

Blast BENNETT

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BLAST BENNETT AND HIS PARTNER, RED, SEARCH THE FAR REACHES OF SPACE FOR EXCITING ADVENTURES! ...BLAST FINDS HIMSELF THE INNOCENT DUPE OF A GANG OF SMUGGLERS....



I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THESE PACKAGES UP TO MY AGENT ON VENUS!

FORGET IT, JERRY! IT'S LITTLE ENOUGH TO DO FOR A FRIEND!



AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF TRAVEL, BLAST'S SHIP IS ACCOSTED BY A CUSTOMS ROCKET!

LOOK, BLAST! A CUSTOMS SHIP!

YES! THEY'RE SIGNALLING US TO STOP! THEY WANT TO COME ABOARD! I WONDER WHY?



BLAST PULLS UP AND HIS SHIP IS BOARDED BY THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS

SORRY, BUT WE GOT A TIP THAT STOLEN JEWELS ARE BEING SMUGGLED TO VENUS! WHAT'S THIS?

A PACKAGE BELONGING TO A FRIEND! YOU CAN OPEN IT!



THE OFFICER OPENS THE PACKAGE... AND FINDS

THIS IS A STOLEN PENDANT! YOU'RE BOTH UNDER ARREST! FOLLOW US BACK TO EARTH, PLEASE!

I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THAT! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS IN THAT BOX!



A GUARD OF TWO OFFICERS ARE SENT ALONG ON BLAST'S SHIP AS THEY ZOOM TOWARD THE EARTH!



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, BLAST?

..OVERPOWER THESE TWO MEN, AND THEN ESCAPE! WE'VE GOT TO CLEAR OURSELVES!



ALL RIGHT, RED...GET THEM!

RIGHTO!

WHOOOF!



SORRY TO DO THIS, BUD, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BE RAIL-ROADED TO PRISON!



TIE THEM UP, RED! I'M GOING TO TRY TO ESCAPE FROM THE CUSTOMS SHIP!

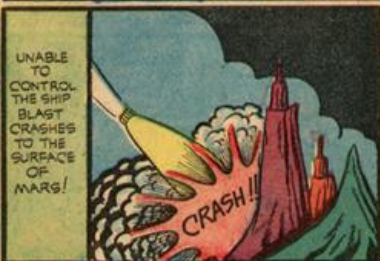
RIGHT, BLAST!

BEFORE BLAST CAN OUTDISTANCE THE CUSTOMS ROCKET, A POWERFUL RAY SMASHES AGAINST THE SIDE OF HIS SHIP!



GOOD NIGHT! THEY'VE DESTROYED OUR GRAVITATORS!

WOW! AND WE'RE CLOSE ENOUGH TO MARS TO BE DRAWN DOWN TO ITS SURFACE!



UNABLE TO CONTROL THE SHIP, BLAST CRASHES TO THE SURFACE OF MARS!



BLAST AND RED CLIMB OUT OF THE WRECK, AND....

THEY'RE COMING AT US! WE'D BETTER DUCK BEHIND THESE ROCKS!

YEAH! I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF BEING TURNED INTO MINCE-MEAT!



GOSH! THEY'RE AFTER US FOR REAL!

QUIET! WHEN THEY ALL LEAVE THE SHIP WE'LL TRY TO GET INSIDE AND STEAL IT!



ALL RIGHT RED, LET'S GO!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

THERE THEY ARE! DON'T LET THEM GET TO THE SHIP! SHOOT TO KILL!



THEY'VE GOT OUR SHIP! STOP THEM!

SORRY TO STRAND THOSE BOYS DOWN THERE, BUT THEY CAN FIX UP MY WRECKED SHIP IN TWO DAYS!

BY THE TIME THEY GET TO EARTH, WE'LL HAVE FORCED JERRY REILLY TO TELL THE AUTHORITIES WE'RE INNOCENT!



BACK ON EARTH BLAST AND RED HURRY TO JERRY REILLY'S HOME!

TELL YOUR BOSS WE WANT TO SEE HIM PRONTO!

SORRY, SIR, BUT MR. REILLY ISN'T AT HOME!



ONE SIDE CHUM / I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

NIETHER DO I!

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THE INSTANT THEY ENTER THE LIVING ROOM....



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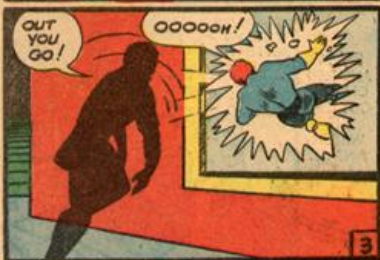
SO - BLAST.. YOU INSIST ON SEEING ME, EH? WELL, THIS'LL CUT THE VISIT SHORT!



RED RUSHES REILLY BUT THE SNUGLER SNATCHES HIM UP AND...

ULP!

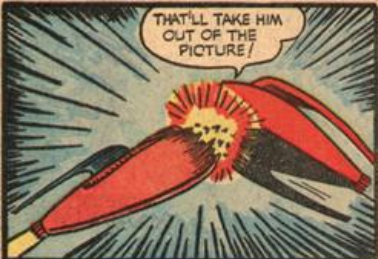
YOU INSIGNIFICANT WORM...! I'LL FIX YOU!



OUT YOU GO!

OOOOOH!





I HID MYSELF ON THE SHIP AND WHEN REILLY LEFT IT, I TOOK IT UP TO SAVE YOU... BUT I COULDN'T CONTROL IT!

YOU SAVED MY LIFE, ANYWAY! AND NOW WE'LL FIND MR. REILLY!

BACK AT REILLY'S OFFICE.....

THE CUSTOMS MEN ARE ON TO US... WE'D BETTER SCRAM BEFORE THEY NAB US!

I GOT A SWELL HIDE-OUT ALL FIXED UP, REILLY!

SUDDENLY THE DOOR FLIES OPEN AND.....

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, BOYS!

BENNETT!

DROP THAT GUN, REILLY!

THIS IS FOR GIVING ME STOLEN JEWELS TO TAKE TO VENUS, YOU RAT!

SOCK!

LOOK, BLAST! THIS GUY'S GOT A GLASS JAW!

BOP!

BLAST AND RED TIE UP THE TWO CROOKS AND TAKE THEM BACK TO THE EARTH.....

BUT, BLAST, SUPPOSE THE CUSTOMS MEN ARREST US ANYWAY?

YOU'RE FREE TO GO, BENNETT! REILLY EXPLAINED EVERYTHING!

I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT CAPTAIN! ANYTIME YOU NEED US CAPTAIN, JUST CALL US

YIPPEE!

DON'T WORRY! REILLY IS GOING TO CLEAR US IF I HAVE TO BREAK HIS NECK!

BLAST BENNETT
and Red have further adventures

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