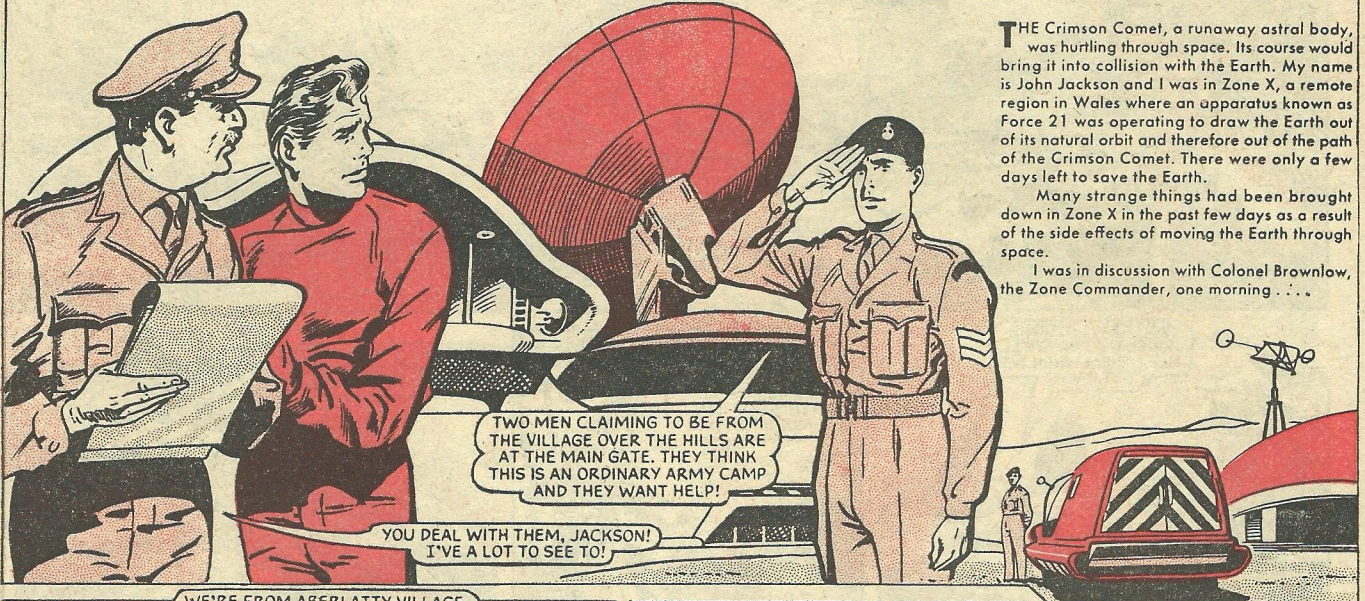


ZONE X FACES STRANGE CREATURES FROM SPACE — WHICH ARRIVE IN EGG SHELLS!

# THE CRIMSON COMET



THE Crimson Comet, a runaway astral body, was hurtling through space. Its course would bring it into collision with the Earth. My name is John Jackson and I was in Zone X, a remote region in Wales where an apparatus known as Force 21 was operating to draw the Earth out of its natural orbit and therefore out of the path of the Crimson Comet. There were only a few days left to save the Earth.

Many strange things had been brought down in Zone X in the past few days as a result of the side effects of moving the Earth through space.

I was in discussion with Colonel Brownlow, the Zone Commander, one morning . . .

TWO MEN CLAIMING TO BE FROM THE VILLAGE OVER THE HILLS ARE AT THE MAIN GATE. THEY THINK THIS IS AN ORDINARY ARMY CAMP AND THEY WANT HELP!

YOU DEAL WITH THEM, JACKSON! I'VE A LOT TO SEE TO!



At the main gate.

WE'RE FROM ABERLATTY VILLAGE, OVER THERE! A MONSTER PLANT'S GROWN UP! WE NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOLDIERS!

IT'S LIKE A BIG CABBAGE, BUT IT'S GOT ARMS LIKE AN OCTOPUS! IT'S KILLED A DOG AND DEMOLISHED A COTTAGE.

WE'LL HELP YOU! HOLD ON TILL I'VE SEEN THE COLONEL!



I went with soldiers to the village.

THERE IT IS! IT'S PULLING DOWN ANOTHER COTTAGE!

IT MUST BE SOMETHING FROM SPACE, BUT I DARE NOT TELL THE VILLAGERS.

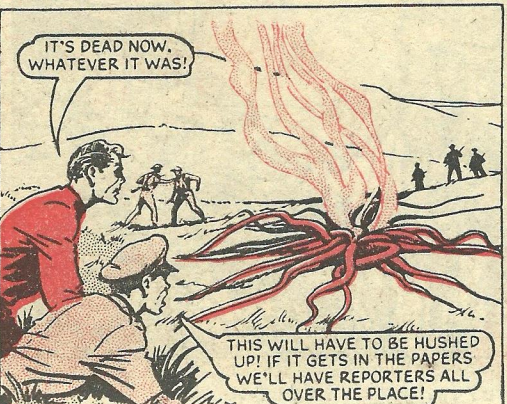


The soldiers opened up with Bren guns.

LOOK OUT, IT'S REACHING OUT FOR YOU!

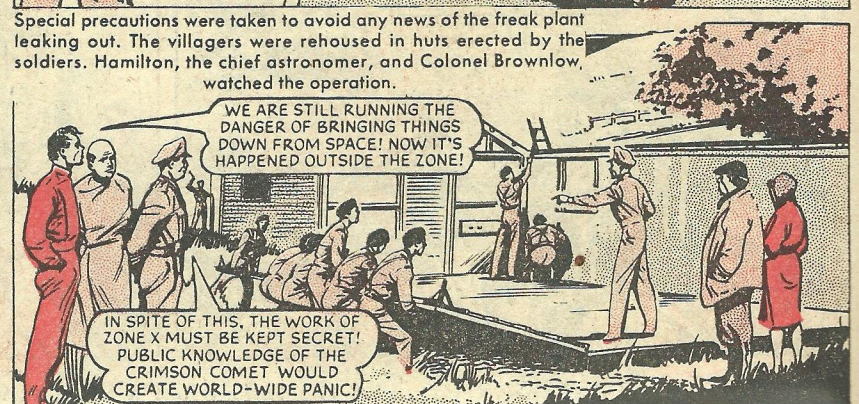
THAT'S IT! THE GRENADES ARE DOING THE JOB!

AIM FOR THE TENDRIL HOLDING HIM THEN USE THE GRENADES!



IT'S DEAD NOW, WHATEVER IT WAS!

THIS WILL HAVE TO BE HUSHED UP! IF IT GETS IN THE PAPERS WE'LL HAVE REPORTERS ALL OVER THE PLACE!



Special precautions were taken to avoid any news of the freak plant leaking out. The villagers were rehoused in huts erected by the soldiers. Hamilton, the chief astronomer, and Colonel Brownlow, watched the operation.

WE ARE STILL RUNNING THE DANGER OF BRINGING THINGS DOWN FROM SPACE! NOW IT'S HAPPENED OUTSIDE THE ZONE!

IN SPITE OF THIS, THE WORK OF ZONE X MUST BE KEPT SECRET! PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRIMSON COMET WOULD CREATE WORLD-WIDE PANIC!