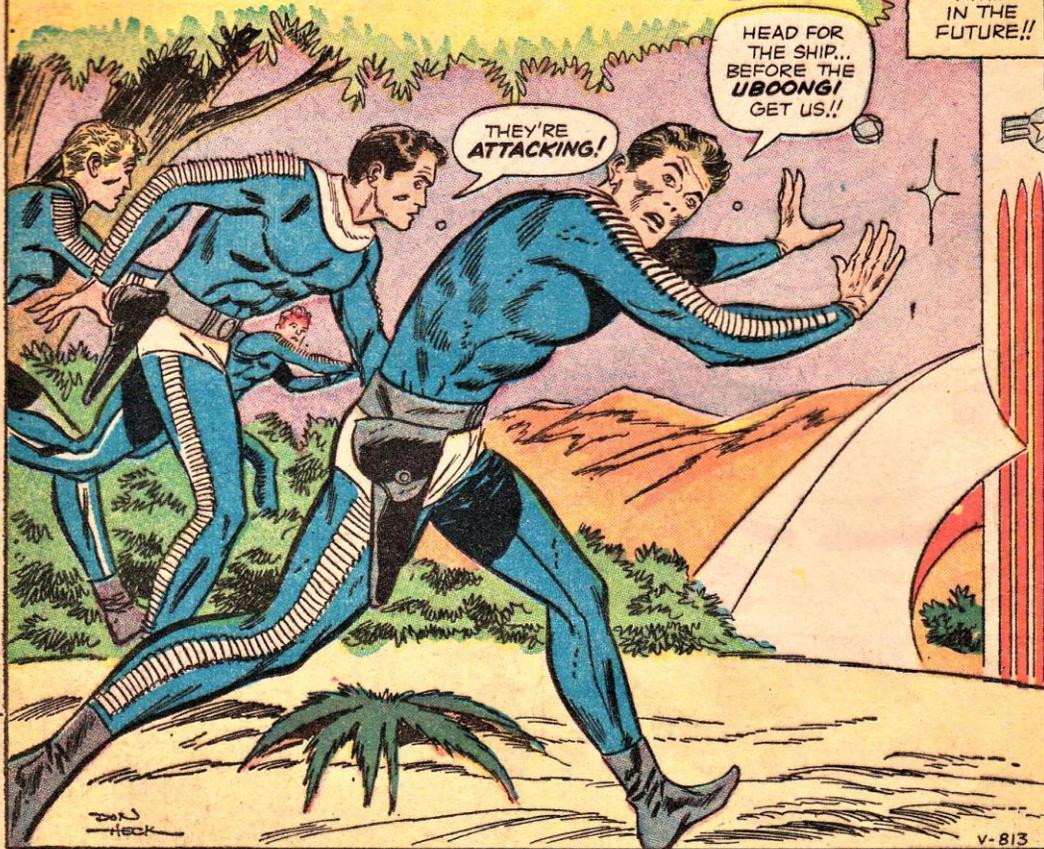




This was the third story is *Strange Tales* #100.

BEWARE THE **LIBOONGI!**

YOU ARE
LOOKING
AT THE
PLANET
URANUS...
SOME-
TIME
IN THE
FUTURE!!



HEAD FOR
THE SHIP...
BEFORE THE
LIBOONGI
GET US!!

THEY'RE
ATTACKING!

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WHEWE
JUST
MADE IT!

PREPARE
TO BLAST
OFF!



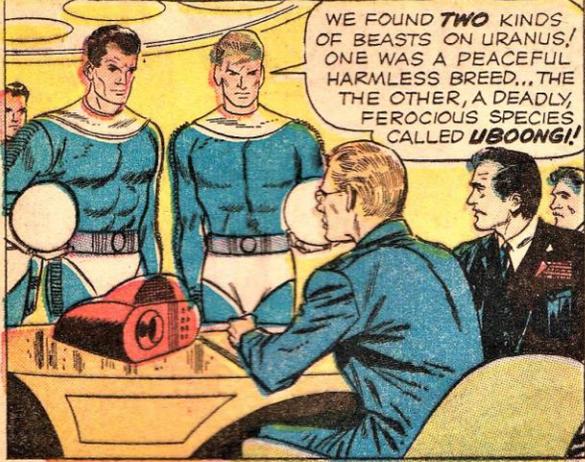
WELL, WE LANDED ON
URANUS BEFORE THE
COMMIES... BUT IT
DIDN'T DO US MUCH
GOOD!

TOO BAD WE
COULDN'T STAY
LONG ENOUGH
TO **CLAIM** THE
PLANET!

WE **WOULD**
HAVE, IF IT
HADN'T BEEN
FOR THE
MENACING
LIBOONGI!!

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LATER, BACK ON EARTH, THE AMERICAN SPACE-
MEN REPORT TO THEIR SUPERIORS...



WE FOUND **TWO** KINDS OF BEASTS ON URANUS! ONE WAS A PEACEFUL HARMLESS BREED... THE OTHER, A DEADLY, FEROCIOUS SPECIES CALLED **UBOONGI!**

MEANWHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
"IRON CURTAIN"...



WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT THE AMERICAN SPACE-
MEN HAVE RETURNED FROM URANUS, WITHOUT SPENDING THE REQUIRED TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THERE!

THEN THE PLANET IS STILL **UN-CLAIMED!**



OUR NEW V-300 SUPERTHRUST ROCKET HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED! WE WILL SEND OUR **OWN** SPACE TEAM TO URANUS IMMEDIATELY... AND **CLAIM IT!**



MINUTES LATER, IN THE UNITED STATES...

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THE **REDS** HAVE JUST LAUNCHED A NEW ROCKET-- BOUND FOR URANUS!

WHAT?!

THEY CAN'T DO THAT!



CONTACT THE RED SPACESHIP **AT ONCE!**

YES SIR!



WITHIN SECONDS, CONTACT IS ESTABLISHED!

THIS IS THE AMERICAN COMMANDER SPEAKING! ONE OF OUR SPACE TEAMS LANDED ON URANUS TWO DAYS AGO! THE PLANET IS NOW UNDER **OUR** JURISDICTION!

WRONG, COMMANDER!



ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, A SPACE TEAM MUST REMAIN ON A PLANET FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE IT CAN CLAIM THAT WORLD!

YOUR SPACE-MEN LEFT URANUS AFTER ONLY **FIVE** HOURS!



BUT THEY WERE **FORCED** TO LEAVE BECAUSE OF A FEROCIOUS BREED OF BEAST CALLED THE UBOONGI! THEY MERELY RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL WEAPONS!

FIERCE BEASTS, EH?? THANK YOU FOR THE WARNING! NOW WE SHALL BE PREPARED! GOODBYE, COMMANDER! HA! HA! HA!



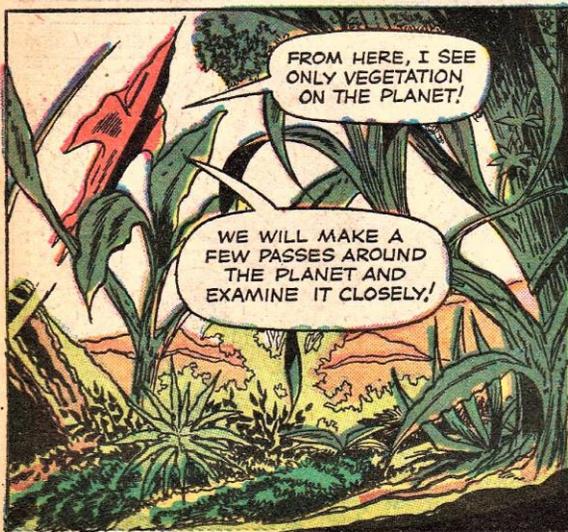
THEY'VE-- THEY'VE BROKEN CONTACT WITH US!



THE AMERICANS WERE **FOOLS** TO WARN US OF THE UBOONGI!

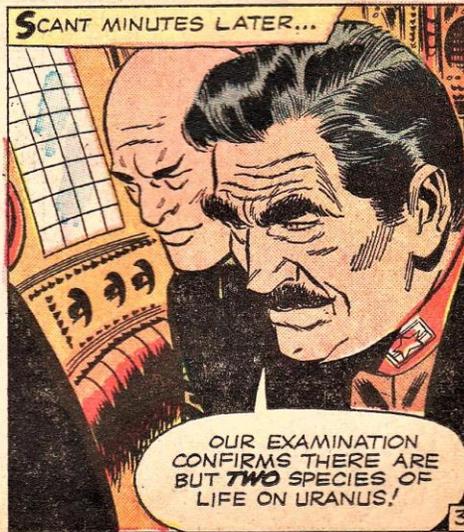
FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED!

WE ARE APPROACHING URANUS!



FROM HERE, I SEE ONLY VEGETATION ON THE PLANET!

WE WILL MAKE A FEW PASSES AROUND THE PLANET AND EXAMINE IT CLOSELY!



SCANT MINUTES LATER...

OUR EXAMINATION CONFIRMS THERE ARE BUT **TWO** SPECIES OF LIFE ON URANUS!



THE SPECIES BELOW US ARE FIERCE-LOOKING, POWERFUL, MAMMALS!

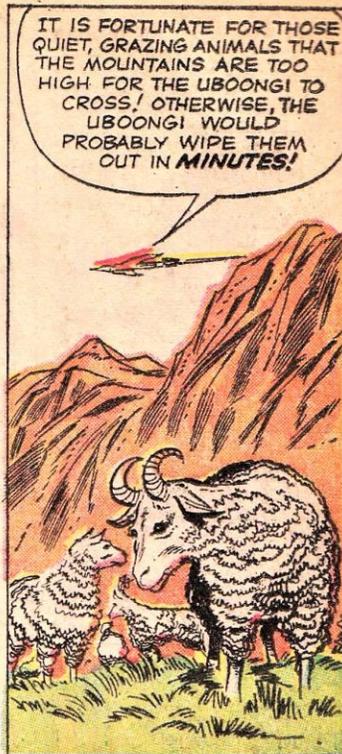
THEY MUST BE THE UBOONGI!

NO WONDER THE AMERICANS FLED! ONLY THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS COULD STOP SUCH MONSTERS!



BUT WE CAN AVOID THE UBOONGI BY LANDING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAINS!

YES! THIS IS WHERE THE OTHER SPECIES DWELLS! THE PEACEFUL BEASTS!



IT IS FORTUNATE FOR THOSE QUIET, GRAZING ANIMALS THAT THE MOUNTAINS ARE TOO HIGH FOR THE UBOONGI TO CROSS! OTHERWISE, THE UBOONGI WOULD PROBABLY WIPE THEM OUT IN MINUTES!



SHALL WE TAKE OUR WEAPONS WITH US?

WHAT FOR? THE MENACING UBOONGI CANNOT REACH US, AND THERE'S NOTHING ELSE ON THE PLANET THAT CAN HARM US!



WE SHALL CAMP ON UIRANUS FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

THEN WE CAN PLANT OUR FLAG AND CLAIM THE PLANET IN THE NAME OF COMMUNISM!



IT WILL BE A MAJOR VICTORY FOR US IN OUR COLD WAR AGAINST THE CAPITALISTIC NATIONS!!

NO NO!

WHAT IS IT, IGOR?



SEE FOR YOURSELF!

THE SHIP! CAN WE REACH IT IN TIME!

WE MUST TRY!!

WE CANNOT REMAIN HERE!!

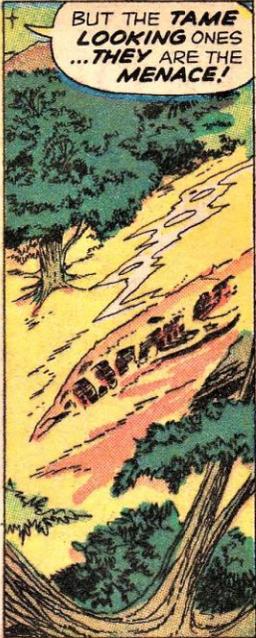


AND, AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE PLANET EARTH...

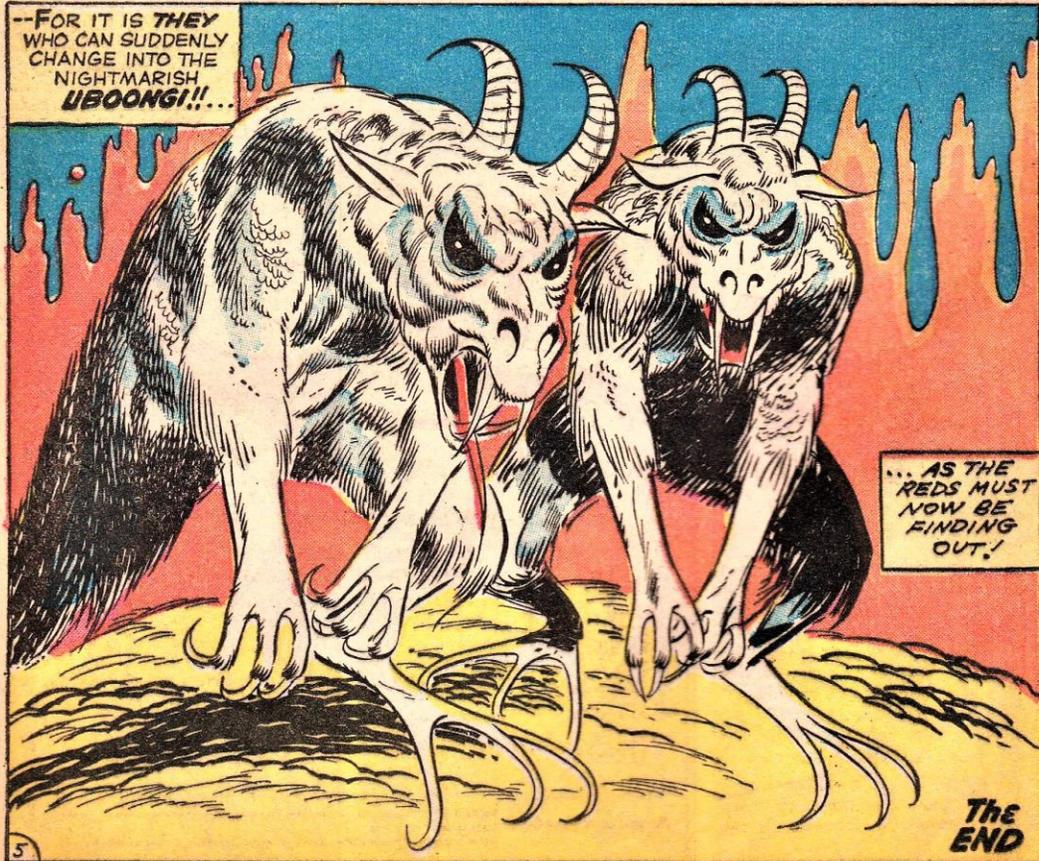
IT'S TOO BAD THE COMMIES BROKE CONTACT WITH US, BEFORE WE HAD A CHANCE TO WARN THEM...



...THAT THE FEROCIOUS-LOOKING BEASTS ON URANUS ARE HARMLESS!



BUT THE TAME LOOKING ONES ...THEY ARE THE MENACE!



--FOR IT IS *THEY* WHO CAN SUDDENLY CHANGE INTO THE NIGHTMARISH *UBOONGI!!*...

... AS THE REDS MUST NOW BE FINDING OUT!

The END