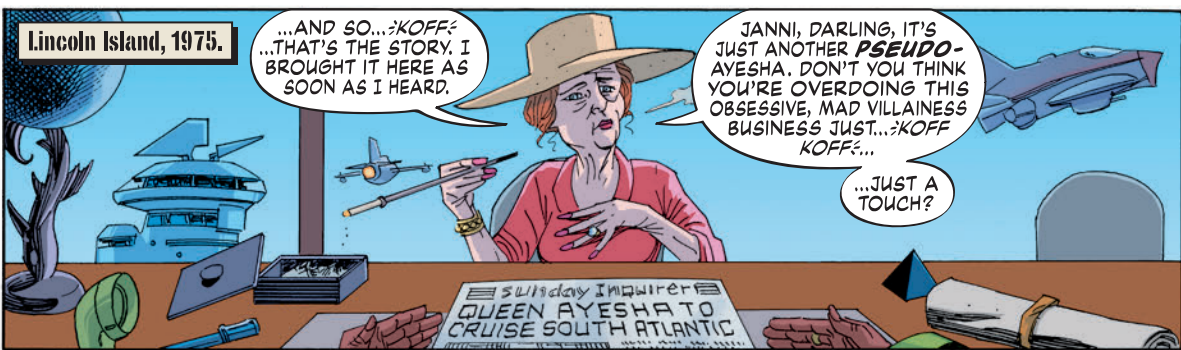


Lincoln Island, 1975.

...AND SO...:KOFF:
...THAT'S THE STORY. I
BROUGHT IT HERE AS
SOON AS I HEARD.

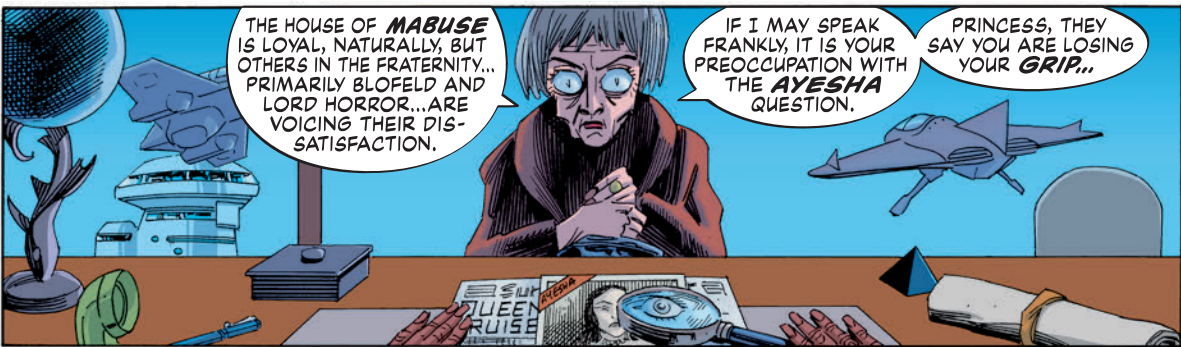
JANNI, DARLING, IT'S
JUST ANOTHER **PSEUDO-**
AYESHA. DON'T YOU THINK
YOU'RE OVERDOING THIS
OBSSIVE, MAD VILLAINESS
BUSINESS JUST...:KOFF
KOFF?...
...JUST A
TOUCH?



THE HOUSE OF **MABUSE**
IS LOYAL, NATURALLY, BUT
OTHERS IN THE FRATERNITY...
PRIMARILY **BLOFELD** AND
LORD HORROR...ARE
VOICING THEIR DIS-
SATISFACTION.

IF I MAY SPEAK
FRANKLY, IT IS YOUR
PREOCCUPATION WITH
THE **AYESHA**
QUESTION.

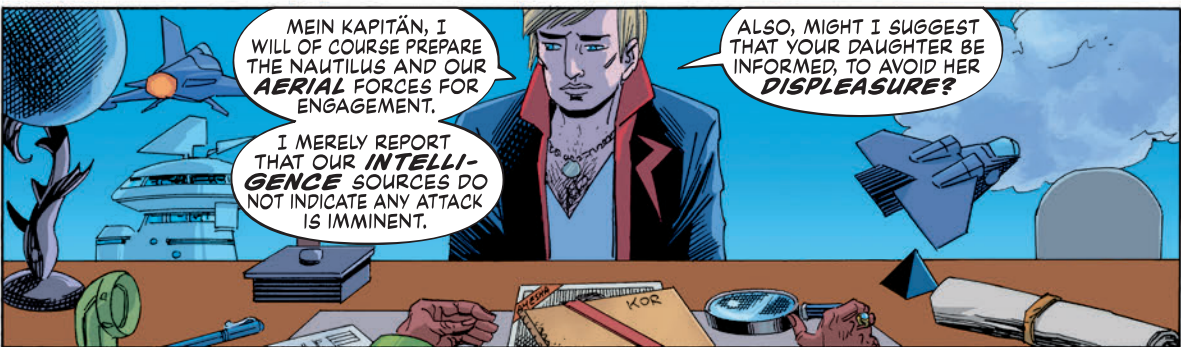
PRINCESS, THEY
SAY YOU ARE LOSING
YOUR **GRIP**..



MEIN KAPITÄN, I
WILL OF COURSE PREPARE
THE NAUTILUS AND OUR
AERIAL FORCES FOR
ENGAGEMENT.

I MERELY REPORT
THAT OUR **INTELLI-**
IGENCE SOURCES DO
NOT INDICATE ANY ATTACK
IS IMMINENT.

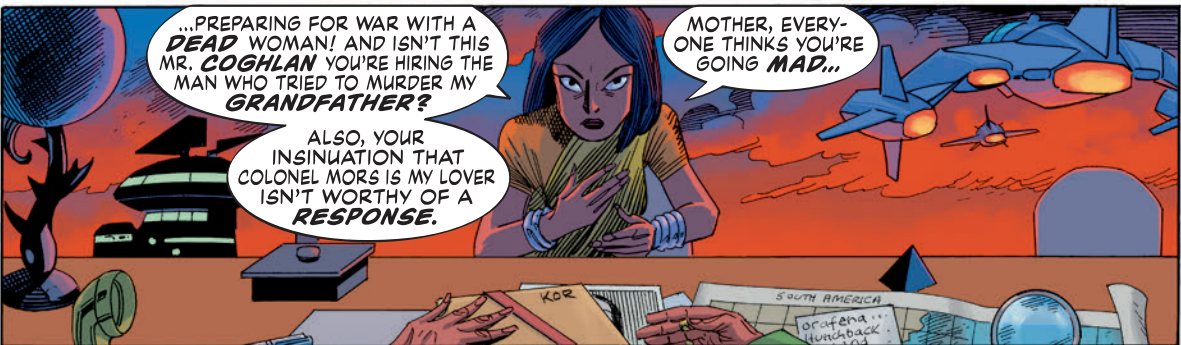
ALSO, MIGHT I SUGGEST
THAT YOUR DAUGHTER BE
INFORMED, TO AVOID HER
DISPLEASURE?



...PREPARING FOR WAR WITH A
DEAD WOMAN! AND ISN'T THIS
MR. **COGHLAN** YOU'RE HIRING THE
MAN WHO TRIED TO MURDER MY
GRANDFATHER?

ALSO, YOUR
INSINUATION THAT
COLONEL **MORS** IS MY LOVER
ISN'T WORTHY OF A
RESPONSE.

MOTHER, EVERY-
ONE THINKS YOU'RE
GOING **MAD**..



CAPTAIN
GRANDMOTHER,
SIR?

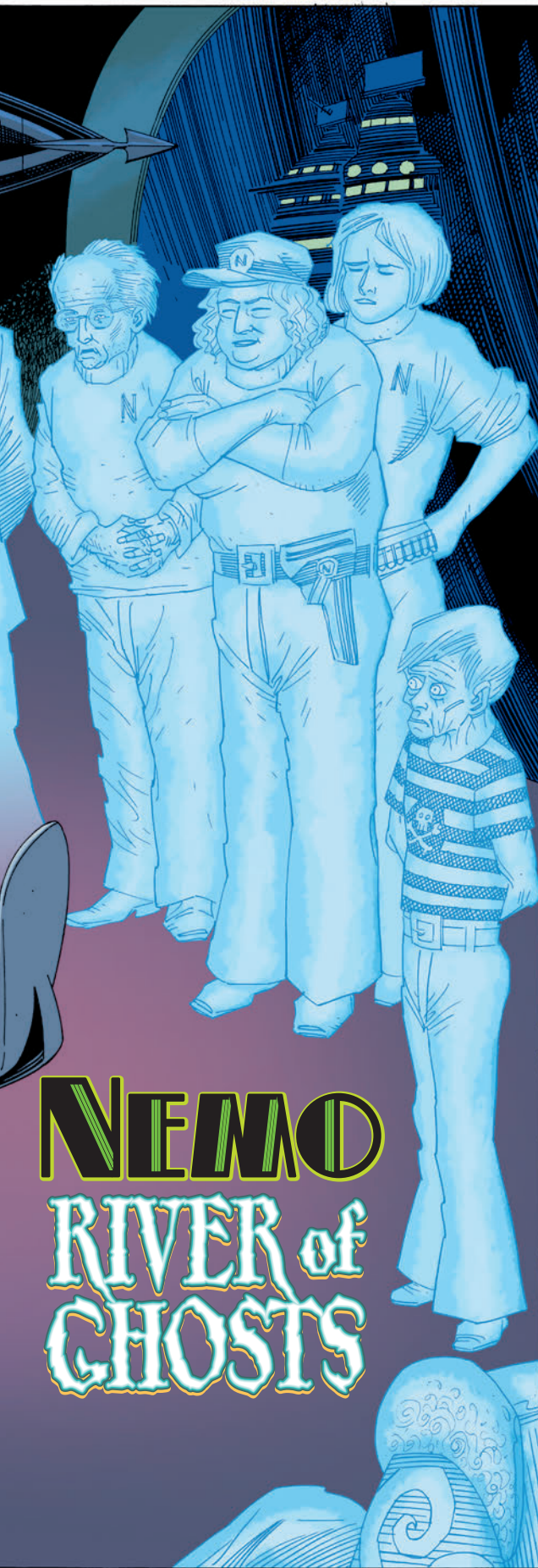
IS IT REALLY
TRUE THAT SOMETIMES
YOU TALK TO THE
SPIRITS?





NO.
NO, MY
YOUNG WARRIOR,
THAT IS NOT SO.
SPIRITS DO NOT
EXIST.

NOW, YOU
SHOULD BE GOOD
AND MAKE READY
FOR YOUR BUNK. YOUR
GRANDMOTHER HAS
A **JOURNEY** TO
PREPARE FOR.



NEMO

RIVER of GHOSTS



DARLIN', ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? COULDN'T IT BE SOME **LOOKALIKE** TAKIN' A CRUISE?

PERHAPS. YET IF THEY APPROACH **LINCOLN**, THEY'LL BE SENT TO THE BOTTOM REGARDLESS.

MIGHT PROVE **UNPOPULAR**, CAPTAIN, BUT YOU KNOW BEST...



YES, YES, I BELIEVE I **DO**. AND I BELIEVE OTHERS SHALL COME TO **SEE** THAT.

TO SEE THAT I AM **NOT** SOME ELDERLY, FIXATED MANIAC...

...SOME **CRONE** IN HARNESS TO HER FAMILY'S **DESTINY**.

