

TRIGAN EMPIRE

The planet Elekton lies in the galaxy of Yarna and the greatest power on Elekton is the Trigan Empire, ruled over by its founder, the Emperor Trigo.

IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF ZEER WAS OPENED THE IMPERIAL TRIGAN MUSEUM, AMIDST SCENES OF THE MOST SUPERB SPLENDOUR AND POMP, BY THE HIGH AND MIGHTY TRIGO, EMPEROR OF ALL THE TRIGANS.

For the furtherance of knowledge, for the appreciation of the greatness of the Trigan peoples, and of the Vorg tribe from whom we are descended, I declare this great museum open!

THE GLORY OF THE TRIGANS WAS ALL THERE IN THE MILLIONS OF EXHIBITS.

And these are the ships in which our ancestors, the primitive Vorgs, explored and discovered the remotest parts of the planet Elekton!

That is so, Majesty.

THE EMPEROR WAS ESCORTED BY PERIC, THE PLANET'S CREATEST SCIENTIST AND MASTERMIND OF THE MUSEUM.

By the stars, Peric — what is that — object?

Ah, Majesty, I am glad you asked that...

If I may be permitted the observation, Peric, it is a singularly undistinguished-looking exhibit!

Quite so, Majesty — superficially.

It is, of course, a pre-Vorg ritual object. Probably represents a god or goddess of fertility.

Hmmm — very interesting, I'm sure, Peric.

OLIVER FREY

WITH THE DEPARTURE OF THE IMPERIAL PARTY, THE GENERAL PUBLIC SWARMED TO VIEW THE EXHIBITS. STRANGELY, THE CURIOUS FIGURE IN ITS ENCLOSING BLOCK OF TRANSPARENT MATERIAL ATTRACTED AN UNWANTED AMOUNT OF SOMEWHAT MORBID FASCINATION.



CAME NIGHTFALL, AND TO THE RELIEF OF THE MUSEUM STAFF, THE MASSED PUBLIC WERE SHOWN OUT OF THE GREAT BUILDING.



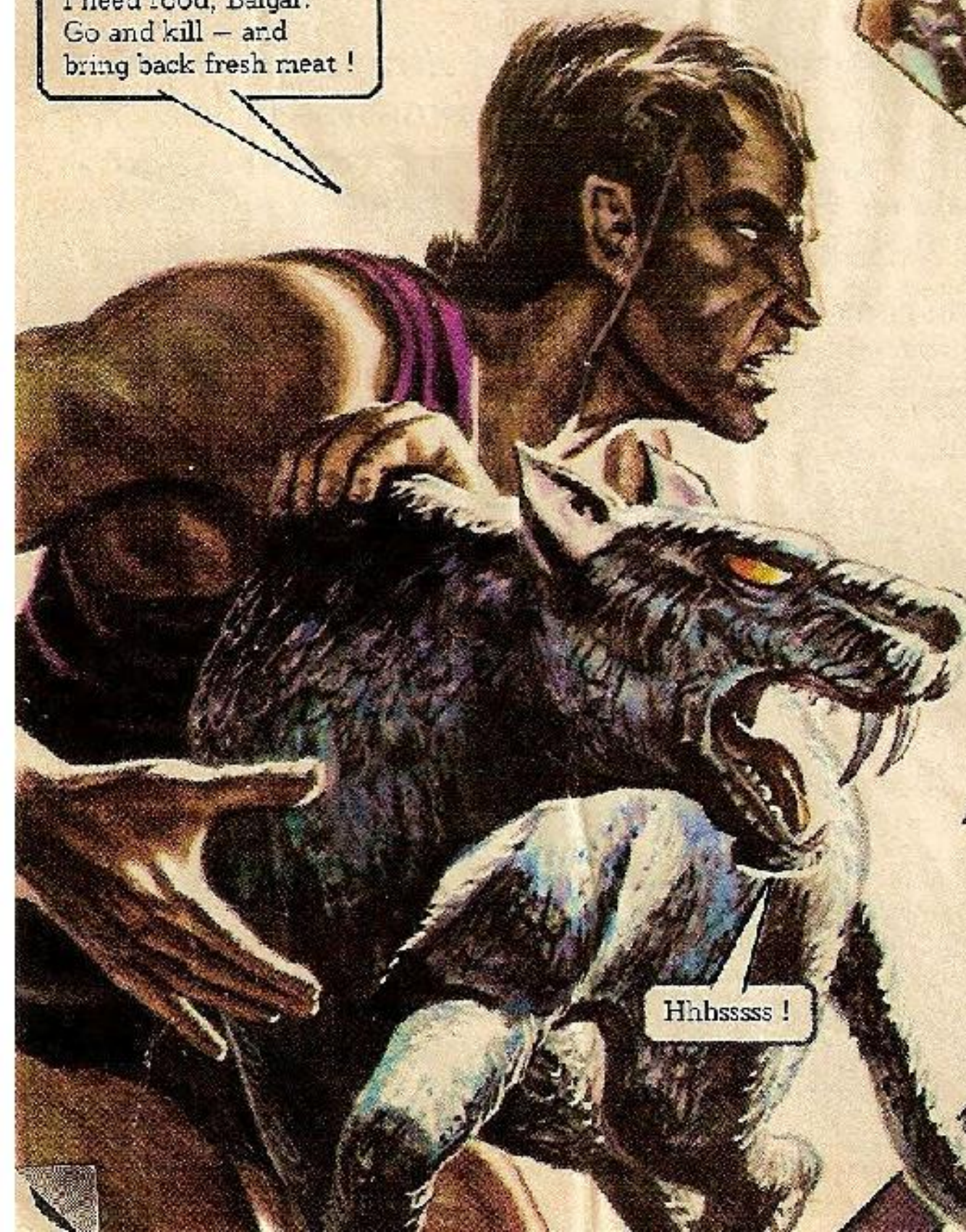
TOWARDS MIDNIGHT, A STRANGE MANIFESTATION TOOK PLACE IN THE SILENT MUSEUM...



FREED OF ITS COVERING, THE FIGURE STEPPED FORTH —



I need food, Balgar. Go and kill — and bring back fresh meat!



THE STRANGE AND SAVAGE BEAST STALKED SILENTLY THROUGH THE MUSEUM, TILL IT FOUND...



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From a transparent block in the Imperial City Museum there emerged two creatures, a mighty man and strange beast. Stealthily they strode out into Triga City.

OUTSIDE THE TRIGAN CITY BANK, SHORTLY BEFORE DAWN...

A HISSED COMMAND TO THE FEARSOME CREATURE THAT CROUCHED BY ITS MASTER'S SIDE.

Keep guard, Balgar. Kill any intruders.

WITH ONE HAND, HE WRENCHED OUT THE ARMoured LOCK OF THE BANK DOOR.

AND DESTROYED THE HIGH TENSION ALARM SYSTEM, WITHOUT COMING TO ANY HARM!

IN THE SPACE OF A HUNDRED BREATHS, THE INTRUDER WAS RIFLING A SAFE.

Sufficient money for my modest needs!

AND THEN...

And now, Balgar, you must make yourself scarce. Listen for me at all times, in case I summon you. Understood?

THEY PARTED COMPANY.

NEXT MORNING, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE TRIGAN CITY POLICE...

The Bank
you say?

Broke open
the front door!

Must have
been a
big gang.

They short-circuited
the alarm system!

Look fifty million
Zersts in used
notes of small
denominations.

Someone broke into
the museum last
night. Stole an
exhibit. And the
night watchman's
missing.

What exhibit?

Some kind of ritual
object. Pre-Vorg.
The museum
authorities don't
rate it very highly.

Then don't trouble
me with trifles, deal
with it yourself
Sergeant Zimma!

THE MOST POPULAR LIVE PROGRAMME ON
TRIGAN TELEVIDEO WAS "SUPERBRAIN"...

... Presenting this
week's edition of
"Superbrain" - the
programme that seeks
to find the person with
the highest brain-
power on Elekton...

And the first
competitor
this week is...

My name is Nov Sedda. I am
of independent means. And I
will answer questions on any
subject under the suns!

A simple one
to start you
off - what is
the cube root
of 874545.61?

95.63!

HIGH ABOVE, THROUGH A SKYLIGHT, THE THING CALLED
BALGAR STARED DOWN AT ITS MASTER IN THE STUDIO.

Hhhssssss!

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the imperial city museum there have emerged two strange creatures, who are walking abroad in Trigan City . . . a man with a superbrain and a vicious beast

JANNO WAS WITH HIS OLD FRIEND, PERIC, THE GREAT SCIENTIST, WHEN THERE WAS A CALLER.

Yes, Grillo, what is it? I'm in the middle of an experiment.

Your pardon, Master Peric, but a Sergeant Zimma of the city police wishes to speak to you.

PERIC GAVE THE YOUNG OFFICER A COURTEOUS RECEPTION.

It's concerning the theft of the pre Vorg exhibit from the museum, Master Peric. Can you tell me more about this exhibit, sir?

I am afraid I cannot, Sergeant. But, speaking of the pre-Vorg era . . .

"...HE REPORTS: 'I SAW A CURIOUS BEAST IN THE LIGHT OF MY HEADLAMPS. I IMMEDIATELY SWERVED, ACCELERATED AND DREW AWAY. I AM CONVINCED IT WOULD HAVE ATTACKED ME IF I HAD STAYED...'"



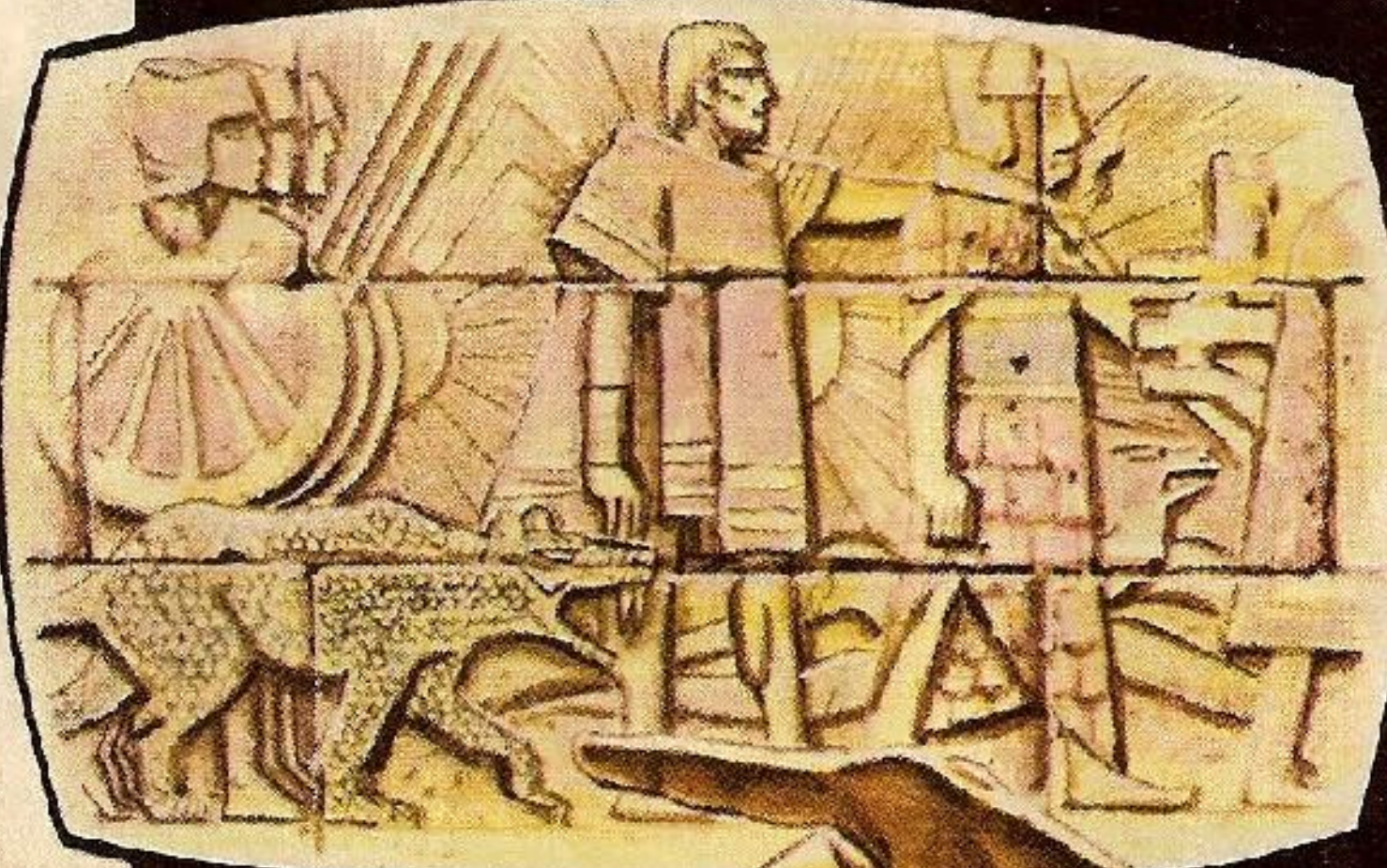
I have had a most curious report sent in by a former student of mine — a most talented young naturalist. He was driving, last night, along a lonely road near the city . . .



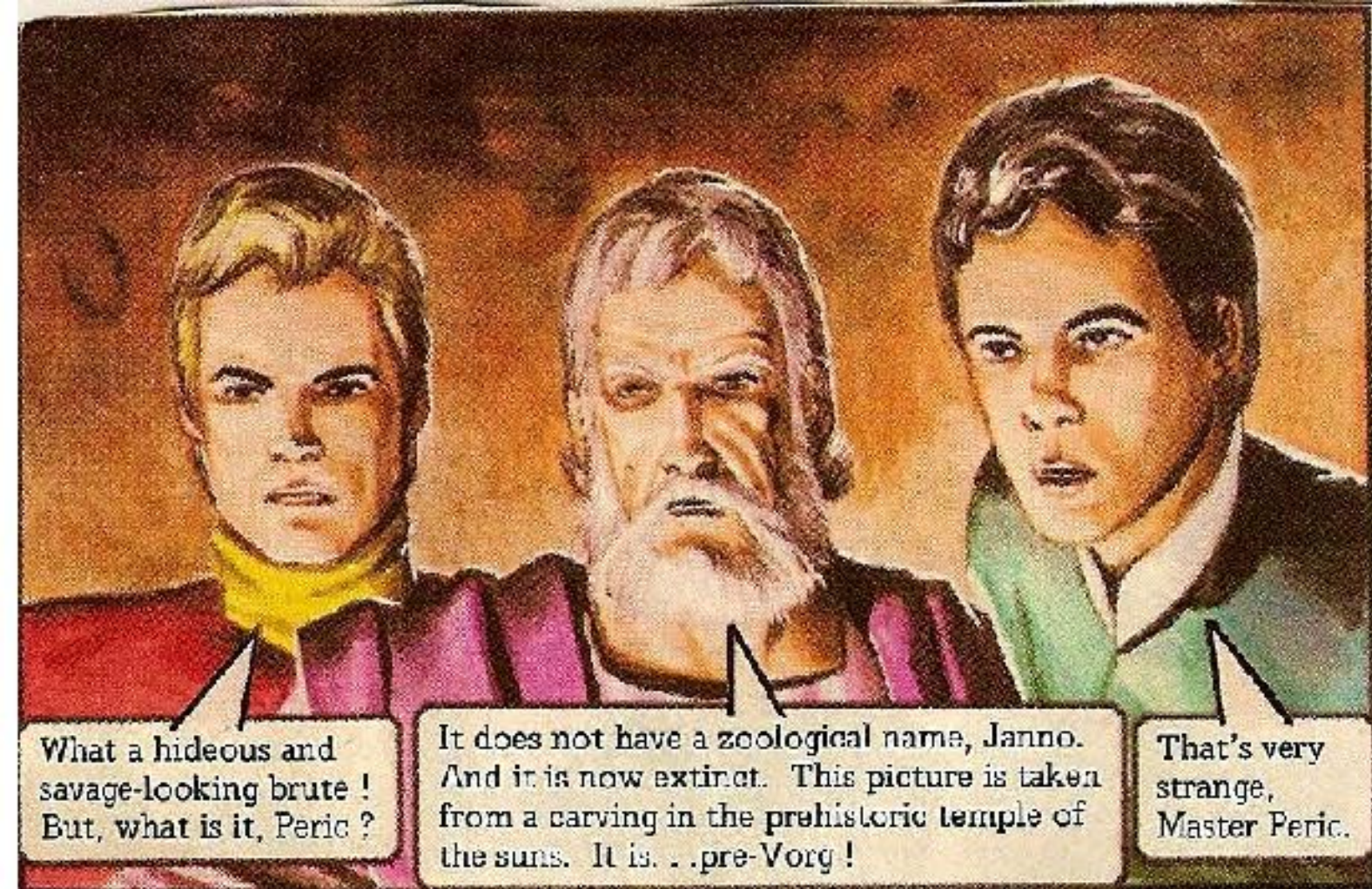
I'm afraid I don't follow you, sir.

Yes, Peric. What connection has that with the pre-Vorg era?

Watch!



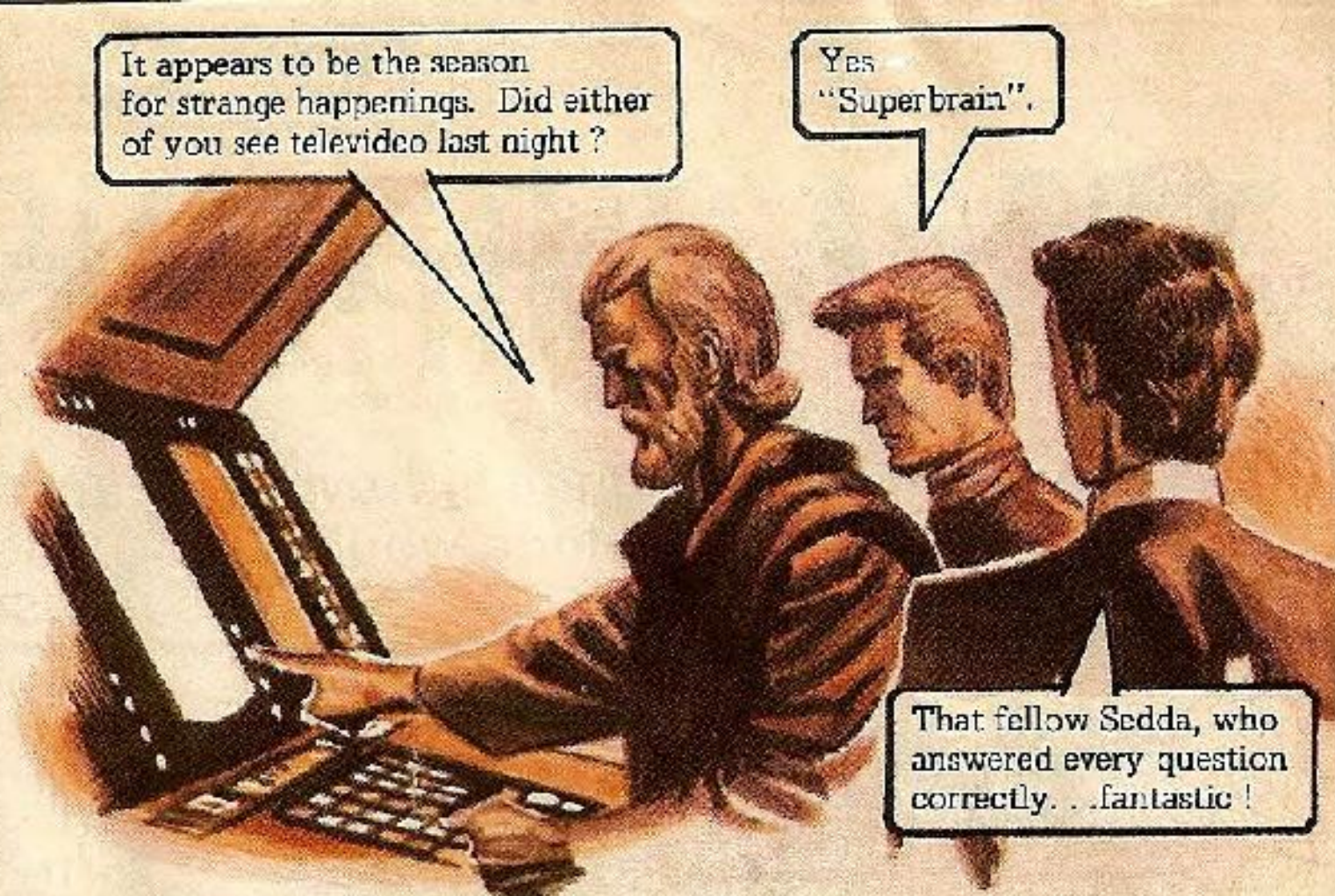
He was able to give me an excellent description of the creature, and the only living organism to which it bears the slightest resemblance is . . . that!



What a hideous and savage-looking brute ! But, what is it, Peric ?

It does not have a zoological name, Janno. And it is now extinct. This picture is taken from a carving in the prehistoric temple of the suns. It is... pre-Vorg !

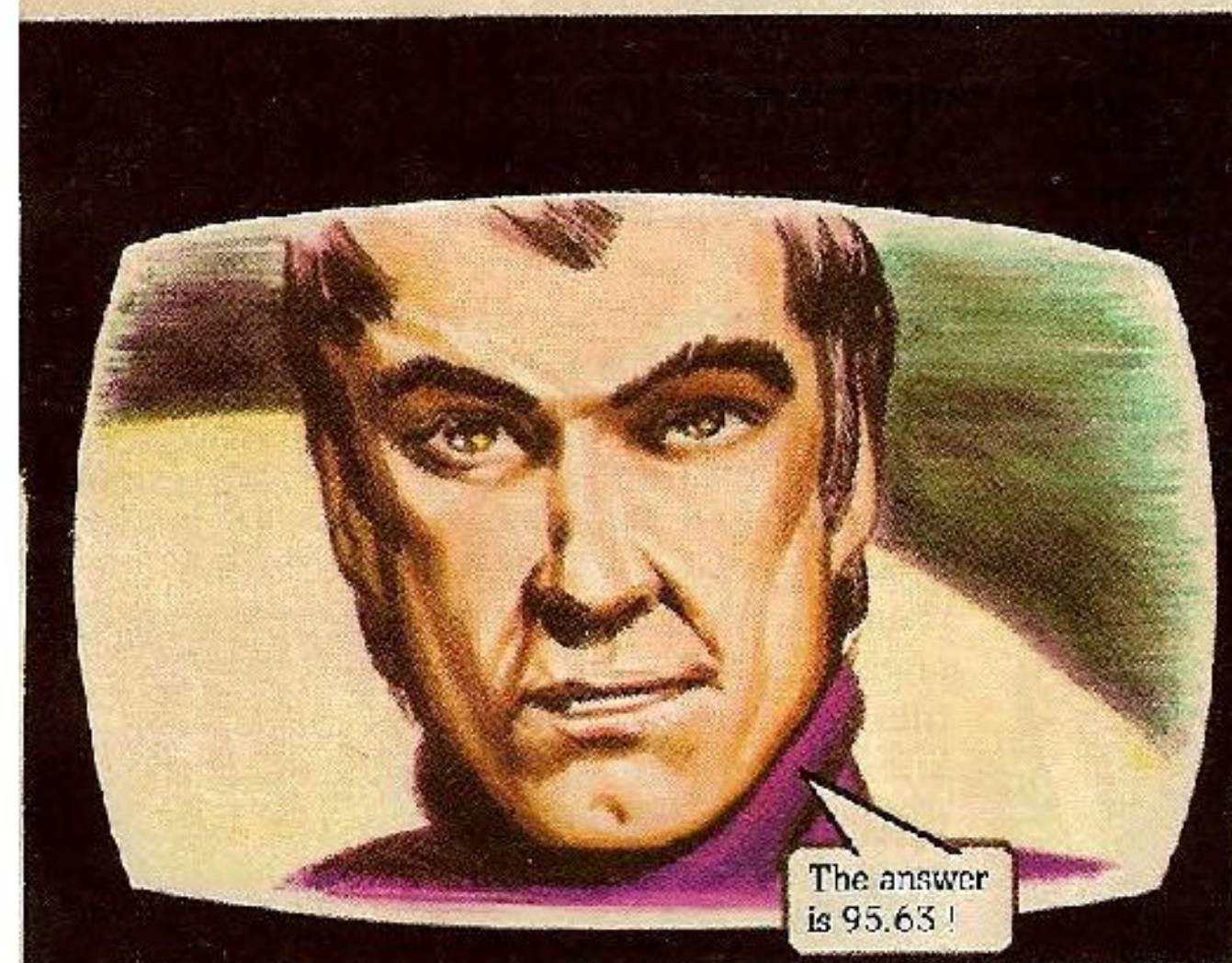
That's very strange, Master Peric.



It appears to be the season for strange happenings. Did either of you see televideo last night ?

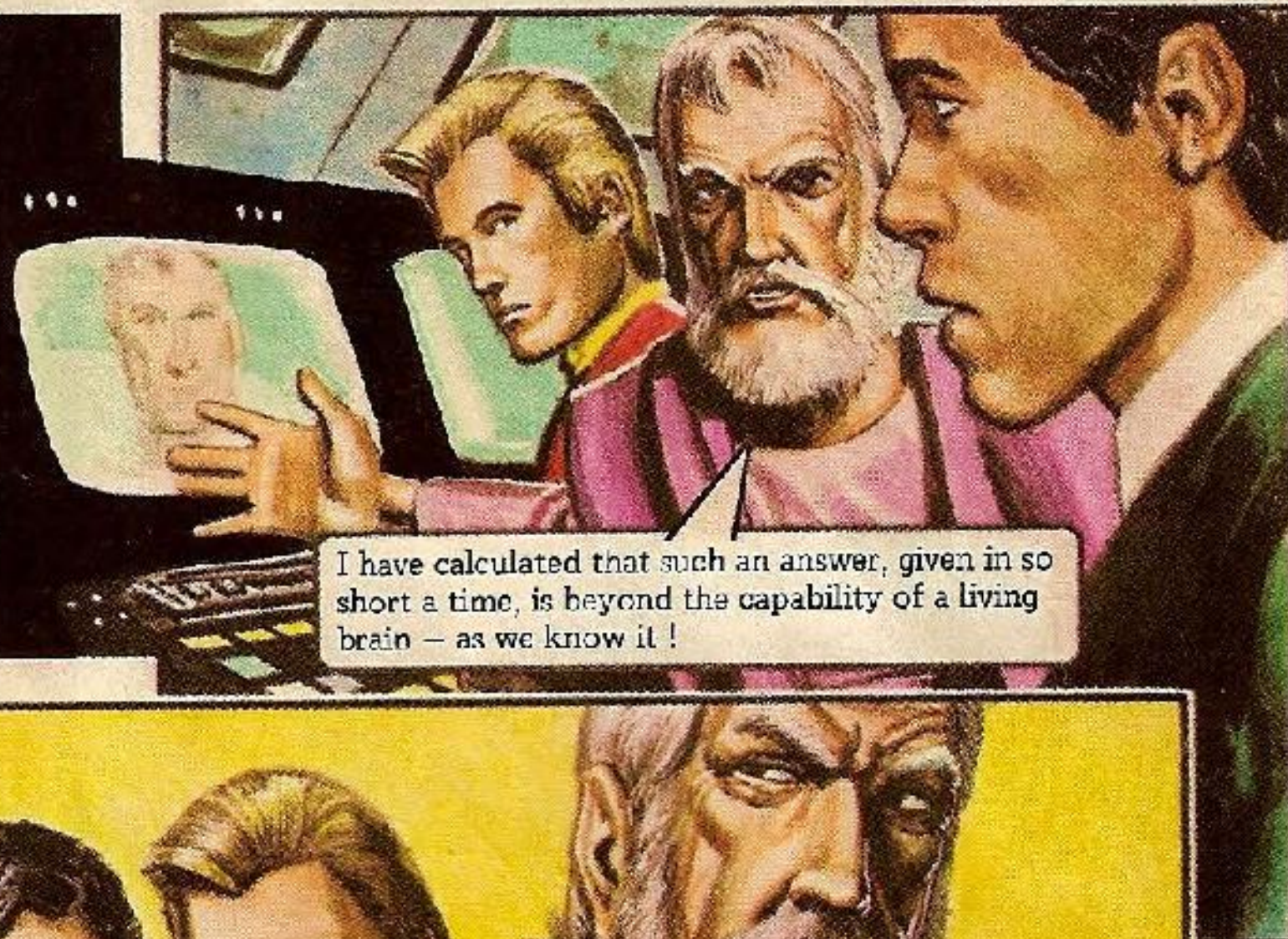
Yes "Superbrain".

That fellow Sedda, who answered every question correctly... fantastic !

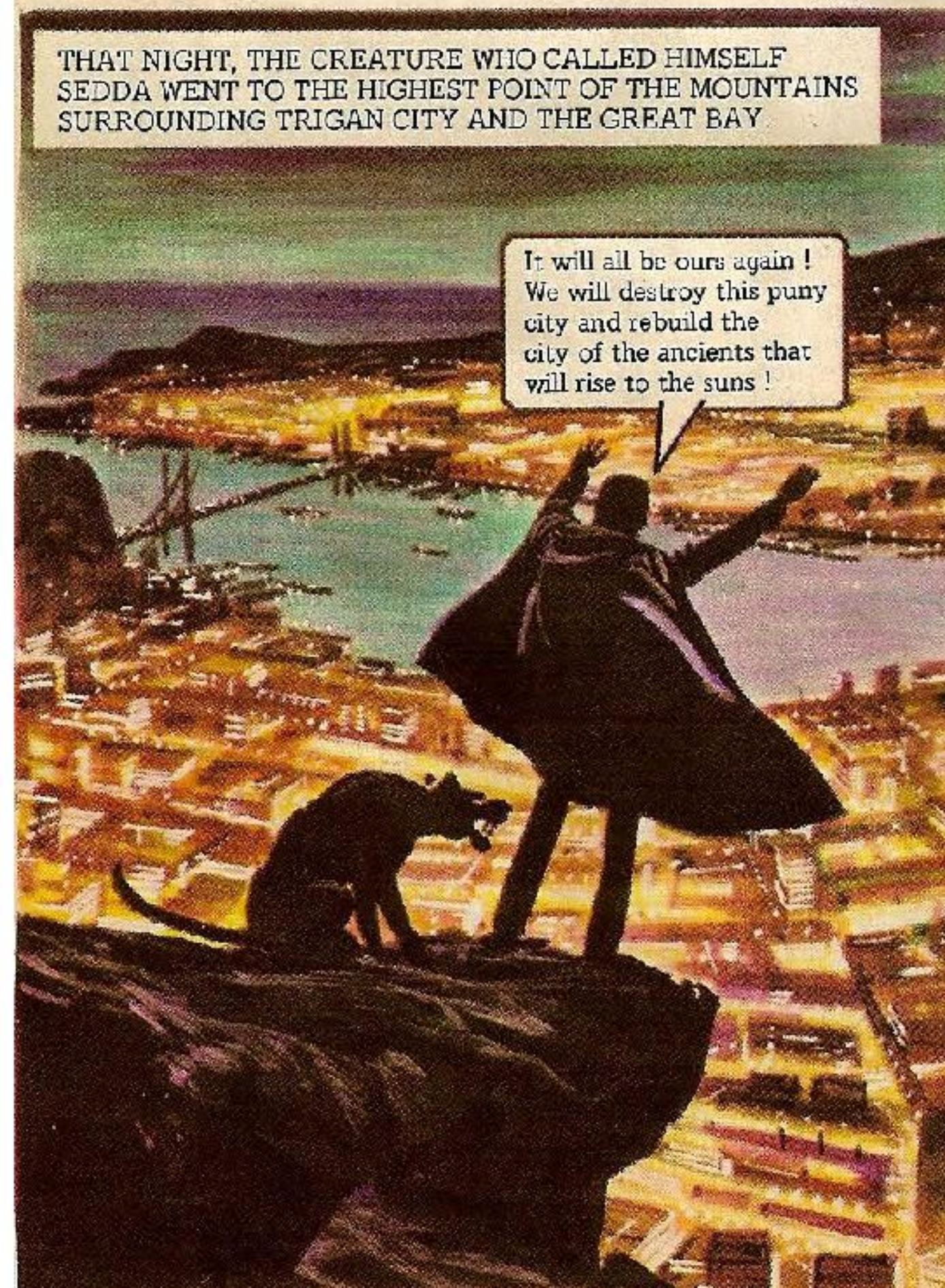


The answer is 95.63 !

A TOUCH OF A SWITCH BROUGHT A RE-PLAY OF THE PREVIOUS NIGHT'S PROGRAMME ON THE SCREEN...

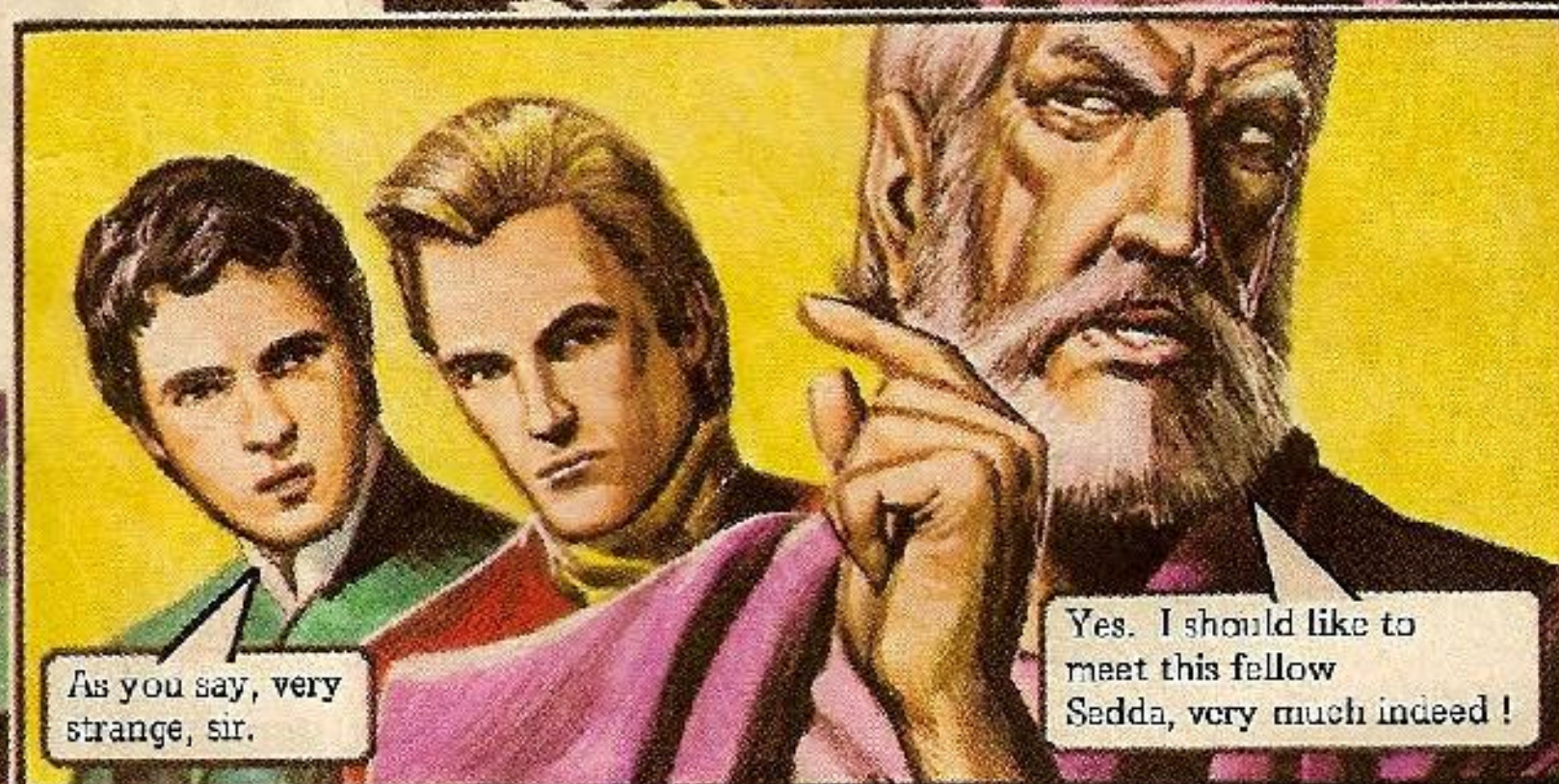


I have calculated that such an answer, given in so short a time, is beyond the capability of a living brain — as we know it !



THAT NIGHT, THE CREATURE WHO CALLED HIMSELF SEDDA WENT TO THE HIGHEST POINT OF THE MOUNTAINS SURROUNDING TRIGAN CITY AND THE GREAT BAY

It will all be ours again ! We will destroy this puny city and rebuild the city of the ancients that will rise to the suns !



As you say, very strange, sir.

Yes. I should like to meet this fellow Sedda, very much indeed !



Is that not so, Balgar ?

Hhhhhssss !

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Two strange creatures have emerged from a transparent block in the Imperial City Museum . . . Sedda and his strange beast, Balgar.

IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT TEN MILLION TRIGANS LOOKED IN AT THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S EDITION OF "SUPERBRAIN", TO SEE AND HEAR THE FABULOUS SEDDA GIVE ALL THE ANSWERS.

The answer is 265876000.5643771

Correct !

Sedda wins — behold the highest brain-power on Elekton !

THE SUMMONS FROM ELEKTON'S TOP SCIENTIST WAS BRIEF — BUT FLATTERING. IT GAVE SEDDA A THRILL OF TRIUMPH.

'May I have the honour of meeting you ? Might I suggest my laboratory would be suitable ? Shall we say the fourth hour tomorrow ? — Peric.'

My plan has succeeded ! Peric has noticed me, and now I shall have the opportunity to estimate his capabilities.

OLIVER
FREY

THE SHOW OVER, A MESSENGER ENTERED THE STUDIO.

For you, Master. From Peric.

From Peric ?

THE FOLLOWING DAY, PERIC HAD A TELEVID CALL FROM THE YOUNG POLICE SERGEANT ZIMMA.

Master Peric, I must see you immediately ! I think I'm on to something concerning the missing pre-Vorg exhibit.

I am expecting a visitor, Sergeant. Come this evening, at the seventh hour.

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, PERIC'S VISITOR WAS ANNOUNCED.

Master Peric, this is indeed an honour.

The honour is mine, sir, to meet the highest brain-power on the planet.

THE NEWCOMER SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN PERIC'S FABULOUS EQUIPMENT.

Your science and technology are unbelievably advanced, sir.

You are too kind. And now, if you will permit me, I should like to trace the thought-patterns of your stupendous brain. A matter of great interest to me.

SEDDA UNHESITATINGLY AGREED. ELECTRODES WERE CONNECTED TO HIS HEAD.



Remarkable. Remarkable. In all my experience, I have never seen such striking patterns of super-intelligence !

LATER, WHEN THEY PARTED COMPANY. . .

It has been a memorable occasion, Master Peric. You are indeed Elekton's top scientist !

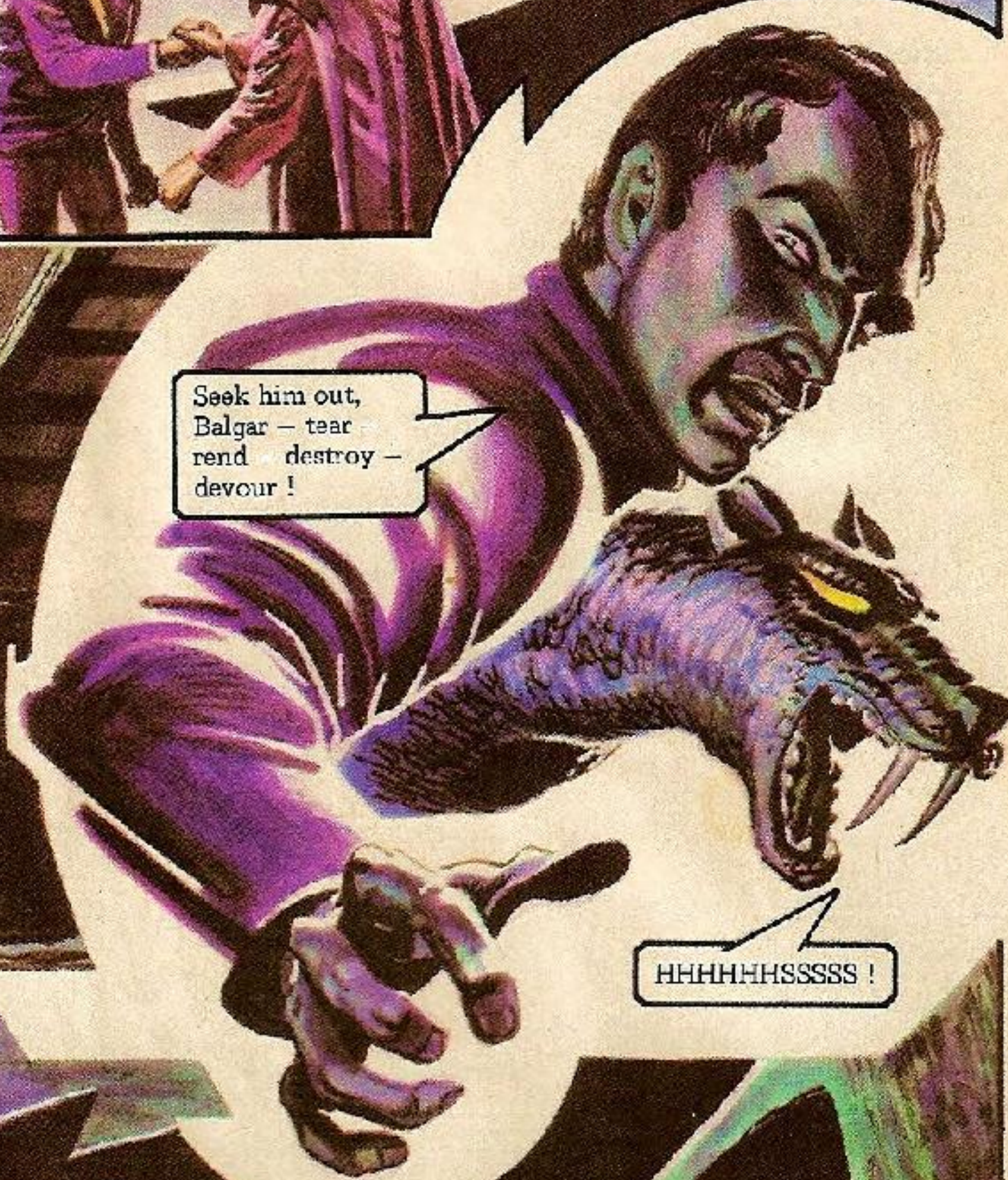
Coming from you, sir, that is praise indeed.



BACK IN THE GAUNT APARTMENT THAT HE RENTED, HE WHO CALLED HIMSELF SEDDA SUMMONED HIS ATTENDANT BEAST.



I had to get close to Peric, to discover the scope of his science and technology, in case he could be a danger to our plans. I find that, indeed, he could be a danger.



Seek him out, Balgar - tear rend - destroy - devour !

HHHHHHSSSSS !

TRAVELLING BY DEVIOUS AND TORTUOUS ROUTES, THE BEAST BALGAR ARRIVED OUTSIDE PERIC'S LABORATORY AT THE SEVENTH HOUR.



SAVAGE DESTRUCTION CAME HURLING TOWARDS THE POLICE OFFICER.

SERGEANT ZIMMA ARRIVED TO KEEP HIS APPOINTMENT WITH THE GREAT SCIENTIST, AND SAW . . .

By all the stars !



HHHSSSSS !



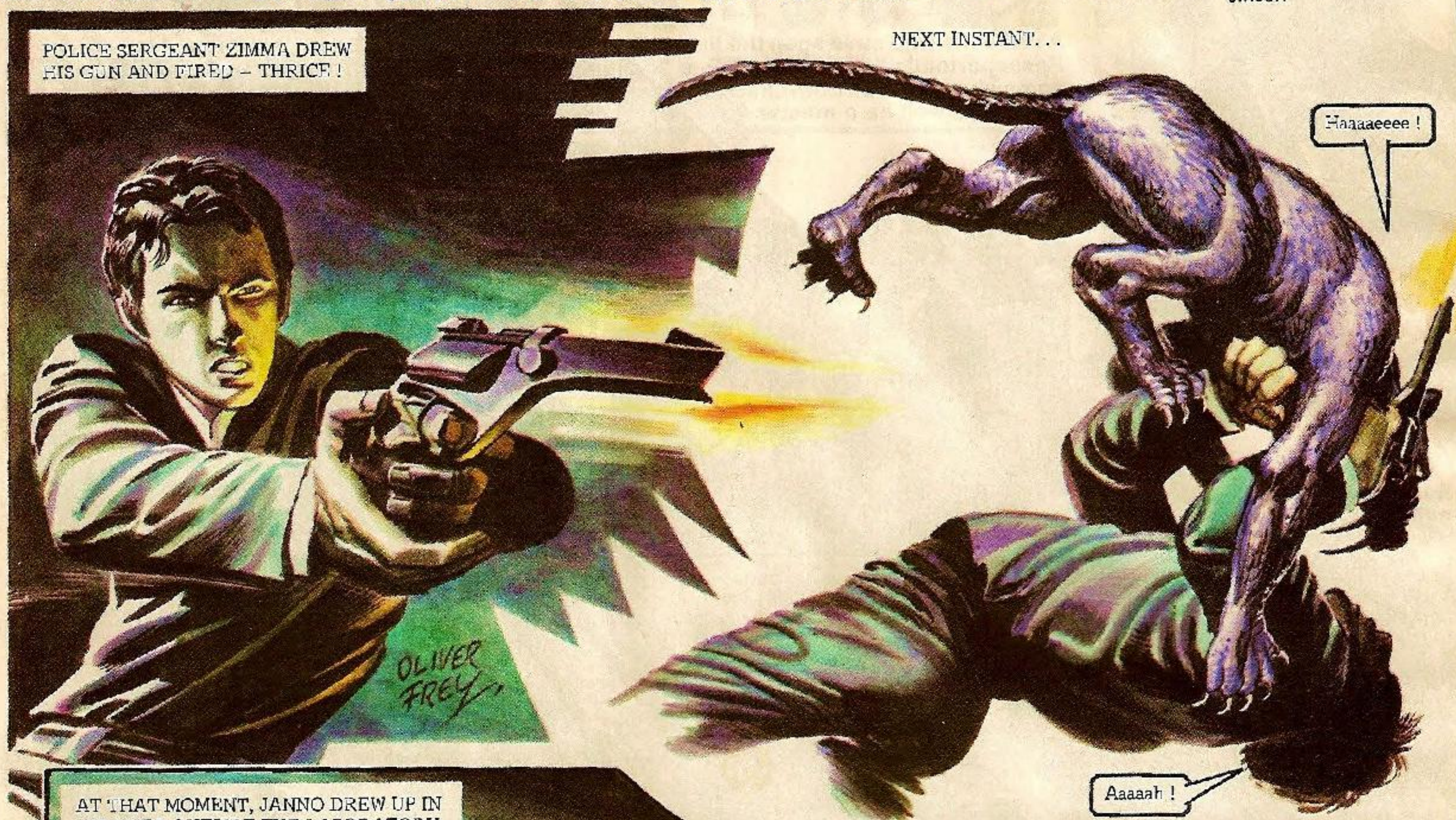
HAAAAAAEEEEEE !

MORE ADVENTURES OF THE TRIGAN EMPIRE

From a transparent block in the Imperial City Museum there has emerged Sedd, and his strange beast, Balgar. While the beast is on its way to destroy the great scientist, Peric, it is intercepted by Zimma, a police officer.

POLICE SERGEANT ZIMMA DREW HIS GUN AND FIRED - THRICE!

NEXT INSTANT...



AT THAT MOMENT, JANNO DREW UP IN HIS AUTO OUTSIDE THE LABORATORY. HE TOOK IN THE SCENE...

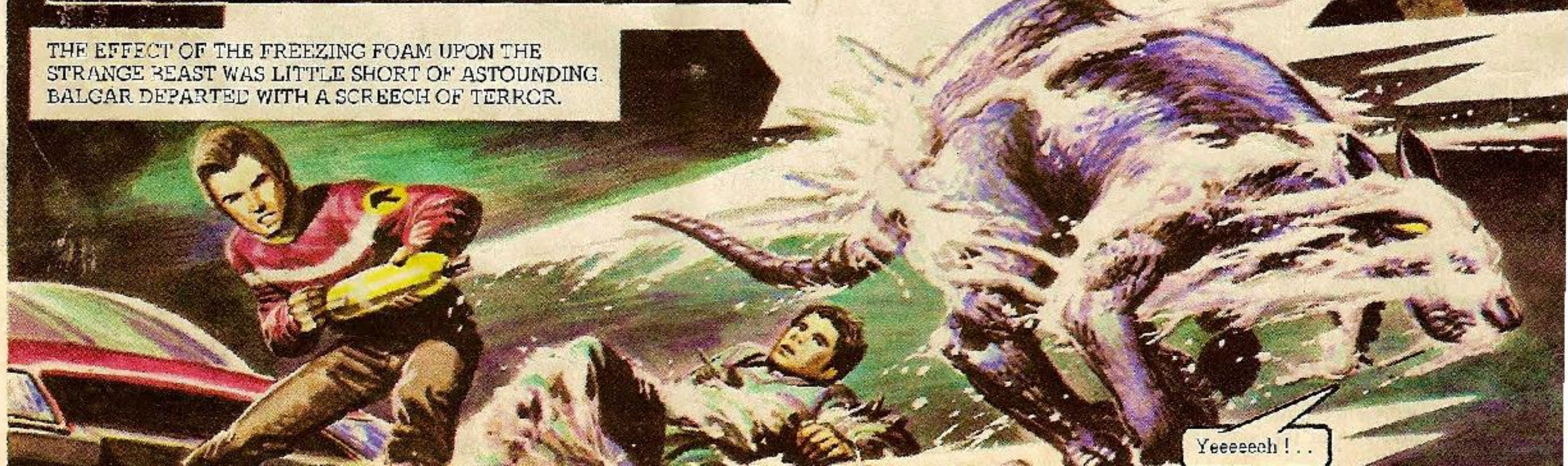
By all the stars - Zimma!


HE HAD NO OTHER WEAPON BUT THE AUTO'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER. SEIZING IT, HE RACED TO THE RESCUE.

Hhhssss!




THE EFFECT OF THE FREEZING FOAM UPON THE STRANGE BEAST WAS LITTLE SHORT OF ASTOUNDING. BALGAR DEPARTED WITH A SCREECH OF TERROR.





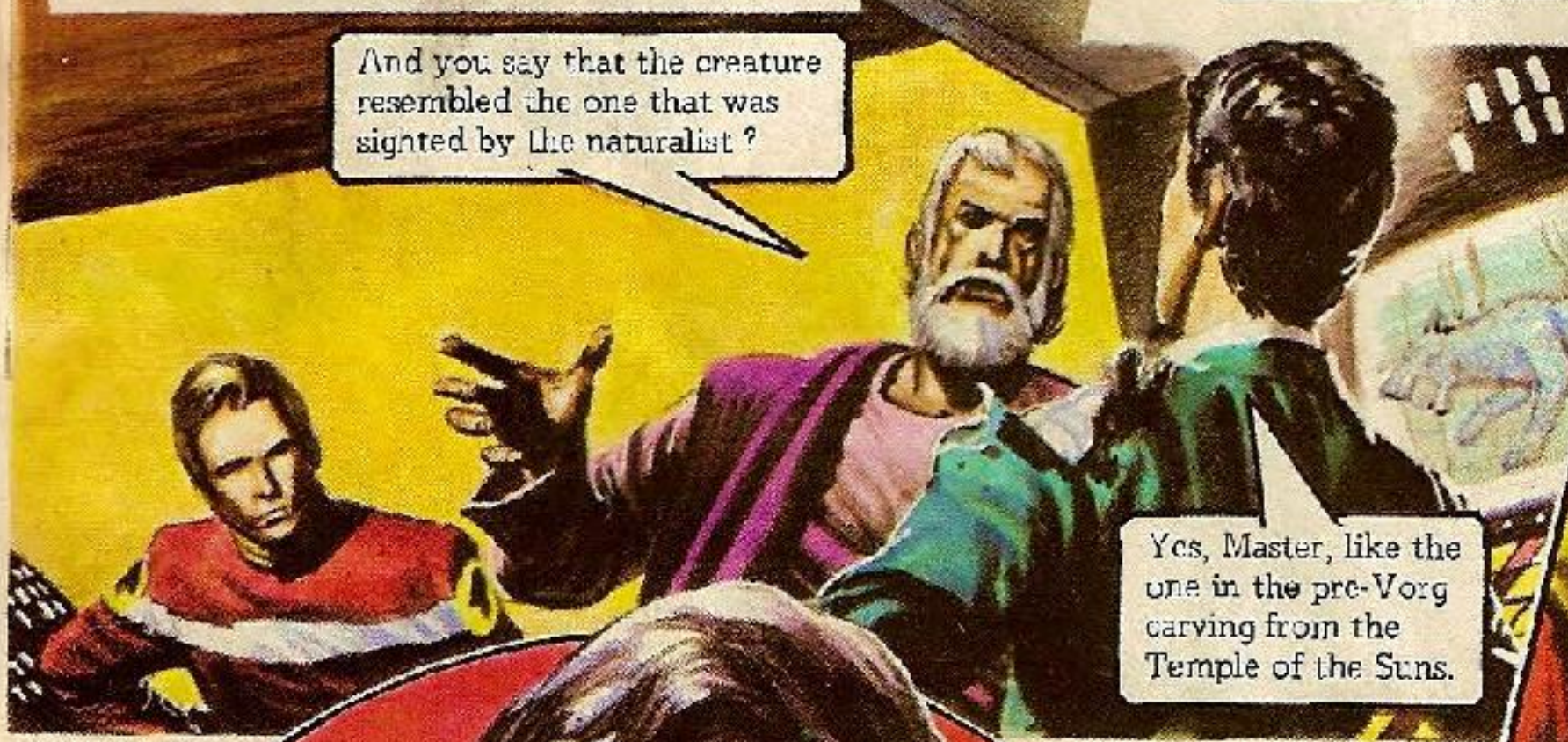
Zimna,
are you
all right?

Yes, I fired at the
thing, but the
projectiles had no
effect. Then I kept
jamming my gun in
its mouth as it came
for my throat... look.



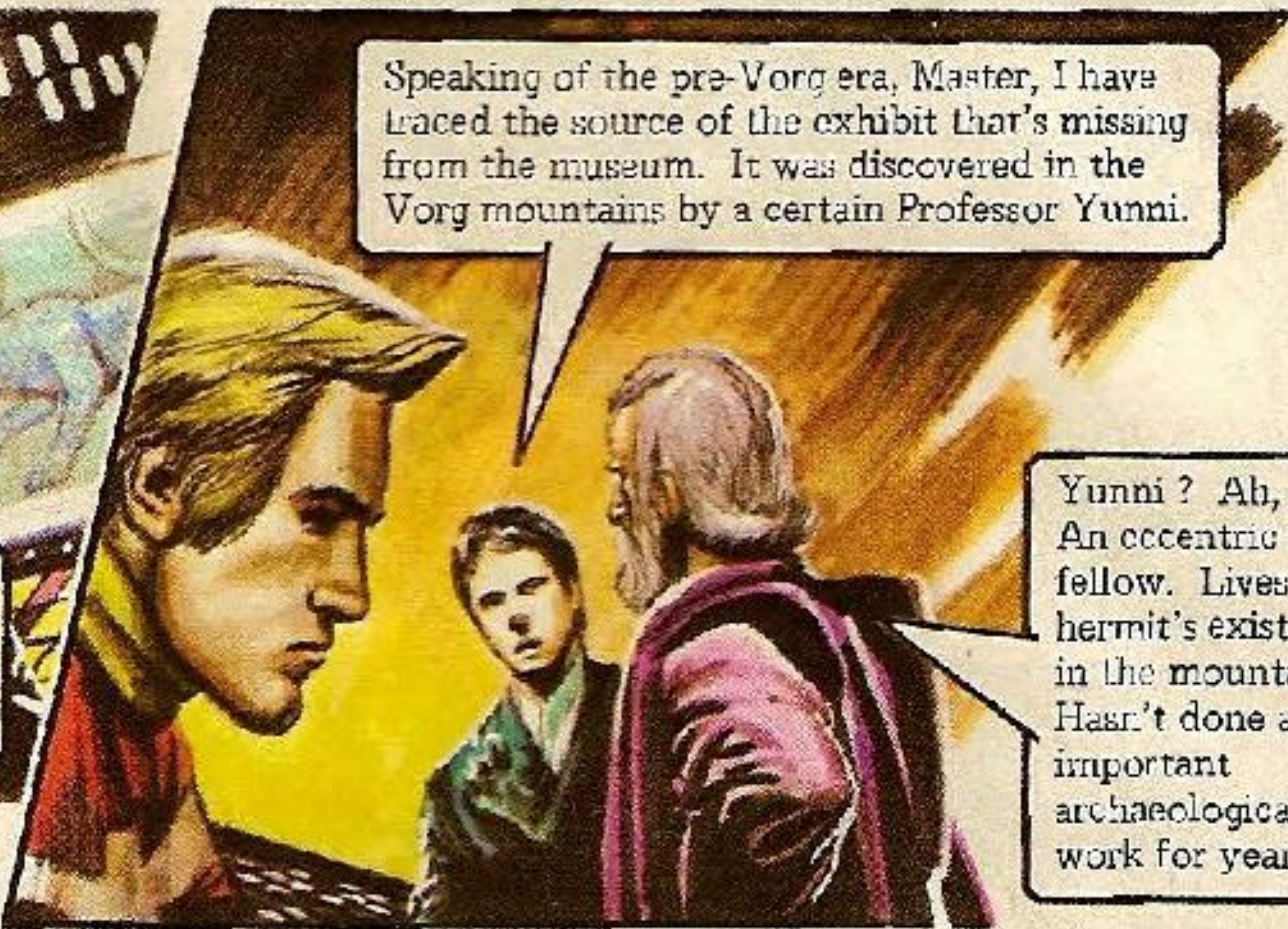
Look at the teeth
marks. If that had
been your throat.

THEY WENT STRAIGHT TO SEE PERIC AND
CAVE THE GREAT SCIENTIST AN
OUTLINE OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED.



And you say that the creature
resembled the one that was
sighted by the naturalist?

Yes, Master, like the
one in the pre-Vorg
carving from the
Temple of the Suns.



Speaking of the pre-Vorg era, Master, I have
traced the source of the exhibit that's missing
from the museum. It was discovered in the
Vorg mountains by a certain Professor Yunni.

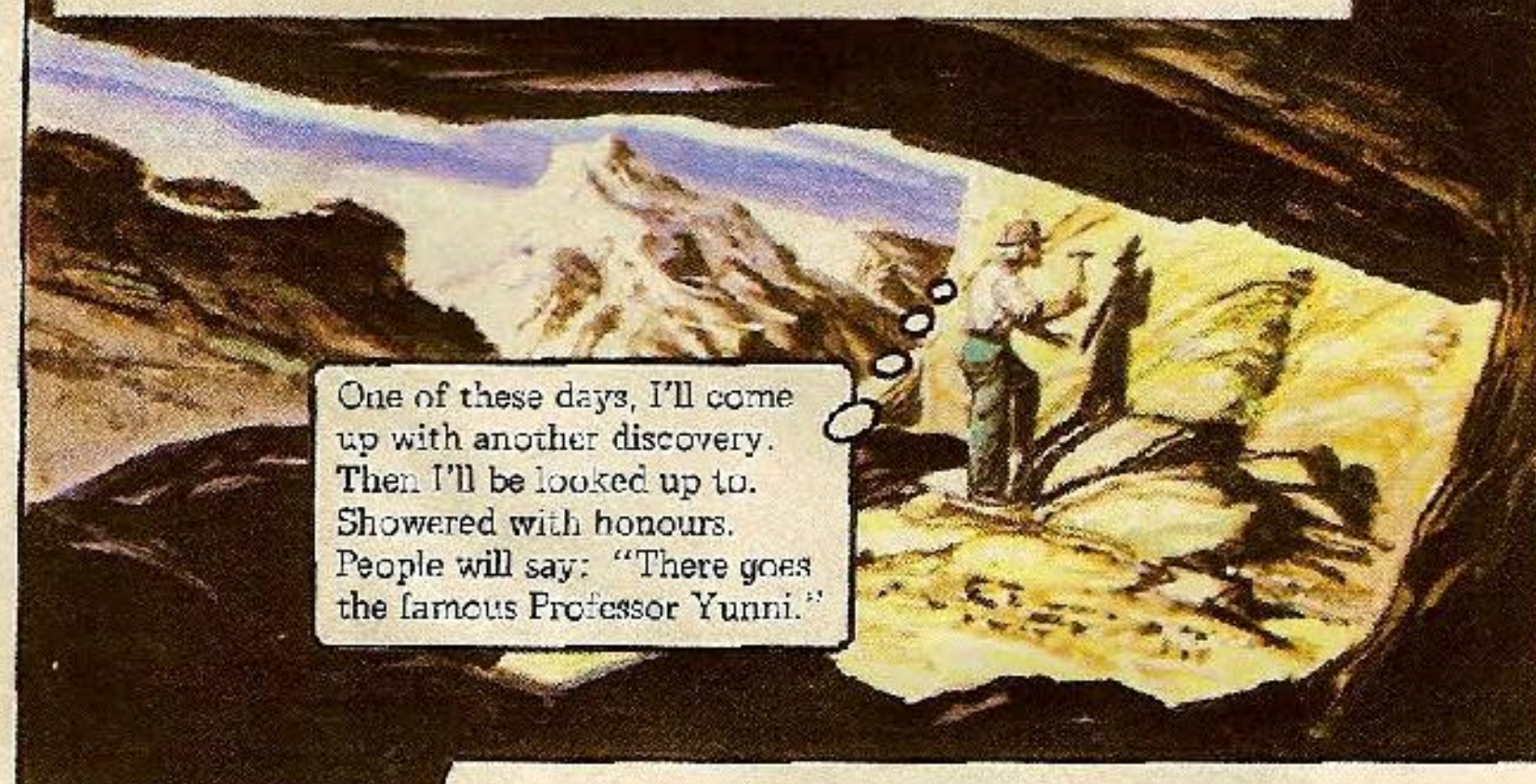
Yunni? Ah, yes.
An eccentric old
fellow. Lives a
hermit's existence
in the mountains.
Hasn't done any
important
archaeological
work for years.



Strange thing, but
everywhere I turn I
come up against
some reference to
the pre-Vorg era.
You know, I think
I'll go and see this
Professor Yunni.

I think I'll
come with you,
Sergeant Zimna.

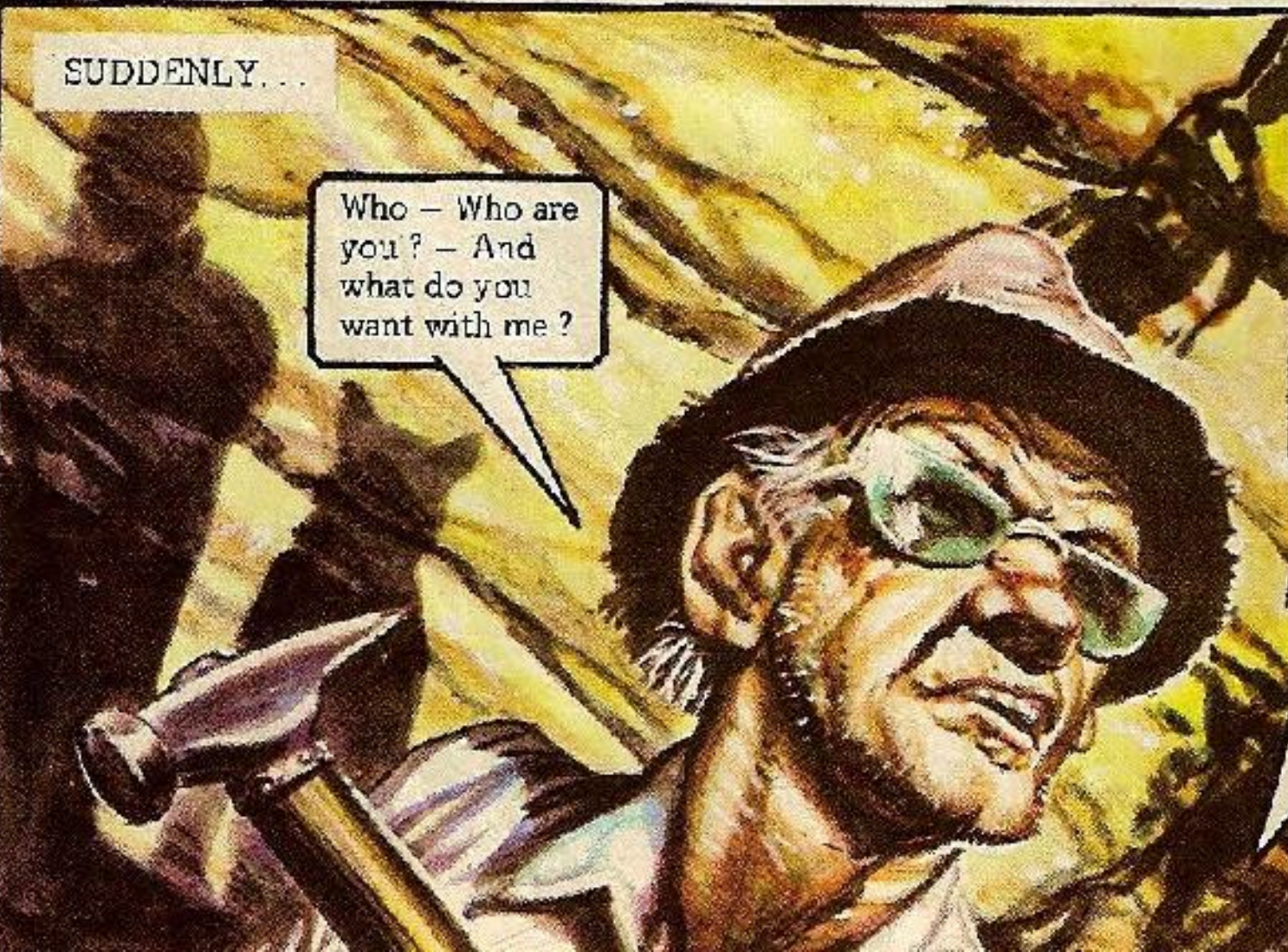
IN A REMOTE PART OF THE UNINHABITED MOUNTAINS SKIRTING
THE PLAIN OF VORG, AN OLD MAN WAS AT WORK...




One of these days, I'll come
up with another discovery.
Then I'll be looked up to.
Showered with honours.
People will say: "There goes
the famous Professor Yunni."

SEDDA'S VOICE RASPED OUT
IN THE THIN MOUNTAIN AIR...

SUDDENLY...



Who - Who are
you? - And
what do you
want with me?



This time you
will not
fail, Balgar!

Tear! - Rend!
- Destroy!
- And devour!

MORE ADVENTURES OF THE TRIGAN EMPIRE

The mysterious Sedda and the beast Balgar have emerged from a transparent block in the Trigan City Museum. Professor Yunni who found the block is in mortal peril!

FROM A CRAGGY MOUNTAIN CREST, SEDDA AND THE BEAST BALGAR SAW THE ARRIVAL OF TWO OTHERS IN THAT REMOTE AND inhospitable WILDERNESS.

Intruders,
Balgar!

Hhhssss!

JANNO AND SERGEANT
ZIMMA SEARCHED THE AREA.

No sign
of the
old fellow.

That could be his
home. Peric described
him as an eccentric hermit.

THEY ENTERED THE
TUMBLEDOWN SHACK, AND...

Someone's been
here before us!

Someone who
was looking for
something,
I would say!

I wonder if they were looking for the same thing
we're after? — The Professor's record of
where he discovered that pre-Vorg item.

And I wonder
if they
found it?

SEDDA'S SUPER-NORMAL EYESIGHT TOLD HIM ALL...



SUDDENLY, JANNO GAVE AN EXCITED EXCLAMATION.

Hey! - I've touched a spring and uncovered a secret drawer in the desk! And what's more...

It's a notebook!

But the writing's in some kind of code!

That could be what we're after. If we can crack that code, it could provide answers to a lot of very strange happenings!

THE MINISTER GOT INTO HIS LUXURY AUTO AND SET OFF ALONG THE MAIN AUTOWAY FOR HIS VILLA IN THE SUBURBS.

Tomorrow, I must prepare the trade figures to show to the Emperor...

QUELLA RIZZ WAS CHANCELLOR AND CHIEF FINANCE MINISTER OF THE TRIGAN EMPIRE. OF HUMBLE BACKGROUND, HE HAD RISEN BY HIS OWN EFFORTS AND BRAIN-POWER TO BE THE KEY FIGURE OF THE EMPIRE'S ECONOMY.

That seems to be all, Sullo. I bid you a good evening.

Good evening to you, Excellency.

PASSING UNDER A BRIDGE - IT HAPPENED!

...DISASTER!!

Haaaaaeee!

Aaaaaaaagh!

NO ORDINARY LIVING THING COULD HAVE EMERGED FROM THAT TANGLED WRECKAGE. BUT BALGAR EMERGED!...

THE TRAGIC DEMISE OF QUELLA RIZZ LEFT A GAP IN THE TRIGAN GOVERNING HIERARCHY THAT COULD NEVER BE FILLED - OR SO IT SEEMED. AT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, IT WAS THE SCIENTIST PERIC WHO CAME UP WITH A SURPRISING SUGGESTION...

Imperial Majesty, Excellencies - there is only one possible candidate for the vacant appointment of Chancellor and Chief Finance Minister - and that is he who was recently declared to possess the highest brain power on Elekton...

...Sedda!

Hhhsssss...

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He who calls himself Sedda and the beast Balgar have emerged from a transparent block in the Trigan City Museum. They intend to destroy civilisation on the planet Elekton.

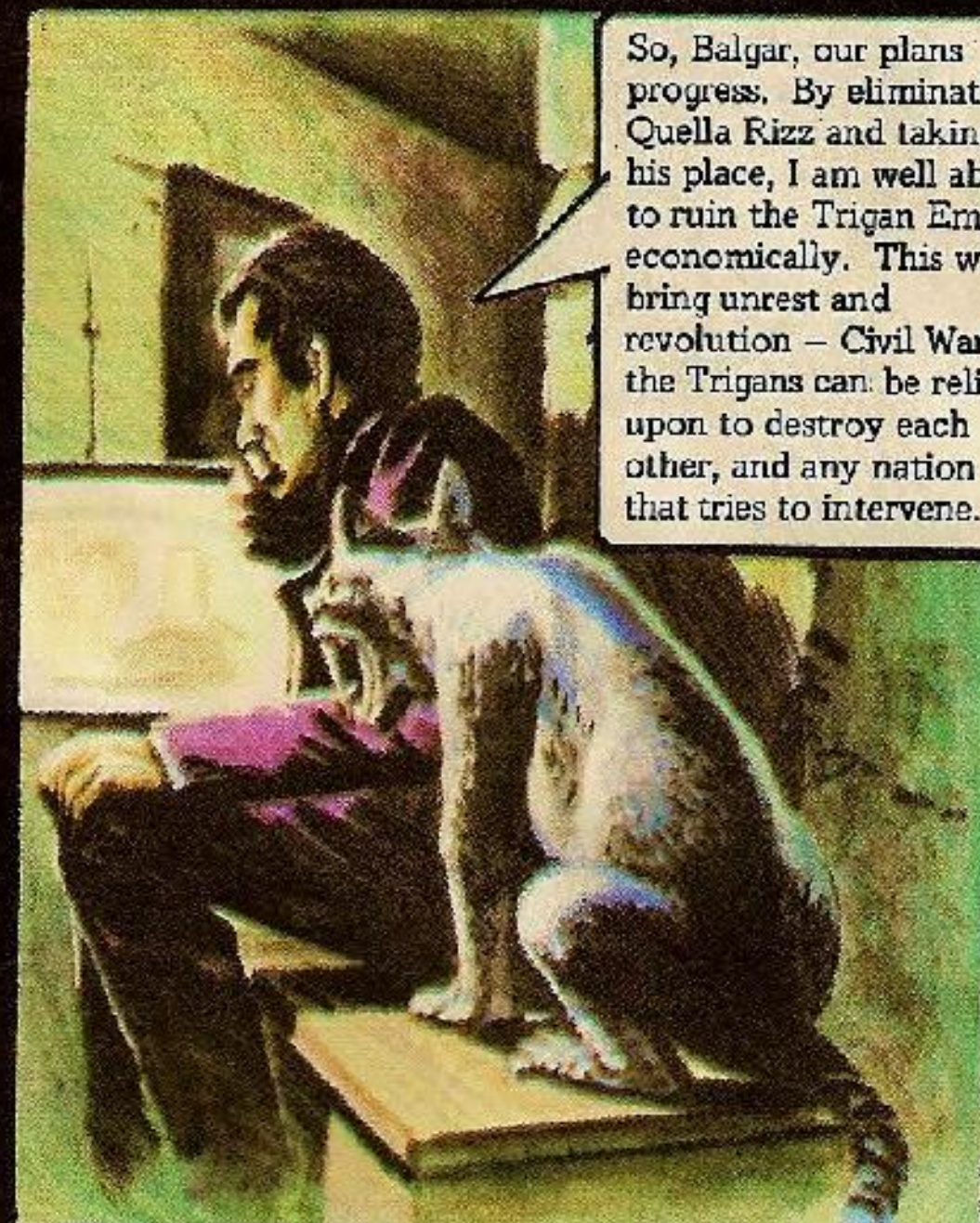
THE TRIGAN EMPIRE – AND ALL THE PLANET ELEKTON – WAS ASTONISHED AND INTRIGUED TO HEAR THE NEWS...



It was announced from the Imperial Palace today that the Emperor, acting on the advice of his Council, has appointed Sedda to the office of Chancellor and Chief Finance Minister – a post recently vacated at the tragic death of Quella Rizz.

OLIVER
FREY.

SEDDA AND HIS BEAST WATCHED AND LISTENED WITH SATISFACTION.



So, Balgar, our plans progress. By eliminating Quella Rizz and taking his place, I am well able to ruin the Trigan Empire economically. This will bring unrest and revolution – Civil War – the Trigans can be relied upon to destroy each other, and any nation that tries to intervene...



It is then that we The Superfolk – will move in and take over the self-inflicted ruins of the Trigan Empire and the Planet Elekton!

We will spare Peric's life for the time being, for he continues to be of use to us. But Janno and Zimma must be eliminated. They are investigating Professor Yunni – and that is dangerously near to our secret!



Hhhass!

JANNO AND SERGEANT ZIMMA, MEANWHILE, WERE TRYING TO CRACK THE CODE THAT PROFESSOR YUNNI HAD USED IN HIS SECRET NOTEBOOK. PERIC HAD LENT THEM HIS COMPUTER FOR THE PURPOSE.

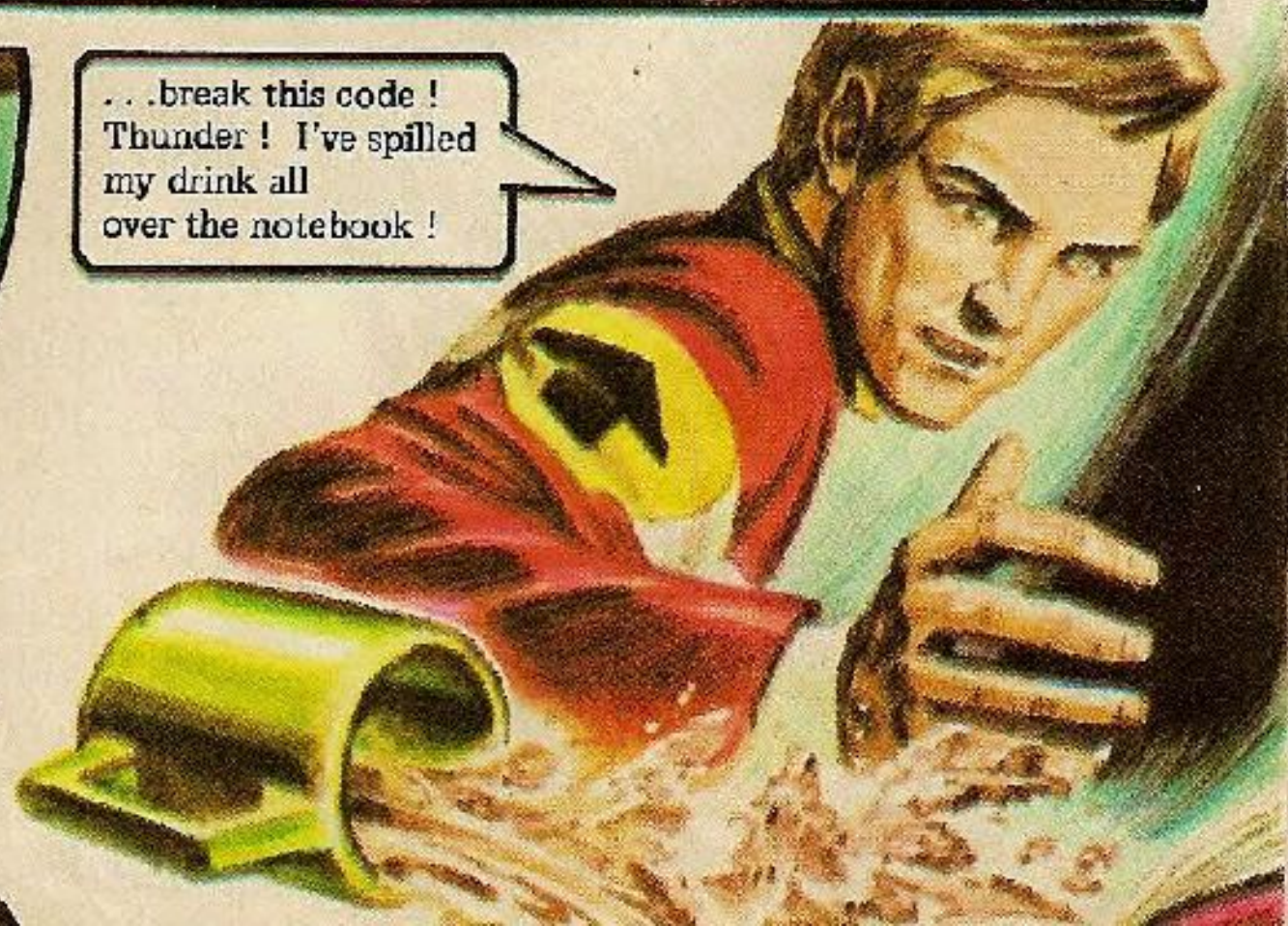


Try substituting numbers for the letters, with every possible permutation.

We've already done that. Remember?

I don't think we're ever going to...

...break this code! Thunder! I've spilled my drink all over the notebook!



AND THEN - A NEAR-MIRACLE !

The hot liquid has brought up another set of writing ! Yunni didn't use anything so complex as a code - it was all gobbledegook !

And the real message looks to be written in straightforward Elektonese !

That's right. It says... "Shortly before noon yesterday, I discovered the entrance to a tomb on the north face of the peak of Vorg, about seven rills from the summit..."

PROFESSOR YUNNI'S WORDS BROUGHT THE SCENE VIVIDLY TO THEIR IMAGINATIONS... "ENLARGING THE HOLE, I ENTERED THE PLACE OF BURIAL, AND SAW..."

By all the stars !

It is a body encased within some plastic material... two bodies !

THE DIARY CONTINUED - AND ENDED ON A NOTE OF BITTER DESPAIR.

WHEN HE HAD FINISHED READING, JANNO EXCHANGED GLANCES WITH HIS COMPANION.

"...The fools, they will not believe that I have found the genuine remains of a pre-Vorg inhabitant of this planet. They say it is nothing more than a representation of a primitive god. But I will prove them wrong ! I will find another, and another, and another !..."

Zimma, someone ransacked the professor's place to find this notebook. That same someone may even have destroyed the old fellow !

Janno, the trail leads back to the mountains ! We must carry on searching where Professor Yunni left off !

IT WAS NIGHTFALL WHEN THEY SET OFF FOR THE MOUNTAINS. THEIR DEPARTURE DID NOT PASS UNOBSERVED !!

Hhhssss !...

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Two strange creatures, Seidra and his attendant beast, Balgar, are plotting the destruction of the Elekton civilisation. But Janno and Zimma are within an ace of discovering their secret.

JANNO AND ZIMMA SCALED THE NORTH FACE OF THE PEAK OF VORG. SEVEN RILLS FROM THE SUMMIT, THEY SAW...

That's the tomb entrance that Professor Yunni discovered all those lunar years ago!

THEY ENTERED...

This is it, all right!

Zimma! Look at this! There's a brick wall behind this plaster-work!

THEY SET TO WORK ON THE WALL - AND FOUND A DARK VOID BEYOND!

It could be another funerary chamber!

We'll find out soon enough!

THEY PEEPED INTO THE GLOOM - THEIR TORCH REVEALING...

By all the stars!

DAVID FREY

A MASS OF LOOMING SHAPES,
SET RANK UPON RANK IN
THE GREAT VAULTED SPACE!

SOMETHING ELSE
CAUGHT JANNO'S EYE...

Another of those hideous
brutes like the one that
nearly killed us the other
day, Zimma!

AND...

Yes, but look
at that!
Do you not
recognise him?

It's Sedda!...

The highest
brain-power
of the planet!

And now the
Chancellor
of the
Trigan Empire!

Janno, we're on to something
really big! We've got to lay
this evidence in front of the
only person on Elekton who
can explain it...

To Peric! -
Let's go!

The pre-
Vorg
inhabitants!

Hundreds
of them!

THEY DESCENDED THE
MOUNTAIN WHERE
A SAVAGE SHAPE
WAS CROUCHED IN
WAITING FOR THEM!

Zimma!
- Look
out!

JANNO LUNGED WITH HIS HEAVY
EXCAVATING AXE - BUT BALGAR BRUSHED IT
ASIDE WITH A SWEEP OF AN ARMoured CLAW!

Zimma! No
matter what,
one of us
has got to
reach Peric
with the
information!

Hhhsssss!

We'll split up -
maybe it won't
get both of us!

You go to the
left, I'll go the
other way. When I
say 'go' run
for your life!

JANNO SHOUTED THE
STARTING WORD - AND RAN!

It's chosen me
for its victim!

MORE ADVENTURES OF THE TRIGAN EMPIRE

Aided by his fierce beast called Balgar, Sedda is plotting to destroy the Elekton civilisation. But Janno and Zimma have discovered their secret.

A TRIGAN CITY POLICE
PATROL CRAFT ABOVE
THE PLAIN OF VORG.

Look! Someone
running — as if
for his life.

We'll
descend to
investigate.

Why! It's
detective-
sergeant
Zimma.

Pick me up —
quickly!

Take me to Peric's laboratory.
With all speed! This is a
matter of life and death!

PERIC WAS AT WORK WHEN THE POLICE
SERGEANT BURST INTO THE LABORATORY.

Hello, Zimma.
How are the
investigations
progressing?

Successfully.
But it's cost
Janno his life.

Dead?

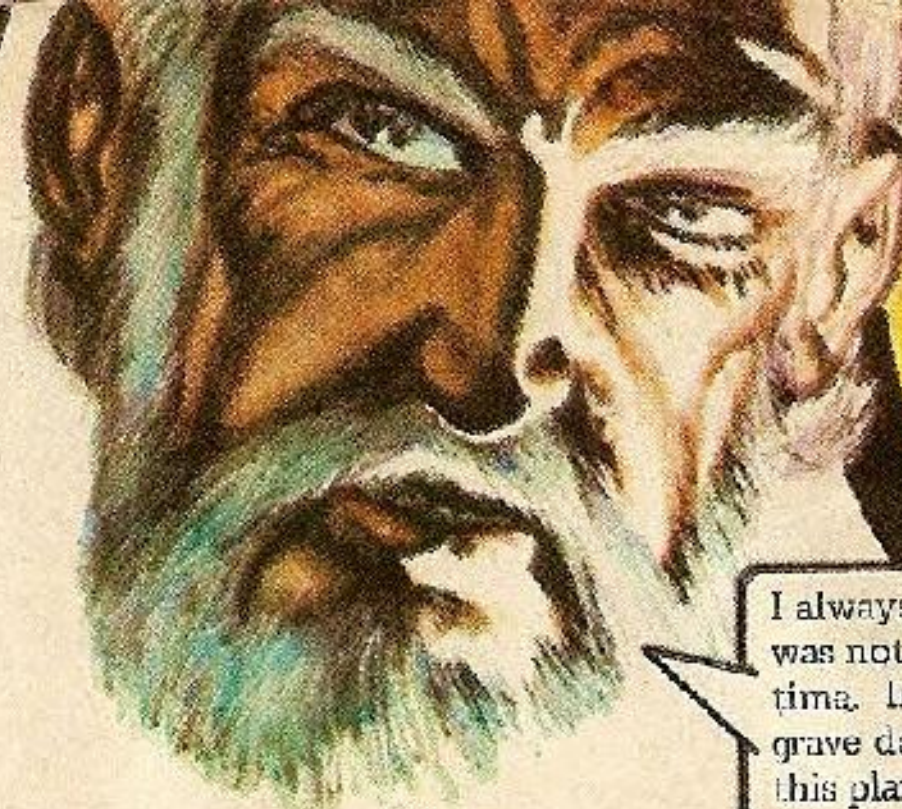
Killed! By that savage beast
from pre-history! I last saw
him running away from the
creature — but he never had
a hope!

OLIVER
FREY

THE DISTRAUGHT ZIMMA THEN WENT ON TO EXPLAIN WHAT THEY HAD DISCOVERED IN THE MOUNTAINS.

You say you found more of those things that Professor Yunni claimed were pre-Vorg inhabitants?

Hundreds of them. Packed, rank upon rank. And that isn't all — we found a wall-painting of the creature who calls himself Sedda.



I always thought Sedda was not of this age and time. Indeed, I have grave doubts if he is of this planet at all!

And to think that he now controls the financial destiny of the Trigan Empire.

IN HIS LUXURY OFFICE IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY, SEDDA WAS ARRANGING THE DOWNFALL OF THE TRIGAN EMPIRE!

With the deals I have engineered, the Bank of Trigan will collapse in three lunar months...

After that will come chaos — rioting — revolution!



AND THEN...

Balgar! What are you doing here? You had my orders to keep well away from me!

THE BEAST WAS FEARSOME NO LONGER, BUT HID LIKE A WHIPPED CUR BEHIND ITS MASTER!



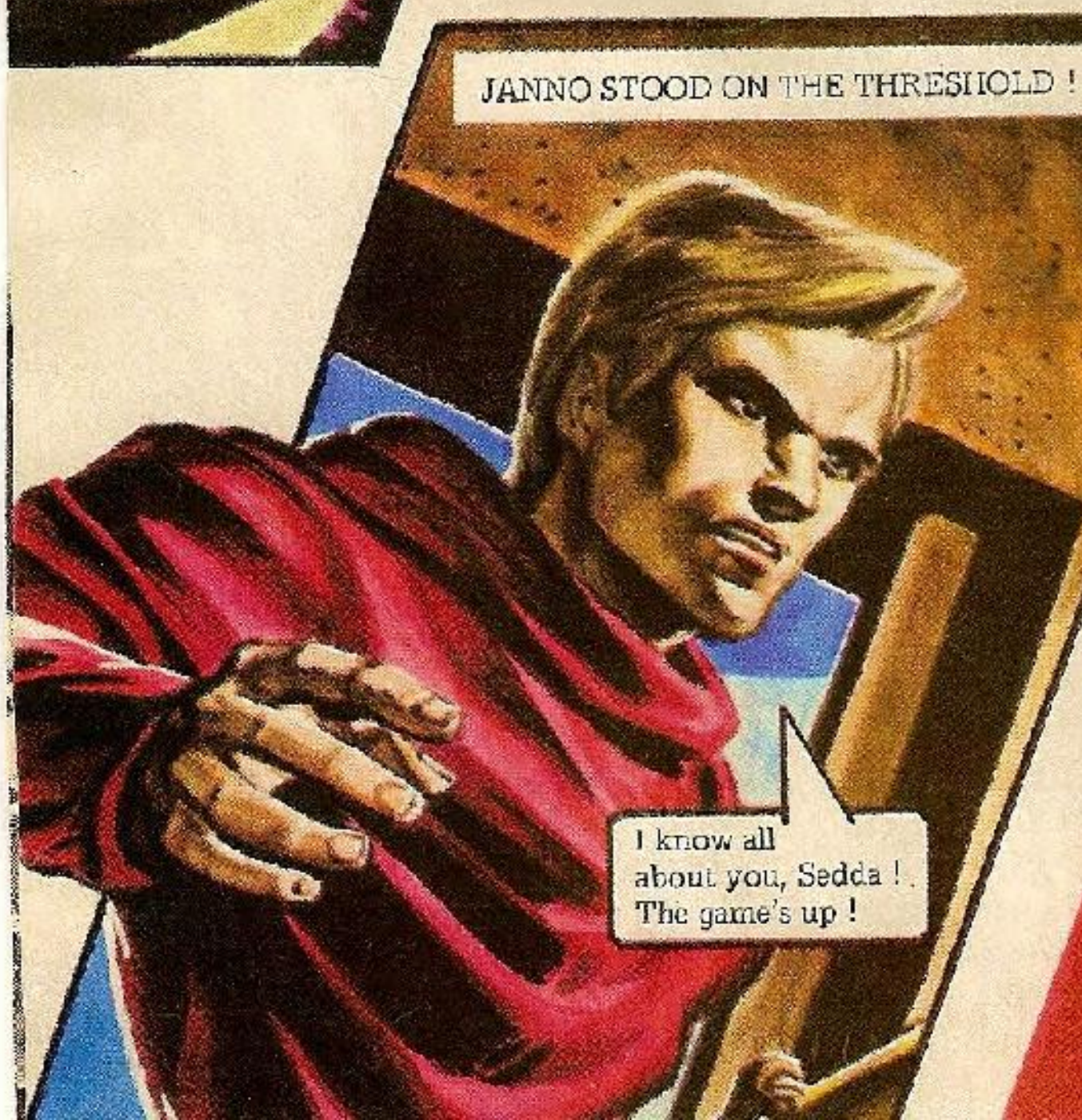
Balgar, what ails you? What has happened to you?

A SOUND MADE SEDDA TURN...



Aaaaaagh! You!

JANNO STOOD ON THE THRESHOLD!



I know all about you, Sedda! The game's up!

WITH A SHRIEK OF FURY, SEDDA LAUNCHED HIMSELF AT JANNO.



Eeeeeeehhhh! I can rip open a bank vault with my bare hands! What will I not do with you?

MORE ADVENTURES OF THE

TRIGAN EMPIRE

He who calls himself Sedda and the beast Balgar have plotted to destroy the Elekton civilisation, but Janno and Zimma have found their secret. Janno is defying Sedda to attack him.

THE FIRST SLASH OF SEDDA'S OPEN HAND MISSED JANNO'S HEAD AND CARVED A RENT IN THE WALL !

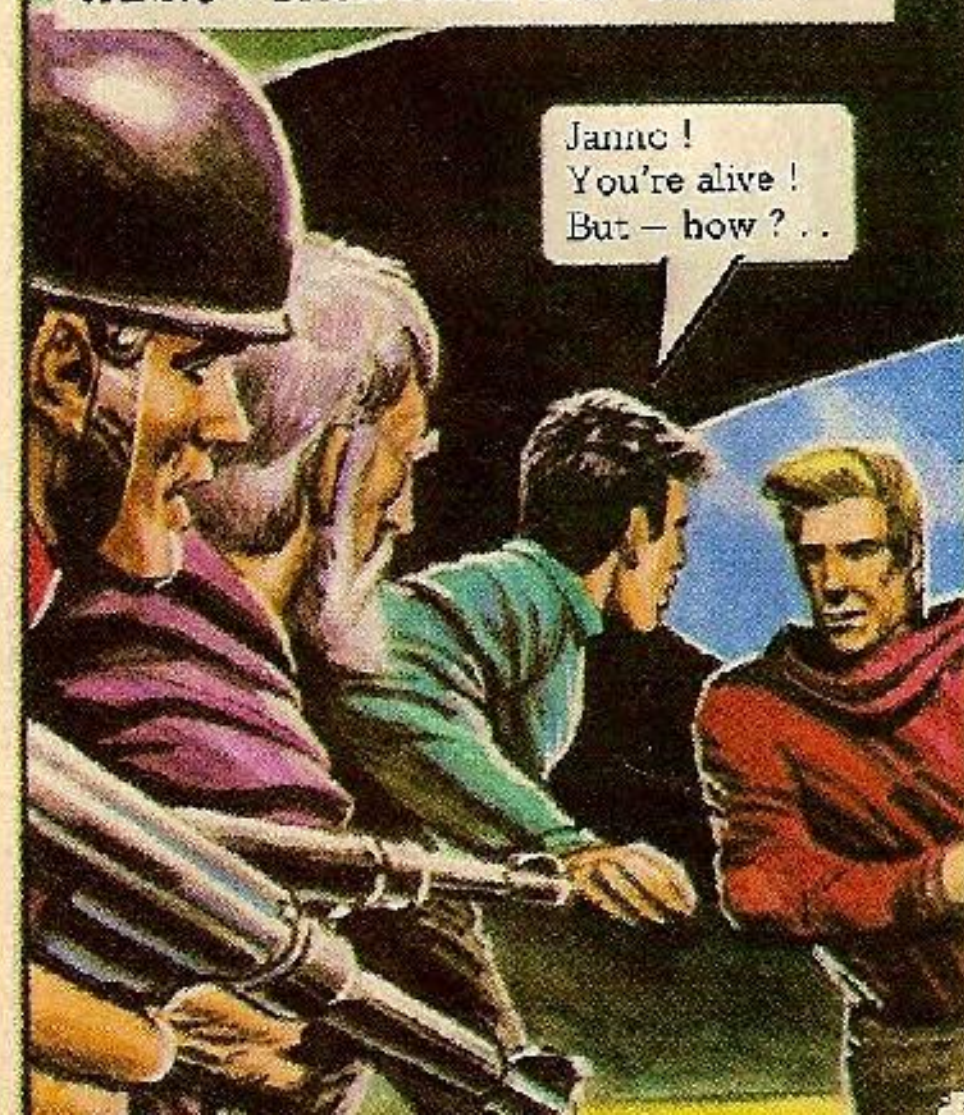


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NEXT INSTANT, SEDDA WAS ENVELOPED IN FREEZING FOAM FROM JANNO'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER !



WHEN PERIC AND ZIMMA ARRIVED ON THE SCENE WITH A COMPANY OF ARMED POLICE, THEY GAPPED TO SEE JANNO - BACK FROM THE "DEAD" !



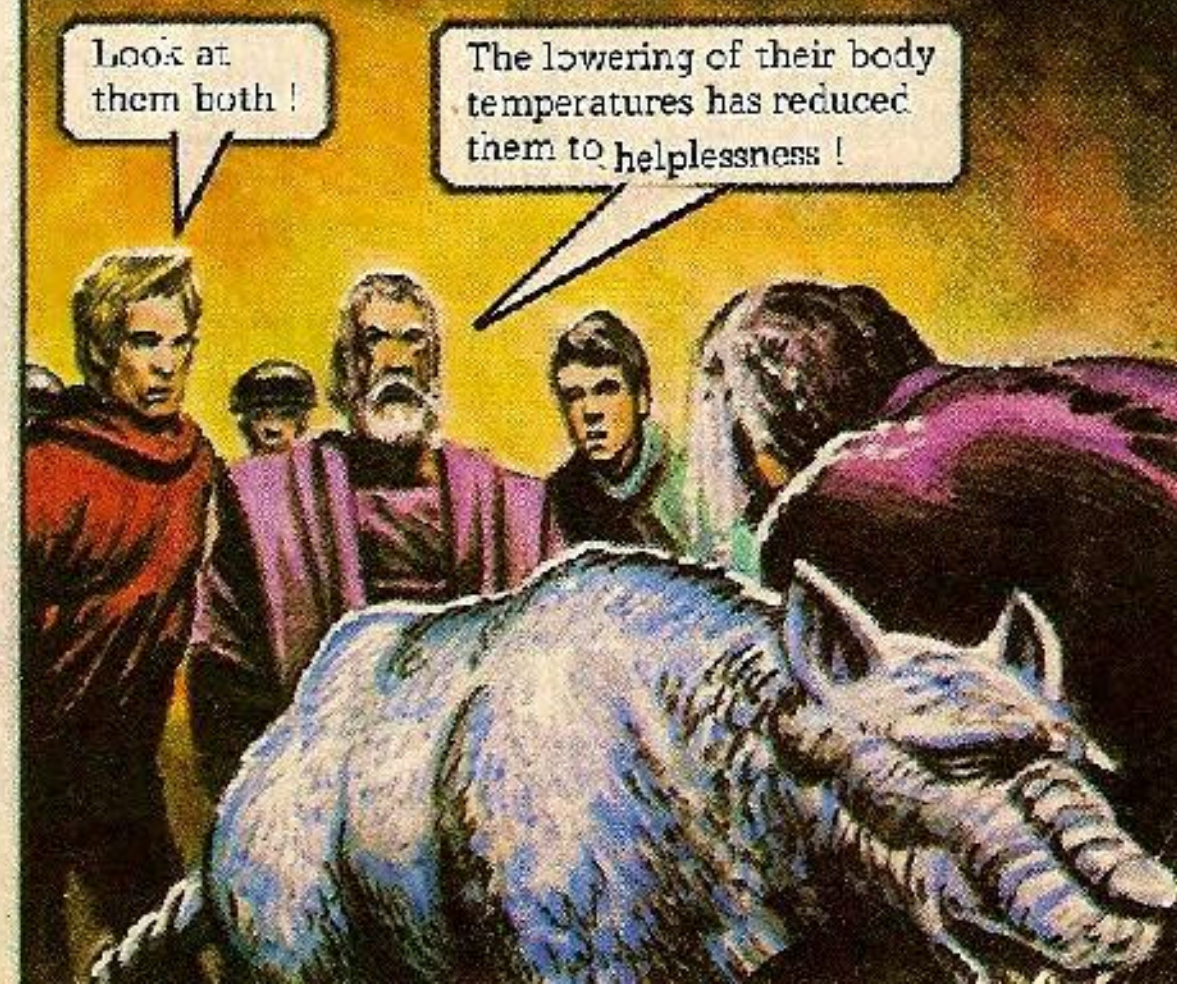
Janno !
You're alive !
But - how ? ...

JANNO HELD UP - THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER FROM HIS AUTO.



This saved us once before, remember ?
It saved me again when the beast came after me in the mountains. And it is also the answer to Sedda !

HE POINTED. THE SUPER-CREATURE AND HIS ATTENDANT BEAST WERE NOTHING BUT SHIVERING, SEMI-UNCONSCIOUS WRECKS !



Look at them both !

The lowering of their body temperatures has reduced them to helplessness !

IN DUE COURSE, JANNO AND ZIMMA ESCORTED PERIC TO THE VAST CHAMBER IN THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN.

FOR MANY LONG LUNAR MONTHS, THE GREAT SCIENTIST RENT EVERY EFFORT TO UNSCRAMBLE THE PUZZLE OF THE INSCRIPTIONS. ONE NIGHT, HIS EFFORTS WERE REWARDED...

THE INSCRIPTIONS TOLD OF A SUPER-RACE OF PEOPLE WHO HAD COME TO ELEKTON FROM ANOTHER, DYING PLANET. THEIR LEADER WAS - SEDDA!

Who are - or were - these people?

I think we shall find the answer in these wall inscriptions when I have deciphered them!

I have it!

SOME TIME IN PRE-HISTORY, ELEKTON SHIFTED OUT OF ORBIT, CAUSING A DRAMATIC FALL IN TEMPERATURE. THE SUPER-RACE WERE THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION, BUT SEDDA WAS EQUAL TO THE CRISIS. HE CAUSED A CHOSEN NUMBER OF HIS PEOPLE TO BE FROZEN WITHIN BLOCKS OF TRANSPARENT MATERIAL.

There our people will remain, sealed away, till the temperature of this planet returns to that which we need to sustain life - as it will in a calculated number of lunar years. Then they will return to be masters!

THE TRANSPARENT BLOCKS WERE SEALED AWAY IN THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN. AS LEADER, SEDDA AND HIS ATTENDANT BEAST WERE PLACED IN THE OUTER CHAMBER, ALONE. AND IT WAS THERE THAT THEY WERE DISCOVERED BY PROFESSOR YUNNI.

THE BLOCK - MISTAKENLY THOUGHT BY SCIENTISTS TO HAVE BEEN A PRE-VORC RITUAL OBJECT - WAS PLACED IN THE MUSEUM. THERE, THE ARTIFICIALLY HIGH TEMPERATURE WAS THE OPTIMUM REQUIRED TO "AWAKEN" SEDDA AND BALGAR.

AS PERIC REMARKED...

TEMPERATURE WAS THE KEY, AS JANNO HAD ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED. THE SUPER-CREATURE COULD ONLY EXIST IN AN OPTIMUM TEMPERATURE TO WHICH ELEKTON WAS NOW PERILOUSLY CLOSE. BUT THE PERIL WAS PAST - THEY WOULD REMAIN ENCASED TILL ETERNITY - DEEP FROZEN!

Had it not been for Professor Yunni's accidental discovery, followed by the premature awakening of Sedda and his beast, a future generation of Elektons would have been faced with hundreds of such super-creatures!

There stand Sedda and his people - for ever!