



BATTLE BEASTS



Rocky the Flying Squirrel Mute on V.P. Rumors

'Bullwinkle Who?' Takes 3 pt. Lead

Bush, Dukakis Say Race Isn't Over Quite Yet

Bush stays silent in the V.P. race

By Richard Stevenson
USA TODAY

NEW ORLEANS — Republican vice-presidential pick George Bush today said he was not commenting on his possible vice-presidency under presidential front-runner Bullwinkle the Moose.

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"Gosh, I don't know anything you fellows don't know," said Rocky. "I'm just a simple Minnesota Squirrel. As far as I know, I could be gathering my nuts come election time."

Democratic vice-presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen, at close to nine feet tall, said he was eager for Rocky to named as his other opponent. "I'll show y'all what we used to do with flying squirrels when I was kid on the Texas prairie."

Animal rights activists immediately objected to Bentsen's comments and complained about his wife's hairdo which too closely resembles a nest for

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FIGHTING VOTER APATHY
Young people between 18 and 24 are the most likely to skip the polls, according to a new survey by the National Election Studies. The survey found that 40 percent of young people do not vote, compared to 30 percent of the rest of the population. The survey also found that young people are more likely to vote if they are registered to vote, if they have a driver's license, and if they have a job.

ALL IN THE DELIVERANCE
George Bush today said he was not commenting on his possible vice-presidency under presidential front-runner Bullwinkle the Moose. Bush was supposed to be in New Orleans today, but he was delayed by a problem with his plane.

MRS. DUKAKIS GOES
Dukakis to Capitol Hill and the wives of Democratic candidates today said they were not commenting on their husbands' possible vice-presidential picks. Mrs. Dukakis said she was not commenting on her husband's possible vice-presidential pick.

ELECTIONS

A DAILY WATCH ON THE CAMPAIGN

Bullwinkle Qualifies for Campaign Matching Funds

Bullwinkle to Dukakis, Bush: 'Moose Over, I'm Front-Runner'

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AND TOOEY ON MOOSE AND SQUIRREL WHO NEEDS THEM ANYWAYS?

HA HA HA!



Labels Dukakis as candidate?

of deliberations by the GOP's vice-presidential pick, the Democrats for having last month a platform he "sounded like a Democrat."

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Gov. George Deukmejian today said he was not commenting on his possible vice-presidential pick. Deukmejian said he was not commenting on his possible vice-presidential pick.

Peter Peachfuzz Defense Secretary?

Bullwinkle Administration Would Reward Commander's Loyalty

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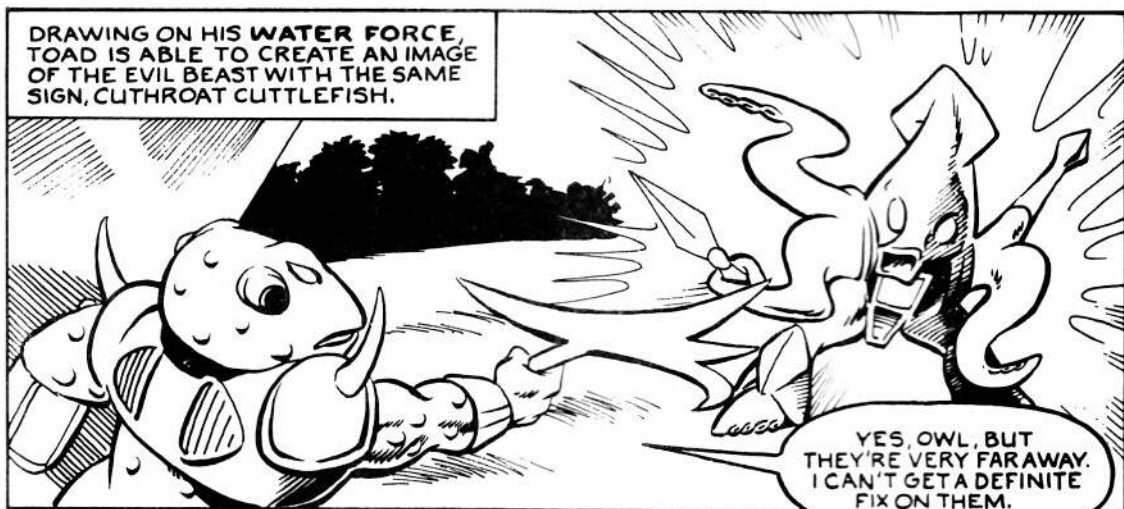
NOTHING BUT
WIDE OPEN SPACES
FROM UP HERE.

YOU SURE WE'RE
ON THE RIGHT
TRACK, TOAD?

WRITER/EDITOR:
JOHN STEPHENSON
PENCILS:
ANDY ICE
PLUS THE DYNAMIC DEBUT
OF SHEPHERD HENDRIX
ON INKS/LETTERS

THE AWAKENING

DRAWING ON HIS **WATER FORCE**, TOAD IS ABLE TO CREATE AN IMAGE OF THE EVIL BEAST WITH THE SAME SIGN, CUTHROAT CUTTLEFISH.



IT SEEMS THEY'RE HEADED TOWARD THE DREAMING SEA.

OF COURSE!



I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED!

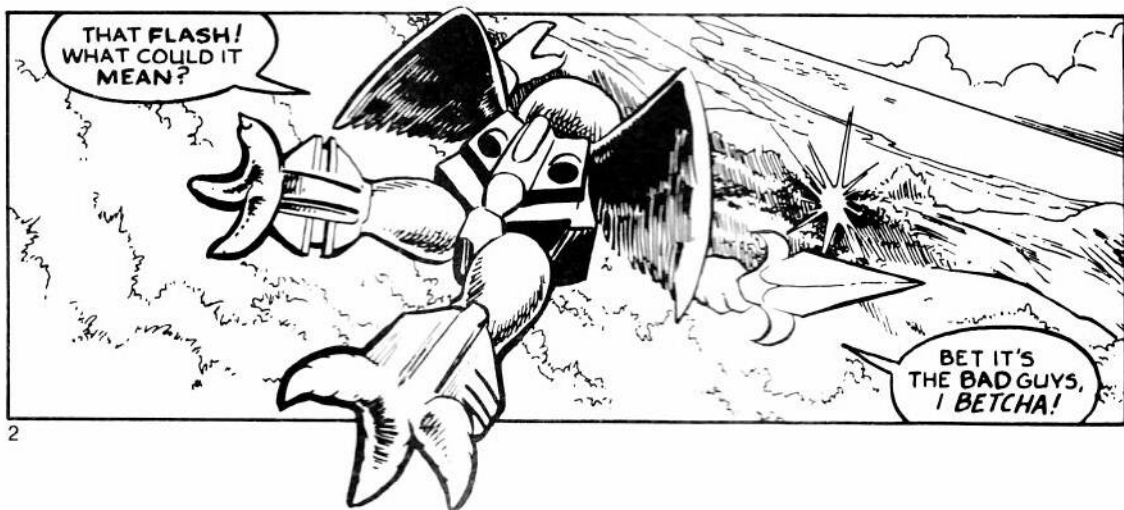
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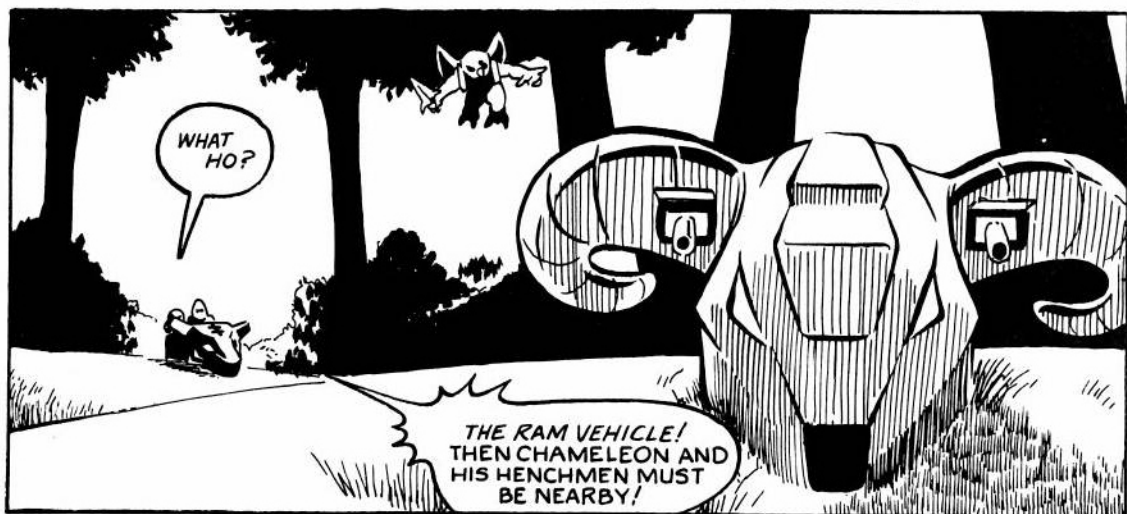
TO THE SEA, TO THE SEA, TO THE BEAUTIFUL SEA...



THAT FLASH! WHAT COULD IT MEAN?







WE CAN FIND THE ANSWER BY
TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF
TIME TO A FEW HOURS
BEFORE, AS WE FIND...

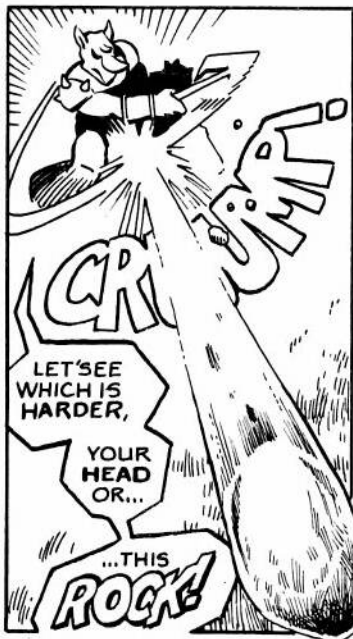


C'MON YOU
SLOWPOKES! WHAT'S
THE BIG HOLD-UP?!



COURSE,
LUGGING OL'
POINTY-HEAD
AROUND
MUST BE
HARD!

HARD?!



LET'S SEE
WHICH IS
HARDER,
YOUR
HEAD
OR...

...THIS
ROCK!

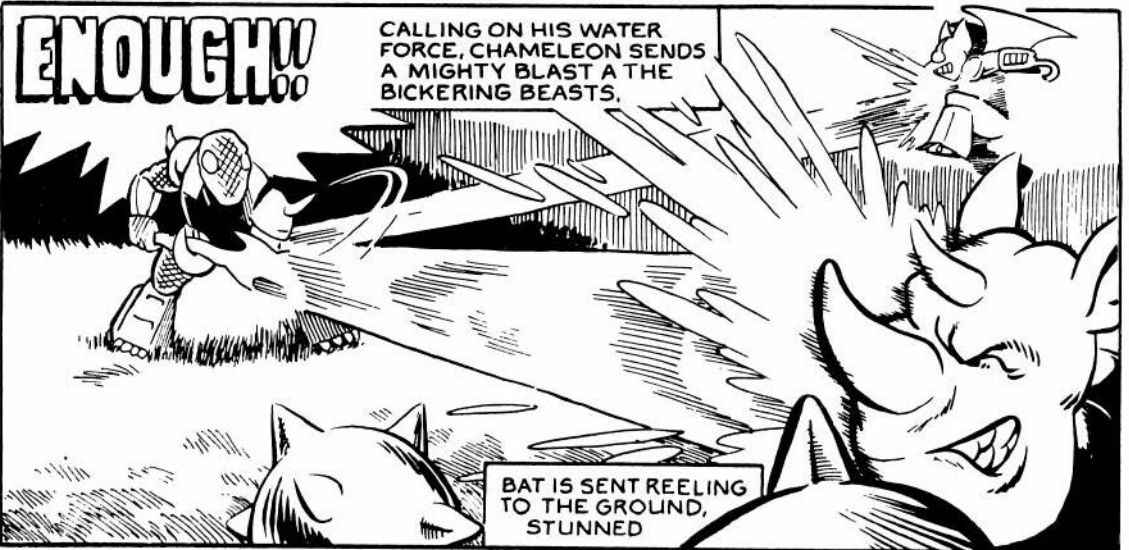


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PAL!

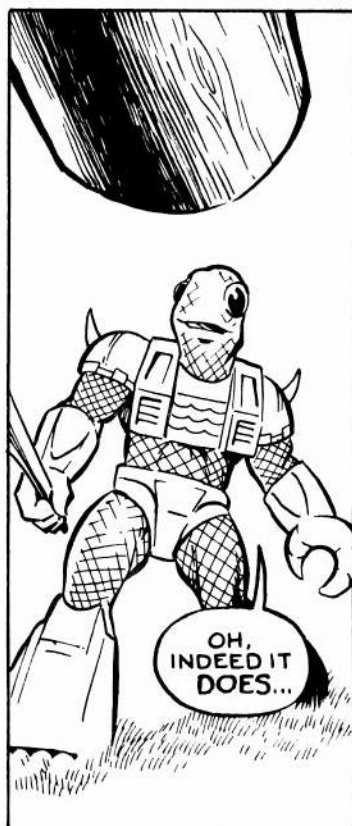
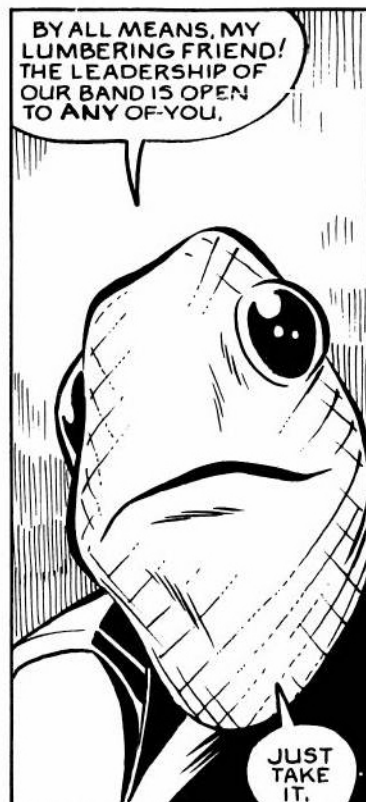
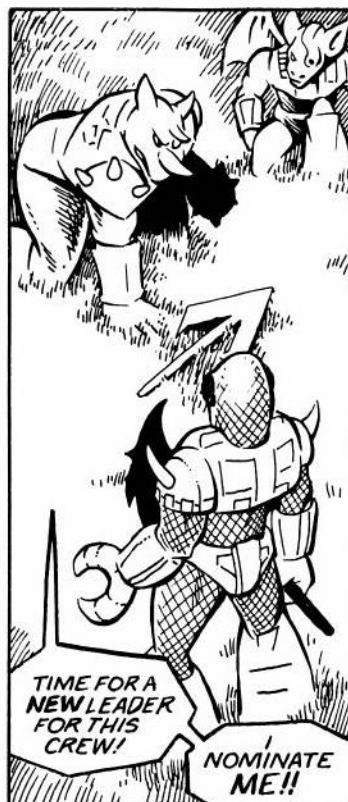
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SOME OF
THIS!!

ENOUGH!!

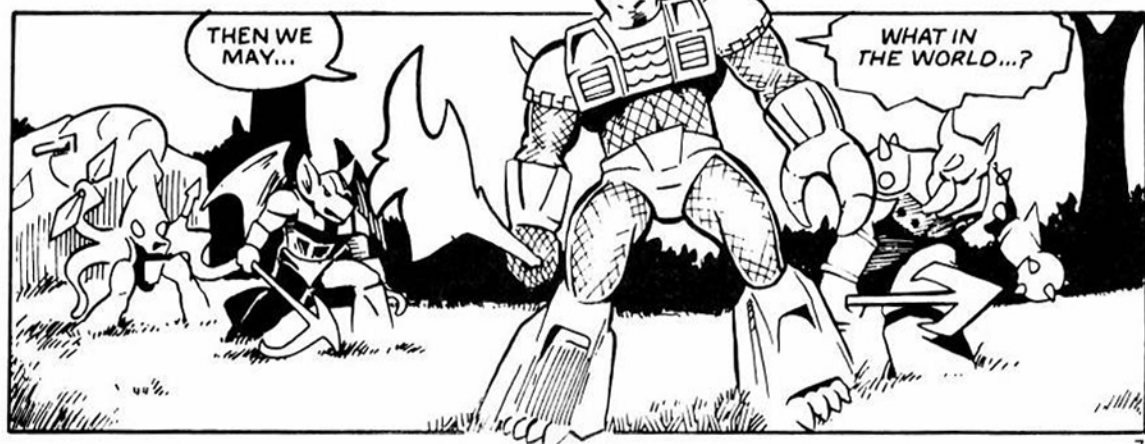
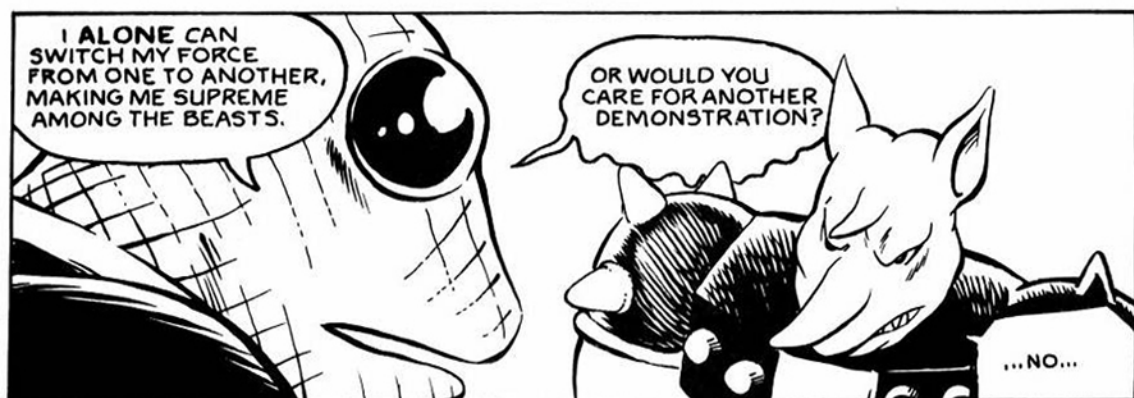
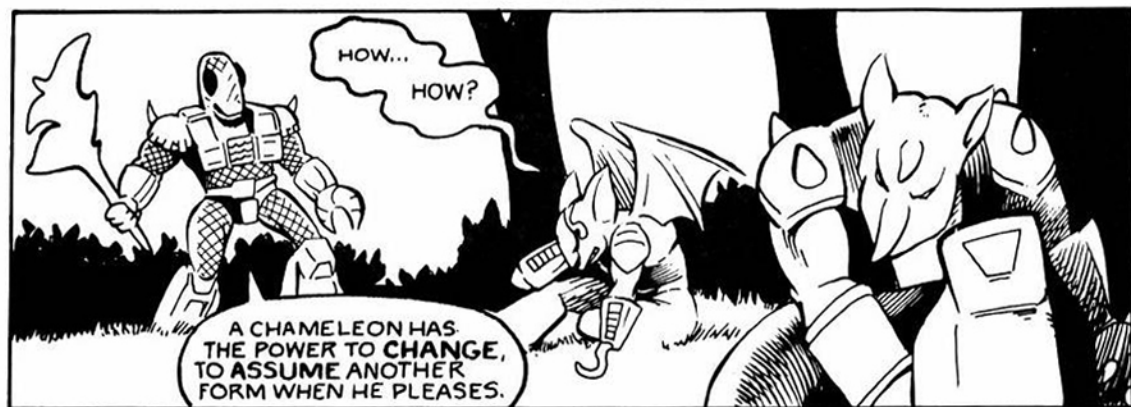
CALLING ON HIS WATER
FORCE, CHAMELEON SENDS
A MIGHTY BLAST AT THE
BICKERING BEASTS.



BAT IS SENT REELING
TO THE GROUND,
STUNNED







HAVOC ON HOTH!



**The DEATH STAR IS
DESTROYED!**

**The REBEL ALLIANCE
Desperately Searches
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... and a gun."

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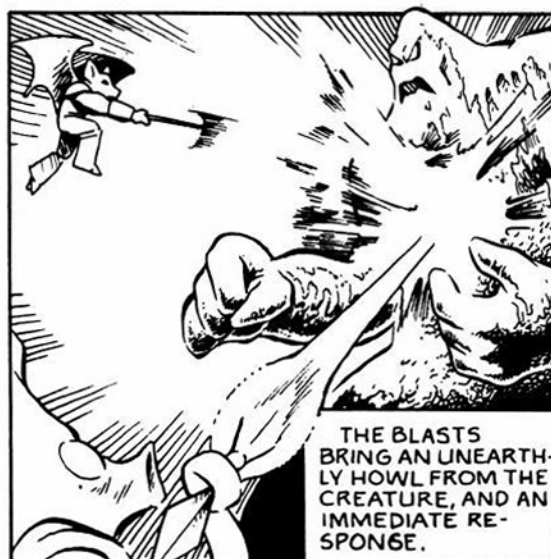
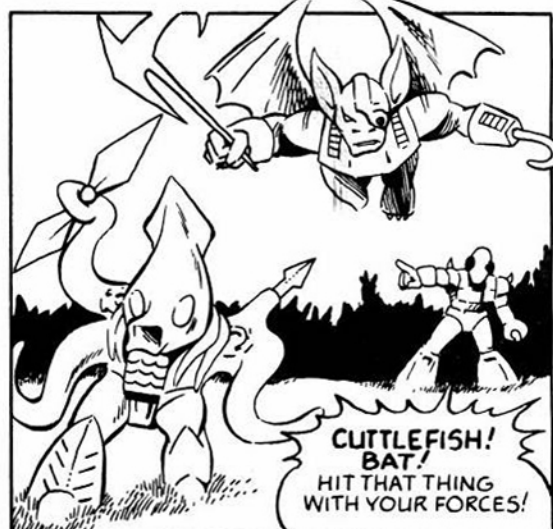
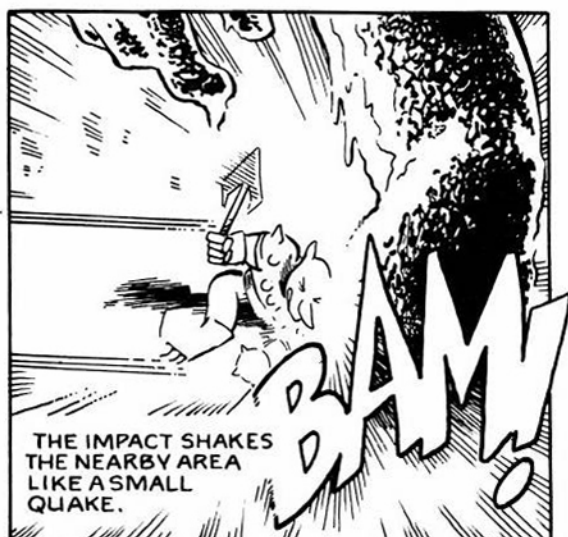
IT APPEARS FROM NOWHERE,
SEA WATER AND MUCK DRIPPING
FROM ITS MASSIVE, WRINKLED
FORM. IT DWARFS THE BEASTS,
TOWERING OVER THEM LIKE A
GROTESQUE MONUMENT.

AROUND ITS FEET ARE OTHER
BEASTS, ALL WEARING THE
SAME DAZED EXPRESSION, AS
IF WITH NO MINDS OF THEIR
OWN.



ITS NAME (AND ITS
SINGLE PURPOSE) IS...

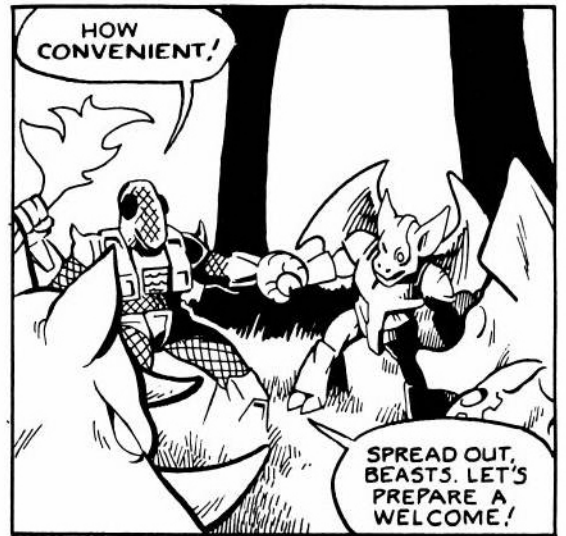
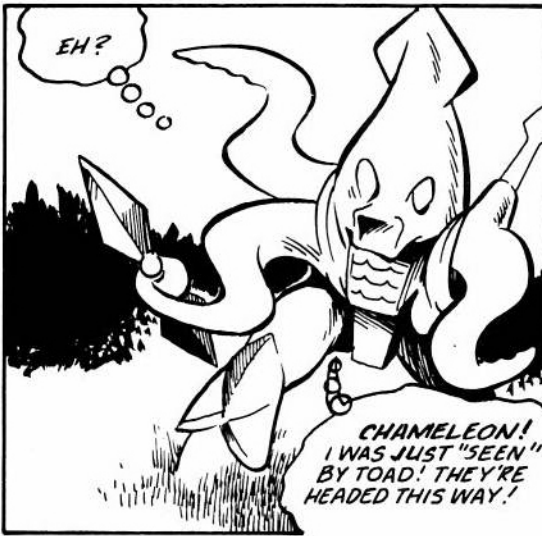
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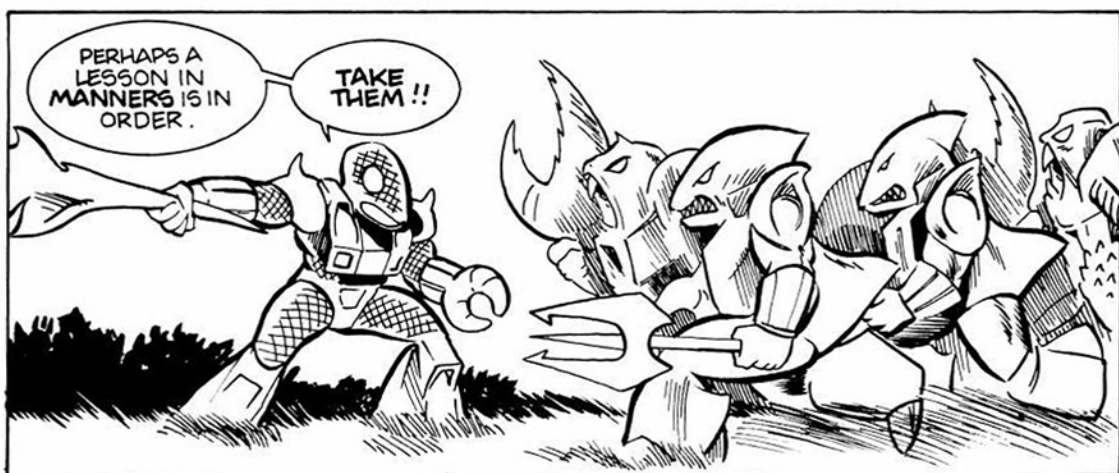
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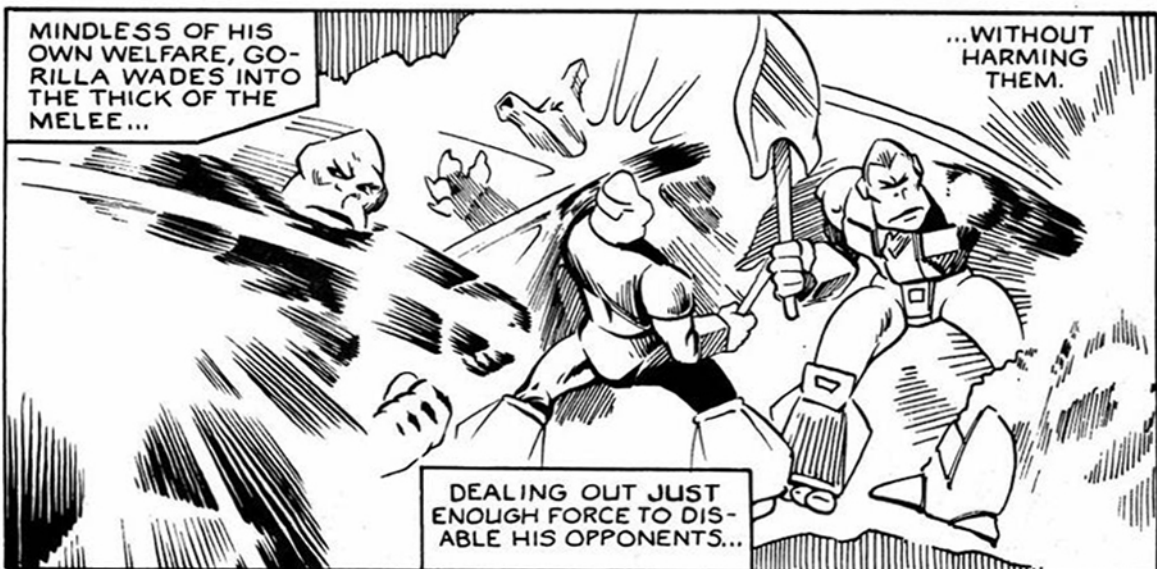
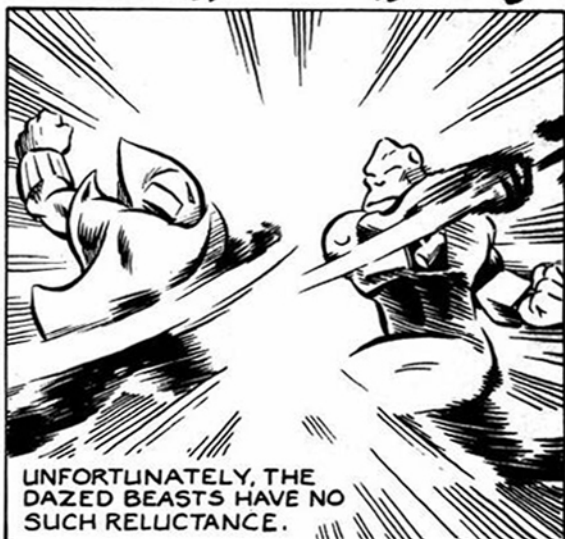
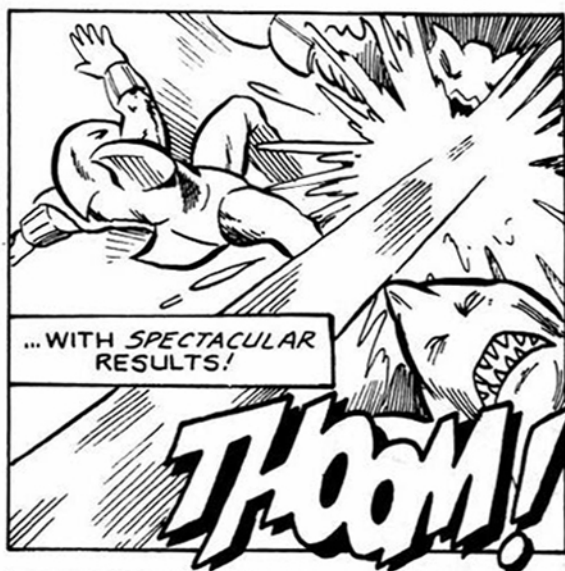
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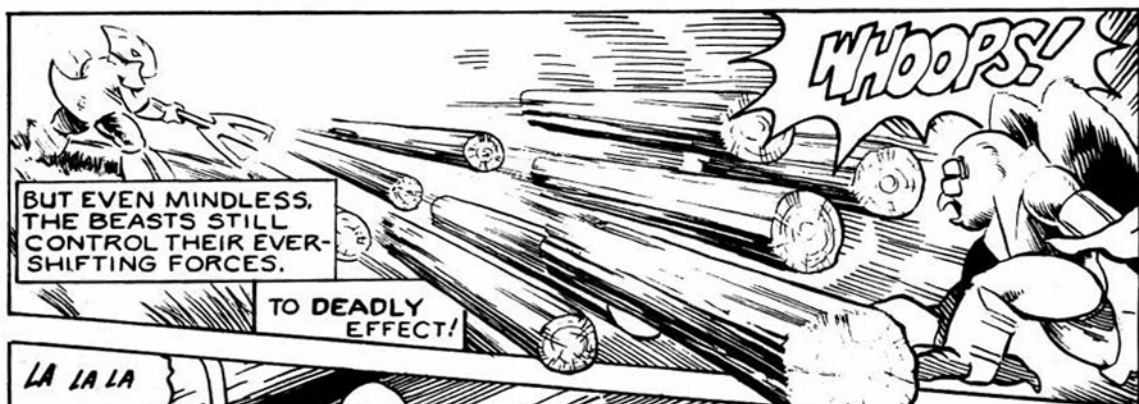












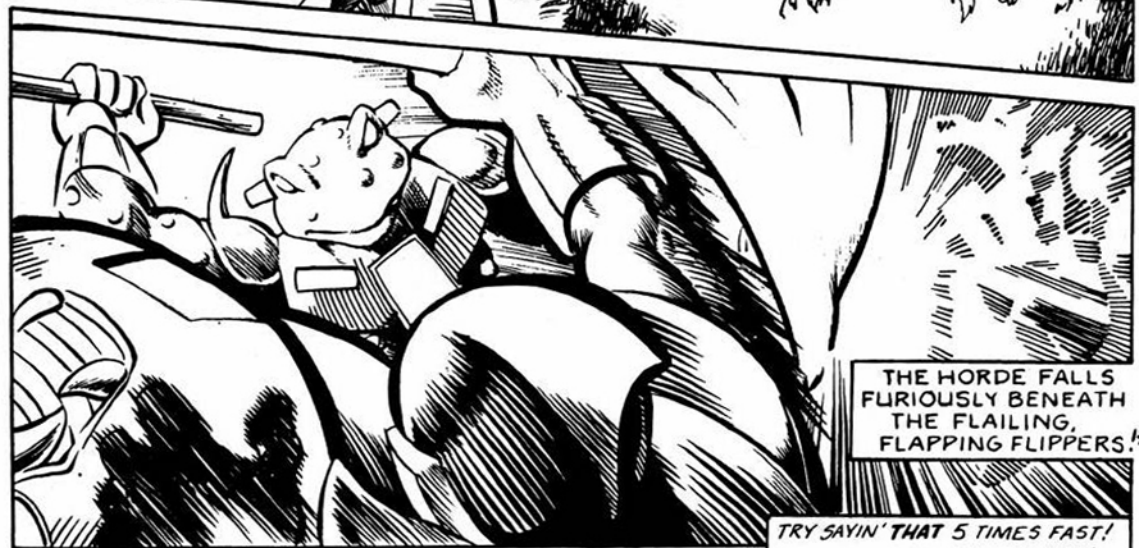
BUT EVEN MINDLESS,
THE BEASTS STILL
CONTROL THEIR EVER-
SHIFTING FORCES.

TO DEADLY
EFFECT!



THIS
OUGHTTA HOLD
YOU!

WELL DONE, OWL!
NOW IT'S MY TURN!



THE HORDE FALLS
FURIOUSLY BENEATH
THE FLAILING,
FLAPPING FLIPPERS.*

TRY SAYIN' THAT 5 TIMES FAST!
- JOHN

THEY HOLD THEIR OWN
FOR WHAT SEEMS A
LIFETIME.

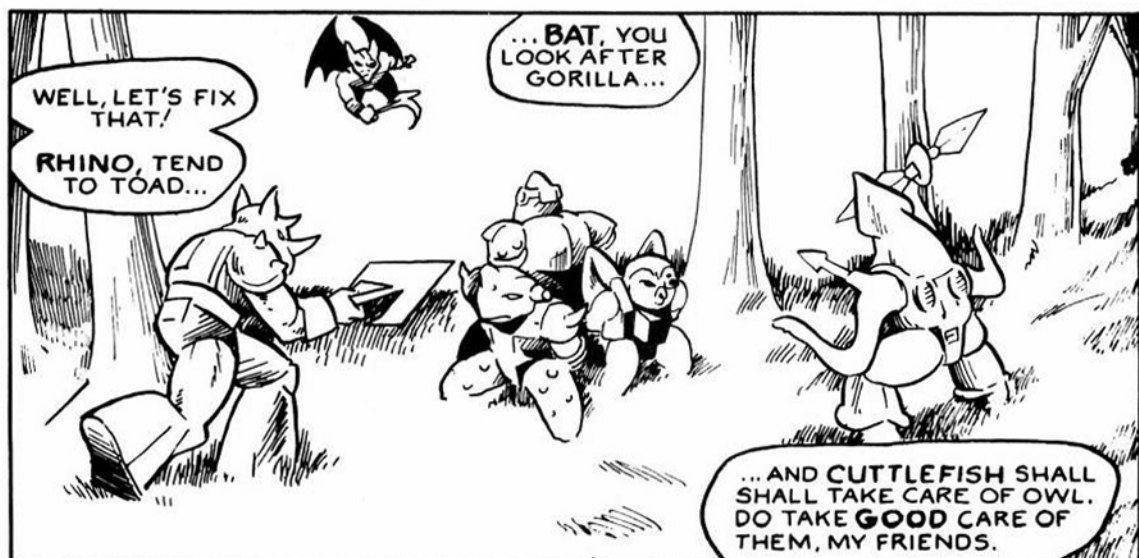
BUT THEIR FOES ARE END-
LESS AND TIRELESS. EVEN-
TUALLY, THE TIDE OF THE
BATTLE SWINGS AWAY FROM
OUR HEROES.

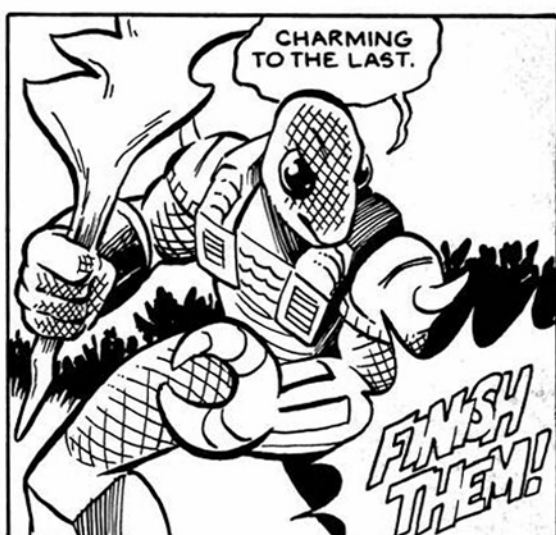
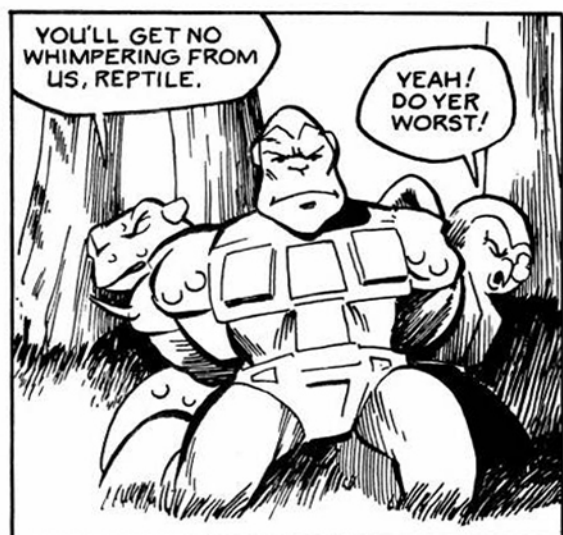


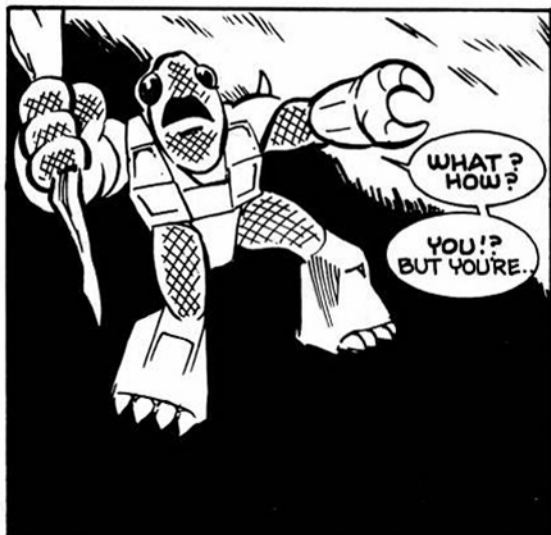
FINALLY,
ONE BY ONE...



THEY FALL,
AND ALL GOES
BLACK.









AS THE FEARSOME BEAMS STRIKE THE GOOD BEASTS, AN UNCANNY TRANSFORMATION BEGINS TO HAPPEN.



THE BEASTS SEEM TO SPLIT, TO BE TORN INTO **TWO** SEPARATE BEINGS.



SKIN STRETCHES, FUR SPLITS AND FEATHERS DIVIDE AMIDST A BLINDING SWIRL OF COLOR AND LIGHT, UNTIL FINALLY...



INCREDIBLE! SOMEHOW RUHIN HAS CREATED MONSTROUS REPLICAS OF US!

IF I COULD ONLY BREAK FREE

I WANT MY MOMMY!

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT ISSUE!
FLIP SIDE!



Letters, we get letters . . .

Dear Whoever,

BATTLE BEASTS ARE #1!

When are we gonna see #2? I'm 13 years old and I love *Battle Beasts*. When are we gonna see #2? Use more different characters. When are we gonna see #2? Even though it was in black and white, it was great. When are we gonna see #2?

Yours truly,

Scott Foy
Long Beach, MS

P. S. What's the name of their planet?

Dear John and crew,

Battle Beasts was a nice production! I got it for my little brother, but I liked it too. But I do have a few negative comments to make also. For one thing, the high price. I assume this is aimed at a younger audience and \$1.50 is a little steep. Why is the price like it is? Another fact: there's no color. My mother and I assumed for the price there would be color. Only 28 pages and no color, for \$1.50! But I just realized, with no ads, production must be high. I do hope you continue publishing *Battle Beasts*, because both writing and art were tops!

Congratulations!
Jess O'Brien
Arcata, CA

P. S. "The innocent flavor" - EXCELLENT!

Dear *Battle Beasts*,

I'm 14 yrs. old and I think that the comic is great! When I first saw the ads on TV, I knew they'd be neat toys. I have a large collection, so when I saw your book, I had to get it! It's now one of my favorite books. Keep up the good work.

Thanks!

Carl Grey Martin
New Bedford, MA

P. S. Could you make some special appearances by Saber Sword Tiger, Jaded Jaguar, Major Moose and Webslinger Spider (a REAL Baddie)? Also Sawtooth Shark?

Dear John,

I have just read #1 of the *Battle Beasts* and I loved it! I hope they find the Sunburst Warrior. Could you make the Spider one of the Baddies and the Octopus one of the Goodies? Also the Hawk, Penguin and Platypus. Keep up the good work.

Michael P
New Bedford, MA

Dear Beasts,

I love the Beasts. I'm 13, and I have 8 of them at home. I would like to know if this book is monthly or bi-monthly, and

if it is possible to subscribe to them.

My very favorite is the Panda, like on page eight of issue one. Please use him in the book.

Joshua Marquart

Dear *Battle Beasts*,

Issue #1 was excellent and I can't wait till next issue! I have a lot of questions, so here goes:

1. How often will *Battle Beasts* come out?
2. How many issues are going to be printed?
3. Will you be adding a letter column?
4. Are you going to do more on "The Nature of the Beast"?
5. Could you have a page that shows all the characters and their names?
6. Could you show more of the Anteater?
7. Will you print this letter?

Great job, guys!

Steve Schrage
Manassas, VA 22110

Dear Steve,

Boy, you ask a LOT of questions! Let's get to them: 1. We are trying for a bi-monthly schedule.

2. That depends on how many y'all are willing to read. We have stories planned out for a couple of years already.

3. Sounds like a good idea.

4. Every issue we'll feature a couple of new characters.

5. All 84 Beasts? Umm . . . I'll get back to you.

6. Absolutely.

7. No way.

And for all the rest of you who have written in to us, thanks for your tremendous response. We're glad you like these little critters as much as we do. Andy, Jorge and I promise to do everything we can to keep the good work up.

I'm sorry if the switch from color to black-and-white came as a surprise to you, but these things happen. It was a choice between no color or no printing, and we wanted this book out on the stands. Just more of the daily hassles of small publishers. (Maybe if we announced that all the Beasts are **MUTANTS** and they . . . Naaaaah!)

And lastly, why're all of you picking on Webslinger Spider? What've you got against the poor guy? Do you know something we don't?

P.S. We also need a name for our letters column. Any suggestions? Send them — and your letters, of course — to:

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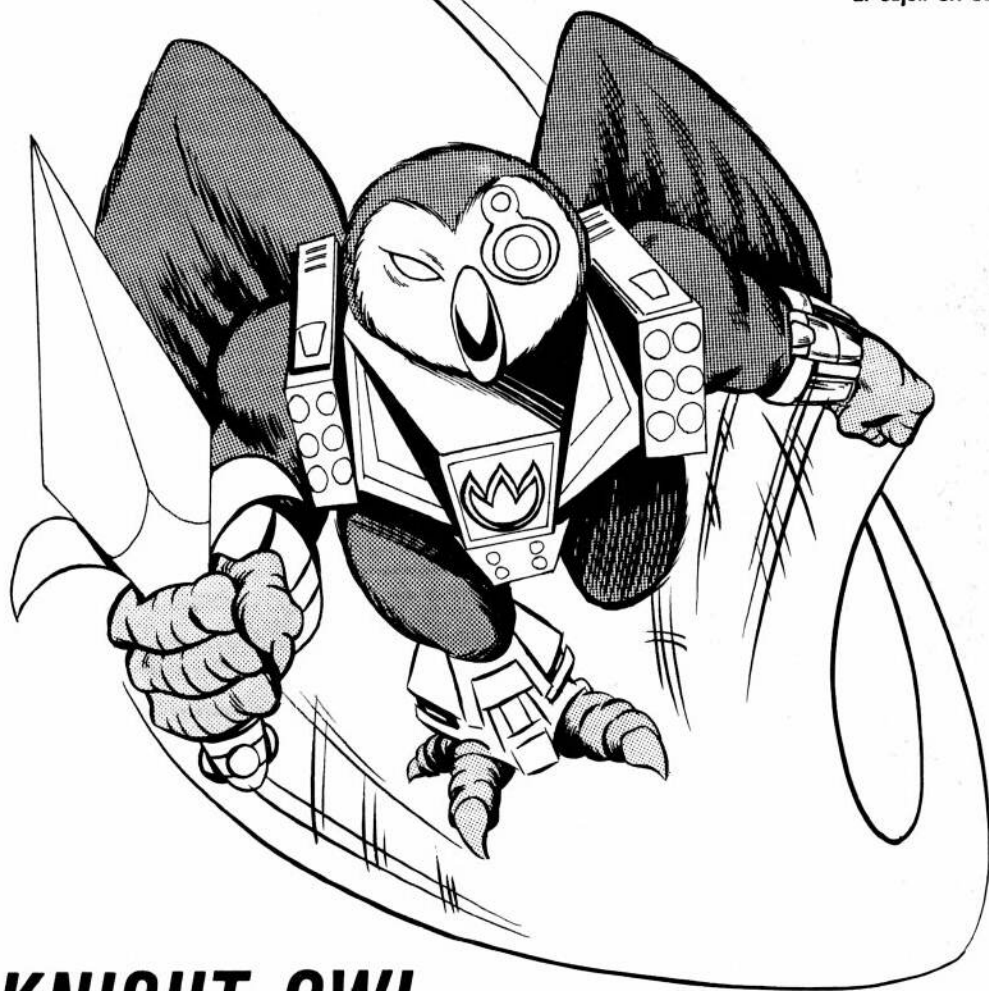
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KNIGHT OWL

Height: 5' 2"

Weight: 130 lbs.

Eyes: Hazel/Red

Markings: Brown feathers on body, white feathers on face and around eyes. Left eye carries mini-telescope.

Armor: Dark blue with red highlights.

Weapon: Silver sword.

Personality: Knight Owl is always ready to aid a friend — even if they're not in trouble. You might call him over-eager. He tends to leap WAY before he looks and usually ends up in need of the same help he was trying to give. He has a brave heart though, and is a good comrade, if sometimes a bit of a joker.

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BLITZKRIEG BAT

Height: 5' 3"

Weight: 120 lbs.

Eyes: Gray/Orange; Right eye carries a high-power mini-telescope.

Markings: Orange fur, light brown leathery wings. Left hand replaced with hook.

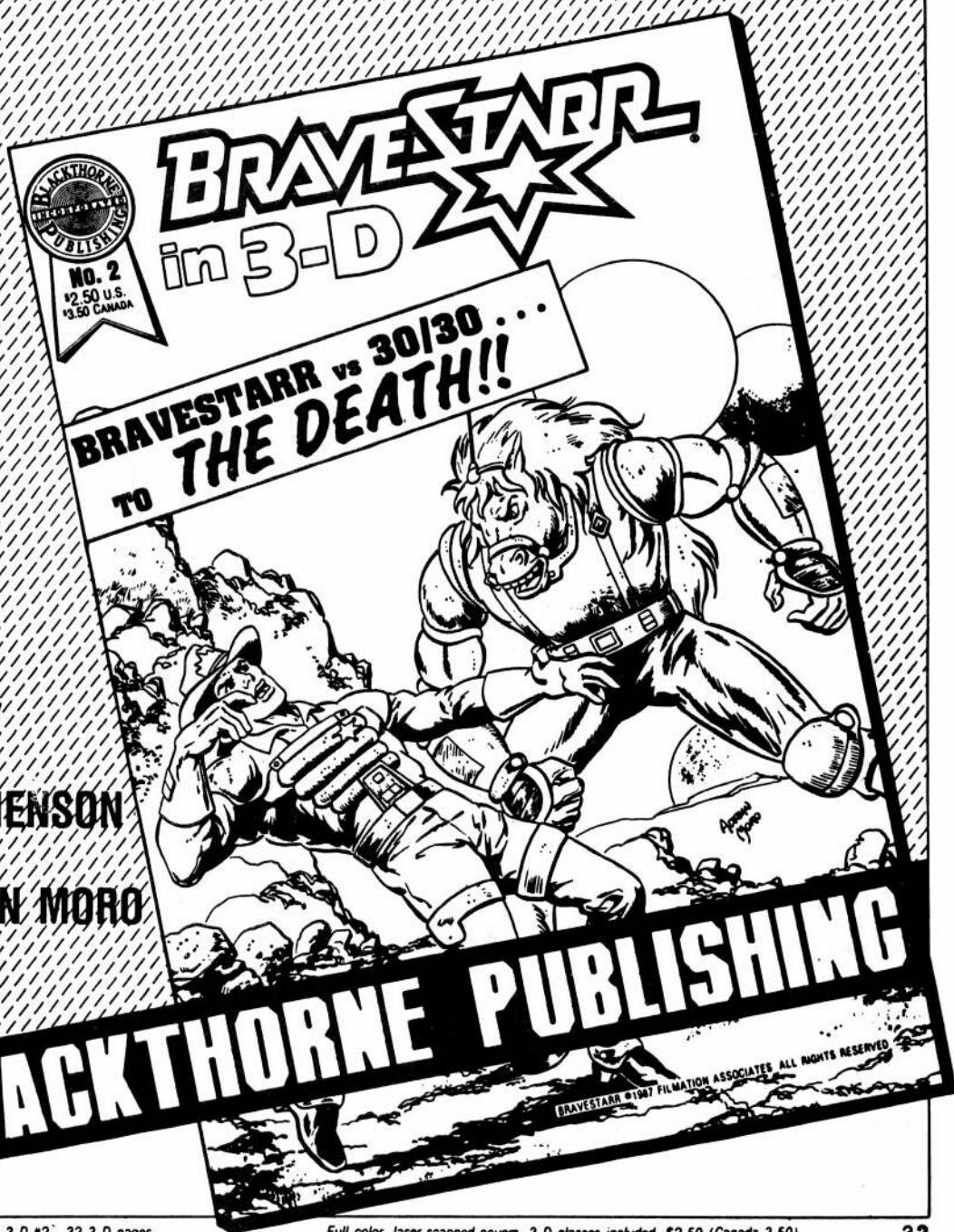
Armor: Dark gray with aqua highlights. Power square worn on left wing.

Weapon: Gold axe.

Personality: Blitzkrieg is the kind of character your Mom told you never to hang around when you were small. He's pushy, arrogant and loves to start fights - between others! He's the first to avoid any kind of work, and the last Beast you can depend on.

He's sure his Fire Force is unbeatable, but when he runs into another Beast that controls Water, he finds out he's ALL WET!

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Art by
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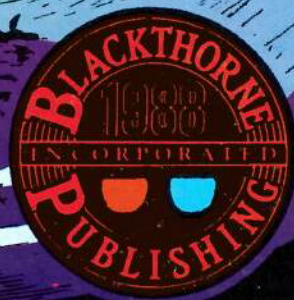
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