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ATTACKED BY GIGANTIC FLYING REPTILES !

BLOOD KNIFE

BLOOD KNIFE, THE COMANCHE, WAS IN A STRANGE HIDDEN VALLEY IN THE MOUNTAINS. WITH TELUHA, A SWAMP INDIAN, BLOOD KNIFE HAD CLIMBED A CLIFF TO REACH THE STRONGHOLD OF TAMANA, A RENEGADE INDIAN WHO WAS LEADING A TRIBE OF SAVAGE GIANTS AGAINST TELUHA'S TRIBE. SUDDENLY, BLOOD KNIFE AND TELUHA WERE ATTACKED BY GIGANTIC FLYING REPTILES...

BLOOD KNIFE SWUNG HIMSELF SIDEWAYS TO AVOID THE SNAPPING TEETH OF THE CREATURE... BUT A LEATHERY WING KNOCKED HIM FROM HIS HOLD...

AAACH!



WITH A DESPERATE EFFORT HE FLUNG OUT A HAND TO GRIP A BUSH.

MANITOU GIVE ME STRENGTH!



THEN DOWN SHOT ANOTHER OF THE MONSTERS, BUT THIS TIME HE WAS READY!



AS THE DREADFUL REPTILE PLUNGED TO ITS DOOM...



THEY MUST HAVE BUT TINY BRAINS... WITH LUCK THEY WILL NOT REALISE I AM HIDDEN IN THIS BUSH!

SUDDENLY THE OTHER CREATURES DIVED AFTER THE ONE THE COMANCHE HAD SLAIN...

SO THEY WOULD EVEN FEED ON THEIR OWN KIND.



SUDDENLY THEY WERE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES !

TELUHA CLIMBED DOWN CAREFULLY AND HELPED PULL BLOOD KNIFE TO SAFETY.



ONCE AGAIN THEY SET OUT FOR THE CLIFF TOP...

LET US PRAY THAT TANANA AND HIS EVIL GIANTS HAVE NOT HEARD US. FOR THE NOISE THOSE CREATURES MADE MUST HAVE CARRIED FOR MILES.

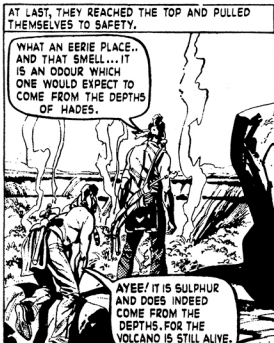
IF THE GIANTS HAD SEEN US THEY WOULD HAVE HURLED ROCKS ON US BEFORE NOW.



AT LAST, THEY REACHED THE TOP AND PULLED THEMSELVES TO SAFETY.

WHAT AN EERIE PLACE... AND THAT SMELL... IT IS AN ODOUR WHICH ONE WOULD EXPECT TO COME FROM THE DEPTHS OF HADES.

AYEE! IT IS SULPHUR AND DOES INDEED COME FROM THE DEPTHS. FOR THE VOLCANO IS STILL ALIVE.



THEY MOVED FORWARD, EVERY NERVE ALERT...



ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE FOREST THEY CAME TO A PLACE WHERE STEAM BUBBLED AND BOILED FROM HOLES IN THE GROUND.



THIS MUST BE THE HEART OF THE VOLCANO, BLOOD KNIFE.

IT IS ALIVE INDEED. IF IT WERE NOT FOR THESE OUTLETS, THE WHOLE FIERY MASS INSIDE WOULD SOON ERUPT!

THEN IT HAPPENED!



THE GIANTS!

UURCH.

NEXT SECOND BLOOD KNIFE AND TELUHA WERE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES!



AAAAH!

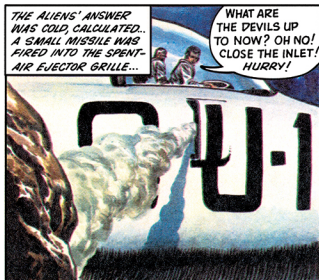
HI-YAAAAH!

BLOOD KNIFE SENT ONE GIANT SMASHING TO THE GROUND...



...BUT ANOTHER GIANT RAISED A MASSIVE CLUB AND IT CAME SWEEPING DOWN TOWARDS BLOOD KNIFE.

NEXT MONDAY : BLOOD KNIFE AT THE MERCY OF FANTASTIC CREATURES!



WHAT ARE THE DEVILS UP TO NOW? OH NO! CLOSE THE INLET! HURRY!



FLEXION TUBES SNAKED OUT FROM THE ROCK SHIPS ... MAGNETIC CLAMPS CONNECTED WITH THE QUASAR ... AND THE LONG HAUL TO PLANET ZALIN BEGAN...

HOURS LATER, THE PARTY TOUCHED DOWN ON ZALIN...



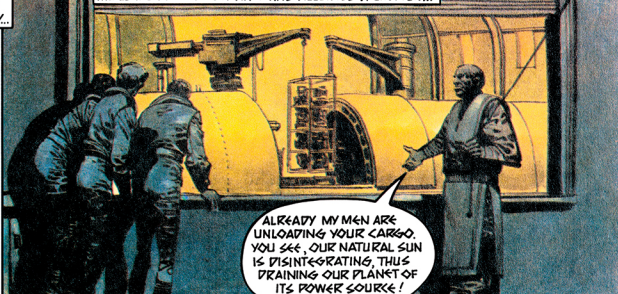
A RUGGED ARM OF GRANITE-HARD ROCK SLASHED THROUGH THE AIR... AN EVIL CACKLE RANG FROM GADARUS'S MOUTH...



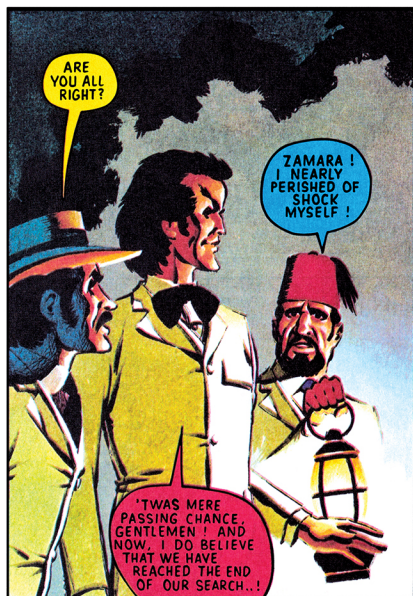
MINUTES LATER, THE QUASAR'S CREW, NOW FULLY RECOVERED, STOOD BEFORE THE TYRANT LEADER OF PLANET ZALIN...



THE LEADER PACED TO A WALL AND RELEASED A SHUTTER...







BLAKE EDMONDS HAD IT ALL... DASHING GOOD LOOKS, FAME AND THE ADULATION OF A NATION, UNTIL A HORRIFIC ACCIDENT ALMOST KILLED HIM AND LEFT HIM A SCARRED WRECK OF THE MAN HE USED TO BE. SINCE THAT DAY BLAKE HAS PUSHED THE BOUNDARIES OF SPEED, NOT CARING IF HE LIVES OR DIES!

DEATH WISH

THE DEMONS SEVEN!



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HOLD ONTO YOUR HATS AS OUR MAIN EVENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN! BLAKE EDMONDS WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO JUMP THE VERDON GORGE.

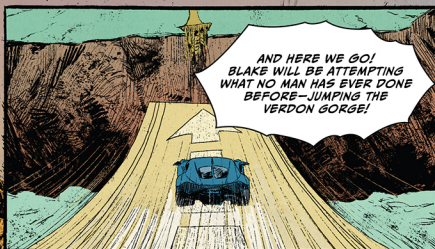


REMEMBER, BLAKE, YOU NEED TO BE HITTING AT LEAST 90 MILES PER HOUR IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANCE TO—

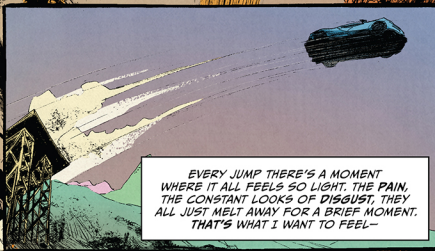
I KNOW.

YOU'RE A CRAZY GUY, YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT?

I KNOW.



AND HERE WE GO! BLAKE WILL BE ATTEMPTING WHAT NO MAN HAS EVER DONE BEFORE—JUMPING THE VERDON GORGE!



EVERY JUMP THERE'S A MOMENT WHERE IT ALL FEELS SO LIGHT. THE PAIN, THE CONSTANT LOOKS OF DISGUST, THEY ALL JUST MELT AWAY FOR A BRIEF MOMENT. THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO FEEL—

OH DEAR GOD!
THIS MUST BE THE END
OF BLAKE EDMONDS!

SMASH!!