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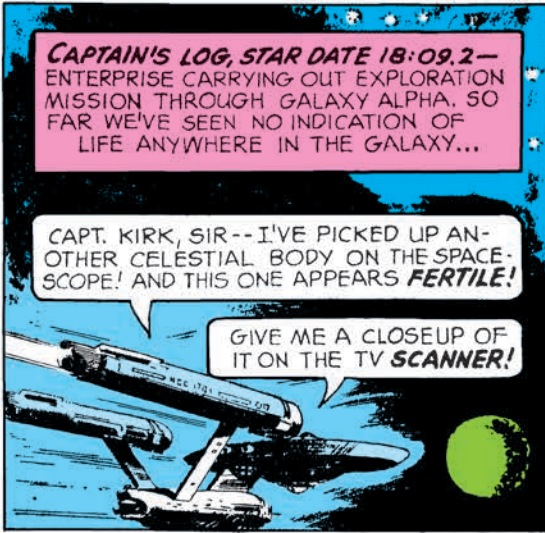
STAR TREK-

THE PLANET OF NO RETURN

THE SUCTION FIELD...
IT'S BEING CREATED
BY A-GIANT
CANNIBAL PLANT!

TRY...TRY
TO BREAK
FREE...OR
THAT AWE-
SOME THING
WILL DEVOUR
US ALL!

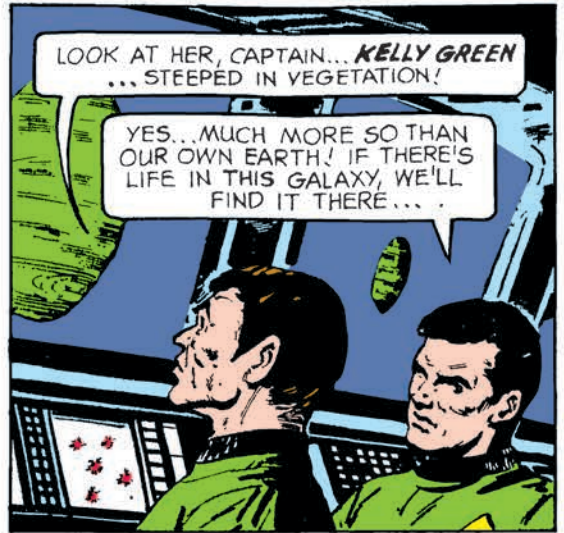
IT WAS THE STRANGEST CIVILIZATION IN ALL THE KNOWN UNIVERSE -- MORE AWESOME THAN THE MIND OF MAN COULD CONCEIVE! AND THE EXPEDITION TEAM FROM THE STAR SPACESHIP *USS ENTERPRISE* SOON REGRETTED THEIR DECISION TO EXPLORE K-G...



CAPTAIN'S LOG, STAR DATE 18:09.2— ENTERPRISE CARRYING OUT EXPLORATION MISSION THROUGH GALAXY ALPHA. SO FAR WE'VE SEEN NO INDICATION OF LIFE ANYWHERE IN THE GALAXY...

CAPT. KIRK, SIR-- I'VE PICKED UP ANOTHER CELESTIAL BODY ON THE SPACE-SCOPE! AND THIS ONE APPEARS **FERTILE!**

GIVE ME A CLOSEUP OF IT ON THE TV **SCANNER!**

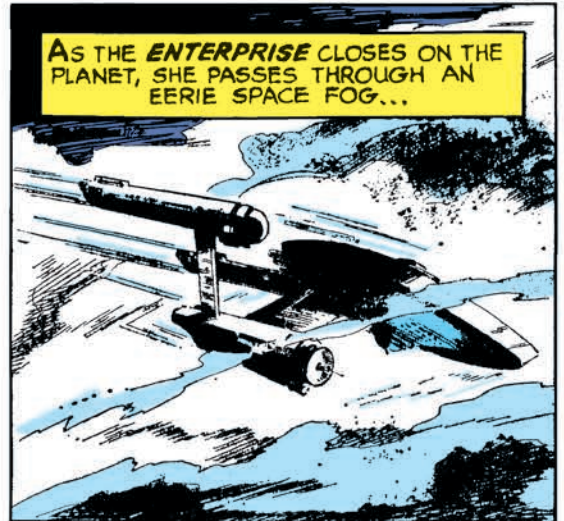


LOOK AT HER, CAPTAIN... **KELLY GREEN** ... STEEPED IN VEGETATION!

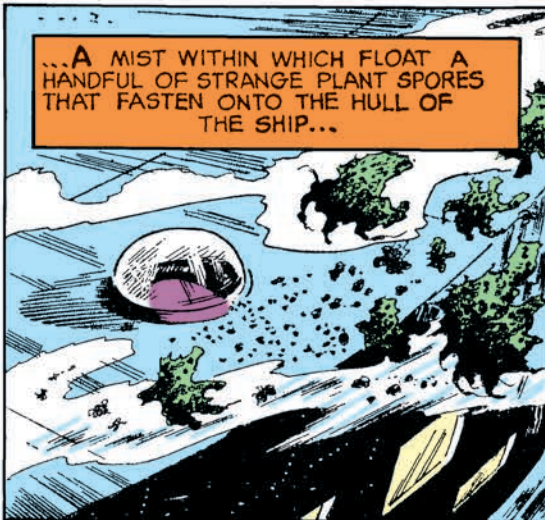
YES... MUCH MORE SO THAN OUR OWN EARTH! IF THERE'S LIFE IN THIS GALAXY, WE'LL FIND IT THERE...



ATTENTION CREW! WE'RE GOING TO DISPATCH AN EXPLORATION PARTY! MAKE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS!



AS THE **ENTERPRISE** CLOSES ON THE PLANET, SHE PASSES THROUGH AN **EERIE SPACE FOG...**



...A MIST WITHIN WHICH FLOAT A HANDFUL OF STRANGE PLANT SPORES THAT FASTEN ONTO THE HULL OF THE SHIP...



THE ONE-CELLED REPRODUCTIVE BODIES ARE SO MINUTE, YET SO POWERFUL, THAT THEY SEEP THROUGH THE VERY SUPERSTRUCTURE...

LET'S SEE WHAT THE CAPTAIN ORDERED FOR THE EXPLORATION TEAM, A THREE-DAY SUPPLY OF FOOD CONCENTRATE... WATER CAPSULES...



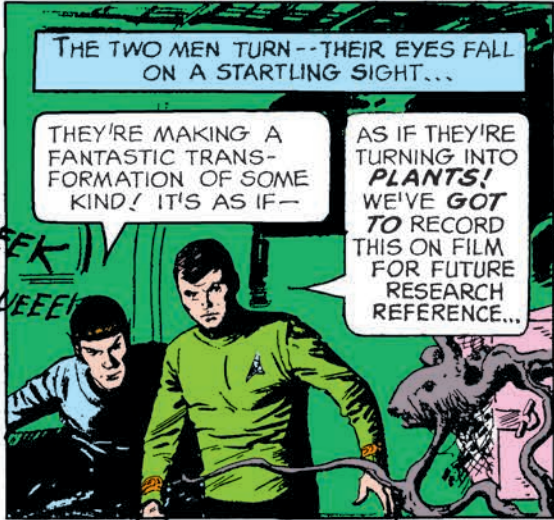
SUDDENLY...

VERY STRANGE!
LET US
OBSERVE
THEM, DR.
MCCOY...

LISTEN TO THAT!
WHAT IN THE WILD
HEAVENS HAS
GOTTEN INTO THOSE
GUINEA PIGS...?

SQUEEEK!

SQUEEK
SQUEEK



THE TWO MEN TURN--THEIR EYES FALL
ON A STARTLING SIGHT...

THEY'RE MAKING A
FANTASTIC TRANS-
FORMATION OF SOME
KIND! IT'S AS IF--

AS IF THEY'RE
TURNING INTO
PLANTS!
WE'VE GOT
TO RECORD
THIS ON FILM
FOR FUTURE
RESEARCH
REFERENCE...



BUT BEFORE DR. MCCOY CAN ACT, A
MENACE NO MORTAL MAN HAS EVER
KNOWN EXPLODES FROM THE CAGE AND...

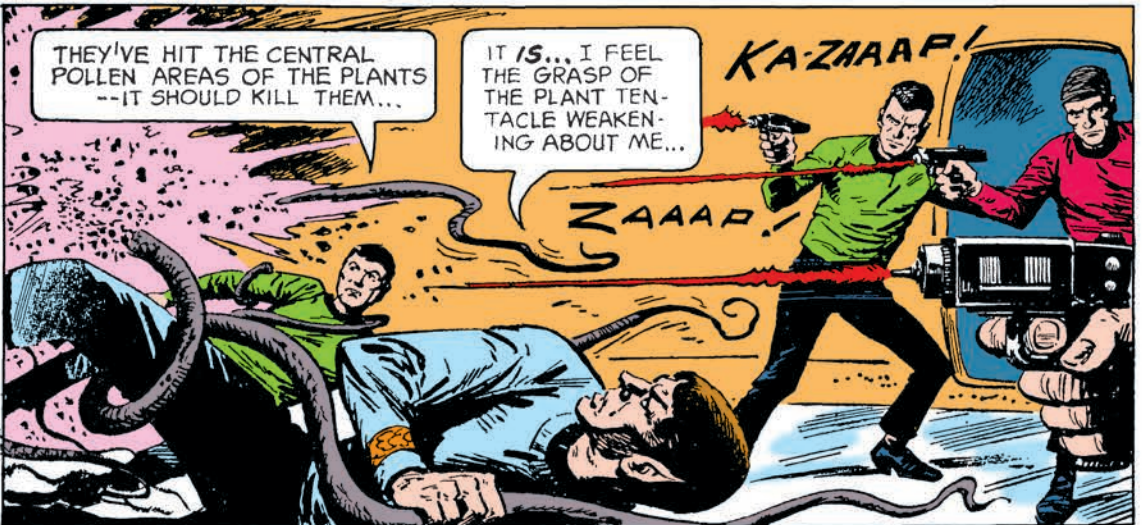
T-THE ANIMALS... THEY'VE TRANS-
FORMED INTO **GIANT, HOSTILE TREES!**

AND THEY ARE ON A RAMPAGE--
OUT TO DESTROY US BOTH!
GUARDS! GUARDS!



W-WHAT IS IT..?

DON'T ASK QUESTIONS!
THE THINGS ARE ABOUT
TO DEVOUR THE DOCTOR
AND MR. SPOCK! FIRE! FIRE!



THEY'VE HIT THE CENTRAL
POLLEN AREAS OF THE PLANTS
--IT SHOULD KILL THEM...

IT IS... I FEEL
THE GRASP OF
THE PLANT TEN-
TACLE WEAKEN-
ING ABOUT ME...

KA-ZAAP!

ZAAAP!



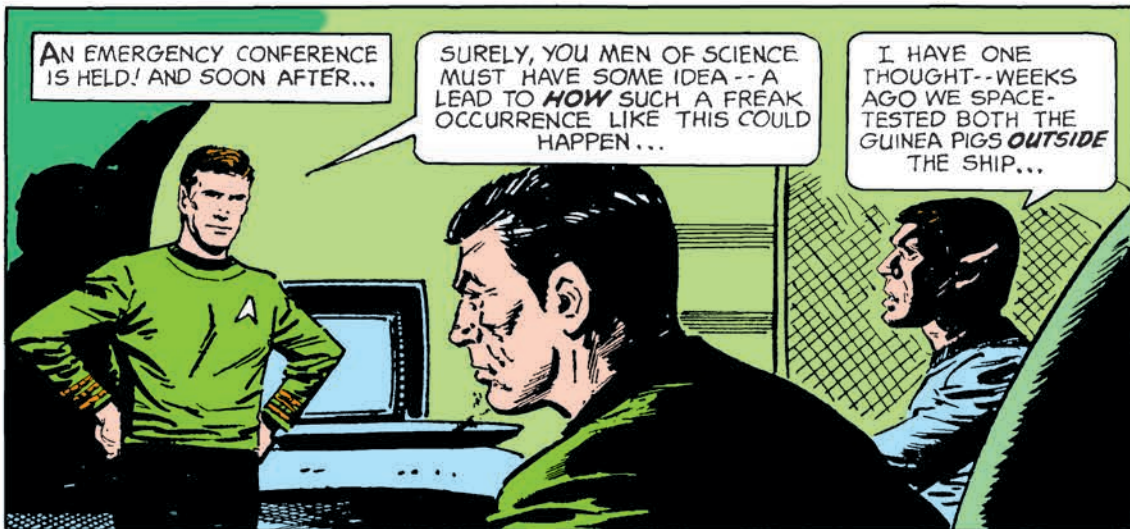
YOU ARE TO BE
COMMENDED, GUARDS
--YOU ... SAVED OUR
LIVES!

HOW'D THAT
THING GET IN
HERE, ANYWAY,
MR. SPOCK?



THAT IS SOMETHING
THAT MUST BE
LEARNED--WE MUST
KNOW THE CAUSE
TO FIND THE CURE--
THE PREVENTATIVE!

WE'D BETTER
REPORT THIS
TO THE CAPTAIN
AT ONCE! NO
TELLING WHEN
OR WHERE
THOSE PLANT
CREATURES
WILL CROP
UP AGAIN!



AN EMERGENCY CONFERENCE IS HELD! AND SOON AFTER...

SURELY, YOU MEN OF SCIENCE MUST HAVE SOME IDEA-- A LEAD TO **HOW** SUCH A FREAK OCCURRENCE LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN...

I HAVE ONE THOUGHT-- WEEKS AGO WE SPACE-TESTED BOTH THE GUINEA PIGS **OUTSIDE** THE SHIP...



IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE, IN THIS UNKNOWN GALAXY, THAT THEY PICKED UP **ALIEN SPORES**...

AND THESE SPORES, AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME, REACTED ON THE ANIMALS PHYSICALLY AND BROUGHT ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATION! AN EXCELLENT THEORY, MR. SPOCK!



I'LL RUN A SERIES OF TESTS ON THE PLANT REMAINS WHILE YOU GENTLEMEN ARE ON THE EXPLORATION MISSION!

WHICH REMINDS ME-- IT'S NEARLY "D" HOUR! WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON, DOCTOR!

*"D" HOUR-- DEPARTURE TIME.