

THE GOD DINGDONG ISLAND

In my last yarn I told about th' pearls Spike and I found in a secret lagoon, and how I had brought up a handful.

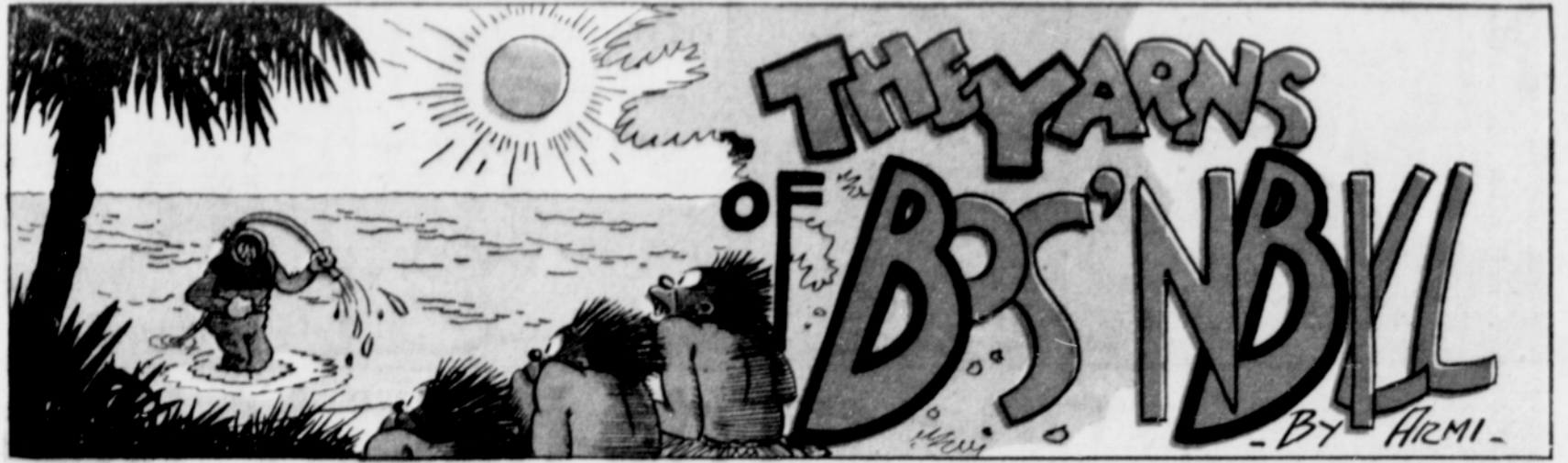
Th' next day as I was puttin' on my divin'-suit, Spike spotted some savages on th' beach watchin' us and jabberin' like a lot of ding-busted parrots. They were tough lookin' customers, and Barney said we'd better hoist anchor and get away. But I wanted some more of those big pearls. So, after I'd climbed into my divin'-suit, Spike said if th' savages started to come aboard he'd haul me up.

I'd just dropped to th' bottom when I spotted a beautiful big pearl. I was reachin' for it when I was yanked through th' water, up toward th' schooner. When I came to th' surface I'll be dodgasted if there weren't two big, ugly savages haulin' away on my

life-line. Soon's they saw me, they dropped th' line, and th' whole lot of 'em jumped overboard and made for the beach. I guess they thought they'd hauled up a devil-god from th' sea.

Spike, and Tony, th' cook, were tied to th' mainmast, Soon's I got 'em loose Spike told me how th' savages had surprised 'em, tied 'em up, and then found and stole our pearls. Right away I thought of a way to get our pearls back. That night I put on th' divin'-suit and walked ashore on th' bottom of th' lagoon to the native village where the savages were sleeping. I slipped into the devil-devil house, where they keep their wooden gods, and sure enough, at th' feet of one of th' gods were th' pearls.

In my next yarn see what happens to me before I get back to th' schooner with th' pearls.



SECRET LAGOON!
THE SCHOONER BELONGING TO BOB'S BILL AND HIS SHIPMATE SPIKE HAS BEEN ANCHORED FOR MANY DAYS. THEY HAVE FOUND PEARLS! — BUT DANGER THREATENS THEM! SAVAGE NATIVES ARE WATCHING THEM!
Look!

