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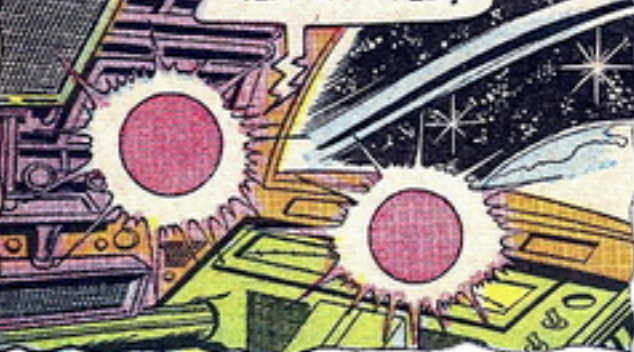
ALL THEY NEED NOW IS A TOP HAT TO GIVE THEM THE FINISHING TOUCH!

LET'S GO FIND SOME--THEN THROW SNOWBALLS AT THEM!



"WE JOURNEYED FROM OUR PLANET PLUTO TO MAKE EARTH OUR NEW COLONY..."

THE EARTH WORLD IS TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN FOR US TO LIVE COMFORTABLY IN ITS WARMTH! WE ARE USED TO MUCH COLDER TEMPERATURES!



"JUST AS A DEEP SEA DIVER PAUSES WHEN RIDING TO THE SURFACE TO ACCUSTOM HIS BODY TO CHANGES IN PRESSURE, SO MUST WE ACCLIMATE OURSELVES TO THIS CHANGE IN PLANETARY TEMPERATURE..."

A FEW MORE HOURS--AND WE SHALL STRIKE!



WHEN THE SNOWBALLS HURTLE THROUGH THE AIR, A TELEPATHIC CONVERSATION PASSES BETWEEN THE SNOWMEN...

LET THESE EARTH CREATURES HAVE THEIR FUN--FOR NOW!

YES! SOON THEIR WORLD WILL BELONG TO US!



"AFTER LANDING SECRETLY ON EARTH, WE CONCEALED OUR SPACESHIP--AND BEGAN THE FIRST PHASE OF OUR PLANETARY CONQUEST..."

WE CAUSED THIS SNOW TO FALL, INTENDING TO USE IT AS A PROTECTIVE MANTLE AGAINST THIS PLANET'S HEAT! BUT THE SNOWMEN THOSE EARTH-CREATURES ARE BUILDING SUGGEST A BETTER IDEA--

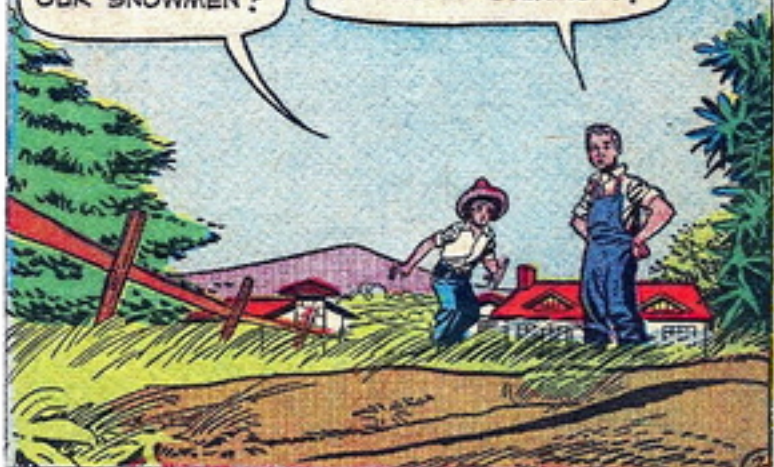
YES! THEY MAKE GOOD DISGUISES, AND ARE COLD TOO! LET US ENTER THEM!



IN THE MORNING...

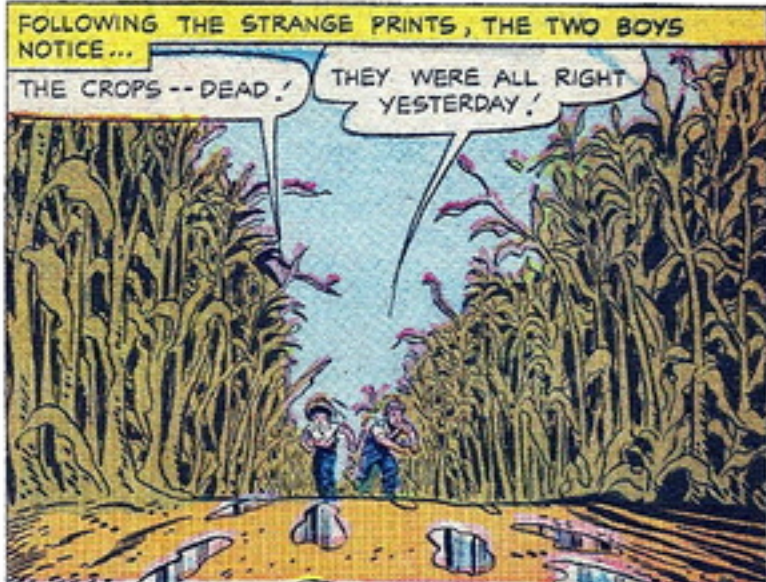
HEY--WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR SNOWMEN?

THE SNOW ON THE GROUND IS GONE TOO! MAYBE IT MELTED OVERNIGHT!

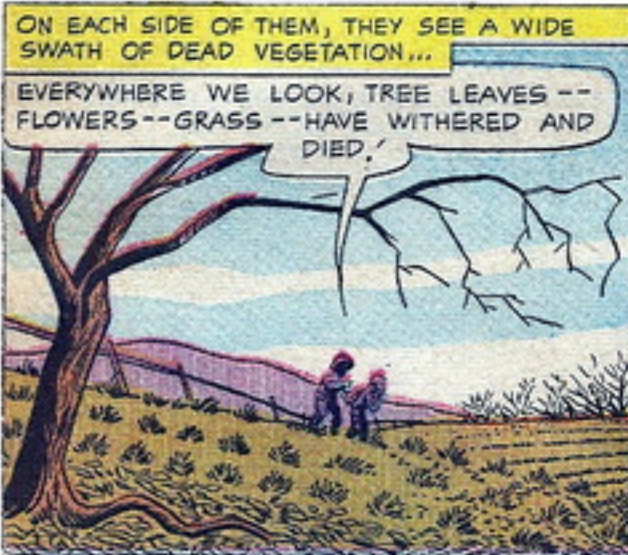




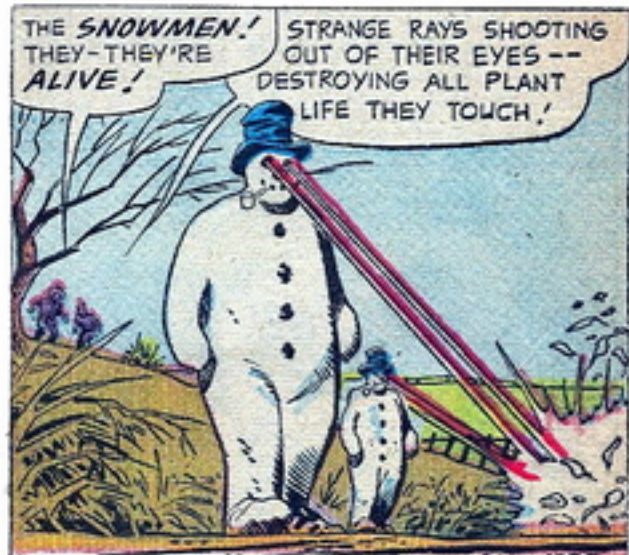
LOOK! FOOTPRINTS! JUST LIKE THE PRINTS A SNOW-MAN MIGHT MAKE, IF HE WERE **ALIVE!** LET'S SEE WHERE THEY LEAD TO!



FOLLOWING THE STRANGE PRINTS, THE TWO BOYS NOTICE... THE CROPS -- DEAD! THEY WERE ALL RIGHT YESTERDAY!



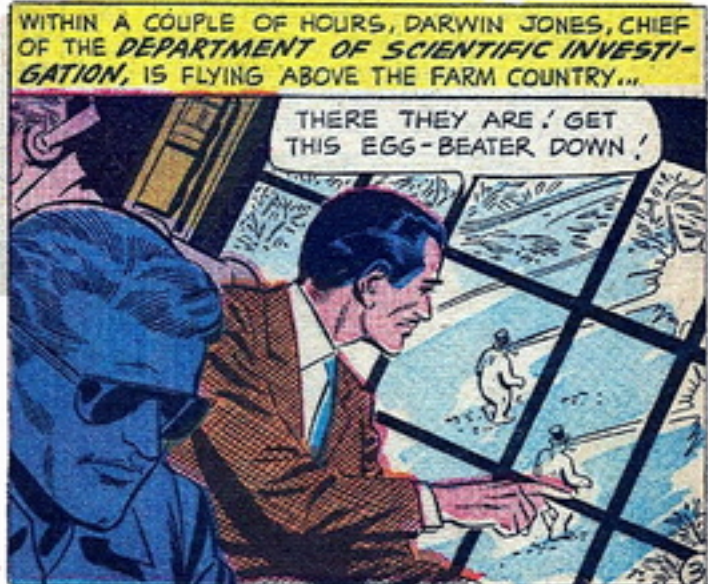
ON EACH SIDE OF THEM, THEY SEE A WIDE SWATH OF DEAD VEGETATION... EVERYWHERE WE LOOK, TREE LEAVES -- FLOWERS -- GRASS -- HAVE WITHERED AND DIED!



THE **SNOWMEN!** THEY-THEY'RE **ALIVE!** STRANGE RAYS SHOOTING OUT OF THEIR EYES -- DESTROYING ALL PLANT LIFE THEY TOUCH!



RUNNING HOME, THE BOYS TELL THEIR STRANGE STORY... IT SOUNDS UNBELIEVABLE, DAD, BUT WE **SAW** IT HAPPEN! I'LL CHECK FOR MYSELF -- THEN CALL WASHINGTON!



WITHIN A COUPLE OF HOURS, DARWIN JONES, CHIEF OF THE *DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION*, IS FLYING ABOVE THE FARM COUNTRY... THERE THEY ARE! GET THIS EGG-BEATER DOWN!

MOMENTS LATER, THE OSI MAN CONFRONTS THE SNOWMEN...

WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT DO YOU
WANT?

WE ARE ENERGY BEINGS
FROM THE PLANET PLUTO!
WE ARE TAKING OVER
YOUR PLANET AS ONE
OF OUR COLONIES!
THERE IS NOTHING YOU
CAN DO TO STOP US!



EARTH PLANTS ABSORB CARBON
DIOXIDE IN AIR, AND GIVE OFF
OXYGEN! DESTROYING YOUR VEGETABLE
KINGDOM WILL LEAD TO A FATAL IN-
CREASE OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE
ATMOSPHERE...



DO YOU THINK
WE'LL STAND
IDLY BY AND
LET YOU TAKE
OVER OUR
WORLD?

YOU CAN'T STOP US!
WE ARE INDESTRUCTIBLE!
EVERY TIME YOU EARTH-
MEN BREATHE--YOU ARE
DESTROYING YOURSELVES!



IS THAT WHY YOU'RE
DESTROYING OUR
PLANTS -- TO STARVE
US INTO SUBMISSION?

OUR PLAN OF CONQUEST
SERVES A DOUBLE
PURPOSE! NOT ONLY
WILL IT DESTROY ALL
EARTH-LIFE--BUT
MAKE THIS PLANET
COLD ENOUGH FOR
US TO LIVE ON!



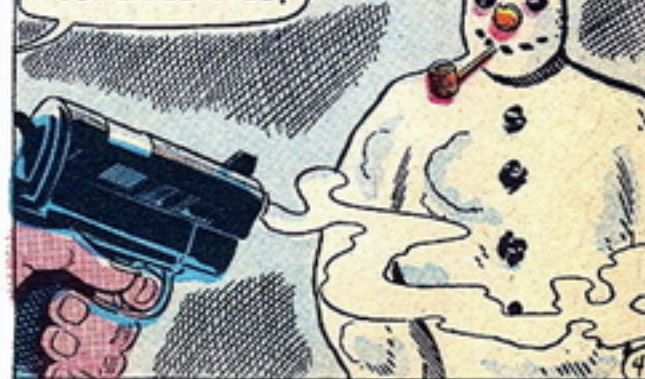
"YOU EARTH PEOPLE INHALE OXYGEN, AND EXHALE
CARBON DIOXIDE! SINCE CARBON DIOXIDE IS OPAQUE
TO HEAT, THE HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE
WILL PREVENT THE SUN'S RAYS FROM REACHING
EARTH--AND BRING ABOUT AN ICE AGE!"



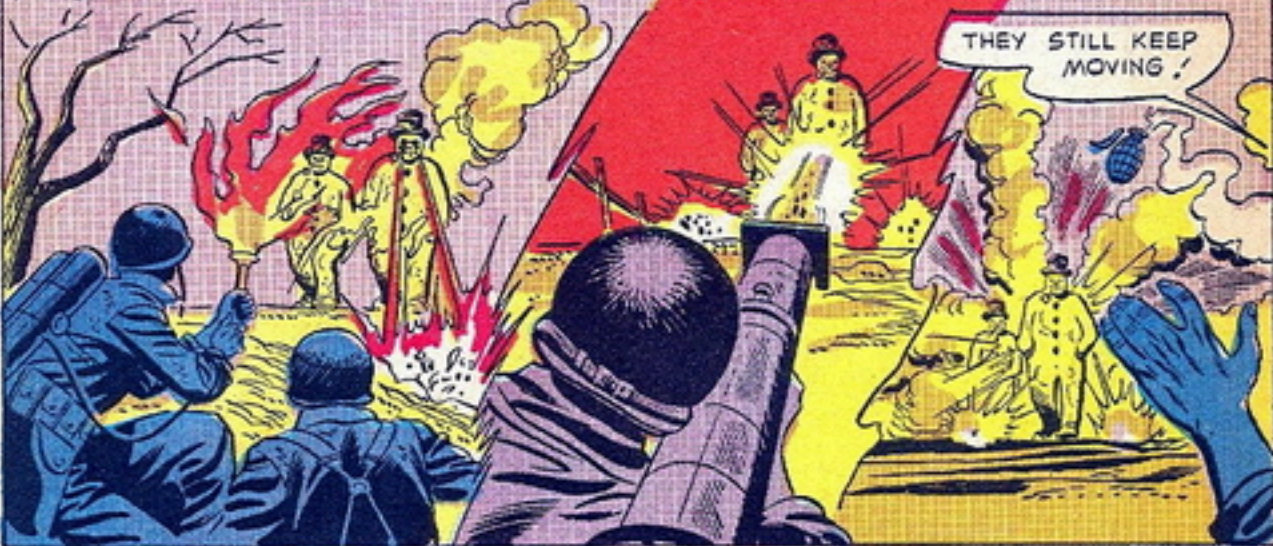
*EDITOR'S NOTE: ACCORDING TO ONE SCIENTIFIC THEORY,
EARTH'S PAST ICE AGES WERE CAUSED BY AN INCREASE
OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE ATMOSPHERE!

DARWIN JONES FIRES BULLETS AT THE SNOWMEN,
ONLY TO SEE THE BULLET HOLES INSTANTLY
SEAL UP!...

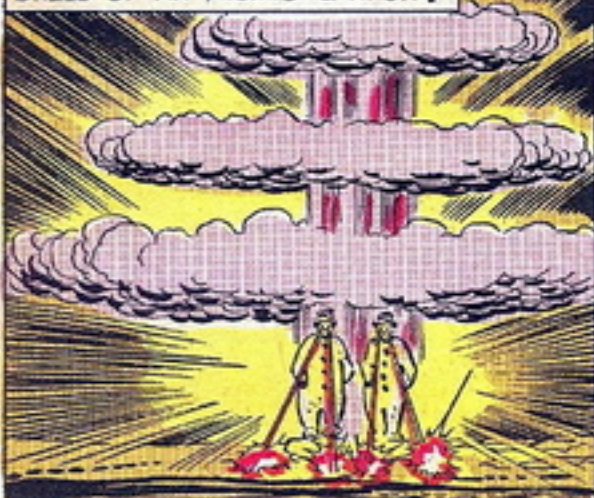
THIS WEAPON
FAILED--BUT WE HAVE
OTHERS--MORE
POWERFUL ONES!



A TOP PRIORITY CALL BRINGS FLAME-THROWERS, BAZOOKAS, AND HAND GRENADES!



AMAZINGLY, THEY SURVIVE THE EXPLODING SHELL OF AN ATOMIC CANNON!



WE'VE BEEN USING *HEAT* ON THEM! FIGHTING COLD WITH HEAT IS NORMAL! BUT WHEN THE NORMAL DOESN'T WORK-- WE MUST TRY THE *ABNORMAL*! WE'LL FIGHT COLD WITH *COLD*--THE UTTER COLD OF ABSOLUTE ZERO!



AT AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE FINEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS IN THE COUNTRY...

GENTLEMEN, WE MUST FACE FACTS! THOSE SNOWMEN *CANNOT* BE DESTROYED!

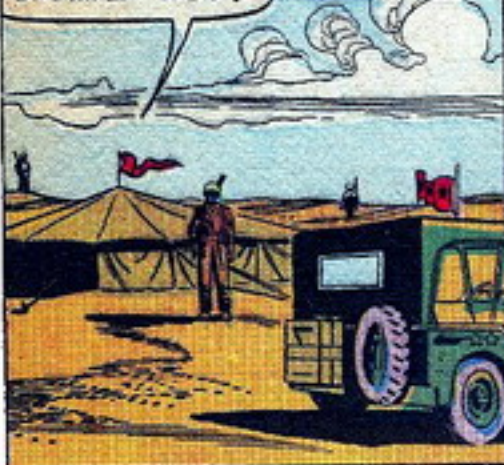
PARDON ME, SIR! I THINK THEY CAN! WE'VE FAILED BECAUSE WE USED THE *WRONG* LINE OF ATTACK!



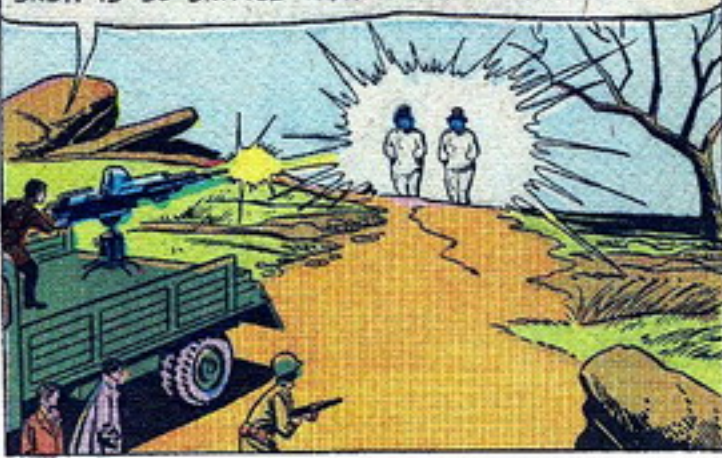
THIS IS A NEW DEVICE THAT ARRESTS THE MOVEMENT OF ATOMS! HEAT IS THE RESULT OF THE KINETIC ENERGY OF ATOMIC MOTION! WITHOUT ATOMIC MOTION, THERE CAN BE NO HEAT--ONLY ABSOLUTE ZERO COLD--MINUS 273.18° CENTIGRADE!



NO LIFE CAN LIVE IN AN ABSOLUTE ZERO TEMPERATURE! WITH THIS WEAPON WE CAN FREEZE THOSE SNOWMEN RIGID!



THE SCIENTIFIC MACHINE GOES INTO ACTION! AT THE FIRST BLAST-- THEY'RE IMPRISONED INSIDE THE ABSOLUTE ZERO SNOW! AT THAT TEMPERATURE, THE SNOW IS SO BRITTLE THAT IF I TAP IT WITH A STICK...



THE SNOW-COVERING SHATTERS--AND EXPOSES OUR ENEMY! LISTEN TO ME, PLUTONIUMS--I HAVE RELEASED YOU SO THAT YOU MAY BRING BACK A WARNING TO YOUR PLANET!



STAY AWAY FROM EARTH! IF YOU DARE ATTACK US, WE HAVE THE PERFECT WEAPON TO DEFEAT YOU!

WE UNDERSTAND-- AND WE SHALL NEVER RETURN!

