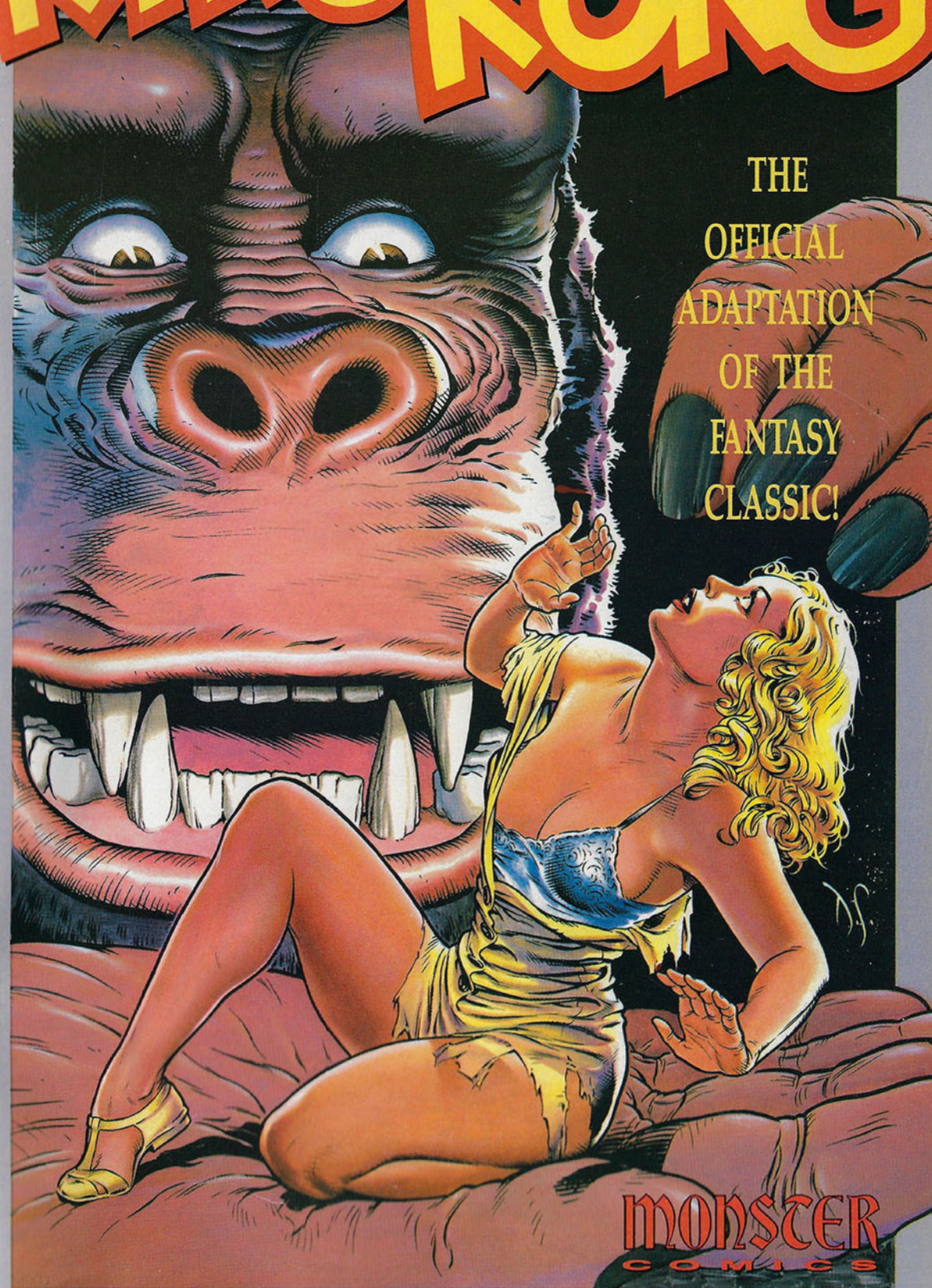


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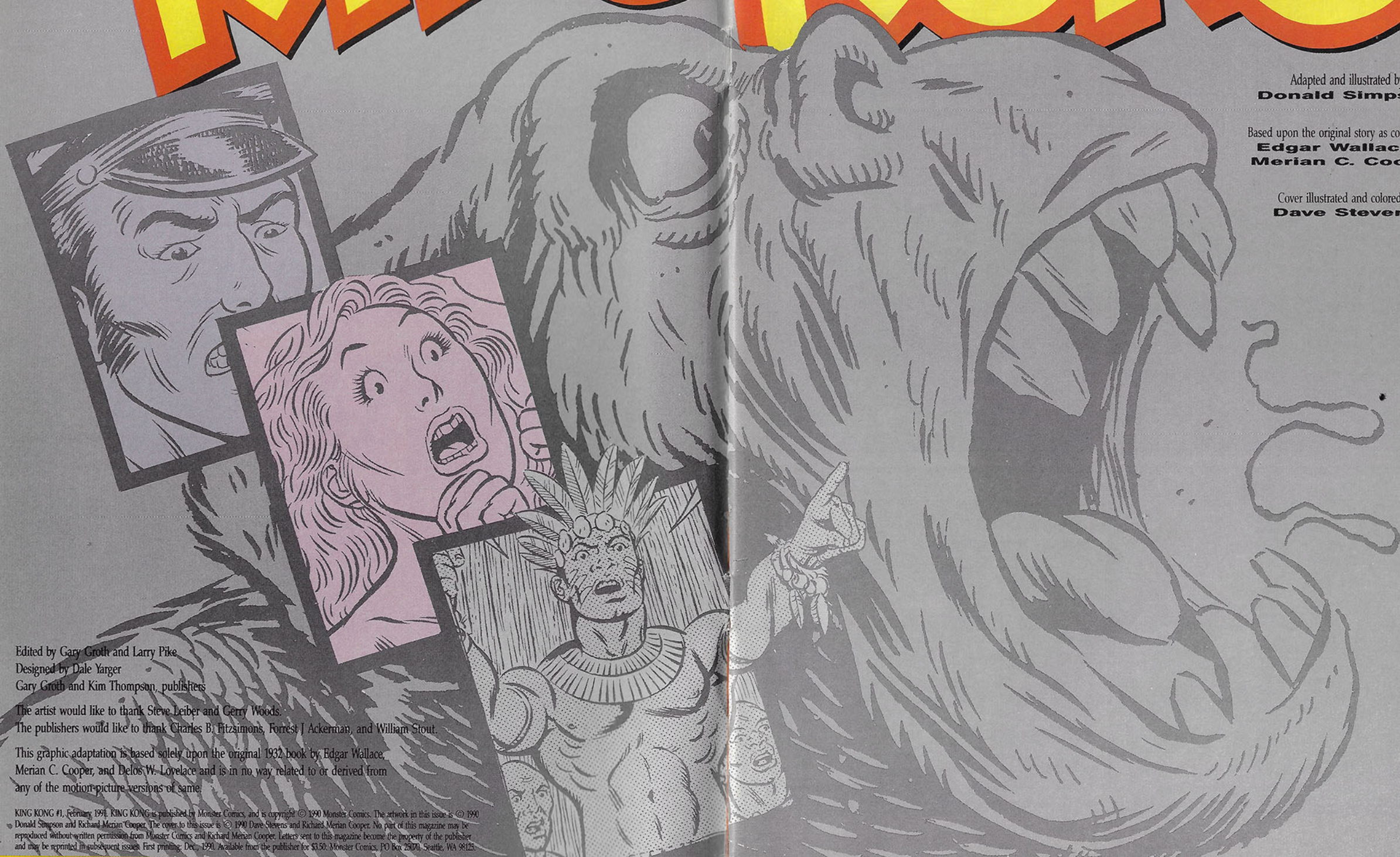
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A FREIGHTER DOCKED ON THE NEW JERSEY SIDE OF THE HUDSON RIVER...



MR. DENHAM SAYS, NEXT TIME WE SEE THIS OLD TOWN, WE'LL ALL BE MILLIONAIRES!

WHADDYA THINK, CAPTAIN? IS HE CRAZY?

HMMPH! ENTHUSIASTIC! FIRST WE'VE GOT TO GET UNDERWAY, MR. DRISCOLL!

AND IF WE'VE NOT BEGUN OUR VOYAGE BY DAYBREAK, TOMORROW, THERE MAY NOT BE A VOYAGE!



THE INSURANCE INSPECTOR WAS 'ROUND THIS AFTER-NOON, AND HE KNOWS YOUR MR. DENHAM HAS LOADED THIS SHIP TO THE BRINK WITH EXPLOSIVES -- "GAS BOMBS"!

...ENOUGH TO BLOW UP THE WHOLE HARBOR, I SHOULD THINK!



WE CAN EXPECT A MARSHAL'S DEPUTY TOMORROW OR NEXT DAY... WE MIGHT GET JAIL TIME, WE MIGHT NOT!

EITHER WAY, WE'D BE TIED UP IN A COURT-ROOM 'TIL THE MONSOON SEASON!

HECK, WE CAN SAIL THE VASTATOR THROUGH A BLOW, CAP'N!



YES, BUT AS MR. DENHAM SAYS, YOU CAN'T SHOOT A MOVING PICTURE IN THE RAINY SEASON!

SAY, IS THIS THE MOVIE SHIP?!



THAT'S RIGHT... I'M FIRST MATE JACK DRISCOLL, THIS IS CAPT. ENGLEHORN!

I HEAR YOU ALREADY GOT THREE TIMES THE CREW A SHIP THIS SIZE NEEDS... WHERE WE ALL GONNA SLEEP?



WE'RE SAILIN' A SHIP TO THE SOUTH SEAS -- WE AIN'T GONNA SLEEP! YOU WANT THE JOB OR NOT?

MEBBE WE'LL THROW UP A FEW EXTRA HAMMOCKS FOR THE DELICATE AMONG YOU!

THIS WAY, LADIES, TO YOUR LUXURY ACCOMMODATIONS!

WHO'S THIS?!

LUMPY, OUR CRUISE DIRECTOR!

WHERE IS DENHAM, CAPTAIN?

WE'VE GOT OUR CREW! -- WE'RE READY TO GO!



HE'S IN TOWN, STILL TRYING TO LOCATE AN ACTRESS FOR HIS EPIC PRODUCTION!

ACTRESS?!! YOU MEAN HE'S GONNA BRING A GIRL ALONG ON A SHIP FULL OF TOUGH MUGS LIKE THESE?!!

THAT IS THE MAN'S INTENTION, JACK!!!



MAYBE DENHAM IS CRAZY, CAPTAIN!

THAT'S A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY, JACK!



IN LOWER MANHATTAN...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU DIDN'T BRING A GIRL, WESTON?!

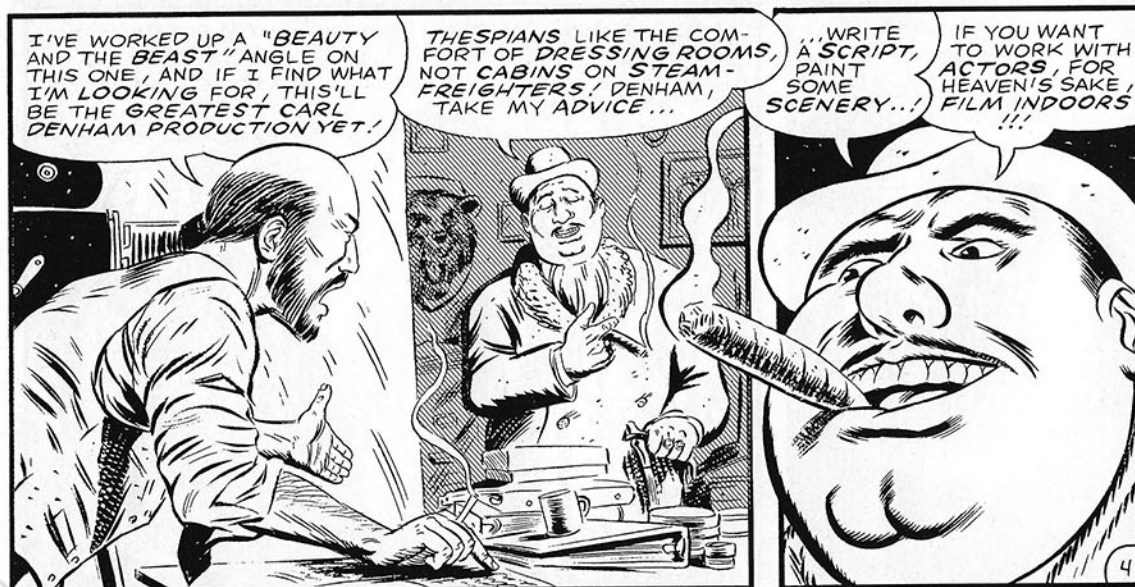
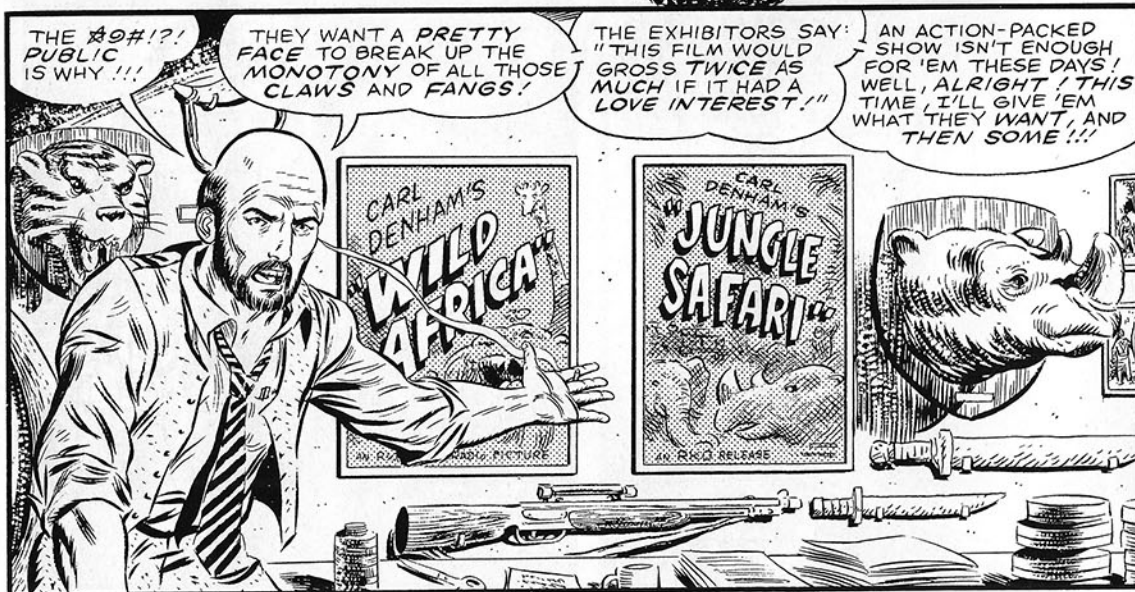
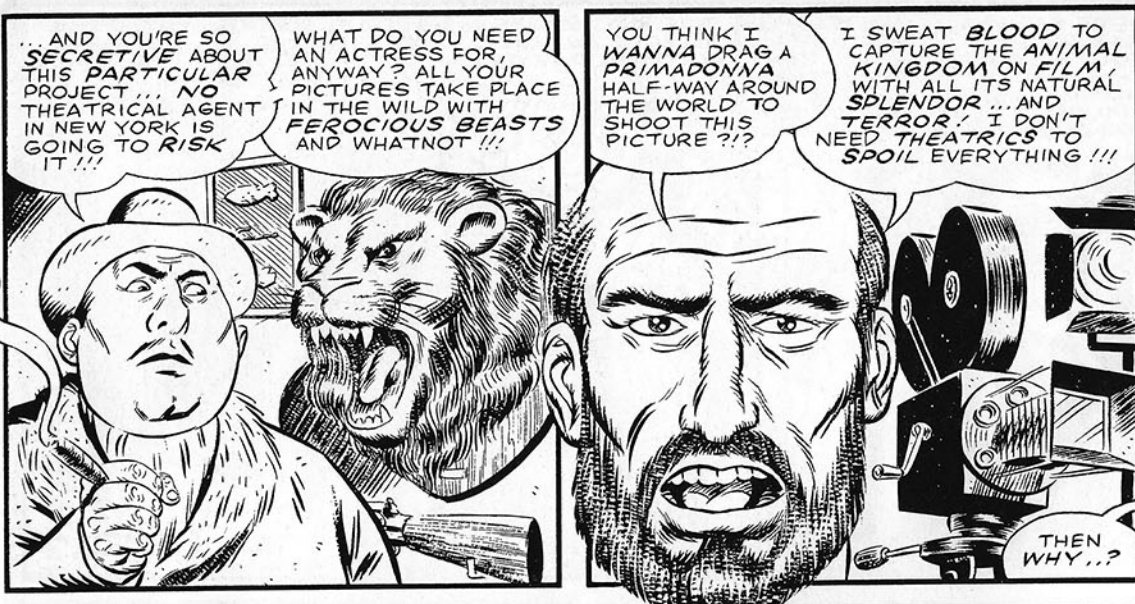
I'M ALL SET TO SHOOT A SCREEN-TEST!



ACTOR'S EQUITY AND THE HAYS OFFICE HAVE WARNED OFF EVERY LEGITIMATE ACTRESS I'VE TRIED TO HIRE!

YOU'RE MY LAST HOPE, WESTON!

I'M SORRY, DENHAM... IT JUST CAN'T BE DONE! EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR RECKLESS REPUTATION...







SISTER, I DON'T KID AROUND... AND I DON'T BUY DINNERS FOR WAYWARD GIRLS OUT OF KINDNESS! THIS IS STRICTLY BUSINESS!

I KNEW WHEN I FIRST LAID EYES ON YOU THAT YOU WERE PERFECT FOR THE ROLE! YOU'RE THE GREATEST FIND SINCE GARBO!

BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET A MOVE ON, UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND TO TRAMP AROUND NEW YORK THE REST OF YOUR LIFE...

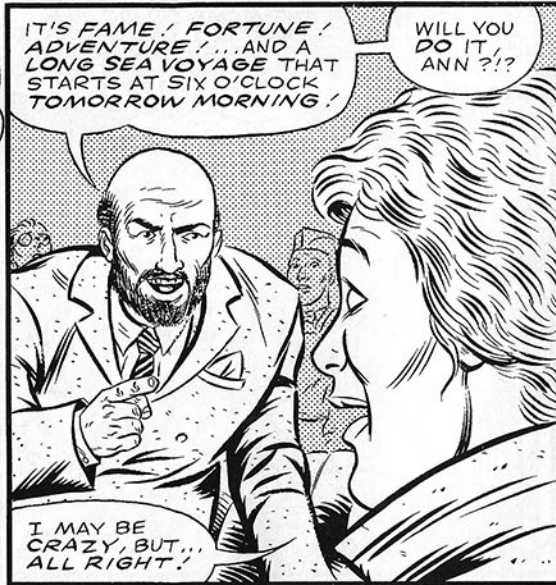
YOU ARE SERIOUS, AREN'T YOU?!!

ARE



ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN THE WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING... WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE? --DON'T ANSWER THAT...!

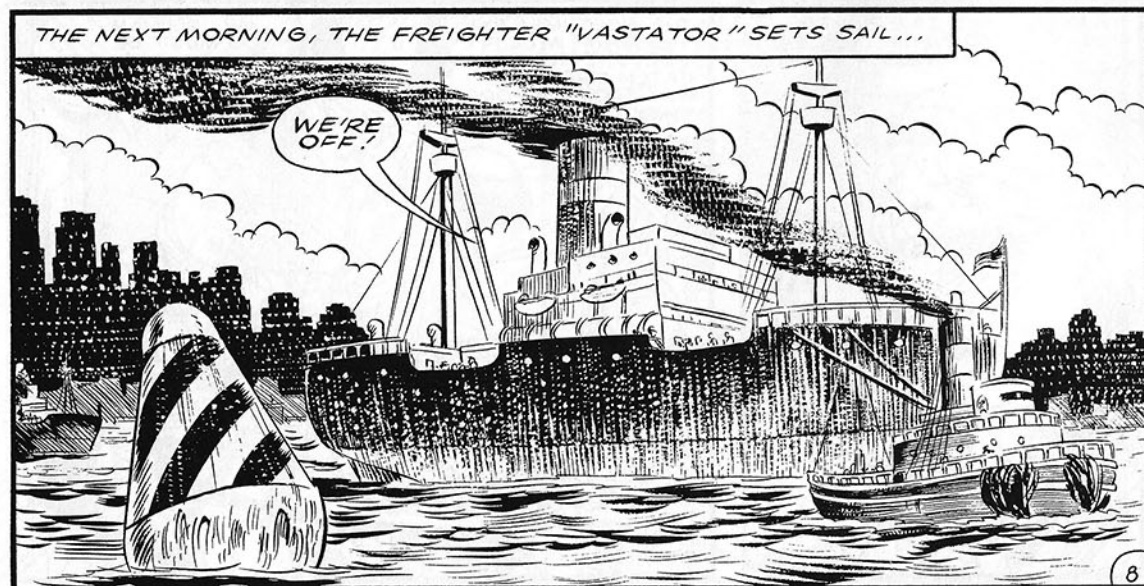
JUST KEEP YOUR CHIN UP AND TRUST ME, ANN! IT'S THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!



IT'S FAME! FORTUNE! ADVENTURE!... AND A LONG SEA VOYAGE THAT STARTS AT SIX O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING!

WILL YOU DO IT, ANN???

I MAY BE CRAZY, BUT... ALL RIGHT!



THE NEXT MORNING, THE FREIGHTER "VASTATOR" SETS SAIL...

WE'RE OFF!



YOU MEN GET DOWN ON DECK AND BATTEN DOWN THOSE HATCHES...

...AND CARRY THAT LINE AFT!

NO! NO! AFT, YOU FARMER!



... BACK THERE!

WHO THE--?



SAY, YOU'RE THAT GIRL DENHAM BROUGHT ALONG... I THOUGHT YOU'D STILL BE ASLEEP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP HERE?

JUST WATCHING! IT'S ALL SO EXCITING -- I'VE NEVER BEEN ON A SHIP BEFORE!



YEAH, WELL, I NEVER BEEN ON A SHIP WITH A WOMAN BEFORE!

YOU DON'T SOUND LIKE YOU THINK TOO HIGHLY OF WOMEN ON SHIPS!



WOMEN JUST GET IN THE WAY OF THINGS!

I'LL TRY NOT TO GET IN THE WAY!

YOU'VE BEEN IN THE WAY ONCE ALREADY!



YOU'D BETTER STAY BELOW!
WHAT!?! FOR THE WHOLE TRIP???



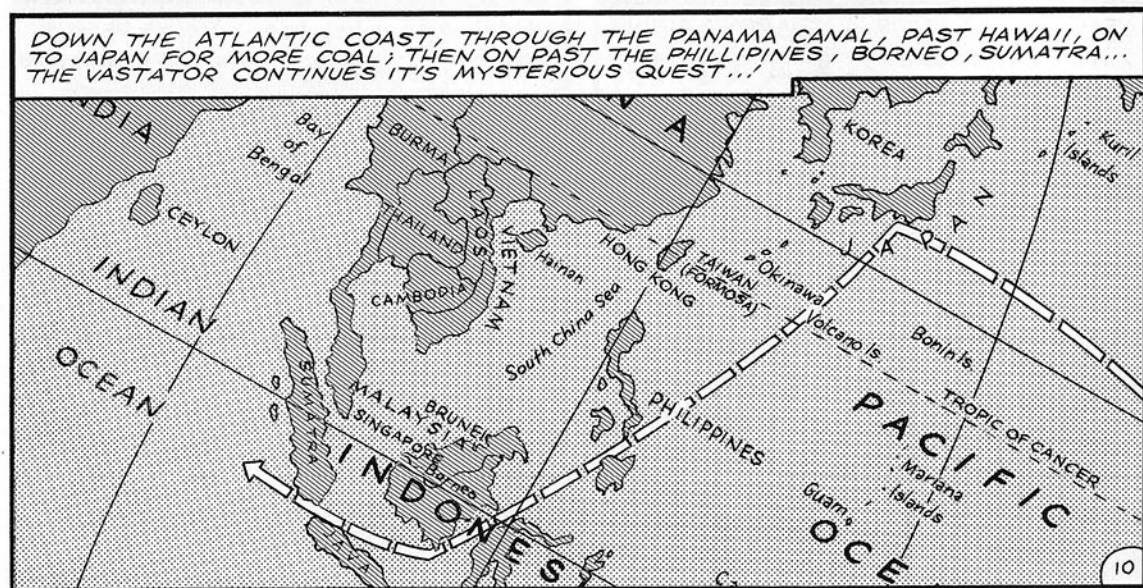
HEY, YOU MEN!!!
AM I GONNA HAFTA COME DOWN THERE AND KNOCK HEADS TOGETHER???



SAY, I GUESS I REALLY SOCKED YOU A GOOD ONE JUST NOW... DOES IT STILL HURT?
I CAN STAND IT... LIFE'S BEEN MOSTLY SOCKS IN THE JAW FOR ME...



WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, I GUESS IT WOULDN'T HURT IF YOU CAME UP ONCE IN A WHILE!
AFT!!! AFT, YOU BLESSED IDIOTS! DON'T YOU KNOW FORE FROM AFT???



DOWN THE ATLANTIC COAST, THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL, PAST HAWAII, ON TO JAPAN FOR MORE COAL; THEN ON PAST THE PHILLIPINES, BORNEO, SUMATRA... THE VASTATOR CONTINUES ITS MYSTERIOUS QUEST...



OH, LUMPY, ISN'T THE OCEAN LOVELY?
PERSONALLY, MISS DARROW, I'D RATHER BE IN CURLY'S TAVERN, BLOWIN' FOAM OFF A TALL ONE, AND IGNATZ, I'M SURE, WOULD RATHER BE UP IN A COCONUT TREE, BUT T'EACH 'IS OWN.



HELLO, ANN! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL MORNING?
TRYING ON MORE COSTUMES FOR MR. DENHAM! HE WANTS TO FIND WHICH SIDE OF MY FACE PHOTOGRAPHS BEST A LITTLE LATER!



BOTH SIDES LOOK GOOD TO ME!!!
BUT YOU'RE NOT THE MOVIE DIRECTOR!



IF I WERE, YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE!
WELL THAT'S NOT A NICE THING TO SAY!



OH, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, ANN!
DENHAM'S... OBSESSED!!! THERE'S DANGER AHEAD, AND THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A GIRL!



I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE DANGER-- I OWE MR. DENHAM EVERYTHING!
BESIDES, I'VE HAD THE TIME OF MY LIFE ON THIS OLD SHIP! EVERYONE'S BEEN SO KIND! LUMPY, AND YOU, AND MR. DENHAM, AND THE SKIPPER...



THOSE'D BE FIGHTING WORDS IF ANYBODY BUT YOU HAD SAID THAT!
I THINK SO... BUT MY BEST FRIEND ON THE WHOLE SHIP IS IGGY!
WHO'D'VE THOUGHT, A COUNTRY GIRL AND A MONKEY!

ISN'T THE SKIPPER JUST A SWEET OLD LAMB???





WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

PROFILE FIRST! NOW, TURN SLOWLY TOWARDS ME...



LOOK SURPRISED... THEN SMILE A LITTLE... THEN LISTEN FOR A SECOND... THEN LAUGH!!!



GREAT! HOW DO YOU KNOW I'LL PHOTOGRAPH TO YOUR LIKING?



FINALLY, YOU SEE SOMETHING!

YOU CAN'T BELIEVE YOUR EYES!



YOU'RE AMAZED...

...YOUR EYES OPEN WIDER!



IT'S HORRIBLE, BUT YOU CAN'T LOOK AWAY! IT'S TOO FASCINATING!

YOU WANT TO SCREAM...



DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE DRAGGED YOU THIS FAR IF I WASN'T CERTAIN!

GOSH! WHOTTA DAME!

DAT FELLAH DENHAM SURE PICKED A DOOZIE!



THINK HE'LL USE ME IN HIS PICTURE?

I SHOULD THINK NOT, LUMPY-- THEM CAMERAS COST MONEY!!!



... BUT YOUR THROAT IS PARALYZED!

YOU TRY TO SCREAM... BUT YOU CAN'T... TRY TO SCREAM, ANN! MAYBE IF YOU DIDN'T SEE IT, YOU COULD SCREAM!



THROW YOUR ARMS ACROSS YOUR FACE, AND SCREAM, ANN!

SCREAM FOR YOUR LIFE!!!



NOW, WHEN I START TO CRANK, LOOK UP SLOWLY, THEN I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO!

READY? CAMERA!



NOW LOOK UP SLOWLY... SLOWLY...



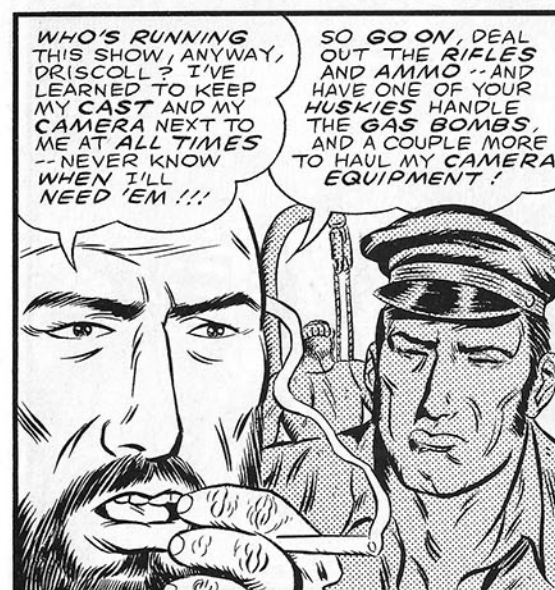
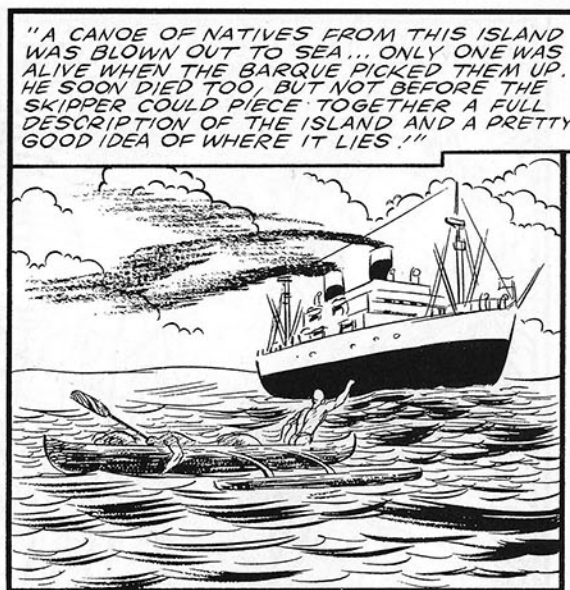
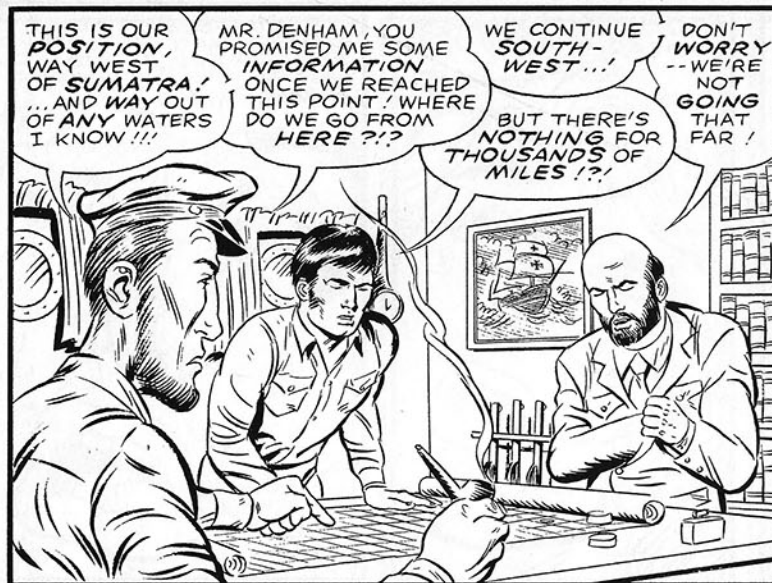
YOU'RE CALM... YOU DON'T SEE ANYTHING... YET! LOOK HIGHER... HIGHER!!!



EEEEEE



WHAT DOES THAT MANIAC THINK SHE'S REALLY GOING TO SEE?!!



THE ENTIRE VILLAGE IS DESERTED! WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

MUST BE ALL AT THAT CEREMONY! IT MUST BE PRETTY IMPORTANT!

LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT WALL!

IT COULD ALMOST BE EGYPTIAN!

WHO DO YOU SUPPOSE BUILT IT?

WHO KNOWS? I WAS UP IN ANGKOR ONCE -- THAT'S BIGGER IN THIS, AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHO BUILT IT!!!



DO YOU HEAR WHAT THEY'RE SAYING?

IT SOUNDS LIKE "KONG, KONG!"

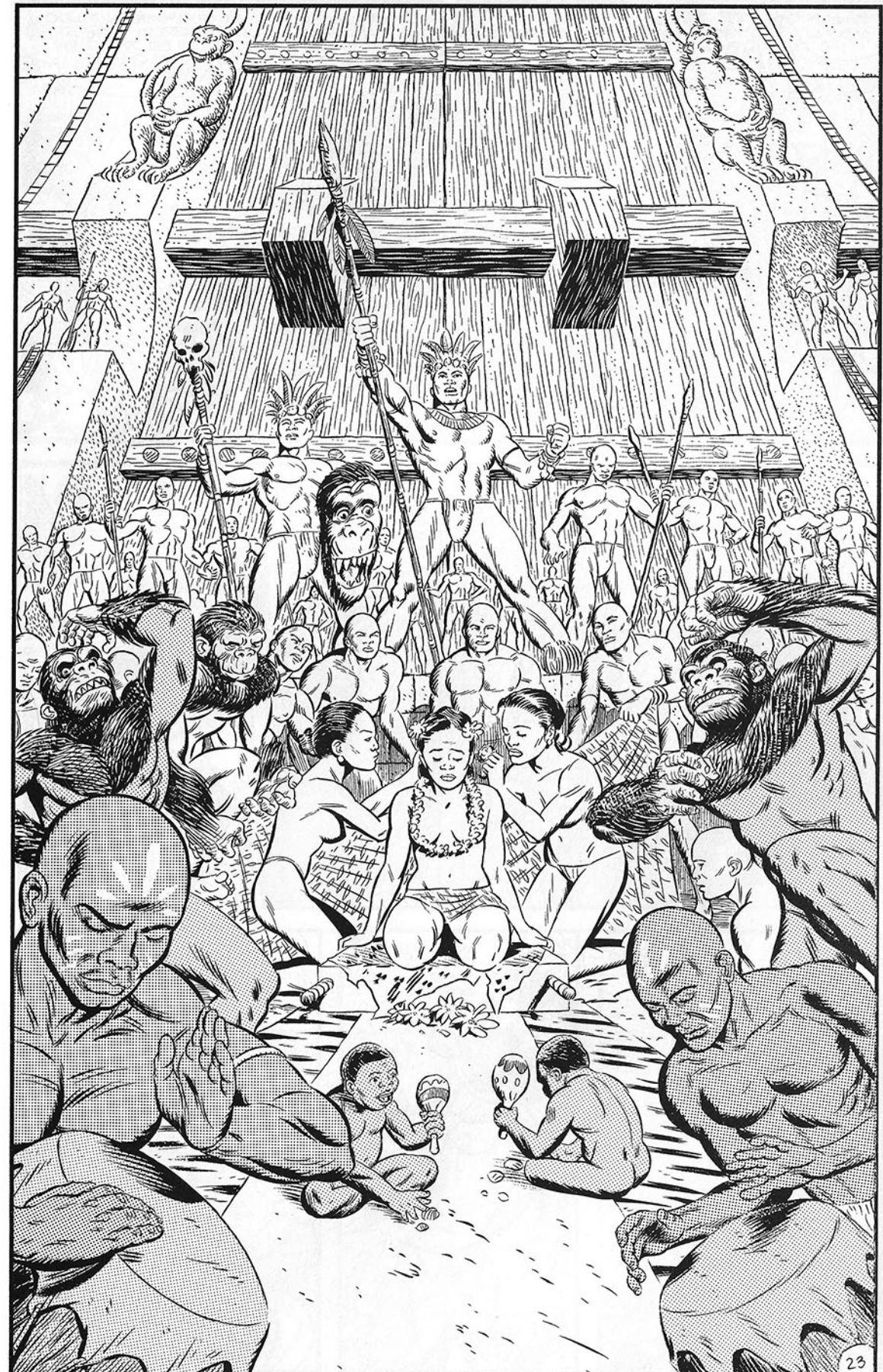
THE GOD THEY WORSHIP MUST BE BEHIND THAT WALL!



OH, LORD!!!

GET THAT CAMERA UP HERE, QUICK!!!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS!!!





TAKA HO !!!

HOKA HOKA HEY !!



SOUNDS LIKE THE LANGUAGE OF THE NIAS ISLANDERS !!!

THAT GIRL DOESN'T LOOK TOO PLEASED--LIKE SHE'S ABOUT TO BE THROWN INTO A VOLCANO OR SOMETHING !!!



BADO !

BADO ! DAMA PATI VEGO !!!



DAMN IT ! THEY'VE SPOTTED US--NO SENSE IN HIDING !

EVERYBODY OUT IN THE OPEN ! STAND FAST ! PUT UP A BOLD FRONT !

DAMA PATI VEGO !

VEGO ! HOKA BADO !



SKIPPER ! ASK HIM WHAT GOES ON ...

BALA ! BALA ! --HOKA HEY TANNO ? ! ?



ANI SABA KONG SABA KONG !!!

HE SAYS THAT THE GIRL IS THE BRIDE OF KONG !!!



TASKO ! TASKO BALI KERI ! DAMA PATI VEGO TASKO !

DAMA SI VEGO ! PUNYA PUNYA BAS !

THE WITCH DOCTOR SAYS THE CEREMONY'S BEEN SPOILED BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN IT !!!



MALEM MA PAKENO ! SITA !!! MALEM ! MALEM MA PAKENO !

KONG ! MALEM ! MA PAKENO ! KONG WA BISA !!! KOW BISA PARA KONG !



"LOOK ! THE WOMAN OF GOLD !"

BLONDES ARE SCARCE AROUND HERE !

"THE WOMAN OF GOLD ! KONG'S GIFT !--A GIFT FOR KONG !"

GOOD LORD !

DAMA ! TEBO MALEM NA HI ! DIA MALEM !



HE WILL TRADE SIX OF HIS WOMEN FOR ANN ! ?

YOU GOT HER INTO THIS, DENHAM ! NOW WHAT ? ! ?

TELL HIM NO THANKS ... WE'D RATHER NOT SWAP ! AS POLITELY AS YOU CAN !

TIDA NO ! MALEM ATI ROTA NA NI ! "OUR WOMAN IS OUR LUCK, AND WE DARE NOT PART WITH HER !"

WATU ! TAMA BISA PARA KONG ! DI WANA TA !

THEY CAN'T LOSE KONG'S GIFT !

THAT'S IT--WE'RE OUTTA HERE ! --I'M TAKING ANN BACK TO THE SHIP ! ! !



WE'D ALL BETTER SLIP OUT, BEFORE THEY THINK TO CUT US OFF FROM THE BEACH !

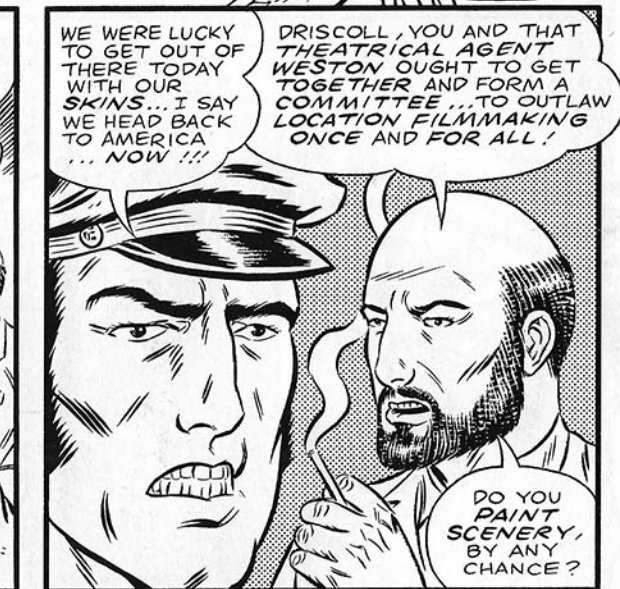
I SUPPOSE SO, BUT TELL HIM WE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW TO MAKE FRIENDS AND TALK THINGS OVER !

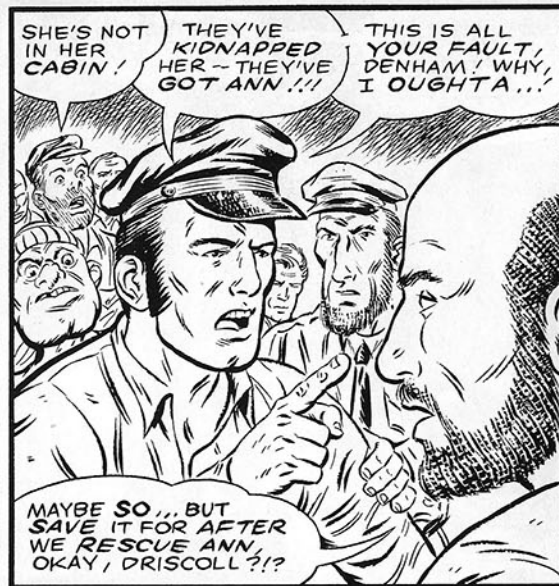
DULU ! TOMORROW !

HE TAGO NUH ! WE RETURN THEN !

BALA ! BALA !







MEANWHILE, THE NATIVES OF SKULL ISLAND HAVE FOUND A NEW BRIDE FOR THEIR DEMON-GOD, KONG!



THE PRIMITIVE CEREMONY PROCEEDS AT FEVER PITCH -- DRUMMING, DANCING, CHANTING -- AND THE BRIDE BEING READIED FOR HER OTHER-WORLDFLY GROOM!

