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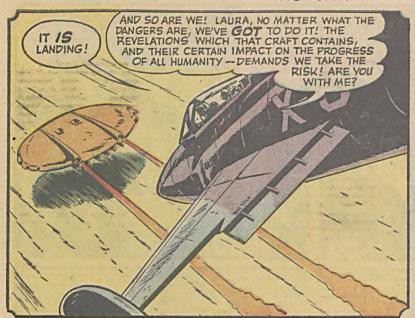




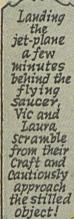
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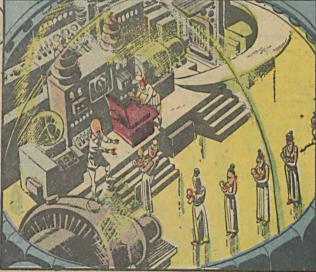
YOU SPEAK
OUR LANGUAGE,
AND YET ---?
MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF MILES
BEYOND EARTH -- FROM MERCURY!
BUT I SPEAK ALL LANGUAGES!
CLOSER! I HAVE ... MUCH... TO
TELL YOU ... AND LITTLE...
TIME!

OH, YOU'RE ILL,
VERY ILL! YOU
NEED A DOCTOR!

ME, MY DEAR! ONLY A NEW
MOLECULAR SYSTEM CAN
PREVENT MY DEATH NOW, AND
THAT SYSTEM'S ON FILE ON
MERCURY -- IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ETERNAL
EXISTENCE!



"NOW, ALL MERCURIANS HAVE THEIR SYSTEMS REGISTERED AT BIRTH BY GIANT MACHINES. A RAY-FILM RECORDS EVERY ONE OF THE QUADRILLIONS OF MOLECULES WHICH MAKE UP THE NERVES, GLANDS AND TISSUE OF OUR SYSTEMS ——







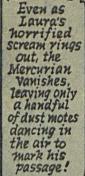
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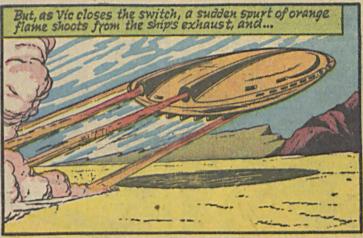




































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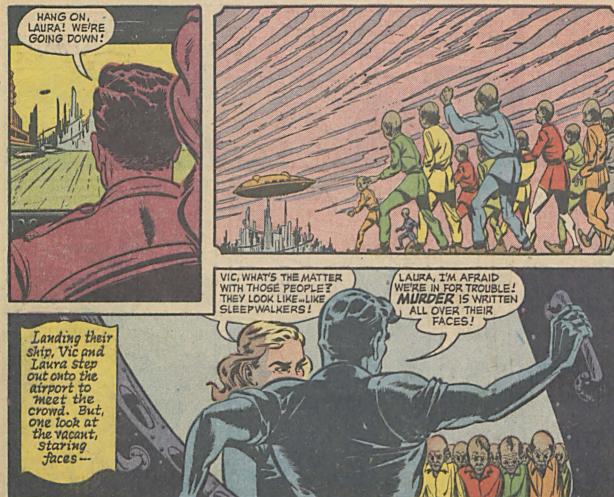
















VIC TORRY and Laura Brooks face miraculous release from the crazed Mercurian mob, only to face a far more perilous danger!

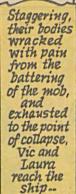
The EVIL of STITIES

OH, VIC-

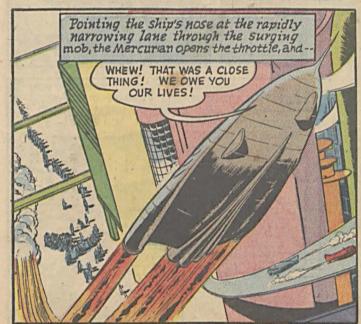
WE'VE GOT A
CHANCE! THE
MURCURIANS
ARE WEAKER
THAN I
THOUGHT!

Baura's scream for help pours new strength into Vic's battered body, and-



























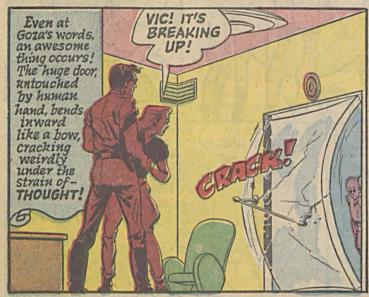






As the mob surges into the room, the Earthlings and their Mercurian friends retreat behind a huge transparent door in the rear of the building!





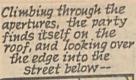












BY MERCURY! WHAT ALL THE CITY DOES SZZZ OF SHASTA SURROUNDS HAVE AGAINST US? WHY MUST US! WE DIEZ

HIDDEN!

YES, AND THAT SHOULD YOU RETURN TO HIS PLAN! SO, YOU FARTH WITH MUST DIE! WE ONE OF THE ALSO ARE A PERIL! FLYING COME! WE CANNOT SAUCERS, YOUR MUST FLEE!] SCIENTISTS MIGHT SOON



Leaving the city, the party passes one of the tyrant's giant war plants—

SPACESHIPS -- THOUSANDS OF THEM EQUIPPED WITH OUR DEADLIEST WEAPONS! THERE ARE NO PEACEFUL INDUSTRIES ON MERCURY NOW. SZZZ HAS CONVERTED EVERYTHING TO WAR!

IF ONLY WE COULD KILL OR CAPTURE SZZZ, AND FREE THE



WE CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER. ALREADY SZZZ WILL HAVE BEEN SLAVES HAVE ONCE WE'VE TRIED AGAIN FAILED TO TO FIND HIM MANY KILL US! TIMES, BUT HIS HEADQUARTERS ARE TOO WELL

Then begins a period of nightmarish flight as Szzz seeks them out and attempts to destroy them-using every weapon at his command. At an abandoned hut where they finally find

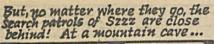
RUN FOR THAT GROVE OF TREES! YOU WERE RIGHT, GOZA! WE'LL BE HIDDEN IT 15 SZZZ'S BY THE SHADOWS! ROBOT-CRAFT PATROL! YOU













AT LEAST WE CAN FIGHT THEM! LISTEN! WHEN THEY COME CLOSER, LET THEM SEE YOU, THEN RUN! GIVE ME THE ATOMICGRATOR,



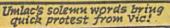












WE CAN'T IT'S USELESS! YOU HERE TO EARTH WILL CONQUER FIGHT SPACE—AND ITS SHIPS ALONE! AND WEAPONS WILL BE PERHAPS. A MATCH FOR SZZZ! IF WE COULD MERCURY BE SAVED!



Later that same night, at the Transplanetary Airport Where Mercury's spaceships are parked --

SAY, WE'RE THEY SEE AND ACT ONLY BY THE COMMAND OF SZZZ!
SURROUNDED THE THOUGHTS OF SZZZ!
BY GUARDS!
SEEK US NOW/AND WHEN THEY FIND US, THEN THE GUARDS WILL ACT!
WE HAVE LITTLE







As the Earthlings and their friends reach the nearest spaceship, the airport guards suddenly snap to life and-













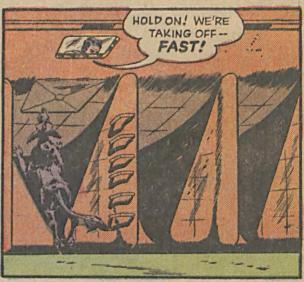
















HEAD FOR THAT



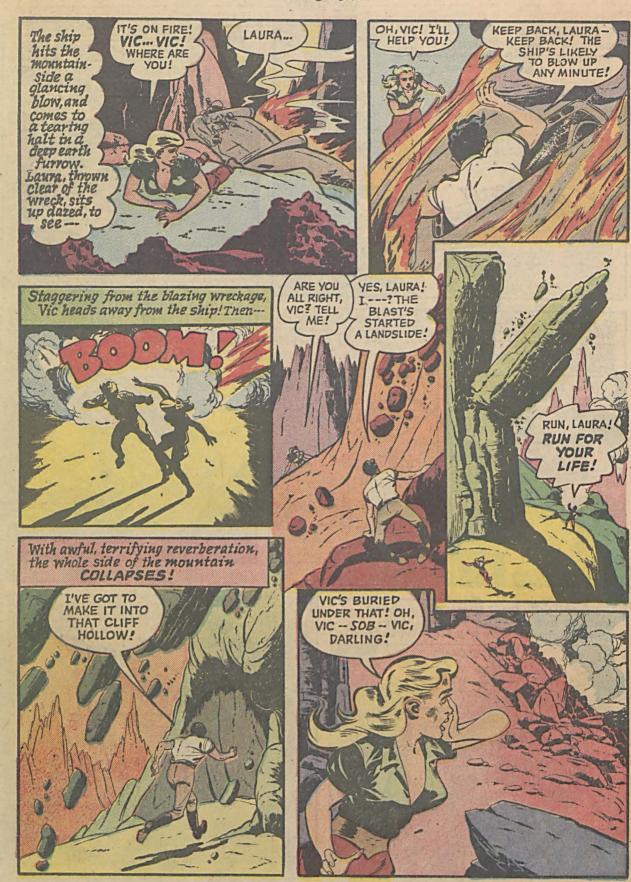
As Vic heads toward the



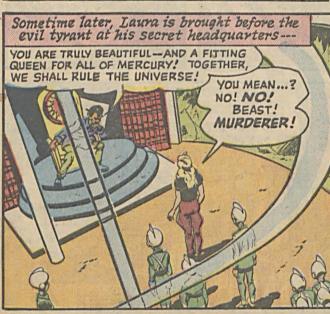


















Meanwhile, back at the moun-















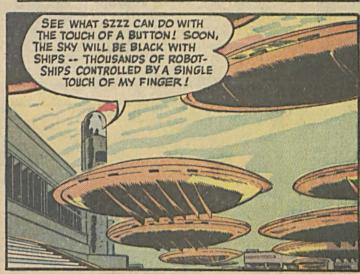






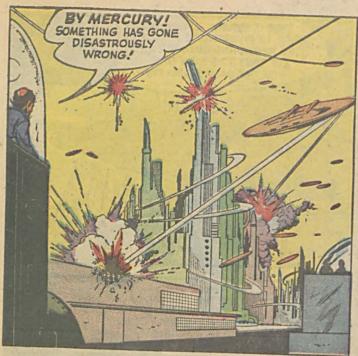






























Later, at the tyrant's huge solar-energy plant, where the most destructive bomb in the universe is created, the SOLAR-BOMB NOW TO GET THE SLAVES OUT OF RANGE! I CAN MANAGE THAT BY ROUNDING THEM UP AND GETTING THEM HEADED ON A STRAIGHT LINE AWAY FROM THE PLANT! I DON'T WANT TO KILL

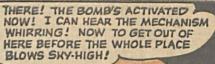


SO FAR, THEY'RE NOT GIVING
ME ANY TROUBLE! THEY'RE LIKE
SHEEP, ONE FOLLOWING THE
OTHER, WITHOUT THOUGHT
OR QUESTION!

As the slave-workers begin moving away from the plant under Vic's direction, other workers drop their tools and stolidly join their companions!

















As Szzz leaves his headquarters, there's an interested observer high above the hidden valley ---



























As Vic pulls the throttle out full way, the ship leaps into space, bound for Earth—and HOME!

PILITE

FAST THINKING!















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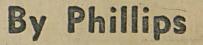
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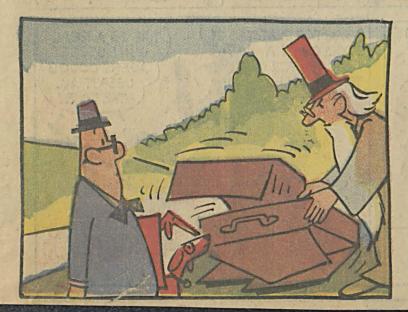










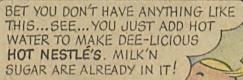


















GOLLE! WHAT A DREAM. BETTER REFUEL WITH A CUP OF HOT NESTLE'S COCOA!



BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT-

NESTLE'S EVERREADY IS GONE!

START THE DAY THE HAPPY WAY!

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