FLASH GORDON
Earth's hero in defense of freedom and leader of the United Planets Security Forces to combat aggression.

DR. ZARKOV
Brilliant scientist and originator of "The Zarkov Line," Earth's asteroid belt defense against invasion from outer space.

MING, THE MERCILESS
Cruel tyrant emperor of the planet, Mongo, whose great ambition is to conquer Earth and destroy Flash Gordon.

DALE
Loyal, young assistant to Flash whose courage and intelligence is equalled only by her love for him.

ZARA
Beautiful and dangerous daughter of the Emperor Ming. Her lust for power is exceeded only by that of her father.
In the cold regions of the asteroid belt beyond Mars... Hidden deep within a spinning planetoid... The stillness of a military command post is shattered by sudden alarm!

A rocket fleet... in battle formation? Can you recognize them, Flash? Not yet, Admiral Craig—better signal them to stop!
ADVANCE FORTIFIED OBSERVATION POST Z-46 REPORTING TO THE COMMAND POST! APPROACHING FLEET IGNORES SIGNALS TO STOP!

ATTENTION, ADVANCE POST COMMANDERS! THIS IS SPACE ADMIRAL CRAIG—PREPARE FOR AN ATTACK!

AT THE ADVANCE POSTS, SECRET OPENINGS APPEAR IN HARMLESS-LookING ASTEROIDS—AND POWERFUL ATOMIC CANNON Emerge TO FORM EARTH'S DEFENSE AGAINST INVASION—THE ZARKOV LINE!

ADVANCE POST Z-46 ON TARGET!

ADVANCE POST T-19 ON TARGET!

ALL GUNS---FIRE!

SWIFTLY, THE SPACE RAIDERS FLASH TO ATTACK... AND RECEIVE A DEADLY REPLY FROM THE DEFENDERS!
I'VE SET THE VIDEO-SCREEN AT TEN POWER MAGNIFICATION, SIR. I WANT TO HAVE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE ENEMY SHIPS.

THEY MUST BE FROM DEEP SPACE, FLASH. I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH SHIPS BEFORE!

STRANGE! THEY DON'T ACT AS IF THEY EXPECTED TO GET THROUGH AFTER ALL——?

THEY'RE ON THE RUN, FLASH! BUT WHO WERE THEY? WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? WHY DID THEY ATTACK US?

I CAN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS NOW, SIR, BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

I'M GOING OUT SPACESHIDE TO GATHER SOME OF THE WRECKAGE. A LAB TEST MAY SHOW US WHERE THE MATERIAL WITH WHICH THE SHIPS WERE BUILT CAME FROM!

PICK UP WHATEVER WRECKAGE YOU FIND AND SHOOT IT DOWN TO THE LABS, MEN.

GEIGER CHECK SHOWS MINOR RADIATION! NO DANGER, FLASH.

GOOD! LET'S GET TO WORK!
I'll take this and return to the command base, you men go on with your work. Right, sir?

What did you find out, Flash?

Very little, sir. This metal doesn't look like anything we have in our solar system.

The crystal formations of the elements in this iron-like material are different from our iron or steeluminun.

Is there any way we can be sure where it comes from?

There's a complete spectroscopic chart of all known elements in our galaxy in Dr. Zarkov's laboratory. I'm going down to earth to check it.

Good! Until then— we won't know why this raid was staged. Or by whom?

Meanwhile, a small, speedy spaceship makes a stealthy approach toward earth.

Our fleet has given us the chance to slip through the Zarkov line. Now we shall complete our mission for the glory of our emperor, Ming!
WE SHALL LAND IN THE FOREST, SURROUND THE LABORATORY AND TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE. YOU WILL TAKE YOUR MEN AND CAPTURE ALL THE TECHNICIANS—-WHILE I GO AFTER DR. ZARKOV HIMSELF!

AS YOU ORDER, EXCELLENCY!

YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS? DO NOT FAIL OR YOU WILL DIE!

SILENTLY, STEALTHILY. THE SOLDIERS OF MING SLIP INTO POSITION TO ATTACK! FOR A MOMENT, THEY WAIT FOR THE SIGNAL! THEN...

LOCK THEM ALL UP IN A STORE-ROOM!

AS YOU COMMAND, EXCELLENCY!

VERY STRANGE, FLASHE. I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO EXAMINE THE PIECE OF METAL YOU HAVE.

I'LL BE THERE SOON, DR. ZARKOV, AND YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO TEST IT!

AND, FLASHE, PLEASE HURRY. YOU'VE BEEN LOCKED AWAY WORKING ON THOSE ASTEROIDS FOR SO LONG... I MISSED YOU.

WELL, THE JOB IS DONE, DALE! I'M HEADING HOME! SO LONG. I'M SIGNING OFF!
I WONDER WHY THE ZARKOV LINE WAS ATTACKED? FLASH IS CONVINCED IT WAS ONLY A TEST OF OUR DEFENSES.

I AGREE WITH FLASH, DALE! BUT NO USE GUESSING—WE'LL SOON KNOW.

YOU'LL KNOW SOONER THAN YOU EXPECT, DR. ZARKOV!

WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

I AM CAPTAIN GATO OF EMPEROR MING'S COURT! I HAVE THE HONOR OF INVITING YOU TO VISIT MY EMPEROR!

AND IF I REFUSE YOUR INVITATION?

NO ONE REFUSES THE INVITATION OF EMPEROR MING! MARCH!

OUR SHIP STANDS READY JUST BEYOND THOSE WOODS!

QUICKLY! THE EMPEROR IS IMPATIENT—AND IT IS NOT WISE TO KEEP MING WAITING!
EVEN AS FLASH GORDON MANEUVERS HIS SHIP IN FOR A LANDING...

THAT'S A STRANGE MODEL SPACESHIP! WONDER WHOSE IT IS? MUST BE SOME SPACE JOCKEY WITH A RACER!

PRESENTLY FLASH LANDS AT THE NEARBY SPACEPORT...

WONDER WHY THERE'S NO ONE AROUND... AND SO QUIET? CAN'T BE A HOLIDAY...

PLACE SEEMS TO BE DESERTED. HMMM... SOMEONE KNOCKING?

RAIDERS! THEY ATTACKED SUDDENLY!

I THINK THEY TOOK DR. ZARKOV AND DALE WITH THEM!

IF THEY KIDNAPPED DR. ZARKOV AND DALE --- THEN THE WHOLE SCHEME IS CLEAR! IT EXPLAINS THE ATTACK ON THE ASTEROID FORTIFICATIONS!
Gone! The attack on the Zarkov line was a diversion! Now I've got to find where the raiders came from!

Prepare the spectroscopic laboratory! I want to test the crystal formations of elements in the galaxy on this metal.

Certainly, sir!

It checks with element crystals of chart M-0087, Flash.

Let's have a look at a starmap.

M-0087 is the Centauri group of planets! That's where the raiders came from!

The soldiers who attacked... tell me, were they dressed in black uniforms? The claw of a dragon on their chests?

Why, yes! How did you know, Flash?

The talons of Emperor Ming! That evil tyrant has still not given up his plans to conquer our worlds!

What does this mean, Flash? I don't understand.

It means Ming has abducted Dr. Zarkov and Dale to force information from them about the Zarkov line—our main defense against attack from outer space!
FLASH GORDON, CALLING COMMAND POST, ZARKOV LINE! ATTENTION: SPACE ADMIRAL CRAIG! USE CODE SCRAMBLER!

GO AHEAD, FLASH, WHAT DID THE TESTS SHOW?

SPACE RAIDERS WERE SENT BY EMPEROR MING! THEY KEPT US BUSY WHILE ANOTHER GROUP ABDUCTED DR. ZARKOV AND DALE!

A FULL REPORT IS ON THE WAY TO YOU BY SPACEGRAM, SIR!

AN OUTRAGE! I’LL HAVE OUR DEPARTMENT OF ASTRAL RELATIONS CONTACT EMPEROR MING’S AMBASSADOR, FLASH.

MING ISN’T GOING TO ADMIT HE KIDNAPPED DR. ZARKOV AND DALE, SIR! I’M GOING TO TAKE PERSONAL ACTION, ADMIRAL!

OF COURSE, FLASH! GOOD LUCK!

MING WILL TORTURE DR. ZARKOV TO LEARN THE SECRETS OF OUR FORTIFICATIONS! I’VE GOT TO GET TO MONGO AS FAST AS I CAN!

MING IS A FIEND! I’M RACING AGAINST TIME!
DAYS OF SPACEFLIGHT AT-SPEEDS FASTER THAN LIGHT! THEN...

MING'S SOLAR SYSTEM AHEAD! HIS HEADQUARTERS ARE ON THE FOURTH PLANET — AND THAT'S WHERE I'VE GOT TO LAND!

OH...OH! THEY KNOW I'M HERE!
A WELCOMING COMMITTEE IS COMING UP TO GREET ME!

WITH SWIFT, SURE SKILL, FLASH GORDON DODGES THE ATTACKING ROCKETS... AND WEAVES HIS SHIP EVER CLOSER TO HIS GOAL!

I CAN'T DODGE THEM FOREVER! THEY'RE BOUND TO HIT MY SHIP! TIME FOR ME TO FINISH MY TRIP BY SPACESUIT AND GRAVITY BRAKE?

NOW IF ONLY THEY DON'T NOTICE ME BAIL OUT...

WELL, THEY'VE GOT MY SPACE CRUISER — AND I HOPE THEY THINK I'M INSIDE!
I DON'T BELIEVE THEY SPOTTED ME, BUT NO USE TAKING CHANCES.

SOMEONE COMING?

A SEARCHING PATROL? GOOD THING I HID MY SPACESUIT IN TIME!

OUT! EVERYBODY OUT OF THE HOUSE!

SEARCH THE HOUSE FOR ANY SIGNS OF A SPACESUIT OR ANYONE HIDING!

WE HAVE SEEN NO ONE, SIRS!

LIAR? AN ENEMY HAS LANDED SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE? WHERE IS HE? YOU ARE HIDING HIM?
NOTHING IN THE HOUSE, SIR!
WE MUST SEARCH ELSEWHERE!

THIS IS TO REMIND YOU TO REPORT ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY LEARN ABOUT THE FUGITIVE.

THE MAN IS HURT! I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A CHANCE AND HELP HIM!

DON'T BE AFRAID. I ONLY WANT TO HELP BRING HIM INTO THE HOUSE.

I... I'M NOT AFRAID. THOSE SOLDIERS---- THEY WERE LOOKING FOR YOU!

YES, BUT I'LL LEAVE AS SOON AS I GET YOUR HUSBAND TO BED! I DON'T WANT TO BRING ANY TROUBLE TO YOU PEOPLE!

DON'T GO! YOU ARE AN ENEMY OF EMPEROR MING! HIS ENEMIES ARE FRIENDS OF THE PEOPLE! STAY---- THEY HAVE SEARCHED HERE, AND THIS WILL BE A SAFE PLACE FOR YOU!
I CANNOT STAY WITH YOU PEOPLE! I’VE COME TO RESCUE TWO FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEEN ABducted BY MING. I NEED HELP.

I CANNOT HELP YOU.

BUT I HAVE FRIENDS WHO CAN COME——WE’RE ALL GOING TO TOWN! WE’LL PRETEND IT’S A FAMILY EXCURSION!

THERE IS A TOY SHOP IN TOWN WHERE WE SHALL BUY A FEW THINGS.

DADDY! YOU PROMISED TO BUY ME SOME TOYS! THERE’S THE TOY SHOP!

ALL RIGHT, SON WE’LL STOP THERE!

PSSST! Didn’t I put on a good act, Flash? Didn’t I, huh?

YOU WERE GREAT, SON!

FOLLOW ME, FLASH! QUICKLY!
Down these steps! Hurry! I must return to the toy shop!

The men of the underground power plants hate Ming! They will help you, Flash!

Can they help me get into Ming's palace?

And why do you wish to enter the palace of Ming?

Ah... Bartik! This is a friend... Flash Gordon!

I have come to rescue two friends held by Emperor Ming!

I must hurry back, Flash! Good-bye! I leave you in good hands!

Thanks for all you've done... and the risks you've taken to help me!

Now, my friend, we shall talk! It is not so simple... freeing a prisoner of the cursed tyrant Ming? There is danger of death... or worse?

I know... but millions of lives depend on us!
THIS BRAVE AND FOOLISH ONE DESIRES TO FREE SOME FRIENDS BEING HELD BY MING! BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!

I ASK YOUR HELP IN FINDING THEM, FRIENDS!

THE VENTILATION TUBES, PERHAPS? THEY GO TO EVERY ROOM IN THE PALACE... BUT IT WILL TAKE LONG... AND IT IS DANGEROUS! ONE SLIP, AND YOU WILL FALL INTO THE GIANT FANS!

SHOW ME WHERE THEY ARE! I'LL TAKE THE CHANCE!

HE SPEAKS LIKE A FIGHTER! AYE! I, BARTIK, WILL GO WITH HIM!

I WILL LEAD THE WAY, FLASH!

I'M READY!

WE'RE APPROACHING THE FIRST FAN, FLASH! BE CAREFUL!

WE CAN STOP THESE FANS FOR A FEW SECONDS TO CRAWL THROUGH, BUT IF THEY ARE SILENT TOO LONG—— SOMEONE MIGHT SUSPECT WE'RE INSIDE!
BARTIK...THE PRISONERS I SEEK ARE VERY IMPORTANT. I THINK MING HIMSELF WILL BE QUESTIONING THEM! CAN YOU LEAD ME TO HIS ROOMS?

HA! BARTIK, KNOW EVERY INCH OF THE PALACE! I WILL LEAD YOU RIGHT TO MING!

MING'S COUNCIL ROOM IS JUST AHEAD! WE CAN SEE AND HEAR EVERYTHING THROUGH THE VENTILATOR!

GOOD! MAYBE I CAN LEARN WHERE DALE AND ZARKOV ARE...

IT IS USELESS, YOUR MAJESTY! DALE AND DR. ZARKOV REFUSE TO TALK!

THEN TORTURE THEM! THE VIBRO-RAY WILL SHAKE THEIR SECRETS LOOSE!

LOOK AT THIS MAP! THE PLANETS MERCURY... VENUS... EARTH... MARS... DEFENSELESS!... EXCEPT FOR FORTIFICATIONS BUILT ON THE ASTEROIDS HERE... BUILT BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER!

AND WE HAVE TESTED THOSE DEFENSES, YOUR MAJESTY! OUR SPACE FLEET WOULD BE SMASHED TRYING TO GET THROUGH!

DEFEATIST TALK IS TREASON! EVEN IF YOU DO NOT FORCE ZARKOV TO TALK IN TIME, YOU WILL ATTACK ON SCHEDULE!

LAD, YOU BETTER FORGET YOUR FRIENDS! MING'S SPACE ARMADA MIGHT BREAK THROUGH ANY DEFENSE AYE, AND HAVE ENOUGH SHIPS LEFT TO BLAST YOUR PLANETS INTO SPACEDUST!
There's never been a fortified line through which an enemy couldn't break through—and if he is willing to lose a lot of his men—

Aye... and Ming cares nothing for lives!

I can stay here and try to save Dale and Dr. Zarkov... or return home to warn my world of Ming's plan!

A sad choice you have, friend!

We'll help you, Flash, whatever you decide!

I have to choose between the lives of two dear friends... or the lives of millions of people!

I must leave Dale and Zarkov in Ming's hands... and return to Earth!

A hard choice to make, Flash! But the lives of many are more important! You are right!

Will you help me capture one of Ming's ships to make my escape?

Aye, Flash! That we will!

Heh-heh! Emperor Ming will pay a pretty pouch of gold credits for my information!
YOU HAVE DONE WELL! WE SHALL CAPTURE FLASH GORDON AND MAKE SURE OUR ATTACK WILL COME AS A SURPRISE TO THE PLANETS!

HERE IS YOUR REWARD! NOW LEAD MY SOLDIERS TO THE HIDING PLACE OF FLASH GORDON!

FLASH GORDON WILL NOT REVEAL THE SECRETS OF THE ZARKOV LINE, ROYAL FATHER! HE WOULD RATHER DIE... JUST AS DALE AND DR. ZARKOV WOULD!

I KNOW! BUT MY GREATEST ENEMY, FLASH GORDON, WILL NOT TROUBLE ME AGAIN!

THERE IS A WAY, FATHER! IF I COULD GET INSIDE THE ZARKOV LINE WHEN YOUR SPACE ARMADA ATTACKS.

AH! YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA THERE, ZARA! BUT HOW CAN YOU DO THAT?

AFTER YOU CAPTURE FLASH GORDON... I WILL HELP HIM AND HIS FRIENDS ESCAPE. WIN HIS CONFIDENCE... PROMISE TO GIVE AWAY THE SECRETS OF YOUR ATTACK PLAN!

YOU WILL BE AT HIS SIDE WHEN MY MEN ATTACK! IT IS A PLAN WORTHY OF MY DAUGHTER!

MEANWHILE... THEY ARE IN THE ROOM JUST AHEAD! I HAVE DONE MY JOB, CAPTAIN!

NOT YET, OILY ONE! YOU SHALL LEAD US INSIDE... JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT BETRAY US AS YOU DID FLASH GORDON!
BETRAYED!
FIGHT, LADS,
FIGHT!

TO MY SIDE, FLASH! GIVE THEM A FIGHT THEY'LL NEVER FORGET!

THEY'LL PAY, BARTIK! MAKE FOR THE DOOR!

THROUGH THE DOOR AND RUN FOR IT, BARTIK? I'LL FOLLOW!

YOU'LL NOT ESCAPE! MING WILL TAKE AWAY MY REWARD... MY GOLD... IF YOU'RE NOT CAPTURED!
I'LL STOP HIM!

ALAAAAH!

HE'S TRIPPED! GRAB HIM!

TAKE HIM TO EMPEROR MING! YOU ARE OLD ENEMIES, I HEAR!

I HAVE STOPPED HIS EVIL PLOTS BEFORE!

YOU'LL WAIT HERE WITH YOUR FRIENDS UNTIL EMPEROR MING IS READY TO SEE YOU!

FLASH! OH, FLASH! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

I CAME TO RESCUE YOU... BUT I'VE FAILED!

IF YOU HAVE FAILED... SO HAS MING! HE WILL NEVER LEARN THE SECRETS OF THE FORTIFIED LINE FROM US!
HE HAS A GREAT SPACE ARMADA, DR. ZARKOV. AND HE IS WILLING TO LOSE A LOT OF SHIPS TO BREAK THROUGH OUR DEFENSE LINE!

THEN MILLIONS ON EARTH WILL SUFFER!

IF THERE WERE ONLY SOMETHING TO STOP HIM!

THERE IS A WAY TO STOP HIM!

I AM ZARA, DAUGHTER OF EMPEROR MING! I HAVE COME TO HELP YOU!

I DON'T BELIEVE HER, FLASH! IT IS SOME TRICK!

BELIEVE ME... OR NOT! BUT I AM SICK OF MY FATHER'S CONSTANT WARS! PEOPLE DIE... AND THE WEALTH OF OUR EMPIRE IS WASTED! I WANT PEACE!

IF YOU WILL HELP ME TEACH MY FATHER A LESSON... I WILL HELP YOU ESCAPE AND RETURN TO YOUR PLANET!

IT IS WORTH TRYING!

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

I KNOW MY FATHER'S PLANS OF ATTACK... HIS STRATEGY TO STRIKE AT THE ZARKOV LINE IN A SURPRISE WAR! HE MUST SUFFER THE GREATEST DEFEAT IN THE HISTORY OF THE MING EMPIRE---AND THEN HE WILL KNOW THAT WAR IS USELESS!
BUT A GREAT DEFECT WILL MEAN YOUR FATHER WILL BE OVERTHROWN!

YES... AND I SHALL BECOME EMPRESS! AND I WILL DEMAND ONE THING FOR MY HELP.

YOU SHALL COME BACK WITH ME... AND BE MY SLAVE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE! I WILL NEED YOU TO HELP ME RULE THE EMPIRE!

DON'T BELIEVE HER, FLASH! THERE'S SOME TREACHERY IN HER PLAN!

NO, DALE? I MUST GIVE HER A CHANCE!

WE HAVE NO CHOICE EXCEPT TO AGREE WITH ZARA, DALE. OTHERWISE, WE DIE HERE... AND MING WILL DESTROY OUR WORLDS!

I AGREE, ZARA!

I SHALL RETURN SOON... WHEN THE GUARD HERE IS CHANGED! BE READY TO COME WITH ME!

WELL, FLASH, HOW MUCH OF HER STORY DID YOU BELIEVE?

THERE WAS ENOUGH TREACHERY IN HER PLAN... AGAINST HER OWN FATHER... TO MAKE ME THINK SHE MIGHT BE OF HELP TO US!
IN THE PALACE ABOVE THE DUNGEON CELLS...

HOW DID IT GO, ZARA?

THEY BELIEVED ENOUGH OF MY STORY TO AGREE!

WE MUST GIVE THEM TIME TO WORK OUT A DEFENSE PLAN! SEND YOUR SPACE ARMADA TO ATTACK THE MOMENT WE ESCAPE!

I GO NOW, FATHER! DEPEND ON ME!

YOU ARE A DAUGHTER OF EMPEROR MING? YOU SHALL NOT FAIL! GO!

QUICKLY! THE GUARD IS CHANGING. GET INTO THESE UNIFORMS WHILE I WAIT OUTSIDE!

REMEMBER, NOW, LEAVE ZARA TO ME! DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT SPOIL HER PLANS FOR US!

VERY WELL, FLASH! I KNOW THAT YOU ARE SURE OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING --- AND I TRUST YOUR JUDGEMENT!

PRETEND YOU ARE GUARDING DALE! NOW MARCH, QUICKLY!
That is my personal ship. I've had it fueled and ready! Get on board!

None of the Spaceguard stations will dare challenge us!

This is too easy to believe, Zara!

I have wanted a long time to cure my father of his war ambitions. You have provided me with the chance! That is why everything is so carefully planned!

Zara has succeeded! Order my Space Armada to blast off for the attack on Earth!

I obey, Majestic Emperor!
DON'T LOOK NOW, FLASH, BUT WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED!

FOLLOWED? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DALE?

ON THE VIDEOSCREEN, FLASH! THE SPACE ARMADA IS BLASTING OFF AFTER US!

OUR ESCAPE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED!

WE CAN OUTRACE THEM, FLASH! SWITCH ON THE HYPER-SPACE DRIVE!

THEY HAVEN'T GAINED ON US?

THEN WE'LL ARRIVE IN TIME TO WARN OUR FORCES OF THE ATTACK!

FLASH GORDON CALLING ZARKOV LINE HEADQUARTERS! FLASH GORDON CALLING HEADQUARTERS!

FLASH? WE HAD ALMOST LOST HOPE OF SEEING YOU AGAIN! DID YOU FIND DR. ZARKOV AND DALE?

YES, THEY'RE HERE WITH ME! BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO GIVE YOU A REPORT! EMPEROR MING'S GREAT SPACE ARMADA IS APPROACHING TO ATTACK!
Sound the alarm, sir! We're going right through to the headquarters spaceport!

Within seconds of the alarm, every fortified position is manned and ready!

In a swift maneuver, Flash spins his ship around and lands on headquarters asteroid!

You're just in time, Flash! The radar scope has picked up Ming's fleet!

Good! Space admiral Craig, this is Zara, Ming's daughter. She's on our side in this fight! She knows his plans and will help!

I'm glad to have you with us, young lady! Perhaps you can stop Emperor Ming from his war-making!

That is my dearest desire, sir!

Sir, may I take command of this space battle? I know every detail of the Zarkov line... and with Zara's help, I'll know Ming's plans!

Of course, Flash! Take immediate command!
STAY HERE WITH ADMIRAL CRAIG, DR. ZARKOV. HE WILL NEED YOUR TECHNICAL ADVICE!

BUT, FLAS... I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO COMMAND?

I AM, DR. ZARKOV, BUT FROM COMMAND POST "D"!

COMMAND POST "D"!

BUT, FLAS...!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THIS EMERGENCY DEMANDS WE USE OUR SECRET EMERGENCY COMMAND POST, SIR!

ZARA... DALE! COME WITH ME!

I WILL DIRECT THE BATTLE FROM HERE! STAND BY, ZARA! DALE... TAKE OVER COMMUNICATION CONTROL!

THE ENEMY FLEET IS APPROACHING OUR OUTER DEFENSE POSTS!

LET THEM PASS, FLASH! MING PLANS TO SEND OLD, USELESS SHIPS -- CONTROLLED BY ROBOTS AHEAD OF HIS FIGHTING SHIPS!
ADVANCE POST REPORTING TO HEADQUARTERS—FIRST UNITS OF ENEMY FLEET IN RANGE!

DON'T LET THEM PASS, FLASH!

FLASH! LISTEN TO ME! YOU MUST LET THE ADVANCE SHIPS PASS THROUGH THE MAIN LINE OF FORTIFICATIONS—THEY ARE REALLY DECOYS! THEN OPEN FIRE ON THE REAR SHIPS!

COMMAND POST "D" TO ADVANCE POSITIONS PERMIT ENEMY TO PASS?

SORRY, DALE! I'M FOLLOWING ZARA'S SUGGESTIONS?

YOU...YOU WON'T LISTEN TO ME?

BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T LET EVEN DUMMY SHIPS PASS OUR MAIN LINES, ZARA! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

FLASH, DARLING... I INSIST YOU LET MING'S SHIPS Pass! OR I'LL BLOW YOUR HEAD OFF!
YOU ARE A FOOL, FLASH GORDON! DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULD BETRAY THE EMPEROR MING... MY FATHER? OH, FLASH! WHY DIDN'T YOU LISTEN TO ME?

LOOK! MING'S FLEET IS ABOUT TO PASS OUR MAIN DEFENSE LINE!

YES... AND ONCE THROUGH, MARS, EARTH, VENUS... MERCURY ARE IN OUR POWER!

NOW WATCH THE GREATEST VICTORY OF EMPEROR MING, FLASH!

I'M WATCHING, ZARA. BUT I THINK YOU BETTER TAKE A GOOD LOOK, TOO!

NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE TRUE! I WON'T BELIEVE IT!
I... I don't understand, either, Flash! Who gave the command to fire on Ming's fleet?

Space Admiral Craig, Dale!

This is Command "D" post, Dale... "D" stands for dummy!

Then Space Admiral Craig was in command all the time!

Through a microphone, Craig heard every word we said in here. As soon as Zara exposed her plot--he ordered our guns to open up!

I was hoping Zara was telling us the truth--but I took no chances!

Oh, you didn't? Well, you've slipped, Flash Gordon! I'm going to avenge Emperor Ming's defeat!

You space minx! I'll pay you back for your treachery!
YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU DESERVE NOW, ZARA!

YOU CAN LET HER UP NOW, DALE! YOUR SPACEMINX WILL BE A TAME KITTY FROM NOW ON!

IT'S ALL OVER, FLASH. WHAT'S LEFT OF EMPEROR MING'S GREAT SPACE ARMADA IS ON THE RUN!

OUR SPACE FLEET HAS BLASTED OFF TO PURSUE THEM!

NOW WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE LITTLE PRINCESS, FLASH!

I AM NOT AFRAID! I WILL DIE AS THE DAUGHTER OF MING CAN DIE!

DIE, WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THAT? WE DON'T DO THINGS THAT WAY!

SO YOU WOULD TORTURE ME? WELL, THAT IS WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE TO YOU!

NO, ZARA, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO LEARN TO LIVE AS PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE!
YOU'RE GOING TO SEND ME TO PRISON SCHOOL WHERE YOU WILL TRY TO TEACH ME THAT THE WAYS OF PEACE ARE BETTER FOR ALL.

NO, ZARA!

TAKE HER AWAY, MEN!

YES, SIR?

YOU DON'T THINK THE PRISON SCHOOL WOULD DO HER ANY GOOD, DO YOU, FLASH?

NO, I DON'T THINK SO!

THEN BY THE BLUE SUNS OF SIRIUS---WHERE ARE YOU SENDING HER?

NOWHERE, SIR! I'M GOING TO FREE HER TO GO BACK TO MING!

TUNE IN THE VIDEOSCREEN AND WATCH WHAT HAPPENS!

ATTENTION, MEN! LET HER GO FREE!

PSST! I THINK HE'S GONE SPACE-NUTTY, MAC!
There's no use sending you to be re-educated, Zara. You are free to go!

It is some trick, Flash! You mean to kill me?

No tricks, Zara. Go home!

I admit this is too much for me! What does Flash expect to gain from this?

Ah! Zara has been exposed, Admiral Craig! She is worth more to us on the other side than in prison school here!

Exposed? To what?

To decency... democracy... the golden rule! She'll never forget we had her in our power—her father's space fleet smashed... and let her go free!

Right, Dr. Zarkov! She'll think and think about it—and someday, in some desperate crisis—she'll remember. I think it will change her for the better!

Attention Zarkov Line headquarters! Flash Gordon commanded to appear before the security council of the United Planets!

Oh! Oh! That sounds serious, Flash! You'd better get blasting!
HERE'S FLASH! HE'S GOING UP THE STEPS! OH? I'M THRILLED BY ALL THIS?

WAIT A MINUTE, DALE! WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHETHER FLASH HAS BEEN CALLED TO BE HONORED... OR IS TO BE PUNISHED FOR FREEING ZARA!


FLASH GORDON... YOUR DARING ACTIONS TO DEFEND OUR WORLD AGAINST THE ATTACK OF THE SPACE FLEET OF EMPEROR MING... HAS EARNED FOR YOU THE HIGHEST HONOR IT IS WITHIN OUR POWER TO BESTOW...

BUT YOUR ACTION IN FREEING MING'S DAUGHTER, ZARA... SHOWS THAT YOU UNDERSTAND NOT ONLY HOW TO WIN BATTLES... BUT HOW TO WIN--- THE HEARTS OF FORMER ENEMIES TO THE WAYS OF PEACE--- I BESTOW UPON YOU THIS COSMIC MEDAL OF HONOR!

FLASH TAUGHT ME SOMETHING, TOO! UNTIL NOW I DIDN'T APPRECIATE HIS FREEING ZARA!

FLASH CALLS ME A GENIUS, BUT I'VE ALWAYS FOUND HIM A COUPLE OF STEPS AHEAD OF ME!