The basic lessons Space Cadets study cover all the sciences of space flight ... of life on other planets, near and far ... of interstellar laws which are the foundation of peace among the planets and peoples of the solar system.

But there is one course at Space Academy—the most important of all—which is not covered by any textbook or classroom study. And yet, the lives of all the Cadets at Space Academy are guided by this course ... the lessons they learn about comradeship, loyalty and trust in each other! Space Cadets, when they graduate, are more than spacemates—they are brothers of the star trails!
GEE, DR. GULLIBER? A TREASURE TRIP INTO THE ASTEROIDS! I'M SO EXCITED I COULD——
SHUSH, JIMMY! SOMEONE MIGHT OVERHEAR YOU! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP IT A SECRET!

A MYSTERIOUS EXPEDITION IS BEING SECRETLY PREPARED AT THE GREAT SPACEPORT NEAR SPACE ACADEMY.

WE ALREADY KNOW YOUR SECRET, DOC!
WE WANT THE MAP OF THE TREASURE, DOC! HAND IT OVER! QUICK!

ROGER! ASTRO! LOOK AT THAT!
THOSE SPACEROGUES SURE HAVE NERVE! A ROBBERY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT WITH A HUNDRED WITNESSES!
STOW YOUR SPACEGAB! COME ON!

HOORAY FOR THE SPACE CADETS! WE'LL BE SAVED, DR. GULLIBER!
DON'T CHEER YET, SPACECHUM! THE FIGHT'S NOT OVER!

HOLD THEM! THE SPACEPORT POLICE ARE COMING!

HEY! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!

NOT ALL! I'VE GOT ONE OF THEM!

AVAST, YE STAR-SPANGLED SPACEPUP! I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE SPACETRAMPS! LET ME UP... OR I'LL BLOW YE INTO SPACEDUST!

I SEE THEM SPACEROGUES ATTACKED THE BOY AND THE MAN AND I BLASTS INTO THEM! AND YE DANGED SPACE CADETS JUMP ME!

I... I'M SORRY, SIR! I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONE OF THE ATTACKERS!

MAN AND BOY, I'VE SAILLED THE LONELY SPACEWAYS FOR MANY YEARS—— BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN TAKEN FOR A SPACEROGUE YET! I'M CAPTAIN JOHN HAWK! AND I'M HERE TO TAKE COMMAND OF THE SPACE SHIP ANDROMEDA!
Say... you're going to be captain of our ship...

Is that so? Well, you've got a fine way of welcoming me!

I think I should explain the attack on us... and the reason for it? If you'll all come aboard the Andromeda, I'll tell you our story.

Sure! We've got time before we report to our next class!

You've got a fine-looking ship, there?

You bet! Gee... wait till you space cadets find out where we're going! I'll bet you'll want to come along!

If not for you, our trip might have had to be called off! Those men tried to steal our treasure map...

Jimmy's dad was a space prospector who found rich deposits of uradium in the asteroid belt. When he died, he gave me a map to keep for Jimmy! The map showed where there were treasures in uradium deposits!

We've fitted out this ship to go and find that treasure!

Well blow me off like a feather in space! You'll have to get another captain! I'm a space-man— not a fighter against space buccaneers!
FIRST TIME I'VE KNOWN A REAL SPACEMAN TO GET SCARED OF A LITTLE FIGHT WITH A BUNCH OF SPACEHOEBOES! A CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP MUST BE PREPARED TO DEFEND HIS SHIP!

IN MY DAY, SPACEPUPS LIKE YE HAD BETTER MANNERS! DON'T YE BE TRYING TO TEACH ME THE DUTIES OF A SPACE CAPTAIN!

CAPTAIN HAWK, WE NEED YOU AND YOUR EXPERIENCE TO SEE US THROUGH THIS VOYAGE. WE'RE PREPARED TO GIVE YOU A SHARE OF THE TREASURE...

WELL, SEEING THAT THE TRIP WOULD BE REWARDING... I RECKON I'LL STICK WITH YE!

THANK YOU, SPACECADETS, FOR YOUR HELP! I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND WHY EVERYTHING MUST BE KEPT SECRET!

WE UNDERSTAND, DOCTOR GULLIBER! GOOD-BYE... AND SPACEMAN'S LUCK!

I'LL WALK WITH YOU TO THE GANGWAY. GEE, I WISH YOU SPACECADETS COULD COME WITH US ON THIS TRIP!

I WISH WE COULD, JIMMY! BUT WE'VE GOT OUR DUTIES AT SPACE ACADEMY!

PSST! I'VE GOT AN IDEA, JIMMY! DO YOU REALLY WANT US TO COME WITH YOU?...

I SURE DO, ROGER!
There's a rule in the solar guards that says a spaceship can demand protection—if it feels that it is in danger.

You mean... we can ask that you come along?

That's right, Jimmy! You go to Commander Arkwright and ask him to assign us to your ship for this voyage.

Do... do you think it will work?

It will! Commander Arkwright must assign us—-but you must ask for us.

I'm going to do it, Roger!

And remember, Jimmy... don't tell anyone that I tipped you off about the rule!

What kept you so long, Roger? We're going to be late for class...

Class? Oh, I wouldn't worry about that, Tom!

Roger looks like a venusian swamp cat after swallowing a canary! He's up to something, Tom!

Yes... and a little space gremlin tells me we're going to get into hot water because of him!
LATER, IN THE CLASS ON SPACEMATH...

YOU'RE NOT WRITING DOWN THE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT, ROGER... I'M NOT LENDING YOU MY NOTES THIS TIME...

BLAST OFF, ASTRO! I WON'T NEED ANY HOMEWORK NOTES!

HE'S UP TO SOMETHING, TOM! HE DIDN'T WRITE DOWN A SINGLE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT!

YOU'RE RIGHT, ASTRO! BUT WHAT IS HE UP TO?

AT THAT MOMENT, THE REASON FOR ROGER'S SMUGNESS ENTERS SPACE ACADEMY...

GEE... THE PLACE IS SO BIG, A FELLER CAN GET LOST HERE!

EXCUSE ME, SIR? COULD YOU SHOW ME WHERE I CAN FIND COMMANDER ARKWRIGHT?

OF COURSE! I'M GOING TO HIS OFFICE! COME ALONG!

JUST KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND GO IN?

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT
I've come to get help, sir! We are going on a treasure hunt in the asteroids... and our ship will need protection! We have already been attacked once, sir?

And do you have anyone special in mind?

Yes, sir! Could you send space cadets Roger Manning, Tom Corbett and Astro with us?

AND WHERE IS THIS TREASURE TO BE FOUND?

In the Jupiter vector of the asteroid belt, sir. My father was a space-prospector, who had explored that region and left me the map.

I will study your request, Jimmy!

There's a regulation, sir? You must send a squadron to protect us if we request it!

I know about the regulations, Jimmy! I'll take care of it before you blast off!

Thank you, sir! Good-bye!
TROUBLE, SIR? YOU SEEMED TO BE WORRIED BY THAT YOUNG BOY.

YES, TROUBLE, CAPTAIN STRONG! BUT I THINK IT'S TROUBLE FOR YOUR SPACE CADET SQUADRON! COME INTO MY OFFICE...

ONE OF YOUR SPACE CADETS PUT THAT BOY UP TO REQUESTING THE SOLAR GUARD FOR PROTECTION... JUST SO THAT THEY COULD MAKE A SPACE TRIP ON SOME WILD TREASURE HUNT!

THE TRICK ISN'T GOING TO WORK! I'M GOING TO ASSIGN DOUBLE DUTY TO CADETS CORBETT, MANNING, AND ASTRO!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT TOM CORBETT WOULD TRY ANY TRICKS, SIR! THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER EXPLANATION!

THERE CAN'T BE ANY EXPLANATION, CAPTAIN STRONG! THE TREASURE MAP IS A FORGERY! WHY, THIS SECTOR OF THE ASTEROID BELT IS FULL OF SPACEPROSPECTORS! IF THERE WERE ANY GREAT DEPOSITS OF URADIUM HERE--- THEY'D HAVE FOUND IT!

THEN THERE MUST BE SOMETHING VERY STRANGE ABOUT THIS TREASURE-HUNTING EXPEDITION, SIR!

HMMM... YOU'VE GOT A POINT, CAPTAIN STRONG!

I THINK I WILL SEND THE SPACE CADETS ON THIS TRIP BUT I'LL GIVE THEM AN EXTRA-HEAVY ASSIGNMENT OF STUDY!

A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE PROBLEMS OF SPACE TREASURE-HUNTING EXPEDITIONS SHOULD KEEP THEM BUSY ON THIS TRIP!
ALL RIGHT, ROGER! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? WE WANT THE TRUTH... AND THE WHOLE TRUTH?

AND WE WON'T LET YOU UP UNTIL YOU TELL US!

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! LET ME UP, YOU SPACEMONKEYS? I'LL TELL YOU!

THE WHOLE STORY, ROGER? WHY ARE YOU SO SURE WE WON'T HAVE TO DO OUR HOMEWORK FOR TOMORROW?

I HAVE ARRANGED A LITTLE SPACE TRIP FOR US. SO... SINCE WE WON'T BE AT SPACE ACADEMY TOMORROW---NO HOMEWORK!

OH! OH! I WAS AFRAID OF THAT!

PHOODY? YOU NEVER APPRECIATE THE THINGS I DO FOR YOU! I FIX IT SO WE CAN GO ON A TREASURE HUNT INSTEAD OF DOING HOMEWORK... AND WHAT DO I GET?

YOU'LL GET ABOUT THREE TIMES AS MUCH HOMEWORK FOR THIS LITTLE TRICK!

HUH?

PREPARE TO LEAVE ON THE TREASURE-HUNTING SPACE SHIP ANDROMEDA AT ONCE!

WHAT... WHAT ABOUT THE HOMEWORK YOU MENTIONED, SIR?
YOU WILL COME BACK WITH A COMPLETE, DETAILED REPORT ON ALL PROBLEMS OF ASTROGATION, SPACE MATHEMATICS, SPACE BIOLOGY, SPACE PROSPECTING AND THE MINERALS AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAKE UP THE ASTEROID BELT!

AND THE FULL REPORT MUST BE IN WRITING!

YES, SIR!

CADET CORBETT, WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SPACEHERO ROGER MANNING AS A MEMBER OF OUR SQUADRON!

QUITE RIGHT, CADET ASTRO! WE SHOULD SHOW OUR APPRECIATION!

AW... QUIT GRIPING! I GOT US ASIGNED TO A TREASURE-HUNTING EXPEDITION, DIDN'T I? YOU OUGHT TO THANK ME FOR THAT!

WE ARE THANKFUL, ROGER, FOR THE SPECIAL TRIP YOU GOT FOR US!

AND FOR THE SPECIAL HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT, TOO!

WHAT A BUNCH OF SPACESQUARES I GOT MIXED UP WITH!

COME ON! GET UP! WE'VE GOT TO REPORT TO THE S.S. ANDROMEDA!
IT WORKED! MY REQUEST FOR YOU WORKED!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE YOUR SPACEMATES ON THIS TRIP, JIMMY!

WHAT ARE YE SPACE CADETS DOING ABOARD? WE'RE ABOUT TO BLAST OFF!

WHY, WE'VE BEEN REQUESTED TO JOIN THIS EXPEDITION, SIR?

I PUT IN A REQUEST FOR THEM, CAPTAIN HAWK? I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND...

I DO MIND! I DON'T WANT THEM ALONG! BUT THERE'S NOTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT NOW! SHOW THEM TO THEIR QUARTERS, JIMMY!

WHAT'S EATING THAT OLD SPACEGROUGH? YOU'D THINK HE WOULD WELCOME US ON A DANGEROUS TRIP LIKE THIS?

WELL, HE CERTAINLY GAVE US A DEEP SPACE FREEZE!

CAPTAIN HAWK SEEMS TO HAVE A STRANGE LIKING FOR SPACEROGUES... JUDGING FROM THE CREW HE'S PICKED OUT!

WE NEED TOUGH SPACEMEN FOR AN EXPEDITION LIKE OURS... THAT'S WHAT THE CAPTAIN SAID!

TOUGH? MAYBE... BUT THESE MEN LOOK MORE LIKE THOSE WHO ATTACKED YOU AND DOCTOR GULLIBER, JIMMY. THERE'S SOMETHING VERY STRANGE ABOUT THIS WHOLE TREASURE HUNT!
Stand by for blast off! Stand by--fore and aft!

Hang on! Here we go!

There goes the Andromeda, Captain Strong! I feel better knowing your space cadet squadron is on board her!

I hope your suspicions were wrong, Commander Arkwright!

You're not afraid the space cadets will get into any trouble, are you, Captain?

No, they can take care of themselves--and any trouble that they may run into! But just the same...this is the first time the cadets have been on their own!

Full space speed for the asteroids! And steady as she goes!

Aye, aye, sir! Steady as she goes!

Gott to hand it to Captain Hawk! He sure knows how to handle a spaceship!

Pssst! Roger, take Jimmy and keep him busy. Astro and I want to snoop around a bit!

Count on me, Tom!
THE FIRST PLACE I WANT TO LOOK OVER IS THE FREIGHT DECK!

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND THERE, TOM?

I DIDN'T EXPECT AN ARMED GUARD HERE!

I GUESS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO EXAMINE OUR SUPPLIES NOW!

NOW WE MUST SEE WHAT'S INSIDE THAT ROOM! AND THERE'S A WAY WE CAN DO IT!

GET INTO A SPACESUIT, ASTRO! WE'RE GOING SPACESIDE FOR A LITTLE WALK?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO--BUT I'M WITH YOU, TOM!

WALK CAREFULLY, ASTRO! DON'T MAKE A SOUND!

WALK WHERE, TOM?

THE FREIGHT DECK, ASTRO! SINCE THE INSIDE ENTRANCE IS GUARDED ---WE'LL GO IN FROM THE OUTSIDE!
OPEN A COUPLE OF THESE BOXES AND SEE WHAT’S INSIDE?

WOW? SPLIT MY ATOMS? LOOK HERE, TOM?

BLASTERS? ENOUGH FOR AN ARMY?

FOOD CONCENTRATES? ENOUGH TO FEED THE ARMY FOR A YEAR!

WHY THE GUNS, TOM? WHY THE FOOD CONCENTRATES?

I CAN’T ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, ASTRO! BUT NOTICE THERE IS NO MACHINERY FOR DIGGING! HOW ARE WE GOING TO PROSPECT FOR URADIUM WITHOUT TOOLS?

LET’S TELL DOCTOR GULLIBER RIGHT AWAY, TOM!

NOT YET, ASTRO! WE’LL FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS MYSTERY BEFORE WE TALK TO HIM!
LET'S TALK THIS OVER WITH ROGER... BEFORE WE TELL OUR SUSPICIONS TO ANYONE!

HE SHOULD BE BACK IN THE BUNK DECK BY NOW!

WHAT KEPT YOU ROCKETHEADS AWAY SO LONG? I GOT NEWS FOR YOU...

WE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, TOO!

WELL, I CAN TELL YOU THERE WAS A FIGHT AMONG THE CREW...

A FIGHT? DID YOU FIND OUT WHAT IT WAS ABOUT?

NO, BUT I EXPECT TO! I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET ONE OF THE SPACE SAILORS AND GET THE FULL STORY!

LET'S GO SEE HIM NOW!

HE WANTED ME TO MEET HIM HERE SECRETLY?

THERE HE IS WAITING FOR US!

HERE WE ARE! NOW WHAT WAS THE FIGHT ALL ABOUT?
He...he's dead?

Someone didn't want us to find out what the crew fought over! Better report this to Captain Hawk!

The man was killed as a result of a fight, of course. But I've been hearing whispers about mutiny among the crew!

Mutiny? What can we do about it, Captain Hawk?

We can do nothing... except be on guard every minute!

For a while, I thought this trip would be exciting. Now... Phooey! I'm getting bored!

We'll be landing on one of the asteroids soon, Roger. I've got a spaceman's hunch you'll get your share of excitement!

Carefully, the space ship Andromeda weaves deeper and deeper into the dangerous mass of the asteroids...
This is the area indicated on the map. We'll find a large asteroid and set up camp.

Asteroid ahead, Captain Hawk. Shall I head for it, sir?

Aye, this one will do! Set orbit course around it. We'll ferry our supplies landside by spacelifeboat!

While the great spaceship swings around the asteroid in a small orbit... two lifeboats speed back and forth carrying supplies...

The camp will soon be ready. We'll be able to get out of these monkey suits!

I'm anxious to start prospecting for the uradium treasure!

We'll look for the uradium at once. The camp will be finished in a couple of hours!

Have you any plans, sir? We'd like to be in one of the prospecting parties.
I plan to take one search party under my own command. If you space cadets want to do some prospecting—take the second lifeboat.

Thank you, sir. We'll make up our own search party?

Can I join your group, Tom? Can I? Please?

You're welcome, Jimmy...if Doctor Gulliver gives you permission.

I guess Jimmy will be safe with you space cadets? He can go!

Hooray! Let's get started, space cadets!

Cadet Corbett... take your group and search in the direction of the Mars vector. We'll cover the Jupiter vector! Aye, aye, sir!
Radiometer shows plenty of uradium deposits on the asteroid ahead? We'll land and make a search!

Deposits are in small amounts. It would take a long time to dig them out.

We've got to look further, then!

You'll be wasting your time! It takes months to dig up a pound of uradium?

I've been prospecting and space-mining this area for years. There's lots of uradium—if you're willing to work gathering it together.

Come along to my camp. My partner and I sure enjoy having company for a change. We've been all alone here for two years!

Two years? Jumping space-hoppers! Is that how long you have to work to get uradium?
Space Cadets: Welcome!

In two years, we’ve dug up and saved nine pounds of uranium!

Have some more choc concentrates, lads.

We hope to get enough in another two or three years so we can retire. But it is hard work. You won’t find any big deposits here!

Drop in again if you’re out this way?

We will... and thanks for the information!

Get aboard! We’ll blast off for our base camp!

Gee... I don’t understand it, Tom!

I don’t either, Jimmy. Not yet, anyway. But those spaceminers know what they’re talking about!

My dad said there are big deposits here! He left me a map, too! My dad wouldn’t lie! He wouldn’t, Tom! He wouldn’t!
I don't believe Jimmy's father lied. But someone did...

Suppose we keep what we found out to ourselves for a while?

Astro's right! There's a plot of some kind here---and we'll keep quiet until we find out what it is... and who is behind it?

Looks like Captain Hawk has already returned!

Ah! Here come our space cadets! How did ye make out, lads?

Didn't find anything except small deposits of uradium!

Never mind, lad! My prospecting party has done pretty well! Found three deposits...

One gave us twelve pounds of uradium... another nine pounds and the last deposit we found was good for nineteen pounds!

That's a small fortune there!
EAT SOMETHING, BOYS, AND THEN GET YOURSELF A GOOD REST! YOU'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO GO PROSPECTING TOMORROW.

YES, SIR! AND WE'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!

I JUST DON'T FIGURE IT WE FOUND NOTHING... CAPTAIN HAWK FOUND A FORTUNE!

MAYBE HE'S GOT MORE EXPERIENCE... MAYBE HE IS LUCKY!

YOUR JETS ARE SPUTTERING, ROGER? HAWK DOESN'T KNOW MORE ABOUT SPACE MINING THAN THE MINERS WE MET? AND I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S LUCK!

LET'S GET SOME REST. WE'LL HAVE A BUSY DAY TOMORROW. I THINK I'LL HAVE THE ANSWER TO A LOT OF PUZZLES THEN!

SOON AFTER EVERYONE WAS ASLEEP...

PSST! ASTRO WAKE UP? HUH? WHAT?

TOMORROW I'M GOING WITH CAPTAIN HAWK! ONLY HE'S NOT GOING TO KNOW I'M ABOARD HIS SPACEBOAT! I'M GOING TO HIDE...

A STOWAWAY ON HIS EXPEDITION? NOT ALONE! YOU'RE NOT GOING ALONE! IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS!
I'VE GOT TO GO... YOU MUST TAKE OUR EXPLORING PARTY OUT AS USUAL!

ALL RIGHT, TOM. BUT DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM, ASTRO. DON'T WORRY! I'M GOING ALONG ON THAT PARTY!

THAT'S WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF! ALL RIGHT!

SOON... BEFORE THE CAMP AWOKE...

REMEMBER, ASTRO. CRUISE OUT OF SIGHT UNTIL CAPTAIN HAWK RETURNS FROM HIS EXPEDITION.

AYE, AYE, TOM!

WE'LL GET INTO THE REAR COMPARTMENT, ROGER, AND LAY LOW! DON'T MAKE A MOVE UNTIL WE COME BACK... NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!

DON'T BE GIVING ME ORDERS, TOM! I KNOW WHAT TO DO!

HERE THEY COME!

ABOUT TIME! THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE IN ANY HURRY!

HO! HO! THE SPACE CADETS STARTED EARLY TODAY, HAWK! A LOT OF GOOD THAT'LL DO THEM! HO! HO!
FORGET THE SPACE CADETS, ME BULLIES? WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST AND MAKE OUR HAUL. THOSE SPACE-BRATS AREN'T FOOLS; THEY'LL SOON GET SUSPICIOUS AND START SNOOPING AROUND!

PROSPECTORS CAMP UP AHEAD, CAPTAIN?
AYE! MAKE FOR IT!

HI, THERE, SPACEMATES? JOIN US FOR SOME BREAKFAST?

THANK YE FOR THE INVITATION? BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME THIS TRIP? WE'LL JUST TAKE ALL THE URADIUM YE'VE GOT?

CLAIM JUMPERS!

ABOUT TEN POUNDS, CAPTAIN HAWK!

HO! HO! NOT BAD FOR A START! NOW GET THOSE SPACE-SAPS ABOARD AND WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY!

I COULD BUST AN ELECTRODE! SO THAT'S THE RACKET? NO WONDER HE FINDS BIG DEPOSITS OF URADIUM!

DON'T BLOW YOUR JETS, NOW, ROGER! WE'LL BE BLASTED INTO ATOMS IF CAPTAIN HAWK FINDS US HERE!
WE CAN'T JUST SIT HERE AND DO NOTHING, TOM! THAT'S THE THIRD SPACEMINER'S CAMP THEY'VE ROBBED!

HE'S BRINGING THE SPACEMINERS ABOARD!

WE CAN'T DO A THING UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT HE DOES WITH HIS PRISONERS? BESIDES... HAWK AND HIS MEN ARE ARMED! ALL WE HAVE ARE GOOD INTENTIONS WITHOUT PARALORAY BLASTERS?

WE'RE APPROACHING A BIG CAMP, TOM!

THE PRISONERS ARE BROUGHT IN HERE? JUMPING IMPS OF SPACE? HAWK MAROONS THEM ON THIS ASTEROID?

THERE'S ENOUGH FOOD CONCENTRATE HERE TO FEED YOU MEN FOR YEARS. YOU'LL BE SAFE——

...UNTIL WE GET AWAY. I'LL PUT OUT AN S.E.S. FOR YOU MEN ONCE I AND MY CREW ARE IN THE CLEAR. UNTIL THEN—— BEHAVE OR YOU'LL DIE RIGHT HERE!
I'M NOT LETTING HAWK GET AWAY WITH THIS!

COME BACK, ROGER! DON'T BE A SPACE-GOOF!

IN THE NAME OF THE SOLAR GUARD AND THE LAWS OF SPACE -- I ORDER YOU TO SURRENDER AND DROP YOUR GUNS, CAPTAIN HAWK!

SO YOU STOWED AWAY ON MY SPACE-BOAT, EH?

IN THE NAME O' CAPTAIN HAWK... I DROPS YOU!

TAKE HIM IN WITH YOU!

I... I HATE TO STAY HIDDEN... BUT I'VE GOT TO! I CAN'T HELP ROGER. NOT YET! BUT CAPTAIN HAWK WILL PAY FOR THIS!

WE'LL TELL THE OTHER SPACE CADETS THAT ROGER DECIDED TO STAY AND VISIT SOME SPACEMINERS WE MET! THAT'LL GIVE US A FEW MORE DAYS TO WORK IN! NOW LET'S HEAD BACK TO CAMP!
Here comes, Captain Hawk's ship, Astro!

We'll land right after them! I hope nothing happened to Tom and Roger.

The space cadets are coming in for a landing?

We'll be ready for them when they get here!

I'll have to work fast to clip Captain Hawk's wings!

First step is to maroon the mutineers!

This will do it. Now to get to Astro and Jimmy before they leave ship...

Got to make a run for it!
Another Space Cadet hiding in our boat?

Tom? What's up? Where's Roger?

No time to explain! Get back in and blast off!

Our only chance is to get to the Andromeda and seize the ship!

Hawk's men must be in control there!

We won't stop to argue or explain, Astro. Take over the ship fast!

Right!

Hold on, you space boys! The captain said no one is to be permitted on board until we're ready to blast off for home.

The orders are changed...
YEH? WHO CHANGED THEM?
I DID! JUST NOW!

STAY HERE, JIMMY. ASTRO, PICK UP HIS GUN AND LET'S ROUND UP THE REST!

DROP YOUR GUNS AND DO AS YOU'RE TOLD! THE MUTINY IS OVER!

WE'LL LOCK THEM UP IN THE BRIG AND THEN TALK TO CAPTAIN HAWK! HE MAY BE IN A GOOD MOOD TO BARGAIN WITH US!

SPACE CADETS? BOY, ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU HERE!

I GUESS YOU ARE THE SPACEMEN WHO REFUSED TO JOIN THE MUTINY? COME OUT AND HELP YOURSELVES TO SOME PARALARAY BLASTERS!

THEM OUT NUMBER US TWO OR THREE TO ONE. THE ONLY ONE WE CAN COUNT ON IS DOCTOR GULLIVER... AND HE'S HELD BY CAPTAIN HAWK!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, SIR?

AS SPACE CADETS, OUR DUTY IS TO PLACE THE WHOLE GANG UNDER ARREST AND TAKE THEM BACK TO EARTH FOR TRIAL! AND THAT'S JUST WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO!

I HOPE YOU KNOW HOW WE CAN DO IT, TOM!
SPACE SHIP ANDROMEDA CALLING CAPTAIN HAWK! COME IN, CAPTAIN HAWK!

AYE, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YE TO CALL ME, TOM. WHAT'S GOT INTO YE, BOY?

YOU KNOW WHAT GOT INTO ME, CAPTAIN HAWK. YOU AND SOME OF YOUR MEN HAVE MUTINIED AND HAVE ROBBED SPACEMINERS. I ORDER YOU TO SURRENDER IN THE NAME OF THE SOLAR GUARD!

WHY, LAD... IT'S ALL A MISTAKE. I'LL... SURRENDER JUST TO PROVE TO YE I'M SORRY!

MAN THE SPACE LIFEBOAT AND BRING HAWK AND HIS MEN ABOARD. MAKE SURE THEY'RE UNARMED!

LOOKS LIKE OUR BRIG IS GOING TO HAVE PLENTY OF LODGERS!

YOU AND I HAVE SOME WORK TO DO, JIMMY. COME ON!

SURE, TOM!

YOU OPEN ALL THE BOXES MARKED PARALORAY BLASTERS, JIMMY?

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, TOM?

WE'RE GOING TO SET ASIDE ENOUGH GUNS TO ARM ALL THE SPACEMINERS CAPTAIN HAWK'S CAPTURED... AND MAKE SURE HE WON'T BE ABLE TO ARM HIS OWN MEN!
ALL ON THEIR WAY TO BE LOCKED UP IN THE BRIG, TOM!

JIMMY? YOU'RE SAFE! I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU WHILE CAPTAIN HAWK HELD ME PRISONER!

DOCTOR GULLIBER, YOU STAY HERE WITH OUR MEN AND KEEP THE PRISONERS UNDER GUARD. ASTRO, JIMMY AND I ARE GOING TO TAKE THE LIFEBOAT AND BRING BACK ROGER AND THE SPACEPROSPECTORS!

LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME, TOM!

I'LL GO LANDSIDE AS SOON AS WE REACH THE PRISON CAMP. GIVE THEM GUNS AS SOON AS THEY COME ABOARD!

WELL, SPACEMATES, I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY! MY SPACE CADET SQUAD CAN HANDLE THE SITUATION!

LOOKS LIKE IT, ROGER? BUT I'LL BE A LOT HAPPIER WHEN I'VE GOT A GUN IN MY HANDS... AND CAPTAIN HAWK IN FRONT OF ME!

CROWD ABOARD OUR LIFEBOAT. ASTRO WILL ISSUE AMMUNITION AND GUNS? WE MAY HAVE A FIGHT AHEAD!

HEY! I THOUGHT YOU SAID CAPTAIN HAWK AND HIS SPACETHIEVES WERE LOCKED UP IN THE BRIG?

I EXPECT THEM TO BE FREED, ROGER. WHEN WE GET BACK TO THE ANDROMEDA... THEY MAY BE WAITING FOR US!

JUMPING IMPS OF SPACE! I'VE GOT A SPACEGOOFY SPACE CADET ON MY HANDS!
WE'RE COMING ALONGSIDE THE ANDROMEDA, MEN? DON'T DROP YOUR GUNS WHATEVER HAPPENS! WATCH ME FOR A LEAD!

YOU SEEM MIGHTY SURE CAPTAIN HAWK IS OUT OF THE BRIG AND WAITING FOR US. HOW COME, TOM?

THIS WHOLE TREASURE HUNT WAS A PUT UP JOB! I'VE GOT A SPACEMAN'S HUNCH THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET A COUPLE OF SURPRISES WHEN WE LAND. AND I'VE PREPARED FOR THEM!

WELL, EVERYTHING IS QUIET, TOM? LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE WRONG... WHICH DOESN'T SURPRISE ME!

TOO QUIET, ROGER?

A TRAP TO CATCH SOMETHING HAS TO BE QUIET, SPACE CADETS! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YE! NOW DROP YOUR BLASTERS — OR I'LL SPLIT ALL OF YE LIKE A BUNCH OF ATOMS!

I EXPECTED THIS, CAPTAIN HAWK! SO GO AHEAD AND BLAST ME!

NO! NO! DON'T SHOOT HIM! CAPTAIN HAWK!

IF IT'S BLASTED YE WANT TO BE, SPACE CADET — I'LL OBLIGE YE!

NOT WITH AN EMPTY GUN, CAPTAIN HAWK!
TAKE AWAY THEIR GUNS AND LOCK THEM IN THE BRIG! DON'T WORRY--- THEY CAN'T SHOOT! I TOOK OUT THE AMMUNITION FROM ALL THE BLASTERS BEFORE WE LEFT!

LET'S GO TO THE CONTROL ROOM AND GET READY TO BLAST OFF FOR HOME!

YOU BETTER EXPLAIN WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON HERE, TOM!

I'LL EXPLAIN IN A MINUTE, ROGER!

SPACE CADETS! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU! CAPTAIN HAWK AND HIS MEN---

STOW THE SPACEGAS, DOCTOR GULLIBER? CAPTAIN HAWK IS LOCKED UP. SO ARE ALL HIS SPACEROGUES! AND YOU ARE JOINING THEM?

I--- I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

THEN I'LL EXPLAIN, DOCTOR GULLIBER? YOU ARE THE REAL LEADER OF THIS WHOLE PLOT?

YOU DON'T MEAN THAT, TOM! WHY... DOCTOR GULLIBER IS MY GUARDIAN... HE'S BEEN TAKING CARE OF ME SINCE DAD DIED!

HE'S BEEN TRYING TO USE YOU, JIMMY? YOUR DAD NEVER LEFT ANY MAP--- HE COULDN'T HAVE BECAUSE THE MAP WAS A FAKE? ONLY ONE MAN SAID YOUR DAD LEFT IT FOR YOU--- DOCTOR GULLIBER, THEREFORE HE FORGED THE MAP!
IT WAS A SCHEME TO ROB SPACE-MINERS OF THEIR HARD-EARNED URADIUM! GULLIVER FREED HAWK... AS I EXPECTED. THAT'S WHY I FIXED THE BLASTERS WITH WHICH I KNEW HE WOULD ARM THEM?

WELL, THIS BLASTER IS LOADED, TOM! NOW ORDER CAPTAIN HAWK FREED-- OR I FIRE!

NO, YOU WON'T! YOU'RE GOING TO BE PUNISHED FOR LYING ABOUT MY FATHER!

ALL OF US SPACEMINERS ARE GOING TO GIVE JIMMY A SHARE OF OUR URADIUM... SO HE'LL BE WELL CARED FOR UNTIL HE'S OLD ENOUGH TO GO TO SPACE ACADEMY!

GOLLY! I'LL BET I'M THE LUCKIEST KID IN ALL THE UNIVERSE?

WELL, WHAT ARE WE SPOUTING SPACEGAS FOR? LET'S BLAST OFF FOR EARTH! I'VE GOT A LOT OF LOAFING TO DO ON THE RETURN TRIP!

OH, YES, ROGER! GLAD YOU REMINDED US! THIS WAS ALL YOUR IDEA OF GETTING US OUT OF DOING HOMEWORK!

SO GET BUSY WRITING THE REPORT COMMANDER ARKWRIGHT ORDERED US TO BRING BACK! AND MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO MISTAKES!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE PLENTY OF HOMEWORK TO CATCH UP ON BEFORE WE GET BACK! GET BUSY!

PHOOEY! THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR DOING YOU GUYS A FAVOR!