

**KOAH, ELDER OF LAW.**

I REQUEST A FEW MOMENTS OF HIS MAJESTY'S TIME--

**ZEEKIL NEOL, HIGH LORD OF THE ARMIES.**

THE MILITARY STANDS PREPARED. I WISH TO *DETAIL* OUR STATE OF READINESS TO THE KING AT ONCE--

**SENESCHAL KAE.**

--MANY M-MATTERS OF-CITY ORDINANCE, AND-AND-AND-AND *SUNDRY* OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT REQUIRE HIS MAJESTY'S SEAL TO RATIFY--

**CARCHARODOR, MISTRESS OF THE FLEET.**

--TO REQUEST HIS APPROVAL FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF *EIGHT* NEW ICHTHYS CLASS WAR-MERSIBLES--

**JUROK BYSS, KEEPER OF THE MONSTERS.**

DOES 'IS MAJESTY WONT THE WAR-BEASTS PREPARED FER BATTLE OR WOT? S'A SIMPLE ENLUFF QUESTION--

**ROWA, ELDER OF SCIENCE.**

IF I MIGHT PRESUME TO HAVE FIVE MINUTES OF THE KING'S TIME--

JUST-- --PLEASE, ALL OF YOU-- --WAIT.



YOU'RE POPULAR.

HAH.

# UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN

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MY LOVE, YOU'VE COME BACK TO SORT OUT THE PROBLEMS HERE.

AND YOU'RE JUST SITTING THERE.

NOT JUST SITTING.

THINKING, TOO.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YOU'RE NOT ALL RIGHT, ARE YOU?

I AM, REALLY.

ALWAYS, WHEN YOU'RE WITH ME.

OUR EXPEDITION TO THE SURFACE HAS MADE ME CONSIDER A FEW THINGS.

THAT? YOUR JUSTICE LEAGUE IDENTITY CARD?

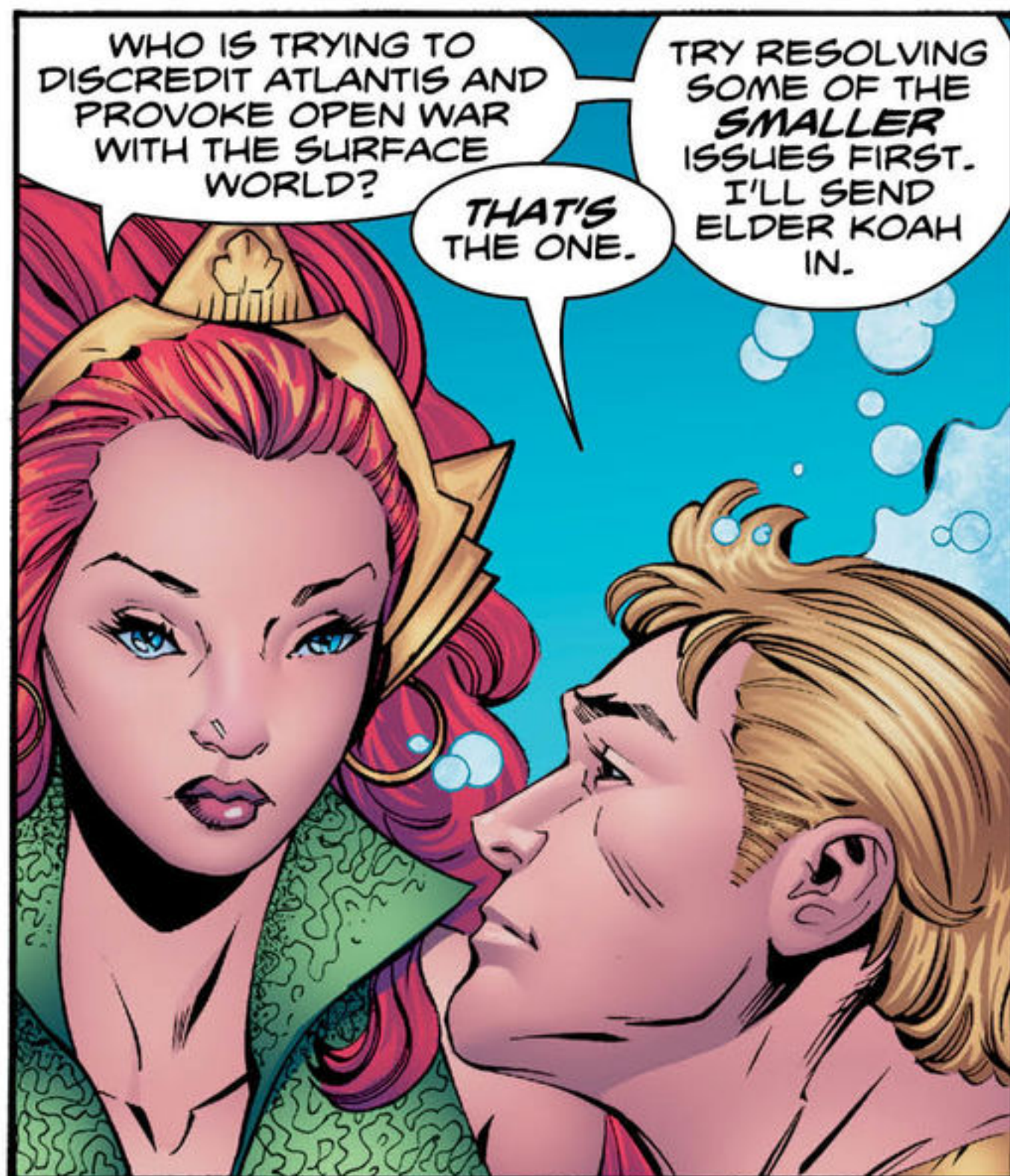
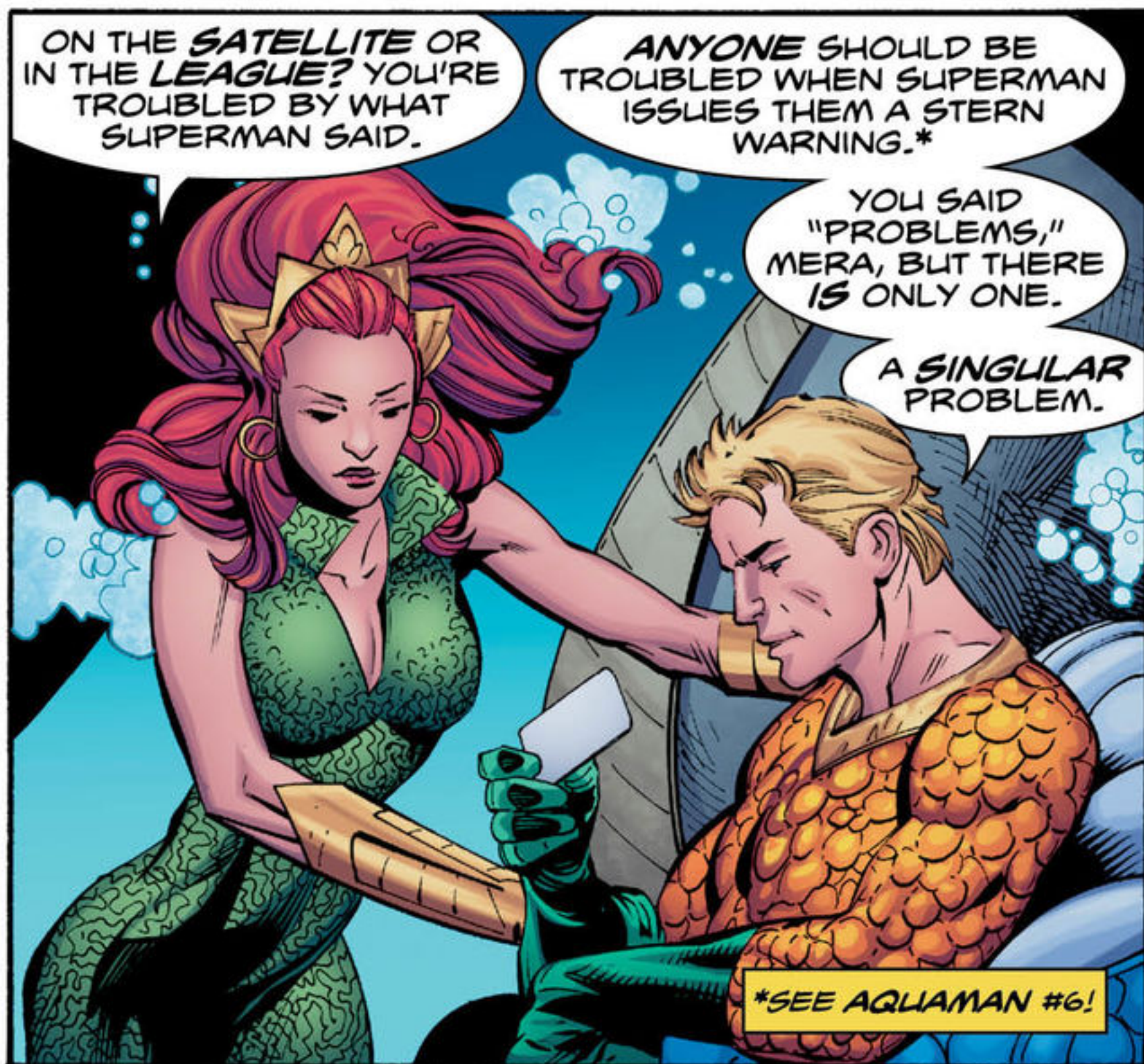
IT'S NOT JUST AN I.D.

IT'S THE TELEPORT KEY THAT ALLOWS ME ACCESS TO THE WATCHTOWER SATELLITE.

I WONDER IF I'M STILL WELCOME THERE.

JUSTICE LEAGUE







I WILL SPEAK WITH THE KING!

YOU'LL GET YOUR TURN, MURK!

I HAVE WAITED PATIENTLY--



MISTRESS CARCHARADOR. I'LL TALK WITH MURK FIRST.

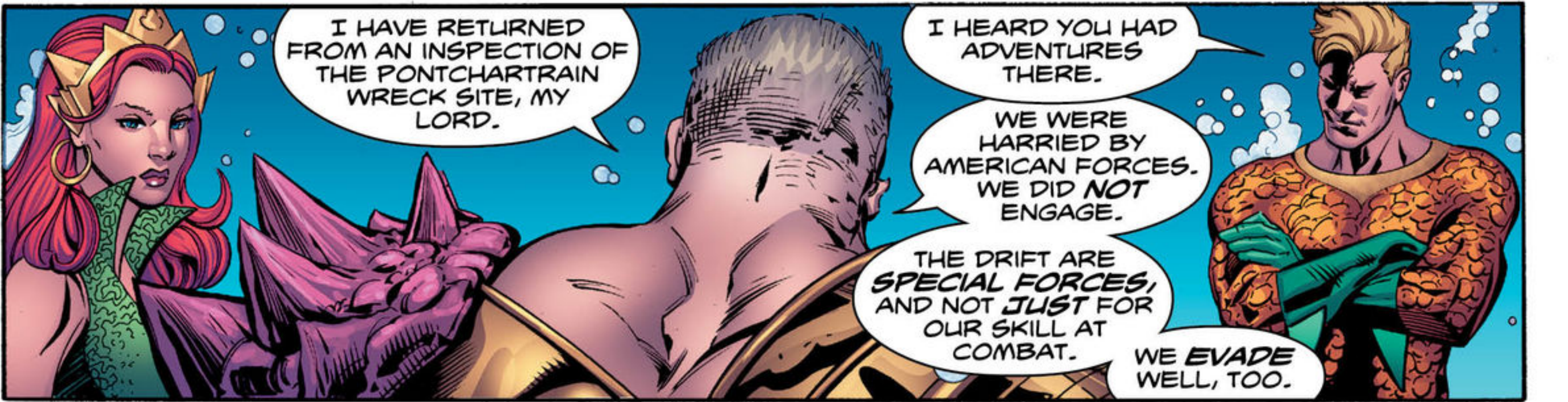
I SEE, VERY WELL, MAJESTY.



AS USUAL, THE DRIFT GOES IN AHEAD OF THE FLEET.

WHICH IS WHY THE FLEET ALWAYS CLEARS UP THE DRIFT'S MESS.

AH, STUFF IT UP YOUR BLOWHOLE.



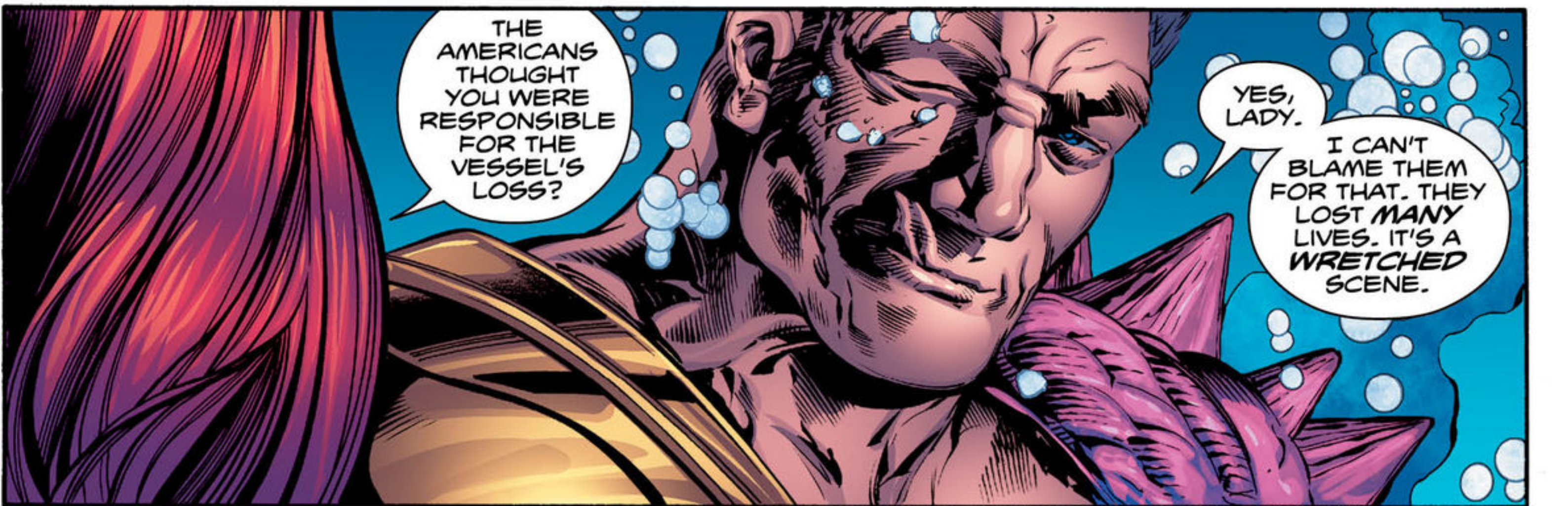
I HAVE RETURNED FROM AN INSPECTION OF THE PONTCHARTRAIN WRECK SITE, MY LORD.

I HEARD YOU HAD ADVENTURES THERE.

WE WERE HARRIED BY AMERICAN FORCES. WE DID NOT ENGAGE.

THE DRIFT ARE SPECIAL FORCES, AND NOT JUST FOR OUR SKILL AT COMBAT.

WE EVADE WELL, TOO.



THE AMERICANS THOUGHT YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VESSEL'S LOSS?

YES, LADY.

I CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR THAT. THEY LOST MANY LIVES. IT'S A WRETCHED SCENE.