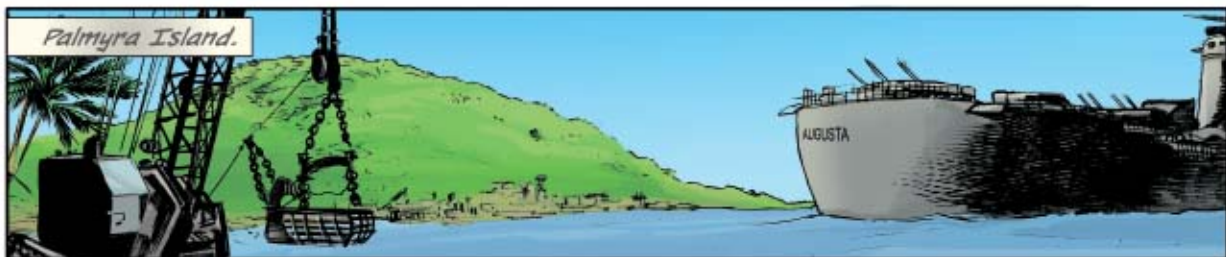






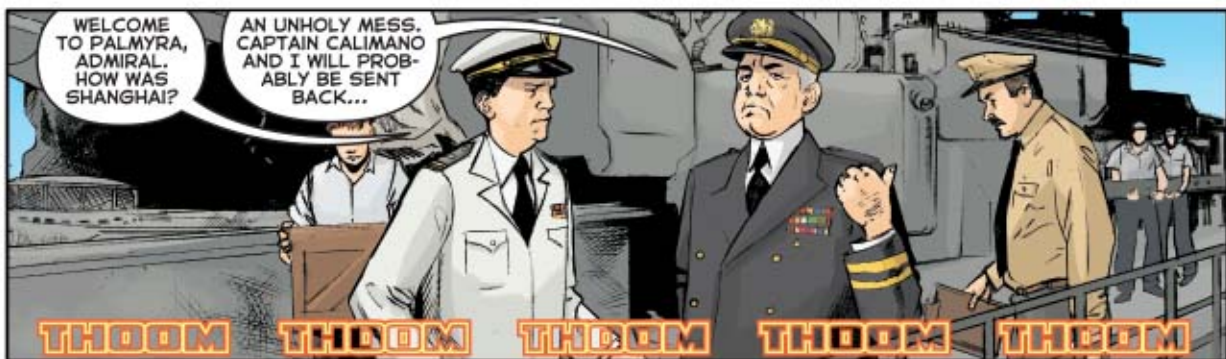


Palmyra Island.



WELCOME TO PALMYRA, ADMIRAL. HOW WAS SHANGHAI?

AN UNHOLY MESS. CAPTAIN CALIMANO AND I WILL PROBABLY BE SENT BACK...



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WHAT THE DEVIL IS THAT SOUND?

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WEIGH ANCHOR! GET US OUT OF HERE, CAPTAIN!



THAT'S QUITE A DREAM, BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M NOT BURNED TO ASHES.



DON'T PATRONIZE ME, COUSIN. IT MEANT SOMETHING.

I JUST KNOW AMELIA IS STILL OUT THERE. SHE'S ALIVE!

THE U.S. NAVY AND GEORGE PUTNAM SCOURED THE PACIFIC FOR MONTHS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT ME TO SAY.



YOU'RE DOC SAVAGE, YOU CAN DO THINGS THEY CAN'T. YOU HAVE RESOURCES THEY DON'T.

I KNOW YOU LOVED HER, PAT... BUT YOUR NIGHTMARE WAS AN EXPRESSION OF GRIEF AND LOSS. THAT'S ALL.



WHAT IF SHE IS ALIVE AND SHE NEEDS US? I CAN'T STAND NOT KNOWING THE TRUTH.



THE TRUTH MIGHT BE JUST ANOTHER NIGHTMARE. ARE YOU SURE YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW?

MISSY, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU MAY HAVE GOT THE BATTY THING WORKING!





DOCTOR SAVAGE...ARE YOU THERE? DO I SAY "COME IN" OR "OVER" OR WHAT HAVE YOU? AM I COMING THROUGH?

I FEEL LIKE BUCK ROGERS!



YOU'RE COMING THROUGH FINE, MR. PRESIDENT. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



AND THERE HE IS! AMAZING STUFF, EH BILL?



THANK YOU, CLARK, FOR PLACING YOURSELF AT MY DISPOSAL LIKE THIS. IS THAT YOUR LOVELY COUSIN PATRICIA THERE?

IT IS, SIR...BUT YOU CAN SPEAK FREELY.

OF COURSE. IF SHE HAS YOUR TRUST SHE HAS MINE.

I'LL COME STRAIGHT TO IT, THEN.



THERE'S BEEN AN UNCANNY INCIDENT IN THE PACIFIC. OUR NEW NAVAL BASE ON PALMYRA ISLAND WAS BLOWN TO SMITHEREENS BY THE RATHER SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF A... WELL, A SORT OF BABY VOLCANO.



I'M NO GEOLOGIST, BUT EVEN I KNOW A VOLCANO, SUDDENLY APPEARING IN THE PACIFIC...IN AND OF ITSELF, IS NOT SUCH A SURPRISING THING.

BUT THERE ARE THREE DETAILS WHICH CAUSE MY SUSPICIOUS OLD MIND SOME ALARM...



ONE: THE NAVY BOYS TELL US THEY HEARD A MECHANICAL DRONING SOUND BEFORE THE ERUPTION.

TWO: PALMYRA ISLAND WAS SURVEYED JUST TWO MONTHS AGO AND THE REPORT CAME BACK 100% STABLE.

THREE: WITH ALL THE VAST PACIFIC OCEAN TO CHOOSE FROM, THIS LITTLE VOLCANO DECIDED TO POP UP UNDER OUR NEWEST NAVAL BASE, AND A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE HEAVY CRUISER U.S.S. AUGUSTA.



I SEE. WAS THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ASIATIC FLEET ABOARD HER?



YES, ADMIRAL YARNELL WAS THERE. AUGUSTA GOT OUT A DISTRESS MESSAGE ABOUT THE VOLCANO, BUT A FEW MINUTES LATER WENT OFF THE AIR.

SO YOU SEE MY CONCERN? ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE, AND IT COULD ALL BE A COINCIDENCE...



...OR A MADMAN WITH SOME KIND OF SEISMIC SUPER-WEAPON TRIED TO CRIPPLE THE ASIATIC FLEET AND CHALLENGE OUR PRESENCE IN THE PACIFIC WITH A REMOTE-CONTROL VOLCANO.



YES... OR THAT. WHAT YOU SAID.

BILL HERE THINKS I MAY HAVE GONE MAD... BUT IT'S A BRAVE NEW WORLD, DOC, AND IT HAS SUCH CREATURES IN IT. BEFORE YOU CAME ALONG I'D HAVE WRITTEN OFF THIS OUTLANDISH STUFF AS SOMETHING OUT OF JULES VERNE. BUT NOW?



I NEED YOU TO GO TAKE A GOOD LOOK.

MY TEAM WILL DEPART FOR PALMYRA WITHIN THE HOUR, BY SEAPLANE.

ADMIRAL LEAHY, DO YOU THINK IT COULD BE THE JAPANESE?



IT'S CERTAINLY THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND LORD KNOWS THEY'D LOVE TO BURY HARRY YARNELL UNDER LAVA... BUT THE TECHNOLOGY? I DON'T SEE IT.

WHATEVER THE CASE, APPROACH CAUTIOUSLY, DOC. IF AUGUSTA SURVIVED, HER CREW IS BOUND TO BE A LITTLE TRIGGER-HAPPY.



THANK YOU, ADMIRAL... I'LL BEAR THAT IN MIND.

HAPPY HUNTING, DOC! AMERICA IS IN YOUR DEBT!



SUDDEN VOLCANIC EXPLOSION IN THE PACIFIC. NOW WHERE HAVE I HEARD SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?

THE COINCIDENCE IS INTERESTING, BUT THIS TAKES PRIORITY... YOU HEARD THE PRESIDENT.

I KNOW. I'LL HELP YOU ROUND UP THE BOYS.



SO HE FINALLY USED IT! HOW DID THE PICTURE LOOK?

THAT HARDLY SEEMS LIKE THE MOST SALIENT CONTROVERSY AT THIS JUNCTURE.

JOHNNY'S RIGHT: THE ONLY QUESTION IS "WHAT'S THE PLAN, DOC?"



WE GO TO PALMYRA ISLAND AND SEE WHAT'S WHAT.

IT MIGHT BE NOTHING... OR IT MIGHT BE A GRAVE THREAT TO AMERICA OR EVEN THE WORLD.



SO... THE USUAL.

MONK, HAM, JOHNNY AND I WILL TAKE THE FORD TRI-MOTOR AND FLY STRAIGHT TO THE ATOLL.

WHAT DO ME AND RENNY DO IN THE MEAN-TIME?



YOU TWO WILL FOLLOW IN THE HELLDIVER.

I HAVE A FEELING WE'LL BE NEEDING OUR SUBMARINE BEFORE THIS MATTER IS DONE.