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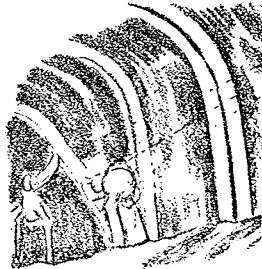
IN THE FUTURE, THE HIGHLY-SOCIALIZED ANTS MIGHT GAIN IN SIZE AND INTELLIGENCE. THEN, A RIVAL RACE WILL FIGHT MANKIND FOR MASTERY OF THE WORLD! ARMIES OF SPECIALLY-BRED SOLDIER-ANTS WITH OVERSIZED MANDIBLES BATTLE THE FORCES OF HUMANITY. THE HORDE'S SUPERIORITY IN NUMBERS COUNTERBALANCES MAN'S GREATER SCIENCE!

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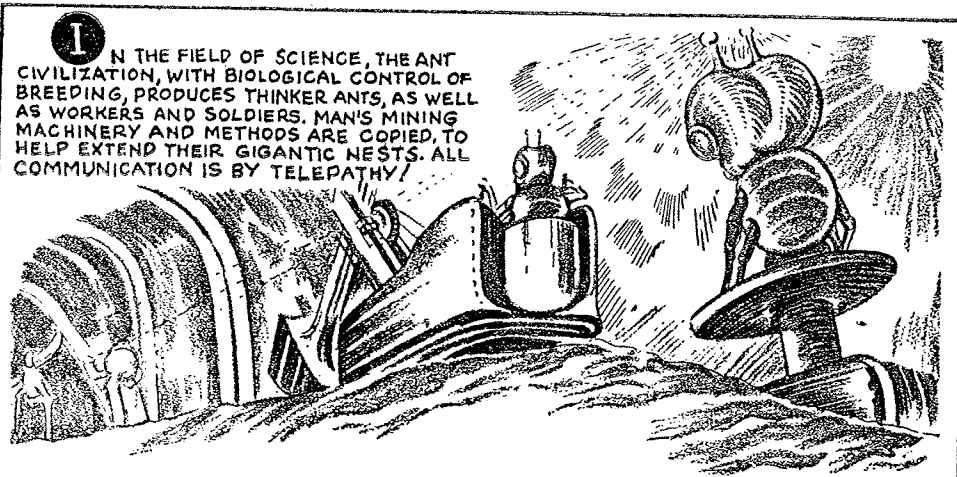
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THE FEROCIOUS ANT-PEOPLE UNDERMINE MANKIND'S CITIES, IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO RULE ALL EARTH. WHOLE BUILDINGS SINK INTO GAPING PITS. HORDES OF THE CRUEL, FORMIDABLE ENEMY SURGE UP FROM THE DEPTHS, BENT ON THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATION OF HUMANS!



FRACED WITH EXTINCTION, HUMANITY DESPERATELY SEEKS A WAY TO RETALIATE... AND FINDS IT! PROTECTED BY SEALED SUITS, MEN INVADe THE UNDERWORLD, RELEASING POISON GASES AND DEADLY BACTERIAL CULTURES THAT PENETRATE EVERY CORNER OF THE ANT NESTS, WIPING OUT ITS TRAPPED DENIZENS. MAN AGAIN RULES EARTH!

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