

AQUAMAN

AFTER THE BLACK MANTA'S LAST TWO ATTACKS, I'M EXHAUSTED!* THE MONITORS DON'T SHOW ANY DANGERS, SO I CAN TAKE A RELAXING SWIM AROUND THE REALM!



*See ADVENTURE COMICS # 435 and 436--Editor

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I WAS ABLE TO VISIT MY PEOPLE--BETWEEN JUSTICE LEAGUE MISSIONS AND ALL MY OTHER DUTIES.



I'VE GOT TO DO THIS MORE--

ZZZZSSHH

UGH!

WHEN YOU'RE THE MONARCH OF THE SEVEN SEAS, AND A CRUSADING SUPER-HERO IN YOUR SPARE TIME, YOU DON'T GET MANY VACATIONS--AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE'S NEVER...

A QUIET DAY IN ATLANTIS

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EVERY ACTION HAS A REACTION--AND WITHIN THE BLACK MANTA'S CRAFT, AQUAMAN'S HELPLESSNESS BRINGS A JOYOUS RESPONSE INDEED...

WE GOT HIM, BOSS!

FOOL! HE'S ONLY UNCONSCIOUS!

TURN THE SHIP SO THAT WE CAN FOLLOW HIM--AND FINISH HIM!

THE MANTA'S VESSEL SLOWLY TURNS TO CLOSE IN ON HIS PREY...

...ONLY TO FIND THAT SOMETIMES A MAN MAY GO WHERE A SHIP MAY NOT...

STUCK?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE'RE STUCK IN THIS BLASTED SEAWEED!

CUT US FREE!

NO GOOD, BOSS-- WE CAN'T BLAST THROUGH THIS MUCK! WE'VE GOT TO SURFACE!

THAT WAS CLOSE! I WONDER WHOSE HATE LIST I MADE TODAY?

HMM... WHAT'S THIS?

WELL, IF I CAN'T HAVE THE PLEASURE OF KILLING AQUAMAN WITH MY OWN HANDS, AT LEAST I CAN BURY HIM!

KRRRASH!

THE WATER STEAMS FOR A MOMENT...
THEN SETTLES...AND ALL IS STILL...

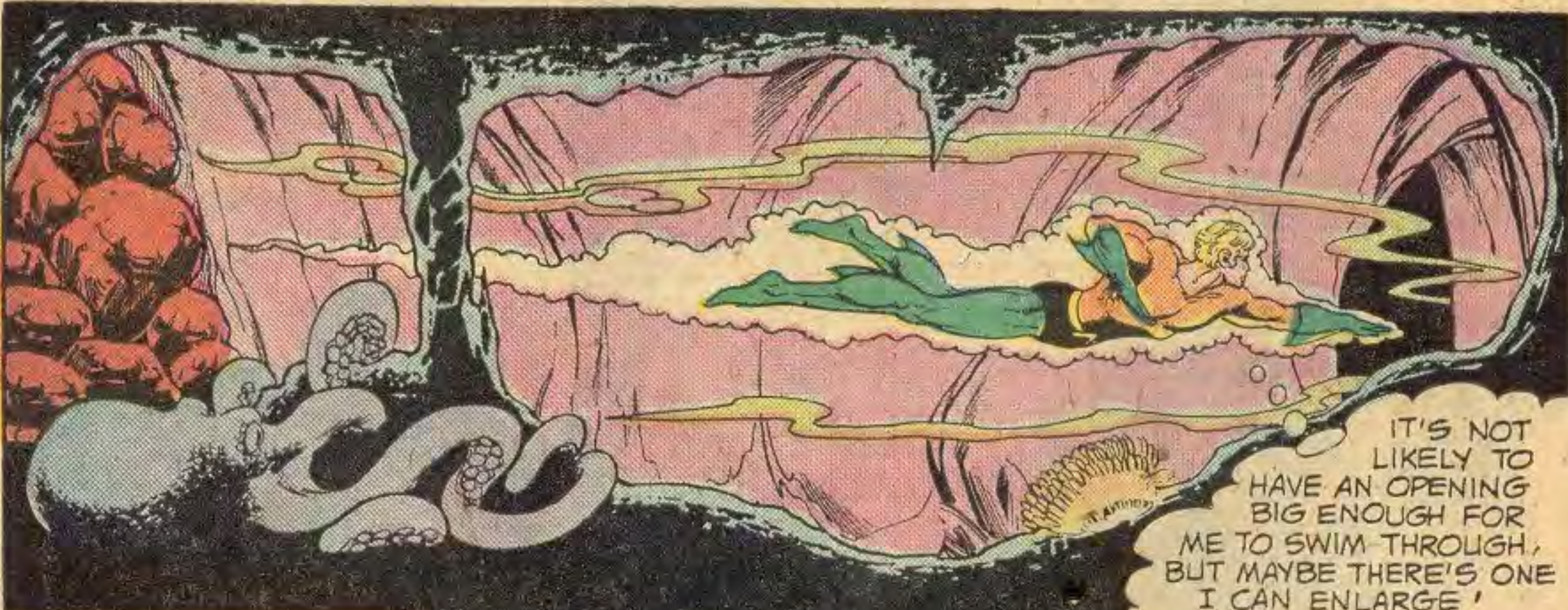


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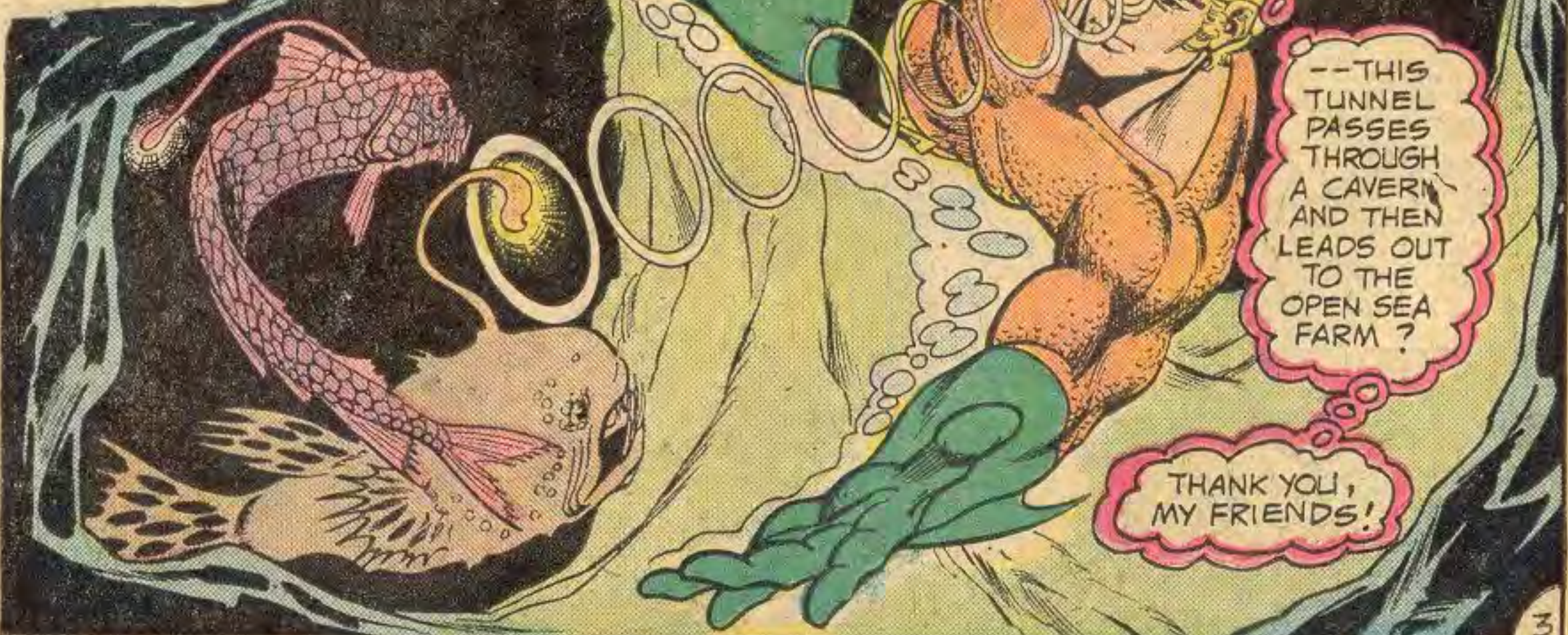
IF THIS CAVE WASN'T
HERE, I'D HAVE BEEN
GROUND TO DUST!

BUT I'M STILL IN
TROUBLE UNLESS
THERE'S ANOTHER
EXIT SOMEWHERE!



IT'S NOT
LIKELY TO
HAVE AN OPENING
BIG ENOUGH FOR
ME TO SWIM THROUGH,
BUT MAYBE THERE'S ONE
I CAN ENLARGE!

MINUTES LATER,
AQUAMAN MEETS
SOME FISH WHO
INHABIT THE CAVE,
AND USES HIS
AMAZING
TELEPATHIC
POWERS TO
ASK THEM FOR
DIRECTIONS...



--THIS
TUNNEL
PASSES
THROUGH
A CAVERN
AND THEN
LEADS OUT
TO THE
OPEN SEA
FARM?

THANK YOU,
MY FRIENDS!

AND SO...

THIS MUST BE THE PLACE! I WONDER WHAT'S GIVING OFF THAT GLOW-- THE FISHES DIDN'T WARN ME OF ANY HAZARDS!

I'M SORRY I ASKED!

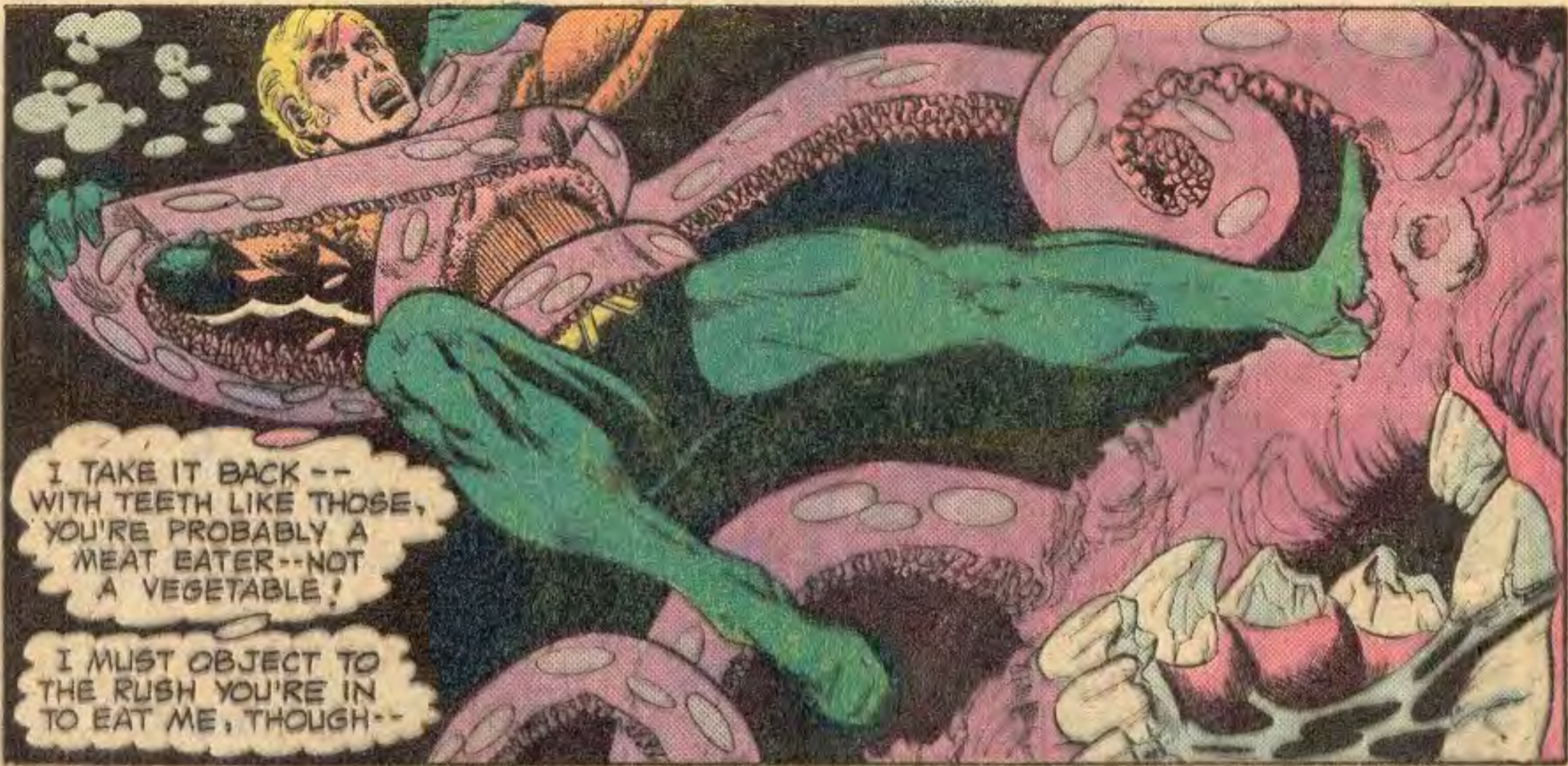
AND THE ONLY WAY OUT IS PAST THIS GLOWING GARDEN OF GOOK!

GRRRRR

ONCE MORE THE SEA KING USES HIS UNIQUE GIFT-- BUT THIS TIME...

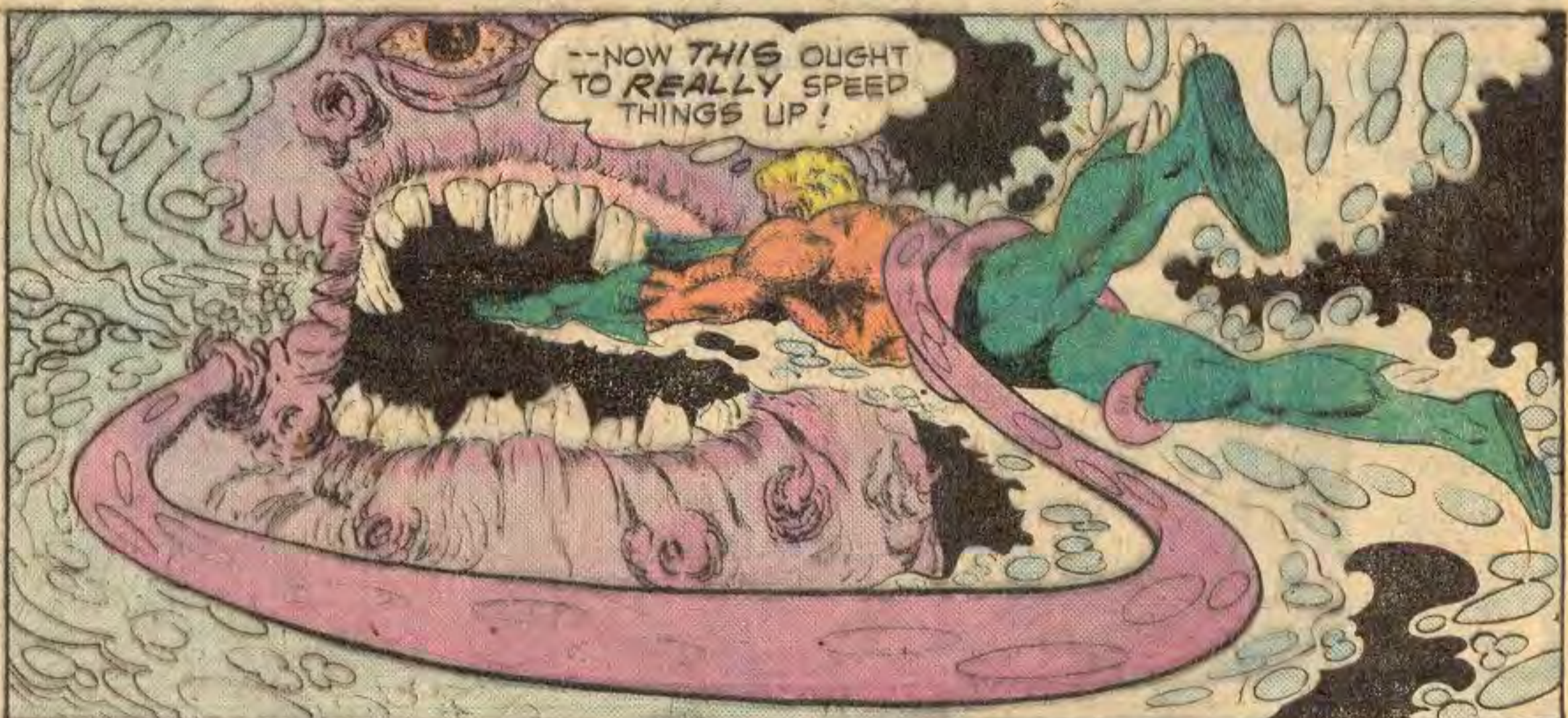
--COME ON, YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE SOME KIND OF BRAIN THAT I CAN REACH!

IT'S NO USE-- THIS THING MUST BE THE FIRST COUSIN TO A CAULIFLOWER!

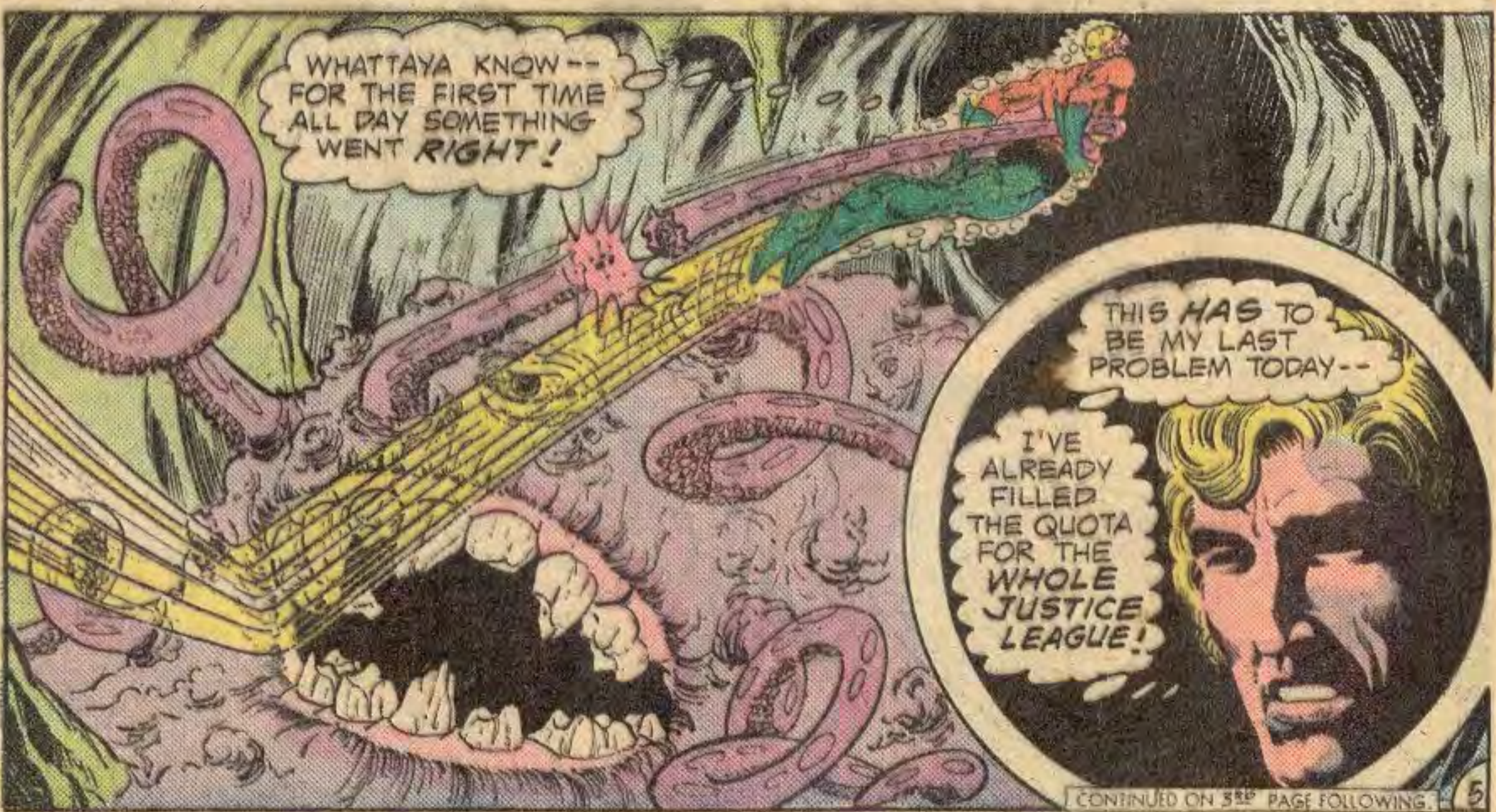


I TAKE IT BACK -- WITH TEETH LIKE THOSE, YOU'RE PROBABLY A MEAT EATER--NOT A VEGETABLE!

I MUST OBJECT TO THE RUSH YOU'RE IN TO EAT ME, THOUGH--



--NOW THIS OUGHT TO REALLY SPEED THINGS UP!



WHATTAYA KNOW -- FOR THE FIRST TIME ALL DAY SOMETHING WENT RIGHT!

THIS HAS TO BE MY LAST PROBLEM TODAY--
I'VE ALREADY FILLED THE QUOTA FOR THE WHOLE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

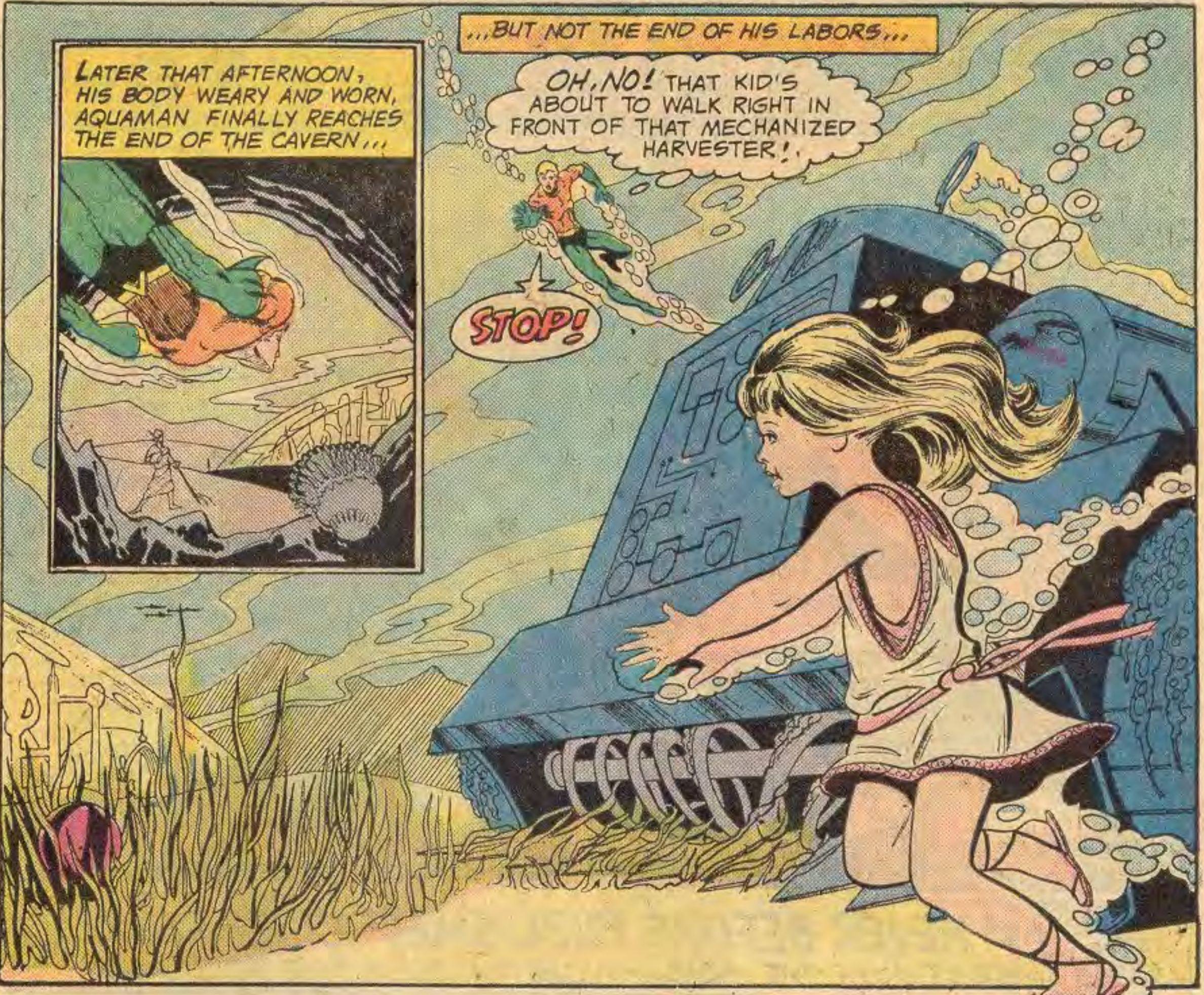
...BUT NOT THE END OF HIS LABORS...

LATER THAT AFTERNOON,
HIS BODY WEARY AND WORN,
AQUAMAN FINALLY REACHES
THE END OF THE CAVERN...



OH, NO! THAT KID'S
ABOUT TO WALK RIGHT IN
FRONT OF THAT MECHANIZED
HARVESTER!

STOP!



"HERO: A LEGENDARY
FIGURE OF GREAT
STRENGTH..."



...OR ABILITIES...



...OR DETERMINATION."



OF SUCH FABRIC ARE
LEGENDS WOVEN.

EPILOGUE



DARLING!
 YOU'VE FINALLY AWAKENED! WE WERE SO WORRIED-- YOU CAN'T KEEP WORKING THIS HARD-- YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE A DAY OFF AND TRY TO REST!



BUT, MERA-- THAT'S EXACTLY--

HUSH, YOUR MAJESTY-- YOUR QUEEN IS RIGHT! YOU MUST REST!

THE END

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THE SEVEN SOLDIERS of VICTORY!

- ★ VIGILANTE
- ★ GREEN ARROW
- ★ SPEEDY
- ★ SHINING KNIGHT



IN: THE LAND OF MAGIC

- ★ STAR-SPANGLED KID
- ★ STRIPESY
- ★ CRIMSON AVENGER

PLUS: "The SPECTRE HAUNTS the MUSEUM of FEAR!"

• ON SALE THE LAST WEEK IN DECEMBER •