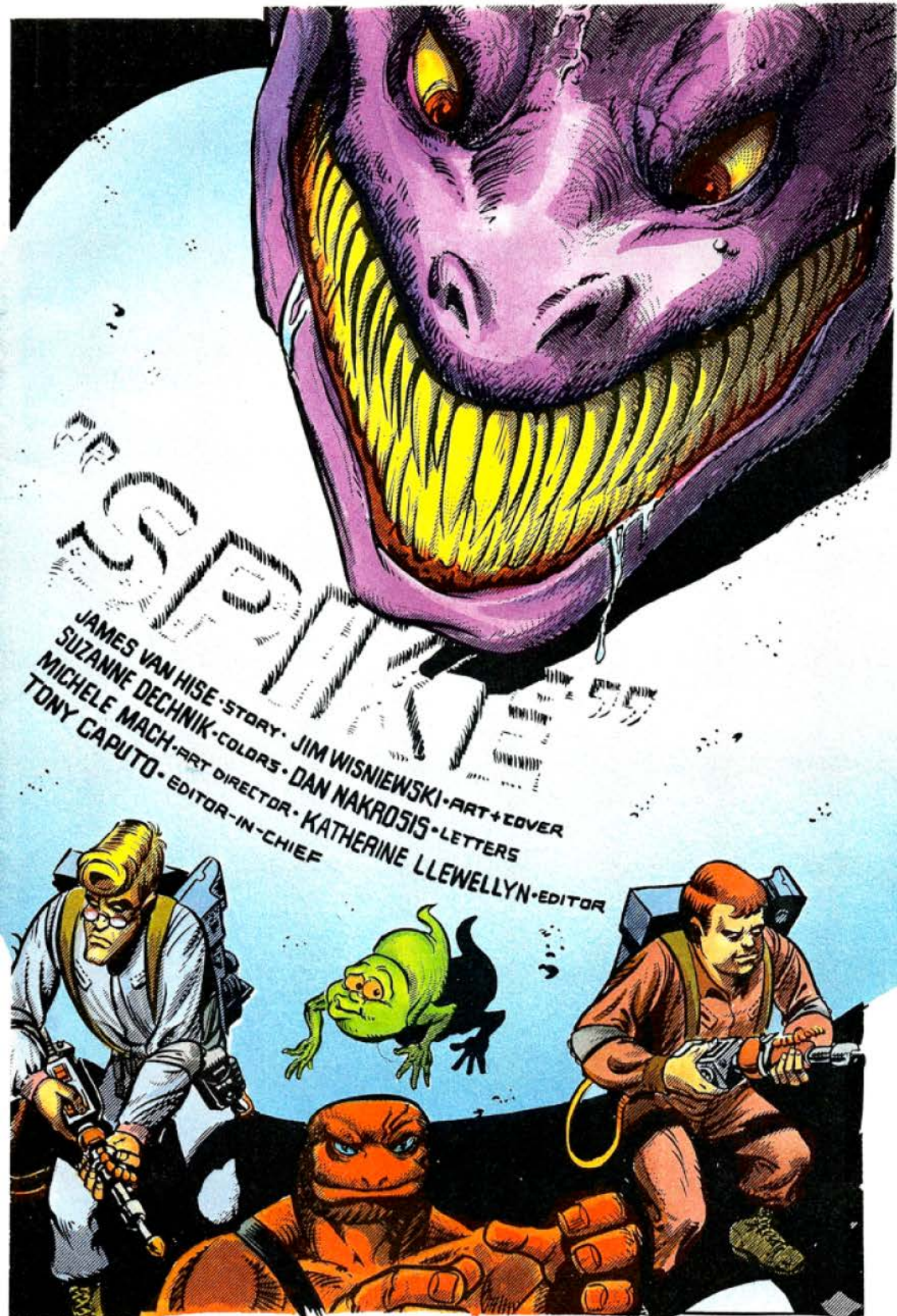
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THE DAY IS CLEAR AND COOL IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC.



BUT WHEN YOU'RE A FUGITIVE RUNNING WITH THE WIND...

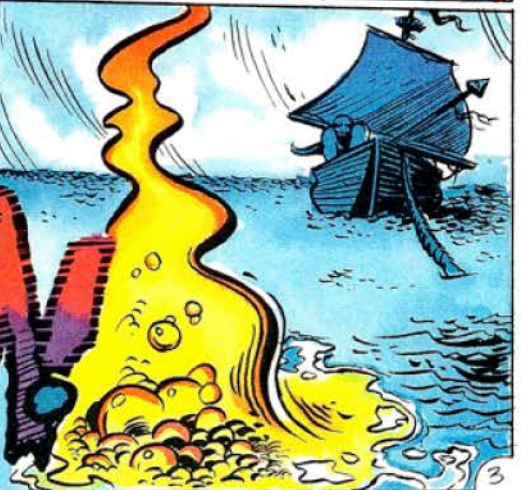
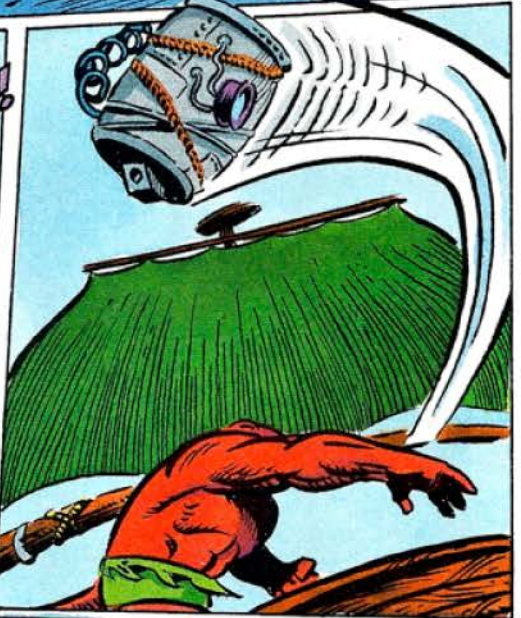


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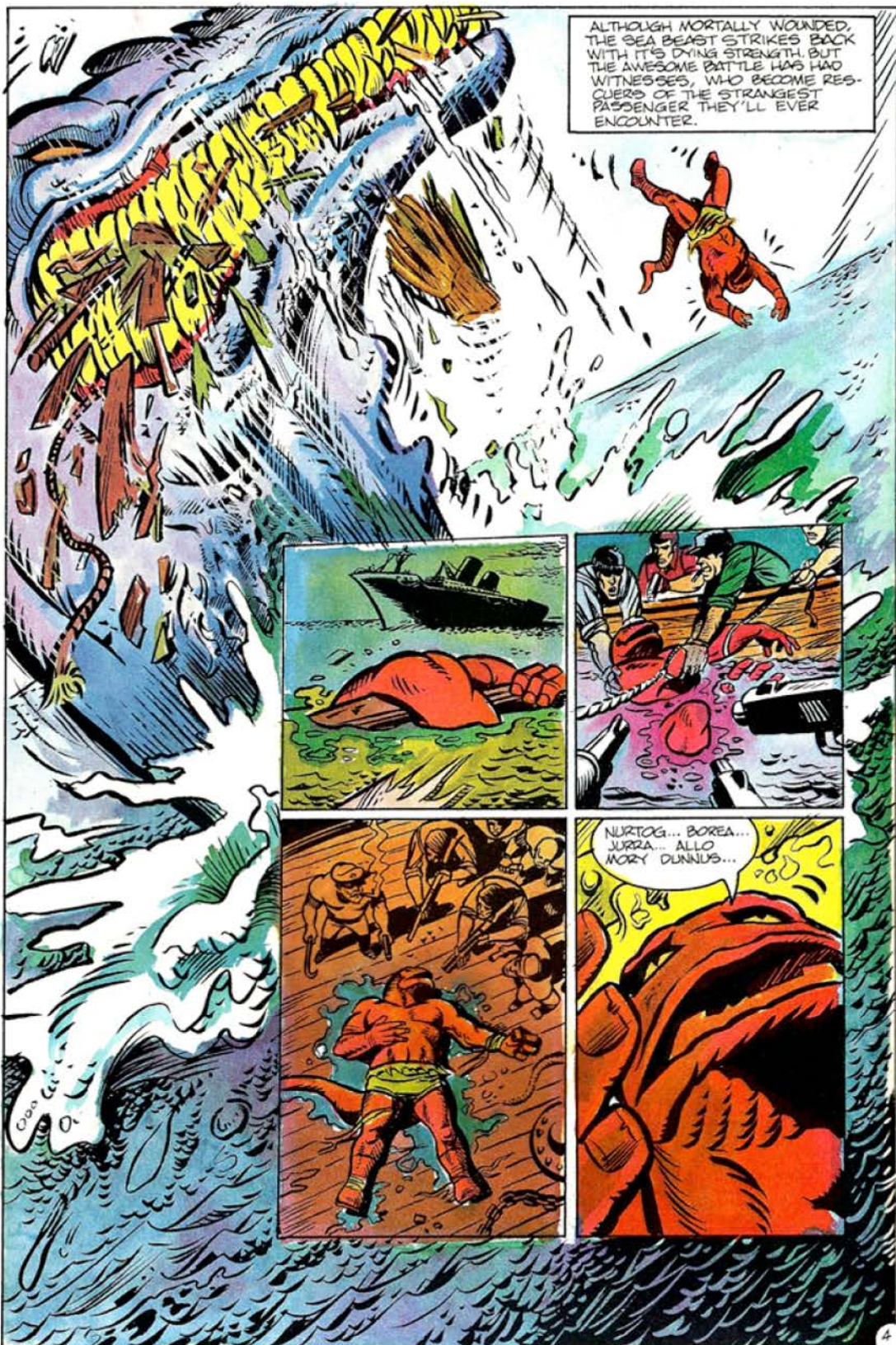




THE LONG-NECKED MONSTER CREATES A WHIRLPOOL FROM WHICH THE FLIGHTIVE HAS BUT ONE SMALL HOPE OF ESCAPE.



ALTHOUGH MORTALLY WOUNDED, THE SEA BEAST STRIKES BACK WITH ITS DYING STRENGTH! BUT THE AWESOME BATTLE HAS HAD WITNESSES, WHO BECOME RESCUERS OF THE STRANGEST PASSENGER THEY'LL EVER ENCOUNTER.





LOOK AT THAT BALLOON! GOSH, I ALWAYS LOVED DINOSAURS WHEN I WAS A KID!



I ALWAYS FOUND THAT GIRLS WERE MORE WARM-BLOODED.



A CURRENT THEORY HAS IT THAT DINOSAURS WERE HOT-BLOODED, VERY FAST AND WELL ON THEIR WAY UP THE EVOLUTIONARY LADDER WHEN THEY DISAPPEARED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH.



I TRY TO TALK ABOUT GIRLS, THEY TALK ABOUT LIZARDS. EXTINGUISHED LIZARDS AT THAT!

WHATAYA EXPECT WITH A PTERODACTYL BALLOON CRUISING BY AT TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH?



I ALWAYS DREAMED OF BEING THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A PARADE, RUBBING SHOULDERS WITH THE GREAT, THE NEAR GREAT...

WE OWE OUR PUBLIC AT LEAST AN OCCASIONAL FLASH OF OUR GREATNESS!

... NOT TO MENTION THE INGRATE, PETER.

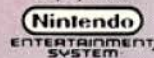


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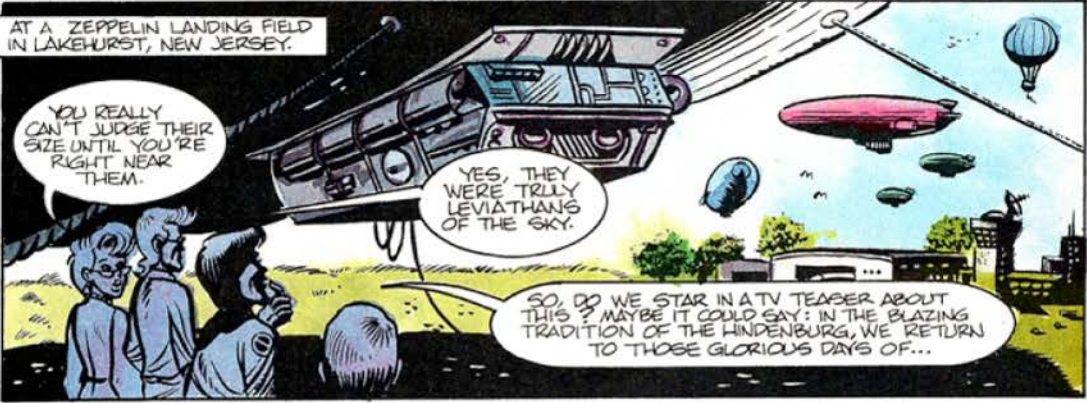
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AT A ZEPPELIN LANDING FIELD IN LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY.



YOU REALLY CAN'T JUDGE THEIR SIZE UNTIL YOU'RE RIGHT NEAR THEM.

YES, THEY WERE TRULY LEVIATHANS OF THE SKY.

SO, DO WE STAR IN A TV TEASER ABOUT THIS? MAYBE IT COULD SAY: IN THE BLAZING TRADITION OF THE HINDENBURG, WE RETURN TO THOSE GLORIOUS DAYS OF...



THE HINDENBURG EMPLOYED EXPLOSIVE HYDROGEN FOR BUOYANCY. ALL MODERN ZEPPELINS USE SAFE, NON COMBUSTIBLE HELIUM.



WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT, OR EVEN AGAIN? AHH, THE HUMANITY...



PLEASE! WE NEVER SAY THE "H" WORD! IT'S TAKEN THE INDUSTRY 50 YEARS TO BOUNCE BACK FROM THAT!



WE HAVE A CALL, UNLESS IT'S AN EMERGENCY, RAY AND I WILL CHECK IT OUT.

**BEEP!
BEEP!**



I WISH YOU'D LET ME USE THAT ROCKET PAGER.



THEY'RE FOR SERIOUS CALLS, PETER.

I'M VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THE LADIES WHO RETURN MY CALLS.



YEAH. AFTER ALL, IT HAPPENS SO RARELY.

THAT NIGHT, NEW YORK PLAYS HOST TO A VISITOR UNSEEN IN MILLIONS OF YEARS.



SPIKOROULES DENNUM!
DURO ANNON TOR LESH!



BUT UPON DETECTING THE INTRUSIVE PRESENCE OF HUMANS, NURTOG THE TYRANOSAURUS DEMATERIALIZES...



AND REAPPEARS MILD TO THE SURPRISE OF THE ALLEY'S CURRENT TENANTS!



I WISH THEY'D QUIT MAKIN' MOVIES WHERE I'M TRYIN' TO WALK!

COULD BE WORSE. MEMBER THAT GHOST MOVIE TIED UP TRAFFIC FOR MILES?

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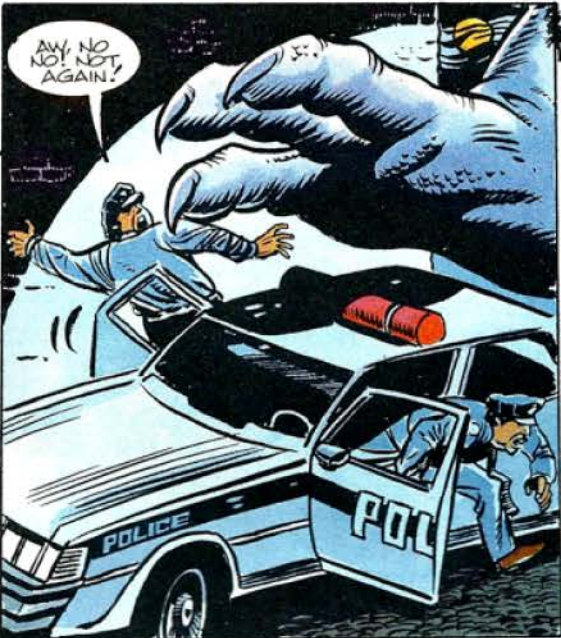
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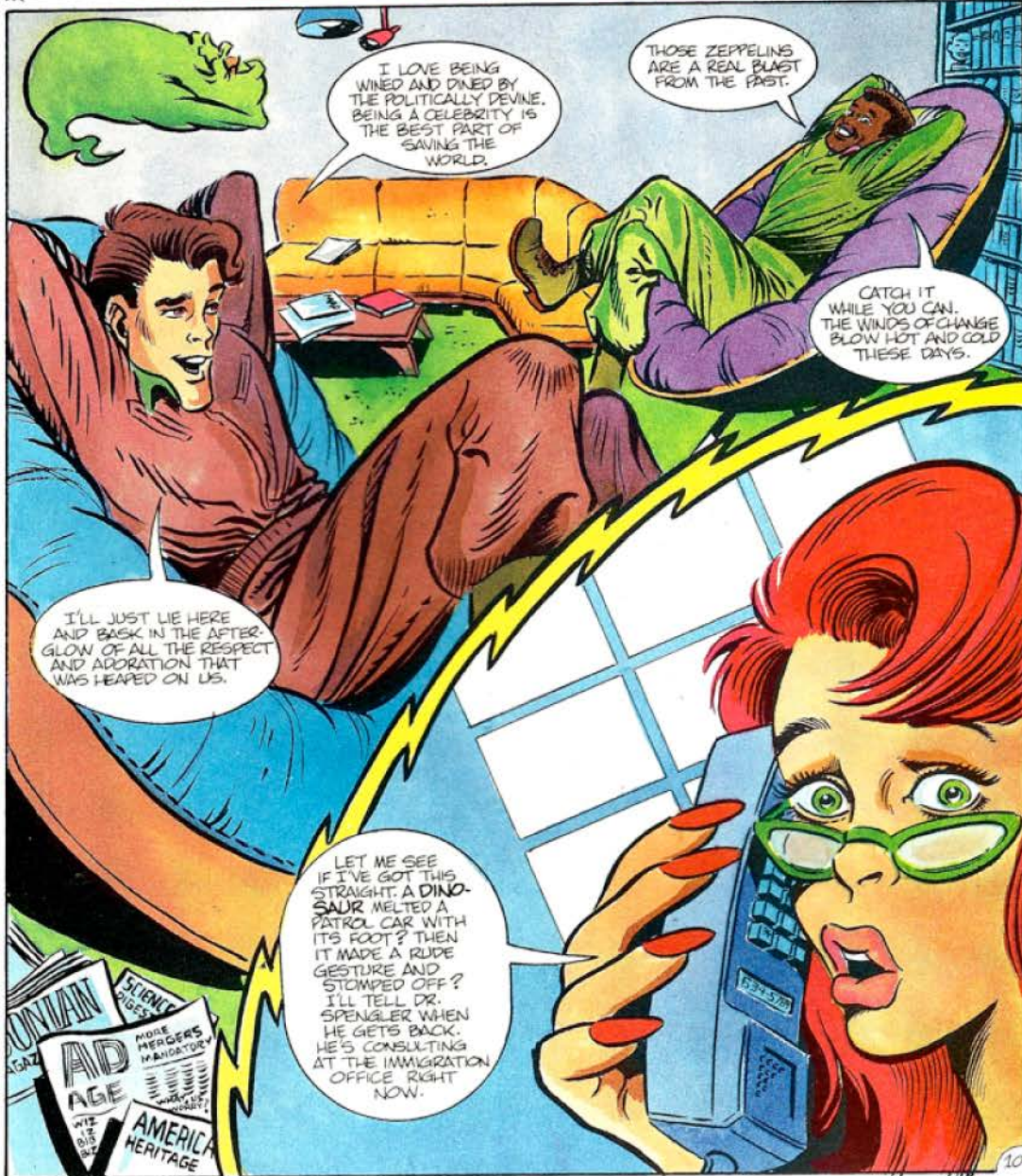
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I'LL TOSS YA' TO SEE WHO HOG TA' CALL IN FROM THE PAY PHONE ACROSS THE STREET!



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I'LL JUST LIE HERE AND BASK IN THE AFTER GLOW OF ALL THE RESPECT AND ADORATION THAT WAS HEAPED ON US.

LET ME SEE IF I'VE GOT THIS STRAIGHT: A DINO-SAUR MELTED A PATROL CAR WITH ITS FOOT? THEN IT MADE A RUDE GESTURE AND STOMPED OFF? I'LL TELL DR. SPENGLER WHEN HE GETS BACK. HE'S CONSULTING AT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE RIGHT NOW.

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AT THE IMMIGRATION BUILDING, RAY AND ESON ARE ON THE VERGE OF A MOMENTOUS DISCOVERY TO BE MADE IN THE COMPANY OF ONE OFFICER BOYETT.



THE PERSON WHO CONTACTED US STATED THAT THE CREATURE CAN TALK. HAS IT MANIFESTED ANY OTHER UNUSUAL TRAITS?

AND YOU SAY IT WAS FOUND AT SEA BY A FREIGHTER?

IT WAS HANGIN' ON TO WHAT WAS LEFT OF SOME KINDA SKIFF, OR SO THEY SAY.



IT DOESN'T SING OR DANCE, IF THAT'S WHAT YA MEAN. YOU SUPPOSE IT CAME FROM A UFO WHAT CRASHED IN THE OCEAN?



I'M NOT FROM ANY GOL'DURNED UFO! I'M FROM THE WORLD BELOW, FOR PETE'S SAKE!



IT'S A DEAD-ON IMITATION OF MR. BOYETT'S SPEECH MANNERISMS!

BUT IT'S **NOT** JUST PARROTING HIM BUT, RATHER, IS USING WHAT IT PERCEIVES AS ENGLISH TO COMMUNICATE WITH US!



THAT TALKIN' LIZARD'S MAKIN' FUN A' ME! I TALK AMURRICAN AS GOOD AS ANYONE!

IT'S NOT MAKING FUN. IT SOMEHOW LEARNED ENGLISH FROM YOU AND SPEAKS IT THE WAY YOU DO. THIS IS EXTRAORDINARY!



DOUBTLESS OUR COMMUNICATION COULD HAVE A WIDE-REACHING IMPACT ON BOTH OUR RACES, IF ONLY I'M NOT TOO LATE TO SECURE YOUR VALUABLE ASSISTANCE.

EGON, NOW IT'S TALKING LIKE YOU!



PERHAPS, BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN FROM WHERE IT ORIGINATES AND WHAT ITS APPEARANCE HERE TRULY SIGNIFIES.

FIRST, I AM SPIKORZULEUS DEN NUKMALE HEIR TO THE THRONE OF CERATEL, LOCATED AT THE CORE OF WHAT YOU CALL EARTH.



I FEAR I MAY HAVE BEEN PERSECUTED EVEN THIS FAR, AND I NEED TO TELL MY STORY TO SOMEONE WHO HAS THE POWER TO SAVE MY WORLD FROM THE CRUEL TIES OF NURTOG!

WE'D BETTER CALL YOU SPIKE, FOR SHORT.



RELEASIN' THIS CRITTER INTO YOUR CUSTODY SEEMS FOOL-HARDY, SO IF N' YOU GET ET', DON'T COME A HOLLARIN' TO ME!

NOT TO WORRY, I'M STRICTLY HERBIVOROUS.



OH, LORD, IT LIKES EATIN' GUYS NAMED HERB! MY COUSIN'S NAMED HERB AND...

NO, NO! HERBIVOROUS MEANS HE'S A VEGETARIAN.

BUT EATIN' BLOODY RED MEAT IS THE AMERICAN WAY!

ACTUALLY, MY ADVERSARY NURTOG, IS QUITE CARNIVOROUS. YOU MIGHT EVEN SAY THAT HE ATE HIS WAY TO THE THRONE.



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IT'S TOO LATE!
NURIDGA IS HERE!

SPIKOROULEUSDENNUN,
WDRAS VO DI!



YOU CAN'T
TELL ME THAT
THING JUST EATS
LETTUCE!

WE HAVE TO
REACH THE
ECTO-1! THE
PROTON BACKS
ARE THERE!

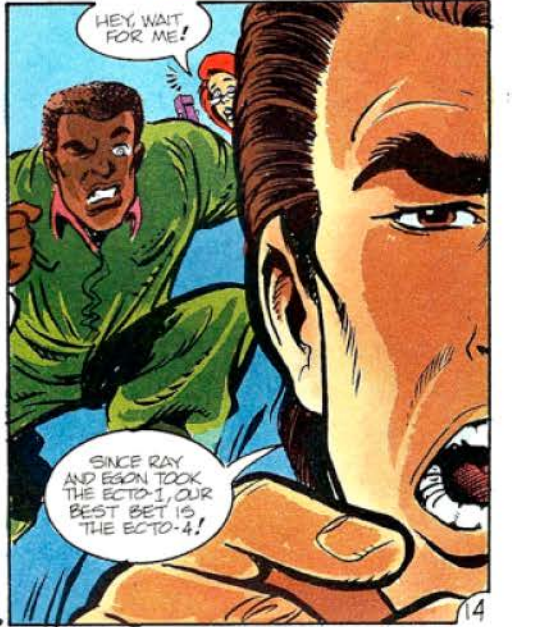


LET US FLEE,
OR YOU'LL FIND
OUT WHAT IT
EATS!

AT LEAST WE
DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT SOMETHING THAT
BIG CHASING US INSIDE
THIS BUILDING!



AS THEY RUSH INTO THE ELEVATOR,
SPIKE WARNS, "DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE
THE SLEEPING TYRANT! HIS POWERS
ARE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING!"



IN MOMENTS THEY'RE ABOARD THE ECTO-4 AND ARE STRAPPING THEMSELVES IN, BUT NOT EVERYONE IS AS CONFIDENT IN THEIR PILOT AS PETER IS IN HIMSELF.

YOU SURE YOU KNOW HOW TO FLY THIS THING?

WE'RE ALL ABOUT TO FIND OUT!

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I LOVE IT!!

WHOOSH!

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RAAARRH!



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AAA GRUT, BNAF, BRUK, SHROTORGLUT!!!

WHAT IS IT SAYING?

SUCH EXCLAMATIONS SOUND THE SAME IN ALL LANGUAGES.



THAT WAS CLOSE! BUT WHAT IS IT, REALLY? IT'S SOLID ENOUGH, BUT IT DISCHARGES ENERGY WHEN IT IMPACTS WITH SOMETHING.

I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND. IT'S MORE THAN AN APPARITION, BUT LESS THAN A FULLY PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION, EVEN THOUGH IT HAS WEIGHT AND SUBSTANCE....

YOU MEAN, SOMEHOW NURTOG'S POWER IS RENEWING HIS PROJECTED FORM HERE FROM ONE MICROSECOND TO THE NEXT? THEN THAT COULD MEAN...

LOOK OUT!

I NEED A TRAP!

THAT THING HAS A LOT OF POWER FOR ONE TRAP!

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NURTOG UNDERSTANDS THE MEANING BEHIND THE WORDS. AT FIRST IT TROUBLES HIM, BUT A TRICKSTER ALWAYS SUSPECTS A TRICK.


SO HE LAUGHS.





HASTY EXPLANATIONS ARE MADE TO PETER, WINSTON AND JANINE ABOUT WHAT HAS JUST TRANSPIRED, AND WHO SPIKE IS.





"NURTOG IS FROM A NATION FAR ACROSS OUR GREATEST OCEAN. HE AND HIS LEGION OF FOLLOWERS HAVE BATTLED MY PEOPLE FOR DECADES. WHAT YOU FOLIGHT IS THE FORM HE NOW USES WHILE HIS REAL BODY SLEEPS SAFELY BENEATH HIS OWN PALACE FAR AWAY. THUS HE IS CALLED **THE SLEEPING TYRANT!** HE USED HIS POWER TO INVADE MY PALACE, AND THE SLAUGHTER WAS HORRIBLE. I FLED IN A SMALL CRAFT UP THE SEA OF LEGENDS USING A STAFF OF POWER TO WIN ME THROUGH."

"LEGENDS TOLD OF STRANGE BEINGS WHICH HAD COME DOWN THAT ROUTE BUT WERE UNABLE TO RETURN. FEW BELIEVED SUCH TALES. I HAD NO CHOICE. MY POWER STAFF WAS EXHAUSTED IN AN ATTACK BY ONE OF NURTOG'S FOLLOWERS. HE MUST FEAR ME GREATLY TO PURSUE ME INTO YOUR WORLD!"

LATER, IT IS A WELL PROVISIONED ECTO-4 WHICH CARRIES SPIKE AND THE GHOST-BUSTERS ON THEIR QUEST TO FIND THE LEGENDARY INNER WORLD, BUT UPON NEARING THE ENTRANCE, THE INSTRUMENTS IN THE POWERFUL CRAFT GO HAYWIRE!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?



IT'S WHAT I FEARED, AND WHY NO ONE HAS EVER GONE SAFELY OR RETURNED!

THE POLAR OPENING TO THE INNER WORLD CONTAINS FORCES DISTRACTIVE TO ANYTHING PRODUCING ELECTRO-MAGNETIC REACTIONS! I SHOULD HAVE... PETER, WHAT...



TRUST ME!

SUDDENLY THE ECTO-4 SHOOTS STRAIGHT UP INTO THE STRATOSPHERE, AND BEYOND THE REACHES OF THE DISTURBANCE.



ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO DO THAT. IT MUST BE CROSS WIRED.

I, UH, HIT THAT BEFORE BY ACCIDENT, SO I KNEW WHAT IT COULD DO.

LUCKY FOR US!

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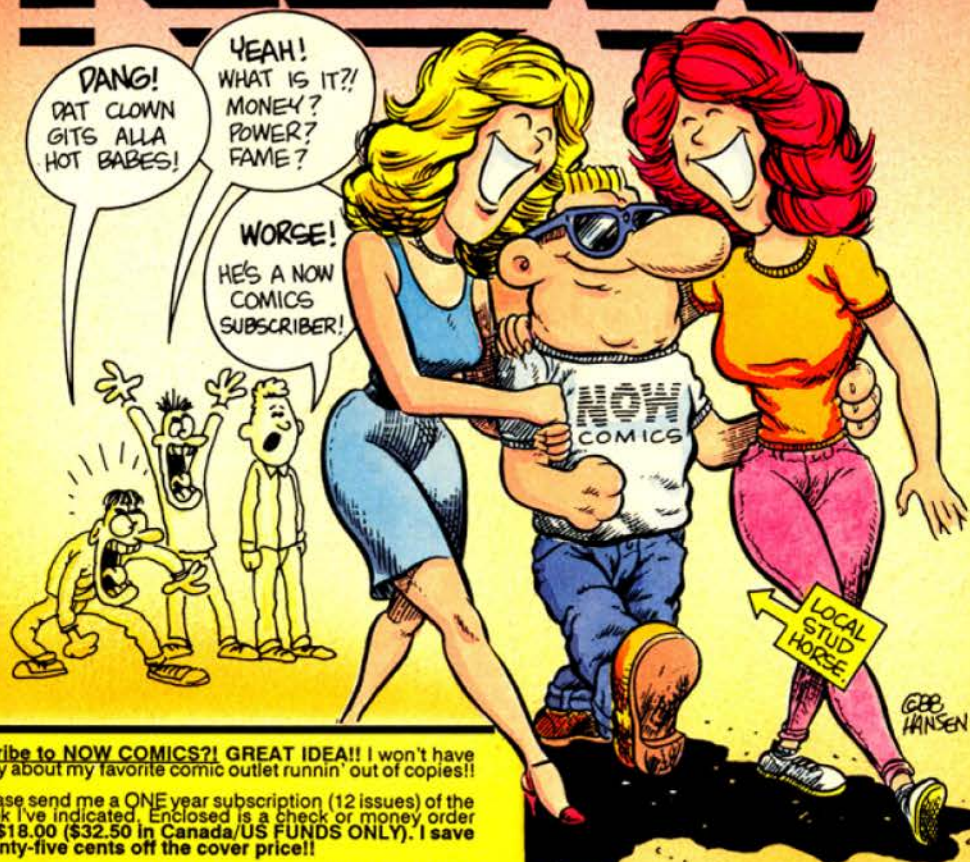
SO WITH A BIT OF RETRO-FITTING AND THE RIGHT DISGUISE, THIS PROUD SHIP OF THE SKY...

YOU'RE NOT SUGGESTING WHAT I THINK YOU'RE SUGGESTING?! COULDN'T WE JUST TRY A CANOE?

THIS I'LL HAVE TO SEE TO BELIEVE. FLYING A ZEPPELIN TO THE EARTH'S CORE!

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NOW NEWSFLASH!!

Contrary to what some Batheads may say, this month is GREEN HORNET month. I'm assuming you all know this by now, considering the publicity NOW'S new series has been receiving even prior to shipping. However, I can assure you that what you've heard to date is nothing compared to the buzz this first issue is going to create now that it's out. And I think that the two key words here are "Now Out". Meaning, if you haven't picked up your copy of issue #1 you'd better get on the ball, because the first issue, Double Sized, might I add, is key in laying down the foundation for the rest of the series. It comes complete with memoir pages, a family tree, and photographs. Oh, and did I mention that issue #1 features a Jim Steranko cover? Those of you who are not familiar with Mr. Steranko's work, maybe better check it out.



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And if that's not enough, NOW COMICS is coming out with yet another new title. LITTLE MONSTERS is a monthly series based on the film of the same name, from Vestron Pictures. The film is scheduled to release in mid August and issue one of the comic book will be on the stands, absolutely no later than September first! So what's it all about? Well, the film stars Fred Savage, your average, yet witty, all American kid, and Howie Mandel, your not-so-average havoc wreaking, wild guy on the tear, MONSTER from under the bed, named Maurice. In the film, Maurice is trapped by Brian (Savage), when he comes out from under the bed one night to taunt little Eric (Ben Savage), Brian's younger brother. Maurice befriends Brian and opens his eyes to a vast Underworld of monsters, who rule the night. Things get complicated when an evil monster named Boy kidnaps Brian's brother, in order to convince him to stay in the underworld, become a monster and be his eternal playmate. There's a lot more to it, but there is hardly room on this page to do justice. You'll have to see the movie AND read the monthly comic, which features all new stories, by the way. On the book are myself, Katherine Llewellyn, writer, and Jeff Laubenstein, formerly of the famed RUST series, as penciller and inker.

Also, for your information, NOW VIDEO, USA is bringing just what the public has been demanding, THE SPEED RACER HOME VIDEO LIBRARY COLLECTOR'S EDITIONS. It was all over in last month's comics (SEE INSIDE FRONT COVER OF OCTOBER COVER DATE BOOKS), but this month, the order form only appears in SPEED RACER and RACER-X, so you'll have to look a little more closely.

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