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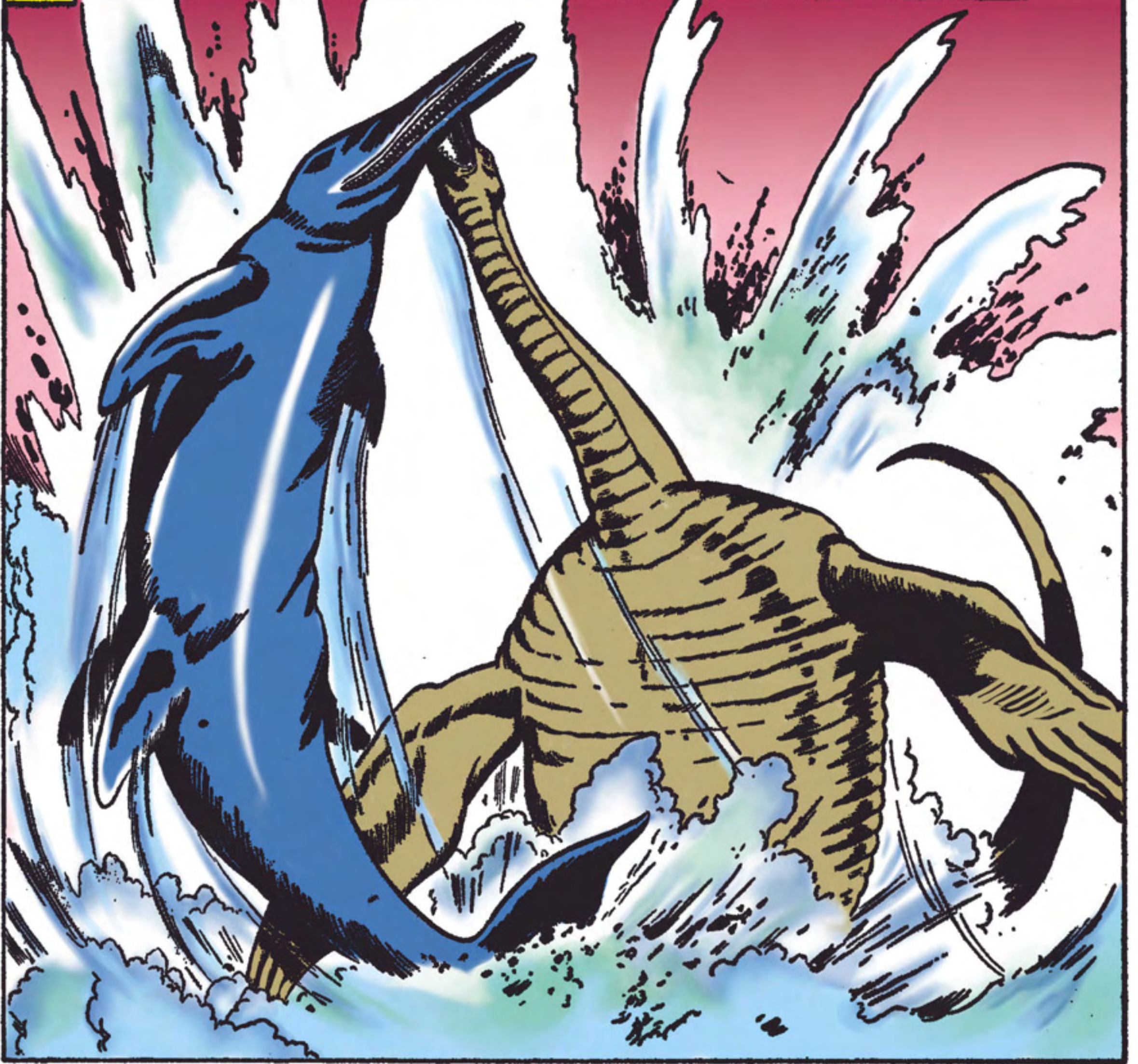
A JOURNEY TO THE
CENTRE
OF THE
EARTH

JULES VERNE

GO DOWN THE CRATER
OF SNEFFEL, THAT THE
SHADOW OF SCARTARIS
SOFTLY TOUCHES BEFORE
THE BEGINNING OF JULY,
BRAVE TRAVELLER, AND
YOU WILL COME TO THE
CENTRE OF THE EARTH.
I DID IT.

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Saknussemm*

BUT THE MONSTERS PASSED US AND ATTACKED EACH OTHER WITH INDESCRIBABLE FURY.



WE WATCHED, HORRIFIED.

HOW MANY ARE THERE?

THERE ARE ONLY TWO.



BUT WE SAW MANY.

NO. ONE IS AN ICHTHYOSAURUS, WHICH HAS THE BACK OF A PORPOISE, THE HEAD OF A CROCODILE AND THE FINS OF A WHALE. THE OTHER IS A PLESIOSAURUS, A SERPENT WITH A SHELL LIKE A TURTLE'S.

