

**THE LAST VOYAGE  
OF  
CAPTAIN KRAGG**



CAPTAIN KRAGG WAS A FINE SPACE PILOT! SKILLFUL, EFFICIENT, EXPERIENCED! BUT HE HAD JUST ONE FLAW... CAPTAIN KRAGG WAS A COWARD!



THE ENEMY! THEY'RE ATTACKING! I WON'T STAY HERE TO BE KILLED, I WON'T!

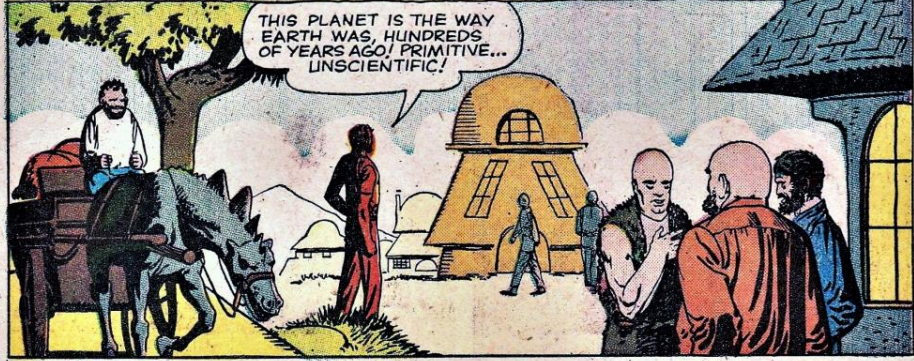
LOOK! KRAGG IS DESERTING US!



JUST WHEN WE NEED HIM!

WE'RE OUTNUMBERED! WE WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE! LET THE OTHER FOOLS STAY AND FIGHT! NOT ME!

BUT KRAGG'S LUCK HELD OUT! HE SOON LEARNED HE HAD LANDED ON A WORLD WHICH, ALTHOUGH GALAXIES AWAY, WAS SIMILAR TO EARTH! THE NATIVES WERE HUMAN, AND THE LANGUAGE EASY TO LEARN! IN FACT, NO ONE EVEN NOTICED THAT AN ALIEN WAS IN THEIR MIDST...

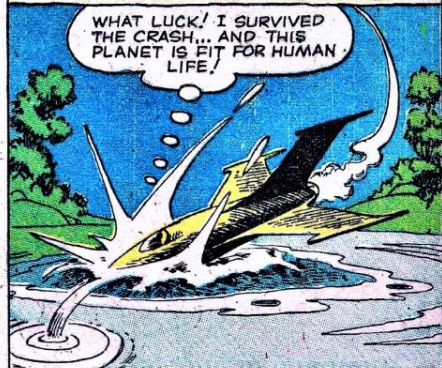


THIS PLANET IS THE WAY EARTH WAS, HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO! PRIMITIVE... UNSCIENTIFIC!



MY SHIP HAS ENOUGH POWER TO REACH ANY DISTANT GALAXY! I'LL GO TO SOME NEW WORLD WHERE THE SPACE PATROL WILL NEVER FIND ME. THEY'LL NEVER TRY ME FOR DESERTION!

FOR COUNTLESS MILES, THRU UNNAMED GALAXIES, CAPTAIN KRAGG FLED... UNTIL FINALLY, HIS SHIP'S ROCKET POWER WAS EXHAUSTED...



WHAT LUCK! I SURVIVED THE CRASH... AND THIS PLANET IS FIT FOR HUMAN LIFE!

THEY WOULD THINK ME A MADMAN IF I TOLD THEM I'M FROM ANOTHER GALAXY-- BUT WHY TELL THEM? I'LL JUST MINGLE AMONG THEM-- AND, WITH MY SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE, I SHOULD BECOME A GREAT SUCCESS HERE!



IT SHOULD BE EASY FOR ME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR IGNORANCE AND LIVE LIKE A KING AMONG THEM! AND ... WAIT! WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?



IT IS MADNESS, KUMBLUS! THIS VOYAGE OF YOURS WILL MEAN YOUR DOOM. YOU CAN'T PROVE YOUR PLANET IS ROUND!



I--I'M IN A PIT OF QUICKSAND! THE SHIP'S SINKING! GOT TO GRAB THAT BRANCH!

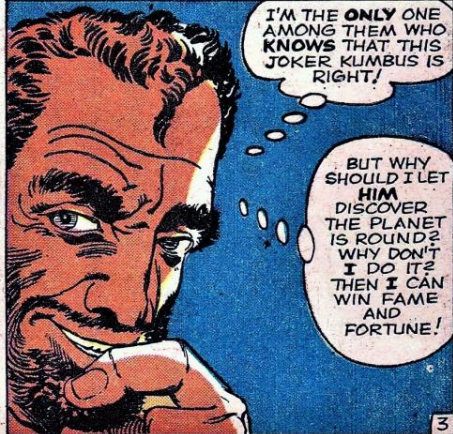


MADE IT! BUT, WHAT DO I DO NOW? MY SHIP IS GONE! I'M STRANDED ON THIS ALIEN WORLD... FOREVER!

YOU CANNOT STOP ME! THE QUEEN HAS GIVEN ME SHIPS AND MEN, AND I SWEAR I SHALL PROVE THE WORLD IS ROUND-- NOT FLAT!



GREAT SCOTT! IT'S THE SAME SITUATION AS WE HAD BACK ON EARTH IN 1492 WITH COLUMBUS!



I'M THE ONLY ONE AMONG THEM WHO KNOWS THAT THIS JOKER KUMBLUS IS RIGHT!

BUT WHY SHOULD I LET HIM DISCOVER THE PLANET IS ROUND? WHY DON'T I DO IT? THEN I CAN WIN FAME AND FORTUNE!

CAPTAIN KRAGG WAITED FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO STRIKE... AND THEN...

WHEN THE SHIP SAILS WITH THE MORNING TIDE-- I WILL BE IN COMMAND!

UGH!



AND, AT DAWN... KUMBUS IS ILL, AND CANNOT MAKE THE VOYAGE! HE ORDERED ME TO SAIL IN HIS PLACE!

YOU? A MERE STRANGER?



WE WILL NOT SAIL WITHOUT KUMBUS! ONLY HE COULD GET US SAFELY OVER THE SEAS OF DEMONS AND MISTS! WE FOLLOW NO STRANGER!

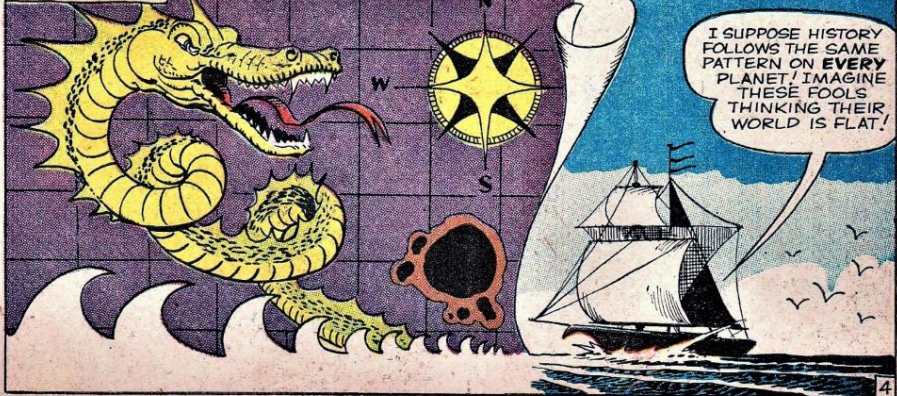
SUPERSTITIOUS! FOOLS!! GO! I DON'T NEED YOU!



THIS SHIP IS SIMPLE TO OPERATE! I CAN SAIL IT ALONE! IT WILL MAKE MY FEAT SEEM EVEN MORE HEROIC!



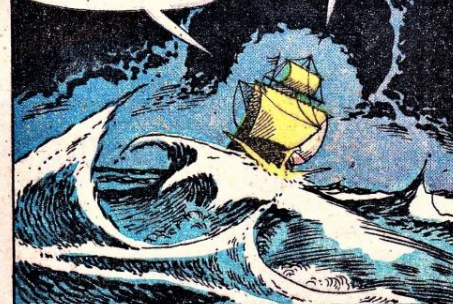
AND SO, CAPTAIN KRAGG SAILED ALONE INTO STRANGE, UNKNOWN SEA, WITH CONFIDENCE IN HIS HEART...



I SUPPOSE HISTORY FOLLOWS THE SAME PATTERN ON EVERY PLANET! IMAGINE THESE FOOLS THINKING THEIR WORLD IS FLAT!

NONE WILL EVER CALL ME "COWARD" AGAIN! WHEN I RETURN, THEY WILL THINK ME THE BRAVEST MAN ON THEIR PLANET!

LITTLE DREAMING THAT I'M RISKING NOTHING... I KNOW THE OUTCOME!



THIS IS THE LUCKIEST THING EVER TO HAPPEN TO A MAN! HA HA-- IT'S LIKE BETTING ON A RACE WHEN YOU KNOW WHO WILL WIN!



AND SO CAPTAIN KRAGG CALMLY SAILED TOWARD HIS DESTINY-- WITH A MOCKING SMILE ON HIS LIPS-- UNTIL--



THERE! UP AHEAD! WHAT--?

BUT CAPTAIN KRAGG HAD MADE JUST ONE FATAL MISTAKE! HE HAD ASSUMED THAT THINGS HAPPEN THE SAME WAY ON EVERY PLANET! HE HADN'T REALIZED...



NO!! NO!!

... HE HADN'T REALIZED THAT IN THIS VAST MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE... EVEN THE EXISTENCE OF A PLANET THAT REALLY IS-- FLAT!

I'VE GOT TO STOP!! STOP!!

