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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 this same time...by the Skelly Oil Company,
6 Skelly Jobbers and Dealers.

7 (PAUSE)

8 But first, an exciting message for everyone of the thousands
9 of new Junior Pilots in Captain Midnight's new 1940 Flight
10 Patrol. If you've already called at your Skelly Service
11 Station to join the Flight Patrol, if you already have your
12 official Junior Pilot's application card, then listen
13 closely. Your very own burnished bronze Medal of Membership
14 with the three-blade spinning propeller and the mysterious
15 secret password is now in the mail.

16 If you joined the Flight Patrol when I first told you about
17 it several days ago, you'll find your Medal of Membership
18 waiting for you at your Skelly Service Station within the
19 next few days. Maybe tomorrow, or the day after. And say,
20 wait'll you see your very own Medal of Membership! Boy it's
21 a knockout if there ever was one! It's a secret medal, you
22 know. You carry it concealed on your person like a Secret
23 Service man carries his official badge. And you flash it
24 when you're sure you're among friends. Then there's a
25 spinning three-blade propeller on it too! You spin it to
26 decide hundreds of different things. To pick the winner or
27 the loser in a hundred different games. Why there's just no

1 end to fun you can have with it. And remember this spinning
2 propeller medal is your proof that you're a full-fledged
3 member of the new 1940 Flight Patrol. It entitles you to
4 take part in the thrilling adventure that's coming soon!
5 And it entitles you to an unbelievable number of swell free
6 prizes that you'll hear about later on this program. And
7 what's more, none of this will cost you a single penny! You
8 don't need any boxtops or seals or even a penny for a stamp.
9 So listen. If you haven't already driven over to your Skelly
10 Service Station with mother or dad to join the new 1940
11 Flight Patrol, why not do it tonight? Your Skelly man will
12 be happy to give you your official Junior Pilot's
13 application card right away...and he'll send right in to
14 Skelly headquarters for your very own spinning propeller
15 Medal of Membership. And he'll put your name on the list for
16 all the gifts and presents that are coming later. And
17 remember it's all absolutely free. So see your Skelly man
18 and join up tonight!

19 (PAUSE)

20 And now to Captain Midnight!

21 (PAUSE)

22 In the last adventure you'll remember that Ivan Shark
23 ordered his chief pilot, Von Griffe, to drop bombs near the
24 lonely cabin sheltering Ma and Patsy Donovan, Pinky Drake
25 and Slim Poole in order to drive them out into the hands of
26 Tex Russman waiting outside. Also in the cabin is another of
27 Ivan Shark's henchmen - pilot Zollinger, who has never

1 uttered a word since he was pulled from the wreck of his
2 plane.

3 (PAUSE)

4 It is now almost dark...Pinky and Ma are guarding the
5 wounded pilot, Zollinger, while in the opposite corner, Slim
6 and Patsy are talking in low tones. Listen as Patsy asks...

PATSY: 7 Well, what do you think, Slim?

SLIM: 8 All I can say is Captain Midnight and Chuck had a got back
9 here if they could.

PATSY: 10 I've got a queer feeling, Slim. I'm sure something must have
11 happened to them.

SLIM: 12 Oh, come on now Patsy, don't be a sayin' that! Captain
13 Midnight and Chuck have been in lots tighter spots than
14 this. You must be forgettin' when this Ivan Shark had 'em in
15 the rear compartment of that there flyin' machine of his.

PATSY: 16 I'll never forget it! That was the narrowest escape I ever
17 heard of.

SLIM: 18 If that'd been Pinky and me our geoses sure would've been
19 cooked! I still can't figure out how they got out of that
20 there tight spot!

PATSY: 21 Gosh, Slim...didn't you ever hear about that?

SLIM: 22 Just that what happened, that's all.

PATSY: 23 Well, you know that rear compartment of Ivan Shark's
24 airplane had a trap door in the floor...

SLIM: 25 Yeah?

PATSY: 26 ...in fact the whole floor was nothing but a big door which
27 was hinged from the side so they would drop down from the

1 middle.

SLIM: 2 Great Grizley! How high up was they?

PATSY: 3 Over 15 thousand feet!

SLIM: 4 Boy!

PATSY: 5 And just before Ivan Shark sprung the trap, Chuck found a
6 secret panel which opened into the tail section of the ship.
7 In this way, Chuck and Captain Midnight foiled Shark. Then
8 they sneaked up to the front and overpowered Ivan Shark and
9 his daughter Fury.

SLIM: 10 And after all that, you're worried about 'em now.

PATSY: 11 Well sure I am, Slim. Did you ever hear about the law of
12 averages?

SLIM: 13 No, I reckon not.

PATSY: 14 Well, I mean it's too much to expect that Captain Midnight
15 is always going to get out of these scrapes.

SLIM: 16 Come on now, Patsy, keep your chin up. You sure do like
17 Captain Midnight a heap, don't ya?

PATSY: 18 I'll say I do. You know Slim...well...my dad died a long
19 time ago and since we've all been together on this vacation
20 in Mexico, I've gotten to know Red awfully well.

SLIM: 21 Sort of like a second father to you, huh?

PATSY: 22 Yes, Slim, that's about it.

SLIM: 23 Well now lookee here, you ain't got no reason to think
24 anything happened to 'em.

PATSY: 25 Well, it's almost dark, Slim, and it was early afternoon
26 when they left. And you know perfectly well they didn't have
27 gas enough to stay up all this time.

SLIM: 1 Sure, Patsy, but that don't prove nothin'. They could've
2 landed somewhere's.

PATSY: 3 That's just what I'm afraid of...they had to land somewhere.
4 If they don't get here pretty soon, these fellas around us
5 will start shooting again.

SLIM: 6 Ah, they won't neither. Not after the dose of lead Pinky 'n'
7 me give 'em! You notice they ain't fired a shot for the last
8 hour?

PATSY: 9 Yeah, that's true...but what will happen after it gets dark.
10 They could get up real close and we wouldn't see them.

SLIM: 11 Well, we'll start a-worryin' about that when the time comes.

PATSY: 12 They could set fire to the outside of the cabin just as they
13 did to Major Steele and Bud Conley!

SOUND: 14 PLANE MOTOR FIRST LOW, THEN GETTING CLOSER AND UNDER

SLIM: 15 Now lookee here, Patsy, we ain't a-gonna let 'em do nothin'
16 like that. Not while Pinky and me can still lift a gun.

SOUND: 17 PLANE MOTOR UP SLIGHTLY MORE AND STILL UNDER

PATSY: 18 Listen...it's a plane...I'm sure of it.

MA: 19 (OFF MIKE) Glory be, you hear that?

SLIM: 20 Uh, yeah, there. Now I can hear it too.

PATSY: 21 It's Captain Midnight...it must be!

SLIM: 22 Now look out that crack, Patsy. Maybe you can see the plane!

PATSY: 23 (MOVING AWAY) Okay, Slim, I'll take a look.

SLIM: 24 Miz Donovan, how's that pilot doing that we pulled out of
25 the wreck. Did he talk yet?

MA: 26 Not yet, but he sure knows what's going on.

SOUND: 27 SOUND OF PLANE BEGINNING TO GO INTO A DIVE AND INCREASING IN

1 VOLUME

SLIM: 2 He's a playin' possum and I'm durn sure of it.

MA: 3 Sakes alive, Captain Midnight wouldn't be diving like that
4 if he was going to land, would he?

SOUND: 5 PLANE DIVE IS REALLY LOUD NOW

SLIM: 6 Durned if I know. Can you see him, Patsy?

PATSY: 7 (OFF MIKE) Yes, he's ?? went out in the wide open.

8 (PAUSE) He's dropped something! Look out!

MA: 9 Maybe Shark is trying to...

SOUND: 10 SUDDEN THUD SOUND OF DUD BOMB CUTS OFF MA. PLANE HAS LEVELED

11 OFF AND IS FLYING AROUND AS THE ENGINE SOUND IS SOFTER AND

12 UNDER

MA: 13 Glory be, what was that!

PATSY: 14 It's a warning, that's what.

SLIM: 15 Jumping zebrees, it looks like a bomb, but it didn't go off!

PATSY: 16 It must be a warning. A real one would've exploded.

SLIM: 17 I think we better be gettin' out of here. That fella might
18 be back.

PATSY: 19 Look, Ma, why don't you go back there and see how Pinky and
20 that pilot are getting along.

SLIM: 21 Yeah, maybe the excitement'll start 'em talkin'.

MA: 22 I be right back.

PATSY: 23 (PAUSE IN LOWER VOICE) Listen, Slim, I didn't want to scare
24 Ma, but I'm sure that pilot is warning us to get out of this
25 cabin before it's too late.

SLIM: 26 I think probably you're right, Patsy.

PATSY: 27 Even if there are men outside, we'll have to take our

1 chances...Perhaps they think Captain Midnight is here too
2 and they're getting desperate.

SLIM: 3 I guess you might be right, Patsy.

SOUND: 4 PLANE ENGINE IS BEGINNING TO GET LOUDER AGAIN AND CONTINUES
5 UNDER INCREASING IN VOLUME.

SLIM: 6 (BRIEF PAUSE) I think I hear that feller again.

PATSY: 7 Yes, he's either off to one side or up pretty high.

SLIM: 8 And maybe Pinky and me better go outside and if he starts
9 divin' again, we'll take a shot at 'em.

PATSY: 10 And while you're doing that those fellas on the ground
11 outside this cabin might get you.

SLIM: 12 Well, just the same, it looks like the only thing to do.
13 Things sure do look mighty tough.

PATSY: 14 I can see exactly what's happened. These men surrounding us
15 haven't been able to get us out so Ivan Shark has sent one
16 of his pilot's to scare us out of here...Uh! Here comes Ma
17 back again.

MA: 18 I'm sure I'm not the only one who's scared.

SLIM: 19 So Pinky is too, huh?

MA: 20 What? Him scared? Why he hasn't even winked an eye.

PATSY: 21 You mean that pilot is scared?

MA: 22 Sure and I ain't talkin' about anybody else. Why he's scared
23 half to death!

SLIM: 24 How can you tell?

MA: 25 By lookin' at his eyes. I've looked into people's eyes
26 before who was scared to death and ya can't fool me.

SLIM: 27 Yeah, I guess he must know who's up there.

MA: 1 (HEARING THE PLANE) That plane is comin' back again!

PATSY: 2 Slim, we just got to get out of here and run for it. Ma, get
3 Pinky and that pilot right away. Hurry!

MA: 4 (RUSHING OFF MIKE) Alright, Patsy. Pinky get that fellow out
5 of here...quick!

SLIM: 6 Hey Patsy, you speakin' of that pilot gives me a great idea!

PATSY: 7 What d'ya mean, Slim?

SLIM: 8 He's going to save us even if he can't talk.

PATSY: 9 Oh, he won't want to save us.

SLIM: 10 But he's still our prisoner and it's a cinch he's connected
11 with these other fellers. They wouldn't shoot a pal of
12 theirs so we'll use him as a shield and walk 'em out in
13 front of us as we leave this cabin. See?

PATSY: 14 Well that's a swell idea, Slim. Funny we didn't think of it
15 before.

SLIM: 16 We didn't need to think of it until this feller that's
17 divin' around up there started droppin' hints to get out of
18 here. (BRIEF PAUSE) Come on, Pinky, let's get a goin'.

PINKY: 19 Here we are. I had to prop this fella up to speak with my
20 gun. Now get over there you and...

MA: 21 ...I bet this fella wishes he could talk now alright.

PATSY: 22 I'll open the door. We're going to use this pilot as a
23 shield, Pinky.

PINKY: 24 A good idea, Patsy. I'll keep him covered with my gun and
25 Slim can cover the rear.

MA: 26 Well, let's go. That fella'll be back any second.

PINKY: 27 Okay, Patsy. Open the door.

SLIM: 1 Now there, you. We mean business. My partner's got his
2 finger on the trigger every second. You're goin' to lead us
3 out of here and if you so much as make one false move you'll
4 be a dead duck quicker'n you can say 'jack rabbit.' If you
5 know how to talk at'all. Savvy? Now march!

SOUND: 6 AS DOOR IS OPENED THE PLANE ENGINE GETS MUCH LOUDER.

PATSY: 7 The door's open...and that fellow is coming back.

MA: 8 Oh the Saints preserve us!

PINKY: 9 Mrs. Donovan, you follow me. Then Patsy. Then Slim'll bring
10 up the rear. Alright, let's go.

SOUND: 11 FAST FOOTSTEPS AS THEY MOVE OUTSIDE AND UNDER.

PATSY: 12 Let's hurry...as fast as we can...that fellow will be diving
13 again...any minute.

PINKY: 14 (BREATHLESSLY) Yeah...Not so fast there.

SLIM: 15 Can you keep up alright, Miz Donovan?

MA: 16 (BREATHLESS) Oh...this is one time...I wish I had wings.

PATSY: 17 (BREATHLESS) Oh...you're doing...fine, Ma. Come on.

SOUND: 18 PLANE LOUDER FOLLOWED BY AN EXPLOSION.

MA: 19 (BREATHLESS) Glory be...did ya hear that?

PATSY: 20 (BREATHLESS) Well...that was pretty far off yet...We're safe
21 now anyway. He's not trying for us...he's aiming for the
22 cabin.

SLIM: 23 (BREATHLESS) Yeah, he's...still a comin'.

PINKY: 24 Well, let 'em come. If he gets close enough...we'll let 'em
25 have it! We brought down one of Shark's planes once before.

SLIM: 26 Yeah, I guess we can slow down a little now, Pinky.

SOUND: 27 PLANE ENGINE BEGINNING TO FADE AS PLANE TURNS. FOOTSTEPS

1 STOP.

MA: 2 (BREATHLESS) Ah...Are ya sure?

PATSY: 3 Absolutely, Ma. He's banking and turning before coming back.
4 And we're far enough from the cabin, so we're alright even
5 if he does hit it.

SLIM: 6 Keep that feller in line, Pinky.

PINKY: 7 Ah, don't you worry, Slim. I got this feller under control.
8 I'm a-headin' over this way because I think we can get some
9 protection over there among them rocks...Did you see anybody
10 around?

SLIM: 11 Nary a one, Pinky. If anybody's a-watchin' us, they're
12 keepin' hid. They don't dare do anything to us or they might
13 hurt one of their own men. I'm sure glad we captured him! He
14 makes a swell prize.

MA: 15 Well, I'm still wishin' I was back in Black Gulch.

SOUND: 16 PLANE HAS CIRCLED, GETS LOUDER AND SOUNDS LIKE A DIVE.

PATSY: 17 Here comes that fellow again...He's diving straight for the

CHUCK: 18 cabin. Come on...let's get even further away.

SOUND: 19 PLANE LOUDER IN A DIVE AND OUT.

20 (LONG PAUSE)

ANNCR: 21 Ma Donovan, Patsy and the others reach safety in the nick of
22 time. Luckily, they discovered a cave which afforded them
23 good shelter. We now find them there sometime later.

SOUND: 24 SOUND OF WIND UP AND UNDER

ANNCR: 25 The wind is whistling through the trees as Patsy says...

PATSY: 26 What time is it now, Slim?

SLIM: 27 Bought quarter of twelve.

PATSY: 1 I thought Pinky would be back by this time.

SLIM: 2 He'll be here pretty quick. I ain't worryin' none about him.

PATSY: 3 We were sure lucky to find this cave...and that pilot's been
4 playing possum all the time. I hope Ma doesn't go to sleep
5 while she's watching him.

SLIM: 6 She won't. She's sittin' there with that gun right in her
7 lap.

PATSY: 8 Well, I guess Pinky was wrong about seeing two fellows go
9 near the cabin.

SLIM: 10 He must-a been wrong or else it wasn't Captain Midnight and
11 Chuck. Cause we sure didn't get no answer when ya hooted
12 like an owl, Patsy.

PATSY: 13 Ah that was way back in grammar school when we did that.
14 Chuck has probably forgotten.

SLIM: 15 Sshh...here comes Pinky now. Wonder if he found out
16 anything?

PINKY: 17 Say, there is somebody down there, Patsy.

PATSY: 18 Are you sure, Pinky?

PINKY: 19 You bet I am. There's two of 'em. And they're under a big
20 tree down the hill a ways.

SLIM: 21 Try that hoot again, Patsy.

PATSY: 22 Alright, here goes.

SOUND: 23 SOUND OF PATSY'S HOOT OWL.

PINKY: 24 I guess it ain't Chuck or Captain Midnight...or Chuck would
25 answer.

SLIM: 26 Suppose you try it once more, Patsy.

PATSY: 27 Alright, this is the last time. If there's no answer this

1 time, it can't be Chuck...Here goes...

SOUND: 2 SOUND OF HOOT OWL AGAIN.

ANNCR: 3 (LONG PAUSE) No wonder the mournful screech of the owl had a
4 familiar sound to Chuck. But under the tense strain of the
5 moment...will he remember? Future events...Human
6 lives...depend upon what happens in the next few minutes.
7 Don't fail to tune in tomorrow to Captain Midnight.

8 (PAUSE AND SHIFT IN TONE)

ANNCR: 9 And now remember if you haven't already joined Captain
10 Midnight's new 1940 Flight Patrol, be sure to join this very
11 night.

12 (PAUSE) Remember, this is a different kind of secret club
13 than any you've ever belonged to. There's real adventure
14 ahead for every member. Wonderful free gifts and presents
15 too. And the most surprising part of it all is...that it
16 doesn't cost you a single penny. You just stop at your
17 Skelly Service Station next time you're out in your family
18 car. Tell your Skelly man you want to join the new 1940
19 Flight Patrol and get that marvelous spinning propeller
20 Medal of Membership. He'll give you your official Junior
21 Pilot's application card right away and send right in to
22 Skelly headquarters for your spinning propeller medal...so
23 you'll have it within a few days. Remember...it's all
24 absolutely free. So, don't delay, join up at your Skelly
25 Service Station tonight.

26 And don't forget to tune in again tomorrow, same time, same
27 station for further transcribed adventures of Captain

1 Midnight. Brought to you by the Skelly Oil Company, Skelly
2 Jobbers and Dealers.

3 Can Patsy and her party still escape from the clutches of
4 Ivan Shark's men? Will Patsy's signal, resembling the hoot
5 of an owl, be heard by friends or enemies? Be sure to listen
6 - tomorrow.

7 (BRIEF PAUSE)

8 Until then, this is Don Gordon, your Skelly man, saying
9 goodbye and...

10 GONG UP

11 ...Happy Landings!

12 GONG CONTINUES AND PLANE UP THEN ALL FADE

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