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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

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

SOUND 3 GONG AND PLANE DIVE

ANNCR: 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 The Skelly Oil Company, you know, was the originator of
9 tailor-made gasoline. But now, here's a special tip for the
10 fellows and girls who have not already joined Captain
11 Midnight's new 1940 Flight Patrol. You'd better hurry up and
12 join at once because there's a big adventure ahead. There's a
13 real job ahead of us, helping Chuck Ramsay and Patsy Donovan
14 and our good friend, Captain Midnight, himself in a thrilling
15 mystery. And every Flight Patrol member can take part in it,
16 when the time comes.

17 But the thing to do now, is to get started. Because we're
18 going to have, not only barrels of fun, but loads of free
19 gifts and prizes too, for every member of Captain Midnight's
20 new 1940 Flight Patrol.

21 Now, here's what you get as soon as you join:

22 (PAUSE)

23 First, you get your official Junior Pilot's application card.
24 And besides that...a burnished-bronze Medal of Membership
25 that's different from any club pin or button you ever saw.
26 On the front, just like on a real Medal of Honor, are the
27 faces of Captain Midnight and Chuck and Patsy. And also, the

1 mysterious secret password, that only Flight Patrol members
2 themselves, can tell the meaning of. But that's not all.
3 On this medal, is a three-blade airplane propeller, that will
4 spin like a top. On the other side, is a face of a mystic
5 midnight clock. You look to see where the hands of the coin
6 are pointing when they stop spinning. It helps you decide
7 things like who goes to the store for mother? Or who's
8 captain of the team? Why say, you'll use this spinning medal
9 a hundred different ways.

10 But most important, this medal proves you're a member of the
11 new 1940 Flight Patrol. You see, only members can take part
12 in the big adventure ahead, and get all the other free gifts
13 that are coming. So, you'll want to join and get your Medal
14 of Membership right away.

15 But now, and here's the best part of all - it doesn't cost
16 you a single penny! No boxtops, or seals or anything.

17 Here's all you do: Just have mother or dad drive you over to
18 your Skelly service station and tell your Skelly man, you
19 want to join the new 1940 Flight Patrol. He'll give you your
20 official application card right away. And he'll send right in
21 to Skelly headquarters, for your free Medal of Membership
22 with the three-blade spinning propeller and the mysterious
23 secret password.

24 But hurry now, won't you. See your friendly Skelly man and
25 join the new 1940 Flight Patrol tonight!

26 (PAUSE)

27 And now to Captain Midnight!

1 (PAUSE)

2 Fortune...good and bad is helping and hurting Captain
3 Midnight and his friends.

4 (PAUSE)

5 In the upper end of the valley, on the outskirts of the vast
6 Perada estate, now controlled illegally by Ivan Shark,
7 Captain Midnight and Chuck Ramsay rescued a hard-pressed
8 fugitive from his pursuers, who, after he was revived,
9 whispered that his name is Juan Perada.

10 (PAUSE)

11 Our scene today is again with Perada, shortly after he
12 regained consciousness. Chuck is speaking...

CHUCK: 13 Juan Perada?

PERADA: 14 Si, señor. I am Juan Perada.

MIDNIGHT: 15 Juan Perada? I see it, Chuck. I see the whole thing now.

PERADA: 16 You are Major Barry Steele?

CHUCK: 17 Red! He must know Major Steele.

MIDNIGHT: 18 No he doesn't, Chuck, or he wouldn't ask. You, uh...you were
19 expecting Major Steele?

PERADA: 20 No, señor. I did not hope for such good luck.

MIDNIGHT: 21 But you knew his name?

PERADA: 22 I do not understand?

MIDNIGHT: 23 Well...do you know, of him?

PERADA: 24 Si, señor. Major Steele, he was good friend
25 to my wife, Señora Perada.

CHUCK: 26 That's what Major Steele told us...

MIDNIGHT: 27 (INTERRUPTS) But, Señor Perada, why did you mention Major

1 Steele's name?

PERADA: 2 My daughter, Dolores...she wanted to write letter to Major
3 Steele. But then...I do not see her any more.

MIDNIGHT: 4 Well, what happened to her?

PERADA: 5 I do not know, Señor. I am very much afraid I will never see
6 her again.

CHUCK: 7 Gosh, Red. That's terrible!

MIDNIGHT: 8 Well, we've got to get his story, Chuck, but I'm afraid he's
9 too weak to tell it!

PERADA: 10 What you say, señor?

MIDNIGHT: 11 Oh, uh...listen, Señor Perada...my friend and I wish to help
12 you.

PERADA: 13 That is good, señor. I need help very much.

CHUCK: 14 I'm afraid he's going to faint, Red. He doesn't look very
15 well.

MIDNIGHT: 16 Yes.

PERADA: 17 I feel very sick, señor. My lips, they are so dry. Please, a
18 little more water.

MIDNIGHT: 19 Yes...quick Chuck, give him some more water. Tip your helmet
20 up there so he can drink. Hurry.

CHUCK: 21 There you are señor.

PERADA: 22 (DRINKS) Ahh, that is so good.

CHUCK: 23 Gee, Red. That's helped him a lot!

MIDNIGHT: 24 Yes, you bet it is...uh, some more water, Señor?

PERADA: 25 Please, a little bit more.

CHUCK: 26 There you are.

PERADA: 27 (DRINKS)

MIDNIGHT: 1 Is that enough?

PERADA: 2 That is plenty.

MIDNIGHT: 3 Oh wait, don't throw that water away, Chuck. I'm going to
4 ring my handkerchief in it and wipe his face.

CHUCK: 5 OK, Red. Here you are.

MIDNIGHT: 6 Hold it there.

SOUND 7 HANDS SOAKING HANDKERCHIEF IN WATER

MIDNIGHT: 8 OK, Chuck. You can throw the rest away now.

CHUCK: 9 Right!

10 (PAUSE)

PERADA: 11 Ah, señor. Now I feel better.

CHUCK: 12 Gee, he's coming along swell.

MIDNIGHT: 13 Yes, you bet. Do you feel like sitting up?

PERADA: 14 Si, señor.

CHUCK: 15 Let's move him back a little so he rest against the trunk of
16 the tree.

MIDNIGHT: 17 All right, that's the ticket. Here, uh...get on this other
18 side...

CHUCK: 19 OK, (WITH EXERTION) I'm ready.

MIDNIGHT: 20 (WITH EXERTION) Easy now.

SOUND 21 LIFTING AND MOVING

MIDNIGHT: 22 Ehhh...there now.

PERADA: 23 (RELIEVED) There, thank you so much. I feel much better now!

MIDNIGHT: 24 Do you feel like talking, Señor?

PERADA: 25 Si, Señor. I will be myself very soon.

MIDNIGHT: 26 I, uh...I couldn't help seeing your back, Señor. You have
27 been wounded.

PERADA: 1 You see my back? Then you can guess.

MIDNIGHT: 2 They look like the marks of a whip!

PERADA: 3 Si, señor. I have been whipped. Just like you would whip some
4 beast. But they have not broken me. They can never break the
5 spirit of the Perada... (CUT OFF)

MIDNIGHT: 6 (INTERRUPTS) I can see that, señor. But, uh, tell me why you
7 were beaten?

PERADA: 8 It is a long story, señor. (SUSPICIOUSLY) I do not know...

MIDNIGHT: 9 (INTERRUPTS) Now, wait...we are friends of Major Barry
10 Steele. We're here to help you. You mustn't be afraid to tell
11 us your troubles.

PERADA: 12 Tell me, what do you call yourselves? What are your names?

MIDNIGHT: 13 My young friend here is Chuck Ramsay. As for me my name
14 doesn't matter.

PERADA: 15 But, señor, how should I address you?

MIDNIGHT: 16 I am known as Captain Midnight.

PERADA: 17 (ELATED) El Capitan Midnight! The blackness of the night.
18 What a strange name?

MIDNIGHT: 19 It is not one of my own choosing, señor.

PERADA: 20 The name, it does not matter. The man, he counts very much.

MIDNIGHT: 21 You, you will trust us then?

PERADA: 22 Si, I will trust you. But I must warn you we are all in
23 danger. Enemies surround us.

MIDNIGHT: 24 Yes. We found that out all right. And let me
25 remind you, Chuck. Keep your eyes open.

CHUCK: 26 I'm watching all around us, Red.

MIDNIGHT: 27 Good.

PERADA: 1 Your young friend, Chuck...he is very much on the alert.

MIDNIGHT: 2 Yes, señor. And Chuck has keen eyes. He'll see any enemies
3 which may approach.

PERADA: 4 Good. Then I will begin.
5 (PAUSE)
6 My name is Perada, señor. And my family have lived in this
7 valley for many years. Close to my hacienda, there is a small
8 chapel and a graveyard. And on one stone, which is crumbling
9 with age, you will see the numerals - 1 - 6 - 5 - 1.

CHUCK: 10 Blazing beacons! The year 1651!

PERADA: 11 Si. In that grave lie the bones of señor Francisco Perada,
12 who was a mighty general in The Imperial Army of Spain. This
13 land were given him by the king.

MIDNIGHT: 14 An original Spanish land grant, huh?

PERADA: 15 That is right, señor. The Perada family owns this valley and
16 many others nearby.

MIDNIGHT: 17 It's a beautiful place, señor.

PERADA: 18 No where in the world is there such a valley, señor. I love
19 it as my family before it loved it.

MIDNIGHT: 20 Well, uh...when did the present trouble start?

PERADA: 21 A month ago, señor, but I wish to explain some.

MIDNIGHT: 22 'Kay

PERADA: 23 When I was a young man, I studied in the University in Spain.
24 And there studying music was a beautiful American girl. I
25 married her, señor, and brought her back with me to the
26 valley.

MIDNIGHT: 27 She was a very good friend of Major Barry Steele and his

1 wife. Is that not so?

PERADA: 2 That is true, señor...

MIDNIGHT: 3 I see.

PERADA: 4 I did not have the pleasure of meeting Major Steele and his
5 señora. To be truthful, I did not like to leave this valley,
6 but my wife, she had the desire that our daughter should
7 study in her mother's country. So I sent her to school in
8 Washington.

MIDNIGHT: 9 And there, she became well acquainted with Major and Mrs.
10 Steele, huh?

PERADA: 11 Si, señor. She visit at their home many times.

MIDNIGHT: 12 Señor Perada...she's not living now?

PERADA: 13 (SOLEMNLY) No, señor. Two years ago, she died. She go on to
14 the better world.

MIDNIGHT: 15 I am very sorry, señor.

PERADA: 16 Life is not the same now, señor. But then...we must all be
17 brave. I still have my beautiful Delores. But now she too is
18 gone.

MIDNIGHT: 19 (SURPRISED) You...you mean she's dead?

PERADA: 20 I do not know. But if they have made her suffer as I have. I
21 hope, señor, she is dead.

MIDNIGHT: 22 Well, who do you mean by "they?"

PERADA: 23 I am coming to that. About a month ago we had visitors in
24 this valley. A thing, which is very rare.

MIDNIGHT: 25 Who were these visitors?

PERADA: 26 They were Americanos, señor, like yourself. But they were
27 different...(WITH EMPHASIS) very different. You are good and

1 honorable, but they...they are fiends!

MIDNIGHT: 2 Well, uh, just a minute. How did these visitors arrive?

PERADA: 3 They arrive from the air, señor, just as you.

MIDNIGHT: 4 Uh!

PERADA: 5 They had an airplane with a big cabin. And they come down and
6 land and they say they had the engine trouble.

CHUCK: 7 Uh, oh! They pretended to have a forced landing.

PERADA: 8 Si. That is the name they call it. So, since they say they
9 are Americanos, I make them come into my hacienda. I treat
10 them as the honored guests.

MIDNIGHT: 11 What were their names?

PERADA: 12 Their names, señor? I remember that very well. There was a
13 father and his daughter. He says his name is Señor Douglas
14 Chadwick and she is the Señorita Chadwick.

CHUCK: 15 Blazing beacons, Red! That was Ivan Shark and his daughter
16 Fury!

MIDNIGHT: 17 Yes, Chuck, I'm sure of it.

PERADA: 18 When I see who fly the black plane, I am very much afraid! I
19 do not think you will help me. But then, when you fire the
20 gun at my enemies...my hope becomes very strong!

MIDNIGHT: 21 Well, you see, señor, this black plane is not the one we came
22 in. (PAUSE) Uh, but never mind I'll explain that to you L
23 later.

PERADA: 24 Very good, señor. I will go ahead with my story...

MIDNIGHT: 25 Yes, please do.

PERADA: 26 I raise the very big herds of cattle. Thousands upon
27 thousands. This Señor Chadwick...he becomes very much

1 interested in my cattle, and he likes this valley very much.

CHUCK: 2 The dirty crook.

PERADA: 3 We always have some trouble, señor. There are bad men in
4 these mountains...and they sometimes stealing my cattle. So,
5 señor Chadwick, he tells me I should guard my cattle with
6 airplanes.

MIDNIGHT: 7 So, you bought some airplanes?

PERADA: 8 Si. This señor Chadwick, he says he has the connections. He
9 can buy the airplanes for me. So I signed a contract with
10 him. Also this señor Chadwick, he has the radio in his
11 airplane, he send the order for me.

MIDNIGHT: 12 Yeah, this is running true to form, Chuck. Sounds just like
13 one of Ivan Shark's tricks.

PERADA: 14 And then, very soon, the airplanes arrive. There are very
15 many pilots and very many mechanos. But these men are very
16 bad, señor. I look at them and I know, and my heart
17 becomes very troubled.

MIDNIGHT: 18 And you had good cause to be...Well, then what happened?

PERADA: 19 These señor Chadwick, he's very clever. Some of my people
20 talk and he finds out I have a fortune, besides the lands and
21 cattle.

MIDNIGHT: 22 Well, what kind of a fortune? That is, if I may ask?

PERADA: 23 I will tell you, señor, because I can trust you. This fortune
24 is in precious stones of great richness.

MIDNIGHT: 25 Did Chadwick get hold of 'em?

PERADA: 26 No, señor! That is why you see the marks of the whip upon my
27 back! He does not know and he never will. But you are my

1 friend, I will tell you...

MIDNIGHT: 2 (INTERRUPTS) No, no, no! Please señor Perada. Don't tell me.
3 Keep it always to yourself.

PERADA: 4 Si, señor. Perhaps that is better after all.

MIDNIGHT: 5 Now, um, what did Chadwick do? He was your guest. Well, how
6 did he...

PERADA: 7 That, I will tell you. When I signed the contract with señor
8 Chadwick, I trust what he says. I do not read all the words
9 carefully. But after the airplanes arrive, he comes to me
10 and demands a big sum of money. A hundred times bigger than I
11 have agreed to. Then he shows me the contract. And I see I've
12 been tricked.

CHUCK: 13 Can you imagine that?

PERADA: 14 Then I lose my temper. I say, "you dog of an Americano, you
15 get out! You take your airplanes and you go! And do not come
16 back again!"

MIDNIGHT: 17 Yes, and then?

PERADA: 18 His men, they seize me. My daughter Delores, she disappeared.
19 This señor Chadwick, he tells me Delores will be killed
20 unless I write the letter he demands. (EMOTIONALLY) So I am
21 beside myself, I do not know what to do. I write the letter.
22 I ask for Delores, but I do not see her. I'm taken away to
23 the black cave. They ask me for my jewels, my fortunes! And
24 when I do not reply, they whip me!

CHUCK: 25 It seems incredible, Red! I just can't believe...

MIDNIGHT: 26 (INTERRUPTS) Just a second, Chuck. Wait a minute...uh, we've
27 got to act now, and we've got to act quick. Now listen, señor

1 Perada, we must have some help. Are there any of your people
2 who can help us?

PERADA: 3 Some of my best men have fled to the mountains. But I believe
4 I can find them.

MIDNIGHT: 5 Aah, that's splendid! We must find them at once.

PERADA: 6 Unless, señor, this Chadwick has found and killed them.

MIDNIGHT: 7 Aah, that fiend of a Shark! I'll...

SOUND 8 IN THE DISTANCE, AN AIRPLANE UP AND OVER

CHUCK: 9 Listen, Red!

MIDNIGHT: 10 What? It's a plane, Chuck! There it is! A black one. Flying
11 directly this way! Quick, get behind that machine gun in the
12 rear cockpit and get ready for action!

SOUND 12 PLANE UNDER AND OUT

13 (PAUSE)

ANNCR: 14 Well! Señor Juan Perada has told a pitiful story. The
15 fiendish Ivan Shark is running true to form. But at the
16 moment Captain Midnight and his friends are in an extremely
17 dangerous predicament. It looks as if they'll have enough to
18 do to save themselves, let alone helping señor Perada.

19 (PAUSE)

20 What will the resourceful Captain Midnight do? Tune in
21 tomorrow, to Captain Midnight.

22 (PAUSE)

23 Now an important word to you fellows and girls. You don't
24 want to be left out when the big adventure comes, do you? You
25 don't want to miss out on all the free gifts and prizes that
26 are coming. So get your official application card in Captain
27 Midnight's new 1940 Flight Patrol, right away! And have

1 your Skelly man send in for your free Medal of Membership
2 with the three-blade spinning propeller and the mysterious
3 secret password. Remember, it doesn't cost you a cent! Not
4 even a penny for a stamp! Here's all you do: have mother or
5 dad drive you over to your Skelly service station tonight.
6 Tell your Skelly man that you want to join the new 1940
7 Flight Patrol. And he'll do the rest.
8 Now, don't forget to tune in tomorrow - same time, same
9 station for further transcribed adventures of Captain
10 Midnight. Brought to you by the Skelly Oil Company, Skelly
11 Jobbers and Dealers. Until tomorrow, this is Don Gordon,
12 your Skelly man, saying goodbye...

SOUND

13 GONG

ANNCR:

14 ...and Happy Landings!

SOUND

15 GONG AND AIRPLANE IN STEEP DIVE UP AND OUT

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