

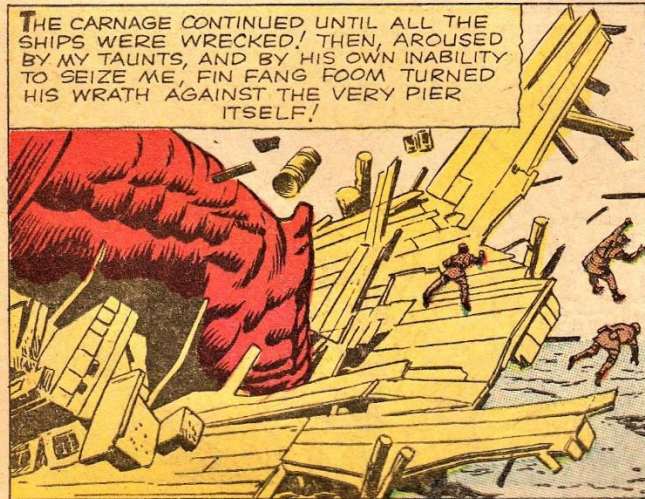
"Fin Fang Foom." Part 3



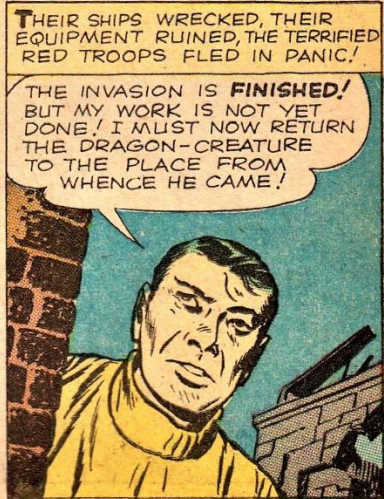
FIN FANG FOOM MISSED ME... BUT HE COMPLETELY WRECKED THAT SHIP! I PRAY I MAY SURVIVE THIS GAME OF CAT AND MOUSE, UNTIL THE MONSTER HAS DESTROYED THE ENTIRE INVASION FORCE!!



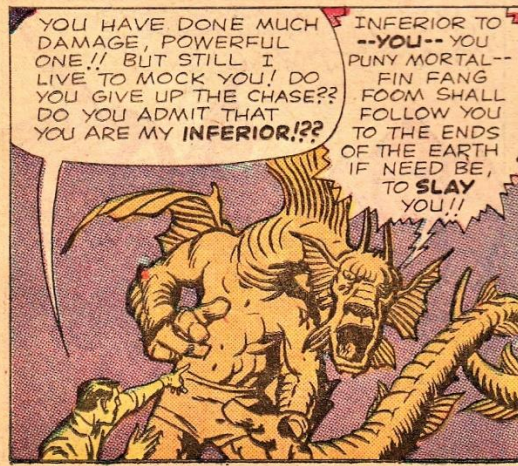
AGAIN THE NIGHTMARE CREATURE ATTACKED ME, AND AGAIN IT WAS A RED VESSEL THAT WAS THE VICTIM!
I'LL SMASH YOU!! DO YOU HEAR--SMASH YOU!!



THE CARNAGE CONTINUED UNTIL ALL THE SHIPS WERE WRECKED! THEN, AROUSED BY MY TAUNTS, AND BY HIS OWN INABILITY TO SEIZE ME, FIN FANG FOOM TURNED HIS WRATH AGAINST THE VERY PIER ITSELF!

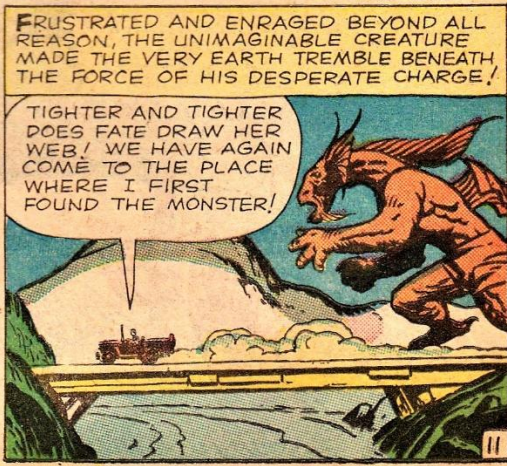


THEIR SHIPS WRECKED, THEIR EQUIPMENT RUINED, THE TERRIFIED RED TROOPS FLED IN PANIC!
THE INVASION IS FINISHED! BUT MY WORK IS NOT YET DONE! I MUST NOW RETURN THE DRAGON-CREATURE TO THE PLACE FROM WHENCE HE CAME!



YOU HAVE DONE MUCH DAMAGE, POWERFUL ONE!! BUT STILL I LIVE TO MOCK YOU! DO YOU GIVE UP THE CHASE?? DO YOU ADMIT THAT YOU ARE MY INFERIOR!??

INFERIOR TO --YOU-- YOU PUNY MORTAL-- FIN FANG FOOM SHALL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH IF NEED BE, TO SLAY YOU!!



FRUSTRATED AND ENRAGED BEYOND ALL REASON, THE UNIMAGINABLE CREATURE MADE THE VERY EARTH TREMBLE BENEATH THE FORCE OF HIS DESPERATE CHARGE!

TIGHTER AND TIGHTER DOES FATE DRAW HER WEB! WE HAVE AGAIN COME TO THE PLACE WHERE I FIRST FOUND THE MONSTER!

WHEN I BREATHLESSLY REACHED THE CRYPT, I FOUND THAT THE AREA HAD BEEN DESERTED BY THE FEARFUL PEASANTS!



THEY WERE SO PANICKED BY FIN FANG FOOM, THAT THEY LEFT WITHOUT TAKING MOST OF THEIR POSSESSIONS!

QUICKLY SEIZING THE ONE THING I NEEDED, I RE-ENTERED THE FEARFUL DUNGEON!



EACH SECOND COUNTS! FIN FANG FOOM IS RIGHT AT MY HEELS!



THE MORTAL HIDES WITHIN THE TUNNEL BELOW! NOW THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR HIM, WITHOUT PASSING ME!



HAAH! YOU CAN FLEE NO FURTHER! YOU ARE TRAPPED! LONG HAVE I WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT OF RECKONING! NOW SHALL YOU PAY FOR YOUR INSOLENT TAUNTS!



I OFFER YOU NO MERCY--NO PITY--NOTHING BUT DOOM!

AN INSTANT LATER, THERE WAS THE CRASH OF SHATTERED GLASS AS FIN FANG FOOM'S MIGHTY FIST SMASHED THROUGH THE MIRROR, INTO THE WALL OF THE TUNNEL!



CRASH!
ARRGGG!

AND IN THAT FRANTIC SECOND, I DASHED OUT FROM WHERE I HAD BEEN HIDING, CASTING MY REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR! BEFORE THE BEWILDERED FIN FANG FOOM COULD REGAIN HIS SENSES, I THRUST MY OTHER HERBS--THE SLEEP-PRODUCING HERBS--TOWARDS HIS LIPS!



YOU--YOU HAVE TRICKED ME!

NO! NO... TAKE THAT AWAY! I--I GROW WEARY...



IT'S WORKING!!

WEARY... I MUST SLEEP... MY LIDS ARE HEAVY... SLEEP... SLEEP...



IT IS OVER!! I HAVE WON!!

FIN FANG FOOM SLEEPS AGAIN! AND THIS TIME, MAY HE SLEEP... FOREVER!



REACHING FORMOSA AGAIN WAS NOT DIFFICULT! THE RED TROOPS HAD DESERTED IN PANIC, AND THE COAST WAS UNGUARDED! BUT I HAD LOST MY WALLET DURING THE FRAY, AND IT WAS FOUND BY THE ENEMY, WHO THUS LEARNED MY IDENTITY!

THE COMMUNISTS HAVE POSTED A LARGE REWARD FOR YOU! THEY SAY YOU ARE THE ONE WHO RUINED THEIR INVASION PLAN! MY SON, I AM SO PROUD-- BUT ALSO BEWILDERED! TELL US, HOW DID YOU STOP THEM??



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO WAGE WAR, FATHER! SOME MEN DO IT WITH A SWORD... OTHERS WITH A BIT OF KNOWLEDGE, WHICH THEY MANAGE TO GLEAN FROM ANCIENT WRITINGS!



FOR ME, THE TALE IS ENDED! BUT SOMEWHERE IN RED CHINA, MEN SILENTLY TREMBLE AT THE MENTION OF A NAME! A NAME WHICH STILL MAY PREVENT THE LAUNCHING OF A RED INVASION! A NAME WHICH THEY CAN NEVER FORGET! THE NAME OF... FIN FANG FOOM!