

EMPIRE OF THE GODZILLAS



ABOUT THIS BOOK

Q. WHY AREN'T THE VOICE BUBBLES IN SYNC WITH THE CHARACTERS' MOUTHS?

A. THIS IS BECAUSE THE VOICES IN THIS VERSION ARE DUBBED IN ENGLISH. WE CONSIDER THIS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER OLDER VERSIONS, WHICH WERE SUBTITLED.



OF MASTERFUL SPECIAL EFFECTS WORK, OR A GODZILLA IN A GORILLA SUIT.

Q. HOW ACCURATE ARE DOCUMENTARIES MADE ABOUT MONSTERS?

A. NOT VERY. MOST TAKE FACTUAL EVENTS AND DISTORT THEM BEYOND BELIEVABILITY. HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE IN GIANT THREE-HEADED MONSTERS? IT'S PHONIES LIKE THOSE THAT TAKE CREDIBILITY AWAY FROM PERFECTLY REALISTIC MONSTERS LIKE GODZILLA AND RODAN.



Q. WHY ISN'T KING KONG DISCUSSED IN THIS BOOK?

A. OUR RESEARCH SHOWS THAT KING KONG DID NOT REALLY EXIST. WE BELIEVE THAT HE WAS EITHER A PRODUCT



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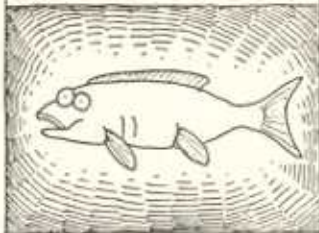
BASED ON EXTENSIVE RESEARCH BY CHRIS BUTLER (NINA PALEY • VOICE BUBBLES DUBBED BY NINA PALEY)

1 GODZILLAS

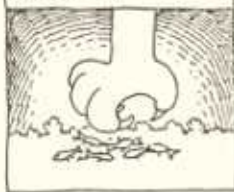
JAPAN ("LAND OF THE MONSTERS") WAS DOTTED WITH ACTIVE VOLCANOES, WHICH WERE USEFUL IN HATCHING MONSTERS' EGGS.



THE LACK OF EXTENSIVE FARMLAND CREATED A FISHING INDUSTRY...



WHICH, IN TURN, LED TO COMPETITION BETWEEN HUMANOIDS AND MONSTERS FOR FISH.



MANY RICH ZINC DEPOSITS COULD BE FOUND IN JAPAN. THE ZINC WAS USEFUL FOR KEEPING THE MONSTERS' COATS NICE AND SHINY.



JAPAN ALSO FEATURED A GENERALLY MILD CLIMATE WHICH IS IDEAL FOR MONSTERS, AS TEMPERATURES UNDER 20° F EXTINGUISH THEIR FLAMES, AND THEY HAVE NO SWEAT GLANDS TO HELP THEM WITHSTAND TEMPERATURES ABOVE 90° F.



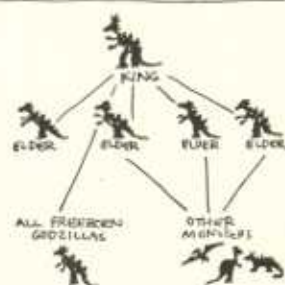
2 THE EMPIRE

THE MONSTERS' USE OF GIANT TAILS AND THEIR ABILITY TO BREATHE FIRE TERRORIZED HUMANOIDS INTO SUBMISSION.



THE MONSTERS ESTABLISHED A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY WITH A KING GODZILLA ANSWERING TO A COUNCIL OF ELDERS AND BEING REQUIRED TO CALL AN ASSEMBLY OF ALL FREEBORN GODZILLAS ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS TO REAFFIRM HIS POSITION AS RIGHTFUL KING.

THE REST OF THE TIME HE ATE FISH.



AT THE EMPIRE'S HEIGHT, THERE WAS A TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 25,000 MONSTERS.



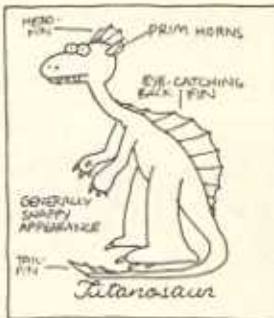
THEIR SOCIAL STRUCTURE WAS BASED ON INTELLIGENCE. GODZILLAS, WITH AN AVERAGE I.Q. OF 165, WERE NATURALLY AT THE TOP.



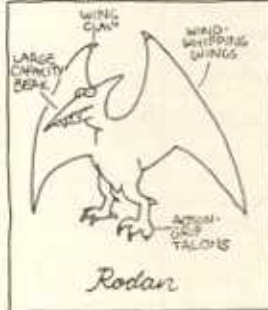
THEY FUNCTIONED AS RULERS AND WARRIORS.



TITANOSAURS, WITH AN AVERAGE I.Q. OF 135, FUNCTIONED AS CIVIL SERVANTS.



RODANS SERVED AS THE MONSTERS' AIR FORCE AND POSTAL SYSTEM.



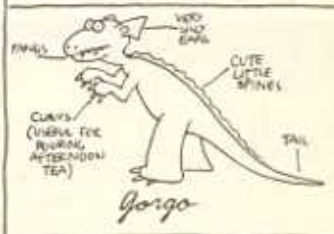
MOTHRAS WERE CONSIDERED TOO STUPID AND POLITICALLY UNRELIABLE TO DO MORE THAN LIGHT MESSENGER DUTIES.



HUMANIDS WERE USED SOLELY FOR SLAVE LABOUR, ESPECIALLY FOR CONSTRUCTION ON TEMPLES HONORING THE GIANT FISH GOD (WHICH ALL MONSTERS WORSHIPPED).



MANY OTHER MONSTERS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PREHISTORIC EMPIRE AMONG THEM WERE...

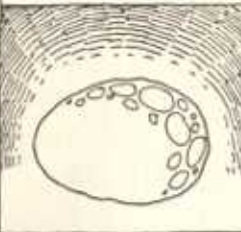


4 AGE OF THE GREAT SLEEP

THE AGE OF THE GREAT SLEEP (1498 B.C.-1945 A.D.) WAS A PERIOD OF DORMANCY DURING WHICH THE MONSTERS LICKED THEIR WOUNDS....



...REPRODUCED (ONE NEW GENERATION EVERY 500 YEARS)...



...AND ATE FISH.



PAINFUL MEMORIES OF THE HORRIBLE BATTLE OF MONSTERS LED TO POLITICAL APATHY.



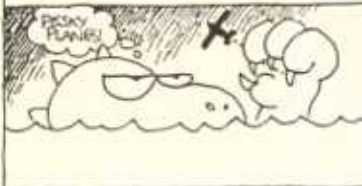
IN THE LATER DAYS OF THE GREAT SLEEP, THE MONSTERS TURNED THEIR ATTENTIONS TOWARD LIGHTER MATTERS. THE TRADITIONAL MATING RITUAL OF GODELLAS (GIVING BOX OF ZINC AND BOUQUET OF FISH) WAS ESTABLISHED.



BUT, IN THE 1900'S, THE MONSTERS BECAME INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE HUMANOID.



THE MONSTERS WERE ANNOYED BY THE HUMANOID'S GROWING DOMINATION OF THE SKIES AND THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND IN THE SEA OF JAPAN.



THE MONSTERS AND HUMANOID MADE FRUITLESS ATTEMPTS AT NEGOTIATIONS, IN WHICH THE JAPANESE TRIED TO TRADE RIGHTS TO THE ZINC DEPOSITS IN RETURN FOR THE MONSTERS' HELP AGAINST THE U.S. IN WORLD WAR II. THERE FOLLOWED...

5 THE AGE OF THE BIG STOMP

1945-1979

THE AGE OF THE BIG STOMP WAS A PERIOD OF WARS BETWEEN HUMANOID AND THE MONSTERS.



MANY EVENTS LED TO DETERIORATING RELATIONS BETWEEN MONSTERS AND HUMANOID. FIRST A TITANOSAUR STEPPED ON AN UNEXPLODED MINE IN THE SEA OF JAPAN IN 1946.



THIS DIPLOMATIC CRISIS WAS REFERRED TO THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL, WITHOUT ANYTHING BEING RESOLVED.



IN 1951, A RODAN CLASHED WITH 6 RUSSIAN MIG JETS OVER KOREAN AIR SPACE, WHICH CAUSED THE LOSS OF 2 RUSSIAN MIG JETS.



GODZILLA HUNTING WAS ALSO PRACTICED DURING THE 50'S, WHICH GREATLY ANNOYED MANY OF THE MONSTERS



THE MONSTERS WERE HUNTED BECAUSE ONE HIDE CONTAINED ENOUGH PLASTIC TO PROVIDE A SMALL TOWN WITH BAGGIES FOR 100 YEARS.



THE SHORTAGE OF ZINC LED TO MORE TENSIONS AMONG GODZILLAS, AS ACCORDING TO TRADITIONAL MATING CUSTOMS, A GODZILLA WITHOUT A COAT OF ZINC COULDN'T GET A DATE.



BUT THE MONSTERS' ANGER REACHED A PEAK WHEN SHOCK WAVES OF NUCLEAR BLASTS ON THE BIKINI ISLANDS WERE TRANSMITTED THROUGH A CRACK IN THE EARTH TO MONSTER ISLAND (A FEW MILES OFF THE COAST OF JAPAN.)



DUE TO BRILLIANT EFFORTS OF JAPANESE DIPLOMATS TO SPLIT RANKS OF MONSTERS, (WHO HAVE NEVER LEARNED TO WORK TOGETHER AGAINST JAPAN), THE TENSIONS BETWEEN HUMANOIDS AND MONSTERS WERE NOT SETTLED ALL AT ONCE, BUT IN A SERIES OF SMALL BATTLES.

1954 SAW THE FIRST BATTLE OF TOKYO. IT BEGAN WHEN THE EMBASSY OF THREE GODZILLAS IN TOKYO HARBOR WAS ATTACKED BY THE JAPANESE AIR FORCE.



THE ANGERED GODZILLAS QUICKLY MADE PLANS TO ATTACK TOKYO. THEY COUNTED ON THEIR SIZE, STRENGTH, AND SUPERIOR TACTICS.



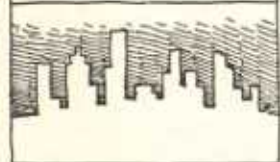
THEN THE GODZILLAS ATTACKED AND FOUGHT A THREE DAY BATTLE IN TOKYO.



TOKYO WAS LEVELLED BY FIRE AND TAIL.



FORTUNATELY, THE NEAR-BY CITY OF OSAKA MANUFACTURED PRE-FAB SKY-SCRAPERS, SO TOKYO WAS REBUILT WITHIN A FEW MONTHS.



THIS WAS NOT THE END OF THE MONSTERS' THREATS, BY ANY MEANS. IN 1956, A RODAN HAD A NEAR COLLISION WITH AN AIRLINER.



THE RODAN, ANGERED, ATTACKED TOKYO. (THIS WAS THE SECOND BATTLE OF TOKYO)



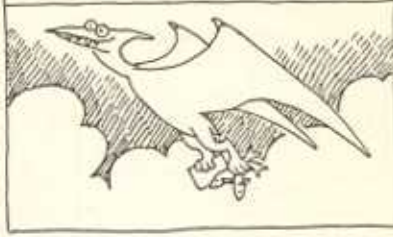
TOKYO WAS LEVELLED BY THE GALE FORCE WINDS WHIPPED UP BY THE RODAN'S 400 FOOT WINGSPAN.



THE RODAN THEN THREATENED TO MOVE AGAINST OSAKA.



THE HUMANIDS RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO PAY A TRIBUTE OF ZINC AND FISH IN RETURN FOR PEACE.



THE THIRD BATTLE OF TOKYO WAS CAUSED BY TWO GODZILLAS.



THE GODZILLAS, BEING SENSITIVE INDIVIDUALS, BECAME OUTRAGED AT 20TH CENTURY POLLUTION.



TO PROMOTE WORLD UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PROBLEM, THEY LEVELLED TOKYO.



THE HUMANIDS INVENTED THE FIRST SONIC PHASER, IN HOPES THAT IT WOULD END THE WAR.



IT WAS ERECTED ON A MOUNTAIN NEAR OSAKA AND AIMED AT THE APPROACHING GODZILLAS.



THE BEAM FROM THE PHASER HIT ONE OF THE GODZILLA'S EARDRUMS...



WHICH DESTROYED HIS BALANCE...



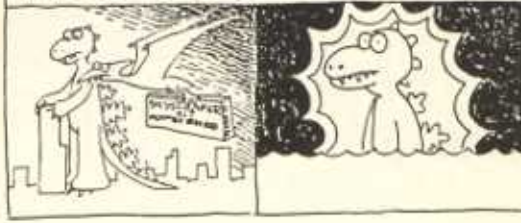
...MAKING HIM FALL TO HIS DEATH.



THE OTHER GODZILLA NEGOTIATED WITH THE HUMANIDS FOR PEACE.



IN THIS NEGOTIATED PEACE, THE MONSTERS AGREED TO HELP REBUILD TOKYO IN RETURN FOR A STEADY ZINC SUPPLY AND A PROMISE NOT TO POLLUTE THE OCEANS.



MEANWHILE, ON A REMOTE ISLAND, THE FIRST BABY GODZILLA (OR MINYA) IN TWO THOUSAND YEARS WAS HATCHING.



LITTLE DID IT KNOW THAT A SPIEGA (GIANT SPIDER) WAS PREPARED TO ATTACK IT.



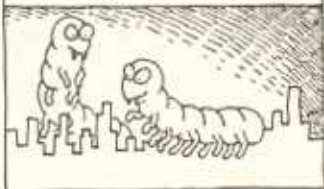
FORTUNATELY, IT WAS SAVED BY A COURAGEOUS BAND OF SCIENTISTS, WHO THOUGHT IT WAS A GIANT GREEN PUPPY.



THE EFFORTS OF THESE SCIENTISTS EARNED THE HUMANOIDS THE LASTING GRATITUDE OF THE GODZILLAS AND AN ALLIANCE WITH JAPAN WHICH HAS PROTECTED IT SINCE 1961.



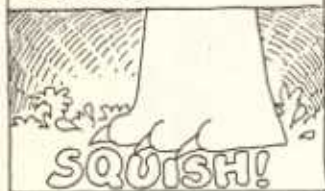
BUT OTHER MONSTERS WERE STILL AGGRESSIVE TOWARD JAPAN. IN 1964, TWO PUPAESAUROSES (BABY MOTHAS) ATTACKED JAPAN.



THE HUMANOIDS CALLED TO A GODZILLA FOR HELP.



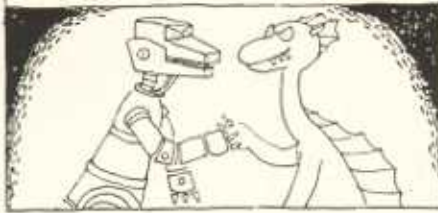
THERE FOLLOWED AN EPIC FIGHT (THE FOURTH BATTLE OF TOKYO) IN WHICH THE PUPAESAUROSES WERE DESTROYED.



JAPAN WAS SAVED, BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, TOKYO WAS LEVELLED.



1974 SAW THE LAST WAR OF THE MONSTERS (WE HOPE). A TITANOSAUR MADE AN ALLIANCE WITH THE LAST MECHAGODZILLA.



THE PAIR BEGAN MEN-AGING A BENIGN GODZILLA.



THE GODZILLA CALLED FOR HELP TO THE HUMANOIDS, WHO INVENTED THE ULTRA-SONIC TRANSMITTER TO ANNOY THE TITANOSAUR.



AIRPLANES WERE SENT TO DISTRACT THE MECHAGODZILLA. YET ANOTHER EPIC BATTLE WAS FOUGHT, IN WHICH THE LAST OF THE MECHAGODZILLAS WAS DESTROYED.



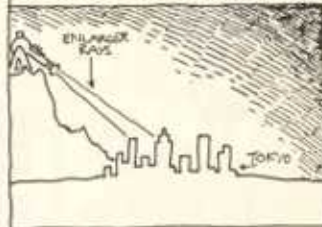
THE GODZILLA THEN DISPOSED OF THE REMAINS BY FLINGING IT INTO SPACE BY THE TAIL.



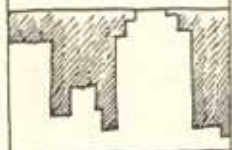
TOKYO, AGAIN, WAS LEVELLED. RATHER THAN REBUILDING IT WITH TRADITIONAL PRE-FAB SKYSCRAPERS, A MINIATURE TOKYO WAS BUILT AT OSAKA....



PLACED IN THE MIDDLE OF OLD TOKYO, AND EXPOSED TO ENLARGER RAYS.



UNFORTUNATELY, THE EXPERIMENT GOT OUT OF CONTROL, AND TOKYO WAS ENLARGED TO THREE TIMES ITS NORMAL SIZE.



THIS LED TO CHAOS, AS NOBODY COULD REACH THE HANDLES OF DOORS TO GET INTO THE BUILDINGS.

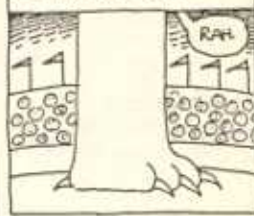


AS A RESULT, THE HUMANIDS HAD TO CALL BACK THE GODZILLAS TO RE-LEVEL TOKYO.



TODAY

TODAY, MONSTERS ARE STILL TRYING TO ADJUST TO TWENTIETH-CENTURY LIVING.



RACIAL TENSIONS EXIST BETWEEN HUMANIDS AND MONSTERS.



SOME MONSTERS STILL REFUSE TO LIVE PEACEFULLY WITH HUMANIDS. MOTHRA, FOR EXAMPLE, CONTINUALLY ATTACK CLOTHING STORES AND TEXTILE MILLS.



MANY FILMS HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THE MONSTERS WITH GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT MONSTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN EXPLOITED BY MOVIES AND TV SHOWS.



YET THE FUTURE MAY SEE ANOTHER WAR BETWEEN HUMANIDS AND MONSTERS. ZINC CAN NO LONGER BE FOUND IN JAPAN DUE TO THE MONSTERS, AND IS GROWING SCARCER IN THE REST OF THE WORLD AS WELL.

Copper 63.54	Zinc 65.37	Gallium 69.72
Cu	Zn	Ga
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IN ADDITION, A NEW GENERATION OF MONSTERS IS EXPECTED TO HATCH IN 1994.



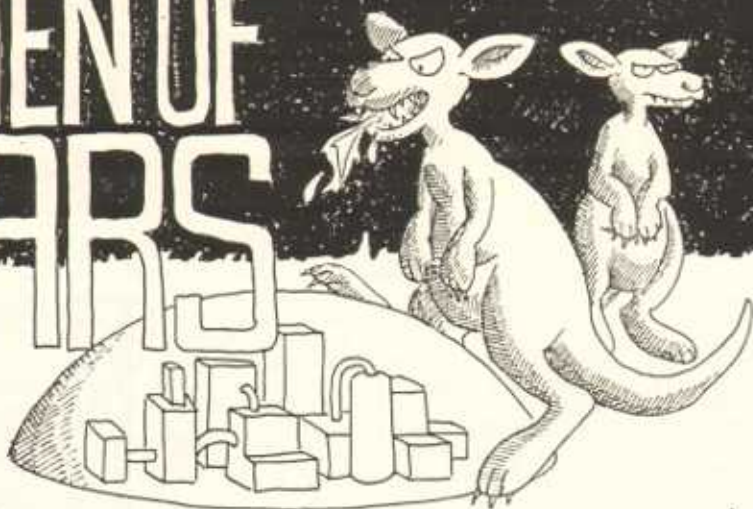
WHILE BABY GODZILLAS MAY LOOK LIKE GIANT GREEN PUPPIES, THEY STILL EAT 25,000 FISH A DAY. THINK ABOUT IT.



THE END

B-MEN OF MARS

THRILL
AS A CHEESE
PROCESSING
PLANT ON
MARS IS
ATTACKED BY
GIANT RED FIRE-
BREATHING KANGAROOS!



KUNG-FU COWBOYS VS. THE FIRE LIZARD

SEE!
KUNG-FU
ACTION!
WILD WEST
EXCITEMENT!
GIANT MONSTER
THRILLS!

COMING
SOON!



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