

THE ULTIMATE WEAPON

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IT HUNG IN THE
SKY LIKE A
MESSENGER OF
DOOM!! BUT
NONE COULD
GUESS ITS
STARTLING SECRET!



THERE IS A CHANCE THAT THE COLD WAR WILL *STILL* BE RAGING, EVEN BY 1970! AND, IF IT IS, THEN PERHAPS SOMETHING LIKE *THIS* MAY HAPPEN! LIKE WHAT, YOU ASK? READ ON, FRIEND! READ ON...



AND SO, THE WORLD-WIDE TENSION INCREASES WITH EACH PASSING HOUR...



THEN, ONE DAY, AT A TOP-SECRET RESEARCH CENTER, SOMEWHERE IN THE U. S. A. ...



AND SO, THE MOST AMAZING SCIENTIFIC PROJECT IN HISTORY IS LAUNCHED!



MOMENTS LATER, A MYSTERIOUS, ROTATING GLOBE IS SET IN ORBIT! A GLOBE WHICH WILL CHANGE THE FATE OF ALL MANKIND!



BUT THIS SATELLITE IS DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER! IT DOES NOT RACE ACROSS THE SKY... NO, IT HOVERS ABOVE ONE SPECIAL SPOT... ALWAYS!



IT HOVERS ABOVE THE CAPITOL OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD! SILENTLY! DRAMATICALLY! ETERNALLY!



WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

WE--WE DO NOT KNOW!

IT HOVERS LIKE A GIANT SWORD... POISED TO SEVER THE IRON CURTAIN!



WHY DO WE NOT SHOOT IT DOWN?

FOOL!! THAT MAY BE WHAT THEY WANT US TO DO!



IT MIGHT BE SET TO EXPLODE IF A MISSILE COMES NEAR IT!! A BOMB THAT SIZE COULD DESTROY MOST OF OUR NATION!

THE REDS KNOW BUT ONE CERTAIN COURSE... THREATS, AND MORE THREATS!



REMOVE YOUR SATELLITE OR WE WILL DESTROY YOU!

NONSENSE! YOU WILL DO NOTHING! NOT WHILE OUR GLOBE HANGS OVER YOU!



HE IS SO CONFIDENT... SO CALM!! AS THOUGH WE HAVE NO CHANCE!

IT MUST BE THE MOST POWERFUL BOMB IN THE WORLD! THAT IS WHY HE DOES NOT FEAR ME!

AND, UNAFFECTED BY THE AGITATION BELOW, THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE HOVERS IN THE SKY... NEVER MOVING... NEVER CHANGING... BUT ALWAYS IN PLAIN VIEW!



WHAT CAN WE DO? HOW CAN WE ESCAPE IT?

WE DARE NOT SHOOT IT DOWN!

BUT WE DARE NOT LET IT REMAIN THERE!

IT MAY EXPLODE AT ANY MOMENT!



AND SO, THE TENSION MOUNTS... AND MOUNTS... AND MOUNTS...



FINALLY, THE ENTIRE RED NATION BEGINS TO CRACK UNDER THE STRAIN! ARMY OFFICERS DESERT IN INCREASING NUMBERS!



AS A DEEP PALL OF GLOOM HANGS OVER THE COMMUNIST CAPITOL!

THE PEOPLE ARE GROWING PANICKY! WHAT CAN I TELL THEM!

WHO CARES ABOUT THE PEOPLE? WE MUST FIND A WAY TO SAVE OURSELVES!



WE CANNOT REMAIN HERE, WAITING FOR THE BLAST TO BE SET OFF!

AND WE DARE NOT FLEE, LEAST THE PEOPLE REVOLT WHEN THEY LEARN WE HAVE ABANDONED THEM!



WHO IS THE HULK??



WHAT CAN WE DO?
WHAT CAN WE DO??



FINALLY, HUMAN NERVES CAN ENDURE ONLY SO MUCH TENSION!! AND THEN...

SUMMON THE FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, THE PRESS, EVERYBODY!

I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE!



ONE HOUR LATER...

WE ARE DELIGHTED WITH YOUR DECISION!

IT MEANS THE END OF THE COLD WAR!

I AGREE TO YOUR TERMS... COMPLETE DISARMAMENT! NO MORE NUCLEAR TESTING! NO MORE CAPTIVE NATIONS!



AND NOW... NOW REMOVE THAT HORRIBLE THING FROM OVER OUR HEADS!

IN TIME WE SHALL... WHEN WE ARE CERTAIN YOU HAVE LIVED UP TO YOUR BARGAIN!



FINALLY, THE WONDERFUL DAY COMES! ATOMIC WAR IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE! THE BOMBS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED! THEN, THE FINAL THREAT IS REMOVED...

...AND, AS THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE FALLS APART, THE WORLD REALIZES IT IS... IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN... EMPTY!

YES, THE ONE WEAPON WHICH THE TYRANTS HAD USED SO OFTEN, AND SO WELL, PROVES TO BE THE ONE WHICH ULTIMATELY DEFEATS THEM! FOR, NO MATTER WHAT WEAPON MAN DEVISES, THERE IS ALWAYS A MORE POWERFUL ONE! BUT NONE IS AS POWERFUL AS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON -- THE WEAPON WE KNOW AS... FEAR!

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