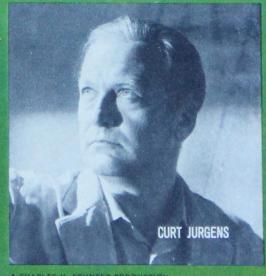


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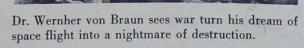
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Story by GEORGE FROESCHEL, U. WOLTER, H. W. JOHN
Directed by J. LEE THOMPSON

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Then he becomes a war prisoner and fights back courageously against hatred and misunderstanding.



Later, his dream is reborn in a new land, where he is able to continue his experiments in space flights.



But there are those who fear rockets will again be used as a method of mass destruction.



Despite every obstacle he remains steadfast in his belief that some day mankind will reach the stars.











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OBSESSED BY HIS DREAMS OF SPACE TRAVEL, YOUNG WERNHER TRIES AN EXPERIMENT ...



THE ROCKET
STRUCK MR.
BECKER'S
GREENHOUSE!

THE NEXT DAY FINDS THE YOUNG ROCKETEER ON THE CARPET...

WERNHER, THANKS TO
YOUR EXPERIMENTS, I'LL
HAVE TO PAY FOR BECKER'S
GREENHOUSE! WHAT GOOD
ARE THOSE ROCKETS OF
YOURS, ANYWAY?



A GOOD QUESTION! BUT ANYHOW, I I'LL INSIST THAT IF A VON BRAUN SHOOTS TRY TO OFF A ROCKET, IT SHOULD GO REMEMWHERE IT'S SUPPOSED TO! BER THAT,



THEN, ONE DAY, ON THE SCHOOL STEPS ...















IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOW, YOUNG WERNHER COMES OF AGE, TOGETHER WITH THE YOUNG



OF YOUNG YON BRAUN ...

Dr. Hermann Oberth and his assistant Dr. Wernher von Broun who will demonstrate

a rocket motor at the state's Rocket BEYOND THE SAFETY WALL, THE HALL IS CROWDED WITH WERNHER'S FRIENDS AND FELLOW SCIENTISTS ...

WITH YOU AROUND CAN'T WE GET CLOSER ELIZABETH, WHO ANTON? I'VE HEARD SO CARES ABOUT MUCH ABOUT YOUR FRIEND ROCKETS? WERNHER! I SIMPLY MUST SEE HIM FIRE THAT



500N THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD IS TAKING NOTICE THAT EVENING, AS WERNHER PREPARES THE EXPERIMENT ...

















YEARS PASS, AS THE YOUNG SCIENTIST CONTINUES HIS ROCKET EXPERIMENTS UNDER





THEN, ONE DAY, THE INEVITABLE CONFLICT --



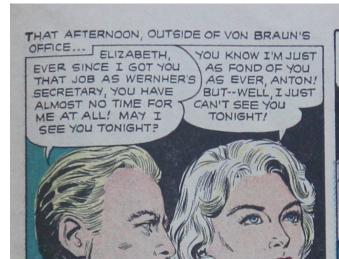
IT CONTINUES ON ITS UGLY COURSE, WHEN ONE DAY IN THE OFFICE OF BRITISH INTELLIGENCE ...



WE'VE HAD PERSISTENT REPORTS FROM DUTCH, DANISH AND POLISH SOURCES THAT THE GERMANS ARE BUILDING A SECRET WEAPON THERE! BALTIC SEA GERMANY

I'LL ORDER SPECIAL GOOD! I HAVE A PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE FEELING THOSE MISSIONS AT ONCE, MAJOR! PHOTOGRAPHS WE'LL PHOTOGRAPH THE WILL CLEAR UP PEENEMUNDE AREA ALL THE RUMORS REGULARLY! ABOUT MYSTERY WEAPONS!





AT THE MEETING AS THE FILM IS SHOWN ...

THE VAPOR TRAIL SHOWS A STRUCTURAL FAILURE IN THE CONTROL VANES! ... A FAILURE DUE TO THE POOR QUALITY OF STEEL IN THE VANE! THE HEADS OF THE

WE WOULDN'T HAVE SO MUCH DIFFICULTY GETTING THE PROPER MATERIALS IF WE HAD CLOSER CONTACT WITH THE S.S. AND



A SCIENTIST! I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT HITLER AND THAT PARTY STUFF!

OH, REGER, IT'S TIME FOR THE MEETING! WE'RE GOING

TO SHOW THE FILM OF THE

LATEST ROCKET MODEL!

IT'S YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PEOPLE IN POWER THAT KEEPS US FROM GETTING BETTER MATERIALS

I-I'LL BE

RIGHT WITH

YOU, WERNHER!

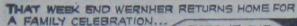


AS THE MEETING BREAKS UP IN DISAGREEMENT ...

WERNHER, THIS IS THE COLONEL DORN-THIRD YEAR OF THE WAR! BERGER, A ROCKET THE HIGH COMMAND ISN'T THAT CAN REACH INTERESTED IN YOUR THE STARS CAN DREAMS OF SPACE FLIGHT! ALSO BE AIMED ALL THEY WANT IS A ROCKET AT LONDON -- IF THAT CAN REACH LONDON! THEY INSIST!







WERNHER, I THOUGHT YOU CAME HERE FOR MY BIRTHDAY PARTY! YOU HAVEN'T TURNED YOUR EYES AWAY FROM MARIA DOESN'T SHE LOOK LOVELY TO-NIGHT, MOTHER? EACH TIME I SEE HER SHE LOOKS LOVELIER THAN BEFORE!





BUT THE GAIETY OF THE PARTY IS SOON INTERRUPTED ...

WE CIVILIANS DO OUR PART, TOO! WE CAN WEAR THIS SYMBOL WITH PRIDE! THE PARTY MAKES US YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE WERNHER, MAYOR WEBER, HE PROMISED TO TAKE ME FOR A WALK IN THE GARDEN!











YOU! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT JOINING THE PARTY?

MOTHER! NOT IF I WANT TO STAY AT PEENEMUNDE!



IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, HIMMLER AND HIS

S.S. INCREASE THEIR PRESSURE ON VON BRAUN. IN THREE YEARS YOU HAVE ACHIEVED NOTHING, DR. VON BRAUN! ROCKET AFTER ROCKET FAILS! I TELL YOU THIS TIME

GERMANY AND THE PARTY EXPECT

I UNDERSTAND



LONG AGO THEY SAID THAT WITCHES MADE A PACT WITH THE DEVIL SO THEY COULD FLY THEIR BROOM-STICKS!

MY BROOMSTICKS FLY WITHOUT THE DEVIL'S HELP! BUT IF THEY DIDN'T, I'D BE WILLING TO SIGN UP WITH HIM!



I TRUST THE AND NOW, GENERAL KULP, IF YOU WOULD STEP DOWN LAUNCHING WILL INTO THE OBSERVATION BE SUCCESSFUL! OTHERWISE, POST -- WE ARE ABOUT TO TEST THE LATEST MODEL OF THERE MAY BE SERIOUS OUR ROCKET WEAPONS!



















A FLICK OF HER FINGERS AND THE LIPSTICK CASE BECOMES A MINIATURE CAMERA...





























BUT MEANWHILE DORNBERGER HAS BEEN BUSY PULLING STRINGS ...

I WILL TALK PLAINLY, MY
FÜHRER! THE V-2 MAY BE
OUR LAST CHANCE FOR VICTORY/
IF YOU WANT THAT ROCKET,
YOU NEED VON BRAUN
TO BUILD IT!

THE REACTION COMES SWIFTLY! VON BRAUN IS



WERNHER RETURNS
TO PEENEMUNDE
AND SOON ROCKET
PRODUCTION IS
IN FULL
SWING...





MEANWHILE REPORTS ON PEENEMUNDE ARE POURING INTO BRITISH INTELLIGENCE ...



SUDDENLY A V-2 PLUNGES DOWN TO STRIKE HOME NEAR BY...

THAT WAS CLOSE! THAT DON'T WORRY,
V-2 IS QUITE A FIRECRACKER! I'D LIKE TO
LAY HANDS ON THE GUY
WHO THOUGHT OF IT!

GENIUSES!

ONE EVENING, A WEEK LATER, AS ELIZABETH ANSWERS THE PHONE AT PEENEMUNDE...



BUT THE CALL IS A CODE SIGNAL! ELIZABETH MUST CONTACT A SECRET BRITISH AGENT AT











MAJOR TAGGART, I'VE GOT A SPECIAL FORCE TRAINED TO MOVE ARRANGED ABOUT IN AND GRAB ALL THE TAKING OVER PEENE- OUR RUSSIAN ALLIES TIME COMES? GET IT!













































AS THE PRISONERS ARE LED AWAY ...



ALL RIGHT, TAGGART, HERE ARE THE ORDERS TO SHIP VON BRAUN AND HIS GROUP TO THE WHITE SANDS PROVING

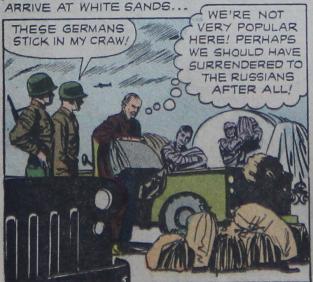
TO SUGGEST
PASSAGE ON
A LEAKY



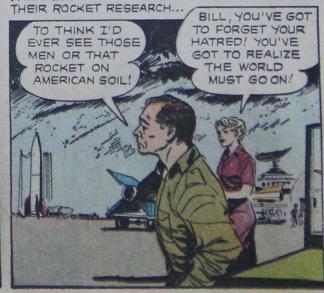
SOON THE PEENEMUNDE SCIENTISTS ARE WING-



A FEW DAYS LATER, WERNHER AND HIS PARTY



THE NEXT DAY AS THE CAPTIVES RESUME





AND SO, FOR VON BRAUN WORK BEGINS AGAIN ...



MONTH AFTER MONTH SUCCESS SEEMS NEARER ...



WELL, WERNHER, I GUESS
WE CAN NOTIFY WASHINGTON
THAT WE'VE SET A NEW
ALTITUDE RECORD TODAY!

WE COULD DO
BETTER IF WE
HAD THE
MATERIALS
WE NEED!



BUT THOUGH WERNHER AND HIS FRIENDS WORK HARD, TAGGART CANNOT FORGET HIS HATRED...







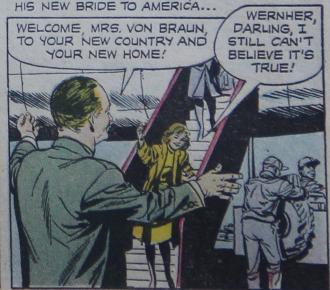


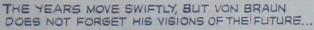


BUT WITH THE PASSING MONTHS, WERNHER AND HIS FRIENDS BEGIN TO EARN ACCEPTANCE...



AND WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, WERNHER BRINGS





WE'VE CHECKED THE DESIGN
A DOZEN TIMES! ALL WE HAVE
TO DO IS BUILD AND LAUNCH
IT--AND WE'D HAVE THE
ORBITING THE EARTH!

ROCKET PROGRAM!



THAT NIGHT TAGGART VISITS THE VON BRAUN HOME ...

YOUR TRAVELING ORDERS, DO YOU PREFER YOU BRAUN! NOT LONG AGO THAT I SIT YOU MADE ROCKETS TO BACK AND DO FIRE AT US! NOW YOU'LL NOTHING, AND BE BUILDING ROCKETS TO ALLOW AMERICA FIRE AT OUR ENEMY!











BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY, VOICES ARE BEING RAISED AGAINST THE MISSILE PROGRAM. AMONG

TAXPAYERS MUST
DEMAND THAT THEIR
HARD-EARNED DOLLARS
BE SPENT FOR MORE HOSPITALS,
SCHOOLS AND HIGHER SALARIES
FOR TEACHERS, RATHER THAN ON
A WASTEFUL
ROCKET PROGRAM!

BUT THE END OF THE KOREAN CONFLICT BRINGS A CUT IN THE ROCKET PROGRAM...



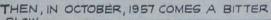










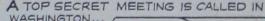






THEN, ON THE 6TH OF DECEMBER, 1957,







AT REDSTONE, WERNHER AND HIS CREW WORK ON A NEW SATELLITE-CARRYING ROCKET, THE



THEN, ON THE NIGHT OF THE 315T OF JANUARY





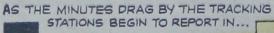
AS THE FIRING CHIEF CHECKS FINAL DETAILS ...













AND SO WERNHER VON BRAUN'S DREAM CAME















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