

NOW, I SEE I HAVE THE HONOR OF GREETING AMBASSADORS OF EARTH LED BY MY OLD FRIEND, FLASH GORDON.

THIS IS THE MOST COLOSSAL BREACH IN THE HISTORY OF THIS OR ANY KNOWN WORLD.

HOW DID HE DO IT?

HE HAD TO USE THE QUANTUM PORTALS, BUT THERE'S NO WAY THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE!

HEY LOTHAR, ANY OLD JUNGLE SAYINGS FROM THE LINE OF PHANTOMS THAT HELP WITH THIS?

Hmm. "DON'T WET YOUR PANTS 'TIL YOU ENTER THE POT."

I THINK IT'S ABOUT NOT PANICKING, BUT THERE'S ALSO A CULINARY--

YEAH, I GET IT. THANKS.

## CHAPTER TWO: FIERCE FAUNA

PARKER/HAMM/ALLISON/BOWLAND/COSBY



FLASH, DALE,  
ZARKOV, MY  
GUARD ARE ON  
THE WAY TO  
GREET YOU.

I KNOW  
YOU WONDER  
HOW YOU FIND  
YOURSELF ON  
MONGO AGAIN,  
IN YOUR OWN  
SEA.



"IN FACT, IT'S THE  
LOVELY DALE THAT WE  
HAVE TO THANK FOR  
ALL THIS. YOU THOUGHT  
ME DEAD, MY LOVE?"

"HA HA HA HA!"



"EMPEROR DALE  
THE MERCILESS,'  
MY FORMER BRIDE,  
THREW ME INTO THE  
VOID OF SPACE.

"LUCKILY, I MANAGED  
TO MANIPULATE YOUR  
WITLESS 'MAGICIAN,'  
MANDRAKE, AND HE  
SPIRITED ME BACK TO  
THE CAVES OF MONGO.\*

\*CHECK KINGS  
QUEST 1-6 FOR  
THAT EPIC TALE!



"IT WAS AMONG  
THOSE CAVES  
THAT I MADE A  
STARTLING  
DISCOVERY..."

"INDEED, I HAD UNCOVERED THE LARGER PURPOSE OF THE ANCIENT SPACEROADS I'D BEEN USING TO SPREAD MY INFLUENCE TO OTHER PLANETS.

"THESE ROADS HAD BEEN DESIGNED NOT JUST TO POPULATE OTHER WORLDS, BUT TO PROVIDE A MASSIVE ROUTE OF ESCAPE SHOULD MY CAPSTONE PLANET EVER BECOME ENDANGERED.

"THE NETWORK COULD MOVE WHOLE CITIES AND ISLANDS TO OTHER WORLDS IN A COSMIC EMERGENCY."

AND NOW YOU MAY NOT SIMPLY CUT OFF THE ROUTE FROM MONGO TO EARTH... MONGO IS PART OF EARTH!

SOUNDS LIKE HE WANTS TO MAKE IT EARTH'S CAPITAL IN THE BARGAIN!

OK GANG, LET'S PUT SOME MILES BETWEEN US AND THE SHIP.

THAT SMOKE COLUMN WILL GIVE MING'S FORCES AN EASY TARGET!



WELL THE RUNNING THING IS WORKING OUT OK, BUT I'M EAGER TO HEAR STEP TWO OF YOUR PLAN!

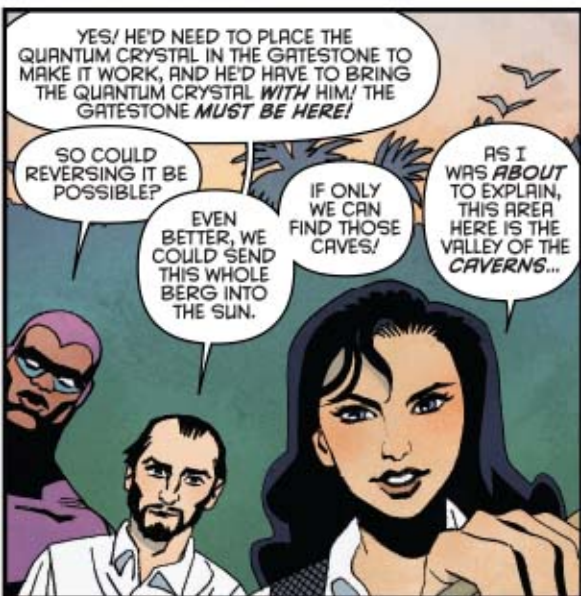
TO PLOT OUR NEXT MOVE, WE'LL NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE CONTINENT...

...IF ONLY WE HAD A TOUR GUIDE HANDY, OR MAYBE A LOCAL FORMER EMPEROR...



THIS PLACE IN THE MOUNTAINS WOULD BE WHERE MING IS RULING FROM. HE'S GOT A HEFTY FORTRESS UP THERE. NOTHING WE'RE READY TO STORM AT PRESENT.

THE HIDDEN CAVES MING SPOKE OF, THEY MUST BE SOMEWHERE IN THIS CONTINENT ITSELF--



YES! HE'D NEED TO PLACE THE QUANTUM CRYSTAL IN THE GATESTONE TO MAKE IT WORK, AND HE'D HAVE TO BRING THE QUANTUM CRYSTAL WITH HIM! THE GATESTONE MUST BE HERE!

SO COULD REVERSING IT BE POSSIBLE?

EVEN BETTER, WE COULD SEND THIS WHOLE BERG INTO THE SUN.

IF ONLY WE CAN FIND THOSE CAVES!

AS I WAS ABOUT TO EXPLAIN, THIS AREA HERE IS THE VALLEY OF THE CAVERNS...



...WHICH IS PROBABLY WHERE MING FLED AND MADE HIS GRAND DISCOVERY. BUT IT WOULD TAKE DAYS ON FOOT TO GET

SHWOOMP