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WHILE HIS FELLOW-EARTHMEN STILL MUST AWAITS THE FUTURE DAY WHEN THEY CAN JOURNEY TO OTHER WORLDS, ADAM STRANGE ALREADY KNOWS THE FANTASTIC SECRET OF HOW TO TRAVEL INSTANTLY TO RANN, A PLANET 25 TRILLION MILES FROM EARTH!

THERE ON THIS WORLD OF WONDER HE IS CONFRONTED BY A SUPER-ALIEN WHO CAN CHANGE HIS SHAPE AT WILL -- WHO CHALLENGES ADAM TO CAPTURE HIM -- OR DOOM THE PLANET AND ITS PEOPLE TO UTTER DESTRUCTION!

ONE OF THESE TWO ANIMALS WE HAVE CAPTURED IS REALLY THE SUPER-ALIEN, LEOTHRIC IN DISGUISE! WE HAVE ONE CHANCE TO GUESS WHICH ONE --

WE MUST MAKE THE CORRECT GUESS, ADAM -- OR WE AND THE PLANET RANN WILL BE DESTROYED!
ON A BROAD AND DUSTY PLAIN NEAR CALCUTTA, INDIA, A GROUP OF FAHIRS IS EXHIBITING MAGICAL MARVELS TO A WONDERING AUDIENCE, WHEN...

THE ROPE. YES, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE THE FAMOUS ONE WHERE THE TRICK! BOY CLIMBS A ROPE AND DISAPPEARS!

I AM SORRY, S AHIBS, AND MEH SAHI BS! THE ROPE TRICK IS A FRAUD--AN ILLUSION!

I CAN WORK THE SO-CALLED INDIAN ROPE TRICK! LET ME BORROW ONE OF YOUR ROPE S!

NO, SAHIB, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO DISAPPEAR AT THE END OF A ROPE!

ADAM STRANGE SMILES GRIMLY AS HE RAISES THE ROPE, REINFORCED BY THIN METAL RODS THAT LOCK TOGETHER, HIGH INTO THE AIR...

ONLY I KNOW THE ZETA-BEAM FROM THE PLANET RANN IS ABOUT TO STRIKE EXACTLY WHERE THE TOP OF THE ROPE NOW REACHES!

QUICKLY HE CLIMBS UPWARD...

THE SAHIB IS TOUCHED BY THE SUN! THE INDIAN ROPE TRICK IS ONLY A MYTH!

FOR A LONG MOMENT HE CLINGS TO THE VERY TOP OF THE ROPE, AND THEN...

HE IS DISAPPEARING--GONE!

BUT HOW DID HE DO IT? WHERE DID HE GO? WHERE IS HE?
WHERE DID THE YOUNG AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGIST GO? WHERE IS HE NOW? NOT ON EARTH... BUT 25 TRILLION MILES AWAY ON THE PLANET RANN! AMAZINGLY ENOUGH, THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME ADAM STRANGE HAS MADE THIS INCREDIBLE JOURNEY ACROSS THE GREAT REACHES OF OUTER SPACE!

*Editor’s Note! See Showcase Numbers 17 and 18*

IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR EARLIER, ON A HIGH PEAK OF THE ANDES MOUNTAINS, THAT ADAM STRANGE FIRST ENCOUNTERED THE TELEPORTATIONAL POWERS OF THE ZETA-BEAM...

ON RANN, ALANNA AND HER FATHER SARDATH EXPLAINED WHAT HAD HAPPENED...

BEAM IS A RADIO ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE WITH EARTH! TRAVELING 25 TRILLION MILES ACROSS SPACE, THE RADIO BEAM WAS CONVERTED TO A TELEPORTATIONAL BEAM! WHEN IT HIT YOU, IT TRANSPORTED YOU INSTANTLY TO OUR WORLD!

ON RANN, ADAM Fought AGAINST THE ETERNALS TO SAVE HIS ADOPTED PLANET FROM THE MENACE OF SUPER-WEAPONS...

I CAN'T Breathe - THE DWARF SPHERE RELEASED BY THE ETERNALS IS CRUSHING ME... BY ITS TERRIFIC GRAVITY!

ON A SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO RANN, HE FOUND HIMSELF REDUCED IN SIZE BY INVADERS FROM AN ATOM UNIVERSE...

NO CHANCE TO FIGHT BACK - WHEN I CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE!

NOW AS HE IS TELEPORTED FROM THE TOP OF THE ROPE TO THE THIRD PLANET OF THE STAR-SUN ALPHA CENTAURI...

A DELEGATION HAS GATHERED TO GREET ME! AND JUDGING BY THEIR EXPRESSIONS - THEY BRING BAD NEWS!
Leaping forward in delight is the girl he has grown to love, Alanna of the city Ranagar.

Adam... Oh, Adam, thank goodness you're here! What's wrong? What happened while I was away?

A fur-clad warrior of the frozen north steps forward...

Three weeks ago a strange spaceship appeared in the sky over Ranagar! A voice demanded we choose a champion to fight for Rann against a super-being named Leothric!

With one voice, a desert dweller from Zlarthic, a scientist from Kandorak, a soldier from Moor, all cry out...

We chose you, Adam Strange, to be our champion! You shall fight for all of us!

And since the champion is permitted an aide, Adam, I shall go with you!

After donning his Rann uniform, Adam Strange and the delegation journey to the capital city of Ranagar...

Look up there, Adam! That spaceship has been waiting for you!
SUDDENLY A GRAVITY BEAM STABS DOWNWARD FROM THE ALIEN SHIP...

SLOWLY THEY ARE LIFTED TOWARD AN OPENING IN THE KEEL OF THE MIGHTY VESSEL...

NO, ADAM! THE SHIP HAS WEAPONS FAR GREATER THAN OURS!

OUR ONLY HOPE IS THAT, AS OUR CHAMPION YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT THIS CREATURE WHO CALLS HIMSELF LEOTHRIC!

TO THEIR AMAZEMENT, THERE IS NOTHING INSIDE THE SHIP—NEITHER LIFE NOR MACHINERY...

THERE'S NO ONE ABOARD! THE SHIP MUST BE WORKED BY REMOTE CONTROL!

ATTENTION, CHALLENGERS, I SPEAK TO YOU FROM THE PLANET ARDVAK, MY HOME!

YOU ARE BEING TRANSPORTED TO ARDVAK BY WARP-SPACE SPEED TO ANSWER MY CHALLENGE!

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AS THE SPACESHIP SETTLES TO A PLANET FALL, ADAM AND ALANNA STEP OUT TO MEET—LEOTHRIC!

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT ACCOMPANYING YOU ON YOUR SPACE-JOURNEY HERE! BUT UNFORTUNATELY I CANNOT LEAVE MY PLANET! MY SUN RADIATES A LIFE-GIVING ELEMENT I NEED TO STAY ALIVE! IT CANNOT BE DUPLICATED ELSEWHERE! NOW—PLEASE COME WITH ME...
They walk down a long staircase...

Many, many years ago Arvok was a mighty world teeming with millions of men, women, and children! I was a young scientist fanatically interested in the secrets of suspended animation!

Into a vast hall filled with scientific wonders...

I invented this suspension! Intending to sleep only for a hundred years, I slept in suspended animation for more than a million! When I awoke, I was the last man left alive on Arvok!

To relieve the boredom of my loneliness I invented a game... and brought intelligent beings like yourself to try and capture me in three attempts! You see, I have the ability to change my shape to that of any creature...

...originally I was the hunter... but my super-intelligence always made it easy for me to win! So now I play the more interesting role of the hunted! Capture me, and go free, as well as freeing hundreds of other planets whose champions I have defeated!

But fail... and you and the people of Rann are doomed! The rings you see, when pressed against me, will cause me to resume my normal shape! Once you do that, you will have won the game! Now follow me...
To the edge of a mighty jungle Leothric leads his hunters. This time as a gaily feathered bird.

You will encounter wild animals in the jungles--so select a weapon with which to defend yourselves!

One more word before the hunt begins! I will assume a shape different from this bird form, but some mark of distinction from my original body will give you a hint of who I am...

After Leothric has disappeared into the jungle...

Adam, he--he could be anything! We have no chance!

We also have no choice! We must hunt him down or you and I and everyone on Rann will be destroyed!

Deep into the forest of strange trees and bizarre vines they follow their quarry...

Suddenly the ground vibrates and shakes to the thunder of a mighty gallop! A massive creature hurtles down at them...

Not a sign of an animal yet!

Adam! Get behind me!
Triggering his alien weapon, Adam Strange braces himself against the recoil of a raving bolt of pure energy.

Seconds later, Alanna calls out in delight.

Adam... look! When that beast charged us, it must have knocked out this little cat creature! Its saucer eyes... are the saucer eyes of Leothric!

It must be he, Alanna--we've won!

What a weapon! It turned that beast into powder!

Falling to his knees, Adam presses the ring against the furry coat of the jungle cat...

He was spying on us--got in the way when the monster charged--was knocked senseless!

Adam, you're touching the ring to the cat--but--nothing's happening! It isn't changing into Leothric!

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Suddenly, a mocking voice calls out from a tree branch...

You failed, Challengers! True, the Cantangoor has saucer eyes like mine—but you should have been looking for my three-toed foot! LEOTHRIC!

altering his appearance to that of a mighty bird, Leothric lifts his hunters and carries them high above the jungle...

I will carry you to the sea of Ybess, where you will make your second attempt to capture me! Remember—if you fail three times, I have won the game!

Soon Adam and Alanna are deposited on a sea-platform...

There he goes...as a fish—diving into the water where he'll change his shape again! We must dive into the sea too, using this underwater equipment he supplied us with!

Deep beneath the white-capped surface of the sea of Ybess, the grim, desperate hunt goes on...

We've searched for hours! Where could he be?

Somewhere down here... somewhere...

Alanna points eagerly toward a deep-sea denizen near a towering coral reef...

That creature with the spotted scales! Just like the skin of Leothric!

It must be he!
FATHOMS DOWN AMONG THE ROCK CREVICES AND TERRACED REEFS OF THE UNDERWATER WORLD THEY CORNER THEIR PREY...

I'M TOUCHING IT WITH THE RING -- BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE SHAPE!

WE'VE FAILED!

YES, YOU FAILED... A SECOND TIME! NOTICE THE ANTENNA COMING FROM MY HEAD -- JUST AS IN MY OWN BODY! BUT A THIRD TRIAL YET REMAINS!

MOMENTS LATER, AS A GIANT DINOSANDER, LEOTHRIC CARRIES HIS CHALLENGERS TOWARD THE DESERT OF CORALEE...

IF I ELUDE YOU ONCE MORE YOU HAVE LOST! YOU WILL BE PUT IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION TO REMAIN ON ARDIVAK FOREVER!

YOU MAY USE THE SAND-CAR TO FOLLOW ME! I'LL BE SOMEWHERE ON THE DESERT!

WHEN THEY ARE ALONE...

ALANNA, YOU TAKE THE SAND-CAR! I'LL CIRCLE AROUND ON FOOT! SPLITTING UP, WE MAY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE! I'LL TAKE LEOTHRIC'S ADVICE TO USE THIS ROPE!

WE'LL MEET AT THOSE OLD RUINS TO THE WEST!
Moments later, Alanna rockets across the hard red sands... If Leothric is anywhere out here - I'll find him!

An hour she searches, then guns the Sand-Car to full velocity - that creature's red mane - just like Leothric's red hair!

Meanwhile, scanning every foot of the desert over which he walks, Adam takes up the grim pursuit... I can't let Alanna and her people down!

A flurry of movement sends him forward on the run... swinging his rope-lariat... that animal has trumpet-like ears! So has Leothric! I've found him!

Later... when the hunters meet...

Adam! I found him!

So have I! But we can't both be right! Either one could be Leothric! We must make a choice! And - we can't afford to make a mistake this time!
THERE'S NO WAY OF TELLING! Oh, this is dreadful! NO--WAIT! THERE IS A WAY OF TELLING WHICH ONE IS LEOTHRIC--BY THE TRACKS HE MADE BEHIND HIM!

NOW I KNOW WHICH ONE OF THE TWO IS LEOTHRIC!

QUICKLY, ADAM PRESSES HIS RING TO ALANNA'S CREATURE...

CONGRATULATIONS, CHALLENGER! YOU SUCCEEDED WHERE EVERYONE ELSE FAILED!

BUT, ADAM, I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW DID HIS TRACKS REVEAL LEOTHRIC?

THEY DIDN'T! BUT YOU TURNED TO LOOK AT THE TRACKS TO SEE WHAT IT WAS THAT BETRAYED HIM! IT WAS A NORMAL REACTION! WELL--SO DID LEOTHRIC TURN, BECAUSE ONLY ONE OF THE TWO ANIMALS COULD UNDERSTAND WHAT I WAS SAYING!

PRISONER OF HIS CAPTIVES, LEOTHRIC LEADS THEM INTO THE MIGHTY HALL OF CHAMPIONS...

AS I PROMISED, I WILL FREE THE OTHER CHAMPIONS AND SET FREE THEIR WORLDS FROM MY SUSPENDED ANIMATION ENSLAVEMENT!

ADAM, THEY'RE STIRRING BACK TO LIFE!
GRATITUDE IS MIXED WITH CONCERN AS THE FREED CHAMPIONS GATHER AROUND ADAM AND ALANNA...

WE MUST MAKE SURE LEOTHRIC NEVER PLAYS HIS DANGEROUS HUNTING GAME AGAIN!

LEAVE THIS WORLD, WE CAN DO THAT BY DESTROYING HIS REMOTE-CONTROL SHIP! BUT FIRST I SHALL USE IT TO SEND YOU BACK TO YOUR HOME WORLDS!

LEOTHRIC'S SPACESHIP IS DESTROYED! MY TASK IS DONE... JUST IN TIME FOR I'M FADING AWAY... RETURNING TO EARTH...

LATER, WHEN ALANNA AND THE LAST OF THE CHAMPIONS HAVE BEEN SENT BACK TO THEIR LIBERATED WORLDS...

AN INSTANT AFTERWARD...

JUST 43 DAYS, 16 MINUTES, 5 SECONDS MORE -- AND THE ZETA-BEAM WILL STRIKE EARTH AGAIN -- CARRYING ME BACK TO RANN AND MY BELOVED ALANNA...

But Adam, that means you'll have to stay behind to work the ship! And once the ship is destroyed, you'll be stranded here too!

Have you forgotten, Alanna? When the teleport-beam radiation wears off me, I'll automatically be returned to my world of Earth!

There was a magician named Dunn, Whose magic brought everyone fun. While his audience sat He pulled from his hat A Tootsie Roll POP for each one.

The only POP in the world with a center of delicious Tootsie Roll
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Harry, I wish you'd get your tools and see what you can do to stop this window from rattling.

Aw, have a heart, Mom! I'm picking out records for Linda's birthday party! Why can't Jimmy do it?

Because you can do it better. When Jimmy's older, he'll be able to do things like this, too.

Besides, I'm going to the movies now.

What that kid gets away with! He never has to do anything! I bet you like him better than me just because he's the youngest.

Later that afternoon...

Don't take off your things, Jimmy. I'd like you to go to the store—I've run out of milk.

Aw, Mom, I just got home from the movies—I'm tired... why can't Harry do it?

Because running errands like this is your job, and...

And anyway, I'm off to my party now!

Boy, what you get away with when you're older! He never has to do anything he doesn't want to! I think you like him better than me just because he's the oldest.

I ask you! What's a mother going to do?
astronomers estimate that of the millions of galaxies in the universe about ten of them are in collision at the present time.

one of the most unusual of all galactic formations is in the constellation cygnus! it bears such a striking resemblance to the continent of north america that it has been dubbed the north america nebula...

a spiral-type galaxy colliding with an elliptical-type galaxy

Although not apparent to the naked eye, at least one-fourth of all the stars are double stars, and possibly one-tenth of other stars are multiples. a star-system of more than two associated stars...

july-1908    september-1915    july-1920

the double-star kruger 60 (at top left-hand corner) as seen in the summers of 1908, 1915 and 1920 respectively. the two components perform a complete rotation around one another in 55 years, so that by 1963 they will be back in the position shown in the figure on the left.

when hundreds or thousands of associated stars move through space at the same speed and in the same direction they are collectively known as a star-cluster. a representative type is the pleiades, a group of 500 stars, seven of which--"the seven sisters"--can be seen with the unaided eye...

pleiades photographed at griffith observatory—jan. 27, 1946

map of brightest stars in pleiades.
THE "END" OF THE UNIVERSE!

Several years ago the outstanding British astronomer, Sir James Jeans, speculating upon the relativity theory of Albert Einstein, came up with the startling proposition that "if we could travel straight on through space for long enough, we should also come back to our starting point; we should have traveled round the universe... that space is not of unlimited extent, but curves back on itself, and finally closes up, like the earth's surface... the circumference of the universe is likely to lie somewhere between 8,000 million light years and 500,000 million light years."

Many present-day astronomers visualize our cosmic universe somewhat like an immense closed sphere, not necessarily perfectly round, but probably more or less oblong or pear-shaped. Since our most powerful telescopes cannot reach the theoretical borders of our finite universe, we cannot be sure just what our entire universe is composed of. We are fairly certain that the interior of the universe is mostly a vacuum, through which are fairly regularly distributed, comparatively small masses of matter—which we call stars, planets, and so on. These stellar masses apparently balance one another in space, or retain their equilibrium and relative positions by a fine or delicate natural law of attraction and repulsion, created or applied by some mysterious force not yet ascertained by science.

The theory that the entire universe consists of a sphere in which is enclosed all existing stars—and that no star or matter exists beyond a certain point—is based on Albert Einstein's original conception of "curved space" or "spherical space." If Einstein was on the right track, then we must modify the general conception of space as a straight line or plane projected into infinity to the new idea of space gradually curving into a great circle or ellipse, one that can be traversed indefinitely round and round by repeating the same route—thus making space finite and unbounded.

Simply, then, we can picture our universe as a huge, hollow, rubber ball, in which the stars and planets may be represented by small pea-shaped particles of small tinsel, which float around in regular orbits, with scarcely any collisions, and obeying certain positive and negative forces. The cosmic forces are caused by currents of electricity and their allied effects, such as magnetism, gravitation and cohesion, or possibly by a force as yet unsuspected.

Granted the truth of this shape to our universe, where do we go from there? Where is the "end" of the universe? What lies "beyond" our universe? A logical guess would seem to be—other universes! A recently proposed theory excitingly suggests that somewhere there is another universe exactly like ours—in reverse, somewhat like a mirror universe of our own. To "balance" our positive universe, this has been dubbed the negative universe.

Drawing on past experience, it is likely that many of today's astronomical theories will be discarded in favor of more favorable ones—just as we have already dismissed the nonsensical theories of past centuries. The layman has often criticized scientists for believing in one theory today and a radically different one tomorrow. But scientists try to keep an open attitude of mind and alter their theories to conform with the latest facts based on observation. Thus astronomers were not in the least dismayed when they recently had to double the size of the universe! A subject is much more interesting if it is in a state of rapid development so that new and unexpected discoveries are being made. It seems hard to believe that just 100 years ago astronomy was regarded as an "exhausted" science!
Every time earthman Adam Strange has been teleported 25 trillion miles to Rann, he has found trouble, danger, and excitement on the planet! But this time when he arrives on Rann, the planet is peaceful—at least on the surface! But lurking in secret ambush there is a menace, so fantastic and awesome that when it confronts Adam Strange, the earthman is helpless to avert it!

Adam! Save me! The magnetic meteor is pulling me out of the space ship!

GOT TO RAY-BLAST THE METEOR BEFORE IT SWEEPS ALANNA INTO FAR-DISTANT SPACE!
IN THE TALL GRASSES OF THE AFRICAN VELOD A MAN STANDS ALONE, FACE LIFTED TO THE SKY, WAITING...

THE ZETA-BEAM WILL STRIKE IN ONE MINUTE! ONCE AGAIN I'LL BE TELEPORTED TO THE PLANET RANN! WHAT DANGERS WILL I FIND THIS TIME?

ABRUPTLY A LOUD CRY STARTLES HIM INTO FULL ATTENTION...

HELP! MY LEG--INJURED--ELEPHANTS STAMPEDING MY WAY!

AT CYCLONIC SPEED, ADAM STRANGE ROCKETS THROUGH THE AIR... I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM--EVEN IF IT MEANS MISSING THE ZETA-BEAM WHICH TELEPORTS ME TO RANN!

ALMOST UNDER THE TRAMPLEING FEET OF THE GIANT PACHYDERMS HE SWOOPS... MADE IT!

BUT--HAVE I SAVED HIM AT THE COST OF NOT BEING ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP TO RANN?
Seconds later, the hunter is lowered beside a jungle road...

You'll be all right here! The Kenya Police Patrol this road every hour! They'll take you to a hospital!

I say, old chap... who are you? I mean, dressed like that and all...

At tremendous speed, Adam skims the tall veldt grasses which bow before his passing.

I have no time to answer questions! There's still a slim chance I may get to that spot before the Zeta-Beam hits...

Faster and faster he bullets along, despair tugging at his heart— and then...

Made it!

The very next moment...

Oh, Adam! It's so good to see you again!

All right, here it comes again... trouble

I— I don't understand...

Danger? What's wrong, Alanna? What danger threatens Rann?

All the other times I've visited Rann, there's been a menacing danger— what is it this time?
FOR A MOMENT ALANNA STARES, THEN HER EYES LIGHT UP WITH IMPISH GLEE...

NO MENACE, ADAM—
NO MENACE AT ALL! ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? RANN LOVES EVERYBODY! EVERYBODY LOVES RANN!

ALANNA! YOU KNOW VERY WELL THE ONLY REASON I KEEP COMING TO RANN IS TO BE WITH YOU! THE EXCITEMENT AND DANGER IS ALL—INCIDENTAL!

AS A MATTER OF FACT THERE REALLY ISN'T ANYTHING URGENT TO KEEP YOU HERE, ADAM! SO IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE...

VERY FUNNY, ALANNA!

ARM IN ARM, ADAM AND HIS SWEETHEART OF RANN WALK THROUGH THE GAY STREETS OF RANAGAR CITY...

FEELS LIKE A HOLIDAY!

IT IS A HOLIDAY! TO HONOR YOU! EVERY LARGE CITY ON RANN WANTS TO PRESENT YOU WITH A TOKEN OF ITS ESTEEM...

SOON THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY ACROSS THE TUMBLING WAVES OF THE SEA OF ABYX...

THE FIRST CITY ON OUR SCHEDULE IS THE SEA CITY OF YS!

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT! NO WORRY! NO PROBLEMS!

ON THE MIGHTY BATTLEMENTS OF YS, A LITTLE LATER...

ACCEPT THIS DIAMOND—STUDED KEY TO YS, ADAM STRANGE!

ADAM, I REMEMBERED YOUR TELLING ME THAT WHEN AN EARTH CITY HONORS A HERO IT GIVES HIM A KEY TO THE CITY!
Later, Adam and Alanna board a glass-bottomed view boat... We'll study the marine growths in the boat and—oh! Sorry, Adam—I knocked the key from your hand!

As Adam bends to pick up the key, he pauses in bewilderment... odd... very odd...

Before the twin towers of ancient Kallanoor, Adam Strange receives his second award... a coffer of golden coins... to show how highly Kallanoor regards the hero of Rann!

Later, in the royal suite... Alanna, there's something I must tell you! The "diamonds" on this key are only bits of glass! They won't even scratch these gold coins!

I noticed it when the key fell into the glass-bottomed boat! Diamonds scratch glass! These key "diamonds" didn't! Lend me your diamond signet ring—and I'll show you!
AS ADAM RUNS THE RING ACROSS A GOLDEN COIN... SEE! YOUR DIAMOND CUTS DEEP INTO THE COIN--AND--GREAT STARS! THIS COIN ISN'T GOLD AT ALL! IT'S 'FOOL'S GOLD'!! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

THERE'S A PATTERN TO THESE FALSE OBJECTS, ALANNA! BUT WHAT IS IT? WHY, FOR ALL I KNOW YOU MAY BE FALSE TOO!

IMPELIVELY, ALANNA LEAPS FORWARD...

SLOWLY SHE DRAWS BACK...

DO YOU STILL THINK I'M A FAKE, ADAM STRANGE?

NO! THAT KISS WAS FOR REAL! BUT HOW CAN WE EXPLAIN THESE MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS?

WHAT IS THE EXPLANATION OF THESE STRANGE HAPPENINGS? WHY ARE FALSE GIFTS GIVEN TO ADAM INSTEAD OF REAL ONES? TO LEARN THE AMAZING ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS WE MUST TURN OUR ATTENTION TO EKELEN, OUTER-MOST PLANET OF THE ALPHA CENTAURI SOLAR SYSTEM...
FOR UNTOLE AGES THE UNDYING ENERGY-SEING DArkAD HAS OMELET ON EKELON--POWERFUL BEYOND ALL IMAGINING, ABLE TO CREATE MATTER BY THE AWESOME MIGHT OF HIS MENTAL POWERS...

I HAVE SOLVED ALL THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE BUT ONE... TELEPORTATION! OBJECTS I HAVE TELEPORTED ACROSS SPACE WERE MYSTERIOUSLY ALTERED AND APPEARED AS PSEUDO-REPLICAS! I DARE NOT TELEPORT MYSELF FROM EKELON TO ANOTHER WORLD--FOR FEAR OF WHAT MAY HAPPEN TO ME!

NOT KNOWING WHEN HE MIGHT SUDDENLY TELEPORT HIMSELF BACK TO EARTH, I HAD TO KEEP HIM ON RANN UNTIL I COMPLETED MAKING THE SPECIAL METEOR WHICH WILL BRING HIM TO ME! I DID THAT BY RAISING HIS CURiosity ABOUT THE "VENGE" OF FALSE GIFTS!

I BROUGHT THE REAL GIFTS HERE BY MAGNETIC METEORS--AND SUBSTITUTED IN THEIR PLACES THE FALSE REPLICA I TELEPORTED TO RANN!

BUT ADAM STRANGE CAN SUCCESSFULLY TELEPORT HIMSELF BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN EARTH AND RANN! HE KNOWS THE TRUE SECRET OF TELEPORTATION--AND I SHALL FORCE HIM TO REVEAL IT TO ME!
At this moment on Rann, as Adam and Alanna fly above the barren red desert of Palamar...

Hurtling in from space, the magnetic meteor draws the spacer after it as it curves upward to return to Ekelon with its prisoners...

Adam... it's magnetic! It's got the spacer in its grip! It's pulling us into space!

Suddenly... as if directed by an alien intelligence... the meteor turns on the earthman!

Rocketed out of the way... just in time I got to shatter it... before it grips me in its magnetic power!

With the help of his rocket jets, Adam breaks loose from the magnetic grip of the meteor and...

Now to blast that meteor before it sweeps Alanna and the spacer into far-distant space!
WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT THE METEOR AGAIN CHANGES COURSE—TUSS ALANNA FREE OF THE SPACER—AND PULLS HER SPACEWARD...

WITH A TERROROUS BURST OF SPEED, ADAM STRANGE OVERTAKES THE GIRL HE LOVES...

HOLD ON, ALANNA... WHILE I RAY-GUN THE METEOR!

MOMENTS LATER... IT'S GOING AWAY. ADAM! HEADING INTO OUTER SPACE!

AND WE'RE GOING AFTER IT! I'VE A HUNCH THAT MAGNETIC METEOR WILL LEAD US TO THE ANSWERS WE'RE SEEKING!

AT SUPER-LIGHT SPEED, THE SPACER TRAILS THE METEOR TO EKELON...

I FIGURED IF MY MAGNETIC METEOR FAILED TO DRAW YOU HERE, ADAM STRANGE—you curiosity would bring you to me!

ADAM—THIS WAS A TRICK TO SUMMON YOU HERE!
SHOWCASE

Adam and Alanna are soon standing before the energy being, Zakkad...

Adam Strange! Teach me how to teleport myself through space as you do, traveling between Earth and Rann!

Tell me your secret. Refuse—and I will send this magnetic meteor to pull Rann out of orbit and draw it through space forever—thus destroying all life upon it!

As Adam asks for... and receives... a few moments to reach his decision...

If ever there was a menace you had to overcome, Adam—this is it!

Alanna, if I tell him the secret of my teleportation power, he'll use it to conquer the universe!

There's one small chance to beat Zakkad! Listen carefully... when I'm telling Zakkad my answer, he'll be too intent on me to watch what you'll be doing...

Defiantly, Adam Strange hurls his answer at the furious Zakkad...

You fool! You've doomed millions of humans on Rann!

I shall never tell you my secret, Zakkad!
THEN... AS ZAKKAD DIRECTS HIS MIGHTY MENTAL POWERS AT THE METEOR CONTROL PANEL... IN A FEW MOMENTS, THE METEOR WILL HURRIC TOWARD RANN AND DRAW IT OUT OF ITS ORBIT!

THE MAGNETIC METEOR RISES SWIFTLY FROM EKELON...

NOW THAT THE METEOR IS SAFELY OFF EKELON, I AM GIVING IT ITS MAGNETIC CHARGE! A MIGHTY MAGNETIC CHARGE THAT NO FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE CAN REMOVE!

ZAKKAD... WAIT! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW!

WELL, WHY DO YOU HESITATE? TELL ME HOW YOU TELEPORT YOURSELF!

I--ER--WELL, THERE IS A ZETA-BEAM AND--ER-- MUST KILL TIME TILL ALANNA CAN CARRY OUT HER ASSIGNMENT!

UNSEEN BY ZAKKAD, ALANNA SECRETLY STEALS TO THE METEOR CONTROL PANEL...

I WATCHED THE WAY ZAKKAD MOVED THE CONTROLS--AND I'M REVERSING THEM TO MAKE THE METEOR RETURN TO THIS WORLD!

MOMENTS LATER, ALANNA SHOUTS IN TRIUMPH...

I DID IT, ADAM! THE METEOR IS RETURNING--AND STARTING TO PULL EKELON OUT OF ITS ORBIT!

WHAT?!

I AM DOOMED... TRAPPED ON THIS RUNAWAY WORLD...

ZAKKAD IS PLANET-BOUND, ALANNA--BUT WE'RE NOT! COME ON-- LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
As Adam and Alanna rocket off the doomed world...

Zakkad will never menace Rann again!

As they land on Rann...

Adam, we're home again! Adam--?

He's gone--the Zeta-Beam wore off--and Adam was automatically teleported to his world!

And on Earth...

Somehow fate always sends me to Rann in time to overcome a menace! I wonder what startling new danger will be threatening Rann next time I return?

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