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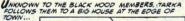












FORGET ABOUT THIS REINER GUY FOR AWHILE. CROSSY?

FORGET ABOUT THIS REINER GOING BACK AFTER ROUGHING UP LIKE TOWN AND ROUND UP THE ONE I JUST BOYS 'I'LL JOIN YOU IN AN HOUR!





I HAVE TO GO TO WASHINGTON,
IRA / YOU STAY HERE AND TAKE
CARE OF MR, REINER / WHATEVER
YOU DO, DON'T LET ANYONE IN







MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE HOTEL, ZIRA WAITS FOR TARKA'S RETURN ...









WHILE THE BLACK HOOD MEMBERS CONFER. UNSEEN BY THEM, ZIRA CONTACTS TARKA BY HEANS OF HER WRIST-

RADIO ...



ZIRA AND REINER ARE TAKEN TO THE EDGE OF TOWN ...

















INSTANTLY, TARKA SPRINGS











WITH AN UNWILLING PASSENGER, TARKA AND ZIRA HEAD

FOR MARS. REINER AND HIS FRIENDS WILL NO LONGER BE MOLESTED, BECAUSE CROSBY. THE LEADER AND ACTIVATING PORCE OF THE BLACK HOODS, WILL BE DIGGING CANALS ON MARS FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS

YES THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE TO WIPE OUT EVIL ON EARTH, TARKA! BUT LOOK ... A SPACE -SIGNAL IS COMING IN FROM SOLAR SYSTEM TASK FORCE HEAD-QUARTERS! PERHAPS WE ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO DUTY IN SPACE!

















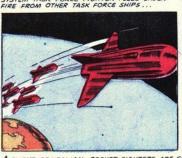


I AM CERTAIN THIS

PERMISSION WILL

WITH THE WAR BOARD'S

A FEW DAYS LATER, A STRANGE INCIDENT OCCURS ON THE MOON, IN A CRATER HIDE-OUT, THE WRALLA IN THE SPACE LANGE MATCH THE MOON, A SOLAR FORCE LEADER AND HIS TOPA FIDE WATCH THE SYSTEM TASK, FORCE FIGHTER FLEES UNDER ACTION...



COLONEL VALODY, VOU WILL SEND UP SOME SHIPS IMMEDIATELY AND ESCORT THAT SHIP IN!

SOURCE LEADER AND MIS TOP AIDE WATCH THE ACTION...

HA! THE DOGS FALL OUT!

GENERAL GIBOVICH.

I WILL LEAD THE SOURCE WATCH THE WATCH THE SHIP IN!

SOURCE LEADER AND MIS TOP AIDE WATCH THE COLONER THE SHIP IN SOURCE WATCH THE WATCH THE SOURCE WATCH THE W

A FLIGHT OF URALIAN ROCKET FIGHTERS ARE SOON ENGAGED IN BATTLE WITH THE SPACE SHIPS...

TASK FORCE COMMANDER TO ATTER
ALL SHIPS? WE ARE
SQUAD
OUTNUMBERED! DISENGAGE
BATTLE! HEAD FOR HOME!
PREPAR
ESCO

ATTENTION URALIA SQUADRON PILOTS! ENEMY FORCE IS DISENGAGING! PREPARE TO EXECUTE ESCORT FORMATION! ATTENTION, TASK FORCE FIGHTER! WE WILL ESCORT YOU IN! FOLLOW COURSE Z-9/6ZIZ! TASK FORCE
FIGHTER TO URALIA
SQUADRON LEADER!
WILL COMPLY.
SETTING COURSE



THE FLEET IS SOON BACK IN THE MOON CRATER







MEANWHILE, A MARTIAN SPACE SHIP RACES THROUGH THE HEAVENS, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN MARS AND THE MOON .

MONITOR POST TO AWAIT WORD APPROACHING FROM TARKA . THAT'S THE HARDEST PART OF MY ASSIGN-SPACE DISC-STATION NO. 6 MENT-WAITING- NOT ZIRA. KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING

READY TO JOIN YOUR CAPITAL! I CAN USE FORCES! YOU, AKRA! BUT YOU WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHED!

I WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE ON A SPACE OUT-

POST ON THE FRINGE OF THE GALAXY, RATHER

COMMANDEERED A SHIP AND FLED! I AM NOW

THAN ACCEPT SUCH UNJUST PUNISHMENT, I

MEANWHILE, ON THE MOON ... IN PLANNING A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

GENERAL, I WOULD ADVISE A SOUND BEACHHEAD ON A MAJOR PLANET

EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND, AKRA, FROM THERE WE WILL STRIKE OUT AT ALL THE OTHER PLANETS AND CONQUER THEM



SATURN SHOULD BE HIT FIRST. THE PEOPLE ARE UNDER A PACIFIST GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE NO WEAPONS. BUT THEY BELIEVE IN PASSIVE RESISTANCE! THEY WILL GREATLY DUTNUMBER THE URALIAN FORCES. THIS MIGHT CAUSE TROUBLE, SO I ADVISE LANDING ON A SATELLITE IN SATURN'S RING



THE SATELLITE IAPETUS IS IDEAL! AS IT CIRCLES SATURN ON ITS ORBIT, YOU CAN OBSERVE THE ENTIRE PLANET AS WELL AS ALL OF ITS APPROACHES.

EXCELLENT! SPLENDID! VALDOV MAKE ALL PREPARA TIONS IMMEDIATELY FOR THE INVASION OF SATURN'S SATELLITE!



I WANT TO WARN YOU THAT IAPETUS IS HIGHLY GRAVITIZED. UNLESS THE SHIPS CARRY SUFFICIENT ANTI-GRAVITY FUEL , THEY WILL CERTAINLY

CRASH

WHY WE HAVE BEEN LOOTING YOUR SPACE TANKERS, WE URALIAN PEOPLE KNOW VERY WELL THE IMPORTANCE OF ANTI-GRAVITY FUEL. OUR SHIPS ARE

AH! NOW, AKRA,

YOU KNOW







HIS EXCELLENCY. OUR SUPPLY IS VERY URALIA RULER BORIS ZANDROZOV, IS EN ROUTE TO INSPECT THE BEACH-LOW, GENERAL! WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE NEW RAIDS ON THE SPACE HEAD. HIS SHIP WILL TANKERS ! I WILL REQUIRE ANTI-GRAVITY PREPARE AN ATTACK FUELING. I HAVE SENT PLAN FOR THE NEXT A REFUELING SHIP TO OPERATION. MEET HIM.

ABOARD HIS OWN SPACE SHIP ... OPERATOR SATELLITE CALLING DISC-STATION NO.6 . CAN YOU HEAR ME, ZIRA T IAPETUS LANDING SUCCESSFUL, BUT FUEL SUPPLIES LOW MY FUEL BOOSTER CONTROL .

THE ATTACKING FLEET SOON APPROACHES THE SATELLITE IAPETUS ... VERY WELL, VALDOV!

GRAVITY INDICATOR

READING AT THE CRITICAL POINT,

GENERAL!

ADVISE ALL SHIPS TO SET

ANTI-GRAVITY FUEL INJEC-

TION AT MAXIMUM POWER !



TRAIN ORBIT RECTIFICATION CONTROL ON IAPETUS SATELLITE AND TRACK ORBITAL ROUTE BORIS ZANDROZOV AND AIDES ARRIVING SOON, BE READY FOR

SIGNAL

URALIA RULER BORIS ZANDROZOV ARRIVES ... AN

YOUR

TOO,

THANK YOU, EXCELLENT OPERATION EXCELLENCY. GENERAL! PLANNING AND EXECUTION MUCH OF THE GOES TO LT SUPERS ! BOTH YOU AND VALDOV WILL AKRA, FORMERLY BE RECOMMENDED FOR THE SUPREME ORDER OF THE CELESTIAL STAR!





GUARDS - QUICK! CAPTURE THE MARTIAN DOG AND THROW HIM INTO CHAINS ! AND SEIZE THESE TWO - A SPEEDY LIQUIDATION AWAITS THOSE WHO ARE TRICKED BY ENEMIES OF THE URALIAN

STAND BACK, FOOLS - OR DO YOU DESIRE INSTANT EXTERMINATION





AS THE NEURO-PARALYSER RAYS WEAR OFF.







OPERATOR SATELLITE CALLING DISC-STATION ORBIT RECTIFICATION CONTROL! TRACK SATURN SATELLITE IAPETUS! RANGE VECTOR 9 ! COURSE X 29 / Y4 ! POWER ON!



WITH A TERRIBLE, CATACLYSMIC JOLT, SATURN'S SATELLITE IAPETUS IS TORN FROM ITS ORBIT.















AND ZIRA ARE WELCOMED BACK

THE NEW IT WILL BE A PLEAS-DEMOCRATIC URE TO JOIN IN THEIR WELCOME, GOVERNMENT SIR! AND YOU ON URALIA IS SENDING ITS MAY BE SURE THAT ZIRA AND I ARE READY TO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GALACTIC THEIR SPACE SHIP, ON CONTINUE THE FIRST LEG OF THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM ANYWHERE IN UNIVERSA SPACE! ARRIVING

