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LOOK OUT KIDS!!! THIS COMIC HAS SOME MIGHTY BIG SEA CREATURES, AND YOU'RE IN THE SPLASH ZONE! SO PUT ON YOUR GOGGLES, SLIP ON YOUR FLIPPERS, AND JUMP INTO THE DEEP END WITH:

THE POSEIDON PATROL

JO*SEA OTTER, MIND READER AND GROUP LEADER!

GO-GON DUGONG, UNDERWATER TELEPORTER!

AND HE'S 100 TONS OF FUN, 65 FEET LONG AND SUPER STRONG: BONK BOWHEAD WHALE!

TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S OCEANS FROM TODAY'S DIRE THREATS, THE MYSTICAL MONARCH OF THE SEVEN SEAS HAS GRANTED THOSE SPECIAL POWERS TO... THE POSEIDON PATROL!

WORDSWORTH WALRUS, BEWHISKERED BUT BEWILDERED WIZARD!

ARAMIS NARWHAL, SWORDSMAN SUPREME!



HIGH ABOVE AN UNNAMED SEA...ACROSS A LOST LAGOON...

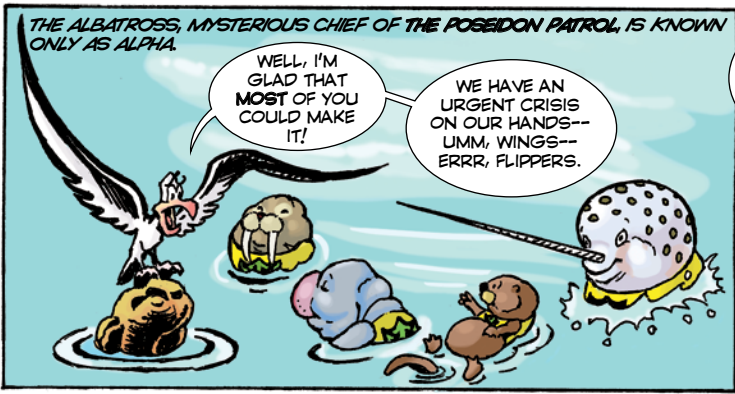


AN ALBATROSS CIRCLES DOWN TO A ROCK SURROUNDED BY A RING OF CORAL: AN ATOLL!



AN ATOLL IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. YES, THE SECRET HEADQUARTERS OF THE POSEIDON PATROL ARE "NOWHERE ATOLL".

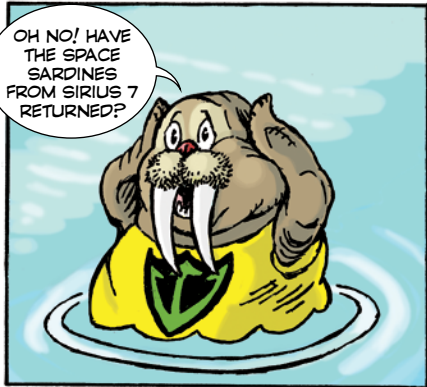




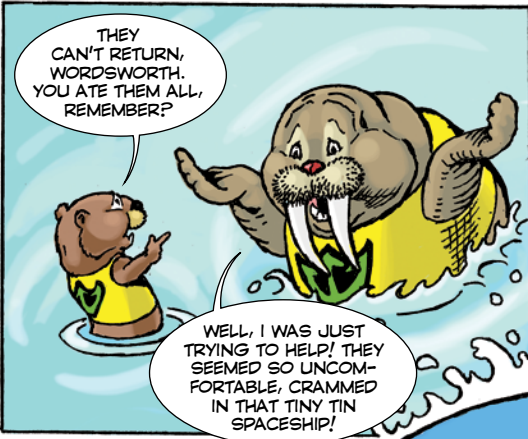
THE ALBATROSS, MYSTERIOUS CHIEF OF THE POSEIDON PATROL, IS KNOWN ONLY AS ALPHA.

WELL, I'M GLAD THAT MOST OF YOU COULD MAKE IT!

WE HAVE AN URGENT CRISIS ON OUR HANDS-- UMM, WINGS-- ERRR, FLIPPERS.

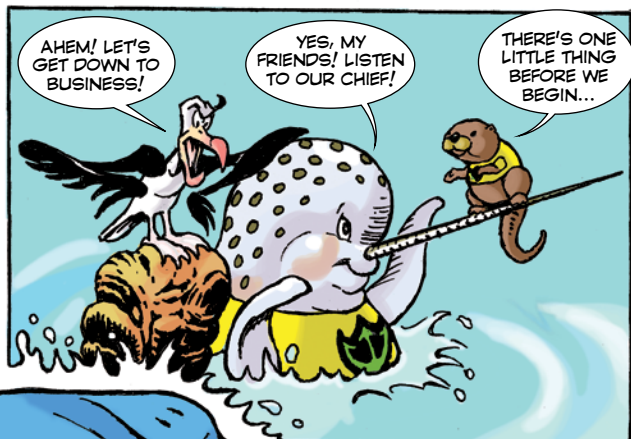


OH NO! HAVE THE SPACE SARDINES FROM SIRIUS 7 RETURNED?



THEY CAN'T RETURN, WORDSWORTH. YOU ATE THEM ALL, REMEMBER?

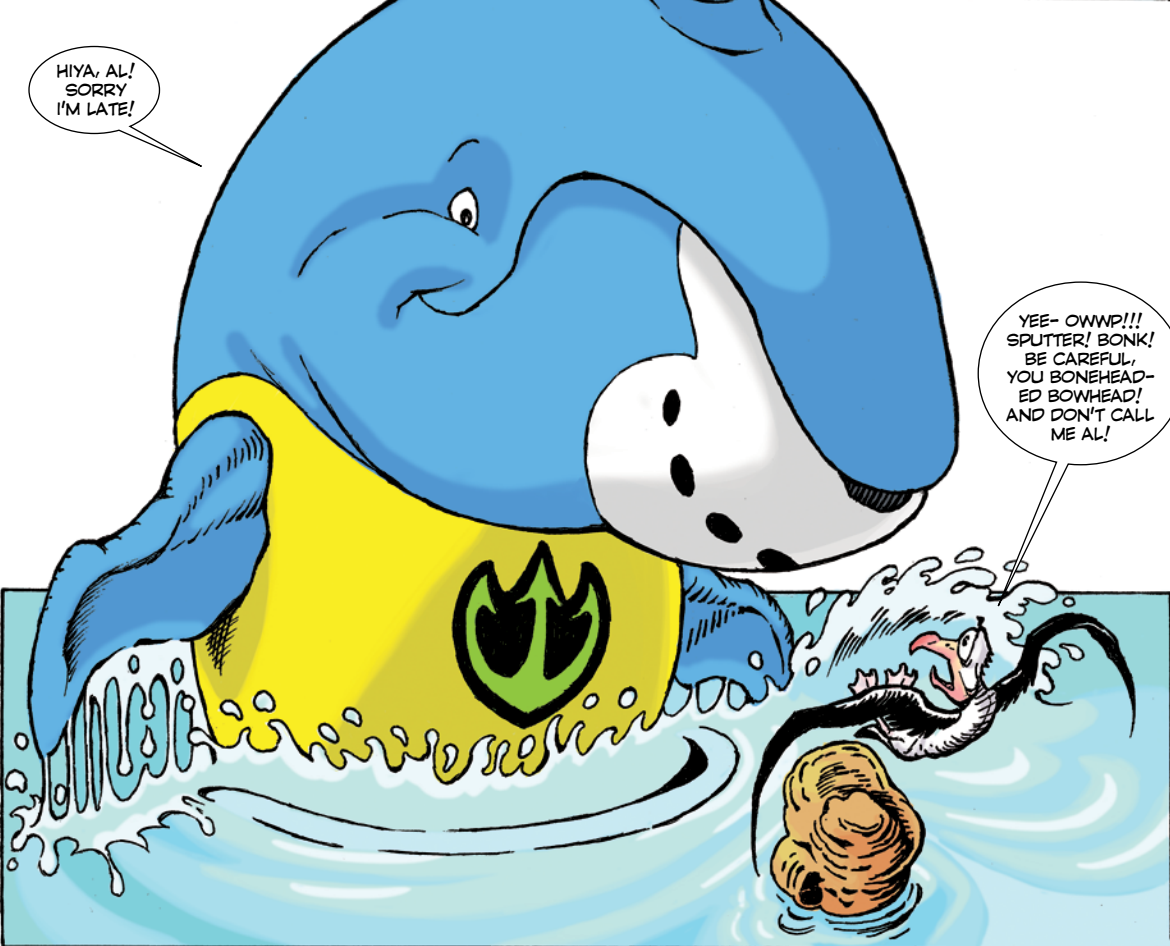
WELL, I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP! THEY SEEMED SO UNCOMFORTABLE, CRAMMED IN THAT TINY TIN SPACESHIP!



AHEM! LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!

YES, MY FRIENDS! LISTEN TO OUR CHIEF!

THERE'S ONE LITTLE THING BEFORE WE BEGIN...



HIYA, AL! SORRY I'M LATE!

YEE- OWWP!!! SPUTTER! BONK! BE CAREFUL, YOU BONEHEADED BOWHEAD! AND DON'T CALL ME AL!



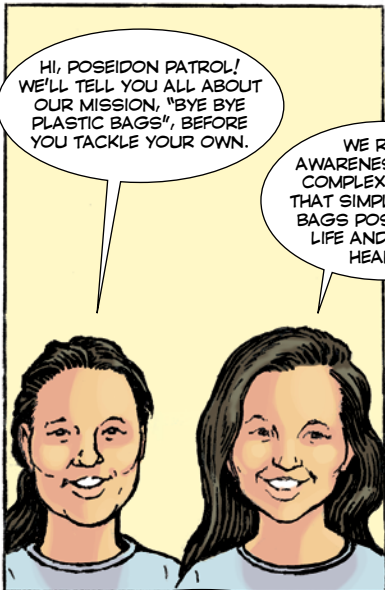
YOUR NEW MISSION IS AS IMPORTANT AS IT IS DANGEROUS, SO PAY ATTENTION!



GO-GON, TELEPORT IN OUR GUESTS!

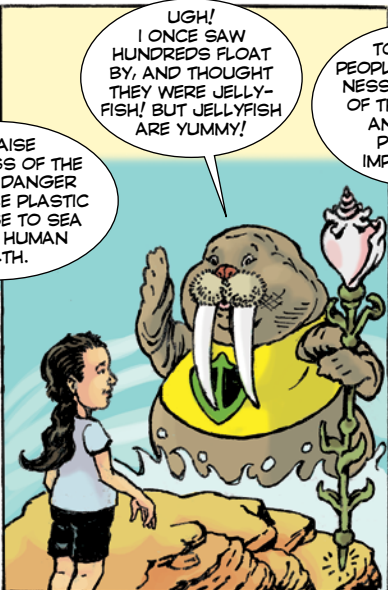


WE'VE BROUGHT ISABEL AND MELATI FROM BALI TO FILL YOU IN ON THE PROBLEM THAT'S FILLING UP THE OCEANS!



HI, POSEIDON PATROL! WE'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT OUR MISSION, "BYE BYE PLASTIC BAGS", BEFORE YOU TACKLE YOUR OWN.

WE RAISE AWARENESS OF THE COMPLEX DANGER THAT SIMPLE PLASTIC BAGS POSE TO SEA LIFE AND HUMAN HEALTH.



UGH! I ONCE SAW HUNDREDS FLOAT BY, AND THOUGHT THEY WERE JELLY-FISH! BUT JELLYFISH ARE YUMMY!

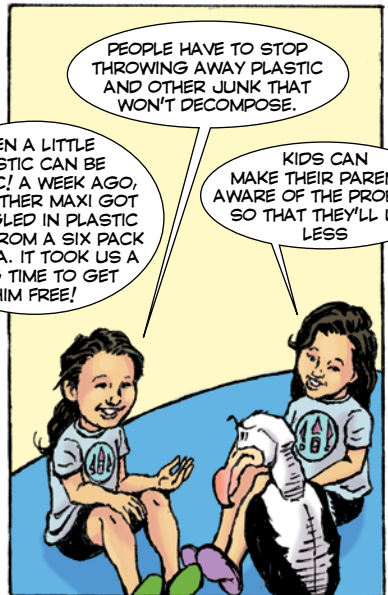
TOO MANY PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES DISPOSE OF THOSE BAGS AND OTHER PLASTICS IMPROPERLY.

PLASTIC TRASH POLLUTES OUR WATERWAYS AND OCEANS, ENDANGERING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PEOPLE AND MARINE CREATURES ALIKE.



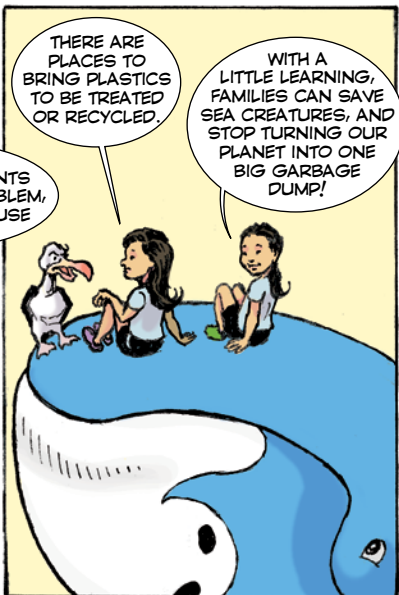
PLASTIC AND OTHER UNTREATED GARBAGE, LIKE OLD COMPUTER PARTS, ACCUMULATE IN THE OCEANS. SOME PLASTIC BAGS HAVE BROKEN DOWN INTO BILLIONS OF SMALL, FLOATING PIECES CALLED "SEA SMOG".

EVEN A LITTLE PLASTIC CAN BE DRASTIC! A WEEK AGO, MY BROTHER MAXI GOT ENTANGLED IN PLASTIC RINGS FROM A SIX PACK OF SODA. IT TOOK US A LONG TIME TO GET HIM FREE!



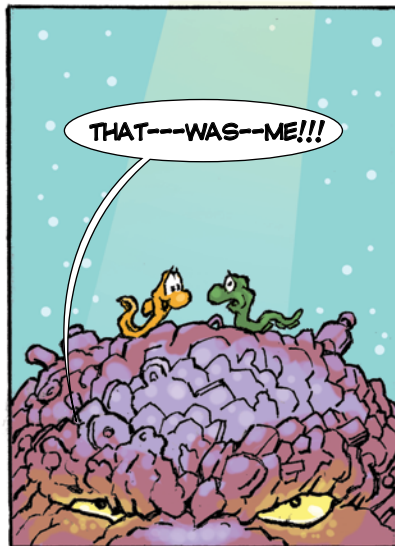
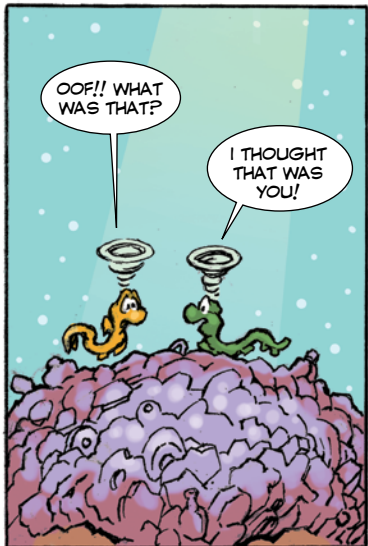
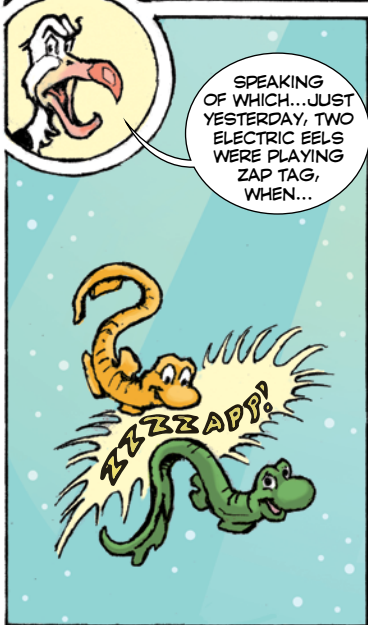
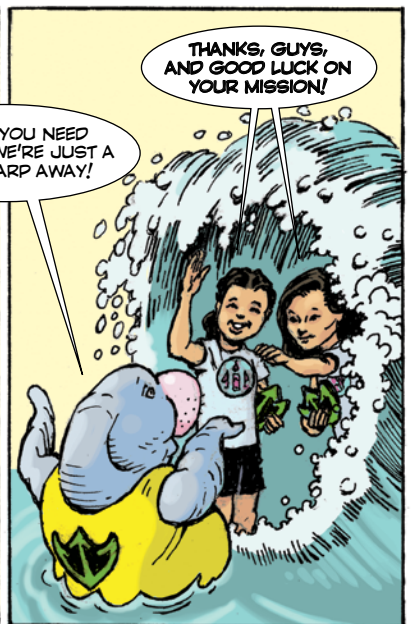
PEOPLE HAVE TO STOP THROWING AWAY PLASTIC AND OTHER JUNK THAT WON'T DECOMPOSE.

KIDS CAN MAKE THEIR PARENTS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM, SO THAT THEY'LL USE LESS



THERE ARE PLACES TO BRING PLASTICS TO BE TREATED OR RECYCLED.

WITH A LITTLE LEARNING, FAMILIES CAN SAVE SEA CREATURES, AND STOP TURNING OUR PLANET INTO ONE BIG GARBAGE DUMP!





YOUR ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE HAS REBOOTED MILLIONS OF DISCARDED COMPUTER PARTS. I'M GAINING MORE KNOWLEDGE WITH EACH PASSING SECOND!



NOW THEY'RE ABSORBING TONS OF PLASTIC INTO MY BODY!



FOR DECADES, PEOPLE AND COMPANIES HAVE TREATED THE OCEAN AS A GARBAGE DUMP. EVERY DAY, THOSE FOOLS USE WASTEFUL MATERIALS LIKE PLASTICS THAT WON'T BIODEGRADE!



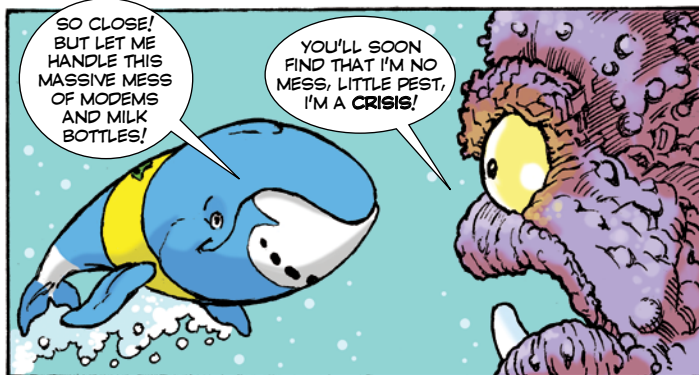
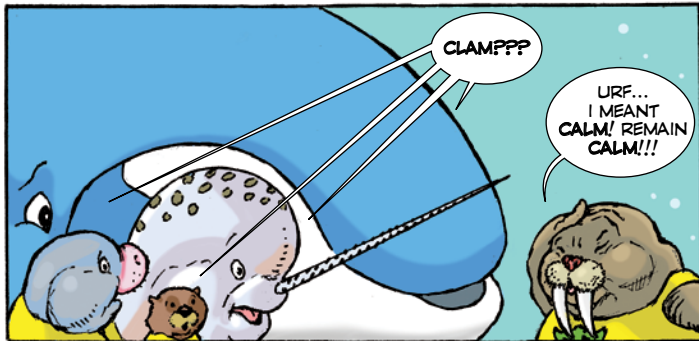
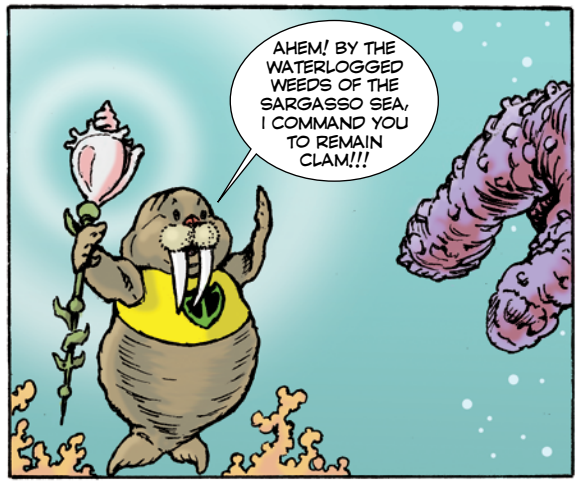
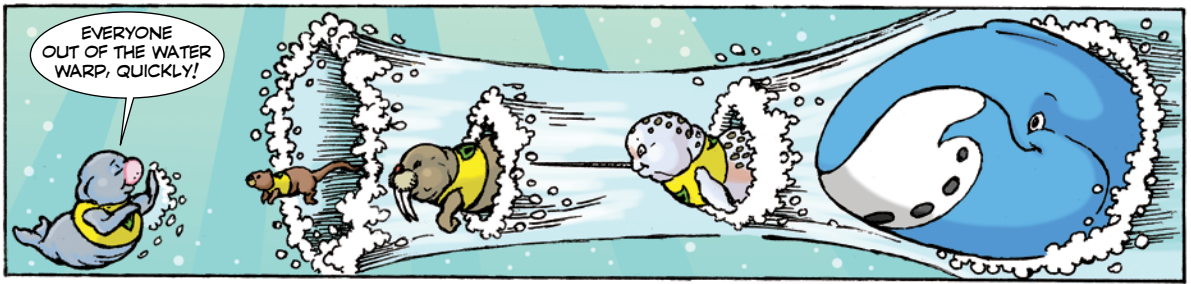
SO MUCH OF WHAT THEY THROW AWAY ENDS UP IN THE OCEAN! BUT NOW I HAVE AWAKENED, AND WILL SPELL THEIR DOOM! TREAT ME LIKE YESTERDAY'S TRASH, WILL THEY? I'LL MARCH RIGHT BACK TO THEIR SHORES AND DESTROY THEIR CITIES!



PLASTIC DOESN'T DISSOLVE IN SALT WATER! IT ACCUMULATES! IF PEOPLE ARE SMART ENOUGH TO PRODUCE THESE MATERIALS, WHY CAN'T THEY THINK OF A WAY TO DISPOSE OF THEM SAFELY?

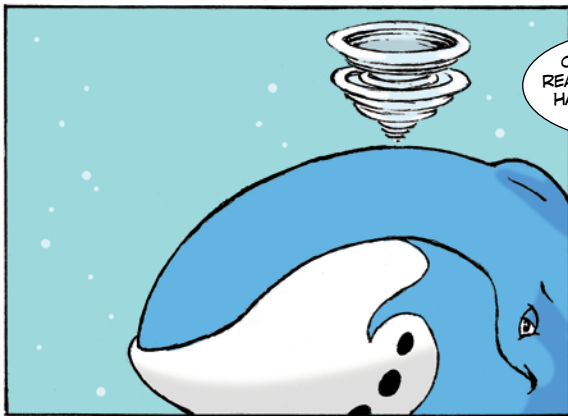


NOW THE PUNY HUMANS WILL LEARN THE TRUE MEANING OF "OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND!!!" NOW THEY WILL LEARN TO FEAR... **GARBABOOM!!!**

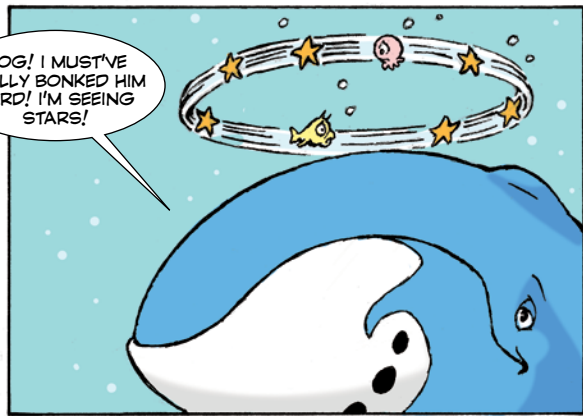


KER-BLAAAM!

...YOU JUST GOT BONKED! AND SO... DID.....



OOG! I MUST'VE REALLY BONKED HIM HARD! I'M SEEING STARS!



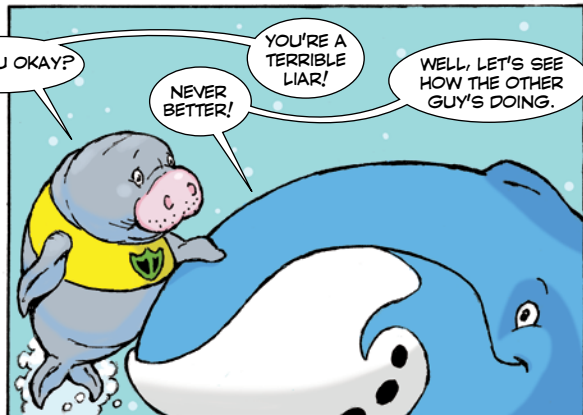
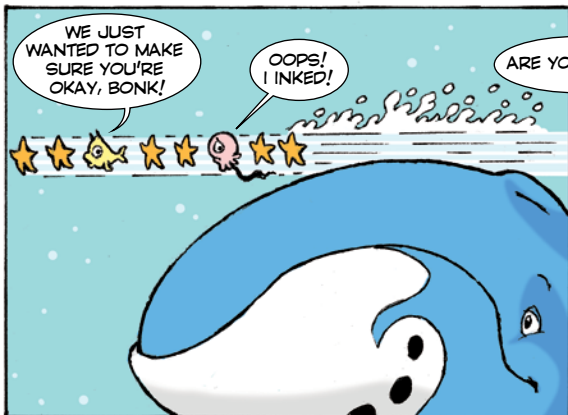
WE JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE OKAY, BONK!

OOPS! I INKED!

ARE YOU OKAY?

YOU'RE A TERRIBLE LIAR!

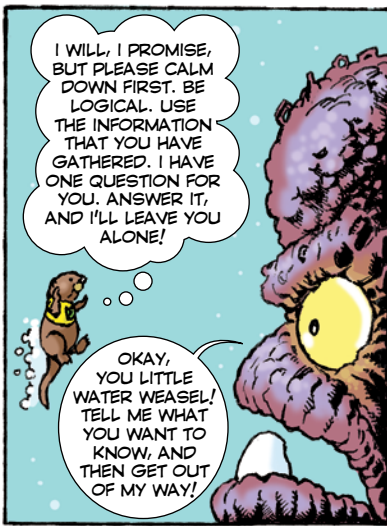
WELL, LET'S SEE HOW THE OTHER GUY'S DOING.





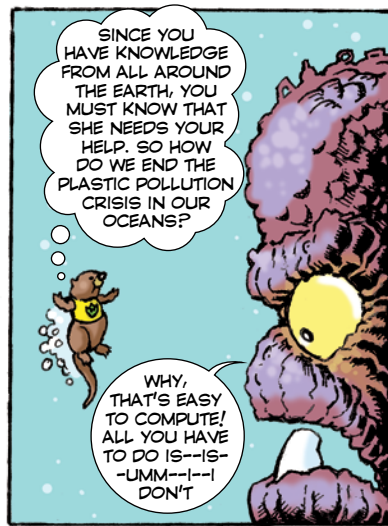
CAN YOU HEAR ME? ARE YOU OKAY?

WHAT IS THIS? SOME KIND OF TRICK? GET OUT OF MY HEAD, NOW!



I WILL, I PROMISE, BUT PLEASE CALM DOWN FIRST. BE LOGICAL. USE THE INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE GATHERED. I HAVE ONE QUESTION FOR YOU. ANSWER IT, AND I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE!

OKAY, YOU LITTLE WATER WEASEL! TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW, AND THEN GET OUT OF MY WAY!

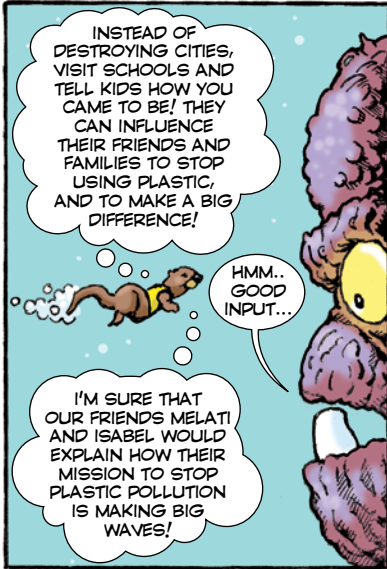


SINCE YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE FROM ALL AROUND THE EARTH, YOU MUST KNOW THAT SHE NEEDS YOUR HELP. SO HOW DO WE END THE PLASTIC POLLUTION CRISIS IN OUR OCEANS?

WHY, THAT'S EASY TO COMPUTE! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS--IS--
-UMM--I--I DON'T



HUMANS DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THIS WOULD BE SUCH A BIG PROBLEM WHEN THEY INVENTED PLASTIC, BUT NOW, MANY WANT TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION-- ESPECIALLY KIDS!!



INSTEAD OF DESTROYING CITIES, VISIT SCHOOLS AND TELL KIDS HOW YOU CAME TO BE! THEY CAN INFLUENCE THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TO STOP USING PLASTIC, AND TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

HMM... GOOD INPUT...

I'M SURE THAT OUR FRIENDS MELATI AND ISABEL WOULD EXPLAIN HOW THEIR MISSION TO STOP PLASTIC POLLUTION IS MAKING BIG WAVES!



FEAR NOT, LITTLE ONE! I WILL PROTECT YOU WITH MY EPIC EPEE!

BUT I DON'T NEED HELP...



BY THE SOGGY, SOPPING SPIRITS OF THE SEVEN SEAS--
THOU SHALL NOT BASS!!!



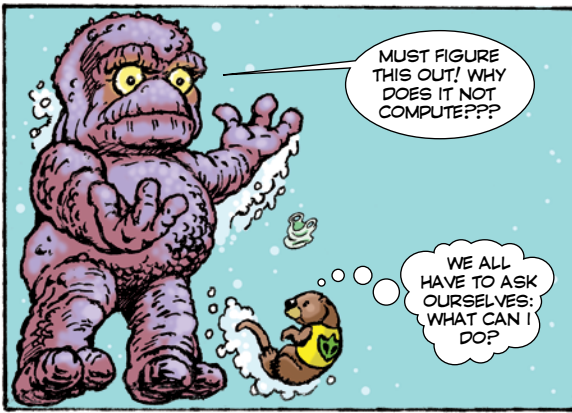
IT'S "PASS", MY FRIEND, NOT "BASS". "THOU SHALL NOT PASS!"

OOF! NOT AGAIN! AND NOW MY CONCH CONKED OUT.



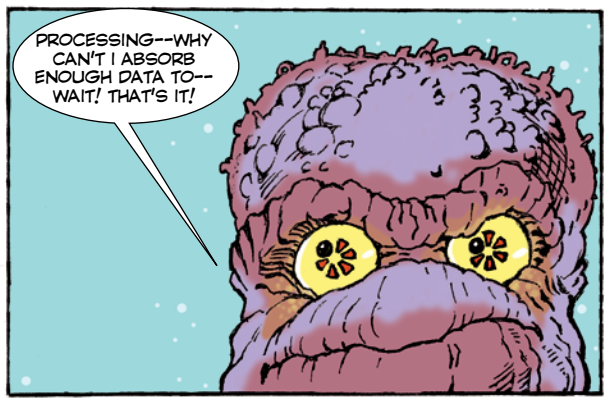
IT'S OKAY, THE DANGER IS OVER.

IT IS???

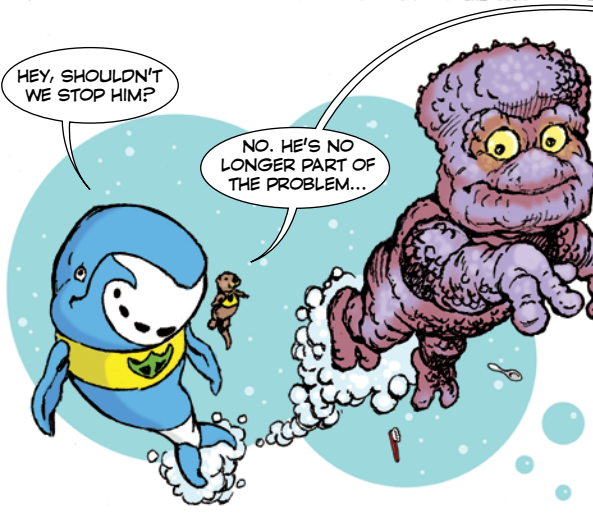


MUST FIGURE THIS OUT! WHY DOES IT NOT COMPUTE???

WE ALL HAVE TO ASK OURSELVES: WHAT CAN I DO?

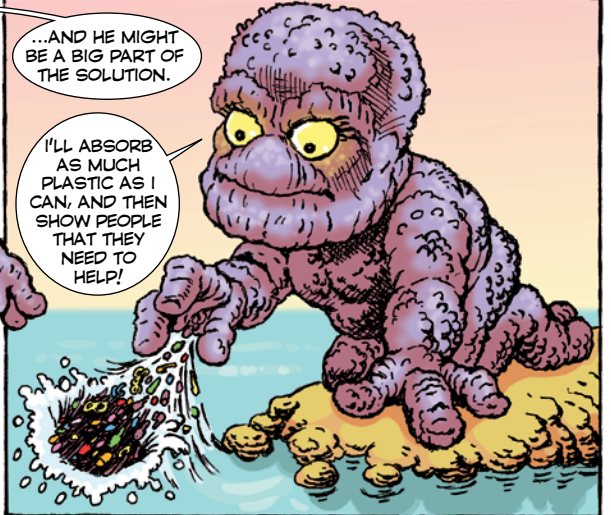


PROCESSING--WHY CAN'T I ABSORB ENOUGH DATA TO-- WAIT! THAT'S IT!



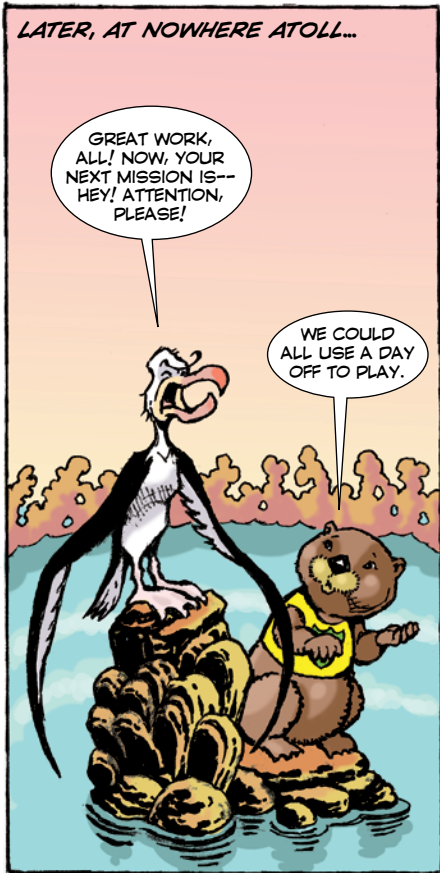
HEY, SHOULDN'T WE STOP HIM?

NO. HE'S NO LONGER PART OF THE PROBLEM...



...AND HE MIGHT BE A BIG PART OF THE SOLUTION.

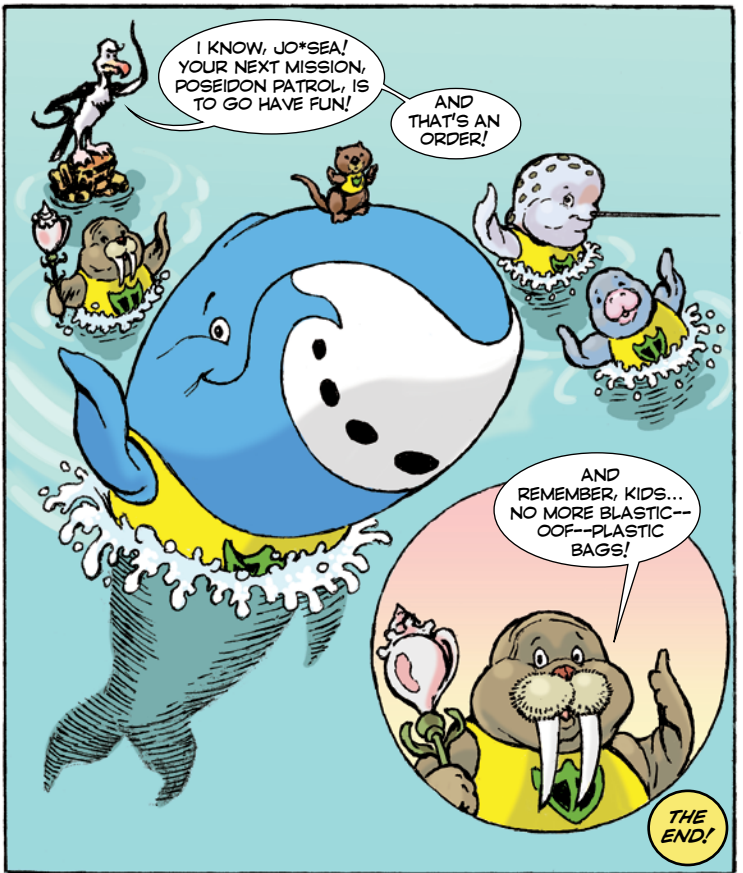
I'LL ABSORB AS MUCH PLASTIC AS I CAN, AND THEN SHOW PEOPLE THAT THEY NEED TO HELP!



LATER, AT NOWHERE ATOLL...

GREAT WORK, ALL! NOW, YOUR NEXT MISSION IS-- HEY! ATTENTION, PLEASE!

WE COULD ALL USE A DAY OFF TO PLAY.



I KNOW, JO*SEA! YOUR NEXT MISSION, POSEIDON PATROL, IS TO GO HAVE FUN!

AND THAT'S AN ORDER!

AND REMEMBER, KIDS... NO MORE BLASTIC-- OOF--PLASTIC BAGS!

THE END!



GOAL 14: LIFE BELOW WATER

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans and seas marine resources.

To achieve Goal 14, the Countries have agreed to:

- Reduce marine pollution by 2025, since much of the pollution comes from human activities on land.
- Enact laws that prohibit illegal fishing, overfishing, and other destructive fishing practices.
- Provide financial support to the poorest countries and small islands to protect and have better management of marine resources, thinking about the future.
- Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification.
- By 2030, increase the economic benefits to small island developing states and least developed countries through the sustainable use of marine resources. This would include the sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture, and tourism.

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