

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

HORNED TOADS

THESE HARDY CREATURES OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES AND MEXICO REALLY ARE NOT TOADS AT ALL, BUT TRUE LIZARDS.

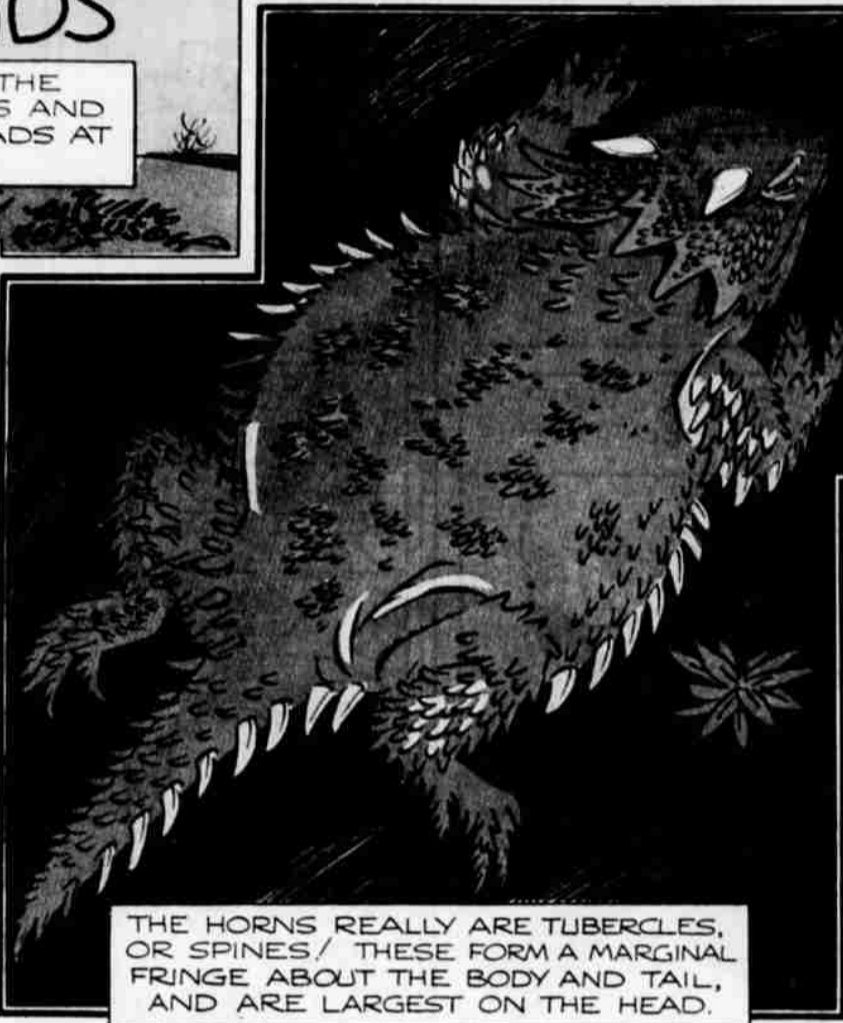
WHEN EVENING COMES, THE HORNED LIZARD BURIES HIMSELF IN THE SAND.



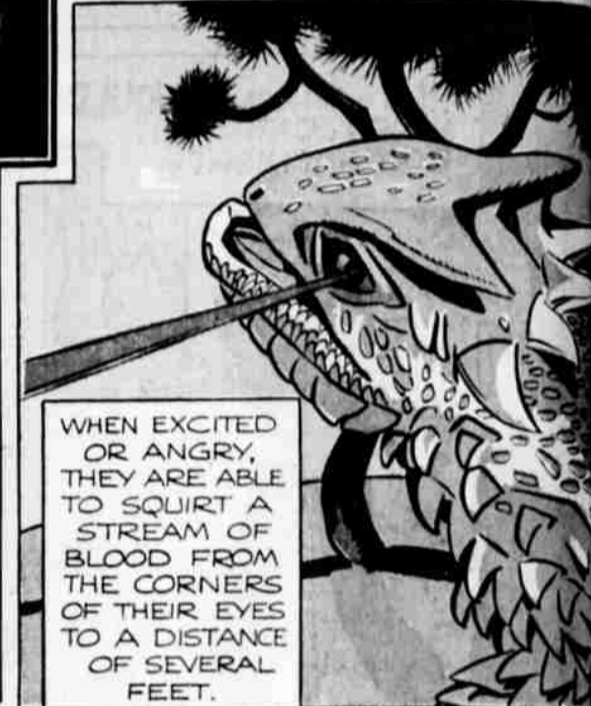
THE CREATURES ARE HARMLESS TO HUMANS! THERE ARE SOME TWO DOZEN SPECIES, VARYING IN COLOR, AND LENGTH OF HORNS! SOME ARE ALMOST WITHOUT HORNS AT ALL.



THEY LOVE THE DRY, DESERT AREAS, AND ARE AT THEIR BEST UNDER THE PARCHING RAYS OF THE SUN! IT IS THEN THAT THEY SCURRY ABOUT IN SEARCH OF INSECT PREY.



THE HORNS REALLY ARE TUBERCLES, OR SPINES! THESE FORM A MARGINAL FRINGE ABOUT THE BODY AND TAIL, AND ARE LARGEST ON THE HEAD.



WHEN EXCITED OR ANGRY, THEY ARE ABLE TO SQUIRT A STREAM OF BLOOD FROM THE CORNERS OF THEIR EYES TO A DISTANCE OF SEVERAL FEET.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser



THE ROWBOAT HOLDS ONLY 130 POUNDS... ONE KID WEIGHS 130 AND EACH OF THE OTHERS WEIGHS 65 POUNDS!



THEY'RE ALL ON ONE SIDE OF THE RIVER AN' WANTA CROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE! BUT, REMEMBER, THE ROWBOAT HOLDS ONLY 130 POUNDS!

GEE, I GIVE UP!



WELL, THE TWO 65 POUND GUYS TAKE THE BOAT ACROSS! ONE STAYS ON THE OTHER SIDE... THE OTHER 65 POUND KID TAKES THE BOAT BACK!



THEN THE 130 POUND GUY TAKES THE BOAT ACROSS AN' GIVES IT TO TH' KID WHO'S ALREADY ON THE OTHER SIDE! HE ROWS BACK AN' BRINGS ACROSS THE OTHER 65 POUNDER! #SIMPLE!



I'VE GOT A SMALL KAYAK THAT HOLDS EXACTLY 130 POUNDS! YOU FELLAS CAN TRY IT AN' SEE IF IT WORKS OUT THAT WAY!

HOW MUCH DO YOU WEIGH, TAG?



I WEIGH EXACTLY 65 POUNDS!

THAT'S SWELL! SO FAR, WE'RE OKAY!!



SURE, I'M GAME TO TRY IT! I WEIGH EXACTLY 130!

GOOD! A HUNDRED AN' THIRTY POUNDS IS THE CAPACITY OF THIS KAYAK, SO EVERYTHING WORKS OUT JUST SWELL! WE LITTLE GUYS'LL TAKE IT ACROSS FIRST!



OSCAR, THERE'S ONE LITTLE ITEM WE OVERLOOKED!



HOW MUCH DO YOU WEIGH?

