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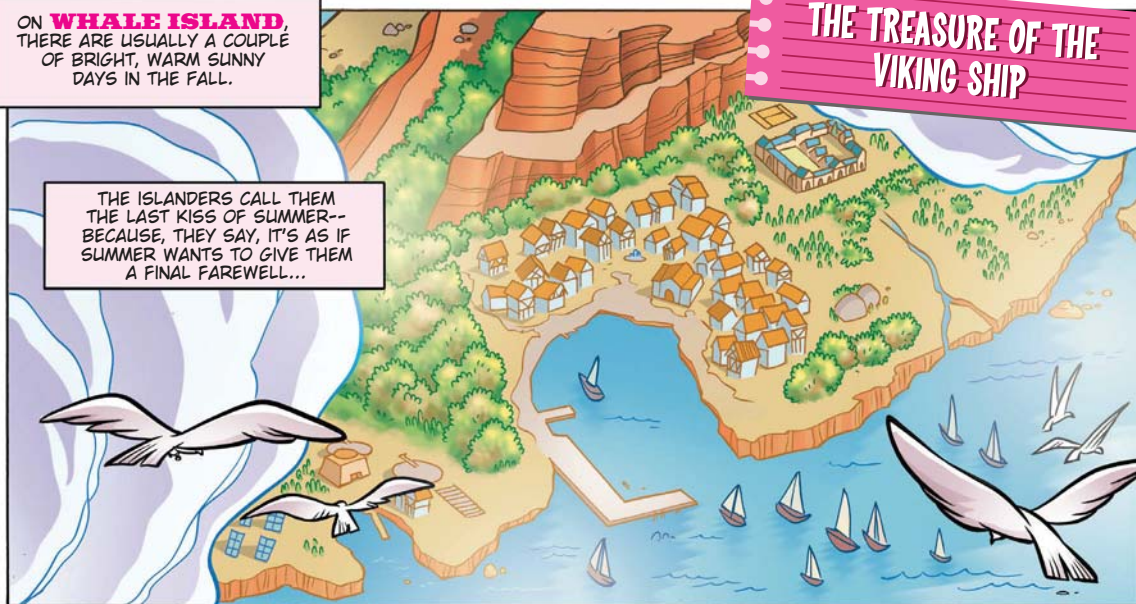
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ON **WHALE ISLAND**, THERE ARE USUALLY A COUPLE OF BRIGHT, WARM SUNNY DAYS IN THE FALL.

## THE TREASURE OF THE VIKING SHIP

THE ISLANDERS CALL THEM THE LAST KISS OF SUMMER-- BECAUSE, THEY SAY, IT'S AS IF SUMMER WANTS TO GIVE THEM A FINAL FAREWELL...



WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE BOATS LEAVE THE PORT AND THROW TOGETHER MINI-REGATTAS...



PROFESSOR VAN KRACKEN, HOWEVER, TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE WEATHER TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE MARINE FAUNA AND FLORA ALONG THE COAST OF THE ISLAND ONE LAST TIME...

PAMELA, PAULINA, DID YOU GET ALL THE GEAR?

YES, PROFESSOR!

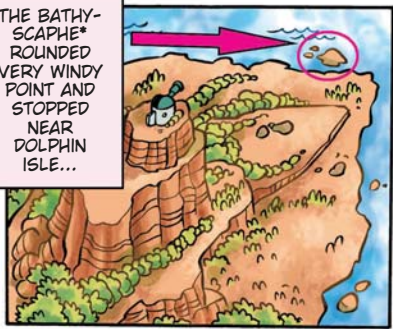


IT WAS PRECISELY DURING ONE OF THESE **SPECIAL** DAYS THAT THE MOST **EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY** IN THE HISTORY OF WHALE ISLAND TOOK PLACE...

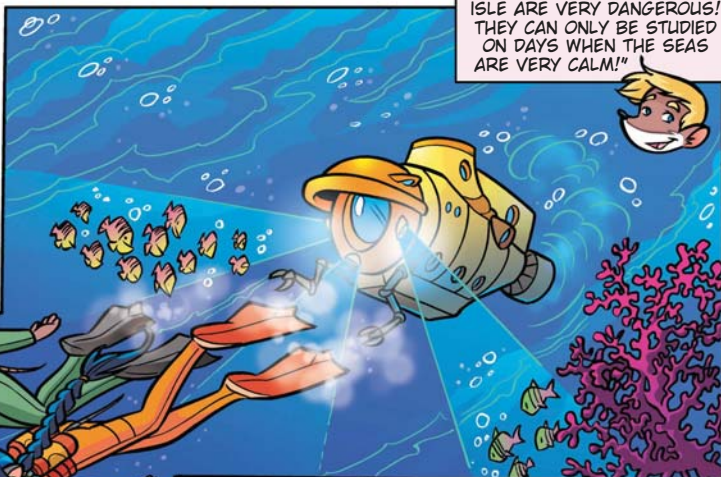




THE BATHY-SCAPHE\* ROUNDED VERY WINDY POINT AND STOPPED NEAR DOLPHIN ISLE...



"THE WATERS AROUND THE ISLE ARE VERY DANGEROUS! THEY CAN ONLY BE STUDIED ON DAYS WHEN THE SEAS ARE VERY CALM!"

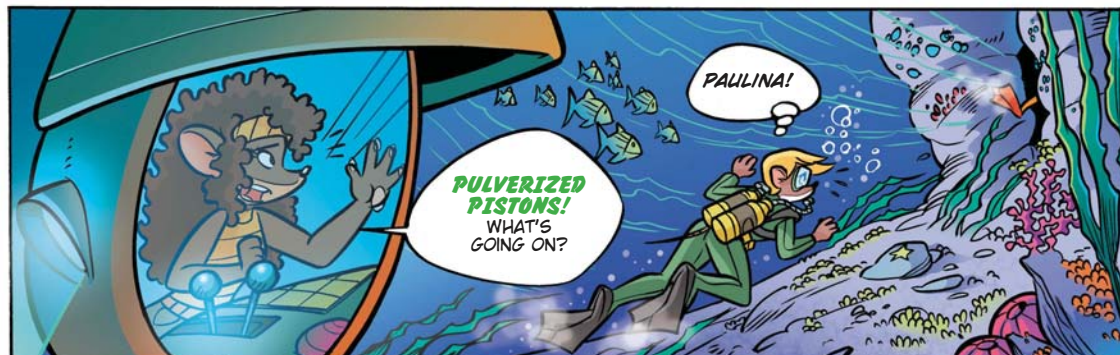
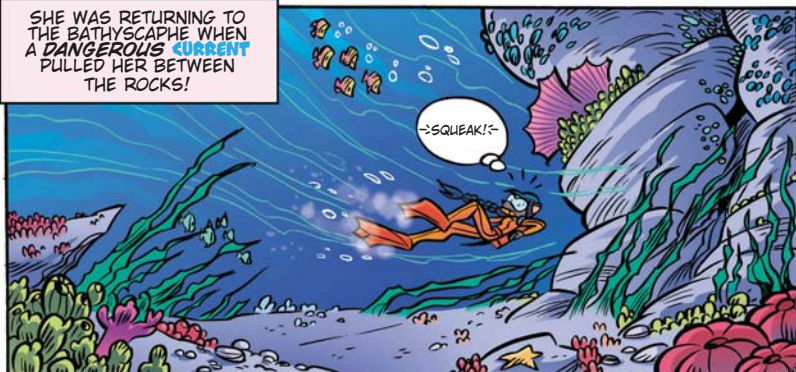


PAULINA SAW SOMETHING ON THE SEA FLOOR...

...A VERY STRANGE BOTTLE!



SHE WAS RETURNING TO THE BATHYSCAPHE WHEN A DANGEROUS CURRENT PULLED HER BETWEEN THE ROCKS!



\*BATHYSCAPHE: A MANNED (OR MOUSED) SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL



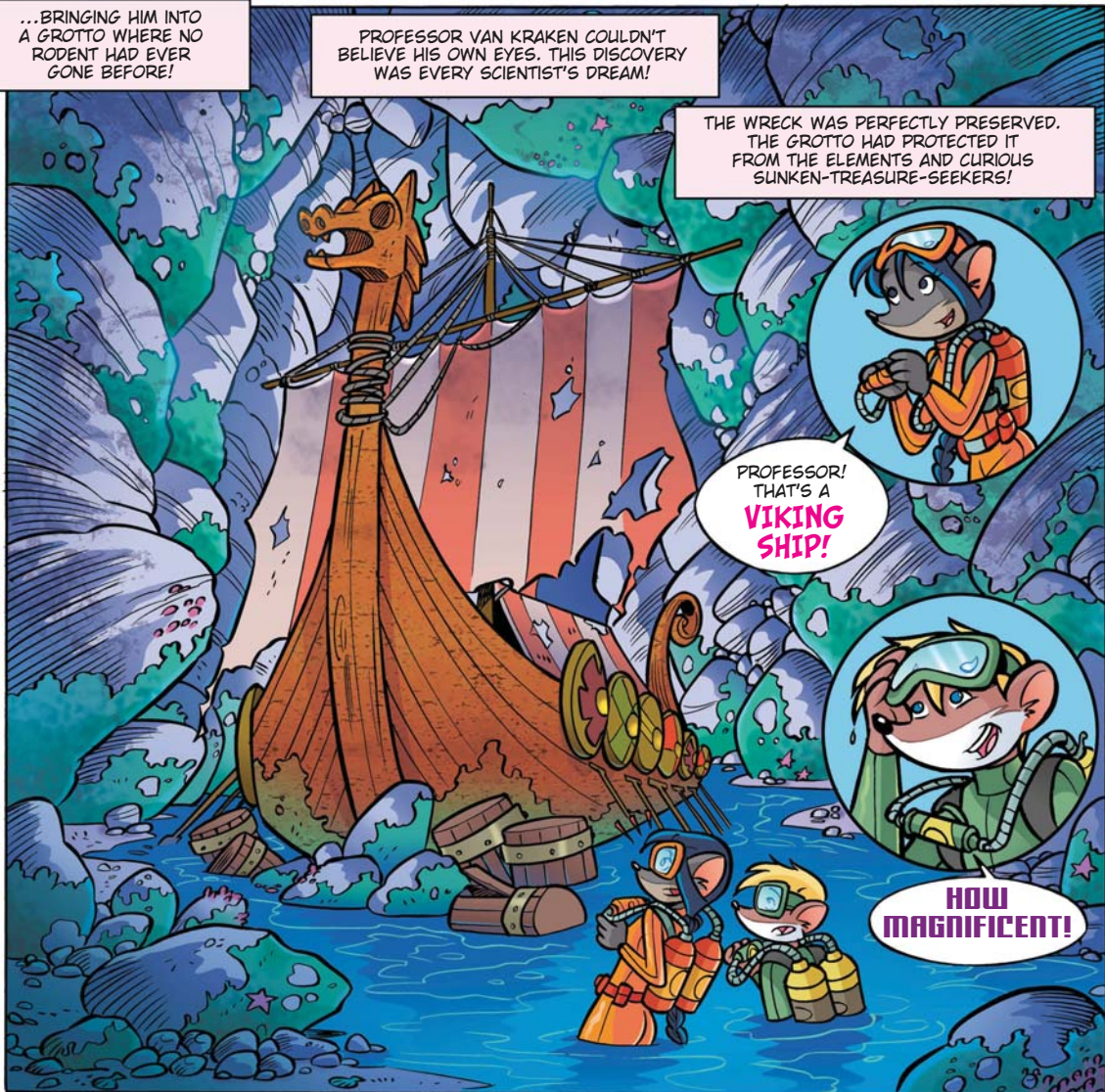
VAN KRAKEN TRIED TO REACH PAULINA, BUT THE VORTEX CAPTURED HIM, DRAGGING HIM ALONG AN UNDERWATER CHANNEL...



...BRINGING HIM INTO A GROTTO WHERE NO RODENT HAD EVER GONE BEFORE!

PROFESSOR VAN KRAKEN COULDN'T BELIEVE HIS OWN EYES. THIS DISCOVERY WAS EVERY SCIENTIST'S DREAM!

THE WRECK WAS PERFECTLY PRESERVED. THE GROTTO HAD PROTECTED IT FROM THE ELEMENTS AND CURIOUS SUNKEN-TREASURE-SEEKERS!



PROFESSOR!  
THAT'S A  
**VIKING  
SHIP!**

**HOW  
MAGNIFICENT!**



A FEW DAYS LATER, THE DISCOVERY WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN MOUSEFORD ACADEMY'S GREAT HALL!

JUST FINDING A VIKING SHIP IS A RARE EVENT... BUT FINDING A SHIP LIKE THIS IS **UNPRECEDENTED!** THE CARGO IT WAS CARRYING IS STILL **INTACT!**

EXTRAORDINARY!

WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO **SEE IT**, PROFESSOR?

SOON, I HOPE, SHEN! RECOVERING THE SHIP WITHOUT DAMAGING IT WILL BE A VERY DIFFICULT JOB...

...AND **VERY COSTLY!** THE ISLAND AUTHORITIES WILL DEAL WITH IT AND THE OPERATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY TAKE A LONG TIME!

OH, NO!

->OOF<-...

WELL, LET'S KILL SOME TIME WITH OUR GUEST OF HONOR! OUR SHIP COMES FROM THE PAST...

... AND TO TELL YOU ABOUT ITS LONG VOYAGE, WE HAVE WITH US THE GREATEST **EXPERT** ON THE ISLAND'S HISTORY AND LEGENDS...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... I'D LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU MR. CALLISTO SQUID!

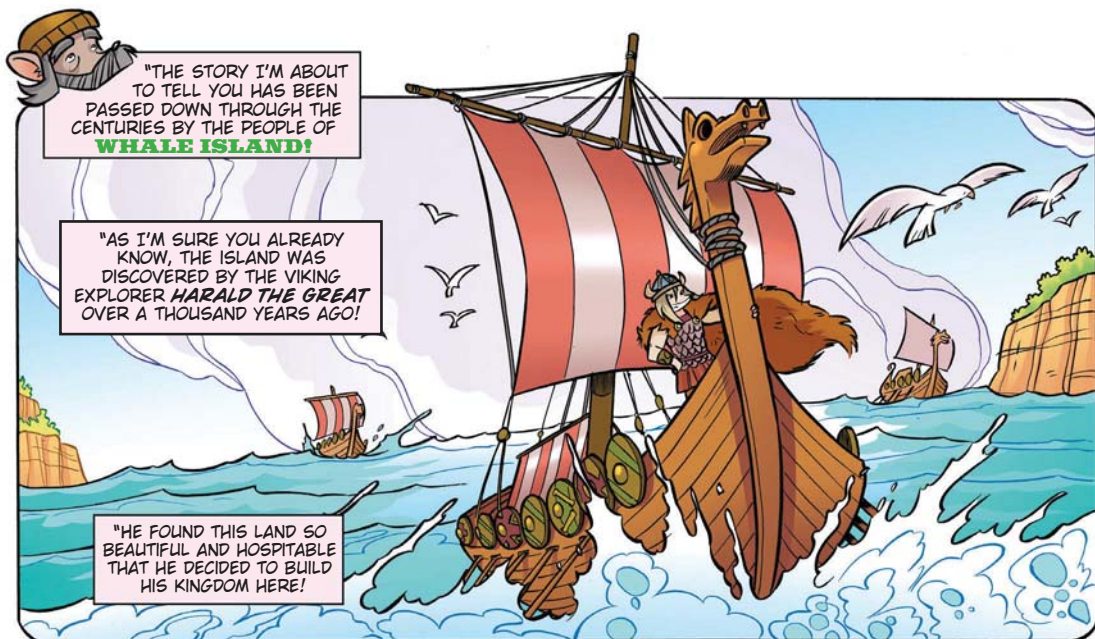
WELCOME!

CLAP CLAP

THEY'RE ALL YOURS, MR. SQUID!

HELLO, KIDS!





"THE STORY I'M ABOUT  
TO TELL YOU HAS BEEN  
PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE  
CENTURIES BY THE PEOPLE OF  
**WHALE ISLAND!**"

"AS I'M SURE YOU ALREADY  
KNOW, THE ISLAND WAS  
DISCOVERED BY THE VIKING  
EXPLORER **HARALD THE GREAT**  
OVER A THOUSAND YEARS AGO!"

"HE FOUND THIS LAND SO  
BEAUTIFUL AND HOSPITABLE  
THAT HE DECIDED TO BUILD  
HIS KINGDOM HERE!"

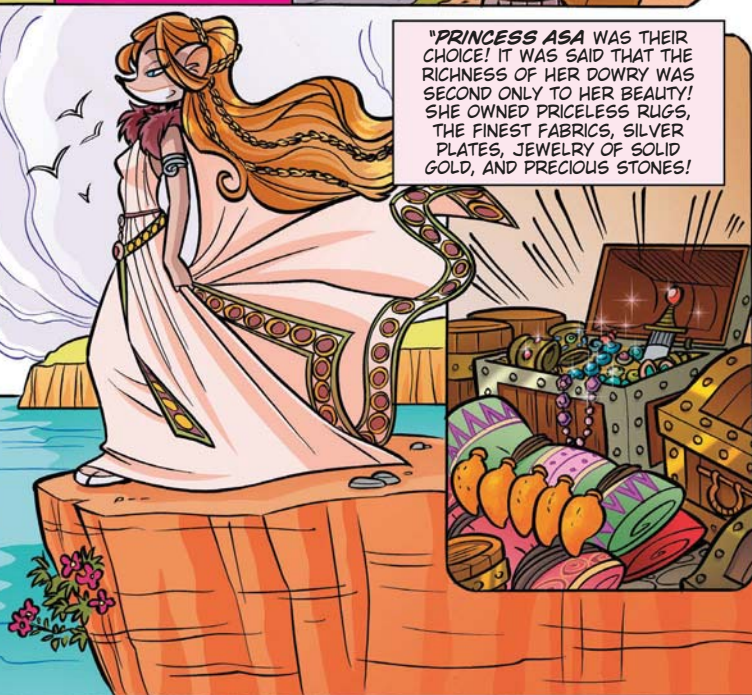


"AND HE BUILT A CASTLE  
HERE, RIGHT WHERE  
**MOUSEFORD ACADEMY**  
SITS TODAY!"

"THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE  
READ THE BOOK **THEA**  
**STILTON AND THE DRAGON'S**  
**CODE** ALREADY KNOW THIS!"



"BUT A KINGDOM'S NOT A REAL  
KINGDOM WITHOUT A **QUEEN!**  
THEREFORE, HARALD SENT A  
MESSAGE TO HIS PARENTS FOR  
THEM TO FIND HIM A WIFE!"



"**PRINCESS ASA** WAS THEIR  
CHOICE! IT WAS SAID THAT THE  
RICHNESS OF HER DOWRY WAS  
SECOND ONLY TO HER BEAUTY!  
SHE OWNED PRICELESS RUGS,  
THE FINEST FABRICS, SILVER  
PLATES, JEWELRY OF SOLID  
GOLD, AND PRECIOUS STONES!"