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CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT

ADVENTURE: The Perada Treasure

1940 Flight Patrol Application

**CHARACTERS**

Captain Midnight  
Chuck Ramsay  
Juan Perada

SOUND 1 REPEATING GONG AND AIRPLANE DIVE UNDER

ANNCR: 2 The Skelly Oil Company presents...Captain-n-n-n Midnight.

SOUND 3 GONG AND PLANE DIVE FADES

4 Captain Midnight...brought to you everyday, Monday through  
5 Friday, at the same time...by the Skelly Oil Company, Skelly  
6 Jobbers and Dealers.

7 (PAUSE)

8 But first, let me ask you something. How would you like to  
9 have a beautiful bronze Medal of Membership to show that  
10 you're a special friend of Captain Midnight's and bona fide  
11 member of his new 1940 Flight Patrol?

12 A medal that entitles you to take part in a great adventure  
13 and get lots of free gifts and prizes. A medal you'll be so  
14 proud to show your friends that you'll want to carry it with  
15 you wherever you go. It's made with heavy bronze with raised  
16 letters and pictures on the front and back. Just like on a  
17 real Medal of Honor. It has a swell picture of Captain  
18 Midnight himself and also of our good friend, Chuck Ramsay  
19 and Patsy Donovan. There's also a mystic midnight clock face  
20 on it and also the mysterious new secret password of the  
21 1940 Flight Patrol. A password that's the key to greater  
22 mysteries that are still to come.

23 And only those who are members will have the clues that are  
24 needed to figure out what it means. But wait! Here's the  
25 most exciting feature of all: this new secret Medal of  
26 Membership has a three-blade spinning propeller on it. You  
27 spin it whenever you want to decide something like: who's

1 going to be the first in any game? Or who's going to wipe  
2 the dishes for mother? Or who's to be captain of the team.  
3 Why there must be a hundred different games you can play  
4 with this new spinning propeller medal. Boy, every fellow  
5 and girl in town will wish they had one when they see yours.  
6 But now, here's how you can get one absolutely free.  
7 Just have mother or dad drive you over to your Skelly  
8 service station and tell your Skelly man, that you want to  
9 join the new 1940 Flight Patrol. He'll give you your Junior  
10 Pilot's application card right away. And he'll send right in  
11 to Skelly headquarters, for your spinning propeller Medal of  
12 Membership. That's all you do. You don't need any box tops  
13 or seals or package wrappers or anything else. You just see  
14 your Skelly man and he'll fix you all up with out one penny  
15 of cost to you.

16 So have mother or dad drive you over to your Skelly service  
17 station tonight. And join Captain Midnight's 1940 Flight  
18 Patrol.

19 (PAUSE)

20 And now to Captain Midnight!

21 (PAUSE)

22 Yesterday you remember, Juan Perada, owner of a vast estate  
23 with thousands of cattle, told Captain Midnight and Chuck  
24 how Ivan Shark, his daughter Fury, and his henchmen have  
25 taken his estate away from him. Shark also tortured Perada  
26 to try to make him reveal the location of priceless family  
27 heirlooms. Just as he was finishing his story, the drone of

1 a plane was heard. Our scene today, continues. The plane  
2 comes closer and Captain Midnight commands sharply...

SOUND 3 FLYING PLANE OVER

MIDNIGHT: 4 It's a black plane, Chuck. Run to our ship and jump into the  
5 rear cockpit.

CHUCK: 6 (MOVING AWAY) OK, Red, I'll be there in a jiffy.

MIDNIGHT: 7 OK, and if he dives this way give it to him with your  
8 machine gun!

CHUCK: 9 You bet I will, Red!

MIDNIGHT: 10 Right!

PERADA: 11 That is one of señor Chadwick's planes. They are all black  
12 like the one you captured!

MIDNIGHT: 13 Yes, señor, I know. How do you feel now?

PERADA: 14 I feel much better, señor.

MIDNIGHT: 15 Can you walk?

PERADA: 16 Surely, señor.

MIDNIGHT: 17 Well, here wait. Give me your hand. (STRAINS) I'll pull you  
18 up.

PERADA: 19 (ALSO STRAINS) You are very kind.

MIDNIGHT: 20 Aaah. Now you're on your feet.

PERADA: 21 My knees. They're a little weak. But I will be all right.

CHUCK: 22 Watch yourselves! This fellow's diving!

MIDNIGHT: 23 Come, señor. Come. Let's get to the plane. It'll be safer  
24 there.

PERADA: 25 But this pilot in the sky. He will shoot at your plane.

MIDNIGHT: 26 Don't worry about that, we'll beat him off! We've got to be  
27 ready to take off, if necessary.

CHUCK: 1 He's getting closer! Shall I fire?

MIDNIGHT: 2 Yes, Chuck! Yes, give him a burst!

SOUND: 3 INCREASE PLANE DIVE AND MACHINE GUN FIRE BURST ENDS DIVE

PERADA: 4 Excellent! Excellent!

MIDNIGHT: 5 Heh! Heh! Good work, Chuck!

SOUND: 6 PLANE DRONE FADES

CHUCK: 7 Look! He's pulling away!

MIDNIGHT: 8 Yes, I thought he would.

PERADA: 9 He has had enough. He does not like the laugh from your  
10 machine gun.

CHUCK: 11 I'll say he doesn't.

MIDNIGHT: 12 Yes, that's the way with these roughnecks, señor. They can  
13 give it, but they can't take it!

CHUCK: 14 I wonder where he's going now?

MIDNIGHT: 15 The thing is he'll turn around and go back.

CHUCK: 16 No, he isn't.

MIDNIGHT: 17 Huh?

CHUCK: 18 See! He's continuing south.

MIDNIGHT: 19 I think he's going up to the valley to that other field.

PERADA: 20 These pilots are always flying around. One does not know  
21 where they go!

CHUCK: 22 Oh, look. He's turning to the east!

MIDNIGHT: 23 Yes, you're right. I wonder what he's doing there?  
24 (PAUSE)

SOUND: 25 PLANE DRONE FADES COMPLETELY

CHUCK: 26 Looks like he's going down behind that hill.

MIDNIGHT: 27 Yes. Señor Perada.

PERADA: 1 Yes, señor?

MIDNIGHT: 2 Is there any landing place behind that hill?

PERADA: 3 Si, señor. There is a small plateau, there on which an  
4 airplane could land.  
5 (PAUSE)

CHUCK: 6 There! He's disappeared.

MIDNIGHT: 7 Yes. Looks like he went down all right.

CHUCK: 8 If we're gonna get out of here, now's our chance!

MIDNIGHT: 9 Señor. I guess you better come with us. We'll take you to a  
10 small field across the western ridge.

PERADA: 11 Ah, I know that field well. I lease some land there to some  
12 Americanos for mining.

MIDNIGHT: 13 Was that so? When was that?

PERADA: 14 Several years ago. But I understood they had given it up.

MIDNIGHT: 15 No. No, I don't believe they have. Because two of our  
16 friends named Pinky Drake and Slim Poole were sent down  
17 recently to investigate it.

PERADA: 18 Aah, so!

CHUCK: 19 We better get in the ship, Red, and be on our way!

MIDNIGHT: 20 You'll come with us, señor?

PERADA: 21 I would like to but I must find some of my own men.

MIDNIGHT: 22 Well, where would they be?

PERADA: 23 Back in the mountains. I can show you.

CHUCK: 24 Gee, Red! That would be swell!

MIDNIGHT: 25 Well now, wait a minute. Is there a place to land an  
26 airplane there?

PERADA: 27 Si, señor. I am sure the airplane can land. At one time

1 there was a lake. Then it dried up.

CHUCK: 2 Gosh, Red, listen to that. A dried-up lake bed. Why, why  
3 that should make a swell landing field.

MIDNIGHT: 4 Very well, señor. We will fly there. Are you sure you can  
5 find your way?

PERADA: 6 Si, I am certain. All my life I have hunted and fished in  
7 these mountains and valleys. I could find my way around them  
8 with a blindfold over the eyes!

MIDNIGHT: 9 Good! Let's go. I'll help you in the rear cockpit with  
10 Chuck. (BEGINS TO STRAIN)

PERADA: 11 Thank you, señor.

SOUND: 12 CLIMBING INTO COCKPIT

MIDNIGHT: 13 (STRAINS) There you are.

CHUCK: 14 Gee, Red. We'll be carrying more weight than we should.  
15 It'll be bad if we have to fight any of those other planes  
16 in the air.

MIDNIGHT: 17 Yes, I realize that, Chuck. We'll have to make up in  
18 marksmanship, what we lack in maneuverability.

SOUND: 19 CLIMBING INTO COCKPIT OVER

MIDNIGHT: 20 Well, I'll jump into the front cockpit and get the engine  
21 started.

22 (PAUSE)

CHUCK: 23 Well, we're all set anytime.

MIDNIGHT: 24 All right. Here goes the starter.

SOUND: 25 PLANE ENGINE STARTING UP AND OVER

PERADA: 26 The airplane! It is a wonderful machine! I like it very  
27 much.

CHUCK: 1 So do we, señor. I don't know what we'd do without one!

MIDNIGHT: 2 I'm gonna taxi out a ways, Chuck. And then take off to the  
3 north.  
4 (PAUSE)  
5 All clear, Chuck?

CHUCK: 6 All clear, Red.

MIDNIGHT: 7 We're off!

SOUND: 8 PLANE BEGINS TAXI, THEN TAKES OFF OVER AND UNDER  
9 (PAUSE)

ANNCR: 10 And now, our scene changes. To the south and east there is a  
11 steep hill. And on the top of this hill is a rocky knoll.  
12 Which overlooks the whole valley. At this point stands Ivan  
13 Shark looking through a pair of powerful binoculars.  
14 Attending him are Fury Shark and Fang!  
15 Listen, as Fury asks...

FURY: 16 Can you see the plane, Father?

SHARK: 17 Yes, Fury. I see it very clearly.

FANG: 18 Von Griffe should be here very soon, Master.

SHARK: 19 He will be, Fang.

FURY: 20 Is the plane's propeller turning, Father?

SHARK: 21 Huh? No, Fury. The plane stand with the propeller idle.

FURY: 22 Can you see anyone near?

SHARK: 23 Just one moment, daughter. I must study this carefully.  
24 (PAUSE)

FURY: 25 (IMPATIENT) For what reason did the plane land down there?

SHARK: 26 (ANGRILY) Please, my dear Fury, do not interrupt me.  
27 (PAUSE)



1 Aah! Now I see. There are three men. One is standing and his  
2 head keeps turning. He is evidently on guard. Another is  
3 kneeling probably talking to the third who is sitting on the  
4 ground with his back against a tree.

FURY: 5 Undoubtedly, he will be señor Perada.

SHARK: 6 Yes. It is he; there can be no doubt.

FURY: 7 And the other two?

SHARK: 8 (STUDYING) I cannot see the kneeling man very well...but the  
9 one standing up...yes...yes, he is Chuck Ramsay!

FURY: 10 Yes, surely. That settles it. He must be Captain Midnight.

SHARK: 11 I believe you are right.

FURY: 12 (WITH DISGUST) Cap-tain Mid-night! (ANGER) What could have  
13 brought him here?

SHARK: 14 Hmm. (SINISTER LAUGH) My dear Fury, you are falling down  
15 badly. There is only one magnet that draws the mysterious  
16 Captain Midnight here...

FANG: 17 It is the great Ivan Shark!

SHARK: 18 Well said, Fang.

FURY: 19 But what are going to do, Father? Are we going to stand  
20 here idle and allow our enemies to plot against us?

SHARK: 21 As always Fury you are too impatient. Have you not learned  
22 your lesson by this time? Have you not observed me often  
23 enough to know there's a proper time for action and a proper  
24 time for inaction?

25 Observe the beast of the jungle. Are they leaping  
26 continually? What do you say, Fang? You were with me in  
27 India.

FANG: 1 Greatest jungle beast spend much time in watchful waiting.

SHARK: 2 Did you hear that, Fury? The clever one spends his time  
3 setting the trap. And then waiting while his enemies fall  
4 into it.

FURY: 5 Are you laying the trap now for Captain Midnight? For if you  
6 are, it had better be a good one. Because by this time, that  
7 old fool of a Perada will have told Captain Midnight his  
8 story!

SHARK: 9 And what difference will that make? For once, Captain  
10 Midnight has overstepped himself. This time he is not  
11 fighting me on his own ground. He does not have a powerful  
12 force to aid him. I tell you, Fury, this time there shall be  
13 no mistake! Captain Midnight will never leave this valley  
14 alive!

SOUND: 15 PLANE CAN BE HEARD UNDER THEN OVER

FANG: 16 Look, Master! Look!

SHARK: 17 So I see, Fang. That must be Von Griffe.

FURY: 18 You wished to get Sanderson too. But I do not see a second  
19 plane?

FANG: 20 Perhaps now, we have no more trouble. See, Von Griffe dives  
21 on Captain Midnight.

FURY: 22 He is, Father! (EXCITEDLY) Von Griffe is diving!

SHARK: 23 So I see, Fury. And Captain Midnight has sprung to his feet.  
24 Chuck Ramsay is running to the plane.  
25 (PAUSE)  
26 Aah, he's almost there. He grasps the edge of the rear  
27 cockpit and jumps in.

FURY: 1 Von Griffe is getting lower. (ANGER AND EXCITEMENT) Oh, why  
2 doesn't he open fire!

SOUND: 3 PLANE BEGINS STEEP DIVE TO ATTACK OVER

SHARK: 4 Von Griffe is an excellent marksman, my dear, and he does  
5 not waste bullets.

FURY: 6 What is Captain Midnight doing?

SHARK: 7 He is helping Perada to his feet.  
8 (OBSERVES) Ah, Von Griffe is close. He's about to open fire.

SOUND: 9 SHARP SOUND OF SHOT DURING PLANE DIVE

FURY: 10 What happened?

SHARK: 11 Chuck Ramsay has opened fire first. Von Griffe is pulling  
12 away.

FURY: 13 Ah, that spineless creature!

SHARK: 14 Perada is on his feet. Captain Midnight is helping him to  
15 the plane. Von Griffe is coming toward us. He's going to  
16 land on the lowest plateau below. Come, well run to meet  
17 him.

SOUND: 18 PLANE SOUND FADES AND OUT  
19 (PAUSE AS SCENE SHIFTS)

SOUND: 20 PLANE MOTOR IN BACKGROUND CONTINUES OVER

VON GRIF: 21 Did you see what happened, Chief?

FURY: 22 (SPITFUL) We did you yellow cur!

SHARK: 23 (CUTS HER OFF) Silence, Fury. I will reprimand Von Griffe.

VON GRIF: 24 Ah, look here, Chief. You do not blame me for not going down  
25 through that hail of lead, do you? I would have never  
26 reached the ground alive!

SHARK: 27 But your plane would have crashed into young Ramsay and

1 perhaps into Captain Midnight too.

VON GRIF: 2 Maybe you are right. But what good would that do me? You  
3 promised me lots of money for this deal and I want to live  
4 to enjoy it. Anyway, they will not escape.

SHARK: 5 Perhaps you are right.

6 (PAUSE)

7 Where's Sanderson?

VON GRIF: 8 I sent him over to see what is going on across the ridge.

SHARK: 9 Good. Where will he meet you?

VON GRIF: 10 At our secret hill.

SHARK: 11 Now then, Von Griffe, listen closely. Captain Midnight has  
12 taken one chance too many. He must never leave here alive!

VON GRIF: 13 Ah, he is not going to. Don't worry about that.

FURY: 14 Well, what's to prevent his flying away?

SHARK: 15 Have no fear, my dear. Now that he has listened to Perada's  
16 story and knows that I am here, you could not drive him  
17 away.

FANG: 18 Master is right. Captain Midnight will stay to finish.

SHARK: 19 Has Rossman reported?

VON GRIF: 20 Yes, yes he has Chief. The cabin on the edge of the field  
21 across the ridge is completely surrounded by our men. No one  
22 will get out.

SHARK: 23 Don't forget. Zollinger is undoubtedly a prisoner inside.

VON GRIF: 24 Yeah, Rossman knows that and will be careful.

SHARK: 25 Ah, we've got everything under control, Von Griffe. But we  
26 can't afford to make any slips. You will...

FURY: 27 (INTERRUPTS EXCITEDLY) Look, Father, a black two-seater!

SHARK: 1 Ah, so I see Fury. Get ready, Von Griffe. You must take off  
2 at once.

VON GRIF: 3 Shall I attack him in the air?

SHARK: 4 No, Captain Midnight is too good a pilot and young Ramsay is  
5 too good a shot. Once single-seater can't handle them. We  
6 can't afford to take any chances. They'll come to the ridge  
7 and land. Then will come your chance, Von Griffe. Only then.  
8 Get him as he is landing.

9 (PAUSE)

10 It'll be a simple matter to capture the others in the cabin.

VON GRIF: 11 Hmm. Captain Midnight is as good as dead, right now!

SOUND: 12 VON GRIFFE'S PLANE ROARS INTO ACTION AND FADES

13 (PAUSE)

ANNCR: 14 Well. Does Captain Midnight realize the danger he's in? He  
15 certainly is unaware that Ivan Shark's men have surrounded  
16 the cabin where his friends have taken refuge. The net drawn  
17 by Ivan Shark is drawing closer and closer. Tune in tomorrow  
18 to Captain Midnight.

19 (PAUSE)

20 And now, here's a very important tip for every fellow and  
21 girl who's joining Captain Midnight's new 1940 Flight  
22 Patrol. When you call at your Skelly service station to  
23 join. The first thing you get is your official Junior  
24 Pilot's application card. Now, be sure to hold on to that  
25 because - and here's my secret tip - there are some very  
26 important words on the back of that card that will help you  
27 solve a hidden mystery. I can't tell you about it now, but

1 it's going to happen real soon!

2 (PAUSE)

3 So now, if there are any of you fellows and girls who have  
4 not joined Captain Midnight's new 1940 Flight Patrol. This  
5 is what to do: have mother or dad drive you over to your  
6 Skelly service station and tell your Skelly man you want to  
7 join the 1940 Flight Patrol and get your free spinning  
8 propeller Medal of Membership. Your Skelly man will do all  
9 the rest.

10 Remember, it doesn't cost you a penny. So, get in on the  
11 fun. Join up tonight!

12 (PAUSE)

13 Now, don't forget to tune in again tomorrow - same time,  
14 same station for further transcribed adventures of Captain  
15 Midnight. Brought to you by the Skelly Oil Company, Skelly  
16 Jobbers and Dealers.

17 (PAUSE)

18 Can Captain Midnight escape this new trap Ivan Shark is  
19 setting for him? And what about Ma and Patsy Donovan? And  
20 Pinky Drake and Slim Poole? Be sure to listen, tomorrow.  
21 Until then, this is Don Gordon, your Skelly man, saying  
22 goodbye and...

SOUND: 23 GONG UP

ANNCR: 24 ...Happy Landings!

SOUND: 25 GONG CONTINUES AND PLANE UP THEN ALL FADE

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