

INTRODUCING: JONNY GALAXIE

THIS IS A STORY ABOUT JONNY GALAXIE, A RESIDENT OF THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. HE IS A SPACE MERCENARY, EARNING HIS KEEP ASSISTING THE UNITED PLANETS SPACE FORCES IN THEIR NEVER ENDING BATTLE AGAINST EVIL IN THE UNIVERSE. LET US SEE WHAT DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT HE IS ON NOW.

IMAGINE SENDING ME, THE GREAT JONNY GALAXIE—KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE AS A GREAT FIGHTER AGAINST ALIEN MONSTERS AND EVIL CIVILIZATIONS, ON SUCH A MENIAL CHORE!

THERE ARE PLENTY OF SAUCER JOCKEYS IN THIS SOLAR SYSTEM WHO COULD DELIVER THE MAIL TO EARTH VOLUNTEERS FIGHTING ON MANTEIV. WHY ME?



DAVE HERRING

I SHOULD BE HELPING TO DEFEAT THOSE EVIL NORTH MANTEIV MEN WHO HAVE ATTACKED THE PEACE LOVING SOUTHERNERS. I SURE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THEM A TASTE OF MY ZAP GUN! BUT OH NO...

IT LOOKS LIKE JONNY'S GOING TO GET HIS WISH. HE HAD NOT NOTICED A SQUADRON OF NORTH MANTEIV MEN LAYING IN AMBUSH, AND NOW THEY'VE OPENED FIRE!

HEY YOU GUYS, QUIT SHOOTING AT ME! I'M ONLY DELIVERING THE MAIL! I'M NOT ON COMBAT DUTY! COME ON, PLAY FAIR!

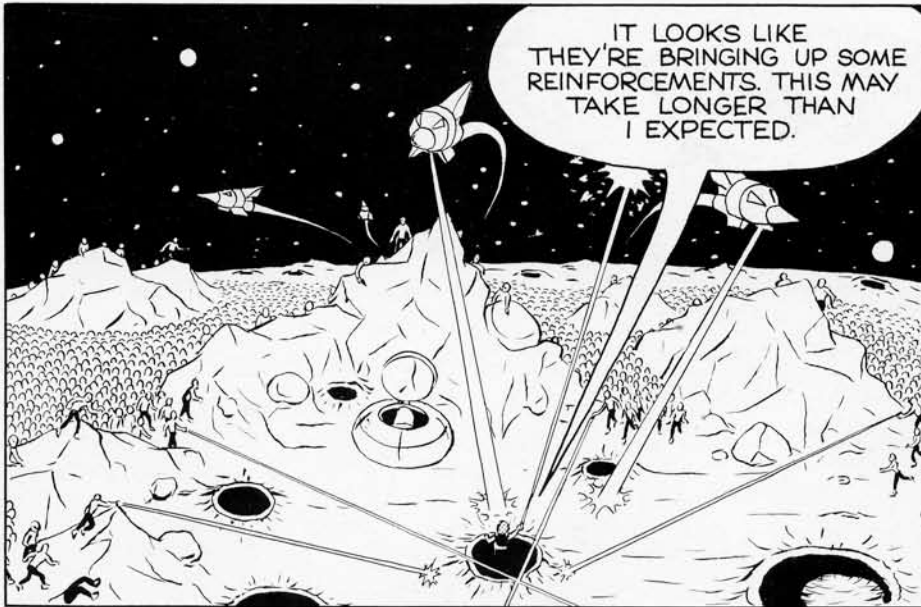


OKAY YOU GUYS,
YOU ASKED FOR IT! I'M
NOT TAKING ANY
PRISONERS!

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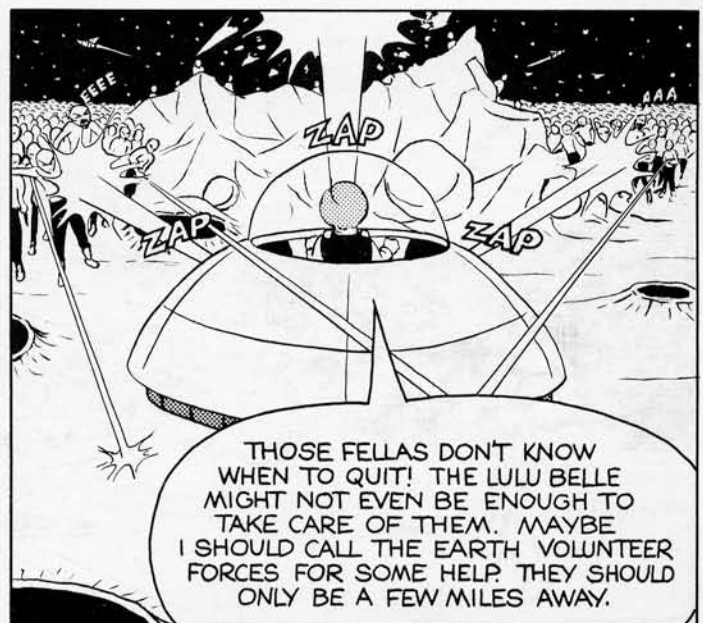
IT LOOKS LIKE
THEY'RE BRINGING UP SOME
REINFORCEMENTS. THIS MAY
TAKE LONGER THAN
I EXPECTED.



MY TRUSTY LITTLE ZAP
GUN MAY NOT BE ENOUGH!
I BETTER GET INTO THE
LULU BELLE AND LET 'EM
HAVE IT WITH THE
BIG GUNS.



YOU GUYS BETTER
SURRENDER OR
I'M GONNA GET MAD!



THOSE FELLAS DON'T KNOW
WHEN TO QUIT! THE LULU BELLE
MIGHT NOT EVEN BE ENOUGH TO
TAKE CARE OF THEM. MAYBE
I SHOULD CALL THE EARTH VOLUNTEER
FORCES FOR SOME HELP. THEY SHOULD
ONLY BE A FEW MILES AWAY.

THIS IS JONNY GALAXIE IN THE LULU BELLE CALLING THE NEAREST ALLIED FORCES. I AM UNDER ATTACK FROM HEAVY LAND AND AIR ENEMY FORCES. IF YOU GUYS DON'T GET HERE PRETTY DARN QUICK, I REFUSE TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS SHIPMENT OF MAIL.



IN A MATTER OF MINUTES THE GOOD GUYS COME TO THE RESCUE.

WELL JONNY, WE GOT HERE AS QUICK AS WE COULD. IT GETS PRETTY LONESOME FIGHTING ON AN ALIEN PLANET. WE CERTAINLY COULDN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THAT MAIL. YOU MAY CONSIDER YOURSELF RELIEVED OF DUTY.



OKAY, I'LL GIVE YOU THE MAIL AND THEN CUT OUT!

OH BOY, I HOPE I GOT MY ORDER FROM JOHNSON AND SMITH. BY THE WAY JONNY, WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE OFF WHEN YOU FIRST SAW YOU WERE OUTNUMBERED?



YEAH! WHY DIDN'T I JUST GET OUT? I GUESS I DIDN'T THINK OF THAT. WELL, HAVE A GOOD TIME.

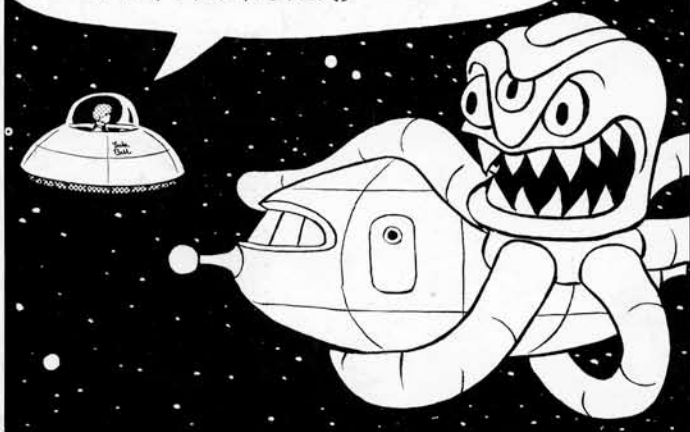
WELL, I DID MY DUTY FOR TODAY. I'M BOUND TO GET A BONUS WITH MY NEXT PAY CHECK.



I'VE EARNED A GOOD TIME AND THERE'S A GORGEOUS WAITRESS WORKING AT A NEARBY SPACE STATION. I SHOULD GET THERE SOON. SHE'S NEVER PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME BEFORE, BUT AFTER I TELL HER WHAT A BIG HERO I AM...



I SURE HOPE SHE'S THE HERO WORSHIPPER TYPE. THERE'S THE STATION NOW. HEY, THEY MUST HAVE BUILT ON AN EXTENSION, I DON'T REMEMBER IT BEING THAT LARGE... HEY, THAT'S NO EXTENSION, IT'S A MONSTER!

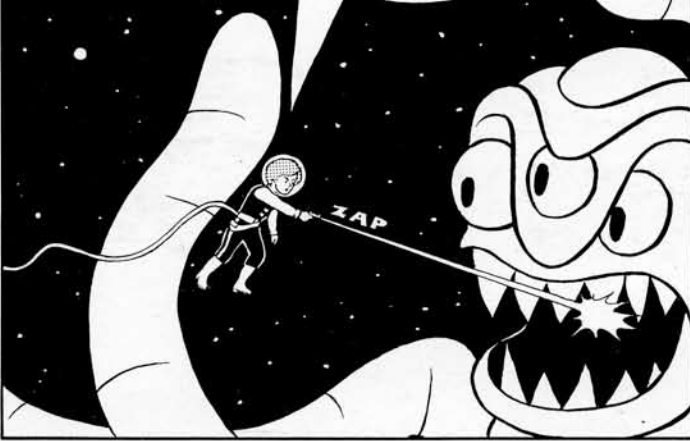


OH HECK! IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO BATTLE AGAIN YOU'D THINK I COULD GET SOME FREE TIME...

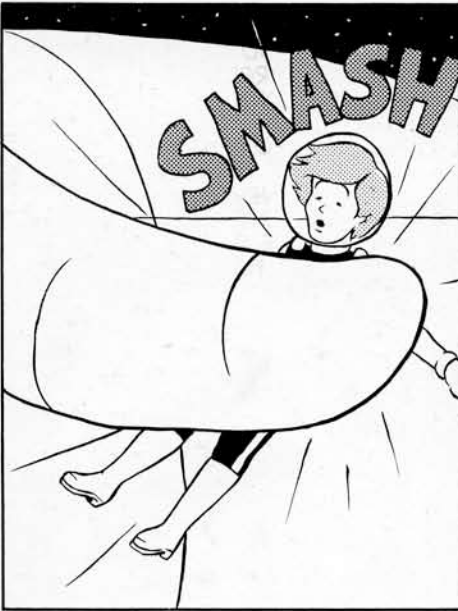
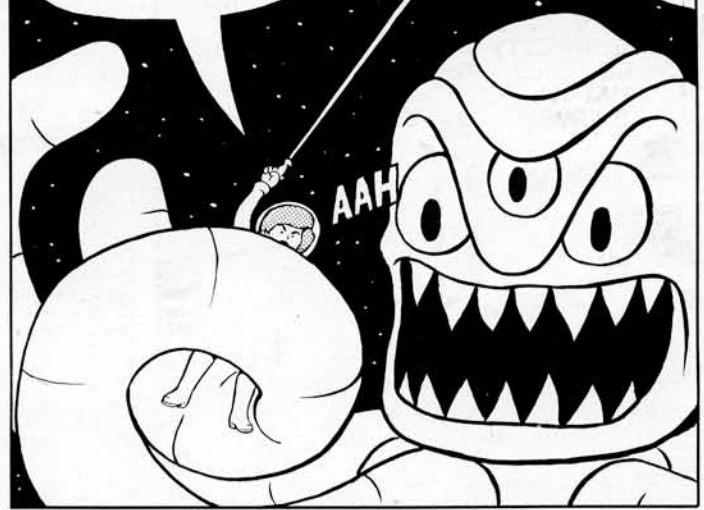
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! BY KILLING THIS MONSTER I'LL BE SAVING THE LIFE OF LEA, THAT SHARP WAITRESS. JUST THINK HOW GRATEFUL SHE'LL BE... LET ME AT HIM!



I'VE DEALT WITH THESE BEASTS BEFORE, THEY SWIM THROUGH SPACE DEVOURING SPACE SHIPS, SPACE STATIONS, SOMETIMES EVEN PLANETS... HE WON'T BE EASY TO KILL, BUT IT WILL BE WORTH IT.



GET YOUR SLIMY TENTACLES OFFA ME!



OKAY MONSTER, NO MORE FOOLING AROUND! FOR THE KIND OF GRATITUDE I'M ABOUT TO RECEIVE, I'D DESTROY THE DEVIL HIMSELF!



MONSTER, PREPARE TO MEET YOUR MAKER! WHOEVER THAT MAY BE!



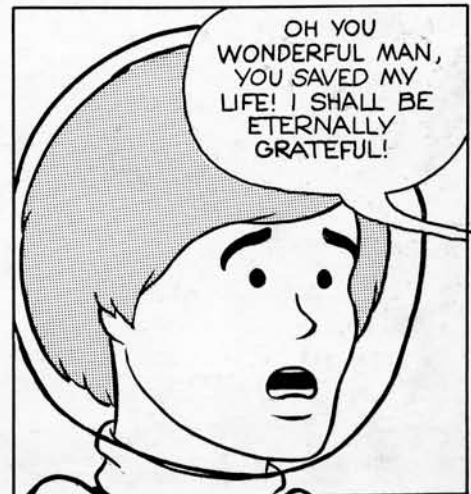
GOT HIM! NOW (PUFF) IF I CAN ONLY MAKE IT INTO THE STATION...



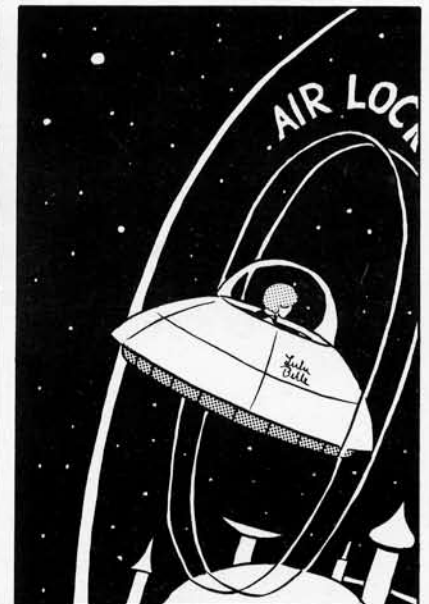
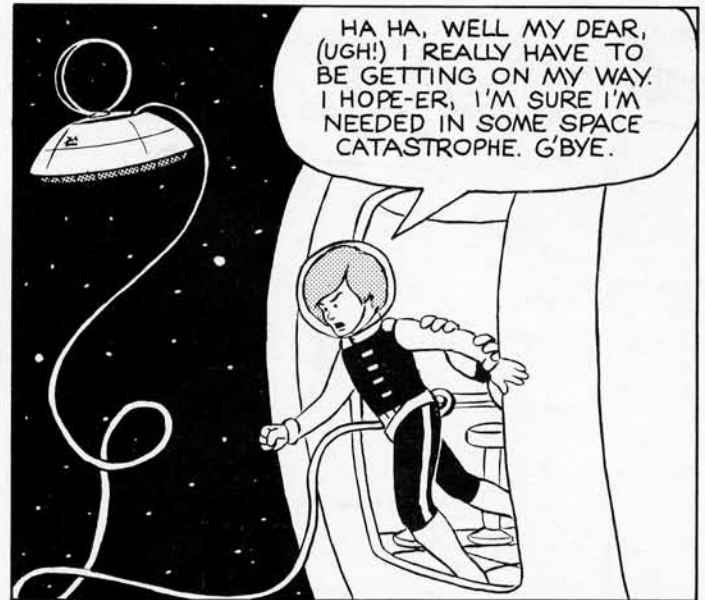
I DID IT (PUFF)... I KILLED THE THING... I SAVED THE STATION. (PUFF) LEA, WHERE ARE YOU?



YES, JONNY GALAXIE SAVED THE SPACE STATION FROM DESTRUCTION AND AS HE EXPECTED, THE WAITRESS IS VERY GRATEFUL TO HIM, BUT...



UNFORTUNATELY LEA IS ON VACATION AND HER TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT DOES NOT RESEMBLE HER AT ALL.





HEY SHE SEEMS TO BE ALONE. OKAY JONNY, LET'S GO INTO ACTION AND SHOW 'EM HOW IT'S DONE!

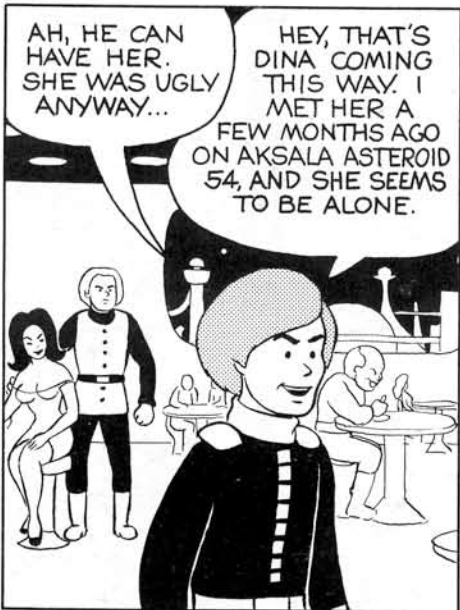


HELLO BEAUTIFUL. I'M JONNY GALAXIE, THE FAMOUS SPACE FIGHTER. YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD ABOUT MY FABULOUS EXPLOITS...



NO PUNK, MY WIFE NEVER HAS HEARD OF YOU!

HEH HEH. GOOD EVENING SIR, I WAS JUST ADMIRING YOUR LOVELY WIFE. HEH, I GUESS I'LL BE ON MY WAY.



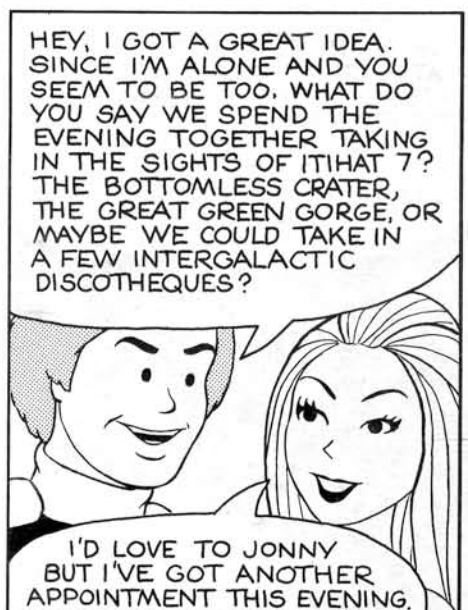
AH, HE CAN HAVE HER. SHE WAS UGLY ANYWAY...

HEY, THAT'S DINA COMING THIS WAY. I MET HER A FEW MONTHS AGO ON AKSALA ASTEROID 54, AND SHE SEEMS TO BE ALONE.



HI THERE DINA. IMAGINE, RUNNING INTO YOU ON THIS PLANET. IT'S GETTING TO BE A SMALL UNIVERSE.

HELLO JONNY, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.



HEY, I GOT A GREAT IDEA. SINCE I'M ALONE AND YOU SEEM TO BE TOO. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE SPEND THE EVENING TOGETHER TAKING IN THE SIGHTS OF IT THAT 7? THE BOTTOMLESS CRATER, THE GREAT GREEN GORGE, OR MAYBE WE COULD TAKE IN A FEW INTERGALACTIC DISCOTHEQUES?

I'D LOVE TO JONNY BUT I'VE GOT ANOTHER APPOINTMENT THIS EVENING.



BUT I WILL BE FREE TOMORROW. IF YOU WANT TO, WE COULD SPEND THE WHOLE DAY TOGETHER.

WOW, THAT'D BE GREAT- I MEAN, I JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE A FREE DAY IN MY BUSY SCHEDULE. I'LL PICK YOU UP FIRST THING TOMORROW.



WHEEW. I ALMOST LOST MY COOL. BUT TOMORROW, I MAKE UP FOR ALL LOST TIME. YEAH!



JONNY THEN RETIRED EARLY, DREAMING OF THE BIG DAY THAT WAS TO FOLLOW, UNTIL HE WAS RUDELY AWAKENED EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.

WHAA?

BEEP

UH OH, THAT'S THE EMERGENCY SIGNAL. DARN IT! MAYBE IF I IGNORE IT THEY'LL GET SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR THEM.



ALRIGHT GALAXIE, GET OUT OF THAT SACK ON THE DOUBLE! YOU'RE OUR ONLY MAN IN THE VICINITY OF THE EMERGENCY, AND YOU'RE GOING TO DO OUR DIRTY WORK FOR US! THAT'S AN ORDER!

OOPS, I MUST HAVE HAD MY FINGER ON THE TALK BUTTON...

YES SIR, BUT FIRST I'VE GOTTA CALL THIS GIRL AND TELL HER I CAN'T...

THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT NOW! GET INTO SPACE AND HEAD FOR LEARSI NOW!



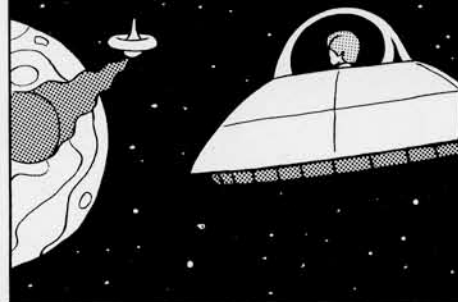
...AND IN A FLASH JONNY G. IS ON HIS WAY TO ONCE AGAIN FACE DEATH!

I'M ON MY WAY TO LEARSI. NOW WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN I GET THERE?

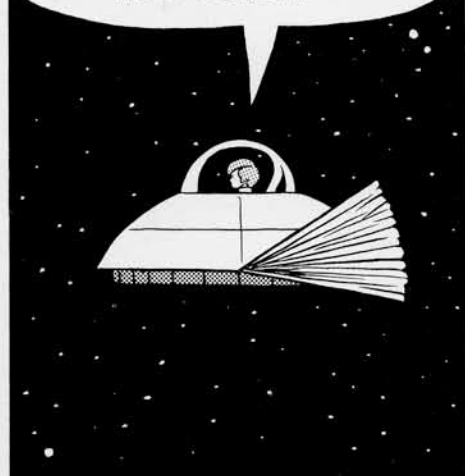
AS YOU KNOW LEARSI IS ONE OF OUR ALLIES. WE RECEIVED AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THEM STATING THAT THEY HAVE TRACKED UNIDENTIFIED SPACE CRAFT IN ORBIT OF THEIR PLANET. THEY ARE APPARENTLY SHIPS FROM THE EVIL PLANET RAU. THEY SEEM TO BE SETTING UP SOME SORT OF SPACE STATION. THE LEARSIS FEAR AN IMMINENT ATTACK LAUNCHED FROM THAT SPACE STATION. YOUR JOB IS TO INVESTIGATE AND PREVENT SUCH AN ATTACK.



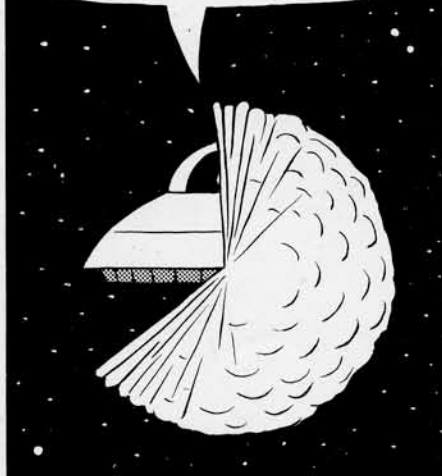
WILL DO POST HASTE... I SEE THE PLANET NOW. THE SPACE STATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS FIRING SOME SORT OF RAY AT LEARSI. I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE.

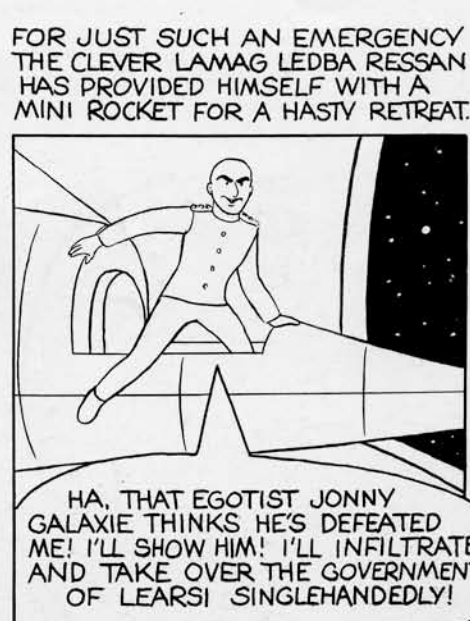
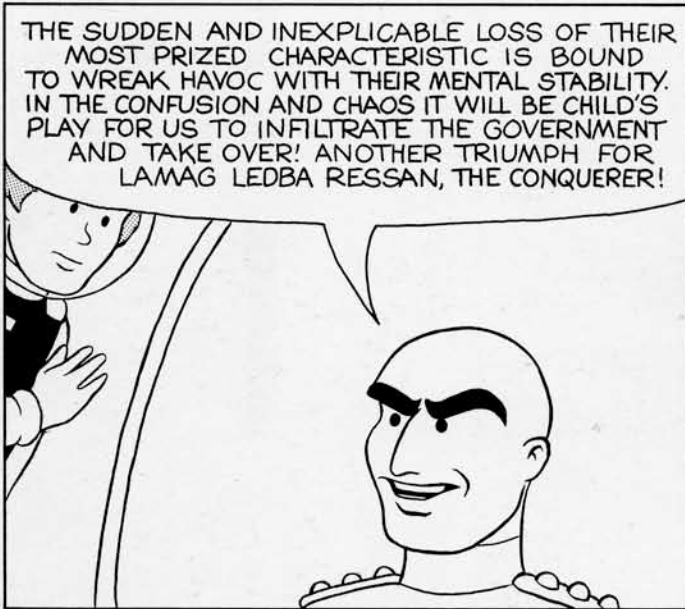
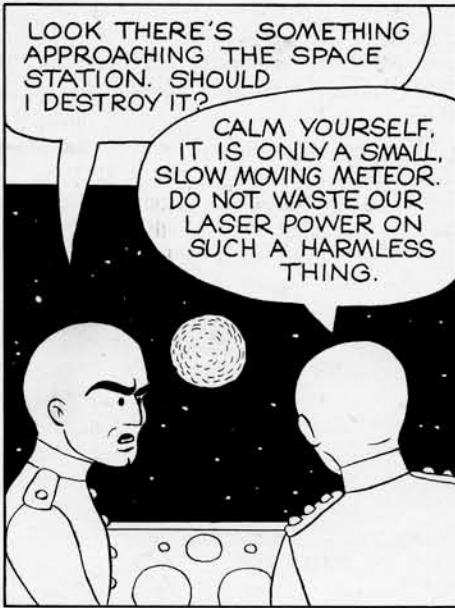


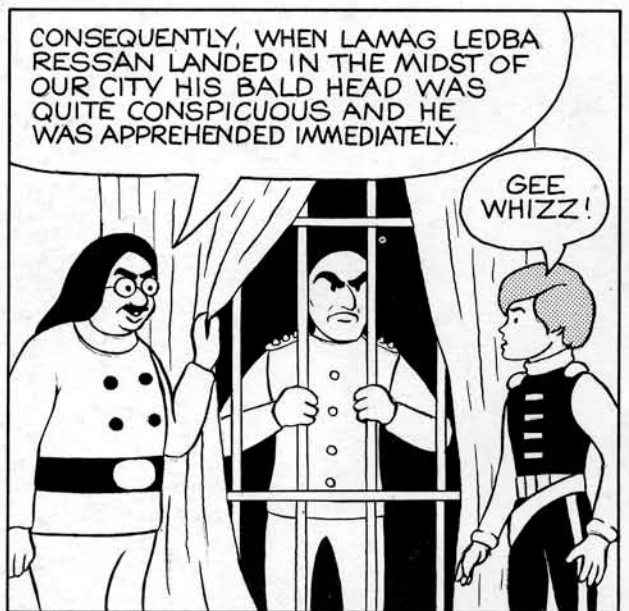
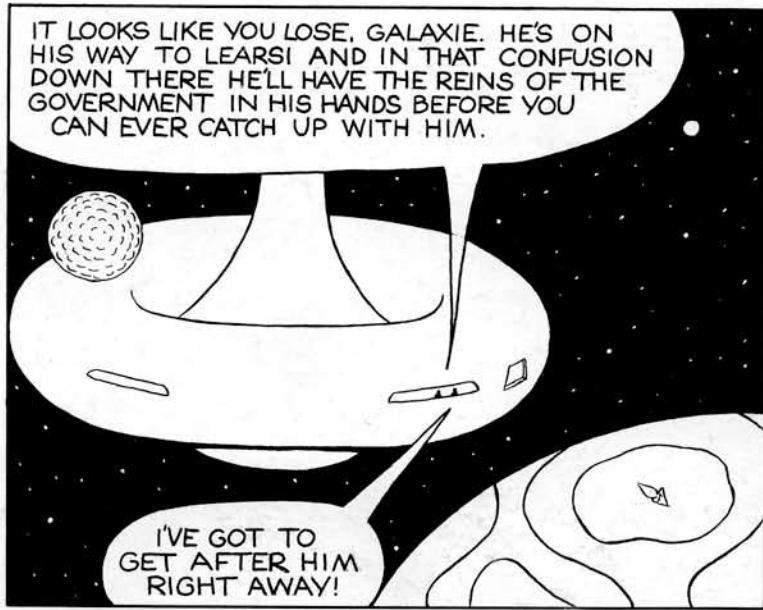
IN ORDER TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO INVESTIGATE AND NOT RAISE SUSPICION, I AM PUTTING MY SPECIAL CAMOUFLAGE DEVICE INTO ACTION.



NOW WHEN I MOVE CLOSER TO THE STATION, THEY WILL THINK I AM A HARMLESS, SLOW MOVING METEOR.







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