

SCIENCE-FICTION DEPT.: WELL... HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER MISERABLE ISSUE OF MAD! GATHER 'ROUND, YOU MAD READERS!... PULL UP YOUR TOADSTOOLS AND WET-ROCKS AND GET NICE AND COZY... THAT'S RIGHT SETTLE DOWN WHERE IT'S NICE AND DANK AND WE'LL TELL YOU A STORY WE CALL...

# FLESH GARDEN!



THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH US EARTHLINGS!... WE ALWAYS ASSUME THAT ALIEN CREATURES ARE HOSTILE!... I REFUSE TO KILL SAID ALIEN CREATURE IN THE BELIEF IT IS HOSTILE!... I WILL KILL IT JUST FOR FUN!



... FLESH, DARLING... EVEN THOUGH YOU GO TO CERTAIN DEATH, MY LOVE IS SO GREAT, I SHALL GO TO FIGHT THE ALIEN CREATURE WITH YOU!



O.K.!... GO!... HERE'S MY SWORD!... NO SENSE IN BOTH OF US GETTING KILT!



ON SECOND THOUGHT... I SUDDENLY REALIZE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT I SAVE DOCTOR ZARK!

I'M COMING TO SAVE YOU, NOAH! I'M COMING TO SAVE YOU, DOCTOR NOAH ZARK!

KLASH!  
KRING'G  
STAB  
STAB

FLESH! THANK HEAVEN YOU'VE COME!... BUT TELL ME WHAT FINE INSTINCT WAS IT... WHAT MADE YOU DASH TO ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH TO SAVE ME?

...WELL YOU SEE, DOCTOR ZARK... I'VE HAD A LITTLE PAIN ON THE EDGE OF MY LEFT SHOULDER THAT STICKS WHEN IT RAINS! I WONDER COULD YOU TAKE A LOOK AT IT, DOCTOR ZARK!

LOOK, KID!... NO FREE CONSULTATIONS! I GOT REGULAR OFFICE HOURS FROM 12:00 TO 2:00 AT FIVE BUCKS A VISIT!

ENOUGH GLIM-BEATING, ZARK!... WE'VE GOT TO GO FIND OUR ROCKET SHIP... WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO GET BACK TO EARTH!

EEE!... FLESH! ...LOOK!... COMING OUT OF THE WATER... A NAUSEATING, SLIME-OOZING, KNIFE-TOOTHED ZORK!

HAVE NO FEAR! I AM NOT AFRAID OF THE NAUSEATING, SLIME-OOZING, KNIFE-TOOTHED ZORK!

BUT FLESH!... WAIT A MINUTE!... CRAWLING OUT OF THAT CREVICE! ...A SICKENING, HAIRY, MANY-CLAWED ZORCHTON!

GHOP!  
GHOP!

...I AM NOT AFRAID TO LEAP UPON THE SICKENING HAIRY, MANY-CLAWED ZORCHTON!

...FLESH!... HERE COMES THE WORST! A HORRIBLE, PALPITATING LIMB-RIPPING ZILCHTRON!

...NOR DO I HESITATE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE HORRIBLE PALPITATING, LIMB-RIPPING ZILCHTRON!

ZUK! ZUK! ZUK!

WHAT?... ANOTHER MONSTER?... A ZUK?

NO, FLESH! DALE IS MERELY CHOKING ON A PEACH PIT!

NOW, SINCE ALL THE MONSTERS ARE CONQUERED, WE CAN GO LOOK FOR A ROCKET SHIP!

NO! ALL IS LOST! LOOK UP AHEAD!... I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONQUER THIS!

GLOMF!

Ech

GOOD LORD!

...WHY, FLESH? WHAT KIND OF A MONSTER CAN IT BE THIS TIME THAT FINALLY MAKES YOU AFRAID, WHITE AND TREMBLING?

... A COCKAROACH! IF IT'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND, IT'S COCKAROACHES! SOME PEOPLE CAN'T STAND SNAKES... OTHERS CAN'T STAND BIRDS... I CAN'T STAND COCKAROACHES!

...OOLP! ... I'M NAUSEOUS!

FLESH, DARLING! MY LOVE IS SO GREAT, I WILL STAY WITH YOU!

ZIP!

OOLP! GO WAY!

OOLP! LEMME 'LONE!

FLESH! FLESH! LOOK! UP IN THE SKY! THOSE BIG, BIRD-LIKE THINGS CARRYING LONG SHARP PIKES!... IT'S... IT'S THE... **HAWKMEN!**

GOOD LORD!

GO AHEAD, DALE ... DR. ZARK! YOU TWO RUN AHEAD! I'LL FOLLOW UP AND PROTECT THE REAR!

C-RATIONS

BVD

**TROMP TROMP**

IT'S NO USE, FLESH!... THE HAWK-MEN FLY SWIFTER THAN BIRDS AND THEN THEY SWOOP DOWN FROM BEHIND AND SPEAR A RUNNING MAN WITH THEIR LONG, SHARP PIKES!

I THINK I GO AHEAD AND LEAD THE WAY THROUGH THIS UNKNOWN COUNTRY! YOU AND DALE FOLLOW UP AND PROTECT MY REAR!

**WROOMM!**

THERE'S NO USE RUNNING, FLESH! LET US MAKE A LAST STAND HERE! AFTER ALL, DO WE CHOOSE TO BE EN-SLAVED FOREVER BY THE HAWK-MEN RATHER THAN DIE A HEROIC DEATH?

...YOU BET WE DO!

LOOK, FLESH! LOOK, LOOK!

KAMERAD!

WHITE FLAG!

KLOP

...WHY ARE THESE HAWKMEN WALKING AROUND IN CIRCLES? WHY ARE THESE HAWKMEN BUMPING INTO THINGS?

... NO WONDER! THESE AREN'T HAWKMEN!... THEY'RE **OWL MEN!**

GOOD LORD!

BLIP



FORTUNATELY, THE OWL-MEN CANNOT SEE TOO WELL IN THE DAYLIGHT!

...LET US FIND OUR ROCKET-SHIP BEFORE WE ARE DISCOVERED BY THE LION-MEN, THE TIGERMEN OR THE LIZARDMEN!

...ER...THIS PAIN ON THE EDGE OF MY SHOULDER, DR. ZARK...I GET A TINY LITTLE RASH WHEN IT PAINS!... TAKE A LOOK, HUH, DOC!

TROMP



...LOOKOUT, YOU FOOL! YOU STEPPED ON A COUPLE OF ROCKMEN!

ALSO A PEBBLE-MEN!

...THEN THIS MUST BE THE LAND OF THE ROCKMEN!

TROMP TROMP



...PERHAPS IF WE TROMP OFF THROUGH THIS FOREST...

LOOKOUT! YOU STEPPED ON A COUPLE OF TREEMEN!

TROMP



...THEN PERHAPS IF WE TRAMPLE THROUGH THIS MEADOW!...

LOOKOUT! LOOKOUT! YOU ARE STEPPING ON THE GRASSMEN!

TROMP TROMP

KEEP OFF



...WELL, PERHAPS IF WE LEAPED BODILY OFF THIS CLIFF AND DIDN'T TOUCH ANY SOLID MATTER...

LOOKOUT! YOU ARE KNOCKING OVER SOME AIRMEN!

GATO!!

Whe!



OH FLESH, DARLING! MY LOVE AND MY DESIRE TO GO WHEREVER YOU GO HAS HELPED ME OUTDISTANCE THOSE CREATURES ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU RUN SO FAST!

WE HAVEN'T OUTDISTANCED ALL THE CREATURES! THERE ARE SOME NEW TYPES AHEAD!

WE'VE GOTTEN AWAY FROM THE ROCKMEN, TREEMEN, GRASSMEN, AIRMEN! WHAT OTHER MEN COULD BE LEFT?

GOOD LORD!



MENMEN!

HA, EARTHLINGS! YOU HAVE INVADDED OUR LAND! WE WILL DRAG YOU BEFORE OUR LEADER WHO WILL JUDGE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU!

...I WILL BE DRAGGED WITH YOU!



BOW DOWN, EARTHLINGS! BOW DOWN BEFORE THE KING OF THE LAND OF MING... THE GREAT **MONG!**

MING... KING MONG, EH!... I SAW THAT MOVIE BY THE SAME NAME... **MING MONG!**... THERE'S THIS GIANT GORILLA, SEE ...

**SILENCE...**



QUIT JOKING, FLESH! DON'T YOU SEE WE'RE IN TROUBLE?

... DON'T WORRY, DR. ZARK! I SEE A WAY OUT!... YOU NOTICE KING MONG HAS A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER?... WELL... IN STORIES OF THIS TYPE... THE CHIEF'S DAUGHTER ALWAYS FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE HERO AND HELPS HIM TO ESCAPE. JUST WATCH HOW MONG'S DAUGHTER FALLS IN LOVE WITH ME!



THAT IS ENOUGH WHISPERING, EARTHLINGS! FOR YOUR ARROGANCE, YOU SHALL BE **SACRIFICED** IN THE **ARENA!**

**SACRIFICED!**  
...**NO, FATHER!**



EH, LITTLE POCAHONTONG, MY DAUGHTER?... YOU INTERRUPT ME? EH?... EH? EH?

**FATHER!**  
**YOU CANNOT SACRIFICE THE HANDSOME AMERIKANNER! I LOVE HIM!**



AWWW SHUCKS, DAUGHTER! YOU GONNA SPOIL ALL MY FUN WITH BLOODY SACRIFICES?... VERY WELL! ... GO TO YOUR EARTHLING THAT YOU LOVE! HE IS **SPARED!**

**HOTCHA!**  
SEE... TOLD YOU, DOC!



FLESH, DARLING!... WHATEVER HAPPENS, I SHALL STAY WITH YOU... ESPECIALLY SINCE IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GETTING OFF WITH A WHOLE COAT!

GET THIS DAME OUTTA HERE, ZARK, BEFORE SHE FOULS ME UP!

...I COME TO CLAIM YOU, HANDSOME EARTHLING, FOR I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU AT FIRST SIGHT!



... YES, I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU AT **FIRST SIGHT... DOCTOR ZARK!**

**TAKE THE OTHER EARTHLING, FLESH GARDEN, AWAY TO THE ARENA TO BE SACRIFICED!**

AS I WAS SAYING, KING MONG... WHATEVER HAPPENS, I SHALL STAY WITH YOU!

ALL RIGHT!... THE SACRIFICE IS READY TO BEGIN!... THROW THE EARTHLING, FLESH GARDEN, INTO THE ARENA, WHERE UNARMED, HE WILL FIGHT A CREATURE THAT IS NOW WAITING HUNGRILY, BEHIND THE DOOR TO POUNCE UPON THE SACRIFICE!



HERE I AM... UNARMED... ALONE IN THIS ARENA!... WHAT CAN I USE FOR A WEAPON? ... MY CLOTHES?... MY SHOES?... THE THOUGHT BALLOON ABOVE MY HEAD?



WHAT KIND OF A CREATURE LIES BEHIND THAT BLOOD-STAINED OAKEN DOOR? COULD IT BE WORSE THAN THE SLIME-OOZING, KNIFE-TOOTHED ZORK?



ULP!... THE DOOR IS SLOWLY OPENING! COULD IT BE ANY WORSE THAN THE HAIRY, MANY-CLAWED ZORCHTON?



GULP!... THERE'S SOMETHING STANDING THERE!... COULD IT BE ANY WORSE THAN THE PALPITATING, LIMB-RIPPING ZILCHTRON?



GASP! I CAN SEE IT NOW... WORSE THAN THE ZORK... MORE TERRIBLE THAN THE ZORCHTON... MORE HORRIBLE THAN THE ZILCHTRON... IT'S... IT'S... IT'S...



...MAN!

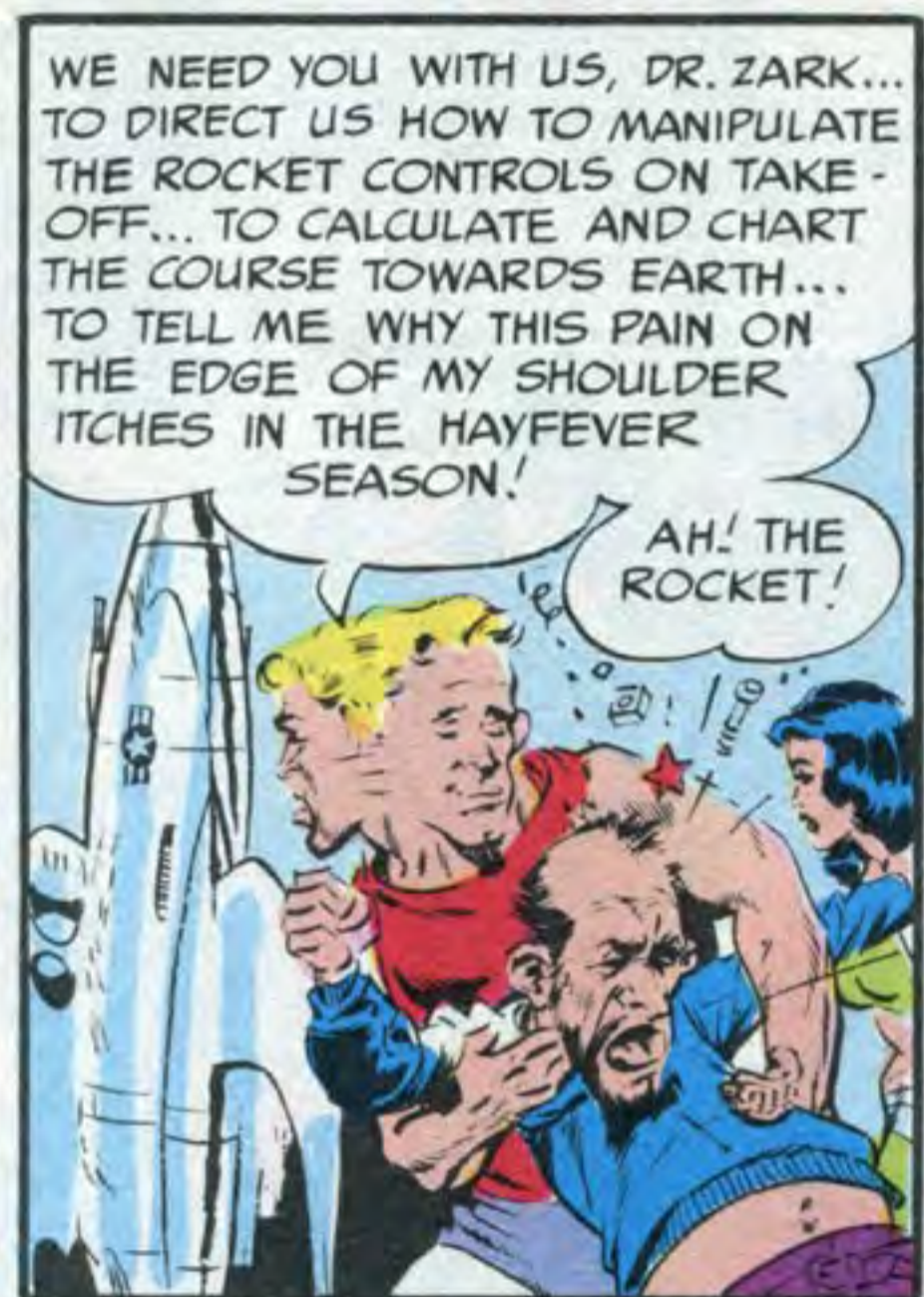


... MAN!... THE CLEVEREST... THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL LIVING ANIMALS...

... I MUST QUICKLY REVIEW ALL THE SKILLFUL BOXING TACTICS I LEARNED AT HEIDELBURG!... THE QUICK FEINT... THE DEFT JAB... HA! I'VE GOT IT! I'LL USE THE SUBTLEST, THE MOST SKILLFULLEST TACTIC OF ALL...



... HEY, KID... YER SHOELACE IS UNTIED!





HEY, FELLAS!  
MY GOSH!  
LOOK UP  
THERE IN  
THE SKY!  
I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
MY EYES!

GOOD  
HEAVENS!  
I SEE  
IT! I  
SEE IT!

FELLAS!  
DO YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT THIS  
MEANS?

YEH... IT MEANS  
WE WON'T BE  
ABLE TO GO  
SWIMMIN'  
'CAUSE THEM  
CLOUDS WE SEE  
MEANS IT'LL  
RAIN!

HEY!  
LOOKIT  
THE ROCKET  
SHIP!

GOOD  
LORD!



HOO BOY!  
THE ROCKET  
HAS  
LANDED!

WHOSE  
ROCKET  
IS IT?

IT'S FLESH  
GAR-  
DEN'S  
ROCKET!

HOW  
CAN  
YOU  
TELL?

I CAN  
TELL BY  
THE STYLE  
IT'S  
DRAWN IN!



THERE'S SOMEBODY  
COMING OUT!... THEM  
BEAUTIFULLY CURVED  
OUTLINES... THAT  
GORGEOUS BUILD  
... THAT WILD  
TOSSED HAIR...

BY YOUR  
ELABORATE  
DESCRIPTION,  
I TAKE IT  
THAT THAT'S  
FLESH GARDEN  
COMING OUT!

NO!  
NO!



IT IS DALE COMING OUT... DALE  
LIGHT WHO WILL NO DOUBT BE  
FOLLOWED BY FLESH GARDEN WHO  
WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DR.  
NOAH ZARK!

HALOO  
THERE!

FLESH,  
OLD  
MAN!

ARE  
YOU IN  
THERE?



OOHOO!  
FLESHIE  
BOY!

IT IS NO USE! YOUR  
CALLS WILL ONLY ECHO  
HOLLOWLY ON THE LIFE-  
LESS INSIDES OF  
THE ROCKET FOR YOU  
SEE... THERE IS  
**NOTHING** ELSE IN-  
SIDE THE ROCKET...  
N-NOTHING THAT  
IS **ALIVE!**

COME  
OU-  
OUT!



THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
DEAR  
READER!

DALE  
WENT  
BACK TO  
EARTH  
ALONE!



...DR. ZARK AND I HAVE STAYED BACK HERE ON MING!  
... AFTER ALL... WHAT KIND OF WORK COULD I DO  
BACK ON EARTH WITHOUT ALIEN MONSTERS TO  
FIGHT?... I NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD AS HERE!  
BESIDES... THAT DALE'S BEEN HOUNDING ME ALL  
MY LIFE!... NEXT THING YOU KNOW SHE'LL BE  
HINTING AT MARRIAGE!... AT LAST I'M  
RID OF THAT PEST!

PEEL ME  
ANOTHER  
GRAPE,  
POCAHONTONG!