

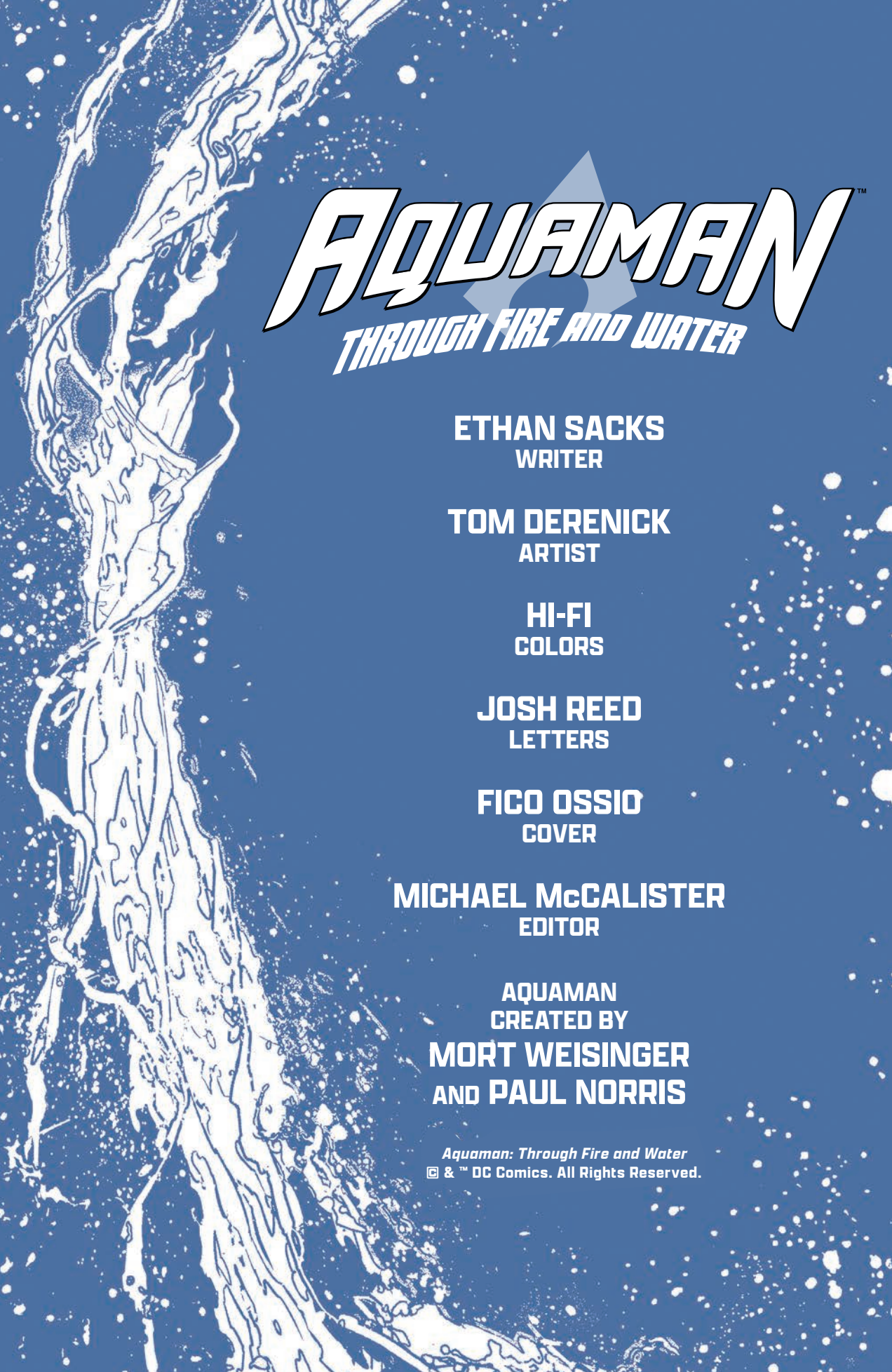
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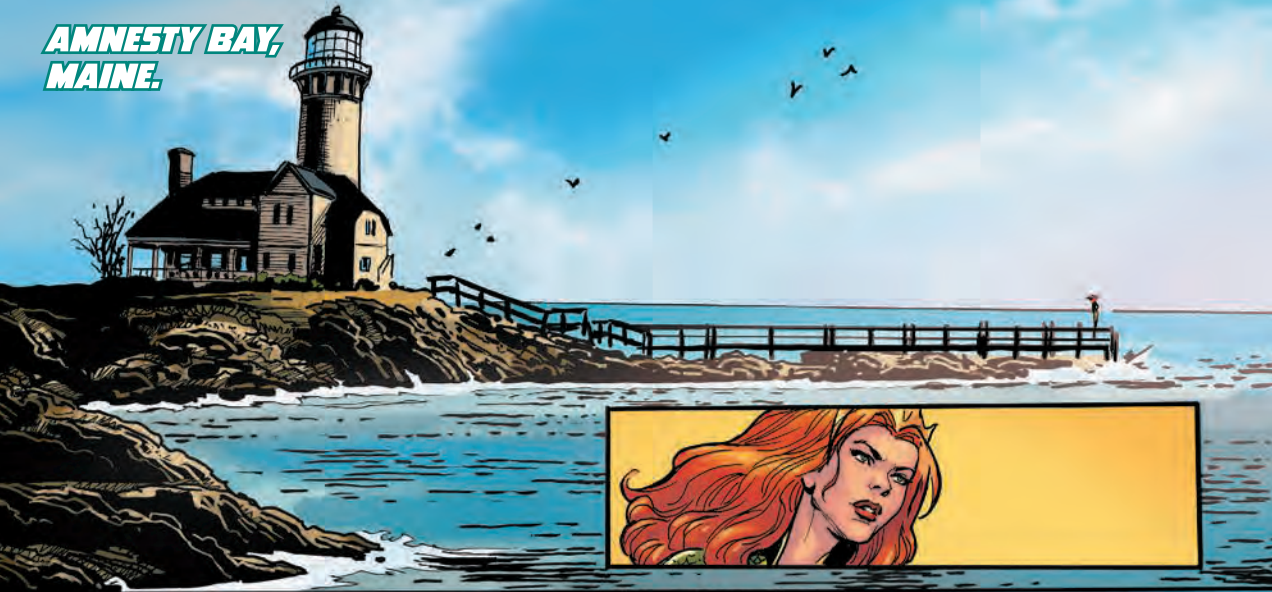
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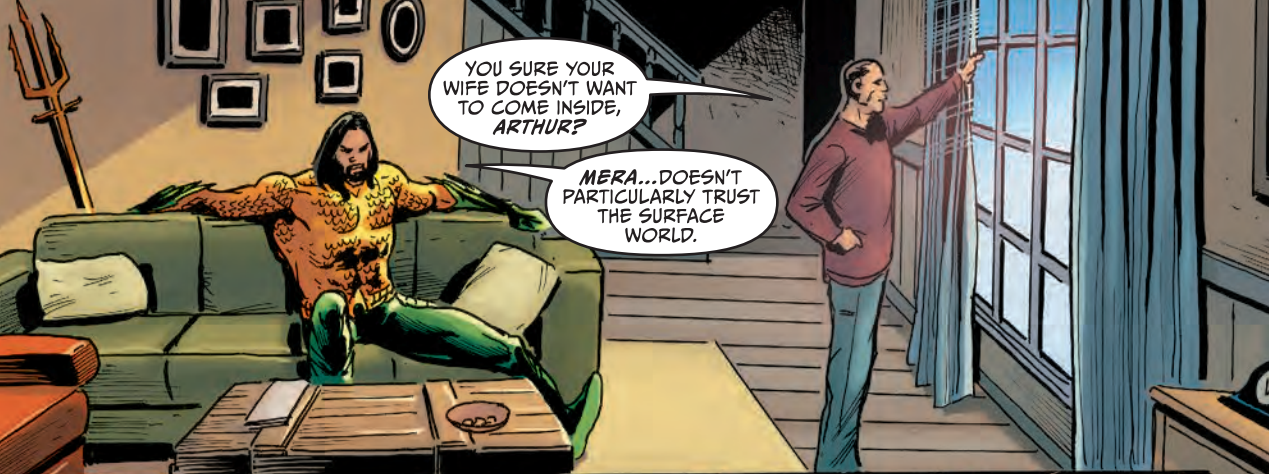
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AMNESTY BAY,  
MAINE.





YOU SURE YOUR WIFE DOESN'T WANT TO COME INSIDE, ARTHUR?

MERA...DOESN'T PARTICULARLY TRUST THE SURFACE WORLD.



CAN'T SAY I BLAME HER.

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING ELSE IS BOTHERING YOU, SON.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A KING OR A SUPERHERO AROUND ME.



THAT'S JUST IT: I DON'T FEEL LIKE I'M DOING GREAT AT EITHER.

I'M PULLED IN TWO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS--BETWEEN THE SURFACE AND THE DEEP.

AND IT'S A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE **BLACK MANTA** ATTACKS ONE OR THE OTHER TO GET AT ME.

MAYBE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE **SUCCEEDS**.



IF I HADN'T LEFT HIS FATHER BEHIND THAT DAY...

YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST. YOU CAN ONLY FOCUS ON--



--WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.



WHAT... WHAT WAS THAT?

NOTHING GOOD.

THAT BEER IS GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT.

**DUKESTON OIL OFFSHORE  
DRILLING PLATFORM.  
OFF THE COAST OF  
CENTRAL FLORIDA.**



SOMETHING **BIG** RAMMED ONE OF OUR  
SUPPORTS! THE RIG IS LOSING  
STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY!

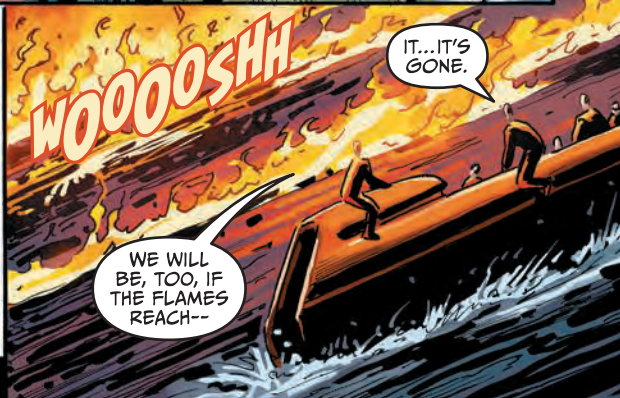
I'M AFRAID  
IT'S MUCH WORSE  
THAN THAT...

...THERE'S A MAJOR  
TEAR IN THE PIPELINE  
FROM THE IMPACT.

IF--IF THE PIPELINE  
BLOWS, THE **EXPLOSION**  
WILL TAKE OUT HALF THE  
EASTERN SEABOARD!

WE'VE GOT  
TO EVACUATE...  
**NOW!**



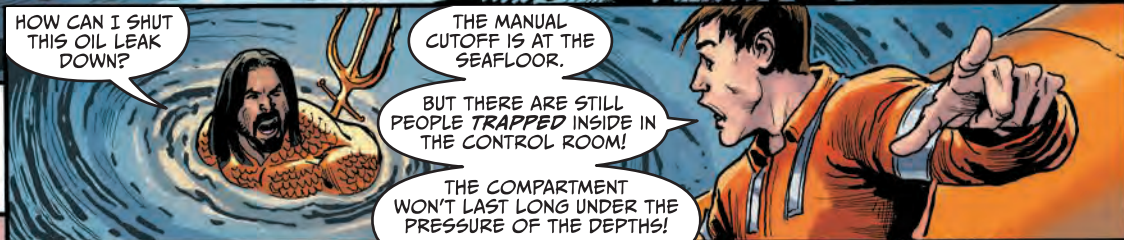




NAH...  
JUST ME.

**AQUAMAN!**

**FWOOSH!**



HOW CAN I SHUT  
THIS OIL LEAK  
DOWN?

THE MANUAL  
CUTOFF IS AT THE  
SEAFLOOR.

BUT THERE ARE STILL  
PEOPLE *TRAPPED* INSIDE IN  
THE CONTROL ROOM!

THE COMPARTMENT  
WON'T LAST LONG UNDER THE  
PRESSURE OF THE DEPTHS!



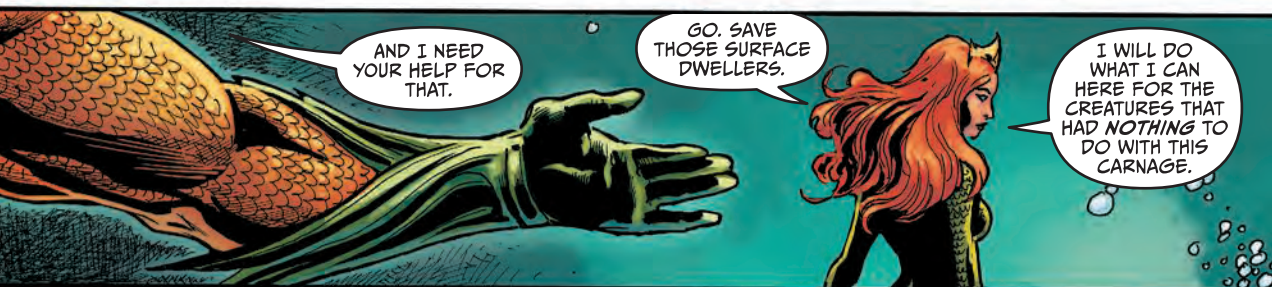
GOOD THING  
I THRIVE UNDER  
PRESSURE.

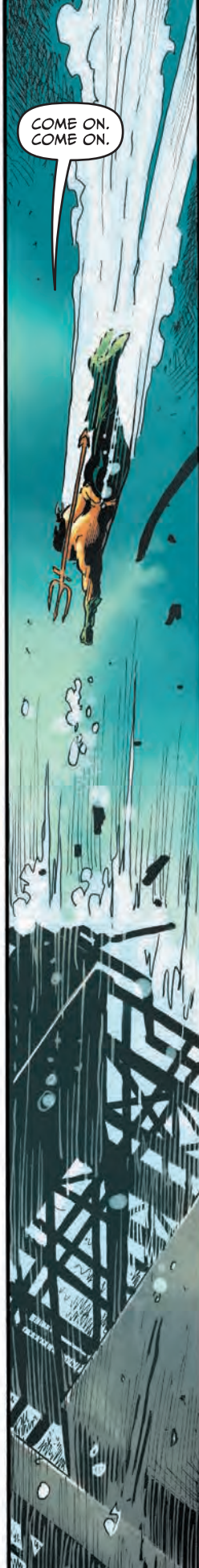


MERA,  
THERE ARE  
STILL WORKERS  
ON BOARD--



--LET THEM  
DROWN!





COME ON.  
COME ON.



ALMOST  
THERE.



UNGHHH.

VZZYUUUMMM



SO  
PREDICTABLE.



FIGURED  
YOU'D RUSH  
RIGHT IN TO TRY  
AND SAVE THE  
DAY.

EMPHASIS  
ON TRY.

YAAARRGGHHH!

SLLAAASHH

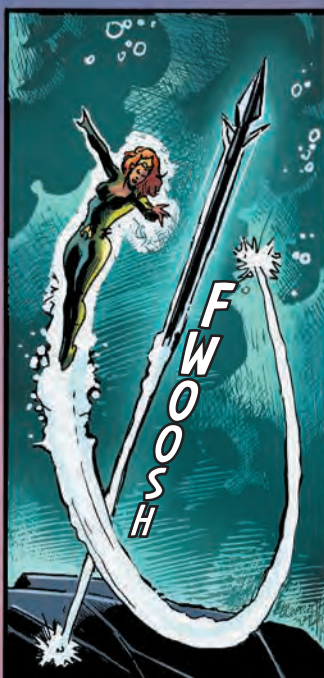
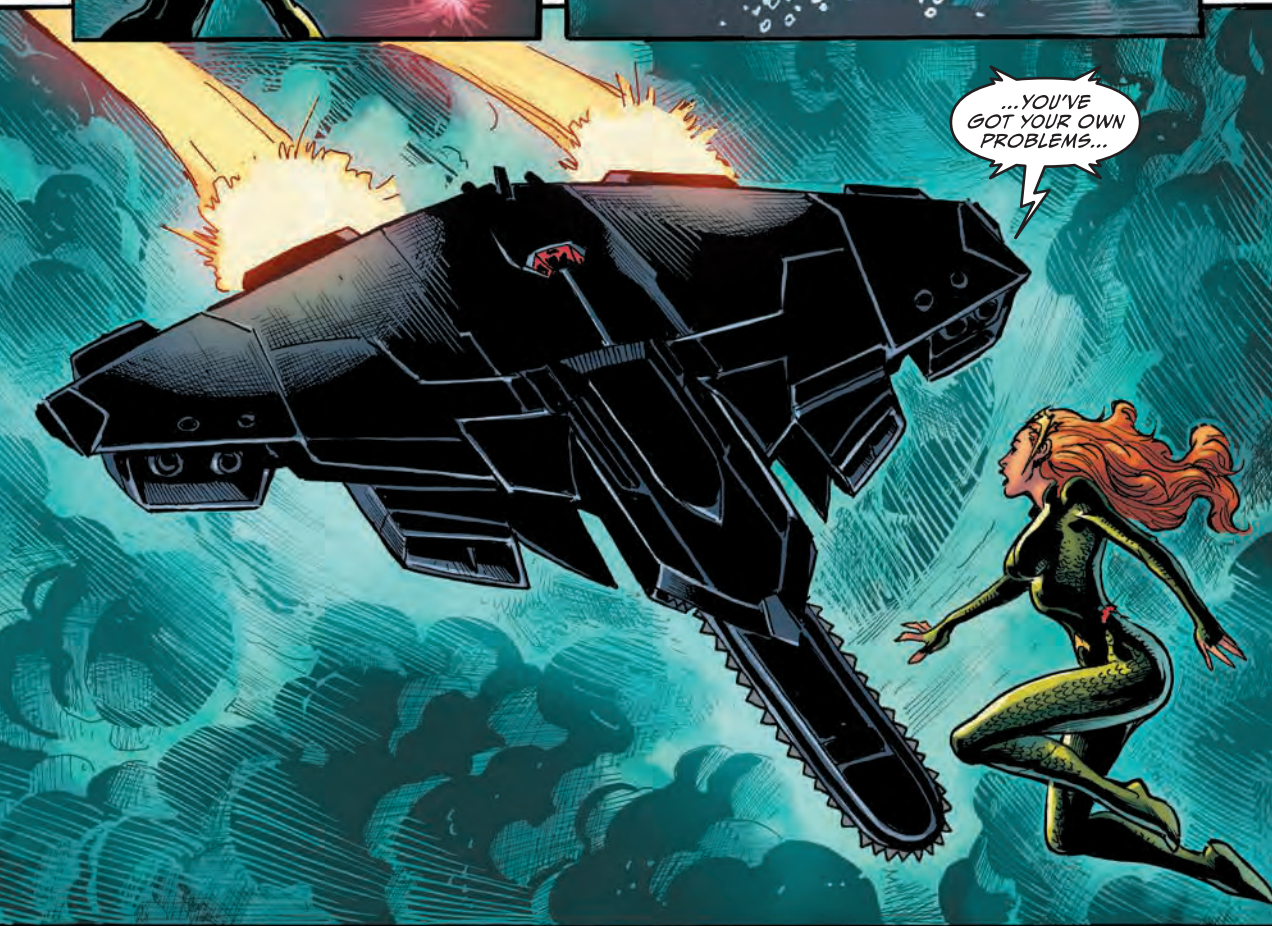


YOU...  
YOU CAUSED  
THIS?

WHAT HAVE  
YOU DONE? IF  
THE PIPELINE  
GOES...MILLIONS  
WILL DIE IN THE  
EXPLOSION!

TO GET  
REVENGE ON THE  
MAN WHO KILLED  
MY FATHER...

...I WOULD  
BURN DOWN  
EVERYTHING AND  
EVERYONE!



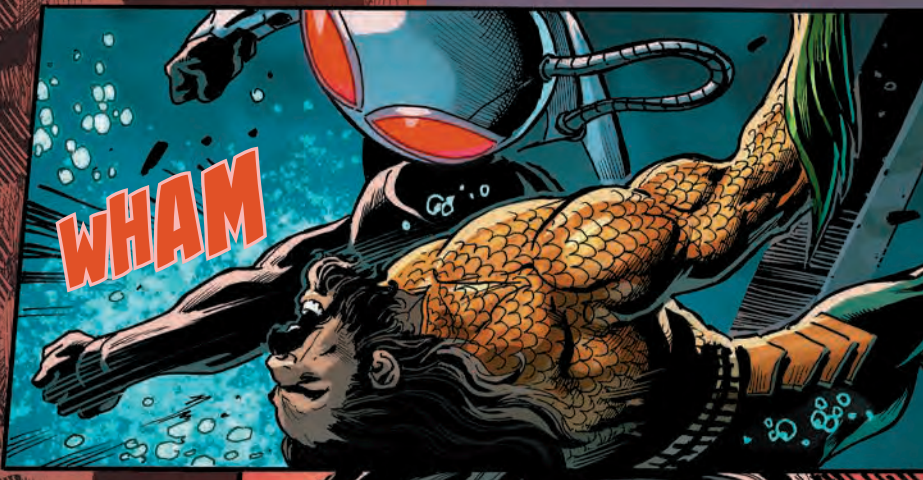
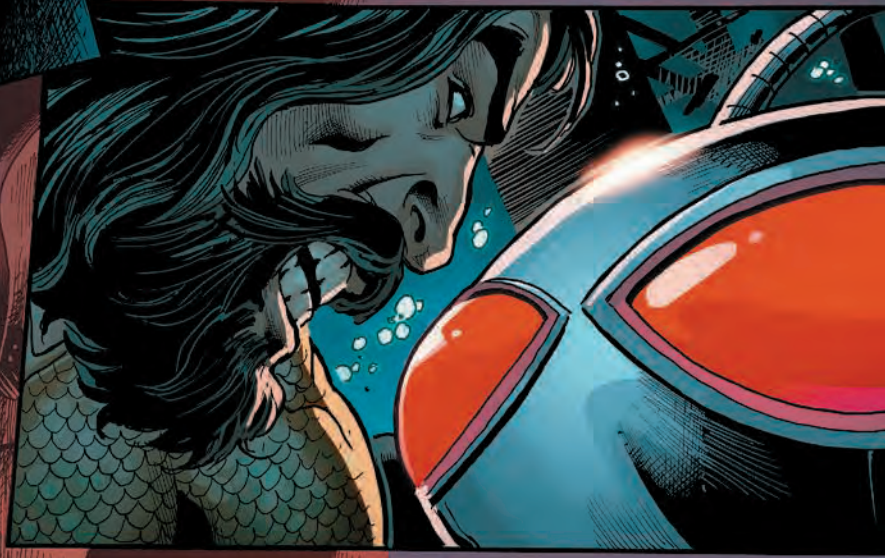




WHAM



CLANG



WHAM



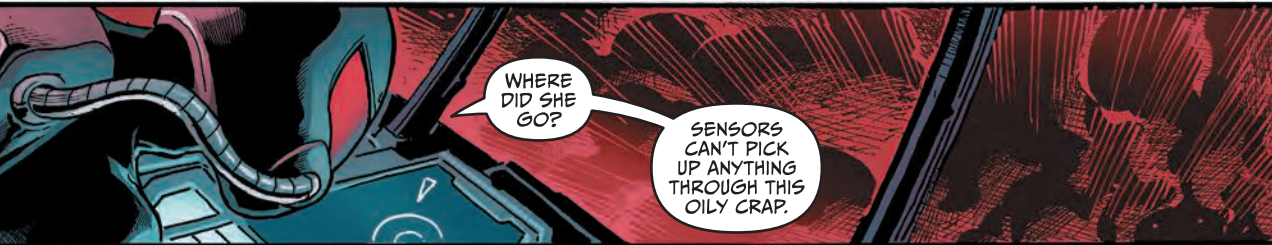
THE...  
THE GLASS  
IS NOT GOING  
TO HOLD MUCH  
LONGER!

CRACK





THAT'S RIGHT,  
JUST A LITTLE BIT  
CLOSER.



WHERE  
DID SHE  
GO?

SENSORS  
CAN'T PICK  
UP ANYTHING  
THROUGH THIS  
OILY CRAP.

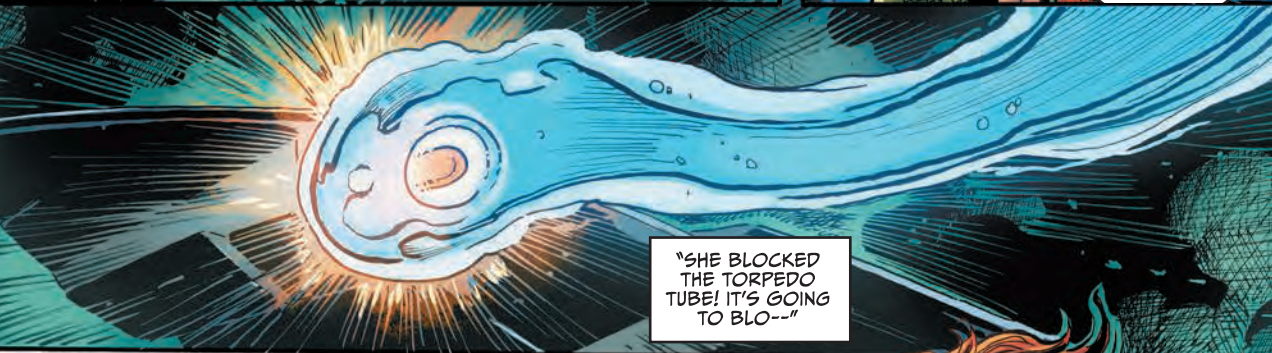


"THERE SHE IS!  
FIRE A TORPEDO!"



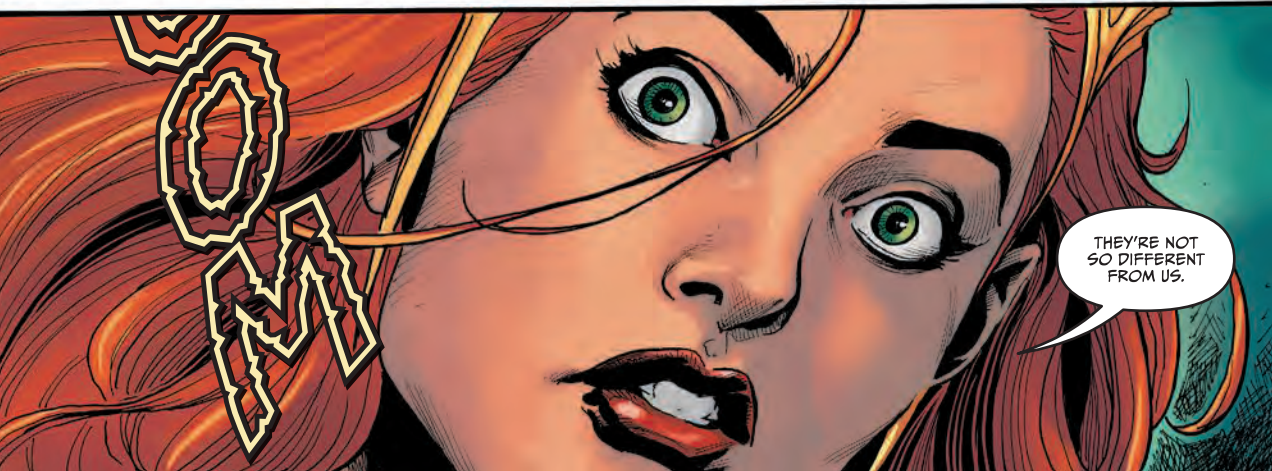
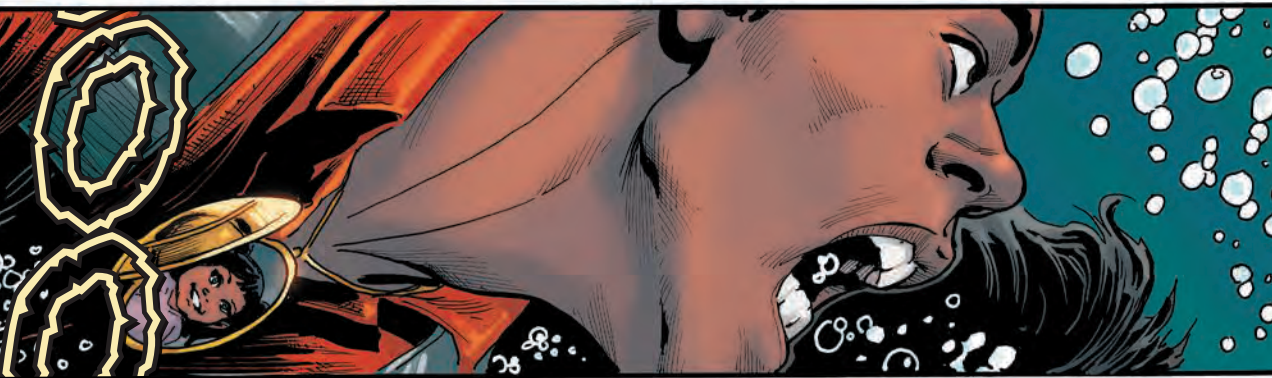
MANTA  
SURE  
DOESN'T  
PICK THE  
SMART  
ONES...

...DOES HE?

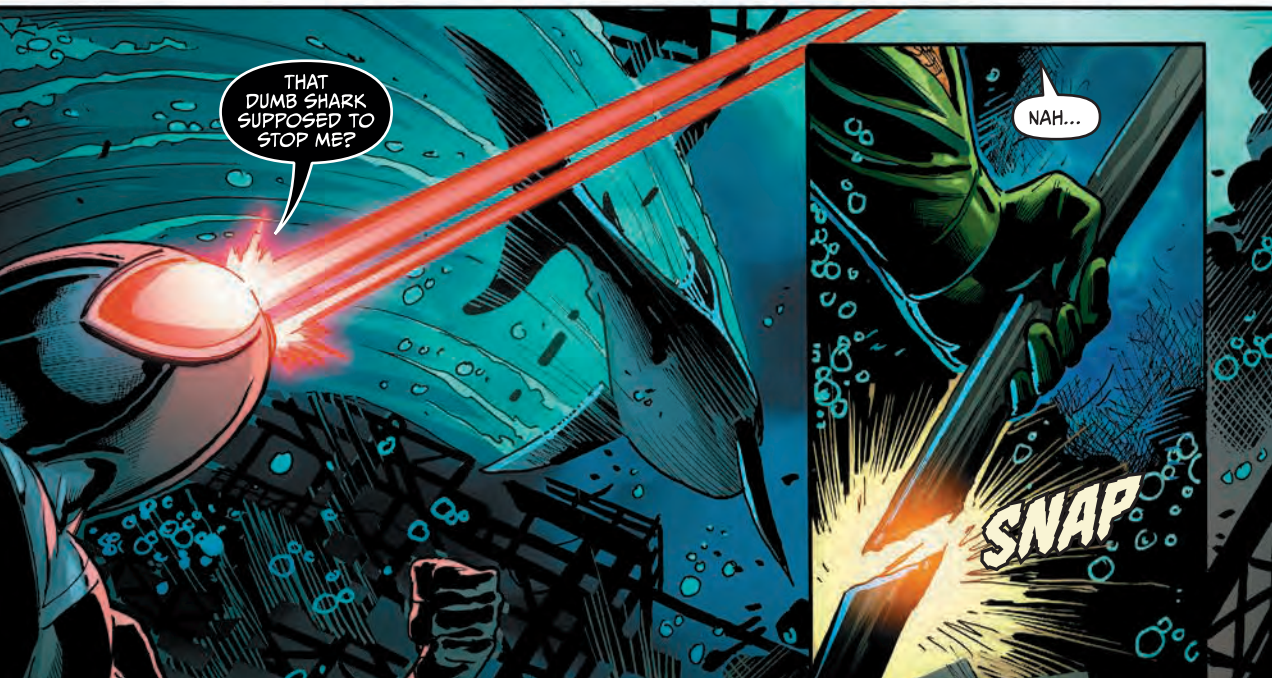
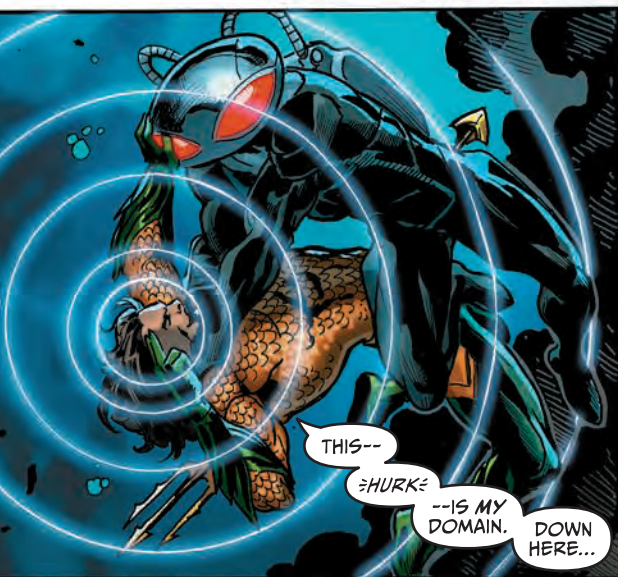


"SHE BLOCKED  
THE TORPEDO  
TUBE! IT'S GOING  
TO BLO--"



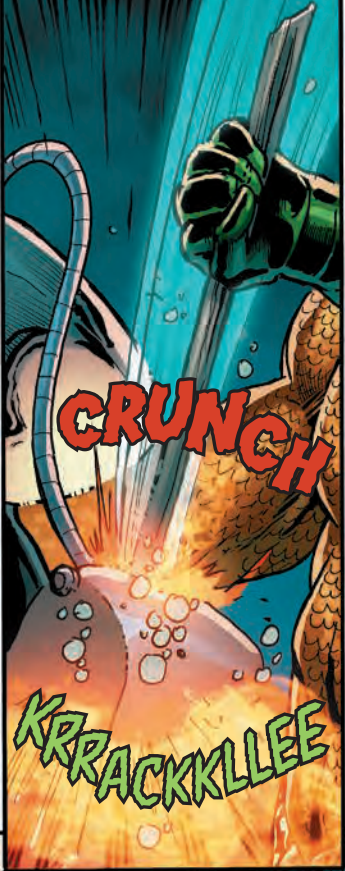


THEY'RE NOT  
SO DIFFERENT  
FROM US.





...SHE WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO DISTRACT YOU.



I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED... NOT LIKE THIS!

I WILL IGNITE THE PIPELINE AND--



YEAH...YOU WILL PRETTY MUCH BE DEFEATED *EXACTLY* LIKE THAT.



AAAAHHHHH!

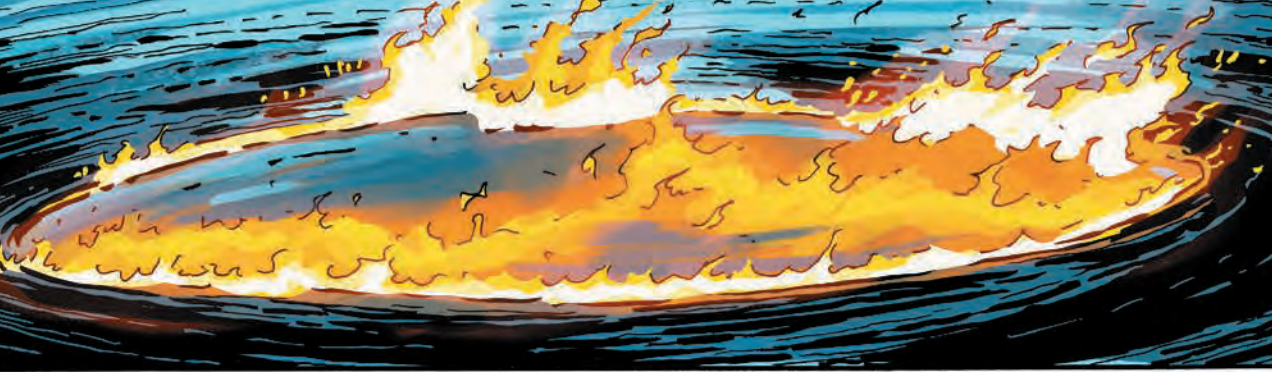
YOUR MALFUNCTIONING JET PACK WILL TAKE YOU OUT OF RANGE TO CAUSE ANY MORE DAMAGE.

NOW, IF YOU EXCUSE ME, I HAVE SOME PEOPLE TO SAVE.



THE GLASS IS SHATTERING! WE'RE DOOMED!







"YOUR BEER GOT WARM...BUT I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE A GOOD EXCUSE."

"JUST ANOTHER DAY AT WORK."



I WATCHED THE NEWS.

YOU AVERTED A MAJOR ECOLOGICAL DISASTER, FOUGHT OFF THE BAD GUYS, AND SAVED LIVES...

...AND YET YOU DON'T SEEM ALL THAT HAPPY.



BLACK MANTA WAS READY TO KILL MILLIONS JUST TO GET AT ME.

THAT MAKES ME RESPONSIBLE. IF I HAD SAVED HIS FATHER--



--TONIGHT, THERE WILL BE FATHERS WHO GO HOME TO THEIR CHILDREN.

BECAUSE OF US. BECAUSE OF YOU.



DOES THAT NOT CALL FOR A CELEBRATION EVEN WITH THIS... SWILL?

OOOH-- THIS CHAIR IS NICE.



I SUPPOSE IT DOES.



**THE END.**