

GORGO RETURNS

THE SCIENTISTS REFUSED TO BELIEVE THE REPORTS THAT THE MONSTROUS REPTILE REALLY EXISTED... THE SPECIES BECAME EXTINCT 2,000,000 YEARS AGO, BACK IN THE DAWN OF TIME! YET, INCREDIBLY, THERE HE TOWARD NEW YORK CITY, DEFYING MAN AND HIS TERRIBLE WEAPONS! SMASHING THE SLEEK AND DEADLY WARPLANES FROM THE SKY, UNHURT BY THE POWERFUL TANKS AND ARTILLERY SHELLS BURSTING AGAINST HIS REPTILIAN SKIN!



THAT WASN'T THE FIRST LOOK MAN HAD AT GORGO...ONCE BEFORE THE ANCIENT REPTILE HAD ASCENDED FROM THE HIDDEN DEPTHS TO CHALLENGE ALL MANKIND! ON THAT OCCASION, THE GREAT CITY OF LONDON HAD PAID A TERRIBLE PRICE FOR TRYING TO EXPLOIT THE BABY MONSTER...



GORGO'S LOVING MOTHER, HAD SMASHED INLAND, IGNORING THE ARMED MIGHT OF ALL ENGLAND TO RESCUE HER MAM-MOTH OFFSPRING!



MEN WHO SAW THE INCREDIBLE CREATURES PRAYED THEY WOULD NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN! OTHERS DID MORE THAN PRAY...THEY PLANNED...

ADMIRAL, WE ARE CAP-ABLE OF CHARGING THE IRISH SEA, THE ENG-LISH CHANNEL, AND ALL ADJACENT WATERS WITH 10,000,000,000 VOLTS IF THE MONSTERS EVER ATTEMPT TO RE-TURN!

EXCELLENT/
BUT WE WILL
NOT RELY ON
THAT ALONE!
WE WILL ADOPT OTHER
MEASURES!



THERE WAS NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT GORGO AND HER OFFSPRING! THE MASSIVE CREATURES WERE BACK IN THEIR HABITAT AT 30,000 FEET BELOW THE



THEN, IT BEGAN HAPPENING! HUGE GEN-ERATORS ON THE ENGLISH COAST WENT INTO OPERATION... THE WATERS OF THE IRISH SEA ARE NOW ELECTRICALLY CHARGED!



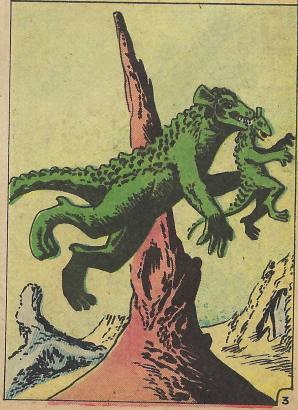
GORGO'S MOTHER, DOZING AWAY THE YEARS, FELT THE PRICKLE OF ELECTRICITY...AWAKENED, ALARMED FOR HER BABY, GORGO!



GORGO, OF COURSE, PLAYFUL AS A 500 TON PUP, IGNORED HIS MOTHER'S NUD-GES...



FINALLY, LIKE MOST PARENTS, SHE HAD TO DO IT THE HARD WAY!



THE TWO HEADED WEST. . . AWAY FROM THE IRISH COAST WHERE THERE WERE CANNON AND FLAMETHROWERS, ANNOYING ELECTRICAL CURRENTS AND CONSTANT HARASSMENT! WESTWARD TOWARD AMERICA. . .



THE NORTH ATLANTIC AND DRIFTING ICE FLOES, STORM-TOSSED SEAS...AND A QUICK LOOK AROUND!

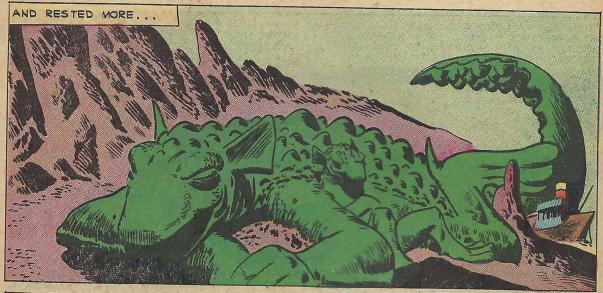


DOWN AGAIN... SMASHING EASILY THROUGH THE FISHING NETS OF THE COD TRAWLERS ON THE GRAND BANK!



THEN, OFF THE COAST, THEY RESTED AFTER THE 2,000 MILE JOURNEY! THEY FED WELL ON THE TEEMING SCHOOLS OF COD...

















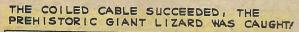






MEANWHILE, GORGO WAS HAVING A BALL. HIS TREMENDOUS, LIMITLESS STRENGTH SNAPPING THE THICK CABLE EASILY!





OUR INSTRUMENTS SHOW THE BREAK IS ABOUT HERE, DINK/ I'LL USE THE SKIN-DIVING GEAR AND TAKE A TORCH DOWN WITH ME!

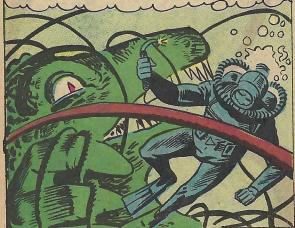








IT'S A CINCH WE CAN'T USE THE CABLE WITH THIS CRITTER TIED UP IN IT!
FIRST THING TO DO IS CUT THE DAMAGED PORTION LOOSE!



MERRIL HYDE, ONE OF THE WORLD'S BRAYEST MEN, CHOSE THE FIRST PLACE TO CUT, A LOOP AROUND THE MONSTER'S WAIST!



WITH ONE LOOP OFF, HE FELT THE MON-STER SHIFTING, KNEW IT WAS ALMOST FREE...SO HE CUT ANOTHER!





THEN, GORGO FEELING THE CABLES
LOOSENING, GAVE A CONVULSIVE HEAVE
AND...

SONOFAGUN GOT LOOSE QUICKER THAN I
EXPECTED! I SURE HOPE HE DOESN'T
COME FOR ME!

GORGO QUICKLY PAWED THE REMAINING LOOPS OF CABLE AWAY...





QUICK, DINK, START THE ENGINES! GOT TO GET A-WAY! MONSTER DOWN THERE, HUNDREDS OF FEET LONG!





FOR A LONG AND TERRIBLE MOMENT, GORGO LOOMED OVER THE BOAT...ONE QUICK SLASH WOULD DESTROY BOTH BOAT AND MEN! BUT, STRANGELY, HE DIDN'T SEEM HOSTILE!

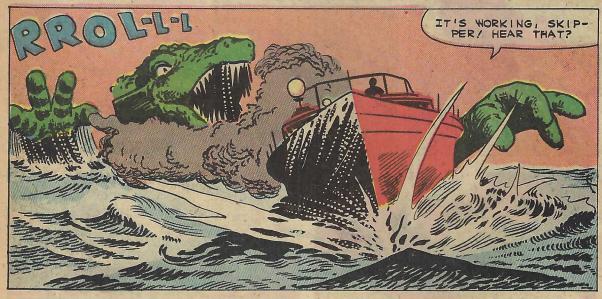
DON'T SHOOT

OKAY, SKIPPER! A BULLET WOULDN'T DENT HIM ANYHOW!











LATER, AS TROUBLE III HEADED INTO THE MARINA WHICH WAS CLOSE TO THE BORDER OF NEW YORK CITY AND IDLEWILD AIRPORT!



BUT GORGO HADN'T ABANDONED THE CHASE...PERHAPS THERE WAS GRATITUDE IN HIS HUGE HEART...OR A FAINT COAL OF CURIOSITY BURNED IN HIS BRAIN! HE WASN'T FAR AWAY...IN FACE, HE WAS RIGHT OFF THE PORT WHERE TROUBLE III HAD DOCKED!





ON SHORE, MERRIL HYDE HAD DRIVEN QUICKLY TO THE COMPANY OFFICES IN MANHATTAN AND...

WHAT? YOU EXPECT YOU'D BETTER, SATME TO BELIEVE TERTHWAITE! I
THIS YARN? DID'T INVENT THE
CRITTER!



LAST YEAR, LONDON WAS RAZED BY TWO CREATURES EXACTLY LIKE IT! I THINK WE'D BETTER NOTIFY WASHINGTON AND URGE THEM TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION!



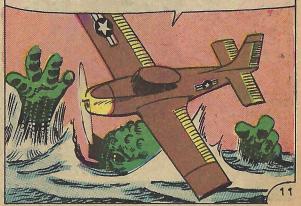
IN WASHINGTON THERE WERE MEN WHO SCOFFED...BUT LUCKILY, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WAS NOT ONE OF THEM!

BUT, MR. PRES-IDENT, SURELY YOU DON'T BE-LIEVE... I DO; ADMIRAL! I
KNOW MERRIL HYDE
AND HE DOESN'T LIE
OR EXAGGERATE!
YOU'LL_COOPERATE
WITH THE AIR FORCE
AND INVESTIGATE
FULLY!



IT WAS AN AIR FORCE PILOT FLYING LOW AND SLOW IN AN L 17-B OBSERVA-TION PLANE THAT SIGHTED GORGO FIRST...

HONEST, IT'S AS BIG AS THAT CIVIL-



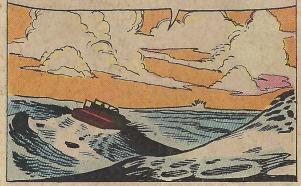






MERRIL HYDE WAS ABOARD TROUBLE THE WHEN HE HEARD THE TRANSMISSIONS ON THE FIGHTER FREQUENCY! HE ACTED AT ONCE...

WE'RE GOING OUT THERE, DINK! I SHOULD'VE TOLD THEM NOT TO USE CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ON THE BEAST!

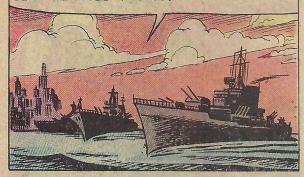


IT'S NAME IS GORGO, I FOUND OUT, MERRIL! THE BRITISH TRIED BOMBS, FLAME-THROWERS, AND ARTILLERY WITH-OUT HURTING IT OR THE BIGGER ONE!



THE DEFEAT HANDED THE BRITISH NAVY, WAS KEPT IN MIND AS HEAVY CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS RACED OUT OF NEW YORK HARBOR!

GUNPOINT FROM HOWITZER! DO NOT ATTACK WITHOUT SPECIFIC ORDERS! SUGGESTION MADE TO USE SMOKE SCREEN TO DRIVE CREATURE BACK TOWARD OPEN SEA--WE WILL TRY IT!













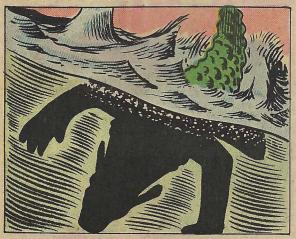








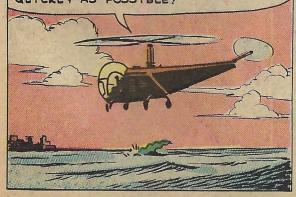
ONCE MORE GORGO SUBMERGED, CONFUSED AND FURIOUS, HEADING NOT TOWARD THE OPEN SEA WHERE THE DANGER LAY BUT IN TOWARD LAND!



FEEL THE RUSH OF WATER, DINK? HE THERE, HE'LL KILL THOU-SANDS OF PEO-PLE!

BUT, OVERHEAD, A COAST GUARD HELI-COPTER PILOT HAD SEEN THE MOVING BLUR BENEATH THE SURFACE AND...

EVACUATE ALL SHORE POINTS THIS AREA! GORGO HEADING FOR LAND! GETTHE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AWAY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!





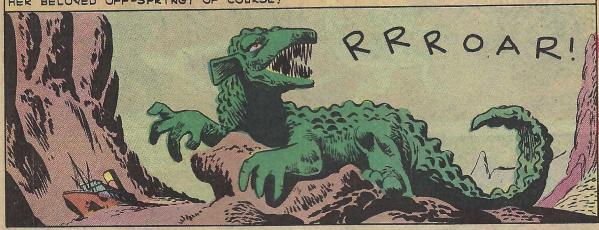








MEANWHILE, GORGO'S PARENT WAS AWAKENING AT LAST...HER FIRST LOOK WAS FOR HER BELOVED OFF-SPRING, OF COURSE!





MERRIL HYDE WAS FLOWN ASHORE BY HELICOP-TER. AND HIS PLAN RELATED TO NATIONAL GUARD OTIS CLEEK, IN COMMAND OF THE DISAS-TER AREA!

DEEP! HAVE YOUR ENGINEERS MINE
THE SIDES! WE'LL STEER GORGO
TOWARD THE PIT BY USING SMOKE
WHICH HE DEFINITELY DOESN'T
LIKE!

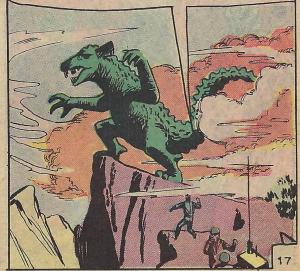
FIRST SEN-SIBLE IDEA I'VE HEARD! WE WILL TRY



SO HUGE SMOKE GENERATORS ALONG GORGO'S LINE OF ADVANCE WERE STARTED UP...CREATING A TUNNEL DOWN WHICH HE MARCHED!



HE'S ON THE EDGE...SIGNAL TO YOUR ENGINEERS NOW! BLAST THE SPOT HE'S ON...TUMBLE HIM INTO THE PIT!









HUGE EXPLOSIVE CHARGES RIPPED AT THE STEEP SAND BANK! TENS OF THOU-SANDS OF TONS OF SAND AND EARTH FELL INWARD AND...



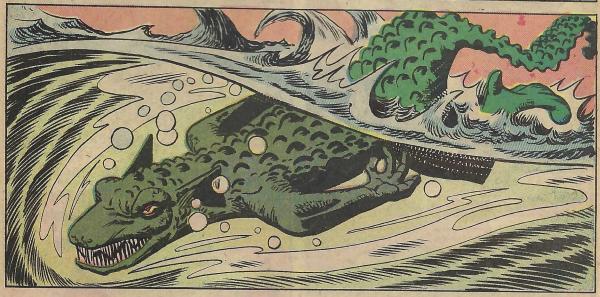


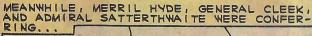
MIGHTY GORGO WAS HELPLESS, CAUGHT, UNABLE TO MOVE! BUT HE COULD ROAR.. AND THE FEARSOME SOUNDS TERRIFIED EVERYONE FROM BRIDGEPORT, CONNECT-ICUT TO SOUTH PHILADELPHIA!



SIXTY MILES OFF-SHORE, SEEKING HER SON, THE MONSTER HEARD THE DISTRESS-FUL CRY...



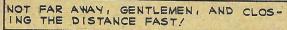






HAVE ANY OF YOU THOUGHT...OF GORGO'S MOTHER? WE KNOW SHE EXISTS! SHE SMASHED LONDON; REMEMBER! WHERE IS SHE NOW?









DON'T OPEN FIRE! YOU'LL ONLY IRRI-TATE IT AND YOU WON'T HELP ANY!



GENERAL CLEEK'S NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS STOOD THEIR GROUND BRAVELY BUT...







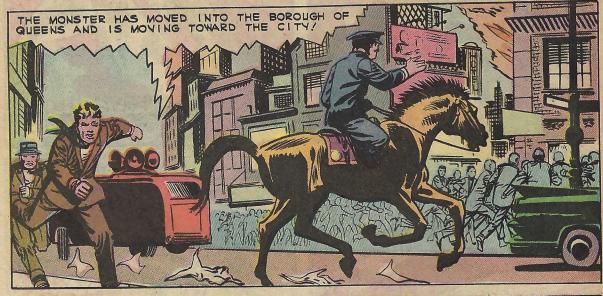






IN NEW YORK CITY, WARNINGS WERE BROADCAST, .. IT WAS DETERMINED TO WAIT ONE HOUR WHILE THE POPULACE GOT INTO SHELTERS!



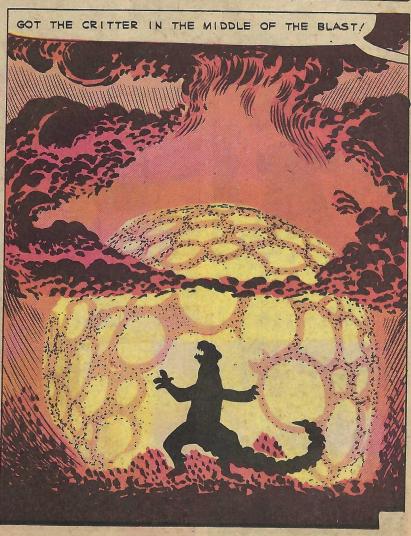












THE CITY WAITED...THE EASTERN SEA-BOARD WAS AT A STANDSTILL AS THE TOWERING ATOMIC CLOUD BEGAN TO DIS-PERSE IN THE GENTLE WINDS! THE CREATURE WAS DEAD! THEY MURMURED! AS THEY HUDDLED IN FEAR! HE MUST BE DEAD!



THEN, A SUDDEN GUST CLEARED THE AREA AND...



NOT DEAD, NOT WEAKENED, AND VERY, VERY ANGRY! SHE MOVED LIKE A GIANT BULLDOZER THROUGH, QUEENS, PAUSED AT THE RIVER NEAR THE QUEENS-BOROUGH BRIDGE AND...



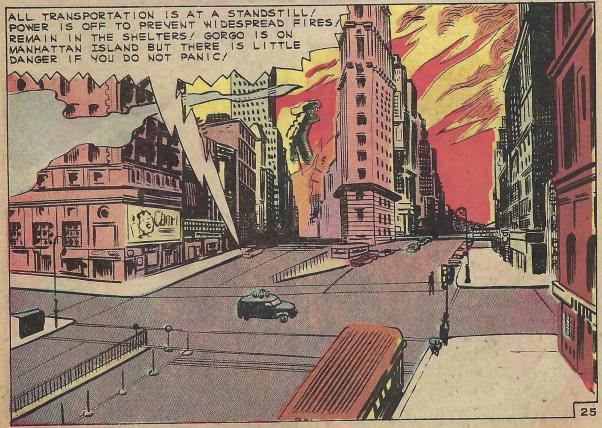
MERRIL HYDE, THE DISCOVERER OF GORGO, WAS IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL! HIS HELICOPTER HOVERED CLOSE AS THE ADVENTURER STROVE TO THINK OF A WEAPON TO STOP THE MONSTER!





THEN, SHE WAS IN THE MIDST OF THE GREAT CITY...A CARELESS SWING OF HER TAIL OBLITERATING THE GRAND CENTRAL STATION AREA...

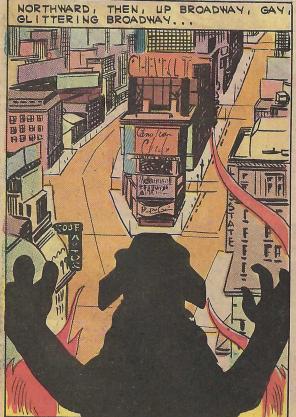




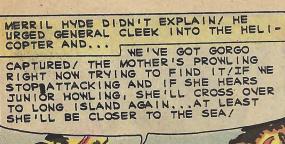
YES, AMOK AMONG THE GREAT BUILD-INGS, THE ULTIMATE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MAN! BUT THE MONSTER WAS NO RESPECTOR OF WHAT WE'D CREATED!











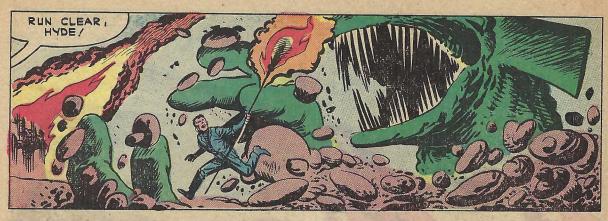
















MEANWHILE, GORGO'S MOTHER WAS AT THE HUDSON RIVER...WREAKING FURTHER DAMAGE ON THE WORKS OF MAN!

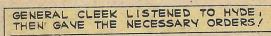


...AND HE'S HEADING EAST ONCE MORE! HE WILL CROSS MANHATTAN ISLAND ON HIS PRESENT COURSE!









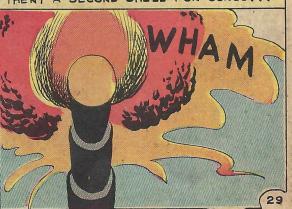
THAT MAN'S GOT ENOUGH NERVE DRUG TO PARALYZE THE NATION!IT WILL IMMO-BILIZE THE MONSTERS, I'M SURE!



THE SHELL PENETRATED HER SKIN/THE DRUG'S IN HER BODY NOW!



THEN, A SECOND SHELL FOR GORGO ...



THE PREHISTORIC CREATURES PAUSED, FEELING AN ODD SENSATION WITHIN THEIR POWERFUL BODIES! THEN, GORGO, THE SMALLER TOTTERED AND...







AT LAST, BACK WHERE THEY BELONGED, MILES BELOW THE SURFACE, THE GIANT REPTILES WERE ABLE TO REST! TO SLEEP, AND PERHAPS, SURVIVE, , AND REVIVE AGAIN IN ONE YEAR OR A CENTURY! NO MAN KNOWS., BUT WE CAN HOPE SHE DOES NOT RETURN WITH HER TERRIBLE OFFSPRING IN OUR LIFETIME!

