# LAND OF THE GIANTS

"A PLACE CALLED EARTH"

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## CAST LIST

STEVE BURTON

DAN ERICKSON

MARK WILSON

VALERIE SCOTT

BETTY HAMILTON

ALEXANDER FITZHUGH

BARRY LOCKRIDGE

OLDS

FIELDER

# THE FOLLOWING GIANTS:

MEZRON

BRON

MEZRON'S BROTHER

PHARMACIST

LEADER'S VOICE

AND:

CHIPPER....THE DOG

## SET LIST

## NORMAL SCALE:

EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP (OVERSCALE FOREST)

EXT. TRAIL IN WOODS

EXT. STORM DRAIN ENTRANCE IN WOODS

EXT. WOODS NEAR SPACESHIP CAMP

EXT. ROCK NEAR TREE. - WOODS

EXT. NEAR CLEARING IN WOODS

EXT. LOG IN WOODS

EXT. REVERSE FROM SPACESHIP CAMP

INT. SPACESHIP COCKPIT (REVERSE FROM VIEWPORT)

INT. STOCKROOM - PHARMACY

## OVERSCALE:

EXT. BASE OF FIREPLUG - CITY STREET

EXT. YELLOW LOG IN WOODS

EXT. STORM DRAIN ENTRANCE IN WOODS

EXT. BASE OF BUILDING WALL - CITY STREET

EXT. WOODS AND REVOLVER NEAR CAMP

EXT. TREE ROOT IN WOOLS EXT. WOODS - CAT AREA

EXT. LOG IN WOODS

EXT. FORK IN TRAIL - WOODS

EXT. CLEARING IN WOODS

EXT. WOODS NEAR LOG

EXT. WOODS NEAR STORM DRAIN

INT. STORM DRAIN

INT. BOTTOM OF DOOR - STOCKROOM

INT. TABLETOP - STOCKROOM

INT. EDGE OF TABLE - STOCKROOM

FADE IN

### A INTO COMPUTER ROOM - DAY

Α

ANGLE ON COMPUTER an enormous and magnificently complex machine. Two figures, OLDS and FIELDER, clad in silver suits, are standing in front of the great machine as it addresses them with much flashing of lights.

MACHINE'S VOICE

Olds...

(Olds bows)

Fielder....

(Fielder bows)
Your mission is routine. You travel
back in time one hundred
years. You will make observations
for two hours in real time and
then you will return here. During
your stay in the past you are
warned to do nothing that will
change the course of history in
any way. Now go....

Olds and Fields bow solemnly to the machine and turn to leave.

1 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP - DAY (OVERSCALE) (AS SHOT)

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FULL ESTABLISHING SHOT to show the camp is deserted.

A-1 INT. FLYING POD - DAY (BLUE SCREEN)

A-1

MED. SHOT

as the two silver-suited figures stand in the pod observing the terrain below. Fielder makes some instrument checks and turns to Olds.

FIELDER

The Finder...it's set for five thousand years instead of one hundred.

OLDS

(calmly)

That's right.

FIELDER

How could you make such an error?

OLDS

It was no error. The time has come to put my plan into action.

Cont.

A-1 Cont.

A-1 Cont.

FIELDER

You can't outwit the machine!

OLDS

I've done it.

FIELDER

If we're caught it means annihilation.

OLDS

But if we succeed we rule the Universe. If yo don't want to accept the risk, tell me now.

FIELDER

(after a moment's
silence)

I'm with you.

OLDS

Good. Look below...

(Fielder looks

down)

This is the spot I've chosen.

FIELDER

It seems adequate.

OLDS

If we have to talk privately in front of the inhabitants, use your thought waves.

FIELDER

I'll remember.

OLDS

Follow me down.

Olds abruptly POPS OUT of the SHOT.

2 (AS SHOT)

2

A-2 INT. FLYING POD - DAY (BLUE SCREEN)

A-2

MED. SHOT

with Fielder alone in the pod. He checks below, braces himself and then POPS OUT, leaving the space pod empty.

	ADDED SCENES - "A PLACE CALLED EARTH - 9/24/69	С
3	INTERCUT FOLLOWING CLOSEUPS IN SC. 3 AS SHOT	3
A-3	CLOSEUP - OLDS	A-3
	OLDS We're in luck. The inhabitants are not unlike us at all.	
B-3	CLOSEUP - FIELDER indicating some foliage.	B-3
	FIELDER Then how do you explain this the tremendous size of everything?	
C-3	CLOSEUP - OLDS plucking a portion of a giant-sized leaf and shaking his head.	C-3
	OLDS I don't know. Perhaps we'll find out when we talk to them.	
D-3	CLOSEUP - FIELDER indicating his silver suit.	D-3
	FIELDER Do we let them see us like this?	
E-3	CLOSEUP - CLDS	E-3

OLDS

Of course not. I think we'll emulate the Commander.

He starts over to o.s. Barry and Fitzhugh.

A-76 INT. COMPUTER ROOM - DAY

A-76

ANGLE ON MESSANGER

who is another silver-suited man. He is sharp-eyed and quiet, about thirty and athletically built. He bows to the machine.

MESSENGER

You sent for me.

MACHINE'S VOICE Our two time travelers have not returned. Treachery is suspected.

MESSENGER

Where are they?

MACHINE'S VOICE

That is not known.

**MESSENGER** 

What efforts are being made to trace them?

MACHINE'S VOICE
Sensor scanning is now going on.
Sooner or later they will be
detected. Hold yourself in
readiness. Whey they are located
you will be sent after them.

MESSENGER

Very well.

The Messenger bows.

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A-80 EXT. THE PHARMACY - DAY (NORMAL SCALE)

A-80

CLOSEUP - DOOR (WILD DOOR)

with the words: "PHARMACY STOCK ROOM - DELIVERIES."

B-80 EXT. THE PHARMACY - DAY (OVERSCALE)

B-80

DOWN ANGLE - BASE OF DOOR

as Dan waits while Steve comes rolling from under the door.

DAN

Where's the pharmacist now?

STEVE

He went out front to wait on a customer. This is our chance. Come on.

And Steve rolls under the door, followed by Dan.

A-81 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP - DAY (OVERSCALE)

A-81

ANGLE ON OLDS

as he stops short to listen to the voice of the radio which his mind intercepts. Fielder also hears it and approaches Olds.

FIELDER

They're communicating by radio!

OLDS

I hear them. Listen!

CUT INTO SC. 84 WHERE OLDS LOOKS AT FIELDER.

84-A CLOSEUP - OLDS

84-A

OLDS

Stay here. I'll go to the pharmacy.

He starts to go.

A-112 INT. THE LEAN-TO - DAY

**A-112** 

ANGLE ON DAN

who enters and looks for a place to conceal the medallion. He finally selects a hiding place and puts the medallion there.

A-127 INT. COMPUTER ROOM

A-127

ANGLE ON MESSENGER who once again approaches the machine and bows.

MACHINE'S VOICE A report has come through from the scanning sensors. There has been an inexpert firing of a medallion.

MESSENGER Olds and Fielder are both experts.

MACHINE'S VOICE (from the machine)
Nevertheless, an inorganic mass has been struck by the beam, enabling a fix to be made on its location. Take down these coordinates...

MESSENGER
(who takes a stylus
and a metal square
the size of a note
pad from his belt,
holds the stylus
ready over the metal
pad and looks at the
machine)

I'm ready.

MACHINE'S VOICE Time, minus five thousand years, one hundred and twenty days. Distance, D to the fiftieth power over the square root of R.

> MESSENGER (finishes writing and replaces the stylus and metal sheet)

When am I to go to these coordinates?

MACHINE'S VOICE

At once.

The Messenger bows to the machine and stands very still for a moment. He POPS OUT, disappearing.

B-127 EXT. THE FOREST - (OVERSCALE)

B-127

ANGLE ON DAN

who is crossing through the underbrush following a man in the uniform of a naval commander who is preseumably Fielder although we only catch a glimpse of his back before he is swallowed up in the Giant underbrush again. As Dan is nearly to the point where he, too, disappears, Steve ENTERS, following the other two. But as Steve reaches the center of the screen he suddenly freezes in place, totally immobilized. Then, in a second or two, the Messenger POPS INTO SCENE. He inspects Steve critically for a few moments, studying him from all sides.

MESSENGER

When I permit you to move again, you will be in a hypnotic trance, your will subject to mine.

He stands back and gestures. Steve resumes his motion. But he takes no more than one or two steps when he turns and faces the Messenger.

STEVE

(under a trance)

What do you want of me?

MESSENGER

A force ray was fired near here a short time ago. Do you know exactly where it hit.

STEVE

Yes.

MESSENGER

Take me there.

Without a word, Steve turns to retrace his steps through the woods back to the camp. The Messenger follows him.

C-127 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP - (OVERSCALE)

C-127

CLOSE ON DESTROYED ROCK exactly as it appeared after being struck by the medallion ray. PULL BACK to reveal Steve and the Messenger looking down at the remnants of the rock.

STEVE (still in a trance)

This is the rock.

C-127 Cont.

C-127 Cont.

MESSENGER

Who fired the medallion?

STEVE

Dan.

MESSENGER

This man called Dan...he was a stranger?

STEVE

(shakes his head)

I have known him for years.

MESSENGER

(a little

disappointed)

Then who did the medallion belong to?

STEVE

Two strangers are here. Ιt belonged to one of them.

The Messenger pricks up his ears at this.

MESSENGER

Two strangers...I am going to switch back in time to when they arrived.

The Messenger holds up his hand and gestures.

AS SHOT 12-

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AS SHOT

12-

D-127

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OIL DISSOLVE TO:

D-127BACK TO MESSENGER

as he looks at Steve who is still in a trance-like

state.

MESSENGER

They have killed a man.

STEVE

There was another...a pharmacist.

MESSENGER

Let me see...

The Messenger gestures.

OIL DISSOLVE TO:

93 AS SHOT AS SHOT

93

E-127 BACK TO MESSENGER who looks at Steve again.

E-127

MESSENGER

Have they done anything besides these two wanton killings?

STEVE

They plan to wipe out the Earth and repopulate it with people of their own choosing.

MESSENGER

I see. You have been most helpful. Now you will return to the people you were with. When you join them you will come out of your trance and remember nothing of what had happened. Go.

Steve turns and walks back the way he had come. The Messenger watches until he is gone. Then he stands still and erect. He POPS OUT, disappearing.

	ADDED SCENES - "A PLACE CALLED EARTH" - 9/24/69	K
A-132	EXT. FOREST - DAY (NORMAL SCALE)	A-132
	UPSHOT ON GIANT'S LEG as he starts to bring his boot down on the partially screened-off figure of Mark (DOLL).	
B-132	DOWN SHOT ON MARK (OVERSCALE) with his reaction of terror as the Giant boot o.s. come down toward him.	B-132 es
C-132	UPSHOT ON GIANT'S LEG (NORMAL SCALE) which has now pinned Mark o.s., to the ground.	C-132
133	AS SHOT	133

FADE OUT

# END OF ACT THREE

A-133 INT. STORM DRAIN - (OVERSCALE)

A-133

CLOSE TWO SHOT - DAN AND STEVE who stand in front of an enormous food can.

STEVE

I don't see how they moved these cans in here.

DAN

Fielder says Olds did it alone. Do you believe it?

STEVE

It's hard to swallow.

DAN

What about them isn't?

STEVE

Yeah, I guess you're right.

DAN

(low)

Here he comes.

A-149 (CUT INTO SC. 150 WITH OLDS WATCHING DAN ENTER LEAN-TO) A-149

INT. LEAN-TO - DAY

MED. SHOT

as Dan looks in the hiding place for the medallion. He does not find it. He searches frantically but without result.

(PICK UP IN SC. 150 WITH DAN EMERGING FROM LEAN-TO)

A-151 INT. COMPUTER ROOM

A-151

ANGLE ON MESSENGER who stands respectfully looking at the machine.

MACHINE'S VOICE Your report is most enlightening. Obviously Olds and Fielder have become renegades. We must put an end to their wanton killing. They will be dealt with. Go and observe.

The Messenger bows to the machine, stands erect and then POPS OUT, disappearing.

	ADDED SCENES - "A PLACE CALLED EARTH" - 9/24/69	N		
168-A	CLOSE SHOT - THE MESSENGER who POPS IN and stands observing the fight o.s.			
168	CONT. (As the fight goes on) AS SHOT			
168 <b>-</b> B	BACK TO MESSENGER who raises his hand.			
	MESSENGER Let the protective shield vanish.			
	He gestures.			
168	CONT. (With the knockout of Fielder coming immediately 1 after the gesture of the Messenger.			
	CUT INTO SC. 169 AFTER "Oldscome back."			
169-A	EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP - DAY (OVERSCALE)			
	ANGLE ON OLDS who reacts to hearing the voice of Fielder.			
	(RESUMES SC. 169 TO THE END.)			
A-169	EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP - DAY (OVERSCALE)	A-169		
	with			

ADDED SCENES - "A PLACE CALLED EARTH" - 9/24/69 Ο A-172 ANGLE ON OLDS A-172 who gestures emphatically toward the group. ANGLE ON GROUP B - 172B - 172(Repeat part of SC. 172 and FREEZE FRAME) C-172 ANGLE ON OLDS C-172 who gestures again. OLDS Let time resume for that female only.... He points. D-1.72CLOSE-UP - VALERIE D-172 who suddenly can move again. She looks around at the others o.s. and then at Olds o.s. VALERIE What have you done to me? E - 172ANGLE ON OLDS E - 172beckoning imperiously towards her o.s. OLDS Come here. Valerie ENTERS SHOT and stops, looking at Olds with awe. VALERIE What do you want? OLDS I need you. They have a weapon in there and I don't intend to become its victim. (holding the medallion) You will go inside. Gestures with his head towards the storm drain. VALERIE Me? OLDS Move! Valerie, though baffled, obeys, starting for the storm drain. FADE FOR: (TWO FEET OF BLACK OR END OF ACT FOUR)

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FADE IN

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(CUT SC. 173 BEFORE THE FOLLOWING SPEECH)

A-173 EXT. ENTRANCE TO THE STORM DRAIN - DAY (OVERSCALE) A-173

CLOSE ANGLE ON OLDS who is holding the medallion pointed at Valerie's back, o.s.

OLDS
You had better surrender
unless you want to see this
young lady blown to atoms!

# "A PLACE CALLED EARTH"

## TEASER

FADE IN

(NOTE: DAY THROUGHOUT)

1 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP - (OVERSCALE FOREST)

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PAN SHOT

to establish it is empty.

2 MED. SHOT - (POP IN)
as FITZHUGH and BARRY appear through the underbrush
making their way into camp. They carry a large sack
between them. They get into the middle of the clearing
and pausing, set down the sack.

FITZHUGH

It's getting harder every day to find food.

BARRY

But sir, we never go anywhere near where the Giants live.

FITZHUGH

(pompously)
I don't believe in taking unnecessary chances.

(looks around)
I wonder if any of the others have returned yet.

BARRY

As he speaks, Barry takes a step in the direction of the spaceship. Suddenly, in mid-sentence, he freezes in place. Fitzhugh also freezes. It is as though the two of them were caught in time between one second and the next. After a pause of a beat or two a man suddenly pops INTO view, materializing out of nowhere. He is an extraordinary individual, powerfully built and solemn of face. He is clad from head to toe in silver. Later we will know him as OLDS. He looks at the frozen figures of Barry and Fitzhugh.

ANOTHER ANGLE - (POP IN)
as a second figure pops INTO view. He will later be
introduced as FIELDER. He is similar in appearance to

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Olds and is likewise dressed entirely in silver. He crosses until Olds is in FRAME and both men stare for a moment at the o.s. figures of Fitzhugh and Barry. When they finally speak to each other it is done mind to mind, telepathically. Their lips do not move.

OLDS

(voice over, filter)
We're in luck. The inhabitants
are not unlike us at all.

FIELDER

(voice over, filter - looking around)
Then how do you explain this -- the tremendous size of everything...?

Fielder moves over to touch a Giant-sized leaf, then looks questioningly at Olds. Olds shakes his head.

OLDS

(voice over, filter)
That is a puzzle. Perhaps we'll
find out when we talk to them.

FIELDER

(voice over, filter)
Do we let them see us like this?

OLDS

(voice over, filter)

Of course not.

He starts OUT for o.s. Barry and Fitzhugh.

- 4 ANOTHER ANGLE
  4 featuring the frozen figures of Barry and Fitzhugh as Olds
  ENTERS FRAME to them and inspects them carefully. He
  removes Fitzhugh's wallet, examines it for identification,
  then replaces it.
- 5 CLOSE SHOT OLDS (POP IN)
  He turns to o.s. Fielder.

OLDS

We had better emulate the Navy Commander.

He stands very still for a second and then, all at once, his silver clothes disappear and he is dressed in a uniform that is identical to Fitzhugh's.

6 ANGLE ON FIELDER - (POP IN) who looks at Olds, o.s., and then shrugs.

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FIELDER

(voice over, filter)
All right, if you think so.

He stands very still and then suddenly his costume changes in a flash from the silver suit to a uniform identical to Fitzhugh's. Now he crosses to join Olds.

OLDS

(voice over, filter)

Another thing -- I doubt if these people understand telepathy. Speak to them with your voice.

FIELDER

(voice over, filter)

I'll try to remember.

7 MED. SHOT
with the frozen figures of Barry and Fitzhugh in the SHOT
with Olds and Fielder. Olds looks over toward them and
holds out an outstretched hand.

OLDS

(voice over, filter)
Let time resume....now!

At that instant Barry and Fitzhugh are unfrozen and Barry completes the sentence he started when he was suddenly immobilized.

BARRY

.... see if anyone's in the spaceship.

He takes a couple of steps toward the spaceship and stops stock still in surprise at the sight of the two strangers.

BARRY

0h!

FITZHUGH (likewise dumbfounded at the sight of the two uniformed men)

Where did you come from?

OLDS

(speaking in a normal way now)

We were about to ask you the same question.

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Barry now notices their uniforms and reacts with pleasure. He turns toward Fitzhugh.

BARRY

They've got uniforms just like yours, sir!

FITZHUGH

So I see.

(to the strangers)
I am Commander Fitzhugh of the
U.S. Navy. And you gentlemen...?

OLDS

(blandly)

I am Commander Olds and this is Commander Fielder.

FITZHUGH

(pumping each man's hand in turn)

I can't tell you how delighted I am to see you. Comrades in arms!

Suddenly Barry turns his head to listen to a SOUND.

BARRY

Listen...!

Imagine!

8 EXT. WOODS - NEAR SPACESHIP CAMP - (NORMAL SCALE)

8

UPSHOT

as a Giant COMES through the woods toward CAMERA. He is carrying a revolver in his right hand and a satchel in his left. He looks from side to side, apprehensively, as he advances through the woods.

9 BACK TO GROUP AT CAMP - (OVERSCALE) as Barry and Fitzhugh react in fear.

9

BARRY

A Giant! Run....quick!

Barry grabs Fitzhugh's hand and pulls him toward the cover of the forest. Fitzhugh looks back toward the strangers.

FITZHUGH

(to strangers)
Get out of sight! Hurry!

And Fitzhugh and Barry plunge INTO the woods in headlong flight from the Giant, leaving the two strangers standing in the clearing of the camp.

- 10 ANGLE ON OLDS AND FIELDER 10 who look after the fleeing pair in amazement. Then they turn and see something approaching the clearing.
- UPSHOT THEIR P.O.V. as the Giant APPROACHES, stops, catches sight of the o.s. camp and the two figures standing in the clearing and reacts. He starts in their direction.
- 12 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP AND WOODS (COMP. MATTE) 12

TWO STRANGERS AND GIANT as the Giant bears down on them. Olds fumbles with his shirt and draws out a medallion slung around his neck. He points the medallion up at the Giant and there is a sudden WHINING WHIR of a SOUND. An invisible ray strikes the Giant and he staggers and then falls backward.

- as the Giant crashes backward onto the ground. He drops the gun as he falls, although he keeps the satchel clutched in his left hand.
- 14 BACK TO OLDS AND FIELDER (OVERSCALE) 14

OLDS
(voice over, filter)
That explains the size of the foliage.

FIELDER (voice over, filter)
What are we going to do with this one?

OLDS (voice over, filter) Dispose of him of course.

Olds raises the medallion again and aims it at the o.s. fallen Giant. There is the same WHINING WHIR of SOUND.

BACK TO GIANT ON GROUND - (POP OUT)

we still hear the SOUND of the medallion's WHINING WHIRR
as the Giant's body shimmers a moment and then vanishes
into thin air!

FADE OUT

#### END OF TEASER

## ACT ONE

FADE IN

ALLOW 30 FEET FOR CREDITS:

16 EXT. BASE OF FIRE PLUG - CITY STREET (OVERSCALE)

16

DOWN SHOT - STEVE AND VALERIE
who are carrying a giant-sized slice of bread between them.
They stop as Barry comes running up to them, followed by
Fitzhugh. Both Barry and Fitzhugh are breathless and
excited. They start to talk at once.

BARRY (TOGETHER)
Captain, we ran into these
men from Earth and then a
Giant came and we don't know
whether he caught them or
not because of course we had
to run....

Two Navy commanders.
There may be more of them for all I know but right in the middle of our talk this giant showed up and....

STEVE

Whoa...hold it, both of you. I can't understand a word you're saying.

VALERIE
(setting down her
end of the bread
and going to Barry)
What's this about men from Earth?

BARRY
That's right. In the camp. We were talking to them.

FITZHUGH Until the Giant showed up. We were forced to run then of course.

VALERIE And left the men behind?

FITZHUGH What else could we do?

STEVE
(setting his end of
the bread down and
confronting Fitzhugh)
Wait a minute. You say a Giant came
into our spaceship camp?

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16 Cont.

16 Cont.

BARRY

That's right, Captain. Just as we were talking to these men from Earth.

STEVE

If the Giants have discovered our camp, we've got to abandon it.

FITZHUGH

We'll abandon it anyway, Captain. Don't you understand? These men are from Earth. They can take us back.

VALERIE

I'll believe that when it happens.

17 ANGLE ON DAN who approaches the others.

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DAN

What's the big hassle?

STEVE

(turning to Dan)

Do you know where Mark and Betty are?

DAN

Sure. Over by the yellow log. I just left them.

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STEVE

Take Barry and Fitzhugh over there and stay until I send Valerie back with word.

DAN

Okay. But what's up?

STEVE

That's what I want to find out. Come on, Valerie.

And Steve starts away, Valerie following. Dan is left with Fitzhugh and Barry. He stares after Steve, puzzled.

18 EXT. TRAIL IN WOODS (NORMAL SCALE)

18

UPSHOT

as two Giants approach CAMERA. One is a young man, hardly more than 20. He is thin, wiry and nervous. His name is

18 Cont.

MEZRON. The second one is older...past 40...somewhat grizzled and stocky, more stolid than the first. His name is BRON. They are searching rather frantically for something and at the same time they are being cautious and furtive. Mezron stops and shakes his head.

MEZRON

He was here. I know it.

BRON

He isn't here now. That's certain.

MEZRON

He's got to be!

(looks around some more)

He couldn't get out of these woods.

Bron turns on Mezron and seizes him by the shirt front.

BRON

Listen, Mezron....I didn't work for months just to let this happen.

MEZRON

I tell you he didn't get away.

BRON

(releasing Mezron)

Then where is he?

MEZRON

We'll find him. Keep on looking.

And Mezron resumes his search.

19 EXT. YELLOW LOG IN WOODS (OVERSCALE)

19

MED. SHOT

as Dan, Fitzhugh and Barry face Betty and Mark. The large slice of bread is lying there where Dan and the others have presumably brought it.

MARK

Then Steve has gone to investigate this?

DAN

Right. We're to stay here until we hear from him.

MARK

That could take hours. I told Steve we shouldn't have come out without the walkie talkies.

19 Cont.

BETTY

How could we bring them? They're being recharged.

MARK

Then we shouldn't have started the foraging until they were ready. It's dangerous to be out of communication this way.

FITZHUGH

There's nothing you can do about it now.

MARK

Yes there is. I'm going to the camp. Betty, you come with me. I may have to send a message back.

DAN

Better cool it. Didn't Steve order us to stay here?

MARK

You maybe, but not me. (to Betty)

Come on.

Betty hesitates.

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DAN

Better go with him - Keep an eye on him.

Betty and Mark move away, leaving the other three behind.X

20 EXT. WOODS AND REVOLVER - NEAR SPACESHIP CAMP (OVERSCALE)20

ANGLE ON STEVE AND VALERIE who are moving through the gigantic foliage. Steve stops and Valerie looks at him.

VALERIE

What's the matter?

STEVE

That Giant could be anywhere.

Valerie nods and they start forward again, silently. Suddenly Valerie spies something and clutches at Steve's arm.

# REVISED - "A PLACE CALLED EARTH" - 7/15/69 20 Cont. VALERIE Look....! Steve follows the direction of her glance. 21 THEIR P.O.V. - REVOLVER (OVERSCALE) 21 showing an enormous revolver lying on the ground.

22 BACK TO STEVE AND VALERIE who react.

22

VALERIE

Where did that come from?

Steve shakes his head, then crosses to the revolver. Valerie follows him. They stand beside it, looking it over.

STEVE

It hasn't been here long. No rust on it.

VALERIE

(looking around apprehensively)

I hope the owner doesn't come looking for it.

STEVE

A man just doesn't lose a gun like this. Something happened to make him drop it.

VALERIE

You think it was the Giant Fitzhugh saw?

STEVE

Probably. But what happened to him?

VALERIE

What difference does it make?

STEVE

All the difference in the world. A Giant discovered the location of our camp. We've got to find out who he is and what he's doing about it.

A sudden CRASHING in the bushes alerts them. Steve grabs Valerie's arm and pulls her away from the gun. They take cover, looking up anxiously.

23 EXT. WOODS NEAR SPACESHIP CAMP (NORMAL SCALE)

23

UPSHOT - THEIR P.O.V. as Mezron and Bron approach, still searching.

24 BACK TO STEVE AND VALERIE - DAY (OVERSCALE) 24 crouching in their hiding place. They exchange glances.

VALERIE

(whispers)

I thought Fitz said there was just one.

24 Cont.

STEVE

(whispers)

Looks like he brought a friend.

25 BACK TO GIANTS - UPSHOT (NORMAL SCALE)
as they continue their search. Suddenly Mezron spots
the gun. He stoops and picks it up.

25

MEZRON

(excited)

Bron! Look at this....

Bron comes over and takes the gun from Mezron.

BRON

Is it his?

MEZRON

Yes. And I ought to know. I bought it for him.

BRON

(looking around)
Then he's around here somewhere.

MEZRON

I told you he was. He wouldn't go off and leave that behind.

BRON

(staring at the gun in his hand for a moment and then shoving it in his belt)

Let's find him.

They move OFF.

26 BACK TO STEVE AND VALERIE (OVERSCALE) 26 who crouch in their hiding place until the SOUND of the two Giants fade into the distance. Valerie stands up.

VALERIE

They're gone.

STEVE

(also rising)

They're obviously looking for the Giant Fitzhugh saw.

26 Cont.

Steve sets OFF again and Valerie FOLLOWS.

27 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP

27

ANGLE TOWARD WOODS as Steve and Valerie pick their way cautiously through the brush and arrive in the camp. Steve looks around carefully and decides the coast is clear.

STEVE

No sign of a Giant now.

VALERIE

(looking around)

No sign of any men from earth either.

Steve has wandered off to the edge of the clearing, searching for any clues as to what has happened here. Suddenly he sees something and turns to Valerie.

STEVE

Come over here.

(Valerie joins him)

Look at those bushes.

VALERIE

Stomped on...or crushed. It looks like a Giant might have fallen down here.

STEVE

I think that's exactly what happened. But look...he came this way. All the signs point to it. And yet he didn't leave.

VALERIE

(with a shiver)

I don't like this. It's spooky.

ANGLE ON LEAN-TO 28 where Olds and Fielder are standing in the shadows, observing the actions of Steve and Valerie. Olds speaks telepathically to Fielder without turning his head.

OLDS

(voice over, filter)
We had better be careful what we say
to these two until we learn more about

them.

ANGLE ON STEVE AND VALERIE

who turn toward the center of camp again. As they are advancing toward the spaceship, Olds and Fielder step OUT of the shadows of the lean-to and stand looking at Steve and Valerie who are surprised to see them. Steve takes a step or two toward them.

STEVE

We heard about you.

OLDS

I assume your friends told you. They left here rather suddenly.

STEVE

They were running from a Giant. What happened to him?

OLDS

FIELDER

Nothing.

OLDS

(to Steve)

You see?

30 CLOSE ON STEVE who receives this information with skepticism.

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31 ANGLE ON VALERIE now approaching Olds.

31

VALERIE

We're from Earth too. We're delighted to welcome you here, Commander. When are you planning to go back?

OLDS

Our plans are a little indefinite yet.

Steve walks INTO FRAME, looking at Olds.

STEVE

I'd be interested in looking over your ship.

OLDS

I'm afraid that's impossible.

31 Cont.

Fielder steps INTO FRAME, confronting Steve.

FIELDER

We've left it some distance from here. We'll take you with us when we go back to it.

Steve looks from one to the other, plainly suspicious of them now. Olds turns to look at the spaceship.

OLDS

I take it this is the ship you came in? Very interesting.

STEVE

(in a hurried whisper to Valerie)

I'll try to distract them while you slip away. Warn Dan and Mark to stay clear of these people until I check them out.

32 TWO SHOT - OLDS AND FIELDER who now communicate with each other telepathically.

32

OLDS

(voice over, filter)

He is suspicious.

FIELDER

(voice over, filter)
The man is bright. He could be dangerous to us.

OLDS

(voice over, filter)

Agreed. He may have to be killed before the others.

33 ANGLE ON STEVE 33 who now turns away from Valerie and walks over to confront the two strangers again.

STEVE

I'm worried about that Giant. He may have reported the location of our camp by now. Are you sure you didn't see him?

OLDS

Quite sure.

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#### STEVE

Then how do you explain this?

He turns to lead the strangers over toward the edge of the clearing.

- 34 ANGLE ON VALERIE

  who finds the men are all looking toward the edge of the clearing and not watching her. With a nervous backward glance, she slips away INTO the forest and begins to run.
- 35 ANGLE ON STEVE who points to the underbrush.

STEVE

Notice the way this underbrush has been trampled down. Obviously a Giant fell right here.

OLDS

You're wasting our time.

FIELDER

(who has looked around and reacted)
The girl...she's gone!

Olds wheels to look and then turns to face Steve, his face clouded with anger.

OLDS

You sent her away deliberately.

Fielder now begins to advance on Steve who backs away a few steps.

FIELDER

What are you up to? Where did you send her?

- 36 CLOSE SHOT STEVE 36 watching the approaching Fielder. He is growing alarmed as Fielder approaches.
- 37 ANGLE ON FIELDER 37 who continues to approach as though stalking Steve.

FIELDER

We've got to know where you sent her. Answer me!

37 Cont.

Suddenly Steve decides he is about to be attacked and must strike first. He lunges at Fielder who is taken by surprise. Steve gets in several blows but, surprisingly, they have no effect whatsoever on Fielder. Fielder, on the other hand, strikes Steve a single blow and sends him sprawling. Steve rubs the back of his hand over his mouth and then scrambles to his feet to renew the attack.

- 38 CLOSE ON OLDS

  who watches the uneven battle with a small smile of grim amusement. He does nothing to interfere.
- 39 MED. SHOT 39 as Steve resumes his attack. Fielder meets it with stolid assurance.
- 40 EXT. WOODS NEAR SPACESHIP CAMP (OVERSCALE) 40

ANGLE ON VALERIE who is running through the Giant underbrush in headlong flight. She is caught in the tendrils of a plant and is momentarily halted. With a couple of anxious backward

glances she manages to free herself and plunges onward.

- BACK TO FIGHT AT SPACESHIP CAMP

  as the battle between Stave and Fielder continues. Once
  more Steve gets in several solid blows which produce no
  effect whatever. Then Fielder lands a single blow and
  Steve is down.
- 42 CLOSE ON STEVE

  He is plainly groggy but just as determined as ever. He drags himself to his feet and returns to the attack.
- 43 MED. SHOT
  with Olds quietly watching the battle as Steve staggers in to attack once more. But this time Olds raises a hand and Steve is suddenly frozen in the act of charging back into battle.
- 44 CLOSE ON STEVE 4.4 who stands in frozen immobility.
- 45 EXT. YELLOW LOG IN WOODS (OVERSCALE) 45

ANGLE ON VALERIE who arrives on the scene breathless. She looks around for some sign of the others. She sees the enormous slice of bread on the ground but nothing else.

VALERIE (tentatively) .... Mark?

Dan?

MED. SHOT - UNDERBRUSH (OVERSCALE) 46
as Dan parts the bushes and APPEARS; seeing Valerie o.s.

DAN

Valerie....

47 BACK TO VALERIE 47 who hears Dan's voice and turns in that direction. Dan walks INTO SHOT. She gasps, out of breath.

DAN

We've been keeping out of sight. Too many Giant cops around.

Fitzhugh and Barry ENTER the SHOT. They look eagerly at Valerie.

FITZHUGH

Did you meet the men from Earth?

BARRY

Where's the Captain?

VALERIE

Steve sent me back to warn you.

DAN

What happened?

VALERIE

We met those men and Steve doesn't trust them.

FITZHUGH

What nonsense! There's nothing about them to mistrust.

VALERIE

He thinks there is. He wants you to stay away from them until he can check them out.

FITZHUGH

This is ridiculous! Those men are from Earth. They can get us back there.

DAN

Now let's not get uptight about it until we find out what Steve has in mind.

VALERIE

(looking around)
Where are Mark and Betty? They
should know about this too.

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47 Cont.

BARRY

I'm afraid you missed them.

VALERIE

Missed them? Where did they go?

BARRY

To the camp to look for Captain Burton.

VALERIE

Oh fine.

48 EXT. TREE ROOT IN WOODS (OVERSCALE)

48

MED. SHOT

as Mark and Betty make their way along. Suddenly Mark stops Betty and the two listen, then react.

MARK

Giant!

They scramble under cover of the tree root and hide, watching up and o.s.

49 EXT. ROCK NEAR TREE - WOODS (NORMAL SCALE)

49

UPSHOT - THEIR P.O.V. - MEZRON AND BRON as they pause in their search. Bron sits on a rock to get his breath. Mezron remains on his feet, his nervous energy making it impossible for him to sit down or remain still.

BRON

I'm beginning to think he was killed.

MEZRON

He couldn't have been. We'd have found his body.

BRON

Not if he was buried.

MEZRON

There hasn't been time for that.

BRON

Then you explain it.

MEZRON

I can't. Come on...we've got to keep searching.

49 Cont.

Bron gives him a look and then slowly stirs himself and rises to his feet, grumbling. Mezron has already started away. Bron ambles after him.

50 BACK TO MARK AND BETTY (OVERSCALE) 50 crouching in their hiding place, watching the Giants GO.

BETTY

What was that all about?

MARK

Search me. But let's find Steve.

They get to their feet and resume their way.

51 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP

51

54

ANGLE ON EDGE OF WOODS as Mark and Betty EMERGE into the clearing and stop to look around.

MARK

(calling)

Steve....

BETTY

Nobody home.

Mark begins to look around the camp more closely. At last he crosses over to the spaceship itself and stops outside it.

MARK

Steve...?

- 52 ANGLE ON BETTY 52 who begins to look around herself. Suddenly she spies something on the ground and reacts to it.
- 53 HER P.O.V. WRISTWATCH 53 to show a wristwatch half-buried in the dust.
- 54 BACK TO BETTY who looks around, excited.

BETTY

Mark...come here....

She bends to pick up the wristwatch.

55 ANGLE ON MARK 55 who turns quickly, catching the tone of urgency in Betty's voice. He starts to stride over in her direction.

ANGLE ON BETTY

who now dangles the wristwatch out to Mark as he approaches.

He takes it silently, studies it a moment and then hands

it back to Betty.

MARK

It's Steve's all right.

BETTY

I found it here.

(she indicates a

place on the ground)

It was almost buried.

Mark looks at the ground where the watch was found. He drops to his hands and knees to examine the ground more closely. Then he rises, dusting his hands absently as he looks gloomily at Betty.

MARK

There was a fight here. You can see the signs all over.

BETTY

And...?

MARK

(glumly)
If he'd won he'd be here.

BETTY

What do we do?

MARK

(turning toward the spaceship) The first thing I'm going to do is get the....

At this instant, and in mid-sentence, Mark freezes in the act of striding toward the spaceship. Betty likewise freezes. They hold their poses, immobile.

- 57 ANGLE ON LEAN-TO 57 as Fielder comes strolling OUT. He pauses to look in their direction a moment and then heads over that way.
- 58 ANGLE ON BETTY AND MARK 58 frozen in time. Fielder ENTERS the SHOT and goes up to them, inspecting them with curiosity.

FADE OUT

## END OF ACT ONE

#### ACT TWO

FADE IN

59 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP

59

ANGLE ON BETTY AND MARK
They are still frozen in time and Fielder is inspecting them with interest. PAN with Fielder as he goes over to the entrance of the lean-to. He turns to face the frozen pair again. He raises his hand, almost as though performing a benediction.

60 MED. SHOT 60 as Betty and Mark suddenly resume their action, Mark picking up his words in mid-sentence.

MARK ....walkie-talkies from the spaceship.

He is walking in the direction of the spaceship when he stops short at the sight of Fielder standing in the entrance of the lean-to. Fielder nods to him.

FIELDER

This is your camp, I imagine.

MARK

(surprisea)

How did you get here?

FIELDER

I've been here for some time.

MARK

Where's Steve?

FIELDER

Steve?

MARK

(striding over to

face Fielder)

What have you done to him?

FIELDER

Oh yes...you mean the young man that was here a little while ago.

MARK

(grimly insistent)

Where is he?

FIELDER

He's with Commander Olds. They are performing a mission.

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61 ANGLE ON BETTY

who is unable to restrain herself any longer. She moves forward to join the other two, her eyes on Fielder.

BETTY

Are you really from Earth, Commander?

FIELDER

(amused by her obvious excitement)

I am.

BETTY

Are you going to take us back there?

FIELDER

I assure you, you will all be taken care of in good time.

MARK

What about Steve? What mission is he on?

FIELDER

He is trying to help us find a safe hiding place.

BETTY

But that's no problem. Both of you can stay with us.

FIELDER

You don't understand. It is a hiding place for a hundred people.

MARK

(surprised)

A hundred? Why so many?

FIELDER

I'm afraid I'm not at liberty to say. Military security.

BETTY

Of course. We understand.

MARK

You say Steve is searching for such a place now?

FIELDER

He is. And you two could help if you will.

61 Cont.

BETTY

We'll help...
(looks at Mark)
Won't we?

MARK

If Steve's cooperating, I guess we can.

62 EXT. WOODS - BOBCAT AREA (OVERSCALE)

62 X

CLOSE ON STEVE who is staring sullenly at the ground. PULL BACK to reveal that his hands are bound securely behind his back and X tied to small branch of a tree. Continue to PULL BACK until Olds is in FRAME. Olds is watching Steve. Steve looks over toward him.

STEVE

Why are you keeping me here?

OLDS

So your friends will not interfere while we decide what to do with you.

STEVE

Why did you attack me and take me prisoner in the first place?

OLDS

Allow me to point out, it was you who attacked us. We will keep you prisoner until we can be sure you will not attack again.

STEVE

If I give you my word, will you let me go?

OLDS

Your word isn't worth much I'm afraid. Anyhow, the chances are we will decide to kill you.

Steve digests this calm statement, his own mind racing.

STEVE

If you kill me, Olds, you may regret it.

OLDS

Why should we?

MED. SHOT - STEVE AND OLDS (BLUE SCREEN)

as Olds listens to Steve with a show of indifference. As Steve and Olds continue their conversation, a gigantic bobcat APPEARS above and to one side of the tree to which X Steve is tied. The Bobcat catches their scent, turns, sees the Little People and reacts to the sight.

STEVE

You don't know this planet and I do.

OLDS

Granted. But is that any particular reason for sparing your life?

STEVE

It could mean saving your own life.

Now the bobcat decides to attack Steve. It looks at him menacingly and prepares to spring.

OLDS

How?

STEVE

There are all sorts of dangers here that I could warn you about. Things you would never....

Steve has turned casually while he was talking. He catches sight of the Giant Bobcet and stops in mid-sentence. Meanwhile, Olds has also spotted the huge animal. He fumbles at his shirt front and gets out the medallion which he aims at the stalking cat.

- 64 CLOSE ON STEVE 64 who can only try to cover his head and wait for the gigantic beast o.s. to pounce on him and crush him.
- ANGLE ON OLDS (CONT. SC. 63)

  as he raises the medallion. The Bobcat now springs X directly for Steve. There is the WHINING HUM from the medallion and the Bobcat VANISHES in mid-flight...gone into thin air. Olds calmly replaces the medallion inside his shirt.
- ANGLE ON STEVE

  who only gradually realizes the anticipated attack from
  the Bobcat isn't coming after all. He slowly looks around,
  reacts, staring at the place where the Bobcat had been
  only seconds before. He turns to look at Olds.

STEVE

Where did it go?

66 Cont.

OLDS

It suddenly...disappeared. Somthing must have frightened it, I imagine.

STEVE

That was a close call. I thought I was a goner.

OLDS

So did I.

Olds goes to Steve and begins to untie his hands.

STEVE

What's the idea?

OLDS

I see what you mean about unexpected dangers on this planet. You may be useful to us after all.

STEVE

(rubbing his hands as they are untied) Let's get out of here. That bobcat be back.

X

OLDS

(dryly)

I doubt that very much.

67 EXT. YELLOW LOG IN WOCDS (OVERSCALE)

67

ANGLE ON VALERIE who has been waiting uneasily for word from Steve. Dan, Fitzhugh and Barry are with her. At last Dan goes up to her.

DAN

We've waited here long enough.

VALERIE

But we haven! t heard from Steve.

DAN

Something must have happened to him. We'd better get back to camp... right now.

He starts to lead them away.

68

ANGLE ON BETTY AND MARK

who approach the drain. Betty points to it.

BETTY

This is the drain I meant. Do you think it will do?

MARK

Let's find out.

He squeezes between the bars of the storm drain grill and ENTERS it. Betty FOLLOWS.

69 INT. STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

69

MED. SHOT

as first Mark and then Betty APPEAR in the tunnel-like interior of the drain. They look around.

MARK

This seems to be large enough for their purpose.

BETTY

Okay, we've found it...what do we do about it?

MARK

Report it to Commander Fielder, naturally.

BETTY

I wonder if Steve will be there when we get back.

MARK

(busy examining the details of the drain)

I imagine so.

BETTY

And if he isn't?

MARK

(looking around at her curiously)

That's a strange question.

BETTY

I just wonder what we should do if he's not there.

69 Cont.

MARK

Demand to see him at once. But don't worry...he'll be there.

BETTY

(not quite convinced)

I hope so.

70 EXT. FALLEN LOG IN WOODS (OVERSCALE)

70

ANGLE ON STEVE

who is sitting on a log and watching Olds who has been joined by Fielder. The two strangers, standing several yards away from Steve, are merely staring at each other silently and Steve is puzzled by this.

71 TWO SHOT - OLDS AND FIELDER 71 who communicate in their minds without moving their lips.

FIELDER

(voice over, filter)
...I have this other pair out scouting locations for us.

OLDS

(voice over, filter)
Are you sure they can be trusted?

FIELDER

(voice over, filter)
Reasonably. They didn't ask too
many questions. I am more worried
about the other one they call Steve.

OLDS

(voice over, filter -- looking in Stevess direction)

Yes, he is a problem. The moment I feel we can spare him I am going to do away with him.

ANGLE ON STEVE
who stirs under Olds' gaze. He is concerned about their silence and the fact that in spite of it they seem to be communicating with each other. He sees them turn their attention back to each other and he begins to look around, estimating his chance of making a getaway. Finally he decides it is worth the risk. With a quick glance in their direction, he slips over to the edge of some thick foliage. Then, suddenly, he bolts, running AWAY.

73

73 TWO SHOT - OLDS AND FIELDER who are abruptly aware that Steve is getting away.

OLDS Stop! Come back here!

Fielder takes his medallion out, preparing to fire it, but Olds places a hand on his arm to stop him. Fielder replaces the medallion and then sets off in pursuit of Steve.

74 EXT. FORK IN TRAIL - WOODS (OVERSCALE)

74

DOWN SHOT - STEVE who comes crashing through the underbrush. He pauses, then looks to his right. He turns that way and crashes through some bushes. Then, slowly and deliberately, he backs off until he is back to his starting point. He looks at the result of his effort a moment. The SOUND of a man crashing through the brush is HEARD and Steve comes down toward CAMERA to throw himself behind a fallen log. He has no sooner done so than Fielder appears, in pursuit of him. Fielder stops to look around and then sees the trail in the bushes to his right. He runs off that way. Now Steve stands up again, pleased that his ruse has worked. He looks off in the direction Fielder has gone and then he turns and goes away in the opposite direction.

75 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP

75

ANGLE ON DAN who stands in the center of the clearing, looking around. Fitzhugh, Valerie and Barry are with him.

FITZHUGH

Nothing has changed. It's exactly the way we left it.

DAN

There's nobody around, that's for sure.

Valerie sees something, reacts, seizes Dan's arm and points toward the edge of the clearing. Steve, panting from his run, APPEARS out of the underbrush.

76 ANGLE ON STEVE 76 who stops to get his breath. Valerie comes running up to him.

VALERIE
Steve...are you all right?

Fitzhugh, Barry and Dan join him.

76 Cont.

BARRY

We were worried about you, Captain.

STEVE

No time to explain. You've got to get out of here before those strangers come back.

FITZHUGH

They're not strangers. They're comrades in arms.

STEVE

(angrily clenching
his fist)

Are you going to walk out of here or would you prefer to be carried out?

FITZHUGH

(with dignity, to

Barry)

Come my boy...there are times when discretion is the better part of valor.

BARRY

Where shall we go, Captain?

STEVE

Into the woods and stay out of sight. Now move!

Barry and Fitzhugh obediently TAKE OFF. Dan turns to Steve.

DAN

What's it all about, Steve?

Are those walkie-talkies recharged yet?

DAN

They should be.

STEVE

Get a pair. Quick! And bring a rope!

DAN

Right.

Dan takes off for the spaceship and ENTERS it.

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Steve turns to Valerie.

STEVE

I need a straight pin.

VALERIE

Well, they say any female worthy of the name always has a pin or two on her.

(she feels under the hem of her skirt)

Voila!

She holds up a pin and Steve takes it. He carefully pins it to his coveralls.

STEVE

Thanks.

VALERIE

May I ask what it's for?

Dan comes hurrying out of the spaceship with a pair of walkie-talkies. He is also carrying a rope and a giant safety pin.

STEVE

(to Valerie)

Later.

DAN

(coming up with the walkie-talkies)

Here we are.

Steve takes one of the walkie-talkies and hands it to Valerie.

STEVE

Hide in the woods with Barry and Fitz. Dan and I are going on a mission and I want to keep in touch with you by radio. Understand?

VALERIE

No but I'm on my way.

Valerie turns and hurries across the clearing to follow Barry and Fitzhugh. Dan turns to Steve.

DAN

Mission?

Cont.

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STEVE

We go to a drug store. Come on!

The two men start from the clearing.

77 EXT. WOODS NEAR CAMP - DAY (OVERSCALE)

77

DOWN SHOT - VALERIE

who crouches in a hiding place, flanked by Fitzhugh and Barry. They are watching something, o.s.

78
THEIR P.O.V.
as Olds and Fielder make their way through the woods.
Olds stops Fielder.

OLDS

(o.s., filter)

We've looked everywhere else. He must have returned to the camp.

FIELDER

(o.s., filter)

But he headed in the opposite direction.

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(o.s., filter)

He tricked you.

Olds takes Fielder's arm and steers him in a new direction.

79 BACK TO GROUP 79 as Valerie turns to Fitzhugh. (All speak in whispers.)

VALERIE

They're headed for the camp.

BARRY

I hope the Captain got away in time.

FITZHUGH

I still don't see why we have to hide from a pair of U.S. Navy Commanders.

VALERIE

Steve told us to. That's good enough for me.

Fitzhugh continues to look unconvinced as he glumly stares after the strangers.

80 INT. PHARMACY STOCK ROOM (NORMAL SCALE)

80

ESTABLISHING SHOT

to show the room. There is a table on one wall and a can on the table. The Pharmacist is at work in the room. A Bell SOUNDS from o.s.

PHARMACIST

All right - I'm coming.

The Pharmacist finishes what he is doing and goes OUT, leaving a can on the table.

81 INT. AT BOTTOM OF STOCK ROOM DOOR (OVERSCALE)

81

DOWN SHOT

as first Steve and then Dan roll under the crack in the bottom of the door to gain entrance to the room. Steve and Dan rise to their feet.

DAN

(whispers)

Which way?

STEVE

(whispers)

I want to report first.

(takes out walkietalkie and speaks
sotto into it)

Valerie...do you read me? This is Steve.

82 EXT. WOODS NEAR CAMP (OVERSCALE)

82

ANGLE ON VALERIE

who has HEARD the CALL and is now activating her own walkie-talkie. Fitzhugh and Barry listen.

VALERIE

(into walkie-talkie)

Yes Steve...go ahead.

83 INT. BOTTOM OF STOCK ROOM DOOR (OVERSCALE)

83

DOWN SHOT - STEVE

who is using the walkie-talkie while Dan watches.

STEVE

(sotto; as into walkie-talkie)

I just want to report our location. We're....

84

ANGLE ON OLDS

who is suddenly monitoring in his mind the radio transmission between Steve and Valerie.

STEVE'S VOICE

(o.s. sotto; on

filter)

...in the stock room of the pharmacy on Fifth and Park. We'll meet you at the old yellow log in the woods in exactly an hour.

Olds reacts to this, looking at Fielder who is obviously receiving the message too.

VALERIE'S VOICE

(o.s. on filter)

All right, Steve. Over and out.

Olds looks at Fielder.

OLDS

(o.s. filter)

Stay here at the camp. I'll go after them.

Olds prepares to leave the camp.

85 INT. EDGE OF TABLE (OVERSCALE)

85

ANGLE ON GRAPPLE

which is stuck in the table top with the rope hanging down over the edge. Steve APPEARS, pulling himself up on the rope. Reaching the table top, he turns to assist Dan. Both men are now on the table top and Steve silently points. They start off along the tabletop.

86 INT. TABLETOP (OVERSCALE)

86

ANGLE ON CAN

which dominates the scene. The can is labelled "Sodium Amo-Barbitol." Dan and Steve look at it.

STEVE

(sotto)

That's the stuff we want.

DAN

(sotto)

Truth serum? What's the idea?

86 Cont.

STEVE

(sotto)

I'm going to get some straight answers from those jokers. (looks up at the can)

Give me a hand with the cap.

87 INT. BOTTOM OF STOCK ROOM DOOR (OVERSCALE) 87

DOWN SHOT

as Olds crawls under it and stands upright. He looks toward the table o.s. and starts in that direction.

88 INT. TABLETOP (OVERSCALE) 88

DOWN SHOT - STEVE

who is standing on a book which they have pushed up beside the can. He has removed the cap from the can and is busily engaged in dipping the pin he had taken from Valerie into the liquid.

89 ANGLE ON DAN 89 who has taken a note pad paper, and is rolling it into a tube about three feet long. He glances up toward Steve o.s.

(sotto)

Hurry up.

Dan stands up, holding the rolled-up paper.

90 INT. TABLE EDGE (OVERSCALE) 90

ANGLE ON GRAPPLE

as Olds pulls himself up on the rope and climbs over the edge of the table. He sees Dan and Steve o.s. and is pleased with himself. He starts to walk in that direction.

INT. TABLETOP (OVERSCALE) 91

91

ANGLE ON STEVE

who now climbs down to join Dan. Both men are interested in the tube of paper which Dan shows Steve.

DAN

(sotto) Will this do?

STEVE

(taking the paper tube; sotto)

It should be perfect.

Cont.

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91 Cont.

Olds casually walks into view.

OLDS (full voice)

You've led me quite a chase.

They wheel to face Olds, stunned to find him here. Olds unobtrusively flips the medallion outside his shirt to let it dangle in plain sight of them. Steve finds his voice at last.

STEVE

(full voice)
How did you track us?

Olds only smiles as he fingers the medallion.

92 INT. PHARMACY STORE ROOM (NORMAL SCALE)

92

ANGLE ON DOOR TO STORE which abruptly opens to reveal the rather elderly Pharmacist. He closes the door as he comes in the room and then he suddenly stops in amazement.

93 INT. TABLETOP (COMP. MATTE)

93

SHOT - LITTLE PEOPLE AND GIANT PHARMACIST They are staring in surprise at the Giant who is looking down at them.

#### PHARMACIST

Little People...!

The Pharmacist reaches out his hand as though to clutch at them. Steve and Dan shrink back but Olds stands his ground. He aims the medallion at the Giant who is reaching for them. There is the WHINING WHIR as the medallion is discharged. The Giant pauses as though frozen, then starts to fall. The medallion WHINES again and the old Pharmacist VANISHES into thin air even as he is in the act of dropping to the floor.

94 ANGLE ON STEVE AND DAN (OVERSCALE)
who can do nothing but stare in total amazement at this extraordinary sight.

FADE OUT

### END OF ACT TWO

#### ACT THREE

FADE IN

95 INT. TABLETOP (OVERSCALE)

95

ANGLE ON STEVE AND DAN who continue to stare incredulously as Olds calmly takes the medallion which is slung around his neck and tucks it inside of his shirt again. Steve finally finds his voice.

STEVE

What kind of weapon is that?

OLDS

A very efficient one, I assure you.

DAN

Just who are you?

OLDS

Exactly who we said we were. We are from Earth...as you are.

Steve and Dan exchange glances. Steve turns back to Olds.

STEVE

Where on Earth?

OLDS

I should be asking the questions, not you. You will come back to your camp with me and there you will tell me more about this planet... a great deal more.

He fingers his shirt front as though idly reaching for the medallion. Steve spreads his arms in a helpless gesture.

STEVE

You're the boss.

Olds indicates that they are to preceed him. They start OUT, Dan still carrying the paper tube.

OLDS

(nodding at the tube) What have you got there?

DAN

(uncomfortably)

It's nothing.

OLDS

Hand it over.

95 Cont.

Dan holds back.

STEVE

(with a sigh)

Give it to him.

Dan gives Olds the tube. He breaks it. They move OUT toward o.s. table edge.

96 INT. TABLE EDGE - (OVERSCALE)

96

MED. SHOT

as the three men reach the edge. At a sign from Olds, Steve starts down, followed by Dan. When both men are out of sight, Olds follows them.

97 INT. STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

97

ANGLE ON ENTRANCE

as Mark crawls into the drain, followed by Betty. They turn and wait while Fielder crawls through the entrance, then looks around curiously. Betty gestures toward the interior.

BETTY

This is it.

MARK

It's large enough and you won't be bothered by any Giants here.

BETTY

Of course there are brighter places to live.

FIELDER

That makes no difference at all. This place will do very nicely.

(continues to look around)

Yes, it is perfect for our purposes. Now we must think about supplies.

MARK

Supplies?

FIELDER

Enough provisions to feed a hundred people for one year.

BETTY

That's a lot of food.

97 Cont.

FIELDER

Is there a food shortage on this planet?

MARK

No.. there seems to be plenty to eat.

FIELDER

Then it is no problem.
(turns to walk
off into the
drain)

I imagine there is plenty of storage room in this drain...

MARK

(when Fielder is
 out of sight)
Why do they want to feed all
those people for a year?

BETTY

He said it was a military secret.

MARK

Is Steve's whereabouts a military secret too? Come on...

He takes her hand and starts to pull her toward the exit.

BETTY

Where are we going?

MARK

Back to camp. I'm going to find Steve.

The EXIT the drain.

98 INT. BOTTOM OF STOCK ROOM DOOR (OVER SCALE)

98

DOWN SHOT

as Dan, Steve and Olds APPEAR, about to leave the building. Steve pauses and turns to Olds.

STEVE

Suppose somebody comes back here looking for the pharmacist.

ÓLDS

(with a shrug)

They won't find anything, will they? Get moving.

Steve and Dan, repressing a shudder of distaste, turn and duck under the door, followed by Olds.

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MED. SHOT

as Mark and Betty ENTER the clearing. They look around, crossing to the lean-to to see if anyone is there.

MARK

No sign of Steve here.

BETTY

(looking toward the ship)

What about in there?

Mark nods and starts for the spaceship. CAMERA stays with Betty who continues to look around, worried.

100 INT. SPACESHIP COCKPIT (NORMAL SCALE)

100

REVERSE FROM VIEWPORT as Mark ENTERS and starts to look around. He finds something at the ship's radio which catches his interest. He makes a closer examination. Betty ENTERS the cockpit.

BETTY

What did you find?

MARK

It's what I didn't find that interests me. Two walking-talkies are gone.

BETTY

Maybe Steve came back and got them.

MARK

Maybe.

(turns on the ship's radio and then picks

up a mike)

This is Spindrift calling Burton/ Spindrift calling Burton. Do you read me Steve?

101 EXT. BASE OF BUILDING WALL - CITY STREET (OVERSCALE) 101

DOWN SHOT ON STEVE, DAN AND OLDS as the sound of Mark's voice is heard over the walkie-talkie which Dan carries.

MARK'S VOICE

(o.s. filtered

on radio)

Spindrift to Burton...Come in Steve.

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101 Cont.

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They pause and Olds looks at them.

OLDS

Answer that call. Tell him to meet you at the camp.

STEVE

Go ahead, Dan.

But he gives Dan a look that tells him not to do it. Dan nods and lifts the walkie-talkie.

- 102 CLOSE SHOT WALKIE-TALKIE (INSERT) 102 showing a two-way control marked "ON" and "OFF". The pointer at the moment is on "ON". Dan's hand moves it to "OFF".
- ANGLE ON DAN who speaks into the now dead walkie-talkie.

DAN

(into walkie-

talkie)

This is Dan. Steve says to meet him at the spaceship camp. Out.

He lowers the walkie-talkie. The three stand for a moment, Steve and Dan waiting for a reaction from Olds.

OLDS

Your radio is not working.

DAN

(astonished)

What?

STEVE

How could you know that?

OLDS

I would have intercepted your signal if you had transmitted one. You see, we have a much more reliable communication system than you have.

104 INT. SPACESHIP COCKPIT (NORMAL SCALE)

104

REVERSE FROM VIEWPORT as Mark continues to work at the transmitter, and Betty watches anxiously.

MARK

(into mike)

Steve, do you read me? This is Spindrift calling Burton...

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105 EXT. YELLOW LOG IN WOODS (OVERSCALE)

105

ANGLE ON VALERIE

who has been waiting with Fitzhugh and Barry. She hears Mark's voice on her walkie-talkie and she raises it to speak.

VALERIE

(into walkie-talkie)

Mark, this is Valerie.

106 INT. SPACESHIP COCKPIT (NORMAL SCALE)

106

REVERSE FROM VIEWPORT as Mark reacts to the SOUND of Valerie's VOICE. Betty also reacts.

MARK

(into mike)

Valerie! Is Stevé with you?

VALERIE'S VOICE

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(o.s., on speaker)

No. But I've heard from him.

Where are you?

MARK

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(into mike)

At the spaceship.

107 INT. STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

107

ANGLE ON FIELDER

who reacts to the SOUND of the RADIO transmission in his head.

VALERIE'S VOICE

X

(o.s., filter)

Steve wants you to join the rest of us. He told me to warn you if I could.

MARK'S VOICE

(o.s., filter)

Warn me about what?

VALERIE'S VOICE

(o.s., filter)

The strangers from Earth.

108 EXT. WOODS NEAR CAMP (OVERSCALE)

108

ANGLE ON OLDS

who has stopped Dan and Steve while he listens to the radio voices in his head.

VALERIE'S VOICE

(o.s., filter)

Steve says we are all to steer clear of them until he can find out more.

Dan and Steve look puzzled as to why Olds stopped them. They look at him curiously. Olds pays no attention to them for the moment.

MARK'S VOICE

(o.s., filter)

What's wrong with them?

VALERIE'S VOICE

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(o.s., filter)

I don't know. Steve wants you to join us here. We're hiding at the old yellow log in the woods.

MARK'S VOICE

X

(o.s, filter)

Roger. We'll be there. Out.

STEVE

What are you doing?

OLDS

Listening to a broadcast. Too bad you turned that off....

(he touches the walkie-talkie in Dan's hands)

You would have enjoyed it.

And, with a look of self-satisfaction, Olds gestures for Steve and Dan to move along. They start out and Steve unobtrusively gets out the pin which he had soaked in the truth serum. He surreptitiously snaps off a small piece of bamboo and experimentally blows through it.

109 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP

109

MED. SHOT

as Olds ENTERS the clearing, followed by Dan and then by Steve, who holds the small bamboo tube in one hand and the pin in the other. Olds is paying no attention to him as he surveys the camp. Dan throws a glance at Steve to encourage him.

- 110 CLOSE ON STEVE 110 who takes the pin and loads it into the tube and raises it to his mouth. He aims it and blows.
- close on olds who is still inspecting the camp. Suddenly he reacts as the pin from the improvised dart gun strikes him in the back of the neck. He takes a staggering step or two and then collapses face down on the ground. Dan and Steve run up to him. Dan kneels and looks closely at him, then nods encouragingly at Steve. He now fumbles at Olds' neck and eventually removes the pin. He tosses it away and takes off the medallion. He dangles it as he rises to face Steve.

DAN

We got this anyway.

STEVE

Be careful of that thing. You saw what it can do.

DAN

(examining the medallion gingerly)

Don't worry, I will be.

Dan walks OFF out of FRAME, examining the medallion while Steve kneels down and carefully turns Olds over on his back.

STEVE

Olds...Can you hear me?

ANGLE ON DAN

who is still experimenting with the medallion. He discovers
a way to twist it. Fortunately, he aims it across the
clearing at a rock. The now familiar WHINING HUM emanates
from the device and the rock in the b.g. EXPLODES with the
force of the shot. Dan stares.

DAN

Wow...out of sight!

Steve, alerted by the explosion, approaches Dan.

STEVE

I told you to be careful.

DAN

No harm done. I know how to control it now.

STEVE

It could come in handy.

DAN

My sentiments exactly. I'd better hide this thing until we need it. (looks around)

In the lean-to.

He ctarts over there. Olds, still unconscious on the ground, MOANS. Steve looks quickly in his direction and then goes to him.

113 ANGLE ON OLDS as Steve kneels at his head. Olds groggily opens his eyes.

STEVE

Olds...can you hear me?

OLDS

(who speaks as though in a trance)

I hear you.

STEVE

You'll tell the truth now. Where are you from?

OLDS

Earth.

Steve looks disappointed and puzzled.

STEVE

How did you get here?

OLDS

We are time travellers.

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114	ANGLE ON DAN who returns from the lean-to in time to hear this states He stops stock still in amazement.	111 menu
115	ANGLE ON OLDS still lying in his semi trance.	115
	STEVE When are you from?	
	OLDS The year five thousand and thirty-two of the Atomic Age. As you measure time, the year fifty-four seventy-seven.	
116	CLOSE ON DAN who is awed in spite of himself.	116
	DAN He's putting us on!	
117	ANGLE ON STEVE as he shakes his head.	117
	STEVE I don't think so. What are you doing here, Clds?	
118	CLOSE ON OLDS who speaks with half opened eyes and in a trance-like state.	118
	OLDS We plan to unleash deadly bacterial agents on Earth. The entire population will be wiped outeveryone:	
119	CLOSE SHOT - STEVE who is shocked.	119
	STEVE But why?	
120	TWO SHOT - STEVE AND OLDS as Olds continues his trance-like recitation and Steve listens incredulously.	120
	OLDS First we will take a hundred people from eartha hundred people carefully selected to be dull, unimaginative, slothful.	
121	CLOSE SHOT - DAN listening open-mouthed to Olds' words.	121
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OLDS' VOICE

121 Cont.

122

(o.s.)
These one hundred people will stay here on this planet for one year, until it is safe to return to Earth. Then they will go back and they will repopulate the world. In five thousand years they will have produced a planet full of dull, unimaginative,

122 TWO SHOT - STEVE AND OLDS
as Olds continues as before and Steve listens with
increasing amazement.

slothful people.

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Such a population will be easily subjugated by me and I will then become the single most powerful human being who ever lived!

STEVE

But five thousand years ....!

OLDS

When you can travel in time, five thousand years is as the tick of a second.

STEVE

(more to himself than to Olds)

It's insane....

OLDS

(getting drowsy)

The...tick...of a...second....

His eyes close and he seems to fall into a deep sleep. Steve stands up and turns to Dan, who approaches.

STEVE

He'll come out of it in a minute.

DAN

All that stuff...you don't believe it, do you?

STEVE

Under the drug he can tell nothing but the literal truth.

DAN

Time travel! It's too much!

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122 Cont.

Olds, o.s. MOANS and Steve and Dan look quickly in his direction.

STEVE

He's coming out of it. He won't remember that anything happened to him. Play it cool.

DAN

Right.

ANGLE ON OLDS
who now opens his eyes wide, looks around and gets to
his feet. He casually brushes off his clothes.

OLDS

(in normal tones)
I must have stumbled.

124 TWO SHOT - STEVE AND DAN 124 who exchange glances. Suddenly they both whirl at the SOUND of approaching FOOTSTEPS.

ANGLE ON FIELDER 125 who ARRIVES in camp from the forest. He looks at Olds and starts to communicate telepathically.

FIELDER

(voice over, filter)
We have located a perfect place.

OLDS

(voice over, filter)

Good. Where is it?

Steve has been looking from one man to the other before he speaks.

STEVE

Don't you think you should let us in on what you're saying?

OLDS

(sharply)

What?

STEVE

You're obviously communicating by telepathy. That isn't very polite, is it?

OLDS

(after a long look at Steve)

You're very perceptive. My friend was telling me he has found a place we were looking for.

FIELDER

A friend of yours helped me. He says his name is Mark.

DAN

Mark! Where is he?

FIELDER

He ran off while my back was turned. But it doesn't matter. He has done his job.

OLDS

(to Steve)

I would like you to inspect this place.

STEVE

Me?

OLDS

You seem to know so much about the dangers of this planet. I would like your opinion.

126 TWO SHOT - DAN AND STEVE 126 as Dan looks at Steve and speaks directly to him, ignoring Olds and Fielder.

DAN

This would be a good time to get the thing I hid.

STEVE

(puts his hand on Dan's arm to stop him)

Not yet. I'd <u>like</u> to inspect this

place.

(to Olds)

I'll go along with you.

127

127 ANGLE ON OLDS

who favors him with a thin smile.

OLDS

Not with me. With Fielder. I'm going to scout for provisions. Fielder...show him the place.

FIELDER

Follow me.

Fielder leads Dan and Steve away while Olds watches them GO.

128 EXT. YELLOW LOG IN WOODS (OVERSCALE) 128

ANGLE ON VALERIE who reacts as she, Fitzhugh and Barry see Mark and Betty approach.

VALERIE

(going to meet them) Mark...Betty...are you okay?

BETTY

Fine. We finally met one of the Earth men.

VALERIE

Pretty strange, aren't they?

BETTY

You can say that again.

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Steve show up yet?

VALERIE

X

No. I'm beginning to get worried.

MARK

X

(beat)

I'm going to look for him.

VALERIE

Do you think you should?

MARK

I've got a feeling something's happened to him and Dan. Don't worry, I brought a walkie-talkie from the ship ...

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MARK (Cont.)
(indicates it
hanging at his
belt)
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I'll keep in close touch with you.

FITZHUGH
(stepping forward)
If you should run into either of those Navy Commanders....

128 Cont.

MARK

Yes?

FITZHUGH

(sensing the hostility at the mention of them)

Never mind.

Mark turns and GOES. They watch him.

129 EXT. STORM DRAIN IN WOODS (OVERSCALE)

129

MED. SHOT

as Fielder approaches, followed by Dan and Steve. The three stop near the entrance of the storm drain and Fielder points to it.

FIELDER

The place is in there.

STEVE

You realize, of course, that's a storm drain?

FIELDER

(a touch of concern)
Are you telling me it will flood
in bad weather?

Steve looks around carefully before he answers. At last he turns back to Fielder.

STEVE

No I don't think so. This is an abandoned drain. The whole system around here was made obsolete by an improved drainage system the Giants have installed.

FIELDER

(more hopefully)
Then it is fairly safe?

STEVE

Yes, I think so. Let's have a look inside.

Fielder gestures for Steve and Dan to precede him. They duck into the drain, followed by Fielder.

130

ANGLE ON MARK

who is making his way through the woods. He pauses in a clearing. He looks around and takes his radio from his belt.

MARK

(into walkie-talkie) Hello Val...do you read me?

VALERIE'S VOICE

(o.s. - filter on radio)

Go ahead, Mark.

131 EXT. NEAR CLEARING IN WOODS (NORMAL SCALE)

131

UPSHOT - BRON AND MEZRON as they come silently through the brush. They pause as Mezron puts out a hand to step Bron.

MEZRON

(low)

Listen....

132 EXT. CLEARING IN WOODS (COMP. MATTE)

132

SHOT - MARK - BRON AND MEZRON
Mark is facing CAMERA and holding the walkie-talkie to
his face as he talks. In the b.g. the two giants appear,
see him and stop a moment to stare.

MARK

(on walkie-talkie)

I'm in the woods now. No sign of Steve and Dan yet but I'm still searching.

BRON

Get him.

Mezron leans forward, moving one foot carefully to trap Mark.

MEZRON

(to Mark)

I ought to squash you like a worm...

133 CLOSE ON MARK (OVERSCALE)

who is pinned by the giant shoe of the giant. In his surprise and terror, Mark drops the walkie-talkie. TILT DOWN to a CLOSEUP of the walkie-talkie.

133 Cont.

VALERIE'S VOICE
(over walkie-talkie)
Where are you going next?
(pause)
Mark...do you read me?
(in alarm)
Mark...!

FADE OUT

END OF ACT THREE

## ACT FOUR

FADE IN

134 INT. STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

134

MED. SHOT

with Dan and Steve facing Fielder. Several enormous cans of food have already been stored in the drain. Fielder points toward them.

FIELDER

Then it is your opinion that these will be safe here?

STEVE

You might move them a little deeper into the drain.

FIELDER

Good. You and your friend will do it for me.

DAN

Wait a minute. Those cans are heavy.

STEVE

(making a decision
 about something)
Fielder...tell me one thing.

FIELDER

What do you wish to know?

STEVE

Can you and Olds read minds?

FIELDER

Of course not. What made you ask that?

STEVE

Because I can.

Fielder looks startled. He looks at Steve closely and then at Dan.

DAN

(playing along)

That's right, he can. It's weird.

FIELDER

I don't believe you.

135 ANGLE ON STEVE

who casually walks among the cans as though more interested in them then in the conversation. Fielder continues to stare at him, waiting for an answer.

STEVE

I knew about your using telepathy, didn't I?

FIELDER

(disparagingly)

That! A guess, that's all.

STEVE

And I know about your mission here.

FIELDER

(startled)

What do you think you know about that?

STEVE

Everything. You're going to destroy everyone on Earth...all but a hundred people.

FIELDER

(jolted)

Who told you that?

STEVE

You did. I read your mind. I read Olds' mind too. You realize what he is planning, don't you?

FIELDER

I don't know what you're talking about.

STEVE

Once you've planted these people here and set everything up he won't need you anymore. He's planning to kill you, Fielder, just as he's planning to kill us.

FIELDER

That's a lie!

STEVE

Is it? Do you think the two of you will rule the world five thousand years from now? There can only be one absolute ruler, Fielder, and Olds plans to be it.

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## FIELDER

I don't believe you!

136 CLOSE ON DAN 136 who realizes what Steve is trying to do. He is silently approves.

137 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP

137

ANGLE ON OLDS who stands alone in the middle of the clearing, concentrating his thoughts.

OLDS

(voice over, filter) Fielder...can you hear me?

138 INT. STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

138

FEATURING FIELDER - STEVE AND DAN NEARBY Fielder suddenly turns his head as though listening to a voice.

FIELDER

(voice over, filter)
Yes, Olds. I hear you. What do you want?

BACK TO OLDS AT CAMP as he continues to transmit his voice telepathically.

139

OLDS

(voice over, filter)
Bring your two prisoners to the spaceship camp at once.

140 BACK TO GROUP IN STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)
Fielder has received the telepathic thought.

140

FIELDER

(voice over, filter)

We'll be there.

He turns and speaks aloud to Steve who has been watching him narrowly.

FIELDER

If you can read minds as you claim, what am I thinking?

140 Cont.

STEVE

(making an educated

guess)

You have been in telepathic communication with Olds.

FIELDER

(annoyed, roughly)

Come on.

He takes Steve's and Dan's arms and propels them toward the entrance of the storm drain.

141 EXT. CLEARING IN WOODS (NORMAL SCALE)

141

UPSHOT - BRON AND MEZRON as they look down to where Mark o.s., is lying helpless.

MEZRON

I'll give you one more chance. Are you ready to tell me what you've done with my brother? Talk!

142 EXT. CLEARING IN WOODS (OVERSCALE)

142

DOWN SHOT - MARK - ON GROUND who is threatened again by the giant shoe.

MARK

I tell you... I don't know...

143 BACK TO BRON AND MEZRON (NORMAL SCALE)

143

BRON

(to Mezron;
impatiently)

Kill him and be done with it.

MEZRON

I want to know what has happened to my brother.

BRON

Why don't you admit the truth to yourself? Your brother took the money and ran off.

Mezron, in a sudden rage, seizes Bron by the shirt front.

144 BACK TO MARK (OVERSCALE) who lies there a moment, half-stunned.

144

MEZRON'S VOICE

(o.s.)
Don't call my brother a doublecrosser, you hear?

BRON'S VOICE

(o.s.)
All right, all right. Calm
yourself.

Mark peers upward.

145 BACK TO BRON AND MEZRON (NORMAL SCALE) 145 as the two Giants stand face to face. Bron frees himself from Mezron's grip.

BRON

I'm not calling your brother anything. I just want to know where he went.

BACK TO MARK (OVERSCALE)
who sees his chance, scrambles to his feet and RUNS OFF
through the brush.

MEZRON'S VOICE

(o.s.)

Hey...

147 BACK TO GIANTS (NORMAL SCALE) who react.

147

MEZRON

He's getting away!

They both start after Mark o.s., bending low in the bushes as they try to find him.

148 EXT. SPACESHIP CAMP

148

ANGLE ON OLDS

who stands in the clearing as Fielder approaches with Steve and Dan. They stop to confront him.

OLDS

I've decided we are wasting time collecting the supplies piecemeal.

STEVE

Time shouldn't be a problem to a time traveller.

Olds reacts, fixing Steve with a piercing look.

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148 Cont.

OLDS

What did you say?

FIELDER

They know about us.

OLDS

(wheeling on

Fielder)

How did they find out?

FIELDER

He claims he can read minds.

OLDS

(turning back to

Steve)

There is much that I want to find out about you. But first there is something I want you to tell me.

STEVE

Well?

OLDS

It is easy to see the inhabitants of this planet are not savages. But exactly what are their weapon capabilities?

STEVE

About the same as Earth in the second half of the Twentieth Century.

OLDS

The Twentieth Century. That would be the first century of the Atomic Age. It's roughly equivalent to Earth then.

STEVE

Roughly, yes.

OLDS

Good. There is no problem. My plan is simple. We will go into one of their markets and take all the food we need.

148 Cont.1

DAN

You'll get a little arguement from the management on that...

STEVE

Not to mention the customers.

DAN

And don't forget...they're Giants!

OLDS

We will dispose of the Giants who get in our way.

149 TWO SHOT - STEVE AND DAN who exchange shocked glances.

149

STEVE

I think the time's come to get what you hid in the lean-to.

DAN

I think you're right.

Dan starts AWAY.

as Olds idly watches Dan walk over to the lean-to and go INSIDE. He has hardly been in there a moment before he pops OUT again, looking stricken.

DAN

Steve....it's gone!

Olds turns to Steve and, with a half smile, opens his shirt to reveal the medallion dangling from his neck. Steve stares at it incredulously.

OLDS

Is this what you're looking for?

ANGLE ON OLDS who now levels the medallion at Steve.

151

OLDS

I'm going to do what I should have done in the first place.

Fielder, who has been watching Olds, now leaps between him and Steve.

151 Cont.

FIELDER

No!

OLDS

You dare question my decison?

FIELDER

If you're going to kill him, yes. We still have things to learn from him.

OLDS

I've learned enough.

FIELDER

Do you know if he can read minds as he says? And if he can't, how did he find out about us? And how did he get your medallion.

Olds looks from Fielder to Steve, thinking this over. At last he lowers the medallion.

OLDS

Get the other one. We're going back to the hiding place.

152 EXT. WOODS NEAR STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

152

DOWN SHOT - MARK

who plunges through the woods in headlong flight from the o.s. Giants. He pauses to get his breath and to look back then he runs on.

153 EXT. WOODS NEAR STORM DRAIN (NORMAL SCALE)

153

UPSHOT - BRON AND MEZRON who make their way through the brush, bent low to try to follow Mark's trail.

154 EXT. YELLOW LOG IN WOODS (OVERSCALE)

154

ANGLE ON VALERIE

as Fitzhugh, Betty and Barry gather around her. She is trying to establish contact with Mark on the walkie-talkie.

VALERIE

(into walkie-talkie)
Mark...do you read me? This is
Valerie. Steve..Dan...anybody.
Please answer.

BETTY

It's no use.

VALERIE

Something terrible happened to Mark. I know it. I'm going to look for him.

FITZHUGH

Remeber our orders. We're to stay here.

VALERIE

(ignoring this)

Barry, where's Chipper?

BARRY

Over there.

(claps his hands several times)

Here Chipper...come on boy...

Chipper ENTERS FRAME, going to Barry.

VALERIE

Do you think he could pick up Mark's scent?

BARRY

We could try him.

VALERIE

Then come on.

She starts away. Fitzhugh looks worried.

FITZHUGH

Wait for us.

(to Betty)

Someone has to look after them.

Betty takes Fitzhugh's arm and they start after the other two.

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155 EXT. ENTRANCE TO STORM DRAIN - WOODS (OVERSCALE)

155

DOWN SHOT - MARK

exhausted from his flight as he makes his way to the entrance of the storm drain. With a backward glance at his pursuers, he dives inside.

156 EXT. ENTRANCE TO STORM DRAIN - WOODS (NORMAL SCALE)

156

UPSHOT - MEZRON AND BRON

who come running up to the entrance of the storm drain. Mezron gets down on his hands and knees to feel inside the drain for Mark.

157 EXT. WOODS NEAR DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

157

DOWN SHOT

as Fielder, Olds, Dan and Steve make their way through the woods. Suddenly Steve stops them.

OLDS

What's the matter?

STEVE

(pointing)

Look out there.

They all look up and off in that direction.

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A-158 INT. STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE) (BLUE SCREEN)

A-158

OVER MARK - ONTO MEZRON AND BRON who are peering through the grate of the drain.

MEZRON

It's an abandoned storm drain. Is ther any other way we can force him out?

BRON

There's usually a clean-out vent.

159 BACK TO GROUP (OVERSCALE)

159

Olds is looking off intently. Fielder turns to him.

FIELDER

They've found our storm drain!

OLDS

We cannot permit that to happen.

159 Cont.

STEVE

It's a little late to stop it now.

OLDS

(casually taking the medallion from his shirt front)

I wouldn't say that.

Steve grabs Olds' arm as Olds raises the medallion.

STEVE

You can't do that. It's cold-blooded murder!

Olds, with suprising force, throws Steve aside, knocking him off his feet.

160 EXT. ENTRANCE TO STORM DRAIN - WOODS (NORMAL SCALE) 160 (TWO POP OUTS)

ANGLE ON MEZRON AND BRON as Mezron stands up.

NEZRON

You stay here and watch this entrance. I'll look for the clean-out vent and see if I can't poke him out.

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BRON

Go ahead.

Mezron turns, about to leave. Suddenly the WHINING WHIR sounds from o.s. and Mezron crumples, slumping to the ground. Bron looks at him in alarm.

BRON

Mezron!

As he goes to Mezron's side, the whining hum sounds again and Mezron vanishes.

BRON

Mezron!

The SOUND comes again and Bron slumps forward. It is REPEATED again and Bron vanishes.

161 BACK TO GROUP (OVERSCALE)
Olds permits the medallion to dangle from his neck as he turns to the others. Steve picks himself up from the ground as Dan helps him. Then they silently follow Fielder and Olds, walking toward the o.s. drain.

162

ANGLE ON MARK

who has been crouching back from the entrance and waiting in fear. He hears a noise and reacts. Then he relaxes slightly as Olds, Steve, Dan and Fielder appear.

MARK

Steve!

STEVE

Mark! Where did you come from?

MARK

What about those giants outside?

STEVE

They aren't there anymore.

DAN

Our friends here took care of that.

Dan nods toward Olds and Fielder. Mark looks in their direction.

MARK

Just who are you two?

STEVE

(wearily)

We know all about them now.

DAN

We'll tell you, but I warn you right now, you won't believe it.

163 EXT. CLEARING IN WOODS (OVERSCALE)

163

ANGLE ON BARRY

who has Chipper on a leash. Chipper is moving about in some slight confusion trying to pick up a scent. Valerie comes up, followed by Fitzhugh and Betty. They all look at Chipper.

VALERIE

He seems to have lost the scent.

BARRY

He was doing so well too. Come on Chipper. Find Mark.

Chipper locates something and barks happily. Barry runs to it and bends to pick up the walkie-talkie. Valerie comes over to take it.

163 Cont.

VALERIE

It's Mark's.

BARRY

(looking around)
But what happened to him?

FITZHUGH

(gloomily)

Something obviously got him.

Now Chipper finds a new trail and barks as he strains on the leash.

BETTY

What's the matter with him?

BARRY

He's picked up the trail again. Come on, Chipper...find Mark!

Chipper now leads Barry off and the others follow, excitedly.

164 INT. STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

164

ANGLE ON MARK

who is staring at Olds and Fielder, incredulously.

MARK

Time travellers...I can't believe it!

DAN

I told you you wouldn't.

ÓLDS

Since there is no longer a need for these rags...

(looking down at the uniform he

wears)

... I think we had better wear our own clothing again.

165 TWO SHOT - OLDS AND FIELDER (TWO POP OUTS - POP INS) 165 who suddenly, in the wink of an eye, appear in their silver suits again.

166 MED. GROUP SHOT 166 as Dan, Steve and Mark stare in utter astonishment at this transformation. Olds now turns to Fielder.

OLDS

Stay here and keep a close watch on these people. I'm on my way to solve our supply problem.

STEVE

(stepping in front of him)

By wiping out a market...killing more giants?

OLDS

(calmly)

If necessary.

STEVE

I won't let you go.

He tries to lay his hands on Olds but the supernormally strong man from the future brushes him aside almost casually and walks OUT. Steve has been flung to the ground and Mark and Dan go to his aid. They help him as Steve stares after the departed Olds. Then he looks toward Fielder.

STEVE

Fielder....you're a fool.

Fielder glares at Steve and advances toward him menacingly.

FIELDER

No one can talk to me that way.

STEVE

What about Olds? He treats you like one of his slaves and you take it. Why? Are you going to do nothing until he decides to kill you like he killed those giants?

FIELDER

I can take care of myself.

STEVE

But why shouldn't you have some of the power he plans to grab for himself?

166 Cont.

FIELDER

Maybe he won't get all the power after all.

STEVE

I hope not because he plans to kill you...just as he plans to kill us. Of course he doesn't know what surprises he has in store for him.

FIELDER

(pricking up his ears)

Surprises?

STEVE

Dan...show him the radio.

DAN

(surprised)

The radio?

STEVE

Well he thinks it's a radio. Show him.

Dan plays along with this although he doesn't understand it yet. He frees the walkie-talkie from his belt and crosses to Fielder.

DAN

Here you are.

As Fielder hesitates.

STEVE

Go ahead...take it in your hands.

Fielder does...gingerly.

STEVE

It looks like an ordinary radio, doesn't it? But look closer.

Fielder examines the walkie-talkie more closely. Steve signals to Mark and Dan with his eyes.

167 TWO SHOT - MARK AND DAN 167 who now realize what Steve is up to. They brace themselves.

ANGLE ON FIELDER 168 who holds the walkie-talkie and looks at it curiously.

STEVE

Closer....

Fielder looks closer.

STEVE

Now!

168 Cont.

Mark and Dan, on Steve's cue, leap for Fielder at the same moment Steve does. Taken by surprise, Fielder is off balance at first but a mighty shrug sends all three men flying. Fielder digs for the medallion he wears around his neck. He is about to lift it, aimed at Steve, when Mark and Dan hit him from either side. A wild battle ensues between the powerful Fielder and the three men. Then Steve lands a lucky punch and Fielder goes down. Steve is on him like a cat, taking away his medallion. He stands up with it.

DAN

Nice going.

STEVE

Is he out cold?

Mark is kneeling beside Fielder, examining him.

MARK

Like a mackerel.

STEVE

Make sure he stays unconscious. I'm going to set a trap for Olds and I don't want this one sending any telepathic warnings.

MARK

We'll watch him.

Steve now takes the medallion and goes toward the bend in the passage leading to the opening. He plans to lay in wait for Olds.

or opens his eyes carefully without moving another muscle. He rolls his eyes to get a picture of the situation and then deliberately closes them again,

FIELDER

(voice over, filter)
Olds...come back. They have attacked
me and taken the medallion. They

me and taken the medallion. They plan to kill you. Be careful.

170 EXT. ENTRANCE OF STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

feigning unconciousness.

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169

ANGLE ON CHIPPER who leads Valerie, Betty, Barry and Fitzhugh to the mouth of the drain. Barry stops and looks back.

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170 Cont.

BARRY

He must be in here.

VALERIE

Let's go.

They all start for the drain.

OLDS: VOICE

(o.s.)

Stay right where you are.

They turn in surprise to look up and off at:

171 EXT. ENTRANCE TO STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

X 171

UPSHOT - THEIR P.O.V. as Olds stands pointing the medallion down at them.

172 BACK TO GROUP (OVERSCALE)

who stare in open-mouthed wonder at the sight of this man

now dressed in a silver suit and pointing what is evidently
a weapon at them.

173 INT. STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

173

ANGLE ON STEVE

who points the medallion he took from Fielder at the bend in the tunnel-like drain.

STEVE

(a whisper to o.s.

Mark and Dan)

Someone's coming. Stand back.

After a moment Valerie rounds the bend. Steve is on the point of firing the medallion when he sees her just in time. She stops, standing stiffly at the bend.

VAJ-ERIE

(awkwardly)

Hello, Steve....

STEVE

(amazed)

Valerie!

173 Cont.

OLDS: VOICE (o.s., around the bend)

You had better surrender unless you want to see this young lady blown to atoms!

Steve stares.

FADE OUT

END OF ACT FOUR

FADE IN

174 INT. STORM DRAIN (OVERSCALE)

174

ANGLE ON STEVE

who is rooted to the spot as he stares at Valerie, standing helplessly at the bend in the passage. At last Steve gets an idea. He braces himself. He raises the medallion and aims it carefully in the general direction of Valerie.

STEVE

(a shout)

Run!

Valerie instinctively sprints forward just as Steve fires the medallion over her head. It strikes the side of the wall near where Valerie had been with its force. It has the violent impact of an artillery shell hitting.

175 ANGLE ON FIELDER, MARK AND DAN (2 POP OUTS) 175 as Fielder drops his act and leaps to his feet. The others taken by surprise, can do nothing but call out a warning.

DAN

Look out...

ANGLE ON STEVE

who wheels just too late to get a shot at Fielder. Fielder

jumps him as Olds rounds the bend, firing his own medallion.

Fielder stiffens and then falls, struck by the force. Steve

can only stare as Olds now levels the medallion at him.

OLDS

That was meant for you. No matter. Fielder had to be taken care of sooner or later.

STEVE

You're a madman....

OLDS

Or a genius. You'll never really know. You see, I've got to get rid of all of you now....starting with you.

Valerie starts to run directly toward Olds, who aims the medallion.

VALERIE

No! You can't....

At that instant she is frozen in time, as are Dan, Steve and Mark. Olds looks at them, a puzzled frown crossing his face.

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176 Cont.

LEADER'S VOICE (o.s., reverberating) Olds....put away your weapon.

Olds hesitates.

LEADER'S VOICE

(o.s.)
Put it away.

Olds drops his medallion, letting it dangle at his neck. He stares around as though trying to locate the source of the voice. Meanwhile, Valerie, Steve, Dan and Mark standimmobile.

LEADER'S VOICE (o.s., reverberating)
You stand guilty of travelling illegally in time....

Olds begins to react, almost cringing at the voice as it continues.

## LEADER'S VOICE

(o.s.)
...for altering the past in order to change the present...and for plotting to overthrow and destroy your legal government. You will return now to face your punishment. It would be far better for you if you had never been born!

And then, in a flash, both Olds and the body of Fielder vanish from sight. In the next instant Valerie continues her move to cross to where Olds had been standing.

VALERIE

(finishing her sentence)

....kill him!

(she stops to

stare incredulously)

He's gone.

(turns to Steve)

What happened? Where did he go?

Steve walks over to take her arm.

STEVE

Come on...let's get out of here.

DISSOLVE TO:

177

MED. SHOT

as Dan, Mark and Steve roll an enormous can of food into the clearing and stand it beside two others. They stop and step back, panting slightly.

DAN

That's the last of them.

MARK

Thank goodness for that.

STEVE

Well, one thing we got out of this experience. We won't go hungry for awhile.

178 GROUP SHOT - FITZHUGH, BARRY, BETTY AND VALERIE 178 who are watching the men work. Barry looks at Fitzhugh.

BARRY

I don't understand, sir. Were those men really time travellers?

FITZHUGH

I don't know, boy. But I'm sure of one thing. They were nothing but...

VALERIE

(supplies the word he is fumbling for) Imposters, Commander Fitzhugh?

FADE OUT

END OF EPISODE